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## Fate City Council makes plans for new city hall, Department of Public Safety

By Millie Jean Coppedge

The Fate City Council meeting opened with a proclamation for the month of May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Fate.

The proclamation reminded all riders and motorists to be respectful and obey the traffic laws and observe safety rules while on the roads.

The council approved Resolution No. R-579, which passed with a unanimous vote. Ron Hobbs Architects, an architecture, planning and design company, was selected as the designer of the new City Hall. The resolution gave Fate city manager Philip Rodriguez the authority to "negotiate the professional services contract between Fate and Hobbs Architects."

Philip Rodriguez, president, and Wadona Stich, director of interior designs for Hobbs Architects, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the council regarding the company's accomplishments in designing and completing many of the municipal buildings in the Dallas area.

Following this resolution, Rodriguez and the architects will work together to come up with a "project budget" for the floor plans of the new City Hall. The budget will also include other expenses such as building materials, furniture, fixtures, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing. From the budget created, steps will proceed to locate funding, and awarding of the construction project.

The location of the new City Hall has not yet been decided/disclosed. Council Resolution No. R-580 also passed unanimously to name an 18-hole golf course that the Leadership Rockwall class of 2013 donated to the City of Fate. The name approved was The Cedars. This is a city project for the class. Disc golf is played by throwing a disk into a target. The course is at the Robert Smith Family Park.

A resolution was passed to increase the mayor's compensation pay to \$150,000 a month, and council's compensation pay to \$50 a month with a cap of \$100. The pay for these positions have not been

increased since October 1999.

All council members and staff were in attendance at the meeting.

The next Fate City Council meeting is 6 p.m. May 20 at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, Fate.

Philip Rodriguez, Fate City Manager, issued a Press Release last week concerning the Fate City Council's creation of the City's own Department of Public Safety to be in force by October. He noted that in the last 13 years, the population of Fate has grown from about 400 residents to almost 10,000. The city has had a contract with the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office for its law enforcement needs and has been happy with the services of the Sheriff and his staff. With the booming growth of Fate, the city found it necessary to create its own force.

Rodriguez stated that "the Department of Public Safety model will require that the majority of full-time sworn public safety personnel in Fate have three distinct certifications as a minimum in order to serve. These minimums include a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) basic police officer certification, basic firefighter certification from the

Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP), as well as training and certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or higher."

The news release recognized Fate's DPS Captain Brian Griffith, who already is working toward having the program ready to go by October. Griffith has "almost 30 years of law enforcement experience and 10 years of firefighting experience."



Ron Hobbs, president, and Wadona Stich, director of interior designs for Hobbs Architects, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Fate City Council May 6. The company has been selected to design the new City Hall.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

## Thursday's election results detailed

Residents went to the polls Saturday to fill several vacant municipal and school district positions. Official results, as reported by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator Glenda Denton late Saturday afternoon, were as follows:

- Ward 1 D  
• Ward 1, Place 4 – Bill Watts, 474 votes; Jon Bailey, 1,250 votes
- Ward 2 D  
• Ward 2, Place 5 – Bryan Pope, 387 votes; Shana Young, 439 votes; Jim White, 953 votes
- Ward 3 D  
• Ward 3, Place 6 – Dr. Brian Zator, 139 votes; Scott Muckensturm, 82 votes; Christina Carrion, 46 votes
- Ward 4 D  
• Ward 4, Place 7 – Julie Stutts, 202 votes

- Ward 5 D  
• City Council, Place 1 – Jim Thornhill, 119 votes; Lorne Megyesi, 122 votes
- Ward 6 D  
• City Council, Place 3 – John Stacy, 164 votes
- Ward 7 D  
• City Council, Place 5 – Forest Murley, 85 votes; Cameron Cowan, 158 votes

According to the Texas Statutes Section 66.001, the general custodian of election records is the city secretary, the secretary of a political subdivision's governing body or, if the political subdivision has no secretary, the governing body's presiding officer, for an election ordered by an authority other than a county or city.

According to the Secretary of State, the precinct by precinct returns report is required to be filed with his or her office no later than 30 days after the election.

According to Election Code Section 66.053 the precinct election records shall be delivered to the appropriate authority immediately after the precinct returns are completed.

If the presiding judge determined that the ballots would not be counted to allow for delivery of the precinct returns by 2 a.m. of the day after the election, the presiding judge would be required to notify the custodian of the records by telephone the total number of voters who voted at the polling place as shown on the poll list, the vote totals tallied for each candidate, and the expected of finishing the count.

The tallying of counted votes is regulated in the Texas Election Code Chapter 65 Counting Votes and Precinct Returns.

Chapter 65 also requires the presiding election judge to prepare the Section 65.013 Ballot Register and Section 65.014 Precinct Returns. Both public documents are required to be signed by the presiding judge for accuracy.

The preparation of the Precinct Returns is such extremely important procedure that violation of the statute is considered a Class B Misdemeanor.

In a telephone interview on Tuesday May 14, the Rockwall County Elections Administrator Glenda Denton fielded questions from Rockwall County News Publisher, Tim Burnett, about the Ballot Register and Precinct Returns.

Denton explained that the documents may reveal discrepancies between the total number of ballots and votes when compared with the total number of ballots issued and voters who signed the poll list.

The discrepancy rests on the fact that a number of ballots were not issued to voters who used the "electronic voting system."

The Precinct Returns preparation requirement to "state the total number of votes counted" may not be accurately reflected in the certified documents because the ballots were not counted in accordance with chapter 65. The hand counting of votes by counting officers was a procedure that was replaced by ballot counting machines and the electronic voting system.

Denton addressed the conflict between the election procedures and the controlling statutes by explaining that the "statutes are not up to date."

During the last primary election, the Rockwall County News asked Denton about the authority of the election officers to follow procedures that are in conflict with the controlling statutes, the elections administrator verified that the election procedures were authorized by the Texas Secretary of State.

## Rockwall to begin use of Stage 3 water use restrictions

The City of Rockwall will enter Stage 3 of its restricted water use plan beginning June 1, according to a city news release.

Under the mandatory restrictions, local residents will need to limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to once a week, if needed, on the city-assigned day. No outdoor watering will be allowed between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Irrigation should be watched to prevent runoff or other water waste.

Watering of foundations, new landscaping and new plantings (first-year shrubs and trees) will be allowed for up to two hours on any day through the use of a hand-held hose, a soaker hose or a dedicated zone using a drip-irrigation system.

ET/smart irrigation systems and drip irrigation systems also must comply with the once-per-week watering schedule.

The last digit of a location's physical address determines its water day. The following schedule should be followed:

- If the address ends in 1 or 2, water on Monday;
- If the address ends in 3 or 4, water on Tuesday;
- If the address ends in 5 or 6, water on Wednesday;
- If the address ends in 7 or 8, water on Thursday; and,
- If the address ends in 9 or 0, water on Friday (example: If address number of 3010, watering day should be Friday).

Watering on Saturdays and Sundays is prohibited.

Locations using sources of water supply for irrigation other than that provided by the city may irrigate without restrictions.

The reasons behind the need to begin use of the Stage 3 restrictions include:

- Ongoing drought
- Lake Lavon's elevation is down more than 7 feet and dropping (approximately 64 percent full)
- Lake Chapman water supply is down almost 10 feet
- Lake Texoma remains unavailable for water use because of zebra mussels
- Below-average rainfall this year

The goal of the restriction is a 10 percent reduction in water use, according to city officials.

To computer the water use needs for your landscape through the use of actual weather data, visit [watermyyard.org](http://watermyyard.org). For more details or tips on water conservation, visit [wateriq.org](http://wateriq.org) or [ntmwd.com](http://ntmwd.com).

For additional information on the Stage 3 restrictions, call 972-771-7730 or email [mwaterwasters@rockwall.com](mailto:mwaterwasters@rockwall.com).



The Rockwall-Heath High School rocketry team recently was recognized for the design, construction and flight of its high-powered rocket, the Nighthawk 1. On April 21 the students competed at the NASA Student Launch Projects Challenge in Huntsville, Ala. More than 600 students representing middle and high schools and colleges and universities in 26 states launched rockets at the event. Students competed to see whose rocket could come closest to the one-mile altitude goal and safely return its onboard science/engineering payload. The RHHS team's rocket soared 6,226 feet while carrying an Arduino micro-controller, which measured ozone, temperature and pressure at specific altitudes. Pictured above are team members, from the left, Jacob Edwards, Austin James, Alex Lamas, Eric Heinrich, Anna Hoar and Ethan James.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Rock Wall Chapter of DAR inducts Leah Hart

The Rock Wall Chapter of DAR recently inducted Rockwall-Heath High School senior Leah Hart as its newest member. Hart, who will graduate next month, plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in public relations. Inducted by Marilyn Toogber, chapter chaplain, she is pictured above with regent Toogber. Speaker for the meeting was Homer D. (Toogie) Denton and his daughter, Linda Pierce of Royse City. They spoke about World War II veterans being honored in Washington, D.C., and the Honor Flights, which are all-expense-paid overnight trips to Washington, D.C. for vets visit various memorials. The DAR is a nonprofit, national women's volunteer service organization dedicated to preserving historic preservation, education and patriotism. For more information, contact Atterberry at 972-771-5067.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News





# Royse City News

## Sleepwalking child found safe in Royse City

by Millie Jean Coppedge

A little after midnight on May 9, Mitzi Day, an employee of Denny's Restaurant in Royse City, went outside the restaurant for her scheduled break. Much to her surprise, she saw a little boy standing behind Texas Leadership Bank.

The boy was nude and had drawings on his face as if he had been playing with markers, Day said. Seeing no one else around, she tried to coax him to come inside with her for some ice cream. He seemed to become frightened and took off running, heading west on the I-30 service road.

### Two Royse City students receive degrees

Two Royse City residents were among the more than 800 students who graduated from Bob Jones University during the 86th commencement exercises conducted in Founder's Memorial Amphitorium on the Bob Jones University campus in Greenville, S.C.

Hannah Neds and Lydia Neds graduated, according to a university news release. Hannah Neds graduated magna cum laude.

According to the general manager at Denny's, Amy Bacacio, Day called 911. Day and another employee, Emma Suazo, got in Suazo's car and tried to locate the boy. Despite repeatedly driving up and down the streets, they could not find him.

According to Royse City Chief of Police Jeff Stapleton, the two employees called to report the incident at about 12:30 a.m.

Stapleton said because of the nature of this report and the fact that the streets in that area were under heavy construction, fear arose that the child may have fallen into one of the holes.

Royse City Police called in assistance from Royse City and Fate Fire Departments and the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department and summoned help from the Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter and its infrared spotlight. Forces fanned out into the area, eventually going from house to house, knocking on doors and trying to locate the missing toddler.

The helicopter used the spotlight to survey the area while also announcing on the megaphone that a child was missing in the neighborhood. Although most people were in bed asleep this time of the night, people turned out to assist the officers.

"No one had called in to report a missing child," Stapleton said. "There

was a great turnout of people to help try to find this child. They used their flashlights and searched everywhere. Everyone was so concerned with his safety and whereabouts."

After more than an hour, the toddler's clothes, along with markers, were located in a front yard of a home in the Briars neighborhood. The 4-year-old toddler had returned home and was safe.

Authorities believe he might have been sleepwalking when he returned home, according to reports.

### Royse City Police Blotter May 3-9

• Friday, 3 May: Alarm, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Assault, Live Oak Street; Welfare concern, 100 block W. County Line Road; Threat, 300 block N. Arch Street; Disturbance, 100 block N. Erby Boulevard; Medical assistance, 100 block South Bell Street

• Saturday, 4 May: Reckless driver, Eastbound I-30 near Erby Boulevard; Alarm, 600 block Silverleaf Court; Suspicious person, 400 block Dean Drive; Reckless driver, Northbound FM 548 at Crestwood; Medical assistance, 1000 block Lavon Court

• Sunday, 5 May: Reckless driver, Westbound I-30 near Erby Boulevard; Suspicious person, Area of FM 2642 and I-30 NSR; Disturbance, 400 block W. Main Street; Suspicious person, 300 block N. Erby Boulevard; 911 hang up, 3200 block S. FM 548; Noise disturbance, 100 block Brazos Court; Suspicious person, 300 block Panola Court

• Monday, 6 May: Welfare concern, 100 block W. Main Street; Medical assistance, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Reckless driver, 900 block Loganway; Reckless driver, Area of Elm Grove Road

• Tuesday, 7 May: Reckless driver, Intersection of I-30 and FM 548; Suspicious person, Area of Preston Road; Welfare concern, Intersection of I-30 NSR and FM 548; City ordinance violation, Lorena Drive and Rowdy Drive; Suspicious vehicle, Area of I-30 Line Road; 911 hang up, 2600 block Redwood Street; Suspicious person, 400 block Sandy Lane

• Wednesday, 8 May: Suspicious person, 200 block W. I-30 SSR; Welfare concern, Area of Green Terrace Drive; Theft, 900 block W. I-30 SSR; Medical assistance, 700 block Silverleaf Court; Reckless driver, Eastbound from the 72-mile marker; Medical assistance, 100 block E. Main Street; Suspicious person, 400 block Pin Oak Lane; Noise disturbance, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Vehicle theft, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Disorderly conduct offensive language, 700 block FM 2642

• Thursday, 9 May: Welfare concern, 200 block W. I-30 SSR; Suspicious person, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 600 block Rowdy Drive; Accident, 300 block FM 548; Criminal mischief, 700 block FM 548; Medical assistance, 1400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Alarm, 2300 E. I-30 NSR; Welfare concern, 1100 block Falcon

## West Nile cases already seen in Metroplex

The West Nile Virus season already is under way in the Metroplex area.

Two cases have been confirmed in Dallas County and one case has been confirmed in Hunt County, according to Rockwall County Emergency Management officials. It is only a matter of time before Rockwall County is affected.

To prepare for this year's mosquito season, local emergency management officials are encouraging residents to be proactive to help reduce the probability of a high number of West Nile Virus cases. To prevent exposure, local residents should:

- Stay indoors at dusk and dawn, the times when mosquitoes are most active;

- Dress in long-sleeved shirts and long pants, preferably loose fitting and light colored, when going outdoors;
- Apply insect repellent that contains DEET, reading and following instructions. Spray both skin and clothing with repellent;
- Drain standing water in your yard and neighborhood, including flowerpots, tires, water dishes, birdbaths and wading pools.

Most people who are infected with the West Nile Virus never experience any type of illness, according to a news release from the local emergency management office. About 20 percent of individuals infected develop mild symptoms, such as fever, headache, body aches and occasionally a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. Individuals ages 50 and older are at the highest risk of severe disease, the West Nile neuroinvasive disease, and people with weakened immune systems are at an increased risk for the West Nile Virus.

For more information, visit [dshs.state.tx.us](http://dshs.state.tx.us) or [txwestnile.org](http://txwestnile.org).

### RHS' Cariker is Nat'l Merit Scholarship winner

Rockwall High School student Jacob R. Cariker was one of the National Merit Scholarship winners named this week by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Cariker, who listed his probable career field as physics, will receive a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship supported by the corporation's own funds, according to the news release.

National Merit Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential success for collegiate studies, according to the news release. These scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the finalists and their high schools.

### Burrus takes 3 wins at Media Fair

Elizabeth Burrus, a student in Kim McKenzie's Advanced Graphic Design class at Rockwall High, earned three wins at the annual Rockwall Independent School District Digital Media Fair.

Burrus won first place in Single Page in Desktop Publishing Design and second and third places in Multi-page Desktop Publishing Design. Burrus designed the Medical City Children's Hospital Cookbook for the Rockwall ISD.

The event took place May 2 at Rockwall-Heath High School.

### Rockwall County News Brief

#### Trees Across Texas event set May 17

A tree-planting event celebrating the City of Lubbock, the Rockwall's tree exchange partner, will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 17 at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. Each year Lubbock and Rockwall participate in a symbolic tree exchange with another Texas city. Each city tree indigenous to the habitat of the partner city. This year it was honored as Lubbock's partner city with the planting of a tree in April. Refreshments will be served after the local tree planting. RSVP, call 972-771-7761.

#### Patriot PAWS fundraiser slated

A complimentary event designed to benefit Patriot PAWS of Rockwall will run from noon to 2 p.m. May 17. The event and barbecue will be free and open to the public, but funds raised through raffle tickets to win a water heater and from the sale of store merchandise will go to the organization, which provides service dogs free of charge to veterans. The event will take place at 3838 W. Miller Road in Rockwall. RSVP at [marketing@grandhall.com](mailto:marketing@grandhall.com).

#### RCHF offers rock wall visits May 18

As part of Founder's Day activities on May 18, the Rockwall Historical Foundation will offer a rare glimpse of the rock wall that the city of Rockwall is named. Any tickets that remain advance sales earlier in the week will be offered at the RCHF located at the southwest corner of the square at Rusk and Goliad. Seating will be limited in the shuttle, which will leave the museum parking lot every 30 minutes.

#### Republican Party to celebrate new office site

The Rockwall County Republican Party's office has moved to 400 Kenway, Rockwall, and a grand opening celebration has been scheduled for 4 p.m. May 18 at the new office.

The event will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All area Republicans are invited to attend and enjoy cake and cookies.

#### Event prompts road closures at The Harbor

In order to provide space for display during the 19 Lone Star CASA Car Show at The Harbor, the 2850 of Shoreline Drive from the parking lot to Shoreline Drive will be closed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to a city news release. So traffic on Shoreline Trail will be diverted along the lower Lakefront Trail where traffic will flow in either direction to Shoreline Trail at Summit. Shoreline Trail at Summit will be closed (except for cars). Northwest traffic on Shoreline Trail will be diverted to Lakefront Trail.

#### Chisholm Cemetery Foundation plans homecoming

The Chisholm Cemetery Foundation will host its 10th Annual Homecoming Business Meeting May 17 at 10 a.m. at the business meeting will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a covered lunch (those planning to attend are asked to bring a dish or two). The meeting will be conducted at the cemetery grounds. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact the foundation at 972-771-7761. (Continued on Page 3)

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LaVada Simpson

Services for LaVada Simpson, 66, of Nevada, Texas, were to be conducted at 2 p.m. May 16, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Clint Bratcher officiating. Burial was to follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She died May 12. Born Oct. 29, 1946, in Sulphur Springs to Loye B. Adams Sr. and Lillian Beatrice (Anglin) Adams, she graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1965 and married Charles Frank Simpson on May 21, 1965.

She was the collections director of the Central Appraisal District for Rockwall County and a member of the First Baptist Church of Lavon. Survivors include her husband, Charles Simpson of Nevada; her son, Joe Simpson, and his wife, Robin, of Morehead, Ky.; her sisters, Helen Dunavin of Greenville, Mozelle Rutledge and her husband, Jim, of Amarillo, Edith White and her husband, Mack, of Quitman and Patsy Boshears and Roger Crawford of Sulphur Springs; her brothers, Loye B. Adams Jr. of Sulphur Springs and Ray Adams of Houston; and a granddaughter, Molly Simpson of Morehead.

She was preceded in death by her son, Chuck Simpson, on Feb. 13, 1974; a sister, Ina Thompson; and a brother, Billy Jack Adams.

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unable to attend who is interested in supporting the cemetery financially may mail contributions to Margaret O'Connor, secretary/treasurer Chisholm Cemetery Foundation, 353 League Rd., Rockwall, TX 75032.

ARC blood drive planned for May 27

The American Red Cross will conduct its next local blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 27 at the Rest Haven funeral Home, 2500 State Hwy. 66, in Rockwall. Donors who present to give blood through the ARC between May 23 and May 31 could win one of five \$1,000 American Express gift cards. To make an appointment or learn more about donating, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Older Americans Day celebration set

Meals on Wheels Senior Services is preparing for the Older American Day celebration. This year's theme is Unleash the Power of Age! and local residents will be nominating outstanding seniors to receive awards recognizing their contributions to the community. The celebration will begin at 1 p.m. May 31 in the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. To nominate a senior, call Meals on Wheels at 972-771-9514.

Library plans ESL, GED summer classes

Reading for Adults, the Rockwall County Library's literacy program, will conduct summer English as a Second Language conversation classes and GED preparation classes June 3 through July 11. Anyone interested in attending or volunteering should call the literacy office at 972-204-7705. Fall classes will begin Sept. 3.

Pediatric MASH event set for puppies, kittens

Rockwall PAWS and the City of Rockwall will co-host a Spay-Neuter Network Pediatric MASH (Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital) at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., in Rockwall on June 4 for puppies and kittens. Animals must weight at least two pounds and be no more than six months of age. Cost for surgery for female (spay) or male (neuter) will be \$20 and include a rabies shot if pet is 13 weeks or older; other shots will be available at a cost of \$16.50. Call 972-472-3500 for an appointment or email info@spayneuternet.org. Hablamos Español.

'King & I' auditions scheduled

Auditions for "The King and I," a production of Rockwall Summer Musicals, will run from 9 a.m. to noon (children ages 5-13), 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. (adults) and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (dancers) on June 8. Auditions will continue from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (adults) June 9. All auditions will take place in the First United Methodist Church of

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Marvin Goodwin

Services for Marvin Goodwin of Royse City were 11:15 a.m. May 15, Dallas/Fort Worth Cemetery in Dallas. The funeral Home-Royse was in charge of



May 11 at his home, his family, following with cancer. Adlothian to Herman (Williams) Goodwin on Dec. 17, 1926, he graduated Hills High School in 1944 and joined the U.S. Navy during He was stationed in San Diego, Calif., as a pharmacist's as. Margaret Felmet on Oct. 2, 1948. They moved to Royse was a farmer for more than 60 years. He enjoyed farming, history and Native American artifacts. He was baptized on at the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall. lude his wife of 64 years, Margaret; his daughters, Susan ner husband, David, and Julie Talley, both of Royse City; ilren, Kevin and Dusti Cooksy and Erin and Bryant Talley; grandchildren.

Patsy Novak

Patsy Novak, 64, of was conducted at 10 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. 2013, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel ck Donaho officiating. ked in the Rest Haven y 12.



8, 1948, in Lake to Fate and Leah as) Cribbs, she was a section of her husband, of Rockwall; her Patterson, and his of South Carolina, Angie Davis and her husband, Ricky, of C., Anna O'Brien and her husband, Shawn, of Arlington, of Rockwall, Christina Novak of Lubbock and Tabitha chester, Tenn.; her grandchildren, Nicholas, Joshua, Taven, us; a sister, Debbie Pittman, and her husband, James; her Drey and Jason Pittman; and a niece, Kim Wainwright. ceded in death by her parents.

Annual Tour of Gardens set May 18

Annual Tour of Gardens in Rockwall County will run from 9 by Camp May 18. The Master Gardeners have teamed with four homeowners popular gardens from previous years in honor of our 10th great opportunity to see how these beautiful landscapes and changed or possibly see one you missed on a previous the huge lakefront property in Heath and three are in Old

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Meek and lowly heart as God's child

During Jesus Christ's ministry on earth, he was the true high priest and prophet who was able to walk by authority from God his Father. The blind were made to see, palsied were healed, lepers were cleansed and much more.

Then he did the greatest thing any friend can do. He freely gave his life for the sin nature in all of mankind. Jesus could have called upon his Father to rescue him with thousands of angels. But instead he patiently endured the scourging and crucifixion.

What resulted from this sacrifice and resurrection was something fantastically powerful. It became available for people to be filled with holy spirit and to receive the gift of the holy ghost. A whole new spiritual administration began, called the age of the grace of God.

There is so much to learn about this new administration. And the information for that lesson is found in the Acts and Epistles.

According to Romans 8:37, God's children are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. The context is seen in verse 35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness or peril or the sword?"

Nothing can separate us from God's love that was shone through His son Jesus Christ. The above situations pretty much cover every challenging area of life. In all these areas we are not...I repeat...not...counted as sheep killed all the day long (Romans 8:36)! But it does not make us super-humans.

In Luke 17:11-19, we learn a beautiful lesson that should quickly set things in proper spiritual perspective. While on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus was confronted by ten men who were afflicted with leprosy. They cried out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Jesus replied, "Go show yourselves to the priest." As they left, the leprosy left also. They were completely cleansed. Then one of the ten came back after noticing what happened, and glorified God. He fell with his face to the ground and thanked God in front of God's son Jesus Christ.

Jesus noticed that only one returned to glorify God, and told the man to stand up and go his way knowing that his believing had made him whole. Of the ten, only one had the heart to delay his trip for a moment to glorify God in prayer before Jesus Christ.

The result was that he was made whole. All ten may have been cleansed, but only one was made whole. He had a humble heart for God's powerful ability to heal him through Jesus Christ. Others did not remember to thank and glorify God for what he had done. But that one man understood his personal weakness and fully glorified God's power through Jesus Christ.

Today during the spiritual administration of the grace of God, complete wholeness comes from being filled with holy spirit and the Holy Ghost unto the new spiritual birth. The first example receiving the Holy Ghost is found in Acts 2:1-4 where they were with the holy spirit because they were believing that God raised him from the dead, and began to speak with new tongues as the spirits unto being sealed with that holy spirit of promise.

Having the spirit of God within does not make one a superman. Only the name of Jesus is the highest name over all names in heaven. Even was and is not counted as a super human similar to the natural gods of ancient times.

Jesus was meek and lowly in heart, and he allowed the Jewish and Roman government to persecute and kill him. It was his Father who raised him from the dead and did not forsake him.

Now Jesus is seated at the right hand of God's power and we can learn what it means to be meek and lowly in heart, walking with the power of God within.

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52 TX Dan Jenkins book: "Life \_\_\_\_\_ Ownself"

53 Haing S. \_\_\_\_\_ was in film "Vietnam, Texas"

54 TXism: " \_\_\_\_\_ be"

56 famous historic Panhandle ranch

57 TX Amy Acker film: "Much \_\_\_\_\_ About Nothing"

58 \_\_\_\_\_ Angelo, TX

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ (kind) \_\_\_\_\_ Texas"

2 a "Mid-City" between Dallas & Ft. Worth

3 seat of Hemphill Co.

4 newspaper in Boerne or Friona

5 TX Dan Jenkins book: "You Gotta Play \_\_\_\_\_"

6 unknown boundaries led to this town's name

7 TX Bryan Hitt is the drummer for \_\_\_\_\_ Speedwagon

8 TX Lyle Lovett sang "Here \_\_\_\_\_"

13 rodeo event with two cowboys (2 wds.)

14 "The \_\_\_\_\_ Guthrie Show" was filmed in Austin

15 high school mascot in Dublin and other TX towns

16 '66 song recorded by TX Roy Orbison

17 biography cable TV channel

18 Joan Crawford was born in TX as Lucille Fay \_\_\_\_\_ Sueur

19 Gov. Jim Hogg's daughter (init.).

20 birth date (abbr.)

25 long-legged wading birds

26 some TX cars race \_\_\_\_\_ tracks

27 groaned

28 "Bevo's" univ.

29 TXism: "thorn in \_\_\_\_\_ side"

34 expression of pain

36 I.M. \_\_\_\_\_ designed Dallas City Hall

37 take a chance

38 involve

39 book by TX Sandra Cisneros: "House on \_\_\_\_\_ Street"

40 TX "Boots" Hansen who fought oil fires

41 George W.'s brother

42 TX Sissy played this Loretta in film (init.)

43 TXism: "bone up \_\_\_\_\_"

44 order of comb jellies

45 Sanskrit verb

46 TXism: "put \_\_\_\_\_ the back burner"

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# Rockwall Police Department's Nextdoor program to offer virtual neighborhood watch

In an effort to help facilitate a virtual neighborhood watch program, the Rockwall Police Department began partnering in March with the Nextdoor program – nextdoor.com – a private social network for neighborhoods to establish a virtual neighborhood watch.

This partnership helps foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications, according to a City of Rockwall news release; to date about 40 percent of neighborhoods now use the private social network to distribute information. New members are being added every day.

Nextdoor is free for residents and the city. Each Rockwall neighborhood has its own private Nextdoor website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood.

Residents can use their website to get to know their neighbors, ask questions and exchange local advice and recommendations. For example, neighbors use Nextdoor to share information about neighborhood watch and safety issues, local events, school activities, upcoming garage, sales, lost pets and more.

Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. Information shared on Nextdoor is only visible to verified members. The Rockwall Police Department will be able to post important information, such as crime updates to Nextdoor sites within the city. The police department will not be able to access the residents' websites, contact information or content.

"In this day and age, it is vital for neighbors to come together and look out for another. Nextdoor makes it easy for neighbors to establish a virtual neighborhood watch and help combat crime," said Police Chief Mark Moeller.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another in order to build stronger communities. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on Google or other search engines.

In addition, Nextdoor never shares personal information with any third parties. Unlike an email list or other online groups, neighbor posts are organized and archived for future reference.

The City of Rockwall is mapped into 63 different neighborhoods. Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit the website and enter their address. If Nextdoor is available in their area, they can immediately sign up. If a Nextdoor website has not yet been established for their area, active and engaged neighbors are invited to apply to bring Nextdoor to their neighborhood.

For more information contact Officer Phillip Young at 972-772-6781 or email pyoung@rockwall.com.



Rockwall High's Academic Decathlon team competed at the U.S. Academic Decathlon National Competition in Minneapolis, Minn., April 25-27, finishing third for the second straight year. Individual team members won a total of 18 medals, including Kennedy Abbott (Honors), bronze in Music, bronze in Economics; Jacob Cariker (Honors), gold in Music, bronze in Art, gold in Language and Literature, bronze in Economics, gold in Science and Most Valuable Team Member; Jonathan Saunders (Scholastic), silver in Music, bronze in Science; Sarah Jester (Varsity), bronze in Music and art; Grant Workings (Varsity), bronze in Social Science; and Enrico Trevisani (Varsity), gold in Music, bronze in Language and Literature, bronze in Economics, gold in Speech, bronze in Social Science and gold for Overall Top Varsity in the nation. The team was led by coaches Michael Oldham and Nicole Redmond.

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## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. Publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy, which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual character will be rejected. Letters must be signed and telephone number or address for verification.  
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### Open letter addresses Heath Golf & Yacht Club

I am forwarding to you a copy of correspondence I received from various leaders/departments in Dallas and the United States Army Corp of Engineers. I not only am concerned about the position of our City of Heath actively considering partnering with the Development Company and its private investors in establishing an Improvement District (P.I.D) for the proposed Heath Golf Club, but I am very worried about the use of Lake Ray Hubbard as a water source.

In addition to my constant pursuit of transparency in government, I also believe in informing our Citizens of Heath regarding issues that affect their economic well-being and quality of life.

Dear Sirs:  
Attached is a copy of the HEATH GOLF & YACHT CLUB plans as of last May 15, 2012. As you will note, it is not up to Redstone LLC is no longer an "Owner" with the Whittle Development Co. Redstone dropped out several months ago. However, the plans depicted in Exhibit B are still very much in the picture. The canals, that are to be created and carved in to and out of Lake Ray Hubbard, are still part of the Mr. R. Whittle et al plan. The States Army Corp of Engineers has to first review/approve/permit the canals, including close examination of any potential ecological and environmental disturbances of the Lake. It is my understanding that the Corp will take a thorough and comprehensive study of any issues involving Lake Ray Hubbard before any modifications are permitted.

In view of the fact that Rockwall County will go into a Stage 3 Plan as of June 1, as directed by the North Texas Municipal District, it is imperative that the City of Dallas and the U.S.A.C.E. and monitor the progression of the 800-acre HEATH GOLF & CLUB very closely.

In addition, it is well-known that there are many water wells operating along the Lakefront in City of Dallas' Take Areas that draw water directly from its Lake Ray Hubbard Reservoir to water other landscaping items. These property "owners", many of whom do not sub-leased their properties, pump water out of the Lake approximately \$161 per year flat fee (if and when billed and collected). Compound the development of canals-and-more on 800 acres of the siphoning-off of the City of Dallas' Reservoir water, this is a serious scenario and does not paint a pretty picture for the future considering a strong potential for drought conditions in the ahead.

I am hopeful that all of you will stay on top of these potential reaching issues and protect those of us citizens who care about our resources and the uses thereof.

Most sincerely,  
Joan Ream

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## Rockwall County Entertainment

### Beatles tribute planned May 16

The Beatles tribute band Me & My Monkey will perform at 7:30 p.m. May 16 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

Change the Future Auction, Casino Party set  
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Rockwall County will host their Annual Change the Future Auction & Casino Party at the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 17. To purchase tickets, visit www.bgrockwall.com.

### 'God's Favorite' performances scheduled

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will offer performances of Neil Simon's "God's Favorite" May 17, 18, 19, 24, 15 and 26. Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. This contemporary morality tale focuses on a successful Long Island businessman who has a high-maintenance wife, ungrateful children and a wisecracking housekeeper. Just when it seems things couldn't get any worse, he is visited by a "messenger from God." Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

### Tour of Gardens set May 18

The 10th Annual Tour of Gardens, an educational event of the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association, will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 18. This year's event, in celebration of the 10th anniversary, will include visits to favorites from past tours. Cost will be \$8 in advance, \$10 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets may be purchased at American National Bank, Covington's Nursery, Culver's, Land Art Nursery, The Life House, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office or from any local Master Gardener. Visit rockmga.org or call 972-204-7660 for more details.

### Car show to benefit CASA

The 8th Annual Cars for CASA Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show will take place May 19 at The Harbor in Rockwall. The event, which will open with registration from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will benefit the Lone Star CASA organization in Rockwall. Sponsor for the event is the Metro East Division of the Dallas Builders Association. Vehicle entry will cost \$15. Awards will be given in car, truck and motorcycle classes. Awards will be presented beginning at 4 p.m. For more information, visit lonestarcasa.org or email carsforcasa@planetrockwall.com.

### Classic rock concert slated

Soundhouse will provide a free classic rock variety show beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 23 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Levee Singers to perform

The Levee Singers will perform a Memorial Day concert and Family Fun Day beginning at 10 a.m. May 27 under a tent at Celebration Field, 2500 SH 66 East, in Rockwall. Following the concert, free hot dogs and Blue Bell ice cream will be served. A bike/trike parade and other fun activities are planned, all free of charge as well. Fishing enthusiasts of all ages are invited to bring their fishing poles and enjoy catch-and-release fishing from the banks of the well-stocked pond. Seating will be available, but lawn chairs are encouraged. The ARC blood mobile will be on hand to take donations; register at redcrossblood.

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### Journey tribute band to perform

The Journey tribute band Escape will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 30 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### '80s hits planned for June 6 concert

Live 80 will perform hits from the 1980s at the 7:30 p.m. June 6 performance at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### 'Zombie Prom' auditions slated

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will offer performances of "Zombie Prom," a "campy, rollicking musical with a visit to the atomic age of the golden age of sci-fi horror," July 26, 27 and 28 and Aug. 2, 3, 8, 9 and 11. Auditions will be conducted June 8-9.

### Petty Theft to give Petty tribute

Petty Theft, a Tom Petty tribute band, will perform at 7:30 p.m. June 11 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Moving Colors concert set

Moving Colors will provide a rhythm and dance concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. June 20 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Johnny Cash tribute concert planned

Walkin' the Line, a Johnny Cash tribute band, will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. June 27 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Chinatown to play pop concert

Chinatown will perform pop music beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 11 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Texas beach music show set

Hanna's Reef will offer Texas beach-type music beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 18 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Rock variety performance slated

Big Mouth will perform a variety of rock tunes beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 25 at The Harbor as part of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

### Blaze of Glory to give Bon Jovi tribute

Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute band, will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at The Harbor as the final portion of the Concert by the Lake Series organized by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

## 10th Annual Tour of Gardens ...

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Guided tours of the Rockwall County Courthouse landscape also will be offered. New this year is a hat contest. Tour participants wearing hats should go to the Courthouse location and have a picture taken. Master Gardeners will vote on the best hat of the day and award a prize.

As always, the Rockwall County Discovery Garden, created and maintained by the Rockwall County Master Gardeners will be on display. After back-to-back hot, dry summers, come see how well the perennials have and continue to grow. Some of the beds and paths have been revamped, giving an updated look that will be creative hardscape ideas to help conserve water but not sacrifice eye appeal.

The Eagles Nest raised-bed demonstration area continues to grow and the Peter Rabbit children's area is offered. Special activities at the Discovery Garden will include:

- A variety of topiaries will be displayed in the community garden. The creative botanical interpretations were constructed by the Master Gardeners.
- A company with whimsical whirligigs will be exhibiting a delightful selection of garden art. Tour visitors are able to order their favorite wind catchers from the vendor.

Ticket holders will also have an opportunity to support the Discovery Garden's mission by purchasing a brick engraved with their choice of words. The bricks will form a walkway in the garden that will highlight donors. Each brick will cost \$40 and the engraving is limited to three lines with 16 characters per line. Orders can be placed at the Discovery Garden on the day of the tour.

This is a tour-at-your-leisure event. The gardens can be viewed in any order; all close at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the following locations: American National Bank, Covington's Nursery, Culver's, Land Art Nursery and The Life House, as well as from any Rockwall County Master Gardener. Tickets also can be purchased at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office located at 915 Whistler, Ste. B, in Rockwall. Visit rockmga.org or call 972-204-7660 for more information. Cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the tour.



# Coleman leads Rockwall High School into Regional Quarterfinals vs. Plano

consecutive season, a Rockwall ISD baseball team has Regional Quarterfinals. Rockwall and not 2012 4A state champion Rockwall-Heath.

last weekend's best-of-three Area playoff series over 11-4. At about the same time, the Hawks were losing district 12-5A team, Allen, 7-6 and 8-2.

reward is to face still another 12-5A opponent, Plano, in the Regional Quarterfinal series at Highland Park's Scotland Field, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday. If a rainout is needed, it would be played after Saturday afternoon's game.

ackets (29-6) advanced with superior pitching and defense in the first game and with home run hitting in the second, stretching their streak to 10 games.

ment was center fielder Kendall Coleman, who had three hits in the first game and five in the second. He finished the series 6-for-7, including one of the home runs batted in. The only time he made an out he was still alive in the only run in Friday's game.

coach Jeff Payne said, "Kendall has always been better than the rest. He is locked in right now."

has raised his batting average above .400 and has taken a letter-of-intent signee with the University of Iowa to an early major league draft prospect.

In a game that was scoreless until the fifth inning, Coleman caught fly balls with runners in scoring position three times. On the last of those, he ran far into right-center field to end the fifth inning while the tying runner was racing home from second base. Third baseman Brad Barnett also came up with big plays in each of the last four innings.

Pitcher Alec Vice (6-1) also was doing his part to hold down the Lions. He missed a no-hitter by an inch or two of leather, when opposing pitcher Brad Vassar hit a first-inning line drive off the tip of second baseman Skyler Bean's glove for a single. Vice worked around six walks by bearing down to leave seven MHS runners stranded. He struck out five Lions and threw out three other batters on ground balls.

Payne said, "Vice didn't have his best command, but he's a tough, tough kid. He seems to get better and bear down with runners on base. The defense was great. I like neutral sites because our home field is tough to play good defense on. And we can't win without good defense."

It was McKinney's defensive lapse that led to Friday's only run at Dr. Pepper Ballpark, home of the Texas League's Frisco RoughRiders.

Dustin Angiel led off the fifth inning with the first of his two singles and moved to second base on Bean's sacrifice. Barnett walked, and Cole Ballew hit a ground ball to MHS first baseman Gunnar Lund. He first looked to throw to second base, then threw to Vassar -- who was late covering first base, allowing Ballew to beat out a hit. Coleman then hit a grounder to Lund, who touched first base instead of throwing home for a

force out as Angiel scored.

There was limited suspense the next day at Lewisville High School. Ballew and Coleman hit consecutive pitches for homers in the first inning, and Nick Lutzel belted a home run in the second. McKinney came back with three runs after Rockwall left-hander Carter Lilly's third-strike pitch that would have ended the third inning bounced in the dirt past catcher Garrett Moon.

That 4-3 lead wasn't a concern for long, because Angiel belted a three-run homer in the bottom of the inning for a 7-3 lead that wasn't threatened thereafter. Rockwall had just 12 homers in its first 34 games, but used a brisk wind out to right field to blast three homers in that direction.

Even though Rockwall-Heath was behind in the series, the Hawks (24-11) seemed to have the upper hand throughout their series with Allen -- until Chris Balogh's three-run home run put the Eagles ahead 8-0 in the sixth inning of Saturday's Game 2. It was also a wind-aided blow, which bounced off the top of and over the right-center field fence at RHHS.

RHHS had out-hit the Eagles in Friday's game at Allen, but mistakes on defense and on the bases had the Hawks scrambling from behind the whole night. Allen scored one run when a tag was missed at home plate, and Rockwall-Heath lost a sixth-inning run when a runner was picked off first base ahead of two hits.

The Hawks did battle back from 2-0 and 6-2 deficits, finally tying the score with two out and two strikes in the top of the seventh inning when Logan Kinney hit a two-run single. He drove in four runs, and Tyler Pinkston hit a triple, double and single. They were the last two batters in RHHS' lineup.

The tie didn't send the game into extra innings because Kyler Murray, the quarterback for Allen's football champions, hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh.

But on Saturday, the Hawks would be back on their home field for a potential two games that could turn the series around. But by the time they caught up to AHS pitcher Cory Scheibner, it was too late.

Game 2 started well for Rockwall-Heath. Dylan Lewis led off the bottom of the first with a double and advanced to third base on an error. Allen walked .500-plus hitter Bret Boswell, another pro prospect, intentionally. Then Scheibner picked Boswell off first base and Russell Hughes lined out. The Hawks didn't have another hit until Boswell singled in the seventh inning. Clayton Rasbeary's two-run double merely changed the final margin from 8-0 to 8-2.

The two losses prevented Greg Harvey from winning his 200th game as RHHS head coach, and kept the team from reaching the Regional Quarterfinals for a fifth consecutive year.

In that round, Rockwall could have its hands full with Plano, like the Jackets a district runner-up. The Wildcats (23-14) completed a sweep of Longview, one of RHS' 12-5A rivals, with an 11-1 victory Saturday. Ryan Robertson went 4-for-5 and drove in two runs, and Mitchell Hansen and Brad Hoeler each drove in three runs. Kenneth Tabor is the pitching ace for Plano, which won two of three games against McKinney this season.

## Boyd's timely hitting knocks Lady Jackets from playoffs

the inning.

On Friday, Boyd led 3-0 entering the seventh. The Lady Jackets, who already had left nine runners on bases, loaded them with nobody out on singles by Hayley Baker and Alyssa Henry and a walk to Wallace. With two out, Mills drove a single to send one run home, but a fly ball ended the game.

In the bottom of the seventh Saturday, pinch hitter Kindal Sauter singled with two out, but Baker barely missed beating out a ground ball and was thrown out to end the series.

Acosta said after Saturday's game, "We had so many opportunities to score, but we struggled getting them over. Both of our pitchers did a great job. They scored their runs Friday on home runs. Our defense was good. Take away one error today and we're still playing."

In addition to Nicklas' homer, Boyd's McKenna Henry hit a sixth-inning pitch from Vandergriff out of the park Friday as the Lady Jackets' 15-game winning streak ended.

The Lady Broncos had a chance to break Saturday's game open in the seventh, when they loaded the bases with nobody out. But Mo McDonald fouled out and Vandergriff struck out the final two batters, including Nicklas.

"I'm definitely proud of them," Acosta said of the Lady Jackets, who have reached the Regional Quarterfinals in five consecutive years but advanced to the semifinals just twice. "This is a terrible taste being left in their mouth."

"I don't know how many years it will take us to go farther. But we'll have a positive outlook."

RHS also will have most of its players back, with third baseman Stormy Herrera and center fielder Katie Page the only graduating seniors. The Lady Jackets probably can look ahead to two more years of pitching duels between Vandergriff and Riding.

of a base hit, Rockwall's softball season ended last night. The Lady Jackets showed that they weren't intimidated by McKinney's ace Erin Riding. In the two games Friday and Saturday, they had 15 hits. Even though they were behind in the seventh inning Friday and one run Saturday, they fought back with two hits at the right time, and Riding and the Lady Jackets were able to frustrate RHS with 19 runners left on base, including 10 bases loaded in Friday's seventh inning.

Rockwall's Kayla Vandergriff, like Riding a sophomore, is a better-known counterpart nearly pitch for pitch.

"The two pitchers were pretty equal," said RHS head coach Shadie Acosta. "The Lady Jackets' numbers don't look the same because we split our pitching, with the same caliber."

pitching two innings Friday at Boyd, Vandergriff pitched the Lady Jackets to a 3-1 victory at home Saturday. She allowed just five hits (to six outs) in the game, including a home run by Riding and an unearned run.

was scoreless until the top of the sixth inning. With one out, Vandergriff pitched carefully to Jill Nicklas, who had hit a two-run home run in the previous game. Nicklas pitched to Emily Cowan in Friday's 3-1 Lady Broncos victory. Nicklas and a stolen base put Nicklas at second base with two outs.

Hagel then hit a fly ball. RHS left fielder Peyton Mills ran to first base, but the ball bounced out of her glove and Nicklas scored the run.

Rockwall (21-14-1) had its best scoring chance in the fourth inning, when Bailey Wallace and Dani Greenlee put runners at first and second with one out. Riding retired Vandergriff and Mills to end the game.

## Rockwall County high school varsity results, May 7-13

Rockwall-Heath 6	Rockwall-Heath 2
McKinney 0	McKinney 4
Boyd 3, Rockwall 1	Boyd 1, Rockwall 0
Notre Dame Catholic School 11, Heritage Christian 0	
<b>Track and field</b>	
State Championships (63 teams) - Rockwall 0 (63rd)	
PSA State Championships (30 teams) - Heritage Christian 1 (6th), Rockwall Christian Academy 11 (17th)	
PSA State Championships (27 teams) - Fulton 37 (7th)	
<b>Track and field</b>	
PSA State Championships (29 teams) - Rockwall Christian 1 (20th), Heritage Christian Academy 3 (24th)	
PSA State Championships (27 teams) - Fulton 2 (23rd)	

## Rockwall County Sports Notes

**RCISD athlete physicals slated** call Brad Abell at 972-635-5000, ext. 2622. (continued on Page 8)

Athletic physicals for the 2013-14 school year for Royse City ISD students in grades 7-12 will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. May 18 at the high school. Cost will be \$10 - cash, check or money order only. Minors can be seen without a parent/guardian present as long as the physical packet has been completely filled out and signed. Students who wear glasses or contacts should bring them along with the completed and signed physical packet. Students should not drink energy drinks or caffeinated beverages the morning of physicals. For more information

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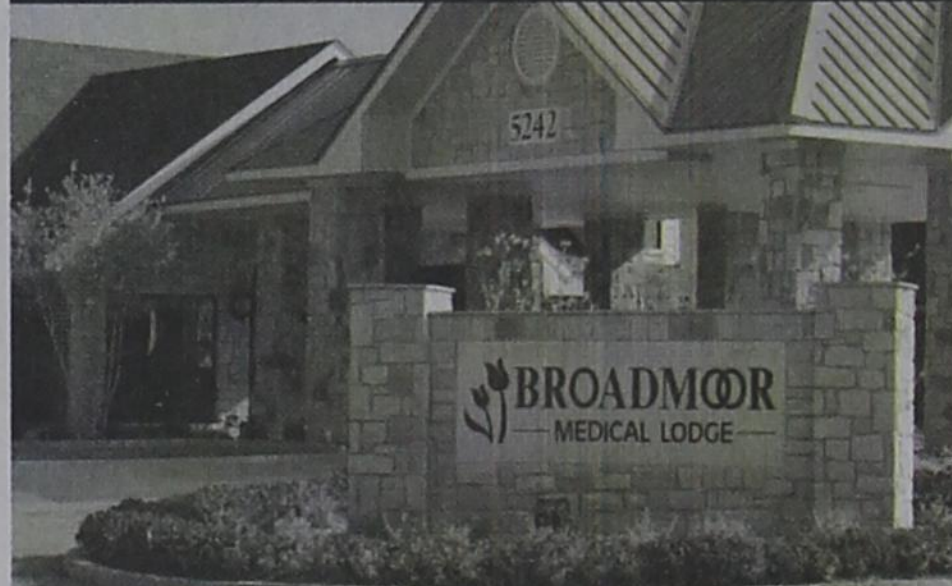

Rockwall High School	Cain Middle School	Mustangs	Wildcats
Varsity baseball: Region II-5A Quarterfinals vs. Highland Park High School, 7 p.m.	Thursday, May 23 - Boys' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.	Thursday, May 23 - Boys' soccer: home vs. Utley, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.	Thursday, May 23 - Boys' soccer: home vs. Williams, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
Varsity softball: Region II-5A Quarterfinals vs. Plano, Highland Park High School, 1 p.m.	Girls' soccer: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Lovejoy High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.	Girls' soccer: at Utley, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.	
Varsity football: Spring Game, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and Varsity 7 p.m.	Thursday, May 23 - Girls' soccer: home vs. Williams, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.		

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# HCA's French, Fulton's Treadway are state champions

Juniors Wyatt French of Heritage Christian Academy and Todd Treadway of The Fulton School each came home Saturday from the TAPPS track and field State Championships with individual first-place medals.

French won the 2A boys' high jump at 6 feet to lead HCA to sixth place in the state. He also placed second in the pole vault (13 feet) and fifth in the long jump (20 feet, 3 inches).

Treadway is the new 110-meter hurdles champion for the Falcons, who took seventh place among the 1A boys. He finished in 16.78 seconds, more than a second ahead of junior teammate Hayden Leverett in second place at 18.00.

That pair provided most of Fulton's scoring. In a very close three-way race in the 200-meter dash, Brownsville First Baptist's Sebastian Cavazos was first in 23.57, with Leverett second in 23.59 and Treadway third in 23.62. Treadway also placed fourth in the triple jump at 38-1, a foot farther than his state-qualifying leap. Leverett just missed scoring in the triple jump. His 36-7 3/4 placed seventh.

The Heritage Christian boys scored 30 points to 84 for champion Muenster Sacred Heart Catholic. Rockwall Christian Academy was 17th among 30 teams with 11 points. In the 2A girls' competition RCA placed 20th with 9 points and the Lady Eagles were 24th with 3.

Fulton's boys totaled 37 points. Champion Amarillo Ascension topped a 27-team field with 80. The Lady Falcons scored 2 points to finish 23rd among 27 teams.

The highest girls' finishes for the Rockwall County schools were by Rockwall Christian freshman Rachel Rorie, second in the 100-meter dash (13.55); Heritage Christian senior Anabel Burke, fifth in the high jump

(4-8), and Fulton's young 4X400-meter relay team of Katie Burgy, Laine Ellison, Emily Wilson and Jordan Ritter, sixth in 5:11.09.

For the RCA boys, senior Daniel Rorie placed third in the triple jump (41-6 1/2) and sixth in the 100 (11.73). Teammate Denzel Chukwukelu was fourth in the shot put (41-1 1/4). Kennedy Hutson scored a point for the Lady Warriors by placing sixth in the high jump at 4-8, finishing behind HCA's Burke because of more misses.

Also scoring points for HCA were Zach Clarke, fourth in the boys' 300 hurdles (43.03) and sixth in the 110 hurdles (17.15); the boys' 4X200 relay team of Preston Smalley, Will McEvoy, Colin Westmoreland and French, fifth in 1:35.02; Harley Leichty, sixth in the boys' 3,200-meter run (11:33.94), and Taylor Powers, sixth in the girls' discus (89-0 1/2).

**SOFTBALL:** Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic School eliminated Heritage Christian with a five-inning, 11-1 victory in a TAPPS 1A/2A Regional game at Bowie.

The Lady Eagles managed just two hits against ND pitcher Hayli Otto. Kelsea Rushing smacked a double and Rachel McMillan hit a single.

Starting pitcher Brittany Fauley kept HCA close. The Lady Eagles trailed just 5-1 after scoring their run in the fourth inning, but Notre Dame came back with five runs in the bottom of the inning and added another run in the

fifth to win by the 10-run rule.

**GOLF:** Senior Evan Pettit led HCA to sixth place in the TAPPS State Championship April 29 and 30 at the Stone Tree course in a score of 84-92—176 placed 16th in the state.

Before that, Pettit had helped the Eagles finish second district and North Regional tournaments to qualify for State second in the district and fourth in the region—with plenty of senior Chris Webb, eighth in the district, and freshman Ben Smith, ninth in the district and seventh in the region.

Two Lady Eagles competed in the district and regional junior Kendyll Harvey advancing to State as an individual 24th at the State Championships with 112-106—218. She placed fourth in the district and eighth in the region. Junior Whitney playing in her first tournament, placed sixth in the district and 10th in the North Regional.

The Heritage boys' team score at the State Championships 411—797. Riddle placed 29th among individuals at 96-101. Webb right behind in 30th place with 95-103—198. Junior Treadway scored 111-125—236 to tie for 40th, and freshman Micah Caletka scored 123-115—238.



Fulton School track teammates Todd Treadway (far left) and Hayden Leverett (far right) shoot through the 110 Hurdles Saturday during the TAPPS state track and field meet at Waco. Treadway went on to win the race in a time of 16.78 seconds. Leverett finished second place with a time of 18 seconds.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Hawks' spring game set for May 23

The RISD football teams have been practicing throughout the month, and will put the results of that practice on display in their spring games.

Rockwall-Heath's spring game will be at RHHS Thursday, May 23. The junior varsity's intrasquad scrimmage is scheduled for 6 p.m., with the varsity game set for 7 p.m.

Multiple events are being planned to make the game a night of entertainment beyond what junior quarterback Jordan Hoy and his Hawks teammates do on the field. There would be performances by the cheerleaders and Highsteppers, free games for youngsters and concessions food and spirit wear for sale.

The Rockwall spring games, varsity and junior varsity, will be at the same times a week later—Thursday, May 30—at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

That will be the first public performance by the Yellowjackets under new head coach Rodney Webb.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** Rockwall's Gaines Kinsey placed ninth in the 800 meters at the 5A State Championships Saturday in Austin. The senior's time was 1 minute, 56.53 seconds.

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL:** On May 9, RHHS senior Jordan Mitchell signed a letter of intent to play next season at Hill College in Hillsboro.

Mitchell said, "It felt like the right fit. They run pretty the same thing we do, so I should be able to play my game. I like the way the girls already on the team respond to the coach, and how he wants not just good athletes but people with good character."

Hawks head coach Devin Gabbard said that Hill head coach Scott Hyland and two coaches from Oklahoma junior colleges became interested in Mitchell after seeing her play last month at an all-star game in Greenville.

Gabbard said, "I think she's going to excel. She's got a lot of skills we didn't get to see her do when she played here."



Heritage Christian Academy's Wyatt French cleared the bar in the high jump Friday May 11 during the TAPPS championship track and field meet at Waco. French cleared the bar for the championship.

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Royce City's Ulisses Lopez (2nd from right) stays close to the lead during the first lap of the 800M run on Friday May 10 during the UIL state track meet at Austin. Lopez finished fourth in a time of 1:56.20.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Sports Notes

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### Memorial regatta set May 18

The 2nd Annual Donna Ross Memorial Regatta will begin at 3 p.m. May 18 at Lake Ray Hubbard. Hosts are Rick Lucarelli, Scott Self, Dan and Margaux Agnew. Call 717-385-4877 for more details.

### RC Chamber to host golf tourney

The Royce City Chamber of Commerce will host its 12th Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser May 24 at Buffalo Rockwall. The shotgun start will be at noon. Cash prizes will be given for the first and second place teams and the Las Vegas hole. Prizes will be given for longest drive, closest to the pin and last place. In-one prize also will be offered. The event will feature lunch, dinner, goody bags and raffle prizes. Tax-deductible sponsorships available. Register online at roycastlechamber.com; for more details call 972-636-5000.

### R'wall Open Golf Tourney set June 28

The 21st Annual Rockwall Open Golf Tournament is set for June 28 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club (formerly The Shores Country Club). There will be one shotgun start at 1 p.m., with practice balls 30 minutes prior to tee time. Box lunch will be served at noon. The tournament will be a four-person, Florida scramble format. For more information visit the Rockwall Chamber's website at rockwallchamber.org or call Paula at 972-771-5733. Entry forms available at the chamber office at 697 E. I-30. Fee for individuals is \$550 for a foursome. Sponsorships and goody bag donations needed.

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