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## Candle light vigil honors Hanna Clark

Family and friends gather for a candle light vigil in honor of Hanna Clark, Friday April 26, at Harry Myers Park in Rockwall. The special event was coordinated by Madison Villareal with the assistance of Sawyer Knight. The vigil began with a prayer by Knight followed by the song "Breath" by Taylor Swift. Villareal spoke about the importance of people coming together and forgiving. After listening to the song "Friends are Friends Forever" by Michael W. Smith, Rockwall alumnus Dakota Ritter and Aaina Stepp performed the soon to be released song "Walk With Jesus," by Ritter in honor of Hanna Clark. Troy Bruner played soft background music on the guitar while the mourners formed groups for prayer, reflection and reminiscence (see above). After Knight shared a message from 2Corinthians 4:13-18, everyone listened to the song "I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe and "Amazing Grace" during the candle lighting. The vigil was closed with the release of balloons which danced into the sky toward the north. Bruner continued to play guitar after the vigil ended. Villareal thanked Lake Point Church for assisting in the event and donating the candles. She asked everyone to keep Hanna's parents, Tina and Raina Clark, in their prayers. The vigil also had the affect of ministering to others who lost loved ones. See page six for the speech by event coordinator Madison Villareal.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Royse City Council recognizes first year of Teen Court

By Millie Jean Coppedge

Royse City Municipal Judge Bonnie Goldstein and Mayor Jerrell Stegall presented Rockwall County District Attorney Kendra Culpepper Assistant District Attorney Jon Thatcher with a plaque at the April City Council meeting.

The plaque said "Teen Court Program-Acknowledges the Rockwall District Attorney's Office for their continued participation and support, and dedication to this program continues to have a positive impact on the young people of this community. The Royse City Teen Court Celebrating One Year."

Stegall and Thatcher were honored for mentoring the volunteers in the program. The Teen Court handles real cases and gives teens a chance to clear their record of Class C misdemeanors. Cases that the Court would handle could include possession of alcohol or/and paraphernalia, breaking the curfew, education issues such as failing to attend school or traffic violations.

The Teen Court program is for volunteers between the ages of 10 and 18 who are serious about wanting to be prosecutors, defense lawyers, or judges and through training to be on the Teen Court.

There is no jury and the offenders who come before the court must plead guilty and agree to accept the punishment for their offense handed down by their peers. By going before the Teen Court, the offenders may have their record cleared of the offense, which might also eliminate any fines they would have to pay. This type of program is aimed at teaching offenders positive respect for authorities.

The first business matter on the council agenda was brought by Joe Stegall, the Royse City financial officer. He presented the council with the six-month financial expenditures report through March 2013 and said the budget maintains a reserve of \$2.8 million.

A resolution was brought before the council to give a name to a

pocket park located on North Houston. According to the agenda, "it was recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Board on April 1, 2013, and on April 18, they voted unanimously to name the park." The park will be named Becknell Park in honor of Don Becknell, a citizen of Royse City.



Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley(center) presented a plaque to the Rockwall Assistant District Attorney Jon Thatcher and Criminal District Attorney Kenda Culpepper at Tuesday night's city council meeting. The plaque was in recognition of their service as mentors for the one-year anniversary of the Royse City Teen Court.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

City Manager Carl Alsbrook told the council that May 20 is "still a go" to begin construction on the Interstate 30-Erby Campbell Boulevard overpass. No date has been set for the actual construction date of the Wal-Mart store.

Alsbrook also discussed the low lake levels of Lake Lavon, Royse City's water source and the possibility of the city facing water restrictions for the upcoming summer. He said the levels are 12 feet low, but no decisions will be made at this time.

All members of the City Council of Royse City and the staff were present. The meetings are conducted at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main Street, at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14.

## RHHS senior, brother team up to produce local film

By Matt Thacker

From an early age, I always wanted to tell stories, and movies are most personal medium for doing so," Alexander Pyle said. "A lot of people say that they want to make movies, but what they really want is to become famous. I'm more comfortable behind the camera." The Rockwall-Heath High School senior, with the help of his brother, is making a film about a fictitious resident of Rockwall named Bruce Hayward. The two were pleasantly surprised at the number of people who were eager to be involved.

The brothers were able to recruit a diverse cast including school principal Tom Maglisceau and Mike Pitcher, pediatrician Dr. Kurt Eger, Rockwall Mayor David Sweet and Rockwall Independent School District superintendent Jeff Bailey.

Alexander's process involved asking each of his actors the same basic question with some altered depending on the person's relationship with the fictitious Hayward.

He formulated the questions so that the audience could imagine this son in their life. I wanted to create a paragon of humanity's goodness fill the role of Bruce," Alexander said.

The actors were given a great deal of freedom to help create a picture of Bruce through their answers, but the overall story will take shape through Alexander's editing.

"I've been myself a solid month to edit. I think it's an important thing for directors to do. It makes me uncomfortable to hand over all my creative decisions to someone else. I know what I want. There's no compromise, no discussion," he said.

The brothers have a Hollywood connection through their father, who at the age of 18 moved to Los Angeles to make his fortune as a drummer. In between musical gigs, he worked at a variety of jobs, including building movie sets. Alexander's father wasn't

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Alexander Pyle, right, and his brother, Joshua, recently teamed up to produce a local film about a fictitious Rockwall resident. Alexander Pyle is a senior at Rockwall-Heath High who plans to attend the University of North Texas, where he will begin work on his filmmaking studies in the fall. The brothers' film, "Bruce Hayward Lived Here," will be screened free for the public beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 29 at the RHHS Performing Arts Center. Trailers for the film also may be viewed on Alexander Pyle's Facebook page or at brucehayward@tumblr.com.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Heath City Council holds work session about thoroughfare study

by Charlotte Rice

The City of Heath continued discussions regarding current developments for the City at its council meeting held last Tuesday, April 23, at City Hall. The meeting began with a work session regarding preliminary results of a thoroughfare study, presented by the De Shazo Group.

The DeShazo Group calculated traffic volume that various zones generate on a daily basis, and proposed feasible re-routing interchanges using orientations based on those findings.

High-volume areas are those of known and expected congestion, versus vicinities with least amount of "stop-and-go" traffic. In order to pin-point anticipatory impact, they intend to quantify traffic in each particular zone, to determine a reasonable capacity of passage, during the project.

Roadways classified as "major arterial, minor arterial, major collector and minor collector" sound like just what they are: the circulatory system existing of traffic flow on certain highways at certain (or all) times. The thoroughfare would expedite how people enter and exit the city and allow efficiency at characteristic problem-spots, such as links and corridors.

It is the hope of the DeShazo Group that this thoroughfare study will lead to easier and more

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## Brothers team up to produce local film ...

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nearly as successful with his music as he was with finding his soul mate. He met his wife, Laurel, in Los Angeles. "She fell in love with him because he was the cool drummer in the band," said Alexander.

The brothers were born in LA, but the family moved to Texas years

ago in order to provide the boys with the best education possible.

Alexander plans to continue his education at the University of North Texas this fall where he will major in filmmaking.

"When I was in seventh grade my family toured UNT and I was enamored immediately. At that point I wanted to study music and play bass in the One O'clock Lab Band. But my interest in doing that petered off, and I didn't know what I wanted to do. But North Texas was always in the back of my mind," Alexander said.

"I remember when my dad drove us to the jazz festival in New Orleans. He wanted to hear Brian Wilson perform his new album 'Smile.' That album shaped my whole perception of music and art in general. My dad said, 'The world's been waiting almost 40 years for this to come out.' He made us sit in his car, and we drove around and listened to it. It taught me that music doesn't have to be a song with all the usual elements — chorus, verse, chorus — it doesn't have to follow any rules. I realized I could apply that to other things in my life. That's when I started analyzing movies as pieces of art, not just as something to watch," Alexander said.

Things suddenly came together this year when Alexander and his best friend, Ryan Graham, filmed a show at RHHS with the encouragement of his AV teacher, Jennifer Easterwood.

"I called it 'Hall Patrol Squad Alpha Go!,' which was inspired by television shows 'Reno 911' and 'Cops.' (Two episodes of the show can be found on YouTube.) Ms. Easterwood told me that if I could come up with an idea, she would probably let me do it. I pitched a lot of ideas that she rejected including '2001: Space Gatsby,' which would have been filmed as if Stanley Kubrick directed it."

It was while filming with Ryan that Alexander said he realized he really wanted to do with his life.

"It makes me happy in a way that nothing else does," he said. He said he is excited about starting at UNT in the fall.

"They have a prestigious television station that's won a couple Emmys," Alexander enthuses. "Anyone can pitch a show. You can get one of my ideas green-lighted or work with someone on his project. I want to get as much stuff done as I can before the professional movie world. I also want to volunteer DJ at the station, which has won award after award."

Both Alexander and Joshua are huge film enthusiasts.

"Wes Anderson is one of my top inspirations," said Alexander. "He was just a kid from Texas who made a low-budget film called 'Rushmore' with his friends Luke and Owen Wilson, and he made The Coen brothers a huge inspiration, as well, because they made you don't have to be afraid to experiment with different genres. Jim Wynorski, the king of B movies, could take a script and make a movie in 3 days. He showed me that if I have an idea, I can do whatever I want, no matter what the budget, no matter what the deadline. Director Kubrick and David Lynch showed me that I can make a movie that is as completely insane as I want it to be as long as it makes sense. "I'll be honest ... I've never been motivated to do much in my life but when I'm getting ready to make a movie, putting it together, I'm behind the camera or when I'm editing—and it's my vision that's tangible — it's like no feeling in the world," Alexander said.

After Alex finishes his career in Hollywood, he said he hopes to teach filmmaking in high schools or to develop his own film company. "I feel like it would be irresponsible of me not to attempt to inspire the next generation," Alexander said.

Alexander has posted a trailer for his movie "Bruce Hayward Here" on Facebook and at BruceHayward@tumblr.com. The premiere will be free to the public at 7:30 p.m. on May 23 at Rockwall-Heath Performing Arts Center.

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convenient travel, including widening two-lane roads and installing 16-foot medians. It was agreed that the city would bring back a draft of the plan—complete with cross-sections and recommendations—at which point a public work session will be placed on the agenda and discussions would, at that time, continue with Council; however, no action was taken.

Fifth on the agenda were a collection of properties bundled together for a single replatting motion. They included Lot 13 and Lot 14 of Block B/1 of Cove Ridge Acres No. 1 to Form One Lot, Lot 13R – Requested by Johnson. Approve Resolution 130423A Authorizing Right-of-Way Acquisition for Horizon Road/FM 549 for Line Improvements. Approve Resolution 130423B Authorizing Right-of-Way Acquisition for Safe Routes to Schools Projects (Four Projects).

All were approved in one motion and Council moved onto discussion and action regarding a request for development of City-owned land with the City of Heath and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation Addition for Park.

Mr. D.W. "Dan" Bobst, again, made an emotional plea for a small parcel of acreage for a park dedicated in memory of Samantha Knostman. He requested roughly four acres out of the city-owned 50 acres.

After an intense volley about the future of the park, Council finally approved the approximate four acres for a playground and subsequent parking honoring Samantha's spirit.

Council reminded the interested parties that every facet of development was subject to final approval. Council initiated—on site design to location—and to be made privy to monies raised. Many private donors and the City of Doug & Ann Knostman have poured in; funds already, reportedly, total \$10,000 and Bobst expects that total to rise exponentially, according to projections and pledges from future commitments. With the promise of funding being in place, the Park Board was tasked with generating a plan designed to acquaint Council with the developments, as well as to apprise Council of the timeline involved in completing the park, in the next 60 days.

Also discussed was the anticipation of mosquito season and the effects that living close to a water-source can have on its locals' legs and arms.

To combat the inevitable, ideas and recommendations regarding "Mosquito Surveillance and Abatement Program" were explored. A three-step program included: weekly mosquito surveillance; "larva-ciding" and taking immediate action by spraying, were West Nile to be encountered or threatened to exist. After a sudden need for even a scratch around his ankles, Council approved \$27,500 to adopt the proposal.

Next up was a public hearing over a zoning revision requested by Cameron Slown of Horizon Promed, after there was discussion regarding a request from "Agricultural" to "Planned Development" for local retail uses on 20 acres at the intersection of Horizon & Jeff Boyd Roads, next to Cobblestone Farms. Council acted and approved that request.

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**Hall tapped for Haddaway Award**

Congressman Ralph Hall (Texas) was presented with the George Haddaway Award for Achievement in Aviation by the Frontiers of Flight Museum, according to a news release from Hall's office.

The award is given "in recognition of his dedicated advocacy of science, space and aviation." Hall is a member and chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology of the U.S. House of Representatives," according to the news release.

"It is an honor to be chosen to receive this award," Hall said. "America's leadership in space exploration has propelled our country to the forefront of the greatest achievement since World War II—the space program—along with the research and development investment that has spawned over the years a tremendous amount of innovation that has improved the lives of Americans and made our country stronger."

Hall placed a tremendous amount of value on the work done by the NASA, and I believe it is important that we continue the pursuit of human spaceflight and exploration if we are to retain America's competitive edge and national security. We have come a long way since that first step, but there are many more steps to be taken."

The award presentation was held on April 27 as part of the museum's 2013 Gala.

## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Riley Faith Blum



Riley Faith Blum were held at 2 p.m. April 15, 2013, at Rest Haven Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 21, 1912, to Scott and Jennifer (Rush) Blum of Rockwall. She will be remembered for her joyful smile and the joy she brought to the lives of her family.

Survivors include her parents; her brothers, Cameron and Connor; her grandparents, Bill Blum and Gina Rush; her grandmother, Bernice Blum; her aunts and uncles, Robyn and Chris, and Tera Rush and Lauren Rush; and her cousins, David Wyatt Rush and Paige and Connor Schulze.

### Hanna Kay Clark



Hanna Kay Clark, 15, died at 1 p.m. April 30, 2013, in the Lake Pointe Memorial Auditorium in Rockwall with Steve Stroope officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Memorial-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Sept. 16, 1997, in Greenville, S.C., to James and Raina Kay (Davis) Clark. She was a Rockwall High School senior who enjoyed playing on the basketball team and participating in volleyball and Club Victory. She was a member of the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include her parents, Tim and Raina Clark of Rockwall; a brother, Cady Cameron, and her husband, Justin, of Sulphur Springs; her father, Christopher Clark of Waco; her grandparents, Doug and Toni Smith of Fort Worth and Joe Clark of Sulphur Springs; a niece, Cadence Smith, nephew, Jaxon Cameron; her aunts, Wendi Kennedy and Daniel and her husband, Bobby; an uncle, Danny Joe Clark, and his wife, Debbie; cousins Hayden Davis and Hartlie Kennedy; numerous aunts and relatives; and her cat, Patches.

### Ken Kauffman



Funeral services for Ken Kauffman, 52, were held at 10 a.m. April 23, in the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church in Heath. Rev. George Luck officiating. Burial followed at 2 p.m. in the National Cemetery in Dallas. Rest Haven Funeral Home-Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He was born April 23, 1960, in Dallas to Charles Kauffman Sr. and Promelia Bann-Martin. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Desert Storm. Upon his return, he attended UTD, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He was a member of the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Survivors include his daughters, Katie Stevenson, and her husband, Paul, of Oro, Sarah Patton and her husband, Ross, of Springdale, Ark.; a son, Charles Kauffman of McKinney; a brother, Greg Kauffman, and his wife, Nancy; his sisters, Karen McNamara and Kathleen Kauffman; his mother, Promelia Bann-Martin of Rockwall; and a granddaughter, Sage Stevenson.

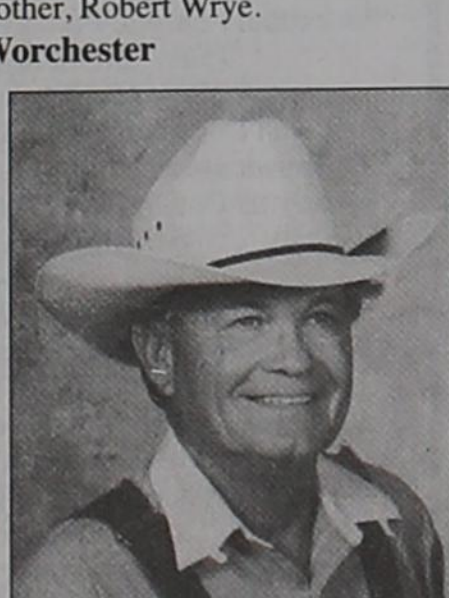
### James Kenneth Wrye



Funeral services for James Kenneth Wrye, 79, of Royse City were held at 2 p.m. April 22, in the Rest Haven Memorial Chapel. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He was born Nov. 21, 1933, in Dallas to Charles Wrye and Mary (Nixon) Wrye. He was a cattleman who loved to work with his chickens. He enjoyed mowing on his property. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Royse City. He was a member of the Elks Lodge 1419 and the Duck Creek Masonic Lodge.

### Retha S. Sells Worchester



Funeral services for Retha S. Sells Worchester, 94, of Kaufman, formerly of Fate, were conducted at 10 a.m. April 22, 2013, in the Rest Haven Memorial-Rockwall Chapel with Rev. Billy Norris officiating. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 4, 1919, in Havana, Ark., to Walter Washington Swint and Nora Swint. She had worked as a nurse's aide at Terrell State Hospital and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fate. She had lived in Fate for more than 50 years prior to moving to Kaufman.

Survivors include her husband, James Worchester, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Sells; her parents; three brothers and three sisters.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to St. Children's Research Hospital's Memorial & Honor Program, 501 St. Louis Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or stjude.org.

## Mayors' Prayer Breakfast scheduled for May 2

The City of Rockwall will host the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. May 2 at The Center in downtown Rockwall, 108 E. Washington.

The event will be conducted in conjunction with the annual National Day of Prayer. Mayors from all Rockwall County communities are expected to be in attendance, according to a news release from the City of Rockwall.

Speaker for this year's event will be missionary Dub Lewis. The theme of the event is "Pray for America."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our hometown to come together in prayer for our nation," said David Sweet, Rockwall mayor. "I think it is particularly important considering the tragic events in West, Texas, Kaufman County and Boston. No matter what your religious affiliation or beliefs, please join us and pray for America."

In addition to the Prayer Breakfast, there will be two other opportunities for the community to come together in prayer on May 2, including:

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

- Evening Prayer and Worship - 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Harry Myers Park Amphitheatre, 815 E. Washington (east entrance). Worship and prayer will be geared toward families and youth.

The first Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer in 1775. Congress established the national observance as an annual event by joint resolution signed by President Harry Truman in 1952. The law was amended and signed by President Ronald Reagan to designate the first Thursday in May as the official date each year.

The local events will be non-political, and there will be no charge for the Prayer Breakfast. Donations will be accepted.

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# Royse City Bulldogs' Ulisses Lopez qualifies for state meet

(University of Texas at Arlington)—On Saturday, April 13, Ulisses Lopez, a junior at Royse City High School, finished 2nd in the 800M run at the Class 4A Region II Track and Field Meet. His time was 1:57.10.

Lopez was in the top 2 in an event at the Regional Meet, Lopez has qualified to compete at the UIL State Track and Field Meet for the first time in a row. Last season, Lopez finished 5th in the 800M run at the State Meet.

Lopez has a very good chance to win a medal at the State Meet. The State Meet is scheduled to be run on May 10-11 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Other Regional Meet Performances for Royse City athletes:

- James Brown (Shot Put) with a throw of 48'0.25"
- James Brown (Triple Jump) with a jump of 42'4"
- James Brown (Long Jump) with a jump of 16'6"
- Relay Team of Freshman Lavencia Jones, Junior Sirina-Tisdale, Junior Yasmine Woodard, and Senior Krystal Woodard in a time of 1:48.25
- Relay Team of Devin Tucker, Chris Fantroy, Daniel Fantroy, and Ulisses Lopez in a time of 3:30.57



Ulisses Lopez shoots through the 800M run to qualify for the state track meet in a time of 1:57.10 during the Regional track meet at UTA. Photo by Ken Morrill/Rockwall County News



Ulisses Lopez, of Royse City High School, takes 2nd place in the 800M run during the Region 4A track meet at UTA. Lopez qualified for the state track meet in Austin. Photo by Ken Morrill/Rockwall County News



Bulldogs' sophomore James Brown takes 7th in the Shot Put during the Regional Track meet at UTA. Brown threw 48:00.25 feet. Photo by Ken Morrill/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Scholastic Sports Schedules

**School Falcons**  
 May 10 - Track and Field State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco  
 Saturday, May 11 - Track and field: at 2A State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco

**Rockwall High School Yellowjackets**  
 Friday, May 3 - Varsity softball: vs. Plano East, Area Playoff at McKinney North, 7 p.m.  
**Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks**  
 Friday, May 3 - Varsity baseball: Bi-District Playoff at Garland Lakeview Centennial, 7 p.m.  
 Varsity softball: vs. Plano in Area Playoff at Wylie, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, May 4 - Varsity softball: vs. Plano in Area Playoff at Wylie, 1 p.m.  
**Cain Middle School Mustangs**  
 Tuesday, May 7 - Cross country: at Rockwall Meet, Harry Myers Park, 7th grade boys 4:15 p.m., 7th grade girls 4:30 p.m., 8th grade boys 4:45 p.m. and 8th grade girls 5 p.m.  
 Thursday, May 9 - Girls' soccer: home vs. Williams, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m.

May 10 - Track and Field State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco

May 11 - Track and Field State Championships, Hart-Patterson Complex, Baylor University, Waco

**Christian Academy Eagles**  
 May 10 - Track and field: at Regional Championships, Episcopal School, Fort Worth

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**Christian Academy Warriors**  
 May 10 - Track and Field State Championships, Episcopal School, Fort Worth

## Rockwall County Entertainment

**Razzle Dazzle Fashion Show planned**  
 Dazzle, a fashion show presented by the Centsible Thrift Stores & Boutique of Helping Hands, will take place at the Hilton Bella Harbor in Rockwall. The event will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m.; tickets cost \$45. The Centsible Boutique of Helping Hands will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more details or to register, visit rockwallhelpinghands.com.

**Harbor to host Great Outdoors Show**  
 The Harbor will host the 2013 Great Outdoors Show from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 4. The show will feature everything from vacations to stay-cations, as well as weekend getaways. Displays will include items for sale, activities - toys, ATVs, watercraft and more. ASI Gymnastics will showcase its programs and offer live demonstrations and children's activities will be offered. Attendees also will be able to test their skills on a 30-foot wall. Admission will be free; however, donations will benefit the local YMCA.

**Woodcreek Community Car Show set**  
 Woodcreek 2013 Community Care Show in Fate is scheduled for May 5. Check-in time will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 2 p.m. The event will coincide with the Woodcreek Spring Fling. Trophies and plaques will be awarded to winners in the following classes: Under Construction (all years); Sports Cars-1973 to Present; Muscle Cars (all years); Pickups (all years); and Import/Domestic (all years). Auto registrations are due by May 1. Vendors need not be. For more details, contact Michelle Butler at mbutlerwoodcreek@yahoo.com or call 214-927-3021.

**42Five performance set May 9**  
 The 42Five performance set will offer up its form of entertainment singing tunes from the '60s to the '80s including "Don't Stop Believing," "Don't Stop Me Now" and "Joy to the World," beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 9 at the Rockwall Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$15 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

**Josh Weathers Band to perform**  
 The Josh Weathers Band will provide the first Concert by the Lake Series performance at 7:30 p.m. May 9 at The Harbor. Concerts are organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department.

**'Zombeo and Juliet' set May 10-11**  
 Middle School's Theatre Department will present "Zombeo and Juliet" in performances set for 7:30 p.m. May 10 and 11. The show features Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers who are having some very supernatural problems: The women are a family of zombies, and their sworn enemies, the Decapitates, are zombie hunters. Romeo and Juliet fall in love, but Romeo is a zombie. Eighth grade students Dawson Booth and Emily Miller will be playing Romeo and Juliet. Tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$5 per person.

**'God's Favorite' performances scheduled**  
 Rockwall Community Playhouse will offer performances of its latest show, Neil Simon's "God's Favorite," May 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 24, 15 and 26. Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. The show features Thibodeaux, this contemporary morality tale focuses on a successful Long Island businessman, Joe Thibodeaux, who has a high-maintenance wife, ungrateful children and a wisecracking housekeeper. Just when it seems like things can't get any worse, Joe is visited by a "messenger from God" who has a mission to test Joe's faith. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. For more information visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

**Beatles tribute planned May 16**  
 Beatles tribute band Me & My Monkey will perform at 7:30 p.m. May 16 at The Harbor as part of the Concert Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

**Change the Future Auction, Casino Party set**  
 Boys' Girls Clubs of Rockwall County will host their Annual Change the Future Auction & Casino Party at The Harbor from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 17. To purchase tickets, visit www.bgcrockwall.com.

**Tour of Gardens set May 18**  
 The 10th Annual Tour of Gardens, the premier educational event of the Rockwall County Master Gardener Society, will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 18. This year's events, in celebration of the 10th anniversary, will include a visit to favorites from past tours. Cost will be \$8 in advance, \$10 on the day of the tour. Tickets may be purchased in advance at American National Bank, Covington's Nursery, Culver's Restaurant, Land Art Nursery, The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office, 915 Whitmore, Suite B, in Rockwall or from any Master Gardener. Visit rockmga.org or call 972-204-7660 for more details.

**Car show to benefit CASA**  
 The 8th Annual Cars for CASA Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show will take place May 19 at The Harbor in Rockwall. The show will open with registration from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will benefit the Lone Star CASA organization. Sponsor for the event is the Metro East Division of the Dallas Builders Association. Vehicle entry will be from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Awards will be given in car, truck and motorcycle classes. Awards will be presented beginning at 4 p.m. For more information, visit lonestarcasa.org or email carsforcasa@planetrockwall.com.

**Classic rock concert slated**  
 The Classic Rock Variety Show will provide a free classic rock variety show beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 23 at The Harbor as part of the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

**Escapes tribute band to perform**  
 Journey tribute band Escapes will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 30 at The Harbor as part of the Concert Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

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# RHS, RHHS advance to softball Area round Friday

Pitching, hitting and fielding all came together to give both Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath victories in Bi-District playoff games that weren't close. RHS advanced to the Area round by shutting out Garland Naaman Forest 17-0. The Lady Hawks had an almost as easy 7-1 decision over Garland. The District 12-5A-champion Lady Jackets would be seeking their 15th consecutive victory in a one-game Area playoff against Plano East at 7 p.m. Friday at McKinney North. At the same time, district runner-up RHHS is scheduled to begin its best-of-three series against Plano at Wylie.

Against Naaman Forest at Wylie Friday, April 26, RHS' Emily Cowan pitched the shutout, allowing just three singles. Her teammates provided more extra-base hits than the Lady Rangers' total. Shelbi Court clubbed both a home run and a triple, and batting leader Hayley Baker provided a triple and a double.

Emily Cowan pitched a three-hit shutout for Rockwall. Shelbi Court hit a

home run and a triple, and Hayley Baker (.600 average, 23 runs batted in) added a triple and a double.

In the second game of that doubleheader at Wylie, RHHS' Sarah Stewart (16-5) held Garland to five hits. She and Savannah Calhoun each went 3-for-4 and drove in a run. The Lady Hawks pounded 16 hits, including doubles by Mallory Drain, Ally Brandvold, Lauren Archuleta and Blair Tunnell.

Rockwall and Plano East (17-13) have played each other three times this season, with the Lady Panthers winning each one. Those were during the first part of the season. RHS was just 6-12-1 after the third of those losses, 6-3 at the Wylie tournament March 2. Since then, the Lady Jackets have won all 14 games to improve to 20-12-1.

East, the third-place team from District 10-5A, also won 4-2 Feb. 23 in the Allen tournament. The teams opened the season against each other, with the Lady Panthers winning 7-1 over Cowan and RHS, with Kate Newman

blasting two home runs.

Lady Jackets head coach Shadie Acosta can choose between Kayla Vandergriff as the starting pitcher against East.

RHHS would be just as hot as Rockwall if the Lady Hawks won RHHS twice during the district season. Rockwall-Heath has won and is 11-2 in its last 13 games, with both losses to the Lady Jackets. The Lady Hawks (19-8) will be facing Plano (17-15), which is in 10-5A, in a best-of-three series. All of the games are scheduled with the second game at 1 p.m. Saturday. If a third game is needed, it will follow that game Saturday.

Rockwall has an impressive recent history. The district champion was its fifth in a row, and the Lady Jackets reached at least Quarterfinals (the next round after Area) the last 4 years in 4A. RHS in the playoffs after missing the last two seasons in District 10-5A.

## Eventful week leaves Hawks, Jackets in top 2 playoff spots

Rockwall-Heath and Rockwall finished the regular season as the first and second playoff seeds from District 12-5A.

However, it's the Yellowjackets who came out of a bizarre final week of the season on a hot streak: seven consecutive victories entering Wednesday's Bi-District playoff game against Rowlett (12-16-1), the third-place team from District 11-5A. RHHS lost its most recent game, 7-1 Friday night at Tyler Lee.

Meanwhile, RHS didn't have to go even five innings to wrap up second place Friday. The Jackets overtook Longview's 1-0 lead with two runs in the bottom of the fourth, then watched as umpires ejected both Longview coaches from the game. With no coach available, the Lobos were forced to forfeit the game.

On Saturday, RHS played a warm-up game that kept the Jackets both hot and confident. With Garrett Moon driving in four runs, three with a first-inning triple, Rockwall (26-6) won 7-3 at Southlake Carroll (26-4-1).

RHHS (22-9) was scheduled to begin its best-of-three Bi-District series against Garland Naaman Forest (17-15) Thursday night. The second game would be at Naaman Forest at 7 p.m. Friday. If a third game is needed, it would be played at Wylie at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Against Longview, Rockwall had overcome the frustration of being unable to score after Moon had tripled. Nick Lutzel's runs-scoring double was the big hit in the Jackets' two-run fourth inning. Winning pitcher Carter Lilly allowed just two hits in four innings.

The winning pitcher in Saturday's game, Cason Adams, drove in Moon with the run that gave RHS a 4-0 lead before the Dragons batted. The score was 4-1 before Rockwall added three fifth-inning runs, driven in by Moon,

Lutzel and Dustin Angiel. Adams was supported by 10 hits; Cason had won nine consecutive games, managed just six.

Rockwall-Heath took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on R.J. Williams. The Raiders (16-9 overall, 8-4 in the district) tied the game in the top of the first, then exploded for five second-inning runs. Lee's Zander held the Hawks to three hits, two singles and Kelly Dorsett's double.

A strong or weak finish to the regular season doesn't necessarily carry over into the playoffs, as the Jackets have learned during the past few seasons. RHHS' nine losses might indicate that the Hawks aren't strong enough to go far in the postseason, but they lost nine last year en route to the Championship.

The loss to Lee revealed a greater concern. Before that game, the Hawks had been pitching well but had a slumping offense. Over the games, the Hawks compiled just 26 runs and 38 hits – or 3.3 hits per game. However, Lee's seven runs nearly equaled the eight runs Rockwall-Heath's seven previous opponents. So despite the offense, the Hawks have gone 6-2 during the eight-game stretch.

It's to RHHS' advantage to play best-of-three series. The Hawks have a three-man rotation of Connor Roth; Tyler Ivey, who lost for the first time against Lee, and left-hander Ryan Kinney. Few teams can match that strength. So even if an opponent's ace can stop Rockwall-Heath in one game, the Hawks still can have an advantage in the series – produce some runs.

Rockwall also has a deep pitching staff. Lilly, Adams, Alec Van Dyke and Glover each have at least five wins with no more than two losses.

## French leads Eagles to 2nd place in district meet

Wyatt French won three events to lead the Heritage Christian Academy boys to second place in the TAPPS District 2-2A Championships Friday at Trinity Christian Academy-Addison.

French, a junior, took district championships in the pole vault at 11 feet, long jump (20 feet, 8 1/2 inches) and high jump (5-10). He also placed second in the 110-meter hurdles in 17.75 seconds to score 38 of HCA's 107 points.

Both Heritage Christian boys' and girls' teams finished second behind Dallas The Covenant School. The Lady Eagles totaled 82 points. Rockwall Christian Academy's boys and girls both placed fifth, with 70 and 50 points.

Other event winners were HCA's Taylor Powers in the girls' shot put (27-7) and RCA's Daniel Rorie in the boys' triple jump (40-3 3/4), David Figueiredo in the boys' discus (114-2) and freshman Kennede Hutson in the girls' high jump (4-8).

**MORE TRACK AND FIELD:** The Fulton School juniors Hayden Leverett and Todd Treadway each qualified in three events for the TAPPS 1A State Championships May 10-11 in Waco.

Leverett won the 200-meter dash at the 1A North Regional in 24.01 seconds, edging second-place Treadway's 24.03, and the triple jump at 38-9.

Treadway qualified with a fourth-place leap of 32-0. In the 110-meter hurdles, Treadway was second in 17.53, with Leverett third in 17.73.

Ryan Stockton qualified in the shot put at 36-1, good for third place. The Fulton girls' 4x400-meter relay team of Mary Jane Lenamond, Laine Ellison, Abby Wilson and Jordan Ritter also qualified for State with a time of 5:30.42, good for fourth place.

RCA's second-place finish in the district put the Warriors into the 1A/2A playoffs. They were scheduled to play an Area round game at DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal. Neither Fulton nor Heritage qualified for the playoffs.

**SOFTBALL:** Both second-place HCA and fourth-place Rockwall Christian qualified for the playoffs. The Lady Warriors were scheduled to play their Area game Tuesday at Wichita Falls North Dame Catholic School. Heritage's game was scheduled for Thursday evening against Lakehill Prep at Dallas Parish Episcopal.

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## Rockwall County high school varsity results

**Baseball**  
Fulton 12, Greenville Christian School 11, 9 innings  
Rockwall 2, Longview 1  
Rockwall 7, Southlake Carroll 3  
Tyler Lee 7, Rockwall-Heath 1

**Softball**  
Rockwall 17, Garland Naaman Forest 0  
Rockwall-Heath 7, Garland 1

**Boys' Track and Field**  
Region II-5A Championships (38 teams) – Rockwall 2 (1st), Rockwall-Heath 0 (38th)  
TAPPS District 2-2A Championships (12 teams) – Heritage Christian Academy 107 (2nd), Rockwall Christian Academy 70 (5th)

**Girls' Track and Field**  
Region II-5A Championships (36 teams) – Rockwall 4 (tie for 1st), Rockwall-Heath 0 (36th)  
TAPPS District 2-2A Championships (11 teams) – Heritage Christian Academy 82 (2nd), Rockwall Christian Academy 50 (5th)



Rockwall High School alumnus Audrey Farfan (front center) continues her education and play softball with Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas. Farfan will be playing for Paris Junior College. Joining Audrey in the special event are mother Danyra McCarthy (front left). Standing at back are Paris Junior College Head Coach Nicole Dickson, Vol Assistant Coach Jack Butler and Assistant Coach Chelsey Johnson. Photo courtesy of Paris Junior College/Rockwall County News.

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