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## City of Fate hears request for garbage fee increase

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The City Council meeting on June 17 a formal request for rates was received from the Progressive Waste Solutions which offers services to collect, haul, dispose or recycle solid waste and recyclable materials in the city of Fate.

The Progressive Waste Solutions, municipal marketing manager for Progressive, gave a 1.81 percent increase that would boost residential rates to \$18.06. Demien said there had not been a rate increase since the contract in 2009, and if approved, would become

members of the council and Philip Rodriguez, city manager, said that there have been many complaints from the citizens regarding their service, especially the recycling pick-ups.

Demien, Councilman for Place 1, told Demien that citizens of Club Estates has asked him to voice their concerns that the pick-up of recycling materials were poor.

There is a tremendous amount of complaints about Progressive chemical spills in the neighborhoods, broken down trucks, people moving into Fate who are not getting new garbage trucks, Demien said.

Demien said, "We need to know about them so we can get them fixed."

Demien said, "The people calling the city to complain tell us they had first tried to call the city, but were told to call the City." Mayor Pro-Tem Sheri Demien said that's not supposed to be that way.

Demien said, "The concern from a council member was that the trucks were not running at the time of day they collect the trash. Chad Calvin, division manager for Progressive, and Demien both attempted to explain there were a lot of variables concerning when the trash could be collected. Demien said the citizens are given the day collections are to take place at a specific time.

The request from Progressive Waste Solutions of Texas was not on the agenda, even though it went into executive session and a motion was taken at this time on the matter.

The agenda was Resolution No. R-588, "authorizing the city to enter into a lease agreement with Rodney and Kim Brown located at 104 E. Fate Main Place, Suite B, to temporarily house City of Fate Departments."

Broderick reminded the council that it might be a year before the new city hall would be completed and they needed a temporary location until that time.

Discussion ensued, especially between Councilman John Stacy and Demien, mainly for clarification of items in the contract. Stacy said he should not have to go in 50/50 with the Browns for any placements that might be needed in the future. He gave the

air-conditioning/heating units and the plumbing as examples, saying that if one of these goes out, the city will be paying to have something repaired or replaced that is not even theirs. Stacy stuck to his grounds, continuing to say that he thought it was just "awful to have to sign a release going halves on all repairs."

The discussion eventually became an issue of should the city sign the lease as is or rewrite the lease. Newly elected Councilman Cameron Cowan commented that if another tenant went into the building, he doubted they would sign a lease for half of the responsibility.

At this point, Stacy declared, "I can't vote for this. I just can't."

When another council member spoke up and asked Rodriguez what the city should do, he said, "Be prepared to move out."

He noted that the Browns could give them a two-week notice to vacate the building if a lease wasn't agreed upon and that is what would have to happen. Several options were then discussed about where the city offices could relocate in case that happened.

The council voted for Rodriguez to go back to the Browns and request that the lease reflect that the owners will be responsible for all repairs and replacements, not the city. Rodriguez will update the council of his endeavors at the next meeting of July 1.

As the council meeting moved into the final comments and reports of the evening, Rodriguez stated that there is an express concern item on the City of Fate's new website. He encouraged citizens to use the site to voice any concerns they might have.

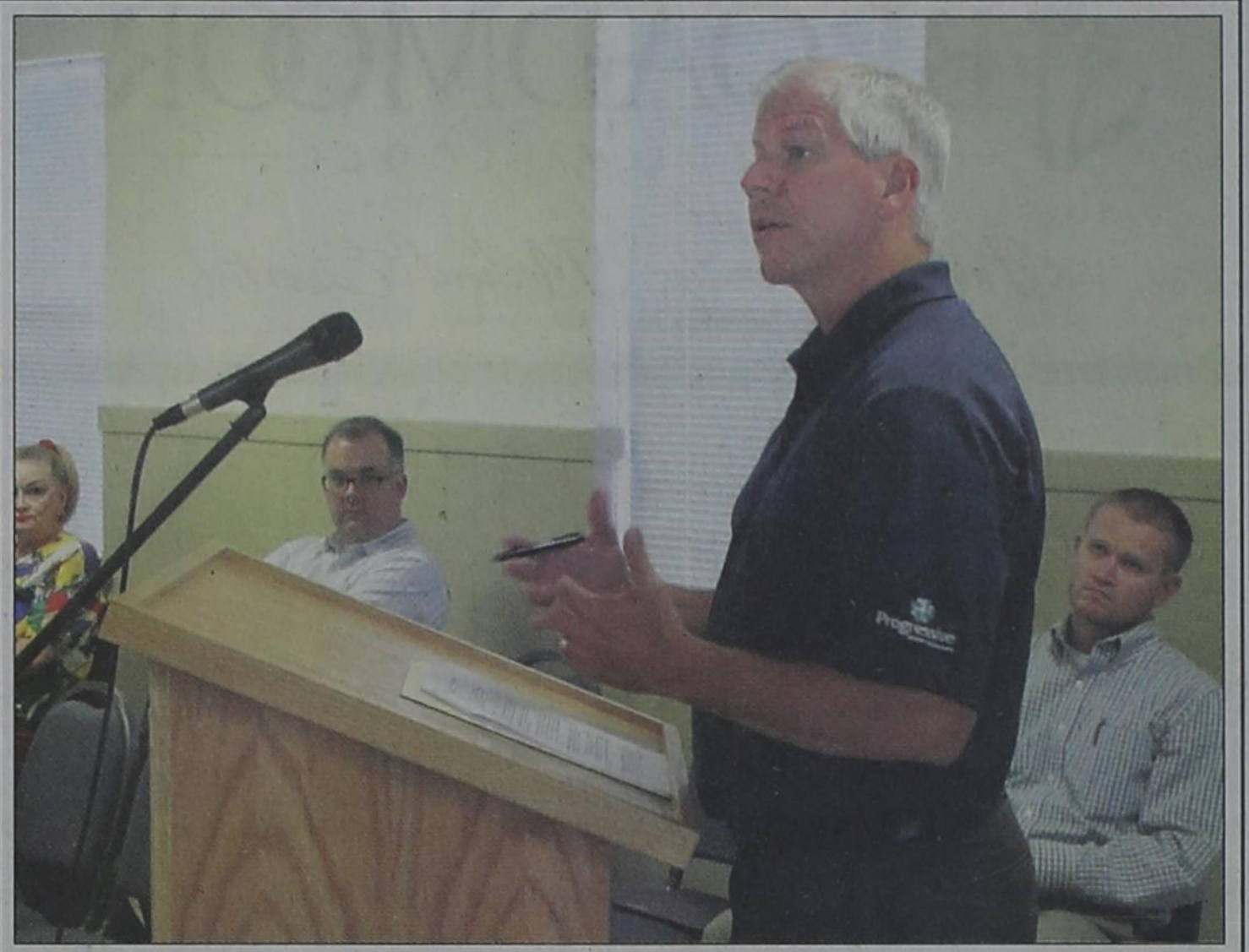
He also congratulated Brian Griffith for his new position of director of Fate's newly established Department of Public Safety.

Councilman John Stacy asked for clarification from Rodriguez as to the scheduled watering day

for Fate citizens. Rodriguez said that the scheduled trash pick-up day is the citizen's day to water, only one day a week.

Fate City Council members present were Mayor Bill Broderick, Mayor Pro-Tem Sheri Gaber and councilmen Lorne Megyesi, Steve Skipworth, John Stacy and Cameron Cowan. Staff members present were Philip Rodriguez - City Manager, Jean Dwinell - City Secretary, Richard Ball - Finance Director, Andy Messer - City Attorney, Justin Weiss - Assistant to City Manager, Economic and Community Development and Bobby Clay - Public Works Director.

The next Fate City Council meeting is July 1 at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, Fate, 6 p.m.



Dick Demien, municipal marketing manager for Progressive Waste Solutions of Texas, addressed the Fate City Council June 17 regarding a rate increase "to collect, haul, dispose or recycle municipal solid waste and recyclable materials in the city." The rate was requested to become effective July 1, but no action on the item was taken during the meeting.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

## Wes Burnett named recipient of TPA Golden 50 Award

Wes Burnett, former publisher of the Rockwall County News, was one of three recipients of the Texas Press Association's Golden 50 Award presented Saturday at the TPA's annual awards luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston.



Wesley W. Burnett

The award, which is part of the TPA's Leadership Retreat, was Burnett's fourth. His children, Kimberly and James, are in Mesa, Ariz., James and Ladonia and Tim are in Rockwall, current RCN publisher.

Demien briefly, thanking the TPA for recognizing her husband's achievements in the newspaper industry.

Demien said she would have been very honored to receive the award, she told TPA members.

The recipients of the award were J. Tom Graham, current owner and publisher of The Frankston Citizen, and Louis C. Stas, who worked with her at Times in Wheeler, Okla., until this year.

The Golden 50 Award recognizes individuals who "have provided exemplary service and selfless contributions to journalism for 50 years," according to the organization's website.

The process to nominate Burnett for the award began prior to his unexpected death on March 28. A longtime co-worker, Sheri Lewis of Lubbock, submitted the nomination.

"Wes richly deserved this recognition," Lewis said. "I'm so sorry he wasn't here to see industry professionals celebrate his longevity in the newspaper business, but I'm thrilled his family could be."

Burnett started his journalism career in the late 1950s, working on the staff of The Screaming Eagle student newspaper at Brownsville High School. He studied journalism at Texas A&M and joined the Air Force where he worked with base newspapers throughout the country. In 1973 he left the Air Force and took a job with the Bryan Daily Eagle. He worked for several papers and was part of a partnership in the ownership and operation of several Texas weekly newspapers before he and his wife struck out on their own and took over The Post Dispatch in Post, Texas, in

1982. The Burnetts published the Dispatch until 2008, when they moved to Rockwall to take over the Rockwall County News.



Pat Burnett accepts the Texas Press Association Golden 50 Award on behalf of her late husband and Rockwall County News publisher Wes Burnett, Saturday June 22, during the 2013 TPA Leadership Retreat held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston. Presenting the award is TPA President Russell Skiles of Lamesa. Also participating in the special presentation are Pat's children, James Burnett, Kim Dolberry and current publisher Tim Burnett.

Photo by Laura King (courtesy of Texas Press Association)/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County District Attorney recognized by State Bar

Michelle Culpepper was recognized by the State Bar of Texas at its annual luncheon June 20-21 at the Hilton Anatole.

Culpepper received a certificate of merit from the State Bar of Texas for her service as a director and past president. She was one of two Texas

lawyers to receive the award.

"I was incredibly honored to have been nominated, and I am obviously excited about receiving the award," said Culpepper, who is the state chair of the SBOT Professionalism Committee, in a news release issued by her office. "I look forward to continuing to work with the State Bar to enhance the integrity of the legal profession."

During the last year, Culpepper helped to reinvigorate the state's Professionalism Committee and tackled many tasks that were part of State Bar of Texas President Buck Files' initiatives. Through her energy, vision and leadership, the committee worked to enhance ethics and professionalism in the Texas legal community. The committee implemented new resources for the State Bar of Texas Transition to Practice mentoring program and labored to produce new avenues for lawyers to get ethics training. They were instrumental in identifying authors for the mentoring issue of the Texas Bar Journal and helped to realize the reaffirmation of the Texas Lawyer's Creed, a standard for professional behavior in the legal community.

## Rockwall 4th of July Parade to follow new route

The 2013 Rockwall 4th of July Parade will begin at 11 a.m. at a new location - the Wilkerson-Sanders football stadium.

The parade will line up on the road between the Rockwall Independent School District's natatorium and Utley Middle School, turning right onto T.L. Townsend and officially beginning in front of Utley. The parade then will head north for about a half-mile past the county jail to East Boydston Avenue, turning left one block and turning right on South Clark Street. Then the parade will travel about six blocks to the Dobbs Elementary School parking lot.

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## Rockwall County News Briefs

### MMV Bookmobile now operating

The Miss May Vernon Bookmobile started operations earlier this month and now is operating Wednesdays and Thursdays. This year's routes will be as follows: Wednesdays south of I-30 (Smith Acres, Blackland, Sun Valley, Melody Ranch, Southview, Sleepy Hollow and Northview) beginning at 10 a.m. and Thursdays, north of I-30 (Woodcreek and Spring Meadows) beginning at 10 a.m. The bookmobile will run through Aug. 7-8; no routes will be run the week of July 4.

### Church plans Summer Mission Camp

The First Presbyterian Church, 602 White Hills Drive, will host its Summer Mission Camp from 9:30 a.m. to noon June 24-28. Open to students in grades K-8, the event will offer a week's worth of Bible stories and community mission work. Fun daily outings are planned; a pizza party is set for the final day. Cost to participate will be \$15 per child, which includes a T-shirt, one outing and the pizza party. For details visit firstpresrockwall.org or call 972-771-5702.

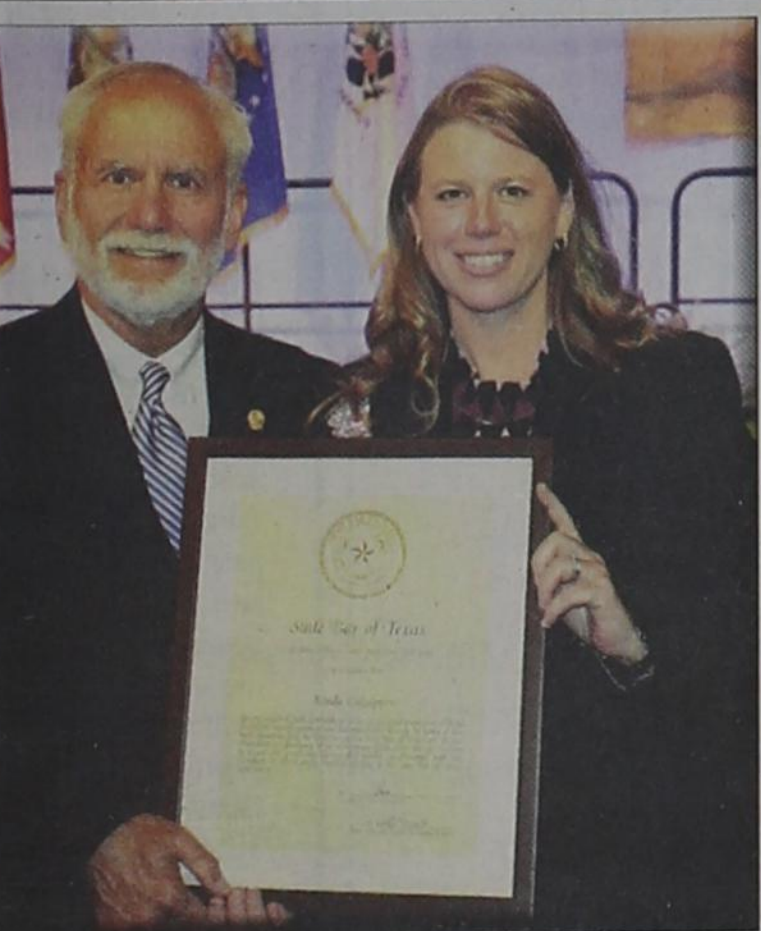
### Master Gardener applications being accepted

Applications to become a Certified Master Gardener of the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association will be accepted until June 26.

This is a volunteer development organization that operates through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who provide information, education and technical assistance in the areas



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State Bar of Texas president Buck Files is pictured with Culpepper, Rockwall County criminal district attorney, at the State Bar of Texas Awards Luncheon June 21.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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## Williams Middle School Honors Band in State Band contest

Members of the Williams Middle School Honors Band, pictured above, were selected to represent the Texas Music Educators Association Region 3 in the Texas State Honors Band Competition. Also selected to attend the Texas State Honors Band Competition is the Apollo Junior High band from the Richardson ISD. This competition will conclude with one band being named the best in the state. This will be the first time for Williams, which is directed by Steve Sauerwein, to advance to the area contest.

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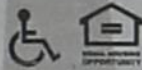
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Rockwall County Judge Jerry Hogan was honored June 18 at the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard's monthly meeting. The plaque presented by the president of the TCVHG, Gene Allen (right), denoted appreciation for Hogan's support and donation to their organization. Hogan has been active since 2011 for the County of Rockwall in promoting the work the TCVHG has done to honor veterans and their families.

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of gardening and home horticulture. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Aug. 21 until Nov. 6. Applications available by calling the AgriLife Extension Office at 972-204-7660. Cost is \$185. An informational meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. July 8 at the Extension Office, 915 Whitmore, Suite B, Rockwall.

### Freedom Fest slated at The Harbor

Freedom Fest, a free family event, will run from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 30 at The Harbor in Rockwall. Live entertainment – Uncle Sam on stilts, freedom train rides for children, face painting, games and live performances – are planned, followed by The Harbor fireworks set to begin at 9:30, accompanied by music. Sarabeth will be on stage at 5 p.m., followed by Treeseide at 7:45 p.m.

### Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. July 3 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which will include lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door for this no-reservations required, informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

### Heath city offices to close for July 4

The City of Heath offices will be closed July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Normal business hours will be resumed July 5. City officials remind local residents that the use of fireworks is strictly prohibited in the City of Heath.

### Plans underway for Fourth festivities

The City of Heath is making plans for its Independence Day Parade, followed by Popsicles in the Park, on July 4. Staging will begin at 8 a.m.; judging and awards at 8:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Drive. Awards for "best decorated" will be given in float, bicycle, wagon/stroller, golf cart, off-road vehicle, kiddie car and antique car. Awards for Best Costume, Most Patriotic Pet and the Mayor's Award also will be given. Veterans for all branches of the U.S. military are invited to ride on the veteran's float. For details call Kim Dobbs at 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com.

### Rockwall 4th of July Parade set

The 2013 Rockwall 4th of July Parade will begin at 11 a.m. July 4 at a new location: beginning at the Wilkerson-Sanders football stadium and ending at Dobbs Elementary. More than 50 entries are expected for this year's event. Entry fee is \$40 per business, \$20 for nonprofits, organizations, families and "everyone else." Line-up will be on the road between the RISD Natatorium and Utley Middle School, turning right onto T.L. Townsend and beginning in front of Utley. The parade then will head north for about a half-mile past the county jail to East Boydston, turn left one block and turn right on South Clark before traveling six blocks to the Dobbs parking lot.

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## Hall co-sponsors drought monitor

Rep. Ralph Hall introduced H.R. 2431 to reauthorize the Integrated Drought System (NIDIS), on June 15 in the House.

Cosponsoring the bill is Lamar Smith (R-TX) and Ray Lujan (D-NM). The bill was introduced by Hall in 2006 and extends authorization of a critical program through 2015.

"Drought is a challenge that affects regions of our country," Hall said. "Currently 53 percent of the country is experiencing exceptional drought." The National Integrated Information System provides the best information and tools to monitor and predict droughts and the potential impacts of droughts.

The NIDIS program is part of the U.S. Drought Portal, a website dedicated to services related to drought. Resources include current warnings about emerging potential droughts, decision-making services for managing drought and a forum for stakeholders. The online resource supports a collaborative framework for federal, state and local partners rather than creating government bureaucracy.

"NIDIS has been a resource for decision-making at the federal, state, and local levels, farmers, business and industry."

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## Rockwall 4th of July Parade route

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The event is expected to attract more than 50 entries and spectators, according to organizers. For the first time, the Rockwall High School Orange Marching Band will participate in the parade. Band director Kosterman said at least half of the band's 200 members are expected to participate.

Entry fee is \$40 per business, \$20 for nonprofits, organizations, families and "everyone else" according to organizers.

Parade entrants should park in the stadium and the natatorium and the football stadium. General public can park in the stadium and the natatorium well as next to Utley. There is plenty of parking at the AgriLife District building and office building at T.L. Townsend and Justice as well as at Dobbs and Myers Park on East Boydston Street.

A bounce house for children will be set up in the parking lot of Utley beginning at 10 a.m.



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## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Heriberto 'Eddie' Cruz

Graveside services for Heriberto "Eddie" Cruz were conducted at 2 p.m. June 21, 2013, in the First Baptist Church in Rockwall with Pastor David Cruz officiating. Graveside services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. June 21, 2013, in the DFW National Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He was born Sept. 17, 1937, in Hebronville, Texas. He married Eloisa (Gonzalez) De la Cruz in 1961. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1957 from which he retired as a Staff Sergeant. He worked for the next 20 years for the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elida (Torres) Cruz; his daughter Jean Stapleton and her husband, Wayne T., Robert West and her husband, Ed, and David Cruz and his wife, Michelle Mathew and her husband, Steve, Eddie West, Matthew Cruz, Conner McGrath and his wife, Liz, Adam Stapleton, Nicholas Stapleton, Jonathon Trevino and his wife, a great-granddaughter, Kenzie Swartz; his brothers, Juan De La Cruz and Wally De La Cruz and his wife, Emma Fonseca. He died in death by his parents; his sister, Ora Elkins; and his brother, Wally De La Cruz.

### James Marvin Sexton

Graveside services for James Marvin Sexton will be conducted at 2 p.m. June 23, 2013, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall.



He was born June 15, 1932, in Rockwall, Texas. He was a long and courageous fighter against Parkinson's disease and lived for 81 years.

He was born June 23, 1932, in Dallas, Texas. He attended the University of North Texas during his college and supported his family by working nights and days. He graduated from the University of North Texas in 1959 with a degree in accounting and finance. He worked for the State of Texas during his education by taking various financial courses at the University of North Texas. He worked for the State of Texas during his real estate license, serving in the Air National Guard and as a lifelong Rotarian in both the White Rock Rotary and the Rockwall County Helping Hands. He also worked for many years for the State of Texas and was one of the original serving founders of the Texas State Board of Accountancy, serving on the board until May 2013. He worked for more than 50 years. Following his retirement from Lomas, he continued to work as an independent financial consultant and provided consulting services until 2012. He was known for his healthy habits, strong positive attitude and his sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Freda Sexton of Rockwall; three children, Kelly Sexton of Austin, Steve (Kelly) Sexton of Rockwall and Steve Sexton of Broomfield, Colo.; two grandchildren, Brennan Dylan Sexton; and his siblings, Beverly (John) Morgan of Rockwall and Anne Sexton of Grand Prairie and John (Renee) Sexton of Rockwall.

### Ronald J. Weibelt Sr.

Graveside services for Ronald J. Weibelt Sr., 86, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. June 25, 2013, in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died June 18, 2013. Born Sept. 25, 1926, in New Orleans, La., to Joseph E. and Alina Weibelt, he was a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. He was retired from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Survivors include his sons, Ronald J. Weibelt Jr. and his wife, Barbara, and Bruce Weibelt; his grandchildren, Jesse, Jacob and Joshua Weibelt, Sandra Duran and Trisha and Jason Mineo; his great-grandchildren, Paige and Chloe Weibelt; his sister, Joan Hebert; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evelyn Weibelt, in 2005; a daughter, Andrea Mineo; his brothers, Henry, Joseph and Byron; and his sisters, Delores and Katherine.

### Ann C. Wyatt

Graveside services for Ann C. Wyatt, 83, of Royse City were conducted at 2 p.m. June 21, 2013, in the Royse City Cemetery with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



She died June 17, 2013. Born Dec. 1, 1929, in DeGraff, Minn., to Joseph and Fannie (Smith) Ceske, she had worked in data entry in the insurance industry and attended the Baptist church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Lee Wyatt of Royse City; her children, Roger and Sherry Hardin of Orange and Glenda Cravens of Garland; her siblings, Florence Grendahl and David Ceske and his wife, Violet, all of Minnesota; her grandchildren, Mike and his wife, April, Michelle, R.J., Wesley, Brandon, Desire and Michael and his wife, April; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings.

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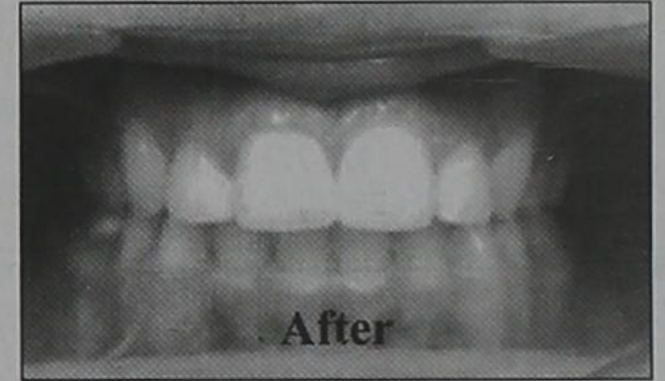
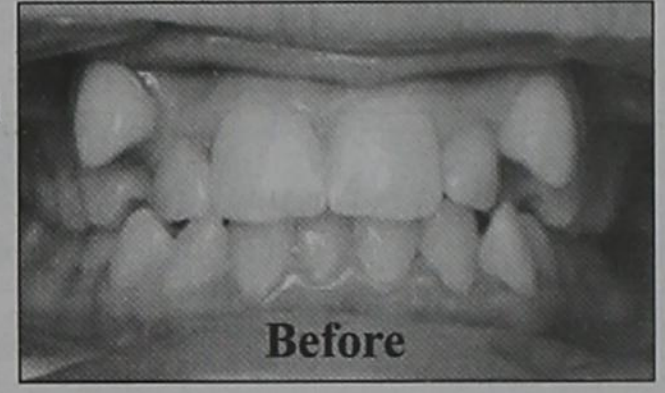
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## Rockwall County Entertainment

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### Hunger Games' part of library's Teen Read

Rockwall County Library's Teen Read program will offer a screening of the film "Hunger Games" beginning at 2 p.m. June 25, at the library's Training Center. (Continued on Page 5)

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## Lambreth earns honors from Texas A&M-Commerce

Savannah Lambreth, daughter of Charles and Sue Lambreth and a 2011 graduate of Rockwall High School, earned recognition from Texas A&M-Commerce where she is a sophomore.

Lambreth was named to the university's President's Scholars for academic achievement in the fall semester and was included on the Dean's List for the spring semester for maintaining a grade point average of 3.25-3.75.

She is working on a Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies with an early childhood-sixth grade certification.

## Speede named to Radford Dean's List

Michelle Angela Speede of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List following the spring semester at Radford University in Radford, Va., according to a university news release.

Speede, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Speede, is a senior foreign languages and literatures and marketing major.

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



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## Cain Middle School dance officers attend American Dance and Drill Team Officer Camp

Cain Mustang dancer officers for the seventh and eighth grades who attended the American Dance and Drill Team Officer Camp June 10-12 at the Hilton Harbor include, at back, Josey Mayfield, lieutenant; Kate Dunbar, lieutenant; Sara Regian, captain; Rogers, lieutenant; and Raena Drayton, lieutenant. Pictured in front are Nicole Sands, lieutenant; Emma Hightower, lieutenant; Bender, captain; and Savannah Gear, lieutenant. The officers sweptstakes, Spirit of ADTS Awards, the Gussie Nell Davis Officer of the Day and Officers of the Day. Individual recognitions include Hightower, All American; Regian, All American and Jr. Mustang American High Kick; and Bender, All American and Jr. Mustang American High Kick Company.

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 NO. PR13-60  
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Sandra L. Vasquez  
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## Rockwall County News Briefs

### Fireworks, music to celebrate July 4 in R'wall

Fireworks and live music are planned as part of the City of Rockwall's  
 Parks & Recreation Department July 4 event at Harry Myers Park, 815  
 E. Washington. Treeside will perform from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed  
 by Random Axis from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The old-fashioned Independence  
 Day fireworks display will begin at 9:30 p.m. Park-and-view areas in-  
 clude Harry Myers Park, Dobbs Elementary, Tuttle Athletic Complex and  
 the RISD Education Center.

### Zombie Glow Run fundraiser slated

The online registration deadline for the Zombie Glow Run, a July 19  
 fundraiser for the Rockwall Community Playhouse, is July 12. The event  
 will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Park, 827 Washington St., in  
 Rockwall. Early registration costs \$25 for 5K, \$15 for the one-mile walk;  
 race-day registration will be \$30 and \$20. Participants should dress as  
 zombies; prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Proceeds will be used  
 toward a new RCP facility. For more details visit [rockwallcommunity-  
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### Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

The monthly Spay Neuter Network Shuttle will pick up pets at 7:30  
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### Applications for Rockwall board, commissions sought

The City of Rockwall is seeking interested individuals to apply for positions on the city's board and commissions. Members of the City Council review applications and make appointments on an as-needed basis. The council plans to consider several vacancies in August. Applications for these positions should be turned in before July 26. Applicants must be residents of the City of Rockwall, be 18 or older and be a qualified voter. Applications are kept on file for two years. Applications are available year-round at [rockwall.com/boards/index.asp](http://rockwall.com/boards/index.asp). For more details contact Kristy Ashberry, city secretary, at 972-772-6406.

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## - Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 9, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 15, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

**Z2013-017: Proposed Specific Use Permit - Ridge Road and Summer Lee**  
 Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Stacy McVey on behalf of Double Eagle Properties, LLC for the approval of a Specific Use Permit to allow for a restaurant (exceeding 2,000 square feet) with a drive-through and drive-in within Planned Development District 9 (PD-9) for a property designated for General Retail (GR) District uses, described as a 0.9218-acre portion of a larger tract of land identified as Tract 4-9, E. Teal Survey, Abstract No. 207, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Planned Development District 9 (PD-9), situated within the Scenic Overlay (SOV) District, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Ridge Road [FM-740] and Summer Lee Drive, and take any action necessary.

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

## Rockwall County Entertainment

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### Johnny Cash tribute concert planned

Walkin' the Line, a Johnny Cash tribute band, will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. June 27 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### 'Madagascar 3' planned for Family Fun Night

The movie "Madagascar 3" will be featured at the Family Fun Night at Foxchase June 28. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film set to start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

### Teen Art Project offered at library

The Rockwall County Library,

as part of its Teen Read program, will offer Own the Night Teen Art Project on July 2. In-person registration is required and will begin June 18 at the Teen SRC table at the library.

### Family Fun Night to feature 'Dolphin Tale'

The movie "Dolphin Tale" will be featured at the Family Fun Night at Hickory Ridge on July 5. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film set to start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

### Special Effects 101 offered at library

The Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, will offer Special Effects 101, a hands-on workshop, on July 9.

Artist Shelly Pinder will teach participants how to simulate cuts, bruises and more. In-person registration is required at the Teen SRC table at the library; registration begins June 25.

### Chinatown to play pop concert

Chinatown will perform pop music beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 11 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Final Family Fun Night set

The movie "The Pirates Band of Misfits" will be featured at the final Family Fun Night of the year set for July 12 at Myers Park. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the film set to start at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones

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## Hall co-sponsors bill ...

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individuals," Hall said. "The reauthorization bill continues this vital program, encourages further development of regional early warning systems and calls for a thorough analysis of the program. Continued development and identification of research, monitoring and forecasting needs can improve early warnings. Enhanced prediction tools can provide earlier information for water supply and demand planning, helping to mitigate the harmful impacts of drought."

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### Open letter to Rockwall City Council

I have submitted an email request via the Rockwall City Hall to present this attached material to the city council at their next meeting scheduled for July 1.

I served over 20 years with the Houston Fire Department, retiring at the rank of captain/investigator assigned to the Arson Bureau. I presently work for a major insurance concern as a fire and explosion expert witness.

My lovely wife and I have lived in Rockwall for the past 11 years and was not aware the city was dependent on a volunteer force until lightning

struck a neighbor's house during heavy thunderstorms in 2008.

The recent West, Texas explosion incident manifested a glaring short coming that a volunteer force often presents. You can't expect a person to support themselves in a full time career, then apply the same time, energy and interest in a volunteer endeavor-it just won't happen and can lead to disaster.

My concern is the growth of this city demands a full-time fire department force is really needed. I have listed only several comparison and lesser populated cities, but could have gone on and on.

Many folks are not aware of the fire department situation in Rockwall. You are receiving this in hopes of making the general public aware of the dangerous short coming. I plan to appeal to city leaders to address this issue before lives or major property loss is affected.

The following is a brief comparison of professional fire services in relation to what the City of Rockwall is presently providing the tax paying citizens and business of Rockwall.

Duncanville, population - 38, 524. Their fire department has 48 paid personnel split between three 24-hours shifts.

Greenville, population - 25, 557. Their fire department has 52 paid personnel split between three 24-hour shifts.

Weatherford, population - 25, 250. Their fire department has 42 paid personnel split between three 24-hours shifts.

Balch Springs, population - 23, 728. Their fire department has 30 paid personnel split between three 24-hours shifts.

Rockwall, population - 37, 490. The fire department has 4 paid personnel on duty 24/7.

This last figure was taken from the Rockwall Fire Department internet site in which Chief M. Poindexter stated in the Message from the Fire Chief, "Each station is manned 24/7 with only one person on duty at each fire station, which equates to one captain and three driver operators."

Based on the above comparison figures, Chief Poindexter also states: "We still heavily rely on part-time and volunteer firefighters, supplemented by a limited paid staff."

Looking at the brief comparisons of like cities, it is obvious the City of Rockwall is way behind in fire protection considerations with comparable and even lesser cities.

In the past 10 years, Rockwall has seen an explosion of growth in housing sub-divisions, the I-30 business corridor and harbor locations have mushroomed with businesses such as car dealerships, travel centers, hotels and scores of department stores. Additionally, several apartment complexes and retirement communities have also come into existence in the city limits.

These property locations are known as "target hazards" in the fire related industry because of the added life and property exposures. Fire protection beyond fixed building systems is paramount, requiring adequate initial response with equipment and manpower. A primary reason neighboring cities now have a fully paid fire department system that is not exclusively dependent on a volunteer response. An antiquated way of thinking that will not work in this day and time with a progressive city business.

It is clear that the property tax revenues have skyrocketed, not to

mention the added sales tax revenues! These additions provide the comparison cities above, yet through all of this, the Rockwall Fire Department continues to rely primarily on a volunteer force.

A primarily volunteer work force would not work for the Public works, Rockwall Police or Sheriff's Departments accountability and service reasons! So why is this outdated dangerous thinking still prevailing with cities leaders elected to protect the citizens of this fine city?

As a concerned citizen, I questioned Chief Poindexter about last year via a phone call. He was quick to rely on quality Insurance Services Office (ISO) statistics and ratings. It is based advisory organization, which produces insurance rate Public Protection Publication (PPC). He related Rockwall at point down from an excellent score.

The ISO grades fire departments on various points such as water supplies, dispatch resources, but interestingly enough system for the primary use of a volunteer force.

When questioned further, Chief Poindexter avoided discussing minimum manning standards that are clearly listed in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This agency's publications every major city in the U.S. for training purposes and the enforcement of various codes. These publications are used as templates in enforcing many city ordinances across this nation.

NFPA publication 1710 establishes a minimum standard of personnel for each fire company whose primary function is to deliver water; basic fire fighter functions and search and rescue. Rockwall presently has one person at each fire station 24/7.

NFPA publication 1720 establishes a minimum standard for urban fire departments. That an on-duty staff of at least 15 personnel with a response time of nine minutes at least 90 percent of the time.

It is no wonder Chief Poindexter also stated in his internet site "Operating four fire stations with one person on duty at each becoming very challenging and we will be evaluating the fire levels..."

The comparison cities have prudently addressed their staffing to conform NFPA standards. As a taxpaying citizen of this city leadership to act and stop this dangerous form of thinking, minimum fire protection. This is not 1903 and never will be, so mindset still prevailing. I only hope and pray that a volunteer doesn't unfold like the disaster that occurred in West, Texas.

I am not here to bash the dedicated volunteer force of the Rockwall Fire Department. My hat's off to them for providing a service I greatly appreciate. Having said that, it is time for the city leaders of Rockwall to citizens and businesses with a trained, fully professional fire department who will act as an organized unit 24/7. Other cities have, it is for Rockwall.

Captain/Investigator Richard Taylor  
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# Opinions

## What We Have Learned from Afghanistan

by Ron Paul  
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Last week the Taliban opened an office in Doha, Qatar with the US government's blessing. They raised the Taliban flag at the opening ceremony and referred to Afghanistan as the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan"—the name they used when they were in charge before the US attack in 2001.

The US had meant for the Taliban office in Doha to be only a venue for a new round of talks on an end to the war in Afghanistan. The Taliban opening looked very much like a government in exile. The Karzai government was annoyed that the US and the Taliban had scheduled talks without even notifying Kabul. Karzai's government felt as irrelevant to negotiations on post-war Afghanistan as they soon will be on the ground. It seemed strangely like Paris in 1968, where the US met with North Vietnamese representatives to negotiate a way out of that war, which claimed nearly 60,000 Americans and many times that number of Vietnamese lives.

For years many of us had argued the need to get out of Afghanistan. To end the fighting, the dying, the destruction, the nation-building. To end the foolish fantasy that we were building a Western-style democracy there. We cannot leave, we were told for all those years. If we leave

Afghanistan now, the Taliban will come back! Well guess what, after 12 years, trillions of dollars, more than 2,200 Americans killed, and perhaps more than 50,000 dead Afghan civilians and fighters, the Taliban is coming back anyway!

The long US war in Afghanistan never made any sense in the first place. The Taliban did not attack the US on 9/11. The Authorization for the use of force that we passed after the attacks of 9/11 said nothing about a decade-long occupation of Afghanistan. But unfortunately two US presidents have taken it to mean that they could make war anywhere at any time they please. Congress, as usual, did nothing to rein in the president, although several Members tried to repeal the authorization.

Afghanistan brought the Soviet Union to its knees. We learned nothing from it.

We left Iraq after a decade of fighting and the country is in far worse shape than when we attacked in 2003. After trillions of dollars wasted and tens of thousands of lives lost, Iraq is a devastated, desperate, and violent place with a presence of al Qaeda. No one in his right mind speaks of a US victory in Iraq these days. We learned nothing from it.

We are leaving Afghanistan after 12 years with nothing to show for it but trillions of dollars wasted and thousands of lives lost. Afghanistan is a devastated country with a weak, puppet government—and now we

negotiate with those very people we fought for those 12 years preparing to return to power! Still we learn nothing.

Instead of learning from these disasters brought about by interventionists and their failed foreign policy, the president tells us that we have to go into Syria!

US Army Col. Harry Summers told a story about a meeting he had with a North Vietnamese colonel named Tu while visiting Hanoi in the meeting, Col. Summers told Tu, "You know, you never die on the battlefield." Tu paused for a moment, then replied, "That so. But it is also irrelevant."

Sadly, that is the story of our foreign policy. We have at least five countries since 9/11. We have launched drones against more. We have deposed several dictators and destroyed several armies. But, looking around at what has been achieved, it is all irrelevant.

The Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity is a project of the Foundation for Rational Economics and Education (F.R.E.E.) in the 1970s as an educational organization. The Institute continues to expand Dr. Paul's lifetime of public advocacy for a peaceful policy and the protection of civil liberties at home.

## The Calling: Markets Turn Waste into Want-satisfying

by Steven Horwitz  
fff.org

A frequent criticism of markets is that private owners have every incentive to dump the waste byproducts of their production processes into the air, water, or land without concern about the harmful effects. More sophisticated critics understand the idea of negative externalities and love to jump up and down about how they demonstrate the need for government intervention. There are a number of responses to these sorts of arguments, as Art Carden and I pointed out in a recent EconLib article. One can note that better defined and enforced property rights, especially privatizing the commons, would turn pollution into a tort and reduce it substantially. One can also point out that the imperfection of markets is not ipso facto a case for government intervention, because the latter is prone to serious imperfections as well.

There's another counterargument, which I think isn't made often enough. The criticism treats the byproducts of industrial production as unambiguous "bads" that have no possibility of being used to satisfy other kinds of wants. That is, it treats the byproducts as being completely without economic value. That's an assumption worth challenging. After all, the byproducts of production are physical objects of potential value. One of the great things about the market is that it provides incentives and signals to producers not to waste anything of potential value. Why dump something if you, or someone else, can imagine a valuable use for it?

As Pierre Desrochers's work has shown, many products that we today regard as useful originated in clever ways to turn waste (and potential negative externalities) into valuable goods. This process of "industrial recycling" has been recognized for centuries, as Pierre has documented. He writes,

In his classic *On the Economy of Machinery and Manufactures*, the polymath Charles Babbage (1835, 217) wrote that cheap production of any article was possible partly because of the care taken to prevent raw material waste: "Attention to this circumstance sometimes causes the union of two trades in one factory, which otherwise might have been separated."

Babbage described how horns from livestock were used by many other industries early in the nineteenth century. Some were made into combs and a substitute for lantern glass; others were carved into knife handles and the tops of whips. The processing provided fat for soapmakers, glue to stiffen clothes, and fertilizer for farmers — even toys for children. As Frederick Talbot (1920, 11) wrote in the early twentieth century, waste was "merely raw material in the wrong place."

This process continues today.

My local paper recently had this story about how the Greek-yogurt craze has become a source of electrical power. Yogurt production, especially the Greek version, produces whey, a watery milk substance,

as a byproduct. It's often shipped to farms for feed and fertilizers, but as the AP story shows, there's a new use for it:

At the Groversville-Johnstown wastewater plant west of Albany, it's pipelined from the nearby Fage yogurt plant, where it goes into a 1.5 million-gallon tank filled with anaerobic bacteria, called an anaerobic digester. The resulting methane gas becomes combustible fuel that generates nearly enough electricity to power the plant.

And the local dairy farmers get it:

Finger Lakes dairy farmer Neil Rejman, who keeps 3,300 cows, regularly accepts whey from Chobani. Though they usually makes up less than 5 percent of what goes in his digester, it helps Rejman keep running his digester at maximum 1,000-kilowatt-hour capacity.

"Everyone's talking about whey and yogurt as if it's a new problem or a phenomenon. It's an old story," he said. "It's really not a problem for the industry. It might be a little bit of a cost for yogurt manufacturers. But the processors, they're getting a home for it on the farms, so that's a good thing. For farmers, it's a good thing because they're using it for feed, electricity and fertilizer. And the consumers are getting renewable power."

This is what markets do: they create incentives not to casually dump byproducts, because what looks at first like useless waste may well have a use not previously known. Economic value is subjective in that goods get value when people perceive that they are able to satisfy a want. Those who don't perceive those possibilities will treat byproducts as "bads" to be disposed of, while those who do will want to rescue them from being wasted. Many benefits of competition and entrepreneurship in a free market lie in entrepreneurs' alertness to

profitable opportunities for value creation, "waste rescue," and — that is, by imagining uses for byproducts that others overlook.

Better defining and enforcing property rights is an excellent way to internalize the costs associated with waste disposal, but an important is recognizing how freed markets create the incentives and signals that entrepreneurs can use to turn waste into want-satisfying goods. It's said that one man's trash is another man's treasure. In the market, man's negative externality is another man's valuable input.

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- TXism: "headed for the \_\_\_\_\_ roundup"
- State Fair mo.
- sch. activity
- this Albert was smart enough to be Texan (init.)
- TXism: "she'd have to \_\_\_\_\_ up twice to cast a shadow" (skinner)
- TXism: "high as \_\_\_\_\_ back" (expensive)
- TX soda: \_\_\_\_\_ Pepper
- TX Strait's "\_\_\_\_\_ Expect It From You"
- TX Haggard co. founded by \_\_\_\_\_ immigrant
- TXism: "wiped the slate clean"
- matrons
- bit of gossip
- TXism: "take sick"
- TXism: "popular as an \_\_\_\_\_ daughter"
- "Fort Worth \_\_\_\_\_ Center & Refuge"
- song: "All My \_\_\_\_\_ Live in Texas"
- TXism: "never let \_\_\_\_\_ see you sweat"
- famous TX ranch that was once biggest in world
- veggie fried in TX
- iced and Lipton
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ from can't can't see"
- beach volleyball
- fireplace
- judge's \_\_\_\_\_
- a long Dallas shot off \_\_\_\_\_ the puck
- a dime every time...
- TX town and Bible garden
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ it under your hat"
- Texan born 'tween July 23 & Aug. 22
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ eggs"



# Richardson a national champ; five qualify for Regional Junior Olympics

Brianna Richardson was a three-time state champion for Rockwall-Heath's track and field team.

Now she's a national champion.

Richardson soared 42 feet, 1 1/2 inches – the second-longest triple jump of her career – Thursday, June 20, to place first among Junior Women in the USA Track and Field Outdoor Championships at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

Her only longer jump (42-5 3/4) came this spring as a freshman at Baylor University. By placing third or better in the USATF meet she qualified for the Pan American Championships in Medellin, Colombia, Aug. 23-25.

Richardson was the 4A state champion in the triple jump in 2011. The next year, she won both that event (at 40-5 1/4) and the long jump.

In her first season for Baylor, she earned All-Big 12 recognition but barely missed qualifying for the NCAA Division I Nationals by placing 12th in the West Preliminaries. The qualifying cut-off was 12th place.

One of the competitors who finished ahead of Richardson in the Preliminaries was Plano East graduate Jennifer Madu, a Texas A&M graduate. Madu was the 5A state champion in 2012 at 42-4 1/4. In Des Moines, she placed second behind Richardson at 41-5 1/4.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** Rockwall County has age-group athletes hoping to reach Richardson's level of success.

Five of them placed first last Thursday and Friday, June 20 and 21, in the USATF Southwestern Association Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships at Porcupine Stadium in Springtown.

A total of 23 from two different clubs qualified in 29 events for the Region 12 Championships July 3-6 at Turner Stadium in Humble by placing among the top six in the Southwestern meet. The top five finishers in each Regional event would qualify for the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships July 22-28 at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C.

Three of the Rockwall club's four qualifiers for Regionals won events at Springtown. Canyon Hall placed first in the boys' 9-10 shot put at 26-11 3/4, Fiona Dunleavy won the girls' 17-18 3,000-meter race walk in 17 minutes, 13.13 seconds and Thomas Dunleavy was the 13-14 boys' 3,000 race walk in 18:56.21. Destini Jeter qualified for the 11-12 girls' 400-meter dash by placing third in 1:05.68.

Club Vaultitude had two individual champions among its 16 qualifiers in the pole vault alone. Luke Littlefield won the boys' 15-16 title at 13-8 1/2, with three of his teammates – Clark Norris, fourth at 10-11 3/4, and Kyle Oldham and John Guthrie, fifth at sixth at 10-0 – also qualifying. Rockwall-Heath student Will Herscher, competing for Texas Express,

placed second at 13-2 1/2. Noah Sewell led Vaultitude's 1-2-3 boys' 13-14 pole vault by clearing 10-6. Caleb Estes was second Littlefield third, both at 9-5 3/4.

The other pole vault qualifiers were among the 13-14 girls – McKenzie, fourth, and Zoe Elledge, sixth, both at 7-5 1/4; Elizabeth Oberle, fourth (7-11 1/4), Julia Watson, fifth (6-11 1/2), Tucker, sixth (6-5 1/2); 17-18 girls – Natalie Hawthorne, fifth, Tiffany James, sixth (9-11 3/4), and 17-18 boys – Jonny Lee, fifth, and Wyatt French, fifth (12 4 3/4).

Estes and Oberle each qualified in three events. Estes placed the high jump (4-11) and third in the shot put (34-1 1/4). Other qualifying events with the triple jump, fourth at 32-8 1/2, and fifth with 15-9 3/4.

Sierra Gunter qualified in both the high jump, fifth at 4-5, and sixth with 25-4 3/4, among the 13-14 girls. Vaultitude's others were Savannah McKenzie, third in the 13-14 girls' high jump, Sarah Schneider, third in the 17-18 girls' high jump (also 4-7).

The Amateur Athletic Union's Area 22 Track and Field National Olympic Qualifier runs through Saturday in Odessa.

# Coleman singles in pro debut

Kendall Coleman, who 3 weeks earlier was helping Rockwall reach the Region II-5A finals, hit a scored a run in his professional baseball debut Friday, June 21, for the Rookie Class Gulf Coast League's East team.

Coleman also had a hit Monday as his team won for the first time this season. However, he was just the Yankees outscored the GCL Braves 15-12 in 14 innings.

James Baune, a 2010 Rockwall-Heath graduate who also was taken in this month's Major League draft, had not pitched in a game through Monday. The Los Angeles Dodgers' Rookie Class affiliate, the Ogden (Utah) Raptors, did not play that night because of rain. Baune was expected to make his debut this week.

One of five Rockwall County players who made their pro debuts last year after being drafted was right-hander Jake Thompson, who had led Rockwall-Heath to the 4A State Championship. The Detroit Tigers' first draft pick in 2012 had a career-high 10 strikeouts Saturday for Class A West Michigan. He walked none in six innings, during which 55 of his 69 pitches were strikes. Thompson did not receive a decision in the Whitecaps' 2-1 loss.

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# RACE swimmers teach youngsters water safety

Seven teen high school swimmers from the Rockwall Aquatics for Excellence gave up part of their summer vacation this month to teach 50 younger children basic swimming skills.

This is the third year of the free learn-to-swim program at the Aquatic Center. Most of the children they taught for 4 days (June 11-14) were from households recognized as "high risk," because those include no adults who can swim.

RACE has taken action because of statistics that about 10 people per day drown each day at the United States' beaches, lakes and swimming pools. Of those drowning victims, more than 20 per cent are younger than 14. And just 13 per cent of children from homes without adult swimmers learn themselves.

The bilingual program focuses on such basic water-safety "Always swim with a buddy" and "Reach or throw, don't go." They learned the importance of staying safe while having fun in the water, such skills as floating, treading water and basic swimming strokes.

RISD aquatics director Neil Walker said, "I am very proud of school swimmers that have taken the initiative to organize and lead a free swim lesson program as a service to the community. Drownings are preventable through aquatic safety education and swim lessons. Our high school students used their swimming, lifeguarding and general safety knowledge to help these youngsters become safer in and around the water. Remember: swimming is the only sport that can save your life!"

The program's student leaders this year were Rebecca Voth and Raena Eldridge from Rockwall. Eldridge said, "I have been lucky enough to have been taught to swim at a very early age and to live in a community that values swimming so much that it built this amazing aquatic center. It is only right to give back to those in our community who know how to swim or have parents who can teach them this vital skill."

The other teen instructors were Amanda Armstrong, Brooke Morgan Barnes, Maddie Boehm, Noah Day, Mitchell Eldridge, Fannin, Wyatt Fannin, Erika Hochstein, Caroline Hochstein, Kim, Emily Manly, Justin Tokuz, Araeli Villarreal and Eliseo Villarreal.



Rebecca Voth (left)

Raena Eldridge (left)

# Rockwall County Entertainment

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and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

### Teen Movie Matinee offered at library

The Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, offer a Teen Movie Matinee beginning at 2 p.m. July 16. The movie is "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part II."

### Texas beach music show set

Hanna's Reef will offer Texas beach-type music beginning at 7 p.m. July 18 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Mosaic Art workshop planned for teens

The Rockwall County Library, as part of its Teen Read program, offer an All About Me Mosaic Art workshop July 23. In-person registration is required and may be completed at the Teen SRC table; registration begins July 9.

### Rock variety performance slated

Big Mouth will perform a variety of rock tunes beginning at 7 p.m. July 25 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### 'Zombie Prom' auditions slated

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will offer performance "Zombie Prom," a "campy, rollicking musical with a visit to the age of America and the golden age of sci-fi horror," July 26, 27 and Aug. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11.

### 'ParaNorman' screening set at library

A screening of the film "ParaNorman" will be offered as part of Rockwall County Library's Teen Read program beginning at 2 p.m. July 30.

### Blaze of Glory to give Bon Jovi tribute

Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute band, will perform beginning at 7 p.m. Aug. 1 at The Harbor as the final portion of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Iron Chef Challenge planned

The Iron Chef Challenge, a fundraising event for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Fork Ranch. Teams of 10 will be matched with an experienced chef. They will help create culinary masterpieces; teams will compete against teams comprised of corporate, civic and community leaders. Dishes will be ranked, with the ultimate award, the Golden Ladle, presented by celebrity judges. Other awards also will be given. For details contact Misti Potter at misti7@verizon.net or call 972-722-3099.

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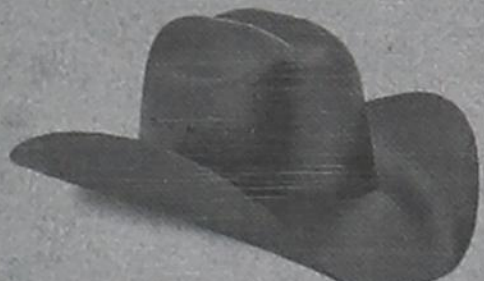
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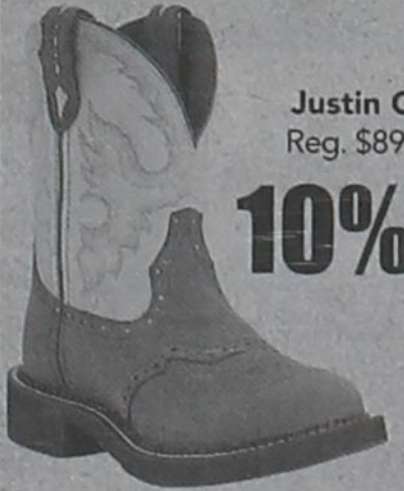
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