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Royse City Middle School teams sweep UIL competition

Royse City Middle School captured five place overall in the Feb. 8 District UIL Academics and One-Act Play, scoring first place in both the seventh and eighth grade divisions.

- Local results, as reported by school officials, were as follows:
- Art (seventh grade) – Ellie Wier, second place; Faith Howerton, fifth place
 - Art (eighth grade) – Britni Sanchez, first place; Maggie Trammel, second; Kaitlyn Agee, third; Litzzy Guevara, fourth
 - Calculator Applications (seventh grade) – Lacey Howell, second; Riley Roberts, third; and Thatcher Davis, fourth
 - Calculator Applications (eighth grade) – Evan Cawthon, third; Litzzy Guevara, fourth; and Chloe Carr, sixth
 - Dictionary Skills (seventh grade) – Karina Revilla, first; Ethan Margot, second; and Sarah Nolan, third
 - Dictionary Skills (eighth grade) – Kumiko Rauch, first; Catherine Alleisso, second place
 - Editorial Writing (seventh grade) – Sarah Nolan, third; Lacey Howell, sixth place
 - Editorial Writing (eighth grade) – Kumiko Rauch, fourth place
 - Impromptu Speaking (eighth grade) – Sydney Hall, second place; Nathan Bennett, fourth
 - Listening Skills (seventh grade) – Uriel Frias, first place; Cade Bairdon, second; Lacey Howell, third
 - Listening Skills (eighth grade) – Catherine Alleisso, third place; Destiny Sakolevidis, fifth place
 - Mathematics (seventh grade) – Tanner Townsend, fifth place; July Ringle, sixth
 - Mathematics (eighth grade) – Michaela Travers, sixth place
 - Modern Oratory (seventh grade) – Lindsey Miller, fourth place; Aaliya Pichon, fifth
 - Modern Oratory (eighth grade) – Hannah Pickens, third place; Haley Burden, fourth place; Victoria Aguilera, sixth place
 - Number Sense (seventh grade) – Jordan McCain, first place; July Ringle, second place
 - Oral Reading (seventh grade) – Miranda Haynes, first place; Rachel Coday, third place; Ethan Margot, fourth place
 - Oral Reading (eighth grade) – Hannah Negrete, first place; Shelby Doroshow, third place
 - Ready Writing (seventh grade) – Karina Revilla, first place; Jordan McCain, third place; Cade Bairdon, fifth place
 - Ready Writing (eighth grade) – Destiny Vogel, second place; Sydney Hall, third; Crystal Wrong, sixth
 - Science I (seventh grade) – Tanner Townsend, sixth place
 - Social Studies (seventh grade) – Ruth Huffman, first place; Brendon O'Conner, second place; Thatcher Davis, fourth
 - Social Studies (eighth grade) – Frank Farfan, first place; Mary Edwards, fifth place
 - Spelling (seventh grade) – Morgan Jordan, third place; Jacob Stanley, fifth place; Maci Hough, sixth place
 - Spelling (eighth grade) – Brooke O'Donnell, first place



Royse City Middle School earned first place trophies at the UIL Academic Competition. Pictured above are participating students Riley Roberts, Litzzy Guevara, Thatcher Davis, Lacey Howell, Evan Cawthon and Chloe Carr.

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Royse City Middle School students scored first place in both the seventh and eighth grade team competitions at the recent UIL Academic Competition. Pictured above are participants Catherine Alleisso, Sarah Nolan, Ethan Margot, Karina Revilla, Victoria Aguilera and Kumiko Rauch.

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New members inducted into Rock Wall Chapter, DAR

The Rock Wall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution conducted a new member initiation ceremony on April 5 at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Heath.

Eight new members -- Becky Henderson, Sherri Nerren, Nancy Peirce, Beverly Williams, Rhea Aryani, Haille O'Connor, Nikki Van Wey and Cheryl Fiske -- were added to the organization's membership roll.

Additionally, guest speaker John L. Greer, vice president of the Fletcher Warren Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, spoke about America's national anthem. Greer has served for 19 years in SAR. He is past president of the Plano Chapter, past District 11 vice president and member of the East Fork Trinity and Ambassador Fletcher Warren chapters. Greer helped establish the SAR speakers bureau and served on multiple committees for veterans as well as Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Texas.

Greer's presentation discussed the making of the United States flag in 1813 by Mary Pickersgill and the flag's display at Fort McHenry, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write a song that eventually became the

United States' national anthem. Pickersgill designed and sewed the 30x42-foot garrison flag.

On Sept. 14, 1814, U.S. soldiers at Baltimore's Fort McHenry raised a huge American flag to celebrate a crucial victory over British forces during the War of 1812. The sight of those "broad stripes and bright stars" inspired Francis Scott Key to write a song, "The Star-Spangled Banner." Key's words gave new significance to a national symbol and started a tradition through which generations of Americans have invested the flag with their own meanings and memories. The flag now is housed in The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890, is a service organization dedicated to service to the nation. For additional information regarding DAR, call regent Peggy Atterberry, 972-771-5067.



New members inducted into the Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution are (left to right) Sherri Nerren, Nancy Peirce, Beverly Williams, Becky Henderson. New members not present were Rhea Aryani, Haille O'Connor, Nikki Van Wey and Cheryl Fiske.

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CARGO Gun Club to meet April 10

The CARGO Rockwall Gun Club will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 10 at Soulman's Bar-B-Que in Rockwall. There will be military firearms, so participants are encouraged to bring military arms: rifles and pistols. Be prepared to describe your weapon(s) – origin, application, type ammo, country of origination, where to purchase a like weapon, what you like or dislike. We pass these weapons around to give everyone an

opportunity to get a feel for them; therefore, all weapons should be brought unloaded and encased. Do not bring ammo.

Easter Egg Hunt planned in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place April 12 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 945 E. Washington. A bounce house and petting zoo will open at 9:30 a.m., followed by the egg hunt at 10:15 a.m. An egg toss will take place at 10:45 a.m. The event will be open to children through the

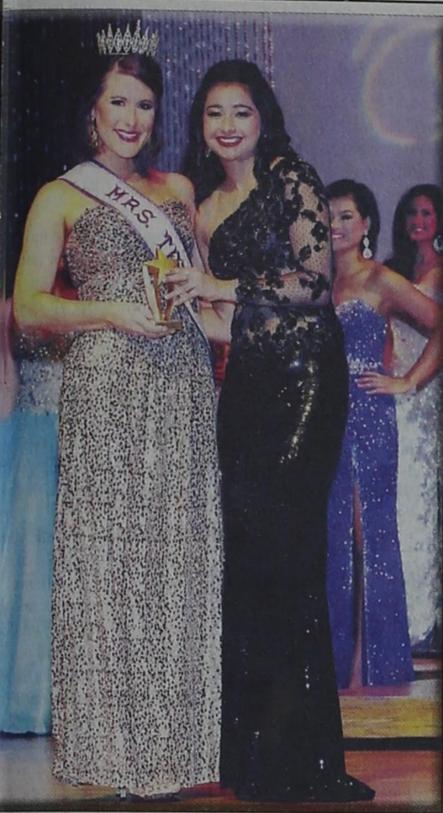
ages of 12; there will be no cost to participate.

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Ashley Kumar of Rockwall is shown receiving the Spirit Award at the Miss Teen Texas International 2014 event conducted March 16 in Dallas. The award is presented to the pageant participant "who best showed the spirit of what it means to be a Texas International competitor."

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Rockwall teen earns Spirit Award at Miss Teen Texas International

Rockwall teen Ashley Kumar, competing as Miss Teen Rockwall International, was presented the Spirit Award at Miss Teen Texas International 2014 on March 16 at the Granville Arts Center in Dallas.

Kumar competed with teens from across the state, according to a press release. Her platform, Growth Mindset, is a personal one Kumar, who uses it to help others set and reach goals through a solid theme.

Kumar was presented the Spirit Award, which is chosen by the staff of the international, for being the contestant who best showed the spirit of what it means to be a Texas International competitor.

Alverson, Kidd recognized at Dallas SAR meeting

Max Alverson, a fifth grade student at Doris Cullins Lake Elementary School, recently won the poster contest for the Dallas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

This year's topic was Francis Marion, a military officer who served during the American Revolutionary War. Alverson received \$100 and a certificate and was recognized at the organization's chapter meeting in March. His poster will be displayed to the state competition.

Cyle Kidd, fifth grade teacher, was recognized as Outstanding American History Teacher for the Dallas SAR and also was recognized at the March meeting. She received \$300 and a certificate of recognition.

Alverson Glasscock and Sabrina D'Amore were recognized at the meeting for best research. Each received \$50 and a certificate. Each student whose posters were sent in to the competition received a certificate of recognition and book about the U.S. Constitution by John Morton, the poster contest chairman of the Dallas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Former Royse City truck catches fire

Former Royse City brush truck #4 caught fire and burned on March 24 following a suspected leaking fuel from the carburetor. Fire Chief Rickey Bell said the 1986 truck was retired from use in the city in 2005 because of the age of the truck and ongoing mechanical problems. It had been stored at the Royse City Service Center until it was auctioned off four or five years ago. The truck was on the grounds of J.D. Newell Auctioneers on I-30 at the time of the fire. The entire inside of the truck was totally destroyed. Royse City Fire Department was called out to handle the fire.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Storm shelters coming back into fashion



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Reminiscing
Roysse City

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Brad Bumpass and his wife, Crystal, own the Roysse City storm cellar pictured above.

Brad planted flowers and decorated the top with rocks to make it more attractive. Then he planted trees on each side. Notice there is no door on the cellar. That is because he took it off and is in the process of making a more secure door. This cellar is made entirely of concrete. Crystal said they bought the house only eight months ago and haven't used the cellar yet, but will if bad weather is predicted.

When the young couple went to clean out the cellar after they moved in, a 10-foot snake crawled up the steps and slithered away. Remember their encounter with the snake as you will hear again about snakes at the end of this column.

Don and Peggy Becknell of Roysse City have a storm cellar. It is a heavy-duty cellar with extra steel and concrete on the sides and the top. Peggy says that they have had as many as 13 people in it on April 3, 2012, when the bad tornado came through Roysse City that did so much damage to the town of Forney. They have lights, electricity and did have a refrigerator in it until the number of people coming for shelter got so large that they had to take it out to have enough room to get everyone in.

When I was a child well more than 60 years ago, storm cellars were common at many homes. People called them storm cellars since many types of canned foods from peoples gardens were stored down there where it was cool. There were no fans or air-conditioning in the homes then and the canned goods kept longer in the cool cellars.

Back in the late 1940s and '50s, the entire cellar was made from earth, including the steps descending down into the shelter. Some people laid wooden boards for the steps. But today they are made of concrete. If a bad storm was coming, entire families would go to a neighbor who had a cellar. Coal oil or kerosene lamps were stored in the cellar to be used for light and to be ready in case a storm brewed up quickly. Once the storm cellar door was closed (and often locked down from the inside) those inside we in total darkness; very scary, especially for children.

Many of the old homes in Roysse City and surrounding towns have storm cellars. Not many new homes have them, but in the last few years with the surges of dangerous storms, hail and extremely high winds and tornados, people are beginning to build shelters again. I remember being terrified, not of the approaching storm so much, but of the thought that there might be snakes, rats, bugs or other such varmints down there.

Since the floor, walls and ceiling were of dirt, worms crawled around everywhere.

I would like to share my story of a storm cellar. When I was newly married, my husband and I, along with another young couple named Ron and Sarah, went rattlesnake hunting on the weekends. Sarah and I were 17 years old and Ron and my husband, Charles, were both 19. We had no money, so this was our only entertainment.

After dark, in the summertime, snakes would crawl up onto the warm dirt roads and just lay there enjoying the warmth. We would drive the back country dirt roads in our 1949 Ford, and when the headlights shown on the rattlesnake, it would freeze. Ron and Charles would throw the car in park, jump out and head toward the snake. One held the tow sack and the other had a long broom handle they had rigged with a long wire with a loop on the end, called a snake-catcher.

After easing the loop down over the head of the snake, the wire would be pulled from a top loop on the broom, which tightened around the snake just below its head. The snake would be lifted into the air and slowly dropped down into the tow sack. A wire was quickly tied around the top of the sack to keep it from getting out. The tow sack was thrown into the trunk of the car and off we went looking for another one.

Sarah and I never got out of the car on any of these adventures, but were always terrified that the snakes would get loose and come sliding between the seats and bite us.

It was not fun for the two of us, I assure you. We were horrified, but the husbands would not let us stay home. They would laugh and cut up on these escapades and just have the best time.

And no, none of us drank alcohol. We were just young and stupid, I guess. Some nights Ron and Charles would fill three or four sacks with several snakes in each sack. Normally, the men would go back in the daylight the next day and let the snakes out to slither off into the woods, but never let them go in the dark as the snakes might backlash and strike them.

On this particular Saturday night, they had several tow sacks full of snakes, so since Ron's parents were out of town and would be gone for several more days, Ron suggested they take the rattlesnakes to his

parents' house and put them in their storm cellar, then go back the next day and take them to the woods and let them loose.

We drove into the back yard of his parents' home, Ron and Charles opened the lid of the cellar, stood on the top step and threw the snakes still in the tow sacks tied with wire, down onto the cellar floor. That night of great accomplishments for the snake-hunters, we all went home prepared to return the next day.

The next afternoon when we drove up in the yard, Ron's parents came out into the yard screaming, mad beyond belief. It seems that his parents had decided to come home early Sunday morning and when his mother started down into the cellar to get a jar of corn and beans to prepare dinner, she immediately heard the rattling of the snakes, saw snakes laying everywhere and ran screaming to the house, but had an alert enough to slam the cellar door shut first. She told her startled son that he had almost had a heart attack from the experience.

"What were you boys thinking?" his daddy blurted at both of us. "We could have been bitten over and over and both of us be dead!"

Ron's dad was really mad.

His mother insisted they clean out the cellar at once. All their tow sacks were still laying in the bottom of the cellar. After they obtained more, they returned, afraid of what they would find once they stepped descended down the steps.

What Ron and Charles saw was worse than they could have imagined. Once they opened the squeaky door, light filled the cellar and the cellar began to rattle. There were rattlesnakes lying all along the shelves on top of the canned fruit and vegetables, crawling all over the floor lying on and around the chairs Ron's parents kept down there to sit on during the duration of storms, and snuggled or coiled into places in the dirt that had crumbled and caved in over the years.

Now, you would think that for Sarah and me, watching our husbands ease into the cellar, one with the tow sack and one with the catcher, would make us laugh our heads off, but not so. We watched, absolutely terrified. One wrong move would probably have meant death. It took hours to get the snakes out, starting with the one that was the closest and easiest to get.

Do I have to tell you that I never went rattlesnake hunting again? No, we did not. We went on playing canasta on our Saturday nights, much to the delight of Sarah and me.

My final comment here is to think storm cellars need to be built as the turn of weather seems to be for the worse across the country. My advice is to build totally of concrete, seal all corners, attach an extremely secure, tight fitting door and enter it carefully when it must be used. Oh, and a big bright flashlight and a slow, even if it is in the middle of the day. When people ask why I'm so afraid of snakes, I tell them my story.

Meals on Wheels seeks funding to match grant

Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County has been awarded a challenge grant of up to \$20,000, meaning contributions are needed to match the grant funding.

The agency is in need of additional funding because of the increased demand for services as the aging population increases, according to a press release issued last week.

"Historically, we have relied heavily on federal and state funds for our home-delivered meal services" Margie VerHagen, executive director, said. "We are excited that the Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation has awarded us a challenge grant of up to \$20,000. This couldn't have come at a better time since we have seen reductions year after year as the government works to trim its own budget."

The 150 volunteers delivering the program's weekday meals provide a valuable social experience for isolated clients and the opportunity for early intervention in threatening situations.

All donations to the Meals on Wheels program in Rockwall County, an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit, are tax deductible. Donations can be made online through the MOWSS Web site at rockwallmealsonwheels.org or brought or sent to Meals on Wheels Senior Services, 950 Williams Street, Bldg. C, Rockwall, TX 75087. For more information call 972-771-9514.



This storm cellar is owned by Crystal and Brad Bumpass in Roysse City. There are many cellars to be found in the original part of town, where many of the homes were built in the late 1800s or early 1900s, and many of them still used today when bad weather moves in. The oldest home in Roysse City built in 1882 has a storm cellar, no doubt, used many times over the years.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Mary Christine Ratliff Bullock

Services for Mary Christine Ratliff Bullock, 99, were conducted at 10 a.m. April 8, 2014, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. Rick Donaho officiating. Burial at 1 p.m. at the Rosemount in Commerce.

She died April 5 in Rowlett, Commerce on March 23, 2014. She was the wife of William Elbridge and Molly Bullock. She accepted Jesus as her savior when she was 12 years old and was baptized at the First Baptist Church of Corsicana. She married "Bill" Bullock on July 2, 1951, in Ranger. He preceded her death on Dec. 24, 1966.



Survivors include her four sons, Andrew Lloyd Bullock and his wife, Melissa, of Houston, Johnny Mark Bullock and his wife, Karen, of Paul William Bullock and his wife, Debbie, of Fate and Philip Bullock and his wife, Debbie, of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ethel Colvin of Paris, Texas; and a brother, Bill Bullock and his wife, Linda, of Lufkin.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Elizabeth Garner, and her brother, William A. Ratliff.

Mildred S. Hollis

Funeral services for Mildred S. Hollis, 99, of Mesquite, formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 2 p.m. April 5, 2014, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Oct. 12, 1914, in Greenville to William Oliver Scroggins and (Lillian) Scroggins, she was a homemaker, a mother and a member of the United Methodist Church of Roysie City.

Survivors include her son, Roy Hollis of Garland; three daughters, Lisa Cullough of Elmo, Joy Evans of Mesquite and Mitzi Windham of Jacksonville, Fla.; and her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Leroy Hollis.

Mable Speight Mixon

Funeral services for Mable Speight Mixon, 92, died in Rockwall, were conducted at 2 p.m. April 5, 2014, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She was born June 19, 1921, to James Speight and Arizona Jane Speight in Commerce, she was a homemaker, a mother and a great-grandmother.

Survivors include her son, Larry Mixon and his wife, Gail, of Rockwall; five grandchildren, Lisa Mixon, Amy Hiser, Jimmy Meade (Jimmy), and Matthew Mixon; six great-grandchildren, Megan Mixon, Nicholas, Amanda and Morgan Goodman and Cash and Morgan Mixon; and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.



She was preceded in death by her husband, George Mixon; her daughter, Lisa Mixon; her parents; five brothers, Libern, Ralph, Carl, Paul and Odessa Quinn.

Clayton Underwood Reed

Funeral services for Clayton Underwood Reed, 54, of Rockwall, were conducted at 10 a.m. April 10, 2014, at the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Aug. 11, 1959, in Jackson, Miss., to George Moody Reed Jr. and Ruth Hope (Thompson) Reed of Hattiesburg, Miss., he was raised in Hattiesburg, Miss., and Hattiesburg and graduated from Beeson Academy in Hattiesburg. He worked at the South Mississippi Electric Power Association for 10 years and returned to school at the age of 34. He received several scholarships and awards for his designs and assisted in the design of the rotunda mural at the Hattiesburg Library. He graduated with honors and a bachelor's degree in graphic design from the University of Southern Mississippi.



He was recruited by Fossil Inc. in Richardson where he had a 20-year career with many awards and distinctions, including his implementation of a managerial graphic software that expanded globally. His current position is director of image operations.

Despite his success, he remained humble and patient and always was willing to assist others. He put others' needs above his own at work and at home. He was a loving and dedicated husband, brother, son and father.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Beverly B. Reed; his daughters, Ruth Reed and Kaitlyn Lindsey Reed; his mother, Ruth Reed of Hattiesburg; his siblings, George M. Reed III of Hattiesburg, Miss., Hope Reed Mikell and her husband, Keith, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Taylor Reed and his wife, Lauren, of Charleston, S.C.; and seven nieces and nephews.

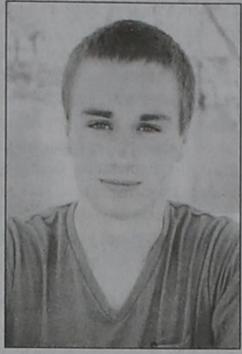
He was preceded in death by his father, George Moody Reed Jr. The family has suggested memorials may be made in the name of Clayton Reed of Rockwall to Regions Bank at youcaring.com/charity/charity-160366.

Gavin Kyle Silver

Services for Gavin Kyle Silver, 18, of Rockwall will be conducted at 1 p.m. April 10, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died April 5.

Born July 29, 1995, in Alamosa, Colo., he was a 10-year resident of Rockwall. He graduated from Rockwall-Heath High School in 2013 and was an avid motocross racer and 14-year AMA member.



Survivors include his father, Rodney Silver; his mother, Jennifer Wendel; his brother, Cody Silver; his sister, Kylan Beall; his grandparents, Nelson and Sharon Silver of Alamosa, Deborah Meyers and Denny Adams; an uncle, Skipper, along with other aunts, uncles and cousins; and his dog, Clutch.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Ray Wendel.

Dorothy Ingels South

Services for Dorothy Ingels South, 84, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. April 11, 2014, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 1305 Damascus Rd., Rockwall with the Rev. George Monaghan officiating. Burial will follow in the Calvary Hill Cemetery, 3235 Lombardy Lane, Dallas, under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.



A come-and-go viewing will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 10 at the funeral home.

She died April 6.

Born Feb. 6, 1930, in Dallas to Prosper Arthur and Margaret (Syoen) Ingels, she was a loving mother and grandmother and a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Survivors include her sons, Richard South and his wife, Beth, of Austin, Michael South and his wife, Mary, of Heath and Patrick South and his wife, Annie, of Austin; a brother, Albert Ingels, and his wife, Lee, of Richardson; her grandchildren, Jenna, Shannon, Hank, Meagan, Cody, Brandon, Harrison and Rebecca; and great-grandchildren, Lorelei and Kaleb.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Ingels.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Discalced Carmelite Monastery, 600 Flowers Ave., Dallas, TX 75211.

Tondra Rae Riley

Services for Tondra Rae Riley, 42, of Roysie City will be scheduled at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysie City Chapel will be in charge of arrangements.

She died April 6.

Born Sept. 16, 1972, in St. Paul, Minn., to Charles Seiter and Lilly (Green) Seiter, she was a high school athlete, running track and playing volleyball and basketball. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles and was a wonderful aunt to her nieces and nephews. She was a nurse for most of her life and worked in several hospitals, including Lake Pointe Hospital in Rowlett.

Survivors include her husband, DeMarc Riley; a sister, Roberta Brown; a son, Aaron Disroe; a stepson, Marcus Riley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sierra Disroe, on Dec. 3, 2013.

Bonnie Tinkler Tune

Services for Bonnie Tinkler Tune, 84, of Heath were conducted at 11 a.m. April 8, 2014, in the Abundant Life Temple in Durant, Okla. Burial followed in the Highland Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.



She died April 4.

Born July 1, 1929, in Eufaula, Okla., to Roy and Faye (Arnett) Hallford, she had been a resident of the Rockwall area for four years. A former resident of Durant, she was a member of the Abundant Life Temple. She was a loving and devoted homemaker.

Survivors include her children, Joe Richard Tinkler, Garland Dwain Tinkler, Donella Jane Tucker and husband, Thomas, Mary Sharlene Fondren and husband, Neal, William David Tinkler and wife, Marla, and Connie Lynn Stilwell; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and members of the Abundant Life Temple.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Richard Tinkler; her second husband, Thomas Alvin Tune Jr.; and her daughter, Sharon Faye Tinkler.

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Republican Women to meet April 14

The Rockwall County Republican Women will host their monthly meeting April 14 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a light dinner. Melanie Grammar, the TFRW district director for SD 2, will be guest speaker. The ACTIVE Committee will host a forum for school board candidates and the city election candidates on April 22. More information will be sent out regarding time and place for the forum.

Trustee candidate forum scheduled

The Rockwall ISD Council of PTAs will host a candidate forum at 7 p.m. April 14 at the Utley Middle School cafeteria. The forum will pose a series of questions to the four candidates running for Place 7 on the Board of Trustees. All four candidates have confirmed they will participate in the event. The Place 6 candidate is running unopposed and will make a short introductory statement. The forum is open to the public. For more details visit rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/governance/elections.

American Legion Post 117 to meet

The Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117 will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 16 in the Civic Center next to the pool in Harry Myers Park, 8115 E. Washington St., Rockwall. A brief dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. Interested members and all Rockwall County veterans are invited to attend. Those planning to attend should email gallen65@sbcglobal.net.

'Schoolhouse Rock Jr.' auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "School House Rock Jr." will take place at 1 p.m. April 19. Children ages 6-12 are needed for the musical, which will be performed June 24-29. Those auditioning should prepare a song - 16-24 bars, karaoke-style or sheet music - and a short poem to recite (does not have to be memorized). If cast, children will attend a camp; cost is \$150. A few scholarships are available. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule set

The next Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle will be April 24. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 5:30 p.m. Prices are reasonable; assistance is available through 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 email info@spayneuternet.org; hablemos Español.

Cain Middle School to host Relay For Life

The community is invited to attend the annual Rockwall County Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, on April 25 at the Cain Middle School track. Festivities kick off at 7 p.m. with the survivor lap. Music entertainment, activities for all ages and food are planned.

Aspansians Spring Art Fair slated

The Aspansians Spring Art Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 at 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. For a vendor application or more information visit aspansians.com/vendors.

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Area News Briefs

Easter After Dark set in Greenville

Easter After Dark, an egg hunt for individuals 18 and older, will begin at 7:30 p.m. April 11 at the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum, 600 I-30 East, Greenville. Prizes will range from candy, automotive supplies, restaurant gift cards and gift certificates to tickets to the Texas Motor Speedway NASCAR race in November, tickets to Dallas and Fort Worth museums, and cash prizes. Tickets cost \$8 in advance or for museum members, but will be \$10 the day of the race. Rain-out date will be April 12. For details or tickets call 903-450-4502.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Brown Bag Lecture Series set April 11

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. April 11 in the second floor courtroom at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be the Stories from Rockwall County, presented by Nancy and Bruce Beaty. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

Highsteppers to offer Spring Show

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers will stage their Spring Show, Le Cirque du Coeur, beginning at 7 p.m. April 12 at the Rockwall-Heath Performing Arts Center.

RCP to stage 'Goldilocks on Trial'

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, will present its children's production of "Goldilocks on Trial" at 7 p.m. on April 12 and at 2 p.m. on April 13. Tickets may be purchased at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time.

Discount offered on early-bird RSM tickets

Tickets purchased before April 30 for the Rockwall Summer Musical's summer 2014 season are available at a 20 percent discount. The summer season will include "South Pacific" June 26-28 and "Anything Goes" Aug. 14-17. Visit rockwallsummermusicals.org or call 881-71-TICKETS (use coupon code HAPPYTALK to receive discount).

First Concert by the Lake set May 8

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its first Concert by the Lake event of 2014 on May 8. Performing an Elvis tribute will be James L. Wages. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

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RISD trustee candidate forum slated for April 14

The Rockwall Independent School District Council of PTAs will host a candidate forum at 7 p.m. April 14 in the Utley Middle School cafeteria.

The forum will post a series of questions to the four candidates running for Place 7 on the Board of Trustees. Each candidate will have three minutes to respond to each question; each candidate also will be given three minutes for concluding remarks at the close of the forum.

All four Place 7 candidates have confirmed they will participate. They include Leslie Latham Milder, Chad Higbee, Stephanie Adams and David Schwartz.

Leigh Plagens is running unopposed for Place 6. She plans to attend the forum and make a short introductory statement.

The forum will be open to the public.

For more information, visit rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/governance/elections.

Shenandoah to see pavement repairs

The City of Rockwall has contracted with Reynolds Asphalt to place pavement repairs to Shenandoah Lane, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The city maintained section of the street begins at All Angels Hill Lane and continues eastward to the end of the street pavement.

The improvements will be conducted in four construction phases. The first phase of the improvements will consist of prepping the site along with pulverizing the existing asphalt and street base. The second phase will consist of cement base stabilization, compaction and final grading. The third phase will be to allow for a minimum cure time of at least seven days for the cement stabilized base to gain sufficient strength prior to placing asphalt.

The fourth phase of construction will consist of laying the asphalt. The remaining section of Shenandoah Lane from All Angels Hill Lane westward to N. Goliad (SH 205) is maintained by Rockwall County.

The base work, which consists of the first three phases, is scheduled to begin on April 17 or April 18 and run through April 24. The city intends to leave the road open to traffic as much as possible during this process; however temporary delays may occur, according to the news release.

The asphalt is scheduled to be placed on or around April 28 or April 29, weather permitting. The road also will remain open to traffic during the asphalt laying process; however, temporary delays may occur.

Repairs slated for Quail Run Road

The City of Rockwall has contracted with Reynolds Asphalt to place pavement repairs to West Quail Run Road, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The pavement repairs will begin at the existing concrete street pavement near Pecan Valley Drive and continue west to the end of the street adjacent to Parker Cemetery.

The improvements will be conducted in four construction phases. The first phase of the improvements will consist of prepping the site along with pulverizing the existing asphalt and street base. The second phase will consist of cement base stabilization, compaction and final grading. The third phase will be to allow for a minimum cure time of at least seven days for the cement stabilized base to gain sufficient strength prior to placing asphalt.

The fourth phase of construction will consist of laying the asphalt. The base work, which consists of the first three phases, began earlier this week and will run through April 16.

City officials hope to leave the road open to traffic as much as possible during this process; however temporary delays may occur.

The asphalt is scheduled to be placed on April 17 or April 18, weather permitting. The road also will remain open to traffic during the asphalt laying process; however some temporary delays may occur.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Freedom is a result of salvation ...

A key factor in the true freedom that God's beloved children have through our Lord Jesus Christ is salvation.

It helps to have a clear understanding of what He saved His children from.

1Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 5:1-9 shines more light on the subject of salvation.

Verses 13-18 of chapter 4 are about the Day of Christ. This event is also commonly referred to as the rapture in many churches.

It starts, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." The hope is directly related to the confidence and eager anticipation of the Day of Christ. It is hoped for because it is absolutely set to occur.

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Duncan gives program for Newcomers, Friends

The Rockwall County Newcomers and Friends welcomed Margaret Duncan, program coordinator for the Dallas Arboretum, at its March meeting.

Duncan, a retired fourth grade teacher and a docent at the DeGolyer House and former chairman of the Docent Board, presented a program on the new Roy Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. A volunteer at the Arboretum Education Department, Duncan showed numerous slides of the new children's section at the Arboretum.

At the Exploration Center arboretum guests can be a CSI (Cool Science Investigator) and take a look at the DNA of a strawberry. By visiting the Texas Skywalk visitors can walk in the treetops. In the Habitats section visitors can visit a fabricated live oak, sit on an egg at the eagle's nest or venture to the Plants are Alive area and see a huge flower pot or celery slide.

The Newcomers will meet at 10 a.m. on April 10 at Occasions at Stone Creek in Royce City for a spring fashion show. Reservations deadline is March 31. To reserve a luncheon ticket for \$20 contact Marion at 972-722-9896 or De at 972-722-1090.

For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 1Thessalonians 5:9-10

Anyone who enjoys meeting new people, listening to interesting programs and eating a delicious lunch is invited to join the group. You may come to two meetings before joining Rockwall Newcomers and Friends; all women in the Rockwall County area are welcome. The club offers clubs, Bunco, bridge, canasta and other activities throughout the year. For further information, visit newcomersrock.com.



Dr. Brigitte Koetter, April English and Erika Stephens recently were inducted into Aspasians. The group's Spring Arts & Crafts Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 at temporary location, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Alondra Borjas, a student at Maurine Cain Middle School, was presented as the Rockwall Student of Honor at the March 27 Rotary Club lunch meeting. Pictured presenting Borjas with the award is Jason Johnston, principal at Cain Middle School. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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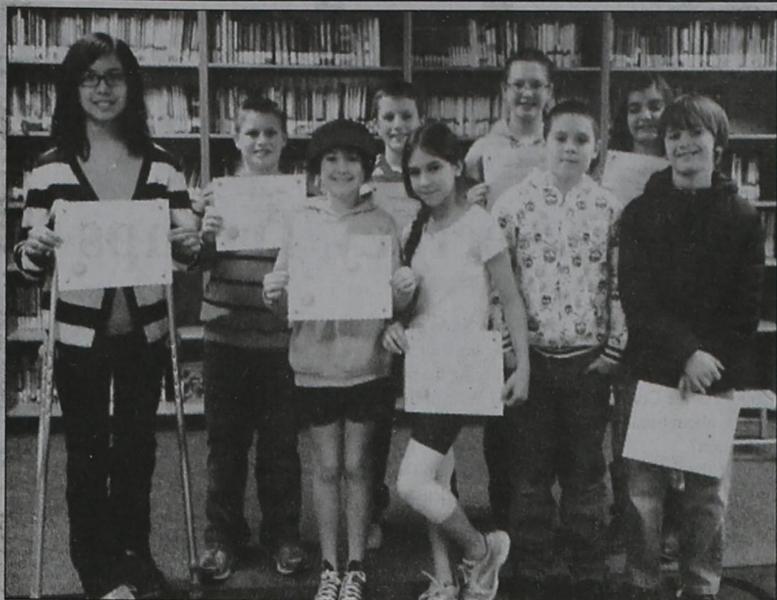
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Pictured above are the UIL academic winners representing Cullins Lake Pointe. Shown are Skylar second place winner in 5th/6th grade Spelling; Jaden Douglas, third place winner, 5th grade Oral Reading; Gabriel Hartsell, first place, and Chelsea Titsworth, third place winner, 3rd grade Storytelling; Brian Wills, fourth place winner, 5th grade Number Sense; Rachel Ivanovsky, sixth place winner, 6th grade Number Sense; and Keri Leon, third place winner, 3rd/4th grade Music Memory.
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Howard Dobbs Elementary hosted its annual spelling bee on Jan. 17 in the school library. Mindy Davenport, library media specialist, served as host. Selected students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade participated. Fourth grade student Noah Holland was named champion and represented Dobbs in the County Spelling Bee. Pictured from the left are student participants Mayra Rivera, Reed Brackett, Summer Thibodeaux, Jordan Owens, Kat Rodriguez, Taylor Lisenbee, Holland, Angelica Fraire and Derrick Sellers.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Johnston is finalist for education award

Rockwall Independent School District middle school principal Jason Johnston has been named a state finalist for a 2014 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award.

Johnston is the principal at Cain Middle School and was chosen as one of five state finalists out of 900 applicants in the secondary principal award category, according to a RISD news release.

At a surprise assembly on March 26, representatives from H-E-B presented Johnston with a \$1,000 check and a \$2,500 check for Cain Middle School.

Johnston will travel to Houston on May 2 as part of the statewide competition.

H-E-B's Excellence in Education is the largest monetary awards program for educators in Texas, and among the largest in the nation. The honor was kept a surprise from Johnston, who learned he was a finalist when he was called down to the Cain gym and greeted by the entire staff and student body, representatives from Central Office, members of his family and the H-E-B prize patrol.

In addition to the monetary awards, the H-E-B representatives

presented him with balloons, a gift basket, and a cake.

Each year, H-E-B asks customers, employees and community members to nominate teachers, principals, districts, early childhood facilities and school boards in Texas for the Excellence in Education Awards. Each nominee is sent an invitation to compete through an online application process. Nominees are asked about their professional experiences, educational philosophies and achievements both in and out of the classroom.

A team of judges reviews the applications, narrowing the field to semi-finalists. From that pool, five

regional judging panels comprised of former winners, administrators and university and community leaders select the state finalists in each category. State finalists are interviewed by a panel of judges.

The winner of each category will be announced at an awards gala hosted by H-E-B. The winner of the secondary principal category will receive \$10,000 and a \$25,000 grant for their school.

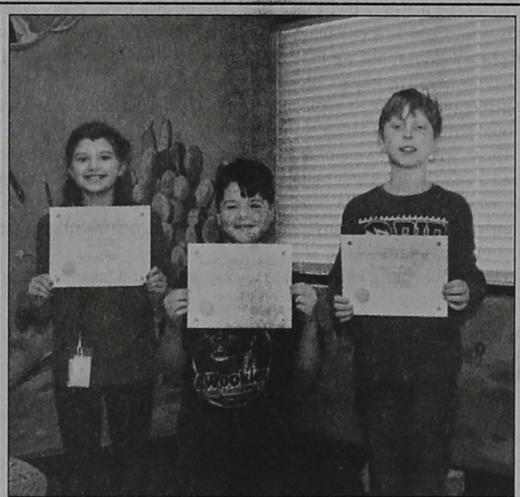
This is the second straight year the Rockwall ISD has had a secondary principal named as a state finalist. In 2013, Carri Eddy — who was principal of Utley Middle School — was named a finalist and competed at the state level.



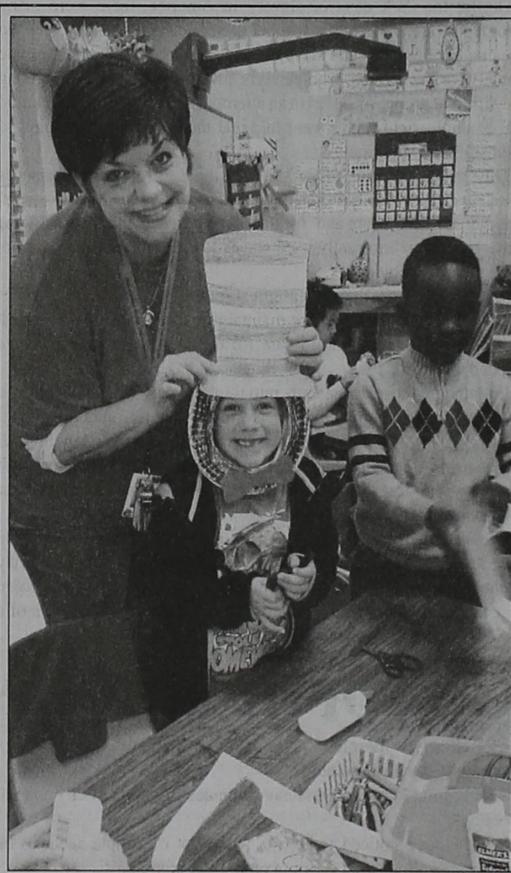
Students at Springer Elementary raised more than \$2,920 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during the recent Pasta for Pennies campaign. The sixth grade Kindness & Compassion Club members helped organize the program and encouraged students to collect spare change during a three-week period. Pictured from the left are students Alondra Salazar, Sophia Bennett, Evelyn Garanza, Tiana Mhondiwa, Axxel Torres, Loren Raines, Fabiola Zavala and Melany Ortega.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Hartman Elementary PTA members, teachers and staff recently hosted a reading night for students and their families. Some of the evening's activities included fishing for rhymes, making book puppet pals, using reading apps, flashlight reading, s'mores, reading by a campfire and a skit by the teachers based on the book "Stephanie's Ponytail" by Robertunsch." Pictured above are Kort Johnson, Bridget Stevens and Cannon Johnson.
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Pictured above are the top three winners of the recent Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary spelling bee. Shown from the left are Allyson Verrett, fourth grade; Jacob Farrell, fifth grade; and Alex Poulson, fifth grade.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary kindergarten teacher Joanna Alvarez is shown with students Audrey Johnson and Bupe Chisanga during the school's recent celebration of Dr. Seuss.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Sixth grade students from Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe recently celebrated Pi Day — March 14 — conducting a competition to recite, from memory, the digits of pi. Elisabeth Hamann won the competition by reciting the first 501 digits of the mathematical constant. Pi is defined as the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and is a never-ending number. Winners of the competition were Hamann, 501 digits (a school record); Muthoni Kamau, 347 digits; and Jessica Hamann, 201 digits.
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Rachelle Rose's first grade class at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary is shown celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Pictured are Jemie Acha, Zackary Chandler, Annette Correa, Spencer Espinoza, Isaiah Gonzales, Jacob Gonzales, Erika Hernandez, Anita Illickal, Alex Labrada, Logan Long, Daniel Ly, Emilie Mao, Brady Myers, Cate Nguyen, Makayla Patterson, Ja'cobi Ridley, Lilly Rodriguez, Brianna Vidana, Heaven Williams and Jamar Wilson.
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Opinions

What if Secrecy Trumps the Constitution?

by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

What if the National Security Agency (NSA) knows it is violating the Constitution by spying on all Americans without showing a judge probable cause of wrongdoing or identifying the persons it wishes to spy upon, as the Constitution requires? What if this massive spying has come about because the NSA found it too difficult to follow the Constitution?

What if the Constitution was written to keep the government off the people's backs, but the NSA and the president and some members of Congress have put the NSA not only on our backs, but in our bedrooms, kitchens, telephones and computers? What if when you look at your computer screen, the NSA is looking right back at you?

What if the NSA really thought it could keep the fact that it is spying on all Americans and many others throughout the world secret from American voters? What if Congress enacted laws that actually delegate some congressional powers to elite congressional committees -- one in the Senate and one in the House? What if this delegation of power is unconstitutional because the Constitution gives all legislative powers to Congress as a whole and Congress itself is powerless to give some of its power away to two of its secret committees? What if the members of these elite committees who hear and see secrets from the NSA, the CIA and other federal intelligence agencies are themselves sworn to secrecy?

What if the secrets they hear are so terrifying that some of these members of Congress don't know what to do about it? What if the secrecy prohibits these congressional committee members from telling anyone what they know and seeking advice about these awful truths? What if they can't tell a spouse at home, a lawyer in her office, a priest in confessional, a judge when under oath in a courtroom, other members of Congress or the voters who sent them to Congress?

What if this system of secrets, with its promises not to reveal them, has led to a government whose spies have intimidated and terrified some members of Congress? What if one member of Congress -- Sen.

Jay Rockefeller, a Democrat from West Virginia -- wrote to then-Vice President Dick Cheney and voiced fears that totalitarianism is creeping into our democracy? What if he wrote that letter in his own hand because he feared he might be prosecuted if he dictated it to a secretary or gave it to his secretary for typing? What if he was terrified to learn what the spies told him because he knew he could not share it with anyone or do anything about it?

What if the NSA's chief apologist in Congress -- Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat from California -- took to the only safe place in the world where she could reveal what she learned from the spies and not be prosecuted for violating her oath of secrecy and there revealed a secret? What if that place is the Senate floor, and what if, while there, she revealed that she approved of the NSA spying on all Americans but disapproved of the CIA spying on her staff? What if it is unlawful and unconstitutional for the CIA to spy on anyone in the United States -- whether private citizen, illegal alien or member of a Senate staff?

What if the equality of the branches of government is destroyed when one of them spies on the other? What kind of a president spies on Congress? What kind of members of Congress sit back and let themselves become victims of spying? What if Congress could stop all spying on all Americans by a simple vote? What if Congress could stop the president from spying on its own members with a simple vote? What if Congress is afraid to take these votes?

What if secret government is unaccountable precisely because it is secret? What if the people's representatives in government have a moral obligation to reveal to their constituents that the president's spies are spying on all of us, and they -- members of Congress -- have not lifted a finger to stop it? Would we all vote differently if we knew the secrets the government has shared with a select few but kept from the rest of us? What if your own representatives in the House and the Senate are lying to you because of fear of the consequences of revealing secrets?

What if the NSA chief claimed to a congressional committee -- of those with which he secretly shares secrets -- that all this spying has stopped 57 terror plots? What if the next day he changed the number to three plots? What if he has declined to say what the three plots were? What if a federal judge found that all this spying has not prevented any identifiable plots?

What if all this spying doesn't work? What if the NSA has too much data about all of us? What if the president knowingly declines to uphold the Constitution and instructed his spies to do the same? What if the NSA is so accustomed to spying on all of us all the time that it lacks the ability to obtain probable cause and to identify the person upon whom it needs to spy? What if the government's culture of secrecy and spying has taken on a life of its own? What if even those who started it are afraid to stop it?

What if the NSA missed the shoe bomber, the underwear bomber, the Ft. Hood massacre, the Times Square bomber, the Boston Marathon bombers, the coup in Kiev and the Russian invasion of Ukraine? What if the NSA wasted its time spying on Aunt Tillie in Des Moines and the Pope in Rome and Chancellor Merkel in Berlin instead of Vladimir Putin in Moscow?

What if secrecy has replaced the rule of law? What if that replacement has left us in the dark about what the government knows and what it is doing? What if few in government believe in transparency? What if few in government believe in the Constitution?

What do we do about it?
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Outwitting the Purveyors of Dependency

by Ben Carson

Divide and conquer is an age-old strategy, effectively used by many in positions of power to ensure that they retain their wealth and authority.

During the dark days of slavery in America, there were many geographic areas where the number of slaves significantly surpassed the number of whites and slave owners. This occasioned appropriate anxiety for the owners, who cleverly sowed seeds of discord among the different groups of slaves in an attempt to effectively destroy unity. For example, field slaves were told that the house slaves thought of themselves as superior.

This worked in most cases, although there were notable instances of secret cooperation between the slaves to accomplish various goals. It required real wisdom and insight to avoid easy manipulation by the slave owners, who usually used slaves loyal to them to accomplish their nefarious objectives.

In today's culture, there are political forces that see the descendants of slaves as useful objects for maintaining their positions of wealth and power. By promising to care for their every need, they create dependency.

Frightening those dependents into thinking they will be abandoned if others are in control, they create loyalty that is undeserved but fierce, loyalty that translates into the real goal: votes. Anything or anyone that threatens this paradigm of victim and protector must be destroyed, lest the victims recognize the deceitfulness of their manipulators and revolt.

The most dangerous people to the modern manipulators are people who have freed themselves from the plantation mentality. They eschew the propaganda of victimhood and advocate for personal responsibility. They see the value found in the true compassion of a hand up rather than a handout.

The tragedy is that many "leaders" of the black community succumb to the poison of the controlling elites, who make them feel "cool" and important. I'm sure that some actually realize what is happening, but -- like the kids you remember in high school -- they don't want to risk being ostracized and expelled from the "in crowd" and therefore remain silent.

It is so important for the black community to realize that there is tremendous strength in unity and that disagreement on some issues does not have to create animosity. In fact, by engaging in open discussions rather than demonizing, a great deal can be learned by all parties.

I am a registered independent, but I have many friends who are Democrats and many who are Republicans. One friend who identifies himself as a Democrat left Alabama at age 16 and headed to Boston in search of employment. He accidentally ended up in Hartford, Conn., and worked in a lowly position as a construction aide for a hotel that was being built. This young black man from Birmingham had a strong work ethic and was gifted with common sense.

Today, he not only owns that hotel, but he also owns many other businesses and is a philanthropist. We do not disagree about most important things, but we have some political disagreements, which have no negative impact on our friendship or our ability to work together on projects. If someone tried to exploit our differences, we would have a hearty laugh at their expense.

Those who spew venom at black conservatives would do well to read about the lives and philosophies of such luminaries as Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and many others who refused to subscribe to the victim mentality.

They should make an attempt to understand what it takes to ascend

from the lifestyle of Southern sharecroppers to the office of secretary of state of the United States of America. Perhaps then they would be on the side of Condoleezza Rice, who achieved this and much more, including becoming a concert pianist. When the black community tolerates a group of liberal Rutgers professors who succeed in disinviting Rice to their commencement because she is a conservative, they embolden the controlling elites and dramatically minimize accomplishments that any ethnic group should be proud of.

We must fight for the precious hearts and souls of all of our people. We have to give them the "can-do" attitude that characterized the rapid ascension of America. We must defang the dividers, ignoring them and thinking for ourselves.

I wish the haters and manipulators would take a moment to examine their hearts and motives. I hope they will think about using intellectual talents for good. They would be wise to ask themselves this question: How much good did being one of the cool guys in school do in the long run? Let us all give honor to the concept of hard work, integrity, kindness, compassion, personal responsibility, family values, and faith in and obedience to God.

Many people from all backgrounds gave up their freedom, blood and even their lives to provide a life of liberty and dignity to those trapped by the chains of legal discrimination and hatred. They must not allow their sacrifice to become meaningless by allowing "do-gooders" to substitute the chains of overt racism with the chains of dependency, low expectations, victimhood and misdirection. Ben S. Carson is professor emeritus of neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University.

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Go forth and be informed

by Brittany Williams

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At this point in my career, I have attended my share of city council meetings.

What I have noticed though is that a lot of people seem to be uninformed about what is going on in their community.

Even at my age, I see the importance of knowing what is going on in their community.

And when I say community, that's exactly what that means. Your neighborhood, your city, your state, your country.

So maybe you can't go sit in on Congress every time they meet, but you get my point.

There are so many ways that you can get informed and involved. The only reason I can come up with that people aren't is that they don't know how.

Even my own mom said had I not been going to the city council meetings and been coming home and telling her what was going on, she wouldn't know what was going on.

Maybe it's just me being the journalist I am and me wanting to know these things, but I guess I see now why people don't know about the cell phone tower going in down the street from them or that the curfew that had previously been in

place will no longer be.

This doesn't have to be the case though. There is still hope for you!

First of all, I would urge everyone, young and old, to put "attend city council meeting" on their bucket list. And cross it off, please!

From experience, I wouldn't go to one with a bunch of permits on the agenda. The agendas are posted at least a few days prior to meeting, so go find one and inform yourself.

My advice beyond that? Go to one with something more exciting than just a bunch of permits. Something with the possibility of little drama in the council chambers. Those meetings always get journalistic senses tingling. Those meetings are my sky dives. BASE jumping, my tightrope walking across the Grand Canyon. They get my adrenaline pumping.

And do your homework. Know what you're walking into. Know what your rights as a citizen of the community are.

Beyond that, if you have questions, ask. Call the city offices, your congressman. They're there for you.

In college, the First Amendment was ingrained into me and for I will be forever grateful.

Not familiar? Let me refresh your memory.

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ACROSS

- this TX Edwards was on Obama's shortlist for VP '08
- for the best
- access Meredith of '42 film "The Texas Rangers Take Over"
- shouldn't put all these in one basket
- TXism: "it's a piece" (distant)
- Italian surname
- hit a (obstacle)
- TX-born MacRae was Billie Jo on TV's "Junction"
- one who monitors TX parolees (abbr.)
- "R" of Boot Hill's "RIP"
- TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley"
- cattlemen trailer before driving to auction
- slang for attractive girl (2 wds.)
- this TX Ernie was "Mr. Cub" (init.)
- picture elements in a digitized image
- Smith Co., TX TX salt lake. "del Rey"
- TXism: "he sounds (bad singer)
- former AFB west of Lubbock
- 7-11's frozen drink
- Texas game is held in Dallas
- obligated to pay
- strong summer winds over the Aegean Sea
- TXism: "like a treed possum"
- sharp TV format
- nat'l gun group (abbr.)
- TXism: "she could charm out of a tree"
- TXism: "if better, the law wouldn't allow it" (feeling good)
- Latinos are Americans
- fictional sister of TX Ima Hogg
- WWII 5-star rank of TX-born Dwight Eisenhower (abbr.)
- TXism: "earned his spurs"
- 1 this KC team once was Dallas Texans
- 2 this Paul won Pulitzer for Rio Grande book
- 3 newspaper in Springtown, TX
- 4 this Harper was in "No Country for Old Men" with TX Tommy Lee Jones
- 9 TX country singer, Pride (init.)
- 10 Russian Airlines
- 11 TXism: "a real wonder!" (exciting)
- 12 TX Tanya's "Cowboy-Lovin' Night"
- 13 "Don't Mess with Texas" began as anti-campaign
- 14 this TX Lois was in '79 "Moonraker" (init.)
- 15 TX V.T. Hamlin created comic strip "Alley"
- 16 TX George W. anti-terror phrase "of evil"
- 17 this Mike wrote "Scarlet Fever" sung by TX Kenny private detective
- 18 TXism: "mad as-eyed cow"
- 19 TXism: "mad as snake & chairs"
- 20 vinyl record during TX Buddy Holly's day
- 21 "Black Gold"
- 22 TXism: "wrangler (CPA)"
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- 26 horse controller
- 27 mixed Asian and European people
- 28 it takes a beating from a hammer
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- 31 noted British novelist, Evelyn
- 32 TXism: "safe as a squirrel up"

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Be an informed electorate

TWC's over-expanding enforcement of the Unemployment Compensation Act is in direct violation of:

Texas Constitution Article 1, Section 16

No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, retroactive law, or any law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be made.

The act of forcing any business and natural person to purchase any kind of insurance for others, who render services, constitutes "impairing obligation of contracts."

One exception are Federal Instrumentalities engaged in statutory "employment" on the soil of Texas.

See Tx. Labor Code Section 201.101 & 26 U.S.C. 3306 (c) (g) and (j)(1 & 2).

Apply the definitions in (j) to the definitions in (c) and (g).

The First Amendment reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and petition the Government for redress of grievances."

You have the right to your opinion. Whether it's right or wrong. They can't take the forefathers gave to you they penned those words.

So, this editorial is exercising those rights I did it, why can't you. Inform yourself.

RISD elementary new student registration set

Children who will be new elementary students in the Rockwall Independent School District in 2014-2015 should be registered during current registration effort.

New students, grades K-6, will be registered from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The registration event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. April 10. The event allows parents to tour their child's campus, meet the principal and receive information regarding registration. Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1.

Registration for early childhood registration will take place at the Rockwall ISD Parent Center, 101 E. Washington. To be eligible for Head Start, a student must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1 (3-year-old program); student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 to qualify for the 4-year-old program. Student must qualify based on family income, disability or homelessness. For more information call 972-772-1143.

To register for pre-kindergarten, a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, and student family must qualify based on family income, language, homelessness or military status. For more information call 972-772-2073.

For tuition-based pre-K, a student must be 4 on or before Sept. 1. A \$100 non-refundable registration fee is required. Call 972-772-2073 for more details.

Documents required for Early Childhood registration include birth certificate (registered copy only); immunization record; Social Security card; proof of residence; driver's license of parent or legal guardian of student; proof of income (current 1040) required for Head Start; proof of Medicaid or private insurance required for Head Start; military active duty; Proof of Service Letter.

Students are encouraged to register at their home campuses, according to a Rockwall ISD news release. Visit rockwallisd.com for campus addresses and phone numbers.

Documents required to register include birth certificate (registered copy only); immunization record; Social Security card; proof of residence; driver's license of parent or legal guardian enrolling the student. Students who attended a Rockwall school last year are pre-registered and do not need to participate in this registration event.



The Royse City Middle School one-act play recently captured second place in the UIL Once-Act Play competition. Pictured, at front, from the left, are Alicya Hernandez, Mary Edwards, Brina Lupercio, Gabby Hernandez, Lorene Cramer and Hannah Negrete; middle row, Noemi Rivera, Lexi Lary, Kenzie Kines, Kyleigh Ortega, Star Frias and Cole Wineinger; and, at top, Shelby Doroshov, Melissa Garcia, LaDarius White, Hannah Grisham and Evan Cawthon. Individual awards went to Edwards and White, both of whom received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; and Doroshov, Outstanding Technical Student.

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Moose Legion to make Moose presentations

by Millie Jean Coppedge
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The Farmers Branch 2277 Moose Legion celebration and First Responder Fish Fry is set for April 12.

Special guests will include the director of Mooseheart, Ill., Bob Neff, head of Moose Legion, Ritual and Council of Higher Degrees.

All first responders -- police, fire, and other emergency workers -- from Farmers Branch, Carrollton and Addison are invited. Many chapter members live in Rockwall County and the surrounding area.

The Moose Lodges and chapters give Tommy Moose, a soft, cuddly stuffed animal to law enforcement officers and firefighters to be given to a child/children when they are injured, in time of crisis or under great stress. The Moose Legion also gives them to hospitals and shelters to help the children cope with change and the stress going on in their lives. Tommy Moose coloring books are given to schools and the Tommy Moose book markers are given to libraries to be distributed to the children.

Since 2002, more than 100,000 Tommy Moose stuffed animals have been distributed.

"Mooseheart is an unincorporated community and home for children run by the Loyal Order of Moose in Kane County, Ill.," according to the

Moose Lodge website. "In 1922, the Moose began to build Moosehaven, a facility for retired Moose, as an adjunct to Mooseheart."

The schedule for April 11 is dinner and karaoke.

On April 12, a fish fry will run from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; hamburgers also will be available. Live entertainment will run from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., and games will be underway all day.

Auctions will run from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Breakfast on April 13 and the Moose Legion meeting also are scheduled.

Ray Cooke of Royse City was presented the organization's gold blazer in a ceremony at the Farmers Branch Lodge on July 30, 2011.

Moose is an organization of 1.1 million men and women in four nations. The organization maintains more than 1,700 Moose Centers in 49 states, four Canadian provinces, plus Great Britain and Bermuda, providing members with wholesome family, social and sports activities.

To learn more about what Moose members are doing, visit mooseintl.org or call Ron Trygstad, regional manager for Royse City, at 469-723-3127 or 214-394-4816. Deputy regional manager Ray Cooke can be contacted at 214-881-6850.

The lodge is located at 3110 Towerwood Drive, Farmers Branch.



Tommy Moose, a soft, plush and cuddly stuffed animal, is given to children in time of crisis, injury, stress or when a traumatic situation in their lives occurs, to help give them comfort and a sense of peace. Tommy Moose, the Legion's mascot, has been given by the Loyal Order of Moose Lodges to more than 100,000 children since 2002. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

City To Hold Town Hall Meeting and Mayor's Address to the City

by Millie Jean Coppedge
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The City Council called a special meeting on Saturday March 29 and the meeting on Monday March 31.

Both meetings began with an Executive Session. "In accordance with State Government Code, section 551.074, personnel matters-to be the appointment, employment and duties of a public officer or employee--City Manager". Both sessions returned with a "No Action Item" decision.

On Thursday April 7 press release from the City of Fate announced that the city selected Michael Kovacs for the city manager position. Kovacs will begin as the city manager Monday April 21.

On Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m. there will be a Town Hall Meeting held at the Community Center. Misty Potter will give an update on the city's status and Girls Project sited for construction in Fate. Ron Hobbs, owner of Ron Hobbs Architects whose company will be constructing the new Civic Center will give an update on the 551 Interchange.

On Thursday, April 24, Mayor Bill Broderick will give the Mayor's Address to the City at the Fate City Hall. He will highlight how far the city of Fate has come and where it is headed for the future. Broderick will discuss the City, the Department of Public Safety, and other factors that will affect the growth of the town. Signs will be put up over town to announce the meeting and time.

Moms Club event raises Rainbow Room funding

The Moms Club of Rockwall's 2nd Annual Bunco Tournament, a fundraiser for the Rainbow Room of Rockwall, generated funds that resulted in a \$7,000 donation.

The bunco fundraiser took place Feb. 6 at the at the San Martino Winery, a co-sponsor of the event. Organizers said the turnout for the event was remarkable, especially since the fundraiser took place during an ice storm.

Several other local businesses co-sponsored the event, including gold level sponsors Zanata's, Cranium Kids, Wonderfully Made, Mathnasium, The Matteson Group, Sense-able Gym, Eclipse Fitness, Leah Clausen Photography, Shanks Jewelers, Larry and Jessica Robison, Rockwall Modern Dentistry, In Front of the Lens Photography, L. Patrick Grisanti II D.D.S., Marigold Learning Academy, Dallas Mavericks, Designs By Donna, Dixie Love's Pies, E'lan Hair Studio, Jewel Kade, Yet to Be Determined Furniture Refinishing and several others.

"The Rainbow Room of Rockwall County appreciates the continued generosity and enthusiastic support from Moms Club of Rockwall," Rainbow Room board president Dorothy Burris said. "This donation will help us serve the children in our community who are in the care of the Department of Family and Protective Services. The fundraising proceeds from the extremely successful bunco party will assist with the purchase of backpacks and school supplies for the school aged children in DFPS care. The Rainbow Room could not continue, in some small way, to make the lives of these children better without the overwhelming support of community organizations such as the Moms Club of Rockwall."

The Moms Club of Rockwall is part of an international service organization requiring one local project a year.

Local observations mark National Library Week

A commissioners court proclamation and a check for more than a \$250,000 marked Rockwall County's observation of National Library Week.

At the April 8 Rockwall County Commissioners Court meeting, Judge Jerry Hogan and the commissioners issued a proclamation designating April 13-19 as National Library Week. Volunteer representatives Madi Hartley and Darlene Bealmear accepted the proclamation.

Bev Stibbens, president of Friends of the Rockwall County Library, presented the court a check facsimile for \$274,590.28, representing the value of 12,402 hours of volunteer services performed at the library during fiscal year 2013.

Volunteers shelve books, maintain the Book Alcove and perform light clerical duties that help keep the library running smoothly, Stibbens said. Student volunteers work in the children's area and assist during the Summer Reading Program.

Stibbens said 79 tutors work with the library's literacy program, Reading for Adults. These volunteers teach 285 adults who are in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, work with 305 students who are studying for the GED test, tutor people who have never learned to read and conduct citizenship classes for 56 students. During this past fiscal year 1,538 classes were held. Seven students learned to read and write, 37 adults have earned GED certificates, four were accepted to college, 150 advanced a class level and three became citizens.

The Friends of the Library board members will honor the library staff with a luncheon on April 15.

Ag commissioner candidate to address local TEA Party

Tommy Merit, a candidate for Texas agriculture commissioner, will serve as the guest speaker for the 6 p.m. meeting of the Rockwall County TEA Party April 3 at Soulman's Bar-B-Que in Rockwall.

Merit, an East Texas native, TCU graduate and businessman, will face Sid Miller in the May 27 Republican Primary runoff election. Both candidates have served in the Texas House of Representatives.

Meeting participants should go through the restaurant's serving line and join TEA Party members in the private dining room.

CARGO Gun Club to meet tonight

The CARGO Rockwall Gun Club will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 10 at Soulman's Bar-B-Que, Rockwall.

Theme for the meeting will be military firearms; therefore, participants are encouraged to bring their military arms, including rifles and pistols. Participants should be prepared to describe their weapon(s) as to origin, application, type ammo, country of origination, where to purchase a like weapon and what you like or dislike.

Weapons will be passed around to give everyone an opportunity to get a feel for them. The following safety rules will be followed:

- Weapons should be brought unloaded and encased.
- Do not bring ammo. A separate meeting for learning about ammo will be conducted at a later date, but let's leave any opportunity for an accident at home.
- A designated safety inspector will examine weapons to confirm safe condition; this isn't an expression of mistrust, but the club's common-sense way of preventing death or injury to guests.
- Your loaded concealed weapon is welcome, but at no time, for any reason, should loaded weapons be pulled out. Loaded concealed weapons must remain concealed.

CHL instructor Jack Sukenik will serve as range master.

Firearm dealers will be available to help participants select visitors for self-defense. Rockwall Police representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

Children are welcome.

There are no fees; however, the club does ask that participants go through the serving line before finding a seat in the private dining room.

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Drug Take Back event planned

The City of Rockwall's Drug Enforcement Agency Drug Take Back event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at the Rockwall Police Department's Community Services Office, 1113 Ridge Road. The national initiative gives residents the opportunity to get rid of expired, unwanted or unused over-the-counter or prescribed pharmaceutical medications. For more details visit rockwallpolice.org or call 972-771-7765.

Farmers Market set in downtown Rockwall

A Farmers Market will take place from 8 a.m. to noon May 3-Sept. 27 in downtown Rockwall on the north and west sides of the courthouse. More than 30 vendors will be on site to offer locally grown fruits, vegetables and other items.

Church plans healing conference

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician at Transformation Anglican Church in Rockwall will host a healing conference May 9-10. The Rev. Jack Sheffield, national director of OSL, will lead the event. The conference will focus on personal healing and strengthening the anointing of each participant. Cost, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. The event will take place at Heritage Christian Academy (1408 S. Goliad), where the church currently conducts services. Register online at transformationac.org. Participants may pay at the door, but lunch reservations must be made by May 7 by calling 972-524-9382.

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.



The Moms Club of Rockwall recently conducted a bunco fundraiser that resulted in a \$7,000 donation for the Rainbow Room of Rockwall. Pictured from the left are Jake Kluge, Moms Club member Debbie Klug, club vice president and event organizer Jessica Hooten and David Hooten. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Entertainment

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Melody to lead Brown Bag Lecture event

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present their Brown Bag Lecture Series from noon to 1 p.m. May 9 at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be One American Soldier, with Jo Nell Melody the story of her father-in-law who served in WWII and was captured in France. Admission will be free and open to the public. For details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

Tickets on sale for 'Forever Plaid'

Tickets for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's upcoming show, "Forever Plaid," are now available. The "deliciously goofy" play focuses on a young man killed in a 1950s car crash on their way to their first concert; now they've been revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never way. Performances are for May 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25; Friday and Saturday will be at 8 p.m., Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased with discounts will be given for early ticket purchases.

Buster Brown Band to perform

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a soul show performed by the Buster Brown Band at the Concert by the Sea event on May 15. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full list of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Rockwall Founders Day set May 17

The Rockwall Founders Day Festival, celebrating the city's 160th anniversary, will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 17 at Harry Myers Park. The zone with bounce houses and games will be offered, as will food and arts, crafts and business vendors. Live music will be featured from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the Charlie Daniels Band as the headline act.

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AA Meetings

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Al-Anon Meetings

Call for information and locations in Dallas area, 214-363-0461.

Al-Anon Garland

Meetings Monday & Friday, 8 p.m. at 2206 South Jupiter St., Suite 130, Garland.

Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter meets 6:00 p.m., second Thursday each month, 4881 Bass Pro Dr. Garland, Texas. Guests & family welcome. <http://www.txssar.org/EastForkTrinity>.

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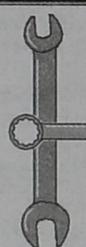
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In compliance with Tex. Occ. Code Ch. 2303.151 a second notice is hereby given on abandoned vehicle 95 pontiac grand am, vin 1g2nw55m2sc779453, towed from wb 130 at horizon Now located at Dallas Towboys VSF Lic 0628232, 291 National Dr. Rockwall, TX 75032, vehicle may be claimed by owner/lienholder upon receipt of storage and tow fees accrued to date which are \$14,470.70 and increase \$21.65 daily until 45 days at which time all rights/ownership shall be forfeited of said vehicle which will be sold at a public auction if not claimed on or before April 22, 2013.

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4-10-2014 S-1162

In compliance with Tex. Occ. Code Ch. 2303.151 a second notice is hereby given on abandoned vehicle 1995 trailer, vin-1pt01jah6s00394, towed from 2105 s goliad rockwall.tx Now located at Dallas Towboys VSF Lic 0628232, 291 National Dr. Rockwall, TX 75032, vehicle may be claimed by owner/lienholder upon receipt of storage and tow fees accrued to date which are \$23,220.49 and increase \$21.65 daily until 45 days at which time all rights/ownership shall be forfeited of said vehicle which will be sold at a public auction if not claimed on or before April 22, 2013.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EVELYN LOUISE FONVILLE DIXON, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Evelyn Louise Fonville Dixon, Deceased, were issued on March 12, 2014, in Cause No. PR14-14, pending in the Rockwall County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Richard Arnold Fonville Dixon and Diana Louise Dixon-Grubbs

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The address of such Independent Co-Executors is: c/o John F. Bergner, Esq. Winstead PC 500 Winstead Building 2728 N. Harwood Street Dallas, TX 75201
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
WINSTEAD PC 500 Winstead Building 2728 N. Harwood Street Dallas, TX 75201
By: John F. Bergner ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT CO-EXECUTORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Herman Truett Harvell, Deceased, were issued on March 5, 2014 in Docket # PR14-20, pending in the County Court at Law, of Rockwall County, Texas, to Deborah S. York. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate as follows:
Representative of the Estate of Herman Truett Harvell
Todd W. White
The White Law Firm
503 South Goliad
Rockwall, Texas 75087
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Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Advantage Storage, which is located at 660 Justin Rd. Rockwall, TX 75087, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien online at www.StorageBattles.com. The auction will end on or around 9:00 am on 4-26-2014. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space. **Ronald F. Wilson**, TableSaw, 4 Fishing Poles, Work Bench, Tool Chest; **Manny M. Parmar**, household furn., misc. items. Contact **Cody Reynolds**, 972-772-3212 at Advantage Storage.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RFP 15-01-171 Workers' Compensation
RFP 15-01-172 Student and Athletic Accident Insurance Program
RFP 15-01-173 Property / Casualty Insurance

Release Date - April 3, 2014

Deadline for Submissions - May 15, 2014 at 2:00 PM (local time)

Public Bid Opening - May 16, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. (local time)

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed proposals for Student and Athletic, Property/Casualty, and Workers' Comp insurance coverage. Proposal packages may be requested from the Purchasing Office at jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org or from the District website at: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information/>.

The District anticipates award at the June board meeting. The effective date of the program will be September 1, 2014. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM (local time) on May 15, 2014 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposals should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be opened and identified but not read at a public bid opening on May 16, 2014 at the Administration Center.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

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Sealed bids addressed to City of Rockwall Engineering Department, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014, for the following project:

NORTH WATER IMPROVEMENTS

The project includes approximately: 5,000 L.F. of 8" C-900 (Class 200) DR-14 waterline, 300 L.F. of 8" C-900 (Class 200) DR-14 waterline (by bore), 13 fire hydrant assemblies, 25 - 8" gate valves, and miscellaneous items and various surface restorations.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked - NORTH WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St. No bids will be opened or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 150 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2 year, 10%) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans & specifications may be examined at the Rockwall Engineering Office located in Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone- 972-771-7746 fax- 972-771-7748) and procured from the office of the Engineer, Binkley & Barfield-C&P Engineering, Inc., 1801 Gateway Blvd #101, Richardson, TX 75080, 972-644-2800, for a non-refundable cost of \$30, beginning on Thursday, April 3, 2014.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [ORDINANCE NO. 04-38] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED SO AS TO FURTHER AMEND ZONING MAP TO ADOPT A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM AN AGRICULTURE (AG) DISTRICT TO A LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) DISTRICT FOR A 2.006-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF TRACT 2-7 OF THE DAVID HARR SURVEY, TRACT NO. 102, ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT 'A' OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 14-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 8 (PD-8) [ORDINANCE NO. 73-48 & 74-04] AND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE [ORDINANCE NO. 04-38] OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS HERETOFORE AMENDED SO AS TO FURTHER AMEND THE DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED BY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 8 (PD-8) FOR A 1.131-ACRE PORTION OF A PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS THE CABANAS AT CHANDLER'S LANDING, ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT 'A' OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Legal Notice COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Condenser Water Re-Piping Project
Rockwall Heath High School
CSP 14-040-02

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 PM (local time) May 1, 2014

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed proposals for re-routing the condenser water piping at Rockwall Heath High School. Drawings and specifications may be examined at the Engineers' Office; McGraw Hill Construction (4300 Beltway Road, Suite 180, Arlington, Texas 76018, Phone: 817-375-2960); TEXO/AGC/iSqFt (Lawton Reprographic Centers, 14305 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas 75244, Phone: 800-364-2059); DFW Minority Business Council, 2710 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 900, North Stemmons Tower, Dallas, Texas 75207 (Phone: 214-630-0747); and The Builders' Exchange of Texas, Inc. (3 Lincoln Center, 5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75240 (Phone: 214-687-9000).

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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS 14-040-02 Estes, McClure & Associates, Inc. Engineering and Consulting

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Proposal documents should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Rockwall Independent School District, Director of Purchasing and marked with the CSP number and name of respondent. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM (local time) on May 1, 2014 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087 at which time said responses will be publicly opened but not read.

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Legal Notice COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Energy Management System Upgrade
Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary School
CSP 14-040-01

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TxDOT plans public meeting on proposed FM 552 upgrade

The Texas Department of Transportation will host an open-house style public meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. April 10 at Williams School, 625 E. FM 552 in Rockwall. The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed project to the public, receive comments and discuss the project with TxDOT representatives. Maps and geometric designs will be on display; TxDOT staff and consulting engineers will be available in an informal setting to answer questions.

Park volunteers needed in Rockwall

Individuals of all ages are eligible to participate in the program. The VIP program provides local residents with an opportunity to help and maintain greenery in the city parks, according to an article in the city's most recent e-newsletter. Individuals of all ages are eligible to participate in the program. Organization, too, can participate. Past group participants have included outdoor groups from Lake Pointe Church, Pillar Church and the Life Disc group, according to the article. For more information or to sign up to be a VIP, contact Wendy Young at 972-771-7761 or wyoung@rockwall.com.

Royse City Police Blotter March 28-April 3

- Friday, 28 March: City ordinance violation, Area of Brookhaven Drive; City ordinance violation, Area of Arch Street; Suspicious person, Area of Jones Street; Suspicious person, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; 911 hang up, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, I-30 westbound near the 73 exit; City ordinance violation, 1100 block N. Houston Street; Suspicious person, 800 block Rowdy Drive; Accident, Area of FM 35; Accident, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Criminal mischief, 500 block Welch Road; Alarm, 500 block County Line Road; Driving while intoxicated, Area of FM 35
- Saturday, 29 March: Assault, 1600 block Woodlawn Avenue; Suspicious vehicle, 700 block FM 2642; Medical assistance, 800 block E. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 1700 block Kelly Lane; Alarm, 700 block FM 2642; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound from the 75-mile marker; Noise disturbance, Area of Wooded Way; Suspicious person, Area of Evergreen Street; Criminal mischief, 400 block Welch Road; Dallas County Sheriff's Office warrants, 200 block Circle Drive
- Sunday, 30 March: Disturbance, 300 block N. Josephine Street; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound near the 77B exit; Disturbance, 600 block Brookhaven Trail; Disturbance, 500 block Autumn Trail; Suspicious person, 300 block Texoma Court; Assault, 1600 block Meadowlark Lane; Criminal mischief, 600 block S. Elm Street
- Monday, 31 March: Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound from the 74-mile marker; Two 911 hang ups, 800 block E. Old Greenville Road; Theft, 1400 block FM 1777; Accident, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard; Criminal mischief, 1600 block Nevers Drive; Alarm, 200 block E. Main Street; Public intoxication arrest, 1200 block Cyprus Drive
- Tuesday, 1 April: Medical assistance, 300 block Howard Street; Medical assistance, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Threat, 2700 block Wood Street; Accident, 800 block E. I-30 NSR; Reckless Area of FM 35; Suspicious vehicle, Intersection of Birch Street and N. Houston Street; El Paso Sheriff's Office warrant arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 75-mile marker
- Wednesday, 2 April: Medical assistance, 100 block W. Main Street; Accident, 100 block E. Main Street; Assault, 1400 block FM 1777; Disturbance, 1400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Disturbance, 1700 block Bob Drive; Noise disturbance, 1700 block Sams Circle; Reckless driver, 100 block W. Main Street; City ordinance violation, 500 block S. Main Street; Suspicious vehicle, 600 block Dyann Drive; Two Royse City Police Department warrants arrest, 100 block W. Main Street
- Thursday, 3 April: Medical assistance, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Theft, 100 block High Meadow Drive; Medical assistance, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 800 block E. Old Greenville Road

available in an informal setting to answer questions.

The proposed project would include improvements within a 5.2-mile section of FM 552. Upon completion, FM 552 would accommodate two 11-foot wide inside lanes and one 14-foot-wide outside shared use lane in each direction; a 7 to 18-foot-wide median with 1 to 2-foot curb offsets; a 5 to 10-foot-wide sidewalk with minimum of 9-foot offset from face of curb. Approximately 52 acres of additional right of way (ROW) and easements would be needed to accommodate the proposed roadway and drainage improvements. Two residential property displacements and no commercial property displacements or relocations would be required.

The project cost is approximately \$58 million. Construction is expected to begin in 2018 with an estimated completion in 2020.

For more information, contact TxDOT PIO Michelle Bryant Raglon at michelle.raglon@txdot.gov or 214-320-4483.

City of Rockwall continues Stage 3 landscape watering restrictions

The Rockwall City Council agreed to continue Stage 3 landscape watering restrictions once every two weeks as needed with sprinklers or irrigation systems through April as requested by the city's water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). Subsequent extensions will be considered on a month-to-month basis.

Council approved the extension at their April 7th meeting on the recommendation of City Manager Rick Crowley.

NTMWD remains in Stage 3 of its Water Conservation and Drought

Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan due to below average rainfall, declining water levels of their reservoirs and the temporary loss of Lake Texoma raw water supply due to the zebra mussel infestation.

Lake Lavon, the primary water supply, is approximately 11 feet below conservation pool level following April rains through April 7th. City and NTMWD officials ask that residents continue to conserve water until there is relief from the drought.

Hall's drought monitoring bill passes U.S. Senate

Last month the Senate approved H.R. 2431, Rep. Ralph Hall's (TX-04) reauthorization of the National Integrated Drought Information System program.

The bill, passed by unanimous consent, extends authorization of the critical drought-monitoring NIDIS program through 2018, according to a news release from Hall's office.

NIDIS was established in 2006 by legislation introduced by Hall.

"I am pleased the Senate joined the House's effort to swiftly reauthorize this important drought-monitoring legislation," said Hall. "Over the last two years more than half the country experienced some degree of drought conditions. Fourth District constituents have been personally affected as we have experienced challenges with water supply, agriculture production and negative impacts to local tourism. The NIDIS program proactively and effectively works to minimize (continued on page 10)



Rockwall Chamber of Commerce welcomes Diamond Display Group

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Diamond Display Group with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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Taste of Rockwall & Business Expo completes 21st anniversary

Rockwall Chamber prepares for Leadercast event

Submitted by Paula Kerr
Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce

The Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo celebrated its 21st anniversary on April 3rd, showcasing a wide variety of Rockwall's best restaurants and businesses. The 2014 event was presented by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Lake Pointe Medical Center.

Like the city itself, the Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo has grown each year with continued success. The Rockwall Area Chamber stages the event to help build community connections. A large, steady

crowd enjoyed sampling delicious food and visiting a number of business booths, including car dealership displays from Heritage Buick GMC, Lakeside Chevrolet, Randall Noe Auto Group and Toyota of Rockwall.

"We were pleased with the outcome of the Taste of Rockwall this year," said Chamber President Dana Macalik.

There were several new restaurants participating this year, serving up many wonderful dishes. There was fierce competition for the coveted People's Choice Award. The #1 People's Choice Restaurant Award was presented to Rob Gates, owner of Cole Mountain Feed Store. The runner up was a new Rockwall restaurant, Chateau Bistro.

The Culinary Excellence Award was judged by a panel of three judges. This Award is based on the overall taste of the dish, its presentation, appearance, and the originality of the exhibitor booth. The first winner in this category was Cotton Patch. The second place winner was Lotus Japanese Grill.

Congratulations to these winners and all of the participating establishments for setting such high standards in their food presentation and display!

Jack Crain with American National Bank was the Grand Prize winner this year. He won a Staycation for Two at the Hilton in Rockwall Lakefront, including breakfast, dinner for two at Dodger's, a cruise for two on any of the Sail With Scott boats, and a bottle of wine.

There were 73 area businesses and seven nonprofit organizations participating this year. Brandon Lessard's Scentys Wickless Candles home the Best Business Expo Exhibitor Award. DJ Greg LaRosa and Black Tie Entertainment entertained the crowd throughout the evening.

"This is such a great way for business and community to come together. This event would not be possible, nor would it run as smoothly and successfully without the help of so many volunteers - from Chamber Ambassadors and Board of Directors, to the banks and organizations that sold tickets," said Macalik. "We also wish to thank the Rockwall ISD crew and custodians who prepare the facility, then clean after the event closes. The Rockwall High School Interact Club and Boy Scouts from Troop 314 kept the eating area clean throughout the evening. Thank you all - we just couldn't do it without you!"

Now the work begins on the Leadercast event being held on May 9th at the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center at Utley Middle School. "This is going to be a great opportunity for you and your employees to attend a first-class, nationwide leadership summit via simulcast live from Atlanta, Georgia with nine nationally known authors and speakers mark your calendars - you won't want to miss it," Macalik said.

To purchase Leadercast tickets or for more information, visit LeadercastRockwall.com or call Paula Kerr at 972-771-5733.



The 21st annual Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo included not only a wide variety of food, but also fun up-beat music provided by Rockwall based DJ, Greg LaRosa (front right). More information about LaRosa's business, Black Tie Entertainment, can be at www.myblacktiedj.com.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Hawks soar past Jackets, remain undefeated in district

by Ryan Garrett

Tyler Ivey's 11 strikeouts and the Heath bats were too much for the Yellowjackets as the Hawks continued their undefeated district streak in a 12-2 victory on Saturday at Rockwall's Campbell Complex. Rockwall-Heath broke the top ten in the Texas High School Baseball 5A rankings, moving up seven spots from the previous week.

With the win, the Hawks took a two-game lead over Rockwall in District 12-5A standings. The Jackets' two district losses have been to Rockwall-Heath.

The Yellowjackets threatened in the first inning, loading the bases with singles by seniors Brad Barnett and Gary Burton and a walk by Garrett Moon. The Hawks escaped the frame, stranding all three base runners.

Heath began to light up the scoreboard in a four-run second with help from an error, a fielder's choice, an RBI single by Ryne Randle and an RBI double by RJ Williams. The Hawks added three runs in the third, including a two-RBI triple by Clayton Rasbeary and Randle's third hit of the game.

Barnett knocked a leadoff single and stole two bases in the fifth and the Yellowjackets pushed their first run across off a wild pitch by Ivey. Following a five-run seventh in which the Hawks extended the lead 12-1, Rockwall scored their final run of the game off a single by Burton.

Ivey earned the win with 11 strikeouts, no earned runs on eight hits and one walk over seven innings. Rockwall's Carter Lilly suffered the loss after pitching just two innings with three walks, five allowed runs and two strikeouts.

Hall's drought monitoring bill ...

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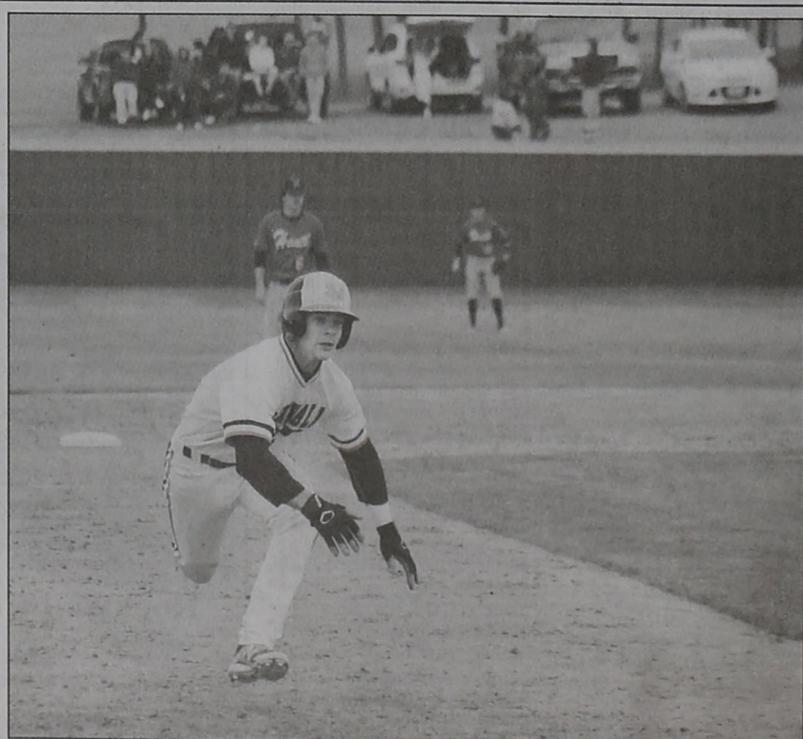
the personal and economic impacts of drought. "While I can't make it rain, I can legislate. As chairman emeritus of the Science, Space and Technology Committee, rest assured that I will continue to work with my colleagues on the Committee and in the House to address the serious issue of drought. It is my hope the president will quickly sign this bipartisan bill into law."

The NIDIS program provides information and tools to monitor and predict droughts, assess the potential impacts and better prepare for and mitigate the effects of droughts. NIDIS established the U.S. Drought Portal, drought.gov, which has become a valuable resource for decision makers at the federal, state and local levels, and for farmers, businesses and individuals. This website provides current data from weather observations, early warnings about droughts, and support services for managing droughts. The website includes the U.S. Drought Monitor map, another valuable feature that is updated weekly.

The NIDIS Reauthorization will improve interagency coordination, early warnings, critical data sharing, and decision services related to drought. The bill encourages further research, monitoring and forecasting, along with further development of regional early warning systems that will help state, local and federal officials, farmers and water managers better prepare for and respond to drought.



Rockwall-Heath senior outfielder Dylan Lewis catches a fly ball Saturday at Rockwall's Campbell Field in the Hawks' 12-2 victory over the Yellowjackets. The Hawks swept the season series with Rockwall remain undefeated in District 12-5A. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Yellowjacket senior Brad Barnett gave Rockwall its first run of the game on Saturday, running home from third base off a wild pitch by Heath's Tyler Ivey. Rockwall scored one more run in the seventh off a single by senior Gary Burton, and the Jacket's took their second district loss. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

French takes two events in East Texas meet

by Lary Bump

Heritage Christian Academy senior Wyatt French won the boys' vault and 110-meter hurdles, and placed in three other events Thursday at the East Texas Private School Championships in Bullard.

HCA's Thomas Tannehill also won an event, the 300 hurdles in seconds.

Molli Howard paced the Lady Eagles with three second-place finishes in the 100 meters, 52.02 in the 300 hurdles and 15 feet, 3 1/2 inches in the long jump - and a third place in the triple jump at 33-2.

For The Fulton School, competing against mostly schools larger than the Falcons' TAPPS 1A classification, the highest finish was Jasmine North third place in the girls' 200-meter dash with a time of 30.92.

French, a prospective college decathlete, cleared 13 feet, 6 inches pole vault and raced over the hurdles in 15.97. He also placed second in the 400 meters (51.80) and the long jump (20-10 1/4), and fourth in the jump (39-10 1/2).

For the Eagles, sprinter Alan Apolar was seventh in the 200 (2:09.40) and ninth in the 100 (12.65). Zach Brashears also placed in two events, taking third in the shot put (39-8) and seventh in the discus (91-9 1/2). Larson Bennett was eighth in the 110 hurdles (20.00) and ninth in the hurdles (49.65).

Also for Heritage Christian, Phillip Hawthorne finished sixth in the 100 meters (12 minutes, 31.39 seconds) and Colin Westmoreland was eighth in the long jump (17-9 3/4).

The Heritage boys' relay teams were fourth in the 4X200 meter (1:39.04), fifth in the 4X100 (47.72) and seventh in the 4X400 (4:03.7).

Other HCA girls placing in more than one event were Baylee Havens second in the discus (78-3) and sixth in the 200 meters (31.71), and Burgy, eighth in the 300 hurdles (58.51) and ninth in the 100 meters (21.51).

Madison Brown placed eighth in the 200 (31.81). Lady Eagles relay teams were fifth in the 4X200 in 2:09.40 and sixth in the 4X100 in 1:02.79.

For Fulton, Hayden Leverett was fourth in the 200 in 24.54. The Fulton relay teams placed sixth in both the 4X100 (48.14) and 4X200 (1:41.14).

The Lady Falcons' Norman also placed fifth in the discus (69-3 1/2). Fulton girls' relay teams were fourth in the 4X200 (2:08.48) fifth in the 4X100 (59.91).

HCA is scheduled to compete Friday and Saturday at the TAPPS District 2-2A Championships in Addison.

Fulton's next competition will be at Wednesday's Cistercian Relays in Irving.

HCA, Greenville split in baseball and softball

The Heritage Christian Academy baseball team defeated Greenville Christian School 10-6 Thursday, April 3.

By winning, the Eagles improved to 2-1 in TAPPS District 3-2A.

On the same day, the Lady Eagles lost a home softball game to opponent Waco Vanguard Preparatory Academy 14-0. The Lady Eagles broke the game open with six runs in the third inning.

HCA managed only one hit. Conally Webb was the losing pitcher.

Conklin takes 1st Wednesday sailing race

George Conklin

"Audacity" to first place at Spring Wednesday Night Sailing Race on Lake Ray Hubbard Saturday.

Finishing second was Kyle Manuel with "Joint Venture."

Racing will continue Wednesday nights and Saturdays throughout the spring.

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Varsity soccer squads stumble in Area Championships

Ryan Garrett
 Following the Bi District round the previous week, the Rockwall teams fell in the Area playoffs on Friday night. The playoff game for Rockwall's boys and girls and the Heath Lady Hawks. The Yellowjacket boys played a hard-fought game against JJ Pearce at Stadium, falling in a shootout 2-1. Scoreless at halftime, the boys scored first in the second half off a penalty kick. The girls trailed for much of the second half until Clay Rittershaus scored the tie with one minute remaining, and to send the game into overtime. The boys lost two players to red-card penalties and played two men through overtime. After two scoreless overtime periods and eight

shootout rounds, Pearce eliminated the Yellowjackets. Also on Friday, The Lady Jackets had a tough task of going up against the defending 5A State Champions Plano West. The Wolves overwhelmed Rockwall 9-1 at Mesquite Memorial Stadium. Led by Abby Grace Cooper's three goals, Plano West controlled the game early, going into the half up by three. The Lady Jackets came out of halftime on fire and Alyssa Higdon scored the Jacket's single goal two minutes into the second. That was all Rockwall could manage, as the speed and fielding of Plano West was too much for the Lady Jackets. Despite their great efforts, the Heath Lady Hawks also fell in the Area playoff, 2-0 against McKinney Friday at Plano Clark Stadium.

Jacket Water Polo continues early season success

by Ryan Garrett
 The Rockwall High School Water Polo teams swept their second tournament in a row, going 2-0 on Saturday in the RISD Invitational at the Rockwall Aquatics Center. The Yellowjacket boys are now 5-1 on the season, and the Lady Jackets hold a 6-1 record. Alex Rodriguez and Evan Scown both scored seven points as they led the boys to 19-5 victory over Plano West in their first match. Scown scored another 10 goals as the Jackets defeated Dallas ISD 'A' Team 20-11. The Lady Jackets shut out Dallas ISD 20-0 in their first game of the morning. Eight girls scored for Rockwall with Sarah Rundle and Jasmin Sani each putting for in the net. Led by nine goals from Raena Eldridge, the Rockwall girls defeated Plano West 15-9.



Rockwall's Carson Hall (22) and Michael Dawe (3) go for the block against Richardson's Michael De La Sancha (15) as Cooper Feste (16) and Dillon Loftis (6) prepare for the stop. The Jackets lost to the Mustangs in a hard-fought battle that went to eight shootout kicks in the Area Championship game at Little Elm High School on April 4.
 Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

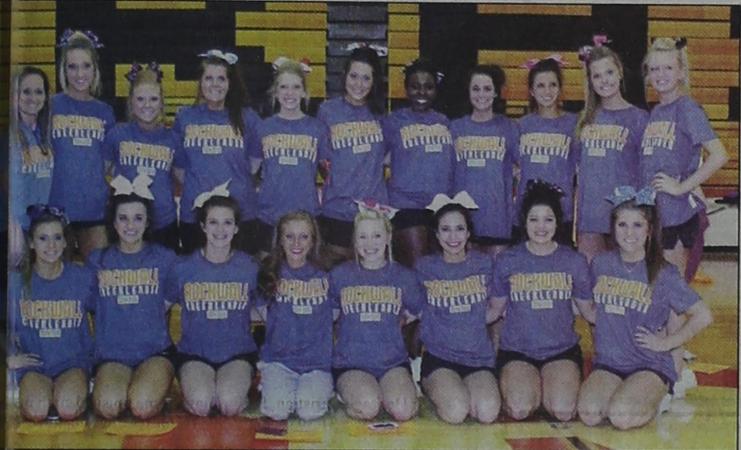
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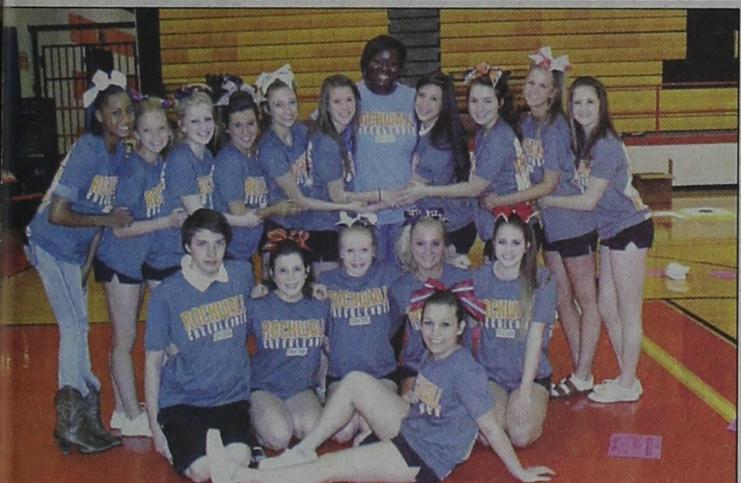
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The 2014-2015 cheerleaders for Rockwall High were announced last month. Girls selected for the varsity squad, pictured above, include, sitting, Kyndal Hetmer, Morgan Cain, Chandler Choate, Heidi Howell, Holley Herndon, Maddy Ferguson, Maggie Umina and Morgan Gilstrap, and standing: Blair Hedges (coach), Blair Raney, Tori Hedges, Adisyn Joplin (mascot), Samantha Ruff, Abby Rogers, Lyric Brown, Anna Oakes, Heather James, Jane Turner and Maddie Young.
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The 2014-2015 cheerleaders for Rockwall High were announced last month. Girls selected for the junior varsity squad, pictured above, include Hannah Eldridge, seated; Collin Tharp (mascot), Lily Tiger, Lily Bennett, Megan Elsey, Mammie Brownlee, kneeling; and Daria Ellis, Alayna Davis, Alyssa Garner, Michaela Richmond, Maddie Thompson, Lydia King, Brandie Parker (coach), Alicia Carricone, Nyna Berger, Brooklyn Reynolds and Micaela Vavra.
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The 2014-2015 cheerleaders for Rockwall High were announced last month. Girls selected for the freshman squad, pictured above, include, at top, Melissa Southworth (coach), Sara Morales, Kaylin Reid, Kaytlan Meusel, Brooke Smith, Rylee James, Rebecca Maloney, Alyssa May, Jodi Camper and Abby Rogers; middle row, Justina Lee, Kate Baker, Rachel Hohenberger, Lexi Cardona and Libby Kik; and, at bottom, Darby Davis and Skylar Pierce.
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