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The Play for Pille Golf Tournament fundraiser for 17-year-old Austin Pille conducted Saturday at the Stone River Golf Club was a success. Austin, a senior at Royse City High School, was tragically injured in a car accident on the way to school on Sept. 30. He has been in Houston in the TIRR Memorial Herman Rehab Center since the accident and is now on a bi-weekly outpatient program there. Many people came out to offer their support, purchase raffle tickets, enter the silent auction and share in the thankfulness and happiness with Austin and his family. Approximately 18 teams lined up for the tournament. Pictured are Austin (seated) and, from the left, his sister, Shelby Pickett, parents Dean and Angela, and sister Alicia.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Royse City Council works full agenda, recognizes teen court

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The Royse City Council agenda for April 8 was a full one for the Royse City Council. Judge Bonnie Goldstein, juvenile case manager for the City of Royse City Municipal Court, acknowledged the participation of the Royse City Teen Court Program in recognition of two years of the program. Judge Bonnie Goldstein was honored as the presiding judge. Attorneys who mentored the program are Jeffrey Belts, John Morrow, Melissa Alban, Kenda Culpepper and Jason Day. The title senior attorneys mean they are students who have been in the program more than a year and have received training. They were Shelby Shot, Haleigh Sillavan, Brian Sillavan, Michaela Morris and Soraya Mendez (her last year in program as she will be going to San Diego State University for her bachelor's degree in criminology) and Michaela Morris. Other student participants were Mason McCall, Devon Goolsby, Nathan Potter, Sloan Johnson, Sage Day, Payne, Rubby Gomez, Zenia Jones, Kenzie Kines, Kaitlyn Agee and Sarah Richardson. Teen Court is not a trial court. The offenders, ages 10-17 who have admitted to minor offenses such as truancy, curfew violations, littering or possession of drugs, go before a jury of their peers and the sentence awarded them which is usually community service of some type. Appearing before Teen Court gives the offenders a chance to erase a Class C misdemeanor from their record. Royse City Council conducted a public hearing regarding tobacco sales to take testimony concerning the proposed amendment to the Royse City Ordinance Chapter 14 of the Royse City Code of Ordinance. "In amending the definition of 'Tobacco Shop' to be (1) a retail establishment who holds a permit from the State of Texas for the sale of tobacco and whose display space and/or gross sales exceed 25 percent of tobacco, smoking products, electronic cigarettes or any smoking paraphernalia; or (2) any person who does not hold a permit from the State of Texas for retail sales of tobacco and who sells electronic cigarettes or any smoking paraphernalia, the establishment must post signs prohibiting entrance of anyone younger than 18 years of age without being accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and said establishment must refuse entrance to anyone under the age of 18 without being accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The establishment must meet distance requirements of a business that sells alcoholic beverages as is outlined in Section 4.04.32 (a)-(c)." The ordinance amendment passed 6-1. At the March 25 Royse City Council meeting, Dennis Bailey, Rockwall County commissioner, gave a presentation regarding the purchase of a modern 700 MHz standards-based P25 trunked radio system. He informed the council that they would be receiving a Letter of Intent regarding the countywide radio communications and dispatch center in about a week.

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Judge Bonnie Goldstein (left), who presides over the Royse City Teen Court, was acknowledged with a special presentation April 8 during the City Council meeting. She was one of several participants honored by Danielle Howard (right), juvenile case manager for the City of Royse City Municipal Court. Teen Court was recognized for its second year of successful participation.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

City of Heath launches mosquito surveillance program

by Brittany Williams

The City of Heath launched its mosquito surveillance and abatement program on April 7. David Herbert, director of public works for the city, made a presentation about the program during the City Council meeting on April 8. Previously, the city had contracted other companies to place traps for weekly testing, but this year city staff will take on the responsibility. Six traps will be set around the city and will be collected weekly for arboviral testing and species identification.

A larvicide program has been set in place to target stagnant water areas. The city's website states, "The goal of the Heath Mosquito Surveillance Program is to detect mosquito-borne viruses in mosquito populations before sufficient amplification of the virus can occur. If the virus is detected, management practices such as chemical control will be discussed by the city staff, the city's mosquito consultant and Heath City Council."

Updates and preventative information will be posted on the city's website, Facebook page and other social media.

According to the city's website, "You should also keep screens, windows and doors in good repair, fix leaky outdoor faucets, avoid overwatering your landscaping, keep the water in birdbaths, fountains, swimming pools, spas, boats, toys, pet watering dishes, flowerpots and saucers or other vessels that hold water to become stagnant. Keep property free of tires, trash, plastic bottles and anything else that can hold water that can become stagnant. If you have ponds or bodies of water on your property, you can add natural predators to those waters to eat the larva; such as minnows or mosquito fish."

Drain, Deet, dress and dusk to dawn, or the 4 Ds of mosquito prevention, also are mentioned on the site. Drain all standing water in and around the home and property, take full advantage of insect repellent that contains Deet, wear long sleeves and avoid being outdoors in the early morning hours and the evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.

"An equally important component of this program is enlisting Heath citizens to take part in protecting their families against the West Nile Virus," said City Manager Ed Thatcher said in a news release.

Other items discussed during the city council meeting were: An application for a variance for the replacement of a 6'6" fence was approved unanimously by the council. The fence will be approximately seven feet farther from the street. Only a four-foot fence is currently allowed in Cove Ridge Estates where the property is located.

An application for a zoning change for approximately 6.48 acres comprised of the Estates at Rabbit Ridge Addition, southeast of the intersection of FM 549 and Rabbit Ridge Road, was approved unanimously by the council.

A zoning change was approved unanimously for approximately 15.33 acres, located along FM 740, also known as Bois D' Arc, southeast of the intersection of FM 1140, FM 740 and Hubbard Drive.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 22.

Rockwall student wins Tiny Miss Texas title

Reese Gordon, a 5-year-old from Cash, was chosen as the new Tiny Miss Texas Star 2014 at the Renaissance Hotel on April 6.

The competition featured 40 contestants from around the state.

Moments after being selected, Gordon shared her excitement about winning the Tiny Miss Texas Stars title.

"I am excited about being on the Miss Texas stage this summer and meeting lots of new friends," she said.

As Tiny Miss Texas Star, Gordon received a \$250 cash scholarship, entry fee paid as a Lone Star Princess, introduction on stage during Miss Texas week and many other appearances across the Lone Star State.

She is a preschool student at Lake Pointe Preschoolers Place and the Rockwall School of Music in Rockwall. She enjoys dance, playing the violin and gymnastics but her favorite thing is to "hang out with her horses."

She will be featured in an upcoming movie, "Hidden in the Heart of Texas," as well as a television movie called "A Christmas Promise" scheduled to air on television this holiday season.

"Reese embodies the qualities a role model for young girls her age," Amy Mosteiro, director of the Little Texas Stars pageant, said. "She's talented, ambitious and sweet. We are excited about working with her this year."

Little Texas Stars Pageant is a fundraiser for the Miss Texas Pageant.



Reese Gordon

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MOWSS seeks matching funds

Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County is in need of extra funds thanks to the heightened demand for services as the aging population grows. The Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Joe Anderson Charitable Foundation has awarded MOWSS a challenge grant of up to \$20,000. MOWSS needs the community's help through donations toward the matching grant.

Donations may be made online at rockwallmealsonwheels.org; donations also may be brought in or mail to MOWSS, 950 Williams St., Bldg. C, Rockwall, TX 75087. For more details call 972-771-9514.

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The Black Hawk Robotics Team from Rockwall-Heath High traveled to Denver, Colo., to compete in the Colorado Regional Robotics Competition April 3-5. The team, pictured above, partnered with Eagle Robotics and Titan Bots, both from California, to win the competition. The win qualified the teams to attend the world championships in St. Louis April 23-26. Only six of the 52 competing teams qualified for the world event. The Robotics Team also won the Innovation in Control Award sponsored by Rockwell Automation. To see the robot in action, visit youtube.com/watch?v=5BRuP5RbLQ (look for the robot in red bumpers with two red balls). This year's robot is unique in that it uses a crossbow to power the shooting of the ball. The intake system can easily pick up balls from the ground or the human player can toss the balls into the robot when rotated upward. The wings open up to accept the ball.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Commissioners Court National Library Week

A Commissioners Court proclamation and a check for more than a quarter of a million dollars marked Rockwall County's observance of National Library Week.

At the April 8 Commissioners Court meeting, Judge Jerry Hogan and the Commissioners Court issued a proclamation designating April 19 as National Library Week. Volunteer representatives Madi Hartley and Darlene Bealmear accepted the proclamation.

Bev Stibbens, president of Friends of the Rockwall County Library, presented the court with a check facsimile for \$274,590.28 representing the value of 12,401 hours of volunteer services performed at the library during fiscal year 2013.

Stibbens explained that volunteers shelve books, maintain the Children's Alcove and perform light clerical duties that help keep the library running smoothly. Student volunteers work in the children's area and assist during the Summer Reading Program.

Stibbens told the court that 79 tutors work with the library's literacy program, Reading for Adults. These volunteers teach 285 students who are in the English as a Second Language program, work with 305 students who are studying for the GED test, tutor people who have never learned to read and conduct citizenship classes for students. During the past fiscal year 1,538 classes were conducted. Seven students learned to read and write, 37 adults have earned certificates, four were accepted to college, 150 advanced a class and three became citizens.

The Friends of the Library board members honored the library with a luncheon on April 15. More information about becoming a library volunteer can be obtained by calling 972-204-7700.



Four students from Springer Elementary have been selected to represent their school at the Art of Nature Competition and Exhibition at the Dallas Arboretum. Pictured are the honorees: Jacqueline Solis, a fifth grade student, with her creation, Branch Birds; Gaby White, third grade, with her Cherry Blossoms; Briana Rodriguez, third grade, with her Lilly artwork; and Krista Searles, a fifth grade student, with her artistic creation entitled Blue Bird.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall County Judge Jerry Hogan is pictured presenting a proclamation to Rockwall County Library volunteers Madi Hartley, left, and Darlene Bealmear. Both are members of Friends of the Library.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Friends of the Library president Bev Stibbens and library volunteers are shown giving the Rockwall County Commissioners Court a symbolic check for \$274,590.28, which represents the value of the 12,402 hours of volunteer services provided by library tutors and volunteers during fiscal year 2013.

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Ava Nelson (right) with her son Jim

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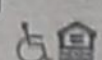
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Rockwall continues Stage 3 restrictions

The Rockwall City Council agreed to continue Stage 3 landscape watering restrictions once every two weeks as requested by the city's water supplier, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD).

Subsequent extensions will be considered on a month-to-month basis, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

Council members approved an extension at their April 7 meeting on the recommendation of City Manager Rick Crowley.

NTMWD remains in Stage 3 of its Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan because of below-average rainfall, declining water levels in their reservoirs and the temporary loss of Lake Texoma raw water supply due to the zebra mussel infestation.

Lake Lavon, the primary water supply, is approximately 11 percent below conservation pool levels following April rains through April 7. City and NTMWD officials have asked that residents continue to conserve water according to the release.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Douglas Lee 'Doug' Dendy



Services for Douglas Lee "Doug" Dendy, 78, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. April 14, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. He died April 9.

Born July 29, 1935, in Haskell to Lena (Dunham) Dendy, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and married Barbara Ann Dendy on July 1, 1954.

He was an area manager for Western Bell Telephone Co. for 35 years. He took pride in his work with the company, considering it his "second family." He was particularly proud that both of his sons and his daughter-in-law followed his footsteps with successful careers of their own at Southwestern Bell. He met-togethers somehow always circled around to discussions about the company.

Another great joy in his life centered on attending class reunions in his graduating class was small, but they were close-knit and maintained in touch over the years. Most recently he was able to attend the 20th reunion.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Dendy of Rockwall; his sons, Doug Dendy and his wife, Gail, of Terrell and Randy Dendy and his wife, Audrey McClure, of McKinney; his brothers, Roland Dendy and Sharon, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Don Dendy and his wife, Phyllis, of Dallas; his sister, Margaret Behne, of Spring; and his granddaughter, Shelby Hall and her husband, Jared, of Quinlan.

His parents preceded him in death.

Manuel G. 'Manny' Prado Jr.



Services for Manuel G. "Manny" Prado Jr., 68, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. April 16, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. He died April 12.

Born March 14, 1946, in Fort Stockton to Manuel A. Prado Sr. and Maria Adela (Gonzales) Prado, he was owner and operator of Seismic Solutions Inc. He was a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, Jan (Stacy) Prado of Rockwall; his daughter, Paige Baesa, and her husband, Michael, of Lavon; his granddaughter, Paiten Baesa of Lavon; his sisters-in-law, Diane Prado and Jane Eubanks; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gaylon and Wanda Rosser; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ruben Prado.

Rockwall contracts for Anna Cade Road street improvements

The City of Rockwall announced that it entered into a contract with Reynolds Asphalt to make pavement repairs to a small section of the roadway located between the addresses of 1279 Anna Cade Road & 1550 Anna Cade Road.

The road prep & base work is scheduled to begin around Friday, April 18, and be completed around Wednesday, April 23.

The road will be open to traffic as much as possible during this process; however travelers may experience temporary delays and intermittent road closures.

The final phase of construction will be to place asphalt pavement over the stabilized road base.

During the asphalt paving phase, the road will be open to traffic as much as possible, with some temporary delays along with intermittent road closures.

An updated schedule will be provided for the asphalt work, as soon as specific dates for placement have been established.

Club BLUE effort to boost local B&GC

Chrissy Loftis recently was named the Bingo Challenge champion at the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County.

For 10 days, board members of the Boys & Girls Club played BINGO (Because Imagination Needs Great Opportunities) for kids as the teaser to the annual Campaign Kick-Off Celebration. On April 7, they all gathered at Culpepper's Steak House to crown the BINGO champion and learn about the 2014 BE the ONE Club BLUE Annual Campaign.

Developed by Board Members Gene Folkes, Heather Nichols and BGC president Misti Potter, the BE the ONE Club BLUE Annual Campaign not only provides significant support to the Boys & Girls Club, but there is a tangible return on every investment made by a donor. Designed with various membership levels and benefits everyone has an opportunity to support the kids in our community through the Boys & Girls Club.

For as little as \$25 per month a person can join Club BLUE and begin reaping the benefits of discounted event tickets, a Club BLUE T-shirt, networking opportunities, special social events and more. Benefits increase based on each membership level an individual or corporation may join.

The 2014 BE the ONE Club BLUE Annual Campaign is a 40-day push to raise more than \$100,000 to support more than 600 Club members throughout the year. With the grand culmination of the campaign ending with the Club BLUE Golf Classic and the BLUE Bash on May 30 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club.

Club BLUE members will receive complimentary or discounted tickets to the end of the campaign BLUE Bash Luau scheduled from 6:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. May 30 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club. Tickets cost \$50 per person. The Watusi Reggae band, Hula and Fire Dancers, specialty drinks, great food, games and prizes will entertain participants.

For more information Club BLUE, the Club Blue Golf Classic and/or the BLUE Bash Luau call 972-722-2462 or email ClubBlue@bgcrockwall.com.

Spring Concert performances set at churches May 17, 18

Choirs from Rockwall, Heath, Royse City and Huntsville will team up to celebrate the 30th season of Lakeside Civic Chorus, with featured performances of Dr. Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass," at 7 p.m. May 17 at the First United Methodist Church of Heath, 140 Smirl Drive, and at 4 p.m. May 18 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3003 Horizon, Rockwall.

"A 30th anniversary deserves a big voice, and we have a concert that represents the vision of the Lakeside Civic Chorus - community, musicology, education and performance," said director Isiak Holiday Jr.

In addition to the combined choirs performing the "Gospel Mass," each of the concerts will feature a different roster of guest performances. Performing the "Gospel Mass" will be Lakeside Civic Chorus, two Royse City High School choirs and choirs from the First United Methodist Church of Heath and First Christian Church of Huntsville, accompanied on the piano by Bianca Sherman.

"It is a challenge to combine multiple choirs to perform a work when each learns the music and practices separately," said Holiday. The choirs may practice separately, but the connecting link is Holiday, who directs the Lakeside Civic Chorus. He has worked with the Huntsville chorus, under the direction of Carol Carden, to integrate the choirs seamlessly into a larger group. Additional performances by guest choirs will round out the program.

The featured work, "Gospel Mass," is an interpretation of 2,000 years of liturgical tradition with the more contemporary music of the African-American church. The composer describes it as "my desire to combine centuries of old traditions of Mass settings with sounds of the contemporary black church. The move from Latin to English created new opportunities for composers to express their feelings about the texts of the Ordinary of the Mass. I wanted everyone to experience the sense of joy and celebration that is generally felt in true African-American worship."

According to Holiday, the piece's rhythm and syncopation has provided a rich learning experience in multi-cultural expression for the participating choirs, blending gospel and jazz.

The performances will be bittersweet for Holiday, he said, as he has announced that because of other commitments these will be his final concerts as director with the Lakeside Civic Chorus.

"Isiak has been the driving force to reach out to other choirs to join our performances and has led the choir in providing more performances throughout the year for special city events and celebrations," said Dee Ann Ginn, chorus president.

Admission to performances will be free and open to the public.

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Car wash to benefit Relay For Life

Firefighters and nurses from throughout the area will unite for a car wash from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 19 at the Taco Casa in Rockwall. The event will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, which is set for April 25 at Cain Middle School. For more details about the car wash, contact Victoria Keegan, 817-542-3603 or at victoria2772@gmail.com.

'Schoolhouse Rock Jr.' auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "School House Rock Jr." will take place at 1 p.m. April 19. Children ages 6-12 are needed for the musical, which will be performed June 24-29. Those auditioning should prepare a song - 16-24 bars, karaoke-style or sheet music - and a short poem to recite (does not have to be memorized). If cast, children will attend a camp; cost is \$150. A few scholarships are available. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

ACTIVE Committee to host candidate forum

The Rockwall County Republican Women's ACTIVE Committee will host a forum for the cities of Fate and Heath city elections, school board elections and run-off elections. The forum will be conducted at Cain Middle School at 6:30 p.m. April 22. The public is invited to attend.

2014 A&M Muster Dinner

The Rockwall County A&M Club will host Muster on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockwall ISD Administration Building, 1050 Williams St. in Rockwall. R. Sam Torn '70, Chairman of the 12th Man Foundation, will be the Muster speaker. A catered dinner will be served followed by a traditional Muster ceremony. Register at rockwallaggies.com.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule set

The next Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle will be April 24. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 5:30 p.m. Prices are reasonable; assistance is available through Rockwall PAWS. Dogs should be in non-slip collars, cats in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 or email info@spayneuternet.org; hablamos Español.

Cain Middle School to host Relay For Life

The community is invited to attend the annual Rockwall County Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, on April 25 at the Cain Middle School track. Festivities kick off at 7 p.m. with the survivor lap. Music entertainment, activities for all ages and food are planned.

Aspasians Spring Art Fair slated

The Aspasians Spring Art Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 at 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. For a vendor application or more information visit aspasians.com/vendors.

Drug Take Back event planned

The City of Rockwall's Drug Enforcement Agency Drug Take Back event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at the Rockwall Police Department's Community Services Office, 1113 Ridge Road. The national initiative gives residents the opportunity to get rid of expired, unwanted or unused over-the-counter or prescribed pharmaceutical medications. For more details visit rockwallpolice.org or call 972-771-7765.

Farmers Market set in downtown Rockwall

A Farmers Market will take place from 8 a.m. to noon May 3-Sept. 27 in downtown Rockwall on the north and west sides of the courthouse. More than 30 vendors will be on site to offer locally grown fruits, vegetables and other items. For more details contact The Center at 972-771-7740.

Democratic Men's Group to meet May 3

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon on May 3 at Taqueria La Cocina del Tio Mon in Rockwall. The group meets for lunch on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national events and politics. Open-minded progressive men who are concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are welcome.

Celebrate older Americans May 16

The Meals on Wheels Senior Services is preparing for its Older Americans Day celebration. This year's theme is Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow and will focus on injury prevention. Each May, Rockwall County organizations, the five city mayors, city officials and individuals team up to nominate several outstanding seniors to be honored for their valuable contributions to the community. This year's event will be at 1 p.m. May 16 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. To nominate a senior call the MOWSS office at 972-771-9514.

RC Chamber to host awards banquet

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards banquet at 11:30 a.m. May 20 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Mike Castellucci, co-host of "Good Morning, Texas," will serve as speaker. The public is invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at roysecitychamber.com.

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Review Summit Neighborhood starts Yard of Month program

All Review Summit residents are encouraged to participate in the new Yard of the Month program.

Four winners will be selected each month from May through August. Those whose properties will receive a gift card from either Covingtons or Lawn Care.

Winners will also display a yard sign of recognition for one month. The program is administered by the HOA's Yard of the Month Committee.

Royse City Council ...

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One agenda item was to discuss and act regarding the letter. In doing so, Judge Jerry Hogan or Commissioner Bailey will address the council again concerning the Interoperability Radio Network (IRN). During the meeting, City Manager Carl Alsbrook said there were a few items in the letter he received last week that the council needed more time to review, discuss and hopefully make a decision on. Last week, he told the council that all municipalities must agree with the final report, or the project would not go forward.

Councilman Jams Branch asked the council to table the item until the next meeting to give the council more time to review the letter. The council voted 7-0 to table the issue.

A resolution was passed 6-1 to appoint the prior Library Advisory Board members as members of the Cultural Arts Advisory Board, with the exception of Bill Bell who no longer wanted to serve on the board. Royse City is presently implementing Stage 3 of the watering plan to conserve water. The plan states that landscape watering is on schedule of every two weeks. Odd addresses water on Thursday and even addresses water on Tuesday. The North Texas Municipal Water District will re-evaluate on a monthly basis, depending upon the amount of precipitation received.

Mayor Pro-Tem Janet Nichols brought up her concern, asking what the council going to do about people who wash their cars in their yards and let the water just run down the street, wasting it and running their sprinklers anytime they want. She added that there are some people who just won't follow the rules.

David Lopez, director of Public Works, said people are allowed to wash their cars, but must use a cut-off nozzle so as to not waste water.

A discussion among council members brought up incidences of people watering until 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. and turning on their sprinklers, thinking they will see them. Various members of the council gave possible solutions, such as calling the Code of Enforcement to report illegal use of watering, also reporting watering on days not designated, or letting water just flood down the street, wasting our precious commodity. Alsbrook said the city doesn't want to have to go to Stage 4 and not be able to water at all.

Chief of Police Jeff Stapleton said the city only has one Code of Enforcement Employee and it is impossible for him to get around to clear every situation. He suggested that if a citizen sees someone breaking the watering schedule or rules, they should call and report the incident. A record will be kept of violators. Tickets will be given to repeat offenders.

The final plat application for 21.1422 acres was approved unanimously by the Kerala Christian Retirement Community, Royse City, Collins County. The site work such as streets, street signs and light poles are completed. Construction of the homes is ready to begin.

The city council voted unanimously to name the water tower on Main Street at the Old Jail Park Ouida Tower in honor of Mayor Jerrell Baley's wife who died recently.

City Councilman Phil Haggard addressed the council regarding the islands on Main Street. He said cars park on that section of the street, making it difficult to drive on the street almost impossible. He suggested the council put up no parking signs.

"What a mess," Haggard said. "Whatever you think you can do, I'll appreciate it. We've got a great street, but you can't get up and down it, so what good is it?"

Alsbrook said he has been giving the council an update on the Erby Canalwell Project every time the council meets, but the construction is coming along so well, he will discontinue the updates unless something specific needs to be addressed.

The Annual Car Show is scheduled May 10 in downtown Royse City and the Spring Clean-up date will be set for May; no exact date available at this time.

A Royse City Council members were present. The next meeting will be April 22 at the Police and Courts Building, 1011 Main Street.

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EARLIEST EFFECTS OF CARBO LOADING

When archaeologists recently examined the upper teeth of skeletons of humans who lived 15,000 years ago in North Africa, they found widespread incidence of rotten teeth. It seems that the hunter-gatherers of this era were quite fond of eating pine nuts, acorns, and other carbohydrate-rich foods. Then, as now, if left to accumulate on tooth surfaces, these foods break down into sugars, which oral bacteria feed on, producing acid by-products that dissolve tooth enamel. High levels of tooth decay seem to have been a problem for other hunter-gatherer groups located in northern Mexico, who ate a corn-based diet. Fortunately, we now have the education and means to stave off tooth decay. Our ancestors were not so fortunate.

Our believe is enhanced in today's column, which is that the best way to reduce your chances of getting any dental disease is to develop good oral hygiene habits. We utilize the latest in dental technology and treatment in a warm and comfortable environment. All of our patients have a pleasant, positive visit with us at **McNEW DENTAL**. Our office is located at **1300 E. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Suite 114**, where we stress preventive health care for the entire family, and utilize state of the art dental procedures. We're currently accepting new patients and welcome you to call **469/338-4604** to schedule an appointment. "Smiles are contagious and best when shared"

P.S. The research mentioned above helps underscore the importance of flossing and brushing at least twice daily. If brushing and flossing are not possible at lunchtime, try to use a tooth pick, and rinse your mouth with water.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

A study on salvation and liberty ... Part 1

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1).

Considering God is the highest authority of all on earth and in heaven; and that God made Jesus to sit at His right hand of all authority, then it stands to reason that all of God's children in Christ Jesus also enjoy the same liberty as children of the Highest authority.

The new birth is addressed in 1 Peter 1:23, "being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever."

How can people be born by the word of God? Let's turn to the first account of people getting saved.

Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." This event included a unique one-time miracle in which the disciples spoke languages that were understood by others in the temple. It says they heard them speak the wonderful works of God (Acts 2:11).

Upon fulfillment of Acts 2:4, every disciple must have become born-again by the ever living and abiding word of God that gushed out as rivers of living waters when they started speaking in tongues.

The next series of studies will examine and test this candidate for how people obtain this perfect salvation and liberty.



A check for \$500 was presented by Chief of Police Jeff Stapleton April 9 to the Roysie City Animal Shelter. The donation represented the proceeds from January, February and March bingo games. Bow Wow Bingo is conducted at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at The Well Coffee Lounge. Seven games are played at \$5 a card; games are called by Rotarian Mary Johnson. The program is hosted by the Roysie City Lions, LEO and Rotary Clubs. Pictured from the left are LEO Club president Zack Green; Lions president Kimberley Wheeler; bingo organizer Kathleen Tyre; Stapleton; Mayor Jerrell Baley; and Lion Cal Gilliland. Prizes are donated. The games are open to the public.

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Let the peace from God rule in your hearts to the which also you are called in one body ... Colossians 3:15

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Easter week services planned at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church has planned Easter services, and the community is invited to participate. Services include: • Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.; special service with Eucharist "foot washing" followed by the overnight Watch with Christ vigil labyrinth walk • Good Friday, April 18 – noon and 7 p.m.; special service with Eucharist • Saturday Great Vigil of Easter, April 19 – 8 p.m.; special candlelight service with non-allergenic incense, bells, baptisms and Eucharist • Sunday Easter Egg Hunt, April 20 – 9:30 a.m. Participants should bring baskets. • Easter Sunday services, April 20 – 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist with choirs and the children's Flowering of the Cross. The church is located at 1524 Smirl Dr., Heath. For more details, visit 972-771-8242.

"Pray for Our Nation" event scheduled

Lake Pointe Church in Mesquite, Texas has organized a "Pray for Our Nation" which is open to everyone who loves our country. These meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM. The May meeting featured a Pastor from Cuba. May 1st is The National Day of Prayer and "Pray for Our Nation" will meet that evening in place of 3rd week in May. More information can be found in this newspaper.

RC church to host God & Country Rally

The Fellowship of First Baptist Church, 900 Pullen St. in Roysie City will host a God and Country Rally beginning at 7 p.m. April 24. The event will include two prominent speakers – Rafael Cruz, father of Sen. Ted Cruz, and Dr. Rick Scarborough, founder of Vision America. Pastors will meet at 6 p.m., followed by the public rally at 7 p.m. The event will be open to the public; no RSVP is required. For more details visit fbrc.org.

Springer students ponder possible career options

The Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation kindergarten team at Springer Elementary \$1,771 for "What I Grow Up..." grant idea. The goal was to give students a variety of experiences by visiting with real-life community helpers and in order to deepen their understanding of the social studies objectives.

Recently, 90 kindergarten students toured Heath, with their first stop at the Alliant Bank. The students were shown how the coin counting machine works, how the teller completes a transaction within the bank and how to use the drive-through lanes. Students also were given the opportunity to look at a stack of \$10,000. The bank distributed backpacks to each student.

The students followed a rotation schedule and visited Vela Sailing Supply, Village Post, City Hall, Heath Fire and Police and the Animal Hospital. At Vela Sailing Supply, the students were shown how to use a saw and boat safety.

The students brought their homemade valentine postcards, stamped, addressed and dropped them in the outgoing mail. Before the trip was over, the students saw the postman picking up their postcards.

While visiting the Animal Hospital, the students transformed into veterinarians and performed surgery on teddy bears. They examined X-rays and viewed microscope slides.

Employees at City Hall conducted a mock council meeting and discussed the importance of being a responsible citizen. The students then visited Heath's fire and police and were given a tour of each emergency vehicle.

Students enjoyed a picnic lunch under the gazebo at the city park. After lunch, the students loaded the buses for Milano's Restaurant. The students were invited into the kitchen and shown how to make pizza. Students weighed the dough, observed the steps of making pizza and enjoyed their pizza afterward. While waiting their turn to make the pizza, other students remained on the bus and were given a demonstration by their bus driver.

Students returned to school and wrote about their experiences of the trip in their Stories Inside Me folders.



Springer Elementary kindergarten students toured several locations around Heath, including City Hall and Heath's fire and police stations. Pictured at the fire station, at front, from the left, are Parker Phillips, Landon Sulc, Rheagan Adams, Jenna Shallow, Everett Roberts, Katherine Webb, Joseph Ndogo, Madyson Lewis and Isaac Ndogo. At back are Kaylen Witt, Evelyn Middlebrook, Kain Taylor, Emily Tate, Ella Fite, Quintavian Davis and Kyler Johns.

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Shannon Elementary Hosts Leader in Me Day

Shannon Elementary hosted its 2nd Annual Leader in Me Day on Feb. 26, allowing students to share their own personal journeys in leadership.

The Leader in Me curriculum was developed by Steven Covey, a father of educators who saw a need for students to become leaders in their own lives. Based on Franklin Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People," a Leader in Me school teaches the seven habits of leadership to empower students to take control of their own lives beginning where they are -- in the classroom.

With their learning about leadership in place, Shannon students can receive visitors to the building shortly after 8 a.m. The festivities included a student-led program to explain the seven habits. The assembly highlighted the many important student-led jobs that keep Shannon run smoothly. Students also led tours of the building where community members were able to speak directly to students about their personal and academic goals and triumphs.

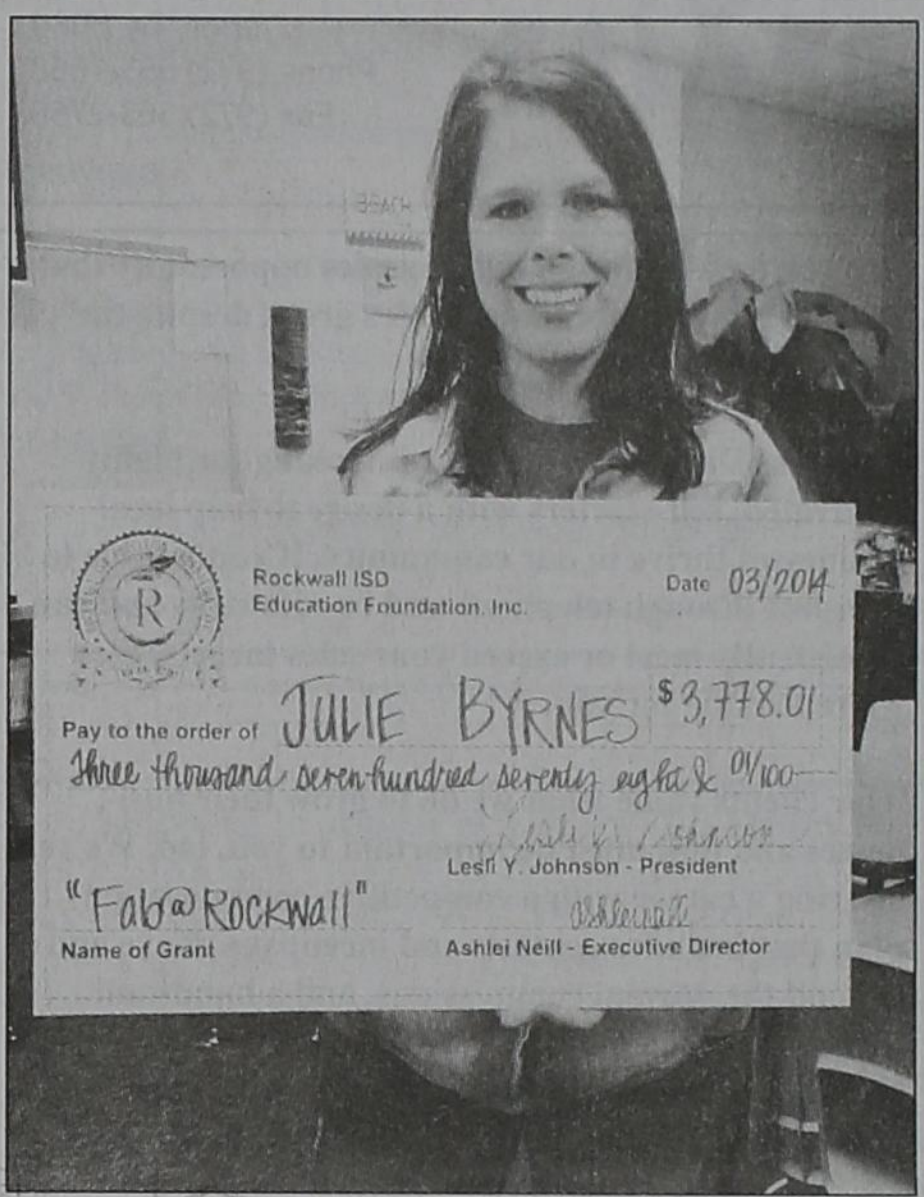
During the event more than 100 community members and educators learned how Shannon Elementary school is embracing leadership and empowering students.

Highlights of the day also included a closing ceremony, which featured a question-and-answer panel made up of students, an energetic performance of the inspirational song "Agents of Change," and refreshments galore.



Cynthia Johnson, ESL teacher from Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary, recently received the Diversity Leadership Award for the Rockwall Independent School District. Johnson also serves as campus UIL coordinator, PASE coordinator (the school's new parent education series that begins this week) and is on the Campus Improvement and Title 1 committees.

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The Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation's prize patrol committee visited Cullins Lake Pointe recently to award teacher Julie Byrnes, SAGE teacher, with her second grand of the year. Pictured above is Byrnes with her check from the Education Foundation.

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Reinhardt Elementary's school staff, pictured above, gathered recently to support a peer, coach Jason Foster, and her family by selling Reinhardt Can Foster Love T-shirts to raise money. Foster has a young son with numerous health problems who is in the hospital for an extended stay. To further support their fellow staff member, Reinhardt personnel also will host a Joe Willy's night for the Foster family from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April. Foster's husband, Jason Foster, is a teacher at Quest.

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Personalized pavers available in new YMCA building

The JER Chilton YMCA at Rockwall has raised more than \$3.04 million in its \$4 million Pathways Capital Campaign, and thanks to a \$2.5 million lead gift from local businessman JER "Bob" Hilton and support from board members, volunteers and the community, construction is underway on the 12,000-square-foot structure.

The new building is projected to be completed in the fall.

Interested individuals can assist in paving the way to the new building's opening by purchasing personalized pavers that will be placed outside the front door. Community members and local businesses can choose an 8"x4" legacy brick that will feature a name at a cost of \$1,500 or an 8"x8" paver for \$2,500.



Girl Scout Troop 4822 received a visit from TSgt. Cameron Montgomery, TSgt. Tyler Reed and SSgt. Chris Wall, USAF, on April 1. The soldiers talked to the girls about the U.S. Flag and the Air Force and assisted the Daisy Girl Scouts in earning their Troop Award. The Daisies presented the soldiers with thank-you cards and certificates of appreciation for serving the U.S. Pictured at back, from the left, are Montgomery, Reed and Wall; middle row, Madison Reggia, Gracie Garza, Cheyenne Montgomery, Ava Lytle, Cadence Montgomery, Leah Bell, Faith Smith, Katelynn Shelton, Brylee Reed, Allie Russell and Marlie Leathers. At front are Moriah Smith, Amelia Jordan, Kyla Dees, Peyton Ramsey, Piper Pederson and Kathalan Pederson.

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Sixth grade students from Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe recently celebrated Pi Day - March 14 - conducting a competition to recite, from memory, the digits of pi. Elisabeth Hamann won the competition by reciting the first 501 digits of the mathematical constant. Pi is defined as the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and is a never-ending number. Winners of the competition were Hamann, 501 digits (a school record); Muthoni Kamau, 347 digits; and Jessica Hamann, 201 digits.

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Physical education teacher Diana Frankenfield and Shawne Hamilton are pictured with Clarissa Fomunung, Kylie Pittman and Caden Squier, all third grade students at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary. Students raised \$11,305 for Jump Rope for Heart this year, an increase of \$3,000 over last year's total.

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Z2014-009: Proposed Zoning Change - 941 Cornelius Road
Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Gregory D. Ollom for the approval of a change in zoning from an Agricultural (Ag) District to a Single-Family Estate 4.0 (SFE-4) District on a 7,969-acre tract of land situated in the William Dalton Survey, Abstract No. 7, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas being located at 941 Cornelius Road and take action necessary.

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

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ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Condenser Water Re-Piping Project
Rockwall Heath High School
CSP 14-040-02

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 PM (local time) May 1, 2014

Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed proposals for re-routing the condenser water piping at Rockwall Heath High School. Drawings and specifications may be obtained at the Engineers' Office; McGraw Hill Construction (4300 Beltway Road, Suite 180, Irving, Texas 76018, Phone: 817-375-2960); TEXO/AGC/iSqFt (Lawton Reprographic Centers, 14305 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas 75244, Phone: 800-364-2059); DFW Minority Business Council, 2710 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 900, North Stemmons Tower, Dallas, Texas 75207 (Phone: 214-630-0747); and The Builders' Exchange of Texas, Inc. (3 Lincoln Center, 5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75240 (Phone: 214-687-9000).

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ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Energy Management System Upgrade
Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary School
CSP 14-040-01

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First Concert by the Lake set May 8

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its first concert by the Lake event of 2014 on May 8. Performing an Elvis tribute will be James L. Wages. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Melody to lead Brown Bag Lecture event

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present their Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. May 9 at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be One American Soldier, with Jo Nell Melody telling the story of her father-in-law who served in WWII and was killed in France. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

Tickets on sale for 'Forever Plaid'

Tickets for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's upcoming show, "Forever Plaid," are now available. The "deliciously goofy" play focuses on four young men killed in a 1950s car crash on their way to their first concert; now they've been revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never way. Performances will be at 8 p.m., Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance. For more information visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Buster Brown Band to perform

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a soul music show performed by the Buster Brown Band at the Concert by the Lake event on May 15. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Rockwall Founders Day set May 17

Rockwall Founders Day Festival, celebrating the city's 160th anniversary, will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 17 at Harry Myers Park. Activities with bounce houses and games will be offered, as will food and arts, crafts and business vendors. Live music will be featured from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the Charlie Daniels Band as the headline act.

Churches to host Spring Concert

Churches from Rockwall, Heath, Royse City and Huntsville will team up to celebrate the 30th season of Lakeside Civic Chorus, with featured performances of Dr. Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass," at 7 p.m. May 17 at United Methodist Church of Heath, 140 Smirl Drive, and at 4 p.m. May 18 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3003 Horizon, Rockwall. Admission to performances will be free and open to the public.

Dave Matthews tribute planned

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a Dave Matthews tribute show performed by Warehouse at the Concert by the Lake event on May 22. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Family Fun Fridays begin May 23

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host the first of the Family Fun Fridays on May 23 at The Park at Hickory Ridge, 1910 Hickory Ridge. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "The Sandlot," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Funk, R&B variety show slated

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a funk and R&B variety show performed by Professor D at the Concert by the Lake event on May 29. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Journey tribute set June 5

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a Journey tribute performed by Escape at the Concert by the Lake event on June 5. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Show to feature '80s, '90s pop music

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a show featuring a variety of 1980s and 1990s pop music performed by Razzamatazz at the Concert by the Lake event on June 12. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Beatles tribute show scheduled

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a Beatles tribute show by the Sgt. Peppers Lonely Bluegrass Band at the Concert by the Lake event on June 19. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Lake concert to feature country, rock variety

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a country, rock variety show performed by J.D. Monson at the Concert by the Lake event on June 26. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Family Fun Friday to feature 'Frozen'

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its Family Fun Friday on June 27 at Harry Myers Park, 945 E. Washington. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "Frozen," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Springsteen tribute show set at lake

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a Bruce Springsteen tribute show performed by Thunder Road at the Concert by the Lake event on July 3. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Rock variety show scheduled

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a rock variety show by Incognito at the Concert by the Lake event on July 10. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

U2 tribute show set July 17 at lake

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a U2 tribute show by With or Without U2 at the Concert by the Lake event on July 17. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Metal Shop to perform

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its final Concert by the Lake event of 2014 on July 24. Metal Shop will perform a 1980s rock variety show at The Harbor beginning at 7:30 p.m.

'Lego Movie' planned for Family Fun Friday

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its Family Fun Friday on July 25 at The Park at Fox Chase, 4475 Tubbs Road. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "The Lego Movie," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Family Fun Friday to feature 'The Sandlot'

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its Aug. 22 Family Fun Friday at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex, 1550 Airport Road. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "The Sandlot," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Brown Bag Lecture to focus on '63 state champs

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present their Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 12 in the second floor courtroom at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be the RHS 1963 state championship football team presented by Linda Duran. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

'Muppets' to appear at Family Fun Friday

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

Talking Tombstones set Oct. 10

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 10 at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be October's traditional Talking Tombstones, with residents from Rockwall's past "coming to life to tell their own stories." Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

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.

Brown Bag Lecture Series event set Nov. 14

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 14 in the second floor courtroom at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will focus on the photos that will appear on the RCHF's fundraising playing cards. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

Brown Bag Lecture Series to revisit rock wall

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 12 at the historic courthouse in Rockwall. The topic will re-examine the history of the rock wall and developments since The History Channel's "America Unearthed" episode aired. Admission will be free and open to the public. For details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

Area News Briefs

Alzheimer's Association plans Hope for Tomorrow

The Alzheimer's Association Greater Dallas will host a multicultural symposium to reach African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Americans and their physicians from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 300 Reunion Dr., Dallas. Through keynote speakers, breakout sessions and panels, participants will have the opportunity learn about the disease as it relates to the community. Speakers will cover everything from diagnosis to impact on patients and families. Speakers will include world-class researchers, physicians and experts. For more details visit alz.org or call 1-800-272-3900.

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'Godspell' auditions set June 7, 8

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Teen Theater production of "Godspell," which will be staged in July and August, will begin at 1 p.m. June 7 and 8 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule set

The next Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle will be June 26. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 5:30 p.m. Prices are reasonable; assistance is available through Rockwall PAWS. Dogs should be in non-slip collars, cats in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 or email info@spayneuternet.org; hablamos Español.

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Opinions

From American History: The Black Robe Regiment

by Kenneth Shores
Rockwall, Texas

The Black Robe Regiment was the name the British gave to the courageous and Patriotic American Clergy as a backhanded reference to the black robes they wore. The regiment consisted of many Pastors in the new United States who, as leaders in the church, formed a new army to take over this country from England. The following is

part of the sermon Peter Muhlenberg (born October 1, 1746 in Trappe, Pennsylvania) gave from the pulpit to the people who gathered there. According to a biography written by his great nephew in the mid 1800's, on January 21, 1776 in the Anglican church in Woodstock, Virginia, Reverend Muhlenberg took his sermon text from the third chapter Ecclesiastes, which starts with "To everything there is a season..."; after reading the eighth verse, "a time of war, and a time of peace," he then declared, "And this is the time of war," removing his clerical robe to reveal his Colonel's uniform. The next day he led out 300 men from the county to form the nucleus of the Eighth Virginia. Muhlenberg's unit was first posted to the South, to defend the coast of South Carolina and Georgia. "from http://www.lostpine.com/passions/Peter_Muhlenberg.html" This was given in the mid-eighteen hundreds as an effort to defeat England. The Black Robe Regiment has been revived to invite Pastors and citizens to once again speak out to return this country to a Christian Nation. Our forefathers fought and died for this nation, and you can find more information at www.wallbuilders.org and www.blackrobereg.com. Lake Pointe Church in Mesquite, Texas has organized a "Pray for Our Nation" which is open to everyone who loves our country. These meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM. The March meeting featured a Pastor from Cuba. May 1st is The National Day of Prayer and "Pray for Our Nation" will meet that evening in place of the 3rd week in May. More information can be found in this newspaper.

From "Peter Muhlenberg, Pastor & Patriot"
Josh Pittman

It was Sunday morning early in the year 1776. In the church where Pastor Muhlenberg preached, it was a regular service for his congregation but a quite different affair for Muhlenberg himself. Muhlenberg's text for the day was Ecclesiastes 3 where it explains, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted..."

Coming to the end of his sermon, Peter Muhlenberg turned to his congregation and said, "In the language of the holy writ, there was a time for all things, a time to preach and a time to pray, but those times have passed away." As those assembled looked on, Pastor Muhlenberg declared, "There is a time to fight, and that time has now come!" Muhlenberg then proceeded to remove his robes revealing, to the shock of his congregation, a military uniform.

Marching to the back of the church he declared, "Who among you is with me?" On that day 300 men from his church stood up and joined Peter Muhlenberg. They eventually became the 8th Virginia Brigade fighting for liberty.

Frederick Muhlenberg, Peter's brother, was against Peter's level of involvement in the war. Peter responded to Frederick, "I am a Clergyman it is true, but I am a member of the Society as well as the poorest Layman, and my Liberty is as dear to me as any man, shall I then sit still and enjoy myself at Home when the best Blood of the Continent is spilling?...so far am I from thinking that I act wrong, I am convinced it is my duty to do so and duty I owe to God and my country."

During the war there were rumors that the British wanted to hang Peter's father, Henry Muhlenberg. Henry wrote, "Toward evening came a report that they were near-by and going to take me. I cannot flee, much less leave my sick wife behind, so I must await whatever God's holy providence and governance...has ordained for me and commit it to him, the Lord of Lords..." Miraculously, the British never came for Henry Muhlenberg.

Peter Muhlenberg was a great soldier. He became a Major General under Commander-in-chief George Washington. Baron Steuben, in general orders, requested "General Muhlenberg to accept his very particular thanks for his gallantry and good dispatches." Because of his actions, Muhlenberg was given command of one thousand light infantry. Muhlenberg finished the war strong and is portrayed in a painting displayed in the United States Capitol Rotunda of the surrender of the British at Yorktown.

After the war, Muhlenberg continued to serve his country. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives not once, but three times. He was also elected to the Senate in 1801.

Peter's brother, Fredrick, had a change of heart to his brother's doings. Fredrick became elected to the House of Representatives and was Speaker of the House twice.

Peter Muhlenberg passed away in 1807 at the age of sixty-one. He was a great patriot as can be seen on his tombstone which reads, "He was Brave in the field, Faithful in the Cabinet, Honorable in all his transactions, a Sincere Friend and an Honest Man."

This article from www.wallbuilders.org is dedicated to all those Men and Women of God who have taken up their covenant oaths to defend true Liberty, Freedom, and Justice:

The above is one story of one pastor who chose the path of Liberty and Freedom...and that Liberty and Freedom has been graciously bestowed by our Heavenly Father to each of us. It has been freely offered, freely sacrificed for by Christ Jesus, and it is the duty of each of us to acknowledge that precious gift and to not give it away lightly. There were hundreds of such men and women during that awful epoch of our American History who chose the path that Pastor Muhlenberg took. There were many such brave souls who opted to sacrifice all for God, Family, and Country during that period of the Birth of our Nation and during other such battles as these, before and after this Revolution. It was and is the birth pains of an Empire that the founders of this Nation and those who descended after bear. Our Nation is not so very old...it has not been long since it was first conceived and birthed. Indeed, we are still being birthed...but now in a very different way. What is being birthed is not what the Creator envisioned or created, nor what our forefathers and mothers hoped to realize. It is not at all what they bled and died for. Each of us have inherited in some form the genetic material of these people who came seeking Liberty and Justice; these people who bore up under severe hardships from their countries of origin, despotic rule that came in the form of societal structure...religious, political, familial, educational. The pastors of that day, and their congregations, were living out of what had come over 100 years prior...where religion and politics were woven into the same fabric. There was no separation between the two spheres. This Revolution against Britain would culminate in a totally different awareness and way of life than had ever been lived on this planet; and may never be seen again in the present state of things. What remained was a hope and a promise...a Republic. And this Republic was created out of the awareness that the people who

then inhabited this country were a moral and upright people; people who were fashioned from 2000 years of formation out of the womb of salvation that only Christ Jesus can offer. A people who were born by thousands of years before Christ walked the Earth by way of Israelites who had been scattered and dispersed many times in history. These folks who now inhabited this New Jerusalem (the New Eden that Christopher Columbus saw), were living out of what they saw as a life and a country that was fashioned entirely by the Creator. The Constitution (Part 1--the Declaration of Independence and part 2), was and is a covenant between the people of America and their Heavenly Father. It was written for a Christian people...who were fully able to internally govern themselves. Thus, the meaning of a Republic that was inspired by God's Word and spells out the mission of God's children and Christ's ambassadors on Earth.

From "A Brief History"
by David Barton

This trend of Gospel ministers founding and leading American educational institutions continued for the next two-and-a-half centuries, and by 1860, ninety-one percent of all college presidents were ministers of the Gospel - as were more than a third of university faculty members. Of the 246 colleges founded by 1800, only seventeen were not affiliated with some denomination and by 1884, eighty-three percent of America's colleges still remained denominational colleges. As Founding Father Noah Webster (the "Schoolmaster to America") affirmed, "to the [clergy] is popular education in this country more indebted than to any other class of men."

In short, history demonstrates that America's elective government, her educational system, and many other positive aspects of American life and culture were the product of Biblical-thinking Christian clergy and leaders. Today, however, as the influence of the clergy has waned, many of these institutions have come under unprecedented attack. Many of our traditional freedoms have been significantly eroded. It is time for America's clergy to understand and reclaim the important position of influence they have been given.

As the Rev. Charles Finney - a leader of the Second Great Awakening - reminded ministers in his day: "Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact, dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation."

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Kenneth Shores is the author of the book, "Is There a God? Is He Real? My Life-changing Experiences."

Earth Daze

by John Stossel

"The heavens reek, the waters below are foul ... we are in a crisis of survival." That's how Walter Cronkite and CBS hyped the first Earth Day, back in 1970. Somehow we've survived since then, and most of life got better, although I never hear that from the worrywarts.

Of course, some things got better because of government: We passed environmental rules that got most of the filth out of the air and sewage out of lakes and rivers. Great -- but now we're told that we're in big trouble because greenhouse gases cause global warming. I mean, climate change.

"Crop yields are down, deaths from heat are up," says the Los Angeles Times. The "Worst Is Yet to Come," warns The New York Times. This hype is not new. Alarmists always fool the gullible media. They once fooled me.

A few years back, we were going to be killed by global (SET ITAL) cooling (END ITAL), overpopulation, pesticide residues, West Nile virus, bird flu, Y2K, cellphone radiation, mad cow disease, etc. Now it's global warming.

Reporters don't make these scares up. The recent hype about global warming comes from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Most of its members are serious scientists. But reporters don't realize that those scientists, like bird flu specialists, have every incentive to hype the risk. If their computer models (which so far have been wrong) predict disaster, they get attention and money. If they say, "I'm not sure," they get nothing.

Also, the IPCC is not just a panel of scientists. It's an intergovernmental panel. It's a bureaucracy controlled by the sort of people who once ran for student council and are "exhilarated by the prospect of putting the thumb of the federal government on the scale."

Actually, that wasn't a quote from a global warming alarmist. It's from anti-marijuana alarmist and former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joe Califano. But it's the same crisis mindset. Scientists who disagree, who are reluctant to put their thumbs on the government scale, don't feel welcome in the IPCC.

It's possible climate change may become a problem. But even if

industrialization brings warming, we've got more important problems. On my TV show this week, statistician Bjorn Lomborg points out that "air pollution kills 4.3 million people each year ... We need to get a sense of priority." That deadly air pollution happens because, to keep warm, poor people burn dung in their huts.

Yet, time and again, environmentalists oppose the energy production most likely to make the world cleaner and safer. Instead, they persuade politicians to spend billions of your dollars on symbolism like "renewable" energy.

"The amazing number that most people haven't heard is, if you take all the solar panels and all the wind turbines in the world," says Lomborg, "they have (eliminated) less CO2 than what U.S. fracking (cracking rocks below ground to extract oil and natural gas) managed to do."

That progress occurred despite opposition from environmentalists -- and even bans in places like my stupid state, New York, where activists worry fracking will cause earthquakes or poison the water.

Do environmentalists even care about measuring costs instead of just assuming benefits? We spend \$7 billion to subsidize electric cars. Even if America reached the president's absurd 2015 goal of "a million electric cars on the road" (we won't get close), how much would it delay warming of the Earth?

"One hour," says Lomborg. "This is a symbolic act."

Symbolic Environmentalism is now more religion than science. It even comes with built-in doomsday stories to warn people about what will happen if they disobey -- a bit

like the movie "Noah" that's in theaters now.

While environmentalists lament that our time is running out, environmental indicators get better, technological improvements reduce carbon dioxide, water gets cleaner for millions, and human life expectancy goes up.

This Earth Day, instead of attacking those who sell fossil fuels, will applaud them for overcoming constant environmental hysteria while providing affordable energy that will allow us to fight poverty which is the real threat to the people of the world.

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15 Dallas street: Star Trek ____
16 Pres. Johnson (init.)
19 TX Lefty Frizzell's "Always ____ Your Kisses"
20 ambassador bldg.
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25 rasslin' mat
26 anger
27 Mc ____ TX
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Yellowjacket golf wins district for third straight year

By Ryan Garrett
The Rockwall High School boy's golf team took home their third district championship in three years. The Jackets fought hard during a two-day district tournament April 7 and 8 at Twin Lakes Golf Course in Canton, Texas.

With a wet course on Monday and a very windy Tuesday, weather was a major factor in the tournament.

In the individual tournament, Dylan Yarbrough became the District 12-5A champion with his two-day total 151 (72/79). Adam House placed second with 1780, 157 total) and Daniel Gibbs (77/82, 159 total) took third place. Finishing out the team leaders, Brennan Walker had a two-day total of 67 (83/84) and Jacob Johnson went 169 (83/86).

The Yellowjacket team of Yarbrough, House, Gibbs, Matt Hunt, Walker, and Joe Romero (first alternate) will represent Rockwall High School at the Region II Golf Tournament April 16 and 17 at Cottonwood Golf Course in Dallas.



The Yellowjacket golf team took home the 12-5A District Championship on April 7 & 8 in Canton. Rockwall's boys are Champions for the third-straight year. (From left to right) Coach Watkins, Tiger Dougandara, Will Orr, Jacob Johnson, Matt Hunt, Dylan Yarbrough, Morgan Bowie, Adam House, Brandon Morris, Joe Romero, Steven Clements, Brennan Walker, Daniel Gibbs, Trey Watkins, Coach Freeman. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

Lady Jacket softball downs Horn, ties for first in district

By Ryan Garrett
The Rockwall Lady Jackets softball team handed the Mesquite Lady Skeeters their first loss, 14-2 in five innings on April 8 at the Campbell Complex.

The Lady Jackets hold an 8-1 district record, their only loss came to the Mesquite Lady Skeeters on March 12. With the win, Rockwall pulled into a tie with the Mesquite Lady Skeeters for the top spot in 12-5A.

In part by the wind, the Jackets knocked four home runs over the Mesquite Lady Skeeters. The Jackets came out strong in the first, taking a 2-0 lead off a two-run home run by Destiny Diaz. That was as close as Horn would get as the Lady Jackets' Emily Cowan and the Jacket defense allowed just one more run in the following four innings.

A lead-off home run by Dani Greenlee in the second began the Lady Jackets' rally and then a two-run homer in the third by Jocelyn Myers gave Rockwall the lead. The Jackets added two more in the third off a double by Peyton Mills down the right line and a single by Shelbi Court in the fifth.

Rockwall added two in the fourth, and a two-run homer to left-center field by Courtney and a walk off Grand Slam by Wallace in the fifth sealed the victory for the Lady Jackets as they tied the Jaguars for the top spot in District 12-5A.

On Monday night in their final home game of the regular season, the Lady Jackets shut out the Mesquite Lady Skeeters 12-0 to maintain their tie with Horn with two games remaining in district play.

Lady Hawks threaten early, get shut out by top-ranked Horn

by Ryan Garrett
The Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks lost to the top-ranked Horn Lady Jaguars 6-0 Friday night at Heath High School. Heath holds a 6-4 record in district 12-5A with two games remaining in the regular season.

Pitcher Cami Duffey and the Hawk defense kept Horn off the board through three scoreless innings.

Heath threatened in the third inning, beginning with a leadoff single to shallow left by Macy Wilson and then a stolen third base later in the frame. Horn spoiled the rally after Savannah Calhoun grounded out and Wilson was tagged at home on the throw from first.

Horn broke through in the fourth with a two-run homer over the center wall from Miranda Dupree. The Lady Jaguars added three runs in the sixth, and Dupree capped off the scoring in the seventh with a double.

Heath played their final home game of the season on Tuesday against the North Mesquite Stallions, and will end district play Thursday on the road at Longview.



Heath short stop Katie Webster, assisted by Megan Ford (7), tags out Mesquite Horn's Brittany Foshee (27) as part of a double play to end the fourth inning in which the Lady Jaguars scored two runs. Top-ranked Horn went on to win 6-0. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Play for Hay golf tourney set

The Play for Hay 5th Annual Golf Tournament benefitting Throwaway Ponies will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start May 4 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall. Sign-in and practice will begin at noon. Prizes will be offered; the green fee, lunch, golf cart and practice are included in the tax-deductible registration fee. To register visit throwawayponies.org.



Lady Jacket pitcher Emily Cowan tossed a solid game as Rockwall beat the Mesquite Lady Skeeters 12-0 Friday night in their final home game of the season. Rockwall's Shelbi Court (2) prepares for an infield hit as Rockwall assistant coach Jessie Philla looks on from the dugout. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall ISD gymnasts sweep Regional UIL team championships

By Ryan Garrett
Rockwall and Heath's gymnastics teams competed in the Region I Gymnastics Championships April 9 and 10. The Lady Hawks won their first regional in school history, and the Yellowjacket boys took home their fifth straight championship.

In the girls' competition, the Lady Hawks took first place with a score of 229.60. Heath's Carolyn Sherwin won the all-around (78.00), Vault (19.60), Uneven Bars (19.45), Floor (19.70), and placed second on pommel horse (19.25). Rebekah Malone placed third on balance beam and took two more top-ten finishes. Darion Mellorn had four top-ten finishes. Katelyn Beckett had three and Haneen Abusaad had one.

The Lady Jackets took second-place with a team score of 223.95. Sarah Edges took second on Vault, third on Floor and fourth in the All-Around, and Sarah Graves took third on Bars and the All-Around and uneven bars. Also finishing individual events in the top-ten were Katelyn Beckett, Abby Pettett, Jamie Hall and Brooke Kearby.

Rockwall's boys took the championship for the fifth year in a row with a score of 337.1, ahead of Rockwall-Heath's 326.7.

Michael Weidman led the Yellowjackets with a first place finish on pommel horse (18.9), second place on Floor, Parallel Bars, and third on High Bar at the All-Around. Jayson Copes took first on Floor and fourth on uneven bars. Rockwall took 13 additional top-ten finishes from Adam Alford, Austin Weidman, Jarod Delgleize, Bryce Singer, Caleb Myers, and Austin Copes.

Heath's Cameron Callaway placed 5th in the All-Around five top-ten finishes, and Brian Moore placed 3rd on Vault for the Hawks. Heath took home 14 total top-ten finishes from Callaway, Moore, Alex Milner, and Daniel Gregg.

The Rockwall ISD teams will end the season at the State meet April 24 and 25 at Alvin High School.

Rockwall Rumble Baseball Tourney planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will play host to the Rockwall Rumble Baseball Tournament April 26-27 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex, 1550 Airport Rd. Team entrance fee will cost \$150; gate fee, \$25. The tournament is open to all 8U, 10U and 12U Single A teams. Register go to ussa.com. For more details call The Center at 972-772-1949.

Tennis Calcutta set May 2-3

The Chandler's Landing Tennis Calcutta will be May 2-3, providing competition and a chance to generate funds for the CLT Court 6 repairs. The format will be the same as last year - dinner, silent auction and raffle on May 2, with the competition and payout on May 3. Auction items will include U.S. Open tickets, Rangers tickets, a security system, a limited number of lifetime CLT memberships and other items. Contact Kelli Kersey at 469-417-9175 or Dana Johnson at 214-505-2575 for registration or more information.

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RHHS Highsteppers capture honors at championship event

The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers were named national champions at the American Dance and Drill Team National/International Championships.

The Highsteppers competed in the officer, elite and team categories, winning the title of national champions in the officer and team categories. They placed third overall in the elite category, only a few points behind the top two scoring teams; however, they were named national champions in individual categories of open and jazz and third place in hip-hop.

The Highsteppers officers competed with four routines at the competition and walked away as the national champion officer group. They received the highest scores in the prop, jazz and hip-hop categories and second place for their contemporary routine. They were the highest-scoring officer group at the competition, obtaining the national champion officer title, and were named a part of the Best of the Best.

The Highstepper team competed in four routines in the national and international competition. In the national competition they won every category

they entered and were the Best of the Best for teams. They were the highest-scoring team for the entire competition and were named national champions. In the international competition they received second place behind teams from Japan. The Highsteppers were the highest-scoring American team at the competition.

Several Highsteppers also won individual awards. Senior Leslie Allen was picked as one of 10 dancers to be a part of the All-American Kick Company and was a Miss American High Kick finalist. In solo competition, sophomore Shawnee Gillham was awarded second place for her solo, "A Woman's Work." Senior Victoria Carney was awarded the national solo champion in the large-team division with her solo, "Who You Are."

The award-winning routines will be featured at the Highsteppers' Spring Show at 7 p.m. on April 12. The event will be conducted at the Rockwall-Heath Performing Arts Center.



Several RHHS Highsteppers won individual awards at the American Dance and Drill Team National/International Championships competition conducted recently. Pictured are senior Victoria Carney, who was awarded national solo champion in the large team division, and first runner-up in the solo competition, sophomore Shawnee Gillham.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

HCA's French paces TAPPS 2A in 4 events

In the most recent listing of TAPPS 2A track and field leaders through April 15, Heritage Christian Academy senior Wyatt French is first in four events and ranked among the state's top 10 in three others.

Four other athletes from Rockwall County private schools also are listed among the leaders.

French is number one in the 400-meter dash in 51.80 seconds, pole vault at 13 feet, 6 inches, and the long jump at 21-10. He's tied for the top height in the high jump (6-2). French also ranks second in the triple jump (42-2 3/4) and shot put (41-6), and third in the 110-meter hurdles.

Eagles teammate Zach Brashears is third with a 39-8 shot put.

HCA's Molli Howard holds four top 10 rankings among 2A girls. She is third in the triple jump (33-11 1/2), fifth in the 300-meter hurdles (52.02), seventh in the 100 hurdles (17.99) and 10th in the long jump (15-3 1/2). Heritage Christian's Baylee Hawkins is fifth in the discus at 78-3.

From Rockwall Christian Academy, Kennede Hutson is tied for second in the high jump at 4-10.

Malak, Manuel lead Lake Ray Hubbard fleets

Dan Malak and Keelan Manuel sailed to first-place finishes in the two fleets of Spring Wednesday Night Series Race 2 on Lake Ray Hubbard April 9.

Malak won the six-boat A Fleet aboard "Orion." In second place was Marshall Mackenzie aboard "Superman's Cape," with Jeff Willis guiding "Chaos Theory" to third.

Manuel's "Joint Venture" paced the four-boat B Fleet. Placing second was "Wind Song."

The scheduled Sunday Dam Series Race 3 was canceled April 13 because of inclement weather.

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The Rockwall-Heath Highstepper officers were named the National Champion Officer Group at the American Dance and Drill Team National/International Championships competition. Pictured, from the left, are lieutenant Brooke Sands, lieutenant Christina White, first lieutenant Allissa Powell, captain Victoria Carney, junior lieutenant Sarah Schneider and junior lieutenant Allison Strother.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Heritage Christian Lady Eagles, Rockwall Christian Lady Warriors shut out

Runs have been hard to come by for the Heritage Christian Academy and Rockwall Christian Academy softball teams.

HCA was shut out twice April 5 at the Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy Tournament. The Lady Eagles had three hits in a 9-0 loss to Nazarene, and just two in a 9-0 blanking by the Fort Worth Texas Homeschool Educators Sports Association.

In each game, Heritage Christian allowed a five-run inning to fall behind early. THESA's winning pitcher, Annike Rosales, also hit a home run.

A no-hitter and heavy hitting carried Waco Vanguard Preparatory School to a 22-0 victory over RCA in a TAPPS District 3-1A/2A game Thursday, April 10. Ingrid Bjornle was the losing pitcher for the Lady Warriors.

All of the county's four private-school baseball and softball teams are scheduled to play district games Thursday.

Only the HCA softball team would be on the road, at Tyler East Texas Christian Academy. Both The Fulton School and Heritage Christian baseball teams are hosting opponents at Baseball Nation in Mesquite. The Falcons would play Greenville Christian School, and HCA would take on Christian Heritage School of Longview. GCS' softball team would be visiting Rockwall Christian.

Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk slated

The City of Heath will host the 2014 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk on April 19. The family-friendly event is open to all ages and athletic abilities ranging from the casual walker or baby jogger to the elite runner. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Dr. For online registration visit heathtx.com or register in person at the Heath City Hall. Race-day fee is \$30. The youth registration fee is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the race. Pre-registration packet pick-up will be April 18 from noon to 6 p.m. at Rockwall Running Center, 811 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. To be a sponsor or prize donor, contact Kim Dobbs at 972-771-6228 or kdobbs@heathtx.com.

Rockwall Soroptimists recently inducted Jessica Lanning, Kim Sweet, Enid Reyes, Doris Doty and Sharon Hilgartner, from the left, as new members. The club will celebrate its 30th year helping women and children in the community and internationally. The next WomenAid Fun-raiser is the Rockwall Country Fair that will run from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. June 14. Visit rockwallcountyfair.com for details; tickets are currently on sale.

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Rockwall Soroptimists recently inducted new members Kara King and Dr. Catherine Casteel, second and third from the left. Welcoming them are members Madelyn Hill, Kellye Robertson and Cindy Lindley, member and region secretary.

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City of Fate taps Kovacs as new city manager

by Millie Jean Coppedge
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Michael Kovacs has been selected as the new city manager of Fate, according to an April 8 news release from the City of Fate.

He will replace Philip Rodriguez, who left the position on Sept. 17 after a separation agreement between the City of Fate and Rodriguez was finalized. Since Rodriguez's departure, James "Rod" Hogan has served as the interim city manager.

Kovacs will begin as city manager on April 21. Serving for more than 16 years in the field of economic development and municipal government, he was chosen from more than 43 candidates from 15 states and one foreign county.

After completing his master's degree in public administration at TAMU-CC, he became the city administrator for Presidio in 1998. Serving as town administrator in Surfside Beach, S.C., he supervised more than 100 personnel from the fire department and the organizations emergency management coordinator. While there, he served on many other management positions.

From 2004-2009, Kovacs was city manager for Port Aransas, where he

was given the opportunity to work on state and national issues in Annapolis and Washington, D.C.

Kovacs moved on to become assistant city manager for Park City Municipal Corporation in Utah. Here he supervised more than 100 employees and worked with a \$74 million budget.

Becoming city manager of Galveston put him in the position of managing a \$110 million budget and working with a staff of 770 employees. He helped the City of Galveston with a disaster recovery program after Hurricane Ike tore through the town.

Kovacs "worked with a focus on HUD recovery efforts of over \$1 billion in infrastructure work and almost \$300 million in housing programs, oversaw recovery with FEMA and local funds for \$100 million in projects, nearly \$100 million in appeals for funding and achieved disaster loan forgiveness of \$5 million," according to the news release.

"Due to his experience in managing larger communities and leading cities during times of intense growth, Michael was the obvious choice and the perfect fit for Fate," Mayor Bill Broderick said in the news release. "In order to secure Fate's future as a strong economic force in Rockwall County and further the city's vision for significant commercial and retail development, it was important that we hire a city manager with the knowledge and expertise to seize new opportunities and address the challenges associated with rapid growth. Michael brings the type of relational and servant leadership style to the organization that we need, focusing on teamwork and a personal involvement in the community."

Kovacs and his wife, Fonya, have three sons.



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