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IHHS Robotics team selected for finals in World Championship

The Rockwall-Heath robotics team, pictured above, traveled to St. Louis April 24-26 to compete in the first World's Championships. Only 40 teams qualified for the event out of the 6,000 teams competing worldwide. This is the third year in a row the Black Hawk team has advanced to the world competition. This year, the team's performance in the seeding rounds allowed it to be selected for the finals in its division. Only 128 teams made the finals. The team fought hard, but lost in the quarterfinals in a best-of-three series. Pictured are, at back, Tyler Hagler, Brandon Abear, Conner Latour, Antonio Kittrell, Brian Selle (mentor), Tyler Bledsoe and Roger Russell (mentor); middle row, Kenny Gutierrez (mentor), John Schneider (mentor), Shanna Pewick (team mom), Kirby Wilson, Noah Salucci, Stuart Potter, Samille, Sean Gibson, Wesley Russell, Kayla Chaikin, Ryan Nash, Leon Bass (mentor), Leslie Reese (coach), Tyler Russell (mentor) and Gene Gibson (mentor); and, at front, Marshall Mazagwu, Christine Gutierrez, Lauren Segura and Rachel Whalen

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Poetry School students take honors at state meet

Students from Poetry Community Christian School competed at the TCAL State Fine Arts & Academic Meet in San Antonio last month, earning a second place overall finish.

The students brought home 32 event awards, according to a school release.

Awards included:

- Emily Ellis – first place, Interpretive Dance
- Arlee Pryor – fourth place, Band; fifth place, Prose
- Mackenzie Buhr – first place, Interpretive Dance; third place, Duet
- Trisha Gracy – fourth place, Duet
- Hannah Cejella – sixth place, DM Photography
- Allison Chang – third place, Adv. Math; fourth place, Number Sense; fifth place, Printmaking
- Shelby Blake – fourth place, Black-and-White Photography; fifth place, Music; sixth place, Color Photography
- Elizabeth Huddleston – third place, Duet
- Montana Larson – third place, Duet
- James Hartsfield – second place, Instrumental Ensemble; fourth place, Band
- Megan Buhr – first place, Interpretive Dance; second place, DM Photography; third place, Black-and-White Photography; fourth place,

Advanced Math; fourth place, Color Photography; fourth place, Science; fourth place, Band

- Morgan Prettyman – second place, Painting; fourth place, Monologue; fourth place, Vocal Ensemble
- Miranda Oberlechner – sixth place, Mixed Media; sixth place, On-site Drawing
- Baylee Roberts – fourth place, Band
- Sydney Hefley – third place, Black-and-White Drawing; fourth place, Band
- Joanna Bantseev – second place, Persuasive Speaking
- Elisabeth Barbee – second place, Instrumental Ensemble; sixth place, Instrumental Solo; fourth place, Band
- Karl Heinz – second place, Instrumental Solo
- Micah Tomaselia – fourth place, Band
- Tanner Dale – second place, Current Events
- Gabriel Morgan – first place, Spelling
- Josh Beeson – first place, Interpretive Dance; second place, Instrumental Ensemble
- Madeline Walls – fourth place, Vocal Ensemble; fourth place, Band
- Michael Hartsfield – first place, DM Photography; second place, Instrumental Ensemble; fourth place, Band; fifth place, Monologue



Poetry Community Christian School students captured a second place overall finish at the TCAL State Fine Arts & Academic Meet conducted last month in San Antonio. Pictured at front, from the left, are Emily Ellis, Arlee Pryor, Mackenzie Buhr, Trisha Gracy, Hannah Cejella and Allison Chang; second row, Shelby Blake, Elizabeth Huddleston, Montana Larson, James Hartsfield, Megan Buhr, Morgan Prettyman, Miranda Oberlechner, Baylee Roberts, Sydney Hefley, Joanna Bantseev, Elisabeth Barbee and Karl Heinz; and, at back, Micah Tomaselia, Tanner Dale, Gabriel Morgan, Josh Beeson, Madeline Walls and Michael Hartsfield.

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Change in zoning notification approved by Rockwall Council

Rockwall city officials have revised the notification process for property zoning change requests by extending the area of mail notifications and adding more visible signage on the subject property, according to a Rockwall news release issued this week.

The changes include:

- Property owner notification buffer area increased from 200 to 500 feet
- All public hearing notices will be sent via first class mail with envelope

stamped in red: "Zoning Change Requested."

- City staff will mail notifications to all known homeowner association representatives within 1,500 feet of subject property.
- A four by four foot, doubled-sided sign with highly visible colors indicating the type of zoning change requested will be posted on subject property.

Council members approved the change at their May 5 meeting.

Newcomers sweep incumbents in Fate

Fate voters cleaned house in the May 10 election, ushering out all of the incumbents.

According to tabulated unofficial results, Lorne Megyesi captured more than 72 percent of the vote to defeat incumbent Mayor Bill Broderick.

For Megyesi, it will be a return to the Fate city administrator. He was elected to the Fate City Council, Place 1, in May 2013, but in January resigned his position. He formally announced his intention to run for mayor on Feb. 3.

Megyesi will be joined on the council by Lance Megyesi, Place 2; Joe Burger, Place 4; Steve Herrmann, Place 6; Nikki Robinson, Place 1; and Jon Thatcher, Place 3.

Tabulated unofficial results for Fate, Heath and the Rockwall Independent School District, as provided by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator's Office, are as follows:

- City of Fate
 - Mayor – Bill Broderick, 212 votes; Lorne Megyesi, 551 votes
 - Councilmember, Place 2 – Lance Megyesi, 494; Steve Skipworth, 256
 - Councilmember, Place 4 – Joe Burger, 526; Sheri Garber, 216
 - Councilmember, Place 6 – Michelle Butler, 229; Steve Herrmann, 506
 - Councilmember, Place 1 – Nikki Robinson, 534; Christy Schell, 195
 - Councilmember, Place 3 – Jon Thatcher, 508; Jim Thornhill, 214
- City of Heath
 - Mayor – Lorne Liechty, 491
 - Councilmember, Place 3 – Phil R. Powell, 273; Joe B. Chamberlain, 283
 - Councilmember, Place 5 – Brian P. Berry, 449
- Rockwall ISD
 - Trustee, Place 6 – Leigh Plagens, 1,960
 - Trustee, Place 7 – Leslie Latham Milder, 541; Chad Higbee, 750; Stephanie Adams, 1,006; and David Schwartz, 188

A total of 771 voters cast ballots in the City of Fate election; 596 ballots were cast in the City of Heath election. In the Rockwall ISD election, 2,581 ballots were cast, according to the county elections report.

Rockwall ISD trustees plan May 19 meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Rockwall Independent School District will meet at 5:45 p.m. May 19 in the Rockwall ISD Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall, Room 600.

Trustees are expected to canvass May 10 election returns and declare results and administer the oath of office to newly elected board members before adjourning the meeting to attend a student recognition event beginning at 6 p.m. in the gym.

At 6:30 p.m., trustees will go into executive session to "deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer of employee," according to the agenda. Board members also will "consult with the district's attorney, in person or by phone, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney of the district under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: 1) To include the assignment and/or reassignment of elementary principals and/or assistant principals;" and, "2) Pending personnel matters involving legal counsel," according to the agenda.

Trustees will reconvene in public session at 7:30 p.m. Informational reports on the National Weather Service Storm Ready program and the recognition of the 2014 Outstanding Teachers of the Humanities Award will be given. Trustees also will consider approval of the consent agenda.

Other potential action items include:

- Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, outside beverage restriction;
- Consider approval of the Texas Association of School Board Policy Manual Update 99 on the second and final reading;
- Consider approval of the purchase of new marching band uniforms for the high school;
- Consider approval of contract awards, project costs and budget revisions associated with projects at the high school and Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary;
- Hear a construction status report update on the track replacement project at the stadium;
- Consider setting a time, date and location for a public hearing on the district's budget and proposed tax rate for the upcoming school year; and,
- Receive the superintendent's report.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Educational symposium set May 15 at Rock Ridge

An educational symposium dedicated to providing information about behavioral care and the various medical resources available to the community will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. May 15 at Rock Ridge Assisted Living and Memory Care Community, 720 E. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Rockwall. A meet-and-greet with guest speakers and heavy hors d'oeuvres will run from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more details call 469-757-8300 or contact the event's co-sponsor, Angels Care Home Health, at 972-552-3060 or angelscarehealth.com.

Celebrate older Americans May 16

The Meals on Wheels Senior Services is preparing for its Older Americans Day celebration. This year's theme is Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow and will focus on injury prevention. Each May, Rockwall County organizations, the five city mayors, city officials and individuals team up to nominate several outstanding seniors to be honored for their valuable contributions to the community. This year's event will be at 1 p.m. May 16 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. To nominate a senior call the MOWSS office at 972-771-9514.

RC Lions to host Recycling Day

The Royse City Lions Club will host a fundraising Recycling Day from 9 a.m. to noon on May 17 in the parking lot across from City Hall and the Royse City Library on North Arch Street. Contributions of functional or non-functional items such as computers, LCD monitors, cameras, musical

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Main Street Car Show held in Royse City

The 7th Annual Main Street Car Show took place in downtown Royse on May 10. The Best of Show winner went to Kevin Wallace for his 1964 fire maroon-colored Chevrolet pickup. This is his third time to enter the event, but the first to enter his truck. There were 16 categories with 92 entries, the highest number of entries since the event began. First and second place awards were given for the winners of cars in the categories of pre '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s and newer. For the trucks entries, awards were given in the categories of pre '80s, post '80s/other, street rod/roadster, motorcycle, import and open. Additional awards were given for Best of the Show, Club Participation, Outstanding Under Construction and Outstanding Restoration-Interior. There was a constant flow of people all day. The car show was sponsored by the Royse City Main Street and the Main Street Board.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Cotner set to graduate from West Point

Cadet Kyle Cotner, son of Herb and Barbara Cotner of Rockwall, will graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on May 28 with a degree in mechanical engineering. As a commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he will serve within the Aviation Branch. Cotner, a 2010 graduate of Rockwall High School, will report to Fort Rucker, Ala., for his first assignment.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Texas Health Presbyterian earns Top Hospital award

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall hosted an April 22 celebration in recognition of its Truven Health Analytics 100 Top Hospitals award.

The event, attended by hospital employees and community representatives, not only celebrated the award, but also highlighted the variety of hospital roles that contribute to the overall success of the hospital.

Five employees' names were drawn to represent the hospital at the award gala in Scottsdale, Ariz., on June 12.

Texas Health Rockwall is the only hospital in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to receive this award and only one of five hospitals in Texas to be named to this list. Truven's 100 Top Hospitals award recognizes hospitals that provide the "highest level of value to their community" as scored on several benchmarks including quality of care, length of patient stay and patient satisfaction, according to a hospital news release.



Cindy Paris and Ken Teal are shown at an April 22 celebration hosted by Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall. The event was organized to mark the hospital's recognition as a Truven Health Analytics 100 Top Hospitals Award recipient.

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Founders Day event

Charlie Daniels Band to headline weekend Founders Day event

The Charlie Daniels Band will be the featured attraction at this year's Founders Day Festival on May 17 at Harry Myers Park, E. Washington St.

The event has been moved from the downtown square to accommodate the \$8.625 million improvement project underway in Rockwall.

The band will take the stage at 8 p.m., following a day-long festival of live entertainment.

Daniels, a country southern rock artist, was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 2008 and Musicians Hall of Fame in 2009.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and will include arts and crafts, vendors, a large kids zone, games and bounce houses, and other activities.

Admission, parking and entertainment will be free.

The Founders Day Festival is sponsored by the City of Rockwall.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

William H. Bossert Jr.

Services for William H. Bossert Jr., of Royse City were conducted on May 12, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett with Jim Burt officiating. Burial followed in the Sacred Heart Cemetery on May 7.



Born March 13, 1930, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to William Sr. and Mina (Hitt) Bossert, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Babylon, La. and the Lutheran Church. He was a Telephone Pioneer. He was a municipal judge in Royse City and bailiff for the grand jury in Rockwall County.

Survivors include his son, William Bossert III of Midlothian; his wife, Marilee Stanley, and her husband, Steve, of Royse City; his children, Alexis, Jacob and Madelyn Stanley, and Kenn and Debra Bossert of Arlington; his companion, Mona George of Wylie, and six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

William T. Lawson

Services for William T. Lawson, 84, of Rowlett were conducted at 2 p.m. May 2, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Paul Ramler officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died April 29.

Born May 26, 1929, in Warren, Ark., to Jessie James Lawson and Eva (Slaughter) Lawson, he served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, serving for a total of 20 years before retiring. He then went to work for Raytheon as an electronics technician for an additional 20 years prior to retiring. He was a member of the Rodgers Baptist Church in Garland.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Maxine (Todd) Lawson of Rowlett; his children, Terry Lawson, and his wife, Irene, of Omaha, Neb., Sandra Jo Jeans of Kentucky and Ernest Lee Lawson and his wife, Sharon, also of Kentucky; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Naomi Petry and Wanda Taft, and brothers Alonzo, James, Leslie, Rufus and Everett Lawson.

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instruments, electronics, office equipment, sporting goods, cell phones, video games, movies, CDs and power tools will be accepted, as will clothing and accessories, toys, non-fiction books and non-perishable and canned foods. The Lions Club and Bubb Fundraising will work together and funds collected will go toward helping with community events. For more details contact roysecitylionsclub@gmail.com, call 972-658-9504 or visit www.bubbfundraising.com.

RC FFA to offer pet vaccination clinic

The Royse City FFA will host a pet vaccination clinic from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. May 17 at the RCHS Ag Building. Rabies shots will be offered for \$5; distemper/parvo/corona for dogs will cost \$15. Other shots and feline vaccinations also will be available. Veterinarian Jody Syring will give the shots. For more details contact Jessica at 903-440-1057.

RC library to fete volunteers at ice cream social

The C.F. Goodwin Public Library will host a volunteer appreciation ice cream social beginning at 3 p.m. May 17 at the library building, located at 309 N. Arch St. (next to City Hall). The public is invited to attend and help recognize volunteers who help make the library and the Zaner Robison Historical Museum vital parts of the community. Call 972-635-2772 for more details.

Chisholm Cemetery plans homecoming, business meeting

The Chisholm Cemetery Foundation will host its 56th Annual Homecoming and Business Meeting on May 18. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a covered-dish lunch; participants are encouraged to bring a dish or two. The meeting will be on the cemetery grounds. Those unable to attend who are interested in supporting the cemetery may mail contributions to Margaret O'Connor, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chisholm Cemetery Foundation, 353 League Rd., Rockwall, TX 75087.

RC Chamber to host awards banquet

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards banquet at 11:30 a.m. May 20 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Mike Castellucci, co-host of "Good Morning, Texas," will serve as speaker. The public is invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at roysecitychamber.com.

Youth Fair of Rockwall annual meeting slated

The annual meeting of the Youth Fair of Rockwall membership will begin at 7 p.m. May 21 at the RISD Agriculture Facility, 875 Riding Club Rd.

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Royse City High students receive Excellence Award at NET-OLE

Seventeen Spanish students and 23 French students represented Royse City High School at the North East Texas Organization of Language Educators, or NET-OLE, April 10 at Texas A&M-Commerce. Students returned home with the competition's Excellence Award, which is awarded to the school that earns the most points in relation to the number of students enrolled.

The following results were recorded by RCHS students in Spanish according to a school news release:

Cultural Events - Jacob Alessio, Alex Gonzalez, Jacob Nicholas, Verhouse, Alondria Stewart and Andrea Barrientos, first place; Dance (Salsa); Leslie Quijada, D'kaira Otis, Michelle Meraz, placed; Folk Group Vocal

Intermediate Level - Rachel Robertson, GOOD ranking, Reading Comprehension; Emily Nolan, GOOD ranking, Reading Comprehension

Advanced Level - Jacob Alessio, seventh, Verbal Fluency; Stephanie Vaughn, seventh, Spelling; Juliet Villegas, third, Memorized Prose; Marissa Dusek, first, Prepared Speech; D'kaira Otis, Bailey Dahmer and Gavie, fifth place, Drama

Bilingual Level - Victor Rodriguez, first place, Verbal Fluency,

second place, Sightreading Poetry, third place, Food; Alexia Ordaz, second place, Verbal Fluency, third place, Sightreading Poetry; Estefany Montelongo, fourth place, Memorized Prose; Ximena Martinez, third place, Prepared Speech; Victoria Moreno, fifth place, Prepared Speech

The following awards were earned by RCHS French students:

• Beginner Level - Jake Richter, first place, Spelling; Brynnon Keils, first place, Verbal Fluency; Grace Tawwatter, EXCELLENT ranking, Reading Comprehension

• Intermediate Level - Ariel Rawdah, first place; Crafts; Quinton Morrow, second place, Entrée; Tori Carnes, second place, Memorized Poetry, third place, Verbal Fluency; Dakota Meis, fourth place, Verbal Fluency; Alan Yanez, fourth place, Spelling; Elizabeth Villasenor, sixth place, Spelling; Ashley Ellis, EXCELLENT ranking, Reading Comprehension; Madison Runnels, EXCELLENT ranking, Reading Comprehension

• Advanced Level - Kenzie Dyess, first place, crafts; Nancy Saravia, second place, Desserts; Kate Cody and Nancy Saravia, third place, Vocal; Averii Dyer, fourth place, Memorized Poetry; Rachel Stokes, sixth place, Memorized Prose, GOOD ranking in Reading Comprehension; and Logan Pior, EXCELLENT ranking, Reading Comprehension.



Several Royse City High School students recently participated in the NET-OLE competition. Pictured at front are Stephanie Vaughn, Juliet Villegas, Emily Nolan, Nellie Waterhouse, Karla Hernandez, Jordan Stewart, Leslie Quijada, Victoria Moreno, Daisy Ibarra, Andrea Barrientos, Alex Gonzalez and Juliet Villegas, and, at back, Rachel Robertson, Marissa Dusek, Ximena Martinez, Michelle Meraz, T'Ana Otis, D'kaira Otis, Victor Rodriguez, Auandar Aguilar, Jordi Soni, Bailey Dahmer, Alexia Ordaz, Justin Ibarra and Jacob Alessio. Not pictured are Estefany Montelongo and Itzell DeLeon.

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Several Royse City High School students recently participated in the NET-OLE competition. Pictured at front are Quinton Morrow, Ariel Rawdah, Grace Tawwatter, Brynnon Keils and Jake Richter; second row, Madison Runnels, Kate Cody, Nancy Saravia, Alan Yanez, Elizabeth Villasenor, Tori Carnes and Kenzie Dyess; and, at back, Ashley Ellis, Logan McCrummen, Kadota Meis, Alexis Montelongo, Rachel Stokes and Logan Pior. Not pictured is Averii Dyer.

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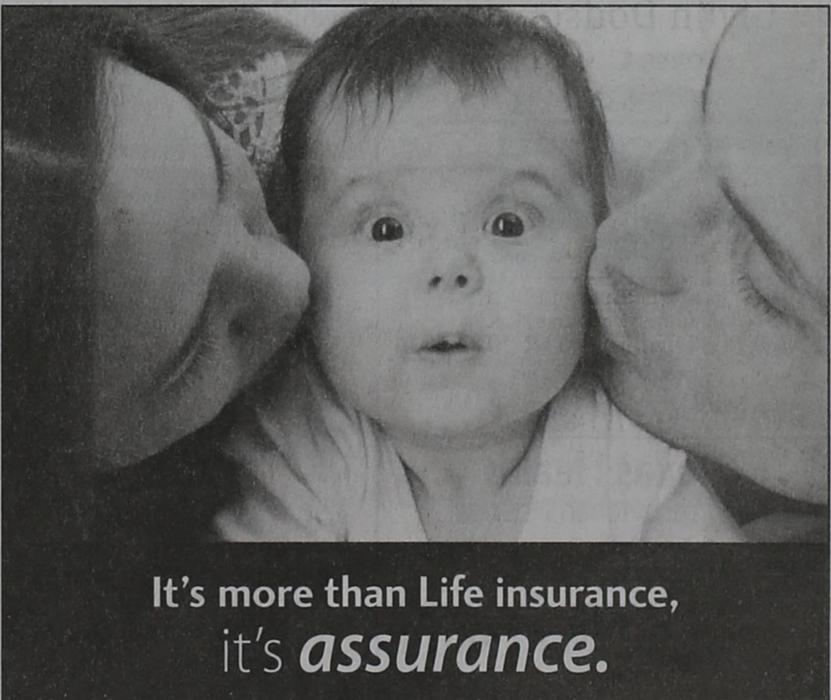
Batting cage proposal approved by Rockwall Council

A lease agreement with Leo Rodriguez was approved by Rockwall City Council members at their meeting, allowing the installation and operation of three 60-foot by 14-foot batting cages at Leon Rodriguez Athletic Complex, according to a city news release.

The city will receive 30 percent of the businesses' revenue for ground lease of the property, which will be located at the south end of the complex between fields four and six.

Construction of the batting cages and for the equipment, which must stay in the city, will come from Rockwall Baseball Association funds.

All Rockwall Baseball and Softball League members will be provided a discount when using the batting cages, according to the news release.



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Yellowjacket football holds annual food drive for Helping Hands

by Ryan Garrett

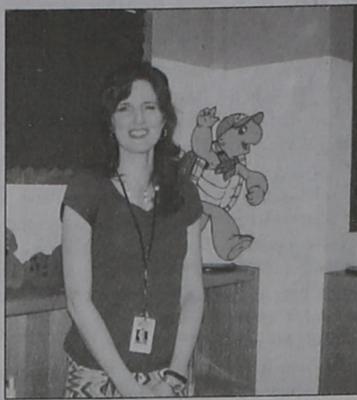
The Rockwall High School football team has kicked off their second annual food drive to support Helping Hands of Rockwall County. In conjunction with spring practice and the Jackets' Spring Swarm scrimmages on May 22nd, the RHS boys will strive to fill the shelves at Helping Hands.

The football players will be going door-to-door in the RHS attendance zone on Friday, May 16 to collect canned goods and boxed food donations.

In addition, canned goods will be collected at the gate of the spring games on May 22 at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. The JV game starts at 6 p.m., and the Varsity follows at 7:15. Admission to Spring Swarm is free with the donation of two canned goods per person, or one can pay \$2 per individual. All proceeds will go to benefit the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Helping Hands is in need of all canned and boxed food goods. They would be especially appreciative of donations that include soup, canned fruit, canned meat, rice, boxed pasta, toilet paper and bar soap.

Let the peace from God rule in your hearts to the which also you are called in one body ... Colossians 3:15



Jennifer Doss of Reinhardt Elementary, pictured above, recently was tapped to receive the 2014 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award presented annually by Humanities Texas, which recognizes teaching excellence in humanities fields such as language arts and social studies. As winner, she will receive \$500 to purchase humanities instructional materials and \$5,000 in recognition of her achievement.

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Meals on Wheels golf tourney slated May 30

The 5th Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Meals on Wheels Services of Rockwall County will take place May 30 at the Creek Golf Club.

Entry fee is \$100 per golfer, which will feed approximately 10 seniors in our community for one week.

Golfers will enjoy Chick-fil-A lunch as they arrive, check in and raffle items from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The tournament begins at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start.

This year's golf tournament will feature a Buy-a-Drive hole-in-one contest with a golf cart as the prize. The winner will receive a hole-in-one contest with a golf cart as the prize. The winner will receive a hole-in-one contest with a golf cart as the prize.

Cash prizes will go to the top three teams as well as the top female golfer, closest to the pin and longest drive.

Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County depends on community partners and successful fundraising events to accomplish their mission, according to a MOW news release.

Wright inducted into Texas Women's Hall of Fame

On May 6, Chief Justice Carolyn Wright was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame, according to a news release received last week.

The Governor's Commission for Women established the Women's Hall of Fame in 1984 to honor the remarkable achievements of Texas women. Nominations are submitted from across the state and reviewed by a panel of judges. Past honorees include first ladies, athletes and astronauts.

In 2009, Wright was appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to the Fifth District Court of Appeals. She is the first African-American to serve as chief justice on any of the 14 intermediate courts of appeal in Texas, and the first African-American woman to win a county election in Texas history.

Wright has been a Texas judge for more than 30 years. She has been recognized by a long list of organizations, including the Association of Women Lawyers' Leadership Award and the American Bar Association Business Section's Award for contributions to law and proficiency in law. Former Texas Gov. George W. Bush presented Wright with the Yellow Rose of Texas Award for significant contributions to her community, and she was Gov. Bill Clements' appointee to the Governor's Commission for Women.

Wright is a member of the Rockwall County Republican Women's Club and was presented with the club's Women of Influence Award in 2012.

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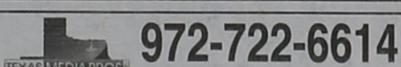
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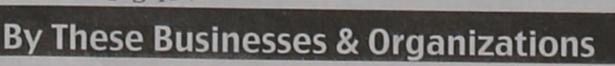
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City of Fate mayor gives State-of-the-City address

Mayor **Jean Coppedge** jean@yaho.com

Mayor Bill Broderick came prepared to give those in attendance and information the citizens were anxious to hear. He told at the beginning there would be a time at the end of his address for questions and answers.

By stating that the City Council and staff operate by a set of values adopted by the city: teamwork, integrity, accountability, and professionalism.

He announced that the City of Fate now has a new city manager, Kevin Kovacs. Broderick introduced Kovacs, who comes to Fate from where he served as city manager.

Broderick listed the 2013 Basic Achievements for the City as "hired a new city manager, improved public safety for the newly established DPS, initiated a branding campaign and created a new logo for the city, increased the property annexation process, hired a full-time inspector to help maintain the growth in developing areas and designed and launched the new city website."

In the area of finance, Broderick says the department "completed audit FY2013 and implemented RecWare software for bank reconciliations to be completed timely and prepared the FY2014 budget to the standard required by Government Finance Officers of Texas and applied for a certificate of Achievement from GFOA for the FY Budget."

Concerning Human Resources, Broderick said the city's personnel policies and procedures were updated and put into place with the direct deposit procedure and paperless paystubs.

Utility billing went to an emailing utility statement as a paperless alternative, created a water and sewer rate study to conclude if Fate's rates are in line with the fixed costs of water and sewer operations and debt services.

A lengthy list of Health and Safety (Police and Fire Department) improvements during Broderick's service as mayor were shared with the audience. They included: "The formation of a new DPS on 10-01-2013, the hiring of 12 new positions for a much-needed 24 hour police and fire coverage, the integration of volunteer and full-time staff, the purchase of four new patrol vehicles, established a new school resource officer for the three schools within the city limits, creation a Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch Program for each subdivision, provided a reserve/fire marshal office to include fire inspections and preplans, the purchase of a new ladder truck and one new engine to increase public safety, began working through the thousands of warrants sent to Fate from the Rockwall Sheriff's Office, closed and collected approximately \$40,000

in warrants, answered over 4,200 police service calls and over 400 fire service calls since the creation of DPS, created a position with the High Intensity Drug Area Task Force, through the task force, able to purchase a new vehicle and drug detection K9, prepare and call for ISO audit to lower insurance rates for all citizens, began engaging the citizens through social media, created a virtual ride-a-long program through Twitter and within the first 10 days of being a new agency, we busted a large regional mail theft ring."

Broderick said the economic development for Fate includes TexCo Resin, a wholesale plastic warehousing corporation moving to Fate, a new daycare facility to be built within one year that will house 28 employees and at least 220 children, the Fate Family Dentistry, the Family Dollar Store and the Boys and Girls Club.

A new Civic Center/City Hall design and engineering is near completion. The land for the facility was donated, and Broderick said all funding for the project has been secured with no tax increase to Fate's citizens. The buildings now being rented to house the city staff and employees is already overcrowded with the 38 employees, and with the budget cycle, another five people will be hired.

Broderick's closing statement read: "In closing, I want to say that we live in an upscale community. We are in a predominately young, tech-savvy population that requires quality of life programs provided by the city, such as the Boys & Girls Club, the Spring Fling, the Seniors' Program, the Christmas Tree Lighting and much more. Your Council and city staff are here to serve the citizens. Our mission is to facilitate balanced growth, enhance quality of life, be responsive to the community and plan for the future with integrity, efficiency and transparency."

Patty Bingo squares offered

Rockwall Soroptimists are selling squares for their Country Cow Bingo event that will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. June 14 as part of the All Country Fair.

Participants can purchase a 2-foot by 2-foot square for \$20; Bessie until she makes her deposit. The winner will receive \$1,000. Squares can be purchased at rockwallcountryfair.com.

Country Bingo will be part of the Rockwall Country Fair, which runs from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Rockwall Technology Park, 2610 Country Trail.

Activities sidelining the bingo event include a chili tasting with voting, live music and entertainment, street vendors, tethered hot air balloons, a country store, old-time photos, silent and live auction and food booths.

Squares to the fair are available now through Soroptimist members or by going with a list of events, times and sponsors. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 4-11. Family tickets (two adults, two children ages 4-11) cost \$50. Children ages 3 and younger will be admitted free of charge.

Proceeds from the events will fund Rockwall Soroptimist projects that benefit women and children as the organization celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Educational symposium set May 15 at Rock Ridge

An educational symposium dedicated to providing information about behavioral care and the various medical resources available to the community will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. May 15 at Rock Ridge Assisted Living and Memory Care Community, 720 E. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Rockwall.

A meet-and-greet with guest speakers and heavy hors d'oeuvres will run from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Scheduled presentations include Holli Hammer, R.N., who will discuss the Angels Care Home Health Behavioral Health Program; Danny Mack, chaplain, who will talk about compassion fatigue – managing caregiver stress; and Dr. Sandra Peterson, keynote speaker, who will discuss dealing with anxiety and depression.

For more details call 469-757-8300 or contact the event's co-sponsor, Angels Care Home Health, at 972-552-3060 or angelscarehealth.com.

Chisholm Cemetery plans homecoming, business meeting

The Chisholm Cemetery Foundation will host its 56th Annual Homecoming and Business Meeting on May 18.

The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a covered-dish lunch; participants are encouraged to bring a dish or two. The meeting will be on the cemetery grounds.

Care and maintenance of the cemetery is accomplished only through donations from the descendants of those early settlers of Rockwall County buried in the cemetery. No outside support is accepted.

Those unable to attend who are interested in supporting the cemetery may mail contributions to Margaret O'Connor, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chisholm Cemetery Foundation, 353 League Rd., Rockwall, TX 75032.



The Rock Wall Chapter, DAR, installed its new regent and officers in a ceremony conducted May 2. Pictured above are Past Regent Peggy Atterberry, Texas State First Vice Regent, Judy Ostler, center, and incoming Regent Mindy Lovell.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Royse City Chamber of Commerce welcomes A&A Granite & Limestone

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce was pleased to hold a Ribbon Cutting for A&A Granite & Limestone at their Grand Opening Open House on April 26.

Everyone enjoyed welcoming them to the area while the owner, Bobby Gladu, and his staff gave tours of the facility and hosted a wonderful dinner.

You can visit their showroom anytime at 2501 Circle Drive in Royse City.



The Rock Wall Chapter, DAR, installed its new regent and officers in a ceremony conducted May 2 in the home of member Tommie Caudell of Heath. Pictured are Regent Mindy Lovell, seated with right, and, from the left, Marilyn Nanney, Marilyn King, Margaret O'Connor, Julia McCormack, Carol Skoglund, Margaret Anderson, Faye Gadberry and Carolyn Duckworth.

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The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes Lakeside AMBUCS

National AMBUCS™, Inc. is a non-profit service organization consisting of a diverse group of men and women who are dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities. They started a Lakeside chapter that covers the entire east and they are working with local ISD's and businesses to raise awareness and the need for these Tryke's.

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Submitted by Paula Kerr, Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.

Local DAR chapter installs regent, officers

The Rock Wall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution installed the 2014-2016 regent and officers on May 2 in the home of member Tommie Caudell of Heath.

DAR program director, Fraya Fisk, introduced Texas State First Vice Regent Judy Ostler, who installed the new chapter regent and officers.

Chapter officers for 2014-2016 include Regent Mindy Lovell, Vice Regent Linda Smith, Chaplain Faye Heil, Recording Secretary Margaret O'Connor, Corresponding Secretary Julia McCormack; Treasurer Carol Skoglund; Registrar Margaret Anderson; Assistant Registrar Laverne Gadberry; Historian Faye Gadberry; Librarian Carolyn Duckworth; Historian Mary Vervalin; Chapter Advisor Peggy Atterberry; and Chapter Page Angela Von Weber-Hahnsberg.

The DAR, founded in 1890, is a service organization dedicated to the betterment of the nation. For additional information regarding DAR, call Regent Mindy Lovell, 214-502-7697.

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Opinions

Supreme Court and Justices, 3rd Article of the U.S. Constitution From American History Part 4

by Kenneth Shores

Rockwall, Texas

This article is my opinion as provided by my research

Brief explanation of Supreme Court and Justices (Article 3). Today our Supreme Court consists of eight Supreme Court Justices and one Chief Justice. Why did our forefathers setup this court and how can it have a check and balance, plus maintain "We The People" control.

First a multilevel court system was developed to process different levels of the law. The ranges were from the Justice of the Peace Court to the Supreme Court. If any party within a court trial wishes to challenge the court's decision they could appeal through the Appellate Court and if the charges involved the United States Constitution, the Supreme Court will make the final decision to settle the dispute.

Can the Supreme Court decision be over-turned? Yes, but only by our law makers, our United States Congress by a 2/3 vote. United States Congress as our Law Makers have the responsibility to determine the number of Supreme Court Justices and their compensation. The

President of the United States appoints open seat Justices, then they are ratified by the United States Senate.

The Judiciary Act of 1789 was passed by Congress and signed by President George Washington, establishing the Supreme Court of the United States as a tribunal made up of six justices who were to serve on the court until death or retirement. That day, President Washington nominated John Jay to preside as Chief Justice, and John Rutledge, William Cushing, John Blair, Robert Harrison, and James Wilson to be Associate Justices. On September 26, all six appointments were confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Each Supreme Court Justice is to research only the United States Constitution to determine their opinion of how each case is to be ruled upon. Sometimes human error has caused a wrong decision, such as "The Separation of Church and State", as this phrase is not contained within the Constitution (See my article in this paper dated May 1, 2014).

How law officials, lawyers, judges and justices interpret the

constitution can cause conflict and be settled by a majority opinion.

Today the United States Supreme Court is respected as the best in the world. See websites below for the United States Constitution and "Power of the Court".

Quote from founding Father John Jay (1745-1829) was approved by President George Washington as the first Chief Justice of the United States

"Almost all nations have peace or war at the will and pleasure of rulers whom they do not elect, and who are not always virtuous. Providence has given to our people the choice of rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of a Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." <http://www.wallbuilders.com/LIBIssuesArticles.asp?id=64>

Readers are invited to express their opinion to this newspaper Editor about these series of articles. For more information about power of the courts see <http://constitutionus.com/> and http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/charters_of_freedom_8.html.

Good Riddance: Common Core Backlash Claims New Political Casualties

by Michelle Malkin

All politics is local. So Republican politicians with national ambitions better pay attention to what grassroots parents are saying and doing about the federal education racket known as Common Core. In bellwether Indiana this week, anti-Common Core activists won a pair of pivotal electoral victories against GOP Gov. Mike Pence.

Pence's attempt to mollify critics by rebranding and repackaging shoddy Common Core standards is fooling no one.

Tuesday's Republican primary elections in the Hoosier state resulted in the landslide defeat of two establishment incumbents running for statewide re-election. Pence had endorsed GOP State Rep. Kathy Heuer over challenger Christopher Judy. Pence's Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann had endorsed GOP State Rep. Rebecca Kubacki over challenger Curt Nisly. The incumbents enjoyed the support of the Common Core-promoting U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

These same Big Business elites backed Pence's ploy to stave off grassroots parental opposition by "withdrawing" from Common Core -- and then immediately adopting "new" standards that recycle the same old rotten ones. (See my April 30 column, "Big Government GOP's Common Core Rebrand Hustle.") As Hoosier mom Erin Tuttle put it, Pence's stunt "gave the appearance of voiding the Common Core, while the Indiana Department of Education and the Center for Education and Career Innovation walked it through the backdoor."

Challengers Judy and Nisly made their opponents' refusal to help end Common Core in the state a central issue. Hoosiers Against Common Core, led by moms Tuttle and Heather Crossin, endorsed the dark-horse challengers. With little money and scant press attention, they beat Pence's machine by astonishingly wide margins: Judy ousted Heuer 57-43; Nisly defeated Kubacki 65-35.

Well before the horrors of Common Core had penetrated cable TV and late-night comedy shows, Indiana parents led the lonely charge.

They were at the vanguard of challenging the constitutionality, costs, substandard academic quality, privacy invasions and special interest lobbyists fueling Fed Ed. In 2012, Hoosiers Against Common Core spearheaded the stunning ouster of Tony Bennett -- the Indiana GOP's scandal-plagued former state education secretary who fled to Common Core-peddling former Gov. Jeb Bush's Florida for another educrat job. (See my August 2, 2013, column, "Rotten to the Core: Jeb Bush's Crony Republicans Against Higher Standards.")

The way Pence is going, his 2016 ambitions may soon face the same fate. Pence's hero Ronald Reagan advocated for abolishing the federal Department of Education. Yet, Pence is busy emulating the bureaucratic behemoth. In addition to embracing the expedient "cut and paste" rewrite of Indiana's academic standards overseen by D.C. Common Core operatives, Pence is now pursuing the construction of a statewide student database. It looks and sounds a lot like the federal data-tracking warehouse championed by Common Core advocates.

You'll remember that one of those national information collection schemes is inBloom. The idea was originally funded with Obama stimulus money and grants from the liberal Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. built the database infrastructure. The nonprofit startup "inBloom Inc." evolved out of this strange alliance to operate the invasive database. The entity planned to compile everything from student and family health-care histories to income information, religious affiliations, voting status, blood types and homework completion.

Once again, grassroots parents revolted. Moms and dads on both sides of the political aisle rose up across the country to reject the latest tech boondoggle peddled by educrat nosybodies. Last fall, voters kicked out three school board members in Jefferson County, Colo., over their support of inBloom. Challengers Julie Williams,

John Newkirk and Ken Witt won decisively over their incumbent opponents.

The new board cut ties with inBloom; the superintendent, Foundation-supported Cindy Stevenson, was forced to resign. A few weeks ago, inBloom announced it was dissolving. It undoubtedly will morph into a newly renamed and repackaged entity, just like Common Core standards in Indiana.

In their new book, "Conform," on what ails education in America, Glenn Beck and Kyle Olson expose the "open contempt" educators have for parents. It's a classic Saul Alinsky tactic: Demonize political targets. True to form, the professional character assassins at the Southern Poverty Law Center are now attacking anti-Common Core activists as "extreme" and "far right."

That's nonsense. The principles that unite parents of all ideological against Fed Ed are bedrock tenets of our constitutional republic: control, parental sovereignty, privacy protections and fundamental skepticism about the actual educational benefits of massive government expenditures in the name of "reform." The David the Stop Common Core movement are exercising their freedom of speech and association to beat back the deep-pocketed Goliath at their schoolhouse doors.

As always, sunlight is the best disinfectant. The ballot is the ultimate sanitizer. Ideas have consequences. And Indiana harbinger. If the Common Core cheerleaders and rebranders in parties think their bad ideas won't ever come back to haunt them at the polls, they are in for a very rude awakening.

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Living room hockey

by Jill Pertler

Slices of Life

For more years than I'd like to admit, there have been two mainstays inhabiting my living room floor: mini-hockey sticks and nets. (Dust bunnies are a third, but they don't go with my theme.)

Bright orange floor hockey nets serve as near-permanent fixtures, flanking either side of the room. I step over them to readjust the coffee table, which was displaced to make space for the boys' game. Returning the furniture to its rightful spot is often a twice daily ritual, completed in the morning and then again before dinner. It's a real bicep builder, but I don't like to brag.

I contend with floor hockey equipment. The weapons of choice at your house might be Barbie dolls, Hot Wheels tracks, Legos, remote control cars, Lincoln logs or perhaps the best toy ever invented: the large cardboard box. The play item itself isn't what matters. It's the way this object helps define your household. As busy. Messy. Chaotic. Played in. Kid-filled.

Sometimes I come downstairs for a drink of water in the middle of the night and stumble over hockey nets. Grumble when I step on

an errant stick. I complain that the living room should be neat and adult-like, yet is it swimming in kidstuff and has been for years. Somewhere along the line, I lost control. The sacred space of the formal living room is thoroughly lived in and thoroughly informal. It is hockey-packed and kid-friendly.

I dream of taking back my space. Drawing a line in the carpet and saying enough is enough I am the mom and I should be able to sit down on my living room couch without fear of being poked in the butt by a hockey stick. I think about what I will say to them. The words are milliseconds from tripping off my tongue when a makeshift ball constructed of an old sock wrapped in hockey tape leaps through the air and the house shudders as bodies move in response to the flying projectile while miniature hockey sticks shift from right to left to make the shot and the save and there is much jostling until one of them yells, "Score!"

There is cheering and jeering in the other room as my boys enjoy this competition of theirs. It's a game they've played for years -- more than a decade -- and I pause and realize perhaps tomorrow would be a better day to take possession of the living room. Best to let them finish their game. Besides, what's 24 hours in the big scheme of things?

It is becoming more and more apparent. They won't be 10 forever, in fact they are all

past that already. But even now, when the oldest comes home from college, he takes some time to play floor hockey with his younger brothers because they look forward to it, and he looks forward to at least I like to think he does.

Maybe even I do.

I complain sometimes about living room hockey because it messes up my space and has been known to break the occasional window. I live with the disarray caused by jostled furniture, throw pillows that live up to their name, discarded hockey sticks and juice wrappers. Having a living room that is lived in makes my life chaotic and unpredictable. It also fills the space with life and laughter and the type of love only brothers can share over a friendly game of living room hockey.

Someday, I will have a living room where the pillows match the couch, the coffee table remains anchored in its spot and the room beckons for me to sit down and linger with a good book. It will be a calm, serene space. Somewhere grown-ups go to drink tea and discuss politics or the weather.

Someday.

For now, however, it is a veritable arena. The playoffs are in full swing and our team is down by one with just minutes to go in the third period. Time to pull the goalie. "Score!"

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication."

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- 8 TXism: "best I can do" (exceptional)
- 17 Oak, TX
- 18 you once could see a diving pig in Springs
- 21 TX Kelly Clarkson sang "The Trouble with Love"
- 22 dishonest scheme
- 23 endangered "black" can be seen at TX "Fossil Rim Wildlife Center"
- 24 formerly "Formosa"
- 29 TXism: "active as a fox in ___ house"
- 30 TXism: "learned" (educated)
- 31 2nd half of the Bible (abbr.)
- 32 TX zoo attraction: "New Guinea" turtle
- 34 Pampa hosts "Texas Rodeo"
- 35 "70s TV show for TX Buck Owens: "Haw"
- 36 "Lines" flight 191 crashed at DFW in 1985
- 37 saddle
- 38 Copperas, TX
- 39 TXism: "feel like I had ___ rope" (sore throat)
- 41 lawn cutting machine
- 42 middle name in 1-Down
- 43 TXism: "get the hang ___" (learn)
- 44 Paris, TX is the seat of this county
- 45 TX Tanya Tucker's "Can I ___ You Tonight"
- 46 TX actor Joe Baker
- 47 Astro 4-bagger
- 48 steer a ship
- 50 TXism: "seein' ___ eye" (agreement)
- 51 "long ___ of the law" with DNA, it makes up nucleic acid
- 53 Rangers drafted this Robb in 1987

DOWN

- 1 this TX Porter wrote "Ship of Fools"
- 2 TXns wear 'em short in the summer
- 3 TX's 33rd governor, James V. ___
- 4 newspaper based in Woodville: "Counter Booster"
- 9 TX Nokona baseball gloves are based by hand
- 10 sun bronze (2 wds.)
- 11 TX Lyle Lovett sang "Here ___"
- 12 where TXns get a "Blizzard" (abbr.)
- 13 rich TXns vacation on this continent
- 14 TXism for a "dummy"
- 15 this TX RB Dickerson was NFL star
- 16 TX Cruz's title (abbr.)
- 19 TXism: "pay it ___ mind"
- 20 castrated male cow (2 wds.)
- 22 legendary Dallas sportswriter, Blackie ___
- 24 Cowboys 1st pres. & GM, Tex (init.)
- 25 TX Willie's "Farm ___"
- 33 tiger enclosure
- 34 "don't ___ your own horn"
- 35 "___ you?"
- 37 TXism for "tell a lie" (3 wds.)
- 38 "Halley's ___"
- 40 TXism: "six ___ half a dozen of the other"
- 41 TX Al Dexter hit: "Pistol Packin' ___"
- 44 company design
- 47 occupation of TX Harrelson's father
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE II ("OFFICIALS") OF CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION") OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-40 OF DIVISION 2 ("CITY ATTORNEY") AND SECTION 2-71 OF DIVISION 3 ("SECRETARY-TREASURER") TO REPEAL THE EXISTING TWO-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE, AND BY ADDING A DIVISION 5 ("MUNICIPAL JUDGE") AND SECTION 2-100 TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE OF A MUNICIPAL JUDGE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas the 11th day of February, 2014.

City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS, TO AMEND CHAPTER 56 ("OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS") TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE IV, TO BE ENTITLED "ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES," PROHIBITING THE SALE, USE, AND POSSESSION OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, LIQUID NICOTINE AND ASSOCIATED PARAPHERNALIA TO MINORS; PROHIBITING SELF-SERVICE MERCHANDISING; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas the 25th day of February, 2014.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS: TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF BRENNEN CHASE TEEL, Deceased CAUSE NO. PR14-50 COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION PRSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE in this estate on April 16, 2014, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of BRENNEN CHASE TEEL, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate. Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 403, in Rockwall, Texas.

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Weather delays release of RISD students

by Brittany Williams
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Due to the torrential rain Thursday, May 8, Rockwall Independent School District delayed the release of students in the junior high and high schools.

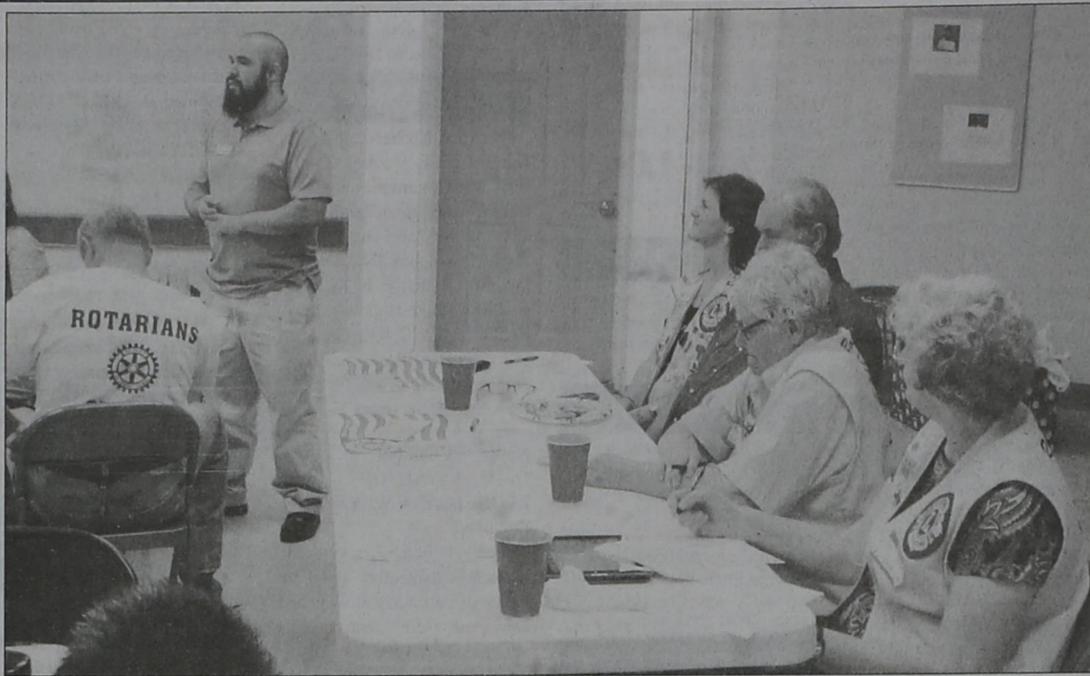
"Students took cover in hazardous weather locations inside their schools and we invited parents to join us inside as storms passed through the area. Students were released about 4:30p.m. after the storms passed our area," Director of Marketing for RISD, James VanDyke said, "Rockwall

ISD continually monitors the weather to ensure that we keep our students safe."

According to VanDyke, elementary students are released at their regular time, before the storm entered Rockwall County.

"Our campuses practice these drills regularly so our staff and students were well prepared," VanDyke said.

According to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Rockwall County, four to six inches of rain were reported around the county.



The Royse City Lions Club hosted its first Community Summit on May 9 at the First United Methodist Church. The 37 in attendance represented civic, service, religious and other organizations or groups. Each representative was given time to speak to share their contributions to the city or county, their needs and resources. They brought brochures and other contact information to hand out. They discussed how Royse City can work closer together to become a better place to raise our families and improve the community. Lion president Kimberley Wheeler said, "Giving back to the community is what the Lions are all about." This motto also seemed to be the thought of most of those who were represented at the Summit. From the left are Stephan Larson, representative of the Royse City Boys & Girls Club, Wheeler, Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley, Lions secretary Kathleen Tyre and secretary/treasurer Pat Russell.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Rockwall Chamber names Ambassador of the Month

Leigh Wilcoxson recently was recognized by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce as Ambassador of the Month.

Wilcoxson, marketing director for Ranger Title, graduated from Texas Women's University with a degree in fashion merchandising and marketing. Upon graduation Leigh worked at Brovont Properties as the training and marketing director and was an active member of East Dallas Chamber of Commerce, heading up the membership drive.

Today, as the marketing director for Ranger Title, Wilcoxson is responsible for public relations and community outreach for all five of the Ranger Title offices.

Currently, she serves as an ambassador for the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce as well as the auction chair for Spring Fling in the City of McClendon-Chisholm. Additionally, she has a strong belief in giving back to her community. She serves countless hours as a volunteer for Rockwall Independent School District and enjoys assisting in an array of events

from hospitality for teachers and staff to working the concession stands for sporting events. She also has served on the Strategic Planning and Zoning committees and President Council.

As a youth leader at Our Lady of Lake Catholic Church, Wilcoxson shares her foundation of faith by teaching confirmation classes to the community's young adults. For the last two years she has served on the Scholarship Committee for the Rockwall County Aggie Mom's organization and has actively been participating as a parent and chairperson for the Scholarship fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 314.

In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, husband, Mark, of 24 years, son, Alan, currently a sophomore at Texas A&M, son, Will, currently a junior at Rockwall-Heath High,



Leigh Wilcoxson

Rockwall Youth Advisory council students honored

Rockwall's Youth Advisory Council delivered a year-end report to the Rockwall City Council May 5 that included a presentation highlighting the group's success in hosting the 2014 statewide YAC Summit, according to a city news release.

Mayor David Sweet thanked YAC members for their service and recognized each graduating senior.

"You made Rockwall look good," Sweet told YAC members. He also thanked city secretary Kristy Ashberry and Mayor Pro-tem David White for their work as YAC liaisons.

YAC is a city-sponsored program that teaches local youth about municipal government. Among their many activities, YAC students attend city council meetings to learn and observe elected officials in action. The program is also designed to develop students' leadership skills and give back to the community through volunteering at city programs and events.

For more information about the Rockwall YAC, contact Ashberry at (972) 772-6406 or visit rockwall.com/youthcouncil.asp.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

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Yep, it appears that we are giving away the store ... to a store.

CVS was recently given unanimous approval by Heath's mayor and council to construct their building a mere 80 feet from The Fulton School on Laurence Drive at Ridge Road instead of the 300 feet City Ordinance that reads that businesses must be a minimum of 300 feet from a property line if they sell alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption.

Come now -- a brand-new request by CVS asking for a variance for five additional signs to be attached to their building and for the maximum size of the lettering on seven attached signs.

Are you listening Heath Crossing and Hillview Road residents and those of us who will pass this new CVS site several times a day?

Are our city elected officials and city employees losing sight of their pledges to our current residents and taxpayers of Heath to "maintain its rural uniqueness" and "make the interests of the residents come first?"

Are we indeed being fast-tracked to becoming another Plano?

Take off your blinders, fellow Heathians, and see what is really going on in our city.

Start by attending Heath City Council meetings, ask questions and demand answers. Find out who's really minding the store.

Joan Ream

Heath

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Rockwall County News Brief

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Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule set

The next Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle will be May 22. Pets are up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot returned at 5:30 p.m. Prices are reasonable; assistance is available at Rockwall PAWS. Dogs should be in non-slip collars, cats in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 or info@spayneuternet.org; [hablamos Espanol](mailto:hablamos.Espanol).

ARC blood drive scheduled

The American Red Cross will conduct a local blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 26 at the Rest Haven Funeral Home, 2500 St. 66, Rockwall. All blood types are needed. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of ID are needed at check-in. Individuals 17 and older, weight at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health are eligible to donate. High school students and other donors 18 and younger also may have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Those who donate blood will receive a ARC cooling while supplies last. To learn more or to make an appointment to blood visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Memorial Day concert, Family Day slated

The Levee Singers will perform at Rest Haven's Annual Memorial Cemetery, Concert and Family Day beginning at 10 a.m. May 26 at the tent at the memorial park's Celebration Field, 2500 St. Hwy. 66 in Rockwall. Admission will be free, followed by a hot dog and Blue Bell ice cream and other activities. Catch-and-release fishing will be offered in the well-stocked pond, and the ARC bloodmobile will be on hand; register at redcrossblood.org using the word resthaven. Participants are encouraged to bring law chairs.

Democratic Men's Group to meet June 7

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

'Godspell' auditions set June 7, 8

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Teen Theatre production of "Godspell," which will be staged in July and August, begin at 1 p.m. June 7 and 8 at the playhouse, which is located at 1000 Rusk. For more details, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Soroptimists to host chili cook-off

The Rockwall Soroptimists are looking for cooks to participate in a chili cook-off scheduled as part of the Rockwall County Fair, which runs from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. June 14. There is no entry fee and chili is cooked off-site and delivered to the Rockwall Technology Park, the fair location. Bowls, utensils and toppings will be provided. Tasted will taste and vote for Best Tasting, Hottest, Most Unique Ingredients, Best Booth Set-up and Best Team Spirit. Tickets may be purchased at Soroptimist member or at rockwallcountyfair.com; check out the website for more details. The event proceeds will fund projects benefiting women and children.

Cow Patty Bingo offered

The Rockwall Soroptimists are selling squares for their Cow Patty Bingo event that will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. June 14. Participants can purchase a 2-foot by 2-foot square for \$20; Bessie will grant the winner she makes her deposit. The winner will receive \$1,000. Squares can be purchased at rockwallcountyfair.com.

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Student, adult volunteers needed for STAR performances

Student and adult volunteers are needed from 8:45 a.m. to noon June 4-8, 11-15 to assist Down Syndrome and autistic adult actors with cues and choreography during rehearsals for "You're a Good Man, Charley Brown." STAR (Special Theatre at Rockwall) shows are scheduled Aug. 16-17 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. For more details, contact marythacker@sbcglobal.net or call 214-668-5090. Student volunteers receive community service hours.

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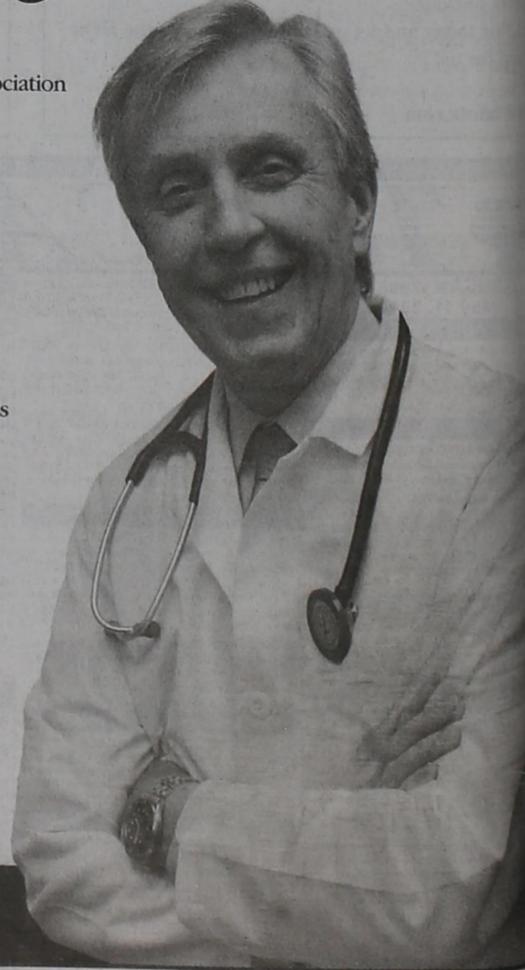


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Hawks, Jackets battle back for Area Championships

Ryan Garrett
 The Hawks and Jackets will play the Allen Eagles in round beginning 7:30 p.m. at Allen. Game two will be Friday at Heath and game three will be Saturday at Heath.

will be 7:30 Saturday, location to be determined. Rockwall took the opener at Dallas Jesuit 12-6. Gary Burton had a three-run triple in the third, while Nick Lutzel drove a bases-loaded double in the fourth and the Jackets capped off with a four-run fifth. The Rangers responded in game two with a 5-0 shutout over Rockwall to force a third game. In Game 3, Jesuit held a 4-1 lead through five, but a three-run Lutzel homer in the sixth, back-to-back bunts by Brad Barnett and Burton and a wild pitch gave the Jackets the come-from-behind victory.

The fifth-ranked Hawks blanked McKinney Boyd Friday 8-0 after Tyler Pinkston took a no-hitter to the fifth. Ryne Randle scored twice, Kelly Dorsett went 1-for-1 with three RBI, and Dylan Lewis scored two. The Broncos came to life in Saturday's game two with a 9-4 victory, despite Dorsett's two homers and three RBI. Heath put up a run in each of the first three frames in Game 3, but Boyd tied the game with three runs in the third. The game remained even at 3 until Randle knocked in a single to score Jake Fisher for the win.

Lady Jackets battle past McKinney Boyd in third round

Ryan Garrett
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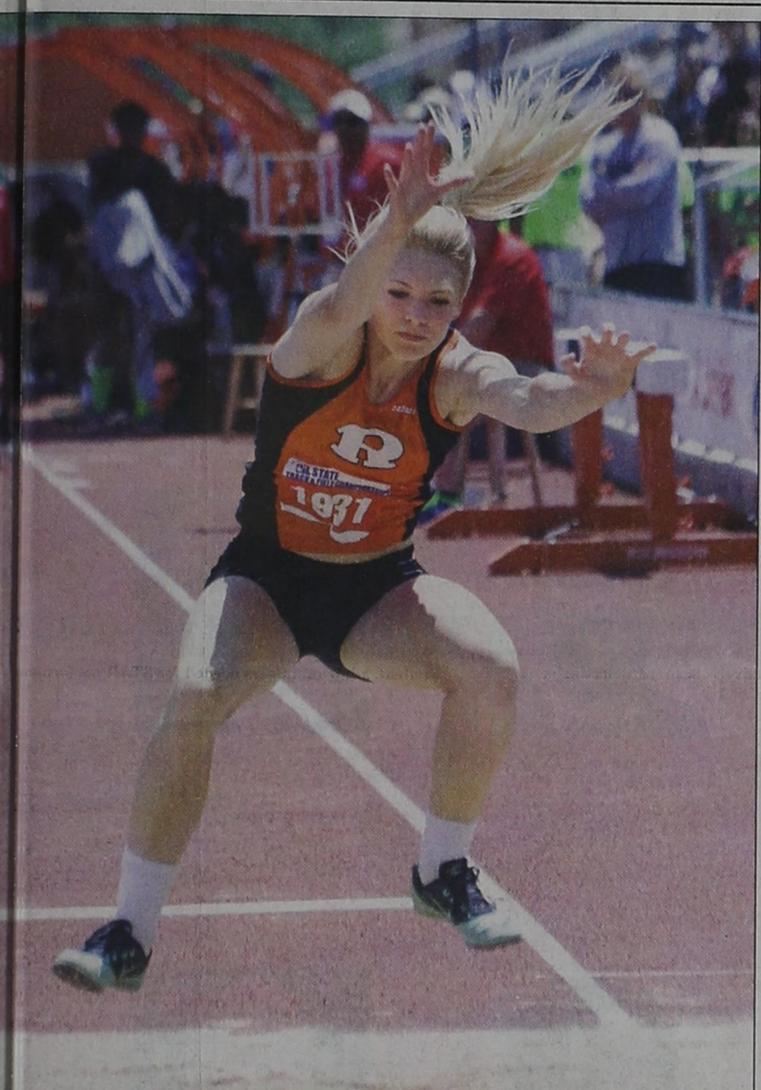
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Lady Jackets' Dani Greenlee (3) throws to 3rd base for an out during the UIL Regional Quarterfinals game 1 against McKinney Boyd at the RHS field in Rockwall. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Hinton places fifth at State Track Meet

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 Junior Lady Jacket track standout Kaylee Hinton competed at the UIL State Track Meet at the Mike A. Myers Track at the University of Texas at Austin on Saturday May 10. Hinton placed fifth with a jump of 18-7.25. She scratched her first two jumps. She moved on to the third attempt where she placed fifth with a jump of 18-7.25.



Lady Jacket's Junior Kaylee Hinton earned a position with the top five women's Long Jumpers in the State with a fifth place jump of 18-7.25, Saturday May 10, during the UIL State Track and Field Meet at University of Texas in Austin. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Williams, Carpenter sail to close victories

Two boats sailed into the winners' circle on Lake Ray Hubbard during the first week in May. The "Audacity," skippered by George Conklin, in Sunday Dam Series Race 5 May 4; and the "Odyssey," with Robert Williams at the helm, in the A Fleet, and Larry Carpenter's "Odyssey" in the B Fleet for race 6 of the Spring Wednesday Night Series May 7. The "Merienda" was second behind Conklin in the A Fleet, and the "Freight Dog" was second behind Williams in the B Fleet. Carpenter scored his victory by 1.1 seconds over Mike Jones in "Wings." There was no Sunday racing May 11, Mother's Day.

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