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Tyler Treadway returns with two 3rd place medals following TAPPS State Track & Field Meet, Fri. and Sat. May 8-9, at Taylor University in Waco. Treadway finished the 110-meter hurdles in 17.64 seconds, and the 300 hurdles in 45.23.

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Earning medals at the TAPPS State Track & Field Meet are (from left) Ben Breeden, Mollie Howard and Thomas Tannehill. Breeden took the championship in the pole vault at 12 feet, 6 inches. Howard won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.81 seconds. Tannehill finished the 300 hurdles in a close second place.

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Threatening weather and alerts for flash floods for the Royse City area did not dampen the enthusiasm for the eighth annual Main Street Car Show on Saturday, May 9, on Main Street. The event featured music presented by KKTT-FM, and many trophies and awards were given for various category entries. The trophy for Best in Show went to John and Kathy Jordan for their 1965 Pontiac Tempest. They also won first place for the category of 1960s and 1970s car entries.

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Mayoral, council election results detailed

Jim Pruitt, the incumbent Rockwall mayor by appointment, earned 55.4 percent of the vote in the Saturday, May 9, City of Rockwall election to maintain his position, according to results released by the city.

Pruitt earned 1,042 votes, while challenger Dennis Lewis received 838, or 45.7 percent of the ballots cast in the mayoral election.

In the only other contested race, the one for Place 3 on the Rockwall City Council, Kevin Fowler received 66.46 percent of the vote, or 1,185 ballots, to defeat Freddie Jackson's 598 votes, or 33.54 percent. Fowler was elected to serve a full, two-year term.

Other vote totals, according to the results released by the city, included:

- City Council, Place 1 – David White, 1,320 votes (100 percent), re-elected to an additional two-year term

- City Council, Place 2 – John Hohenshelt, 1,282 votes (100 percent), to continue filling a one-year, unexpired term

- City Council, Place 5 – Scott Milder, 1,288 votes (100 percent), re-elected to an additional two-year term

- Eight ballot propositions that modify language to the city charter, also were approved by voters.

Newly elected city officials will be sworn in on Monday, June 1.

In the McLendon-Chisholm race, incumbent Gary Lovell was chosen to serve on Place 1 by 85 voters (56.67%). Lovell's opponent, Beverly Stibbens, finished with 65 votes (43.33%).

Jerry Klutts and Lee Nichols vied for the Place 5 position. Klutts was given the majority thumbs-up by 80 people (56.34%). Nichols received 62 votes (43.66%).

Rockwall Council meetings to offer open forums

Residents now may address the Rockwall City Council at both monthly meetings on any matter not already included on the published agenda, according to a news release issued by the City of Rockwall.

At the May 4 meeting, council members agreed to accept public input at both regularly scheduled City Council meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Previously, open forum only appeared on the agenda of the first meeting of each month, according to the release. Open forum is an opportunity for residents to address the council regarding specific concerns or general comments.

The mayor and council welcome anyone interested in addressing the council during the open forum time period, provided that no public hearing is scheduled on the topic to be discussed. Also, comments must be limited to no more than three minutes, according to the news release.

The council typically does not respond to citizen concerns or take action during the meeting as a result of comments offered during the open forum, according to the release. If directed by council members, however, action to address such concerns can be initiated by a member of the city manager's staff during normal business hours.

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SH 66 boat ramp open

Lake Ray Hubbard water levels remain approximately 2.5 feet below normal elevation, according to a City of Rockwall news release; however, the current water level is sufficient for the SH 66 public boat ramp to be open. The ramp is open and available for public use.

CARGO Gun Club plans meeting

The CARGO Rockwall Gun Club will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Soulmans' BBQ (by Lake Pointe Church). The club will begin a series of active shooter training that will run through at least August. Meetings are open to the public and are provided at no cost. CHL instructors, law enforcement officers, elected officials and licensed firearms dealers usually are present for to answer questions and for the exchange of ideas after the formal presentation.

Toastmasters to meet today

The Toastmasters of Rockwall club meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Northstar Bank conference room, 201 E. Kaufman St. Meetings typically run about 1.5 hours. Visitors are welcome at no cost. Visit 4982toastmastersclubs.org for more details.

Mobile animal spay/neuter event set

The Spay/Neuter Network (spayneuternetwork.org) will have its 45-foot hospital bus in Rockwall on Friday, May 15, and Friday, June 12, at the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Surgeries will be performed on site. Low-cost packages are available, and walk-up vaccines will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 972-472-3500 for an appointment; spaces are limited. Be sure that dogs cannot slip their collars; cats must be in secure carriers. The event will be sponsored by Rockwall PAWS (rockwallpaws.com), a nonprofit that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive dogs.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Lenore M. Courtright

A memorial service for Lenore M. Courtright, 82, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Cheryl Taylor officiating.

A night of remembrance will be conducted from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the funeral home.

She died Thursday, May 7. Born Sept. 26, 1932, in Hannibal-Marion, Missouri, to Paul William and Bertha Mae (Foster) Roland, she was a homemaker and a loving wife, sister, aunt and friend.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall and sang in both the Rockwall and New Braunfels Presbyterian churches. She was a N.B. Lioness charter member. She volunteered with the Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels and at outreach programs at Under the Bridge. She also volunteered at the Rockwall Presbyterian Hospital, the N.B. Surgical Center and at a soup kitchen.

Survivors include her brother, Paul Roland, and his wife, Peggy, of Shreveport, Louisiana; her nieces and nephews, Michelle Ridout and her husband, James, of Fate, Michael Roland and his wife, Shirley, of Henderson, Nevada, Mark Roland and his wife, Donna, of Fate and Marcia Bonanno and Glenn Parker of Shreveport; nine great-nieces and great-nephews; 16 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; a sister-in-law, Virginia Smith; and her constant companion, Mitzi.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Courtright; her parents, Paul and Bertha Roland; and a great-niece, Kelly Burgess.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Texas Lions Camp, 4100 San Antonio Highway, Kerrville, TX 78028 (lionscamp.com) or the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 692, Rockwall, TX 75087.

The family would like to thank Judy and the American Home Hospice team and Sherri from Visiting Angels.



Hugh Tannehill Matthews Jr.

Private services were conducted for Hugh Tannehill Matthews Jr., 89, of Austin. Arrangements were handled by the Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home.

He died May 7, 2015, at home from complications related to cancer.

Born Oct. 31, 1925, in Austin, he was raised by his parents, Lucille Manor Matthews and Hugh Matthews Sr. on the family farm in Webberville until the drought of the late 1920s, which forced the family to relocate to Austin. He graduated from Austin High School and entered the University of Texas, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in business after spending three years in the Army Air Corps. After an honorable discharge from the Army, he attended the University of Denver, earning a master's degree in business administration.

He moved to Los Angeles and worked for Slick Airways in its logistics center. In 1954, he returned to the University of Texas, where he enrolled in the School of Law to focus on transportation administration and regulation. He received his JD degree and joined the law firm of Callaway and Reed in Dallas in 1956. He spent the remainder of his career representing trucking firms under the state jurisdiction of the Texas Railroad Commission, Oklahoma Corporation Commission and the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

He married Helen Louise Thomason in December 1956. She preceded him in death Oct. 26, 1976.

He was involved with his children's sports, coaching his son's football teams and his daughter's basketball teams.

He remarried 18 months after his wife's death, marrying Melba Marshall. They resided in Rockwall, Dallas, on "the farm" in Gilmer, Wimberley and in Austin, where they have resided since 1977.

He enjoyed being outdoors, particularly in the Colorado mountains in the Weminuche Wilderness Area, the Pacific Ocean at Laguna Beach, California, and the Piney Woods of East Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Austin, Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Phi Omega, the Baptist Student Union, American Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. He enjoyed reading and attending classes at the University of Texas, which upon his retirement he entered a third time under the provisions of the GI Bill. He enjoyed hiking, skiing, biking, researching family ancestry and debating his faith and the human experience.

Survivors include his wife; his two children, Hugh Lee and Tanna Louise; his grandchildren, Luke, Jacob, Helen and James; and his stepdaughters, Paula, Marsha and Melanie.

The family has suggested that memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church of Austin, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center of the Texas State Historical Society.



Dorothy Nell Futrell Peoples

Services for Dorothy Nell Futrell Peoples were conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park, with a reception at the Hilton Rockwall Lakeside.

She was born Nov. 13, 1922, in Forney and was raised on the Futrell farm in Heath, where the family grew and sold cotton. She was so good at math that her father had her weighing and selling the cotton and keeping the family books at an early age. She attended Heath elementary schools and graduated from Forney High School in 1939.

During World War II she trained as a Red Cross volunteer nurse at Paul Hospital in Dallas and was deployed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to care for wounded soldiers. For her service, she was included in the Women in Military Service Memorial in Washington, DC.

She began a career in Rockwall, working for the State of Texas temporary quarters as the "new" Rockwall County Courthouse being built. After the war, she married Wilfred Lee "Teany" Peoples and had four children, all of whom were raised in Rockwall. She continued working for the state in the Department of Human Resources, from which she retired after 30 years of service.

She attended both the Heath and Rockwall Baptist churches. She was a member of the Rockwall Historical Society. Her favorite pastimes were shopping and reading. When she no longer could drive to Town East Mall, she shopped online.

At the age of 89, in June 2012, she moved to Fredericksburg, Texas, to be near her daughter and son-in-law.

Survivors include her son, Fred Peoples of Dallas; her daughter, Suzanne Peoples of Austin and Cindy and Marc Bennett of Fredericksburg; her grandson, James Canup of Austin; her granddaughter, Audrey and Joseph Saldana of Dallas; three great-grandchildren, Regan, Liliana and Jameson Saldana of Dallas; and one sister, Ava Norred of Katy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Wiley and Lela Mabel Futrell; her sisters, Emily Faye Futrell, Toinette Kidd, Arnette Peck and Allegra Bell Chapman; her brothers, Weldon and James Lee Futrell; and her son, Joseph Russell Peoples.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to Hill Country Memorial Hospice, the Rockwall Historical Society or to the charity of the donor's choice.



Daniels inducted into collegiate honor society

Kaylie Daniels of Royse City recently was initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, according to a Nicholls State University news release.

Daniels is pursuing a degree in dietetics at the university. She is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff members and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors with at least 72 semester hours are eligible for membership, according to the release.

RC Chamber plans awards event May 19

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards luncheon and recognition of its board of directors beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453 in Royse City.

Call 972-636-5000 or email info@roysecitychamber.com for more details.

Tickets may be purchased online at roysecitychamber.com/events-registration/annual-awards-banquet.

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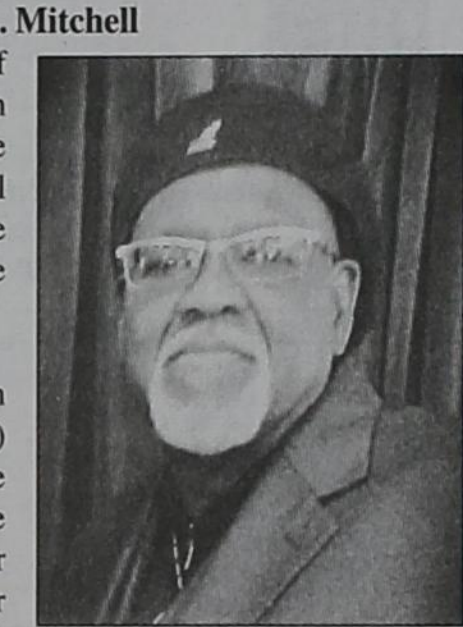


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Mychael A. Mitchell

Services for Mychael A. Mitchell of Rockwall will be conducted at noon on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Charles Monette officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died May 6 in Garland.

Born April 18, 1953, in Houston to Johnny and Lida (Holcombe) Mitchell, he attended Angelo State University in San Angelo where he earned a bachelor's degree in theater arts. He worked with Verizon for 42 years. He was a loving husband, father, brother, son, grandfather, uncle and friend.

He enjoyed the peace and serenity that came with fishing on his boat, even if the fish were not biting. He was an avid sports fan and loved the Dallas Cowboys and Oregon Ducks. He also loved classic cars, NASCAR and monster trucks. He had a pair of boots and a hat for every occasion. He was lovingly referred to as Uncle Mychael.

Survivors include his wife, Connie (Morrow) Mitchell; his children, Danielle Mitchell-Clayborne, Christina Taylor and Sheila Mitchell; his grandchildren, Jaz Clayborne and Matthew, Dylan and Chloe Taylor; his mother; his sister, Patricia Mitchell-Templeton; his nieces, Phyllette, Robin, Natasha and Kristen; his great-nephews, M.P., Nick and Mason; his aunts, Mary Pruitt and Carolyn Lacy; his sisters-in-law, Georgetta Mitchell and Debbie Morrow; his mother-in-law, Margaret Ann Morrow; his brothers-in-law, David, Mike and Greg Morrow; and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father and his brother, Phillip N. Mitchell.

DeMuth tapped for Who's Who

Sophie DeMuth, a 22-year-old Christian studies and speech communication double major from Rockwall, is one of 37 Ouachita Baptist University students who has been selected for inclusion in the latest edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

DeMuth was selected by the university's faculty, staff and senior class based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential, according to a university news release.

A graduate of Rockwall High, she has served as a Campus Ministries prayer leader, Veritas small group leader and Refuge speaker. She has been a member of the Pruet Sisterhood, Alpha Chi national honor society, Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and theology and the Carl Goodson Honors Program and received the sophomore ministerial award. She has served as an Academic Success Center tutor, a Tiger Serve Day volunteer, a children's ministry volunteer and a K-Group member at her church.

Upon graduation later this month, DeMuth plans to attend Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, according to the university news release.

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John Lennel Waller

A celebration of life service for John Lennel Waller was conducted Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the Cornerstone Community Church in Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died May 8.

Born April 2, 1939, in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, to Charles and Mildred Waller, he attended the Llanerch Hills Chapel Church as a teenager and during that time came to know the Lord as his savior. He attended Columbia Bible College in South Carolina and spent his summers working at Sandy Cove Bible Conference in Maryland.

During his time at Sandy Cove, he met Sjaan Gagesteyn, whom he married in June 1962. They joined the Wycliffe Bible Translators and were assigned to work with the Guayabero people in Colombia, South America. His focus and efforts were spent working side by side with Indian helpers, getting the New Testament translated and the gospel in the hands of the people in their own language. In 2009, 46 years later, the couple celebrated the completion and dedication of the Guayabero New Testament.

His life's motto was "To know Him and to make Him known." Survivors include his wife; his children, Johnathan, Steve, Adrian, Jeff and their spouses; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

June A. Woodruff

A memorial service for June A. Woodruff of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2015, in the First United Methodist Church-Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died May 7.

Born March 9, 1925, in Warren, Ohio, to Clarence A. and Gladys Manning, she graduated from Warren G. Harding High School in Warren and attended Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio. After moving to Texas, she graduated magna cum laude from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Music in organ performance.

She was a member of the Golden Key International and the Alpha Omega National honor societies. She also was a member of the Dallas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, from which she received a Service Playing Certification. She and her husband, Leonard, traveled to France and the Netherlands several times to allow her to further study with European masters of the pipe organ.

She attended the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.

Survivors include her children, Leonard G. Woodruff Jr. and his wife, Beth, of Frisco, Cara L. Baker of Rockwall, Leslie D. Woodruff and his wife, Heivi, of Corinth and Teri L. Thompson of Rockwall; her brother, Jay Manning of Warren, Ohio; her sister, Joanne Browning of Warren; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Leonard G. Woodruff, on Feb. 28, 2006, and an infant daughter, Peggy Ann Woodruff, in 1953.

The family has suggested memorial donations may be made to the June Woodruff Memorial Organ Fund, c/o Linton Powell, Music Department, Box 19105, UT Arlington, Arlington, TX 76019. Checks should be made payable to the UTA Music Department (write June Woodruff Memorial on the memo line).

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Free e-waste collection event set May 16

A free electronic waste collection event, sponsored by the City of Rockwall, will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 16, at the City Middle School parking lot, 6620 Horizon Rd., Rockwall. E-waste is any electronic equipment that has reached end-of-life or end-of-use in the home or office. Items accepted at no cost will include computers, hardware, TVs, printers, copiers, scanners, faxes, servers, cell phones, corded phones, stereos, DVD players, small household appliances, and toner cartridges, and batteries. Also, eyeglasses will be collected at the Lions Club. Paper-shredding also will be offered. For more details call 972-524-0007 or email eco@trashbusters.org.

Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse plans trail ride

The 24th Annual Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride is set for Saturday, May 16, beginning at the northeast corner of Ben Payne Road and SH 66, Fate. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m.; the ride will begin at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20, which includes the lunch and the ride. Tickets for children ages 12 and under cost \$5 each. Those not interested in riding still may enjoy lunch, sponsored by Randall Noe, at a cost of \$10. Gate prizes will be awarded. A silent auction, used tack sale and saddle raffle also planned. Saddle raffle tickets cost \$10 for 15 tickets, \$5 for six tickets, \$2 for one ticket. Tickets will be sold in advance; the winner need not be present to win. Call 972-365-6239 for more details.

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History – Restoring Christianity in America

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FROM HISTORY, Vol 44

Comparing our past with today and looking at our future
 Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas
 This article is my opinion as provided by my research
 To restore Christianity in America we now need to examine
 how our country established freedom differently than all other
 nations. Understanding first what is different about Christianity
 is not within all other religions.

Throughout the history of life on this earth, where and how can
 we find the proof that can be verified as being true? I know
 from my book but the Bible used by Christians that continues
 to be proven true by verified discoveries through time.

For examples you can research is "The Dead Sea Scrolls",
 which were discovered in Israel, Egypt, Africa, and other countries, including
 the Dead Sea Scrolls. These discoveries were made
 long after the Bible was written over the centuries.

The last book in the Bible is "Revelation" that was written
 two thousand years ago. Many of the discoveries of
 things contained in the Bible were made after the last book was
 written. This is what is different about this history book (also
 called "The Book OF Life").

The Bible explains how Christians should live and die
 according to the GOD of all creation. How does this make
 the United States different from all other countries? I explained in
 my article about how our founding fathers made sure we
 had individual freedom of choice. All other countries have very
 little individual freedoms for their people.

In the Bible, God explains His strict rules of life and sent Jesus
 to teach Christians how we are to live. Jesus was sent to
 live his life for every believer of God's free gift. Jesus also
 defeated Satan for our sins so we can spend eternity in heaven
 with Him and God.

It is our responsibility as Christians to make sure we do our best
 to choose God-fearing candidates and vote for our best choices.
 This has been made possible because our founding fathers established
 that WE THE PEOPLE have our individual freedom of choice.
 We have the right for WE THE PEOPLE to form our own
 government to enforce the rules, regulations and laws established
 by our founding fathers.

If a majority of voters are the majority, then we stand our best chance
 of government maintaining Christian values. Religion is not
 part of the government, but it can be influenced by religion.
 We do not take many elected officials that oppose Christianity to
 office, and even take away our individual freedoms. The very
 foundation of freedom of choice is the teaching in the Bible from
 which is the foundation of Christianity.

We must first pray for all our government officials that they
 will be guided by using Godly principals as the source of their decisions.
 We have deviated from that considerably and now are in serious
 trouble. Our Nation's debt is out of control, moral standards
 are falling, and much more you can identify?

Turning to God and asking for His forgiveness and His
 grace, do we have a chance to save our country? When we all
 pray together and also express our view to government officials,
 they know, "WE THE PEOPLE" are really watching each of
 us and hold them accountable?

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 our opinions, we again can establish this country as the Greatest
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 This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested.
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 government accountable to that standard.

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Vocalists Becky Shirley, left, and Rachel Clinard added a little comedy to their version of the song "All About That Base" as they performed with the Tri-County Choir Saturday, May 2, at the Royse City High School Auditorium. A variety of classical, contemporary Christian, country, Disney, gospel, jazz, oldies and pop songs and music were performed. The music centered around a production called "Turn That Radio On," stemming from a gospel song called "Turn the Radio On," made popular in the 1930s. Participants of the choir are from Collin, Hunt and Rockwall counties. The choir plans to have another production near the end of the year.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



"Wizard of Oz" will open at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 15, at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. Pictured above is a scene from the RCP production featuring Professor Marvel (Lorne Liechty), Dorothy Gale (Kenzie Osborn) and Toto (Bella Watson). For tickets and additional show dates, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

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"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 150:6

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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.

Rockwall County Kiwanis Club

Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, and we recently added an evening meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., also at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 203 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

Senior Services

If you are interested in delivering weekday meals to homebound seniors in Rockwall County, we will be holding volunteer training sessions the second Wednesday each month at 1 p.m. Please call 972-771-9514 for location.

24 Hour Help Line for substance & mental health counseling, 800-662-4357.

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) meets second Saturday monthly. We offer support and education for families and individuals affected by mental disabilities. For more information call the Dallas office at 214-341-7133.

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Legal Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permits by Family Dollar Stores of Texas LLC d/b/a Family Dollar Store #4441 located at 104 E. Coke Road, Winoosboro, Wood County, TX 75494-3212

Officers of said Limited Liability Company are:

Howard R. Levine, Chairman, CEO and Director

Jason Reiser, Executive VP - Chief Merchandising Officer

Barry W. Sullivan, Executive VP - Store Operations

Mary A. Winston, Executive VP - Chief Financial Officer

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Bryan E. Venberg, Senior VP - Human Resources

Jonathan E. Groz, VP - Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Erik D. Gast, VP - Finance and Treasurer

Jose M. Luis, VP - Real Estate Development

Thomas E. Schoenheit, VP - Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Family Dollar Holdings, Inc., Managing Member (officers are same as listed above)

Renewal application has been made for a Private Club Registration Permit for Scoreboard located at 2410 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas 75032

Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provision of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. An Unincorporated Association of Persons:

Laretta Hyette Green - Director/President

Cody Wayne Dotson - Director/Secretary

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE issued out of the 382nd DISTRICT Court of ROCKWALL County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 1-15-84. On the 10th day of APRIL A.D. 2015, styled: WOODCREEK HOA vs. WILLIAM ANDREW EASLEY, to me, as CIVIL DEPUTY directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 14th day of APRIL A.D. 2015 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday in JUNE

A.D. 2015, it being the day of said month, at 1111 YELLOW JACKET LN. ROCKWALL TX OF SAID ROCKWALL County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had on 27th day of FEB A.D. 2015, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property:

LOT 7 BLOCK Q WOODCREEK FATE PHASE 3-C. AN EDDITION TO THE CITY OF FATE ROCKWALL COUNTY TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET F, SLIDE 339 OF THE MAP RECORDS. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 149 HAMPTON DRIVE ROCKWALL TX 75087.

Said property is levied on as the property of WILLIAM ANDREW EASLEY and will be sold to satisfy the judgment for 5,069.29 Dollars plus calculated interest at 5% per annum. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 28 day of APRIL A.D. 2015 HAROLD EAVENSON ROCKWALL County, Texas By A. KINSEY #521 972-204-7061

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Richard David Kaiser, Deceased, were issued on May 7, 2015, in Cause No. PR15-51, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Elizabeth Cardenas Kaiser. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time set in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Elizabeth Cardenas Kaiser % Wheeler & Wheeler, P.C., 965 W. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Suite 101

Rockwall, Texas 75032 Dated the day of May 7, 2015

Keith P. Wheeler Attorney for Estate State Bar No.: 21257525 965 W. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Suite 101 Rockwall, Texas 75032 Telephone: (972) 771-8515 Facsimile: (972) 771-4815 keith@wheelerandwheeler.com

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Section-00 11 13 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 6 will receive bids for the construction of GRADING IMPROVEMENTS FOR WOODCREEK PHASE 6B; ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 208, Richardson, TX 75081) no later than 11:00 AM, Monday, May 25, 2015. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Developer, D.R. Horton - Texas, Ltd. will be the Payor for the contract for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 6.

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 04021-06B01. Contract Documents may be downloaded or viewed free of charge at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders are received. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost of printing. The cost for printed Contract Documents is non-refundable. This web site will be updated periodically with addenda, plan holders lists, bid tabulations, additional reports or other information relevant to bidding the Project.

Pre-bid conference for the project will be held at 11:00 AM, Friday, May 15, 2015 at the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER, and is not mandatory.

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or a bid bond from a surety company holding a permit in the State of Texas for an amount equal to 2% of the amount bid. The amount of said cashier's check or bond will be forfeited to the OWNER and the bank or surety shall be liable to the OWNER for the amount in event the successful bidder fail or refuse to enter into a contract or furnish bonds as hereafter required within ten (10) days after the date of notice of award.

Performance and Payment Bonds are required.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in bidding in case of lack of clarity in stating prices. The OWNER reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or reject the bid.

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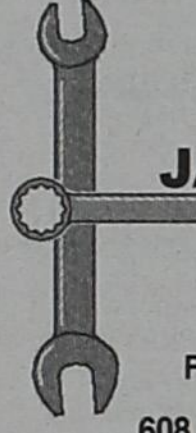
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County offices to close May 25

Rockwall County offices will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day, according to the county's website.

Vendors for Country Fair sought

The Rockwall Soroptimists are accepting applications for booth and food vendors for the organization's second annual Country Fair set to run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30, on land bordered by the I-30 Service Road and T.L. Townsend Drive. Admission to the fair will be free and open to the public. Tickets will be sold for vintage game play, rides and beverage purchases. Music and dancing, kid zone fun rides and other activities are planned, as are vendors and food booths. Sponsorships also are available. For more details, visit rockwallcountryfair.com.

'Once Upon a Mattress' teen auditions slated

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's teen musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," will take place at 1 p.m. May 30 and 31 at 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall. The play is the retelling of the "Princess and the Pea" fairy tale. Those planning to audition should bring a karaoke-version of a Broadway song on CD or sheet music with which to perform and a current headshot and be prepared to read from the script.

Fate to offer Citizens DPS Academy

The Fate Department of Public Safety will host its inaugural Citizens DPS Academy on Thursday evenings June 4-July 30. Two additional daytime meetings also will be conducted for field-training activities. Participants must be 18 or older, have a valid Texas driver's license, complete a background check and reside in or work for the City of Fate. The training will share information about how the department is organized and the services it provides; how the community is served; and how citizens can partner with the department to accomplish public safety. For more details contact Lt. J. Taylor at 972-772-7994 or drop by the FDPS at 128 E. Fate Main Place and talk with an officer.

Mobile animal spay/neuter event set

The Spay/Neuter Network (spayneuternetwork.org) will have its 45-foot hospital bus in Rockwall on Friday, June 12, at the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Surgeries will be performed on site. Low-cost packages are available, and walk-up vaccines will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 972-472-3500 for an appointment; spaces are limited. Be sure that dogs cannot slip their collars; cats must be in secure carriers. The event will be sponsored by Rockwall PAWS (rockwallpaws.com), a nonprofit that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive dogs.

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Rockwall County Sports

Royse City Lady Bulldogs fall in marathon heartbreakers

The Royse City softball team spent last weekend waiting and hoping and coming close to a berth in the 5A Regional Semifinals.

The Lady Bulldogs won the first game of a best-of-three Area playoff against this Estate on Friday night. RC had trailed 6-1 before rallying to win, despite being out hit 15-8.

Before the doubleheader at Texas A&M-Commerce, the teams had waited out a 3-hour rain delay.

The RC took a lead into the bottom of the seventh inning. Two two-out errors helped the Lady Leopards tie the score, but again Royse City came back in the eighth, needing just three outs to advance.

Instead, Lovejoy rallied with two runs to win 6-5 and tie the series. It was a 3 a.m. on Saturday morning.

It rained again – a lot – on Saturday. The teams were unable to play the second game at Plano, but they learned that the field at Bonham was layable.

So both teams boarded buses for another trip to the northeast. The problem was that Bonham and Sanger were scheduled for an earlier start, and it was delayed 4 1/2 hours by another storm.

Back on the field finally, Royse City bounced back from the disappointment and the wet socks to score five runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a 5-1 lead.

The favored Lady Leopards, the District 10-5A champions who had lost only once entering the Area round, struck hard to end the Lady Bulldogs' dream. They scored 18 runs in the fourth inning and went on to win 5-1.

BASEBALL: The Bulldogs lost their Bi-District playoff series against Carroll Newman Smith in much less interesting fashion.

The Trojans swept two games, 13-10 and 12-1. RC was out hit just 2-11 in the first game, when losing pitcher Sean Lopez hit a home run and Carlos Carrillo doubled. Newman Smith had a 13-4 advantage in hits. For Royse City, Courtland Vance hit a double and Carrillo was the losing pitcher.

Fulton's Treadway places 3rd twice at state

The Fulton School's Tyler Treadway took two third places last weekend at the TAPPS 1A State Championships for track and field.

All three Fulton athletes who qualified for state placed high enough to earn points. Treadway and Zach Johnson provided 19 points, making the Falcons 16th among 24 teams at Baylor University's new track facility in Waco. The Lady Falcons placed 16th among 19 teams on Jordan

Treadway was third in the 110-meter hurdles in 17.64 seconds and in the 300 hurdles with a 45.23 clocking.

"Tyler had a PR (personal record) in the 110. In the 300, he was a little off. Stems were coming in, so there was a big headwind in the stretch." Johnson was fourth in the discus at 101 feet, 10 inches, and seventh in the shot put (33-5).

"I was very happy with the kids. I thought they did well," Morris said.

"Especially for Zach. He's a senior, and he hadn't been (to state) before. He competed very well in the discus. He had a personal best twice, and it was a PR for two of them that beat him."

Ritter took fourth place in the 300 hurdles (56.26) and fifth in the 100 hurdles (19.34).

Morris said, "Jordan was second coming around the turn, but then she stumbled the sixth hurdle. She was close to a PR, and would have had it if there was no stumble."

Rockwall County Entertainment

'Wizard of Oz' at RCP starting May 15

Performances of the "Wizard of Oz" will begin May 15 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Dates are May 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Tickets may be purchased at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399 at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time. Tickets should be reserved now, because seats are going fast.

Cotton activities planned for Founders Day

Saturday's RCHF celebration of Founders Day will include for the first time the "lease" of 64 parcels (limit two per family) of the Cotton Patch, which is located on the RCHF and museum grounds at 901 Washington St. Guest farmers are invited to plant cotton seeds for the upcoming growing season. For a \$1 donation, guest farmers will receive a package containing personalized replicas of the historic documents required to lease from a parcel of Blackland Prairie circa 1880, as well as cotton seeds and instructions. Other highlights will include living exhibits (blacksmithing, textile spinning, butter-churning and chuck wagon). The museum and gift shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

A&M Club to host scholarship tourney

The Rockwall County A&M Club will host its 28th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Buffalo Creek Golf Club on Friday, May 15. Proceeds will benefit Rockwall County A&M students in the form of scholarships to the university. The club will award \$10,000 to graduating seniors from RHS and RHHS this month. To register visit rockwallaggies.com before May 12.

Little Athletes Camp set June 1-4

A Little Athletes Camp, open to children ages 3-5, will be offered from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. June 1-4 at Harry Myers Park. Participants will receive drills and basics for soccer, T-ball and flag football; scrimmages will be conducted daily. Cost to participate is \$45 (or \$29 for City of Rockwall residents). To register or for more details on the Rockwall Parks, Rec-sponsored activity, visit rockwall.com/athletics.

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Rockwall - Krogers, Scotties Exxon, Walmart, Walmart Neighborhood, Chevron (Ridge Road and I-30), Gateway Shell (Hwy 276), Downtown Rockwall square (coin rack).

Royse City - Tiger Mart, Main Street (coin rack), McDonald's (coin rack), Joe's Meat Market (coin rack).

Fate - Fate Grocery Store.



The Aspasians recently reviewed applications and conducted interviews for their annual scholarships at the Rockwall County Library. This year the scholarships were open to all high school seniors residing within Rockwall County attending either a public or private Rockwall County School. Numerous applications were received and many students were interviewed. Scholarships will be announced and awarded at the high school award ceremonies later this month. The Aspasians host an Arts and Crafts Fair in Rockwall twice a year and all proceeds from the booth rentals and bottled water sales at the fairs go toward scholarships. Pictured above are Aspasians Scholarship Committee members, at front, Lora Schmitt (chair), Joliene Sosa, Lindsey Spraggins, Kim Stevens and Terri White, and, at back, Nancy Goellner, Margie Chung (chair) and Dell Osborn. Not pictured is Leslie Bird.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall resident named to Girl Scouts of NETX board

Alan Curry of Rockwall recently was named a board member of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, according to a GSNETX news release.

Curry is the senior estimator at Spring Valley Construction and brings 22 years in the construction industry to the board. He also has served as a committee chair and outdoor activity coordinator for a local Boy Scout troop in Rockwall.

Tracy LaRosiere joins the board with a strong background in large national corporations, and civic and community participation. She is the

wife of Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiere, is a Lifetime Girl Scout and mother of Girl Scout Gold Award and Silver Award recipients.

"Alan and Tracy bring exceptional leadership skills to the table with their backgrounds in the civic and corporate worlds," Jennifer Bartkowski, CEO of GSNETX, said. "Their expertise will lead us as we continue transforming to best serve girls of the 21st century."

The board chair and members are slated for a two-year term, beginning April 2015 and ending in April 2017.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

Informal meetings may be scheduled through May 29, 2015 by calling the Rockwall Central Appraisal District at 972-771-2034.

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-

examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office or from the Comptroller of Public Accounts at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/taxforms/50-132.pdf.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

Rockwall Central Appraisal District 841 Justin Road Rockwall, TX 75087	Local: 972-771-2034 Toll Free: 1-877-438-5304 Fax: 972-771-6871 Email: info@rockwallcad.com
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You can get an additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's publication, *Property Tax Basics*, available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/pdf/96-1425.pdf.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before April 30 for residence homesteads and May 31 for all other property (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later). The filing deadline is postponed until the next business day if the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state or national holiday.

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

Deadline to protest Real Property: June 1, 2015
Deadline to protest Business Personal Property: June 15, 2015

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

Jackets rally to sweep Copperas Cove

Rockwall's baseball team had to work to sweep its Bi-District playoff series from Copperas Cove 6-0 and 7-5 last weekend.

The Yellowjackets' Shayne Nance and Matt Baker had shut out the Bulldawgs through the first 11 innings on Friday and Saturday.

But the second game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth, when Copperas Cove pushed across a run. The home plate umpire ruled that RHS catcher Nick Colacecchi didn't have his foot on the plate for a force out.

The Jackets (20-5) broke through for two runs in the top of the sixth, but the Dawgs' took a 5-2 lead into the seventh after McAven Price hit a three-run home run.

With one inning remaining, the momentum had shifted, and Rockwall faced the possibility of an anything-could-happen deciding third game in the series.

Nance led off with a pinch-hit double and scored on a throwing error. Colacecchi singled home another run, and two more scored on another throwing error for a 6-5 lead. A fielding error led to another run.

Baker, who held the Bulldawgs hitless for the first five innings, bounced back from the rocky sixth to retire Copperas Cove's final three batters to win the game. The victory stretched RHS' winning streak to 11 games.

Nance had won more easily on Friday, striking out 12 while allowing just three hits. Just as his hit helped Baker win, Baker went 2-for-2 and drove in two runs in the first game.

Shortstop Trey Ochoa played a major role in Saturday's game. He had two doubles and a single and scored three runs. On defense, he made the throw home that resulted in Midway's first run, but then threw home to start a double play and ended the inning by making a stop in the hole and

throwing for an out with two runners in scoring position.

Rockwall's next opponent will be Dallas W.T. White (12-10-1).

SOFTBALL: Rockwall dominated Highland Park with 17-0 and 13-0 victories in the Area round to advance to this weekend's Regional Quarterfinals against Waco Midway.

The two teams have met in that round before. Midway has had the upper hand, but this year the Lady Jackets (24-0-1) are ranked first in the state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association and fourth in the nation in maxpreps.com's Xcellent 25.

RHS and the Lady Panthers appear to be similar teams built around pitching and power hitting.

The Lady Jackets' Emily Cowan and Kayla Vandergriff have a combined 23-0 record. For Midway, Morgan Ling (13-1) and Chandler Coskrey (9-1) are a combined 22-2.

Rockwall has not allowed a run in four playoff games. Midway has given up just two, in a 17-2 Area victory over Irving Nimitz. The Lady Panthers completed that sweep with an 11-0 victory.

Taylor Ellis and Taylor Mordecai each have hit four home runs for Midway. The Lady Jackets have more power hitters, led by Peyton Mills with nine homers, 55 runs batted in and a .594 average.

Mills had two homers and six RBI in Thursday's win at Highland Park. In the series, six RHS batters combined for seven homers. Kindal Sauter and Darryan Welborn each hit one in that game. On Friday, Bailey Wallace hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, Dani Greenlee homered and had four RBI and Savannah Cassidy hit a three-run homer.

Vandergriff struck out eight Lady Scots in her one-hit shutout on Thursday.

FOOTBALL: RHS' spring football game is scheduled for Wednesday night at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. The Jackets are coming off a 12-1 season in 2014.

TRACK AND FIELD: Kaylee Hinton I seeded fourth in the 100-meter hurdles at 13.98 seconds and fifth in the long jump at 18 feet, 8 inches for this weekend's 6A State Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin.

GIRLS' SOCCER: The Lady Jackets dominated the District 11 awards.

Senior Sydney Smith was voted the Goalkeeper of the Year, freshman Kayla Campbell was Defensive Player of the Year and sophomore Kaitlyn Givens the Co-Midfield Player of the Year.

Joining them on the All-District first team were senior Katarina Leal, junior Bailey Wooten and sophomores Alyssa Higdon and Nico Pugsley.

Named second-team All-District were senior Avery Talley, sophomore Micah Larkin and freshmen Lauren Baker and Ariell Hopkins. Sophomore Katelyn Luera and freshman Keely Hampton received Honorable Mention.

Seniors Lauren Garrison and Chloe Harfield were named to Academic All-State team, and were among 15 RHS players receiving Academic All-District honors. The others were seniors Makaela de la Cruz and Hailey Dugas, juniors Kristina Patterson and Emily Huckaba, seniors Higdon, Givens, Wooten, Pugsley, Leal, Hopkins, Larkin and Baker. Smith was also honored as the Lady Jackets' Most Valuable Player.

HCA's Howard, Breeden win state championships

Heritage Christian Academy's Mollie Howard and Ben Breeden each took a first place last weekend at the TAPPS 3A track and field State Championship.

Howard won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.81 seconds and placed in three other individual events and a relay to account for most of the 33 points that enabled the Lady Eagles to ninth place among the 31 schools with state qualifiers.

Breeden placed first in the pole vault at 12 feet, 6 inches. Teammate Thomas Tannehill nearly won the 300 hurdles, finishing second by just .02 second. The HCA boys were 13th among 29 teams, with six athletes contributing to their 22-point total.

Howard was second in the 300 hurdles in 47.54, just .40 second behind the champion. She was fourth in the triple jump (34-4) and fifth in the long jump (15-6 3/4), and ran the first leg on a 4X200-meter relay team that placed sixth in 1 minute, 53.46 seconds. Baylee Hawkins, Madison Brown and Madeline Schroeffer completed the relay.

The Eagles' Bradley Howard was seventh in the discus (103-1), and Jace Henson was ninth in the shot put (38-4). Dylan Wells, Will McEvoy, Howard and Tannehill placed eighth in the 4X200 relay (1:41.18).

SOFTBALL: HCA's season ended one game, and one run, short of a trip to the TAPPS 3A state tournament.

Defending state champion Lubbock Christian School scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 2-1 victory over the Lady Eagles on Thursday, May 7, at Abilene Christian University.

Heritage Christian's Conally Webb held Lubbock to two runs, and drove in her team's only run with a second-inning groundout.

The game was tied 1-1 before a 1 1/2-hour rain delay at the beginning of the seventh inning. HCA couldn't score in the top of the inning.

Lady Eagles Madeline Schroeffer reached base three times, including a sixth-inning single. She was one of just three seniors on a team that thrived despite moving up from 2A to 3A. HCA finished 11-3, including a 10-0 record as TAPPS District 2-3A champion.

Heritage Christian head coach Rick Trapani said, "I can't be more proud of these young ladies and how they played all season."

"We are a young club. We will be ready to break through the Regional playoffs next year as our core ballclub stays intact."



HCA's Mollie Howard (right) approaches the last hurdle before a final burst of speed to the finish for the championship victory in the 100M Hurdle, during the TAPPS State Track & Field Meet on Sat. May 9 at Baylor University in Waco. Howard finished the race in 15.81 seconds.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Neighbors named Fulton School football coach

The Fulton School has hired Brandon Neighbors as head football coach, athletic director Mike Morris said. Morris coached the Falcons to a 3-7 record last season. He will remain as Fulton's head coach in track and field and boys' basketball.

Neighbors has worked in Rockwall youth football programs with Stan Veasley, Morris said.

Fulton also has advertised an opening for a volleyball coach. The school did not field a varsity team last year, but has a number of girls moving up from the middle school team. In addition, junior Jordan Ritter helped the Lady Falcons reach the playoffs in 2012 and '13.

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HCA's Ben Breeden floats over the bar at 12 feet 6 inches for a championship pole vault win, Sat. May 9, 2015, during TAPPS State Track & Field Meet at Baylor University in Waco.
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