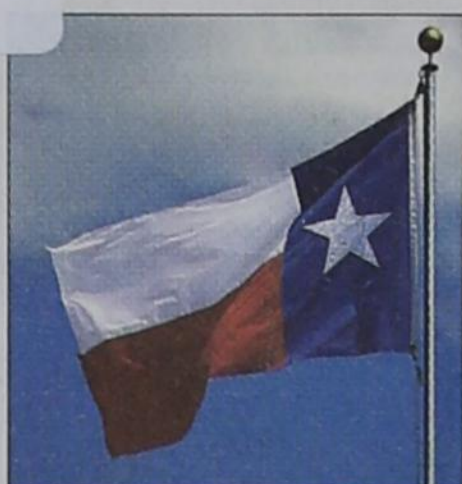




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Early voting begins Monday in city, school district elections

Early voting begins next week for the May 14 municipal and school district elections. All candidates' names will be on the ballots in Heath, the City of Rockwall and Rockwall Independent School District. There were no challenges in Royse City, the Royse City Independent School District or McLendon-Chisholm, so no elections will be held there. Heath City Council, incumbent Bob Hille has filed for reelection in Place 1, currently held by Karen Lewis, Justin A. Holland and Burke have filed their candidacy; and incumbent Rich Krause has filed. Incumbent Steve McKimney submitted a certificate of withdrawal on March 22, according to city officials, so challenger Barry Brooks is unopposed for the Place 4 position. The City of Rockwall, Sam Buffington has filed to run for mayor, with current council members Glen Farris and David Sweet. Current Mayor Bill Cecil has reached his term limit and cannot run again. For Rockwall City Council seats, in Place 1, currently held by Sweet, Eddie Jasson, Bob Lewis and David White; Place 3, currently held by Bill and Bennie Daniels face off with Michael Townshend and Bill and in Place 5, currently held by Matt Scott, are Connie Jackson, Lew and Michelle Smith. Candidates for the Rockwall ISD ballot include, in Place 6, incumbent Leigh Plagens; and in Place 7 incumbent Stan Lowrance, Oakes and Stephanie Adams. Early voting will run through May 10 at the Rockwall County Elections on the downtown square at 107 E. Kaufman. Application for ballots by mail must be requested from and mailed to Rockwall County Elections Administrators Office, Attn: Glenda Denton, Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087. Applications must be received no later than the close of business on May 6.



No injuries in one car unusual accident

No one was injured in this one-car unusual accident Thursday, April 21 just north of the intersection of IH-30 and Ridge Rd. David Balli was pulled up the Chevron station pumps, turned off the ignition and went inside the store, thinking the transmission shift was in the "park" position. A few minutes later, while Balli was still inside the store, his newly purchased Lexus sedan rolled down the sloped driveway, over the retaining wall and onto the Ridge Road easement. The driver said he was unfamiliar with the auto, and apparently placed the shift in the neutral position. The auto ended up on its front bumper off the roadway, not impeding Ridge Road traffic. Balli, who owns the Chiloso Mexican Bistro, reported that the car was not seriously damaged. Rockwall Police Department reported that one fire truck and an EMT crew were sent in response to the accident. Two tow trucks were used to lift the auto off the retaining wall.
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

RockwallTexasOnline broadcasting recent candidate forum

April 21, 2011 candidate forum hosted by the Rockwall County Republican Women is now available for viewing on RockwallTexasOnline.com. The website features candidates for Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees and candidates for Heath, Rockwall and Fate. RockwallTexasOnline.com created seven individual video files:
1 - Rockwall ISD candidates Stan Lowrance, Randy Oakes and Stephanie Adams.
2 - Heath City Council candidates Becky Burkett and Justin A.

Holland.
Part 3 - Rockwall City Council Place 1 candidates Freddie Jackson, David White and Bob Lewis.
Part 4 - Rockwall City Council Place 3 candidates Bill Watts, Mike Townshend and Bennie Daniels.
Part 5 - Rockwall City Council Place 5 candidates Michelle Smith, Connie Jackson and Dennis Lewis.
Part 6 - Fate City Council candidate John Stacy.
Part 7 - Rockwall City Mayoral candidates Glen Farris, David Sweet and

Sam Buffington.
The Rockwall County Republican Women's A.C.T.I.V.E. Committee hosted the event, with Jerry Fisher introducing forum moderator Kenda Culpepper. Candidates appeared in order of the ballot listings, answering questions submitted by the committee. Candidates did not have advance knowledge of the questions. Each candidate was allowed two minutes to answer and a one minute summation. Laverne Kennimer closed the event expressing appreciation to volunteers, committee members and candidates. The forum video recording is courtesy of Chris LeClaire.



Taking shovels to dirt Tuesday at the groundbreaking of the much anticipated Rockwall Area Veteran's Memorial, local war veterans from World War II, Korea, Viet Nam and the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, joined area politicians, site designers, construction crews and family members to start construction on a memorial that has been years in the making. Kicking off the special day, Rockwall County Judge Jerry Hogan led the Tri-County Veteran's Honor Guard to post the colors. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Meredith Bennet, with the blessing offered by American Legion Post 117 Chaplain Ray Walker. U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall was honored guest and said the Memorial not only will honor those brave service members from the past but also those currently serving across the globe and the men and women who will comfort them. Judge Hogan said the next important date for area residents to remember concerning the Veteran's Memorial and the currently under construction county courthouse is Nov. 11, 2011 - 11-11-11 - when both sites will be dedicated.
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Rockwall Dog Park dedication Saturday at Myers Park

The only known off-leash dog park east of Dallas's White Rock Lake will officially open its gates tomorrow but a formal dedicated ceremony will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 7 at Rockwall's Harry Myers Park. Festivities will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 1.3 acre park is located just north of the Community Room and the big playground at Myers Park. A project of the Leadership Rockwall Class of 2011 in conjunction with the city of Rockwall and Rockwall PAWS, a local animal care and placement organization, the park will feature small dog and large dog areas; is shaded with grassy areas for play and has water stations, waste receptacles and custom landscaped sitting areas. The park is also handicapped accessible with public restrooms. The cost of the park is anticipated at \$20,000. While the city of Rockwall donated the fenced parcel of land for the project, the dog park was paid for with donations raised by the Leadership class. The city of Rockwall will maintain the area, which it has always done, at a minimal cost. Each year the new leadership class conducts a community project that must be completed during its training year. The Leadership Rockwall Class is sponsored by the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce. Project coordinator and Leadership Rockwall 2011 class member Janis Grieser said the site met the requirements needed for a dog park: it has running water, parking, and access to restrooms. The existing fence was an added bonus. According to information provided by Grieser, the park was designed and built at no cost to the citizens of Rockwall. It will be maintained using organic fertilizers and pest control methods for the safety of pets and humans. The Rockwall dog park will be the first of its kind east of the Metroplex. According to the literature, dog parks across the state have proven to be well-used and beneficial to communities and citizens.

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Hallman, Hall to wed June 11



Jay Hall and Kathryn Hallman

Jim and Kathy Hallman are to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Ruth Hallman, to Jay Hall, son of Hampton Jody Hall of Rockwall.

The bride-elect, a 1997 graduate of Cleburne High School and a 1997 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, is the granddaughter of Mrs. W. Perry Bolin of Mesquite and the late Mr. Bolin and Mrs. W.P. Hallman of Cleburne. She is employed at Newport Advisors in Dallas.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Congressman Ellen Hall and Mrs. Joan Hall of Montrose, Colo., and the son of B. Goodman. A 1991 graduate of Rockwall High School, he attended Texas A&M University-Commerce and works for National Bank in Rockwall. Vows will be exchanged at the Baptist Church in Cleburne on June 11, 2011.

Plans underway for Home for the Holidays

It may be spring, but the Home for the Holidays committee is already thinking about the holidays.

Planning already is under way for the Nov. 5 Home for the Holidays fundraiser at the Hilton Harbor, and one of the early tasks is vendor sign-ups for the market in the Harbor retail center. Vendor cost for a Saturday exhibit, 10-foot by 10-foot booth space, is \$125. Tables, chairs, booth tenting must be provided by the vendor. Hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Space reservations must be made by Oct. 15. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit wallhomefortheholidays.com or contact event coordinator hail@mac.com.

Elvis Impersonator performs here May 5

David Allen has been the king since 2000.

Allen, a native of Dallas, has been performing his Elvis tribute show for more than 10 years. He will be a featured performer with his Elvis tribute at the May 5 Rockwall Parks & Rec's Concert by the Lake Series, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harbor Amphitheatre behind the Hilton. Admission will be free, and participants are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

The show has been his full-time career since 2005. Allen has won numerous contests over the years and was named the 2008 Elvis Cruise Champion. Winning the competition has opened many doors for him, according to a news release.

Allen performs all of the different eras of Elvis' career — from the 1950s to the Las Vegas glory days. He studies everything he can find on the late performer, which translates in Allen's tribute show. From his hand gestures to his dance moves to his smooth, Elvis-like voice, Allen delivers king to his audiences.



The VA North Texas Health Care System acknowledged the contributions of the VA Volunteer Services with an April 18 recognition ceremony in Sherman. National DAR representatives Marilyn King and Eddi Dagley of the Rockwall Chapter, both active in VA Volunteer Services, are shown dressmaking with the Mardi Gras theme of the event. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Rockwall County Emergency Management is utilizing a communications system that enables the distribution of safety information directly to local residents using the latest technology. The Nixle Information System allows county officials to create and publish messages to be delivered instantly to subscribed residents via mobile phone and/or email. Messages are offered free of charge and include weather warnings and other urgent notifications, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

Residents may decide from which local agencies they want to receive information and choose the way alerts are received: email, text message or via the Internet. There will be no spam delivered, according to the news release, and no hidden costs. Standard text messaging rates do apply. Rockwall County residents can begin receiving information via text message by texting their ZIP code to 888777. To receive alerts via email and to customize the account, visit nixle.com for full registration.

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Local musicians slated to perform at Edgifest

A pair of local musicians – Ryan Stogner and Tim Allen of Heath – will perform with their band, North of Autumn, at the daylong Edgifest event set April 30 in Frisco.

Stogner and Allen have been playing together in a band since both were in the eighth grade, and the two were part of the first graduating class of Rockwall-Heath High. Now their band has bested 19 other area bands to win a radio station competition that awarded North of Autumn the right to open the Edgifest event.


Edgifest is billed as a “mini Woodstock” sort of event now in its 21st year. This year’s schedule includes many national acts, including Jane’s Addiction, Weezer, Neon Trees and Flogging Molly.

North of Autumn has been together about a year. The band performed at the American Airlines Center in Dallas in July with Brett Michael and Fuel.

NOA’s first album, “Confluence,” is scheduled to be released in June. For more information on the band visit northofautumn.com.

Edgifest will take place at Frisco’s Pizza Hut Park, according to the North of Autumn website.

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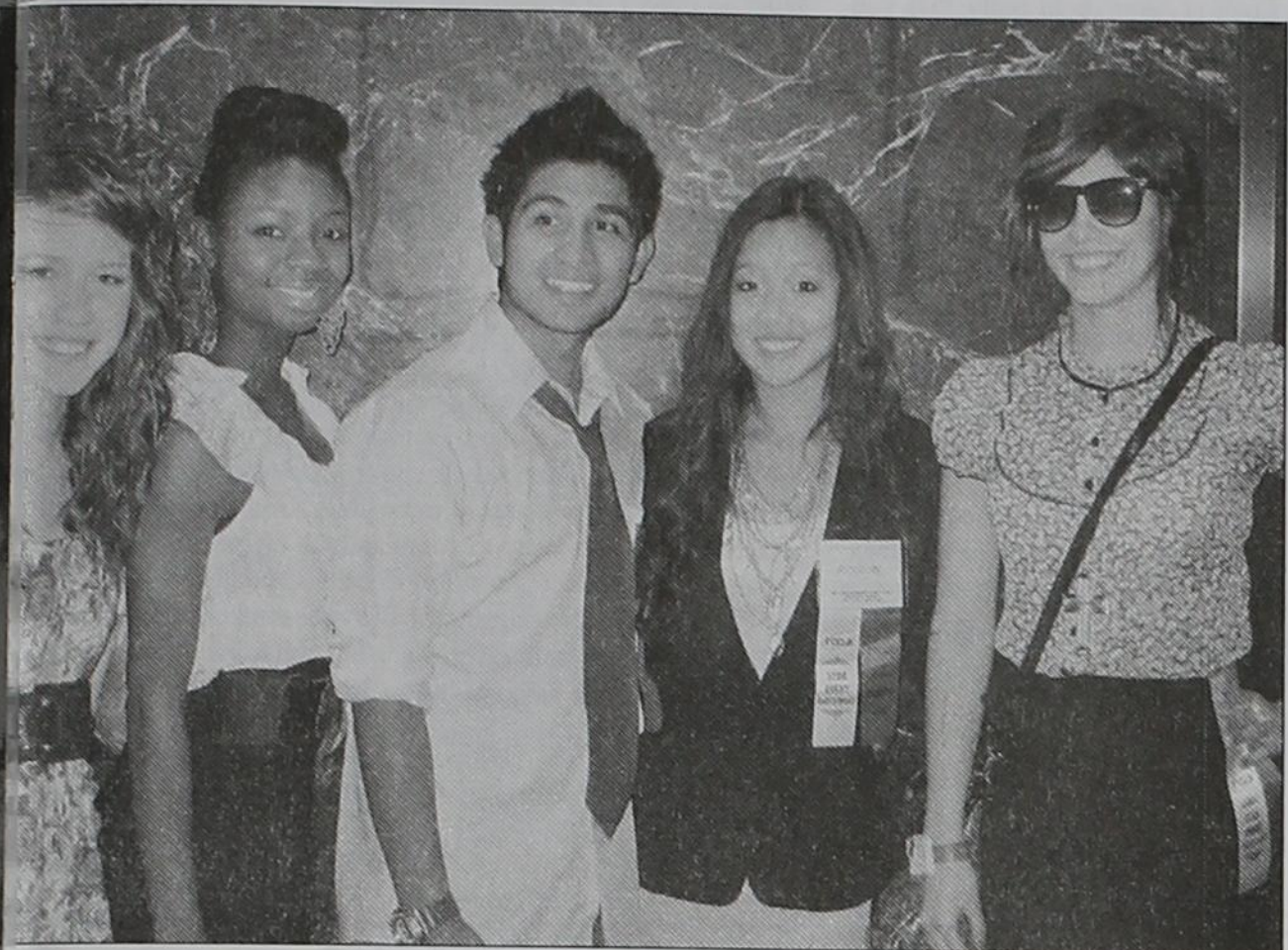
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Rockwall-Heath High School FCCLA students competed at the state-level contest for fashion design, and two of the students finished in the top five places. Andjelina Belcastro, right, placed third in the contest, while Samantha Sneed, left, finished in fifth place. Also pictured are state contestants Courtney Sneed, second from the left, Christian Gonzales, center, and Jessica Liao.



Dan Reiliffe, Heath’s mayor, is shown congratulating the overall winners of the 2011 Heart of Heath 5k race. Pictured with the mayor from the left are Kimberly Stark, first place (first place woman for the fourth consecutive year), 18.39; Mathew Hearn, first place, with a time of 17:33; and Justin Tokuz, third place, 18:53. A record number of registered runners and walkers participated in the event organized by the City of Heath Special Events Board. Participation has grown steadily over the years, city officials said, but this year’s growth logged an almost 40 percent jump in the number of participants. For complete race results and photos, visit heathtx.com.

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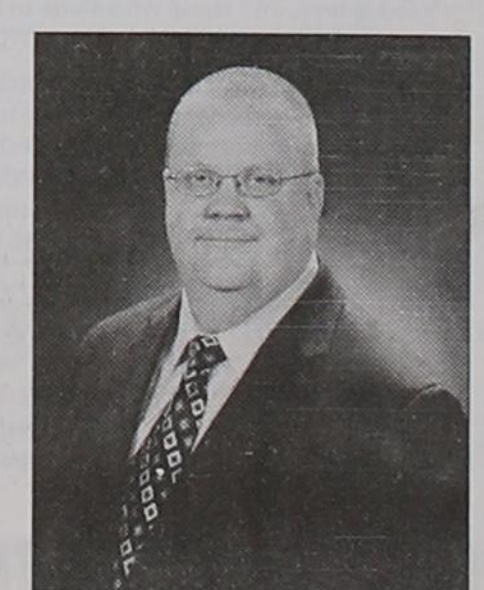
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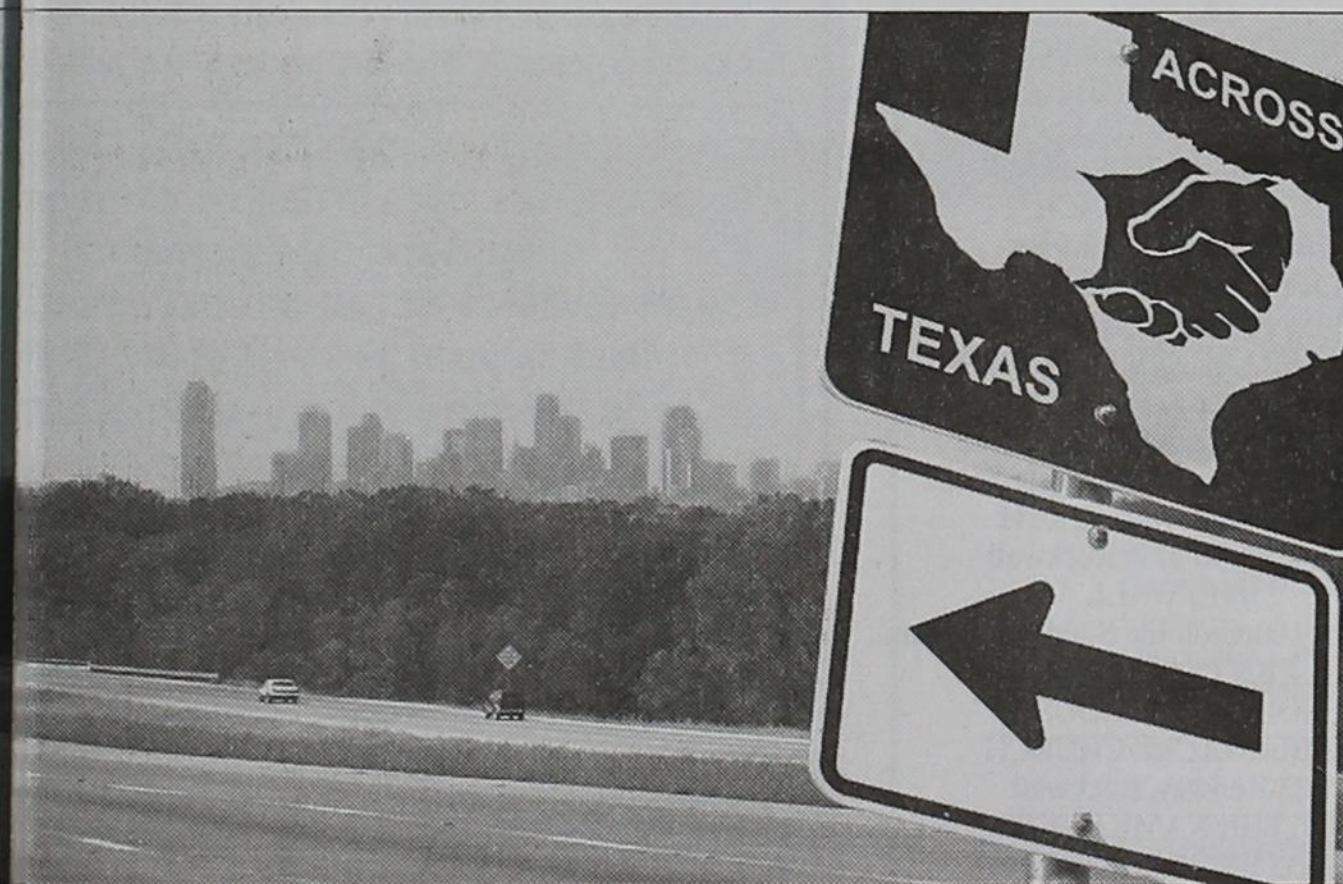
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On God's Word

Gifts of healing and working of miracles...1Corinthians 12:7-10

by Timothy W. Burnett

In the list of ways to manifest the holy spirit found in 1Corinthians 12:7-9, there are two that involve super natural workings. They are gifts of healing and

miracles. The scriptures are packed with examples of them.

It's interesting to note that healing is the only one listed as a gift. The Gospels include many examples of what a child of God can do in the area of healing. In all cases the one who was healed believed for the healing. One exception to this is where the person needing healing was below the age of accountability, or was mentally incapacitated and unable to believe.

This can be seen as a whole in Mark 9:17-28 where a man came to Jesus with his son who was bound by a devil spirit. The boy was young and below the age of accountability, which is around 13, and being bound by a devil spirit he was unable to consciously believe on his own after all.

Notice how the plot builds. The man told Jesus that he brought his son to the disciples and they couldn't heal him. Then he said, "if you can do anything, have compassion on us, and help us." (Mark 9:22). The word "if" was a huge clue that something was amiss. The man said, "if you can do anything..."

Look at Jesus' bold reply, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes." This is big big big! In both uses, the word "if" indicated doubt. The man doubted Jesus' ability to help them, and Jesus rightly knew the man was not believing for the help. Jesus said, "if you can believe." He put it right back in the hands of the man.

Alas, the man meekly and honestly replied with tears, "Lord I believe. Help me with my unbelief!" The man believed that Jesus was the son of God, but he was not convinced that Jesus could heal his son. Earlier the man took his son to the disciples and they

could not help. Why? We now know that the disciples were not the cause of the problem, but the man's own believing.

After the man honestly revealed his doubt, Jesus was able to build believing to the end that he could cast out the devil spirit that was tearing the boy. Whether it involves healing ailments, or problems related to believing is the key to receiving.

According to the record in Acts chapter three, Peter healed a man lame from birth. It doesn't say what his condition was, except that it involved feet and ankle bones, and that people "laid him daily at the gate of the temple so he could ask for help from those who entered the temple." Peter focused his attention on the man, and said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk." (Acts 3:6). The next verse can easily be misinterpreted to mean that Peter grabbed the man's hand and pulled him up. But by rightly dividing the words, we see a different picture. It says, "And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength."

As we follow the pronouns, it can be seen that the lame man reached out and grabbed Peter's right hand, and lifted himself up. In the King James Version the word "him" is in italics, which means the editors added it to the text. If we remove this word, it would read "and lifted up." See the dynamics of the text. Peter would have held his hand out. Then the man would have reached out and grabbed Peter's hand, pulling himself up. This is when the healing began. The healing occurred as the man took the believing action in response to Peter's words, "rise up and walk."

Working of miracles involves experiences that go beyond what is understood to be possible. The highest example revealed in God's word in 1Corinthians 13:2, "and though I have all faith to remove mountains, Christ referred to the same thing as recorded in Matthew 21:21, "if you do not doubt, you shall say unto this mountain, be removed and cast into the sea, it shall be done."

Miracles often involve the believing of a person to affect the element of nature. There is no example of a man of God moving mountains, but we give the word to somebody to move a mountain and command it to be cast into the sea, then it is guaranteed to be done. God's people during this age have the authority to command the elements of nature just like Jesus when he commanded the storm to calm (Matthew 8:24-26). This authority to heal and work miracles is by the name of Jesus Christ.

Please note that both gifts of healing and miracles involve the power of authority that is in the name of Jesus Christ, and not that which is in our own bodies.

City of Heath Notice of General Election

To the registered voters of the City of Heath, Texas, notice is hereby given that the polling place located at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032 will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM on Saturday, May 14, 2011 for voting in a general election to elect Four Council Members for Two Year Terms each, One for Place 1, One for Place 2, One for Place 4 and One for Place 6. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, on the following dates:

Mon., May 2 - Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 8 AM until 5 PM
Mon., May 9 and Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 7 AM until 7 PM.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to Rockwall County Election Administrator Glenda Denton, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087 and must be received no later than the close of business on Fri., May 6, 2011.

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- Be fair-minded in my approach to listening to our citizens

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Joseph C. Conrad



Joseph C. Conrad, 80, of Rockwall, Texas, died at 3 p.m. April 28, 2011, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 105 Damascus Rd., in Rockwall, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife, George P. Monaghan of Rockwall, Texas, who died April 24 following a long battle with cancer. He was born in 1930, in East Chicago, Ind., to Helen (Olter) Conrad, nee S. Marine Corps from 1951 to 1953, where he worked as a contract administrator for the O. Oil. He enjoyed boating and was an avid gardener. He was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Rockwall Computer Club, where he served as chairman. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruth (Finchum) Conrad of Rockwall, Texas; daughter, Mary Jo Artz and her husband, Jack Womack, of Rockwall, Texas; son, Joe, of Parker, Colo., and his wife, Judy Reck and husband, Patrick, of Rockwall, Texas; and Patty Tooke of Lewisville; a son-in-law, Jim Connors; his daughter, Carrie and her husband, Steve, Jamie and her husband, Chip, C.J., and Paige and Cory; and his sisters, Mary Golon and her husband, Dorothy Niemic and her husband, Frank. He is preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Carolyn Connors. Memorial contributions may be made to the building fund of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 105 Damascus Rd., Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Priscilla M. Gideon



Priscilla M. Gideon, 69, of Rockwall, Texas, died at 2 p.m. April 28, 2011, in the First United Methodist Church, 10500 E. Dallas Rd./J., in Sachse with Dr. Walter Butler and the Rev. Walt Gideon officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Home-Rockwall Chapel on April 24 at her home in Rowlett following a short battle with ovarian cancer. She was born March 4, 1942, in Peoria, Ill., to Scheffer and adopted by Edwin Cecil (Look) Harper, she was a seamstress and a Methodist. Survivors include her granddaughter, Sharon Van Fosson and her husband, Alan; her stepsons, Mark Tucker and Stanley Howell; her sisters, Nancy and Chris Manalo of Rowlett; her great-granddaughter, Faith; and 11 nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her biological and adopted mothers; her father; her husbands, Donald Gideon and Harmon C. Tucker; and her daughter, Patricia.

Charles H. Gross

Services for Charles H. Gross, 85, of Rockwall will be at 1:30 p.m. April 29, 2011, in the D/FW National Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Gross was born December 5, 1925, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Karl and Frieda (Warneka) Gross, he served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and worked in cosmetic sales. He was devoted to his family and enjoyed the time they spent together.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Gross of Rockwall; his sons, Charles C. Gross of Dallas, Texas; Robert M. Gross and his wife, Cindy L. Lindsey, of Farmington, Minn.; Richard C. Gross of Wichita Falls; his daughter, Cheri Walters, of Dallas; his husband, Alan, of Rowlett; his niece, Stacy Dickinson; his grandchildren, Leda, Laura Gross and Jessica and Wendy Walters; and his dog, Rocky.

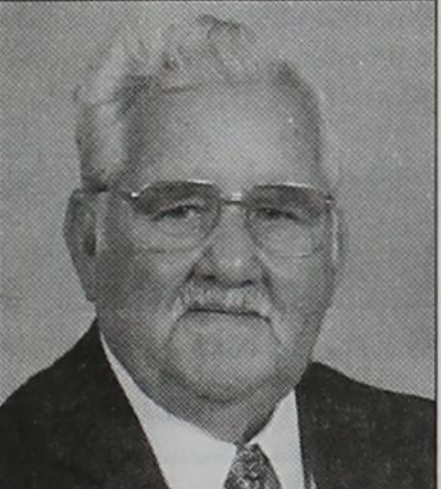
Irene M. Gudel

Services for Irene M. Gudel, 71, of Nevada, Texas, were conducted at 10 a.m. April 29, 2011, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Wylie with Father Andrew Gaudin officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She was born December 23, 1939, in Bayonne, N.J., to Anthony Patrick and Mary (Polak) Matulewicz, she was a medical secretary at a hospital and a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Survivors include her son, Leon V. Gudel of London, Ky.; her daughters, Mary Ann of Richey, Fla., and Dianne M. Gampher of Rowlett; her grandchildren, William D. Baird II, Amanda L. Gampher and Christopher and her brother, Paul Anthony Matulewicz of New Jersey.

R.D. Hale



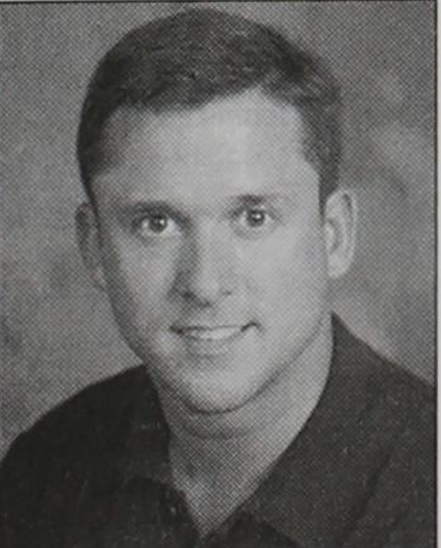
Services for R.D. Hale, 87, of Troup, Texas, were conducted at 10 a.m. April 28, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery on April 25.

He was born March 21, 1923, in Mt. Vernon to William and Willie Ethel (Wood) Hale. He was a Rockwall High School graduate.

Survivors include his wife, Judy (Clem) Hale of Troup; one son, Mike Hale and his wife, Jill, of Greenville; a sister, Elna D. Hale of Garland; his grandchildren, Rodney Hale and his wife, Lynette, of San Antonio; Nancy Knight and her husband, Steven, of McKinney and Amy Henry of Kinney; his great-grandchildren, Lauren, Harrison and Lillian Hale and her husband, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Twana Hale, and his wives, Charlene and Helen Hale.

Brennan Moore



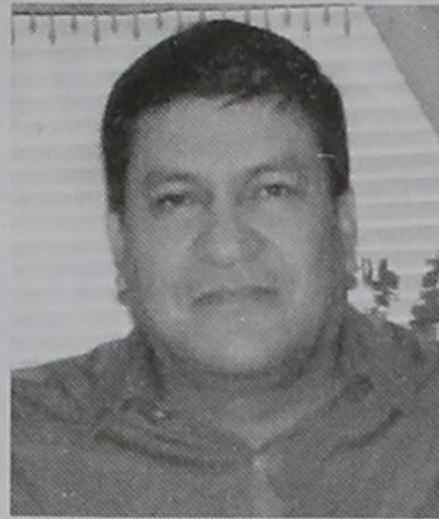
Services for Brennan Moore, 39, of Rockwall, Texas, were conducted at 10 a.m. April 22, 2011, in the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall with Dr. Joe Geisinger and Pastor Matt Geisinger officiating. Services were conducted at 3 p.m. in the Westland Cemetery in Roxton. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He was born March 8, 1971, in Garland to James and Patricia Lou (Webb) Moore, he was owner and operator of Securus Promotions and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall. He also attended Ridgeview Baptist Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include his parents, Pat and Jim Moore of Rockwall; his sister, Allison Moore, and her husband, David, of Austin; two nieces, Addison and Karson Moore, of Austin; and his goddaughter, Kate Odom of Austin.

His family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Depression Support Alliance, P.O. Box 224842, Dallas, TX 75222-4842 or the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians, P.O. Box 301496, Austin, TX 78731-4966.

Felipe V. Munoz



Services for Felipe V. Munoz, 51, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. April 27, 2011, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church with Father George Monaghan officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died April 22. Born June 9, 1959, in Mexico to Federico and Juana (Munoz) Villalobos and raised in LaJoya, he was a Rockwall resident for 13 years. A member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, he worked as operations manager at Shippers Warehouse. He was a long-distance runner for most of his life and enjoyed playing soccer. He coached youth soccer for many years. He was married for 26 years and was devoted to his wife and family.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Munoz of Rockwall; his daughters, Cassie and Courtney Munoz, both of Rockwall; his mother, Juana Munoz, and stepfather, Arturo Chavez, of LaJoya; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Lupe and Angela Villalobos of Dallas and Alex and Rosa Villalobos and Fermin Villalobos, all of Austin; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Cande and Eliseo Carillo of Mexico, Maria and Leonzo Munoz and Lisa and Miguel Zarate, all of LaJoya, Belen and Sergio Garcia of Palmview and Flor Villalobos of LaJoya and Carmen Villalobos of New Mexico; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

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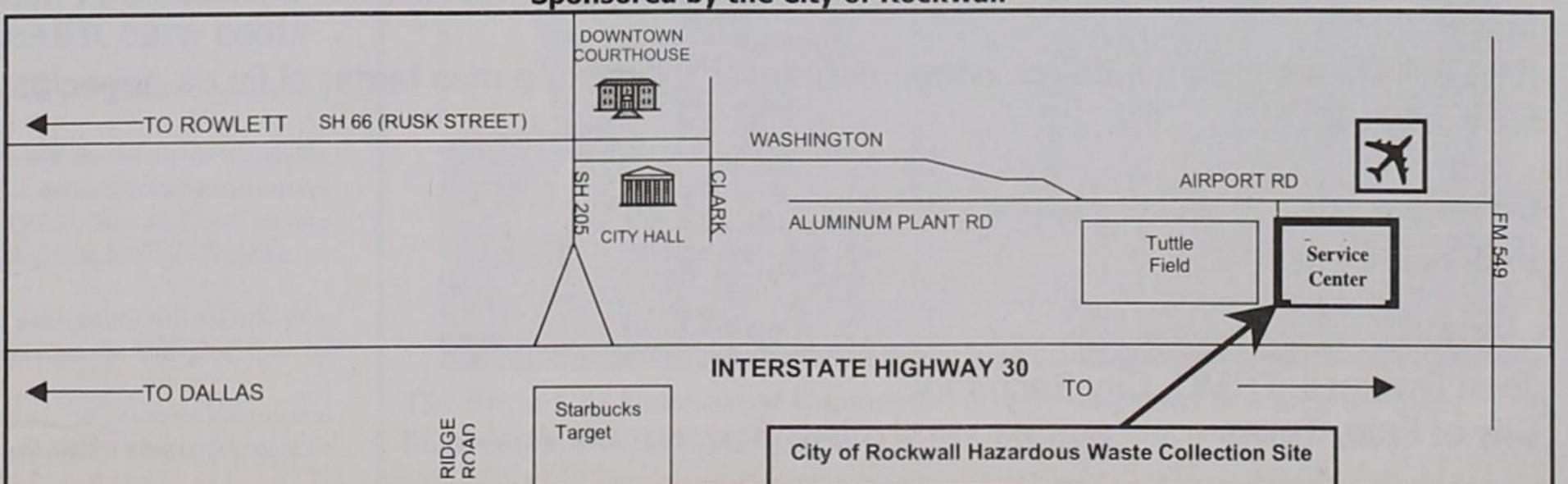
Safety & Preparation Tips

1. **City of Rockwall residents** will need to bring a current utility bill or driver's license for proof of residency.
2. **City of Heath & Rockwall County residents MUST** have a **voucher** to participate. Please pick up your voucher at the City in which you live.
3. Bring chemicals in their original containers if possible.
4. **Do not mix** different or unknown chemicals together.
5. Place broken or leaking containers inside a second container of similar material (glass for corrosive, metal for flammables). Use clay-based cat litter to soak up spills.
6. Transport materials in the trunk or back of vehicle, away from the driver and passengers.
7. For safety purposes please do not bring children or pets to the collection site.
8. **Please stay in your vehicle** when entering the collection site. Trained workers will unload hazardous waste from your vehicle.

There may be a long wait at the collection site. Be patient. The contractor and volunteers are working as quickly as possible to collect and identify the materials safely.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Dobbs PTA to collect electronics recycling

The Dobbs Elementary PTA will collect electronics recycling from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. April 30. Local residents are asked to help protect the environment by donating used consumer electronics: cell phones, laptops, inkjet

cartridges, MP3 players, digital cameras/video cameras, handheld game systems, GPS devices, radar detectors and e-book readers. Items may be tax-deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations.

Habitat workday set April 30

Rockwall Habitat for Humanity is planning an 8:30 a.m. start for its April 30 workday at 801 Peter's Colony. Volunteers will be needed to help hoist trusses to the roof. For up-to-the-minute details on late changes or in the event of inclement weather, visit rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com.

Rockwall plans Hazardous Waste Day

Rockwall residents will have the opportunity to dispose of household chemicals and other hazardous waste items from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at 1600 Airport Road. To participate, local residents must bring a copy of their utility bill or driver's license to verify residency.

Rockwall Volunteer in Parks effort planned

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's first VIP (Volunteer in Parks) event of the season will run from 9 a.m. to noon at Raymond Cameron Park, 1325 Memorial Drive. Volunteers are needed to work in the park. For a volunteer registration form, contact the department at 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks for more details.

Camp B'way Summer Theatre auditions set Auditions for Camp Broadway Summer Theatre, "Dear Edwina," will begin at 10 a.m. April 30 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. Auditions are open to children ages 6 to 12. For more details visit rockwall-communityplayhouse.org.

M-C Spring Fest set

The McLendon-Chisholm City Hall will be the site of Spring Fest activities beginning at noon April 30. Activities will include children's games, live music, a talent show, live and silent auctions, a dessert contest and the Lions Club Steak Dinner. For more details, call Debbie Sorensen at 972-524-2077.

Police to collect

wanted prescriptions

The Rockwall Police will participate in a national initiative to collect old and unwanted prescription drugs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 at the department's Community Services Center in the Brookshire's shopping center. Area residents can drop off expired, unwanted or unused OTC or prescription medications. For more details contact Officer Jay Shippy at 972-772-6708.

Fulton School hosts

Gala April 30

The Fulton School will host its Gala fundraiser, Escape to Margaritaville!, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. April 30 at the Hella Shriner Grand Ballroom, Garland. The event will feature a bar, hula dancers and a limbo contest and will open with an hors d'oeuvres reception. A seated dinner will follow, featuring live music and a live/silent auction. Visit fultonschoolgala.org for more details.

Vintage baseball game slated

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Vintage Base Ball Game will begin at 1 p.m. May 1 at the Rockwall High School Campbell Baseball Complex.

'Opera Gone Wild' set May 1 by LCC

"Opera Gone Wild," a presentation of the Lakeside Civic Opera, will be presented at 4 p.m. May 1 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3003 Highway 101, Rockwall. Tickets will cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors; all children under 12 will be admitted free of charge. For more details visit lakesidecivicopera.com.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11 a.m. May 4 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, including beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required. Formal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details contact Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

Rockwall Computer Council to meet May 4

The Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 4 at the Rockwall City Place, 108 Washington St., in Rockwall. Jim J. Tech writer for The Dallas Morning News, will return as speaker to continue his December presentation on various computer-related topics. A Q&A session will follow. The meeting is open to anyone interested in computer use in home or office.

Mayors Prayer Breakfast planned

Mayors of all Rockwall County municipalities will host the Rockwall County mayors Prayer Breakfast May 5 at The Center, 108 W. Washington St., in Rockwall. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. the 8 a.m. non-denominational event, which will include a free breakfast. Guest speaker will be David Shibley, founder and CEO of Global Advance, a ministry committed to working with national church leaders.

Local event to mark Nat'l Day of Prayer

The Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will host a local event to celebrate the National Day of Prayer beginning at 11:30 a.m. May 5 on the grounds of the Rockwall City Hall. For more details, contact Marlee Saliture at ourseason@yahoo.com.

Elvis tribute set May 5

The Rockwall Parks & Rec's Concert by the Lake Series will feature an Elvis tribute show featuring David Allen at 7:30 p.m. May 5 at the Amphitheatre behind the Hilton. Admission will be free, and participants are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Rummage sale to benefit MOD

A rummage sale to benefit March of Dimes will be conducted May 6 at 1313 S. State Hwy. 205. Donations of items for the sale are needed. Drop them off at the above location prior to the sale dates or call 972-772-7722 for item pick-up. Receipts will be provided for tax-deductible donations.

Preschool Association to meet

The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. May 6 at the Methodist Church across from Nebbie Williams Elementary, 3115 W. Rd., Rockwall. The program will be "Summer Boredom Busters & Sibling Rivalry." New members are welcome any time. For more information on the group, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

FOL plans general meeting, lunch

Friends of the Library will conduct a general meeting and lunch at 11 a.m. May 10 at the Rockwall County Library. Reservations should be made by 5 p.m. May 6 by emailing cplagens65@aol.com or calling 972-771-8976.

Rockwall Farmer's Market to open

This year's Rockwall Farmer's Market will open at 8 a.m. May 6 at Courthouse square. Items to be offered will include organic lettuce, tomatoes, vegetables, eggs, dairy products, meat, chicken, milk, tamales and free products. The market will be open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit mainstreet.rockwall.com for vendor information and application.

Spring Fling Fun Fly & Expo slated

The Rockwall RC Sport Flyers Club will host the 2011 Spring Fly & Expo May 7 at the intersection of Dowell Road and Equestrian (across from Equestrian Estates). Gates will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Spectators are welcome (bring lawn chairs). Professional flight demonstrations will be given, as well as free training flights for the entire family. Sky divers will be jumping at around 10:30 a.m. Visit rockwallrc.com or call 214-450-1041 for more details. Rain date is May 21.

Flagpole dedication to honor vets

A flagpole dedication to veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan will be held at the Civil Air Patrol Lakeshore Composite Squadron 354 at 9 a.m. May 7 at the Harry Myers Park Community Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall.

Holistic Health Fair set May 7

Rockwall's 4th Annual Holistic Health Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7 at The Center. Participants will have the opportunity to talk with various practitioners and vendors, attend presentations and more about holistic health topics. Several giveaways and door prizes are planned. For details, call Kathy Wanderer at 972-772-3327.

Event to benefit ALS research

Kickin' ALS, A Lone Star Celebration will begin at 7 p.m. May 7 at Eddie Deens Ranch in Dallas. Sponsored by the Dallas Chapter of the National ALS Association, the event will raise funds for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research. The event will feature dinner, country music and dancing, a silent auction and other activities. For more details call 972-480-0070.

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CUSTOMER NOTICE

On April 1, 2011 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 15, 2011. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,196,253 residential, 98,792 commercial, and 731 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 \$13,151,685, or 1.25% percent, including gas costs, or 3.15% 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	\$60.37*	\$60.93*	\$0.56	0.93%	2.36%
Commercial	\$228.12*	\$230.20*	\$2.08	0.91%	4.21%
Industrial	\$2,299.71*	\$2,312.13*	\$12.42	0.54%	2.19%
Transportation	\$669.30	\$681.72	\$12.42	1.86%	2.19%

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

* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4,9784 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.

CITY OF FATE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (A VISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the City of Fate, Texas:
(A Las votantes registrados del Ciudad de Fate, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2011, for voting in a general election to elect three (3) Council Members, for a term of two (2) years each for Places 1, 3 and 5.

(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 14 de Mayo de 2011 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir tres (3) miembros de consejo para un termino de los (2) anos cada uno para los lugares 1, 3, y 5.)

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted beginning on May 2, 2011 - May 7, 2011 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; May 9-10 between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at:

(La votacion adelantada en persona sera celebrada empezando el 2 de Mayo - el 7 de mayo entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m., el 9-10 de mayo entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.en:)

Rockwall County Elections Administrative Office
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or Fate Community Center
104 S. W. E. Crawford
Fate, Texas, 75132

First day to accept applications for voting by mail is March 15, 2011. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(El primer día que se acepta las solicitudes para boletas para votacion por correo sera el 15 de marzo, 2011: Las solicitudes de boleta por correo deben ser enviadas a:)

Early Voting Clerk, Glenda Denton
Rockwall County Elections Administrative Office
107 E. Kaufman Street
Rockwall, Texas, 75087

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, May 6, 2011.

(Las solicitudes para boleta por correo deben ser recibidas a mas tardar el fin de negocios el 6 de mayo, 2011.)

Dated this 29th day of March, 2011.
(Fecho este día del 29th del March, 2011.)

Jean Dwinnell
Jean Dwinnell, TRMC, City Secretary
City of Fate, Texas



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Royse City News



Two Royse City High students are headed to the state UIL competition after taking regional-level wins earlier this month. Kyle Geyan, left, finished in first place in Poetry Interpretation and will compete at state, while Taylor Rothlein, at right, finished second in Persuasive Speaking and is eligible for the state contest. Pictured with the state-bound students is Josh Hamilton, forensic coach and UIL coordinator for the school. The RCHS speech and debate team placed third in the region. Individual awards included Clayton Grette, regional finalist in Prose Interpretation; Kelsie Rogers, regional finalist, Persuasive Speaking; and Travis Sanders, regional finalist in Informative Speaking. Kaylee Dusek finished in fifth place in Informative Speaking and is an alternate for the state-level competition for May 5-7.

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Royse City Police Blotter

April: Accident, 700 block Loganwood Drive; Suspicious vehicle, 300 block Erby Campbell
12 April: Royse City/Two Collin County warrants arrest, 300 block Cookston Lane; Garland Police Department Two Royse City Police Department warrants arrest, 1700 block Kelly Lane; Accident, 2300 block Ranch Road; Public intoxication arrest, 100 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Alarm, 1900 block Ranch Road; Suspicious person, Corner of Gail Lane and N. Houston Street; Solicitor, Corner of Elm Street and I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 1500 block W. I-30; Welfare check, 200 block Texoma Street; Reckless driver, 100 block W. I-30; Reckless driver, 2800 block Mockingbird Street; Welfare check, 1000 block E. I-30; Noise disturbance, 200 block E. Main Street; Disorderly conduct, 1000 block Pullen Street; Disorderly conduct, Orchid Boulevard
13 April: Rockwall County/Leon County warrants arrest, 1100 block Live Oak Street; Assault, 2000 block Ranch Road; Alarm, 600 block Wood Street; Alarm, 700 block Lamar Street; Medical assistance, 300 block Elm Street; Suspicious activity, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard; Alarm, 1500 block W. I-30 SSR; Alarm, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 1600 block Woodland Drive; Suspicious activity, Corner of Josephine Street and Midnight Drive
14 April: Driving while license invalid arrest, W. I-30 at the 77 mile marker; Driving while intoxicated/possession of drug paraphernalia arrest, 400 block W. Main Street; Theft, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Driving while license invalid/No insurance arrest, 100 block S. Elm Street; Medical assistance, 600 block FM 2453; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Welfare check, 1600 block Marti Drive; Noise disturbance, 300 block Pin Oak Lane; Suspicious activity, 100 block N. Houston Street; Alarm, 100 block E. Main Street
15 April: Verbal disturbance, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Disorderly conduct, 200 block W. I-30 SSR; Suspicious activity, 700 block Live Oak Street; Medical assistance, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard; Welfare check, 100 block Texoma Street; Verbal disturbance, 200 block Lynn Street; Noise disturbance, 500 block E. Main Street
16 April: Criminal mischief, 100 block W. Main Street
17 March: Public intoxication/Possession of drug paraphernalia arrests, 200 block I-30 NSR; Driving while intoxicated arrest, 200 block Barton Street; Driving while license invalid/No insurance arrest, 2700 block FM 2453; Driving without drivers license arrest, I-30 at the 79 mile marker; Rockwall County warrant arrest, 500 block County Line Road; Disorderly conduct/Dallas Police Department warrant arrest, I-30 at the 74 mile marker; Possession of controlled substance arrest; 1000 block Pullen Street; Possession of controlled substance arrest, 500 block E. County Line Road

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18 April: Royse City warrants arrest, 100 block S. Elm Street; Accident, 1700 block FM 2642; Medical assistance, 900 block Meadowdale Lane; Suspicious vehicle, Corner of Sam's Circle and Bob Drive; Welfare check, 100 block Elm Street
19 April: Collin/Hunt County warrants arrest, 500 block E. Main Street; Verbal disturbance, 200 block Elm Street; Suspicious vehicle, 600 block I-30
20 April: Texarkana warrant arrest, I-30 at the 74 mile marker; Theft, 300 block N. Houston Street; Possession of Marijuana/Driving under the influence-Minor arrest, I-30 at the 76 mile marker; Medical assistance, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; No driver's license/Open container/Minor in possession arrests, 600 block FM 548; Welfare check, Cemetery Road; Suspicious activity, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane; Criminal mischief, 2800 block Elm Street
21 April: Minor in possession of tobacco, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard; Alarm, 200 block I-30; Medical assistance, 200 block Sandy Lane; Verbal disturbance, 400 block Singleton Drive; Medical assistance, 1100 block Falcourt Court; Welfare check, Corner of Lesli Drive and Courtney Drive
22 April: Theft, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Two Burglary of habitation/Evading arrest, 200 block Cookston Street; Two Dallas County warrants arrest, 400 block Center Street; Welfare check, 600 block E. I-30 NSR; Accident, 100 block Elm Street
23 April: Royse City warrant arrest, 100 block W. Main Street; Theft, 100 block E. Main Street; Suspicious vehicle, 200 block W. Old Greenville Road; Alarm, 1500 block Trent Drive; Theft, 1200 block Northwood Street
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Throwaway Ponies give animals a second chance

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by Mary Thacker
Driving onto Karen Bander's property is an animal-lover's dream. A spindle-legged colt nuzzles pockets for food, dogs vie for attention, and playful baby goats leap through the air. But this place is not your average ranch. It is the headquarters of Throwaway Ponies, a non-profit rescue operation, and it is nothing short of a miracle that these four-legged creatures are not only alive, but thriving.

Karen said she had wanted to live on a farm since she was in seventh grade. "Our house was situated where the country meets the suburbs, and there was a farm next door," Karen remembers. "My husband is a city boy, and I nagged him for 10 years to move to the country."

When they relocated from Rowlett to their spread in Rockwall in 2000, Karen and her husband bought a horse for their daughter to ride. Once her daughter graduated from high school, Karen decided to try fostering rescued older horses.

She incorporated Throwaway Ponies in 2005. The name of the organization came from a friend who was a horse trainer.

"He was a friend being given horses whose owners were unable to care for them. He called them throwaway ponies," she said.

Before Karen knew it, she had horses of every age plus rescued donkeys, goats, and even pigs. The two pigs, Peggy and Sue, were brought to Karen by the Rockwall County sheriff's posse. Their owners probably decided that it was cheaper to buy new livestock than pay a fine. After the sheriff's posse had spent time with the animals, they couldn't bring themselves to euthanize them or to send them to the sale barn where they would be turned into bacon. So Karen welcomed them.

Each animal at Throwaway Ponies has its own story. The one known as Fred was found hog-tied in a pasture, left to die. Shadow to Karen, because its owners could not pay for his expensive thyroid surgery. Lynx is a horse with cancer that Karen won't give up on. Red is a horse whose owner hadn't fed him in months but who boasted that Red could gallop whenever he was too drunk to walk.

"You could see every bone in Red's body," Karen said with obvious pride. "When he first came here, he bit me so hard, but he has learned the kindness he received here. Now he follows people around."

Currently, Karen is responsible for 48 horses. Ten are on the 20-acre Merritt and two horses are living with a trainer. Each animal has its own special needs when it comes to this haven. Since many of the horses have been abused, they require training to become tame enough to ride. All the kindness and gentleness to get over the trauma of abuse.

"When Sony and Cher, two of our donkeys, came to us, they were wild. We couldn't touch them," Karen said. The baby goats, just two weeks old, they came to the ranch, needed to be bottle-fed by the volunteers and rocked them to sleep. Bluff is a blind horse that is gradually regaining his sight.

"The Hunt County sheriff named him Blind Man, but we changed his name to Bluff as in Blind Man's Bluff," said Karen. "Bluff always had his head to the side, and a chiropractor determined that his neck muscles were all up which was putting pressure on his optic nerve." Now with vitamins and treatments, they are hopeful Bluff's vision will be restored.

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Karen Bander, the force behind Throwaway Ponies, is pictured with a few of the saddles used in the local nonprofit rescue operation for animals.
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Some of the animals are out. "Donkeys are usually easy to handle, but people use them as livestock," Karen said.

Animals can also be fostered. "One lady provides the care and we provide the feed," Karen said. "Fostering horses is tax-deductible."

The hardest part of Karen's job is making the decision to put a horse down. When Chica came to the ranch, the animal could barely walk. Karen told the horse, "If you live, you need to come with me to a home for you, and Chica walked with her to the trailer for Throwaway Ponies," Karen said, holding back tears.

When Lynx, the horse who was being treated by a veterinarian, encouraged Karen to put the horse down. But when Lynx ran in the yard and bucked twice, Karen knew as a sign that he still wanted to live.

"He is happy and comfortable. He has full run of the yard," she said.

Karen originally worked as an assault nurse and made the decision that many women and children thrown away, just like the horses. So she began bringing abused animals from Jonathan's Shelter and Home to the ranch to work with the horses.

"We had a therapist who worked with some abused children, and the donkey banged on the gate to get in. She stood by a 13-year-old boy who began braiding her mane."

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talked about her childhood abuse. Bessie stayed by her side for 20 minutes. "Sometimes the kids won't talk to us, but they will talk to the animals."

Children with emotional and behavioral issues like autism or developmental delays benefit from the horses, as well.

"Some children adopt animals to balance out their emotions. It helps their self-confidence. You can't handle a 1000-pound animal and be shy," Karen said. "Someday I would like to have veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder come out to our facility."

Families also come for therapy with the animals.

"We had a family come in, and we gave them the task of trying to jump over a log. But they weren't allowed to talk or to touch the horse. It was then that we realized the boss of the family was the 6-year-old boy. You can say anything when you're sitting on the couch at the therapist's office, but you can't hide the truth when you're trying to accomplish a task."

Kids' Club is a program for children who come to Throwaway Ponies to learn about horses. Some are at-risk students, and some are just animal-lovers. They are taught the parts of the horse and saddle, first aid and how to ride. It's \$5 plus one hour of volunteer work.

Throwaway Ponies has no paid staff, but it does have an enthusiastic group of volunteers who help with feeding, grooming, painting fences and shoeing. Parents and their children experience great bonding moments while volunteering with the horses. There's also a small contingent of affectionate "Crash Dummies," who train horses to be tame enough to ride.

Karen has written books about some of the animals but has not found a publisher. She hopes to someday use profits from the animals' stories to support Throwaway Ponies.

"Each week I buy \$2 worth of lottery tickets. I just want to win enough to make sure that when the horses are taken care of, I can afford it," Karen said.



Lucile Tate with her son Garvin Tate

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The costs of running Throwaway Ponies are daunting. To save money, Karen shops around for the best prices on veterinarian services.

"I know what each vet charges for a particular service," she said. "The horses need a blood test every year, so we wait and line them up at once to save money."

She buys 2,000 bales of hay at \$6 a bale, and one ton of week at \$250 to \$300. She is chasing boots from Helping Hands until health codes change. Saddles are donated by individuals purchased on Craig's List.

This year was the first year Throwaway Ponies met the requirements for a non-profit organization. Karen applied for 67.

"We've received a whole lot of 'thank you, but...' letters and jokes."

In order to raise funds for the animals' care, Throwaway Ponies is hosting its second annual gala on May 13 at Buffalo Country Club.

"Last year we raised \$90,000. I paid for a year's worth of hay and smiles."

Sponsors and teams are invited to make the event a success. Green fees cost \$100/person and include practice balls, a cart, snack bag, barbeque, donations and prizes. There is a raffle and auction for \$25 (over \$10 for children under 12).

To register for the tournament, make a donation or to learn about other opportunities, contact Karen at Karen@Throwawayponies.org or go to ThrowawayPonies.org.

Rockwall County Sports

RHS boys hang with Highland Park to reach state golf

District 10-4A boys' golf teams are heading to the state championships in Denton. The Yellowjackets of Rockwall and the Scots of Highland Park are the only teams to make it.

Rockwall's score for 54 holes over the last three rounds has totaled just 4 shots higher than HP's.

In addition, RHS' Trey Manis was the individual champion, winning a play-off from the Scots' Scottie Scheffler after each had shot 78-70—148 for 18 holes, four over par at the Robson Ranch Country Club in Denton.

Both Manis and Scheffler were on fire on a windy, chilly Thursday. Manis' 2-under-par 70 round again matched Scheffler's score, but Manis won a play-off to finish as the regional champion among individual golfers. He scored a birdie 4 on the second extra hole to win after Scheffler recorded a par.

"Trey played well on Thursday," said RHS head coach Billy Watkins. "It was pretty nice. They both went for the green in two. Trey's ball was perfect, Scottie

hit his shot in the bunker and hit a bad shot out of the bunker. He made about a 20-footer for par, Trey then made about a 12-footer for birdie to win medalist."

In the Jackets' team effort, Teal Willis finished at 78-78—156, Christian Rang at 80-79—159, Nick Ziebell with 84-77—161 and Chad Taylor at 82-80—162.

Each player matched or bettered his first-round score, with Manis recording an eight-stroke improvement and Ziebell seven shots better than on Wednesday.

Watkins said, "We played as a team with a purpose on Thursday. I was very proud of the boys and their approach to the round on Thursday. There was some rain early, but we did not let the elements affect us."

Each of RHS' players was in a four-some with competitors from the three other teams in the top four. That would have made it easy for the Jackets to think of Thursday as a match-play round

against the golfer from Highland Park or Waxahachie.

"I tell them just to play the course, and play their own game," Watkins said. That's what Rockwall did.

In the Regional first round, RHS had shown balance and depth. Their 318 total was sandwiched between HP and Waxahachie, which entered the final round just five strokes behind the Jackets.

The Yellowjackets were the only team with two players among the top 13 individuals during Wednesday's round. Manis and Willis were tied for ninth at 78. Close behind were Rang at 80 and Taylor with 82. HP's scorers were Scheffler at 78 and three others with 79s.

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Yellowjackets' Trey Manis putts on the second playoff hole enabling a tie-break and ultimate win of the Region II-4A individual championship, at Robson Ranch Country Club in Denton. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Warriors take TAPPS district title

The Warriors of Rockwall Christian School won the TAPPS District 10-4A title in a tournament final.

When the Warriors (12-1 overall) swept a regular-season schedule of three opponents by 10-3, they took the tournament title and earned RCA's first TAPPS title.

RCA is scheduled to play Christian School, the team from TAPPS 1-1A/2A, game next week. The Warriors had not been determined by the time of the game.

The Warriors at Tillery Field rolled for two innings, but gave up two runs in the third. Palmer some anxious that he still win the top of the third.

Palmer pitched three hits and three runs and bring the Warriors to the top of the third. Winning pitcher nurse and major league retired Matt Sellers all to shortstop Aaron away, just like a threat.

They jumped on us that Jonathan's Stagg. The first game against the ranch by we were one team in our district 10-run. We won 8-2.

We played a good, complete game, but I didn't expect

the 10-run rule."

RCA's offense provided that cushion. After giving up the five unearned runs in the top of the inning, the Warriors used their bats to drive Knights starting pitcher Mike Hendricks from the game.

Singles by Eastin, Edwards and Jordan Williams each drove in a run. Two more scored when Hendricks turned toward second base for what he hoped would be an inning-ending double play, but threw the ball into center field.

With a 13-5 lead, the Warriors needed two more runs to take a 10-run lead and end the game before a drizzly rain had a chance to intensify.

No problem. In the bottom of the fourth, Justin Robison drew a leadoff walk, Eastin doubled and ground balls by Edwards and Williams each resulted in a run.

Eastin moved to the mound for the top of the fifth, and allowed only a single before Edwards, playing third base, threw out the final batter to end the game.

"John had his worst outing of the year, by far," Palmer said. "I don't mean just the one inning. Throughout the game, he had trouble with location. He was getting behind, and threw too many pitches."

"I've talked to the team about not riding one pitcher to win, and tonight batters

1 through 9 hit the baseball."

Leadoff batter Colton Jones, led off each of the first two innings, and then got the five-run third inning going by singling with one out and no one on base. In fact, he had two singles in the third. Williams, batting fifth, came through with four runs batted in even though he has been battling mononucleosis.

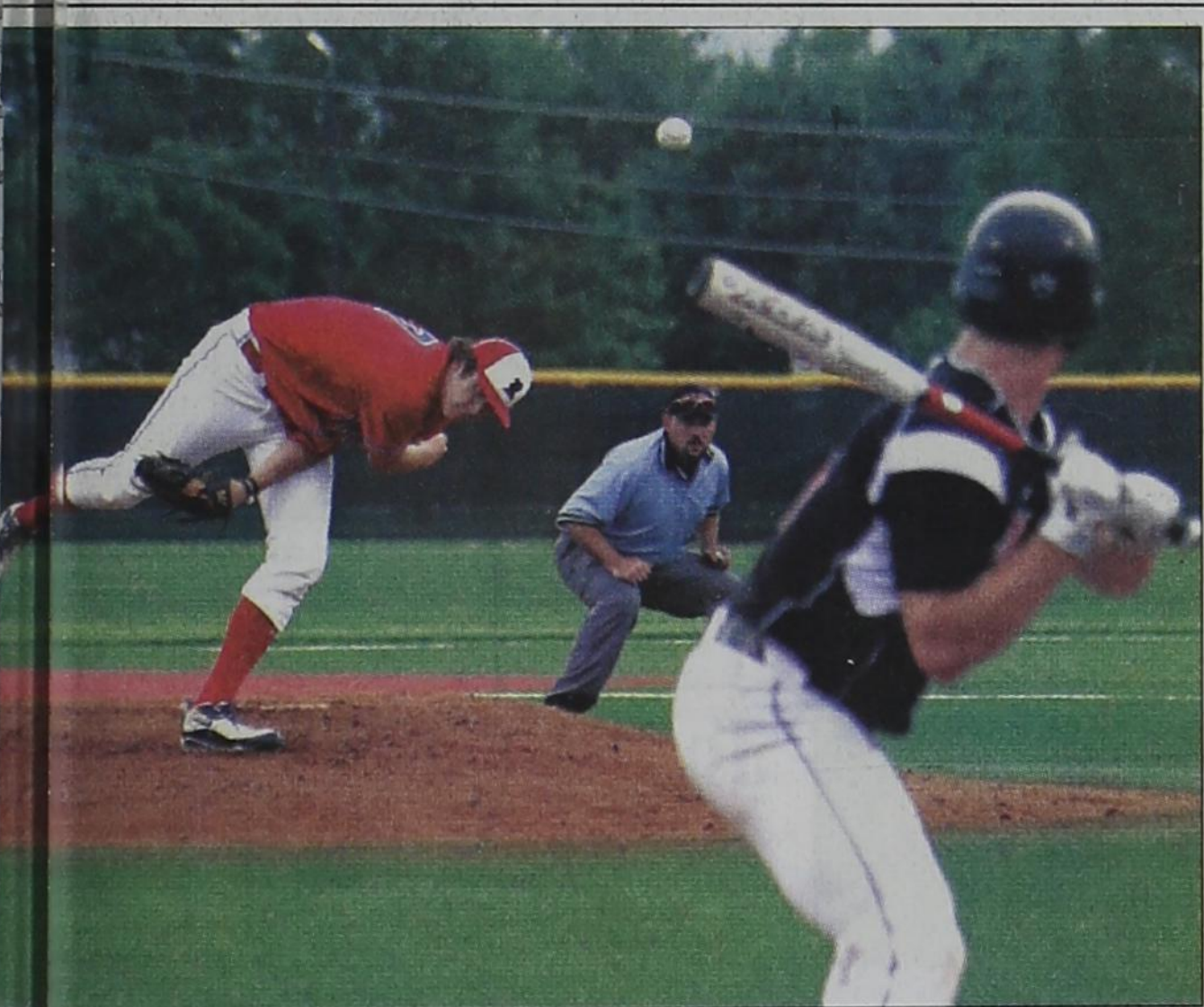
Palmer said, "Colton plays select baseball and bats fourth or fifth. I told him we didn't have a leadoff hitter and wanted him to step into that role. It seems like 90 per cent of the time he starts off with a walk or a hit."

Freshman Jones is one of six freshman and sophomores in RCA's starting lineup.

"I expected some dips from having such a young team playing. They can do so well, but then they start to lose focus. But this team hasn't lost focus all year long."

In Rockwall Christian's first two district tournament games, it defeated Dallas Fairhill 13-2 on April 18 and Heritage Christian 16-1 April 21.

If the Warriors can defeat Abilene Christian, they would go to the regional final for the fifth consecutive year — beginning in 2007, when RCA was state champion.



Warriors' pitcher John Edwards unleashes the ball for a strike during the second inning of last year's District Championship game against Dallas Lakehill, at Tillery Field in Mesquite. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Fulton's Leverett wins 3 events at region

Fulton School's Dylan Leverett won three events at the regional TAPPS 1A track and field meet.

Leverett won both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, with times of 12.2 seconds Thursday, April 28.

Johnson said, "I think he's got a good chance to win three events in the state.

ent weather," Fulton head coach Josh Johnson said of Leverett's 100. Rain had fallen for much of the morning at Argyle Liberty Christian School.

The senior was also first in the long jump at 18 feet, 11 1/4 inches. His triple jump of 39-8 placed second by one inch. He still qualified in the triple jump for the TAPPS 1A State Championships May 6 and 7 at Baylor University in Waco.

Johnson said, "I think he's got a good chance to win three events in the state.

He'll have to train hard this week."

The Falcons' 4X100-meter relay team just missed qualifying for the one of the four state qualifying spots by finishing fifth. However, the Fulton girls did qualify by placing fourth in the 4x200-meter relay (Quinn Ellison, Ashanti Smith, Shelby Kreger and Kierra Tatum). Ellison also qualified for the state meet in the 3,200-meter run.

Pille powers Lady Bulldogs into playoffs

Royse City softball coach Michelle Booker spent most of the early part of the week trying to find out about Nacogdoches, the Lady Bulldogs' Bi-District playoff opponent.

As of Wednesday, she had only a sketchy scouting report on District 14-4A's fourth-place team.

"They have a decent pitcher, one power hitter and some speed on the bases, so we'll have to keep them off the bases," Booker said. Then she chuckled at the realization that having opposing runners on base hasn't been a problem for RC this season.

That's because Royse City has senior pitcher Alicia Pille, who is far more than a "decent" pitcher. In all of her games this season, Pille has a 0.73 earned run average and 339 strikeouts. She was the biggest reason why the Lady Bulldogs (17-7 overall) swept through two rounds of the District 13-4A schedule. Pille was the winning pitcher in all of those games, for a 12-0 record with an 0.34 ERA and 206 strikeouts.

In the final regular-season game Friday, April 22, she pitched her third district no-hitter, and fourth overall this year, in a 3-0 victory over Greenville. Only a walk to that contest's second batter kept Pille from her third 13-4A perfect game of 2011.

She also has been one of Royse City's top offensive players. Pille drove in all

three of the Lady Bulldogs' runs against Greenville with a first-inning single and a two-run home run in the fourth.

Pille's presence also makes it quite possible that RC, ranked 10th among the state's 4A teams, could navigate its way through the loaded Region II playoff field for a state tournament berth.

They could meet 11th-ranked Forney in the third round and fifth-ranked Frisco Wakeland in the fourth. That could set up a matchup against top-ranked Elgin in the regional final.

Booker said, "Forney has a good team, but their pitching is not dominating. Wakeland's pitching is not what it was last year. We played them fairly early this season and scored (four) runs against them."

First, there's the matter of Nacogdoches, which fits in well with Booker's insistence on having her team not look past the next opponent. Even when the Lady Dawgs clinched the district title with two games remaining, the coach told the team to hold off on celebrating until it finished the 13-4A season undefeated.

"It's a fourth-place team, but I don't want our girls to assume anything. Volleyball went in as a first-place team, and the fourth-place team beat us."

"Even last year, we started out strong, and we had better hitters as far as power. Then we got relaxed and lost a couple of games. So we've talked about staying fo-

cused and not looking ahead."

The coach, however, was looking ahead to this season as early as last summer.

"I saw Alicia play all summer in Gold (select) ball, and she dominated. I figured if she was facing kids who were going to play college ball all summer, in high school ball she should really dominate. In some games, she wasn't on her game and got frustrated. She was fighting through not staying focused, but she has got that focus ball."

"The only thing that has surprised me about her is her leadership. She's always been very laid-back, a good ole girl who wants to be everybody's friend. But she's been getting after her teammates, saying, 'You've got to work hard, and get this done.'"

Booker said Pille's work ethic has rubbed off on the young Lady Bulldogs.

"Our sophomore class has stepped up. They've made big hits and made big plays. Tori Green hasn't been our most consistent player, but she has had key hits in big games. Kyla (Simmons, the coach's daughter) had a couple of big hits for us. She has played a big role having to catch Alicia, and she has learned to love it."

That's indicative of a Royse City team that could go deep into the playoffs.

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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks rally to regain first-place tie against Highland Park

Rockwall-Heath pulled itself back into a tie for first place in District 10-4A baseball by rallying for five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning Thursday, April 21, to defeat Highland Park 6-4.

The Hawks (26-5-1 overall, 11-2 in District 10-4A) are scheduled to play their final regular-season game Friday at Wylie East. The Raiders have a first-year program with a 4-8 district record, but that includes a victory over Highland Park. HP (27-4, 11-2) is scheduled to play third-place McKinney (8-4 in 10-4A).

Winning pitcher Jake Thompson held the Scots to six hits in a complete game. The Hawks' eight hits included doubles by Bret Boswell, Jovan Hernandez and Nick Petersen.

Highland Park entered the game ranked third in the THSBCA state 4A poll. RHHS had dropped out after an upset loss to Rockwall.

The Scots took a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth at Rockwall-Heath behind pitcher Preston Edwards.

However, Edwards' game began to unravel when Jake Baxter repeatedly fouled off pitches before drawing a leadoff walk. Grayson Lewis then singled to right field on a one-pitch, two-strike pitch, and Austin Stewart beat out a sacrifice bunt.

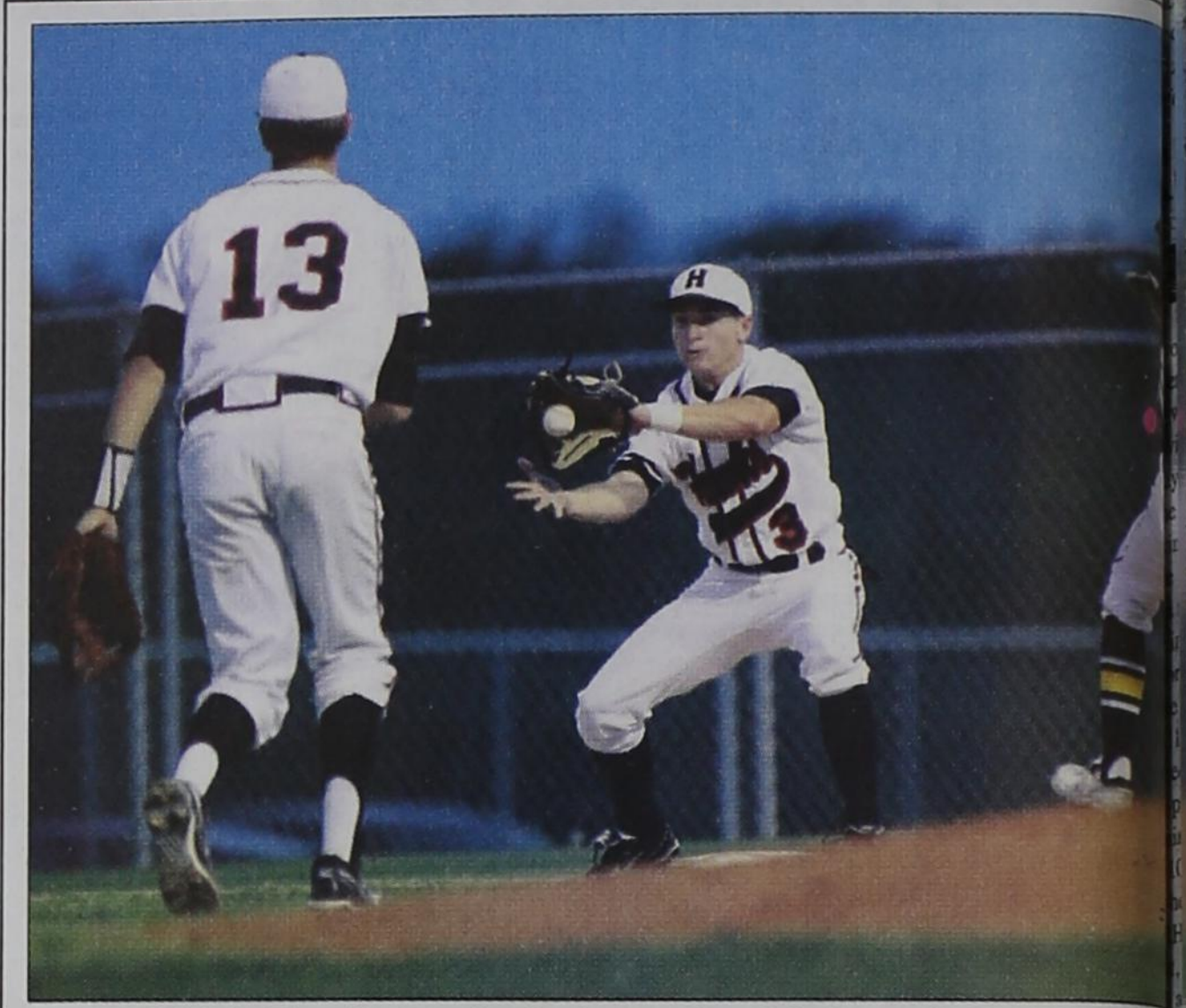
Then the Scots turned to pitcher Matt Wilson, who couldn't stop the Hawks' heavy hitters. Hernandez, who went 2-for-3 with two runs batted in, capped the rally with a run-scoring double for

the final 6-4 advantage.

A night earlier, Hernandez had done it all in a 13-0 victory over Wylie. He went 4-for-4, including two home runs, and was the winning pitcher with four hitless innings. The Pirates (11-16, 3-9) managed one hit in the fifth before the 10-run rule ended the game.

The Hawks' 14 hits included an additional homer apiece by Bret Boswell and Jake Bledsoe, and a double by Thompson.

If RHHS and Highland Park finish the regular season tied, they would be co-champions. But because they split two games against each other, they would play a game to determine the number one playoff seed from 10-4A.



Hawks' Cade Flory (3) covers first for throw-out from Jake Baxter (13) during last week's Highland Park at the RHHS field.

Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

Fuller, Richardson win at regional qualifiers meet

Rockwall-Heath's Jonathan Fuller and Brianna Richardson each finished first in an event at the Regional Qualifiers track and field meet Thursday, April 21, at Lancaster High School.

Fuller, the defending state champion

in the high jump, equaled his winning leap of 6 feet, 8 inches from the District 10-4A championships.

Richardson won her specialty, the triple jump, at 40-10. She placed second in last year's state 4A meet. The Lady Hawks junior also had her best

triple jump, 19-3, to finish second at Lancaster.

Among RHHS' other competitors, Aly Coughlin was second in the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 20 seconds; Brittany Huggett was third in the 300-meter hurdles in 47 seconds; Hunter Hopkins placed fifth in the discus (150-10), and Yorlynn Engmann was sixth in the 100 hurdles (15.14).

In the Region II-4A Championships at the University of North Texas' Fouts Field in Denton, both Fuller and Richardson (triple jump) are scheduled to begin their competition at noon Monday.

Also on Monday, Coughlin would run at 5:45 p.m., Engmann at 6:10, Hayden Compton at 6:30 in the boys' 100-meter hurdles and 7:40 in the 300 hurdles, and Huggett at 7:50.

Richardson would return Tuesday for the long jump at 9 a.m., with Hopkins beginning to throw at 10 a.m.

Lady Hawks finish strong with 2 more wins

Rockwall-Heath had won just two of its first 12 District 10-4A softball games this season. With just two games remaining, the Lady Hawks were tied for seventh place and in danger of finishing last in the district.

Then something clicked. After four consecutive games losing by the 10-

run rule, RHHS saw its bats wake up. The Lady Hawks' pitching and defense tightened up.

In a three-day period, Rockwall-Heath defeated Highland Park 9-4 and Wylie East 22-7 to finish 4-10 in the district. Instead of finishing last, or even seventh, the Lady Hawks wound

up in a three-way tie for just two games behind 10-

playoff qualifier, McKinney. RHHS out-hit Highland to support winning pitcher Archuleta. Madie Rice drove and Dakota Whittorn and Alyssa each hit a double.

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Rockwall High School team members following the team's Silver Medal in the State Golf Tournament are (left to right) Chris Chad Taylor, Christian Rang, Coach Billy Watkins, Nick Ziebell, Teal Willis, Trey Manis and Coach Eddie Henderson. Manis finished tournament as the individual State Champion.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Joplin sisters qualify for Arenacross finals

Of just 40 women in the nation who have qualified for the Amateur Arenacross Championship, three are sisters attending schools in the ISD.

Even though 17-year-old Alyssa Joplin is just a junior at Rockwall and 14-year-old Adisyn is just an eighth-grader at Utley Middle School, they compete in the Women's Class. The ride for each sister is a CRF 250R.

Ten-year-old Alanna, a fourth-grader at Dobbs Elementary School, 65cc KTM in the Girls' Class at the championships in Las Vegas May 1-3.

The Joplin sisters qualified at a Regional competition in Denver for the Championship, part of the Monster Energy American Motorcyclist Association Supercross Finals.



Qualifying for the Amateur National Arenacross Championship in conjunction with the Monster Energy AMA Supercross Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 8th, 2011 are sisters (left to right) Alyssa Joplin (14 years), Alanna Joplin (10) and Adisyn Joplin (17). Photo courtesy of Heather Joplin/Rockwall County News

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District Champs Lady Jackets open playoffs vs. Newman Smith

Rockwall successfully defended its district championship by finishing the regular season with a 21-1 record on Friday, April 22, over Newman Smith.

The Lady Jackets will open the playoffs next weekend against the fourth-place team from District 9-4A, Carrollton Newman Smith. The Lady Trojans finished the regular season in a three-way tie at 6-8, but won a tiebreaker to get into the playoffs.

Rockwall's Bi-District playoff will be a single game at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Plano West Senior High School. RHS has a 16-1-1 record over its last 18 games, marred only by the 7-1 loss to Wylie and a 6-6 non-district tie against 5A Sachse.



Lady Jackets' Lacy Holcomb winds up for a pitch against Richardson Pearce. Ready for a play at third base is Bailey Frierson.
Photo by Pat Corl/Rockwall County News

Rockwall Yellowjackets clinch playoff berth, face Wakeland again

After clinching a playoff berth by defeating Wylie East 2-0, Rockwall secured its third consecutive Bi-District playoff berth on Friday, April 22, at McKinney North.

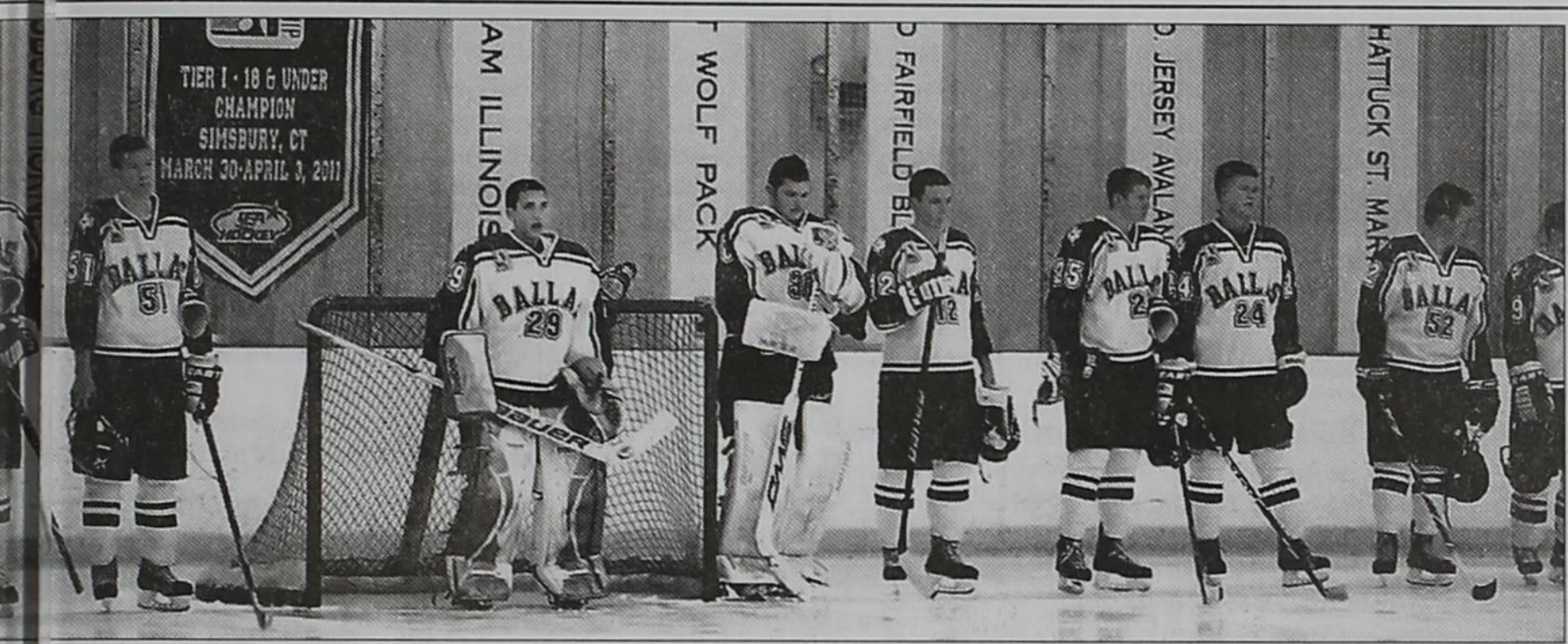
Richardson Pearce. Rockwall's prize for making the playoffs as 10-4A's fourth-place team is a Bi-District playoff matchup against Frisco Wakeland, the District 10-4A champion ranked seventh among the state's 4A teams.

In two games against the Jackets this season, Wylie East's first-year varsity team lost both by a combined margin of 5-2.

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RHS sweeps district in JV tennis doubles

The Rockwall junior varsity won all three doubles events and had second-place finishers in four of the five events overall to win the District 10-4A championship Thursday, April 14, at the Rockwall Tennis Facility.



Dallas Stars Elite Team member Cole Burack (goalie, third from left) competed at the National Ice Hockey finals for age 16 group at Simsbury, Connecticut March 30 through April 3. Cole is a sophomore at Rockwall High School. The Dallas team competed with others from New Jersey, Illinois and California.
Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

Bulldogs baseball aims for district fourth place

Royse City's playoff possibilities aren't on life support yet, but those certainly aren't healthy either. The Bulldogs missed another opportunity to pull into a tie for fourth place and District 13-4A's final playoff berth by losing 13-0 at Greenville Friday, April 22.

Sports Notes

RCCOC tourney set April 29

The 10th Annual Royse City Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and Fundraiser will observe a 1 p.m. shotgun start April 29 at the River Golf Club in Royse City. Lunch and dinner will be provided, as well as door and raffle prizes.

Cost is \$50 per player. Sign up as a foursome or as a single and be placed on a team. Cost includes range balls, putting contest, lunch and prizes. A hole-in-one wins a 2011 car from Rusty Wallis VW/Honda. All golfers at all skill levels are welcome to participate.

May 13 tourney to benefit Throwaway Ponies

Throwaway Ponies, a horse rescue and therapeutic riding center in Rockwall, will host its second annual Helping Horses, Healing Hearts golf tournament May 13 at Buffalo Creek Golf Course.

MOW plans 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging's Meals on Wheels will play host to its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament benefiting local seniors and disabled individuals on May 13 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 624 Country Club Drive.

Rockwall Open tourney set June 3

The 19th annual Rockwall Open Golf Tournament is set for June 3 at Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Practice and box lunches will begin at noon, with tee off at 1 p.m.

Registration under way for mixed tennis team

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited is registering men and women for its mixed 8.0 summer team. Players should be 3.5, 4.0 or 4.5 levels. Matches will be on Sunday evenings.

Vintage baseball exhibition set May 1

A vintage baseball game between the Rockwall Retros and the Farmers Branch team will be held for 3 p.m. May 1 at the RHS baseball field. Prior to the vintage game will be a parade with police and fire departments and their counterparts from Royse City.

Ladies Day Out league registration set

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited is registering female tennis players for its annual Ladies Day Out league this summer. League play will run from May 4 through May 22 starting at 9 a.m. and following a round-robin format.

Register by May 6 for HCA golf tourney

Registration for the 2011 HCA Tournament of Eagles is set for May 6. The event will begin at 8 a.m. May 9 at the Waterview Golf Course in Rowlett.

Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons

Monday, May 6 - Track and field: TAPPS 1A state meet, Hart-Patterson Complex, Rowlett
Tuesday, May 7 - Track and field: TAPPS 1A state meet, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, April 29 - Baseball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29 - Softball: Bi-District playoff vs. Carrollton Newman Smith at Plano West Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 2 - Varsity track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, University of North Texas, Denton
Tuesday, May 3 - Varsity track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, University of North Texas, Denton

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, April 29 - Baseball: at Wylie East, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 2 - Varsity track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, University of North Texas, Denton, noon
Tuesday, May 3 - Varsity track and field: at Region II-4A Championships, University of North Texas, Denton, 9 a.m.

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, April 29 - Baseball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, JV1 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

JV2 baseball: at Mount Pleasant, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: Bi-District playoff vs. Nacogdoches at Athens, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30 - JV2 baseball: home vs. Sulphur Springs, noon
Baseball: at Sulphur Springs, JV1 noon and varsity 3 p.m.
Softball: Bi-District playoff vs. Nacogdoches at Athens, 5 p.m.

Cain Middle School Mustangs

Tuesday, May 3 - Boys' soccer: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Lovejoy High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 5 - Girls' soccer: at Utley, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

Utley Middle School Wolves

Tuesday, May 3 - Tennis: home vs. Sunnyvale, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.
Boys' soccer: home vs. Williams, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 5 - Girls' soccer: home vs. Cain, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 7 - Tennis: at DeSoto Tournament, DeSoto High School

Williams Middle School Wildcats

Tuesday, May 3 - Tennis: at Allen Ford, Lowery Freshman Center, 4 p.m.
Boys' soccer: at Utley, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

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RARTA plans May 9 meeting

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. May 9 at the Royse City First Baptist Church, 900 Pullen Rd. Reservations are required and may be made by emailing babsybate@aol.com.

'Teens, Sex & Choices' program planned

Cain Middle School will host an hour-long program, "Teen, Sex & Choices," beginning at 6 p.m. in the CMS library. Open to parents of CMS students only, the program will be presented by Aim for Success, which has educated more than one million teens over the past 15 years on the topics of sex, drugs and alcohol. This program will address teen pregnancy, STDs and the emotional trauma that can accompany teen sexual activity. The parent program is designed to give parents a preview of the student presentation, allowing parents to learn creative ways to talk with their children about the topic of sex. For more information, contact Jason Johnston, school principal.

Genealogical Society meeting slated

The Rockwall County Genealogical Society Business and Program meetings are conducted from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. monthly on the second Thursday of each month at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. For more details visit rockwallroots.org/rcgs or call Jeff Lowe at 972-742-7402.

Party Crashers to perform

The Party Crashers, a variety band, will be the featured performers at the Concert by the Lake event beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 12 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Historical Foundation to meet

"A Salute to Rockwall Veterans" will be the program for the noon meeting May 13 meeting of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. The event will be conducted in the historic courthouse.

Church plans Mardi Gras event

St. Matthias Catholic Church will host Mardi Gras Masquerade in May from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. May 13 at The Center, 108 E. Washington, in Rockwall. Admission will cost \$75 per person; must be 18 years or older to attend. All tickets must be purchased in advance, and all proceeds will benefit the church's building fund. For ticket information call 972-771-1378.

RCP to stage 'Little Shop of Horrors'

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will stage performances of the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" May 13-29 (show is not based on the movie; parental guidance is advised). Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 972-722-3399 or online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Mini Cheer Camp set at Rockwall High

The RHS cheerleaders will host a Mini Cheer Camp for elementary school students from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. May 14 at the high school. Aspiring cheerleaders in grades K-6 can participate to learn cheers, chants, jumps and stunts. Participants also will be invited to cheer at the RHS spring football game May 20. Camp cost is \$35, which includes a T-shirt and photo with the mascot and cheerleaders. For more details contact Jeanne Arguelles at 214-334-4992 or ejar- guelles@msn.com.

Car Show set May 14 in Royse City

The 4th Annual Main Event Car Show will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Royse City. On-site registration will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Entry

will cost \$20; each of the first 50 entries will receive a free T-shirt. First- and second-place awards will be given in several classes. Also planned are Best of Car, Best of Truck, Best of Motorcycle, Club Participation and Under Construction. For more information call 972-636-2184 or e-mail kholli- field@roysecity.com.

Cars for CASA scheduled May 15

Cars for CASA 2011 is scheduled for May 15 at the Harbor in Rockwall. Registration will run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Classic and specialty autos and trucks will be featured. Proceeds will benefit Lone Star CASA. Visit lonestarcasa.org for more details.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle set

The low-cost spay/neuter shuttle sponsored by Rockwall PAWS and KCAAP will depart at 7:30 a.m. May 19 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Walmart parking lot. The shuttle will return at 6:30 p.m. after the pets are spayed/neutered. For an appointment call 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). Prices can be viewed at spayneuter.net. For more details call 972-310-1354. Dogs must be on leashes, cats in carriers.

Vocal Trash is featured band

Vocal Trash, a variety band, will be the featured performers at the Concert by the Lake event beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 19 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Older Americans Day event set

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging is preparing to host an Older Americans Day celebration beginning at 1 p.m. May 20 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Theme will be Older Americans: Connecting the Community. Each year Rockwall County organizations, the five city mayors and city governments and individuals nominate outstanding seniors to receive an award for making a difference in the community at large. For more details call 972-771-9514.

Founders Day Festival set May 21

The City of Rockwall's historic downtown square will play host to the annual Founders Day Festival May 21 beginning at 10 a.m. Vendor booths, children's activities, food, entertainment and a sunset concert are planned. Entertainment will include the Dallas Puppet Theatre, Concho Grass (bluegrass), Django Walker (country), Ponty Bone (Cajun/Zydeco) and Asleep at the Wheel (country/Texas swing). For more details visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

'Always... Patsy Cline' slated May 21

A single performance of "Always... Patsy Cline" will be offered in the Royse City HS auditorium on May 21. Tammie White will star as Cline and Carolyn Thumann as Louise. The funny and touching show celebrates the career and life of the singer of "I Fall to Pieces," "Your Cheatin' Heart," "Walkin' After Midnight" and "Crazy." Tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased at the Royse City Chamber office at 216 N. Arch St., Royse City, as well as several other locations in town. For more details call 972-636-5000.

Auditions for 'Music Man' planned

Rockwall Summer Musicals will begin its premier season June 24-26 with "The Sound of Music," followed by "Music Man" July 29-31. Auditions for "Music Man" will run May 20 and 22 at the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall (5 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 20, adults, teens and children; 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., May 22, adults, teens and children, plus dance auditions from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.). For more details visit rockwallsummermusicals.com or call 214-202-9673.

Retailer plans donation for battery purchases

USA Cares will get an extra "boost" from Rockwall's Batteries Plus during the May 24-30 campaign to assist Sept. 11 service members, veterans and their families. During that week, the local store will donate \$5 for each regularly priced watch batter replacement (regular and lifetime). The store is located at 2014 S. Goliad, #150, in Rockwall.

Me & My Monkey to perform

Me & My Monkey, a Beatles tribute band, will be the featured performers at the Concert by the Lake event beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 26 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Museum plans tea, fashion show

The Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Royse City will host its annual Keep the Cup Tea and Fashion Show on May 28. The event will include a full tea, as well as a fashion show organized by Helping Hands. Cost is \$10 per ticket, and seating will be limited to 32. Purchase tickets at the RC Hardware Store or at the museum. For details, call 972-635-7438.

Hope at the Harbor set May 28

Hope at the Harbor, a benefit for The Genesis Center Women's Shelter, will begin at sunset May 28 at the Rockwall Harbor Amphitheatre. The event will include a contemporary dance collective choreographed and performed by local professional dancers. Admission to see the performance is free for those who want to bring a chair or blanket from home; seating in the reserved section will be available for a minimum donation of \$25 per chair. For more details visit danceforhopecharities.org.

Journey tribute band to play

Escape, a Journey tribute band, will be the featured performers at the Concert by the Lake event beginning at 7:30 p.m. June 2 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

'Pink Panther' auditions slated

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse Teen Theatre Production of "Pink Panther" will be at 1 p.m. June 11-12 at the playhouse. The production will be open to teens ages 13 to 19. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

RHS Band needs vendors for craft fair

The RHS Band will host its fourth all indoor craft fair Oct. 8. Vendors of all types are needed for the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plenty of parking also will be available. The fair also will include a senior class fundraiser—a haunted house game booth event. Contact Liz Tarter at 972-772-1846 for more details.

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Culpepper's names upcoming performers

Culpepper's has released the names of the bands slated to perform at its Music Fest in May.

On May 7, Jolie Holliday and her band will perform original country hits. Holliday is working on a major record deal, but in the meantime she is the featured performer at WinStar Casino. She and her band also performed at Super Bowl XLV earlier this year. Holliday frequently opens for Travis at his concerts and he occasionally stops in to sing with her band. For more details on Holliday, visit jolieholliday.com.

The Crawford McAdams Band will perform May 14. This band is comprised of locals from the Dallas area who grew up in major cities throughout the state. They play country music, as well as tunes from the '50s, '60s and '70s—all rock 'n' roll classics—from ZZ Top, Dickey Lee, Jimmy Reed and Buddy Holly to Elvis, the Beatles, the Eagles, Taylor, Jim Croce and a little Willie.

Performing on May 21 is 4 Way Street, billed as "the ultimate country Stills, Nash and Young cover band."

The O'Donnells are scheduled for May 28. Darryl and Klinton O'Donnell are straight from Nashville, Tenn., and this father-and-son team is getting when it comes to country. They are working on a publishing deal with ASCAP, developing their original songs. Additionally, Darryl is a session singer and player in Nashville who has toured with many acts. His son is a prodigy on piano and a great singer who already has performed with one major country act and has earned his stripes in the industry. He recently completed a tour across Tennessee, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Florida. For more information on this harmonious family act, visit o'donnells.com.

All performances will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Holistic Health Fair slated at The Center

Rockwall's 4th Annual Holistic Health Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7 at The Center.

The fair will provide visitors with a wide array of "integrative and holistic modalities" offered in the area, according to a City of Rockwall press release.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet and talk with various health practitioners and vendors, attend presentations and find out more about health topics. Several giveaways and door prizes also are planned. For more details, call Kathy Wanderer at 972-772-3327.

Salazar draws 99 years for cocaine possession

A Rockwall County jury convicted Hidalgo County resident Marco Salazar, 37, on a charge of possession with intent to deliver cocaine on May 26, according to a news release from the Rockwall County District Attorney's Office.

Less than an hour after retiring to deliberate the punishment for the jury sentenced Salazar to 99 years in prison and the maximum fine of \$250,000.

Jurors heard testimony that Rockwall Police Officer Josh Elliott discovered Salazar on a traffic stop on I-30 and discovered half a kilo of cocaine in the trunk of his vehicle.

Lead prosecutor Damita Sangermano, during the punishment phase trial, told jurors Salazar had 18 judgments of conviction against him.

McLendon-Chisholm Spring Fest set April 30 at City Hall

Spring Fest, an event featuring food and fun, will run from noon to 6 p.m. April 30 at McLendon-Chisholm City Hall.

Activities will open at noon with a welcome by city officials, followed by children's games and activities from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Activities will include a bounce house, bubble gum-blowing contest, toddler race, egg race, chip bingo and an inflatable obstacle course.

J.D. Jacobs and The Working Man Band will play from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and a talent show will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A silent auction, scheduled to begin at mid-day, will end at 3:15 p.m. followed by a dessert contest at 3:30 p.m. There will be a live auction from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Lions Club Steak Dinner will begin at 5 p.m.

For more details, call Debbie Sorensen at 972-524-2077.

Hungry Harry: Milano Finding the EAT in Heath

The Hungry-mobile went on the hunt to find the more illustrious eatery in Rockwall County. I decided to try Heath home of the former Barnes Bridge which was an original access point to Dallas County. It was home to many baptisms. Today, Barnes Bridge is covered by water as Lake Ray Hubbard. Did you also know that buffalo used to be a thing in the area? Children were warned by a ringing bell that warned of the pedes. Today, the buffalo have roamed on and your selection to eat is rather limited to down to the gas station or Milano's.

Milano's Italian Restaurant is quiet pizzeria that focuses mainly on pizza. It has subs, salads, and basic appetizers. The pizza is great and the sandwiches were well-prepared. I would be scared for a restaurant that makes pizza and sandwiches. They did both well. The restaurant is inviting in a way it kind of recreates the scene from Lady and a Tramp. If it's personal when you dine there. Overall, it was a good time and if you're hungry and you may want to give it a try.

Atmosphere: Pizzeria, casual, Neighborhood

Service: Good;
Food: Good
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8 Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge
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19 TXism: "move 'em into ___" (bury)
21 Yo ___ Digo Creek
22 TXism: "skinny as a ___"
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24 TXism: "got ___ as big as Texas" (kind)
30 TXism: "if he says giddyup, ___ go" (mean)
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AMICA members prepared and donated 65 Easter baskets recently to the Rainbow Room. The baskets will be distributed to abused and neglected children in state protective services. Pictured from the left are AMICA members Jolynne Tranberg, Beth Shafer (Child Protective Services caseworker), Priscilla Iannelli and Debbie Pabian. The AMICA organization has been a Rainbow Room supporter for the past 10 years. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Students and parents from Rochell Elementary joined students from throughout the school on Students Serving Others Day, providing hours of volunteer services to the community. The students made blankets for donation to the Rainbow Room, which strives to sustain and improve the quality of life of abused and neglected children in the care of Child Protective Services. The Rainbow Room relies on the community for donations. Pictured at front are Bria Schwartz, Claire Calhoun, Tatiana Weinberge. Shown in the middle is Alycia Molina. At back are Jane Stockton, Mikayla Thisbeth Salazar, Ashley Ruiz, Jordan Melendez, Susan Laszynski (Rainbow Room volunteer) and Terry Peters. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*

Rockwall student lands Art Institute scholarship

A 19-year-old Rockwall resident, Rebecca Overstreet, was presented with a \$2,000 scholarship toward her tuition at the Art Institute of Dallas at an event conducted April 12 at the Hilton Campbell Center in Dallas. Overstreet, who is studying advertising design, received the 2011 Sam R. Bloom Memorial Scholarship from the Dallas Ad League Foundation. "Ms. Overstreet is a talented student and up-and-comer in the media world, and we are thrilled to support her continued learning," said Denis C. D'Amico, chairman for the Dallas Ad League Foundation. Each spring the foundation awards the scholarship to a Dallas-area sophomore, junior or graduate-level college student majoring in one of several industries serving the advertising community. The award is designed to recognize, promote and encourage academically talented students of advertising and related disciplines.

The Friday Study Club conducted its 91st annual spring luncheon at the new Loft 901, located at Rockwall High. Chef Cody Hayes, pictured at left, and his staff of student sous-chefs prepared and served the three-course meal. Shown above with Hayes are club president and hostess Leigh Plagens and student chefs Jessica Ackerson and Vincent Bradley, who produced the desserts for the event. This marked the second year of the school's culinary arts program. *Photo courtesy of June Frawley/Rockwall County News*



Opinions

Nullifying the drug war

By Jacob Hornberger

No doubt to the chagrin of many judges across the land, a New Hampshire jury has shown, once again, that juries are the final judges of both the law and the facts in criminal cases, contrary to what all too many judges falsely inform juries in their courtroom.

The New Hampshire case involved the drug war. A man named Bob Constantine was charged with felony possession of marijuana, to wit: growing marijuana plants in his house. Constantine suffers from arthritis, and there was no evidence that he used the marijuana other than simply consuming it himself. Apparently, some nosy neighbor snitched on Constantine to the authorities.

Constantine defended himself at the trial. Before trial, he was offered a plea bargain involving a guilty plea to misdemeanor marijuana possession with 60 days in jail. It would have been a smart move to take the plea, given that Constantine had no defense to the felony charge. However, Constantine knew that this is how the drug war is often played, and he decided not to play the game. He went to trial and rolled the dice, obviously hoping that the jury would engage in some jury nullification.

I don't know anything about the particular judge in Constantine's case, but I am familiar with the general attitude that judges have toward jury nullification. They hate it. In fact, they hate it so much that they have come to lying to juries about the power of the jury to judge the law in criminal cases.

Once both sides in a criminal case have provided their evidence to the jury and rested their cases, the judge reads a formal set of instructions known as "the charge" to the jury. In those instructions, the judge sets forth

the parameters for the conduct of the jury. For example, he informs the jury that it must presume the defendant innocent and must refuse to convict the defendant unless convinced of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The judge also tells the jury that it is the sole judge of the facts in the case. The jury decides which of the witnesses are telling the truth and who aren't. It weighs the evidence and determines guilt or innocence.

The controversy comes with respect to the law itself. Judges tell juries that they do not have the power to judge the rightfulness or wrongfulness of the law that the defendant is being charged with. Or the jury is simply told that it must accept the law as the judge provides it in his charge.

But the judge is lying. The truth is that the jury has the power to judge the law, even if the judge fails to tell the jury of such power. Once the judge hands the case over to the jury, the jury has the power to acquit the defendant for whatever reason it wants, including the fact that the jury finds the law to be immoral or unconscionable, and there isn't anything the judge can do about it.

Consider, by comparison, a civil suit. After both sides have rested in a civil suit, the judge has the power to enter what is called an "instructed verdict." He does that if there are no facts in dispute. Since there is nothing for the jury to determine, given that both sides agree on the facts, the judge can dismiss the jury and enter judgment for the side he believes should prevail on the law.

Not so, however, with a criminal case. Even if all the facts are agreed upon -- even if the defendant openly confesses on the witness stand to having committed the offense -- the judge lacks the power to dismiss the

jury and summarily enter judgment for the state. The judge must send the case to the jury because the jury is the final judge of facts but also the law. It has the power to acquit the defendant if the evidence conclusively establishes that the defendant has committed an offense.

That's what happened in Constantine's case. To the judge's apparent permission Constantine some latitude in his final charge to the jury, during which he asked the jury to acquit him of the charges. One or more members of the jury refused to convict on offense despite the fact that the evidence was undisputed that Constantine was growing marijuana plants in his home. Absent a unanimous jury hung on the felony charges. Unfortunately, however, the jury unanimously voted to convict Constantine of the misdemeanor of the judge sentenced him to the same 60-day jail sentence and that he would have received with the plea bargain.

According to an article about Constantine's case by Catherine Nullify, the New Hampshire state senate is now considering a bill to judges to tell juries the truth regarding their power to nullify and defendants and their attorneys to argue the matter to the jury.

The Constantine case make two valuable points: One, the power to nullify bad laws, regardless of whether or not judges have such power, and, two, at least some jurors are refusing to be agents of the cruel and tyrannical war on drugs.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future Foundation.

Waking up to economic realities

by Ron Paul

Last week the financial markets were roiled by Standard & Poor's announcement that they will change their outlook on the fiscal health of the United States over the next two years from "stable" to "negative". The administration decried this decision as political. However, it seems the only political thing about this decision is the fact that it took so long. The Washington Post recently reported that the White House and the Treasury Department put tremendous pressure on S&P not to do this. However, if S&P made its ratings based on political pressures rather than economic reality, it would cease to have any relevance to the business community. Even if S&P delayed its announcement that U.S. government bond market would be downgraded, at some point it would become obvious that the finances of this country are out of control and our leadership is out of touch. All credibility would be lost if S&P simply continued to assign U.S. debt a AAA rating.

S&P noted in its announcement that negotiations among leaders in Washington to address deficit concerns did not sound promising, and expressed skepticism that politicians could agree to any viable budget compromise. Of course this has been obvious for years but in the midst of the current debate over raising the debt limit it is perhaps the wake-up call that Washington needs. For decades politicians and government officials have been able to maintain their denial about our real financial situation, patching the system together by passing emergency and supplemental funding bills, issuing more debt, and allowing the Federal Reserve and foreign creditors to paper over deficits with more monetary expansion. I've said many times the real day of reckoning comes when fiscal and monetary tricks no longer work and there are no buyers for our debt.

Even the most conservative budget that has been proposed by Republican leadership requires raising the debt ceiling by an additional \$9 trillion by

2021. This demonstrates absolutely that no one in power has any real intention of addressing our spending problems or paying the debt. They simply expect to continue to borrow and run up the debt forever, without limit. Yet they always imagine our dollar will no matter how many we print. This expectation is foolish and guarantee that those buying our debt are not foolish and naive along with this charade forever.

The S&P announcement may just be the harbinger of economic acting as a restraint on government expansion. Government is to cap its own growth, in spite of misnomers like "debt limit" reduction". Government will continue to grow like a cancer, see country of its wealth and freedom until the laws of economics can be ignored.

It's time to abolish the EPA and other abusive agencies

Contributed by Gary Corlies

The Benbrook Water Authority asks Texans to join in petitioning the U.S. Congress to repeal unnecessary, wasteful regulations for drinking water, CO2 limits and ethanol mandates.

After an extensive 9 month investigation, petition chairman Gary Corlies, reports that the EPA has no verifiable science that justifies growing, onerous regulations projected to cost Texans billions of dollars annually. EPA research data is biased, contrived and unsubstantiated.

In 2008 the U.S. EPA started implementation of new water quality standards involving detection and mitigation of Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and 5 Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (disinfectant byproducts) in drinking water.

No verifiable research confirms drinking water has caused birth defects and/or bladder cancer as claimed by the U.S. EPA. Not one case of bladder cancer or birth defect has ever been attributed to TTHMs/HAA5 in drinking water in the 100 year history of treating water using disinfectants.

The U.S. EPA points to what they describe as a "difficult and incomplete empirical analysis of epidemiology and toxicology studies" as justification for the regulation. Investigation confirms that the EPA did not account for other possible sources of exposure such as diet, heredity, or life-style choices in their incomplete analysis. They have no quantifiable measure and cannot claim to understand and to prescribe the acceptable levels of TTHMs & HAA5 for drinking water.

Evidence confirms that the U.S. EPA lacks competent scientific oversight.

The EPA seeks and uses data from environmental activist groups onerous regulations, reviewed by select, like-minded peers. The EPA not allow outside scientific review and systematically stifles all credible scientific analysis.

Investigation also confirms that unsubstantiated, contrived EPA used to justify CO2 Limits and Ethanol Mandates among other things are costing Americans tens of billions of dollars annually. U.S. Congress can rein in the EPA and reverse these expensive, wasteful regulations. Tell Congress to reform the EPA.

Review investigation findings at: <http://www.bwsa.org/EPARogue020111.pptx>

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Gary Corlies, Chairman Rali33@sbcglobal.net

Community and volunteers create wonderful atmosphere at Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County (BGCRC) has provided after-school and summer programs for more than 300 youth annually. On any given day after school, more than 75 young people take part in the Power Hour, a homework completion program designed to assist youth with all subject areas through the 12th grade. With staff and volunteer support BGCRC members are prepared to return the next day with their completed and checked homework in hand. Power Hour, has served as a staple of the Club since opening in 2006; supplemented with a variety of local and nationally supported opportunities for youth to take part in ranging from Character & Leadership Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

Over the years our community has watched the Club change and like many non-profits it has faced challenges both financially and programmatically. While operating in a down economy is tough, the purpose and mission of the Boys & Girls Club is too important to allow it to fail. Board Chair, Stephen Straughan realized the needs of this Club and wanted to help over a year ago. Stephen immediately began recruiting community leaders as board members with the ability to effect change and the hearts and commitment to see it through. Along with the guidance of the National Boys & Girls Clubs of America and a locally based non-profit consulting group DNS Associates, lead by Kevin Bingham, the Club made an executive decision to bring in an interim Chief Professional Officer, Gordon Eldredge. Gordon, a Boys & Girls Club professional with more than 40 years of experience, specializing in helping struggling Clubs to get re-engaged, re-energized, and re-established in communities, as well as developing program areas of which he spent the better part of 2010 doing in the Dobbs Elementary building where the Club is housed.

Through the efforts of the Board of Directors and that of Mr. Eldredge, today when you walk in to the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County you will see a much different program. You will find a welcoming facility with many activities taking place in an orderly and structured environment. You will encounter an encouraging staff that works day in and day out to implement meaningful programs and activities for our members. You will also meet the person brought in to carry the Boys & Girls Club through the next phase of growth and programming.

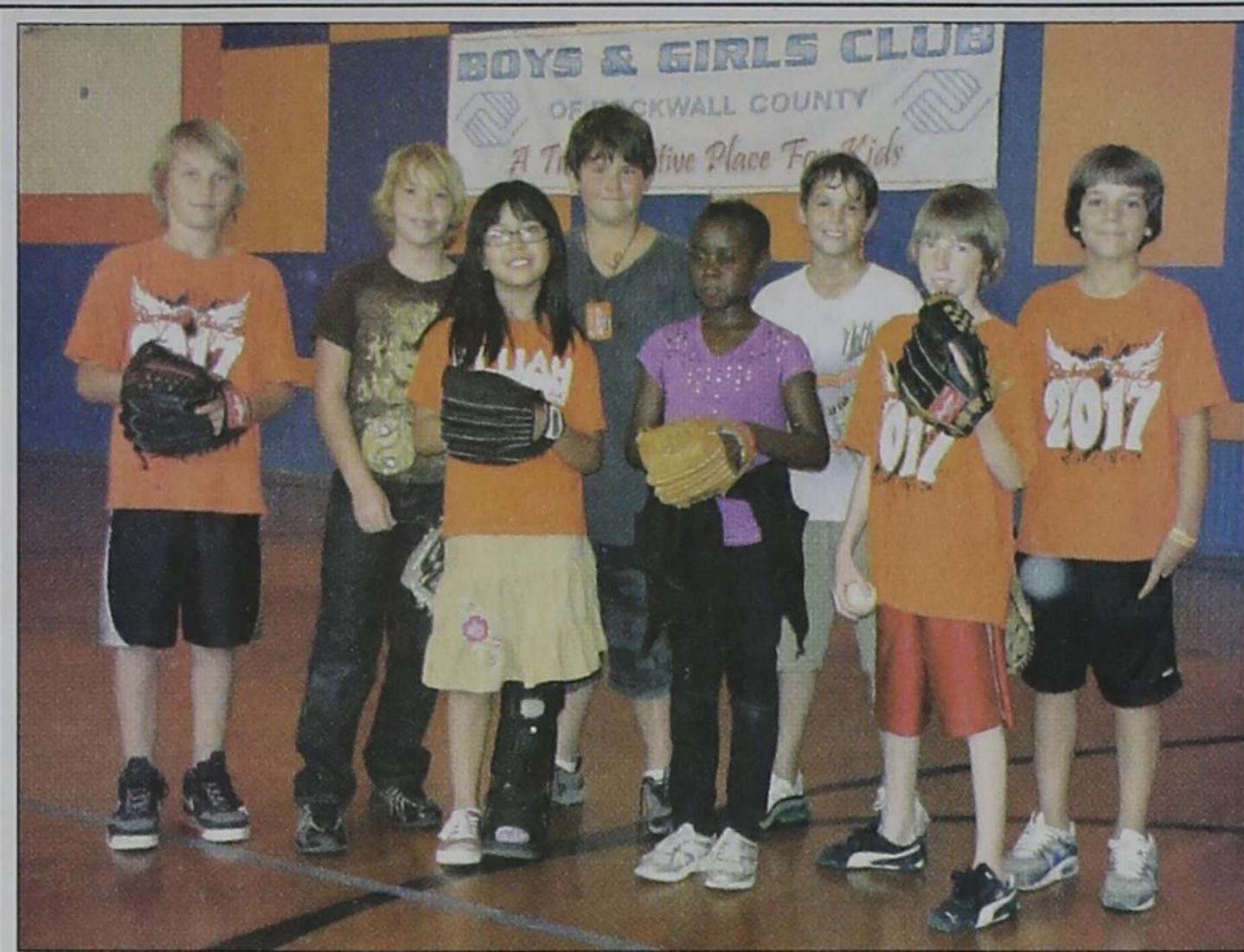
Mr. Eldredge's time ending as the interim CPO and upon his return home to Montana, he left the Club in the hands of Misti Potter. Misti brings with her 15 years of non-profit experience in the areas of fundraising, strategic development, and Boys & Girls Club programming. She has worked throughout the South in Tennessee and she spent the last three years with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas. "I am very grateful to have an opportunity to truly come home and help the kids in the community where I live." Misti grew up where she graduated from Naaman Forest High School prior to being recruited to play basketball at a college in Alabama. "I have had the privilege of working for the Boys & Girls Club for the past 14 years and I love my mission and purpose. I have watched first hand as kids have grown up in the Club and have gone on to great things with their lives."

The Boys & Girls Club is a place for all kids to have "fun with purpose." Clubs offer an outlet for youth age 6 where they can exercise leadership skills, learn about health and fitness, join sports leagues, grow artistically, develop into productive, responsible and caring citizens. The Club is also a place where the community can get engaged and involved. By volunteering to teach a program or a skill, even by becoming a mentor, the Club and its members benefit from your volunteer support throughout the year.

We never know the potential of a youth until we allow them the opportunity to explore and develop their skills. It is our job to introduce them to new things when we get the chance. One special group of young boys from an elementary school chose to conduct their school project at the Boys & Girls Club this year. For a total of 6 weeks of volunteer time, these young men hold a baseball clinic once a week for the BGCRC members to take part in. This is a great example of kids giving back to kids and an even better example of how the citizens of our great community support one another.

The organization has survived because of our community. We have an incredible partner base from the school district, city, civic clubs, the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and other non-profits. We are so very blessed to have to the continued support of such an amazing community.

For more information on how you can get involved and/or donate to the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County contact Misti Potter or go to www.Begreatrockwall.org



Participating at the recent Rockwall Boys & Girls Club baseball camp are (back row, left to right) Brennan Bacon, Trevor Clark, Ethan Fossier, Nathan Potter, Austin Pace, (front row) Mayra Rivera, Jocelyn Austin and Jake Morelan. Brennan Bacon, Jake Morelan and Austin Pace are Hartman Elementary School volunteers helping teach the youth baseball fundamentals.

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Hartman Elementary School volunteer Austin Pace helps Boys & Girls Club youth learn important baseball basics at the recent baseball camp.

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Hope at the Harbor scheduled May 28

Hope at the Harbor, a benefit for The Genesis Center Women's Shelter, will begin at sunset May 28 at the Rockwall Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall.

The event will include a contemporary dance collective choreographed and performed by local professional dancers at approximately 8:30 p.m. and running about an hour.

Admission to see the performance is free for those who want to bring a chair or blanket from home; seating in the chairs in the reserved section will be available for a minimum donation of \$25 per chair.

The Genesis Center is a local nonprofit that provides immediate safety and shelter, along with victim care services for victims of domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse, and homelessness.

Sponsor for the event is Dance for Hope Charities, which was founded for the sole purpose of providing fundraising assistance for organiza-

tions that make a difference in the lives of abused women and children. Members of DHC strive to give back to the community by cel-

ebrating the beauty of art through dance.

For more details visit danceforhopecharities.org.

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Andrea Flores and Jordan Mathis are pictured in the Mirror Image Room, where Boys & Girls Club participants can do beautician-like projects. The supplies and equipment were donated by professionals in the community.

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Library announces list of May activities

The Rockwall Library has released its list of activities and events for May. Registration for English as a Second Language (ESL) and GED classes for the summer session will be ongoing throughout the month. Summer sessions will run June 6 through July 15. Register in the literacy area or by calling 972-204-7705.

Also, start gearing up for the adult summer reading program, which will begin June 3 and run through August. Readers will receive book bags and earn chances to win additional prizes. Reading logs may be picked up at the reference desk on the library's second floor; no registration is required. For more details, contact librarian Kristal Woodard at 972-204-7771.

During the month, be sure to check out the personal mixed media artwork of Kathleen Finan, an art teacher at Park Elementary. She is displaying children's artwork in the display cases during the month of May. The library will be closed on May 28 and May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. May 31.



Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members welcomed new member Rockwall Healthy Solutions with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony April 14. Rockwall Healthy Solutions offices are at 6800 Heritage Parkway, #102 in Rowlett.

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Honored for Excellence in the Art and Science of Nursing 2011



Shonna Hansen, RN-BC, Intensive Care Unit; Suzanne Myers-Pharis, BSN, RN, CEN, Intensive Care Unit and Sheila Shaw RN, ADN, RN, Surgery Department were selected as DFW's Great 100 Nurses.

The mission of the Great 100, since 1990, is to recognize professional Registered Nurses for their contributions to the communities in which they live and practice.

The Great 100 recognizes 100 professional RNs each year that have been nominated by their peers, practice sites, families and patients entrusted to their care, primarily from the DFW metro-plex and surrounding counties.

We are proud to recognize our 2011 Great 100 Nurses!

Thank you for the positive spirit in which you do your job and live your life;
your sense of purpose is something to be admired.

The love, hope, care and compassion you bring to your patients and community is an inspiration.

Congratulations Sheila, Shonna and Suzanne!



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