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Citizens of Rockwall County and area travelers were forced to take a break from the fast-paced daily routines because of inclement weather that placed a thick layer of ice over the roads and bridges Mon. morning Feb. 23. The above photo was taken about 11:00 a.m. and shows Goliad street looking south from the Rockwall square.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

AMBUCS presents AmTrykes in Heath

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Friday, Feb. 20, at the Health and Spa in Heath the Lakeside AMBUCS (American Business Clubs) presented AmTrykes to 27-year-old old Julie Bartenstein and 7-year-old Jonathan Lopez.

The recipients' faces filled with joy as the two specially designed AmTrykes were brought out of the building.

Both young people suffer from cerebral palsy and have great difficulty in participating in play in outdoor activities. As each was situated into their new AmTrykes, the excitement in the crowd grew and tears filled many eyes. Several times, those in attendance burst into applause at what they were witnessing.

The AmTryke built for Bartenstein was even painted a beautiful shade of purple, her favorite color.

The employees of the spa conducted a Nov. 6 fundraiser, raising money to help purchase the AmTrykes. Various vendors for the spa donated products, then a raffle was conducted and tickets drawn for the gifts.

The spa, owned by Jauna French, gave \$2,500 toward the purchase of the AmTrykes and business representatives say they are inspired to attempt to raise more money since witnessing the donation to Bartenstein and Lopez and their families.

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Twenty-seven-year-old Julie Bartenstein, left, and 7-year-old Jonathan Lopez recently were honored with the presentation from AMBUS (American Business Clubs) with the gift of an AmTryke. Both recipients' AmTrykes were build especially for each of their individual disabilities. Both have cerebral palsy.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Tom Davidson, pictured above, was the guest speaker for the Rock Wall Chapter of the DAR at its Feb. 7 meeting at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Heath. Davidson spoke on Bagpipe Music of the Revolutionary War and played the bagpipe, discussing the craftsmanship of the instrument. He traced the history of the bagpipe with a focus on those used during the American Revolution. The Rock Wall Chapter meets on the first Saturday of each month at designated times and locations. Guests are welcome. For more details, contact Regent Mindy Lovell at 214-502-7697.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

Garbage, recycling pick-ups resume today

Garbage and recycling collections in Rockwall, which were discontinued earlier this week following the winter storm, will resume today, Feb. 26, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

County offices to close March 2

Rockwall County offices will be closed March 2 in observance of Texas Independence Day, according to the county's website.

Citizen Fire Academy scheduled

A 10-week Citizen Fire Academy program, offered to increase awareness in the life of a firefighter, will begin in March. Classes will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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Rockwall discusses estimated \$367,000 logo change proposal

City of Rockwall met Mon. Feb. 16, 2015 to hold three work sessions, executive session and a regular meeting at the city hall.

The first work session was to discuss the acquisition of portable furniture for use in the San Jacinto Plaza off the square. The most popular concerns expressed by council members involved stability of furniture during high wind events and security from vandalism and theft.

The second work session was related to initiating an amendment to the Unified Development Code in Article 9 Section 11.1 Tree Fund Administration. The council was asked to expand the ordinance to allow purchase of any type of plant material other than annuals, such as shrubbery, perennials that would have a longer life span; to amend ordinance to allow for the city to pay for equipment and installation and to install irrigation systems.

The final work session discussed and considered city branding issues, including updating the city logo as approved by the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation. Ms. Smith explained the new logo and costs of changing the logo city wide. The estimated cost for changing the logo was approximately \$367,720 with water tower changes as the largest expenditure.

Council member Milder expressed his belief that it's time to change the logo to reflect the modernization of Rockwall.

Qball Designs, of Rockwall, played a significant role in designing the logo.

Chris Lewis asked about contracting with a professional consultant to design the logo. He expressed concerns about including flag colors for different schools and the potential of future changes when more schools are added.

It was clarified that the EDC contracted with Qball Designs for professional services.

Following the work sessions, the city council adjourned to executive session to discuss a concession agreement with Suintex Marina/Suintex

RHCL Marina, LLC; a legal claim involving TF-Harbor LLC v. City of Rockwall, Texas and Rockwall Rental Properties L.P.; a legal claim related to back up of city sewage line in Random Oaks Subdivision; and economic development prospects and potential incentive agreement.

The case TF-Harbor v. City of Rockwall and Rockwall Rental Properties involves a dispute over a lot 7 that is currently used for parking at the Harbor District.

The City of Rockwall passed an ordinance allowing Rockwall Rental Properties L.P. to develop on the lot. Rockwall Rental Properties is managed by Housing Property Realty, which is managed by Randal Noe of Terrell, Texas.

TF-Harbor is owned by Credit Union Liquidity Services, L.L.C. of Richardson.

TF-Harbor claimed the ordinance and development impaired a Contractual Agreement to protect leasehold interests in the Cinemark Lease.

On May 9, 2014, Federal District Court Judge Sydney Fitzwater ordered TF-Harbor's federal law claims and state-law claims dismissed without prejudice, on the grounds that TF-Harbor "did not plead cognizable claims for relief."

On June 6, 2014, TF-Harbor's appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was docketed on May 9, 2014.

On February 9, 2015, the Fifth Circuit Court entered its judgment affirming the lower court's decision.

In other business the city:

- Unanimously approved the consent agenda.
- Heard reports on racial profiling, crime comparison and holiday crime initiative by Police Chief Mark Moeller, as required by state law. Moeller reported a 17% reduction in criminal activity during the 2014 period compared to 2013.

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The Rockwall High School Stingerette officers and elite team ShowStoppers competed earlier this month at the American Dance and Drill Team North Texas Regionals Contest. They won the Sweepstakes and Gussie Nell Davis Award, Judges Award Lyrical, Judges Award Open, Judges Award Contemporary, Best Technique, Best Presentation, Best Precision and Best Choreography. Pictured above are several of the competitors.

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Fate City Council hears details about new business

by Timothy W. Burnett

The recent Fate City Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 16, at the Fate Community Center included an introduction by City Manager Michael Kovacs of the partnership with Brookshire's grocery store.

The friendship was unveiled after a number of executive sessions that teased the public about the possibility of a mystery business coming to Fate.

Brookshire's representatives Steve Mouldin and Charles Day were present for the meeting.

Council member Jon Thatcher explained that the timetable is still up in the air, but the project should begin as the I-30 overpass is being completed.

The Brookshire's store will reportedly cover around 50,000 square feet.



Fate citizen, Amy Velez, addresses the Fate City Council, Mon. Feb. 16, 2015. She expressed concerns about neighboring businesses using personal parking signage that restrict parking to respective customers. Velez owns Amy Foster Hair Salon in Fate.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

The council unanimously passed Resolution No. R-843, which supports Resolution No. R-03-15 of the Fate Development Corporation, approving a grant of an economic development incentive to Brookshire Grocery Company. The resolution also approves an economic development incentive agreement between the city, the development corporation and Brookshire Grocery Company.

City Attorney Brenda McDonald advised the resolution "will be published in the newspaper" as required by state law. The Rockwall County News has not been contacted about publishing the related notice.

During the citizen comments, Amy Velez spoke about parking problems in the Fate town center. Velez owns Amy Foster Hair Salon. She said an adjacent business has been displaying a sign "proclaiming parking for Daylight Donuts Only." The feud appears to center around the question of whether a business located in the Fate town center area is authorized to display a sign that restricts parking for its customers only.

"Downtown parking should be free and public, and an ordinance needs to be in place to keep it so . . ." Velez said.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the consent agenda, which included Resolution No. R-841 related to dedication from Benedetto Group LTD, or a Water Utility Easement on property located at 907 Hwy. 66, and Resolution No. R-842 ordering the general election to be held jointly with the Rockwall Independent School District and Roysse City ISD, and administered by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator on May 9, 2015, for the purpose of electing three council members (Places 1, 3 and 5), to the Fate City Council; and other election matters. The City has not published a notice about the order in accordance with state law.
- Approved Ordinance No. - 1400 changing the zoning classification from Agricultural to Planned Development District for Downtown Residential uses with a maximum of two residential lots on approximately .62 acres of land located at 104 Dogwood Trail. The Council amended

the motion to include a stipulation that the front of each residence face Dogwood.

- Approved Resolution No. R-844 in support of the development corporation's declaration to make the approximately 389 acres located at the northwest corner of the intersection of FM 551 and I-30 a mixed development "Project." Kovacs stated that the required notice would be published in the newspaper.

- Discussed, but took no action on Resolution R-845 related to Professional Services Agreement between the City of Fate and Buxton to perform a retail study in the amount of \$50,000 to benefit the "Project" located at the intersection of FM 551 and I-30.

- Unanimously approved Resolution R-846 to conduct a "Design Charrette" for the Project located at the intersection of FM 551 and I-30. The expenditures to conduct the charrette are to be no more than \$10,000.

- Unanimously approved R-847 authorizing Kovacs to renew the Lease Agreement with Rick Brunson for property located at 109 E. Fate Main Place, to temporarily house various City Departments for an additional six month period.

- Approved an interlocal agreement between Rockwall County and the City of Fate for the purchase of public safety radio equipment. Council member Thatcher abstained. Thatcher also doubles as an Assistant District Attorney for Rockwall County.

- Discussed and considered the County Open Space Master Plan. Thatcher expressed concerns about development on flood plains. McDonald advised that an ordinance could be passed to not allow reclaiming of flood plain. Kovacs explained that the flood plain maps were shown to their Brookshire's "friends," and offered development location recommendations.

Thatcher finished by expressing concerns about infringement of property rights.



Brookdale Senior Living resident, Jean Jones, enjoys a special moment as local Girl Scouts Troop 6705 pet her dog, Sat. Feb. 14. The children also sang to the residents, and gave Valentines greeting cards to the residents. Girls Scouts shown above are (back, from left) Abigail Robison, Nevaeh Nelson, Graci Mohan, Lola Cook (front) Emerson Chance, Amelia Cook and Haley Saunders. Not pictured is Lizzie Burau.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Rockwall Christian Academy eighth grade student Micah Berkshier, pictured above, won first place in the 2D Middle School Division of the Rowlett Art Competition conducted recently. Berkshier's detailed sketch of a moccasin, entitled "Step In!", took the prize.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

MOW, Senior Services to benefit from luncheon

The second annual Gardening Tea Luncheon, hosted by Meals on Wheels of Rockwall County, will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 27 at Nineteen at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall.

Tickets, which should be purchased by March 20, cost \$32, the

amount of money required to feed one senior citizen for a week. Seating is limited.

Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallmealsonwheels.org.

Several sponsor packages are available as part of the event, including:

- Orchid Sponsor Package - Corporate table sponsorship, recognition on program and signage, framed certificate and recognition during event, favor bag, four tickets, looping PowerPoint video presentation, website logo -- \$1,000

- Rose Sponsor Package - Recognition during event, recognition on program and signage, favor bag, two tickets and website logo -- \$250

- Tulip Sponsor Package - Placement of raffle on table, must purchase \$32 ticket to attend -- \$50, plus \$32 ticket price

- Lily Sponsor - Make a donation in honor of a loved one, for future seniors educational programs, one ticket, feed a senior for a week -- \$32. Meals on Wheels and Senior Services will benefit from this event.

Local lake levels as of Feb. 17

Lake Lavon: 11.83 ft. down
 Lake Ray Hubbard: 9.06 ft. down
 Lake Texoma: 4.91 ft. down
 Lake Chapman: 10.92 ft. down
 Lake Tawakoni: 10.92 ft. down
 Source: City of Rockwall

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Joyce Jackson and her Son Charlie Roach



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RCA plans food drive to boost SA pantry

When students at Rockwall Christian Academy learned that local Salvation Army's food pantry was low on canned goods, the senior class issued a call to action.

"This shouldn't be happening here," said student body president Cole Kilmer. "If everyone pitches in, then eventually we can stop hunger in the Dallas area."

The Salvation Army of Garland, which hands out hundreds of bags of groceries every month, is one of several food pantries serving the Rowlett area, and its Advisory Council is making efforts to increase awareness of its services to Rowlett.

"We wish more people knew about us around Garland," said Capt. Lars Ljungholm, who heads up the Garland Corps, "but many people are aware that we also serve Rowlett and Sachse."

In just a couple of days, RCA collected nearly 200 pounds of food, but this was just the first CAN (together we CAN drive out hunger) Friday, as it's been dubbed. On the first Friday of every month, RCA will accept donations from anyone who wants to drop off non-perishables to be distributed locally.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Dennis Smith Cleverly



Memorial service for Dennis Cleverly will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel in Rockwall. Arrangements are under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

Dennis Cleverly was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 23, 1947. He received a scholarship to attend the University of Utah. He continued his education, earning a master's and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Syracuse University.

He spent his career in aerospace-defense industry. He began his career at General Electric in Utica, New York, followed by E-Systems/Communications/Raytheon in Greenville and Sikorsky Aircraft in Pensacola, Florida.

His world revolved around his family, always putting those he loved first. In retirement he enjoyed time spent with family, especially his two grandsons and granddaughter. He enjoyed woodworking and building, watching and attending Syracuse basketball games.

He was an avid reader, tinkerer, a true engineer at heart and always a gentleman.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Sharon; two children, Jeremy and Erica, and their respective spouses; three grandchildren; a sister, Julie; a brother, Glen; and an extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Lodicy Cleverly; an infant brother, Kenneth; a niece; a nephew; and a brother-in-law.

Robert Cassidy 'Cass' Clingan



Services for Robert Cassidy "Cass" Clingan, 6, of Forney were conducted Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Feb. 13 in Forney.

Born Sept. 19, 2008, in Greenville to Chris and Alyssa Clingan, he came into the world with the most infectious smile and the sweetest personality that endeared him to all who met him. His favorite things in life were playing with his sister, brother, his dog, Trauma, and the neighborhood kids, who called for him every day after school. While he was faced with a daily uphill battle from almost the start, he met every day with a never-ending smile and the strength to carry all who loved him.

Survivors include his parents; his brother, Caige; his sister, Logan; his grandparents, Milt Bear of McLeod, Oklahoma, Wendy and Alan Clark of Rockwall and Judy Clingan of Greenville; and his nurse, best friend and second mother, Rhonda Zolman of Garland.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Bobby Clingan. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Parker Lee Project.

Marilyn Nona Hayes



A memorial service for Marilyn Nona Hayes, 65, of Rockwall was conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015, in the Lakeshore Church in Rockwall with Pastor Brad Howard officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Feb. 16.

Born July 10, 1949, in Manhattan, New York, to Joseph M. and Elsie M. (Kahue) Kamai, she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and a member of the Lakeshore Church. A woman of faith, she always had time to pray for others.

She worked as a secondary teacher at Duncanville Christian School, a special needs monitor at the Rockwall Independent School District, a special needs teacher at a private school in Plano and a coach at Church on the Rock Christian School from 1983 to 1986.

She had lived in Rockwall for 45 years.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Joe Hayes of Rockwall; her children, Maika and Nadia Hayes of Fort Meade, Maryland, Ualani and Clifton Schmitt of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Gabriella Hayes of Fort Benning, Georgia; her sister, Tara Cruz and her husband, Ray, of Daytona Beach, Florida; and seven grandchildren, Leyiah, Josiah, Jocelyn, Ashelyn, Tavian, Tennyson and Kendall.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Ualani McCoy. The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or woundedwarriorproject.org.

New Roysse City Parks & Rec Advisory Board member has high expectations

by Millie Jean Coppedge

During the Tuesday, Feb. 10, Roysse City Council meeting, Place 2 Council Member Clay Ellis appointed Mike Chappell to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

This appointment is for an unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2016.

Chappell spoke to the council, giving them a brief outline of his qualifications and expectations of goals of achievement for his term on the council.

He shared that he and his wife bought the Pullen home, one of Roysse City's beautiful historic homes, last May. Chappell is a registered, licensed architect in Texas. In 2006, he completed his bachelor's of science degree and worked for a firm as a project manager. He went on to complete his master's degree during which time he "studied scores of zoning ordinances and detailed planned developments" in cities such as Midwest City, Oklahoma, Aurora, Colorado, and Pflugerville.

Chappell said that in his visits of the various businesses around Roysse City, he was "somewhat put off by the dilapidated state" of the city's museum, the Zaner Robison Historical Museum on Arch Street. Due to the fact that the museum is a registered historical landmark, not a lot can be done, but work is supposedly being done "with the state on a plan to repair and/or refurbish it to some extent." Safety of those visiting the museum has been of concern for some time.

An avid runner, Chappell also has spent time in the parks and observing and dealing with the sidewalks and pedestrian walk-ways. He says that "in the long term, I aim to help make Roysse City a place that can be traversed safely without the use of an automobile and to create an environment that not only encourages more activity from our current residents, but one that other active citizens would like to call their home."

Dr. Phillip Paul, owner of the Chiropractic Clinic, spoke during the Citizen's Participation period of the meeting. He thanked the council and city staff members for completing a new handicapped parking space near his place of business, so his patients could have easier access to their medical care.

The council voted unanimously, 7-0, approving an ordinance ordering May 9 as General Election Day. Also, unanimously, the vote passed concerning the same day as joint General Election with Rockwall County, Roysse City Independent School District and the City of Roysse City.

The council also agreed to purchase a New Holland B-95 Backhoe for \$73,324. The one the city now uses for construction, street repairs, etc., is worn out and in need of repair at a very expensive price, so the

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Billings is candidate for Fate's Place 5

David Billings has announced his candidacy for Fate's City Council Place 5 in the May 2015 General Election.

"We continue to face many challenges in our community," Billings wrote in a letter released to the media last week.

Prior to moving to Fate, Billings lived in Forks Township, Pennsylvania, for 10 years.

He was active in his church, elected to various leadership positions in his church and in others within the Diocese of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

He was an active official for USA swimming, coached a girls' softball team and volunteered with various Lehigh Valley clubs and organizations. He also served as a member of the Forks Township Planning Commission.

Billings campaigned and was elected to the Forks Township Board of Supervisors, the equivalent of a city council, in 2010. He served in this capacity until his resignation in July 2013 to relocate to Texas.

He served on the Fate Planning and Zoning Commission and participated in the city's Comprehensive Plan Meeting. Billings earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Virginia Wesleyan College, an MBA from Moravian College and attended Northwestern University and Duke University for executive education. His career at AT&T has spanned many years and he has held various leadership positions within the company.

He also served in the U.S. Navy.



Austin Cory of Troop 690 in Rockwall recently completed his Eagle Scout project, a 55-foot-long mountain bike obstacle course, Squabble Creek Trail in Rockwall. The course consists of three Chinese rainbow bridges and a berm turn, all constructed out of 25 boards (181 tread boards, 120 support boards and 24 posts). The project took approximately 315 man-hours to plan and build and was completed on Jan. 25. Cory is pictured above with his father, Clayton Cory. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

AMBUCS in Heath ...

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AMBUCS, according to their website, is "a charitable non-profit service organization with a goal of creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities."

AMBUCS provides therapeutic AmTrykes for children, adults and veterans with disabilities. These AmTrykes provide movement, exercise, therapy, rehabilitation and freedom and are built specially to meet the needs of each individual.

AMBUCS gives away between 75 and 100 AmTrykes every year and has done so since 1996. They have various fundraisers each year to help provide these services and offer scholarships to disabled persons. They encourage businesses to undertake fundraisers to help the organization meet their goals.

The next three bi-weekly meeting of the Lakeside AMBUCS will be at the Cotton Patch Cafe in Rockwall on March 3, 17 and 31. Members of Lakeside AMBUCS are from the Lake Ray Hubbard area, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Rockwall city council ...

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Held a public hearing about a request for a specific use permit by James Watson of Jackson Automotive to allow for parking of automobiles. The council approved the ordinance after the first reading.

Passed (5-2) an ordinance for a request by Gordon Rockwall Investments, L.L.C. on behalf of Keith Young (Young Hyundai) to amend Specific Use Permit S-107 to allow for a new car dealership on a ten-acre tract of land at the address of 1530 IH-30, after first reading.

Unanimously approved, upon first reading, an ordinance for a request by Lawrence H. Ringley of Ringley & Associates Inc. on behalf of Jill Steger of Steger Dunhill LLC for approval of a Specific Use Permit to allow an automobile rental facility located at 898 Steger Towne Drive. The rental business is under Avis Rental Group.

Held a public hearing for approval of an ordinance for a request by Franklin of the Skorburg Company on behalf of the owner Larry Skorburg for approval of a zoning change from an Agricultural District to a Planned Development District for Single Family and General Retail district land uses located at the northwest corner of FM 552 and John Big Boulevard.

Tabled a request from Mr. Richard and Ceci Chancellor for installation of a 48" tall wrought iron fence in the required front yard located at 705 Sleeton Drive.

Tabled a request by Cameron Slown of FC Cuny Corporation on behalf of Tom Kirkland of Tekmak Development Company for the approval of a Specific Use Permit for a hotel located at the southeast corner of the intersection of the IH 30 Frontage Road and Lakefront Hill (second reading).

Discussed and "consider" various bills being proposed in the 84th State Legislative Session and consider authorizing the City Manager Rick Rowley to enter into an agreement with Capitol Insights for support monitoring this legislative session. Capitol Insights is a consulting business based in Augusta, Maine.

Discussed initiating a citizen survey, without a motion, to solicit citizen feedback regarding city programs and services. David White offered if it would be better to put the estimated \$25,000 for the survey tract, toward street repairs, fire department and other important services. Following a heated discussion between council members, Mayor Pruitt recommended further discussions on the subject during an upcoming retreat.

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Tuesdays; one Saturday class also is planned. Classes meet at Fire Station No. 2, 920 Rockwall Parkway. Tuition is free; participants must be 18 years or older of age 16 with parental consent. For more details contact rockwallfiredepartment.com or Bryan Patrick at 972-771-7770.

Adult oil painting classes offered

Adult oil painting classes with the Robert Garden School of Art will be offered in March, April and May at the Harry Myers Community Center. Composition, color mixing and highlighting will be taught. Class schedule is as follows: March 3, Tuscan Villa with staircase and hanging bougainvillea; April 7, Log's Peak at Bear Lake; and May 5, Alamo with Texas flag. All classes will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more details visit rockwall.com.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 4 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door for this informal social gathering. No reservations required. The meeting is open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

HH Community Circle info meeting set

The Helping Community Circle is open to Rockwall County residents interested in volunteering and providing organizational and onsite support for Rockwall County Helping Hands. Volunteers also participate in agency-related projects and special events. An annual membership contribution is required; time commitment is flexible. For more information, attend the next Community Circle meeting from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. March 5 at the Reeves Service Center, 102 S. First St.

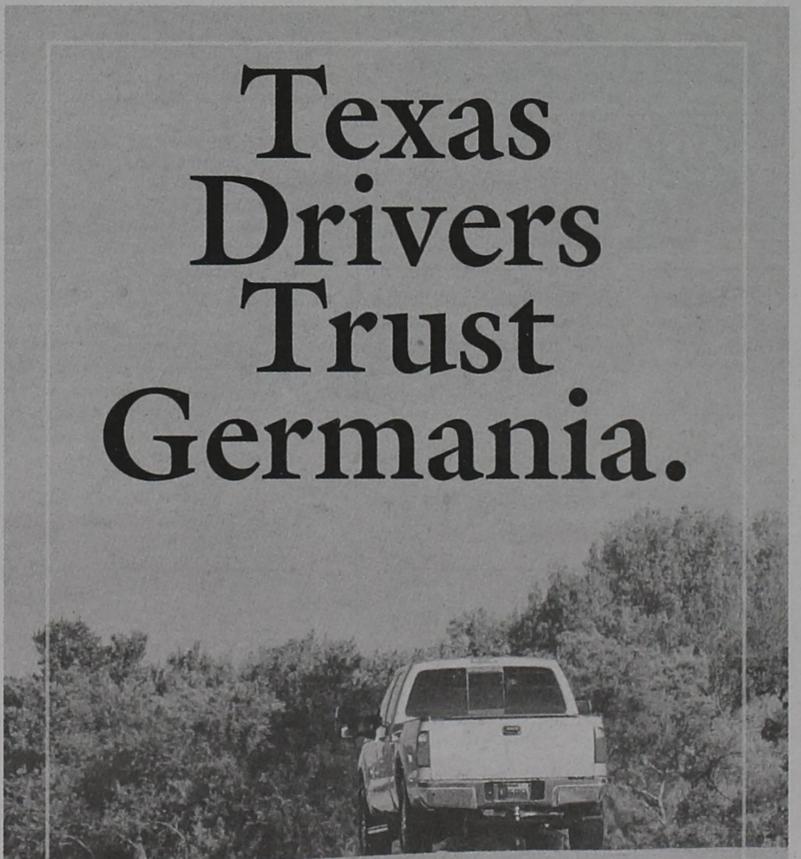
RCP plans STAR Players Spring Workshop

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will again offer its STAR (Special Theater at Rockwall) Players Spring Workshop for teens (16 and older) and adults with Down syndrome and autism. The 10-week program will focus on theater basics, stage movement, auditions, stage makeup, improve and acting techniques. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays March 7-May 16. Tuition costs \$150; contact the RCP about the availability of tuition sponsors. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or call 972-722-3399.

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Lone Star CASA reps join in Capitol event

Lone Star CASA recently joined more than 300 CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers, board members and staff from across the state at the Capitol to speak up for children in the child welfare system.

Seven representatives from the program traveled to Austin earlier this month as part of CASA Day at the Capitol, the one day each legislative session that the CASA community assembles to bring attention to improving outcomes for children and youth in the foster care system.

The Lone Star CASA team met with its local Texas legislators to discuss policy priorities to improve issues in the state's child welfare system identified by the Sunset Commission and to promote the well being of children and youth in care.

"Traveling to Austin and meeting with our state leaders in the Capitol during the legislative session is empowering," said Vickie Nettleton, program director of Lone Star CASA. "We get the opportunity to speak up on behalf of the children we serve and ask our legislators to make them a top priority."

Last year, Lone Star CASA provided more than 60 CASA volunteers to 167 children in Kaufman and Rockwall counties. Statewide, 8,066 CASA volunteers advocated for 23,742 foster children. With 46,823 children in the custody of the Texas Department of Family and

Protective Services because of evidence of abuse and neglect, a CASA volunteer was provided for just over half of these children.

"Urging legislators to support Texas CASA's recommended policies will go a long way to help improve the state's child protection system and to ensure the well-being of vulnerable children and youth," said Vicki Spriggs, chief executive officer of Texas CASA, the state organization that provides funding, training, resources, legislative advocacy and other support for the 71 local CASA programs across the state.

CASA volunteers are trained to advocate for children in foster care. They get to know the child and speak to everyone involved in the child's life, including their family members, teachers, doctors, lawyers, social workers and others. The information they gather and their recommendations help the court overseeing the cases make informed decisions.

CASA Day at the Capitol included a training session for volunteers before they spoke to their lawmakers and a reading of a resolution honoring the CASA community introduced by long-time CASA supporter Rep. John Otto in the Texas House Representatives. Volunteers wrapped up their time at the Capitol by posing for a group photo in the Capitol Rotunda.

For more information about CASA, visit BecomeACASA.org or lonestarcasa.org or call 972-772-5858.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Believe the stories of Jesus ... it's easy

It is commonly believed that a man called "King Tut" lived reigned over a kingdom.

People visit museums to see with astonishment the various it and treasures connected with him.

Archeologists dug up manuscripts about him. This man lived thousands of years ago, and died.

Because of the archeological findings, most people find it easy to believe the stories about King Tut.

What about another man who lived nearly two thousand y ago?

Much was written about this man, who was named Joshua. In ancient Aramaic language, his name may have been pronounced similar to "Yshua."

Joshua wasn't a powerful King in the world like King Tut, s makes sense there is nothing to be found about him in the ground.

Yet, he so impacted the lives of thousands, at least four diffe men methodically and systematically drafted their accounts as witnesses of this man's life; the four Gospels.

All four manuscripts include the accounts of Joshua's sufferi death, resurrection and ascension into the clouds.

But what actually did he leave behind so that others might beli God raised him from the dead? The holy spirit from the creator of heavens and the earth.

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Public Notice

As of December 1, 2014, the cities of Royse City, Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, Heath, Rockwall and their respective representatives have not published each required legal notice.

The City of Royse City has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since before year 2008.

The City of Heath has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since October 2008.

The City of Fate has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since October 2012.

The City of McLendon-Chisholm has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since October 28, 2014.

The City of Rockwall has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since December 1, 2014.

By the above stated vote, and actions by the respective representatives, the right of the people to be duly notified of each city action in accordance with state law has been impaired on multiple counts.

The Rockwall County News is the only newspaper legally qualified to publish each required legal notice for the Cities of Royse City, Heath, Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, and Rockwall.

The Rockwall County News meets the criteria established under Texas Government Code Sections 2051.044, 2051.045, 2051.046 and 2051.048 (b) and (c)(1) as a newspaper of general circulation for publication of each required legal notice in accordance with state law.

The Rockwall County News is legally qualified to assist all government units, in Rockwall County, to be in compliance with state law related to publication of each required legal notice.

The representatives of the government units, in their official capacity, have a duty under Oath of Office and Certificate of Commission to select the newspaper in accordance with Texas Gov. Code Subchapter C, Chapter 2051, and to execute each required legal notice in accordance with state law (See also Texas Government Code Section 2051.049).

Any and all adversely affected parties to any action by a political subdivision, in Rockwall County, may file proper legal actions in a Court or Grand Jury of competent jurisdiction, where such political subdivision or representative fails to comply with state law regulating publication of legal notice.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy W. Burnett
Publisher Rockwall County News

Rebecca named to honors lists

Rebecca Davis of Rockwall has been named to the Dean's List the Chancellor's List for the semester at the University of Kansas at Little Rock, according to university news release.

To be named to the Dean's List, student must have completed at least nine credit hours with a grade A, B or C; carry at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and have no D, F, incomplete or credit mark on the semester report.

To be named to the Chancellor's List, a student must have completed the same requirements listed above, but have maintained at least a 3.9 grade point average. Davis is a freshman interpreter American Sign Language/English major.

Four locals named to SHSU honor roll

Four local residents were among students named to the President's Honor Roll at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, according to a university news release. Honorees included Lindsey Hatfield, a computer animation major from Fate; Camille Tsakis, a geography major from Rockwall; Caisee Ritchey, an interdisciplinary studies major from Rockwall; and Gregory Daniels, a criminal justice major from Royse City.

To be named to the President's Honor Roll, a full-time undergraduate student must achieve a percent 4.0 grade point average during regular semester.

Four named to President's List

Four local residents were among the 256 students at Ouachita Baptist University named to the President's List for the fall 2014 semester.

Honorees include Morgan Asbill, Baronger Bieger and Sophie DeMuth of Rockwall and Brook East of Royse City, according to a news release from the Arkadelphia, Ark., news release.

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

Hongs named to Dean's List

Two Rockwall residents were among students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Grove City College, according to a news release from the college.

Angelina Hong, a sophomore biology major, was named to the Dean's List with High Distinction. She graduated from high school in 2013 and was home-schooled. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hong of Rockwall.

Jackie Hong, a senior biology major, also was named to the Dean's List with High Distinction. He graduated from high school in 2011 and was home-schooled. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hong of Rockwall.

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Catinchi named to ASU Dean's List

Alexis Catinchi, a Rockwall native, received academic honors from Arizona State University by making the university's Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester, according to a university news release.

Undergraduate students who earn 12 or more graded semester hours during a semester in residence at ASU with a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List, according to the news release.

Two included on OBU Dean's List

Two local residents were among the 378 students at Ouachita Baptist University named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester.

Honorees include Trinity/Dial of Rockwall and Collin Glaess of Royse City, according to a news release from the Arkadelphia, Ark., news release.

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Baxter receives bachelor's degree

Andrew Baxter of Heath was among the 117 students receiving degrees during the December commencement exercises at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska.

Baxter received a bachelor's degree, according to a university news release.

Carney, Samra on dean's list

Victoria Carney and Roy Samra, both Rockwall residents, were among Oklahoma City University students named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2014 semester, according to a university news release.

The status is awarded to students who complete a minimum of 12 credit hours while maintaining a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, according to the release.

Craven earns degree from Arizona State

Jason Craven of Rockwall was among graduates receiving degrees at the Arizona State University spring 2014 commencement ceremony, according to a university news release.

Craven was among more than 12,000 ASU undergraduate and graduate-level students who received degrees.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan was speaker for the undergraduate ceremony that took place in Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona.

Hoffman receives bachelor's degree

Michael Hoffman of Royse City was among students graduating from the University of Wisconsin-South in Menomonie, Wisconsin, according to a university news release.

Hoffman earned a bachelor's degree in information and communication technologies in December.

Mercer earns master's degree

Jeffrey Mercer of Rockwall received a master's degree in business administration Dec. 14 at the Collins Center on the Baldwin City, Kansas, campus of Baker University, according to a university news release.

Mercer was one of more than 500 undergraduate and graduate students receiving degrees during the commencement exercises.

Local residents earn degrees from UNT

More than a dozen local residents were among students who received degrees at the University of North Texas' fall 2014 commencement exercises, according to a news release from the Denton university.

Honorees included Marie Jaime Straight of Heath, bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences; S. Rebecca Burkett of Heath, bachelor's degree in communication studies; Jean Allison Myers of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in mathematics; Lane Allison Smith of Rockwall, master's degree in library science; John Austin Milner of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in economics; Cole Brendan Robinson of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in criminal justice; and Trace Derrek Clinard of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in hospitality management.

Also, Rebecca Hannah Horton of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in political science; William Jacob Thompson of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in hospitality management; Lynn Jamie Spratt of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences; M. Jesus Pujol of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in emergency administration and planning; M. Kari Harvey of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in fashion design; and Edward Kenneth Mansfield of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in history.

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The Unanimous Declaration of Independence made by the Delegates of the People of Texas in General Convention at the town of Washington on the 2nd day of March 1836.

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When the Federal Republican Constitution of their country, which they have sworn to support, no longer has a substantial existence, and the whole nature of their government has been forcibly changed, without their consent, from a restricted federative republic, composed of sovereign states, to a consolidated central military despotism, in which every interest is disregarded but that of the army and the priesthood, both the eternal enemies of civil liberty, the everready minions of power, and the usual instruments of tyrants.

When, long after the spirit of the constitution has departed, moderation is at length so far lost by those in power, that even the semblance of freedom is removed, and the forms themselves of the constitution discontinued, and so far from their petitions and remonstrances being regarded, the agents who bear them are thrown into dungeons, and mercenary armies sent forth to force a new government upon them at the point of the bayonet.

When, in consequence of such acts of malfeasance and abdication on the part of the government, anarchy prevails, and civil society is dissolved into its original elements. In such a crisis, the first law of nature, the right of self-preservation, the inherent and inalienable rights of the people to appeal to first principles, and take their political affairs into their own hands in extreme cases, enjoins it as a right towards themselves, and a sacred obligation to their posterity, to abolish such government, and create another in its stead, calculated to rescue them from impending dangers, and to secure their future welfare and happiness.

Nations, as well as individuals, are amenable for their acts to the public opinion of mankind. A statement of a part of our grievances is therefore submitted to an impartial world, in justification of the hazardous but unavoidable step now taken, of severing our political connection with the Mexican people, and assuming an independent attitude among the nations of the earth.

The Mexican government, by its colonization laws, invited and induced the Anglo-American population of Texas to colonize its wilderness under the pledged faith of a written constitution, that they should continue to enjoy that constitutional liberty and republican government to which they had been habituated in the land of their birth, the United States of America.

In this expectation they have been cruelly disappointed, inasmuch as the Mexican nation has acquiesced in the late changes made in the government by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, who having overturned the constitution of his country, now offers us the cruel alternative, either to abandon our homes, acquired by so many privations, or submit to the most intolerable of all tyranny, the combined despotism of the sword and the priesthood.

It has sacrificed our welfare to the state of Coahuila, by which our interests have been continually depressed through a jealous and partial course of legislation, carried on at a far distant seat of government, by a hostile majority, in an unknown tongue, and this too, notwithstanding we have petitioned in the humblest terms for the establishment of a separate state government, and have, in accordance with the provisions of the national constitution, presented to the general Congress a republican constitution, which was, without just cause, contemptuously rejected.

It incarcerated in a dungeon, for a long time, one of our citizens, for no other cause but a zealous endeavor to procure the acceptance of our constitution, and the establishment of a state government.

It has failed and refused to secure, on a firm basis, the right of trial by jury, that palladium of civil liberty, and only safe guarantee for the life, liberty, and property of the citizen.

It has failed to establish any public system of education, although possessed of almost boundless resources, (the public domain,) and although it is an axiom in political science, that unless a people are educated and enlightened, it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty, or the capacity for self government.

It has suffered the military commandants, stationed among us, to exercise arbitrary acts of oppression and tyranny, thus trampling upon the most sacred rights of the citizens, and rendering the military superior to the civil power.

It has dissolved, by force of arms, the state Congress of Coahuila and Texas, and obliged our representatives to fly for their lives from the seat of government, thus depriving us of the fundamental political right of representation.

It has demanded the surrender of a number of our citizens, and ordered military detachments to seize and carry them into the Interior for trial, in contempt of the civil authorities, and in defiance of the laws and the constitution.

It has made piratical attacks upon our commerce, by commissioning foreign desperadoes, and authorizing them to seize our vessels, and convey the property of our citizens to far distant ports for confiscation.

It denies us the right of worshipping the Almighty according to the dictates of our own conscience, by the support of a national religion, calculated to promote the temporal interest of its human functionaries, rather than the glory of the true and living God.

It has demanded us to deliver up our arms, which are essential to our defence, the rightful property of freemen, and formidable only to tyrannical governments.

It has invaded our country both by sea and by land, with intent to lay waste our territory, and drive us from our homes; and has now a large mercenary army advancing, to carry on against us a war of extermination.

It has, through its emissaries, incited the merciless savage, with the tomahawk and scalping knife, to massacre the inhabitants of our defenseless frontiers.

It hath been, during the whole time of our connection with it, the contemptible sport and victim of successive military revolutions, and hath continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt, and tyrannical government.

These, and other grievances, were patiently borne by the people of Texas, until they reached that point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue. We then took up arms in defence of the national constitution. We appealed to our Mexican brethren for assistance. Our appeal has been made in vain. Though months have elapsed, no sympathetic response has yet been heard from the Interior. We are, therefore, forced to the melancholy conclusion, that the Mexican people have acquiesced in the destruction of their liberty, and the substitution thereof of a military government; that they are unfit to be free, and incapable of self government.

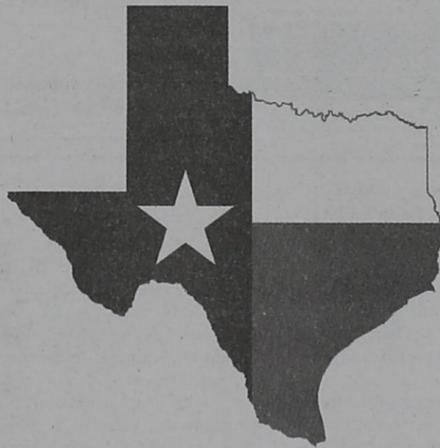
The necessity of self-preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation.

We, therefore, the delegates with plenary powers of the people of Texas, in solemn convention assembled, appealing to a candid world for the necessities of our condition, do hereby resolve and declare, that our political connection with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, Sovereign, and independent republic, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations; and, conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the decision of the Supreme arbiter of the destinies of nations.

Richard Ellis, President of the Convention and Delegate from Red River.

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- trips 'round the track
- Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight"
- Kingsville's only radio station
- TXism: "still wet behind the ___"
- high school dropout prevention org.
- "The eyes of Texas upon you ___"
- ___ Texas tale
- prophets
- TXism: "___ up" (evaluate)
- alleviate
- LBJ appointed TX Edward ___ as ambassador to Australia in 1965
- ex-Cowboy QB, Troy
- TX "Big Bopper" hit: "Chantilly ___"
- Dallas public TV
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- calf-roping loop
- TX Heisman winner, O'Brien, was better known as "Davey"
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- TXism: "sticks like ___ a road"
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- Ivory Joe wrote "Since I ___ You Baby"
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- large TX independent petroleum company
- TX "Cactus Jack" Garner was ___ Pres. for FDR
- TXism: "___ pig's eye" (never)
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- co. started by TX Ross Perot
- TXism: "sells ___ at the State Fair"
- this Fred was in movies with TX Ginger Rogers
- "Frio-Nueces Current" is based in this town
- "Fiesta Diez y ___" is celebrated in TX
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- tax collector: "Internal ___"
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- TXism: "quick ___ New York minute"
- Cowboys got this type of parade in 1993 (2 wds.)
- NW of Fort Worth on hwy. 199
- type of business jet this Thomas was 1st congresswoman from TX
- TX George H.W. was director of this spy agcy. in 1976
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- Centerville h.s. class
- city of Colts, Texans division foe (abbr.)
- Texarkana FM or TV
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- TXism: "shoots from the ___" (careless)
- near Boerne: "Cave Without ___"
- West TX mountains
- Toyota Center in Houston, e.g.
- short message
- safety certification co.
- TXism: "___ hill for a stepper" (simple)
- church glass
- TXism: "bring ___ the bacon"
- fires an employee

Rockwall County Sheriff's Office
January Report

Incidents/investigations:

- Simple assault - 2
- Burglary/breaking and entering - 3
- Theft from motor vehicle - 1
- All other larceny - 1
- Motor vehicle theft - 1
- Impersonation - 2
- Destruction/damage/vandalism of property - 3
- Drug/narcotic violations - 11
- Drug equipment violations - 5
- Driving under the influence - 2
- Drunkenness - 1
- Family offenses, nonviolent - 1
- All other offenses - 119
- Total offenses - 152; total incidents -- 134

Arrests:

- Simple assault - 2
- Drug/narcotic violations - 9
- Drug equipment violations - 3
- Driving under the influence - 2
- Drunkenness - 1
- All other offenses - 149
- Total charges - 166; total arrests - 82

Accidents:

- Total accidents - 11

Criminal papers:

- Affidavit for surety to go off bond (1716) - 9
- Affidavit for surety to go off bond (1719) - 4
- Bench warrant - 2
- Bond forfeiture - 15
- Civil - 1
- Failure to appear for court - 25
- Insufficient bond - 2
- Motion to adjudicate guilt - 6
- Motion to revoke probation - 17
- Probable cause - 3
- Traffic - 45
- Warrant - 61
- Total criminal papers served - 235; total criminal papers - 190

Civil papers:

- Citation - 32
- Civil subpoena - 2
- Criminal subpoena - 5
- Notice of hearing - 1
- Notice to show cause - 1
- Protective order - 1
- Subpoena/duces tecum civil - 3
- Writ of execution - 2
- Writ of sequestration - 1
- Total civil papers served - 30; total civil papers - 48

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NWS storm spotter training slated in R'wall

The National Weather Service in Fort Worth will offer a free SKYWARN severe weather class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 7 at the Rockwall County Library, Rockwall. The multimedia-format class is designed for official storm spotters and anyone interested in learning more about severe weather. Conducted in partnership with Rockwall County Emergency Management, the class will be offered free of charge and is open to the public. No pre-registration is necessary.

Democratic men to meet March 7

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon beginning at noon March 7 at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 2002 S. Goliad St., Rockwall. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Guest speaker will be Lorne Megyesi, Fate mayor. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Rockwall County and Texas are invited to attend.

Spring Break ROCK Camp set March 9-13

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department-sponsored Spring Break ROCK Camp will run March 9-13 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Open to youths ages 6-12, the camp will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with plans to visit several destinations throughout the Dallas area. All drop-offs and pick-ups will be at the community center. Space is limited; each participant will need a sack lunch, snack and water bottle each day. Cost is \$195 for non-Rockwall residents, \$129 for residents. For more information, contact the Parks & Rec Department.

Hope Mobile spay/neuter hospital to be in R'wall

The 45-foot hospital bus operated by the Spay Neuter Network (spayneuternetwork.org) will be at the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot in Rockwall March 13. Low-cost surgery packages are available; surgeries will be performed on site. Walk-up vaccinations also will be offered at reduced prices from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 972-472-3500 for an appointment; a limited number of appointments is available. Be sure dogs' collars cannot be slipped; cats must be in secure carriers. The event is being sponsored by Rockwall PAWS (rockwallpaws.com), a local nonprofit that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive shelter dogs.

RCP plans 'Wizard of Oz' auditions

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will conduct auditions for upcoming performances of the "Wizard of Oz" March 14-15 at the playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall. Auditions will begin at 1 p.m. on both days. For more information, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.com or call 972-722-3399.

Royse City council ...

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vote was to purchase a new one and trade in the old on toward the new purchase price.

The council passed a resolution, 6-1, with Council Member Tom Crowley abstaining, concerning appointments to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board. Those appointed were Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Susan Craig, animal control Officer Omar Nerio and Tracena Colunga-Mineni. Alternatives appointed were Alan Potter, Darnell Franklin and Kari Hargrove. This vote was also 6-1 with Crowley abstaining.

In final closing remarks, Royse City Manager Carl Alsbrook said that the Winter Wonderland 2015

Fulton advances to Area playoff

Tyler Tenney and Max Mitchell helped The Fulton School overcome a 15-foot deficit to defeat Fort Worth Covenant Classical School 42-25 in a TAPPS 1A Bi-District boys' basketball playoff game Saturday. Covenant held the Falcons scoreless for the first 6 1/2 minutes before Mitchell hit a 15-foot shot. The Cavaliers (6-12) still led 10-5 before they hit two 3-pointers and Mitchell added five points in an 11-0 run. The game gave Fulton a 16-10 lead 1:03 before halftime.



Fulton Falcons Tyler Tenney (1) drives the baseline against Fort Worth Covenant Classical School, Sat. Feb. 11, during the TAPPS area round playoff game in Forney. Assisting at right is Loui Barnard.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

For the game, Mitchell, who had been sick earlier in the week, scored 20 points and Talley had 15. Blaize Marshall, who hurt Fulton inside, scored 20 for Covenant.

"We're resilient. One thing we're good at is the end game. We keep our composure," Falcons head coach Mike Morris said after the Falcons stretched a seven-point lead after three quarters to 17.

Fulton (12-4 overall) is scheduled to play Granbury North Central Texas Academy (16-3) in an Area game at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Anna.

The Falcons (10-2 in TAPPS District 3-1A) would have won the district title with a victory over Waxahachie Preparatory Academy on Feb. 6, but the Warriors avenged an earlier loss by winning 72-30. The loss ended Fulton's eight-game winning streak.

In the final regular-season game, Fulton defeated Dallas The Westwood School 48-40 on Feb. 10.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Covenant	6	7	4	8	25
Fulton	5	13	6	18	42

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Little Kickers registration underway

Registration for the Rockwall Parks & Rec's Little Kickers program, which teaches fundamental soccer skills and provides a fun and interactive team environment for children ages 3-5, is underway. Cost is \$45 for non-residents, \$29 for Rockwall residents. Session 1 will run March 2-April 13. Session 2 will run April 20-May 25. All activities will take place at Harry Myers Park. For more information, visit rockwall.com.

Preschool Flag Football program set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec's Preschool Flag Football program is currently registering participants for two upcoming sessions. Children ages 3-5 can learn the basics of football in a structured atmosphere. Sessions are set March 4-April 15 and April 11-May 27. Cost is \$45 for non-Rockwall residents and \$29 for residents. All activities will take place at Harry Myers Park. For more information, visit rockwall.com.

Register now for adult slow-pitch softball

Registration is open for adult slow-pitch softball. Men's D-league and co-ed divisions are available. Games will be played on Sunday nights at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex; eight-game guarantee. The season will begin March 15. Team fee is \$325. Teams can drop off a check at The Center, 108 E. Washington, in Rockwall or register at rbsl.org.

Heath expands Easter menu of activities

The City of Heath's Easter Saturday, April 4, celebration will include the Heart of Heath 5k, a new Family Run and fitness activities for all ages. The USATF-certified 5k course will feature a chip-timed start and finish lines. Awards in the 5k will be given to the top three, as well as the top three male and female in each age bracket. The Family Run will feature a one-mile course. Prize drawings and T-shirts will be given while supplies last. Also planned are yoga, piyo, zumba and taekwondo demo classes. Rain or shine, activities will begin with a runners' warm-up at 8:15 a.m. in Towne Center Park. Runs will begin at 8:30 a.m. Activities will continue until 10:30 a.m. Register online at heathtx.com.

Malak, Kuipers win sailing races

Through the year's first six weeks of racing on Lake Ray Hubbard, Dan Malak has sailed to first place three times aboard "Orion" and Roy Kuipers has won twice with "Three Sheets".

Sunday's racing was canceled because of inclement weather.

Malak won Race 1 in the Sunday Founders Series, finished second to Kuipers in Race 2, won the next two and placed second again behind "Three Sheets" in Race 5 on Feb. 15.

In Founders Race 4 on Feb. 8, Kathy Kuipers skipped "Rij Jik of Jik Ik" to second place.

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Lady Eagles earn trip to area playoff

Madeline Schroepfer and Grace Dillahunt combined for 20 points in the first 11 minutes at Red Oak Ovilla Christian School as HCA (17-8) took a 24-7 lead. Vanguard dropped to 21-9.

Schroepfer finished with 32, including 10 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter. She also had eight rebounds and five steals in the second half to help the Lady Eagles maintain their lead. Dillahunt scored nine points.

"The game came out really hot. Our guard play really lit it up," HCA head coach Van Minter said. "We were able to get steals with our press, and we hit enough shots to keep the lead."

The victory was the fifth in a row for the Lady Eagles, who had defeated Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School 45-43 on Feb. 10 and Dallas Lutheran School three days later to take a 10-0 record.

HCA is scheduled to play TAPPS District 1-3A champion Lubbock Christian School (27-9) in the Area round at 4 p.m. Friday at Iowa Park.

The winner would play the winner of Friday's game between Trinity Christian Academy-Cedar Hill (29-7) and Fort Worth Lake Country Christian School (30-6) for the regional championship and a trip to the state tournament.

Minter was not concerned about playing teams with such good records.

"Playing in a district with McKinney Christian and Trinity-Cedar Hill definitely helped us play stiffer competition than in 2A. Most of our district games have been pretty physical," he said.

The HCA boys (5-20, 1-15) finished their season with a 43-29 loss to Dallas Lutheran Feb. 13. The Eagles also had lost to Ovilla 48-39 on Feb. 10. Brendan Schroepfer led HCA against the other Eagles with 15 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Ovilla	15	10	14	9	48
HCA boys	5	9	10	15	39

Red Oak Ovilla Christian School - Jackson Glenn 15, Demorean Mensky 13, Cade Allbright 8, Zach Fitch 6, Clint Quitip 5, Isaiah Smith 1.

HCA - Brendan Schroepfer 15, Lawson Hobbs 6, Joshua Henson 6, Christian Pettit 5, Daniel Rochester 4, Brendan Cockroft 3.

HCA girls - Madeline Schroepfer 32, Grace Dillahunt 9, Halee Minter 4, Kaylee Hawkins 2, Sarah Ross 2.

Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School - Cassidy Menger 17, Kara Atchley 6, Lexi Newman 3, Grace Serr 3, Kaitly Cummings 3, Alexis Davis 2.



Madeline Schroepfer (5) leads the HCA Lady Eagles to a strong win against Waco Vanguard, Sat. Feb. 21 in Red Oak. Assisting in the play is Halee Minter (33).

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Rockwall-Heath Hawks go into playoffs following 1st loss

Rockwall-Heath's shot at an unbeaten season has ended, but the Hawks still have a chance to win the 5A boys' basketball state championship.

RHHS was considered a sacrificial lamb in Saturday's warm-up game at Cedar Hill, ranked fourth in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches 6A poll.

The Longhorns have four players at 6-foot-6 or taller; Rockwall-Heath's tallest starter is Kelden Pruitt, listed at 6-5.

However, the Hawks darn near came away with their perfect record intact. They led Cedar Hill (26-3) by two points entering the fourth quarter, but the Longhorns rallied to win 67-60.

Camron Talley put in 25 points, and had help from Jackson Zivney's 13 and Jeremiah Sandidge's 10.

The Hawks (28-1) had been scheduled to open the playoffs Tuesday with a Bi-District game against Carrollton Newman Smith (16-12), but the icy weather postponed that game at Lake Highlands for at least another night.

Scoring leader Jackson Zivney is Rockwall-Heath's only senior starter. He was joined in 2012-13 by three freshmen — his brother, Talley and Sandidge. Each of the four is scoring more than 10 points per game for the high-scoring Hawks, ranked eighth in the TABC 5A poll.

They helped RHHS reach the playoffs for the first time last season, but the Hawks still are looking for their first playoff win.

Now a long postseason run, no more than a pipe dream at the beginning of the season, is a possibility.

The most difficult part of the playoffs could be getting out of Region II. If Rockwall-Heath reaches the regional semifinals, the likely opponent would be Dallas Kimball, with a tall frontcourt and a No. 6 state ranking.

Surviving that game could mean a regional final against No. 1 Lancaster, featuring former Rockwall big man Elijah Thomas, or No. 7 South Oak Cliff.

RHHS had pleased a Senior Night crowd on Tuesday, Feb. 17, by defeating Terrell 88-40. In that game Jackson Zivney had 19 points. Nathen Stover came off the bench to score 14, Talley and Tyler Zivney put in 13 apiece and Sandidge had 11.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Terrell	12	11	6	11	40
RHHS	22	22	30	14	88

Terrell — Thomas 5, Boyd 4, J. Davis 4, Kennedy 4, Jarvis Walker 4, S. Williams 4, J. Herndon 3, Johnson 3, Omari Robinson 3, Ray'Quan Brown-Mobley 2, Alex Matta 2, T. Williams 2.

RHHS — Jackson Zivney 19, Nathen Stover 14, Camron Talley 13, Tyler Zivney 13, Jeremiah Sandidge 11, Shawn Helms 5, Kolton Pruitt 5, Grant Buckholt 4, Bryan Knostman 3, Colton Rashbrook 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	20	17	16	7	60
Cedar Hill	18	14	19	16	67

RHHS — Camron Talley 25, Jackson Zivney 13, Jeremiah Sandidge 11, Tyler Zivney 5, Kelden Pruitt 4, Bryan Knostman 3.

Cedar Hill — Detron Fuller 14, Keelon Clayborne 12, Victor E. Cervaunte Lawson 8, Rossahard Cruickshank 8, Da'Rhon Mitchell 6, Jaelun Hollomon 6, Charles Abney 4, Davion Turner 1.

Eldridge 2nd in state in 2 events

Raena Eldridge placed second in two events to lead Rockwall to place in the 6A girls' state swimming and diving championship weekend.

Eldridge was the runner-up to Pearland's Jaden Belling by just second in the 200-yard individual medley. The RHS senior finished in 2:02.30. She also swam the 100 butterfly in 55.11 seconds to second to state champion Austin Westlake's Victoria Edwards.

Eldridge also swam the anchor leg behind freshman Amanda Arms and sophomores Jasmin Sani and Kayla Maxwell on the 200 free relay team that placed sixth. Of Rockwall's 79 points, Eldridge produced 40 1/2.

Armstrong placed fourth in the 50 free (23.63) and 13th in the backstroke (58.01).

The RHS boys were 52nd in the state, with senior Noah Day scoring points for placing 12th in the 100 backstroke in 51.73.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: The Lady Jackets advanced to the Region II-6A quarterfinals with a 51-31 Area-round victory over Highland Park Friday at Mesquite Potet.

RHS (27-6) faced the possibility of three consecutive games at Davis Field House in Dallas. The Lady Jackets were scheduled to Irving MacArthur (24-10) there Wednesday, weather permitting, winner would advance to the regional semifinals at the Davis House on Friday and possibly to Saturday's regional final.

Sara Williamson's 23 points included 15 in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Scots (17-11) stayed with RHS for much of the first. They trailed 14-8 before three steals boosted Rockwall's lead to 20.

Only once after that did HP cut the lead to fewer than 10 points.

"I probably don't give the defense enough credit," RHS head coach Kasie Brewer said. "As a coach, I see the holes."

WRESTLING: Brandon Hyde and Andrew Hyde placed third and fourth in their weight classes as Rockwall took 13th place in the 6A boys' state championships last weekend.

All three finished with 3-2 records at Garland's Curtis Culwell Center. Smith (33-11) lost the 106-pound third-place match to Austin Bowie Christian Moreno by fall in 1 minute, 41 seconds. Hyde (45-7) defeated Amarillo's Talen Erwin 9-6 in the semifinals at 132, but lost 15-7 to Ed in the third-place match. Taylor (36-12) lost the fifth-place match at 132 to San Antonio Churchill's Tim Edmonson, the Region IV champion, a 6-0 decision.

RHS' first girl wrestler to compete at state, freshman Jackie Mote, won one of three matches at 165. She defeated Arlington Martin senior K. Beasley, the Region I champion, 7-2. Mote's one point gave the Lady Jackets a tie for 68th in the state.

BOYS' BASKETBALL: In the final regular-season game Feb. 20, Rockwall was headed toward a third overtime and a possible fourth consecutive victory and playoff berth.

Then the whistle blew with 0.5 second remaining, Garland Lakeview Centennial's Markel Johnson made a free throw and the Patriots came away with a 70-69 win and the District 6-11A championship.

RHS (12-17, 7-7) left the Lakeview gym a game behind Tyler Lee's district's final playoff berth and with the Yellowjackets' season over.

The Jackets had a four-point lead during the second overtime. Lakeview (19-10, 11-3) rallied.

Austin Grandstaff scored 30 points, Joseph Williams had 18 and David Smith added 11 for Rockwall.

SOCCER: The Rockwall girls won big in both matches last weekend, downing Garland 5-2 at Garland Naaman Forest on Wednesday, Feb. 18, and North Garland 6-0 at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium Friday.

The Lady Jackets improved to 8-7 overall and 6-2, tied for second place, in District 11-6A.

SOFTBALL: Rockwall opened its season last weekend with a 4-1 record in the Forney ISD Tournament, outscoring opponents by a 5-4 margin.

The Lady Jackets defeated Corsicana 13-1, Frisco Wakeland 11-7, Frisco 7-2 and Waxahachie 16-0, and tied Frisco Centennial 6-6. They are scheduled to open the District 11-6A season Tuesday, March 3, at North Garland.

BASEBALL: RHS is scheduled to open its season with six games this weekend's Rawlins Lake Cities Tournament. On Thursday, they would play Arlington Lamar at 2 p.m. at Frisco Centennial and Troy Club Byron Nelson at 5 p.m. at The Colony.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS girls	9	14	10	18	51
Highland Park	7	5	8	11	31

RHS — Sara Williamson 23, Jayley Ramirez 8, Cassie Ross 6, Madison McMillan 5, Cathryn Deshong 4, Haley Hicks 3, Madison Wheeler 2. Highland Park — Emily Weisfeld 9, Eve Loewe 6, Morgan Smith 4, Caroline Roberts 4, Julia Jenevein 3, Caroline Van Kirk 2, Mikaela Roberts 2.

Defense puts Lady Bulldogs in 2nd place

The Roysce City girls' soccer team allowed just two goals in their first eight 5A district games, but were just 2-2 in shootouts.

The Lady Bulldogs (8-1-5 overall) had 18 points on four regulation wins, two shootout wins and two shootout losses, and were second in District 12-5A to Forney with 22 points.

RC defeated Forney 2-1 in a shootout Tuesday, Feb. 17. Riley Sutton scored Roysce City's goal during regulation time. She also scored the only goal in the Lady Bulldogs' 1-0 victory over South Garland Friday.

The Lady Bulldogs had gone nine consecutive matches, including their first five in the district without allowing the ball to go into their goal with the clock running.

But on Friday, Feb. 13, West Mesquite, which had four losses and a shootout win in its first five games, scored in regulation. With the score tied 1-1, the match went to a shootout, and the Lady Wranglers won.

A goal by Sutton also had lifted RC to a 1-0 win at North Forney Feb. 10.

BOYS' BASKETBALL: The Bulldogs (12-19 overall, 4-10 in District 12-5A) lost their final game 53-46 at playoff-bound North Forney Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Roysce City trailed just 21-20 at halftime. Joseph Steffen led the Dawgs with 21 points, and Matt Briceno scored 11.

RC started the district season 0-5 but was 4-5 thereafter.

The Bulldogs had come back from losses to district champion Rockwall-Heath and West Mesquite to defeat Forney 63-49 on Feb. 13.

Roysce City outscored the Jackrabbits 17-9 in the second quarter to take a 28-19 halftime lead. Steffen scored a game-high 17 points, and DeVante Alexander added 14.

On Feb. 10, West Mesquite broke away from a one-point lead after the first quarter to win 76-62. Alexander had his best scoring game with 30 points, and Steffen had 13.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: The Lady Bulldogs fell a game short of the playoffs, losing their final game 73-35 to District 12-5A champion West Mesquite on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

RC finished with a 6-8 district record. One more victory would have

put the Lady Bulldogs in a tie with North Forney for the fourth and final playoff berth.

They fell behind 21-8 after the first quarter at West Mesquite. Senior Alexus Wanton led Roysce City with 10 points.

BOYS' SOCCER: The Bulldogs didn't score a goal in two matches last week, but received a point in the standings for their 1-0 shootout loss to South Garland Friday. Before that, RC lost Tuesday, Feb. 17, to Forney 5-0.

Roysce City broke even in two shootouts the previous week, defeating North Forney 3-2 at home on Feb. 10, but losing 2-1 to West Mesquite at Hanby Stadium Feb. 13.

Ramon Ponce scored a goal in each match, and Blain Hickman had one against North Forney.

SOFTBALL: Noea Pizana pitched a no-hitter as the Lady Bulldogs opened their season with a 17-0 victory Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Greenville.

Lexi Ruff, Karis Hessert and Shelby Byrne hit home runs. Maddie Sisk had a double and a triple; Kaitlyn Johnson tripled, and Mattie Atkins, Mackenzie Hessert and Sam Edgar each hit a double.

Sisk had a double as RC defeated Princeton 9-6 Saturday at the Sulphur Springs tournament. The Lady Dawgs lost two games to the host team, including a 9-7 decision Feb. 19 when Sulphur Springs' Molly Johnston hit a walk-off three-run homer.

Roysce City was scheduled to play at Denison Tuesday and at the Burk Burnett tournament Thursday-Saturday.

BASEBALL: The Bulldogs were scheduled to open their season Thursday with a 10 a.m. game against Sachse at the Wylie East Raider Invitational.

Elliott, Warren make a splash on signing day

Rockwall ISD received national attention when two University of Texas-bound senior football players came up with creative ways to announce their college choices during the Feb. 4 National Letter of Intent Day.

Rockwall-Heath defensive back DeShon Elliott announced his decision on his Twitter account. Running back Chris Warren arrived at Rockwall's signing day conference, flipped a coin and said he had chosen UT over the University of Washington.

Elliott was one of five Hawks who signed with FBS colleges eligible for the College Football Playoffs. The others were Denzel Chukwukelu, Texas-El Paso; Trevor Elbert, Texas A&M; J.J. Nwigwe, Brigham Young, and David Richardson, Tulsa. Other RHHS football signees were Rico Henderson, Central Oklahoma; Jordan Hoy, Montana State; Wyatt Leath, Henderson State, and Omar Shalabi, William Jewell.

From Rockwall, Xavier Castille (SMU) and Jaylen Veasley (Louisiana-Monroe) signed with FBS colleges. Also signing letters of intent were Jay Galloway, Towson; Wyatt Miller, William Jewell; Ty Thomas, Navarro, and Daunte Thomas, Texas A&M-Commerce.

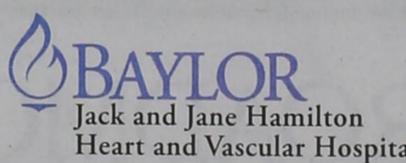
- Other Rockwall County signees:
- Rockwall
 - Baseball — Trey Ochoa, McLennan Community College
 - Men's golf — Dylan Yarbrough, Odessa College
 - Men's soccer — Zach Davis, Southern Nazarene, and Dillon Loftis, Northeast Oklahoma State
 - Women's soccer — Sydney Smith, Paris Junior College
 - Softball — Jocelyn Myers, Texas-Arlington
 - Women's water polo — Jordan Hummingbird, Azusa Pacific
 - Rockwall-Heath
 - Baseball — Ryne Randle, Grayson College, and Jake Salinas, Hesston College
 - Women's rowing — Lauren Higbee, Central Oklahoma
 - Women's soccer — Lindsay Gardner, Nicholls State; Bailey Hierholzer, Gardner-Webb, and Lauren Ledbetter, Sam Houston State
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 - Football — Ibn Muhammad, Southeast Oklahoma State
 - Men's soccer — Blain Hickman, Ouachita Baptist
 - Women's soccer — Kristyn Daniels and Madison Stevens, both Nicholls State, and Marisa Patterson, Texas Woman's
 - Softball — Samantha Edgar, Sterling



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Lady Jackets Haley Hicks looks for a pass against Highland Park, Fri. Feb. 20 during the Bi-District playoff game, as Jackets fans and teammates look-on at Mesquite Potet High School. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News