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Blacklands Corridor public input session rescheduled for Sept. 22

The Sept. 4 public meeting about the Blacklands Corridor/Northeast Gateway Feasibility Study in Lavon, cut short because the crowd exceeded building occupancy restrictions, has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is recommending a combination of strategies to help meet local and regional transportation needs in the area between Greenville and Garland, according to the news release. New and widened arterials, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, I-30 bottleneck improvements and a new freeway/tollway are among the recommended strategies.

Texas Turnpike Corp., a private firm, has begun work to develop the potential tollway. Representatives from the corporation will be at the meeting to answer questions and describe what residents can expect from a state-mandated environmental assessment that will begin this fall, according to the release.

To determine a project location, the corporation must complete an environmental and public involvement process under the supervision of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Anyone unable to attend the Sept. 22 meeting can access it online at nctcog.org/blacklands.

RHS announces plans for Homecoming Week

Rockwall High School has announced its plans and schedule for Homecoming Week.

According to a release issued earlier this week, Sept. 24 activities will include:

- Homecoming parade, 6 p.m. The parade will begin at Dobbs Elementary, travel to Clark Street to Boydston to Townsend and will end at the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium parking lot.
- The RHS Class of 2015 will host the annual senior hamburger bash beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served in the parking lot in front of the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.
- A community-wide pep rally will take place at 7:30 p.m. in front of the stadium.

Activities set for Sept. 26 include:

- Club sweethearts and escorts will be recognized at the Rockwall Independent School District Performing Arts Center beginning at 6 p.m.
- The RHS homecoming queen and king will be crowned during pregame ceremonies beginning at 7 p.m. at the football stadium.
- The homecoming game between RHS and Lakeview Centennial will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

The only activity set for Sept. 27 is the homecoming dance, which will run from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the SouthFork Ranch. Tickets may be purchased at RHS during all lunch periods Sept. 18, 19, 22, 23 and 24. Tickets cost \$25 for RHS students, \$30 for non-RHS students.

Campos draws crowd of 140 to FOL event

About 140 area residents attended the Sept. 9 Friends of the Library meeting to hear longtime WFAA-TV broadcaster Gloria Campos speak.

Campos retired from the local ABC-TV affiliate after a career extending more than 30 years.

She told the audience that libraries and books always have had a special place in her life. As a child, she "found dreams and escapes" in books and enrolled in the summer reading programs at her library in Harlingen. Like every other girl who read "Little Women," she wanted to be Jo. She later became a fan of science fiction and books on history. As a young mother, she read to her twin sons. As a newscaster, she often used books to find background for stories.

Campos summed up her presentation by saying she was an ordinary person with an extraordinary life, privileged to be a part of major historic events. Beginning a new chapter, she said she is ready for "on-the-road adventures" and looks forward to a new motor home and traveling across the country with her husband.

The event was sold out.

Another special headliner meeting is planned for April 14 when Jody Dean, a talk show host for radio station KLUV, will be the featured speaker. Dean will talk about "What Makes Broadcasting Fun." Members will once again be given first choice at reservations; membership forms can be found at friendsrockwall.com. New members have time to get their names added to the yearbook addendum to be published after January.

The FOL meets six times a year; all meetings, with the exception of the Christmas luncheon, take place at the Rockwall County Library. The group works to promote the interest and welfare of the library. Profits from fundraising events supplement the county library budget, paying for special children's programming, adult literacy programs, subscriptions and other items.

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Lone Star CASA is part of NT Giving Day

Lone Star CASA will take part in North Texas Giving Day Sept. 18. Every donation of \$25 or more will be multiplied with bonus funds and prizes. To get the most out of donations, give between 6 a.m. and midnight by visiting lonestarcasa.org and click under North Texas Giving Day or visit northtexasgivingday.org and search for Lone Star CASA.

Teen volunteers needed

Know a high school student who needs volunteer hours? The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County needs volunteers for its Sept. 20 event at The Harbor. Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Those who work a four-hour block will receive free T-shirts. Individuals, teams, families – everyone will be welcomed. The event will benefit the Boys & Girls Club and

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Carl Hilland and Pat Russell, center, members of the Roysse City Lions Club, presented a check for \$1,000 to the Roysse City chief of police Jeff Stapleton, during the City Council of Roysse City meeting on Sept. 9. The donation will go toward support of the Roysse City Animal Shelter. The money came from the proceeds of the Bow Wow Bingo the Well Coffee Lounge conducted on the second Wednesday of every month. The Lions co-host the event along with the Roysse City LEOs, young members from 12-18 years of age. From the far left is David Gonzalez, current Leo president, and behind him is Zack Green, past president at the time the money was raised.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Rumors' to run rampant on RCP stage starting Sept. 19

Neil Simon's play about a married couple hosting a 10-year anniversary party for friends, will open at the Rockwall Community Playhouse on Sept. 19.

The play depicts the anniversary party's hosts, Ken and Chris Gorman, planning to help their friends, Charles Brock, deputy mayor of Newidale, and his wife, Myra, celebrate a decade of marriage. Unfortunately, the party is planned. The kitchen staff is gone, Myra is missing and has a headache. As more and more guests arrive, the party becomes even more confusing, leaving rumors to fly.

"Rumors" originally opened on Broadway in 1988 and ran for 535 performances. The original cast included Jessica Walters, Christine Ebersole and John Howard. The play is being directed by Staci Blum. The cast includes Laura Blenk as Officer Pudney, Heather Smothers as Marty Scott as Lenny, Stephanie Cross as Claire, Steve Golin as Sara Ragsdale as Chris, Abel Ramos as Ken, Ryan Fisher as Myra, Rae Harvill as Cookie and Louis Harvill IV as Ernie.

"Rumors" will run Sept. 19-21, 26-28 and Oct. 3-5. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m., while Sunday matinees will start at 2 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time.

This marks the 20th anniversary season of the RCP. The playhouse's board members specifically opted to stage "Rumors" as it was the first show the theater ever staged, according to a RCP news release.

This year's season will include "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," "Romeo and Juliet," "The Wizard of Oz," "Mousetrap" and the teen musical, "Once Upon a Mattress."

The RCP also offers children's workshops and Special Theatre at Rockwall, or STAR, for Down syndrome adults, as well as the annual talent competition, Rockwall's Got Talent.

The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks from downtown Rockwall.



Neil Simon's "Rumors," a play about a couple hosting a 10-year anniversary party that goes awry, will open Sept. 19 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. The show was specifically chosen to mark the RCP's 20th anniversary, as "Rumors" was the first play staged by the playhouse. Cast members include Laura Blenk, Steve Golin, Louis Harvill IV, Rae Harvill, Ryan Fisher, Heather Smothers, Marty Scott, Stephanie Cross, Sara Ragsdale and Abel Ramos.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Entertainment

Night at the Museum planned

Night at the Museum is planned for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 18 to celebrate the museum's new curator, Robin Shackelford, and showcase the newly displayed historical collection and artifacts, according to the Rockwall County Historical Foundation news release.

55 & Better trip to Perot Museum set

Rockwall's Parks & Rec department will host a trip to the Perot Museum of Nature & Science for individuals 55 years of age and older on Sept. 19. The museum is filled with hands-on activities and exhibits for individuals of all ages. The trip will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost (for transportation only) is \$15 or \$10 for Rockwall residents. For more details, contact the Parks & Rec department.

Rubber Duck Regatta slated Sept. 20

The 3rd Annual Rubber Duck Regatta, which will benefit the Boys & Girls Club and Meals on Wheels, will begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 20 at the Rockwall Harbor. In addition to the duck race, vendors and live music will be featured. For more details email info@rockwallduckrace.org.

Aspasians to host Sept. 20 craft fair

The Aspasians Craft Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Rockwall Community Center. The event will feature jewelry, clothing, handbags, food, candles, apparel, handmade creations, and more. For more details visit aspasians.com.



Debbie Daniels looks on while longtime WFAA-TV broadcaster Gloria Campos, center, snaps a selfie with Becky Achenbach, right, and Darlene Bealmer. Campos was the guest speaker at a Sept. 9 Friends of the Library event.

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Royse City councilman wants info regarding Boys, Girls C

by Millie Jean Coppedge

The members of the City Council of Royse City were expecting to get some answers Sept. 9 regarding a topic that has been brought up at the last two meetings.

At the Aug. 12 meeting, Councilman Tom Crowley had asked if Stephen Larson, activities director for the Rockwall Boys & Girls Club, could come speak to the council on Aug. 26. He said the council had not heard from the club in some time and wanted an update as to the status of their plans.

At the Aug. 26 council meeting, when it was obvious that Larson was not in attendance, city manager Carl Alsbrook told the council that Misti Potter, the current president and CEO of the Rockwall Boys & Girls Club, said that she would address the council on the upcoming

plans, but could not be present at the Aug. 26 meeting. Alsbrook said he would try to get it set up soon for her to come and inform the council and city staff as to what the plans are for this upcoming year.

The first item on the agenda Sept. 9 was Potter.

The Royse City Boys & Girls Club had its grand opening on June 1, 2013, and closed its doors at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Potter began by saying that they had recently held several teen summits, with about 30 kids attending the last one. In these summits, the teens got the opportunity to share what they would be interested in doing the club, such as gaming devices, movie night, tips on how to handle their money, etc.

Shortly into her opening comments, she said the Boys and Girls Club had run into a deficit this last year. She said they had a low number of kids coming to the club and that didn't bring in enough money to pay the basic expenses, so when school was out, they had to close.

Crowley, visibly concerned, said, "What rubbed me the wrong way was that you came to us, the council, for support, but we had to learn about your closing the club from the newspaper."

"I just didn't think it was a council matter," Potter said.

"I still think it would have been prudent if you had of let us know. It's not fair to the citizens of Royse City," Crowley said.

Potter went on in her defense to say, "The building where the club met, a free-standing gymnasium at Ruth Cherry Intermediate School, was very hot as the air-conditioning was not working well at all."

"I think we could have gotten a letter about the club closing in Royse City for the summer," Crowley said. "That's all I want is courtesy and keeping us informed. I do want your Teen Club to succeed."

Potter said that kids from Royse City who wanted to continue attending the Boys & Girls Club over the summer were allowed to attend the club in Rockwall.

"Yea, but they had to travel to Rockwall to attend," an audience member said.

Potter said the club is rebranding and redirecting programming focus to meet the needs of those who need the most and are zeroing in on the teenagers. Once the club for Royse City is organized specifically for the teenagers, it will simply be called The Club, differentiating it from the Boys and Girls Club, which has been for young people of all ages,

beginning with kindergarten. She said that location, times, etc. are being determined. She plans to work with the school district and the high school principal to create a plan for the teen center in Royse City.

A fundraiser is planned for Nov. 1 called the Annual Bazaar. The second fundraiser will be a dinner similar to the one conducted last year. More information will be coming forth regarding the fundraiser.

The final portion of the discussion was regarding the location and where they will go. Since there were not enough of the youth, ages to support keeping the club open, traveling to Rockwall financial option at this time.

Business K5 of the agenda was "concerning an Ordinance to amend the property tax revenue proposed in the 2014-2015 Budget. The last year was \$0.6980 per \$100 evaluation, but will go down for this coming year." As long as the taxes for property value are the same the taxes will go down, but if the property taxes go up it will be a very slight increase.

The issue passed 6-1 with Councilman James Branch voting against the ordinance.

In the closing remarks from City Manager Carl Alsbrook, he said the plans for Charley's Old Fashioned Hamburgers Restaurant are under review and that he should know more soon. In the last council meeting, it was brought up that the City had not heard from the prospect and construction still had not begun. The restaurant is to be located at the corner of FM-548 and I-30, where Wing Dingers Restaurant is located. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2, 2010.

Alsbrook told the council that construction on the I-30 bridge project is going smoothly.

"By about June or July of 2015, early next summer, we will be on it," he said. "They will go ahead and open the highway up to the complete planting the flowers and do the finishing touches on beautification."

The mayor and all Royse City Council members were present at the meeting.

The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 23 at the City Courts Building, 100 W. Main Street.

Lakner tapped as Rockwall Newcomers, Friends president

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends president for 2014-15 is Jean Lakner.

Born in South Dakota, she lived in Pierre with her husband, John, until three years ago when both retired from their respective careers and moved to Texas. She was a school counselor and later a licensed mental health counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice in Pierre. Her husband was a principal in the Pierre school system. Both began their careers as teachers.

The couple chose to relocate to the Rockwall area, making their home in the Woodcreek subdivision of Fate, in order to be close to their three daughters and their families. The three families include five grandchildren -- ages 3 to 10 -- which Jean says was the big draw. Their son and family still live in South Dakota, but hope to move to Texas in the future along with their five children whose ages range from 13-22.

The Lakners are avid pickleball players and usually play three times a week. They are also active members of Elevate Church in Murphy. Jean Lakner also enjoys her Red Hat group, running 5Ks and 10Ks, reading and playing mah jongg and bunco. She also volunteers with Vitas Hospice, Rockwall Pets and One Man's Treasures.

Jean Lakner learned about Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends prior to moving to Rockwall and joined immediately upon their arrival. She said she is grateful that she made that choice as she quickly became involved with activities and organizations in the Rockwall community. She is excited to be leading RCN&F and looks forward to reaching out to new members. It is her hope that others may experience the warm welcome, fun times and friendship that the organization espouses.

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends is a social organization that provides a social outlet for women who live in Rockwall County. The club welcomes new residents and women who have lived in Rockwall County for many years.

The club organized in 1977 and has a membership of more than 200. The club meets from September through May at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Occasions in Royse City. Anyone interested in visiting the club should contact Judy Buffington at 214-600-3937 or visit newcomersrock.com.

Rockwall Chamber of Commerce recognizes Swanson as Ambassador of the Month

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Jeanie Swanson as its Ambassador of the Month.

Ambassadors volunteer their time to recruit and welcome new chamber partners and help with chamber events while representing its respective companies. Ambassadors are often the first exposure some members have to the chamber.

Jeanie Swanson is the owner of Minuteman Press, a printing and graphics design business serving Rockwall, Greenville and other surrounding areas.

In addition to being an Ambassador for the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, Swanson is treasurer and a board member for the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rockwall Area Networking Group, the Chamber of Commerce, the Royse City Chamber of Commerce and the Caddo Mills Chamber of Commerce.

She and her husband, Tom, co-manage and operate Minuteman Press. She enjoys playing with and reading to their grand children, gardening, and volunteering in community activities.



Texas Health Rockwall's Imaging and Breast Center recently received a donation of hats, scarves and a quilt to be given to cancer patients. Pictured are Barbara Nichols, MSRS, ARRT (R)(M) mammography technologist; donors Darla Lane, Annette Marshall and Ruth Butcher of the Quilt Shop in Greenville; and Brandy Bow, ARRT (R) radiology technologist. The donation was made in honor and memory of Lane's 54-year-old sister, DeLana, who lost her battle with lung, liver, bone marrow and brain cancer in late 2013. Marshall is challenging area residents to make their own items to be given to those battling cancer. The items can be dropped off at the shop, which is located at 8801 Suite C, Wesley Street, Greenville. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Jeanie Swanson

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Rockwall County Constable at TAC Conference

Rockwall County Constable Randy Parks (Precinct 10) will represent the county at the recent Texas Association of Counties (TAC) 2014 Legislative Conference, Aug. 27-29 in Austin, Texas.

The conference was designed to discuss common concerns by Texas local government leaders. County officials heard from peers, experts and legislators on a number of current and expected topics affecting local government, including:

- An update on the Texas State Budget, and how counties can prepare for the excise tax in 2015.
- Compliance with the Texas State Court of Texas' statewide mandate;
- Water and drought including how the State Plan project is progressing and how local governments are responding to changing needs;
- Rising indigent delinquency and best practices;
- How the state budget affects how legislators use funds to balance the budget and affect that practice has on important services;
- An update on the Texas State Advisory Panel and how local governments are working to improve health crisis services in the state.

General session speakers included author David John Daly (UT communications professor), Chet Garner (Texas Governor), and Greg Maddox (State Representative, Texas).

Be kind one to another with tenderhearted forgiveness one another even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us
Ephesians 4:32

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Meals on Wheels of Rockwall County. Email info@rockwallduckrace.org.

Molberg to speak to Democrats

Judge Ken Molberg, Democratic nominee for the Fifth District Court of Appeals, Place 5, and presiding judge of the 95th Civil District Court, will be guest speaker for the Rockwall County Democrats' 9 a.m. meeting Sept. 20 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. He was a member of the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Fifth and Eleventh U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals, numerous U.S. District Courts and all courts in Texas, including the Texas Supreme Court, where he has appeared for oral arguments. A continental breakfast will be served.

African-American Democratic Caucus organizing

An organizational meeting of the Rockwall County African-American Democratic Caucus will be conducted at 11 a.m. Sept. 20 in the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, following the general meeting. Be on the cutting edge with the first group to organize in the county to address political concerns of the community and advance the ideals and values of the Democratic Party and the African-American community. Free breakfast and coffee will be offered. Contact Bobbie Griffin at missdilly@att.net for more information.

DEA drug take-back initiative slated

The Rockwall Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency (Continued on Page 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 4, 2014

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would authorize the transfer of certain money from the general revenue fund to the state highway fund and the economic stabilization fund. Money transferred to the state highway fund may be used solely for the construction, maintenance and acquisition of rights-of-way for public roadways.

appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads."

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The proposed amendment will

Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



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Royse City ISD trustees hear crisis plan update

by Millie Jean Coppedge

During the Royse City School Board meeting of Sept. 8, Lloyd Blaine gave a PowerPoint presentation for the board and those in attendance. Blaine is the coordinator of the Royse City School District Safety and Security Department.

Blaine said the safety of the students in Royse City's schools is his top priority and all the campuses are covered by RCISD's own police department as well as three school resource officers (SROs). Of the officers, one is from Fate and the other two are from Royse City. A SRO is a sworn law enforcement officer responsible for providing security and crime prevention in the schools.

Blaine said it is important for parents as well as everyone in the community to know that every campus has an emergency plan. All school administrators, school resource officers and the each school's crisis team have been trained on how to respond to and handle a crisis in all types of emergencies.

Emergencies such as the tornado that swept through Royse City on April 3, 2012, a fire or "shooter on the campus" fall under the realm of a severe, immediate crisis.

Training for each school campus includes a fire drill once a month for every month that has more than 10 days, a severe weather drill each semester, a lockdown drill at the beginning of each semester and a reverse evacuation once a semester. An example of a reverse evacuation is that the students might be outside for some type of sports event, thus the students would have to come inside the building and know where to go for the safest protection.

In the area of communications, all schools are equipped with a radio system. Every school has an emergency district radio, which will be used for communications with the district or the SRO. District phones, cell phones and emails are ways the administrators can contact the central office.

All campuses have cameras placed at the strategic places throughout the schools. District and building administrators have constant access to the cameras, as do the school resource officers and the police department (in their cars and department smart phones.).

Visitors to the schools are screened through the Hall Pass Visitor System. A special feature of the registry is that it tags sex offenders and other special circumstances such as a parent or other adult who possibly through a court order is not allowed to see or take a particular student or students.

In order to enter the building, all visitors must show their IDs such as a driver's license at the front door system, where the camera will photograph their IDs.

Once visitors are cleared, they may enter the building but must leave their drivers license at the front desk and must wear a name tag. When they are ready to leave the building, they must leave the tag with the front desk and retrieve their license.

Blaine said that some of the students spend more time at school than at home, especially if they are involved in extracurricular activities. He says that if the kids feel safe, they will be more open to learning.

Most people in Royse City are familiar with the IRIS (Immediate Response Information System). When there is a weather or any other type of emergency, the system will automatically call the numbers on file and warn citizens of the impending emergency. Blaine asks that parents please not call the schools, they will be notified.

Also, if the school should go into lockdown for an emergency such as a "shooter on the campus," he asks the parents to not come to the school. All students will be safely protected until the emergency is over and the campus cleared. If parents rush to the school, they might only make the situation worse by getting in the way of first responders, law enforcement, the fire department or any other personnel assisting with the situation. Public notification will be given when the crisis is over.

Besides the IRIS, parents and citizens will be able to find information on Twitter and Facebook should there be an emergency. Blaine said that once the PowerPoint presentation is finalized, it will be put on the safety website.

Blaine said the district is making every update and instillation possible to keep the district's schools safe.

Hemphill earns degree from ASU

Sara-Anne E. Hemphill of Rockwall was one of the more than 400 summer graduates who received degrees from Angelo State University in San Angelo in August.

She received a master's degree, according to the news release from the university.

Jenkins earns Clemson degree

James Mark Jenkins of Rockwall graduated Aug. 9 from Clemson University.

He received a master's degree in industrial engineering.

He was among the 965 graduates who received degrees at the graduation ceremony.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Patricia Lee Williams

Service for Patricia Lee Williams, 76, of Rockwall was held at 11 a.m. Sept. 17, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

She was born Oct. 13, 1938, to Aubrey and Janie Marie (Brewer) Zetrouer, a prior decorator.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Edward B. Williams of children, Robert Williams and his wife, Melissa, of Mia Arciniega and her husband, Dan, of Austin, Phyllis Martin and Laura Williams of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Sean Torres, Cole Smith and Ryan Smith; her nieces, Jill Cantrell and Julia Alice Cantrell; and her nieces, her relatives.

She died in Rockwall, Texas, on Sept. 17, 2014, at the age of 76. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Nancy Tatum.

Large is semifinalist for Merit Scholarship

A Rockwall High School student has been named a semifinalist in the Merit Scholarship Program, according to a news release.

The student is one of approximately 16,000 semifinalists named in the Merit Scholarship Program. These high school seniors have to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million.

The student is eligible for a National Merit Scholarship award, a student must meet certain requirements to advance to the finalist level of the program. About 90 percent of semifinalists are expected to attain the finalist level, and more than half of the finalist will win a scholarship Merit Scholar title, according to the news release.



Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association met Sept. 10. From left: Rose-Mary Rumbley speak. Hostesses, pictured above, are Mary Harrison, Ginny Progelhof, Sherry Wimpee, Sherry Benson, Monte Huffaker and Lorethia Pecina. Photo by Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Entertainment

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Muppets' slated for Family Fun Friday

Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its Sept. 26 Family Fun Friday at Northshore Park, 609 Highland Drive. Activities will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "Muppets Most Wanted" at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks are available for purchase.

Art League plans Fine Art Show

The Rockwall Art League will host its 14th Annual Fine Art Show Oct. 3-4 at the Rockwall Rotary Building, 408 S. Goliad. Show hours will be Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. David Sweet will present the awards at a reception from 5-7 p.m. Saturday. The event will be free and open to the public. Email dittoe2@sbcglobal.net or visit rockwallartleague.com.

Rib Rub & Run planned in Rockwall

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will host its 14th Annual Rib Rub & Run, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 4 at The Center, 108 E. Washington. The event will feature 5k and 10k runs, live music, wine and beer-related vendors, food, a kid zone and many more activities.

Talking Tombstones set Oct. 10

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series on Oct. 10 at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be October's traditional Talking Tombstones, featuring a presentation from Rockwall's past "coming to life to tell their own story." Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details call 214-926-6466.

Fishing derby slated at Harry Myers Park

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department is planning a fishing derby at Harry Myers Park, 945 E. Washington, has been scheduled for Oct. 11. The event, open to children ages 5-14, will run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and cost \$5 per fisherman. Participants may bring their own bait; a limited amount of bait will be available. Register to win heaviest or longest in various age groups; prizes will be awarded. Games and other activities are planned.

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Royse City Chamber of Commerce welcomes Inwood National Bank

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce welcomed Inwood National Bank with a ribbon cutting on August 27, 2014. Branch Manager Karen Parks invites the community to come at any time for banking advice. Inwood National Bank is located at 2830 Ridge Road in Rockwall, Texas.

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by Timothy W. Burnett

The love of God ...

1 Corinthians chapter 13

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" (Psalms 23).

King David spoke of something that had hope for, and things that he was able to tap into during his life. While those words offer encouragement and comfort and hope, when we consider what is available during the administration of the grace of God, it is seen that we have something even greater than what King David had; that is Christ in us which is our hope of glory.

The Epistles provide great instruction for living with the authority of Jesus Christ.

King David could not walk with this power and authority, but he did walk by the spirit of God and succeeded in doing God's will, with a humble and meek heart for God.

Now God's beloved saints and born-again children can learn from and apply His instructions in the Epistles and Acts.

1 Corinthians chapters 12-14 provide basic information and instructions for all members of the body of Christ unto living the more than abundant life spoken of by Jesus Christ (John 10:10).

Paul finished 1 Cor. Chapter 12 with, "But covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet show I unto you a more excellent way." In The Companion Bible (KJV) E.W. Bullinger explained that the word "excellent" meant "according to excellence."

Paul is about to show the readers a way that is according to excellence.

"Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (1 Cor. 13:1).

The word "charity" did not have the same meaning as is commonly used today. It was translated from the ancient Greek word agape, which meant the love from God.

The rest of chapter 13 distinguishes the love of God from all the spiritual matters discussed in chapter 12, including the manifestation of holy spirit.

It continues, "And though I have prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I

could remove mountains, and have not the love of God, I am nothing" (verses 2-3).

The Lord Jesus gave Paul information throughout his life which was shared in his letters to the churches. Paul was a man of mysteries and revelations about the future, which were laid up for all to see through John (see Revelations). Paul basically explained about the mystery of Christ in you (see also Ephesians and Colossians 1:25-29).

Paul taught that all this was of no profit without the love of God.

"The love of God suffers long, and is kind. The love of God is patient; the love of God vaunts not itself; is not puffed up; behaves itself unseemly; seeks not her own; is not easily provoked; thinks no evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things; the love of God never fails."

To believe all things and hope in all things refers to believing according to God's word and will.

Considering that God made mankind, he knows exactly what people think and act. Chapter 13 provides a perfect litmus test for people to use, learn from and actively apply while seeking to grow spiritually.

Verse 8-10 reveals that the manifestation of holy spirit will no longer be available sometime in the future "when that which is perfect is come." It is highly possible that this future time will be after the new heaven and new earth is established; and when the beloved saints who suffered through great tribulation and the death of Israel will live forever on the new earth (or paradise).

According to verses 11-12, people can excel in the manifestation of holy spirit, yet continue to live childishly.

Paul finishes this part by saying, "And now abide in the love of God, these three; but the greatest of these is the love of God."

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Waging War

By Andrew P. Napolitano

Madison is commonly referred to as the Father of the Constitution. A large measure because, in the secrecy of the Philadelphia Convention in Philadelphia in 1787, he kept the most important notes. He also had a very keen mind and a modestly uncanny ability to solidify consensus around basic principles woven into the Constitution.

Before the Constitution and before he became Thomas Jefferson, secretary of state and eventually a two-term president, Madison was a planter from Virginia. When he spoke on the floor of the Convention, he was most adamant about the separation of powers. Chief among those restraints, in Madison's view, was the separation of powers between the executive, legislative to Congress, and not to the president, of the war.

He believed that kings became tyrants through war. He believed that by keeping the war-making power in the hands of the president and the war-making power in the hands of the constitution would serve as a bulwark against tyranny.

Madison's view of the relationship between the executive and legislative powers is, perhaps, the most important because it comprises and develops the germ of every nation's government; from these proceed debts and taxes, and debts, and taxes are the known instruments of power under the domination of the few. In war, too, the power of the Executive is extended; its influence over the minds, are added to those of subduing the people. ... No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."

Madison's view is instructive for us today as President Obama decides whether to order the nation to go to war or to order hostilities on his own authority under the War Powers Resolution (WPR), the president can deploy

U.S. forces anywhere outside the U.S. for 180 days upon his written notification of congressional leaders. He does not need a declaration of war to deploy forces for 180 days, yet he cannot deploy forces beyond that without express authorization from Congress.

Obama used the WPR as the legal basis for his air invasion of Libya in 2011. That resulted in the destruction of the government there, which the U.S. had supported with \$1 billion annually since 2005 (we literally destroyed armaments that we had paid for), the death of Col. Gadhafi, whom President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair called a friend in the war on terror, the instability of the nation, the death of our ambassador, and the seizure by mobs of U.S. government-owned real estate. The president declined to use the WPR authority last year when he sought -- and did not receive -- express congressional authority to use military force to degrade the offensive weaponry of the Syrian military.

The WPR is a two-edged sword. Though the courts have never reviewed it, it is certainly unconstitutional, as the courts have consistently ruled that one branch of government cannot give away its principal constitutional powers to another. Congress surely cannot give its war-making power to the president any more than it can give it to the courts. So, the political question with respect to war remains: Who will take the heat for fighting a war against ISIS -- the president via the WPR or Congress via the Constitution?

Yet, beyond the political question is the more profound question of who will enforce the Constitution. In addition to Madison's fears about foreign wars leading to domestic tyranny, there are profoundly practical reasons why war is a decision for Congress alone.

Here is where it gets dicey and inside the Beltway. Republicans want war because they see ISIS as a dreaded enemy and can use its televised barbarity to rally voters to their candidates. Democrats want war because they can use it to show the voters that they, too, can be muscular against terrorists. Yet, Republican leadership in the House is reluctant to permit the House to debate and vote on a resolution

authorizing hostilities, because they can't agree on how to instruct the president to end the war.

But war often has surprise endings and unexpected human, geopolitical and financial consequences. A debate in Congress will air them. It will assure that the government considers all rational alternatives to war and that the nation is not pushed into a costly and bloody venture with its eyes shut. A congressional debate will compel a written national objective tied to American freedom. A prudent debate will also assure that there will be an end to hostilities determined by congressional consensus and not presidential fiat.

What should Congress do? It should declare once and for all that we will stay out of this ancient Muslim civil war of Shia versus Sunni. We have been on both sides of it. Each side is barbarous. In the 1980s, we helped the Sunni. Now we are helping the Shia. Last year, Obama offered to help ISIS by degrading its adversaries; now, he wants to degrade ISIS. We have slaughtered innocents and squandered fortunes in an effort to achieve temporary military victories that neither enhance our freedom nor fortify our safety. We will only have peace when we come home -- when we cease military intervention in an area of the world not suited for democracy and in which we are essentially despised.

I suspect most Americans have had enough of war, and they understand that if the political class ignores Madison's warnings, it will do so at its peril.

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Some of the worst inventions ever

Hotel pool towels aren't too good to be true. Hotel pool towels aren't too good to be true. Hotel pool towels aren't too good to be true.

Thin, white terry cloth impersonators with the blue stripe down the middle that possess the absorbency of a half of one side of a Q-tip. Heck, I need two of 'em -- one for my face and one for my back -- and that's before I go into the hot tub.

Often come out of necessity. Historically, towel theft was a real problem for hotels. I myself can't see the need to swipe your credit card for a hundred or more bucks stay and then swipe a \$10 towel? Doesn't make sense. Why does pinching a half-ounce of shampoo or body lotion from the hotel bathroom ever done that.

Whatever the line of thinking, the iconic hotel pool towel was born. What it lacks in absorbency, it makes up for in numbers. Thousands, perhaps millions, of these ugly, quasi-effective cloths have been distributed to lodging establishments across the country. They've become as familiar to a hotel stay as miniature bars of soap

and plastic ice buckets.

On numerous occasions, I've attempted -- without much luck -- to wrap one of the blue striped bandanas around my posterior. Their size leaves much to be desired; they were definitely not designed with the average-sized mom in mind.

As hotel patrons, we aren't left with much choice but to make do with the shabby rectangular cloths passing themselves off as towels. We could bring our own from home, but that would further complicate the full suitcase situation, not to mention create more laundry -- and that's never a good thing.

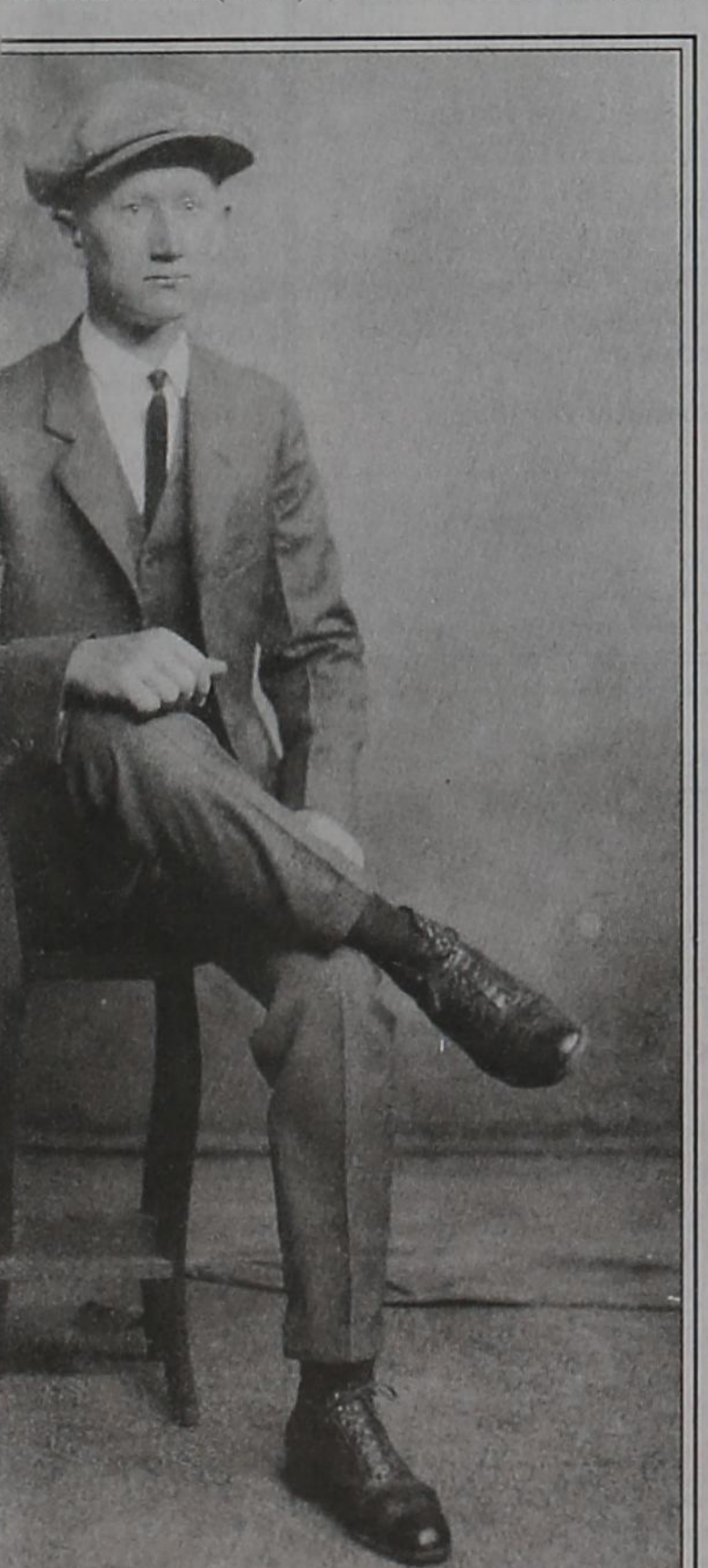
So after splashing in the pool or relaxing by the hot tub, we grab a few and drape and wrap and do our best to cover the parts that really need covering and perhaps dry off a bit in the process.

I suppose it's not so bad and things could be worse. Hotels could stop supplying the towels altogether. Or (shudder) they could start charging for shampoo.

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National POW/MIA Day observed locally

National Recognition Day is observed across the nation for those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces as Prisoners of War (POW) and Mission in Action (MIA).



Palmer, age 18, was declared and still is MIA (Missing in Action) during World War II. Friday, Sept. 19, is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This day is set aside especially to honor those who were or still are prisoners of the various wars and those who are still are, missing in action.

Last week, during the Rockwall County Commissioners Court, Judge Jerry Hogan read a proclamation regarding National POW and MIA Recognition Day.

As Judge Hogan read the words and for some time afterward, my mind flooded with so many memories of my grandmother, with whom my younger brother and I lived with for some time as children. On a particularly rough day, she would open the old black, paper-coated trunk in her backroom closet and take out her firstborn's combat boots, his uniform and other personal items of his. She would cry, hold them to her heart and smell them, trying to get back a part of him that she would never experience again.

Grandmother lost her firstborn son, Hayward, at the age of 19 during World War II at the Battle of the Bulge, and three years later, was his body returned to Coffeetown, Texas, for a proper burial.

She had four brothers who also went to war. Billy Joe saw no front-line combat, but was forever emotionally damaged from what he experienced.

Vestal and J.W. were captured and each became prisoners of war in separate camps, where they each were held for several years, severely physically and emotionally tortured beyond the mind's understanding, and eventually returned home, never to be the same again. Vestal spent the last years of life, thinking he was still a prisoner of war, losing touch with reality, until his death.

The fourth of the brothers, Frank, age 18, was on a huge oil freighter headed for Africa, loaded with oil for the war efforts. His ship disappeared and to this day, not a shred of the ship, cargo or men aboard has ever been found. The government related to families of the men aboard that they think the ship was torpedoed by Japanese subs that were reported to have been in the area at the time.

Grandmother lived with the heartbreaking hope that one day Frank would simply walk up onto her country porch, an tell her that he had been captured by the enemy and put in a

concentration camp or had lost all memory of his past. She spoke of this hope so often, and had such a faraway look in her eyes, as they filled with haunting tears. That day never came. Grandmother died in 1985. Up until 2003, no evidence of any further information of the ship was ever divulged.

So out of my five uncles, one was forever scared, two were POWs, one was and still is listed as MIA, and the final one was KIA (Killed in Action). These were a part of the memories that filled my mind after Judge Hogan read the proclamation.

Most of us don't need a special day to remember our veterans, whatever their status might be. But on this day set aside for special recognition, let us all take a few moments to remember and pay tribute, not only to the veterans, but to their families and friends who suffered so much, and still do to this day.

Thank you, Judge Hogan, for the touching proclamation and its stirring of our memories.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

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Not-so-Scary Hayride to be offered

Not-so-Scary Hayrides will be offered Oct. 17-18 in Myers Park East. Rides will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to noon on both days and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 18. The rides will be available to children through the age of 7 and will include a Monster Mash dance, spooky snacks and story time. Pre-registration through the City of Rockwall is required; cost is \$15.

Iron Chef Challenge fundraiser scheduled

The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County will host its Iron Chef Challenge from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 18 at the South Fork Ranch. Space is limited; only the first 20 teams or 200 people will be allowed to participate. For more information email mpotter@bgcrockwall.com or call 972-722-2462.

Family Fun Friday to feature 'Monsters University'

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its final Family Fun Friday of 2014 on Oct. 24 at the Dalton Ranch Park, 1714 Tannerson Drive. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "Monsters University," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Halloween Extravaganza slated at The Harbor

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its Halloween Extravaganza from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 25 at The Harbor. The event will include a costume contest, carnival games, bounce houses, music and other entertainment.

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DEA drug take-back initiative slated

The Rockwall Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency Drug Take-Back will run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the John F. Kennedy Sr. Community Services Center, 1113 Ridge Road, Rockwall. The national initiative provides an opportunity for expired, unwanted or over-the-counter or pharmaceutical medications, pills, capsules, rings and liquids cannot be accepted for destruction. For details contact Officer Young at 972-772-6781 or rockwallpolice.org.

Get Healthy Rockwall potluck dinner

The public is invited to an and-go potluck dinner to Get Healthy Rockwall from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., Rockwall. Each participant is to bring a healthy, plant-based meal as well as copies of their recipe to share. For more details contact Carol Miskin at 972-677-7777.

Event to focus on domestic violence

An evening honoring and celebrating survivors of domestic violence. Shine a Light on Domestic Violence will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Jacket Lane. The public is invited to come hear inspirational and testimonies of women who have broken the silence of living violence-free lives. Community leaders will provide an overview about what domestic violence is doing to combat domestic violence. There will be a candlelight vigil hosted by Women in Blue.

RFD plans Oct. 4 open house

The Rockwall Fire Department will host its 10th anniversary open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 4 at 920 Rockwall Parkway. Admission will be free. Safety tips, demonstrations and other family-friendly activities are planned. The event will conclude with Fire Prevention Week 5-11. To learn more about the weeklong event, visit www.rockwallfire.com/firedepartment or call 972-777-7770.

Democratic Men to meet for luncheon

The Democratic Men's Club of Rockwall County will host next luncheon beginning Oct. 4 at Johnny Carino's Restaurant, 819 E. I-30. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national news and politics. Open-minded and progressive men concerned about the future direction of Texas and Rockwall County are invited. Topic for discussion at the meeting will be the upcoming statewide election.

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Henderson, Elliot spark Hawks past Garland

Rockwall-Heath Hawks ended non-district play with a 21-14 victory over Garland at Williams Stadium September 11. After a game in Arlington the previous Saturday, Heath only had four games to prepare for their Thursday matchup with the Owls. Henderson led the offensive charge with 148 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns, while DeShon Elliot returned an interception for a defensive score to pull Heath past the Owls. The Hawks, who are the state in the latest Texas 5A Associated Press polls, finished the week with a 2-1 record. In the first quarter, Garland (2-1) put up the first points of the game, run by Markeith Miller at the 4:09 mark in the second. After the Hawks stormed down the field with a five-play, 67-yard drive, Henderson finished with a three-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 7-7. The battle continued after halftime, but a short punt put the Hawks back on offense with less than two minutes left in the third. Seven plays later, Henderson put Heath on top 14-7. In the final quarter, Elliot intercepted junior quarterback Jacoby Williams for a 50-yard interception return to give the Hawks the lead. Henderson had a 10-yard touchdown reception with 2:52 remaining but Rockwall-Heath let the clock run out in their final minute of the game to clinch the win.

Following the bye-week, the Hawks will begin District 12-5A competition Thursday, September 25 at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium against Mesquite Poteet at 7 p.m.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Garland	0	7	7	7	17
Rockwall-Heath	0	7	0	7	14

	Garland	Heath
1st Downs	19	12
Rushes-Yds	40-191	46-128
Comp-Att-Int	11-26-1	6-10-0
Passing Yds	110	98
Total Yds	301	226
Penalties-Yds	8-61	6-37
Punts-Avg.	4-38.5	5-34.4
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-0

Passing – RHHS: Jordan Hoy 6-10-98; GHS: Luther Kirk 6-17-56-1, Jacoby Williams 5-9-54-0-INT Receiving – RHHS: Mark Bielski 3-70, Chase Peterson 2-15, Deshon Elliot 1-13 Rushing – Rico Henderson 34-148-2TD, Jordan Hoy 12- -6



Rubber Duck Regatta returns to Rockwall Harbor September 20

Annual duck fest benefits Boys & Girls Club, Meals on Wheels. Now is the time to adopt a \$5 rubber duck for the September 20th Rubber Duck Regatta on Lake Ray Hubbard. Participants have the chance to win fan-quake-stic prizes as thousands of rubber ducks spill down the fountains at The Harbor in a race to the finish line.

The third annual duck fest benefits Meals on Wheels and Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County. Admission to the all-day family event is FREE, and is expected to draw more than 5,000 people from the in and around the Lake Ray Hubbard area.

Festivities begin with a Running of the Nerds 5k at 8 a.m. This new addition to the regatta gives runners and walkers the chance to snack on Nerds candies as they go, and participants will be given a nerd-themed T-Shirt. Top finishers will receive prizes such as the world's largest box of Nerds.

For those who aren't interested in getting up at the quack of dawn, the Duck Fest will open at The Harbor at 10 a.m. and will include food, live music and crafts.

"We typically have 100 vendors, and this year will be bigger as the Rockwall Auto Show will be happening at the same time and place," said event coordinator Ariana Hargrove.

Businesses may purchase and decorate a larger "mama" duck to enter in the Corporate Duck Beauty Pageant. Contestants will be on display beginning at 11 a.m. and the winner will be announced at noon. Hargrove said an average of 150 companies and individuals enter each year.

Festivities will finish up with a mini glow-in-the-dark duck race at 9 p.m., followed by "firequackers" over Lake Ray Hubbard.

Over the last two years, the regatta has raised more than \$80,000 for Boys & Girls Club and Meals on Wheels over the last two years, according to Hargrove.

For more info or to purchase a duck online, visit rockwallduckrace.org. Ducks will also be available for purchase at the Rockwall ISD Pep Rally on September 5, and on the day of the event at the Quack Shack booth.

Fulton dominates Denton Calvary in 51-6 victory

Fulton left no doubt about the outcome of Friday night's game after 3-point decisions in each of the first two games. (2-1) defeated Denton Calvary Academy 51-6 in a game of six-man football's 45-point mercy rule during the week at Cain Middle School. "We played well," said Fulton head coach Mike Morris. "We did it at they do." In the first quarter, Fulton scored two first downs to the Lions' five, held DCA (1-2) to 142 yards and intercepted two passes. "On offense, we executed very well. We were able to get going consistently. Carson Newman had a lot of good runs, Newman and Tyler Treadway too. He had a 60-yard pass play to Tyler for a touchdown." Fulton followed a 27-24 loss to Lucas Christian Academy at Cain Middle School.

defenses for both teams got tough near the goal line." Fulton held defending Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship state champions' offense to 181 yards.

"I'd like a little more breathing room," Morris said, "but this will benefit us in the long run. When we get into tight games, that prepares us for the playoffs."

Fulton is scheduled to play at Campbell at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Despite last week's victory, the Falcons dropped from first to third in sixmanfootball.com's TAPPS 6-Man III state rankings.

The Indians (1-2) are 61st in the sixmanfootball.com UIL 6-Man I state rankings.

Morris said he would not be at Friday's game because of a death in his family. Assistant coach Todd Treadway, a 2014 Fulton graduate and Tyler's older brother, will be in charge. "He knows our offense better than anybody."

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final
DCA	0	6	0	6
Fulton	14	18	19	51

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
LCA	0	4	7	16	27
Fulton	0	0	16	8	24

Wednesday sailing draws large fleets

Races in the Fall Wednesday Night Series have drawn 12 boats on Lake Ray Hubbard. The racing has been highly competitive both weeks. Kathy Holt "Rij Jik of Jik Ik" home in first place Sept. 3, and Dan "On" finished first Sept. 10. Robert Cummings' "J22" placed second, with Malak and Marshall Mackenzie fourth aboard "Superman's Cape" Conklin's "Audacity" fifth. In the Race 2 runner-up with "Rij Jik of Jik Ik," with "Superman's Cape" taking third. "Superman's Cape" and "Wings" won both races by a margin

of just under a minute. The Race 1 runner-up was Larry Carpenter's "Odyssey." In Race 2, Keelan Manuel placed second in "Joint Venture," David Lawson finished third with "Respite" and Victoria Levine was fourth in her "Queen Victoria."

In the first race in the Fall Sunday Afternoon Series, Mackenzie placed first with "Superman's Cape." The runner-up was Malak on "Orion."

Jones had also led the B Fleet in Race 11, the last in the Summer Wednesday Night Series Aug. 27. Behind him were Manuel and "Joint Venture" in second place, and Bill Mansfield, third aboard "Bruce Lee."

The A Fleet winner that night was Bryan Taylor in "Rented Mule." Following him were Cummings, second in "J22"; Mackenzie, third in "Superman's Cape"; Conklin, fourth in "Audacity," and Malak, fifth in "Orion."

In the final Summer Saturday Night Series race (No. 7) on Aug. 23, Malak sailed "Orion" to first place with Kuipers second in "Rij Jik of Jik Ik" and Mackenzie third with "Superman's Cape."

Mackenzie had won Race 6 a week earlier aboard "Superman's Cape."

Tour to select RHHS' Trevor Elbert Sept. 23

The 2015 U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Tour will be at Rockwall-Heath High School on Tuesday to select offensive lineman Trevor Elbert for the 2015 U.S. Army All-American Bowl, according to a tour news release.

The school will recognize Elbert in front of his teammates, classmates, fans and family during a 7:50 a.m. news conference in the library.

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Highland Eagles win 1st district matches

Highland Academy's volleyball team made it through a first round of the TAPPS District 3-3A season by winning all three matches, all on the road. The Eagles swept Irving The Highlands School Tuesday, Sept. 9, with scores of 25-11, 25-15 and 25-15. On Thursday, HCA won at Highland School of Dallas 25-21, 25-17, 24-26, 25-17. McKinney Jemmy took Heritage Christian to five sets Saturday afternoon with scores of 26-28, 25-18, 25-18, 21-25, 15-4.

Highland totaled 61 kills in the three matches. Brandi Hawkins had 21 digs. Highlands, Becky Scherel provided five blocks. Lindsay Scherel had six blocks against McKinney Christian.

A home district home matches scheduled this week at Rockwall High School – Tuesday against Yavneh Academy of Dallas and at First Baptist Academy of Dallas – and is scheduled to be at Alvin Living Stones Christian School tournament Friday afternoon. The district would resume Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the RISE against Lullwater School.



Highland Eagles Senior Kylie McClung (13) keeps the play alive against Trinity Christian last Thursday September 11 at the Rockwall ISD gym in Rockwall. Baylee Hawkins is close by to assist.

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Jackets roll past Horn in home opener, remain undefeated

by Ryan Garrett

Senior running back Chris Warren rushed 28 times for 179 yards and quarterback Will Reed took to the air for 239 as Rockwall defeated former district foe Mesquite Horn 26-14 Friday at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

The Yellowjackets avenged a 48-32 loss in 2013 to the Jaguars and ended their non-district schedule with a 3-0 record. Rockwall is now tied with Highland Park at 9th in Class 6A area rankings.

Rockwall never trailed in the contest, but struggled at times to move the ball and extend drives. Horn — where Jackets' Rodney Webb coached before moving to Rockwall last season — tied the score two times, but was shut out in the final quarter for the Yellowjacket win.

The Jaguars threatened to take the lead on the first drive of the game, but Caleb Broach blocked a 23-yard field goal attempt to give Rockwall the ball — Broach added a second blocked field goal in the fourth quarter, along with a game-clinching interception.

The Yellowjackets capitalized as Warren took a pass from Reed, hurdled a defender on the sideline and ran 47 yards for the first touchdown of the night.

Later in the first, a ten-yard Rockwall punt placed Horn near the 50, resulting in a game-tying 39-yard touchdown pass in the final seconds of the quarter.

After trading punts through the second, Xavier Castille caught a 19-

yard scoring pass to give Rockwall the 14-7 lead at the half.

The Jacket offense struggled to regain its rhythm out of the break, and midway through the third, Mesquite Horn powered through with Chris Robison's 24-yard touchdown pass to Lincoln Warren to tie the game 14-14.

From there, Rockwall took control to shut out the Jaguars in the fourth. A goal line stand by the Jacket defense and a second blocked field goal by Broach started the quarter. The block was picked up by Tamba Juanah and returned 85 yards for the score; however, the touchdown was brought back by a penalty — Rockwall had two additional touchdowns wiped out by penalties earlier in the contest.

The Yellowjackets took the lead for good with a 13-yard pass to Jaylen Veasley, putting RHS ahead 20-14 with 9:50 remaining.

Horn threatened in Rockwall territory in the quarter, but a series of penalties and defense by Rockwall ended the drive. The stop led to a 42-yard Chris Warren touchdown run with 3:31 left in the game.

With just two minutes remaining, Rockwall sealed the win with an interception by Broach at the Rockwall 24, allowing the Jackets to run out the remaining time for the 26-14 win.

The Yellowjackets begin competing for the District 11-6A title tonight against North Garland (0-4). Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Garland ISD's Williams Stadium.

Rockwall High School Homecoming week will be September 22

through 27. Yellowjacket's parade will be held next Thursday at 6 p.m., and the Jackets will take on the Lakeview Centennial Sept. 26.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	7	7	0	12	26
Horn	7	0	7	0	14

	Rockwall	Horn
1st Downs	26	20
Rushes-yds	42-235	32-99
Comp-Att-Int	15-30-0	20-41-1
Passing yds	239	284
Total yds	474	383
Penalties-yds	8-75	7-70
Punts-Avg.	5-32	5-38.8
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0

Passing — RHS: Will Reed 15-30-239-3-0; Chris Robison 20-1 Receiving — RHS: Xavier Castille 5-98-1, Chris Warren 2-53 Veasley 3-50-1, Jay Galloway 4-38 Rushing — RHS: Chris Warren 176-1, Xavier Castille 8-32, Tamba Juanah 3-23, Will Reed 2-

Joshua hands the Royse City Bulldogs another late loss

by Lary Bump

For the second consecutive week, Royse City led its football game in the fourth quarter but lost to a late score.

The Bulldogs had a seven-point lead over Joshua until the closing minutes. Then the Owls' Jare Isreal ran 33 yards for a touchdown, and Ray Arriola ran in a 2-point conversion for an 18-17 victory in RC's home opener.

"They're a lot bigger than us, with big old running backs and linemen. They just ran over us on that play," Bulldogs head coach David Petroff said.

A week earlier, Royse City had led Greenville virtually the entire game before the Lions scored with a minute and a half to play to win 27-24.

After losing two games by a total of 4 points, the Bulldogs fell to 0-3, with a nine-game losing streak. They'll have this week off before their first District 12-5A game against Forney Sept. 26.

"It's been tough so far. We left two games out there," Petroff said. "We're going to keep playing hard and fighting. We're doing things the right way. At some point, it's going to turn around."

Petroff said he went through a similar situation when he took over as head coach at Waco Midway, which had been 3-7 the year before he arrived. Royse City was 1-9 in 2012, and 1-9 again last year in Petroff's first year with RC.

"You just keep your nose to the grindstone," he said. "It's about changing the attitude and developing a winner's mentality. You've got to overcome adversity."

Against Joshua (1-2), the Bulldogs took a 10-3 halftime lead on Ibn Muhammad's 7-yard touchdown run and Preston Browning's field goal in the second quarter.

After the Owls' first rushing touchdown tied the game in the third quarter, Zach Maley put RC in the lead again with a 73-yard punt return for a TD.

Windy conditions made it difficult for both teams to pass. They totaled just 112 yards through the air. Bulldogs quarterback Courtland Vance was 5 for 19 for just 65 yards. He was also Royse City's rushing leader with 77 yards on 16 carries.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Joshua	3	0	7	8	18
Royse City	0	10	0	7	17

Joshua — Jon Bessent 23 FG
RCHS — Ibn Muhammad 7 run (Preston Browning kick)
RCHS — Browning 24 FG

Joshua — Nathaniel Rutherford 4 run (Bessent kick)
RCHS — Zach Maley 73 punt return (Browning kick)

Joshua — Jare Isreal 33 run (Ray Arriola run)

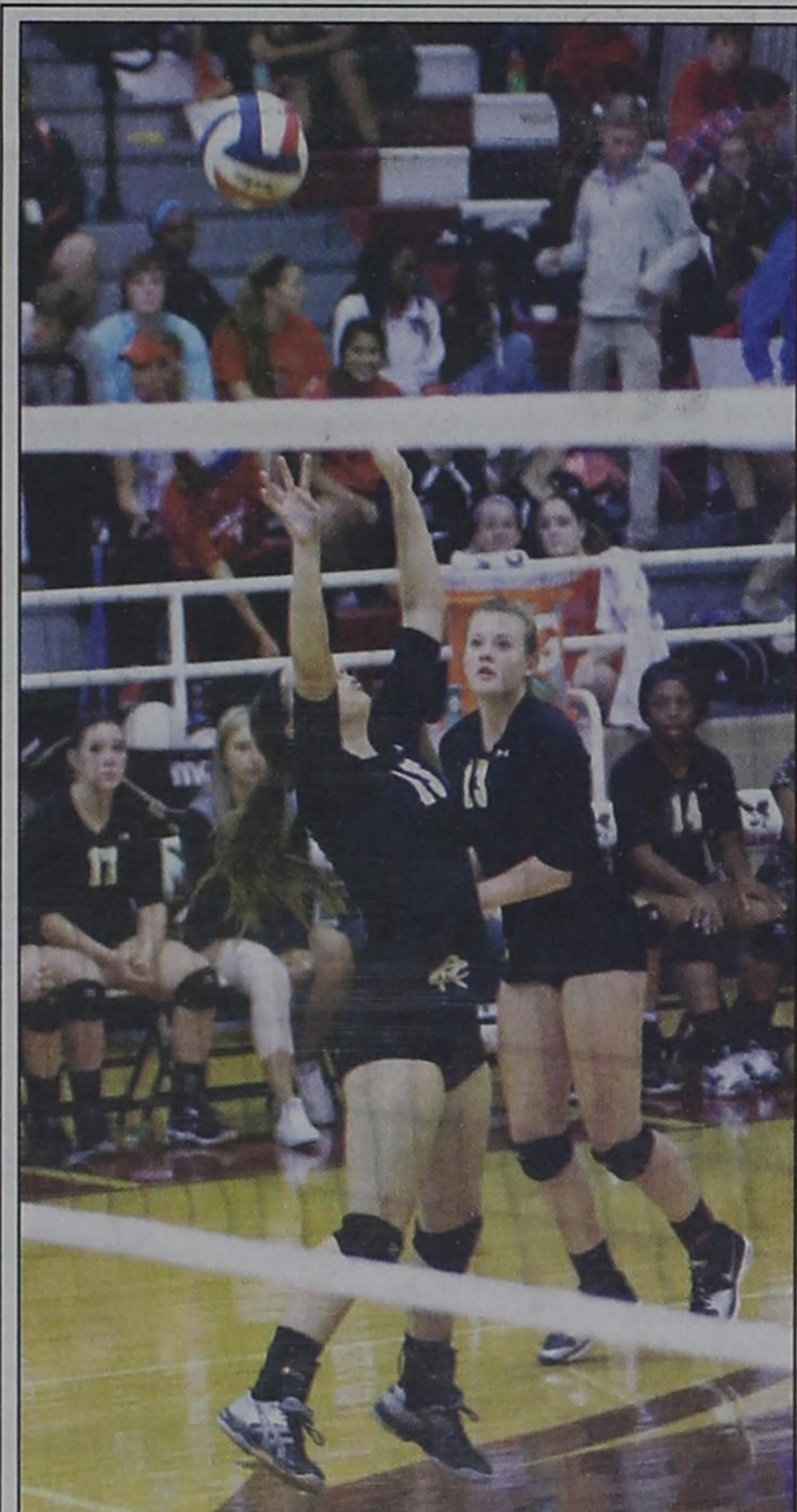
	Joshua	Royse City
1st Downs	26	16

Rushing Yds	47-165	24-116
Passing Yds	47	65
Total Yds	212	181
Comp-Att-Int	5-15-5-20-1	
Penalties-Yds	8-80	4-20
Punts-Avg.	4-13.0	5-19.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Passing — Joshua: Jonathan Otto 5-15-0-47; Royse City: Vance 5-19-1-65, Aaron Landers 0-1-0-0.

Receiving — Joshua: Hunter Shamberger 3-29, Jeremiah B Landon McCoy 1-6; Royse City: Aaron Landers 2-39, Preston 1-12, Chris Sims 1-11, DeVante Alexander 1-3.

Rushing — Joshua: Ray Arriola 21-106, Jare Isreal 17-68, Rutherford 3-13, Tanner Waits 1-1, Landon McCoy 1-minus 1, Otto 4-minus 2; Royse City: Courtland Vance 16-77, Zach Maley 1-73, Ibn Muhammad 5-16, Chris Sims 1-3, Ryan Stone 1-2.



Lady Bulldogs Cameron Worthy (15) sets the ball for a strike by Brianna Woltman (13) during the match against Rockwall-Heath last Friday Sept. 12 at the RHHS gym in Heath.
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Rockwall ISD volleyball sweep district openers

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall and Heath volleyball teams both looked strong as they opened district play Friday, September 12. On the season, the Lady Hawks are 22-6 (1-0) and the Lady Jackets are 14-13 (1-0).

Rockwall-Heath downed District 12-5A opponent Royse City on the Hawks' home court 3-0 (25-16, 25-11, 25-6). Team leaders were Brooke Birlerson (15 Assists), Aniah Hatfield-Philo (nine kills), Megan Lohmiller (nine digs) and Jessica Nwabuko (three blocks).

The Rockwall Lady Jackets traveled to Tyler Lee for the District 11-6A opener, defeating the Red Raiders 3-0 (25-23, 25-18, 25-17). Leading the way for Rockwall were Hannah Adams (34 assists), Chaney Garcia (15 digs), Bayleigh Scott (nine kills) and Rose Njoku (five blocks).

Both teams continued their district schedule on the road Tuesday — the Hawks defeated North Forney 3-0, (25-7) (25-14) (25-10). RHS played at Garland. Tomorrow night, the Jackets will take on North Garland at 5:30 and Heath will play South Garland at 6:30. Both games are away.



Bulldogs Junior quarterback Courtland Vance (5) keeps the ball for a run around the right side during the second quarter of the game against Joshua, Friday Sept. 12 at RCHS Stadium. The play put the ball close to the end zone and set up a touchdown run by Senior Ibn Muhammad (2) putting the Bulldogs on to 7-3. Shown blocking for Vance are Muhammad and Aaron Landers (10).
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Lady Hawks Junior Alex Nolan (12) and Freshman Berkley Adams (6) stop a strike by Lady Bulldogs Elish Poe (2) last Friday Sept. 12 at the RHHS gym in Heath. Ready to assist for RHHS is Brook Birlerson (1), Ashley White (11) and Cameron Worthy (15) are read to back up Poe on Royse City's side of the net.
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Rockwall girls take Lake Highlands Cross Country title

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall Yellowjacket and Heath Hawks cross country teams competed in the Lake Highlands Invitational 5A/6A combined Saturday September 13 at Norbuck Park.

Defeating second-place Plano West by 20 points, the Lady Hawks took home the championship, chalking up 46 points and 126 runners competing. The Rockwall boys finished third with 123 points (20 teams, 147 runners).

Freshman Ariell Hopkins finished third (20:00.46) to lead the girls to the title. Maiya Collins, a senior, took eighth (21:00.00) and sophomore Kaitlyn Stark rounded out the top-ten with a time of 20:46.64.

With an 11th place finish, junior Samuel Fox led the Yellowjackets to a third-place team finish with his time of 17:07.52. Other top finishers for Rockwall were Dalton Gonzales (16th, 17:30.60), Clem (25th, 17:56.09) and Michael Lawrence (27th, 17:59.40).

Rockwall-Heath senior Austin Recker (26th, 17:58.70) and Zach Johnson (30th, 18:08.54) led the Hawks to finish 11th in the competition with 252 points. Lady Hawks' Rose Davidson placed 11th with a time of 23:42.68. The Rockwall-Heath girls did not place in the top 15 teams.

The Hawks and Jackets will compete at the Wylie Invitational Saturday, Sept. 20.

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