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Royse City ISD Financial Department earns honors

Millie Jean Coppedge
The Royse City School Board conducted its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 19. The regular date for the board meeting is the first Monday of each month, but due to March 9 falling during Spring Break, the meeting date was moved forward.

The Finance Department was honored by Superintendent Kevin Williams for its mission statement from the home page of the district's website. "The department is responsible for managing the financial resources of the District needed to meet the needs of our students so that they may be afforded the best possible education. The department recognizes the importance of providing quality information to the community regarding the district's financial plan for the current and future years."

The CISD Finance Department includes Steven Brock, business manager; Teresa Sanchez, accounts payable; Angel McCrary, purchasing manager; Robbie Coulter, accounts payable; and David Carter, chief financial officer and director of operations.

The first award the Finance Department received was the Award of Merit from the Texas Association of School Business Officials. According to the district website, "Only one small school district is selected for the Elite Status level. The award is provided to school districts and Educational Service Centers that are committed to following professional standards in the procurement of goods and services. Recipients of the Award of Merit demonstrated their continuous ability to utilize sound purchasing management policies and promote effective use of school resources."

The second award was the Meritorious Budget Award from the Texas Association of School Business Officials. This is the first time this award has been given and it was for "excellence in the preparation and issuance of the 2014-2015 school system annual budget."

The third honor was the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association, given for preparing "the highest quality budget that reflects both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on state and local budgeting and the best practices on budgeting."

Another agenda item was the progression of the security measures at Royse City schools. Lloyd Blaine, principal of the H.H. Browning Learning Center and Director of Safety and Security for the district, provided the board with the update that upon return from Spring Break, all personnel of Royse City High School, Ruth Cherry Middle School and Davis Elementary School, were provided with identification name badges that can simply be swiped at the machine on entry to the building, making for a swift and easy access since personnel must wear their ID badges at all times, while on school premises.

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Pictured are members of the Royse City ISD Finance Department who were recognized for several awards during the board meeting on March 19. From the left are Steven Brock, Teresa Sanchez, Angel McCrary, Robbie Coulter and David Carter, chief financial officer-director of operations.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

10th Annual Cars for CASA set May 17

The Metro East Division of the Dallas Builders Association will host its 10th Annual Cars for CASA Auto Show at The Harbor on Sunday, May 17, to help raise money for Lone Star CASA.

Cars for CASA, conducted annually by a crew of more than 40 volunteers, has grown to become one of the most successful auto shows in North Texas. The first event, in 2005, featured 80 cars and raised \$2,600. This year's show is expected to feature 250 cars and generate more than \$50,000 for Lone Star CASA.

From vintage autos to cutting-edge cars, the event always features autos of interest. Among the many vehicles expected at this year's event will be classic Mustangs and Corvettes, several Shelby Cobras, vintage

Pontiac GTOs and many others. Several new vehicles representing local dealerships also will be featured, according to a Lone Star CASA news release.

Those attending also will be able to enjoy food and beverages from local restaurants. The event also will feature door prizes, a live DJ, a 50/50 pot and a silent auction. CASA also will operate a booth to provide information to individuals interested in learning more about the organization. CASA also will sell beverages.

"We're proud to play a role in helping CASA kids rebuild their lives," said Dave Hambley. "The Cars for CASA show is a great way to support

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On March 7, the Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers competed in Justin at the HTE State Drill Team Competition. The Highsteppers team, including the Elite Team, were the top scoring teams and won the state championship title for the second straight year. The Highsteppers now are preparing to compete in the ADTS National Competition on March 20-21. The Highstepper team and officers are the reigning 2014 national champions. Pictured are Jr. Lt. Audrey Lawrence, Jr. Lt. McKenzie Bryant, 1st Lt. Brooke Sands, Captain Allison Strother, Sr. Lt. Sarah Schneider, Jr. Lt. Shawnee Gillham, Lexi Shields, Elizabeth Carranza, Brittany Dickison, Crystal Vo, Kaitlyn Peacock, Hailee Nix, Ariah Hassanizadeh, Kaelyn Hurley, Kelsey Dvorak, Molly Mosby, Kaitlyn Birdsong, Juntra Chanthavisay, Taylor Transou, McKenzie Wang, Taylor Frisby, Abby Scott, Aly Smith, Madison Patlan, Jessica Blundell, Victoria Steele, Natalie Jecmenek, Brooke Resseguie, Kaitlyn Brother, Emma Young, Mikayla Armstrong, Sage Buchanan, Anna Deren, Josey Mayes, Sara Regian, Kenzie Smith, Maggie Weatherman, Ale Smith, Quentin Loya, Brandon Yang, Suriya Chanthavisay, Matt Sumpton, Kennedy Nhem and Johnny Nhem. They are under the direction of Monica Lyon and assistant director Anna Blair.

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The Rockwall High School Stingerettes competed in the Elite category of the UNT Nationals recently. The Stingerette officers pictured at front swept the contest, winning National Champion Officer Open, National Champion Officer Jazz, National Champion Officer Lyrical and National Champion Officer Contemporary. Pictured from the left are Brooke Brown, lieutenant; Riley Eidson, first lieutenant; Dellanie Dettl, lieutenant; Nicole Berglund, lieutenant; Emma Cox, captain; and Lindsay Kneedler, senior lieutenant.

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Rockwall County Constable Randy Parks (right) stands on the House Floor with State Representative Scott Turner (left), Thurs. March 12, 2015 when the House of Representatives passed a resolution honoring Parks. H.R. 615 was put before the House by Rep. Turner, recognizing Parks for taking "quick and decisive action on November 19, 2014, when he helped save the life of a fellow citizen." Parks actions saved the life of Jack Keys, who was experiencing diabetic shock while driving his van on Highway 276.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Phelps Lake ribbon cutting delayed

The Phelps Lake ribbon-cutting ceremony has been postponed until further notice, according to a City of Rockwall news release. No other information regarding the postponement was provided.

Rockwall's Easter Egg Hunt scheduled

The 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Rockwall will begin at 9:30 a.m. March 28 in Harry Myers Park. Special prize eggs will be featured, as will a bounce house, petting zoo and photo opportunities with the Easter bunny. Admission will be free and open to children 0-12 years old.

RSM plans 'Guys & Dolls' auditions

Auditions for Rockwall Summer Musical's "Guys and Dolls" will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 28, with dance auditions from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Building B, Room 206, and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 29 at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel. Rehearsals begin May 11; performances set June 25-28. Schedule auditions by calling 214-202-9673 or emailing info@rockwallsummermusicals.org; prepare a one-minute song (16-24 bars). A piano accompanist will be provided. Bring sheet music, theatrical resume and headshot.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 (Continued on Page 4)



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Rockwall County Obituaries

B.L. Raines

Services for B.L. Raines, 77, of Rowlett were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2015, in the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall with Pastor Steve Stroope officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died March 19 in Dallas. Born Jan. 24, 1938, in Frederick, Kansas, to Barney Louie Raines Sr. and Lola (Webb) Raines, he graduated from Wichita Falls High School and West Texas State University. He married Faye Jones on Nov. 28, 1963. He was a loving husband and devoted father, a mentor to many and a faithful friend. His strong presence, humorous personality and bright smile brought joy to all.

The heartbeat of his life was telling others about Jesus Christ. He was a Gideon and member of the Pollock Sunday School Class at the Lake Pointe Church, where he held many leadership positions during his more than 20 years of service.

He retired from Coca-Cola, where he was purchasing director, in 2001.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Faye Raines; his children, Kim Gilligan, and her husband, Jason, and Kevin Raines and his wife, Stephanie; his grandchildren, Jordan, Kelsey and Steven; his brothers, Dave Raines, and his wife, Hortense, and Gary Raines and his wife, Linda; his sisters, Bonnie Early, Wanda Post and Judi Raines; his brothers-in-law, Jim Copeland and Glen McMennamy; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Rhea Raines; and three sisters, Doris Jean, Joan and Beverly.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's International, Lake Ray Hubbard Camp, P.O. Box 2046, Rockwall, TX 75087-4446.

Reaborn L. Rutledge

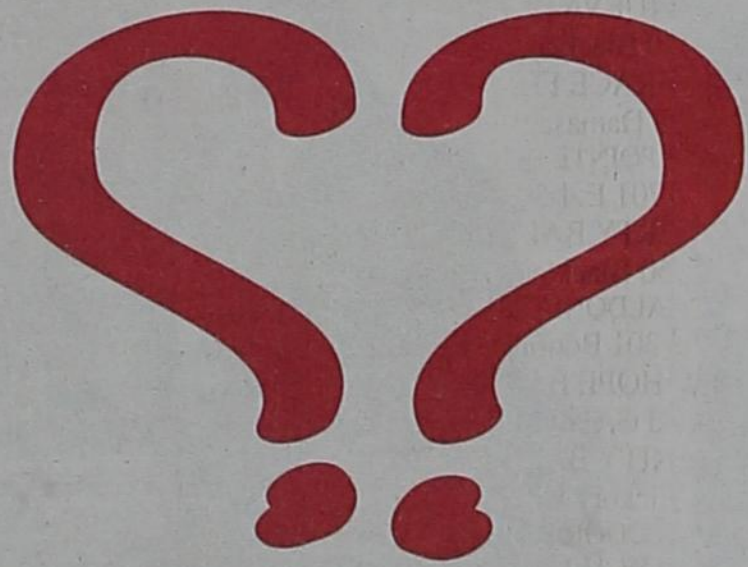
A memorial service for Reaborn L. Rutledge, 79, a lifetime resident of Rockwall, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

He died March 13. Born April 23, 1935, in Rockwall to Henry Carl and Lillie Mae (Cade) Rutledge, he worked security for the LTV Corporation prior to retirement. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and competition shooting. He was a member of the Rockwall Riding Club and the Rockwall Gun Club.

Survivors include his sons, Ronnie R. Rutledge, and his wife, Karen, of Rockwall and Tim W. Rutledge of Rockwall; his daughters, Brenda Gadberry and her husband, Alan, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Deena Rutledge of Garland; his sister, Rita Hale of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Kasey Rutledge, Rachel Roark, Briana Rutledge and Brandon Hudson; and his great-grandchildren, Alaina Squires and Rhett Roark.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Elizabeth 'Liz' Seaholm

A memorial service for Elizabeth "Liz" Seaholm, 81, will be conducted at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

She died March 12. Born Feb. 6, 1934, in Moline, Illinois, to Louis and Mildred (Cheney) Olson, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She had many interests, including cooking, swimming, golfing and working in her garden with her flowers. She was creative, making ceramics, pottery and sewing. She enjoyed being a member of a bridge group at Lakeside Village. She was a 28-year resident of Rockwall.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Bud Seaholm of Rockwall; a son, Tim Seaholm, and his wife, Jane, of Rockwall; a daughter, Kim Halloran, and her husband, Mike, of Leawood, Kansas; her grandchildren, Jacob Seaholm, Josh Seaholm and Rachel Halloran; and her great-grandchildren, Maddi Seaholm and Olivia Seaholm.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Lawrence William 'Larry' Treadway

Graveside services for Lawrence William "Larry" Treadway of Rockwall were conducted at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015, in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died March 14. Born May 11, 1933, in Jackson County, Indiana, to Charles and Essie Treadway, he left home at an early age to escape poverty. In 1951 he joined the U.S. Army and saw combat in the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart. He married his first wife, Alice, and they had two children. She died in 1979. He advanced rapidly in the Army, ultimately attaining the rank of sergeant major. He retired after 28 years of service in 1979.

Following his military service, he settled in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he met Charlotte Mathilde LeBlanc. They were married Jan. 12, 1983, and ran a successful business together for many years. Travel was one of their shared interests. They traveled throughout Europe, spending summers visiting friends in Bad Kissingen, Germany, where he once had been deployed and she had spent her childhood.

In 1996 they retired and moved to Rockwall. They remained devoted to each other until her death Nov. 25, 2013.

He was a noble of Shriners International and a Mason in the Creasy Proctor Lodge in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Survivors include his brother, Eddie, from Indiana; his sister, Charlene Waelder, from Florida; a daughter, Alice, from North Carolina; a son, Lawrence William "Bill" Treadway Jr. from North Carolina; a grandson, Jeff; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; a stepson, John LeBlanc, of Virginia; and two stepdaughters, Gloria Dukes of Texas and Diana Rose of Massachusetts, and their children and grandchildren.

Cars for CASA event planned ...

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a worthy cause and raise awareness of the CASA role in our children's lives."

Cars for CASA is sponsored by the City of Rockwall, Rockwall Dodge, Farmers Electric Co-op, Texas Motor Speedway Club, Rusty Wallis VW, Toyota of Rockwall, Heritage GMC, Dallas Harley-Davidson and others.

CASA is a national volunteer movement, which began in the late 1970s in Seattle, utilizes community volunteers to act as a "voice in court" for abused and neglected children. The first CASA program was established in Dallas in 1980. In Texas there are 69 CASA programs fueled by more than 7,000 volunteers that serve 22,000 foster children.

Lone Star CASA advocates for children in Rockwall and Kaufman counties.

For more details, visit lonestarcasa.org or email carsforcasa@lonestarcasa.org.

Royse City ISD ...

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The Superstar Bulldogs from the Royse City Middle School Destination Imagination Team were recognized, as well as some students from the Ruth Cherry Intermediate School who attended Camp Grady Spruce.

Instructional technology coordinator Zach Snow presented the 21st Century Learning Award to Ruth Cherry Intermediate teacher Rachel Camp.

Worthy reminded everyone that the Royse City High School Graduation is set for 7 p.m. June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland.

All board members were in attendance with the exception of Bobby Summers and Jeff Webb.

Board meetings are conducted the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on April 13 the Royse City ISD Ernest Epps Education Service Center, 810 Old Greenville Rd., Royse City.



LTC (Ret.) Delmer Fred Walter

Services for LTC (Ret.) Delmer Fred Walter, 89, of Rockwall were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2015, in the Joy Lutheran Church in Rockwall with Pastor Paul Appel officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died March 18. Born July 24, 1925, in Manhattan, Kansas, to William Carl and Agnes Wilhelmine Amalia (Gier) Walter, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a radar bombardier and retired many years later at the rank of lieutenant colonel.

A founding member of the Joy Lutheran Church in Rockwall, he lived in Rockwall for 25 years.

Survivors include his children, Cassandra Love, and her husband, Jim, of Lawton, Oklahoma, Nancy Richards and her husband, Boon, of Arlington and Del Walter and his wife, Kathy, of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Leigh Roper, Bryant Love, Jennifer Garza, Linda Walter and Kristen Mahan; his great-grandchildren, Sarah Roper, Ryan Roper, Garrett Love, Emily Love, Hannah Love and Kendall Love; and his siblings, Loren Walter and Leroy Walter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley Walter, grandson, Boon Richards; and a sister, Corky Walter.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Joy Lutheran Church, 302 N. Goliad, Rockwall.

Cheryl (Conlon) Waymire

A memorial service for Cheryl (Conlon) Waymire, 64, of Rowlett, formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

She died Sunday, March 22.

Born July 4, 1950, in Dallas to Frederick Charles Greer and Geneva Nelcine (Smith) Greer, she was a loving wife, mother and Nana. She was a nurturing person with a huge heart who would help anyone. She never knew a stranger and enjoyed keeping up with friends and family on Facebook.

She had worked as a manager of a dry-cleaning business.

Survivors include her husband of 12 years, Robert Darrin Waymire of Rowlett; her sons, Eugene Conlon Jr. and his wife, Bobbie Kay, Rowlett and Michael Conlon of Garland; a daughter, Karen Conlon James, and her husband, Paul James II, of Rowlett; her grandchildren, Shawn, Alexander, Patrick and Gage Conlon and Levi Goodwin; a niece, Patricia Conlon; a nephew, Les Conlon; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Gene Conlon Sr.; her brothers, Terry and Charles Greer; a grandson, Cameron Conlon; and a nephew, Dave Conlon.

Vivienne 'Viv' Whitworth

Mass for Vivienne "Viv" Whitworth, 88, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2015, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3905 Hickox Rd., Rowlett with Father Danilo Ramos officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the funeral home. Rosary will be at 7 p.m.

She died March 16.

Born Nov. 17, 1926, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Naif M. and Louise (Samya) Moore, she was a platinum lifetime master bridge player in the ACBL and an avid swimmer. She loved playing golf, was a wonderful cook, had a green thumb and loved her children more than anything. Family was paramount to her. She was a devout Catholic.

She lived in Rowlett for seven years, Rockwall for 17 years and in Dallas for almost 30 years.

Survivors include her children, Pat Lee of Fairview, Buddy Abdo of Rowlett, Debbi Brooks and her husband, Trey, of San Antonio, Tammy Eyring and her husband, Kirk, of Houston, Susan Chambers and her husband, Kevin, of Marietta, Georgia, and Teresa Toepel and her husband, Michael, of Tiburon, California; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his brother, Naif M. Moore and his wife, Ruby; and numerous nieces, nephews and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Nicholas Whitworth, on Jan. 3, 2004; a brother, David A. Moore; and her first husband, George N. Abdo, in December 1955.

Cynthia Zapata

A memorial service for Cynthia Zapata, 59, of Rowlett was conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Monday, March 23.

Born May 13, 1955, in Dallas to Doc Luther Clay Jr. and Ona Bell (Newman) Clay, she was a loving mother and loyal friend to all who knew her.

She was a teacher who touched many lives at Rockwall High School. Survivors include her daughters, Robyn Zapata of Irving and Rachel Myers and her husband, Stephen Myers III, of Holly Springs, North Carolina; her mother, Ona Clay, of Rowlett; a brother, Stephen Clay of New Orleans, Louisiana; a grandson, Janzen Myers; her nieces and nephews, Sloane Clay and Elliott Clay; and her companion, Steven Barry of New Braunfels.

She was preceded in death by her father.



Shree Catapano, registrar of Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary, has been named Paraprofessional of the Year. Catapano is often the first person people see when they walk into the school building, and she always has a smile and goes out of her way to be helpful to students, parents and teachers. She also leads a group of sixth-grade students who serve as the school's office helpers. Pictured above with her are students Chloe Williamson, Haylie Jones, Ashly Illickal, Kasja Johnson, Jayleen Meza and Shaniece Henry.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Entertainment

Gardening Tea Luncheon to benefit MOW

Meals on Wheels of Rockwall County will host its second annual Gardening Tea Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 27 at Nineteen at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall. Cost is \$32 per ticket, which is the cost to feed a senior for a week. Tickets must be purchased by March 20; visit rockwallmealsonwheels.org. Seating is limited for this event, which will benefit Meals on Wheels and Senior Services.

Taste of Rockwall slated April 16

The Taste of Rockwall Business Expo, presented by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 16 at Rockwall High School. For more details, email events@rockwallchamber.org.

Family Fun Fridays kick off April 24

Family Fun Fridays, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will kick off April 24 at The Shores Park. Families' activities such as painting, dancing, games, bounce house and trampolines will be offered beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a screening of "Ratatouille" at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glowsticks will be available for purchase. For more information, visit rockwall.com.

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History – Easter History in America (article 1 of 2)

FROM HISTORY Vol 40 Comparing our past with today and looking at our future

Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas
This article is my opinion as provided by my research. Many people, including non-Christians are familiar with the celebration of Easter in the United States and around the world. Not many understand why Easter is really celebrated. Only a few know and understand all of the history of Easter. There are some people and not all Christians are knowledgeable about Lent and the Holy Week leading up to Easter. The following is some of the penance and fasting that leads up to the celebration of Easter.

Ash Wednesday: The penance or period of fasting begins on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is observed on February 18, 2015. The Christian holy day marks the beginning of Lent that is considered preparation for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Although there is no biblical reference to Ash Wednesday or Lent, scholars of Christianity date the tradition of a 40-day fasting period back to 325 A.D.

Lent: Forty-day period of penance and fasting, sharing the grief endured by Jesus Christ by self-denial. Lent is actually 46 days because Sundays are days of resurrection and hence exempt from Lent.

Palm Sunday: Last Sunday of Lent and the first day of the Holy Week. This is the day when Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem where he was welcomed with open arms. It is also the basis for the Palm Sunday processions when palms were laid down before Jesus as He entered.

Holy Monday & Tuesday: The cleansing of the temple at Jerusalem, which is believed took place on Holy Monday. It is also the day when Jesus upbraided the moneychangers.

Holy Tuesday: The day when the famous incident between Jesus and the Pharisees supposedly took place where an attempt was made to get Jesus to commit blasphemy.

Spicy Wednesday: This is the day when Judas Iscariot, a disciple of Jesus who betrayed him told the chief priests where they could find Jesus.

Mourning Thursday: This is the day of the last supper before the crucifixion.

Good Friday: The day when Jesus was crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem, at the top of Calvary hill. This day is marked by solemn thoughts, fasting and abstinence to commemorate the pain and suffering of Jesus.

Easter Eve: This is the Holy Saturday and Easter Eve. It is a traditional time for baptism.

Easter Sunday: Finally the day of resurrection and the big feast. Jesus

is said to have risen from the dead after crucifixion. He also joined his disciples for a meal and told them to carry on his works in his absence.

Thus, there are many smaller celebrations before the biggest feast of all on Easter.

Looking back into American history, Easter did not have the status of a popular festival. The biggest reason is that most of these settlers were Puritans, who did not believe in ceremonies related to religious festivals. Some people in some areas discouraged Easter celebrations. Many of the customs associated with the celebration of Easter are associated with ancient celebrations of spring. After the Civil War, Easter then became important in America just like in Europe. This was because of the initiative of the Presbyterians. Actually the people realized the legend of resurrection as a great source of motivation and hope. People realized that life was mortal and hence became wary of death and destruction. Easter season gave them great incentive and added vitality to their lives. Today, special services are held in churches on Easter Sunday to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection. Eggs, rabbits, hares and young animals form the major symbols of Easter as they represent rebirth and return to fertility of nature in the spring. My next article will be the continuation of Easter.

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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

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

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

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Sibbens seeks Place 1 Council seat in M-C

Beverly Sibbens has announced her candidacy for the Place 1 City Council seat for McLendon-Chisolm.

Sibbens, 59 and a 33-year resident of the area, is a former council member with 22 years of service, according to her news release. She is married to Neil Sibbens and has one daughter, Tennille Murrey, fiancée Monte Johnson and grandson Aidan of Rockwall.

Sibbens is director of corporate engagement for the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity.

"Growth is still imminent in the area and it must be controlled," she said. "Traffic and road conditions must be addressed."

The election is set for 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Early voting begins April 27.

Jackson seeks Rockwall City Council position

Local businessman Freddie Jackson has filed for Rockwall City Council Place 3.

The election is set May 9.

Jackson has three major areas of focus, which include water, city infrastructure and public safety, according to a news release he issued earlier this week.

Jackson is currently on the Buildings and Standards Commission and the Charter Review Board with the City of Rockwall, as well as serving on the board of the Helping Hands organization that serves Rockwall County.

He is married and has four children. The family currently attends St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

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Lady Hawks defeat Forney, take 12-5A soccer title

Rockwall-Heath won the District 12-5A girls' soccer championship with two victories last week, and some help from Royse City. The key to the title was the Lady Hawks' 2-0 win over Forney on Friday, March 17. Natalie Farrington and Jayden Wheeler scored for the Hawks, which pulled into a tie for first place with the Lady Rabbits. On Friday, while the Lady Hawks were running past Terrell 8-1 in a regular-season match, Royse City knocked off Forney 2-1. The victory enabled RC to move into third place in the district and Rockwall-Heath the district title with Forney second. Rockwall-Heath (13-4-5 overall, 10-1-2-1 in the district) is scheduled to meet North Dallas in a Bi-District playoff match at 7:15 p.m. Friday at the Ron-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

Addie Urbanus scored three goals against Terrell, and Wheeler had two. The other goals were by Lindsay Gardner, Lauren Ledbetter and Kaymie Wheeler.

BOYS' SOCCER: Rockwall-Heath also qualified for the 5A boys' playoffs by finishing third in District 12-5A. The Hawks had lost on March 17 at home against Forney, 1-0 in a shootout, but came back to win at Terrell Friday.

RHHS is scheduled to begin the playoffs with a Bi-District match against Carrollton Creekview at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Pirate Stadium in Wylie.

BASEBALL: The Hawks opened their District 12-5A season with an 8-0 victory over Mesquite Poteet on Tuesday, March 17. Tyler Ivey pitched a four-hit shutout with nine strikeouts. Clayton Rasbeary hit two doubles and drove in three runs.

At Terrell on Friday, Rockwall-Heath won 10-0 behind Tyler Pinkston. In addition to pitching a shutout, he had a home run and a double. Caanan Smith had two doubles for the Hawks.

RHHS was third in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's 5A state poll issued Thursday, March 19. College State and Corpus Christi Calallen were ranked ahead of Rockwall-Heath.

GYMNASTICS: The Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Association district championships were scheduled to begin Wednesday at Rockwall-Heath with the Compulsory events. The Optional competition would begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

SOFTBALL: The heavy-hitting Lady Hawks split two district games last week. Despite pounding 16 hits Tuesday, March 17, against North Forney, RHHS lost 11-9. Katie Webster and Emily Clark each had a double.

Clark pitched a no-hitter Friday night against West Mesquite in a 15-0 shutout. She and Webster, along with Macy Wilson and Megan Ford, each hit a double.

TRACK AND FIELD: RHHS senior Will Herscher won the combined 5A/6A pole vault in Saturday's Jesuit-Shearer Relays at Dallas Jesuit College Preparatory School. He cleared 15 feet, 6 inches higher than any competitor.

Herscher is among the Hawks who qualified for the Texas Relays Friday and Saturday at the University of Texas. Senior Lawrence

Johnson is entered in the triple jump, and Rockwall-Heath will have 4X100-meter and 4X400 relay teams competing.

BOYS' BASKETBALL: RHHS senior guard Jackson Zivney and junior guard Camron Talley both were named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region 2 team.

They also received top honors on the All-District 12-5A team. The 6-1 Talley was named the district's Most Valuable Player, and the 6-1 Zivney was voted the Offensive MVP. The district-champion Hawks' Brad Waters was honored as the 12-5A Coach of the Year. Joining them on the All-District first team were junior guard Tyler Zivney, junior forward Jeremiah Sandidge and sophomore Kelden Pruitt.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Lady Hawks senior Katie Webster was voted the District 12-5A Offensive MVP. The four-year starter averaged 13.6 points and 8.7 rebounds per game this season.

Also on the All-District first team were RHHS junior Nicole Gleason and sophomore Alexa Hoy. The All-District second team included junior Brittany Williams and sophomore Kristina Lindsey.



Lady Hawks Senior Bailey Hierholzer (6) battles for control of the ball against Forney's Senior Kaileigh Whitworth (22) on Friday, March 17.

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Undefeated Lady Jackets earn national recognition

The nationally ranked Rockwall softball team remained undefeated with three victories in the past week. The Lady Jackets, second in the Texas Girls Coaches Association's 6A poll, also are No. 15 in maxpreps. The national Xcellent 25.

They improved to 10-0-1 overall and 3-0 in District 11-6A by winning 9-6 at Sachse on Tuesday, March 17, and 7-0 behind Emily Cowan's no-hitter against Garland Naaman Forest the next day, and 3-2 over Rowlett on Monday.

Rowlett hit a home run against Naaman Forest. RHS' 14 hits included doubles by Hayley Baker and Greenlee.

Rowlett managed just two hits against Rockwall's Kayla Vandergriff. Kindal Sauter and Shelbi Court each had a double.

GIRLS' SOCCER: The Lady Jackets won two matches by 4-0 scores last week to finish the regular season second in District 11-6A with an 11-3 record (13-8 overall).

They're scheduled to play a Bi-District playoff match against Killeen Harker Heights at 8 p.m. Thursday at Stadium in Corsicana.

RHS won 4-0 at Tyler Lee on Tuesday, March 17, and 4-0 against Garland on Friday.

BASEBALL: Matt Baker led Rockwall (6-3 overall) to an 8-0 victory over Garland Lakeview Centennial in a game postponed from Friday. He pitched five shutout innings, and had two doubles and a triple.

The Jackets' 12 hits also included doubles by Trey Ochoa, Nick Colavecchi and Austin Sargent.

"Our defense has been the strength so far," coach Jeff Payne said. "Hitters' timing is still off. The time we've spent on the field due to weather has really hurt us, but the whole Metroplex is in the same boat."

TRACK AND FIELD: Rockwall senior Kaylee Hinton won the 6A girls' long jump at 19 feet, ¼ inch Saturday at the Jesuit-Shearer Relays at Dallas Jesuit College Preparatory School. Hinton also placed second in the 100-meter hurdles in 14.65 seconds.

She will be among a contingent of RHS athletes who qualified for the Texas Relays Friday and Saturday. Hinton also will compete in the girls' high jump, sophomore Damon Lewis in the boys' 2,000-meter race and freshman Cameron Crayton in the boys' high jump. Rockwall also is sending two boys' and two girls' relay teams to Austin.

The Jackets' Dustin McNeely won the boys' 110-meter hurdles in 17.22 seconds and placed third in the 300-meter hurdles (42.87) in Friday's Patriot Relays at Garland Lakeview Centennial.

BOYS' SOCCER: Rockwall's disappointing season ended with tough losses at Tyler Lee 2-1 on March 17 and 2-2 against Garland on Friday. RHS finished sixth in District 11-6A and was 10-12-1 overall.

BOYS' GYMNASTICS: The Jackets kept their unbeaten streak alive in Friday's fifth annual Battle for the Belt meet against Rockwall-Heath. RHS' 171.8-166.4 victory was their fifth in the series.

Rockwall's Bryce Singer placed first all-around and on the high bar, second on the pommel horse and parallel bars and third in the floor exercise and on the rings. Teammate Adam Alford, second all-around, was first on the floor. Caleb Meyers took fourth all-around and first on the bars.

The Lady Jackets and Lady Jackets were scheduled to compete in the district championships Wednesday and Thursday at Rockwall-Heath.

Jana Delgleize was first on the bars.

BASKETBALL: Honors continued to come to RHS senior Austin Grandstaff and Sara Williamson. Grandstaff, a 6-foot-7 guard committed to play at Ohio State, and Williamson, a 5-11 forward who signed with Abilene Christian, were named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region 2 team.

Williamson also was voted the District 11-6A co-MVP with Royse's Ashley Hearn. The Lady Jackets' Krystal Contreras was named the district's Defensive Player of the Year, and RHS' Kasie Brewer was selected as Coach of the Year. Joining them on the All-District first team was Mandi Millan.

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