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## Bathroom ordinance flushed without motion

By Jean Coppedge

A crowd that showed up at Rockwall City Hall Monday evening, May 2, to protest the proposed "bathroom ordinance" began gathering at 4 p.m. When the full impact of the crowd began to be felt, about 200-300 demonstrators carrying brightly colored signs expressing their message to the public.

Many of the protesters signed up to speak before the Rockwall City Council meeting, which was scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. The proposed ordinance was Action Item #2 on the agenda, which was to discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance amending the Ordinance in Chapter 22. Miscellaneous Offenses Article 1, Section 22-5 to regulate public restroom/locker room and changing facilities, and take any action necessary." The ordinance in this three-page proposed ordinance meant that anyone could use the bathroom according to their biological sex or

the sex that is stated on their birth certificate. For example if someone was born a man, he must use the men's restroom.

The words biological sex, transgender, police patrol and birth certificates were a few of the terms used throughout the night that began to raise the temperatures of not only the protesters, but also many who were in attendance.

Nell Gaither spoke to protesters outside city hall. Gaither is president of the Trans Pride Initiative (an LGBT group). The protesters peacefully talked among themselves and gave interviews to a large media presence. Many of those in attendance, who were not part of the protesters, said they had heard of the meeting on television and decided to come see what was going on.

The protesters marched around the parking lot as the council room began to fill. By the time the meeting began at 6 p.m. the room was full, the walls inside lined sometimes several deep. A large overflow

room was packed and the remainder of the crowd was forced to stand outside the building and listen. Speakers were set up for the overflow room.

Although the ordinance was second on the action items, all of the five-page agenda was covered and the proposed ordinance left until the end of the meeting.

Mayor Jim Pruitt, who originally brought forth the proposed ordinance, first allowed a large group of the protesters speak who had all signed up before the meeting. Each was allowed to speak three minutes. After the crowd seemed to grow weary of the long testimonies, Pruitt gave the second short break of the night. When the council returned, its members went into the rest of the regular agenda, holding the rest of the protesters' comments until the end of the meeting.

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Protesters started gathering at Rockwall City Hall a little after 4 p.m. on Monday, May 2. Protesters were there to speak at the Rockwall City Council meeting. Nell Gaither, President of Trans Pride Initiative (pictured at far right), holding a megaphone, spoke to the protesters, who were there to speak out against the new proposed Rockwall "Bathroom Ordinance". Final estimate was between 200 -300 showed to protest. The group in the above photo largely consisted of people who were LGBT. Comingling within the group were non-LGBT people who also protested the bathroom ordinance.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall ISD elementary students compete at world robotics event

Rockwall Independent School District elementary schools -- Amy Parks, Springer and Stevenson -- attended the VEX World's Robotics Competition at the Kentucky Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 20-23. Students representing Rockwall competed against students from over the world, including Australia, Bahrain, Canada,

Chile, China, Columbia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Paraguay, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States. There were 1,075 teams ranging from elementary to collegiate level.

The VEX Robotics contest received the Guinness Book of World Records Award for hosting the largest robotics event in history and will air on ESPN 2 at 7 p.m. on July 20.

Special guest speakers were invited from major companies representing STEM fields, all stating a similar message that robotics exposure provides learning skills necessary for the future and thanked students for participating in this program.

Teams were exposed to a higher platform of engineering by working with others across the globe, pushing the envelope.



Three Rockwall Independent School District elementary schools -- Amy Parks, Springer and Stevenson -- attended the VEX World's Robotics Competition at the Kentucky Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 20-23. Local students participating included, from Amy Parks' Robo Rascals, Grant Windels, Aidan Winn, Jacob Pabian, Parker Angel, Dylan Almy and Garrett Hail; from Billie Stevenson/Utley Rockin' Robotics, Josh Sadler (Utley), Becca Byington (Utley), Aubren Montgomery, Marqelle Fisher, Chloe Charbonneau, Averleigh Fisher (Utley), Reese Ewert, Cade Adams, Elijah Sadler, Riley Singleton, Austin Taylor and Jeremiah Jackai; and, from Ouida Springer Robo-Raptors, Peyton Williams, David Granger, Ryan Bostik, Jaxon Cleverly, Donovan Copioli, Eli Deen, Jerry Dales, J.D. Webb and Cathryn Lara-Ramirez.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## RCISD trustee helps shape statewide agenda

Anderson, a trustee for the Royse City Independent School District, was one of 95 school board members who are developing a legislative program of the Texas Association of School Boards. Anderson was elected to the TASB Legislative Advisory Council at a regional grassroots meeting of public school board members this year, according to a RCISD news release.

The Council met in Austin on April 16 to consider the regional priorities identified by school board members across the state and develops one statewide list of priorities to guide the state. The TASB Advocacy Agenda, created through direct input from Texas school board members, guides the legislative advocacy efforts of the Association on behalf of public school districts.

District Superintendent Kevin Worthy said he is excited to have

Anderson on the Advisory Council.

"He will do a great job," Worthy said.

The Council discussed issues related to school finance, governance and accountability during its meeting, which is the first of three. The priority statements finalized by the Council during its next meeting on June 16 will go to TASB's Legislative Committee and Board of Directors for review before they are sent to TASB's Delegate Assembly for final adoption in September.

The TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas School districts. Its membership includes every public school district in the state, as well as county school boards, junior colleges, tax appraisal districts, cooperatives and education service centers. The TASB represents the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state.

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### Rockwall County News Briefs

#### HCA to honor retiring headmaster

The Heritage Christian Academy will host a building dedication ceremony and reception honoring its retiring headmaster, Ron Taylor, beginning at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, on the HCA campus, 1408 S. Goliad St. For more details, contact Sam Prater at sprater@hcarockwall.org or call 972-772-3003, ext. 237.

#### Holistic Health Fair set May 7

The 9th Annual Holistic Health Fair, sponsored by the Rockwall Holistic Practitioners Network and the City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Center at 108 E. Washington. Learn more about holistic modalities, services and products and talk with practitioners about acupuncture, tai chi, Pilates, yoga, Roling, energy healing, oxygen therapy, holistic dentistry, midwifery, colonics, skin care, nutrition, homeopathy, chiropractic, medical massage, hormone therapy, functional medicine and more. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details visit facebook.com/rockwallholisticnetwork.

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by Timothy W. Burnett

**Right to speak the truth ...**

One of the natural rights annotated in the U.S. and Texas constitutions involve speaking freely.

The people who declared independence from Great Britain understood the underlying relationship between speaking freely and people's spiritual lives as God's beloved saints.

An important factor is speaking the truth. History has shown that people who speak the truth and expose corruption and deceit, pose a threat to the powerfully corrupt institutions at the international, state, and local levels; and thus become prime targets of the corrupt.

Religious institutions often steer and influence governments as partners in control of others. This sort of partnership targeted our Lord Jesus because he spoke the truth and exposed religious corruption and deceit, during his ministry on earth.

Martin Luther was a prime target of the partnership between the Catholic institution and certain governments because he told the truth and exposed the false teachings.

Today, Christians must be bold to speak simple truths, such as, it's impossible for a person's sex to interchange between male and female; and to keep gender terminology in line with the respective sexes. Speaking the truth is the basis for freedom of speech.

**Mayors' Prayer Breakfast slated May 5 in Rockwall**

The City of Rockwall will host the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, at The Center in downtown Rockwall, 108 E. Washington St., in conjunction with the annual National Day of Prayer.

Mayors from cities throughout Rockwall County will be in attendance, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The theme this year is Wake Up America, and the speaker will be David Shibley with Global Advance.

There will be a second opportunity for the community to come together in prayer on May 5. A Community Midday Prayer event will be held at The Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Prayers will be offered by pastors and community leaders at the midday event.

The first Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer

in 1775, as did Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Congress established the National Day of Prayer as an annual event by joint resolution signed by President Truman in 1952. The law was amended and signed by President Reagan to officially designate the first Thursday in May as the official date. The events are not political, but rather meant to encourage people county-wide to join their neighbors in a call to pray for our nation, just as national leaders will do in Washington, D.C.

**Rockwall firefighters respond to gas leak**

Rockwall residents north of downtown could smell natural gas Thursday morning, April 28, as the Rockwall Fire Department responded to a gas leak near Wildwood Lane and Shepards Hill Drive. The leak was quickly controlled.

Atmos Energy also responded to the leak, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

There was no danger to the school, residents or businesses in the area, and no evacuations were required, according to news releases issued throughout the day.



The May meeting of Friends of the Rockwall Library will begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, at the Community Room at the Rockwall Library, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. The Celia Hays and Hartman Awards will be presented and the new slate of officers for 2016-2017 will be installed. A short program, A Dozen Delightful Daytrips, will be presented by Ruth Sears, a retired local attorney, library volunteer and travel buff.

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*"Let the peace from God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body, and be thankful ..."*  
 Colossians 3:15

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

*"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*  
 Romans 10: 9-10

*"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

*"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."*  
 Proverbs 18:7

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"*

*"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;"*  
 Proverbs 3:6

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known ..."*  
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# Opinions

## Educational socialism versus free market

by Richard M. Ebeling  
 FIRE Freedom Foundation (fff.org)  
 (Continued from the 4/28/2016 edition of  
 Rockwall County News)  
**Privatizing the "Public Schools" for Better Education**  
 What is needed is a radical change, and in my opinion, this means the nationalization, the full and complete privatization of schooling from kindergarten through graduate education. Grammar and junior and high schools could be privatized any number of ways. One method might be to offer a school to the existing teaching and related staff, for them, in other words, to have the school transferred to them as shareholders of the school in which they have been working. Another is to put schools up for auction, either as stand-alone schools, or as possible establishments in a chain of schools bought up by a particular company. They could run them directly or offer, to resell them as franchises under the logo of the mother company. This would immediately start to bring in the signals and incentives of other types of business enterprises concerning current and prospective profitability in offering education that retains or attracts students and their parents.

**Matching Selling Schools would be Tax Cuts**  
 Simultaneous with the any of these privatization methods, once schools are out of government hands, the property and related taxes that had been collected to financially support them as "public schools" should be immediately be repealed. This would help provide the financial wherewithal for parents and families to more easily have the financial means to pay directly for the tuition costs of sending their child or children to school. At the same time, as these schools, one after the other, now passed into the private sector forces of competition would be set loose and in motion that over time would work to bring about innovations in the curricula, the facilities and the cost structure that would result in better learning environments with efficiencies that would make schooling increasingly more affordable. Would all schools offer the same exact quality of education and comparable facilities? Most likely that would not be the case. But that is the situation now, but at least with privatized schools in a market-based environment all the supply-side incentives would be in the direction of improvements in the types and qualities of the schooling and education offered. This is certainly not the case in too many school districts around the country under our current system of socialized, government schooling. Greater excellence in teaching at these schools will be dramatically enhanced, again, over time, if there is also the abolition of education degree certification to be allowed to teach at the high school and under levels. Allow the market to find and select the qualified teachers for the young people of the nation, and not the teachers' unions and state bureaucracies that have their own financial and political agendas as work. Make Colleges and Universities Really Private and Market-Based. Colleges and universities should be taken off the federal and state financial gravy trains at taxpayers' expense, as well. Parents and students would soon know the real cost and value of an education at various institutions of higher learning, rather than the current illusions created through government subsidies and grants of one type or another. State owned and operated colleges and universities could be priva-

tized along the same lines as suggested for kindergarten through high school. And existing "private" colleges and universities would no longer receive federal and state monies, either. And as government colleges and universities were sold off and grants and subsidies were ended for existing private institutions, the relevant taxes should be repealed, putting that money back in the pockets of those who earned it, so they might have better financial means to cover the actual costs of their sons and daughters going on for higher education, if they so chose. **Privatized Schooling Would End Political Correctness** I would suggest that if schools were privatized in this manner and had to provide education reflecting what parents and students actually wanted and thought worth paying a price for, a large amount of the "political correctness" and ideologically driven courses would soon be replaced with classes and subjects reflecting things much closer to a far more traditional education. When parents and students have to pay more directly and fully for the credit hours for each class taken, I personally doubt that as many leftist, collectivist, "touchy-feely," courses will have the enrollments that tax-funding enables to be offered and faculty salaries to be paid to those doing the teaching of them. Education will be more consumer driven in terms of useful and desired content and delivery of knowledge than being "producer driven" in terms of what ideologically motivated faculty and administrators want to indoctrinate young minds with taxpayers' compulsorily collected monies to fund it. Will the world of education change over night, Of course not, but the institutional incentives and competitive forces will have been set loose that we take for granted as the engines of innovative improvements in so many other areas of life. This will, at the end of the day, be most important and valuable to those harmed and abused the most by our current system of educational socialism. Free market capitalism will "deliver the goods" here and in more and better qualities and varieties over time, just in every other walk of life in which the competitive forces of supply and demand are allowed to work.

## Two Student Councils Earn Excellence Award

The Student Councils of Miss May Vernon Elementary and Rutledge Intermediate School recently received the National Association of Elementary School Principals Excellence Award, according to a news release from the Roysce City Independent School District. The award illustrates the work done on these campuses to foster student leadership, according to the release. The groups will receive a trophy denoting their award at a work-home the fall.

Rockwall County Sports

## Rockwall HS athletes advance to UIL State Track & Field Meet

The Rockwall women's 4x400M Relay team placed second with a time of 3:48.07, on Sat. April 30, 2016, during the UIL Region 2-6 Track & Field Meet at Baylor University in Waco. Racing in the event were Chika Iwuamadi, Liah Collins, Rose Njoku and Morgan Hixon. Racing first in the 4x400M Relay was Conroe The Woodlands with a time of 3:45.74. The women's team placed 5 with a score of 28.5. The four schools were Conroe The Woodlands (93), Mesquite Horn (88), Killeen Harker Heights (46) and Conroe Oak Ridge (32). The Lady Jackets relay team is scheduled to race in the state meet, on Sat. May 14, in the Mike Myers Track Complex at UT of Austin. During the 2015 State Meet, Converse Judson finished in first place with a time of 3:45.56. Also competing were:  
 Women  
 Micaela Vavra - Pole Vault, 3, 10-06.00.  
 Liah Collins - 800M Run, 12, 2:23.62.  
 Liah Hopkins - 800M, 14, 2:24.57.  
 Kaitlyn Stark - 3200M Run, 14, 12:19.01.  
 Rose, Njoku - High Jump, 5, 5-02.00.  
 Sarah Graves - Pole Vault, 6, 10-00.00.  
 Courtney Reynolds - Discus, 7, 117-09.  
 Men  
 Mark Norris - Pole Vault, 5, 14-06.00.

## 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.

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](http://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.

### Informal Review

**Rockwall Central Appraisal District will hold informal meetings May 1-31, 2016. Please call 972-771-2034 to set up an appointment.**

### 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-

### 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](mailto:info@rockwallcad.com)

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](http://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.

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.

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

**Deadline to protest Real Property: June 1, 2016**  
**Deadline to protest Business Personal Property: June 15, 2016**

Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year. **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.

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.

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

## Isis earns trip to UIL State meet

Kaira Otis (Sr) will represent Roysce City during the UIL State Track & Field Meet, in the 300M Hurdles event. During the Region 2-5A Meet at UT of Arlington, Sat. April 30, 2016, Otis finished third with a time of 44.28, securing a trip to Austin for the state meet. The conference 5A 300M Hurdles event is scheduled for 8:45 p.m., May 13, in the Mike Myers Track Complex at UT of Austin. Also advancing to the state meet in the 300M Hurdles are Brooke Beck of McKinney who place second with a time of 43.23, and eventer for Janai' Garrett of Lancaster who finished with a time of 42.92. Otis also finished third in the High Jump event with a height of 50.00; and fourth in the 100M Hurdles with a time of 14.56. The Roysce City women's team finished 11 out of 33 schools representing Region 2-5A. Also ranking in the meet were:  
 Women  
 Micaela Travers (So) - 300M Hurdles, 5, 46.67.  
 Men  
 Tanner Townsend (Fr) - 1600M Run, 8, 4:32.87.  
 Nathan Giles (Jr) - High Jump, 11, 6-00.00; Triple Jump, 10, 42-

## Hawks prepare for Bi-District against Dallas Bryan Adams

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks (Overall 18-10, District 12-5A 12-2) finished second in District play with 5-1 win against Roysce City, Tue. April at the RHHS and an 8-0 win over South Garland on Sat. April 30 at the RHHS. Finishing first in District was Forney with a 13-1 record. The Hawks will play the first game of the Bi-District round, 7:00 p.m., May 7, 2016, at the RHHS Field, against Bryan Adams in District 11. Game 2 will be 12:00 p.m., Sat. May 7, at Bryan Adams. Game 3 of the series is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Sat. May 7 at Bryan Adams.

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## Rockwall ISD gymnastics at State Meet

Results from the 50th Texas High School Gymnastics State Championships April 29 and 30, 2016, at Chisholm Trail High School.

Men with 149 (14 teams) competing  
 Team results  
 Rockwall HS, 5th place with 322.600 points; Bryan Rudder won 1st with 336.400; Rockwall-Heath did not compete as a team.  
 High Bar - Adam Alford RHS tie 17th; Kyle Ziegler RHS 23rd; Diego Acosta RHHS 24th ; Aaron Cory RHS tie 25th  
 Floor - Alford RHS 5th, 18.750; Johnathan Smith RHHS 10th, 18.600; Jake Hodges RHS 21st, 18.050.  
 Vault - Smith RHHS 4th, 18.850; Alford RHS tie 11th, 18.600; McKay Larmon RHS tie 19th, 18.350; Connor Campbell RHS tie 22nd, 18.300.  
 Parallel Bars - Alford RHS 7th, 18.850; Preston Gage RHS 17th, 18.400; Larmon RHS tie 21st, 18.200.  
 Rings - Alford RHS 12th, 18.100; Acosta RHHS tie 17th, 17.800.  
 Pommel Horse - Acosta RHHS 2nd, 18.855; Zach Dougal RHS tie 13th, 18.250.  
 All Around men - Alford RHS 9th place, 109.200; Acosta RHHS 12th place, 107.700; Larmon RHS 23rd place, 104.450.  
 Women with 122 (14 teams) athletes competing  
 Team results  
 Rockwall-Heath 4th place with 228.125 points; Rockwall 7th place with 223.125 points; LD Bell won the girls meet with 232.625.  
 Vault - Spencer Ware RHHS 13th with 19.075; Peyton Moody RHHS tie 18th with 18.975; Bailey Daulong RHHS tie 21st with 18.925.  
 Bars - Moody RHHS 11th with 18.875; Ware RHHS 21st with 18.475.  
 Beam - Kennedy Shelton RHS 10th, 19.175; Becka Malone RHHS 18th, 18.975; Ware RHHS 19th, 18.900; Madeline Lundell RHHS 20th, 18.875.  
 Floor - Ware RHHS tie 8th, 19.475; Lundell RHHS 11th, 19.425; Malone RHHS 17th, 19.200.  
 All Around - Ware RHHS 13th, 79.925; Moody RHHS 14th, 75.850; Shelton RHS 19th, 75.250; Malone RHHS 21st, 75.100; Katie Weidman RHS 29th, 73.600; Sarah Graves RHS 37th, 72.200.



Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks Emily Clark slugs the ball for a hit, Fri. April 22, 2016, during the game at South Garland High School. The lady Hawks defeated South Garland 12-0 in 4 innings.  
 Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

### Sports Notes

#### Glow Run 5K set May 7

The second annual Glow Run 5K for the WIN (Women in Need) will be conducted on Saturday, May 7, at Harry Myers Park's spray park pavilion. Couple, family and group discounts are available. On-site registration will begin at 6 p.m.; the race will begin at dusk. To register, visit [inshoes5k.itsyourrace.com](http://inshoes5k.itsyourrace.com). Funds raised benefit WIN. For information, contact Cheryl Bahm at 972-772-3000 or [cbahm@wintexas.org](mailto:cbahm@wintexas.org).

#### Tin Cup Tournament planned for May 13

Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County will host its Tin Cup 2016 Golf Tournament with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on Friday, May 13, at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 624 Country Club Dr., Rockwall. Registration will be at noon; lunch will be provided. Dinner will be provided following the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and hole in one and to the top three teams; \$5 mulligans will be available. Visit [rockwallmealsonwheels.org](http://rockwallmealsonwheels.org) for more details.

## Rockwall Lady Jackets take Bi-District

The Rockwall Lady Jackets softball team over-powered Copperas Cove during last week's Bi-District series at the Waco ISD Complex. Rockwall (Overall 18-7, District 11-6A 11-2) finished game one with a 7-2 win, followed by a strong 13-0 win in the second game. Copperas Cove's record was Overall 8-12, and in District 12-6A 8-4. The Lady Jackets will advance to the UIL Area round with a series against Highland Park, who defeated Dallas WT White 5-0 and 10-0 for Bi-District. Highland Park is Overall 22-9, and 13-1 in District 10-6A. During game 1, Hannah Frank (Fr) threw 75 strikes out of 125 pitches, allowing 7 Hits and 2 Runs. On offense, Ms. Frank scored 2 Runs. Alyssa Henry (Jr), 2 Hits and 1 RBI; Regan Swindall, 2 Hits, 1 RBI; Shelbi Court (Jr), 1 Hit, 1 RBI, 1 Run; Dani Greenlee (Jr), 1 Hit, 1 Run; Erica Speer, 2 Hits, 1 Run; Rebekah Allen (Fr), 1 Hit, 1 RBI, 1 Run; Samantha Bean, 1 Hit, 1 RBI, 1 Run. In game 2, Cassie Lawrence threw 50 strikes out of 89 pitches, allowing 6 Hits and 3 Runs. Court led with 2 Hits, 5 RBIs and 2 Runs, with 2 At Bats. Swindall, 2 H, 3 R; Henry, 2 H, 2 RBI, 1 R; Speer, 2 H, 2 RBI, 1 R; Greenlee, 1 H, 2 R; Bean, 1 H, 2 R; Haley Clatterbaugh (Fr), 1 RBI, 1 R.

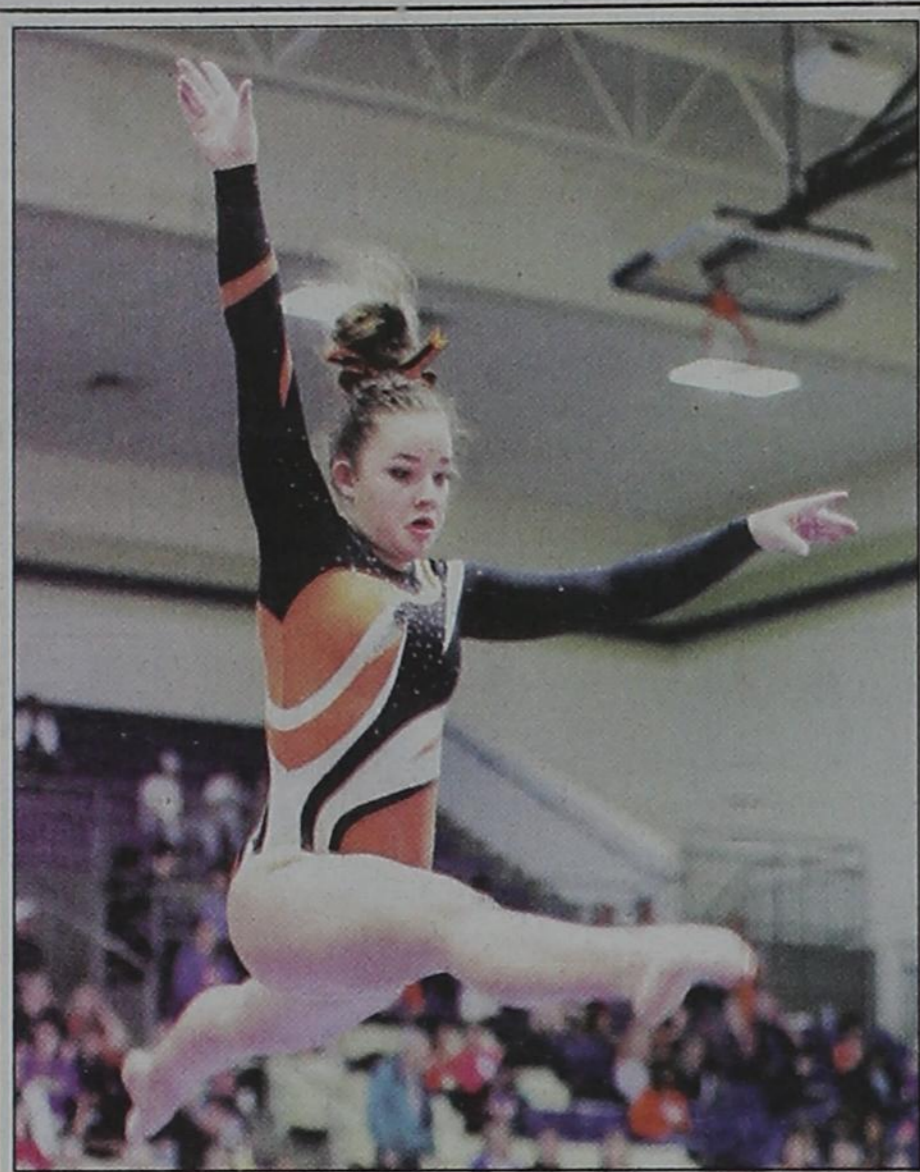
## Lady Hawks down Creekview, advance to Area

by Timothy W. Burnett  
 In the first two games of the Region 2-5A Bi-District series, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks defeated Carrollton Creekview 5-0 on Thurs. April 28 at the RHHS Field, and 9-0 on at Creekview. With the win, the Lady Hawks (Overall 25-7, District 12-5A 11-3) will advance to play against Frisco Wakeland (Overall 18-9, District 13-5A 10-6) (TBA) for Area. Wakeland defeated McKinney North 5-1 and 13-5 in the Bi-District round. Cami Duffey led the Lady Hawks to both wins with 12 strike-outs during game one and 2 strike-outs in game two, and allowing no runs during both games. Duffey put an extra damper on Creekview's game with no-hitters during the second and fifth innings of game one. The first game was tied 0-0 until the bottom of the 4th inning when Nicole Wilson (Sr) pushed the Lady Hawks to 1-0 lead with a double that brought Madison Leggett (Jr) in for an RBI. Following Duffey's no-hitter during the top of the fifth inning, Jordan Strange (So) hit a double to center field. Strange later scored on an Ally Brandvold (Sr) base-hit RBI increasing the lead to 2-0 going into the sixth inning.

With one out during the top of the sixth inning, Duffey held off Creekview runners on 2 and 3 bases. The bottom of the sixth featured 2 Lady Hawks RBIs pushing the lead to 5-0. Katie Huffman (So) hit a double and RBI bringing Wilson home. Later, Strange chimed in with a double to left field resulting in a double RBI sending Huffman and Abigail Renteria (Fr) to home plate. Game 2 was tied 0-0 until the top of the third inning when Renteria got a base hit and RBI allowing Macy Wilson to score for a 1-0 lead. The Lady Hawks continued to dominate Creekview through the end of the game. During the fourth inning, Leggett was given first base with a Walk. Nicole Wilson got a base-hit off a Creekview error; Huffman loaded the bases with a short hit over second base. Leggett took advantage of catcher error by stealing home base for 2-0 lead. Next Strange stepped up for a double and RBI bringing in Wilson and Huffman for a 4-0 lead. Creekview was unable to answer with points during the fourth and fifth innings. The sixth inning featured two Lady Hawks home runs with RBIs. With Nicole Wilson third base, Huffman logged the first home run and RBI. After Renteria got a double to left field, and a Walk for Strange, Macy Wilson nailed a Home Run and 2 RBIs for the game-ending 9-0 score.



Lady Hawks Cami Duffey releases the ball for a pitch against a Creekview batter, Thurs. April 28, 2016, during game 1 of the Bi-District playoff series at the RHHS field. Rockwall-Heath went on to defeat Creekview 5-0 and 9-0, and advance to Area.  
 Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Kennedy Shelton, freshman at Rockwall High School, gracefully soars through the Beam event during the State High School Gymnastics Meet at Chisholm Trail. She placed 10 All Around in the State Meet. Shelton also earned USA Gymnastics 2016 All Around Champion and 1st Balance Beam Champion at the Region 3 Championships held at the University of Arkansas April 22, 2016.  
 Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/  
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## Congratulations Class of 2016 Team Members!



(Back row, Left to right), Chase Underwood, David Flores, Roland Meno (front row) Lexie Bennett, Becca Jimenez, Christina Pinkerton, Hannah Flanagan, Ashley Webb and Rachel Neds.

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