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Meals on Wheels visit results in team quilting project

Laham began her very first quilting project when she was just 13 years old. She called it an Oddfellows quilt because none of the fabric pieces were the same. "Back then, everyone sewed their own clothes, and we didn't have sewing machines," she said. Laham asked all her friends, neighbors and family members for pieces of fabric. "People from all over the country, I'd scrap for my quilt," she said. Laham's sister decided to make a Cathedral Window quilt in 1996. It was named because when it is held up to the light it resembles a window. "I thought if something happened to one of us, then the one who was left would keep all the quilt squares," she said. Laham and her sister worked on the squares for their joint project at a house on Lake Rowlett. It was a time-consuming work because each square had four petals that were carefully sewn together with their ends meeting

in the center. Once each individual square was assembled it had to be sewn onto four surrounding squares which were each joined by another set of four petal-shaped pieces. The work was tedious, but Laham and her sister enjoyed working on the project together. Unfortunately, Laham's sister died before everything was assembled, so Argaree inherited her sister's squares. In the meantime, Laham's vision deteriorated to the point that she could no longer see well enough to complete the quilt. She kept the squares stored in plastic containers under her bed and despaired of ever seeing her labors come to fruition until she met Anne-Marie and Mary Thacker through the National Charity League's Weekend Warrior program. "There are many residents in Rockwall County who receive weekday lunches through Meals on Wheels," Thacker said. "However, some clients are unable to either shop for groceries or prepare weekend meals for themselves, so my daughter and I signed up for Weekend Warriors to help them."

Thacker and her daughter were given Laham's name as someone to whom they would deliver meals. They were instantly charmed by the 90-year-old woman who met them at the door with hugs and a big smile. Thirteen-year-old Anne-Marie always was entertained by Laham, who taught her funny poems and songs from her childhood and enthralled her with stories of what life was like when she was young. During one of their visits, Laham explained about her quilt and wondered if Thacker might know of someone who could help her finish it. "Wanda Roy's name immediately came to mind," Thacker said. "She is an avid quilter who goes to First Presbyterian Church with me. I called to see if she knew of anyone who might be interested in helping out."

Late in the spring of 2011, Roy came to meet with Laham and brought another quilter, Anne Borrer, with her. When the three ladies first saw the boxes of quilting squares, they were daunted by the task before them. Roy confided in Thacker that she didn't think there was anyone who would be willing and able to undertake the job. Roy and her husband, Tom, always spend the summers at their vacation home in Canada, and they headed north soon after the meeting. When Roy returned in the fall, she had had a change of heart and decided that she would help Laham. "The part that was done was really beautiful, and it was a shame to not have it finished," Roy said. "And I like to do handiwork; however, I knew I needed a lot of help."

At first she had a hard time convincing her new acquaintance to entrust her with the uncompleted project. Finally, she gained possession of the squares and enlisted the Thackers to help her. Mary Thacker had no experience in quilting, and Roy had no experience in the Cathedral Window design. Mary Thacker was content with whip-stitching the completed squares together since it didn't involve quilting. All the women were intimidated by Laham's delicate handwork and strove to do their best. Roy was the leader who organized the work by dropping off bags of fabric with instructions at each person's house. "It was like she was a schoolteacher, giving me my homework assignment. I would find a bag hooked on my doorknob with pieces of the quilt in various states of assembly with instructions on what to do. I would finish my job as quickly as possible then return the bag to the door knob of her house," Mary Thacker said. Roy later recruited another friend, Ellen Shipley, to help. Amazingly, the work progressed quickly and by the end of May the quilt was completed. All four ladies were a bit sad to have the experience end. "You see so many bad things in the world, and then something like this happens," Laham said, with tears in her eyes. "I am overwhelmed."

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Pictured from the left are Wanda Roy, Ellen Shipley, Anna Borrer and Mary Thacker, all participants in a unique quilting project that started as the result of a Meals on Wheels delivery. The four local women helped a 90-year-old finish a quilt she had started more than two decades ago with her sister.

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Assistant D.A. denies lawsuit for records on election violations complaint, refers issue to County Attorney General

Rockwall County District Attorney Jon Thatcher, the son of City Manager Ed Thatcher, responded Friday (6/8/12) to Heath City Council member Tina Winnett's open records request for records on District Attorney's dismissed investigation into several serious violations that took place at the Heath City Hall during the May 12

election. Thatcher's response delays and defers the request to the Texas Attorney General. Winnett commented on the answer to her May 22 request. "The relationship between Assistant D.A. Jon Thatcher and City Manager Ed Thatcher, I filed a formal complaint to the Attorney General, questioning the serious conflict of interest in his investigation."

Thatcher, the son of the Heath City manager Ed Thatcher, handled the documents of a very serious election violations in the City where his father is employed is disturbingly unethical," Mrs Winnett stated. "The election violations involve the City Council members, Julie Zurek and Ed Thatcher's employee, Heath city secretary, Stephanie Galinides."

Thatcher named in my elections complaint have a direct working relationship with Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher, either as an employer or employee. This family connection with the district attorney's election violations is a gross mishandling of an election complaint and is a very serious conflict of interest between the Attorney General's office and the City of Heath," Winnett concluded.

Heath voter speaks out

There were only a few people in the voting room May 12 when Mary Lou Laflamme was casting her ballot. "I was quite surprised to see Julie Zurek come into the voting area, hugging and smoozing other voters," the retired school teacher informed Rockwall County News this week.

"I was embarrassed, and I turned my back when I saw her mingling around," Mrs. Laflamme added in a telephone interview Monday morning (6/11/12). "I'll go to court if needed, what's right is right and what's wrong is wrong," the eye witness to the election day violation added.

Zurek, a Heath city council member and a candidate on the May 12 ballot, has been named in a formal complaint filed by Heath Pollwatcher Tina Winett. The complaint cites the violation of state law which limits entrance to the voting location for voters only during the election period. Others named in the complaint are city council member Rich Krause and city secretary Stephanie Galinides.

Rockwall County News publisher Wesley W. Burnett issued the following statement: "Any Heath voters who witnessed the election day violations are encouraged to contact the newspaper with their personal accounts of the event, either by email to rcn.news@yahoo.com or by telephone to 972-722-3099."

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Rockwall pitcher Jovan Hernandez holds up his last pitched ball as catcher Jake Bledsoe and the rest of the team rush Dell Field in celebration of Rockwall-Heath's UIL Baseball Championship win over Cleburne on Friday June 8, in Round Rock. See Page 9 for the full story.

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Kelly Case's quilt project expresses grief, faith

by Mary Thacker

The definition of a quilt is "a warm bed covering made of padding enclosed between layers of fabric and kept in place by lines of stitching." But local resident Kelly Case's quilt is so much more than that. It is the tangible expression of her grief and a visible representation of her deep and abiding faith in God.

When her mother, Cynthia, died unexpectedly from an aortic aneurysm two years ago, Kelly's comfortable world was rocked to its very foundation. In the second semester of her freshman year of college, she couldn't believe that her energetic, healthy mother was suddenly gone from her life. She struggled to make sense of her loss, using a journal to work through her feelings, trying to find some peace in the chaotic thoughts that were swirling around in her head.

As an art major, Kelly would be required to produce an original project for her senior art show.

"I knew that I wanted to make something to honor my mom and to represent my grieving process," she said.

She formulated and rejected a variety of ideas until she had a clear vision of what she wanted to create. She originally chose canvas as the background for the piece but decided that the material was too stiff. Kelly wanted it to be warm and organic, so she approached her dad about letting her use the

wedding quilt that her aunt had made for her parents.

She also knew that she wanted to honor God with her project, which would be on display for an entire month at her college. Kelly hoped that her artwork would speak volumes to the other students, especially her fellow artists. Out of the entire art department, she was one of only three Christians of which she was aware.

Kelly went through her old journals and found the Bible verses that she had been reading during each stage of the grieving process. Next she took her mother's clothing and painstakingly cut out letters from the fabric to replicate poignant passages. The fabrics she chose ran the gamut of fiery reds to chaotic orange and yellow to tranquil blues and greens. Some of the spacing of the letters was uniform, while other groupings were jumbled and crowded.

The planning and work on the quilt took more than 100 hours. Kelly remembers working eight hours at a stretch and surviving on just two hours of sleep each night during the week before her show as she struggled to finish her artwork. Amazingly, she did not measure anything. All the words fit perfectly together in the space she chose, as if by magic.

Kelly's belief in God serves as a solid foundation for her life. She lives out her faith by ministering to others through Young Life, serving as a group leader in the organization. It was through an experience with one of her Young Life girls that she found the peace she had been searching for.

"I had gone to the funeral of the mother of one of the girls about six months after my own mother's funeral," Kelly recalls. "The funeral was a celebration. Everyone was wearing bright colors, and there was upbeat music. God used this other mother's funeral to speak to me and to remind me that I can rejoice because my mom is in Heaven."

In her senior thesis Kelly states, "I cut my mother's clothes piece by piece and used them as my medium, transforming them into a restored form and giving new meaning to fabric that would otherwise remain forgotten and lifeless. The labor-intensive process of hand-stitching each letter onto the quilt that was a wedding gift for my mother and father was painful. The monotonous act of needle piercing precious, irreplaceable fabric represents a sense of permanence. Cutting the fabric was irreversible, much like the difficult truth of death on this earth. With each tedious stitch, I was



Kelly Case's quilt, which was created as a representation of her grief and faith, will be on display in First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall throughout the month of June.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

reminded of her absence. However, the words I was laboring in me peace and comfort in that with Christ death is not permanent. His selfless sacrifice I will see her face again."

Kelly will graduate from college in December and thinks she to be an elementary school art teacher. "I've been in school my and more than anything, I'm excited to see what I'm going to do says with a smile.

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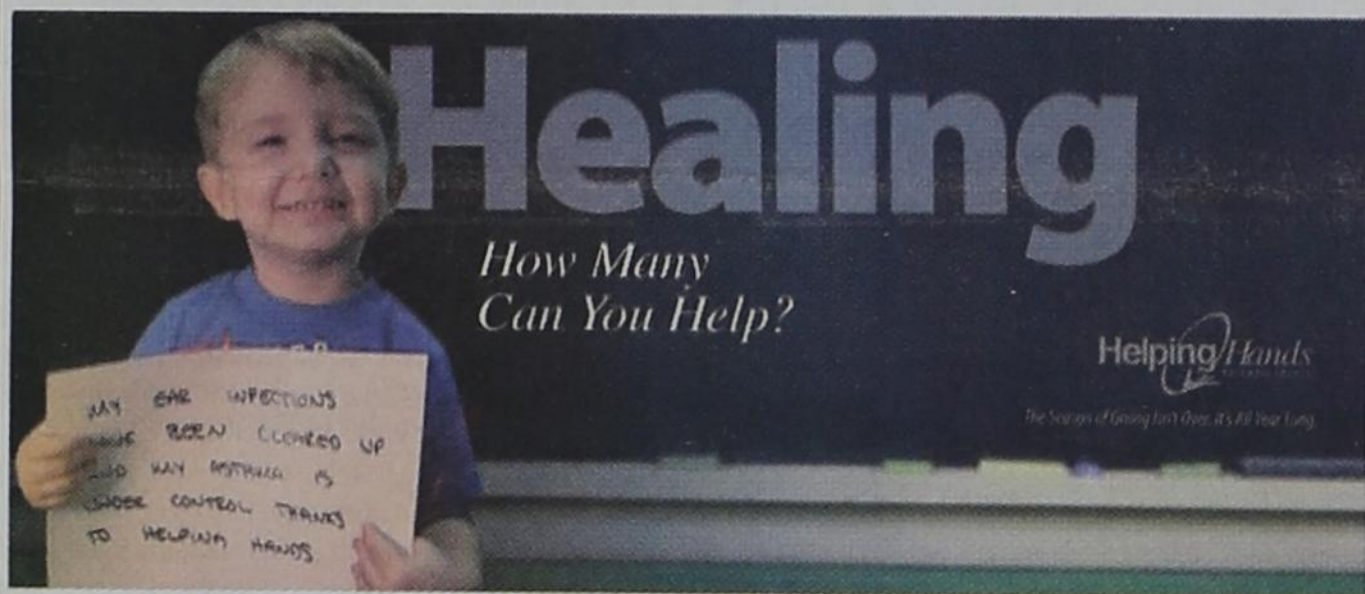
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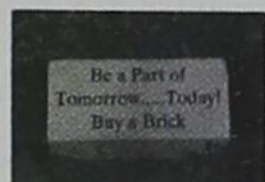


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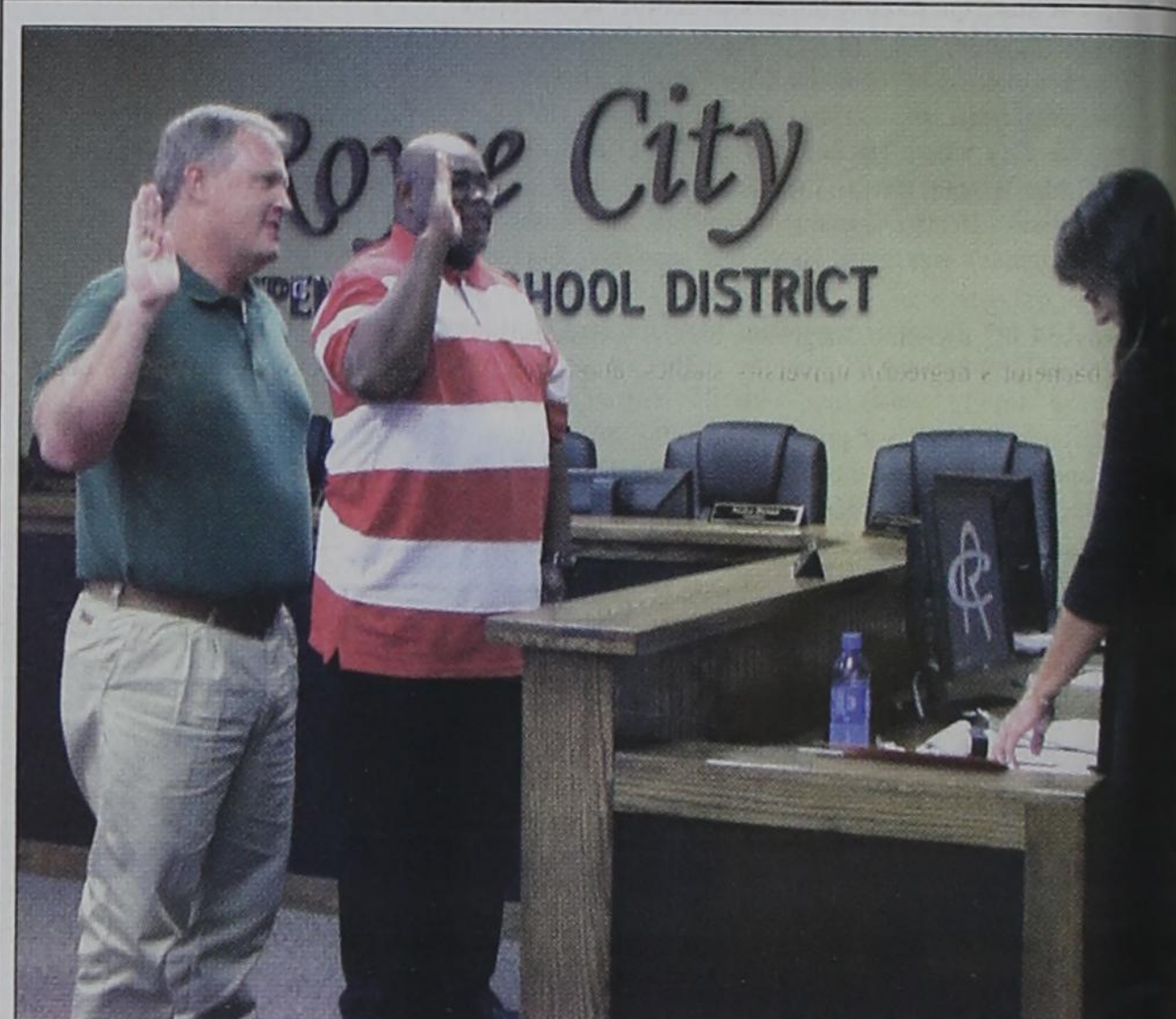
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Royce City ISD's Peggy Webb, right, administered the oath of office to incoming school board member Eric Fort, center, and reelected board president Don Palmer at the June 11 Board of Trustees meeting. After the installation, Palmer once again was elected president of the board for the 2012-2013 school year. Julie Stutts elected vice president and Bobby Summers selected as secretary. The newly elected board received his Master's Degree in 2001 from Arkansas State University and is a lead paralegal in the office of the Federal Public Defender in Fort Worth. He is married to Monica and they have two children, Jewellen and Emaure.

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Locals to be honored at Ouachita Baptist

Several local students were named to the spring list of honorees for the spring semester at Ouachita Baptist University according to a university release.

Local students named to the President's List included McKimney of Heath and Bieger, Sophie DeMuth, Johnson and Rachel Spivey of Rockwall.

To be named to the President's List, a student must complete a 4.0 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Honorees included on the List were Jacob Way of Rockwall, Ashley Pinales of Rockwall, Kathryn Coffey of Royce City and Mike Cantelero of Rockwall.

A student must complete a 3.5 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 semester hours to be named to the Dean's List.

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Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles and niece Carolyn Bryan

Local CASA celebrates 20 years of advocacy

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recently marked its 20th anniversary, with David "Buddy" Beaulieu, who has been an advocate for two years, recognized as the Tish Verde Volunteer of the Year.

For Vickie Nettleton recognized volunteers for their advocacy. The following volunteers were recognized for their two years as volunteer advocates: Beaulieu, Mary Duffey, Stephanie Myers, Lynn Renner, Kelley Armstrong, Sheila Armstrong, Tracey Cloud, Melody Doudney, Judy Fain, Aranda Johnson, Mike Candler, Ron Larsen, and Pam Smith were recognized as volunteer advocates.

Executive director Lucille Bell recognized all board members in attendance from the beginning board to the present board. She presented the Board Member of the Year Award to Dave Hambley, who is in his second year of service on the CASA Board and is currently serving as treasurer. As a member of the Metro East Division of the Home Builders Association of Greater Dallas, Hambley has been instrumental in the tremendous success of the Cars for CASA event each May.

CASA was established in Rockwall County in May of 1992. Verde was already a busy advocate with Dallas CASA when she recognized the need for a program in Rockwall. Through her efforts and those of other concerned community members came the formal organization of CASA of Rockwall County, Inc. In the spring of 2004 CASA of Rockwall County amended its articles of incorporation to formally change its name to Lone Star CASA.

Lone Star CASA advocates for the children of Kaufman and Rockwall counties. It is a nonprofit organization that receives funding and financial support comes from federal, state and county grants, local organizations and donors, and fundraisers.

During its two decades CASA volunteers have devoted many hours, driven many miles and found themselves in some unique situations — some pleasant and some frightening, but all rewarding. Through all this CASA advocates have impacted the lives of more than 350 children.

Lone Star CASA operates its headquarters in Rockwall and has opened an office in Kaufman County. Currently about 60 volunteers work with the organization, with a goal of 100 volunteer advocates by 2014.

The goal of Lone Star CASA is that every child in Rockwall and Kaufman counties who needs a CASA has a CASA. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this group of volunteers should contact Lone Star CASA at 972-772-5858 or via email: director@lonestarcasa.org.

To learn more about CASA, visit the following websites: lonestarcasa.org, becomecasa.org, texascasa.org and nationalcasa.org.



CASA Board Member of the Year David Hambley and CASA Volunteer of the Year David Beaulieu were two of the individuals recognized recently as Lone Star CASA marked its 20th year.

Photo/Rockwall County News

Locals take honors at Texas State

More than a dozen local students were named to the Dean's List at Texas State University, according to a news release issued by the university.

Honorees included, from Heath, Nicole E. Tremain and Natalia R. Rodriguez; from Roysie City, Danni Aileen Lopez-Rogina; and from Rockwall, Brandon Wayne Hartley, Jessa Lynne Jareh, Ashley K. Sullivan, Corey J. Miller, Taylor E. Kraft, Sterling H. Davidson, Stephanie E. Triplett, Natalie D. Welch, Hannah Grace Norris, Britton A. Masser and Catherine M. Boggs.

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

Three locals named to ASU Dean's List

Three local residents were among honorees named to the Dean's List for the 2012 spring semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Robert M. Carter and Cody H. McCoy, both of Rockwall, and Alysia R. Null of Roysie City.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full time at the university while maintaining a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

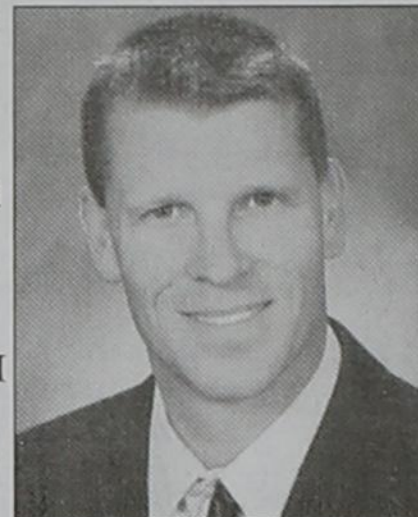
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Locals earn degrees at Texas A&M

Residents were among students receiving diplomas at spring commencement exercises for Texas A&M University.

Of 7,300 students graduated, according to a university news release. Students receiving degrees included Lauren A. Alsbrook of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in economics; Paul M. Blahut of Rockwall, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering; Rachel K. Bryant of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in psychology; Jenna Crider of Rockwall, graduated with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies; Caroline M. Cuny of Heath, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in telecommunication media studies; John P. Donahoe of Rockwall, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences; Addison W. Folsom of Rockwall, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in mathematics; and Joseph N. Garcia of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in mathematics.

Elizabeth K. Garner of Heath, bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies; Thomas B. Harris of Heath, management; Justin D. Himmelreich of Rockwall, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in operations management; Nicholas J. Kapur of Rockwall, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree (honors); Jordan A. Kirkland of Heath, bachelor's degree in accounting; Christopher M. Mallou of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in history; and Blake S. Marley of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in computer science.

The list of local graduates are Travis A. Murray of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in psychology; Ryan A. Spears of Heath, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in economics; Ryan A. Spears of Heath, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering; Emily S. Sweeney of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in psychology; James M. Tovar of Roysie City, bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering; Elisa M. Tovar of Roysie City, graduated with a bachelor's degree in university studies; and Sarah A. Yates of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in

Committee on Aging offers help with Medicare costs

Rockwall County Committee on Aging has information for Medicare beneficiaries that may help reduce costs by taking advantage of two important programs.

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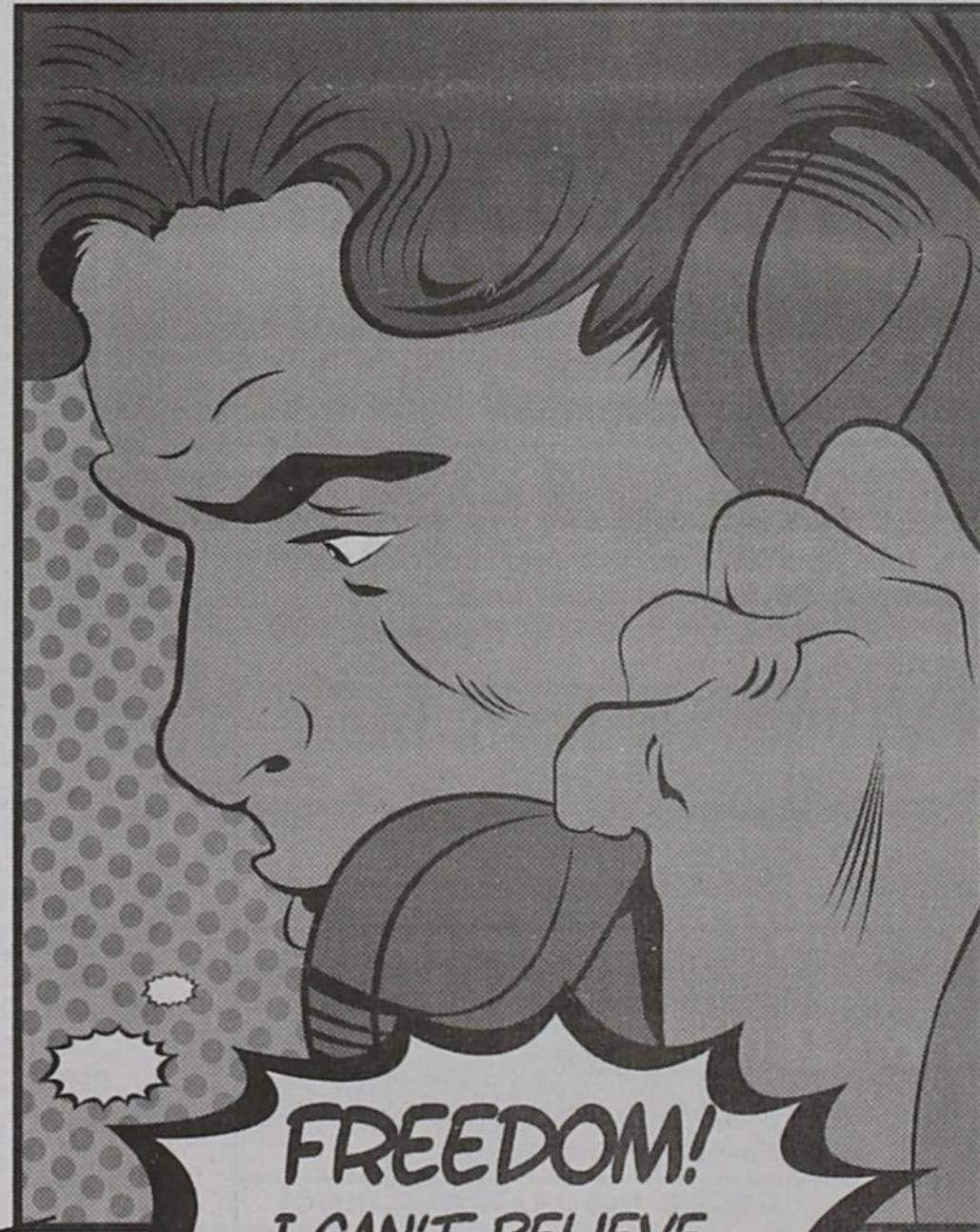
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The arrest of God's beloved son...

Last week we looked at our Lord Jesus' open and honest prayer to his Father. He was in great agony and depression as he approached his crucifixion. His prayer was very simple, "O Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39). After Jesus' prayer, Judas arrived with a large number of people with weapons to arrest him. The record of this arrest can be seen in John 18:2-12, Mark 14:43-52, Luke 22:47-53 and Matthew 26:47-56.

Judas had instructed the Jewish leaders to arrest the one that he would kiss. He approached Jesus Christ and kissed him. But God had already prepared Jesus' heart to say in advance, "Judas, you betray the son of man with a kiss?" (Luke 22:48).

After Judas kissed him, Jesus said, "Friend, where art thou come?" (Matthew 26:50). According to E.W. Bullinger's notes in The Companion Bible, this was not a question but an "elliptical expression" meaning, "Do that for which you are here." Jesus Christ was on top of things throughout his sufferings. Remember, as God's son, he had authority over the whole situation. After Judas' kiss, Jesus directly approached the arresting group and asked "Whom do you seek? They answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus said unto them, 'I am he.' And Judas also, who betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he said unto them, 'I am he,' they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Then he asked them again, 'Whom do you seek?' And they said, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you that I am he, if therefore you

seek me, let these go their way.'" (John 18:2-8). Notice how Jesus commanded the situation. Even they who walked by the power of Satan could do nothing until it was time. They fell to the ground under Jesus Christ's authority. Next, Jesus' disciples asked if they should strike with their weapons (Luke 22:49). All four Gospels reveal the account of Peter cutting off the ear of the high priest's servant. Jesus told Peter to put his sword back where it belonged and said, "all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." According to Bullinger, this may have been based on the words found in Genesis 9:6, "Who ever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed."

Jesus then said an amazing thing, "Don't you think that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? but how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" (Matthew 26:52-54). Based on Bullinger's notes, twelve legions referred to 72,000. This reveals something very important. If Jesus had cried out for deliverance, his Father would have easily sent over 72,000 angels to his rescue. Bless his heart, good ole Peter thought he could jump in there and save God's beloved son. After he spoke to Peter, Jesus touched the servant's ear and healed him. Jesus showed God's love even while being arrested! The Gospels of Luke and Matthew show that he continued to command the moment by saying, "You came out as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, you stretched forth no hands against me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness." (Matthew 26:55-56 and Luke 22:52-53).

The only reason they could take him was because he allowed them to do so. The power of darkness refers to the devil. Jesus had authority over the power of the devil, and freely allowed the devil's servants to capture and kill him.

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Food Pantry fundr relies on partnerships

Rockwall Summer Musicals and Rockwall County Helping Hands are partnering with Dallas author Tim Whitney's non-profit A Play For Money for the Food Pantry of Helping Hands. Rockwall Summer Musicals is dedicating its summer season to Pantry shelves and to heighten awareness of hunger. The actors will perform with a purpose — to help feed struggling families in the community. "Annie Get Your Gun" (June 15, 16 and 17) and "Gypsy" (Aug 12) will light up the stage with songs, dancing and fun at the Rockwall Arts Center at Utley, 1201 Townsend Dr. Whitney is the author of "Thanksgiving at the Inn," a self-published book that tells a story of family forgiveness between three generations and learned that began with an act of kindness. As a result of his writings, Whitney established the non-profit A Play for Money, which provided food for more than 3,500 people in Rockwall. Rockwall Summer Musicals works with the Rockwall school district to provide opportunities for adults and students to showcase their talents through applied theatrical skills. It was their president, Roberta Pavlov, who contacted Whitney to work with her group to benefit the Food Pantry. "We are so excited to be a part of this project," said Margo Niermann, executive director. "I want to thank Roberta for bringing this such a dynamic person, and we look forward to our collaboration."

Nana Pat's Kitchen
by Pat Burnett

Rosemary Potatoes

Ingredients:
4 large or 5 medium sized potatoes (unpeeled)
¼ cup of oil
Salt and pepper to taste
2-3 teaspoons of Rosemary, chopped
Wash and slice potatoes into approx. ½ inch thick pieces
In a mixing bowl, toss potatoes with oil, salt, pepper and Rosemary
Arrange potatoes in a sprayed baking dish
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I'm really big on fresh Rosemary ... it gives a great flavor

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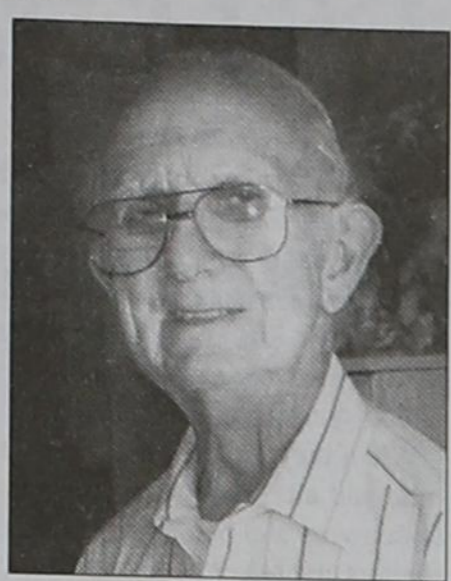
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Service to our community

Donald Bird

Services for Donald Bird, 81, will be conducted at a later date at the Rest Haven Funeral Home will arrangements.

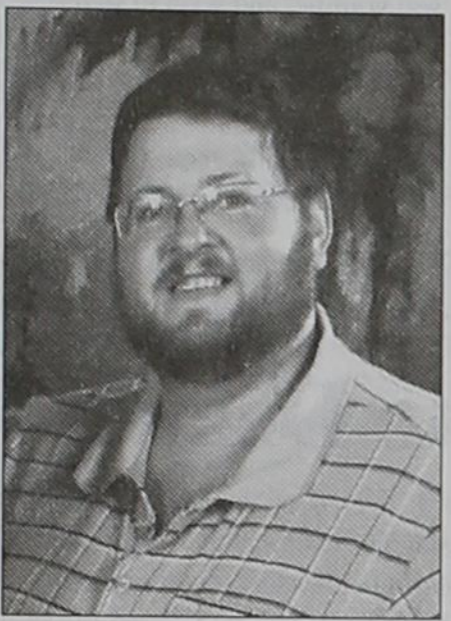


Donald Bird, 81, was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1931, in Des Moines, C. and Nora (Lamar) Bird. He served in the U.S. Army and was with the U.S. Postal Service until 1978. Following retirement from the U.S. Postal Service, he worked at Cutter Morning Star in Hot Springs, Ark. He moved to Roysce City, where he worked at Browning Elementary School. He and his wife brought cheer to the community by sharing his "happy song."

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Bird of Roysce City; his children, Diane Bird, Dennis, of Frisco, Bob Bird and his wife, Charla, of Sandy Bird of Roysce City; his grandchildren, Jennifer and Cathy, and her husband, Jeff, Mike and his wife, Geraldine, and his wife, Lynn; and his great-grandchildren, Sebastian, Tracy, and Emily and Katie.

Dirk Brunk

Services for Dirk Brunk, 42, will be conducted at 2 p.m. at the Rest Haven Funeral Chapel with Pastor Brad Hoag. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



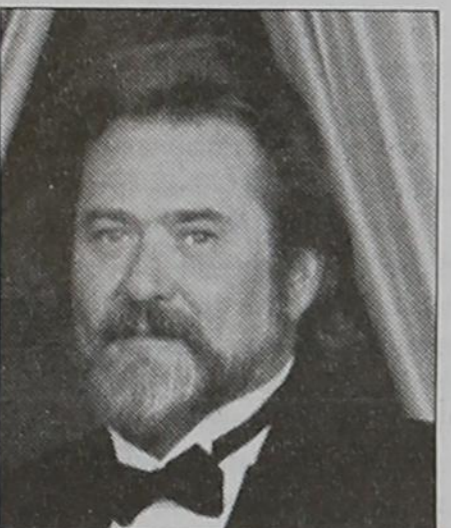
Dirk Brunk, 42, was born in 1969, in Des Moines, Iowa. He was known as a big teddy bear for all who knew him. He had a sense of humor and was employed at Cardone Distribution Center in Rockwall where he was the manager. He was a member of the Rockwall Church.

He is survived by his wife, Angie Brunk and Luke Brunk, and his daughter, Faith Brunk, all of Rockwall; his parents, Gene and Jan Brunk of Heath; his brother, Dr. Darcy Brunk, of Frisco, and his children, Justin, Colin and Dylan, all of Janene Brunk and her husband, Kent Zittlau, of San Clemente; and his in-laws, Richard and Ann Turner of Pennell, Penn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brunk Foundation Fund, BB&T, 1675 Laguna Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Teddy Lynn (T.L.) Mann

Services for T.L. Mann will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Rest Haven Funeral Home in El Paso. Burial will be in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



Teddy Lynn (T.L.) Mann was born in Lubbock, Tex., the son of Lillian Fay (Voyles) Mann and Lillian Fay Mann on April 15, 1922. He was a talented artist and a professional football player for the Orange County Leagues. He was married to Astrid Andujo of Huntington Beach, Ca., and Astrid was of Mesa, Az.; son Enrique of Mesa, Az.; and four grandchildren: Ethan and Violet of Huntington Beach, Ca., and Andrea and Enrique Andujo of El Paso; a sister Paula Kay Mann of Crowley, Tex.; three brothers: Donald Lloyd Mann of Illinois; and his wife Virginia of Palmdale, Ca. and Richard Loren Mann of Houston, Tex.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Mann; his daughter, Belinda Sue (Mann) Scott, of Alton Theodor (A.T.) and Corman Lorene (Rowell) Mann of Grandparents Floyd and Rosa Mann.

Bobbe J. Parrish

Services for Bobbe J. Parrish, 75, will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Rest Haven Funeral Home in El Paso with Pastor Ray Castle officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

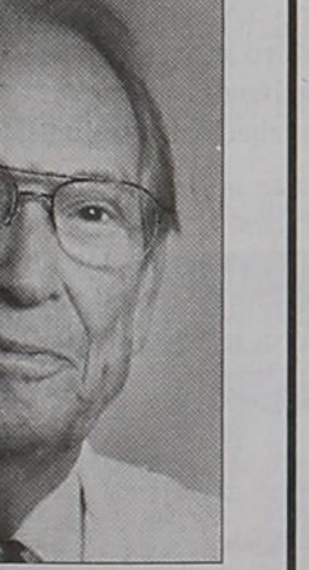


Bobbe J. Parrish was born in Amarillo, Texas, on June 2, 1936, to Phillips and Sylvia Opal Parrish. She retired from the Phillips Petroleum Company after 30 years of service. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. She was active in the Ovarian Cancer Society at Baylor.

She is survived by her children, Kenneth Parrish and Judy Wood and her husband, Len Avery, of Rhame; her son, Jeremy Avery and Alan Avery; and a twin sister, Betty Parrish.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Kenneth Parrish. She would like to thank Dr. Carolyn Matthews of Baylor Dallas for the nurses and staff for their many years of kindness and

Milam B. Pharo



Services for Milam B. Pharo, 81, will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012, in the Lake Shore Funeral Home, 205 South, in Dallas. Pastor Brad Howard will officiate. Burial will be in the Rest Haven Memorial

He is survived by his wife, Betty Pharo; his children, Tammy Pharo and her husband, John Pharo, of Frisco; and his children, Tammy Pharo and her husband, John Pharo, of Frisco; and his children, Tammy Pharo and her husband, John Pharo, of Frisco.

ical school. He served at the Pensacola Naval Air Station as chief of pediatrics prior to being dispatched to the Korean War as a medical officer. He began his residency at Children's Medical Center of Dallas prior to turning to private practice as a board-certified pediatrician in the Park Cities.

During his career he presided over the Dallas County Pediatric Society, as well as serving as co-founder of Help is Possible. He taught at UT Southwestern Medical School and traveled to Brazil as a medical missionary. He was past president of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and the Texas Pediatric Society. He practiced medicine at his office in Preston Center for 62 years until his death and was a member of the Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

Survivors include his daughter, Rachel Pullen, and her husband, Michael, of Rockwall; two sons, Mark Pharo and his wife, Beth, of Dallas and Randy Pharo and his wife, Joey, of Golden, Colo.; a stepson, John Trice, and his wife, Meghann, of Carrollton; and eight grandchildren: Benjamin, Patrick, Spencer, Megan, Reilly, Haley, Lexie and Faye.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ray and Winston; and a sister, Marzelle.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Texas Pediatric Society Foundation at txpedso.org.

Windell Dell Wesberry

Services for Windell Dell Wesberry, 80, were conducted at 2 p.m. June 12, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysce City with the Rev. Dan Carroll officiating. Burial followed in the Roysce City Cemetery.



Christine Meeks, family matriarch and a beloved local resident, was 102 when she died recently. At the time of her death she was known as the Oldest Living Citizen of Roysce City. Her memorial brought together six generations of her family.

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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Clarification of Ralph Hall's record

In an email (and talk show) distributed this week by Congressman Hall's failed primary challenger for the Texas-4 GOP nomination, several facts must be clarified. The letter alleges that Congressman Hall is engaged in what he calls "crony politics," completely based on the false assertion that Mr. Hall supported H.R. 5116, the America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2011.

If Lou Gigliotti would have done his homework, he would see that Congressman Hall voted against this legislation, both in Committee and on the House Floor.

Congressman Hall's main argument for not supporting the bill was the exorbitant spending in the legislation. In fact, Hall offered language throughout the legislative process to dramatically decrease the overall spending.

Press Release from Dec. 21, 2010: House Approves America COMPETES Reauthorization, Despite GOP Concerns Over Rushed Process, Increased Spending

Mr. Gigliotti also claims that the Science, Space and Technology (SST) Committee, which Congressman Hall now chairs (but did not at the time), benefited from the legislation. This is simply not true. The SST Committee is an authorizing committee with oversight of federal science agencies. The SST Committee authorizes funding, but does not benefit in any way from authorizing bills.

Mr. Gigliotti further alleges that Mr. Hall single-handedly directed money through the legislation to go to a Rockwall company. This claim is also false. Members of Congress do not control who receives federal grants through the bill. Grants that are authorized in the COMPETES Act are peer-reviewed and competitively awarded through the federal science agencies.

Mr. Gigliotti's newsletter is full of misinformation and allegations that are misleading and false.

Tom Hughes

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Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

The low-cost spay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will depart at 7:30 a.m. June 21 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and return to the same location at 6:30 p.m. after procedures have been completed. Dogs must be on secure leashes, cats in secure carriers. Prices can be viewed and appointments made at spayneuternet.org or by calling 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). For more details call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354. Upcoming dates are July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20.

City of Heath offices to close for Fourth

The City of Heath offices will be closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday on July 4. Normal business hours will resume July 5.

Rockwall Social Club to meet

The Rockwall Social Club is planning a 7:30 p.m. meeting on July 6. Contact Dawn Purtee at dawn@dawnpurtee.com for more details.

RHHS Highsteppers to host mini camp

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers will host their annual mini summer camp July 16-19. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the camp is open to girls in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Participants will learn dance routines, make crafts and enjoy other activities. Cost is \$75. For more details or to register contact Jennifer Sands at 972-971-6615 or sandsjen5@yahoo.com.

Rockwall County Entertainment

CSNY tribute scheduled

The band 4 Way Street will provide a Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young tribute at the June 21 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Journey tribute slated June 28

A tribute to the band Journey will be offered by Escape on June 28 at the Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Random Axis to perform

Random Axis will perform July 5, providing a variety of music styles for the first Concert by the Lake event of July. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

1980s music to be featured July 12

Live 80 will serve up its blend of 1980s hits at the July 12 Concert by the Lake performance. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

The Rub set for July 19

The Rub will perform urban blues tunes at the July 19 Concert by the Lake series event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Vaughn tribute to close series

A tribute to the late Stevie Ray Vaughn, performed by Voodoo Blue, will close out this year's Concert by the Lake series on July 26. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Orchestra concert set

Sept. 1

The Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra Concert is set for Sept. 1 at The Harbor Bandshell. Rockwall MusicFest invites the community to attend this free performance. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

Rockwall HS Class of '92 plans reunion

The Rockwall High Class of 1992 will conduct its 20-year reunion Aug. 4-5. On Aug. 4 a reunion mixer will be conducted at the Flying Saucer. All RHS alumni are invited to attend. A family picnic will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Harry Myers pavilion; a snow cone machine and bounce house are planned, and parents should bring their children in swimsuits to allow them to play in the splash park. That evening will include dinner and dancing at Southern Junction. For tickets or more details visit rhsclass1992reunion.blogspot.com/.

UNT Lab Band to perform

The UNT One O'Clock Lab Band, under the direction of Grammy-nominated composer and associate professor of jazz studies at the University of North Texas, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. The band has six Grammy nominations and is noted for its musicianship and tight ensemble performance. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

Rockwall County News announces new pet adoption weekly feature

by Bea Alexander

The Rockwall County News is happy to announce a new informative feature for our very loving and caring Pet Lovers. We will feature two beautiful and adorable "Little Critters" in a secure and permanent home. Some have had to leave their life of death or illness of their master. Some thrown out by road, some were abused and mistreated, and some had to go through circumstances within the family.

When they are rescued, it requires shots, neutered, spayed and attention before they can be released to a home by both owner and pet. Thanks to the caring rescue organizations, shelters and many volunteers we can save and help so many would be forgotten.

Should you have need for a pet, please look at our little critters featuring each week, or call the organizations and they will assist you in finding the right Pet for You. Any donation is appreciated. The adoptee will get a \$10 discount for any adopted pet through our weekly feature, as we offering a \$10 donation to the shelter.

Should you find or lose a pet, remember Rockwall County News is happy to advertise lost and found pets at no charge. Send an email advertising@yahoo.com or call Bea at 972-563-3003. Should you sell your pet and wish to advertise for a good home, our rates are priced at \$.80 per word (minimum 10 words).

In placing a pet, may we suggest you know the person or place to adopt. Questions like who their Veterinarian is and will they be indoor and outdoor and generally will this breed of dog be good with children? (See pet adoption feature on Page 12)

Roman Coldren named to Dean's Honor List

Roman Coldren of Royse City was among University of North Texas students at Leavenworth, Kan., named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring semester, according to a university news release.

Students who completed the semester with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher are named to the honor list.

Local A&M students earn academic honors

Several local students studying at Texas A&M in College Station were singled out for academic recognition following the university semester.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 12 hours who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point average.

A second designation, Distinguished Student, recognizes those with a GPA of 3.5 to 4.74, according to a university news release.

Local honorees included Andrew L. Boles, a senior aerospace major from Rockwall, Distinguished; Kathryn A. Broze, a senior major from Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll; Justin M. Cornejo, electrical engineering major from Rockwall, Distinguished; Meredith A. Tiner, a junior communication major from Rockwall, Distinguished; A. Tiner, a junior interdisciplinary studies major from Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll; Kelli L. Jennings, a senior recreation, park and tourism studies major from Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll; and Samantha F. Kirk, a senior studies major from Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll.

Also, Amanda A. Mahoney, a senior psychology major from Rockwall, Distinguished; Jillian R. Maners, a sophomore mathematics major from Rockwall, Distinguished; James A. McClintic, a senior biology major from Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll; Stephanie N. Morel, a sophomore sciences major from Rockwall, Distinguished; Rebekah R. Scheidt, international studies major from Royse City, Dean's Honor Roll; A. Tiner, a senior biology major from Rockwall, Distinguished; and A. Tolson, a senior nutritional sciences major from Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll.

Rounding out the list of honorees are Vanessa C. Uma, a senior biomedical sciences major from Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll; Hope S. Bly, a senior English major from Heath, Dean's Honor Roll; Jonathan W. Grant, a junior biomedical engineering major from Rockwall, Distinguished; and Grant W. Whittle, a senior economics major from Heath, Distinguished.

Benefit fashion show 'out of this world'

A sold-out crowd blasted off with the Starship Enterprise crew as Billy Quinton and Russ Childers and their co-star Sheri Frantz hosted the second annual Helping Hands Fashion Show at the Hilton Bellaire.

Out-of-this-world fashions from the Helping Hands Centennial Thrift Stores were rocketed down the runway by a bevy of beautiful models.

This year's event included a silent auction of some top merchandise. The Boutique at Helping Hands, an area in the Williams Street Thrift Store, showcases designer merchandise at slightly higher thrift store prices.

The auction included furniture items selected from the thrift store's refurbished by area decorators in competition for the Thrifty Challenge. Bella's House was selected as the Designer Challenge winner.

All proceeds benefited Helping Hands, a non-profit agency that provides shelter and utility bills, food, gas, and household items.

To learn more about Helping Hands, call 972-771-4357.



Entertaining the models in the Helping Hands All Stars Fashion Show were hosts Russ Childers and Billy Quinton. The Centennial Thrift Stores of Helping Hands in the picture are Darrah Morgan, Melanie Orchard, Jayme Reynolds, Kelly Jones, Priscilla Ianelli and P.J. Talcott. All proceeds from the show benefited Helping Hands.

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Ellison (E.K.) Slaughter lifted off from the Ralph Hall Memorial Airport on April 23 for an honor flight provided by his friends, Regi Carver, pictured at left, and Karl Thomas, right, both members of the Mesquite AMBUCS. Slaughter, a World War II pilot who was integral in the start-up of the airport, is known by many local residents. He and his wife, Helena, owned the drugstore on the downtown square for many years, and he served as Ralph Hall's congressional assistant for more than 20 years.

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Three new volunteers for Lone Star CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) were sworn in by Judge Brett Hall on June 11. Shown from the left are J.D. Smith, Phyllis Hulse, Hall and Ali Reese. CASA advocates for children in foster care in Rockwall and Kaufman counties. Each volunteer advocates in the child's best interest in court and plays an important role in securing a safe, permanent home for the child/children. The organization's next volunteer training will be conducted in September. For more details visit lonestarcasa.org or call 972-772-5858.

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Dawn Nelson, Cathy Bedsole and Diedra Roe are shown presenting a \$10,000 check on behalf of the Rockwall Women's League to Melody Hall, director of development for Rockwall County Helping Hands. The money has been designated for uninsured children who are patients of the Health Center at Helping Hands. Nelson is president of RWL and Bedsole and Roe chaired the Women's League Ball. The RWL established the Children's Medical Fund in 1986 with a check for \$1,000. Helping Hands administers the fund, arranging to pay for medical costs for uninsured children in the county. In 2004, the Health Center employed its first family nurse practitioner and began seeing children on site. Almost 2,500 children received services at or through the Health Center in 2011. For more information about the Health Center visit rockwallhelpinghands.com/health-services.

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Royse City News

Ernest L. Epps - A Man of Real Dedication



MILLIE JEAN COPPEDGE
Reminiscing Royse City

...hat man!" said Hazel Caviness. "He sang a cappella many times at church, Royse City First Methodist Church. Ernest Epps had that voice you ever heard!"

...close to a real Christian as I've ever seen," added Lori ... have both lived in Royse City more than 30 years and knew well. As we finished our lunch in McDonalds last week, both shared memories of how Mr. Epps used to have such a busy year.

...the whole country," Hazel said, laughing and shaking her head everyone to come by and get whatever vegetables from his garden, and he took vegetables to people all over town. We often found turnsip greens. He was so proud of his garden."

...worked with him at what was then Ruth Cherry High School from 6th through 12th grade. He was the head custodian and everyone just loved him," she said. "He was a line, from the students to the teachers."

...has lived here for many years could not help but know this. But for those who are new to Royse City, this column is dedicated to Mr. Epps and all the outstanding accomplishments he has achieved in his lifetime.

...information was contributed by Jo Nell Melody of Royse City and was delivered by Randy Hancock at Mr. Epps' funeral: Pete was born on August 13, 1926, in Linden, Texas. He attended Linden High School. He married Della Jackson, a schoolteacher, in 1954.

...an of service; he quietly served his church, his community, and his family. He was a leader and an inspiration to all

who knew him. He, along with other leaders of the community, petitioned the Royse City ISD Board of Trustees in February 1957 to build a suitable school for the black children in the community. The trustees began a search for land and in December 1958; the red brick schoolhouse was opened under the name Ralph J. Bunche School. The original school is now the west wing of the Ernest Epps Education Service Center." (The RISD was desegregated on Aug. 7, 1965. As a result, the school was closed and reopened in 1982, having undergone extensive renovation, and housed the Pre-K Extended Day Program. In September 2009 after his death, the building was named Ernest Epps Education Service Center.)

"Mr. Epps was the first black man to serve on the Royse City City Council, where he was mayor pro-tem for eight years. A long-term member of the Housing Authority Commission, he received a certificate of appreciation from Gov. Clements for serving on the Rockwall County Committee on Aging. Mr. Epps helped work to get a \$450,000 grant for Royse City to improve the community with new water lines, paved streets, streetlights and the repair and building of homes.

"A longtime employee of Dearborn Stove Company, Mr. Epps served as chairman of the Dearborn Credit Union. When he retired from Dearborn, he came to work for Royse City Independent School District in January of 1982. He taught the students and staff to take pride in their building and encouraged them to live a life of honor and of service, which he led by example. He retired from Royse City ISD on May 26, 1994, wanting to spend more time in his garden and working for his church -- New Hope Baptist Church."

The Board of Trustees, Royse City Independent School District honored Mr. Epps for "caring for the education and welfare our children."

A World War II veteran with strong morals, Mr. Epps served as superintendent and assistant superintendent of his Sunday school and was president of the Usher Board for many years.

In April 2008, FM 35 was reopened after a new bridge was built. A formal ceremony was conducted at the bridge site to rename the road Epps Road. Jim Melody, mayor of Royse City at the time, "described Mr. Epps as a man of few words and the epitome of class and compassion."

Erby Campbell, former mayor of Royse City; Brenda Craft, city secretary; and Councilman Leonard Anderson, all spoke about Mr. Epps' dedication, responsibility and leadership abilities. He proudly took the first drive over the new bridge and down the newly named Epps Road.

"Mr. Epps was known all the way from Fort Worth to the eastern boundary of Texas," said Mayor Jerrell Bailey. "I have never seen so many accolades for a man at any funeral. Not many people know it, but there are two streets in Royse City named Epps Road. Of course I-35 is Epps Road, and there is also one in the Royse City Cemetery. I had the privilege to serve with him on the City Council. He was truly dedicated to the citizens of Royse City. He

even quieted me a couple of times like a father would. He was a true gentleman at all times."

"Mr. Epps was such a wonderful person," said Douglas Bostick, a citizen of Royse City for 73 years. "He invited me to his church twice. Why, when he prayed in church, it was like God was all around him, and everyone could hear and feel Him."

Robbie Coulter, a member of New Hope Baptist Church said, "We had a father-daughter relationship. We loved to just sit and talk. Every Father's Day he would stand at the back of the church and pass out his home-made peach and plum jelly that he had made to all the men of the church. He always saved one back for me."

"For the Sunday dinners at the church, he would always bring his famous home-made banana pudding. He also brought turnip greens, peas and other vegetables from his garden. He was a great cook and everyone loved to see him walk in the door with his arms full of food."

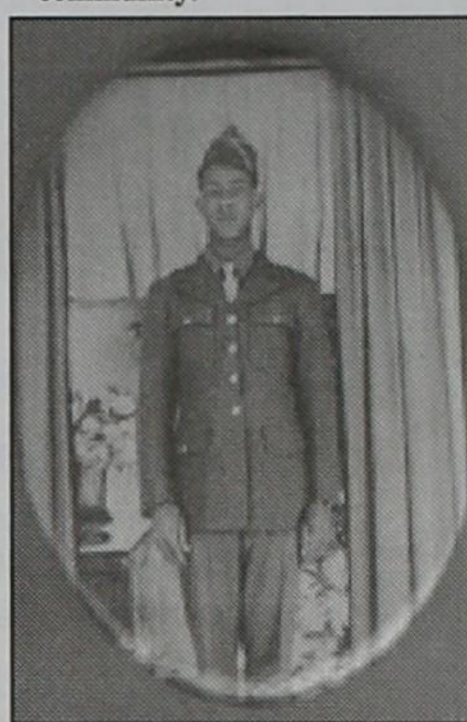
Mr. Epps' wife, Della, died in 1999. She had taught school in Rockwall for 36 years.

Mr. Epps died at the age of 82, on Nov. 15, 2008. He was survived by his children, Beverly Epps, Ernest Faye Franklin and a son, Carl Epps; two grandchildren; two brothers; seven sisters; and an abundance of other relatives and friends.

I am sure the citizens of Royse City feel as I do, that our city/community is a better place to live because Ernest L. Epps motivated and inspired all those whose life he touched to be the best they could be and to be kind and respectful to one another.



Ernest Epps in younger days as he served his community.



Ernest Epps during 1940s.

Royse City Veteran Takes "Honor Flight" to Washington

Jo Coppedge
M.F. "Pete" Leggett, 87, who was born in Greenville, took an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. He was escorted by a ROTC student from

the United States Marine Corps from Feb. 10, 1942, until his tour was mostly in the Pacific.

He left Dallas/Fort Worth with the 26 veterans aboard, each with call letters written to each one expressing their appreciation for Pete. Pete had more than 90 letters. What a surprise. He is still all the heart-felt letters he received.

At the airport in Washington, a huge group of people were waiting. Pete said, "They were hollering, patting us on the back, and were so friendly and sincere. We felt so special. It really made us feel good to be appreciated."

Jo Coppedge, who was on the trip, described the experience. The group was escorted to places like the Iwo Jima Memorial and the World War II Memorial which honors the 16 million men who served in the armed forces and the more than 400,000 who died. They visited the Arlington National Cemetery where Audie Murphy was buried. They also took some self-guided tours where they could look at the things that made us and had time to read the plaques, etc.

When they returned to Dallas, a really big fanfare was waiting for them. A huge band with Scottish bagpipes playing. It was really impressive.

The Honor Flight project was established in 2004 by Earl Morse, a resident of Ohio. He wanted the veterans to see the monument dedicated to them and to make sure they realize the pride our country has for them. It is now called the "Greatest Generation."

The trip of veterans was in May 2005 with six small planes carrying 26 veterans from Springfield, Ohio. Now jets are used to transport the veterans.

The Honor Flight DFW was established to give this same honor to the veterans of Dallas/Fort Worth and the North Texas area.

The trip is totally free of charge for the veteran but an accompanying person such as a child, spouse, other relative or friend would pay their own expenses. Volunteers with the program will accompany the veteran, in order to have someone to go with them.

Pete's Story

In 1941, I decided I wanted to serve my country. The law required me to sign for me to join. At first she was reluctant, but I convinced her that I wanted to be a Marine. I enlisted at the old post office in Greenville on Feb. 10, 1942.

I went to the Marine Corps base at Camp Elliott in San Diego, Calif., where I was then assigned to the 2nd Marine Division and deployed by ship to Guadalcanal, New Zealand. When we arrived there, we went on a forced march for two days to toughen us up, then on to the front where we fought the Japanese. Digging graves for soldiers who were one of our many heartbreaking jobs.

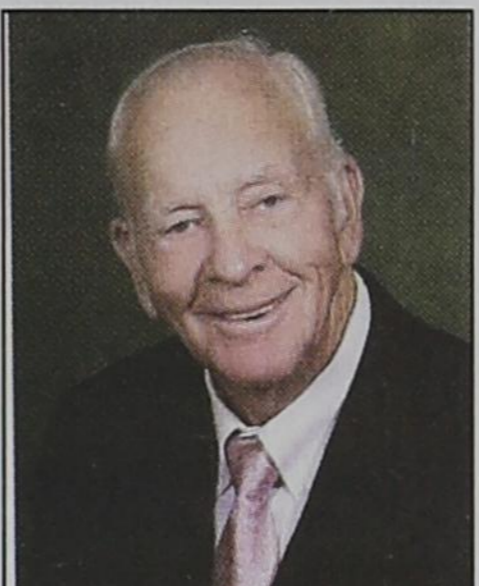
After, I returned to New Zealand where I came down with pneumonia. I was being released from the hospital, I was sent back to the states. In 1943, my division participated in one of the briefest and most important battles in American history-Tarawa-Atoll. Our division landed on June 20, 1944 and followed with an assault on the neighboring island. My platoon was in battle and we were in a foxhole. We were in an American plane that thought we were the Japanese enemy. I was the only one hearing in the battle, while a many of my comrades lost their lives. The commanding officer was looking over me as I survived.

While in Saipan, I came down with pneumonia and was put in a hospital. My company was on their way back to the United States. I was sent to the Naval Air Station hospital on Dec. 27, 1944, where I was sent to a convalescent/rehabilitation hospital in the mountains. I ate a lot of different foods and I gained 30 pounds in three

months. Then I was sent to Hawaii and received some Greenville newspapers from my sister. I ran across an obituary that stated that one of my brothers had died. I was informed that the Red Cross was supposed to have notified me but I never heard from them. I was very upset.

Then I got on a plane at 2 a.m. with my duffel bag and they told me they would feed me and the duffel bag could be picked up the next morning. When I went to pick up my bag, it was empty. Someone had stolen all my personal items that I had accumulated to bring back home. Therefore, I had nothing left.

They put me on a ship back to the USA and I arrived in San Francisco in February 1945. I was sent to San Diego, Calif., and put on a train for home



Pete Leggett, proud Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard Veteran-2012

with a 30-day furlough. After my furlough was up, I departed for Key West, Fla. I was put in charge of a group at the Naval Air Station in Key West. I stayed for approximately one year and then discharged on Feb. 10, 1946. Oh, happy day.

I served four years of volunteer service and was proud to serve my country. The World War II exploits truly epitomized the title Marine. From the jungles of Guadalcanal and the coral of Tarawa, we distinguished ourselves in every climate and location.

Our experiences on Saipan were unique and will be remembered for they are the foundation in which we fought throughout World War II and will be forever etched in the annals of Marine Corps history. The Marine Corp maintains that discipline and training was the key to success. As the Marine saying goes -- Once a Marine, Always a Marine.

Presently, I am now a proud member of the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard formed in 2008 by Lt. Colonel Gene Allen, U.S. Army (Ret.). This is a non-profit volunteer



M.F. "Pete" Leggett, Corporal, United States Marines--1944

girl scouts

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The Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas

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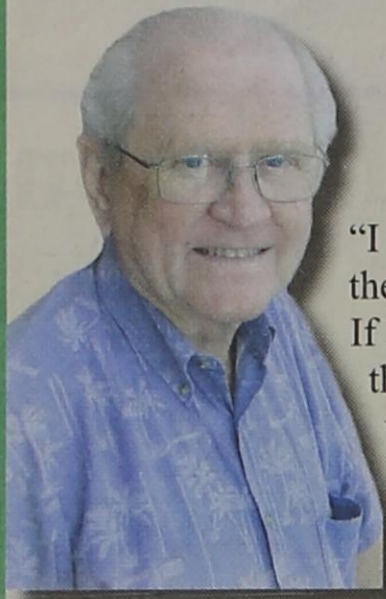
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Several Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers visited the local elementary schools recently to distribute fliers and visit with students participating in the Highstepper 'Dreams Come True' Mini Camp set July 16-19 at RHHS. Pictured above at Springer Elementary are the left, Jayda Mercury, Sarah Schneider, Allison Strother, Julie Pughes, Haley Wood, Brooke Sands, Riley Wheeler, Nicole Sands and Mayborn. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day of the camp the Highsteppers will teach dance routines, traditions, techniques and crafts to grades kindergarten through sixth. Participants who finish the camp will have the opportunity to sit with a Highstepper at a home game and be a part of a victory line celebration on the field prior to a game. To register contact Jennifer Sands at rhdshdrill@yahoo.com 971-6615; registrations must be completed by July 2 to guarantee a camp shirt.

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RockwallTexasOnline.com

Family Fun Event at The Harbor in Rockwall!

June 22, 2012,
Festivities start at 6pm



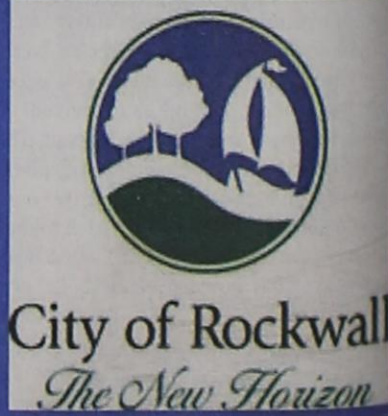
Live music from The Rub starts at 7 p.m.

- Community Grants Presentation
- Raffle tickets sold for a chance to win a 59" Samsung 3D HDTV, 1 night stay at the Hilton Bella Harbor with breakfast (\$150 value), Massage Package from Every Body Massage (\$360 value), among other valuable prizes.
- Bounce House
- Face Painting
- Ice Cream
- Rockwall High School Robotics Team, Full Metal Jackets, will showcase their award winning robot.

Join the fun and also watch top champion sailors from around the area race their sailboats on Lake Ray Hubbard!

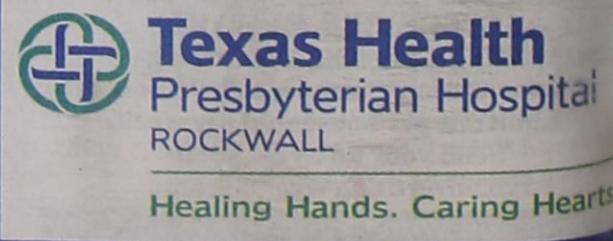
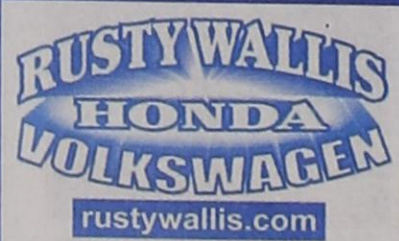


Proceeds to benefit the community service projects of the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a 59" Samsung 3D HDTV, 1 night stay at the Hilton Bella Harbor with breakfast (\$150 value), massage package from Every Body Massage (\$360 value), among other valuable prizes. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/DallasRaceWeek or contact Trenton Cornehl at trentoncornehl@gmail.com or 972-771-8424.



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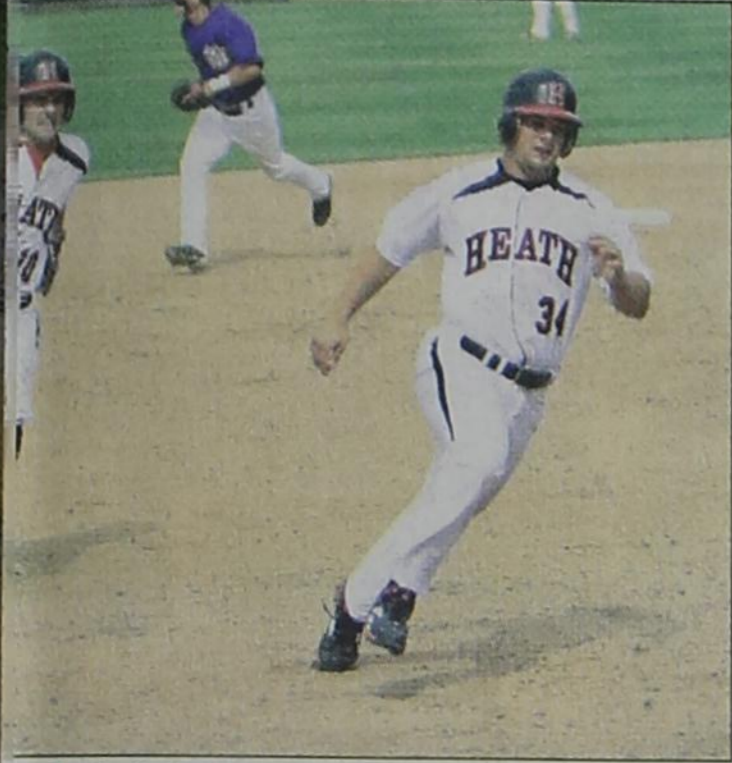
Hawks overcome 2 years of disappointment to win State Championship

Bledsoe tried to avoid being overrun by his teammates, but he had a better job avoiding Cleburne's bats. After first baseman Timbo Duncan caught a throw to complete a double play for a state championship, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks raced toward Hernandez on the pitcher's mound. It was a down season for both Hernandez and the Hawks, they were at the performance in winning their first 4A State Championship in Round Rock. In RHHS' 10-1 victory over Cleburne, Bledsoe had a four-hit complete game and put the Hawks ahead of two in home run.

After surviving the teammates' piling on him and posing with them and the trophies – awards for the team and for Hernandez as Most Valuable Player, he said, "That was the best feeling. I've waited four years for this." The victory came even though Cleburne had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning. Cleanup batter Conner Martyniuk singled, stole second base and advanced to score on two ground outs. After that, Hernandez said, "I never backed down. I rise up to the challenge. I've been in these situations thousands of times in my life. I don't get excited by the crowd."

Both schools brought big crowds, contributing to an attendance of more than 3,000. Cleburne's fans were especially boisterous early in the game, but the Hawks gradually turned down the volume. In the bottom of the second, RHHS tied the score. With one out, Jake Bledsoe singled, then pinch runner R.J. Williams stole second base and scored on the first of Timbo Duncan's three singles. Hernandez hit leadoff batter Cooper Walls to start the third inning, but retired the next three Yellow Jackets. In the bottom of the inning, freshman designated hitter Clayton Rasbeary led off with a double. With one out, Cleburne starter German Hernandez worked the count to two balls, two

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In the left photo, Hawks' Grayson Lewis (10) and Jake Bledsoe (34) race around 3rd base toward home plate, Thursday June 7, during the UIL State Semifinals baseball game against Montgomery at Dell Field in Round Rock. Shown at right are Bledsoe and Lewis sliding into home plate adding a game changing 2 points to the Hawks lead. Left photo by Carl McClung (www.flickr.com/photos/carls_sideline_pics/) Right photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Congratulations Rockwall-Heath Hawks Class 4A 2012 State Champions!



2012 Rockwall-Heath Hawks Baseball Champions - (Back row left to right) Bryce Hudson, Jordan Esmond, Drew Lancaster (Asst Coach), Ryne Randle, Ryan Kinney, Grayson Lewis, Tyler Ivey, Russell Hughes, Dylan Brown, Clayton Rasbeary (red mohawk), Bret Boswell, Jake Baxter, Jake Johnson, Jake Bledsoe, Troy Mercer, Timbo Duncan (red mohawk), Kelly Dorsett (behind Duncan), Christian Sanders, Hunter Seales, Austin Stewart, (front row) Logan Wilson, Zach Randle (Asst. Coach), Logan Kinney, Greg Harvey (Head Coach), R.J. Williams, Wade Bennett (holding trophy), Owen Hernandez, Cade Flory, Steve Arias (Asst Coach) and Vance Barton (Asst Coach).



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Rockwall County Sports

RHHS baseball wins State Championship...

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two strikes against his Rockwall-Heath counterpart and namesake.

Jovan Hernandez swung at the next pitch and sent the ball over the left field fence at Dell Diamond for a 3-1 lead.

"That home run was nothing except Jovan being Jovan," said Hawks head coach Greg Harvey. "He comes through in the biggest games. He'll rise up to the occasions. We expect great things from this young man."

Hernandez has been a four-year starter at RHHS, and had pitched playoff wins in each of his four seasons. The Hawks reached at least the Region II-4A Semifinals each year, but this was the first time they reached the State Tournament.

Once they arrived in Round Rock for Thursday's semifinals, another four-year starter, Jake Thompson, took control.

Two days after he became the Detroit Tigers' first pick in the Major League Baseball draft, Thompson shook off a line drive off his right calf to pitch a complete-game 6-3 win over Montgomery.

Hernandez drove in one of the runs that gave RHHS a 2-0 lead in the second inning that night. After Montgomery tied the game in the top of the third, the Hawks scored three times in the bottom of the inning for a 5-2 lead they wouldn't

lose. Grayson Lewis broke the tie with a single, then Russell Hughes cracked a two-run double off the left field wall. One of the State Tournament's lasting memories will be of Lewis charging around third base and nearly passing DH Bledsoe, with both scoring even though a relay throw reached the Bears' catcher at about the same time as the runners.

Thompson gave up seven hits and walked four, including two that brought the tying run to home plate in the seventh inning. Tiring and favoring his injured leg, Thompson still struck out Montgomery's Chad Hays to end the game. That was his seventh strikeout of the night.

In Friday's fourth inning, Hernandez allowed the leadoff batter to reach base for the third consecutive inning. He continued the momentum generated by his home run, again retiring three consecutive Yellow Jackets, and six more after that. Cleburne did not have a hit after Tyler Fowler's fourth-inning leadoff single.

Harvey said, "We felt comfortable. But I reminded them we had to keep the pressure on them. They already came back once." Cleburne had reached the final with a 9-7 victory after falling behind 6-0 against Lake Travis.

When RHHS increased its lead to 5-1 on another two-run double by Hughes in the fourth, more steam seemed to come out of Cleburne and its fans. Hernandez needed just

six pitches to retire the Jackets in the fifth, and eight pitches in the sixth. For the game, he threw just 79 pitches.

Hernandez said, "I was locating, working down, being a pitcher."

He wasn't a pitcher for all of the Hawks' 36-9 season.

Two of their low points involved Hernandez and sophomore Hughes.

Before the District 10-4A season began, right fielder Hughes and center fielder Hunter Seales were in a violent, ugly collision during a game against Flower Mound. RHHS lost to Flower Mound both that night and the next day. Hughes missed some games because of a concussion, but Seales suffered a broken leg and watched the remainder of the season from the bench.

The ship was righted early in the district season, until another two game losing streak began with a 7-0 loss at Wylie, a team that faded and didn't reach the playoffs. Hernandez started on the mound that night, and didn't make it through the second inning. That was his only loss as a senior, and his last start as a pitcher until the playoffs.

Instead, Hernandez was the regular catcher, helping Thompson compile a 12-1 record when he wasn't working with senior Jake Baxter or freshman Tyler Ivey on the mound.

Harvey said, "The two guys on the mound in this (State) tournament were focused. They went out and did their job. That says a lot about

their makeup."

Thompson and Hernandez received help from a defense that turned two double plays and committed only one error in the championship game. The Hawks' hitters didn't stop after taking that 5-1 lead. They scored two more runs in the fifth inning, and three in the sixth.

RHHS received contributions throughout the lineup. Duncan, batting sixth, had three hits and drove in two runs. Lewis and Hughes, batting seventh and eighth, had two runs batted in apiece and Rasbeary doubled twice in the 9 hole.

Harvey said, "It has been that way.

Guys have come through. We knew going into the season we would be good one through nine, and maybe even our 10 and 11 hitter.

"Our expectations were high coming into the season."

Included in those expectations were having one or two Hawks taken in the MLB draft. Thompson was, but Hernandez was not.

"That's going to bother me until the next draft," said Hernandez, who has signed to play next season at Navarro College.

Disappointment had followed the Hawks, but they turned it into motivation.

"The difference

team," Harvey said. "The difference experience we gained years not reaching."

From the very beginning of the season, we talked about it. Hernandez said the "team chemistry and to come out and play."

"We had one plan, to win. He seemed to savor it. He was making. "It's a We had a lot of people us. But it's the last time play with all of my team with some of them since 12."



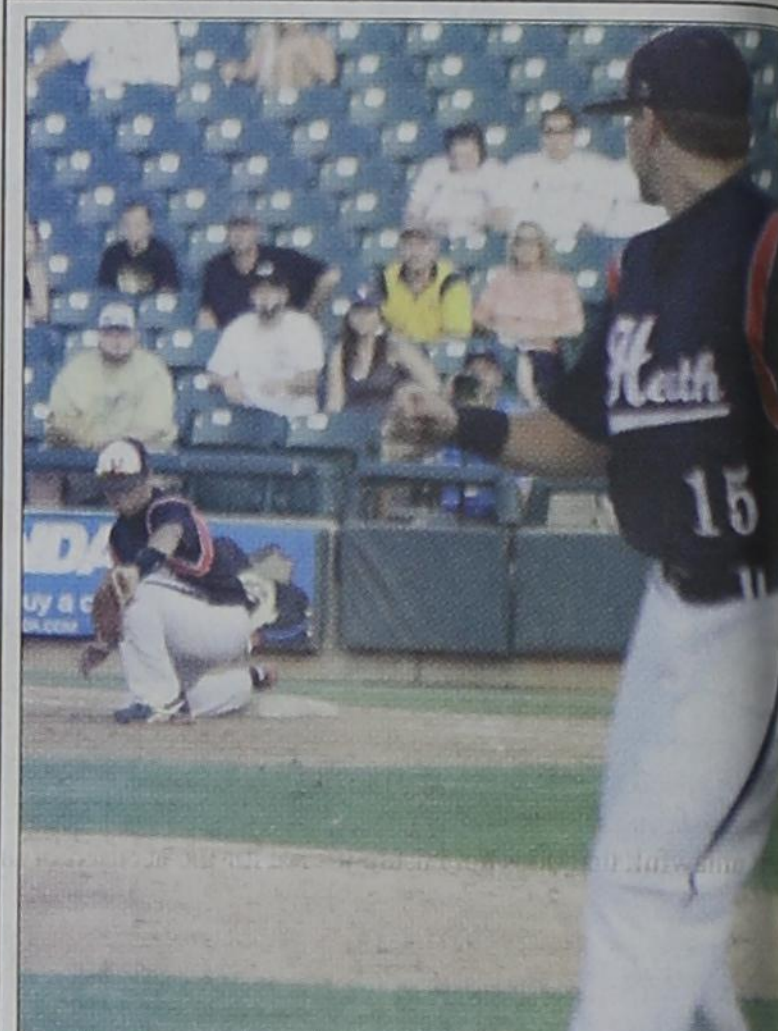
Hawks' Russel Hughes (16) nails a double into left field, Friday June 8, during the UIL State Championship game against Cleburne at Dell Field in Round Rock. Hughes' double also brought in two runs.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Jovan Hernandez (5) strides around the bases after hitting a home run against Cleburne, Friday June 8, during the State Championship game at Dell Field in Round Rock.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Hawks' first baseman Timbo Duncan catches a throw from third baseman Jake Thompson (15) for an out against Cleburne, Friday June 8, during the State Championship baseball game at Dell Field in Round Rock.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



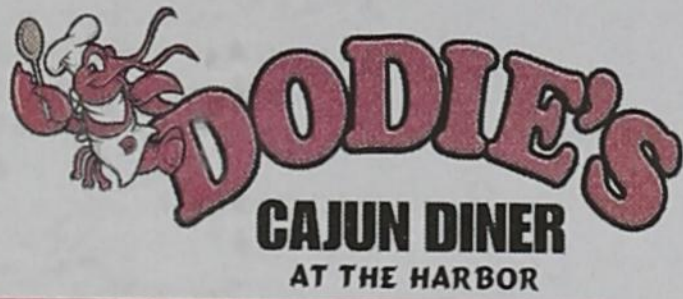
Rockwall-Heath Hawks' baseball fans form a line, Wednesday morning June 6, to send the team off to the UIL State tournament. The team bus was escorted to Interstate 30 by Heath police and fire department.

Photo by Trudy Woessner/Rockwall County News

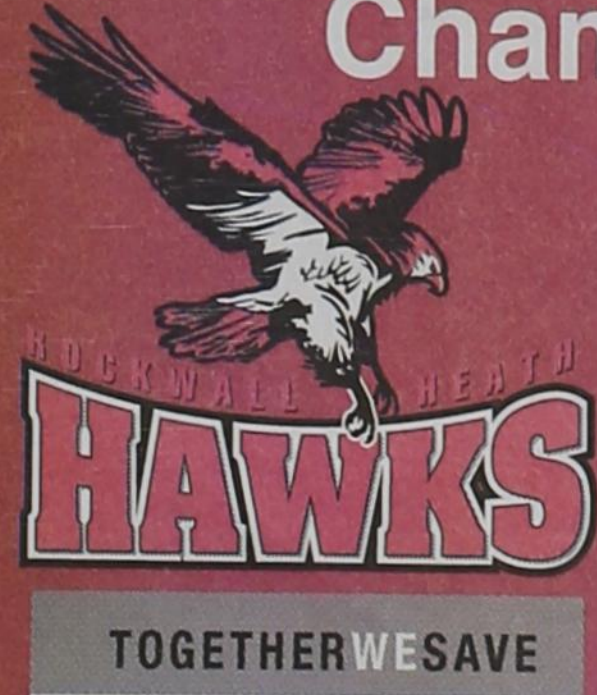
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Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members celebrated the recent grand opening ceremony for Pizza Cocina, next to Brookshire's at 1209 Ridge Road.

Race Week brings boats together for charity

Over the weekend, sailors will have a number of options both on and off of Lake Ray Hubbard. The anniversary of one of the area's most awaited sailing events - Dallas Race Week, which this year will run through Friday, June 22, with races each night. Individual and team sponsorships, Dallas Race Week races money for the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club. The event is managed by the event, whose end coincides with Family Fun at the Harbor, beginning at 6 p.m.

Friday, 28 boats had registered in six fleets for the competition. To register, go to https://www.clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5451. For more information, go to <http://www.facebook.com/DallasRaceWeek> or contact Trenton Cornehl at 972-261-7500.

Race Week is part of Summer Sailstice, which describes itself as "a global sailing celebration started in 2001 on the weekend closest to the summer solstice." It has grown from 200 boats to more than 2,000, with almost 10,000 sailors participating with Sailors for the Sea, Summer Sailstice strives to inform and mobilize sailors, their families and friends to enjoy and conserve the beauty of the lakes and oceans while raising awareness of the fragile marine environment and wildlife.

The event's motto is "Sail locally, celebrate globally." And there are plenty of celebrations associated with it - which traditionally has been held during the week of the summer solstice, with the longest days of light. For more information on Summer Sailstice, go to <http://summersailstice.com>.

Dallas Race Week, local sailor Bob Barnes is part of Team Dallas in this week's GT 300 race with Team Dallas. The race for 18-20-foot beach catamarans began Wednesday on South Padre Island and is scheduled to conclude on Saturday.

In the Dam Series Race 10, Dan Malak skipped "Orion" to first place. The next finishers were David Geronimo and Roy Kuipers, third in "Three Sheets to the Wind."

Rockwall-Heath baseball box score

Rockwall-Heath 10, Cleburne 1					Rockwall-Heath 2, Cleburne 1				
AB	R	H	RBI	R	AB	R	H	RBI	R
Walls, cf	2	0	0	0	Baxter, lf	4	0	0	0
Woodall, lf	3	0	1	0	J.Hernandez, p	4	1	2	3
G.Hernandez, p	3	0	0	0	Brown, pr	0	1	0	0
Martyniuk, 2b	3	1	1	0	Thompson, 3b	4	0	0	1
Fowler, ss	3	0	1	0	Kinney, pr	0	1	0	0
Nolen, dh	2	0	0	1	Boswell, ss	3	1	2	0
Coward, 1b	3	0	1	0	Bledsoe, C	4	1	1	0
Reynolds, c	2	0	0	0	Williams, pr	0	1	0	0
Marchel, pr	0	0	0	0	Duncan, 1b	3	0	3	2
Martinez, rf	2	0	0	0	Flory, pr	1	0	0	0
Bullard, 3b	0	0	0	0	Lewis, 2b3	1	1	2	0
Calahan, p	0	0	0	0	Hughes, rf	3	0	1	2
Sibley, p	0	0	0	0	Rasberry, dh	3	2	2	0
					Stewart, cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	4	1	Totals	31	10	12	10

Cleburne	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rockwall-Heath	0	1	2	2	2	3	0	10
E-Fowler 2, Walls, Bullard, Thompson. DP-Cleburne 2, Rockwall-Heath 1. 2B-Rasberry 2, Hughes. HR-J.Hernandez. HBP-Walls (by J.Hernandez). SB-Martyniuk, Walls, Williams 2, Boswell 2, CS-Woodall, Baxter.								
Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		
G.Hernandez (L, 8-4)	3	6	4	4	0	4		
Calahan	2 1/3	4	5	2	3	0		
Sibley	2/3	2	1	0	0	0		
J.Hernandez (W, 10-1)	7	4	1	1	1	5		

G.Hernandez faced 1 batter in 4th.
Pitches/strikes-G.Hernandez 60/43, Calahan 56/30, Sibley 15/9, J.Hernandez 79/54. Umpires-Marshall Thomas, Larry Blumrick, Osvaldo Lopez, Ed Nelson. Time-2:06. Att-3,017.

Opinions

Rule of Law, our electoral system and survival of the republic

Mr. Burnett
The rule of law and security of the electoral system are critically important. Both of these fundamental American principles determine the survival of the republic known as the United States of America. We must continue to ask questions about recent complaints related to election day violations of the law. Without the application of the law, justice cannot be administered, and worse, violations of election procedures raise serious doubts about the integrity of the electoral system. We must recognize that there is no rule of law available if the electoral system is not to be trusted... a reign of terror and tyranny will surely follow. We must look at the current disregard for the rule of law.

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investigation by the same office.
Municipal Court violations
Demonstrating disregard for the law may be seen most visibly in municipal courts. The clerks and judges serve as biased extensions of the accusers and prosecutors. Complaints are rarely filed. When they are filed, the affiant signatures and affidavits are most often those of court clerks. How can the accused trust impartial administration of justice when the court itself is an arm of the prosecution?

Texas Constitution Article 5, Section 12 (b) states, "An information is a written instrument presented to a court by an attorney for the State charging a person with the commission of an offense." All justice and municipal courts treat the complainant as an information document.

Government Code Section 29.010 describes the powers and duties of the municipal court clerk. They do not include attesting to complaints by signing on the affiant lines, drawing up complaints into writing, and prompting the accusing officers or state attorneys into drawing up and attesting to complaints. In doing this, the courts show extreme bias in favor of the accusers, prosecutors and the state.

It is a dreadful conclusion that we draw from this and other exercises by government officials: anarchy has already taken hold through government disregard for the rule of law. In essence, government officers use their positions to rule by anarchy.

Anarchy is the absence of the rule of law. We must face a stark reminder that when our nation's founders stood against similar injustices, they declared that government is established to secure the rights of individuals (see the preamble to the American Declaration of Independence).

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "it's all water" (2 wds.)
- 5 useful sheet at "Lone Star Park" racing
- 6 Pearsall is seat of this county
- 7 TX George Jones' "The Race"
- 8 TX Ron Paul or Pete Sessions, e.g.
- 16 father of TX Willie Panhandle Indian
- 17 Panhandle Indian fight: "The Battle of _____" (1864)
- 21 first two vowels
- 22 oil drilling machines
- 23 TXism: "let the _____ of the bag"
- 24 ret. Air Force 4-star general Chandler who started career at TX air bases
- 29 cowgirl Evans born in Uvalde
- 30 this country singer Collin started out performing in TX
- 31 TX golf great "Lord Byron" (init.)
- 32 popular vegetables to accompany chicken fried steak
- 34 TXism: "he's an ornery old _____"
- 35 federal investigative agcy.
- 36 "_____ Gordon" had a hit with TX Buddy Holly's "True Love Ways"
- 37 San _____, TX
- 38 large semiaquatic reptile, for short
- 39 Paris, TX is the seat (2 wds.)
- 41 Fort Worth electronics retailer: "Radio _____"
- 42 TX Roy Orbison sang "Candy _____" (61)
- 43 Waxahachie is the seat of this county
- 44 this Leon beat all 'n '78 & became champ
- 45 "down _____ out"
- 46 "angel dust" street drug
- 47 hillbilly (2 wds.)
- 48 TXism: "loud as boot _____ bare floor"
- 50 small U.S. state: "_____ Island"
- 51 TX's nation
- 52 TX's neighbor to the west: _____ Mexico
- 53 So. Padre Island acquisition
- 54 TXism: "it's quite _____ from here"
- 10 TX Quaid film: "Postcards from the _____" (90)
- 11 distress signal
- 12 TX outlaw Sam (init.)
- 13 TXism: "_____ es su casa"
- 14 TXism: "it's quite _____ from here"
- 15 this Newton blocked for Emmitt
- 18 "Yo _____ Digo Creek"
- 19 home of Texas Tech
- 20 late December is "_____ season"
- 22 TX Air Force Base started Fort Worth Star-Telegram
- 24 TX Claude who sang "Family Bible" (init.)
- 25 in Smith Co. on 135
- 26 rod and _____
- 27 San Antonio horse racing track
- 28 "_____ band"
- 29 TXism: "boot scoot!"
- 30 this Jack shot Lee Harvey in Dallas
- 33 hearing organ
- 34 TXism: "fighting like _____ and dogs"
- 35 this Gifford worked with TX Dandy Don
- 37 TX "wild-geese chase" (2 wds.)
- 38 TX "Boca _____ State Park"
- 40 stomach problem
- 41 TXism: "_____ a yarn" (lie)
- 44 TX jockey Willie _____ maker
- 47 _____ broke on Mar. 6, 1836, the Alamo was lost
- 49 TX Freddy Fender sang "You'll _____ Good Thing"

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District Attorney applies to Rockwall County news questions

Mr. Burnett
 In response to your May 22 request for information related to recent city elections. We have forwarded your request to the Attorney General's Office. However, because you raise a couple of questions that are not addressed by the Attorney General, we wanted to provide an opportunity to speak to your remaining concerns.

DOES THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAVE JURISDICTION TO BRING COMPLAINTS WITH THE DISTRICT COURT?
 THE GRAND JURY IS INFORMED OF THE SAME COMPLAINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLES 2.03, 2.04 AND 2.05?

D.A.'s Office has jurisdiction to represent the State in both District Court and County Court as well as to appear before the Grand Jury to inform the Grand Jury of the facts and circumstances of a crime. However, courts have rejected the argument that Articles 2.04 and 2.05 impose a duty on the District Attorney to prosecute in the absence of probable cause or sufficient evidence. Taylor v. State, 870 S.W.2d 204 (Tex.App.-Waco 1994, dis'm w.o.j.). To the contrary, in this state, the Supreme Court of the United States and the Texas Supreme Court generally agree that "so long as a prosecutor has probable cause to believe that the accused committed an offense defined by the law, it is the prosecutor's duty to file or refrain from filing or prosecuting a charge, and that charge to file or refrain from prosecuting, generally rests in his discretion." Bordenkircher v. Hayes, 438 U.S. 357, 364, 98 S.Ct. 663, 54 L.Ed.2d 604 (1978); Roise v. State, 7 S.W.3d 225 (Tex.App.-Austin 1999, pet. ref'd); Taylor v. Gately, 172 S.W.3d 44 (Tex.App.-Waco 1994, dis'm w.o.j.); Tex.Atty.Gen.Op. 07 (2007). In addition, the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct require a prosecutor to "refrain from prosecuting or threatening to prosecute a charge that the prosecutor knows is not supported by probable cause." Texas Rules of Professional Conduct T. 2, Subt. G App. A. art. 10, §9, Rule 3.09(a).

WE REQUEST A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL D.A. REPORT RELATED TO THE COMPLAINTS RELATED TO THE HEATH CITY ELECTION.

It is the policy of the District Attorney's Office not to release criminal investigation reports to the press. The policy exists to protect ongoing investigations as well as victims and witnesses who might not otherwise speak if they knew their names were subject to being released to the public. We have forwarded your request to the Attorney General's Office for a determination of what must or must not be released pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

WE REQUEST COPIES OF ALL COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE DISTRICT COURT RELATED TO THE ELECTION NOTED ABOVE. Because your request involves documents related to a criminal investigation, we have forwarded your request to the Attorney General's Office for a determination of what must or must not be released pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

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14. PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ALL INDIVIDUALS QUESTIONED IN THE INVESTIGATION.
 Because your request involves information related to a criminal investigation, we have forwarded your request to the Attorney General's Office for a determination of what must or must not be released pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

5. HAVE ANY CANDIDATES FILE[D] COMPLAINTS WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE RELATED TO ANY OF THE RELATED ISSUES?
 Yes.
 WE REQUEST A COPY OF THE FORMAL COMPLAINTS DRAWN UP BY YOUR OFFICE, AND THE SWORN AFFIDAVITS BY THE COMPLAINANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE 2.04 AND 2.05 FOR EACH SEPARATE COMPLAINT.

After investigation, this office is of the opinion that there is insufficient evidence to proceed with criminal prosecution of the presented allegations. As a result, no formal complaint or information was prepared by this office in accordance with articles 2.04 and 2.05.

In regards to the affidavits you have requested, because they relate to a criminal investigation, we have forwarded your request to the Attorney General's Office for a determination of what must or must not be released pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

Thank you.
 Craig Stoddard
 First Assistant Criminal District Attorney
 (Editor's Note: Rockwall County News will prepare a followup in the June 22, 2012 edition.)

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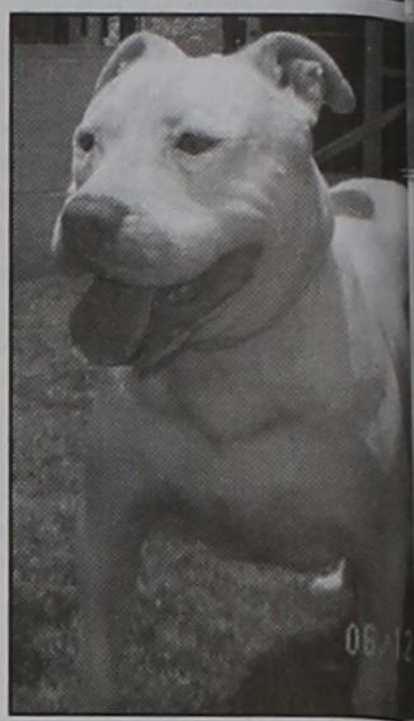
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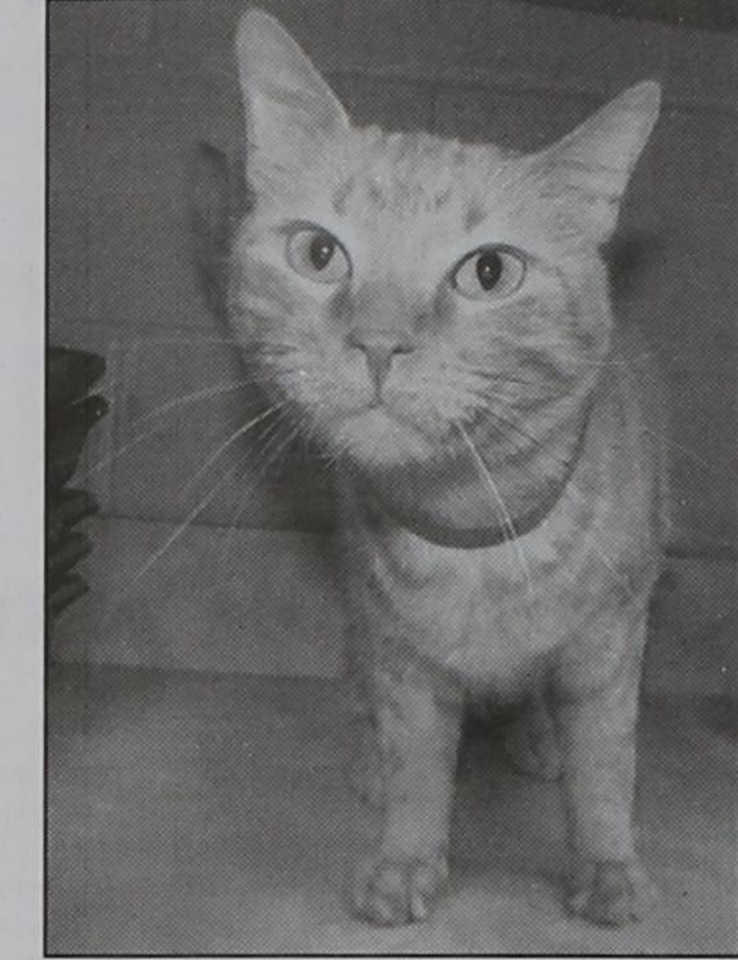
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The Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas will conduct two Public Hearings:

Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing Date:
Date: Thursday, July 5, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
1248 S. Highway 205
McLendon-Chisholm, Tx 75032

City Council Public Hearing Date:
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
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The first set of Public Hearings are for a zoning change from a Planned Development to an Amended Planned Development. The property tract includes approximately 542 acres of land situated on the east side of State Highway 205 and north of League Road and west of Edwards Road, land known as Sonoma Verde.

The second set of Public Hearings are for a zoning change from a Planned Development to an Amended Planned Development. The property tract includes 108.544 acres of land situated on the northeast side of State Highway 205 and south of the northern city limit line, land known as Kingsbridge Phase II.

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Land, Rorie, Corbin take top awards at RCA

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Female Athlete of the Year was awarded to Junior Ashlee Poland (right) during the recent Rockwall Christian Academy Athletics Banquet. Presenting the award Coaches Coach Shonda Boulware (left) and Ryan Hankins (back). Poland was also named Most Valuable Player in both Basketball and Volleyball. The athlete competed at Regional level in track this year.

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7-on-7 football is low-key for Rockwall-Heath

Varsity and junior varsity teams representing Rockwall-Heath began play Monday night in a 7-on-7 football league with Mesquite Horn, Mesquite Potee and Lake Highlands.

RHHS varsity head coach Mickey Moss said the league is low-key.

"Players organize it. Coaches are there just to observe. We provide officiating. There are 25-minute games for varsity and JV."

The league will rotate the playing site to each of the schools in a 4-week season ending July 2. Rockwall-Heath will host the June 25 competition.

Moss said RHHS will not compete in any 7-on-7 tournaments this year.

Jackets' Bean, Ballew sign pro contracts

Steve Bean and Travis Ballew woke up one day in Rockwall, and the next in Jupiter, Fla., and Troy, N.Y.

Both former Yellowjackets signed professional contracts Saturday, less than a week after they were selected in the Major League Baseball draft.

Bean, a supplemental first-round draft pick, received a reported \$700,000 signing bonus from the St. Louis Cardinals. They assigned him to the Cardinals of the Rookie Class Gulf Coast League. They play home games in Jupiter, where St. Louis and the Florida Marlins share spring training facilities.

Bean graduated from RHS June 5, a day after he was drafted. On June 5, the Houston Astros took Ballew in the 23rd round.

A 2009 RHS graduate and a right-handed pitcher, Ballew just completed his third season at Texas State University. The Astros assigned him to the Tri-City Valley Cats of the short-season Class A New York-Pennsylvania League. Their home is in Troy.

Ballew, the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year, has received another honor. The American Baseball Coaches Association named him to its All-South Central Region second team.

Both the Cardinals and the Valley Cats are scheduled to begin their season next week.

Spencer Edwards, another 2012 RHS graduate, had not signed with the Tampa Bay Rays as of Wednesday. He was their second-round draft choice.

Hawks' Thompson, Tigers agree on contract

Jake Thompson realized a nearly life-long dream Wednesday when he agreed to terms with the Detroit Tigers on a professional baseball contract.

Rockwall-Heath's Thompson and Frisco Centennial's Austin Schotts, the Tigers' first two picks in last week's Major League Baseball draft, flew a day earlier to Lakeland, Fla., for physical exams. That was the last step before they and the Detroit organization were ready for the contract agreement.

Thompson graduated from RHHS on June 5, just hours after he was drafted. Two days later, he pitched the Hawks into the 4A State Championship game. Then on June 8, he celebrated Rockwall-Heath's first team state championship with his teammates on the field at Round Rock's Dell Diamond.

Negotiations moved quickly after that. Reports on Thompson's signing bonus varied, but all were about \$530,000.

The third player Detroit drafted was 2009 RHHS graduate Drew VerHagen, who pitched this spring at Vanderbilt University. VerHagen had not signed as of Wednesday.

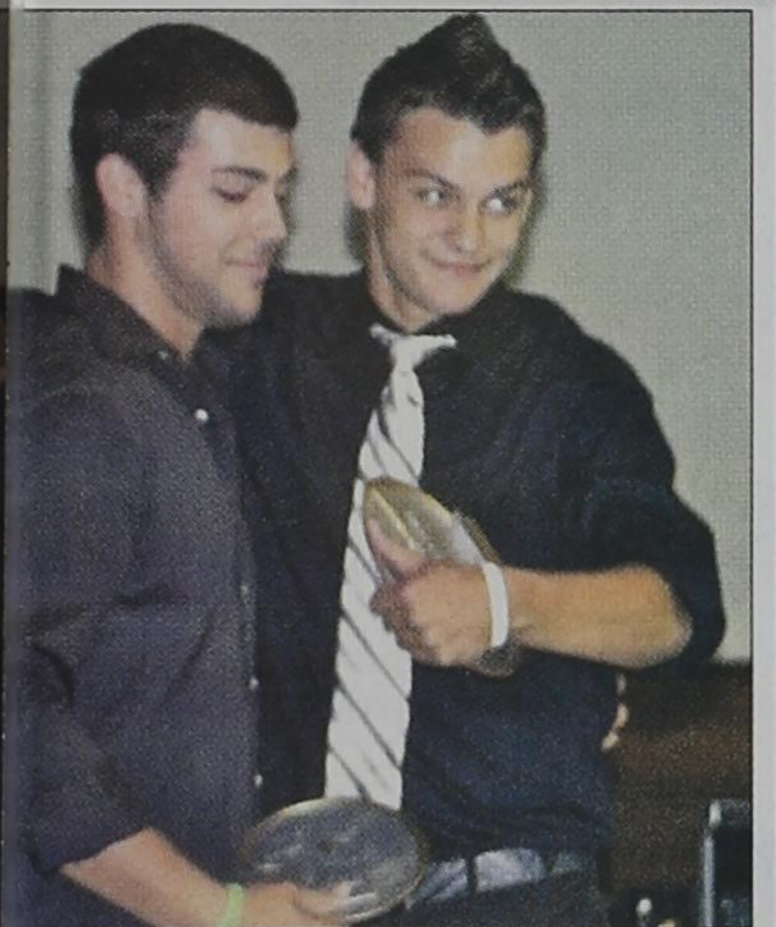
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Sports Notes

Honor Classic planned for June 15

Ladies of Honor World Changers for Christ will host the 2012 "Driving Out Fatherlessness," beginning with registration at 7 p.m. at the Prestonwood Country Club in Dallas. The shotgun-start will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by a fajita dinner and awards at 7 p.m. Sponsorships are available. For more details visit themenofhonor.com or call 972-222-2112.

Golf Classic set June 18

Rockwall County Young Life 13th Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. For more details, contact Sue Almond at 972-772-2212 or email almond.family@gmail.com.

RHHS baseball team to be honored

2012 State Champion Heath Hawks Baseball Team will be honored at 7 p.m. Monday, June 18 during the Rockwall ISD School District's 5th day of school. A team celebration will follow at 8 p.m. at Dodie's Cajun Bar. Family, fans, and community members are encouraged to attend to show support and offer congratulations to the team. Championship T-shirts, designed by Rockwall Sports, will be available for purchase.

Rockwall Open slated for July 13

Annual Rockwall Open Golf Tournament is set for July 13 at the Rockwall Athletic Club (formerly The Shores Country Club). This year's event will feature two shotgun starts - one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 1 p.m. Tee times will be 30 minutes prior to tee times. Box lunches for both the morning and afternoon rounds will be available at noon. The tourney will feature a Florida scramble. For more information call Paula at 972-771-5733, ext. 102; visit paula@rockwallopen.org; or pick up an entry form at the chamber office located at 1300 E. 1-37 between Discount Tire and Lake Pointe Church). Entry fee is \$100 per individual or \$550 for a four-some; entry fee includes pre-tourney breakfast, cart, range balls, goody bags and lunch. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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