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## Restaurant owner paying hunger, one coffeebasket at a time

From a radio talk show host to reach out and do for the community, Sammy Walker, a local business owner, with a single act of kindness.

The owner of Rowlett and Rockwall, his barbecue and restaurant has not been immune to the signs of a tough economy. Struggling families have passed through the old-fashioned dining room, some eating a meal in the friendly atmosphere, while many others leave without money for the most economical of meals.

"I'm going hungry, while he piles plates high all day long," Walker to endure with complacency.

"I'm in distressed or out of a job," said Walker. "I told my customers to go out to a grocery store and do something to help the people that come into the restaurant?"

Walker has been mostly successful, the last couple of years. He is the former U.S. Olympian, but he says that his wife, who is a teacher, wants to help. Walker hosts Bible study every week and an American heritage study series on Wednesdays.

"I don't know how many people have been served," he said, looking at the sign on the register that invites people in need. "What I do remember are the ones who have come back, who have been here before he helped them."

"I've helped a Vietnam veteran in a wheelchair and some children who are providing a full meal and drink to answer a basic need," Walker said. "I don't question how he avoids anyone who might be in need of help. Generosity when they can afford to pay, Walker says. Most people are appreciative, he said, and don't seem to take advantage of the situation."

"I want to help people... If I get beat out of three meals a day, I don't concern myself with," said Walker, adding that he doesn't care who gets the credit. "It's all in the name of Jesus."

Walker has received hundreds of emails and phone calls from people wanting to support the effort. Even as he was preparing for a photo, a customer who overheard what he was doing reached the register to make a donation.

The word will continue to spread so he can help more people.



Overnight road construction on FM 740 (Ridge Road) and Summer Lee Drive continued Monday evening in Rockwall. Progress is being made, but curb inlets, manholes and the numerous driveways required to adequately accommodate homeowners' access have slowed paving operations somewhat, according to Texas Department of Transportation project manager Kerry Lively. The second pass of paving should go more quickly. Pending weather conditions and the continued cooperation of machinery, the project should be finished the week of Sept. 6 after the holiday weekend.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## RockwallTexasOnline.com introduces video news

Another Exclusive from Rockwall County News by Jana Edwards

The Rockwall County News and its web site RockwallTexasOnline.com are pleased to provide Rockwall County (and the world) with a new video news service.

In addition to video of government meetings, there will be regular updates, beginning this week with County Judge Jerry Hogan. Judge Hogan summarizes current County Commissioners Court issues, and addresses questions and concerns from the public.

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over the past few years," said Judge Hogan. "Our task now is to manage our budget efficiently, using fiscal conservatism so we can get the most out of the revenue we have."

In addition to normal expenses, the County is challenged by \$80 million in necessary road improvements, as well as a new courthouse and two additional Justices of the Peace—all to be accomplished with a fund that is basically staying the same.

"One of the things we are going to do to prevent significant tax raise for roads," said Judge Hogan, "is to pull \$1.4 million from our reserve fund, and reserve that for payment of debt service on roads. This allows us to avoid a 2 cent tax rate, simply for roads."

In the video commentary, Judge Hogan elaborates on a few of the strategies the county is using, and explained the different tax rates—the Current Tax Rate: 38.64 cents per 100, and the Effective Tax Rate, describes as about a penny higher.

"The intent is to keep tax as low as we can, while still continuing to prosper," Judge Hogan said, and closed with inviting the public to attend and speak at an open forum on the budget in the Commissioners Court Meeting September 6 at 9:00 a.m. He also encouraged everyone to call, write, or email.

The Commissioners Court will vote on the final budget at the September 16 meeting.

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In the August update, Judge Hogan briefly explains the budget situation, and invites the public to attend an upcoming public hearing on the matter.

"Economic growth has dwindled

## Low lake level leads to discovery of body at Lake Ray Hubbard

by Jana Edwards

After a boater bumped a suspicious submerged object near a boat ramp at Elgin B. Robertson Park, Dallas Police dive teams were called to Lake Ray Hubbard shortly after 9 a.m. Aug. 24 to investigate. After pulling a mud-covered sedan from the water, their discovery took the investigation to another level -- human remains were found inside the car.

Although a man's identification card was also found in the vehicle, a Dallas police spokesman said it would take some time to positively, officially identify the remains, which had been there so long they were described as "skeletal."

According to the Dallas Police report, the vehicle is a 1995 four-door Mitsubishi. The case has been assigned to a Crimes Against Persons detective, while waiting for the medical examiner's report. At this time, authorities said no further details could be released on the pending investigation.

Lake Ray Hubbard's history holds a few more sinister stories of remains being found in it or along its shores. In September 2010, police investigated the finding of a human limb, also near Robertson Park. That investigation led

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Restaurant owner Sammy Walker serves up a challenge of cheerfulness with his famous barbecue customer Roderick Sample, who is happy to invest in a heaping plate of pulled pork in a restaurant that helps others who are unable to buy such a meal.

by Jana Edwards/Rockwall County News



Rockwall High School Stingerettes had a busy summer. The students hosted a week-long dance clinic for girls in grades kindergarten through sixth and competed at the American Dance Team Summer Camp where they captured several individual awards, as well as the following team

awards: Most Admired Team of the Week, Home Routine; All-American Team of the Day; and All-American Team of the Week. Pictured above are the Stingerettes and the girls who attended the dance clinic.

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Guitarist David Case watches Howard Saucier receive the Golden Crochet Hook Award from Cheryl Taylor, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, while the Rev. Bruce Buchanan of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas looks on. One of Saucier's mats is displayed on the podium.  
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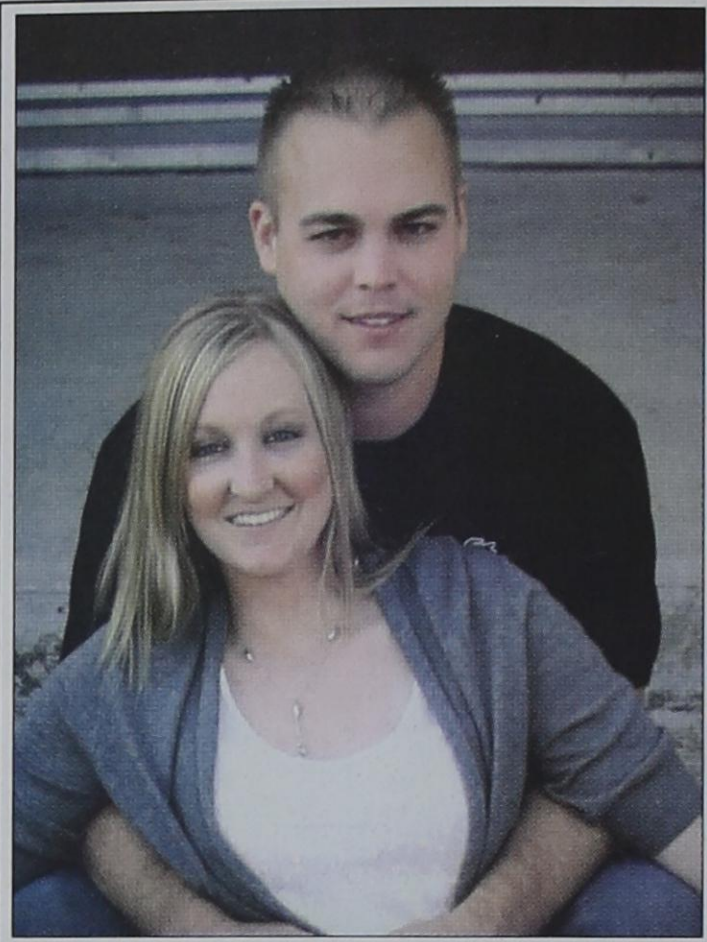
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**Adams, Farrar wed April 30**  
 Jennifer Adams and Rob Farrar were united in marriage on April 30, 2011, in a ceremony conducted at Occasions at Stone River. More than 200 friends and family members witnessed the ceremony.  
 Parents of the couple are Cary and Nancy Farrar of Rockwall, Jim and Debbie Stephens of Rowlett and Alan and Suzie Adams of Wylie.  
 Following a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple, both 2001 graduates of Rockwall High, will reside in Sachse.

**Church Stewpot project aids Dallas homeless**

This summer has been a busy one for members of the Church of Rockwall. Earlier in the year, the congregation's pastor, Cheryl Taylor, accepted an award from The Stewpot, a national Presbyterian organization in crocheting sleeping mats for the city's homeless.

The local church has joined in the effort, providing additional mats for observance when the Rev. Bruce Buchanan of the Rockwall church presented the mats.

"When this project was suggested in the spring, anyone could have said that the spirit of God would be in these congregations this year," he said. "Virtually every one of our congregation has been making mats - all because of our congregation's commitment to help the homeless of Dallas."

Following a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple, both 2001 graduates of Rockwall High, will reside in Sachse.



Maxine Harber with her son Les and his wife Karylle Harber.

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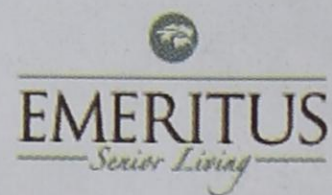
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# City Council rejects against increase from IESI

Down... and... ions arose regarding IESI's trash collection service... including an automatic rate adjustment, at the City... ing A... 15.

...e been... any complaints over the years about their service... thrown into the street, even truck hydraulics leak... t," said... concerned citizen. "After enough complaints, they... a while... and then the same issues return."

...city... tget-cuts and reduced government funding, the... againt... approving an automatic rate increase, citing IESI's... submit... thereby, allowing the city to shoot the rate hike

...n it is... fore council is because of the late request for a rate... Vic... kel, the city's manager.

...cil qu... oned wording of the IESI contract regarding... e adju... ents and the time for filing a request. Disagreement

from council members, citing the contract, claimed that such requests must be submitted before the anniversary date, in order to receive an automatic rate adjustment.

"This is an automatic pass-through. We do not have to come before council, but we like to confirm with council. Theoretically, once we make the request, it should go through, as long as it is done after the anniversary date of the contract," said IESI's representative.

"You get an automatic pass-through, if timely. If we have the option to vote it down, it is not an automatic pass-through," said council member John Stacy. "Since you missed the time, we could vote it down and you could not raise the rates until next June. The length of the contract states on each anniversary date, not after."

"That is not our position, but at the end of the day, the rates need to be adjusted," said IESI's representative.

A motion made to table the issue, but retracted in preference to a vote against the rate increase.

"Council declines to raise the rate and I am going to leave it up to the attorney's to decide," Mayor Bill Broderick said.

The Atmos Cities Steering Committee is a permanent standing coalition of more than 150 Texas cities authorized, through council resolutions, to represent the interests of municipal and residential consumers in gas utility regulatory matters. The ACSC supports safe service at fair prices," according to the ACSC website.

The ACSC creation was to provide an alternative to statutory increases, under state legislation of 2003, allowing gas companies to recover their expenses by increasing rates without review.

According to city officials, Atmos' past increase requests settle at significantly reduced amounts:

- 2010 - \$70.2 million filed and \$27 million settled.
- 2009 - \$20.2 million filed and \$2.6 million settled.

The latest request sought \$15.7 million, yet pursuant to the rate review mechanism, \$6.6 million authorized as a pass-through to customers. After ACSC analysis of reports provided by Atmos, the committee recommended and council approved two-third of 1 percent rate increase.

## City ISD drug policy aims to help borderline students

Down... City ISD... dependent Board of Trustees met Aug. 8, saying this... emphasize "counseling rather than catching."

...out, g... athletic director, described changes to the existing... for students in extracurricular activities:

- All remain... under school supervision until they provide an... provide a sample within the three-hour testing period... participate until they provide a negative sample.
- All not... ve access to their school materials or backpacks... full credit for the absence.
- This... ed positive, he will receive counseling and, upon... ed once per month for a 12-month period, as long as... ctivities," said Bookout.
- Earlier... result is a 30-day suspension and counseling. The

second positive result is testing and counseling for three grading periods at the student's expense. The coach and athletic director and contingent of completion of a drug-counseling program determine reinstatement. The third positive will result in the student being out for good.

"We do not want to catch and get rid of them. We feel it is very important to give them the tools to get help and recover," Bookout said. "This gives them a way to say no to peer-pressure."

"According to statistics, the percentage of kids using drugs seems out of balance with those we actually catch," said trustee Charles Carroll.

"The very few caught could be because we are not testing; but it could be that our efforts work. I would rather think it works and we continue to test than say it does not work and we stop, resulting in an increase of kids starting to use drugs because they do not fear being caught. If we do not test, we are giving a message that it is acceptable to use drugs. My view is we want our kids to know we care about them enough to say it is not alright and we are going to make sure they adhere to this policy," said Bookout.

Jeff Web, associate superintendent for human resource, cited statistics from last year: Of 338 high school students tested, eight were positive, and the middle school saw four positive from 116 tested. Most of the positive results were for marijuana, seeming to be the drug of choice.

"Seventy-five to 80 percent of our high school kids are in extracurricular activities, which means they are on random drug test lists," Superintendent Randy Hancock said. "Odds are we are not going to test every child very often. We cannot afford to test enough to make it a fair representation of how big the problem is."

"I believe the drug problem in our school and every school in the country is much bigger than random drug tests will show. The benefit of this program is not in catching kids, but helping the borderline kids. The middle-of-the-road kids that struggle with the answer and struggle with peer-pressure. We are giving them a reason to say no. Kids that do not yield to peer-pressure will not do it — no matter what. The ones that want to do drugs are going to do it — no matter what."

Students transferring from out-of-district in 2011-2012 will be charged \$2,000, if returning, and \$1,800 per sibling. All new transfers will be at the state limit of \$2,300. The board agreed to revisit the amount for next year.

According to associate superintendent of operations Jimmy Butler, the limit of funds provided by the state for tuition will be \$2,300 next year. The board has a choice to set the amount each year or use the state limit as previously.

"We need to know whether the board wants to go to \$2,300. That is a significant jump by \$600," said Hancock.

"When you read numbers like that and put yourself in the parental seat it's a shock, but when we look at what it is effecting, by setting it low, we are asking everyone else to pay that portion — and that's not fair," board president Don Palmer said.

"As state funding goes down, we are going to see jumps like that," said Butler.

"We should have done this a little earlier but did not have the state's numbers from the legislation and special session. We could not calculate the maximum until a couple of weeks ago. That is what the state formula is for; it is a way to recoup potentially lost local tax money."

According to Bill Gumbert of BOSCO Inc., a financial company, the past two years produced low growth and a loss of wealth throughout the country. People are not financing equity markets that are crumbling. Though the district has grown by approximately \$50 million per year, the past two years have been about \$3 million each.

"Things are not good — it is a very tough and unique time. I would love to say you would grow by \$100 million with commercial property increasing and housing prices going up. People said the next year will be better, but we have seen no signs of recovery," said Gumbert.

Keeping the interest and sinking fund tax rate at 39 cents this year will require increasing to 50 cents next year or find other available revenues.

Gumbert adds, "If you do not grow by \$25 million you will have to restructure your bonds to defer the payments, costing millions over the next 25-30 years. It will still decrease the fund balance to approximately \$100,000, after this five-year period, which is dangerously low."

A public hearing is set for Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. regarding an increase of tax rates. The proposed rates are maintenance and operations \$1.17, interest and sinking fund 44 cents.

## Week in Royse City

The... ll Monday and with it lower temperatures -- at least... ne danced, some knelt in prayer, thanking God for... stricken city, nay, state. And then there of those who n... (sweet dreams). Let us pray for more rain, want

the news of our little town. You only thought last... 'til you read about September. There is so much our... head swim.

**of School Brings Excitement**

ol was a major success bringing 1,200 students to... chers. Most of the kids were anxious to go back and... chers were and if their best friends were in the same... always exciting for kids and parents alike.

alike are welcoming new teachers in their schools... ve joined Royse City Middle School are many... wman-Milton, who is working toward teaching... ids as the new coach and physical education teacher... ailey and Elizabeth Watson jumped aboard as aides... ildren; Kim Butcher takes on the students who find... nsion (ISS); while Kristen Knapp, the new math... g what many think is the worst subject ever.

ew voice on the phone when you call Royse City... take good care of you and your child.

ous side can spring forth in Matthew Spivy's science... ng things are in store for the children.

This will be a great year for everyone.

**Church Activities Keep Us Young**

will serve a ladies' luncheon from noon to 2 p.m... the office at 972- 636-3221 or sign up in the foyer... our friends to one of your favorite salad or desserts.

calendar is the senior adult ministry potluck lunch... a. Sept. 8. These events prove the old saying, "Where... th, there is food."

**etting the Fun in Funfest**

est to put a "country market" next to the pumpkin... est. Specials will feature beef jerky, veggie dips and... his creation.

onic Lodge members are going to be happy to dunk... hey are in charge of the booth this year. Can you... it will be? Sure would be great on a hot, hot day.

Funfest will be the flu shots, which will be given in... edicare B or \$25 will get you set for the upcoming... price for a little peace of mind.

**Black Jack Invades Luigi's**

Club... k Jack Tournament was the hit of the town last week... gi's restaurant was inundated with black jack players... a fundraiser for the Lions. The fundraiser helps the... humanitarian projects. Hope if you were there you

**Prayers, Anyone?**

pray for those who serve in the military and their... for the infirmed, the homeless and those who are in... Face it, we all need prayer in some way, in some... i never gives up on us, so don't give up on Him.

## Rockwall PAWS needs help to treat heartworm-positive dogs

all heartworm positive dogs at the Rockwall Animal... Center were euthanized, a number that climbed to... ely 200... r. That was before the Save a Heart-Save a Life Program... Rockwa... PAWS began treating adopted heartworm positive dogs... the shel... animals still were euthanized unless moved to a rescue... -kill org... ation. Rockwall PAWS moved four to rescue groups in

Rockwa... PAWS, a local nonprofit organization, funded shared... o treat eight adopted heartworm-positive dogs. So far in... no longer participates, Rockwall PAWS has covered the... nal dogs. This move was possible because of donations... r two local veterinarians, Dr. David Lofuis and Dr. Kurt

No-Kill Initiative in Rockwall, heartworm-positive dogs... ore they are adopted.

is the first dog to take advantage of this change. Preston... ome this week and wait for his heartworm treatment to

n average of 17 heartworm-positive dogs a month. Funds... rding to a news release from Rockwall PAWS, and most... g undergoing some phase of treatment.

e of the medication Immiticide, veterinarians may place... preventative until the "big gun" medication is available... or that as well. This temporary treatment does not kill the... he formation of new worms.

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The order of future resurrection events...

1 Corinthians 15:23-28

In this series on 1 Corinthians chapter 15 we continue with verses 23-28. "But every man in his own order. Christ the first fruits. Afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then comes the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom of God, even the Father. When he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power" (verses 23-24).

The resurrection of the dead will occur at different times in a specific order. First Jesus Christ had to be raised from the dead and ascended into heaven. This has already come to pass.

Next, Jesus Christ will return for the born-again believers. This event is commonly known as the rapture. 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 reveals a certain order of events during the rapture. First the dead in Christ will rise, then

those who are alive at the time will be caught up together with them in the sky to be forever in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ. During this momentous event, Jesus Christ will not touch the earth. Instead, he will draw the born-again people up to him in the clouds. 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 covers this in more detail, which we will address soon.

After Christ returns for the rapture, then will come the end. This refers to the period of time spoken of in Revelations. Based on my research this period will include a massive resurrection of all people. They will include the 144,000 of Israel who will abide in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 7:3-8), the un-numbered other saints who will also abide in paradise (Revelation 7:9-14), and the unbelieving masses who will rally under the kings of the earth to battle with the Lord Jesus and his army of born-again believers (Revelation 16:14; 17:14; 19:11, 14 & 19-21).

The resurrected saints will live on the "new earth" spoken of in Revelation 21:1. The "New Jerusalem" will be reserved for the 144,000 of Israel, who will be the "bride" of "her husband" the Lord Jesus (Revelation 21:2).

Continuing with 1 Corinthians 15:25, "For he must reign until He has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Don't let the pronouns "He" confuse you. The writers of the King James

Bible believed that Jesus Christ was in essence God. He explained why they used all capital cases for the pronouns. He rightly divide the scripture, we can see that it is God in heaven and all enemies under the feet of His son Jesus Christ. The Bible says Christ would rightly be in lower case.

For He [God] has put all things under his [Lord Jesus] feet. He says, 'All things are put under him', it is manifest that He did put all things under him" (verse 27).

To clear up any confusion about the matter, "And when he has subdued unto him [Jesus], then shall the son also himself subject unto Him [God] that put all things under him [Jesus] that God" (verse 28). Jesus Christ currently reigns with all authority in heaven. But one day, he will be subject under God, who comes, God will be over all things in all places.

## A Rockwall County News Exclusive

### Nana Pat's Kitchen

by Pat Burnett

#### Broccoli Casserole

This one comes out of our 2004 memories book created by Nana Pat.

Mix all these together:  
1 bunch of frozen broccoli (cooked) 2 cups cooked rice  
1, 8 oz. jar cheese whiz 1/3 cup evaporated milk  
Sauté the following:  
1 cup water chestnuts ~ cup onions  
1/2 cup celery ( 4 stalks) then combine all with  
1 can cream of chicken soup 1 can dried onion rings  
Combine all above and bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.  
One of my kids' favorites.

## Church postponed fish fry, yard sale

The Meeks Chapel fish fry and yard sale, postponed because of weather and other problems, has been rescheduled - pending the A/C situation. The church is planning to-go catfish plates with all the fixings will be offered Sept. 3 at a cost of \$5 per plate. The church also will generate funding for the annual conference.

Anyone unable to get by the church on Sept. 3 who is unable to make a donation should contact Bonnie at 972-635-6491.

## PUC: Conserve electricity as heat continues

The Public Utility Commission issued another news release urging Texans to conserve electricity this week as severe drought record-high temperatures persist throughout the electric grid. Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

Residential and business customers have been asked to adjust thermostats at least two degrees higher and turn off air conditioning. Customers also are being asked to run dishwashing and laundry either in the morning or after sunset.

Electrical use peaks between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the summer months.

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# Rockwall County News Briefs

## Library to close for Labor Day

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Sept. 3 and Sept. 5 for the Labor Day holiday observance. The library will reopen at 10 a.m. Sept. 6.

'Biggest Loser' contestant to speak  
Austin Andrews, a contestant on last season's "The Biggest Loser," will speak at Freedom Chapel in Heath beginning at 10 a.m. Sept. 4. Andrews lost 161 pounds on the show and has since lost more. He will deliver an inspirational and challenging message. The church meets at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Drive, in Heath. For more details visit freedom-chapel.net.

## Reading for Adults classes begin Sept. 6

The Rockwall County Library's Reading for Adults program will begin classes Sept. 6. The GED, ESL and citizenship classes will observe both morning and evening meeting times to best serve the community. Anyone interested in enrolling should contact Gloria Bishop at the library at 972-204-7705 or drop by the library's literacy area off of the lobby.

## LCC plans membership drive, first rehearsal

The Lakeside Civic Chorus, under the direction of Shelba Gorham-Bell, will observe a membership drive and its first rehearsal of the season beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Choir Room of the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. Adults who enjoy singing and seasoned professionals are welcome to participate. Call 214-537-3311 for more information or visit lakesidecivicchorus.org.

## Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 7 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering that is open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

## CASA volunteer info sessions slated

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Volunteer Information Sessions will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at the CASA offices, 108 Kenway, in Rockwall and at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at C/Life Church, 204 FM 1641, Forney. For more information call 972-772-5858, email director@lonestarcasa.org or visit lonestarcasa.org.

## RPA to open new year Sept. 9

Rockwall Preschool Association will kick off its new year Sept. 9. The

organization's calendar runs September through May, and new members are welcome at any time. Meetings take place at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month (with exceptions for holiday weeks) at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, in Rockwall. The group's primary objective is fellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and their preschoolers. All Rockwall area mothers and children up to kindergarten age are welcome. For more details visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

## Brown Bag Lecture Series resumes

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will resume its Brown Bag Lecture Series beginning at noon Sept. 9 in the Historic Courthouse on the square. The topic will be "Headlines and Highlights: Part II." All programs are free, open to the public and family-friendly.

## RCC auditions set Sept. 9, 10

Auditions for the Rockwall Children's Chorus will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 9 and from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 Yellow Jacket Lane. The chorus has two groups for children in grades 2-8. Qualifications include a good voice, good sense of pitch and a commitment to regular attendance at rehearsals (Monday afternoons) and performances; no experience is required. Need-based tuition assistance is available for qualified students. To set up an audition call Cathy Knoff at 214-535-7811.

## Reservations due Sept. 9 for FOL meeting

Reservations for the 2011-2012 kickoff meeting of the Friends of the Library are due by 5 p.m. Sept. 9. The meeting is set for 11 a.m. Sept. 13 in the Rockwall County Library Community Meeting Room. Linda Robinson, who has worked with the USO and serves as DFW airport volunteer coordinator, will speak on "Supporting Our Troops at Home and Abroad." The meeting is open to members and guests, who are encouraged to wear patriotic attire. Zach's Catering will provide lunch at a cost of \$15 per person. To make a reservation call 972-771-8976 or email cplagens65@aol.com.

## Registration open for YMCA cheerleading

Registration is under way for YMCA cheerleading for children ages 4-12. Cost is \$35 for YMCA Family members and \$90 for non-members. The season will begin Sept. 10. Additional details and registration information is available at rockwallymca.org.

## RARTA meeting planned

The first Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association meeting of the new year is set for 1:15 p.m. Sept. 12 in Room 600 of the Rockwall Administration Education Complex. The program will be Cuba in Photographic Splendor, presented by Nell Wellborn.

## RPA plans Kiddos Kick-Off event

Members of the Rockwall Preschool Association will observe their Kiddos Kick-Off Party Sept. 16 with a "messy day" at Harry Myers waterpark from 10 a.m. to noon. The group's primary objective is fellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and their preschoolers. For more details visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

## Aspasiens arts, crafts fair slated

The Aspasiens Fall Arts and Crafts Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17 in the Historic Downtown Rockwall Square. The event will feature jewelry, gifts, fine artists, fashion apparel, purses, food, children's games and more. All proceeds from booth rentals will help fund scholarships for Rockwall and RHHS graduated seniors. For vendor information call 214-712-0212 or visit aspasiens.com.

## Bridal show planned for Sept. 18

The Lakeside Bridal Fair at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453 in Royse City, will open its doors at noon Sept. 18 and run until 4:30 p.m. The event will include vendor booths, displays, catering and cake tastings, bridal fashions from Providence Place Bridal Shop, a Marriage 101 session with motivational speaker and show director Erin Kincaid, door prizes and a honeymoon grand prize giveaway. Admission will be free to anyone who brings four canned-food items and drops them off at the registration table; donations will be given to Helping Hands. Visit lakesidebridalfair.com for more information.

## Volunteer park cleanup set Sept. 30

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department is organizing a volunteer-led cleanup of Hickory Park at 1910 Walnut Ridge from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 30. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join the effort.

# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Bobbie Joyce Beeman



Bobbie Joyce Beeman, 86, died at 10 a.m. Aug. 26, 2011, at the Rockwall Funeral Home. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Carl Beeman, in 1978. She was born in Peacock, Okla., and lived in Rockwall, Okla., until she moved to Rockwall, Texas, in 1965. She was a graduate of the Rockwall High School and worked in her flowerbeds. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Her survivors include her daughter, Maurine "Rina" Rucker; her son, Earl Debra Fouse, and her husband, Franky; her sister, Mackie Walker, and her husband, Arden; her grand-children, Ronald Beeman, Terry Young, John Beeman, and her great-grandchildren, Kendrick Bass, Brian, Noah Fouse and Connor Fouse. She is survived by her husband, John "J.W." Beeman; her son, John Beeman; and her infant granddaughter, Tina Fouse.

## Kimberly Lynn (Bridges) Jones

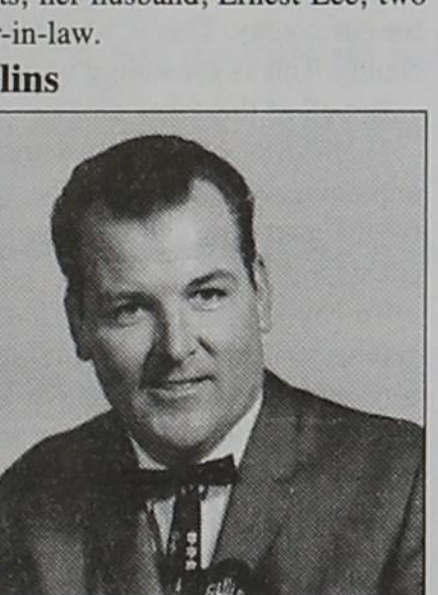


Kimberly Lynn (Bridges) Jones, 57, died at 1 p.m. Aug. 29, 2011, at the Rockwall Memorial Funeral Home. She was a graduate of the Rockwall High School and worked in her flowerbeds. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Her survivors include her husband, John "J.W." Beeman; her son, John Beeman; and her infant granddaughter, Tina Fouse.

## Pat Kinzey

Pat Kinzey, 73, of Roysse City were conducted at 2 p.m. Aug. 27, 2011, at the Rockwall Funeral Home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Lee; two sons, in Stroud, Okla., to Argil and Anna (Cummings) and her mother and grandmother who enjoyed gambling. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Her survivors include her daughter, Gale Mitchell of Roysse City; her son, Jason Ferrebee, and his wife, Sada, Texas; Selena Ferrebee of Sulphur Springs and her daughter, Patricia Kinzey, Daniel Robert Kinzey and Bridgett Kinzey; and her great-granddaughter, Kaja Wade of Roysse City.

## Glenn Rawlins



Glenn Rawlins, 83, died at 10 p.m. Aug. 31, 2011, at the Rockwall Funeral Home. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Irene Ventra, and his daughter, Betty Ventra of Carrollton; his son, Rocky Ventra of Rockwall; and his daughter, Linda Ventra and his wife, Sammie and his great-grandchildren, Kimmey and Sammie.

## Letha Faye 'Gran' Reyna



Letha Faye "Gran" Reyna, 86, died at 2 p.m. Aug. 28, 2011, in the Rest Home in Rockwall, Texas. She was born in Rockwall, Texas, and was a graduate of the Rockwall High School. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Her survivors include her husband, Pressy Reyna; her son, Roger Reyna; her daughter, Linda, of Caddo Parish, La.; her daughter, Gandy Sperling, and her husband, Harold, of Rockwall; and her husband, Jackie, of Rockwall; her brothers, Richard Bostick of Terrell and Clyde Bostick of Rockwall; her daughter, Ann Robinson of Roysse City; seven grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

# 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 on an individual's character will be rejected. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification. Email rcn.news@yahoo.com Mail to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087

The inscribed article "Gov. Perry defends the constitution and less regulation?" in the Aug. 26 issue of the Rockwall County News piqued my interest.

Although I have little knowledge about the issues which affect Texas businesses, it was disturbing to read Gov. Perry has a tyrannical bureaucratic commission that rules with legislative authority to wit, "His Workforce Commission behaves with the notion that the code is designed to 'protect the worker' from the 'evil capitalist.' Sounds like a Marxist plan to me."

Concurring with the closing remarks of the article, "If he can't secure the rights of Texans, how can he be trusted to secure the rights of all Americans?"

Jacqueline Frank Strickland, Rockwall

# Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Verandah Municipal Utility District of Hunt County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on September 14, 2011 at 12 NOON at 1221 N. I-35E South, Carrollton, Texas 75006. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	Joseph Counter, Glenn A. Purcell, Scott Armeay, Jeff Dean and Ben Key
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	None
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.85/\$100 Adopted	\$0.85/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		+/- -0-
Average appraised value	\$135,925	\$140,558
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	-0-	-0-
Average taxable value	\$140,558	\$142,336
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,194	\$1,209
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$15
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+1.3%

## NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

# Kimmey, Hewitt earn Baylor degrees

Christina Kimmey of Heath received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Baylor University. Marie Hewitt of Rockwall earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Baylor University.

See it in "The County News" on [RockwallTexasOnline.com](http://RockwallTexasOnline.com)

# Opinions

## Defending individual rights in a world full of tyranny ...

### The Federalist Papers: An Introduction

At a time when Texans are awakening to the power and security of our U.S. Constitution, and in order to better inform our readers about the importance of our constitution, its purpose and scope, we are offering a continuing series of "The Federalist Papers," explanations provided to Americans prior to adoption of the U.S. Constitution. We offer our special gratitude to Project Gutenberg Association and Founding Fathers web site for access to the thinking of America's founding fathers. We pray our elected and appointed government officials will study these writings and assist with reclaiming the liberty and security of individual rights for which the constitution was constructed.

From <http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/>

The Federalist Papers were written and published during the years 1787 and 1788 in several New York State newspapers to persuade New York voters to ratify the proposed constitution.

In total, the Federalist Papers consist of 85 essays outlining how this new government would operate and why this type of government was the best choice for the United States of America. All of the essays were signed "PUBLIUS" and the actual authors of some are under dispute, but the general consensus is that Alexander Hamilton wrote 52, James Madison wrote 28, and John Jay contributed the remaining five.

The Federalist Papers remain today as an excellent reference for anyone who wants to understand the U.S. Constitution.

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### FEDERALIST No. 5

The Same Subject Continued (Concerning Dangers From Foreign Force and Influence)

For the Independent Journal.

John Jay

To the People of the State of New York:

QUEEN ANNE, in her letter of the 1st July, 1706, to the Scotch Parliament, makes some observations on the importance of the UNION then forming between England and Scotland, which merit our attention. I shall present the public with one or two extracts from it: "An entire and perfect union will be the solid foundation of lasting peace: It will secure your religion, liberty, and property; remove the animosities amongst yourselves, and the jealousies and differences betwixt our two kingdoms. It must increase your strength, riches, and trade; and by this union the whole island, being joined in affection and free from all apprehensions of different interest, will be ENABLED TO RESIST ALL ITS ENEMIES." "We most earnestly recommend to you calmness and unanimity in this great and weighty affair, that the union may be brought to a happy conclusion, being the only EFFECTUAL way to secure our present and future happiness, and disappoint the designs of our and your enemies, who will doubtless, on this occasion, USE THEIR UTMOST ENDEAVORS TO PREVENT OR DELAY THIS UNION."



It was remarked in the preceding paper, that weakness and divisions at home would invite dangers from abroad; and that nothing would tend more to secure us from them than union, strength, and good government within ourselves. This subject is copious and cannot easily be exhausted.

The history of Great Britain is the one with which we are in general the best acquainted, and it gives us many useful lessons. We may profit by their experience without paying the price which it cost them. Although it seems obvious to common sense that the people of such an island should be but one nation, yet we find that they were for ages divided into three, and that those three were almost constantly embroiled in quarrels and wars with one another. Notwithstanding their true interest with respect to the continental nations was really the same, yet by the arts and policy and practices of those nations, their mutual jealousies were perpetually kept inflamed, and for a long series of years they were far more inconvenient and troublesome than they were useful and assisting to each other.

Should the people of America divide themselves into three or four nations, would not the same thing happen? Would not similar jealousies arise, and be in like manner cherished? Instead of their being "joined in affection" and free from all apprehension of different "interests," envy and jealousy would soon extinguish confidence and affection, and the partial interests of each confederacy, instead of the general interests of all America, would be the only objects of their policy and pursuits. Hence, like most other BORDERING nations, they would always be either involved in disputes and war, or live in the constant apprehension of them.

The most sanguine advocates for three or four confederacies cannot reasonably suppose that they would long remain exactly on an equal footing

in point of strength, even if it was possible to form them so at first; but, admitting that to be practicable, yet what human contrivance can secure the continuance of such equality? Independent of those local circumstances which tend to beget and increase power in one part and to impede its progress in another, we must advert to the effects of that superior policy and good management which would probably distinguish the government of one above the rest, and by which their relative equality in strength and consideration would be destroyed. For it cannot be presumed that the same degree of sound policy, prudence, and foresight would uniformly be observed by each of these confederacies for a long succession of years.

Whenever, and from whatever causes, it might happen, and happen it would, that any one of these nations or confederacies should rise on the scale of political importance much above the degree of her neighbors, that moment would those neighbors behold her with envy and with fear. Both those passions would lead them to countenance, if not to promote, whatever might promise to diminish her importance; and would also restrain them from measures calculated to advance or even to secure her prosperity. Much time would not be necessary to enable her to discern these unfriendly dispositions. She would soon begin, not only to lose confidence in her neighbors, but also to feel a disposition equally unfavorable to them. Distrust naturally creates distrust, and by nothing is good-will and kind conduct more speedily changed than by invidious jealousies and uncandid imputations, whether expressed or implied.

The North is generally the region of strength, and many local circumstances render it probable that the most Northern of the proposed confederacies would, at a period not very distant, be unquestionably more formidable than any of the others. No sooner would this become evident than the NORTHERN HIVE would excite the same ideas and sensations in the more southern parts of America which it formerly did in the southern parts of Europe. Nor does it appear to be a rash conjecture that its young swarms might often be tempted to gather honey in the more blooming fields and milder air of their luxurious and more delicate neighbors.

They who well consider the history of similar divisions and confederacies will find abundant reason to apprehend that those in contemplation would in no other sense be neighbors than as they would be borderers; that they would neither love nor trust one another, but on the contrary would be a prey to discord, jealousy, and mutual injuries; in short, that they would place us exactly in the situations in which some nations doubtless wish to see us, viz., **FORMIDABLE ONLY TO EACH OTHER.**

From these considerations it appears that those gentlemen are greatly mistaken who suppose that alliances offensive and defensive might be formed between these confederacies, and would produce that combination and union of wills of arms and of resources, which would be necessary to put and keep them in a formidable state of defense against foreign enemies.

When did the independent states, into which Britain and Spain were formerly divided, combine in such alliance, or unite their forces against a foreign enemy? The proposed confederacies will be **DISTINCT NATIONS.** Each of them would have its commerce with foreigners to regulate by distinct treaties; and as their productions and commodities are different and proper for different markets, so would those treaties be essentially different. Different commercial concerns must create different interests, and of course different degrees of political attachment to and connection with different foreign nations. Hence it might and probably would happen that the foreign nation with whom the SOUTHERN confederacy might be at war would be the one with whom the NORTHERN confederacy would be the most desirous of preserving peace and friendship. An alliance so contrary to their immediate interest would not therefore be easy to form, nor, if formed, would it be observed and fulfilled with perfect good faith.

Nay, it is far more probable that in America, as in Europe, neighboring nations, acting under the impulse of opposite interests and unfriendly passions, would frequently be found taking different sides. Considering our distance from Europe, it would be more natural for these confederacies to apprehend danger from one another than from distant nations, and therefore that each of them should be more desirous to guard against the others by the aid of foreign alliances, than to guard against foreign dangers by alliances between themselves. And here let us not forget how much more easy it is to receive foreign fleets into our ports, and foreign armies into our country, than it is to persuade or compel them to depart. How many conquests did the Romans and others make in the characters of allies, and what innovations did they under the same character introduce into the governments of those whom they pretended to protect.

Let candid men judge, then, whether the division of America into any given number of independent sovereignties would tend to secure us against the hostilities and improper interference of foreign nations. **PUBLIUS.**

## The case for repealing Texas Labor Code

### Part I

by Wesley W. Burnett

One of the most egregious examples of legislative mumbo jumbo is found in the massive liberty killer Texas Labor Code, also known more appropriately as "Texas People and Business Control Act" (TP&BC). You may be surprised, or not, that the purpose of the code is found near the beginning:

"TITLE 2. PROTECTION OF LABORERS."

My first question is obvious ... who are the laborers and from whom are they being protected?

Hmmm ... sounds like a Marxist program to me ... "Protect the workers from those evil capitalists and business owners." Are "laborers" so helpless that they need "protection" by state government? Are "laborers" so ignorant that they don't know how to decide for themselves where and for whom they wish to provide their labor?

Here's a suggestion to our elected state officials: get rid of this blatant violation of the rights of individuals ... forcing people to abide by a set of codes and regulations which are incomprehensible and mind boggling. The code is complex and effectively controls all Texas business activity and the individual right of free exchange of services. It stretches my ability to describe this piece of legislation.

Do we "laborers" have signs around our necks identifying us as helpless little children who are incompetent to make rational decisions about our vocations?

This is pure hogwash government gone berserk.

I believe those who wrote the labor code must have been communists (progressives), big government "problem solvers." And those who keep it alive, have either never read the code, or they have some vested interest in controlling individuals seeking work (laborers?) and private businesses seeking qualified workers.

### Why abolish the labor code?

First, there is no constitutional authority for its creation in the first place. The Texas Constitution makes no reference whatsoever about labor. The only way this, and hundreds of other state laws are considered "constitutional" is through the misguided concept of "Plenary Power." That is plainly stated, the belief that the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution allows the state to create virtually any law it desires, as long as the constitution doesn't forbid it.

Plenary Power destroys the idea of a government limited by constitutional authority. "We can do whatever we want unless it is forbidden" is the widespread attitude in the halls and offices at the state capitol. And silly me, I thought that the American republic was designed to control government by limited authority specified by our constitution.

Hopefully Texans will begin to elect state representatives and senators who will protect us from the "Plenarists" and reclaim our republic form of government ... "If the constitution doesn't authorize it, we can't do it" needs to replace the current twisted and dangerous "plenary power" advocates.

I challenge our readers to take a few minutes and actually read some of the busy body, intrusive and liberty abusing language in the Texas Labor Code:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LA/html/LA.21.htm>

More on this subject in the coming weeks.

## Work continues Rockwall Courthouse

by Jerry Hogan

There are several items that may be of special interest to you about what is happening in the county.

First, redistricting has been successfully completed in conjunction with a 15-person volunteer Citizens Commission firm in Austin, the Commissioners Court voted to realign the precinct boundaries to equally divide the population of the county for the 2010 Census. Now each commissioner has about 19,700 people they represent.

In the process of developing the new boundaries, workshops were held and then two public hearings were held to ensure concerned citizens had an opportunity to express their alternatives developed.

After the commissioner precincts were established, the Commissioners Committee again met to establish the new voting blocks in the county boundary lines. In the past, the county was divided into 16 voting precincts. Due to the realignment, that number has been reduced to 17 and some of the old precincts now have new numbers.

All of these changes will become effective on Jan. 1, 2012. You will receive a new voter's card along with their polling location. Please note, these changes do not affect the election in November 2011. Each person will continue to vote in their current precinct polling place.

The second item of interest is the continued work on the budget for 2012. There were two main pressures on the Commission. One, we went into the process of developing the budget for next year, we were expanding road construction in the county.

In 2006, Rockwall County property tax, of which 83 percent of the revenue comes from, grew 15 percent from the previous year. Growth had been occurring since the late 1990s and had allowed the county to build a healthy cash reserve. But then the decline in growth last year the total property tax growth was a negative 2.0 percent going into 2012, the growth is less than 1 percent (2.4 percent) from the growth we saw 10 years ago. To compound the problem for next year is projected to be no more than 1% with the county for this rate of growth for the next two to three years.

The county's other source of income, fees, fines and penalties, has shown a decline over the past three years. Thus it was necessary to address our spending rate to match this declining revenue.

However the revenue problem did not end with this year. Our population going over 50,000, by state statute, we are required to add an additional two new justices of the peace and two new county clerks on the 2012 election.

Using our financial planning and forecasting model developed by Strategic Planning Citizens Group, this addition of personnel supporting staff and equipment would add about \$800,000 to the budget. Clearly, revenue is an issue.

The second pressure on the court is the expansion of our county jail.

In 2008, our citizens overwhelmingly passed a \$100 million bond issue clearly showing their desire to improve and expand the county. Action is happening as a result of that mandate by the voters and by the work of the coordinated cities and counties group addressing this expansion.

You can see the work happening now on the John Knox Road and Rockwall and the work under way on FM 740 North (Ridge) and Rockwall. This is about \$35 million of state and county money. But this is just a start.

We recently were notified the state would fund its share of the construction of FM 740 South in Heath (where FM 740 north meets the Heath City Hall), the overpass over I-30 at FM 3549 over I-30 at FM 551 and the overpass over I-30 at Irby. The county does the right-of-way acquisition for these projects, while the state does the construction. (For the FM 3549 overpass, the county will pay for the entire construction, which will then be paid back to the county over a 10-year period.)

This represents about another \$80 million of construction for our county. This is what brings new jobs, industries and growth to our county. This is something we want to do.

But all of this takes money.

I believe the court has developed a workable plan that meets our requirements, allows for the road construction, prepares for the next year and the years to follow and does not unduly burden citizens.

To pay for our debt service on the about \$115 million of bonds getting ready to start road construction, would require a tax rate of 2 cents for every \$100 of appraised value. This would require engineering and right-of-way work as well as funding for the construction of the FM 3549 overpass on the special funding arrangement. We would withdraw \$1.4 million from our reserve fund and place it in already established debt service fund, then that additional \$1.4 million to the current balance would allow us to pay for the debt service of the roads discussed. In other words, there would be no need for a tax increase to meet our current and announced road construction. This will save our taxpayers the 2 cents that would need to be paid for the tax rate starting next year and continuing on for many years.

On the operating side of the budget, the court has made significant changes in our spending. For the first time, we have eliminated job openings found other ways of providing the same service. We have reduced spending of almost every department in the county. We have reduced the purchase of new capital equipment. We have significantly reduced our contingency fund. We consolidated locations, stopped leasing out of buildings. And we have developed a budget that, for the first time, a balanced budget using our existing tax rate of 38.64 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

However this budget is underfunded. It is underfunded because the county no ability to fund next year's requirements: all of the capacity expansion is eaten up in the balanced budget of this year.

There is a solution. The "effective tax rate" for a county is what would provide the county with approximately the same amount of revenue it had the year before on properties taxed in both years. This rate goes up when counties are not growing and it then comes down when evaluations are going up.

This rate for our county is 39.60 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value. It is an increase of slightly less than 1 cent from our current rate and it builds in that capacity needed to plan and go forward into the future. But, this rate only does this if we keep the same cuts and reductions proposed 2012 budget. If these change, then we are back into the same we were before the budget process started.

So there are three things the court must decide. Do we:

- Put \$1,400,000 from our reserve fund into the debt service fund to pay for the new roads and avoid a yearly 2 cent debt service tax rate increase.
- Adopt our current tax rate of 38.64 cents, with an associated increase in tax rate next year; or
- Adopt the effective tax rate of 39.60 cents and have a surplus of surplus dollars but with a tax increase of less than 1 cent (39.60 cents) to cover the debt service.

There will be a public hearing on the 2012 budget at 9 a.m. in the County Courthouse on Sept. 6. Any citizen may address the court and express views on the budget along with any recommendations. The hearing will be voted on the following week, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. in the County Courthouse. Again, any citizen may address the court on the budget.

Finally, the next county judge town hall meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Sept. 15 in the Heath City Hall. Any citizen of the county is invited to ask any question on any subject.

I look forward to seeing you there and also in the courthouse on Sept. 13.

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# This Week in Heath

A Rockwall County News Exclusively

## Local farmers press on despite drought

by Darcy Rocha

Barking Cat Farm's Kim Martin and Lorie Bostic of Heath nurture beautiful and edible living things, even during one of the most severe droughts in Texas history.

The farmers endure raging 100-plus degree temperatures each day as they tend to their floral nursery in Heath and 20 acre farm near West Tawakoni. But trying to secure a subscription to their CSA (community supported agriculture) - a share in the farm's harvest - may leave you in the dust, due to a huge demand in our area for high-quality, locally-produced vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Martin and Bostic, whom both have a high-tech professional background, hand-picked Heath because of its authentic country feel and have been residents for 17 years. Barking Cat Farm is now in its seventh growing season. Only organic and sustainable methods and practices are used on this small specialty farm, including natural approaches to pest and weed management. You will see their produce on the menu at four of the restaurants in the downtown Rockwall area and their flowers at The Flower Box floral shop.

The drought that is currently gripping Texas has been a real burden to Barking Cat Farm, just as it is causing farms around the state to suffer. Because of their commitment to sustainable farming methods, Martin and Bostic utilize a highly-efficient drip irrigation system in their nursery and use water only in accordance with the current water use restrictions in our area, although it's still not adequate.

At the main farm, water is only derived from a rain-capture pond, using natural sources of water and nothing from the city's water source. With rock-hard soil, destructive critters searching for water and high soil temperatures, all planting has been halted and production is far below normal.

"Three-hundred cherry tomato sets were planted in July. Normally that would have been OK, but only 50 have survived," said Martin. "The soil is so dry that you can't get an implement into the ground, they even break."

Bostic had a few words of advice for local gardeners who may be feeling defeated trying to tend to their home crops during this trying summer.

"Don't lose hope. This will eventually end. If and when the temperatures drop down to the 90s and 80s in September and October, it won't be too late to plant a fall garden of cold crop vegetables like beets, carrots and cabbage," Bostic said.

Martin and Bostic give back to our community in ways that encourage others to consider farming or gardening at home, like the county's Master Gardener program. They volunteer their time teaching the techniques they have learned over the course of farming for the past seven years.

"This is a vastly underserved market," said Martin. "Organically produced, high-quality, nutritious local food is in huge demand."

More than ever, local families and businesses and clamoring for goods from local farms like Barking Cat, and more farmers are desperately needed to fill that gap.

During a normal growing season, the farm provides an assortment of freshly harvested goods regularly to their CSA subscribers year-round, although the farm is not currently adding any new subscriptions due to overwhelming demand. Because of the severity of the drought and heat wave, the CSA is temporarily suspended until growing conditions improve. But saddle up to a

fine meal at Restaurant Ava (or Zanata, Bin 303 or the Fatted Calf) and chances are produce from Barking Cat Farm will make it on to your plate.

On occasion, additional produce and flowers are available "off the truck" for sale at the time of their CSA pick-up, typically 2 p.m. Fridays in front of the county extension office at 1350 E.

Washington St. in Rockwall. To keep an eye out for when produce will be available for purchase, go to barkingcatfarm.com or follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

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Jerry Fisher, president of the Rockwall County Republican Women, is shown presenting the Women of Influence Award at the organization's annual tea conducted recently. The award is given to a woman "exemplifying dedication, determination and outstanding achievements in her field," according to a news release from the organization.

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Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall's first Student Volunteer class recently completed their program. Pictured are student volunteers, from the left, Atinder Singh, Tyler Kirwan, Jaqueira, Sage Martin and Regan Byrum. Not pictured are Allison McMaster and Alexandra

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Student volunteers wrap up summer hospital program

Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall's first Student Volunteer class, developed by Employee Health Coordinator Amy Conner, BSN, RN, was comprised of seven high school students selected from Rockwall and the surrounding communities.

They had an opportunity to shadow medical staff and other healthcare providers in a variety of departments within the hospital, including directly observing an actual surgical experience.

Atinder Singh, a recent graduate of Rockwall Heath High School, said that after watching a surgery that had its own "absolutely sure that I want to pursue a medical profession now."

Other students, such as Ali Arguelles, spoke of the similar experiences. Arguelles was thankful she had the opportunity to "witness the miracle" of a baby's birth.

Conner said, "believing this emotion isn't something that can always be understood by just talking about it," Conner

said, "The enthusiasm for opportunities to educate and inspire minds to choose healthcare careers has grown into a program at the hospital for which planning goes on year-round. Texas Health Rockwall recently began its Student Volunteer program, bringing in sixth grade students from Dallas Christian School to experience a day in the hospital, including directly observing an actual surgical experience.

Now, with the success of the new Student Volunteer program the hospital continues their commitment to community education, with the full participation of its entire hospital staff.

Physicians, such as Dr. Marc Brown, an anesthesiologist, said they were excited about the opportunity to provide a depth exposure and hopefully to encourage young students to become nurses and physicians

as well. The student volunteers are happy with the program as well.

One of the student volunteers, offered her appreciation to the hospital for the "opportunity that was provided to these students. She spoke of driving home from vacation for 15 hours straight so she wouldn't miss a moment of the operating room experience.

Regan Byrum said, "I wouldn't miss a moment of the operating room experience. This shows the impact this program has on these students."

Joey Byrum said, "I wouldn't miss a moment of the operating room experience. This shows the impact this program has on these students."

Both physicians and nurses had the opportunity to share their passion for serving in healthcare.

The Student Volunteer program next summer can pick up applications beginning in March.

Applications will be accepted through April with interviews and final selection of the next Student Volunteer class to be included in May.

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**Troop 1926 members Lexi Romine, Shelby Godwin and Gabriele Eldred are pictured during the girls' Aug. 20 trip to the Mesquite Rodeo. The troop participated in the rodeo's Girl Scout Night.**

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# Introducing our 2011-2012 Varsity Cheerleaders



**Rockwall High School Varsity cheerleaders**  
 (top row left to right) Shelbi Crawford, Kailea Coles, Jordyn Solorzano, Nikki Frye, Sarah Manning, Shelby Briggs, Abigail Farmer, Brittany Bell, (middle row) Marissa Lancaster (mascot), Kathryn Canavan, Ellie Moses, Lauren Phillips, Ali Arguelles (head cheerleader), Lindsay Loy (head cheerleader), Kristin Stone, Abby Grand-Lienard, Sarah Beasley, Amber Britton (mascot), (front row) Mary-Kate Davis and Natalie Fernandez  
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**Rockwall-Heath Varsity Cheerleaders**  
 (back row left to right) Sarabeth Beauchamp, Kelsey Goodwin, Axie Andre Crawford, Kylie Reynolds, (third row) Rebekah Gerritsen, Erin Iles, Mary Fields, Ewards, Ashlee Reese, Sarah Lopez, (second row) Kaylie Brickman, Kayla Meagan Naegele, Meagan Delozier, Brittany Buchanan, Holley Noe, Cayley (front row) Mascot Chandler Cox, Head Cheerleaders Tara Woessner, Alexis Roland and Mariah Pranschke.



**Royse City Varsity Cheerleaders**  
 (back row left to right) Sydney Huddleston, Haley Schukei, Jenni Mullis, Chelsea Jones (co-captain), Candace Cornelius (captain), Katrina Watson, Mckenzie Crawford, Shelby Webb, Carissa King (Bruno, the mascot), Kellie Curry, Savannah Forrest, Marina Gonzalez and Chelsey Snow.  
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**Heritage Christian Academy Varsity Cheerleaders**  
 (back row left to right) Morgan Bailey, Haiden Johnson, Jennifer Gray, Whitney Anabel Burke, Hailee Johnson, Faith Mydlowski, Victoria Engel, Maddie Smith, Katy Harmon, Taylor Duggan, Ashley Faris, Sarah Watson, Amber Point Webb.



**The Fulton School Cheerleaders**  
 (back row left to right) Mary Jane Lenamond, Laine Ellison, Katie Burgy, Anna Borgen, (front row) Katy Hannan, Acqurah Smith and Kamryn Byrnes. Not pictured are Mcleigh White and Taya Codwell.



**Rockwall Christian Academy Varsity Cheerleaders**  
 (back row left to right) Allison Steffen, Coach Nicole Mount, Katelyn Holboke, (front row) Janet Bush, Amber Harden and Gabby Berkshier. Not pictured is Janay Richardson.



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# Rockwall County Sports

## Falcons set scoring record in 85-59 win



Naaman Anthony Aaron (19) breaks up an Irving Faustina pass play last Friday at Cain Middle School field.  
Burnett/Rockwall County News

Sophomore Hayden Leverett scored six touchdowns as The Fulton School defeated Irving Faustina Academy 85-59 in the teams' six-man football opener Friday night, Aug. 26, at Cain Middle School.

The Falcons scored the most points in their football history, but head coach Josh Johnson said, "We probably left 20 points out there on the field. We would have scored 100-plus if we made our kicks."

Senior Tanner Treadway made only one of five 2-point conversion kicks. Fulton wasn't much better passed or ran for five 1-point conversions after their other eight touchdowns.

The high-scoring game lasted 3 1/2 hours, Johnson said. It's no surprise that Johnson was pleased with his team's offense, which rolled up nearly 500 yards.

"We kept it on the ground. We only threw 9 or 10 passes." Two of those passes went for touchdowns to Leverett, who also scored four rushing TDs.

Another sophomore, Todd Treadway, ran for two touchdowns. His brother, Tanner Treadway, returned a kickoff for a touchdown, and wide receiver Jasten Reese added a TD on a reverse.

Johnson said the Falcons' defense was a concern, despite intercepting four passes and recovering a fumble. Anthony Aaron had two of the interceptions and forced a fumble that teammate Levi Barnard recovered. Tanner Treadway and Reese each picked off one pass.

"We've got to get physical," the coach said. The Fulton junior high team played a 51-51 tie Saturday morning at Longview Trinity.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Irving Faustina	8	7	24	20	59
Fulton	20	18	27	20	85

## Naaman Forest outlasts Yellowjackets' defense

Naaman Forest scored first with a second-quarter touchdown, then wore down Rockwall's defense on a drive that exceeded 100 degrees.

Two fourth-quarter TDs and held off an RHS rally to win the season opener for both teams 21-13, at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. The game was the second in the Rockwall ISD's Heritage Honor Before Victory Classic.

"We played well," said RHS head coach Scott Smith. "They got after us late and scored a long drive to keep our conditioning."

Two first of two 26-yard field goals reduced Naaman Forest's lead to 7-3 at halftime. Naaman Forest scored another touchdown for a 14-3 lead in the fourth quarter. Hinckley's defense held the Jackets within one score at 14-6. They then recovered an onside kick but weren't allowed to advance it hadn't gone 10 yards. Naaman Forest drove to its final touchdown for a 21-6 lead.

Naaman Forest again, with Wesley Davis throwing 8 yards to Coan at reduced the margin again to 8 points at 21-13. The Yellowjackets recovered their onside kick, and Naaman ran out the clock.

The running game came to the fore in the fourth quarter, with Naaman Forest on runs of 50 and 4 yards to finish the game with 164 yards.

Naaman Forest finished with 116 rushing yards in just six carries. Wesley Davis completed 9 of 15 passes for 88 yards.

"We had to move the ball," Smith said. "Wesley scrambled to keep the offense moving."

The game was mostly on the ground. Davis completed 9 of 15 passes for 88 yards.

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The Fulton School Falcons' Hayden Leverett (11) dashes for a first down against Irving Faustina during last Friday's game at the Cain Middle School field.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Points	0	0	14	21
Field Goals	0	0	10	13

1st Quarter: Naaman Forest 7-3  
 2nd Quarter: Naaman Forest 14-6  
 3rd Quarter: Naaman Forest 21-6  
 4th Quarter: Naaman Forest 21-13  
 Final: Naaman Forest 21-13



Yellowjackets' Alex Ntchobo (25) shoots past Garland Naaman Forest defenders for more yards during last Friday's game at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.  
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## Eagles hold first half against 2011 TCAF State runners-up

Heritage Christian Academy stayed with Lucas Christian Academy for the first quarter Friday night, Aug. 26. After that the TCAF state runners-up from 2011 pulled away for a 47-18.

In the opening game for each team, HCA trailed just 13-12 after one quarter. The game was still relatively close (21-12) at halftime, but Lucas Christian Academy outscored the Eagles 26-6 in the second half.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lucas Christian	13	8	14	12	47
HCA	12	0	0	6	18

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Christian Academy Eagles' Garrett Blankenship broke through Lucas defenders for a touchdown during the season opener game at Hobart Wisdom Field, by the Heritage Christian Academy School.  
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# Rockwall County Sports

## Lady Hawks persist to Frisco Tournament

The Rockwall-Heath girls' volleyball team apparently had had enough of coming second in their first two tournaments, the Lady Hawks won the Frisco Varsity Tournament championship Saturday. The team won two of three matches on the tournament's final day to defeat their opponents.

The Hawks defeated Sachse 25-22, 18-25, 26-24, 25-22 in the final match, the Lady Hawks had to take their second semifinal victory in two weeks from Frisco Wakeland. Rockwall-Heath won 25-22, 27-29, 25-18, 27-25, a week after winning in another tense four-game match at the Lewisville/Vanderbilt tournament.

The Hawks finished third in the Garland ISD Tournament and won the Frisco Varsity Tournament. The final match at The Colony went five sets, with Rockwall-Heath coming back after losing two of the first three and winning the fifth.

Rockwall-Heath continued its winning ways Tuesday at home against Keller Fossil Ridge 25-10.

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## Hawks finish 3rd in cross country opener

The Rockwall-Heath boys' cross country team placed third and the girls were fourth as they opened their season at the Friday Night Hawk Invitational in Carrollton Aug. 26.

Jackson Zivney paced a balanced Hawks lineup with a ninth-place finish in 10 minutes, 50 seconds. RHHS' score was 101, with Christian Shearod finishing 16th in 11:05, German Zaldivar 21st in 11:21, Austin James 26th in 11:30 and Chris Rigler 29th in 11:36. Highland Park led the 12-team field with 22.

Nina Jaimes led the Lady Hawks with a time of 13:47 that was good for 11th place. Maggie Edwards finished 17th in 14:27, with Mykala Williams placing 20th at 14:33, Emily Nedella 21st in 14:41 and Taylor Abbott 43rd in 16:05. In a 10-team field, RHHS scored 112. The Colony won the event with 29.

## Lady Jackets stay above break-even level


Rockwall's volleyball team lost twice Saturday to finish with a 4-4 record in the Frisco ISD Varsity Tournament.

The Lady Jackets had won two of three matches both Thursday and Friday to qualify for the Silver Bracket.

RHS came back Tuesday, rallying from a two-sets-to-one deficit to defeat North Mesquite and improve the Lady Jackets' record to 12-11.

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## Rockwall County Sports Schedule

- The Fulton School Falcons**  
Sept. 2 - Varsity football: home vs. Fort Worth Hill School, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 6 - Middle school volleyball: home vs. Dallas The Covenant Center, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 8 - Middle school volleyball: at Heritage Christian SE, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 10 - Varsity football: at Wylie Preparatory, 2 p.m.
- Heritage Christian Academy Eagles**  
Sept. 2 - Varsity football: at Ladonia Fannindel, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 6 - Volleyball: at Dallas Lakehill Prep, Middle School B 5:30 p.m., JV 6:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 8 - Football: at Mansfield Fellowship Academy, 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 10 - Middle School A volleyball: home vs. The Fulton School, 3:4 p.m.  
Sept. 12 - Home vs. Suitvale, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.  
Sept. 14 - Varsity football: home vs. Mansfield Fellowship Academy, RISE, 7:30 p.m.
- Abilene Christian High School**  
Sept. 9 - Varsity volleyball: at Abilene Christian High School, 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 11 - Varsity volleyball: at Abilene Christian High School, 7:30 p.m.
- Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors**  
Sept. 2 - Football: at Cumby, 7:30 p.m.
- Rockwall High School Yellowjackets**  
Sept. 2 - Varsity volleyball: at Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 3 - Football: home vs. Rowlett, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Plano ISD Invitational, Jasper High School**  
Sept. 3 - Cross country: at Plano ISD Invitational, Jasper High School, 7:30 a.m.
- Watauga Fe Tournament**  
Sept. 6 - Varsity tennis: at Wylie, 4 p.m.
- Rockwall Tennis Facility**  
Sept. 8 - Varsity tennis: home vs. Wylie, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 7:30 p.m.
- Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium**  
Sept. 1 - Home vs. Royce City, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m. and Orange 7 p.m.  
Sept. 2 - Football: Royce City, White 5:30 p.m. and Orange 7 p.m.  
Sept. 9 - Volleyball: at McKinney North, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and Freshman B 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 10 - Football: at Royce City, 7:30 p.m.
- North Mesquite Stallion Stampede**  
Sept. 10 - Cross country: at North Mesquite Stallion Stampede, 7:30 a.m.
- Denton Guyer Freshman Tournament**  
Sept. 10 - Volleyball: at Denton Guyer Freshman Tournament, 7:30 p.m.
- Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks**  
Sept. 2 - Volleyball: at Rowlett, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and B 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 3 - Football: at Frisco Wakeland, Pizza Hut Park, 7:30 p.m.
- Plano ISD Invitational, Jasper High School**  
Sept. 3 - Cross country: at Plano ISD Invitational, Jasper High School, 7:30 a.m.
- Garland JV Tournament**  
Sept. 6 - Varsity tennis: home vs. McKinney, 4 p.m.
- Rockwall-Heath High School vs. North Mesquite**  
Sept. 30 p.m. at Royce City 7:30 p.m.
- North Mesquite vs. North Mesquite**  
Sept. 6 p.m. at Cain Middle School vs. North Mesquite 6:30 p.m. City 7:30 p.m.
- Freshman Red football: home vs. Sachse, Rockwall-School, 6 p.m.**  
Sept. 8 - Varsity tennis: at McKinney, 4 p.m.
- Football: home vs. Denton Ryan, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7:30 p.m.**
- Garland Lakeview Centennial, Homer B. Johnson, Freshman**  
Sept. 10 p.m. and Black 7 p.m.
- Varsity tennis: at Kaufman, 3:30 p.m.**
- Home vs. Highland Park, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and Freshman B 6:30 p.m.**
- Football: home vs. Garland Lakeview Centennial, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 10 - Cross country: at North Mesquite Stallion Stampede, 7:30 a.m.**
- McKinney Freshman Tournament**  
Sept. 10 - Volleyball: at McKinney Freshman Tournament, 7:30 p.m.
- Royce City Bulldogs**  
Sept. 2 - Volleyball: at North Forney, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 3 - Football: home vs. Frisco, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3 - Volleyball: at Frisco JV Tournament, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 6 - Varsity football: with North Mesquite at Rockwall-Heath, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 10 - Varsity football: with North Mesquite and Rockwall-Heath, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 10 - Football: at Rockwall, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 9 - Volleyball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, Parents Night, 4:30 p.m.**
- Football: home vs. Rockwall, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 10 - Freshman volleyball: at Denton Tournament, 7:30 p.m.**
- Cain Middle School**  
Sept. 6 - 8th grade football: home vs. Wylie McMillan, Rockwall-High School, 7 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
- Wylie McMillan, Wylie High School, B 6 p.m. and C 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 8 - 8th grade volleyball: home vs. Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m. and D 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 10 - 8th grade volleyball: at Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.**
- Utley Middle School**  
Sept. 6 - 8th grade football: home vs. Allen Ereckson, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
- Football: at Allen Ereckson, AISD Track Stadium, B 6 p.m. and C 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 8 - 8th grade volleyball: home vs. Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m. and D 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 10 - 8th grade volleyball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.**
- Williams Middle School**  
Sept. 6 - 8th grade football: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, B 6 p.m. and C 7:30 p.m.
- Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Lovejoy High School, B 6 p.m. and C 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 8 - 8th grade volleyball: home vs. Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.**
- Sept. 10 - 8th grade volleyball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.**

## Carter's 'Geronimo' takes final 2 Saturday races

David Carter sailed "Geronimo" to victory in this year's final two races in the Saturday Night Series on Lake Ray Hubbard.

Weekend racing on the lake shifts to Sundays at 1 p.m. beginning this week. The Sunday Afternoon Series also consists of long-distance races to the dam and back.

With winds of 5 mph both nights, Carter raced to first place on Aug. 20 and last Saturday. Dan Malak was second in "Orion" on the 20th, with Robert Williams and "Hotter Tuna" the most recent runner-up.

Surprisingly in this hot summer, inclement weather postponed Race 9 of the Summer Wednesday Night Series scheduled for Aug. 24.

In Wednesday Night Race 8 Aug. 17, Carter had finished second in the A Fleet behind Bryan Taylor in "Rented Mule."

Other A Fleet top finishers were Marshall MacKenzie, third in "Superman's Cape"; Jeff Greenwood, fourth in "August Blaze"; Scott Self, fifth in "Soap Opera"; and Jeff Willis, sixth in "Cuttin Up."

Mike Jones and "Wings" continued to dominate the B Fleet, for boats rated 182 or higher, by taking first place. Robert Cummings was second in "Dulcinea," with Keelan Manuel third in "Joint Venture."

## Rockwall County Sports Notes

- Baseball sign-ups under way**  
Rockwall County baseball players ages 10u, 12u and 13u are urged to contact the Baseball Academy of Rockwall to participate in the upcoming fall baseball season. Contact Damien Gooch at 972-533-1132.
- Li'l Dribblers season planned**  
The upcoming season of Li'l Dribblers, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run Sept. 8 through Oct. 13. Open to ages 3 1/2 through 5, the event is designed to teach participants to dribble, pass and shoot while encouraging teamwork. Participants will receive T-shirts. Play will run from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays at Harry Myers Park. Cost is \$45 or \$30 for Rockwall residents. For more details call 972-771-7740.
- Basic Canoeing course offered**  
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a course in Basic Canoeing from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Raymond Cameron Lake. The course is designed to teach participants new to canoeing how to safely use a canoe in the water. On-land instruction will be followed by in-water application of lessons. The class is open to individuals ages 16 and older. Cost is \$18 or \$12 for Rockwall residents. For more details or to register, call 972-771-7740.
- Angel League registration deadline nears**  
The upcoming Angel League season begins Sept. 12. Games are played on Mondays at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. To register, visit [angelleague.org](http://angelleague.org) or call 972-722-6001 for more information.
- Registration under way for Sept. 12 tourney**  
Registration is currently under way for the Annual Ambassadors Golf Tournament set for Sept. 12 at Buffalo Creek. The event, a four-person handicapped scramble tournament, will benefit Rockwall County Helping Hands and this year will feature a separate ladies division. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin, along with a putting contest and a hole-in-one contest. More than 20 doors prizes are scheduled to be given away. Tourney limit will be 144 players; register individually or as a team. Cost is \$75 per player. Registration the day of the event will be at 7 p.m.; shotgun start is at 8 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. To be a sponsor or sign up to play contact Kay Dutta at 972-771-4357 or the Buffalo Creek Golf Club at 972-771-4003.
- Mountain Biking class slated**  
Mountain Biking 101 will be offered by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 1 on the Squabble Creek Mountain Bike Trail. Students will learn the ins and outs of mountain biking and techniques on bike selection. Participants will follow the class along the trail for a light ride. Students will be required to supply their own bikes and any additional safety equipment. The class is open to individuals ages 16 and older. Fee is \$16 or \$10 for Rockwall residents. For more details call 972-771-7740.
- Triathlon set Oct. 2 at The Harbor**  
The Toyota U.S. Open Triathlon, the final event in the Race to the Toyota Cup series, will be hosted by the City of Rockwall Oct. 2 at The Harbor. The three-event race will feature a swim event, followed by a cycling and a running event. The swim event will begin at 7 a.m., and the last runner should finish at about 2 p.m. To avoid traffic problems experienced last year, a new bike route has been designed. More than 1,000 athletes competed last year.
- Fishing derby set Oct. 8 at Harry Myers**  
The City of Rockwall's annual fishing derby, a competition for youths up to the age of 14, will run from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 8 at Harry Myers Park. Cost will be \$5 per Rockwall resident or \$8 for non-residents. Ponds will be stocked and prizes will be awarded in various age groups. For more details call 972-771-7740.
- CASA plans 5K/Fun Run Nov. 5**  
Lone Star CASA will host its third annual Speak Up for Kids CASA 5K/Fun Run Nov. 5 at the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, Rockwall. This year's events will include a competitive 5K, a 5K run/walk and a children's fun run. Participants can take advantage of online registration, and the event will feature chip-timing, certified race courses, raffle prizes, awards, commemorative race T-shirts, race packets and refreshments. Lone on [lonestarcasa.org](http://lonestarcasa.org) for more information or to register.

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Price/Session: 1-4 days: \$70; 5-8 days: \$130; 9-12 days: \$190; 13+ days: \$250

**Middle School (1 hour):** M - F 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 11 am  
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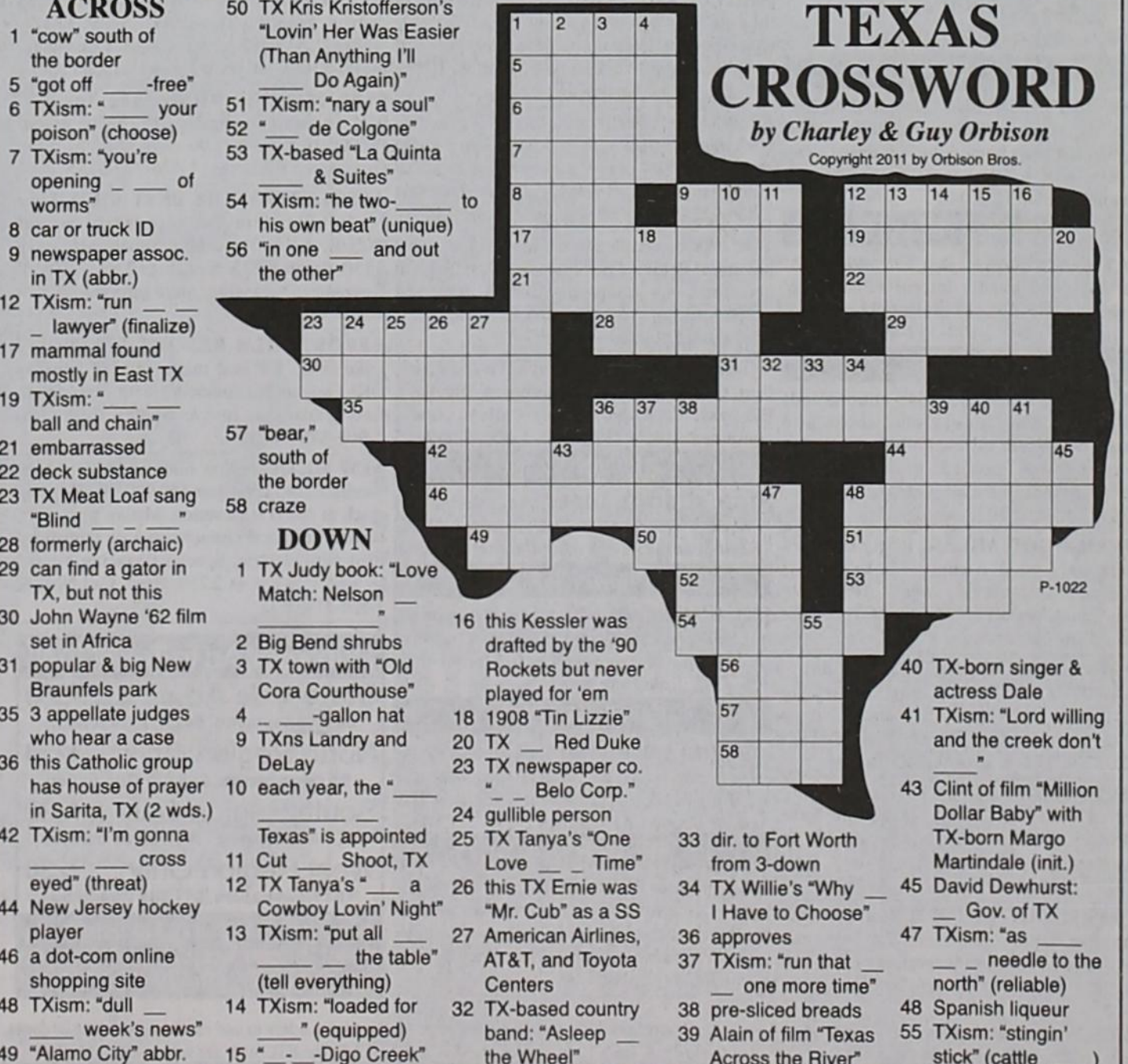
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\* Each session consists of 4 weeks:  
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\*\* Payments are due the first week of the session. No roll over classes to future sessions.  
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**ACROSS**

- "cow" south of the border
- "got off \_\_\_-free"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ your poison" (choose)
- TXism: "you're opening \_\_\_ of worms"
- car or truck ID
- newspaper assoc. in TX (abbr.)
- TXism: "run \_\_\_ lawyer" (finalize)
- mammal found mostly in East TX
- TXism: "\_\_\_ ball and chain"
- embarrassed
- deck substance
- TX Meat Loaf sang "Blind \_\_\_"
- formerly (archaic)
- can find a gator in TX, but not this
- John Wayne '62 film set in Africa
- popular & big New Braunfels park
- 35 appellate judges who hear a case
- this Catholic group has house of prayer in Sarita, TX (2 wds.)
- TXism: "I'm gonna \_\_\_ cross eyed" (threat)
- New Jersey hockey player
- a dot-com online shopping site
- TXism: "dull \_\_\_ week's news"
- "Alamo City" abbr.

**DOWN**

- TX Judy book: "Love Match: Nelson \_\_\_"
- Big Bend shrubs
- TX town with "Old Cora Courthouse"
- \_\_\_gallon hat
- TXns Landry and DeLay
- each year, the "\_\_\_"
- gullible person
- TX is appointed
- Cut \_\_\_ Shoot, TX
- TX Tanya's "\_\_\_ a Cowboy Lovin' Night"
- TXism: "put all \_\_\_ the table" (tell everything)
- TXism: "loaded for \_\_\_" (equipped)
- "\_\_\_-Digo Creek"
- this Kessler was drafted by the '90 Rockets but never played for 'em
- 1908 "Tin Lizzie"
- TX \_\_\_ Red Duke
- TX newspaper co. "\_\_\_ Belo Corp."
- TX-born singer & actress Dale
- TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't \_\_\_"
- Clint of film "Million Dollar Baby" with TX-born Margo Martindale (int.)
- David Dewhurst: \_\_\_ Gov. of TX
- TXism: "as \_\_\_ \_\_\_ needle to the north" (reliable)
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Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

## City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING ARTICLE V ("SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES") TO PROVIDE FOR CLASSIFICATIONS OF SEXUAL ORIENTED BUSINESSES AND TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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# Rockwall County Sports

## Offense dominates as Hawks defeat West Mesquite

Rockwall's offense outscored West Mesquite in the teams' opening game Aug. 26, at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

Rockwall's offense dominated the game, scoring 27 points to West Mesquite's 14. The Hawks' offense was led by running back Jovan Hernandez, who had 11 carries for 111 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Taylor Corbin completed 4 of 19 passes for 110 yards and a touchdown.

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
West Mesquite	0	7	0	0	7
RHHS	9	0	3	7	19

RHHS - Jovan Hernandez 11 run (Parker Swanson kick)  
 RHHS - Safety, ballcarrier tackled in end zone  
 W. Mesquite - Courtland Smith 1 run (Miguel Garza kick)  
 RHHS - Swanson 27 FG  
 RHHS - Jay Arnold 42 fumble recovery (Swanson kick)

	W. Mesquite	RHHS
1st downs	8	10
Rushes-yds.	28-41	42-196

Comp-Att-Int	11-22-0	4-16-2
Passing yds.	109	36
Total yds.	150	232
Punts-avg.	7-34.1	6-33.3
Penalties-yds.	4-45	6-60
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	3-2

Individual statistics  
 Passing - W. Mesquite: Chason Virgil 10-18-0-76, Shateek Nasir 1-4-0-33; RHHS: Cody Court 4-16-2-36.

Receiving - W. Mesquite: Tallie Cooper 3-49, Raashaan Reason 5-41, Courtland Smith 2-14, Kameron Miles 1-5; RHHS: Jovan Hernandez 1-23, Amaris Fields 1-14, Hunter Seales 1-3, Shyon Motlagh 1-minus-4.

Rushing - W. Mesquite: Courtland Smith 14-42, Shateek Nasir 2-14, Raashaan Reason 1-2, Darrius Payne-Edwards 2-1, Chason Virgil 9-minus-18; RHHS: Cody Court 8-47, Jovan Hernandez 10-45, Jeremy Armstrong 8-43, Rico Henderson 9-35, Ray Todd 6-25, Amaris Fields 1-5.



Hawks' running back Jovan Hernandez (5) skirts through West Mesquite defenders for more yards with the blocking help of teammates including Garrett Westphal (70). Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## HSAA spoils Warriors', Corbin's debut

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	HSA	RCA
1st downs	16	19
Rushes-yds.	26-303	32-241
Comp-Att-Int	12-30-0	4-19-1
Passing yds.	166	110
Total yds.	469	351
Punts-avg.	2-36.0	1-41.0
Penalties-yds.	9-100	5-45
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3

Individual statistics  
 Passing - Dallas HSAA: Davis Kinville 12-29-0-166, Bryant Chase 0-1-0-0; RCA: Taylor Corbin 4-19-1-110.

Receiving - Dallas HSAA: Micah Sherman 7-113, Kyle Boor 2-24, Chet Bryant 1-15, Justin England 1-7, Andy Papson 1-7; RCA: Daniel Rorie 2-49, Austin Dean 1-45, Shelby Sharpless 1-16.

Rushing - Dallas HSAA: Davis Kinville 11-150, Joel Martin 11-135, Sam Grant 2-8, Kyle Boor 1-8, Bryant Chase 1-2; RCA: Taylor Corbin 21-172, Austin Dean 4-52, Rashawn Brown 1-15, Daniel Rorie 1-5, Jonas Poland 1-minus 1, Daniel Ruiz 4-minus 2.



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