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Congratulations ...

to top
honor students



Don Becknell was awarded the highest award given by the Roys City Chamber of Commerce at the annual Awards and Luncheon at Occasions at Stone River on May 20. Becknell has been involved as a citizen and in the government of Roys City, including holding the position of Mayor.

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Megan Buhr is the Valedictorian at Poetry Community Christian School with a GPA of 4.1957. She has attended PCCS for 6 years during which time she played on the varsity volleyball team and assisted in defending its TCAL State Championship 3 years running. She was also captain of the varsity girls basketball team, guitar player on the school praise team, Vice President on the Student Council for 2 years, and was part of this year's school mission team to the Rio Grande Valley. Megan embraced the opportunities that PCCS provided her to be a leader and to serve at the school and in the community. She has been an active member of Wills Point International Outreach Church her entire life, being part of the praise team, as well as teaching children's church. Megan will enter the Honors Program at Texas Woman's University on a Presidential Scholarship (1 of 36) and a full tuition scholarship; she will work towards a Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene with a minor in photography.

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Danell Horan is the 2014 Salutatorian at Poetry Community Christian School with a GPA of 4.1801. Danell has attended PCCS since the school opened in 2002. During her high school years at PCCS, she earned her black belt and the Leadership Award in the Christian Soldiers Karate program, a program recognized by the American Martial Arts Association. Her passion is writing and she competed and qualified as a finalist in the Annual National Novel Writing Month competitions 2009-2013, and authored the school's puppet scripts as well as a school play. She has seven novels written as well as poetry, drama scripts, nonfiction, and short stories. She was awarded 1st place and 2nd place in Creative Writing at the TCAL State Academics Meets in San Antonio. Danell is a member of the National Honor Society and the school's Honors Connect mission trip team. Although her favorite classes are in the English department, she has also enjoyed learning physics and pre-calculus this year. She lettered in 2012 and 2013. This fall, Danell will be attending Belhaven University, the only Christian university offering a Creative Writing bachelor's degree, where she will major in Creative Writing. She was granted a \$42,000 scholarship from the university based on her academics and creative writing portfolio. She will miss her teachers and friends at PCCS but looks forward to a future in authorship.

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Chamber conducts annual awards event

Millie Jean Coppedge

The Roys City Chamber of Commerce Awards and Luncheon took place May 20 at the Occasions at River facility.

Welcome and introductions were given by Bobby Montgomery of Poindexter Medical Center.

Bob Deuell gave a brief overview of the state's economic status.

The highest chamber award went to Don Becknell. This award is the Big "R" Pacesetter Award and is given in appreciation for leadership, long-term service and contribution to the growth of the community.

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The Roys City Middle School Choir received a first division rating at the Hawaiian Falls Contest at South Garland High on May 15. Students enjoyed a day at the waterpark where the higher awards were presented. The middle school vocalists won Best in Class for the Open Mixed Choir Division and had a perfect score. Pictured are, at front, from the left, Ebony Johnson, Madison Ainsworth, Laura Vause, Leila, Wiseman, Kenzie Kines, Cameron Worthy, Thomas Marinaro, Andrew Giles, Wyatt Lane, Olivia Forrest, Daphne Bennett, Ashley Blanton and Rebecca Scott; second row, Star Frias, Briana Fuentes, Alexa Rawdah, Madilyn McWhorter, Brittney Majors, Jacob Gregory, Justin Lloyd, Baxter Stockburger, Amanda Sanders, Kayla Johnston, Victoria Solis, Kaitlyn

Crawford and Lexi Jones; third row, Varinna Wright, Grace O'Neil, Catherine Alessio, Dakota Hampton, Sydney Fierro, Lauren Blackburn, Evan Cawthon, Cane Lopez, Nathan Jasso, Ian Duncan, Sarah Richardson, Spencer Salazar, Katelyn Padgett, Ashley Yanez and Kalee Gray; and fourth row, Ellie Weir, Samantha Hale, Lidia Trammell, Alexis Watkins, Samantha Hurtado, Abbey Stinson, Devyn Johnson, Alanna Matthews, Sara Gunderson, Brianna Vogel, Melissa Garcia and Melissa Heft. Two of the school's choirs scored sweepstakes at this year's UIL contest, marking the first time this has happened in RCMS history.

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Police investigate child's death in Rockwall

A 3-year-old girl died this week from injuries believed to have been sustained during an accident in a residential setting, according to a short press release issued Monday by Rockwall Police.

A 9-1-1 medical call received at approximately 4:50 p.m. June 2 sent Rockwall Police officers to a residence in the 700 block of Hail Drive. There, officers were directed to a bedroom where the child has sustained serious injuries from an apparent accident.

Rockwall EMS transported the child to a nearby hospital, but the child died from injuries believed to have been sustained during the accident," a release states.

The names of the child and those of her family members had not been released as of mid-day Tuesday.

According to Public Information Officer Jeff Welch, "the preliminary investigation indicates that the child accidentally pulled a television off a table and onto herself."

The case remains open and under investigation by the police department's Criminal Investigation Division.

Spots still open for STAR Theater project

A few positions remain available for actors and volunteers in the STAR Theater's modified production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," which will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 and 2 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse.

The Social Theater at Rockwall (STAR), a specialized program for people ages 16 and older with Down syndrome and/or autism, is in its third season.

The two-week long workshop will rehearse from 8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 4-8 and Aug. 11-15.

The playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall.

Tickets will cost \$5 and may be purchased at the door.

Participant and volunteer registration forms are available at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org under the MORE INFO tab.

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Centsible Trade Days set June 6-7

Rockwall County Helping Hands will host its first Centsible Thrift Store's Trade Days on June 6-7. The indoor flea market and parking lot sale will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Centsible is located at 950 Williams St., Building B, in Rockwall.

Democratic Men's Group to meet June 7

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon June 7 at Z's Catfish, 127 Kenway St., near downtown Rockwall. This group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Local, state and national current events and politics are discussed. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future direction of Texas and Rockwall County are welcomed.

'Godspell' auditions set June 7, 8

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Teen Theater production of "Godspell," which will be staged in July and August, will begin at 1 p.m. June 7 and 8 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Adult Summer Reading program planned

The Rockwall County Library's Adult Summer Reading program, Literary Elements, will offer an assortment of prizes. Participants will be able to select the prize they



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Friday Study Club meets in library, installs 2014-15 officers

The Friday Study Club met May 16 at the Rockwall County Library for its regular meeting and installation of the 2014-15 officers.

Club president June Frawley, presided over the business portion of the meeting. Ruth Beck announced the Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at The Harbor in August with Michael Manley, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, directing.

Kathy Melston presented Marcine McCulley, Rockwall County Library Director, a generous donation from FSC to help with the Library's children programs.

Kathy also continued the "walk down memory lane" with information gleaned from the Club's archives. 1980 was the year the Club broke ties with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. The Federation was involved with the Friday Study Club in 1919.

Ruth Peck installed the following officers: June Frawley, President; Peg Pannell Smith, First Vice President; Betty Moon, Second Vice President; Martha Baker, Recording Secretary; Carolyn Duckworth, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; Ruth Willis, Reporter; Nancy Hill, Assistant Reporter; and Becky Cecil, Parliamentarian.

Ruth Peck made the ritual entertaining with brief stories in the lives of celebrities who had served in a similar office as the one being installed.

Co-hostesses, Marylyn Thompson and Kathy Melston, served refreshments.



Friday Study Club 2014-15 Officers are (left to right) June Frawley, Peg Pannell Smith, Betty Moon, Martha Baker, Carolyn Duckworth, Ruth Willis, Nancy Hill and Becky Cecil. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Friday Study Club co-hostesses for the May 16, 2014 meeting were (left to right) Marilyn Thompson and Kathy Melston. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Hall named Hero of Main Street

Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-11) was named a Hero of Main Street by the National Small Business Administration for his efforts to support the Main Street retail.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our local economies, and I want to support them when they are in Washington and when they are at home," said Hall.

"Many small businesses are struggling under a burdensome tax and regulatory burden and ObamaCare mandate," said Hall.

"To address these issues, I will support tax reform such as the Tax and Fair Tax, and I will continue to fight this administration's control regulations that hamper the creation of new jobs," said Hall.

"It is an honor to receive the Main Street Award. I believe this recognition should also be given to small business owners who are our local job creators and provide our communities with the products and services that are the backbone of America's economy."

The award ceremony will be held on June 11, 2014, at 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at the Rockwall County Courthouse. The award will be presented to the winners of the 2013-2014 Main Street Award.

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Joyce Jackson and her Son Charlie Roach

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Older Americans celebration day conducted in Rockwall

by Millie Jean Coppedge
The Rockwall County Library was at standing-room only at 1 p.m. May 16 to honor 32 senior citizens. The celebration, sponsored by Meals on Wheels, was in honor of the Rockwall County seniors, programs and volunteers serving the community.

The theme for this year's program was Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow, with a focus on injury prevention. The website found under Older Americans Day Celebration states that "each May, Rockwall organizations, the five city mayors of the county, city government and individuals nominate several outstanding seniors to receive an award honoring the value that they contribute to our community."

Elmer Stone, who was there with two friends, Rockwall County constable Randy Parks and Rockwall Mayor David Sweet, was one of those honored for giving of his time and resources to make life easier for others in the county.

Stone was honored for serving as deputy reserve constable for Precinct 4, which he recently resigned to take the position of bailiff for the grand jury of Rockwall County. He has served for more than 44 years on law enforcement, which includes serving with the University Park Police Department, the Dallas Police Department

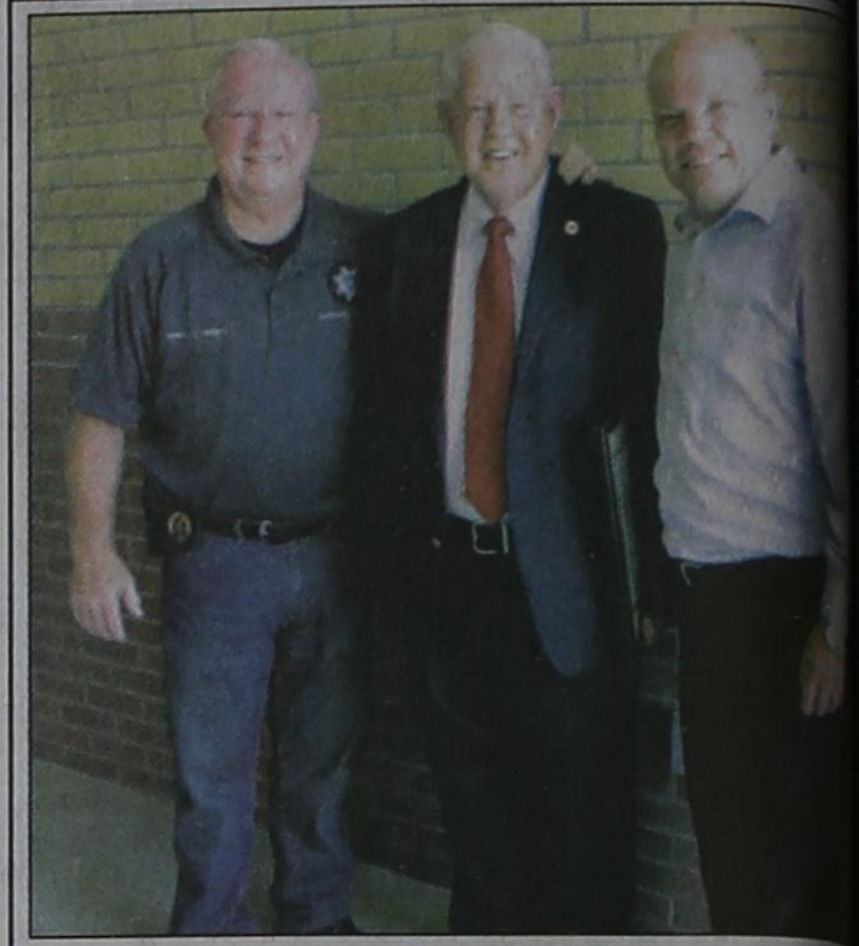
and the Dallas Sheriff's Department. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Rockwall.

Honored during the Older American Celebration Day festivities were Kathy and Gary Grant, Jack and Annette Foster, Anita Hudson, Victor Isaak, Janice Enloe, Linda Haygood, Bill Hibbard, Judy Sutton, Karen Straughan, Lois Small, Gail Ferguson, Jerry Hogan, Jim and Barbara Allan, Linda Fergusson, Ann Roan, Cindy Lindley, Norma Moreno Sandy Hansen, Heidi Geiger, Carolyn Holzei, Cruz, Angelo, Roy Hance, Sally Tenney, Ernest Kimmons, Bob Chifton, Bill Cecil, Lynda Banks and Mary Lou Obratits.

The mission for Meals on Wheels is "to keep the elderly and disabled citizens of Rockwall County living in their homes as long as safely possible through supportive services, nutritious meals, and daily human contact."

Meals on Wheels Senior Services sponsored and organized the program. Executive director for Meals on Wheels is Margaret VerHagen, the assistant director is Robert Glover and the benefits counselor/administrative assistant is Janice Enloe. The physical address is 959 Williams St., Building C., Suite 200, Rockwall.

For more information, call 972-771-9514.



Elmer Stone, center, was among 29 honorees at the Rockwall County Library on May 16. Attending the 2014 celebration personally honor and support Stone were Rockwall County constable Randy Parks, left, and Rockwall Mayor David Sweet. The Meals on Wheels sponsors the yearly celebration, which always takes place in May.
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Rockwall Soroptimist Shelli Miller, left, and Susan Reeves, the Soroptimist scholarship chair, are shown presenting the Susan Faulkner Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 to the Marlett, who will attend Stephen F. Austin University in the fall.
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cas named to Dean's List

Over a dozen local residents have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester at Texas State University in San Marcos, according to a university news release.

Students include Nicole Heath, Michael Gray of Rockwall, E. Cook of Rockwall, Lashae Gilmer of Rockwall, Callie M. Salverino of Rockwall, Marissa D. Shipp of Rockwall, Sarah E. Forbis of Rockwall, Sarah Elizabeth Hinton of Rockwall, Mary Kay Lee of Rockwall, Callie L. of Rockwall, Krystal L. of Rockwall, Lindy Lee of Rockwall, Jessa Lynne of Rockwall, Sarah Marie of Rockwall and Danni Leez-Rogina of Royse



Heritage Christian Academy graduating senior Kelsea Rushing has been accepted into the SMU Pre-Law Scholars Program. Approximately 40 students per year are selected to join the program. These scholars are eligible for automatic admission into the SMU Dedman School of Law upon completion of their undergraduate degrees. Each pre-law scholar also is invited to attend special law-related events such as visiting speakers, conferences and symposiums and law-alumni panels as part of their undergraduate degree program.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Jesse Wayne Huffstetler of Royse City received a bachelor's degree in chemistry during commencement exercises conducted May 16 at the University of Texas at Dallas. Huffstetler graduated with cum laude honors. The son of Jeff and Linda Huffstetler, he is employed as a research scientist in Richardson.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

A true patriot must be a religious man. He who neglects his duty to his Maker may well be expected to be deficient and insincere in his duty towards the public.
Abigail Adams

Local residents feted at Baylor

Over a dozen Rockwall and Heath residents were among the 320 Baylor University students named to the Dean's Academic List for the 2014 spring semester, according to a university news release.

Michael Mackin and Megan Marie McKenna of Heath were named as were Rockwall residents Anabel Glynn Burke, Alexa Heath, Aaron Albert Lee Houston, Rachel Joy Liebrum, Connor De'Andra Christine Maxwell, Taylor Ashlyn Neely, Caitlin Rainey, Meredith Adele Rimmer, Julia Roxan Roland, Macall Smith and Michael Brock Sterry.

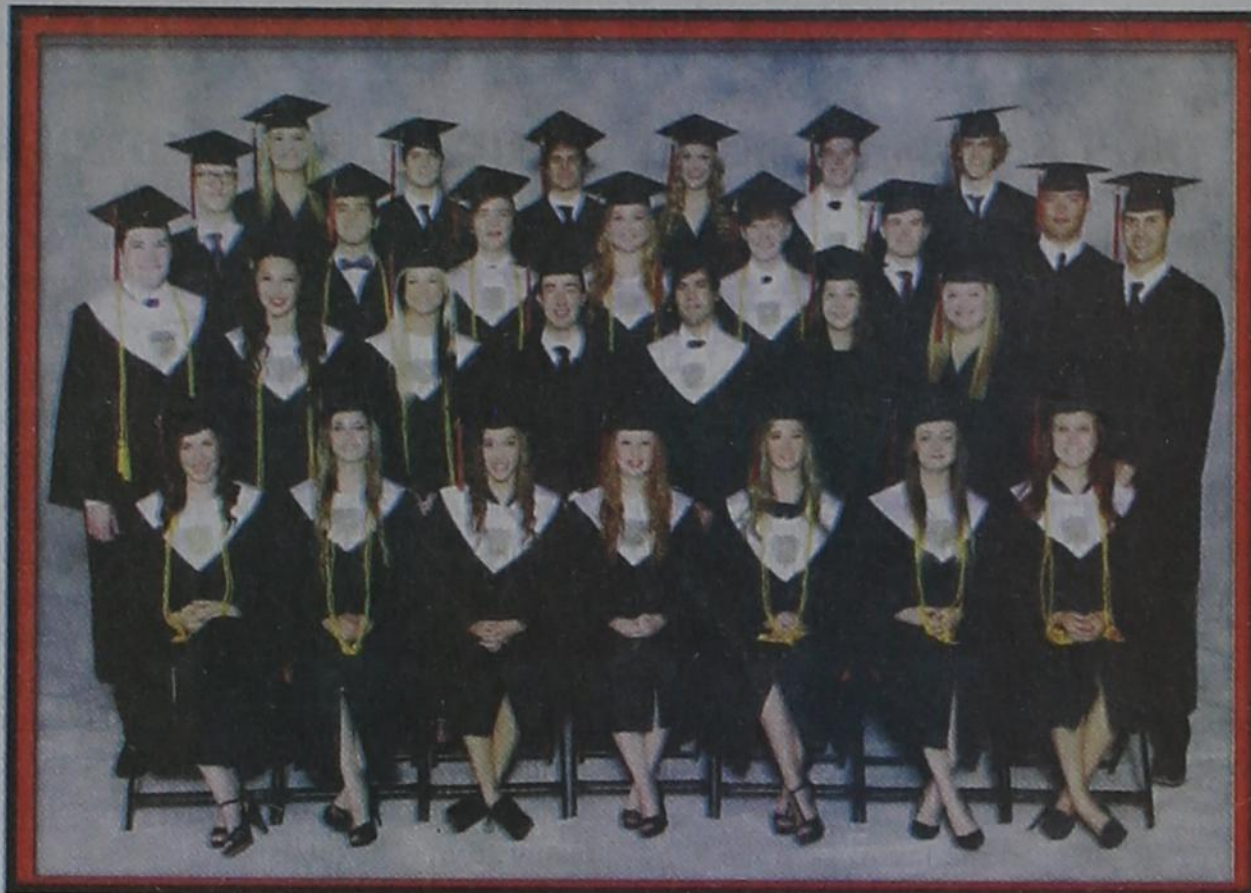
To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum number of semester hours.



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Parents, Charlie & Trissi Davis, Rowlett brother, SN Charles "Chaz" Dustin Davis, Norfolk VA
Chandler was one of 300 Texas HS students to receive Best Musician at State UIL Solo & Ensemble. He was a member of the Drum Majors at 3 marching contests. He was an Alto Saxophone Player in Texas (He is the 2nd student to receive this for his instructor, Joey Resendez). He was a recipient of the Philip Sousa Award for Rowlett HS. He is a 4% Graduate of his class. He received a complete scholarship to Baylor University as a Music Education major.

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(Left to right) Taryn Hopkins, Mariah Camp, Danny Hernandez, Dusty Jay, Alyssah Pranschke and Madison Spinks.



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Treadway, Ritter, Leverett win new awards for Fulton

That's probably our most prestigious award," Johnson said. The traditional Male and Female Athlete of the Year awards went to senior Brenden Williams and freshman Jasmine Norman. Williams is the Falcons' all-time scoring leader in basketball. He led Fulton to the Regional round of the TAPPS 1A playoffs. Norman qualified and participated in both the golf and track and field State Championships, received All-State mention in basketball and was an All-District volleyball performer. Treadway was an All-State football player. He also competed in basketball, baseball and track and field. Leverett was an integral part of the Falcons' football, basketball, track

and field and golf teams. Ritter played for the district-champion basketball team as well as the volleyball and track and field squads. She also took second place in a state-level art competition. Johnson said, "The Falcon Award is for the most spirit in athletics and academics. When we have our Preview Day and when students visit before coming here, we'll want them to shadow Jordan." Fulton also recognized senior Megan Bokoski, who signed a letter of intent to play women's soccer at the University of Texas-Tyler.

Hawks football closes spring with final scrimmage

by Ryan Garrett
The Heath defensive teams dominated with four interceptions, two recovered fumbles and allowed just one touchdown by the offense in the Hawks' spring game May 20 at the RHHS Turf Field. Junior Rico Henderson highlighted the offensive attack with several big carries, including a 54-yard run in the opening drive. That drive was halted with a pick by sophomore Cory Wilkerson to begin Heath's strong defensive game. Two drives later, the defense struck again as junior Tristan Carstarphen intercepted junior Jordan Hoy's pass at the 40-yard line. Sophomore Nick Rose hauled in another interception, while junior Andrew Echavarría and sophomore Trent Podleski each recovered fumbles in the second quarter. Opening up the second half, Henderson ran for two first downs and then Hoy connected with junior Dean Cline for a 35-yard touchdown pass. The Hawks defensive strike continued for the remainder of the game, capped off with an interception by freshman Chandler Mauldin to end the scrimmage. Also featured at the Hawks' Spring Game was the JV football team, Rockwall-Heath cheerleaders, the High Steppers Drill Team, and the Mighty Hawk Band, as well as halftime 7 on 7 flag football with 7th and 8th graders from Cain and Utley Middle Schools.



Junior Hawks quarterback Jordan Hoy (7) hands the ball off to sophomore Tyler McCalister (28) in Rockwall-Heath's spring game May 20 at the RHHS Turf Field. Photo by Ryan Garrett/Rockwall County News

Baseball coach, player selected for charity event

by Ryan Garrett
Basketball coach Alan Simmons has been selected to head the team in the 49th annual Faith 7 Basketball Bowl. Rockwall's Tyler Simmons, Alan's son, will be playing, and assistant coach Mayo will also coach the Texas squad. The Faith 7 Bowl game will be held June 7 at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma, with tipoff set for 7 p.m., and pits ten players from Texas against ten of the best from Oklahoma. All players selected by the respective state coaches, are 2014 high school seniors who will continue playing at the collegiate level. Simmons and Mayo are the first high school coaches to be selected for the Texas squad. Simmons and Mayo are the first high school coaches to be selected for the Texas squad. Simmons and Mayo are the first high school coaches to be selected for the Texas squad.

Orange downs White in Spring Swarm

by Ryan Garrett
The Orange team, which was comprised of first team defensive and second team offensive players, won 21-14 over the White team — featuring mostly first team offense and second team defense. Two big pass completions by quarterback Matt Jones to Tyler Blacknell in the first quarter, the orange team put points on the board with a 22-yard run by A.J. Blacknell. The orange extended their lead with a 10-yard run by A.J. Blacknell in the second quarter on a touchdown pass from Jones to Matt Jones just beyond the goal line. The White team opened up the second half with a series of three-and-outs, but scored in the third. In the 4th, the White finally put up pints after a 10-yard carry, setting up a one-yard touchdown run by Nathan Doss to cut the lead in half. The Orange team capitalized on an intercepted pass, and tied the game with a 41-yard run by Nathan Doss to cut the lead in half. The Orange team capitalized on an intercepted pass, and tied the game with a 41-yard run by Nathan Doss to cut the lead in half.



A.J. Blacknell (22, Orange) rushes up the middle for the first touchdown of the game in Rockwall's Spring Swarm Friday at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. Also pictured Campbell Kutac (10, orange), Camron Schakart (46, orange), Dejaun Ochulor (59, orange) and Drake Plumb (41, white). Photo by Ryan Garrett/Rockwall County News

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Williams, Jones sail to victory

Williams again won a Spring Wednesday Night Series sailing race on Lake Ray Hubbard May 28. Jones returned to his winning ways in the Wednesday Night B Fleet, taking first place aboard "Freight Dog" placed first among seven boats in the A Fleet. Jeff Willis finished second with "Orion," with Dan Malak and "Orion" third and George Conklin fourth in "Audacity." Keelan Manuel brought "Joint Venture" home second, and Larry Carpenter's "Odyssey" took third. The lake continues on Sunday afternoons as well as Wednesday evenings.

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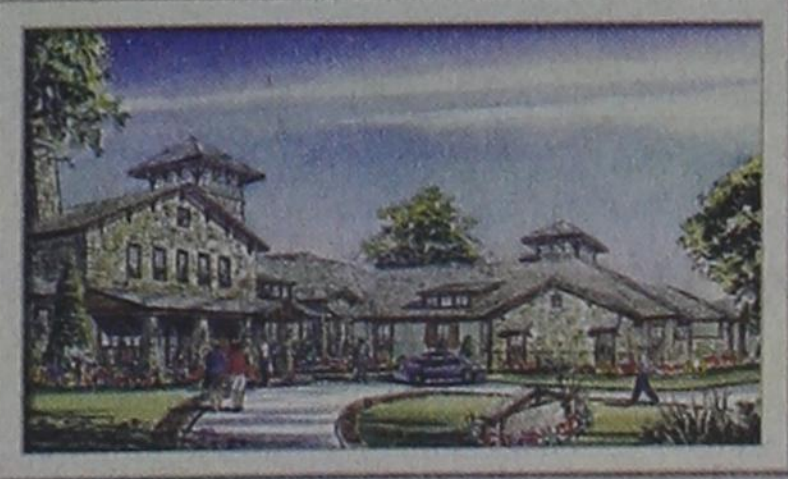


Rockwall County Meals on Wheels Volunteers Carolyn Holzhei and Bill Wilson



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