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**City of Royse City**

Candidate applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday for four city council seats in Royse City, including Mayor, Council Place 1, Place 3, and Place 5.

Applications can be returned to City Hall at 305 N. Arch Street in Royse City.

The four incumbents are Mayor Jerrell Baley; Mayor Pro Tem Janet Nichol, Place 1; Bill Bell, Place 3; and James Branch, Place 5.

**City of Heath**

The City of Heath will accept applications for four city council seats until 5 p.m. Friday at the Heath City Hall, located at 200 Laurence Drive.

The incumbents for the four seats are Robert Hille, Place 1; Justin Holland, Place 2; Mayor Pro Tem Barry Brooks, Place 4; and Rich Krause, Place 6.

**City of McLendon-Chisholm**

Candidate applications must be received by 3 p.m. Friday for the three council seats on the city council. The McLendon-Chisholm City is located at 1248 S. Hwy 205.

Seats on the ballot will be for council member Place 1, currently held by David Lovell; Place 3, held by Patrick Short; and Place 5, held by Lee

## Petroff new AD for Royse City ISD

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Petroff comes to Royse City after having served as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Midway. According to a news release, he has an "impressive list of accomplishments," including being a member of the 2005 NA Coaching Staff and several National Football Foundation defenses since 1983.

Petroff is a graduate of Tarleton State University in Stephenville, where he holds a master's degree in education from

Lamar University in Beaumont. "I am extremely motivated about being a Royse City Bulldog and being a part of the community," he said in the news release. "I was able to meet with some of the kids yesterday, and Royse City has great kids. I am eager to get started."

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## Fowler tapped as REDC board chair

Kevin Fowler recently was appointed chairman of the board of directors for the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, according to a news release issued last week.

Fowler, who serves as senior vice president of commercial lending for the City Bank Texas in Rockwall, assumed the chairman's duties on Jan. 1 and will hold the position until the end of the year.

"Kevin has been a part of the Rockwall EDC board for five years and I can't think of a better chairman at this important time for the city," said Sheri Franza, EDC president and CEO. "He is a talented business leader who will lead our growing business community in Rockwall. Kevin's knowledge in commerce and in developing new business will help Rockwall lead the way for North Texas."

In addition to his 26-year banking career, Fowler is an active member of the Rockwall community where he has served on the board of the Rockwall YMCA, Rockwall Youth Fair, Rockwall Music Fest and Rockwall Rotary Club. He previously served as vice president to the board of the REDC in 2012.

"It is an honor to serve on the Rockwall EDC board where I can help Rockwall develop into the epicenter of business development," he said. "I look forward to working with other passionate business leaders in helping Rockwall grow."

Fowler holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Louisiana State University. He also attended the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business in 2005.



## Patterson earns 3rd chair in the TMEA All-State Concert Band

Rockwall High School sophomore Alexandra Patterson, pictured above, captured the third chair seat in the alto clarinet section of the Texas Music Educators Association 5A All-State Concert Band. The performance took place Feb. 16 in San Antonio. More than 64,000 Texas high school music students auditioned for seats in the Texas All-State bands, orchestras and choirs. Patterson is shown with Laurence Stoffel, TMEA All-State Concert band clinician and conductor and director of bands at California State University in Northridge, Calif. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Citizen Fire Academy scheduled in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall Fire Department is accepting applications for its Citizen Fire Academy, which will run March 28 through May 23, according to a city news release.

The academy is designed to provide participants with information on fire and life safety awareness, according to the release.

The academy will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each Thursday with a graduation on May 18 at Fire Station No. 2 at 920 Rockwall Parkway.

Participation in the academy is offered free of charge. Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

The academy offers an educational program that provides an insider's view of the city's fire department — from firefighter training involving live firefighting to fire prevention and hands-on experience in emergency operations. Also planned is a ride-out on emergency calls with firefighters.

Classes will include learning about equipment used in rescue situations. Participants will have the opportunity to use rescue tools to cut apart a vehicle in a simulation of vehicle extrication. They also can experience firefighter life dressed in bunker gear while inside a flaming building, the structure used for training firefighters.

For more information on the academy, contact Billy Termin at 972-771-7700 or 972-771-7772 or by email at btermin@rockwall.com.



The Rockwall FFA recently posted great showings at the San Antonio and San Angelo ag mech shows. Pictured from the left are Will Morris, Rockwall High; Billy Tipps, who assisted in transporting projects; Linda Duran, Rockwall ISD trustee; Tucker Doughty, RHHS; Zach Thomasson, RHS; Brandon Williams, RHS; Ryan Ullom, Hartman Elementary; Brandon Gaddis, RHS; and Bobby Fowler, adviser. Not pictured is Cameron Defebaugh, RHS. Morris and Defebaugh earned blue ribbons in both contests for their entry gate. Williams and Gaddis did the same with their 12-foot utility trailer. Doughty and Thomasson earned a blue ribbon and second in class in San Angelo with their 36-foot hydraulic dove tail with air-ride suspension; they earned a blue ribbon, second in class and third in overall division in San Antonio. Ullom received a blue ribbon and third in class with his light tester in San Angelo and a red ribbon in San Antonio. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Trustees to consider RHS football coach

The Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in special session beginning at 7:30 a.m. March 1 to consider the employment of a head football coach for Rockwall High.

A short agenda for the meeting was published Monday afternoon. After being called to order, the only item of business listed on the agenda involves personnel. The board may choose to go into executive session for discussion; however, any action taken will be taken in open session.

The meeting will be conducted in the school district's Administration/Education Center, Room 600, at 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

## Rockwall County News Briefs

**Library, county offices to be closed March 1**

The Rockwall County Library and other county offices will be closed March 1 in observance of Texas Independence Day.

Jones Elementary plans run, carnival, cook-off  
The 2nd Annual Jones Elementary Jag Jog 5K Run/1 Mile Fun Run will be conducted March 2 at 2051 Trail Glen, Jones Elementary, in Rockwall. It will be a chip-timed event. Also planned are a carnival, silent auction, raffle and chili cook-off, all of which will immediately follow the race. Games, concessions and vendor booths are planned. For more information visit djones.txpta.org.

**Red Cross blood drive slated**

An American Red Cross blood drive will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 2 at Lowe's, 851 N. Steger Town Drive, in Rockwall.

**Republican Women plan membership luncheon**

The Rockwall County Republican Women will host their annual membership luncheon from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 2. Guest speaker will be Maria Quintana, president and CEO of the Quintana Group. She will speak on developing female leaders. All women interested in joining or learning more about the RCRW are invited to attend; men also will be welcomed. Those planning on attending should RSVP to Ann at 214-288-4890 or email annndesigns@att.net.

**Turner to speak at church March 3**

Scott Turner, state representative for District 33 that includes Rockwall, will be guest speaker at the Transformation Anglican Church beginning at 10 a.m. March 3. Turner, a Christian former pro football player, will speak about his faith. Turner played for the Washington Redskins, the San Diego Chargers and the Denver Broncos during his athletic career. The public is invited to attend.

**Republican Lunch Bunch to meet**

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 6 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which will include lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering of area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

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# Straughan feted for service to Boys & Girls Club Rockwall

Stephen Straughan, chairman of the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall County, was recognized as the Board Member of the Month by BoardSource, an organization designed to support, train and educate nonprofit board leaders across the country.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Rockwall County in 2010, the hand he was dealt came with enormous hurdles and obstacles, ranging from poor public perception, dismal programming, a dilapidated facility and a history of staff and board challenges to battling a financially insolvent condition that lacked a plan or strategy to

resolve itself," said Misti Carder-Potter, president and CEO of the B&GC of Rockwall County in her nomination of Straughan.

"As the leader of the board, he stepped up and dedicated countless hours to rectifying the challenges and problems the organization faced. He worked with the remaining board members

to begin rebuilding the board and hand selecting the right people to engage in the next phase of redevelopment. He made a quick decision to restructure the staffing and hire a new CEO to head the organization. He demanded a set of qualifications that would go hand in hand with the vision of the board and the needs of the children and the community. Stephen then worked

daily with her to file taxes dating back to 2007. They managed to gain assistance from the IRS to have over \$30,000 in penalties abated and arranged for a payment plan in order to settle the outstanding tax issues. For weeks, they worked to secure an exempt status from the state of Texas and to be removed from Boys & Girls

Clubs of America's prov status. Within 90 days, the raised over \$100,000 and paid more than \$20,000 in outstanding payables and began implementing impactful programs for kids," said. When the 2011 audit presented in August, independent auditing firm zero findings and no management letter was included, Carder-



Stephen Straughan

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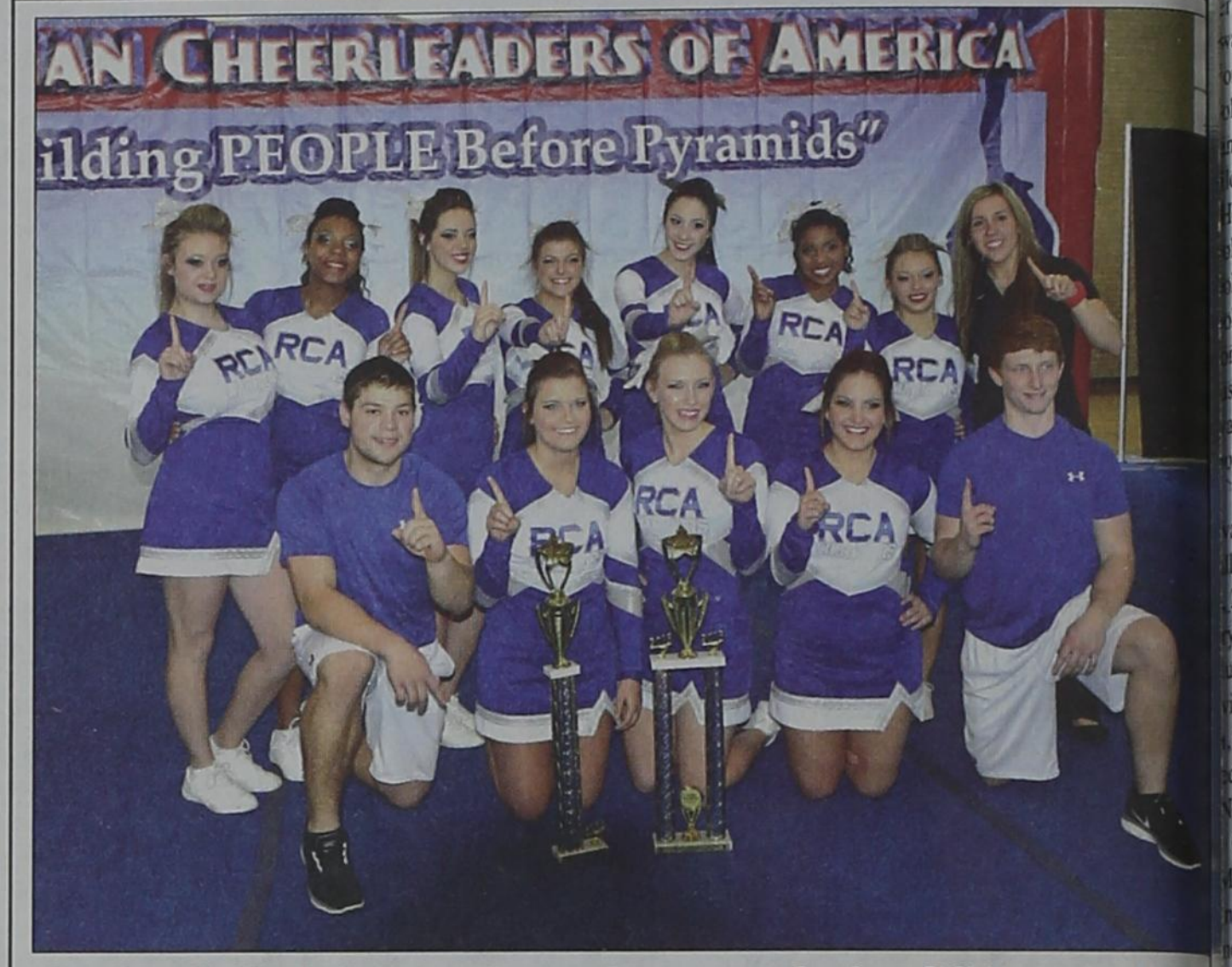
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Rockwall Christian Academy cheer squad wins CCA competition

The Rockwall Christian Academy cheer squad was named grand champion at the Christian Cheerleaders of America competition conducted recently. Pictured in front are Samson Figueiredo, Allison Steffen, Katelyn Holboke, Ashly Armenteros and Shelby Sharpless, and at back, Maddison Miller, Mariah Hughes, Rachel Rorie, Janet Bush, Arelys Hernandez, Kennede Hutson, Gabby Berkshier and coach Nicole Mount. The group has been invited to participate in the national competition in March.

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## Speede makes Dean's List

Michelle Angela Speede Rockwall was named to Dean's List at Radford University for the fall semester, according to a university news release.

Speede is a junior marketing psychology major.

To be named to the Dean's List a student must have taken 15 more credit hours and have a g point average of 3.4 or above no grade below a C.

## Wilson graduates from Trinity

Charlie Wilson of Rockwall graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio with a bachelor degree in biology, according to university news release.

Wilson was one of undergraduates receiving degrees at the university's commencement exercises conducted Dec. 15.

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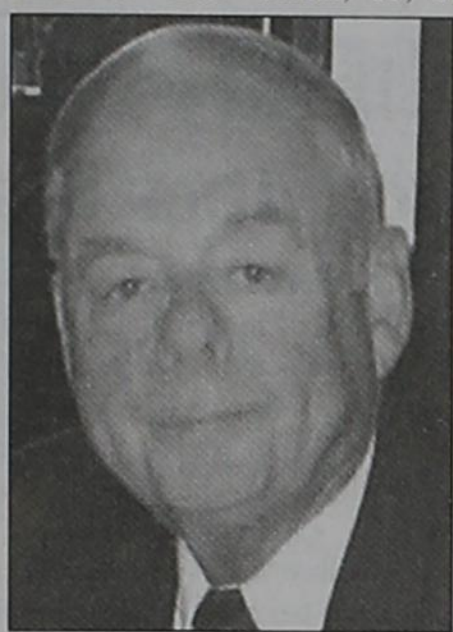
## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Lillian Holdbrook



Funeral services for Lillian Holdbrook, 91, were conducted at 1 p.m. Feb. 27, 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. Pastor Jerry Griffith officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Park. Lillian was born Feb. 19, 1921, in Van Zandt, La. She was the daughter of Jasper Newton Cotton and Lillian (Farthing) Cotton. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall since 1971. Her survivors include her sons, Ray Holdbrook and his wife, Cathy, of Dallas; Dennis Holdbrook and his wife, Rhonda, of Tawakoni; her children, Bradley Holdbrook and his wife, Amanda, of Dallas; and her grandchildren, Justin Holdbrook of Tucson, Ariz., Corey Holdbrook of Forney and Hannah Holdbrook of Forney; her great-grandchildren, Riley Raby, Cambria Raby and Rowan Raby; her sisters, Janell Bateman of Mesquite, Okla., and Joyce Foster of Mesquite; and her nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Herman Holdbrook; four brothers; and four sisters.

### William J. 'Bill' Smith



Funeral services for William J. "Bill" Smith, 81, of Rockwall, will be conducted today, Feb. 28, 2013, in the DFW National Cemetery. A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. today at the Senior Lutheran Church, 3003 E. Rockwall, Rockwall. Bill was born Nov. 24, 1931, in Garden City, Mo. He was the son of Ormand Young Smith and Elizabeth (Hodges) Smith, he served in the U.S. Army and married Geri Heuermann on Jan. 19, 1959, in Kansas City, Mo. He worked in technical sales and retired from Figuren LORCO. He was a member of the Senior Lutheran Church and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Geri Smith of Rockwall; his children, Cindy Smith and her husband, Brian, of Tulsa, Okla., Erik Smith and his wife, Milany, of Waco and Sheila Wange and her husband, David, of Dallas; his mother-in-law, Louise Heuermann; and his grandchildren, Mark, Markus, Matthew, Josh, Kristin and Emily. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial contributions may be made to the Senior Lutheran Church Building Fund or to Marketplace Chaplains, 1001 W. Plano Pkwy., Suite 3200, Plano, TX 75075.

# Royse City News

## RCISD Education Foundation names 2013 Top Dog students, teachers

The Top Dogs for 2013 have been determined. The Royse City Independent School District Education Foundation has released the list of students and teachers singled out for Top Dog recognition for the 2012-2013 school year.

Each year, teachers nominate the Royse City High School seniors they believe should be recognized based on achievements in academics, extracurricular activities, leadership and community service. The students, in turn, select their most influential teachers.

This year's honorees, listed student and most-influential teacher, include:

- William Brandow – Yvonne Recio, fifth grade teacher
- Paige Brown – Kari McKenzie, theatre arts
- Alex Chase – Kathleen Krumnow, Pre-AP English
- Martin Diaz-Marlolinier – Cynthia Clark, culinary arts
- Lauren Dusek – Natalie Swindle, Pre-AP English 2 and AP English literature

- Brook East – Derek Greenawalt, soccer coach
- Andrea Ervin – Dale Brewer, anatomy and physiology
- David Frye – Anthony Howerton, basketball coach
- Austin Gibbs – Lori Blackburn, psychology and sociology
- Tori Green – Elizabeth Nolan, second grade teacher
- Garrett Hammonds – Rori McKenzie, speech and debate
- Kaley Loosier – Dallas Bookout, basketball coach
- Luz Montero – Emily Hays, band director
- Audrey Richardson – Vickie Coker, Pre-AP biology and AP biology
- Kelsie Rogers – Brooke McMasters, girls track and field coach, FCA sponsor
- MiKindzi Shanks – Laurie Kobe, American Sign Language
- Clint Sherman – Greg Strahm, football coach
- Kyla Simmons – Lisa Posey, AP English III
- Sydney Skipworth – Jana Everett, speech and yearbook

• Schelly Stone – Kelly Elliott, eighth grade Pre-AP English teacher

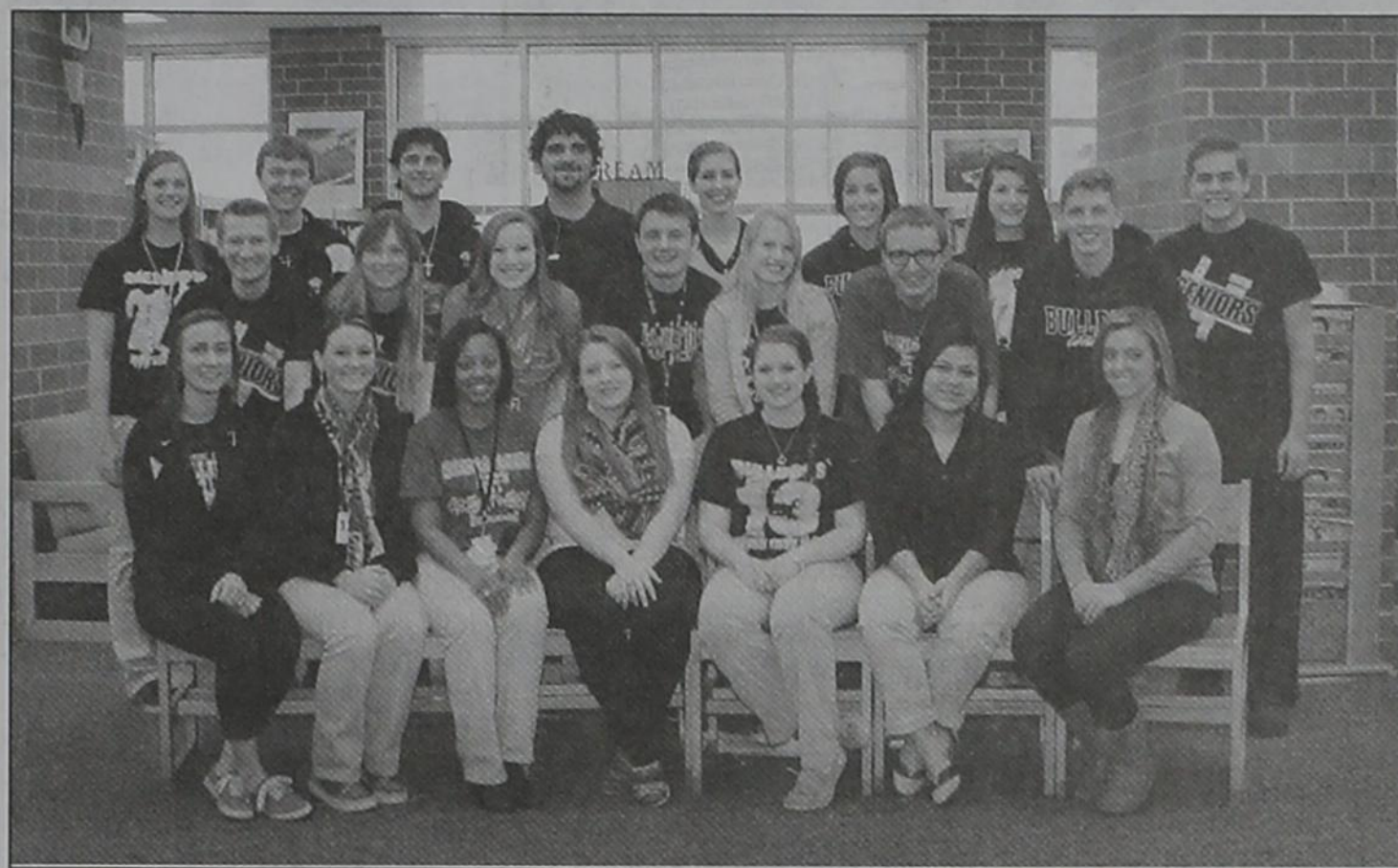
• Zachary Summers – Jadetta Grant, third grade teacher

• Sarah VerHagen – Steve Vaughn, audio/visual and RCTV teacher

• Hailee Williams – David Skidmore, AP U.S. history

Both groups are honored at the Top Dog Spectacular event, which this year will be conducted May 2 at the First Baptist Church in Royse City. The event will be open to the public.

Tickets are available at [rcisdfoundation.com](http://rcisdfoundation.com) or at the foundation office, which is located at 810 Old Greenville Rd., Epps ESC.



Pictured above are the 2013 Top Dog seniors for the Royse City Independent School District. Each year, seniors are nominated based on achievements in academics, extracurricular, leadership and community service. Nominations are made by teachers. In turn, the students select their most influential teachers. The students and teachers will be recognized at the Top Dog Spectacular set for May 2 at the First Baptist Church in Royse City. For tickets, visit [rcisdfoundation.com](http://rcisdfoundation.com) or go by the Royse City ISD Education Foundation office at 810 Old Greenville Road, Epps ESC. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## People relocating to Fate at record pace

by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

During the Feb. 18 Fate City Council Meeting, Fate resident Nathan J. Derr spoke to the council regarding the maintenance of two open spaces in the Riding Club Estates previously dedicated to the city and to be maintained by the Home Owners Association.

The resident's main concern was drainage issues within the two open spaces.

Derr said the two properties consisting of 4.193 acres and 4.0 acres respectively and are no longer accessible without first accessing private property. There are neighbors who live in Riding Club who have volunteered to clean debris from the creek areas in the acreage, but if any damage should come to the property owners' fences or other structures in the process, Derr said he believes the volunteers would be liable for the damages.

City manager Philip Rodriguez pointed out in the discussion that there are drainage easements that exist around the property that should provide access, but it appears residents have built fences over the existing easements that now prevent access to the properties behind them.

There was extensive discussion concerning the matter that ended with Place 5 Councilman Forrest Murley suggesting that Derr schedule a meeting with Bobby Clay, director of public works in Fate, to come up with workable ideas and solutions to bring back for council consideration at a later date. The suggestion was agreed upon.

Also on the agenda was Ordinance No. O-1222 requesting a zoning change for Chamberlain Crossing (formerly known as Creekside Estates) to be changed from the land use of Agriculture to Planned Unit Development. The properties include approximately 105.6 acres of open land, which will be transformed into a new single-family housing subdivision and amenity center with 412 lots at final build out.

The council unanimously approved the action item. The zoning application was submitted by Lennar Homes of Texas on behalf of the landowners.

Proposed budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2013 also were submitted by Rodriguez and unanimously approved.

In closing remarks, Rodriguez gave a positive financial report for the City of Fate, indicating both a growth in services and offsetting revenues, resulting in zero additional financial impact to Fate taxpayers. He reported that people are moving into the City of Fate at a record pace and that sales tax collections in the city also are seeing significant growth. The City of Fate is in a good financial position at this point in the fiscal year.

All council members were present at the meeting.



Fate resident Nathan J. Derr spoke to the Fate City Council Feb. 18 regarding drainage issues at properties adjacent to Riding Club Estates.

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Kerry Wiemokly, Place 1 Fate city councilman, smiles for the camera after a tearful and emotional resignation at the conclusion of Monday night's council meeting. Only moments later, he rejected his action following a plea from Forest Murley, Place 5 Councilman, asking Wiemokly to consider staying for the remaining two months of his term. Wiemokly cited job demands as the reason for his original decision. Left, looking on, is city secretary Jean Danell.

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## Rockwall County News Briefs

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### Library to offer technology test drives

Rockwall County Library staff will demonstrate the ins and outs of a variety of e-readers and audio devices from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 and March 26. Devices have been provided by a grant from the State Library. Individuals planning to participate should sign up at the library's reference desk or call 972-204-7770 to reserve a space.

### Public School Rally set March 7

Rockwall ISD will host a Celebrate Texas Public Schools Rally featuring former Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott on March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center on the Uteley campus. The event is set to run concurrently with Celebrate Texas Public Schools Week and will feature several student performance groups, including the Amy Parks-Heath Starlight Singers, Singer Elementary Guitar Ensemble, the RISD orchestra ensemble and the RISD choir ensemble. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more information call the RISD Office of Communications at 972-71-0605.

### 'God's Favorite' auditions set

Auditions for the Neil Simon comedy "God's Favorite" will begin at 7 p.m. on March 23 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall. No appointments are needed. "God's Favorite" is a light-hearted piece with a cast of five men and three women. Those planning to audition should bring a resume and headshot and be prepared to read a script. Aimee Thibodeaux will direct the play.

### Women's League seeks grant requests

The Rockwall Women's League is accepting grant requests from nonprofit agencies that provide services in Rockwall County. Submission deadline is April 1. Grant requests should include: program name, 501(c)(3) number, program description, program beneficiaries and amount requested. Grant requests should be submitted in writing to P.O. Box 1000, Rockwall, TX 75087, attn.: Joey Grand-Lienard. For more details call 972-800-7724. Proceeds from the RWL annual charity ball are used to provide grants, as well as scholarships to Rockwall County high school seniors. Last year \$22,200 in grants and \$50,000 in scholarships were awarded. This year's charity ball, Under the Big Top, is set for April 12 at the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas. To contribute or attend, contact Christy at 972-742-9752 or [christy@dallasflooranddesign.com](mailto:christy@dallasflooranddesign.com).

### Heath Cemetery Association to meet March 4

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Meek and lowly in heart ... Lamentations and Nehemiah

Our Lord Jesus was the perfect example of how to mentally keep and guard the heart and mind during the most terrible times of suffering. During his last year, the Jewish leadership secretly plotted to arrest him many times. They tried to disrupt his service toward God by questioning and mocking those who were healed by Jesus. But Jesus stayed focused on his heavenly Father. Simply walking by the spirit of God, Jesus was able to evade arrest, boldly speak the truth directly to the brutally evil leaders, heal many people, cast out devil spirits and proclaim to all the Kingdom of heaven.

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In Matthew chapter 11, John asked two of his disciples to find Jesus and ask if he was the Messiah prophesied of throughout the Old Testament. Jesus answered their question and shared more about John.

After speaking about John, Jesus prayed to God by saying, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knows the son, but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, save the son, and he to whomsoever the son will reveal Him."

Jesus fully understood who he was and where he stood with his Father God. Jesus was thankful to God for allowing these truths to be hidden from the wise and prudent people of the world. This was related to the people who lived by worldly wisdom and prudence, but had rebellious hearts against God's wisdom.

Jesus thanked God for allowing people with the meek and humble hearts of babies to see His truth. Jesus didn't get frustrated and angry or insecure because of other's unbelief. Instead he thanked God.

Jesus continued, "Come unto me, all that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

It did not say that Jesus felt meek and lowly in heart, or that he acted that way. Instead, it says that Jesus was meek and lowly in heart. The word heart referred to the inner seat of people's thoughts. It was the part of the thoughts from which issued decisions and actions.

Jesus fully experienced a lowly state after he was arrested, faced one

secret mock trial and then another public mock trial, was mocked, spat on and scourged many times by both the Jewish leader government soldiers. This lasted an unbearably long period of time.

The word "lowly" was translated from an ancient Hebrew different parts of the Old Testament. Researching the use of it in different parts of the scriptures helps to get a better understanding of what Jesus was saying.

Lamentation of Jeremiah chapter one repeatedly mentions affliction and affliction of Judah. Throughout Lamentations, Jeremiah knows how the sins of God's people Judah resulted in their captivity and afflictions.

"The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, she is in bitterness.

Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her children into captivity before the enemy" (Lamentations 1:4-5).

Nehemiah chapter nine speaks of the grace and mercy of God. His called people. Time and time again they rebelled against God (time and time). He heard their cries after long bouts of captivity fiction, and rescued them. A beautiful thing about Nehemiah is that was remembering the mighty works God of the past.

When we are suffering, turn to God in prayer often. Thank His past mighty works. Present them to God with praise. Praise raising Jesus from the dead and causing him to sit at His right power and authority. Speak to God about His mighty works recorded in the Acts. This is especially important, because they were living same spiritual administration of the grace of God that we live in.

God's beloved saints and children now have our Lord Jesus Messiah living in them by the Holy Ghost.

Let's search the scriptures and put on God's word in our hearts about the mighty works of God over the thousands of years. Read and talk to God about His works in our individual lives.

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## Library to offer children activities March 11-15

The Rockwall County Library will offer a variety of free activity school-aged children the week of spring break, March 11-15.

- Planned activities include:
- March 11 – Drop-in Art: Children are invited to come from 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. for craft activities in the Storytime. Activities will be best suited for children ages 5 and older.
  - March 12 – Dazzling Dave: Dazzling Dave will be on hand to show how much fun science can be. Dave's Science Spectacular program will begin at 2 p.m. in the first floor meeting room. This activity is best suited for children ages 6 and older.
  - March 13 – Popcorn & a Movie: The library will screen PG-rated film "Tangled" beginning at 2 p.m. in the first floor meeting room. The film is 100 minutes long. Popcorn will be served. Participants are invited to bring covered drinks to enjoy.
  - March 14 – Puppet Fun: Puppeteer Sandy Shroul will hand to deliver her twist on the classic tale of "The Princess and the Pea." The show will begin at 7 p.m. in the first floor meeting room.

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# Rockwall Weight Loss Surgery Center earns recognition

Weight loss surgery center at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall has been named a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, according to a hospital press release.

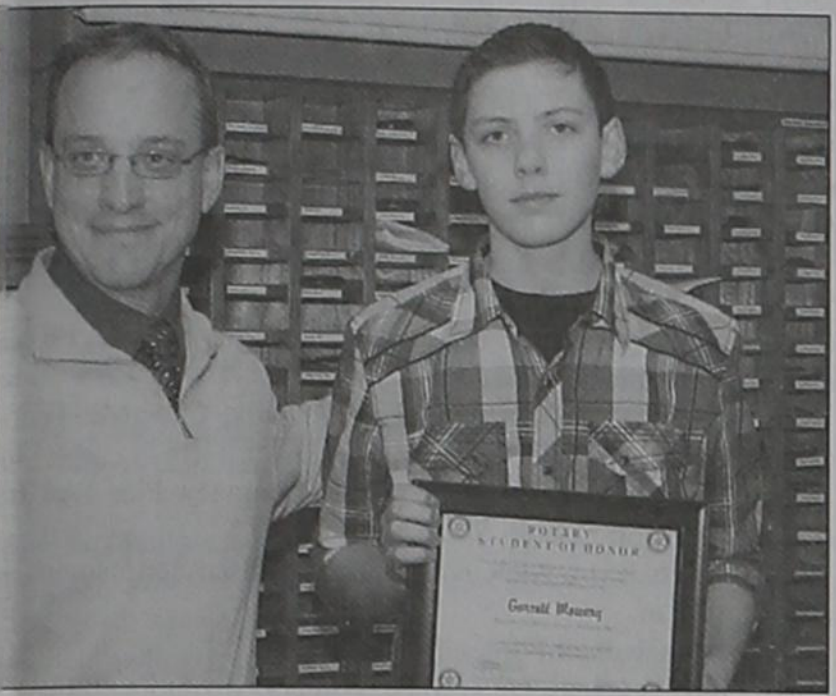
Since its inception in November 2008 the program, Your Solution Weight Loss Surgery, has been working towards achieving accreditation. "I am extremely proud of the work our hospital team and surgeons have put into developing such a fine program," said Jane Cauley, program director.

The process for achieving a center of excellence designation includes a lengthy survey and inspection process by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. All programs granted accreditation are required to have performed a specific number of procedures having proven a high level of competence with positive outcomes in successful weight loss.

Texas Health Rockwall's program is extensive yet individualized enough so that each patient receives the required elements but is also treated with the compassion and attention they want. Personal relationship extends to the patient's family as the need to educate the family is included.

"Weight loss surgery affects the entire family," said Cauley. "We want to make sure that everyone is on board and understands the changes that will take place."

"Everyone involved with the program at Your Solution has worked exceptionally hard to develop a comprehensive and patient-oriented program. I am extremely proud of Jane Cauley, our surgeons and hospital staff," said Cindy Paris, hospital president. "What a gratifying experience it is to play a part in helping individuals get back a life they thought they would never have again. We are excited that our hospital can offer this to patients in our community and surrounding areas."



Harrett Mowery of Maurine Cain Middle School was named Feb. 21 as the Rockwall Rotary Club's Student of the Month. Pictured with Mowery is the school's assistant principal, Timothy Allen.



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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition, was filed in said Court on JANUARY 4, 2012, A.D., in this case numbered 8-12-2 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS vs. \$14,010.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FORFEITURE & SEIZURE PROPERTY MONEY

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The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 12, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 18, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

**Z2013-007: Proposed Rezone - 955 Sids Road**  
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Scott Huizenga, representing Campers 4 Rent, LLC, for approval of a change in zoning from Agricultural (AG) District to Heavy Commercial (HC) District on a 1.50-acre tract situated in the J.D. McFarland Survey, Tract 8-3, City and County of Rockwall, Texas, located at 955 Sids Road, northeast of Mims Road, and take any action necessary.

**Z2013-008: Proposed Rezone - 2185 Williams Street**  
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Keith Taylor, representing T.A. Land Holdings, for approval of a change in zoning from Agricultural (AG) District to Commercial (C) District on a 1.51-acre tract situated in Zion Hill Estates Addition, Lot 3 and part of Lot 6, Block B, City and County of Rockwall, Texas, located at 2185 Williams Street, at the northwest corner of SH 66 and Stodghill Road (FM 3549), and take any action necessary.

**Z2013-009: Proposed Specific Use Permit - 1780 E. IH-30**  
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by John Kimmer, representing Tuff Shed, Inc., for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for outside storage on a 3.20-acre tract of land described as Tract 7-01 of the J. Lockhart Abstract, City and County of Rockwall, Texas, located at 1780 E IH-30, zoned Light Industrial (LI) district and situated within the IH-30 Overlay (IH-30 OV) District, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. Additional information can be found on all current Zoning cases on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/ZoningChanges.asp>

## Rockwall County Scholastic Sports Schedules

### Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Thursday, March 7 – Softball: home vs. Boerne Vanguard Christian, RISE, 4 p.m.

### Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, March 1 – JV2 tennis: at Mansfield Timberview, 8 a.m.  
 Varsity boys' golf: at Lake Highlands Tournament, Twin Rivers Golf Club, 9 a.m.  
 Varsity softball: at Wylie Varsity Softball Tournament, vs. Irving MacArthur, Founders Park East Field 2 p.m., and at Wylie, Wylie High School 6 p.m.  
 Varsity baseball: at Jesuit Baseball Classic, Dallas Jesuit Prep High School, vs. Burleson Centennial 2:30 p.m. and at Dallas Jesuit Prep 7 p.m.  
 JV girls' soccer: at Flower Mound Marcus, 4:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, March 2 – Varsity boys' golf: at Lake Highlands Tournament, Twin Rivers Golf Club, 9 a.m.  
 Varsity softball: at Wylie Varsity Softball Tournament, vs. Richland, Founders Park West Field 9 a.m., and vs. Plano East, Wylie High School 3 p.m.

Varsity baseball: vs. Dallas Bishop Lynch at Jesuit Baseball Classic, Dallas Jesuit Prep High School, 12:15 p.m.  
 JV White baseball: home vs. Plano, 2 games, noon  
 Track and field: at Commonwealth Relays, Wylie High School 7 p.m.  
 Monday, March 4 – JV White baseball: home vs. Dallas Jesuit Prep High School, 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 5 – JV boys' golf: at Plano Tournament, The Courses at Watters Creek, 8 a.m.  
 JV White baseball: at Rockwall-Heath, 5 p.m.  
 Boys' soccer: home vs. Mesquite, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Girls' soccer: at Mesquite, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Varsity baseball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, 7 p.m.  
 JV tennis: at Justin Northwest JV Tournament  
 Wednesday, March 6 – Varsity girls' golf: at Forney Tournament, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
 Thursday, March 7 – Varsity baseball: at Highland Park Tournament, Highland Park High School, vs. Rowlett 1:30 p.m. and vs. Ashdown 4 p.m.  
 Varsity girls' gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW Education Center Gymnasium, Optional  
 Friday, March 8 – Varsity baseball: at Highland Park Tournament, vs. Midland, Quick Trip Park 11 a.m., and at Dallas W.T. White 4 p.m.  
 JV Orange baseball: home vs. Rowlett, 4 p.m.  
 Boys' soccer: home vs. Mesquite Horn, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Girls' soccer: at Mesquite Horn, Berry Middle School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Varsity boys' gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW Education Center Gymnasium, Optional  
 Varsity tennis: at Coppell Varsity Tournament  
 Track and field: at Richardson Eagle Relays  
 Saturday, March 9 – Varsity baseball: vs. Keller at Highland Park Tournament, Highland Park High School, 11:30 a.m.  
 JV White baseball: home vs. Rowlett, 2 games, noon  
 JV Orange baseball: at Plano East, 1 p.m.

Varsity softball: at Frisco Tournament  
 Varsity tennis: at Abilene Tournament, Abilene Cooper High School  
 Boys' and girls' track and field: at Clay Jones Relays, Forney Center Stadium  
 JV Black baseball: at Garland JV Tournament  
 JV Red golf: at Denton Guyer Tournament, Wildhorse Golf Club of Ranch  
 Tuesday, March 5 – JV Red baseball: home vs. Rockwall, 4 p.m.  
 Girls' soccer: home vs. Longview, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Boys' soccer: at Longview, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Varsity baseball: at Rockwall, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 6 – Varsity girls' golf: at Rowlett Tournament, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
 Thursday, March 7 – Varsity baseball: at Frisco Tournament, vs. Frisco Liberty High School 1 p.m., and vs. Colleyville Heritage, Wakeland High School, 7 p.m.  
 Varsity tennis: at Mesquite Horn, 4 p.m.  
 JV Black baseball: at Forney JV Tournament  
 Varsity girls' gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW Education Center Gymnasium, Optional  
 Boys' and girls' track and field: at Reliable Chevrolet Pearce Eagle-Mustang Stadium  
 Friday, March 8 – Varsity boys' golf: at Longview Pine Tree Tournament, Wood Hollow Golf Course, 8 a.m.  
 Varsity baseball: vs. McKinney Boyd at Frisco Tournament, Dr. Ballpark, 10 a.m.  
 JV Black baseball: at Forney JV Tournament  
 Varsity boys' gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW Education Center Gymnasium, Optional  
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## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

### Are backdoor sales taxes supporting Obamacare?

Are department stores collecting a tax from consumers for Obamacare?  
 A rumor heard last week has piqued my interest. A national sporting goods store, founded and headquartered in the Midwest state of Nebraska, issues itemized receipts which reflect the taxes charged to the customers. Supposedly one of the confiscatory taxes listed is for Obamacare.  
 Is this another illegal EO maneuver perpetrated by the Executive Branch of the Federal government to steal from the citizenry, or are the Washington politicians sanctioning this surreptitious thievery?  
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## Rockwall County Sports Notes

### Fundraiser BBQ, tourney set March 2

A fundraising barbecue lunch and triples tennis tournament will take place March 2 at Chandler's Landing. Lunch will run from 11 a.m. to noon. Tournament play will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; draw for teams will run from 11 a.m. to noon. The tournament will feature two out of three triples games to 21 points. Cost will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for juniors. Music, barbeque and water and Gatorade will be offered.  
 St. Patty's Day mixer scheduled  
 The Chandler's Landing Tennis St. Patrick's Day Mixer will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 17.

### Scholarship Golf Classic set March 23

The 2nd Annual East Trinity Masonic Scholarship Golf Classic will take place March 23 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Entry fee for the Florida scramble will be \$125 per golfer or \$400 per team; show time is 11:30 a.m., tee time is 1 p.m. Corporate banner and hole sponsorships remain available. Proceeds will benefit the East Trinity Masonic Scholarship Fund. For more details call Chris Knox at 214-478-9802.

### Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk slated

The 2013 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk will begin – rain or shine – at 8:30 a.m. March 20 at the Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. The family-friendly event is open to all ages and athletic abilities. Start and finish lines will be chip-timed, and the course will be USATF-certified with professional race management. Male and female categories are divided by age, with awards presented to the top three in each class. Awards also will be given to the top runners overall and over-40 masters winners. New five-year age brackets from ages 20-70 and older will include 20-25; 26-30; 31-35; 36-40; 41-45; 46-50; 51-55; 56-60; 61-65; 66-70; and 70+. Youth age brackets will be u-11; 12-14; and 15-19. Online registration may be completed in person at City Hall or online at healthx.com. Each participant will receive a Dri-Fit T-shirt with the

race logo on it while supplies last. Drawings will be conducted following the race to give away door prizes provided by local merchants.

### April 27 run to benefit Children's Relief

The Fourth Annual Green Door 5K, 10K and Fun Run, set for 27 at Harry Myers Park in Rockwall, will benefit Children's Relief International. Runners are asked to bring canned goods to Rockwall County Helping Hands; proceeds from the event will help Children's Relief feed and build homes for the hungry through projects in India and Africa. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., with the beginning at 8:30 a.m., the one-mile fun run at 8:45 a.m. and the 5K and 10K races at 9 a.m. Registration fees are \$30 for the 5K and 10K races (walk \$35); \$15 for the fun-run (walk-up \$20); \$10 for children ages 10 and children ages 9 and under, free. (Bring canned goods on race and get \$3 off; enter the discount code CAN to receive discount online at greendoor5k.com.)



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WARM BODIES-A PG13	X	X	X	5:25	X	10:20
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JACK THE GIANT SLAYER-3D-A PG13	12:30	X	3:00	6:00	8:30	X
A GOOD DAY TO DIE HARD-A R	12:50	X	3:05	5:20	7:35	9:50
SAFE HAVEN-A PG13	11:45	2:15	4:45	X	7:15	9:45
SNITCH-A PG13	11:55	2:25	4:55	X	7:25	9:55
DARK SKIES-A PG13	12:15	2:25	4:35	X	7:20	9:35

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Approximately 340 participants gathered at the Harry Myers Park in Rockwall on Feb. 23 for the Run Your Heart Out 5K & Fun Run Benefit for the Children's Organ Transplant Association in honor of McKenzie Hope Young. The event occurred eight months to the day that the child received her new heart. McKenzie was born on May 2 and days after her birth contracted a virus that destroyed her heart. The event raised more than \$19,000.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



### Highsteppers return from Duncanville competition with honors

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers attended the Duncanville High Hat Competition Feb. 9 and earned several honors. The team captured Sweepstakes, the Gussie Nell Davis Award of Excellence, Judges Award in Kick, Judges Award in Pom, Judges Award in Contemporary, Best Overall Technique, Best Overall Performance, Best Overall Precision, Best Overall Choreography, fourth place Best in Class, and Academic Champions. The Highstepper offers also competed in the officer category, winning Sweepstakes, the Gussie Nell Award of Excellence, Judges Award in Lyrical, Judges Award in Hip-Hop, Judges Award in Contemporary, Best Overall Presentation, Best Overall Precision, Best Overall Choreography and first runner-up, Best in Class. Several team and officer members competed in the solo contest, with Kayla Bender earning fifth runner-up, Anna Digirolamo and Allison Strother tying for fourth runner-up, Madison Mills taking second runner-up, Mercedes Tobias earning first runner-up and Victoria Carney capturing the win. The Highsteppers attended the American Dance and Drill Team competition Feb. 23 at Rowlett High and will attend the Half-Time Entertainment Competition in Justin on March 2 and the American Dance and Drill Team National Competition on March 22-23 in Denton.

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 sophomore Raena Eldridge Saturday in the 5A State Championship at the University Center at the University of Texas at Austin. She nearly duplicated her first round performance, finishing with a score of 23.43 seconds left in the hole. She was one of 23 San Antonio Johnnies who finished in the top 10. Her time also broke the previous record for the Region III-5A title. She was also named Rockwall's first All-State player for Rockwall's first All-State team. She was also named Rockwall's first All-State player for Rockwall's first All-State team. She was also named Rockwall's first All-State player for Rockwall's first All-State team.

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 Daniel Roland placed second in his first round of the 5A State Championship. He was named Rockwall's first All-State player for Rockwall's first All-State team. He was also named Rockwall's first All-State player for Rockwall's first All-State team.

Soccer: The Lady Jacks, who had two ties. After opponents 6-4, they had a 3-3 overall record. They defeated Amarillo 6-5. Rockwall's victory was the first since the team's defeat of Amarillo 6-5. Rockwall's victory was the first since the team's defeat of Amarillo 6-5.

Basketball: Rockwall's 12-5A Offensive Player of the Week was named. She was named Rockwall's 12-5A Offensive Player of the Week. She was named Rockwall's 12-5A Offensive Player of the Week.

# Eldridge swims to 2 state silver medals; Lady Jackets 18th

Sophomore Raena Eldridge won two silver medals for second-places Saturday in the 5A State Championships at the Lee and Joe Center at the University of Texas in Austin.

Eldridge duplicated her first place in last year's 4A 50-yard freestyle, with a time of 23.43 seconds left her just .06 second behind champion of San Antonio Johnson.

Jacket's time also broke the RHS record she had set just 2 weeks earlier in the Region III-5A Championships' 50 free. The state time for Rockwall's first All-America swimming award.

Eldridge also was this year's Regional champion in the 100 backstroke, with a time of 1:04.45. She also was second in the state. She entered the state meet seeded eighth in 56.51, another RHS-record time, behind only

top-seeded Laura Norman of Keller in 55.79. Eldridge's time broke her record set at the Regionals by .61 second.



Raena Eldridge

Rockwall junior Haylie Harbin, the III-5A champion in the 500 freestyle, placed 14th in Austin in 5:06.16, some 6 seconds behind her RHS-record Regional time.

Eldridge and Harbin combined for 37 points, putting the Lady Jackets 18th in the state among 64 teams that had girls swimming in Austin Friday and Saturday.

In the 5A boys' State Championships, Rockwall-Heath's Jared Butler tied for ninth in the 200 freestyle with Connor Dobbs of Southlake Carroll, which won both the boys' and girls' state team titles. Butler's time of 1:42.05 placed 8 points, allowing the Hawks to provide 45th among 63 teams.

Between them, Eldridge and Harbin are part of 10 of the 11 listed girls' individual and relay records for RHS. They both were on this season's record-breaking 200 medley and 400 free relay teams with Morgan Barnes and Rebecca Voth. Eldridge holds six individual records, and Harbin has two. The only other listed record, in the 200 free relay, has been on the books since 2005.

Rockwall head coach Paul Wallace was pleased with both state qualifiers' performance. He said, "Sending two athletes to state in our first year as 5A was in itself a significant achievement, considering we only sent one athlete last year in the smaller 4A division. Bringing home two medals attests to the rapidly emerging aquatics program in Rockwall and the hundreds of hours these girls have put into training."

Eldridge said, "This may not have been the fastest meet I've competed in, but in terms of intensity and pressure, it was at the top of the list for me since I was representing my school and didn't want to let them down."

"I wish I could have brought home gold. Falling short by .06 seconds is tough. But overall, I am pleased with both of my swims and know I can do even better next year."

And possibly the year after that.

## IS roundup: Roland 2nd, Jackets 11th in state wrestling

Daniel Roland placed second in his weight class and sophomore Tyler Lee was fourth in his to lead the Rockwall wrestlers to 11th place in the 5A State Championships.

Roland's familiar ending for Roland, who lost the 195-pound final at the Region II-5A and state championships – all to Allen's Nick Cobbs. Saturday's 5-2 victory over Roland allowed Cobbs to become the first-time state champion in Texas wrestling history.

Roland was one of six Eagles champions as Allen rolled to its fourth state championship with 251.5 points. RHS finished the first 5A place with 44.

Roland advanced to the final by winning two matches Thursday – by 10-0 over Antonio Johnson's Tim McCutcheon in 5 minutes, 36 seconds, and a 5-0 decision over Southlake Carroll's Cody Lindberg. Roland then defeated the 195-pounder in 4 minutes, 58 seconds in Friday's semifinal.

Roland won three of four matches to reach Saturday's third-place match against another Klein wrestler, Trevor Aspinall. The Yellowjacket lost to LaJoya Juarez-Lincoln's Ray Rodriguez in 5:05 and Cypress Christian's Justin Hernandez in 1:49 Thursday before losing in Friday's quarterfinal to Flower Mound's Drake Dudley. Miller bounced back to pin down Brad Klewitz in 2:24.

Jackets' third qualifier, 220-pounder Rilee Fisher, won one match and placed fifth at the Austin ISD Delco Center.

**SOCCER:** RHS finished the first half of the District 12-5A schedule with a 6-0 record, but also without allowing a goal. Last week, the team defeated Rockwall-Heath Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Tyler Lee Friday, Feb. 22. Micah Day scored all three goals against Lee and one against Hawks. Clayton Rittershaus and Jordan Story also had a goal each against RHHS. Rockwall (18-2 overall) has won eight consecutive

**SOCCER:** The Lady Jackets also were undefeated in regulation time, but had two ties. After a 2-0-2 district start during which they defeated opponents 6-4, they had a 6-0 advantage in goals last week. Rockwall (18-3-3 overall) won at Rockwall-Heath 2-0 Tuesday and at home 4-1 over Tyler Lee.

**BASKETBALL:** RHS opened its season by winning three games and losing one at the First Texas Georgetown Invitational. The most dramatic victory came Friday night, when the Jackets scored four runs in the bottom of the 7th to defeat Amarillo 6-5. Rockwall had defeated Lubbock Monterey 10-1 on Tuesday, and Jersey Village 5-3 the day before, when head coach Jeff Payne said "blowing in held down teams' offenses."

**BASEBALL:** Rockwall won one game and lost three last weekend at the Rockwall Christian Academy Invitational Softball Tournament to fall to 5-6-1 this season. The team's 1-0 shutout over Burleson Saturday. A day earlier, the Lady Jackets had taken a 4-2 lead over Forney on Hayley Baker's two-run triple in the second inning, but a three-run home run in the fourth gave the Lady Jackets a 4-1 win.

**BASKETBALL:** Rockwall sophomore Sara Williamson was voted state 12-5A Offensive Player of the Year. She led the Lady Jackets to a record with 15 points and 8 rebounds per game. Joining her on the All-District team were senior Morgen Day, who led the team with nearly 30 points per game and averaged nine points per contest, and junior Ellen Hughes, whose 13 points per game included more than 100 3-point field goals. Hannah Hughes was named second-team All-District.

**RHS placed third Feb. 19 in the Grapevine Faith Tournament, led by Hannah Hughes's third-place finish at 73. Cadie Gaubatz finished among the top individuals with an 85 to lead the Lady Jackets to fourth place in the Lake Highlands Tournament at the Dallas Athletic Club.**

**NETBALL:** Rockwall's boys swept the B championships at the Round Rock Tournament last weekend. Wolfie Seibert won the B singles title, and Nathan Hogan and Nathan Hogan combined to take the B doubles and Jordan Hudson and Hannah Duncan were first in mixed doubles.

**ACROBATICS:** Kaylee Hinton won the long jump at Saturday's McKinney Boyd Invitational, clearing 18 feet, 7 3/4 inches to break her own RHS girls' record. Hinton tied for fourth in the pole vault at 10-6 and anchored the 4X200-meter relay that finished second. The Rockwall varsity girls were eighth. The boys placed seventh, with Jonny Lee winning the pole vault at 13-6.

### Rockwall County high school varsity results, Feb. 19-25

- Rockwall Christian Academy 0
- Randall 13, Rockwall 2
- Spring Springs 2, Rockwall 0
- Monterey 7, Rockwall-Heath 1
- Lubbock Monterey 2
- Jersey Village 3
- Amarillo 5
- Heath 13, The Woodlands College Park 3
- Heath 2, Georgetown 1
- Heath 8, Canyon Randall 7
- Heath 7, Amarillo 1
- Man 12, Rockwall Christian Academy 2
- basketball
- Christian Schools 68, Rockwall Christian Academy 50
- Amarillo Ascension Academy 42
- Christian Academy 73, Faith Academy of Marble Falls 62
- basketball
- Hill Country Christian 65, Rockwall Christian Academy 39
- Christian Academy 48, Waco Texas Christian Academy 28
- Sacred Heart Catholic School 45, Heritage Christian Academy 28
- gymnastics
- 157.10, Colleyville Heritage 91.80
- soccer
- 3, Rockwall-Heath 0
- 3, Tyler Lee 0
- Heath 2, Mesquite 2 (RHHS won tiebreaker shootout)
- soccer
- 2, Rockwall-Heath 0
- 4, Tyler Lee 0
- football
- Martin 9, Rockwall-Heath 6
- 5, Rockwall-Heath 4
- 5, Rockwall 4
- 7, Rockwall 0
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- 4, Plano 0
- 1, Burleson 0
- Heath 6, Keller Timber Creek 4
- Heath 8, Euless Trinity 6
- swimming
- Championships (63 teams) – Rockwall-Heath 8 (45th)
- swimming
- Championships (64 teams) – Rockwall 37 (18th)
- track and field
- Robertson Relays (8 teams) – Rockwall-Heath 97 (2nd)
- wrestling
- Championships (89 teams) – Rockwall 44 (11th), Rockwall-Heath 1 (3rd)



Rockwall Christian Warriors' Chris Stephens (1) drives to the basket against Abilene Christian Schools Friday February 22 during the TAPPS Area playoff game at Abilene. The Warriors finished the season with a 68-50 loss to ACS.

Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News

## Private schools: Falcons return to Regionals behind Cleveland

by Lary Bump

The Fulton School came out on fire Saturday, and the Falcons – especially senior Conner Cleveland – barely cooled off for the rest of the morning's TAPPS 1A Area playoff game.

As a result of their 71-42 victory over Amarillo Ascension Academy at Rockwall Christian Academy, for the second consecutive year the Falcons advanced to the Regional round. They were scheduled to meet Conroe Lifestyle Christian School Tuesday for the right to advance to this weekend's state tournament in Mansfield.

Fulton (16-12) made 8 of 11 field goal attempts and all but one of six free throws to take a 21-7 lead after one quarter.

Cleveland scored 13 points in that quarter. For the game, he equaled Ascension's 42 points. Helping Cleveland, who also had four steals, were junior Branden Williams with 16 points and 18 rebounds, and freshman Trey Ivy with 11 points.

"Conner has played well for us, and Brenden has expanded his game this year. They're trying to make their teammates better," said Falcons head coach Josh Johnson.

**HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:** For the second consecutive season, the HCA girls won one basketball playoff game but couldn't get past the Area round.

A year ago, the Lady Eagles lost in the last second to Sherman Texoma Christian. This year's Area game at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo wasn't in doubt after TAPPS 2A defending state champion Muenster Sacred Heart Christian School ran off 13 consecutive points for a 23-4 lead.

HCA actually outscored Sacred Heart over the final 19 minutes, but not by nearly enough to avoid a 45-28 loss.

Lady Eagles head coach Van Minter said, "Last year's game was tougher, but this one was tougher in one sense because we're losing six girls."

Four of those six graduating seniors (Hailee Johnson, Rachel McMillan, Erika Mendoza and Taylor Powers) have been the core of a team that broke a drought of 6 years away from the playoffs in 2010-11 and has made the playoffs three years in a row, with two district championships.

The only non-senior starter, sophomore Madeline Schroepfer, led HCA's scoring against Muenster with 13 points. She represents the best hope for the future.

**ROCKWALL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:** Abilene Christian Schools boys' head coach Michael Bacon told the Abilene Reporter-News RCA was "the best team we've played."

That didn't prevent the Panthers (26-3) from stepping up their own game Friday to turn a 20-19 second-quarter deficit into a 68-50 TAPPS 2A Area playoff victory over Rockwall Christian.

The Warriors (19-15) had shaken off ACS' 10-0 start to outscore the home team 20-9, but the Panthers had a 49-30 edge thereafter.

RCA head coach Ryan Hankins said the team's plan to concentrate their defense on Abilene's top scorers didn't pay off. Harrison Hancock came off the bench to make five 3-point shots and lead the Panthers with 21 points. Role player Juno Wong, left unattended, scored 14. Rockwall Christian also turned the ball over 27 times.

Warriors sophomore Chris Stephens scored a game-high 24 points. Senior Daniel Rorie added 14 in his last game for RCA.

Rockwall Christian had advanced to the Area round with a 73-62 home victory Tuesday, Feb. 19, over Faith Academy of Marble Falls.

## Hawks win 4 of first 5 baseball games

Rockwall-Heath won four of five games at last weekend's season-opening First Texas Georgetown Invitational.

In the first game Thursday, Feb. 21, sophomore Clayton Rasbeary hit a home run and a double, and Bret Boswell also homered in a 13-3 victory over The Woodlands College Park. Tyler Ivey was the winning pitcher.

The Hawks then defeated Georgetown 2-1 behind winning pitcher Ryan Kinney, with Russell Hughes and R.J. Williams each hitting a triple. On Friday, RHHS lost 7-1 to Lubbock Monterey before defeating Canyon Randall 8-7. Williams had a double against Randall. Rockwall-Heath defeated Amarillo 7-1 Saturday, with a homer, triple and double by Boswell backing winning pitcher Connor Roth.

**WRESTLING:** RHHS' Brady Van Bevers won one match and lost two in the 170-pound weight class at last weekend's 5A State Championships in Austin. The Hawks tied for 73rd among 89 schools with 1 point.

**SOFTBALL:** RHHS won two games and lost two at the rain-shortened Southlake Tournament. In a 6-4 victory over Keller Timber Creek, Katie Webster, Mallory Drain and Savannah Calhoun had three hits apiece. Webster also drove in three runs and scored two, and Drain had three hits and two runs batted in as the Lady Hawks defeated Euless Trinity 8-6 Saturday.

**BOYS' SOCCER:** The Hawks picked up their first District 12-5A victory Friday by winning a shootout after tying Mesquite 2-2 in regulation play. Zach Barham and Miguel Lopes scored Rockwall-Heath's goals.

**GIRLS' SOCCER:** After opening last week with a 2-0 loss to Rockwall Feb. 19, RHHS lost 4-0 at Mesquite Friday. The Lady Hawks are 5-12 overall and 1-5 in District 12-5A.

**TRACK:** The Rockwall-Heath girls fell only one point short of winning Saturday's Ben Robertson Relays at Hanby Stadium in Mesquite. In the eight-team competition, the Lady Hawks totaled 97 points to Kaufman's 98. RHHS won six relays, with Ashley Baynes a part of four of them. Yorlynn Engmann, Reagan Frosini and Kirstin Pruitt were all on three first-place relay teams.

The RHHS boys were fourth among 14 teams at the Frisco ISD Track and Field Meet. The Hawks' only winning relay team was in the 4X100 meters, with Justin Webber, Shyon Motlagh, Lawrence Johnson and Patrick Williams finishing in 44.2 seconds.

**ALUMNI:** RHHS graduate Shanae Lowrance's junior basketball season at Tarleton State has ended because of a knee injury. In 13 games, the junior was the TexAnn's third-leading scorer and rebounder, with 9.9 points and 4.2 rebounds per game.

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