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Rockwall High School culinary team wins state, headed to national competition

Rockwall High School culinary arts and 12 restaurant management teams competed earlier this month for the state finals of the Texas ProStart Invitational. Rockwall High School placed first in the management competition, according to a news release.

The team will represent Texas in the National ProStart Invitational in May.

The team is participating in the restaurant management competition, demonstrating their knowledge of the restaurant and foodservice industry through a restaurant proposal, delivering a verbal presentation and applying critical thinking skills to challenges managers face in day-to-day operations.

The Rockwall team, which included one student from the 2013 winning team, presented a restaurant concept called The Grate American Grilled Eatery, a quick-casual restaurant serving fresh, gourmet-quality sandwiches. Committed to purchasing ingredients from local sources, including fresh-baked bread from a local bakery, Texas cheeses and locally sourced meats, the restaurant will also offer specialty cheeses hand-crafted in-house using milk from a local dairy. A signature creamy mozzarella and full-bodied, mild cheddar sauce, "Two GRATE Loves: Our Food & You!" reflects their

commitment to great food and great customer service.

"Representing the great state of Texas at the National ProStart Invitational is no easy feat, and we are all blessed to be a part of such a fantastic program that is supported by the Texas Restaurant Association and National Restaurant Association," said Cody Hayes, culinary arts chef instructor at RHS. "Our back-to-back state champion titles are a true representation of dedication and hard-work by my students. They realize what a great opportunity they have to win scholarships through this wonderful program and are constantly motivated by that. My students will now be able to attend college because of this."

More than \$1 million in scholarships were awarded to members of the top three culinary and top three management teams at the state finals courtesy of Le Cordon Bleu School of Culinary Arts, Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts, The International Culinary Schools at The Art Institutes, The Culinary Institute of America, Johnson & Wales, Louisiana Culinary Institute, Sullivan University and The New England Culinary Institute (NECI).

The Texas ProStart Invitational was produced by the Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation. Only students enrolled in high school culinary arts programs utilizing the Texas ProStart program and

curriculum were eligible to compete.

State Competition Results

Culinary

• First Place: Academy of Culinary Arts at Byron Nelson High School, Trophy Club

• Second Place: Hollenstein Career & Tech Center, Fort Worth

• Third Place: Rockwall High School, Rockwall

Management

• First Place: Rockwall High School, Rockwall

• Second Place: Academy of Culinary Arts at Byron Nelson High School, Trophy Club

• Third Place: Carl Wunsche Senior High School, Spring

Helen Atkins to celebrate 100th birthday April 11

Helen Elizabeth Crawford Atkins, a resident of Arbor House in Rockwall, will celebrate her 100th birthday next month with family and friends.

Born April 11, 1914, in the Parmer County community of Friona, she was one of four daughters born to T.J. Crawford and Ella Floy Knode Crawford, pioneer settlers in the Texas Panhandle. The Crawfords made their way to the Panhandle shortly after the opening of the region with the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad.

Her father arrived in Friona in 1907, working as manager of the Rockwell Brothers Lumber Co., and sold the lumber for the first house built in the community. He had a general merchandise store for many years.

Her mother arrived in Friona in 1909 and worked as a schoolteacher and piano teacher.

Atkins graduated from Friona High School as its 1931 valedictorian. She attended Texas State College for Women (later Texas Women's University) in Denton before transferring to the University of Texas at

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Helen Elizabeth Crawford Atkins

Alsbrook: Erby Campbell Project moving ahead

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City manager of Royse City Carl Alsbrook told the City Council that it is getting close to the point that no updates will be needed regarding the progress of the Erby Campbell Project. Good progress is being made and the pillars are going up quickly for the construction of the overpass/bridge. He suggested that everyone drive and see the progress.

The council meeting welcomed a new city employee, Joseph Adams, who was hired for the Public Works Department as a streets and water utility.

The business agenda, J2, was to "consider and act concerning an ordinance regarding a Specific Use Permit application for a contractor to provide storage to be located at 2812 FM 35 (also known as Tract of the Richard Mead Survey, Abstract 141), Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas. This ordinance was for the BHP Water Cooperation. The storage would be located behind the new building that will be erected across the street from Fort Elementary. BHP wants to put up a fence in the front and a chain link fence around the rest of the property. Pipes and other equipment are often stored in the back and this was a safety issue, especially since the company will be so near a residential housing addition. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

The council meeting also considered an ordinance concerning a Specific Use Permit application for a business institution to be located at 816 West Church Street, passed

at the last council meeting. Alsbrook brought up the issue of hiring a public relations consultant for the next eight months for a salary of \$12,000-\$15,000 to help with public relations consultant in an attempt to draw more visitors to Royse City.

The agenda called for "engaging a public relations consultant including the contract and cost." Alsbrook said he had spoken to Hardin Alsbrook proposed that the city go on a case-by-case basis and see what works out. He said this position was not replacing anyone, but adding to what the city already has. This was in reference to the Erby Campbell Project, which plans events throughout the year. The motion passed unanimously.

Pro Tem Janet Nichols had a proposal on the agenda regarding the Main Street from the Heritage District. Several councilmen asked for clarification of what Main Street and the Heritage Board actually do. Councilman Tom Crowley suggested the council take some time to figure out what the Heritage Board actually does or has done. Nichols said that all she was doing was trying to make things simple. The council didn't want to separate the Heritage Board and Main Street.

Mayor Jerrell Baley suggested that the council should all be given the opportunity to study the proposals for the Heritage Board so members can study them before the next meeting. A suggestion was made that this issue should go to the Planning and Zoning Commission. No definite moves were voted on.

Once again, the cost and concerns for the Mr. Roysse home on North Houston came before the council. There was discussion about the drainage issues. Councilman Bill Bell said the house needs to be moved back so it will not be so close to the street. He said that by moving it back, the drainage problems would be solved. Alsbrook said that it would cost \$15,000 to move the house back and another \$10,000 for new concrete piers to replace the bois d'arc foundation under the house. He said up to \$30,000 would take care of everything.

The motion to move the house back and replace the piers passed by a vote of 5-2, with Councilman Branch and Crowley voting no. A decision still hasn't been made whether the home donated to the city could become a museum or exactly how it will be used.

An ordinance to cancel the May 10 General Election by declaring the candidates unopposed passed unanimously. City secretary Brenda Craft said it would cost \$75 to cancel the contract with Rockwall.

Under the Discussion Items the Parks and Recreation Board will meet in March to discuss naming a Main Street park in memory of Ouida Baley.

All council and staff members were present at the meeting.

The next council meeting will be March 25 at the Police and Courts Building.



Pillars for the Erby Campbell Project confirm that progress is being made on the overpass. City manager Carl Alsbrook of Royse City said the project should be completed by the summer of 2015.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Lone Star Chapter's Class of 2014 honored

Through their membership in National Charity League and dedication to serving others, these 21 girls of the Lone Star Chapter's Class of 2014 have collectively given 3,339 hours of time to local Rockwall County philanthropies. NCL is a non-profit national organization of mothers and daughters who join together in community involvement. The goal of NCL is to foster a sense of community, responsibility and strengthened mother-daughter relationship. Pictured at front, from the left, are Elisha White, Victoria Van Vleck, Jacklyn Granstaff, Lauren Homesley, Cristyn Howland, Ashley Howell and Emily Fletcher. At back are Elisha White, Victoria Van Vleck, Jacklyn Granstaff, Lauren Homesley, Cristyn Howland, Ashley Howell and Emily Fletcher. On March 1, NCL's Lone Star Chapter honored these young women at their Senior Presentation held at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

Summer camp applications being accepted

Applications are being accepted for summer camps at both locations of the Boys & Girls Club. Camps will be offered June 9 through Aug. 15 at Royse City and Rockwall if enough youth register; otherwise, only the Rockwall camp will be offered. Youths ages 6 and older are eligible. Cost to apply is \$15; camp cost is \$55 per month or \$165 per child for the entire summer (includes breakfast, lunch and a snack; lunch will need to be provided for children at the RC camp). To register, visit the Rockwall Club, 901 E. Interurban. Space will be limited, particularly for children of younger ages.

RSM auditions set March 21, 22

Auditions for "South Pacific" and "Anything Goes," Rockwall Summer Musicals' shows for the 2014 season, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 21 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 22, including a dance call from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Building B. Audition appointments may be made by calling 214-202-9673. Prepare a one-minute song (16-24 bars) that shows vocal range and ability; bring sheet music, theatrical resume and headshot. Cold readings from the script may be required.

Democratic convention scheduled

The convention process of the Texas Democratic Party begins at the County and Senate District Convention on March 22. Precinct conventions will not occur on the primary night, but instead as the first step of the March 22 meeting. Register at register.txdemocrats.org for information on time and place and to learn about the convention process.

Pancake breakfast to benefit Reading for Adults

The Rockwall County Reading for Adults program will benefit from an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. March 22 at Applebees, Rockwall. Volunteers and RFA tutors will be on hand for two hours, greeting and serving customers.

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Rockwall American Legion celebrates 95 years

The Rockwall American Legion Post 117 celebrated its 95th year during the annual banquet March 16, 2014 at the Rockwall Senior Center.

Commander Gene Allen opened the ceremony with the Tri-County Honor Guard presenting the colors.

Allen welcomed members and guests and presented the Post Officers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led

by Bob Godfrey, Sgt. At Arms.

The National Anthem was sung by Jessica Brunson.

Ray walker delivered the POW/MIA remembrance and the prayer.

Allen presented a rose to Clara Laing, widow of past commander Bob Laing.

Marvin Fleetwood presented the 2014 delegates and the outgoing 2013 delegates to Boys State and Bluebonnet Girls State.

Allen presented the Great

American Award to Dr. Ron Taylor, headmaster at Heritage Christian Academy.

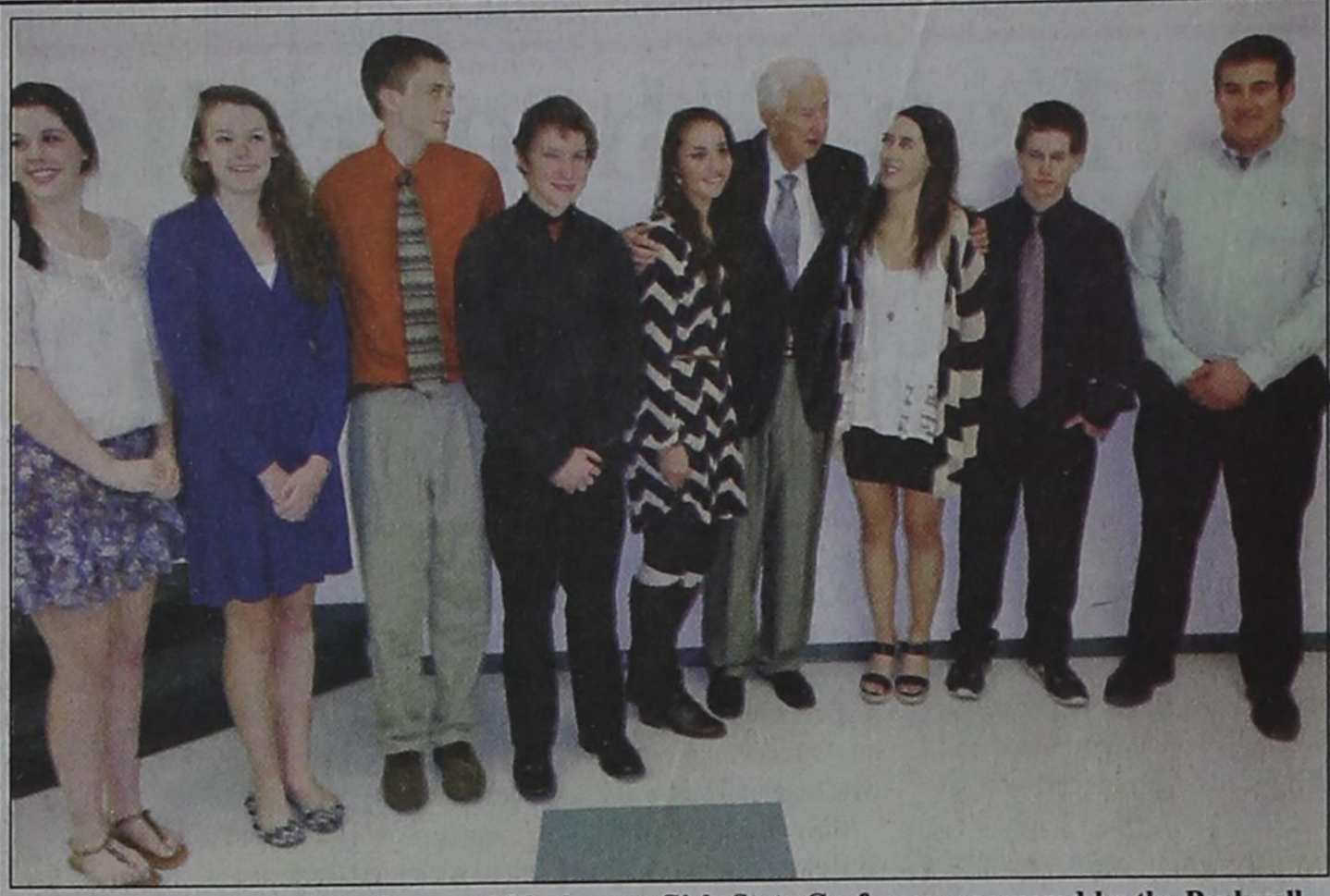
Congressman Ralph Hall was the featured speaker. Hall spoke about important bills that are now in Congress concerning veterans and

active service personnel benefits. He also spoke of the importance of patriotism and service to country. Hall honored the young delegates of Boys and Girls State as the future leaders of America.

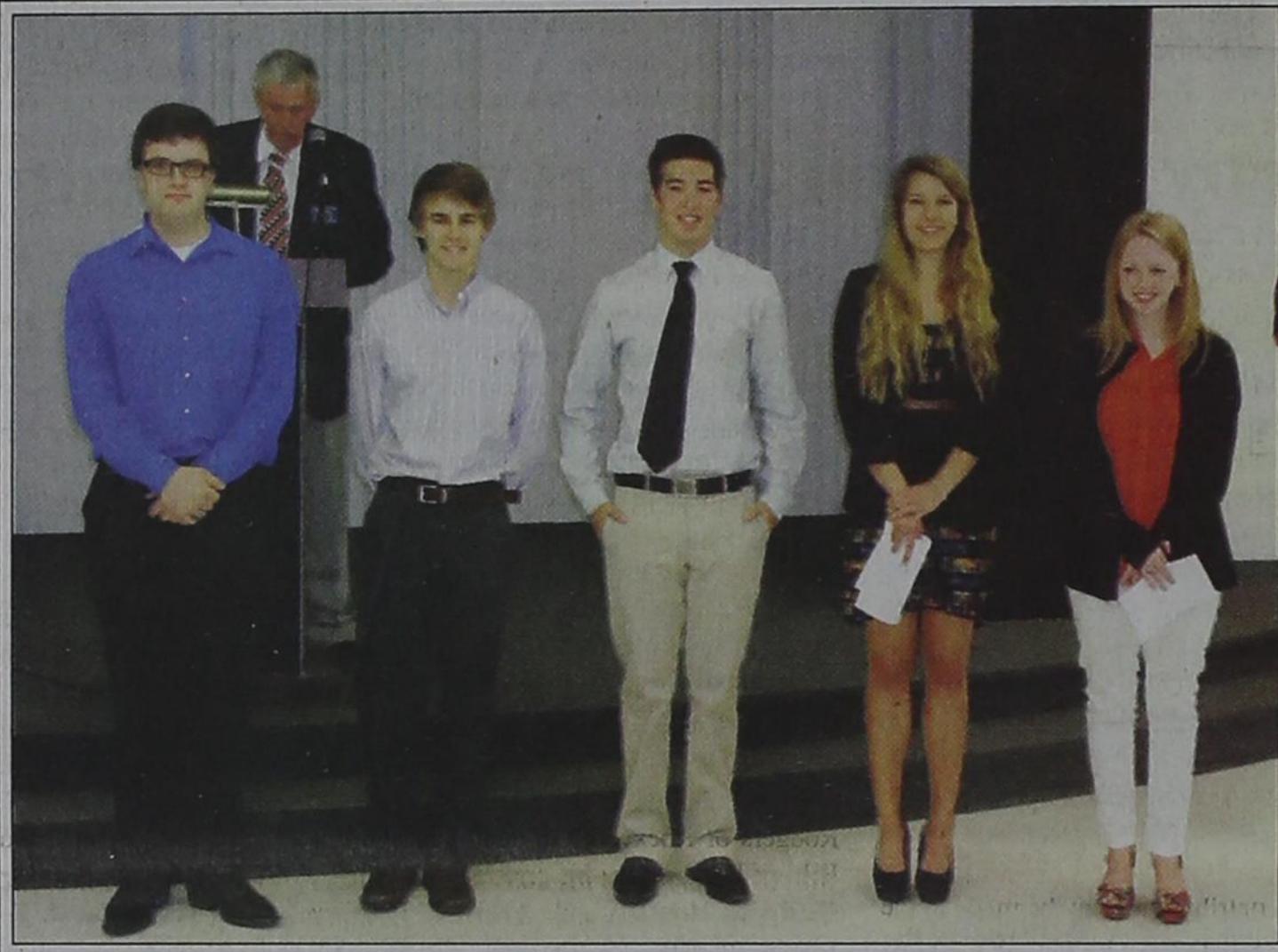
The American Legion will hold its next meeting Thursday, April 17 at Harry Meyers Park 6:00 p.m. All veterans are welcome to attend. Dinner and a program will be offered.



Dr. Ron Taylor receives the Great American Award. Taylor is the Headmaster for Heritage Christian Academy. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



2014 delegates to Boys State and Bluebonnet Girls State Conference sponsored by the Rockwall American Legion Post 117 are (left to right) Kara Foster, Hannah Prichard, Ian Craig, Will McEvoy, Mollie Howard, Congressman Ralph Hall, Madeline Schroeffer, Kenneth Fleetwood and Will Morris. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Outgoing delegates to Boys State and Bluebonnet Girls State who went to conference last June 2013 are (left to right) Christopher DiGiovanni, Robert Pulatie, Ryan Salinas, Page Parent and Elizabeth Pop. Not pictured is Lauren Archuleta. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Imrie tapped as REDC chairman

The Rockwall Economic Development Corporation announced the appointment of Chip Imrie as chairman of the board, according to a news release issued last week.

Imrie is a resident of Rockwall and has been a member of the board since 2010, having previously served as vice chairman and secretary, as well as chairman of the Prospects Committee, according to the release.

"Chip is a valuable member of the REDC board, and he will make an excellent chairman," said REDC president and CEO Sheri Franza in the release. "He is a smart and talented business leader and his marketing and business development expertise will be a tremendous asset in our continued work to attract leading corporations to Rockwall."

Imrie is the executive president at GMR Protection Resources Inc., a certified Women Owned business based in Heath, Texas, which provides services to support estate management, security operations, law enforcement

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Musings of a 20-something ...

by Brittany Williams

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Last Monday afternoon a chapter in the book of my life ended. The end of an era you could say.

After 13 wonderful years, my dog Teddy Bear went to heaven.

He was more than a dog to me. He was family.

The last couple years, his health had been declining though and he was in a lot of pain.

It was time. It was past time.

The decision was made fairly quickly standing around the kitchen with my family.

At first, I didn't think they were really serious, then I saw my boyfriend drive away with Teddy in his lap. And I knew he wasn't coming back.



I won't lie. I went to my room and bawled. It wasn't one of those pretty crys.

Tears were going down my face in places I did not know they could go.

What I'm struggling with most is I didn't get to say his good byes. I couldn't tuck him in the house Monday afternoon.

I would have held him in my arms and hugged him and let him go.

He had a full, long life with treats, lots of petting, scratching and his favorite chicken.

I already miss hearing his click on the floor and hearing the doggy door swing open and closed.

But for now, Teddy is no longer in pain; he isn't wheezing anymore and he can breathe normally and he has energy he hasn't had in years.

And I bet there's a room full of toys and he's enjoying running around with the rest of the dogs up there in heaven.

Either that or he's running around trying to find the 24 chicken buffet.

Whichever may be the case, I love and miss you already, Teddy.

Mark Twain once said, "A dog is a gentleman; I hope to go to his heaven not man's."

Mr. Twain, I'm right there with you.

Rest in peace my Theodor

There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out fear. 1John 4:18



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Ava Nelson (right) with her son Jim

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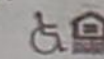
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Citizen Fire Academy sign-ups underway

The Rockwall Fire Department's free Citizen Fire Academy will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 27-May 22, at Fire Station No. 2, 920 Rockwall Parkway. Training will include a full Saturday class – either May 10 or May 17. Participants must be at least 18 years old (or more than 16 with parental consent). For details call the Rockwall Fire Department at 972-771-7770 or email bpatrick@rockwall.com. Sign-ups may be completed online at rockwall.com/firedepartment/fireacademy.asp.

'Forever Plaid' auditions planned

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "Forever Plaid," to be staged May 9-11, 16-18 and 23-25, will take place at 1 p.m. March 29 and at 7 p.m. March 30 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. Available roles include men, ages 18-25: tenor (low B flat, high C sharp); second tenor (low B/high G sharp); baritone (low B/high F sharp); and bass (low F/G). Those auditioning should prepare a one-minute stylistically appropriate song (16-24 bars) that shows vocal range and ability; accompanist provided. Bring sheet music, theatrical resume & headshot; cold readings will be required. For details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

RWL seeks grant requests

The Rockwall Women's League is accepting grant requests from nonprofit agencies that provide services to the Rockwall County community. Proceeds from the RWL's annual fundraising charity ball are used to provide grants to nonprofits, as well as scholarships to high school graduating seniors in Rockwall County. This year's ball, Club 40: Jazz at the Ruby Room, is set for April 12 at The Omni Hotel in Dallas. To contribute or attend contact Alison Fox at 972-771-6508 or ballchair@rockwallwomensleague.org. Grant requests should include program name, 501(c)3 ID number, program description and beneficiaries and amount requested. Requests must be submitted in writing; mail to P.O. Box 383, Rockwall, 75087, Attn.: Patti Poole. Submission deadline is April 1. For more details call 972-771-7343.

Junk Prom to benefit Helping Hands

A Junk Prom to benefit Helping Hands will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 5 at Rockwall County Helping Hands' Centsible Thrift Store, located at 950 Williams St., Rockwall. For more details, call 972-771-4357.

Church plans Priscilla Shirer simulcast

The Rockwall Friendship Baptist Church, 5651 State Hwy. 76 in Roysse City, will host a biblical teaching by author Priscilla Shirer via live simulcast from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5. Registration costs \$20. The event will include a continental breakfast, catered lunch and afternoon snack. To register online, visit tinyurl.com/rfbcpss. For more details about the church, visit rockwallfriendship.org.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Chelsea Jo Muller Burns



Services for Chelsea Jo Muller Burns were conducted at 2 p.m. March 17, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She was born in Fort Worth on Feb. 13, 1955, grew up in Commerce and married Tyler in 1995. There she met Zach Burns, and the two were married in Dallas, where they were married. She worked in the medical coding field as an administrative assistant at Bioscrip in Richardson. She had an infectious smile and a kind personality.

Survivors include her husband, Zach Burns of Dallas; her mother and father, Janet and Gary Watkins of Dallas; her father and stepmother, Arlene and Julie Muller of Tyler; a special aunt, Shirley Ferina Semento of Rockwall; her aunts, Cheryl Davis of New Braunfels and Kathy Ayers of Wylie; many cousins, nieces and nephews; Jedda and Hayden Spice of Mendenhall, Texas, and Mrs. Spice, all of Perth, Australia, Rex and Lupe Rankin of Phoenix, Ariz., and all of the Burns family in Emory.

Allen D. 'Al' Crawford



Services for Allen D. "Al" Crawford, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. March 21, 2014, in the Joy Funeral Home, 302 N. Goliad, in Rockwall, with Pastor Paul Appel officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 20 at the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Al was born March 15, 1955, in Des Moines, Iowa. He was the son of Robert McVey Crawford and Bernice (Porterfield) Crawford, and attended Davenport West High School where he was linebacker on the football team of the 1970s. He graduated from Luther College where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and was recognized as All-Conference Player. In 2007 he was inducted into the Luther College Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduating in 1977, he taught at North Scott High School in Des Moines, Iowa, where he also coached basketball and football. He later moved to Rockwall and owned his own flooring business, from which he retired in March 2013.

He volunteered with the Rockwall YMCA as a youth soccer coach for many years and continued to be a strong supporter of Williams Middle School and Rockwall High School athletics. He enjoyed spending time outdoors with his family and was an avid outdoorsman who fished, hunted and enjoyed golf.

Survivors include his wife, Gail Lynn (Willie) Crawford of Rockwall; his son, Kyle Crawford of Rockwall, Jeremy Crawford of Temple and his daughter, Mary H. Rybolt III and his wife, Michelle, of League City; his daughter, Chelsey Crawford of Rockwall and Dawn Mahoney and her husband, Patrick, of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Madlyne Mahoney, and her husband, Michael Rybolt; his brothers, Michael Crawford and James Crawford; and his parents-in-law, Warren and Carole Willie of Rockwall.

His parents preceded him in death. A certified funeral home, a certified embalmer, and a certified cremator, services to the Rockwall Association, Texas Chapter, 1231 Greenway Dr., Ste. 295, Irving, Texas 75038 (also-texas.org) or to the Joy Lutheran Church.

Bessie Jayroe



Funeral services for Bessie Jayroe, 89, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. March 1, 2014, in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

She was born March 26, 1924, in Dallas to John and Athan (DeCort) Angelo, a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, Jerry and his wife, Lisa, of Heath and Tony Jayroe of Rockwall; her daughter, DeeDee Rice of Claremore, Okla.; her sister, Martia Scottino of Dallas; her brother, Nicki Angelo of Dallas; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace, on July 24, 2001, and her son, Wally.

Jacob R. 'Jake' Kane



Services for Jacob R. "Jake" Kane, 30, of Fate were conducted at 11 a.m. March 17, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Randy Harkins officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died March 14.

Born Aug. 11, 1983, in Woodward, Okla., to Gary Robert and Dorothy (Bomar) Kane, he attended Alpha Christian Academy and worked as a plumber for United Mechanical in Dallas. In his free time he enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Meredith Kane, and son, Hunter Kane, of Fate; his daughter, Asia Kane, of Dallas; his parents, Gary and Dottie Kane of Garland; his sister and brother-in-law, Jessica and Mark Foster, and niece, Ava, of Wylie; and his grandmothers, Rebecca Bomar of Whiteville, Tenn., and Ella Kane of Garland.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, John Bomar and Louis Kane.

Pallbearers included Mark Foster, Brandon Stuart, Matt Kelly, Jordan Barth, Robert Reyna, Michael Tomlinson and Dustin Barth.

Marie Kiere



Services for Maria Kiere, 79, of Rockwall will be private.

Visitation was conducted during the evening hours of March 19, 2014, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died March 14.

Born Feb. 21, 1935, in Troy, N.Y., to Salvador and Maria Constance Battaglia, she was a devoted wife of almost 50 years to her husband, Jacques, and a wonderful mother. She loved adventure and traveled the world with her family. She was supportive and loving.

Survivors include her children, Simone Kiere of Etlan, Va., Lynn Boyd of Irving, Michael Kiere and his wife, Leslie, of Irving and Mimi Grieshaber and her husband, Mark, of Villa Rica, Ga.; her grandchildren, Andrea, Lynna, Michael, Corey, Jacob and Allyson; her sister, Lucia Barker, and her husband, George; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jacques Kiere; and her sister, Nina Esposito.

Steven Lee Rodgers

Graveside services for Steven Lee Rodgers, 56, of Rockwall, formerly of Fort Worth, will be conducted at a later date in Safford, Ariz.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today, March 13, 2014, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died March 11.

Born Dec. 19, 1957, in Fort Worth to Jack and Jo (Fritchman) Rodgers, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He had been in DeMolay and was an active Mason.

Survivors include his daughters, Leslie Cato of Rockwall and Jessica Rodgers of Fort Worth; his son, Jacob Rodgers of Fort Worth; a granddaughter, Vanessa Brooke Cato of Rockwall; his mother, Jo Rodgers of Rockwall; an aunt, Carolyn P. Kennedy, and her husband, Bill, of Richardson; his cousins, Dr. James R. Peoples Jr. and his wife, Cindy, of Houston and Leslie P. Damjanovic and her husband, Dr. Dusan, of Hellerton, Penn.; an uncle, Ed Rodgers of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; his dog, Ollie; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Rodgers; infant twin brothers, Will and Rob Rodgers; a brother, David Jack Rodgers; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritchman and Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Rodgers.

TV show co-host to emcee RCCoC awards banquet

Mike Castellucci, co-host of "Good Morning, Texas" on WFAA-TV, will serve as master of ceremonies for the Roysse City Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet on May 20, according to a chamber news release.

Castellucci recently returned to WFAA-TV in Dallas/Fort Worth after spending the past five years working as a live morning reporter for "Good Morning, San Diego" in San Diego, Calif.

He initially joined WFAA-TV in 2003, working for more than five years as the station's "Why Guy" and specializing in stories he said focused on the "human condition – the who, what, where and why of what makes Texans tick." He also produced and hosted a series of award-winning half-hour specials dubbed "Why TV."

During his career, Castellucci also worked for KCBS-TV in Los Angeles, where he was recognized with four Emmy Awards for reporting.

Castellucci has collected a total of 18 Emmy Awards.

The chamber's award banquet will begin at 11:30 a.m. May 20 at Occasions at Stone River in Roysse City. The public is invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased at royssecitychamber.com.

Citizen Fire Academy planned by Rockwall

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The training also will include a full Saturday class – either May 10 or May 17.

Tuition will be free, according to a RFD news release.

Participants will get an inside look at firefighter training involving structural firefighting, fire investigations and fire prevention, as well as hands-on experience in emergency operations. They also

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Rockwall County Entertainment

'Steel Magnolias' to be staged at RCP

"Steel Magnolias" will be featured at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall, in performances set for March 21-23 and April 4-6. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 8 p.m.; Sunday performances will be at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399.

'Believe' ballet slated for April 5, 6

The Harmonic Motion Ballet Theatre and Harmonic Motion School of Ballet will stage "Believe" at 7 p.m. April 5 and 2 p.m. April 6 at Rockwall High School Theatre. Professional dancers will be accompanied by students in performing this ballet. General admission tickets cost \$10 at tututix.com.

Next Brown Bag Lecture Series set April 11

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series from noon to 1 p.m. April 11 in the second floor courtroom at the courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be the Stories of Rockwall County, presented by Nancy and Bruce Beaty. Admission is free and open to the public. For more details call Sheri Fowler at 972-722-6466.

Discount offered on early-bird RSM tickets

Tickets purchased before April 30 for the Rockwall Summer Musical's 2014 season are available at a 20 percent discount. The summer season will include "South Pacific" June 26-28 and "Anything Goes" June 14-17. Visit rockwallsummermusicals.org or call 881-71-TICKETS upon code HAPPYTALK to receive discount.

Melody to lead Brown Bag Lecture Series event

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present their Brown Bag Lecture Series 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.

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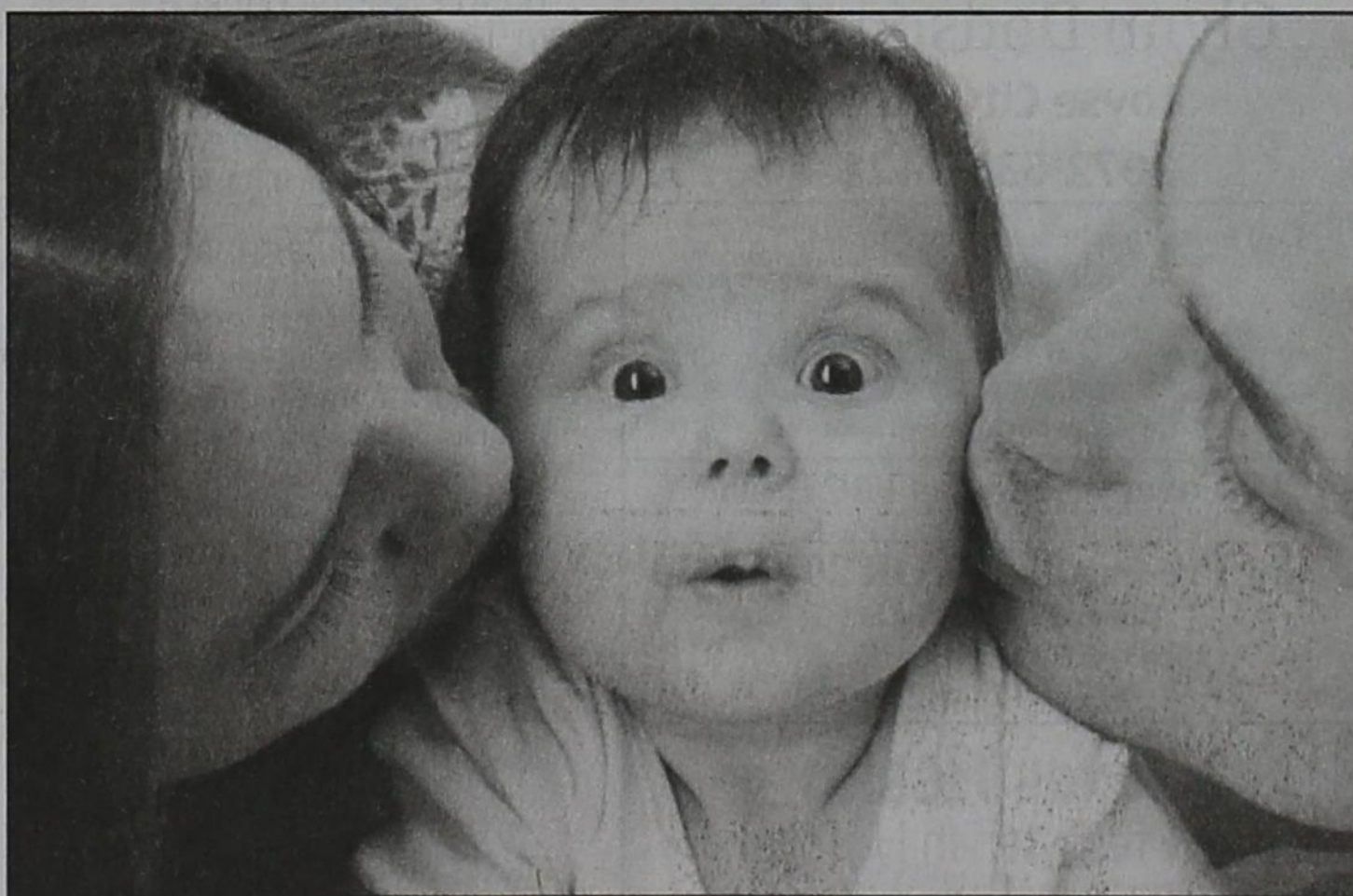
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Freedom and bondage ... Part 4

It is wonderful and refreshing to walk through life with a clear and true understanding of the liberty in Christ Jesus.

Consider all the situations that stir up fear and anxiety. The least common denominator is typically the fear of loss, pain and/or death.

The apostle Paul taught the following, "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

That you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Giving thanks unto the Father, which made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light;

Who rescued us from the power of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom by His dear son;

In whom we have redemption, even the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:9-13).

Atkins to celebrate 100th birthday ...

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Austin. She played the flute in the orchestra at both schools. She married George Wayne Atkins on June 3, 1935, in her sorority house, Alpha Xi Delta, in Austin on the same day she received her bachelor's degree from UT. The couple moved to Rockwall and worked in the family business, A.L. Atkins Dry Goods, which had opened in 1908. She was a substitute teacher for the Rockwall Public School System during the 1930s.

In 1946, George Atkins and his brother, Charles E. Atkins, started the Atkins Brothers Dry Goods Store, with locations in Rockwall and Wylie. They operated the stores until 1957. Helen and George Atkins

We must fill our minds and hearts with God's will in application. In the end we are patient and longsuffering during the absolute worst conditions in life.

God in heaven knows we will suffer extremely hard and painful times, and has provided the best tools available to endure them with patience and longsuffering.

Guess what? During the most painful and anxious moments, God's beloved saints still have the liberty that is in Christ Jesus.

That's right. It is still available to walk worthy of the Lord, be fruitful in every good work, and increase in the knowledge of God with thankful minds and hearts toward God in heaven.

Standfast therefore in this truly peaceful and refreshing liberty.

then purchased and operated washaterias in Commerce and Grand Prairie from 1958 to 1975.

She was active in the First United Methodist Church's Women's Society of Christian Service, holding several offices and serving terms as president. She also was pianist for the FUMC in the 1940s and early 1950s, becoming the first organist for the church in 1952, helping to select the church's first organ.

The couple had five children - three sons and two daughters: Ida Bauereis of McKinney, Dr. Jimmy Atkins (Linda Thompson Atkins) of Fort Smith, Ark., Robert Atkins (Ann Holt Atkins) of Rockwall, twins Tommy and Marilyn Atkins of Las Vegas, Nev., and Westley Ark., respectively. Grandchildren include Nanette Weghorst (Nanette Weghorst), Charlotte Dumford (John Dumford), Laura Peek (Billy Peek), Andy Atkins (Jenny Atkins), Lane Atkins (Ivonne Atkins), Ladd Atkins (Britani Atkins), Audrey Valdez (Rick Valdez) and Heather Atkins. She has nine great-grandchildren.

George Atkins died on March 15, 1995. Arbor House will host the birthday lunch, featuring all of her favorite foods, for her and her immediate family on April 11. An extended family celebration will follow on April 12.



Board President Ted Bedsole (right) and the Roysie City Chamber of Commerce are pleased to welcome Crystal and Bryan Sparks with The Church Roysie City as a new partner.

They recently relocated to Roysie City, Texas along with their two children.

The couple shared how God put a desire in their hearts to start a life giving church where people from all different ages, walks of life and circumstances could come and find a place where they belong.

The Sparks are excited to see what will happen in 2014. Contact them at 469-723-3302 or csparks@thechurchrc.com. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS FOR, ROCKWALL HEATH HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT ADDITION PROJECT, CSP 14-03-01 for the Rockwall Independent School District will be received at the Rockwall Independent School District Purchasing Department, 1050 Williams St, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Each Proposer shall identify his sealed Proposal by typing on the outside of the envelope: "ROCKWALL HEATH HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT ADDITION PROJECT, CSP 14-03-01". Proposals received after 2:00 PM (local time) THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014, will be rejected.

SCOPE OF WORK: Demolish existing approach at main entrance of school and install new drive that connects front main drive to existing drive on north side of campus. Cut and fill grade to install new parking lot on north side of campus, near Laurence and Hawk intersection. Install required curbing and paving around new construction concrete areas. Stripe parking and fire lines as required in construction drawings.

The project Site: Rockwall Heath High School, 801 Laurence Drive, Rockwall, TX 75032

The work will be awarded to one contractor.

Beginning, MARCH 13, 2014, Prime Proposers may obtain Proposal Documents from Repographics Consultants, 325 North Saint Paul, Suite 275, Dallas, Texas 75201, 214-540-3957. A deposit of a refundable deposit check made payable to the SHW Group, for a total deposit of \$10,000 per set. Each set consists of one set of drawings and one set of specifications. Deposit checks will be returned if the Proposal Documents are returned to the Architect, in good condition, within ten (10) days of the Proposal opening.

Additional full sets of Proposal Documents may be obtained upon direct payment of the cost of reproduction. Partial sets of Proposal Documents will not be available. The additional complete sets may be obtained by request through the Architect.

A Proposal Conference will be held on Friday, MARCH 21, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the site, Rockwall Heath High School, 801 Laurence Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75032.

Proposal Documents may be examined at:

DALLAS, TX

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FW Minority Plan Room

IRVING, TX

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It is the responsibility of each proposer to provide all information necessary to evaluate the Proposal and the following criteria.

Section 44.031, (b) of the Education Code, "In determining to whom to award a contract a district shall consider:

1. Purchase price;
2. Reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services;
3. Quality of the vendor's goods or services;
4. Extent to which the goods or services meet the District's needs;
5. Vendor's past relationship with the District;
6. Impact on the ability of the District to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses;
7. Total long-term cost to the District to acquire the vendor's goods or services; and
8. Any other relevant factor(s) listed in the request for Proposals or Proposal."

Evaluative criteria will have the following weights assigned to rank Proposals: Cost-40 points, Reputation-10 points, Qualifications-10 points, Knowledge of scope-10 points, Past performance on Warranty-10 points, Past performance on close-out process-10 points, Subcontractor selections-10 points, and Contractor's experience with similar projects-10 points. Using these criteria and weights District Committees will evaluate and rank Proposals to determine the Proposer that presents the best value to the District. Per Section 44.039, (g) of the Education Code, "In determining best value for the District, the District is not restricted to considering price alone, but may consider any other factor stated in the selection criteria."

Section 44.043, of the Education Code, (b) notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a school district:

1. May not consider whether a vendor is a member of or has another relationship with any organizations; and
2. Shall ensure that its Proposal specifications do not deny or diminish the right of a person to work because of the person's membership or other relationship status with respect to any organization.

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Proposal and to waive irregularities or informalities as may be deemed in Owner's interest.

For additional information, see the Invitation to Offerors, General Conditions of the Contract, and (b) "WARRANTY" Supplementary Conditions."

For the purpose of complying with Section 2258, Subchapter B of the Texas Government Code for all public contracts, the prevailing wage rates are listed in Section 00 73 43 of the Project Manual.

It is the responsibility of the contractor to pay the appropriate rate or higher on the construction project or be subject to penalty as set forth in section 2258.023 of the Texas General Government Code.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Sell Magnolias' to be staged at RCP

"Magnolias" will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rockwall, in performances

set for March 21-23, 28-30 and April 4-6. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 8 p.m.; Sunday performances will be at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399.

'Believe' ballet slated for April 5, 6

The Harmonic Motion Ballet Theatre and Harmonic Motion School of Classical Ballet will stage "Believe" at 7 p.m. April 5 and 2 p.m. April 6 at the Rockwall High School Theatre. Professional dancers will be accompanied by students in performing this ballet. General admission tickets cost \$10 at tututix.com.

Next Brown Bag Lecture Series set April 11

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. April 11 in the second floor courtroom at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be the Stories from Rockwall County, presented by Nancy and Bruce Beaty. Admission will be free and open to the public. For more details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

Imrie tapped as REDC chairman ...

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public safety. Imrie is responsible for all business development activities at GMR.

In his appointment as executive vice president, Imrie served as vice president with GMR, at which time he was responsible for operation aspects of the company. Before joining the company, Imrie served as vice president of operations for On Target Supplies Logistics.

It is an honor to serve in this capacity with the REDC. I look forward to working with the REDC Board and Staff in recruiting businesses to Rockwall that will enhance our community and grow our tax base," Imrie said, according to the release.

Imrie brings extensive experience in security and loss prevention, management and bank operations to the REDC Board of Directors, having held several senior level positions including director of security at Spiegel Inc.; senior vice president, director of security and corporate services at First Gibraltar Bank, FSB; and senior vice president and corporate procurement at Bank of America NT&SA. Imrie also has served as a founding member of the BAI Task Force on Bank Crime and as the chair for the ASIS Banking and Finance Security committee. He has lectured and authored articles on bank security topics, and has extensive experience in bank mergers and acquisitions.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 7, 2014** to consider the following item(s). The hearing will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas.

Z2014-004: UDC Amendment

Hold a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance for a city-initiated request to amend the Unified Development Code (Ord. No. 04-38), specifically Article II, Authority and Administrative Procedures, Section 6.1, Notice of Public Hearing, and take any 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>

TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FM 552 - ROCKWALL COUNTY CSJ: 1017-01-015

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Rockwall County will conduct a Public Meeting on **Thursday, April 10, 2014** for the proposed improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 552 in Rockwall County, Texas. The project limits extend from State Highway (SH) 205 to SH 66.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present proposed roadway improvements within this 5.2-mile long section of FM 552. The Public Meeting will be an "open house" format and will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at **Williams Middle School, 625 E. FM 552, Rockwall, Texas 75087 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** TxDOT staff and its consulting engineers will be available in an informal setting to answer questions during the meeting.

The proposed project is needed to address an expected increase in traffic, to conform to local planning efforts, and to provide safer geometric and operating conditions. Upon completion, FM 552 would accommodate two 11 to 12 foot wide inside lanes and one 14-foot-wide outside shared use lane in each direction, an 18-foot-wide median with 1-foot to 2-foot curb offsets, a 6-foot to 10-foot-wide sidewalk with minimum of 9-foot offset from face of curb. Dedicated left and right turn lanes are provided along FM 552 at major intersections with SH 205, John King Blvd, FM 1141, and FM 3549. At various cross streets, a 10-foot-wide left-turn bay would be provided in the median. The horizontal and vertical alignment has been improved to satisfy a 40 mile-per-hour (mph) design for an urban arterial facility along FM 552. Major cross street connection design speeds vary between 40 mph and 45 mph. Drainage improvements include replacing the existing side ditches with a curb and gutter section. Approximately 52 acres of additional right-of-way (ROW) and easements would be needed to accommodate the proposed roadway and drainage improvements. One residential property displacement would be required. No commercial property displacements or relocations would be required.

The maps and drawings reflecting the project's location and geometric design will be displayed at the Public Meeting. This and other information about the proposed project are available for public inspection and duplication at the TxDOT Dallas District Office located at 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150, the TxDOT Rockwall/Kaufman County Area Office located at 2750 S. Washington, Kaufman, Texas 75142, and on-line at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting to obtain information about the project and to express their views. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District public information officer at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. Because the Public Meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Public Meeting. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Meeting. Comments may be presented for a period of 10 days after the meeting. Written comments can be submitted to:

**Ms. Nancy Peron, P.E. TxDOT Dallas District Project Manager
4777 E. US Highway 80 Mesquite, TX 75150-6643**

Written comments submitted after the Public Meeting must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before **Monday, April 21, 2014**, in order to be included in the public record. For additional information please contact Nancy Peron, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District, via phone (214) 320-6245, or e-mail: Nancy.Peron@TxDOT.gov.

Rockwall County News Briefs

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RHS to host April 5 job fair

The Rockwall ISD Unified Job Fair Meet & Greet will run from 9 a.m. to noon April 5 at Rockwall High School, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Interested parties are invited to stop by and meet with campus administrators and program directors to find out more about job opportunities in the 2014-2015 school year. No pre-registration is required. For more details, contact the RISD's Human Resources Team at humanresources@rockwallisd.org.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day set in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 5 – rain or shine – at the Municipal Service Center, 1600 Airport Rd. Household quantities of pesticides, paint products, household cleaners, herbicides, motor oil, auto chemicals, pool products and rimless tires will be accepted. Document shredding and electronic recycling also will be available. City residents must present a current utility bill or driver's license; no children or pets should be brought to collection site. For details call the Utility Billing Department at 972-771-7736.

Thai dance/drama troupe to perform at FCC

The First Christian Church will host a dance/drama troupe from Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in a performance to begin at 7 p.m. on April 6. The performance will be offered free to the public; however, there will be an opportunity to donate toward the cost of transportation for the artists. The church nursery will be open for children through age four. First Christian Church is located at 3375 Ridge Road, 1.4 mile south of I-30. For more information, call the church office at 972-771-5526.

'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 – and a short poem to recite. The RCP 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 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 6:30 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.Espanol.

Citizen Fire Academy planned by Rockwall ...

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also will ride out on emergency calls with firefighters. Classes will focus on various firefighting activities. All classes include a hands-on activity. Scheduled activities include:

- A 100-foot ladder climb
- Station tours
- Fire apparatus familiarization
- Search and rescue
- Fire investigation
- Live burn firefighting exercise
- Hose drag/water spraying
- Auto extrication exercise
- Ride-out with firefighters

All activities will be overseen by Rockwall firefighters.

Participants must be at least 18 years old or more than 16 with parental consent.

For more details call the Rockwall Fire Department at 972-771-7770 or email bpattick@rockwall.com. Sign-ups also may be completed online at rockwall.com/firedepartment/fireacademy.asp.

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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court or County Court At Law of Rockwall County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on February 19, 2014, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 2014, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Front Steps, 1111 Yellowjacket Lane of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Rockwall, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Rockwall and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	3-04-7 12/18/13	3230-0000-0020-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEHMAN J. HARRIS	Lot 20, Canup Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 39, Page 244, Deed Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 14815)	\$69,740.00
2	3-04-7 12/18/13	3230-0000-0019-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEHMAN J. HARRIS	All of Lot 19, Canup Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 39, Page 244, Deed Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 14814)	\$74,290.00
3	3-05-17 12/18/13	5380-0000-1413-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CARDENAS OFELIO GUEVARA, ET AL	Lot 1413, Rockwall Lake Properties Development No. 2 Subdivision, a subdivision in Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Pages 79 and 80, Plat Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (25324)	\$19,670.00
4	3-07-128 06/14/13	5341-000A-0003-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MIRIAM QUINTERO, AKA MIRIAM CAROLINA QUINTERO, ET AL	Lot 3, Block "A", Windemere, an addition to the City of Heath, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 299, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (58817)	\$565,230.00
5	3-07-65 02/25/13	3871-000Y-0008-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICIA VALDEZ	Lot 8, Block Y, of Hickory Ridge, Phase Four, an addition to the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in Cabinet E, Slide 287 of the Plat Records, Rockwall County, Texas (acct 59074)	\$171,530.00
6	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000C-0007-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 7, Block "C", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55280)	\$19,500.00
7	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000D-0019-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 19 Block "D", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55341)	\$19,500.00
8	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0003-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 3, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55363)	\$19,500.00
9	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0004-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 4, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55364)	\$19,500.00
10	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000B-0006-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 6, Block "B", McKamy Meadows Estates, an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55259)	\$19,500.00
11	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0006-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 6, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55366)	\$19,500.00
12	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0007-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 7, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55367)	\$19,500.00
13	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0008-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 8, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55368)	\$19,500.00
14	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000B-0008-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 8, Block "B", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55261)	\$19,500.00
15	3-09-167 11/22/13	4354-000E-0005-00-OR FEBRUARY 19, 2014	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MCKAMY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	Lot 5, Block "E", McKamy Meadows Estates an addition to the City of Royce City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 97, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (acct 55365)	\$19,500.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rockwall County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Rockwall, Texas, February 19, 2014

Sheriff Harold Eavenson
Rockwall County, Texas

By *[Signature]* #507
Deputy

Notes:

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP., attorney for plaintiffs, at (972) 961-0086

Rockwall County Scholastics

Green, Harris named to Dean's List

Two local students were named to the Dean's List at Ohio Christian University College of Adult and Graduate Studies for the spring semester, according to a university news release issued this week. Honorees included Christopher Green of Rockwall and Neal Harris of Royse City.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better and be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

Joo named to Dean's List

Abigail Joo of Rockwall earned Dean's List honors for the fall semester at Maryville University in St. Louis, according to a university news release.

Joo is pursuing a bachelor's degree in English. Maryland University's undergraduate students are eligible for the Dean's List when they complete at least 12 credit hours in a semester with a minimum of a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Whitley named to TAMUCC Dean's List

Logan Whitley of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the fall 2013 semester, according to university news release.

To qualify for the Dean's List, undergraduates must be enrolled full-time with a minimum of 12 semester hours and earn a grade-point average of 3.65 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Texas State names locals to Dean's List

More than a dozen local residents were among students named to the Dean's List at Texas State University in San Marcos for the fall semester, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Bailey N. Archer of Heath, Travis Brady Beach of Heath, Nicole E. Tremain of Heath, Mallory L. Drain of Rockwall, Antwonique Lashae Gilmer of Rockwall, Hanna Colleen Gray of Rockwall, Brandon Wayne Hartley of Rockwall, Michael Anthony of Rockwall, Callie M. Salverino of Rockwall and Jessa Lynne Jansen of Rockwall.

Also, Emily G. Jones of Rockwall, Kasey Elizabeth Lyons of Rockwall, Haley Brooke Matthys of Rockwall, Marissa D. Shipp of Rockwall, Kristin L. Warren of Rockwall, Jessica L. Wood of Rockwall, Danni Aileen Loggins of Royse City and Margaret D. McCroan of Royse City.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours, according to the release.

Five named to UH Dean's List

Five local residents were included on the University of Houston's Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester.

Honorees, according to a university news release, included Betsy Bol of Rockwall, an engineering major; Sydney Brown of Heath, a hotel and restaurant management major; Megan Frausto of Royse City, an exercise science major; Ryan Graham of Royse City, a political science major; Sharon Spencer of Rockwall, a human resource development major.

SMU announces fall Honor Roll

Five local residents were among students included on the fall semester honor roll at Southern Methodist University, according to a university news release.

- Honorees include:
- Amanda Beard of Rockwall, a junior at SMU, named to the honor roll with distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile;
 - Kaylee Dusek of Royse City, a junior, named to the honor roll with distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile;
 - Eugene Kim of Rockwall, a junior, named to the honor roll with distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile;
 - Patricia Janelle Villacin of Rockwall, a senior, named to the honor roll with high distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile;
 - Jonathan Walther of Rockwall, a sophomore, named to the honor roll with distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile.

Bonacquisti earns OCU scholarship

Charlotte Bonacquisti of Rockwall recently was awarded a departmental scholarship based on grade-point average, ACT/SAT test scores and declared major, according to an Oklahoma City University news release.

OCU awards departmental scholarships to freshman students who are admitted and enrolled in the Petree College of Arts and Science, Memorial School of Business or Kramer School of Nursing. Scholarships amount range from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Departmental scholarships are awarded to students during the admission process and renewed annually up to seven consecutive semesters if satisfactory academic performance is maintained.

Four locals awarded merit scholarships

Four local residents recently were awarded merit scholarships by Oklahoma City University based on grade-point averages and ACT/SAT test scores, according to a university news release.

Recipients include Charlotte Bonacquisti, Victoria Carney and Whitney Bomkamp of Rockwall and Charlotte Wester of Heath.

All admitted undergraduate applicants are considered for merit scholarships, which are awarded to students during the admission process and renewed annually up to seven consecutive semesters if satisfactory academic performance is maintained.

The scholarships are awarded to freshmen who demonstrate academic achievement and potential, regardless of financial circumstances, according to the news release. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,500 to \$7,500.

Eight local residents receive SMU degrees

Eight local residents were among students awarded degrees at Southern Methodist University's 2013 commencement ceremony, according to a university news release.

- Honorees included:
- Brittany Evans of Heath, who received a bachelor's degree in psychology;
 - Deirdre Conway of Rockwall, who received a master's degree in educational leadership;
 - Francisco Palos of Rockwall, who received a master's degree in electrical engineering;
 - Zak Martinez of Rockwall, who received a bachelor's degree in economics;
 - Reem Abdelrazik of Rockwall, who received a bachelor's degree in journalism;
 - Richard Mason of Rockwall, who received a juris doctor degree in law;
 - Christina Fry of Royse City, who received a master's degree in education;
 - Elias Gonzales of Royse City, who received a bachelor's degree in music education.

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- Fate - Fate Grocery Store.

Hartman, WMS teams take wins at regional First Lego League event

Two teams from Rockwall captured awards at the North Texas First Lego League Regionals conducted in February. Teams from Grace Hartman Elementary and Williams Middle School earned awards in their respective contests.

The robotics competition is comprised of the following elements:

- Robot performance, which scores how well the robot performs the assigned task on the obstacle course;
- Robot design, which judges how well the team designed and built the robot and how well the robot is programmed for functionality;
- Project aspect, which requires students to take on real-world problems, do in-depth research and develop ideas and solutions to solve them at hand. This year's real-world problem, which revolved around natural disasters, was dubbed Nature's Fury. The Williams team focused on tornadoes, while the Hartman team focused on earthquakes. They developed a model to illustrate their solutions and created a five-minute video to educate the judges about the problem set and solution.
- The project's adherence to core values embodied by the "gracious professionalism."

The teams spent more than five months designing, building, testing and making their robots and project solutions. The team from Grace Hartman won the award for Core Values - Gracious Professionalism, which recognizes the team whose members respect each other and other teams at all times. The team also placed in second place following a head-to-head sudden-death robot match.

The WMS team received the second-place Overall Grand Champion award. The champions award recognizes the team that embodies the "LL experience by embracing the competition's core values of achieving excellence and innovation in both the robot game and project." More than 200 teams participated in the North Texas regional competition this year.



Pictured above are the two Rockwall teams – the one on the left from Williams Middle School and the one on the right from Grace Hartman Elementary – that won awards at the North Texas First Lego League Regionals competition in February. From the left are Brandon Purcell, Ryan Wang, Jordan Hensley, Brennan Manning, Aaron Smith, coach Tammy Manning, coach Todd Manning, Connor Manning, Sam Borse, Mazie Johnson, Braden Bortz, Trevor Sonnen, Johnathan Pang and Ben Vazquez. Each team won awards at its respective competitions in the fall to advance to February's regional contest. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Hospital reminds public of Colon Cancer Awareness Month

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall reminds area residents that March is Colon Cancer Awareness month. Recognizing the importance of education on this topic the hospital developed an initiative to help reduce the stigma or fear associated with this disease.

The hospital campaign, Rid Rockwall of Colon Cancer, urges preventative treatment to help reduce the incidence of colon cancer. As the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, colon cancer does not discriminate. Many people believe that it only affects men and primarily only older individuals; however, the truth is that it affects men and women equally and can occur at any age.

"The good news is that colon cancer is preventable when colonoscopy is used as the preferred screening method, by detecting and removing pre-cancerous polyps," Dr. Harry Sarles, medical director of special procedures, said. "The overall incidence of colon cancer is on the decline because of the impact that screening colonoscopy is having nationwide."

For the patient's comfort, a colonoscopy performed at Texas Health Rockwall is carried out under general anesthesia. During a colonoscopy, a tube allows the physician to view the inside of the colon for any potential concerns including polyps. Any polyps that are found can be removed at that time, which can completely erase the potential for cancer to develop from that polyp. There is no pain or discomfort associated with the

procedure and the patient can return to work the next day.

Risk factors for colon cancer include family history, personal history of colon polyps, being over the age of 50, those with Crohn's disease or other gastrointestinal disorders and some ethnic groups.

While some of these risk factors are not controllable the other primary risk factor is – diet. Those who have a high fat diet are at a higher risk than the average person.

A healthy diet should include lean meats, leafy vegetables, fruits and sweets in moderation. Additionally it is recommended that individuals limit alcohol consumption and avoid tobacco products. The best thing to prevent colon cancer is to be screened as early as age 50 (sooner if you are at a higher risk), maintain a healthy weight and live a healthy lifestyle which includes diet and exercise.



The Friday Study Club met Friday, February 21, 2014. Shown (from left to right) Carolyn Francisco (co-hostess), Carolyn Rockworth (host) and Katherine Stevener (co-host). The meeting featured guest speaker Kathy Melston's presentation of her program "ICELAND - Land of Fire and Ice." The organization celebrated 95 years after it was founded by Mrs. Hugh Lofland of Rockwall with the first meeting held in her home February 27, 1919. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The Roys City Chapter #642 of the Order of the Eastern Star conducted a Beans and Cornbread Luncheon at the Senior Citizen Center on March 1. The meal consisted of beans, cornbread, desserts and drinks, all of which was served to raise money school supplies and scholarships for Roys City children. Pictured are some of the early-bird arrivals, including, from the left, J.B. Anders, Jim Wadek and Rosemary Franklin. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk set April 19

The City of Heath will host the 14th Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk on April 19.

This family-friendly event is open to all ages and athletic abilities ranging from the casual walker or baby jogger to the serious runner.

The event begins rain or shine at 8 a.m. at Heath City Hall, 1000 S. Lawrence Dr.

Online registration is available at heathtx.com or in person at Heath City Hall.

Hosting the Heart of Heath Run/Walk on Easter weekend has been a popular tradition for this hometown town," said Gayle Kurht, chairman of the City of Heath's Annual Events Board. "Our participation has increased each year as people come out to share the camaraderie of a great event and promote healthy lifestyles

and community involvement."

The start and finish lines will be chip-timed. The course is USATF-certified with professional race management provided by the Rockwall Running Center in conjunction with It'sYourRace.com. Through this partnership, a free Heart of Heath Race app will be available to all participants.

The male and female race categories are divided by age with awards presented to the top three in each class as well as awards going to the top runners overall and over-40 masters winners.

Five-year age brackets from age 20 to 70 and older are: 20-25; 26-30; 31-35; 36-40; 41-45; 46-50; 51-55; 56-60; 61-65; 66-70; and 70+. Youth age brackets are: u-11; 12-14; and 15-19.

A Dri-Fit T-shirt bearing the Heart of Heath logo will be given to every participant while

supplies last, and drawings will be held after the race for door prizes donated by local merchants.

The early registration fee is \$20 by March 19 and \$25 by April 18. The 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. Packet pick-up and registration at the race will begin at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:15 a.m. warm up.

All proceeds from the run benefit City of Heath trails and parks.

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Eagles optimistic as district baseball begins

by Lary Bump

It wasn't a bad thing that Heritage Christian Academy's first district baseball game of the season was postponed this week.

The postponement meant that the Eagles could take a full pitching staff to open district play Thursday at Tyler East Texas Christian Academy.

"So far, we've done pretty well against smaller 2A teams like us. It was between Rockwall Christian and East Texas last year, and we came close to picking both of them off," said HCA head coach John Mitchel. "Rockwall Christian didn't form a team this year, and East Texas graduated a bunch of kids."

The scheduled district opener against Greenville Christian School was postponed both Monday and Tuesday because HCA's home field at Baseball Nation in Mesquite wasn't available.

That sets up a situation similar to a year ago, when the Eagles lost to East Texas, which had well rested pitchers because of an open date in its schedule after Garland Christian Academy dropped baseball.

"Last year, we didn't have much pitching," Mitchel said.

That isn't the case this season. Senior first baseman Ethan Burton, junior third baseman Johnny Hefner and junior shortstop Michael Byrum all also pitch.

Senior Cole Carpenter also can pitch, but Mitchel said, "He's such a good catcher that we can't afford to take him out from behind the plate."

The Eagles also are scheduled to host The Fulton School at 6 p.m. Monday at Baseball Nation.

Thursday is a busy day on HCA's schedule. In addition to the baseball

game, the Lady Eagles would host Carrollton Christian Academy's softball team on Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo's outdoor field and the track and field team would compete in Dallas at the Bishop Lynch Relays.

Lady Warriors' season picks up steam

Rockwall Christian Academy is in the midst of playing three scheduled softball games within a week.

The Lady Warriors were to open their district schedule Tuesday at Tyler East Texas Christian Academy.

The other games would be a home contest Thursday at Texas Sports Facility against Holy Trinity, and a visit to Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School Monday.

RISD hoopsters come away with All-District honors

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall and Heath boys and girls basketball programs came away big in the 2014 12-5A All-District end-of-season honors recently announced.

In girl's hoops, Rockwall junior Sara Williamson was named district Co-MVP, and Lady Hawk junior Katie Webster was named Co-Offensive Player of the Year. Heath freshman Alexa Hoy was recognized as the district Newcomer of the Year.

Yellowjacket junior Austin Grandstaff was honored as the boys' District 12-5A MVP, while junior Hawk Jackson Zivney was named Offensive Player of the Year.

From RISD, Lady Hawk senior Jaqueline Turner, and Rockwall seniors Ellen Baker and Hannah Clark were placed on the girls' 1st team All-District. Rockwall seniors Ka'Briana Person, Kaelyn Hutton and junior Cassie Ross were named to the 2nd team.

Jackets Skyler Simmons and Trevor Blum and Hawks Tyler Zivney and Camron Talley were named to the boys' 1st Team All-District. Health

freshmen Keldon Pruitt and Rockwall's Joseph Williams and John Tully were added to the 2nd Team All-District.

Lady Hawk junior Sophie Keith and freshmen Caitlyn Lozano received Honorable Mention for the girls. Rockwall's Cameron Schmucker and Heath's Luke Ramirez and David Keaton received boys All-District Honorable Mention.

Of the 52 girls who received All-District Academic honors, 25 were from Rockwall ISD. Lady Jacket honorees include Ellen Baker, Hannah Clark, Kaelyn Hutton Cassie Ross, Sara Williamson, Regan Gladney Krystal Contreras, Rachel Farrow, Mandi McMillan, Nicole Smith and Andie Dillow.

Lady Hawk All-District Academic honors went to Eden Deel, Brittany

Lady Hawks Higbee takes ninth in girls state powerlifting meet

by Ryan Garrett

Rockwall-Heath junior Lauren Higbee competed in the Girls 5A State Powerlifting meet in Corpus Christi on March 15, becoming the first girl in Rockwall ISD history to compete at that level in the sport.

Lauren placed 9th in her weight class, lifting a total of 735 pounds. She squatted 275, bench pressed 125, and dead lifted 335. Higbee became the first girl from Rockwall ISD to advance to the state meet after she qualified in the February 20 regionals at Wylie, placing second in her weight class, lifting a total of 725 pounds.

Fulton Falcons open baseball season at home against Crowley Nazarene

The Fulton School's spring sports teams will be in full swing this week.

The baseball team was scheduled to begin its season with a non-district game against Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy Tuesday at Baseball Nation in Mesquite.

Fulton would begin its district schedule Thursday at home at Baseball Nation against Christian Heritage School of Longview. The Falcons are scheduled for another district game at Baseball Nation Monday, but Heritage Christian Academy is the home team for that one.

In addition, the track and field team is scheduled to compete Saturday at the Nazarene Relays in Euless, and the girls' golf team would travel to Muenster Tuesday for the Sacred Heart Invitational.

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Ivey throws seven scoreless innings, Hawks down Rockwall

by Ryan Garrett

Rockwall-Heath shut out the Yellowjackets in the District 12-5A opener on March 10, making the most of four hits in a 3-0 victory at the Hawks Nest. Rockwall outthit Heath six to four, but the Jackets left eight runners stranded on base in the defeat.

Heath, the defending District Champions, got off to an early start, taking a 1-0 lead in the first after Jackets senior pitcher Carter Lilly loaded the bases and scored a run with four walks.

Following the one-run first, the game became a pitchers dual as both teams put runners on base but couldn't bring them home.

Heath added two more runs in the sixth, starting with a single by senior Dylan Lewis that scored junior Clayton Rasbeary. Later in the frame, junior Matt Wood added to the Hawks' lead on a Yellowjacket throwing error.

In a last-chance effort in the seventh, Rockwall senior Nick Belvedere got on base with a walk, but the Jackets were couldn't break through.

Tyler Ivey earned the win for the Hawks with 10 strikeouts and six hits through seven shutout innings. Lilly suffered the loss, pitching 5 2/3 innings with eight walks, three runs and five strikeouts.

The Jackets and the Hawks continued district play on Friday. Rockwall blew out Mesquite Horn 15-5, with homers by Garrett Moon and Cole Ballew. Chris Glover earned the victory.

Also on Friday, Rockwall-Heath shut out the Mesquite Skeeters 7-0. Clayton Rasbeary knocked two doubles and pitcher Tyler Pinkston took the win.

Highsteppers snag awards at HTE State Championship

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers have raked in several awards during the current contest season, including several received at the HTE State Championship March 1.

The Highsteppers received the following awards, according to a news release from the school:

- Team awards: Super Sweepstakes, Pom Champions, Contemporary Champions, Production Champions, Large Team Champions, State Grand Champion Team, Judges Showmanship Award, Judges Choreography Award, Judges Bring It Award and the Judges Precision Award
- Elite Group awards: Super Sweepstakes, Open Champion, Jazz Champion, Hip-Hop Champion and State Large Team Champion
- Officers awards: Sweepstakes, Jazz Champion, Hip-Hop Champion, Contemporary first runner-up, Varsity Champions, State Grand Champion Officer Group, Judges Technique Award and the Judges Choreography Award
- Solos (grade 11-12): Victoria Carney, third; Sarah Schneider, eighth
- Solos (grades 9-10): Shawnee Gillham, second

The Highsteppers will attend the Santa Fe Dance Festival in Santa Fe, N.M., on March 15 and the American Dance and Drill Teams National International Championships in Denton on March 28-29.


The Highsteppers' Spring Show, where all routines will be performed, is set for April 12.

Private school varsity spring sports schedules

Fulton			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 20	Heritage of Longview*	Baseball Nation	4:00
March 24	at HCA*	Baseball Nation	4:00
March 25	Christian Homeschool NT	Baseball Nation	N/A
April 10	HCA*	Baseball Nation	4:00
April 15	East Texas Christian*	Baseball Nation	4:00
April 17	Greenville Christian*	Baseball Nation	4:00
Golf			
Date	Event	Site	Time
March 24	Sacred Heart Invite (girls)	Muenster	N/A
April 1	Waxahachie Prep (B & G)	Waxahachie	N/A
April 14	TAPPS 1A Regional	Granbury	N/A
April 28-29	TAPPS 1A State (B & G)	N/A	N/A
Track and field			
Date	Event	Site	Time
March 22	Nazarene Relays	Euless	N/A
April 3	Brookhill Meet	Bullard	N/A
April 16	Cistercian Relays	Irving	N/A
April 22	TAPPS 1A Regional Meet	Abilene	N/A
May 1-3	TAPPS 1A State Meet	Baylor University	N/A

Heritage Christian Academy			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 20	at East Texas Christian Academy*	Tyler	4:00
March 24	Fulton*	Baseball Nation	4:00
March 31	at Christian Heritage Longview	LeTourneau U.	6:00
April 3	at Greenville Christian School*	Greenville	4:30
April 7	East Texas Christian*	Baseball Nation	6:00
April 10	at Fulton*	Baseball Nation	4:00
April 17	Christian Heritage Longview*	Baseball Nation	4:00
Softball			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 20	Carrollton Christian Academy	RISE	4:30
March 27	at Rockwall Christian*	Texas Sports Facility	4:00
March 31	East Texas Christian Academy*	RISE	4:30
April 3	Vanguard Preparatory Academy*	RISE	4:30
April 5	at Nazarene Christian Tourney	Crowley	9:30/2:00/5:30
April 8	at Vanguard Preparatory Academy*	Waco	4:30
April 10	at Greenville Christian School*	Greenville	4:30
April 12	McKinney Christian Academy	R I S E	11:00
April 14	Rockwall Christian Academy*	RISE	4:30
April 17	at East Texas Christian Academy*	Tyler	4:30
April 22	Greenville Christian School*	RISE	4:30

Rockwall Christian Academy			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 18	at East Texas Christian Academy*	Tyler	4:00
March 20	Holy Trinity	Texas Sports Facility	4:00
March 24	at Vanguard Preparatory Academy*	Waco	4:00
March 27	Heritage Christian*	Texas Sports Facility	4:00
March 31	at Greenville Christian School*	Greenville	4:00
April 3	East Texas Christian*	Texas Sports Facility	4:00
April 7	at Holy Trinity	N/A	4:00
April 10	Vanguard Preparatory*	Texas Sports Facility	4:00
April 14	at Heritage Christian Academy*	RISE	4:30
April 17	Greenville Christian	*Texas Sports Facility	4:00



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