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Longtime Rockwall High School friends earn bachelor's degrees

Friends with roots in the Rockwall community recently earned bachelor's degrees. Jordan Fontenot, Blayne Johnson and Ryan Johnson met at Rockwall High School in 2007. They have been close friends since kindergarten at Cullins Lake and throughout their lives they attended Lake Pointe together.

Fontenot graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a minor in energy technology and management. While serving on the executive board of LEAPS, was a member of Omega Psi Phi and played on the men's club soccer team. His senior year he was president of Alpha Phi Omega and received the Legacy for Service Award, the 2011 Senior Legacy Award and the Medal of Honor.

Johnson graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock receiving a Doctor of Jurisprudence and a master's degree in business administration. He is the son of Johnny and Lynette Byrom of Rockwall.

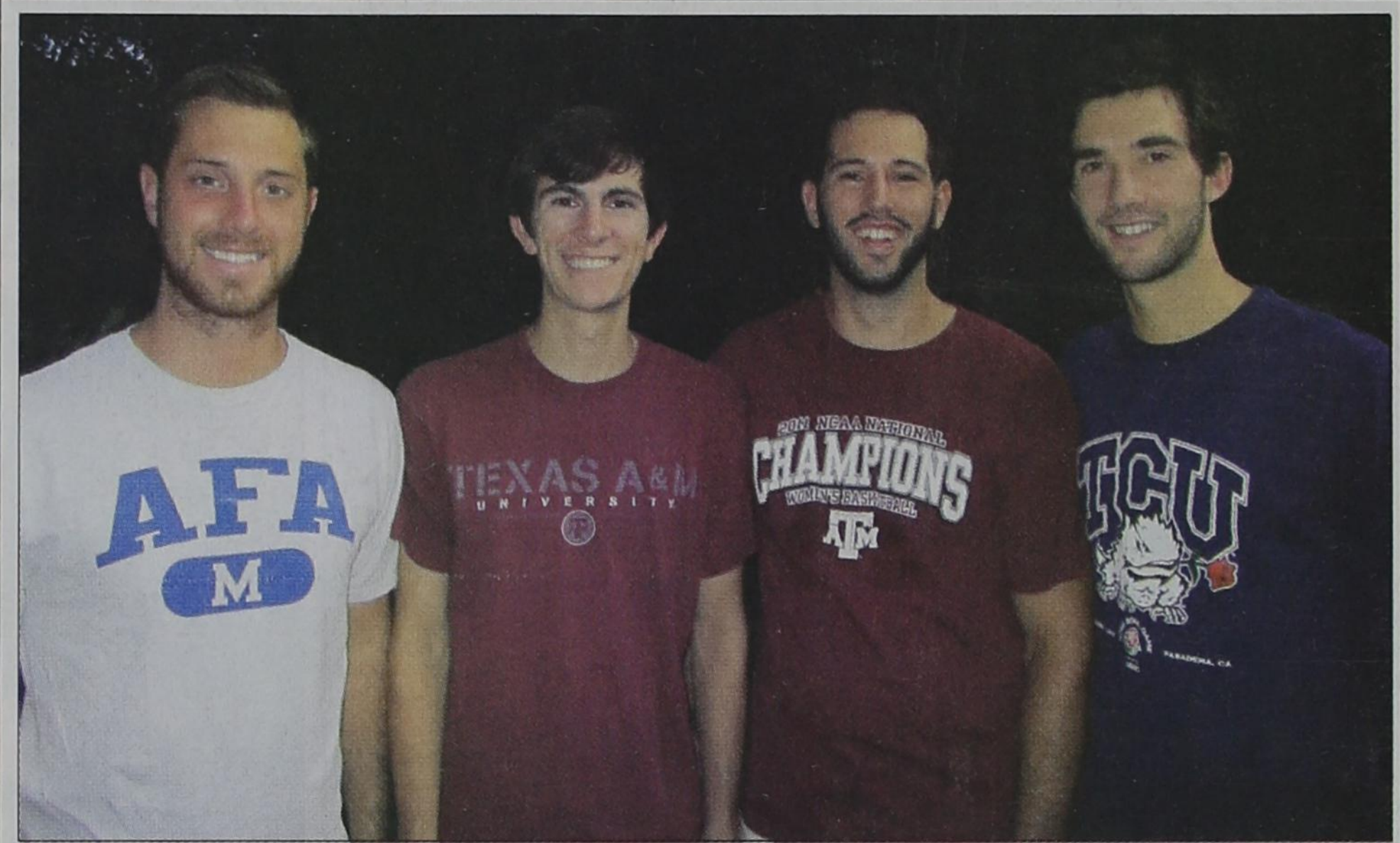
Johnson graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station with a Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering. While at A&M, he was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and served in The Big Red Day of service benefitting local citizens in the Bryan area. He was on the Dean's List from the spring 2010 to the spring 2011.

Johnson has been accepted into graduate school at A&M and will begin working on his Master of Engineering degree in civil engineering. His parents are Bryan and Gena Johnson of Rockwall.

Johnson earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in engineering management and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force on May 25 in Colorado Springs, Colo. He earned several accolades at the academy. He was on the superintendent's list for academic, military and athletic excellence, the dean's list for academic excellence, the commandant's list for military excellence and the athletic director's list for athletic excellence. His squadron earned the coveted award of Most Outstanding Squadron his junior year. This honor

came with privileges for the top squad such as representing the nation at the Mexican Bicentennial in Mexico City his senior year. As an introduction to flying, while attending the academy, Ryan Johnson was chosen to take the Powered Flight, Jump and Soaring courses; he earned his Solo Wings in Soaring.

In August, Johnson will attend pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla. He is the son of David and Debbie Johnson of Rowlett.



Four friends: (left to right) Ryan Johnson, Jordan Fontenot, Blayne Johnson and John Byrom. Photo by Twilla Fontenot/Rockwall County News

County Commissioners Court wrestles with wide variety of issues at workshop and public hearing

by Jana Edwards

In a July 12 marathon-length meeting that encompassed a workshop, public hearing and nearly 30 agenda items, Rockwall County Commissioners waded through a number of financial decisions, deferring several major items for later action.

Tatum Consulting presented a lengthy proposal to provide consultant services to select a comprehensive county justice and finance system. The intent is to establish more seamless exchanges between computer systems in the jail and court, for instance, to improve collaboration.

As the court fired questions at Tatum's presenter, David Byrd, the expected motion to accept the proposal never advanced beyond discussion. Commissioner Lorrie Grinnan eventually withdrew her motion to approve, and the court decided to the issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to ascertain whether another vendor might step forward to be considered for the service.

"The question is not whether we need to do this," said Commissioner Jerry Wimpee, "but whether or not Tatum is the right partner."

The fifth proposal for redistricting, displayed in the front of the courtroom, was the object of a brief discussion. Several commissioners expressed disapproval based on their initial impressions, describing the divisions as "disruptive" and "lacking any natural boundaries." This fifth rendition was created in response to citizens who requested a redistricting plan that specifically addressed the ethnic demographics in the county. Feedback from the court, however, indicated the impact would be minimal in that aspect, but the court deferred extensive discussion on the matter until another meeting.

At 9 a.m. on July 22, the Commissioners Court will conduct a special meeting to particularly address redistricting.

In another matter, the court reviewed and update on road construction projects, particularly on the impact of pass-through funding from the state.

Pass-through funding provides Rockwall County with an 80 percent reimbursement for road projects. The transportation consulting firm contracted by the county provided an analysis with three different scenarios, with a "bottom line recommendation to raise the property tax 1 cent." According to the report, the up-front increase, through minimal, would ensure that the county maintains a healthy fund balance, going forward. No action was taken.

A lively discussion ensued over selecting a vendor to move to the new courthouse. The court debated over intricacies of the process and whether it was necessary to go into extreme detail. Discussion ended with a motion to approve bid specifications with the removal of a number of pages that listed the exact items to be moved.

The public hearing matter concerned regulations for manufactured home rental communities, as well as amendments to the Rockwall County Subdivision and Land Development Rules and Regulations. Despite the publicizing and posting of this hearing in both English and Spanish, no one appeared to speak on the matter.

The court approved the library's purchase of updated software. The system, which handles catalog and circulation functions and tracks fines and inventory, would replace an outdated system purchased in 2000.

Other action items included standard items such as change orders for expenditures already approved in previous meetings and the renewal of an agreement with Oncor regarding pole licensing.

Following the executive session, Commissioner David Magness said the court passed a motion to establish a policy on Reduction in Force (RIF) procedures, including provisions and benefits. Rockwall County's employee

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City council report indicates growth for McLendon-Chisholm

by Timothy Downs

McLendon-Chisholm remains in a development pattern consistent with the growth of Rockwall County, according to information discussed at a recent city council meeting.

Mayor Gary Moody said the city should see the addition of a convenience store and a Sonic by the end of the year.

Council members discussed and approved the Financial Report for May, which showed a surplus of approximately \$176,000.

Revenue from building permits are up 166 percent and sales tax collections are at 100 percent with four months left in the fiscal year, according to reports.

The council discussed line budget items for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Though fire department and street lighting expenses have increased for the year, building permits are approximately \$80,000 and sales tax revenue is \$11,500.

In attendance were Moody, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Hatfield, City Manager David Butler, council members Patrick Short, Lee Nichols, Gary Lovell and Jack Pullen and Deborah Sorenson, city secretary.



John



McLendon-Chisholm City Council members are shown reviewing financial budgets. Pictured, from the left, are David Butler, city manager, council members Patrick Short and Lee Nichols, Mayor Gary Moody, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Hatfield and council members Gary Lovell and Jack Pullen. Photo by Timothy Downs/Rockwall County News





Nikki Mutchler, marketing director for Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, is shown presenting a \$10,000 donation to the board of the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts. The hospital will be the title sponsor of the RCAA's Heart of Jazz Gala set for Sept. 24 at the Bella Hilton Harbor. The daylong event will include visual and performing art activities at both the Harbor and Bella Hilton locations. Activities planned include children's events, photography lessons, painting demonstrations and performances by many of Rockwall's performing arts groups. Activities will culminate with a dinner, People's Choice art show and competition, dancing contest and a live auction of celebrity art pieces. Tickets cost \$75 and may be purchased by calling 972-772-1111. For more details contact Kathleen Morrow, RCAA president, at kathleen@ebby.com.

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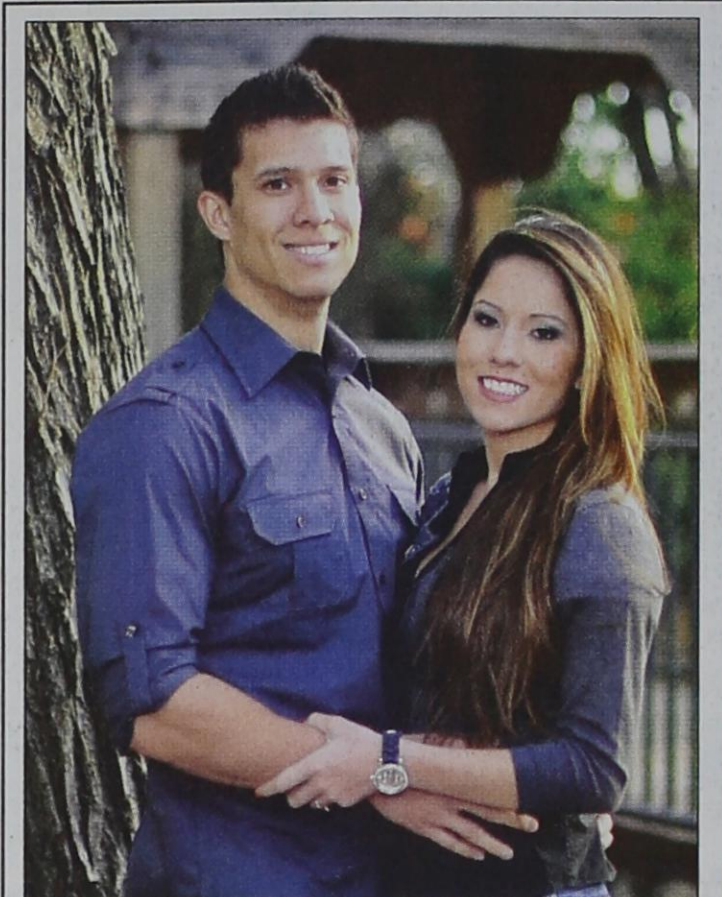
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Robert Carter and Cassie Bass

Robert Carter, Cassie Bass to marry in May

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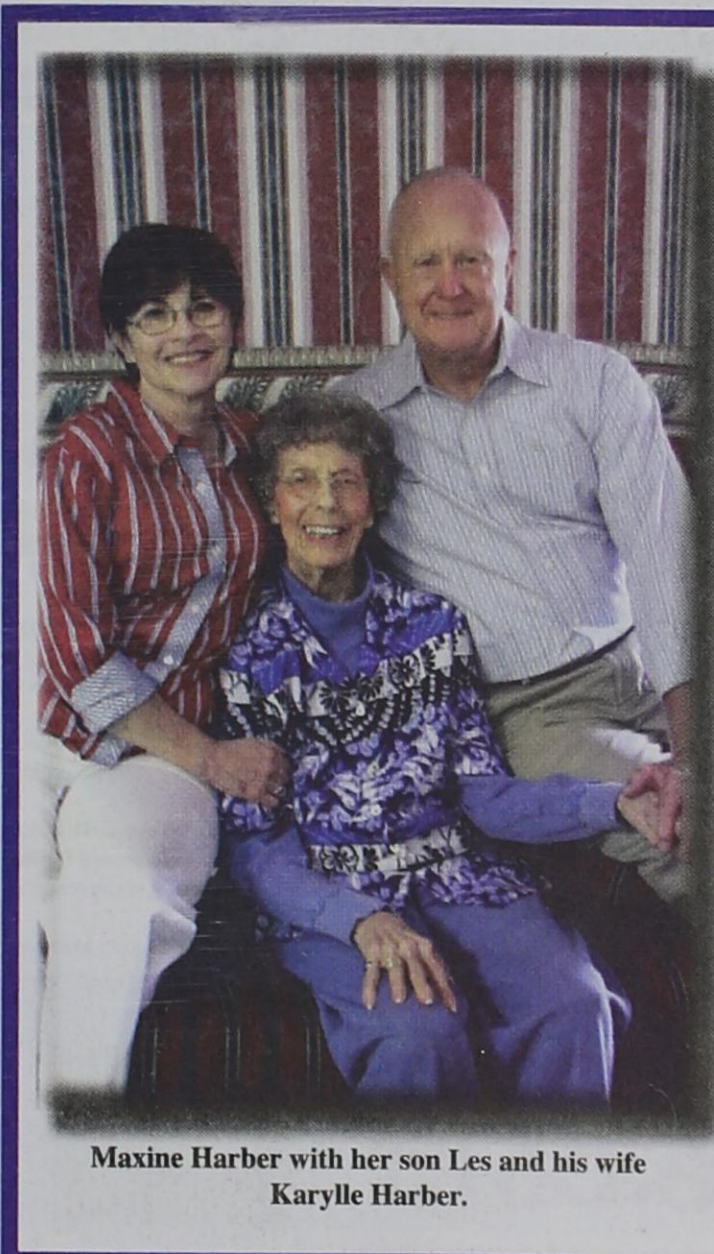
The prospective bridegroom, a 2008 graduate of Rockwall High, is a student at Angelo State University, San Angelo. He is majoring in kinesiology and plans to enlist as an officer in the U.S. Army following his graduation next year.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Westbrook High. She also attends Angelo State University and is majoring in elementary education. A May 2012 wedding is planned.

Joo receives degree from Butler

Lindsey Joo of Rockwall was among the 811 graduates receiving degrees May 14 at commencement exercises for Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind.

Joo received a psychology degree from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, according to information provided by the university.



Maxine Harber with her son Les and his wife Karylle Harber.

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Rockwall City Council considers short-term planning at special meeting

No action was taken by the City Council at its Monday, July 11, meeting to discuss Budget Plan Improvement Plan. The meeting was held in the Court Building.

Staff members presented their views of the Budget Plan Improvement Plan for the year. The Capital Improvement Committee last month plan CIP Projects for Rockwall.

CIP is a short-term plan for four to 10 years, capital projects and programs, provides a goal and identifies the plan.

The Council held a discussion, and two resolutions in the course of the meeting. No action was taken either executive session.

Due to the meeting, the city was not able to stream audio recordings that audio recordings are public online.

The Rockwall City Council was on-site with the meeting. The meeting can be viewed at rockwalltexas.com

RISD Employment Breakfast set Aug 11

New employees of the Independent School District will gather with area business leaders and administrators Aug. 11 at a school year.

Each year, the district hosts a New Employee Breakfast, which is a year's event, which includes principals, teachers, who will staff the after-school program at the Rockwall of Commerce and Alliance Bank.

"We are pleased to partner with the RISD their new teachers and staff," said Margie Hooper, district superintendent. "They will play a role in our children's education. This is an introduction to the community. This is an introduction to the community."

The event is open to all however, reservations are required. Cost for the full breakfast is \$10 per person or \$5 for seating. Seating will be limited. Officials have indicated that another sell-out event is possible.

Individuals interested in the event should RSVP to the chamber office at 5733.

The breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. A traditional breakfast will be served, and a brief program provided by district superintendent, and other school, community officials.

The program will be held at 8 a.m.

Sponsorships for the event are available through the chamber. For more information, visit the chamber website at chamber.org or contact the chamber at 972-771-5573 or rockwallchamber.org.

Boys & Girls Club offers military special

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Five earn degrees from SAFSU

Five local residents were among students receiving degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University during May commencement exercises, according to a university news release.

Joshua Rhyn McKinney of Royse City graduated magna cum laude, earning a bachelor's degree.

Rockwall graduates included Charlcie Lynn Owens, bachelor's degree; Jessica Diane Pyle, bachelor's degree; Valerie Ray Roberts, bachelor's degree; and Christopher Keith Warren, bachelor's degree.

Washington earns SFASU honor roll

Amanda Christina Washington of Heath was among students named to the President's Honor Roll at Stephen F. Austin State University for the spring semester, according to a university news release.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade point average of 4.0.

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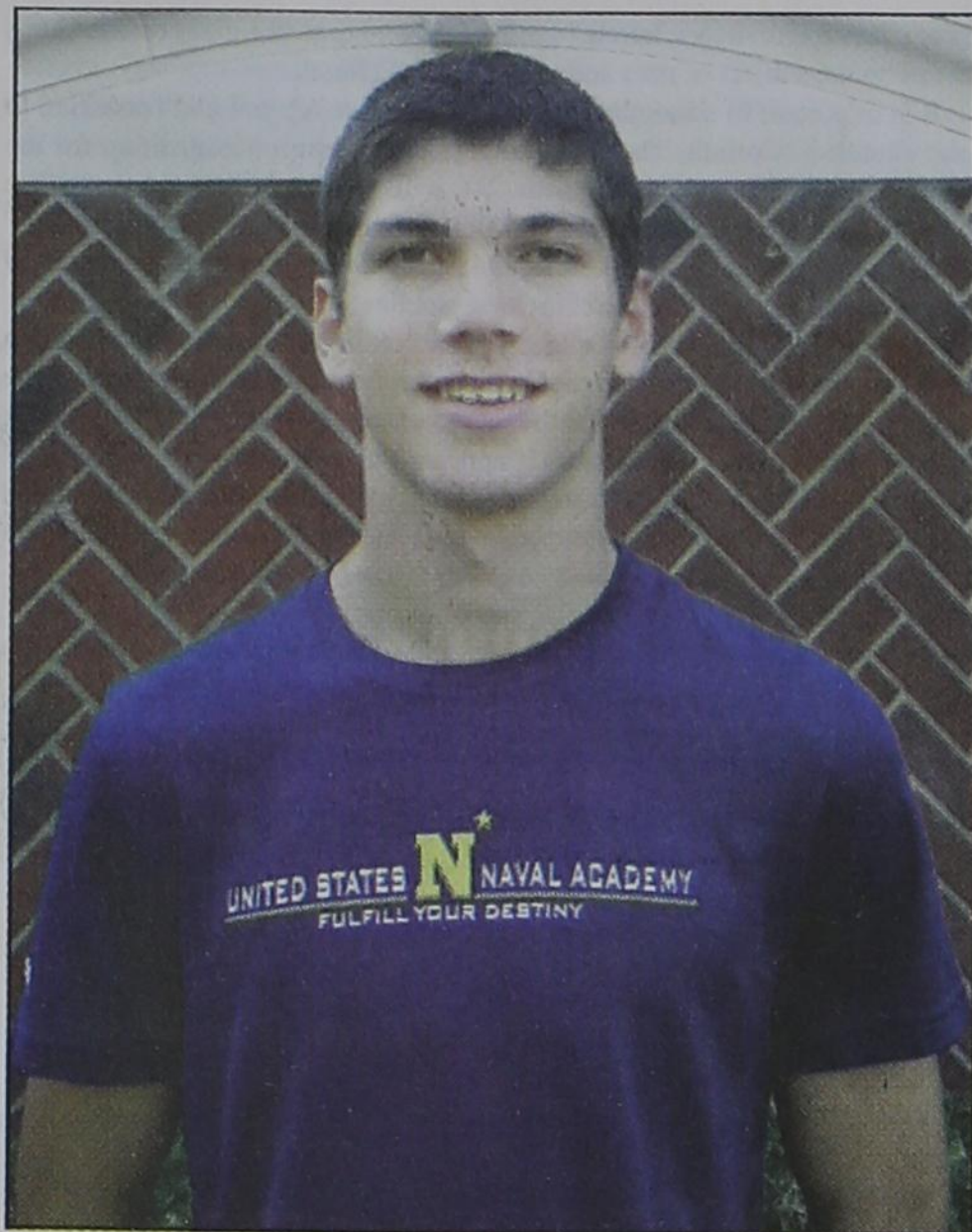
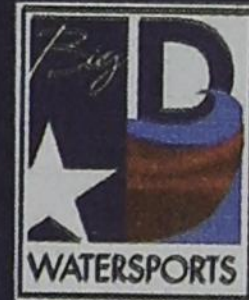
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Rockwall-Heath High's Chase La Rosa, who is ranked in the top 1 percent of his class, attended the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar in June. Fewer than 2,500 students from throughout the U.S. are selected to attend the program each year. Summer Seminar is a "fast-paced experience for high achievers" who are going into their senior year and plan to apply for admission to the USNA following graduation. In addition to attending the Summer Seminar, La Rosa also was selected to represent his school at Boys' State, where he was elected a county delegate, state delegate and color guard. He also was chosen to attend the Southwest Youth Leadership Conference in Killeen. La Rosa is a member of the RHHS varsity water polo team, academic decathlon team and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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Brianna Playle of Rockwall recently received a \$1,000 college scholarship from Food Sales Association and Kroger for exemplifying key leadership traits and academic excellence. Playle, pictured above with Bill Sturm, district manager, was one of 22 local Kroger associates to receive a scholarship. Scholarship recipients were presented during a ceremony at the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. Playle plans to attend the University of North Texas.

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RISD earns budget awards

The Rockwall Independent School District has received two awards relating to the 2010-2011 budget.

The Association of School Business Officials International awarded the Meritorious Budget Award for "excellence in the preparation and issuance" of the 2010-2011 school system annual budget to the RISD, according to a news release from the school district. This marks the sixth consecutive year the RISD has received the award.

The ASBO's Meritorious Budget Award program was designed to help school systems "build a solid foundation in the skills of developing, analyzing and presenting a budget," according to the news release.

The RISD also has received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which "represents a significant achievement based on the commitment of (the) RISD to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," according to a district news release.

The GFOA award is made based on several guidelines, including a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communicative device. The RISD was rated "proficient" in all four categories.

The RISD has received this GFOA award for five straight years.

Additionally, Mike Singleton, chief financial officer, and Vickie Benbow, executive director of finance, each earned a certificate of recognition from the GFOA for budget presentation.



Rockwall, left, and True Spencer of Heath for their Docent volunteer services at a July 11 Arboretum Docents. Each of the women has served as president of the organization during their tenures respectively.

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On God's Word

Men and women in the church...1Corinthians 14:33-34

by Timothy W. Burnett

Continuing with our series on 1Corinthians chapters 12-15, we now stumble upon a highly controversial scripture which has been debated for many centuries. That being 1Corinthians 14:34-35, "Let your women keep silence in the churches. For it is not permitted unto them to speak, but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also says the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is a shame for a

woman to speak in the church." Let's take some time to rightly divide God's word on the subject of men and women in the church.

It is important to remember that the letters were reproof and correction to the church in Corinth. The main emphasis has been on edification for the church and keeping things in order. We will see this in the very last verse of chapter 14 where it says, "Let all things be done decently and in order." Given this information, we can safely understand that something was very much out of order during the church assemblies.

In verses 26-33 all of the believers were told to take turns when giving a prophecy or speaking in tongues with interpretation (manifestation of the spirit). They were told this for the same reason they were told to let their wives keep silent in the church. It appears that even the men were out of order. Somebody might have started giving a prophecy and all of a sudden somebody else could have jumped in and started doing the same. Others

might have interrupted someone the ones speaking to the problem was definitely not limited to women.

But what about the women? They were very likely also interrupting their husbands and others. They might have been in a very disorderly manner contributing to the confusion. The scripture doesn't mention the home-life, but it might be possible that disruptive and out of order spiritually in the homes. Please remember this is not meant to point fingers only at the women. It is equally some of the husbands could have been examples of spiritual problems in the homes.

Are women literally not allowed to speak in the church? We of mankind through our Lord Jesus Christ is also available to the of the gift ministries are teacher, pastor, minister, etc. The spirit of God is given to all who believe, in the name of Jesus. The church starts and continues in the home. If the woman is to teach and speak in the church, then she is not permitted to teach her children. God set up the marriage between two people so that the wife is the helpmate. Part of being the helpmate is children as well as helping to teach and minister to others including her own husband!

We learn that the women are to be obedient. Guess what? The man. This did not give the man the freedom to rule over a strong king over his country. Instead, the man is called as Christ Jesus loved the church. We would all benefit greatly from dividing God's word on the relationship between the husband and wife.

1Corinthians 14:33-34 is not an open invitation for men to teach and speak in the church. It does lovingly instruct wives to be obedient to their husbands as the church is to Christ. Wives were also out of order in the church, and needed to be corrected. Don't let these verses distract us from the rest of the ministry of reconciliation has been passed on to all Christians including women.

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Locals honored at SSA

A handful of local residents were among Dean's List honorees for the spring semester at Stephen F. Austin State University, according to a university news release. Named to the Dean's List were Amanda Rose Kelso, Sarah Ann Kinsler, Lindsay Marie Pillinski, Jessica Diane Pyle, Clay Joseph Singletary and Cherie Warren of Rockwall. Denee Pierce of Heath was also named.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

William 'Bill' Hawkins



William "Bill" Hawkins, 77, of Rockwall, Texas, died July 12, 2011, at the Rest Haven Memorial Home. He was born in De Soto, Louisiana, and served in the U.S. Navy as a machinist. He was a member of the Shekinah Baptist Church in Rockwall, Texas, and a member of Lake Pointe Church in Dallas, Texas. He is survived by his children, Dennis Edward Hawkins, and his wife, Richardson, James William Hawkins and his wife, Debbie, of Richardson; and his daughter, Ruth Edwards and her husband, Bill, of Richardson; two great-granddaughters; one brother; and one sister. He died in death by his parents; his wife, Wanda Ruth Hawkins; and his wife, Wanda Ruth Hawkins.

relieved of this command and transferred to the adjutant general's department, Headquarters Staff, Camp Mabry, in Austin as chief of maintenance. He filled this position until his retirement on Aug. 18, 1986.

He participated in the planning and implementation of Operation Creek Party, which involved ANGUS refueling operations in Europe (USAFE) from May 1967 through May 1977. During this time he was in the first deployment to initiate refueling operations in 1967 and was on the final close-down operation in 1977, making some 20 crossings in the 10-year period. He also was engaged in the planning phases and participated in numerous deployments within the Continental U.S., including the Sentry Cowboy Air National Guard exercises conducted under Red Flag training scenarios. He also participated in deployments to Canada, Denmark, Italy, the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany and Panama.

His decorations and awards include Small Arms Expert Pistol, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/1 Dev, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/2 Dev, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon w/8 Dev, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Dev, Texas Faithful Service Medal w/7 Dev and other State of Texas awards.

He was an active member of the Air Force Association, the National Guard Association of the United States, and was a life member in the National Guard Association of Texas.

Russell Warren Thomas

A memorial service for Russell Warren Thomas is set for 2 p.m. July 30, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills Drive. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died July 2 from complications related to low blood pressure.

Born in Dallas May 15, 1962, to Don and Connie Thomas, he graduated from Sherman High in 1980 and attended North Texas State University.

Survivors include a brother, Clifton Thomas; two sisters, Donna Moreland and Holly Bolin; a daughter, Jennifer, who is married to Tim Downey and resides in Sherman; and two grandchildren, Ryan, 4, and Robbie, 1.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in honor of his granddaughter, Ryan, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

John Turner

Services for John Turner, 86, of Rockwall were conducted at noon July 9, 2011, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died July 7.

Born May 4, 1925, in Coleman, he was a carpenter until his retirement. He enjoyed outdoor cooking, as well as fishing and hunting, building birdhouses and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughters, Judy Dyson, and her husband, James, of Kaufman and Sandra Cox and her husband, John, of Rockwall; his son, John Turner of Phoenix, Ariz.; his grandchildren, Cari Berryhill and J.D. of Scurry, Erin Cox of Little Rock, Ark., Ashley Dyson of Roysse City, Amanda Cox of Roysse City, Zachary Cox of Rockwall, Madison Turner of Phoenix and Christian Turner of Phoenix; his great-grandchildren, Macey Dyson of Roysse City, Cailey Suarez of Scurry, J.D. Berryhill Jr. of Scurry and Colt Jordan of Roysse City; and his sister, Opal Ware of Mesquite.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Kathleen; and two sons, Clarence Robert Turner and Bobby Wayne Turner.

28 locals receive UNT degrees

Twenty-eight residents from Rockwall, Heath and Roysse City were among graduates receiving degrees at the University of North Texas' spring commencement ceremonies, according to a university news release.

Rockwall residents who received degrees included Sarah Ann Angle, bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies; Chelsea Anne Benson, bachelor's degree in hospitality management; Megan Elizabeth Bonny, bachelor's degree in psychology; David William Bower II, bachelor's degree in radio, television and film; Natalie Christine Branning, bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies; Kiara Ke'Andre Browning, bachelor's degree in political science; Kyle B. Book, bachelor's degree in biology; Kristen Nicole Everett, bachelor's degree in studio art, and Erin Michele Figert, master's degree in library science.

Also, Lauren A. Garner, bachelor's degree in general studies; Robert C. Ives, bachelor's degree in biology; Stephen Melva Laflamme, bachelor's degree in political science; David Jonathan Miller, bachelor's degree in general studies; Mark Igho Owolo, bachelor's degree in information technology; Richard Lee Renner, bachelor's degree in accounting; Jason L. Ruffing, bachelor's degree in history; Allison L. Shippy, bachelor's degree in home furnishings merchandising; Julian Jeremiah Smith, bachelor's degree in criminal justice; and Lauren Michelle Smith, master's degree in studio art.

Rounding out the list of Rockwall residents taking degrees include Trey W. Travis, bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship; Ashley Ann Valencia, bachelor's degree in merchandising; Mahlon Lendell Vance, bachelor's degree in psychology; Stephanie Ann Wiley, bachelor's degree in general studies; and Michelle M. Wood, bachelor's degree in development and family studies.

Also receiving degrees were Clint Rowan of Heath, a bachelor's degree in international studies; Derrick Alan Aldridge of Roysse City, bachelor's degree in studio art; Leslie Ann Ferguson of Roysse City, bachelor's degree in general studies; and Heather M. Hull of Roysse City, bachelor's degree in sociology.

Two additional Merit Scholarship winners named

Two local residents were among the more than 1,700 additional winners of National Merit Scholarships announced earlier this week by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Rachel E. Hastings of Heath, who is homeschooled, and Asa C. Burke of Rockwall, a student at the Heritage Christian Academy, were among students recognized in the July 11 news release. They join more than 2,900 other college-sponsored award recipients announced in late May.

Hastings, whose probable career field is listed as education (English), earned the National Merit University of Dallas Scholarship.

Burke, whose probable career field is mechanical engineering, was tapped for the National Merit Georgia Institute of Technology Scholarship.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their winners from among finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program who will attend their institution. College-sponsored awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

Home for the Holidays tickets now available

Tickets for the 2nd annual Home for the Holidays fundraiser, set for Nov. 5 at the Hilton Bella Harbor, are now on sale.

The fundraiser, which a daylong event that includes the Festival of Trees, Holiday Market, Breakfast with Santa and the Gala, is designed to benefit Rockwall County Helping Hands.

Sponsors, vendors, volunteers and entrants to the Festival of Trees decorating contest are also being signed up.

Individual Gala tickets are available at a cost of \$75 each.

Sponsorships are available for \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

For more details or to get involved, contact event coordinator Melody Hail at melody.hail@mac.com or visit rockwallhomefortheholidays.com.



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- I will hand out a daily report as well- listing diaper changes, nap times, what we did that day, what we ate, and how well we got along with other friends.
- If your son/daughter is in the 'potty training' process (like mine) I have a calendar that will show you if they went all by themselves, how many times they went, etc. It is a fun way of learning how to potty like a big boy or girl.

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Royse City News

This Week in Royse City

by Paula Baker

Fireside News

Hey y'all! I hope you had a good week and looking forward to another. As you may know by now, I have an active imagination. It sometimes gets me into a good deal of trouble, but I do love it. Each week, while I write this column, I imagine folks gathered around the fireside (lit or not) reading the column to their family as in days of yore. So, here I am once again to light your fire (pun intended) for your community.

Church News

This week I am featuring Gateway Fellowship, located at 3200 S. 548 at Stonebrook Learning Center. This congregation is a sweet church family, welcoming residents of this and other areas. They hold a time of "coffee and convo" (conversation) beginning at 10 a.m. each Sunday. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. A couple of songs and a prayer segue into greeting each other to the tune of "We are Family."

Trent Brown, pastor, preaches relevance of the Bible in today's world. He achieves his goal in style and grace. His sermons provide feelings of an "aha" moment that prompts the "I get it now" response from many. He is to the point and sometimes makes one squirm in their chair when he talks about the sinful nature of man.

Many activities are to be had during the week with this church. There are people of the congregation hosting small groups of people in what is known as Connect Groups. These groups provide a chance to fellowship and study God's Word together as an enhancement of the worship service.

Should you choose to visit this church, you will find a lot to love about it. Please go to the website for more information: welcometogateway.org.

Vacation Bible School

Many churches have conducted Bible schools this past week. Among the churches hosting these are: New Hope Baptist Church, July 12-15.

Fellowship of the First Baptist Church holds VBS July 25-28, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The theme this year is The Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect.

If I have missed your church's VBS, please let me know.

Rotary Early Bird Club

I was fortunate enough to be invited to the Rotary Club meeting and breakfast Thursday. The hour - 7 a.m. - came early for me; nevertheless, I felt peppy once I walked into the room. There were people eating, people laughing and talking. There was no way I could help but join in. I had heard about the Rotary Club, but never knew what they did. Oh, and by the way, the breakfast is wonderful.

Did you know Rotarians are people with a heart to help the less fortunate in the city? What a noble cause. Please check them out on their website clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?cid=4326. What a wonderful club to be a part of.

Senior Citizens

We have the liveliest group of senior citizens. Who knew?

Don't kid yourselves: The Royse City seniors are on the move, quite literally. They had a wonderful trip to Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla. They were given \$25 in chips to start the gambling adventure. Now, I am not privy as to who lost or who won, but next time, maybe they'll take me. Can you imagine how much fun it would be to film something like this?

Not only are they hip to the casino circuit, they also have bingo and lunch daily here at home. The next bingo takes place July 21. They have lunch together, hang out together and bask in the glow of their friends' company. I love that, don't you?

Another big deal for seniors occurred July 4 when Meals on Wheels brought dinners to Royse City seniors as well as Rockwall seniors. All in all, approximately 175 dinners were distributed.

Other Tidbits

I would like to remind you to visit the farmer's market on Main Street Saturday mornings until noon.

Start saving your money for the Rough Riders Night at the Dr Pepper Ballpark in Frisco beginning at 7 p.m. A fee of \$37 will get you a night in the Diamond Deck, a Rough Riders hat, Sonny Bryan's Barbecue and Dr Pepper products. Beer and wine will be served in the sixth inning; the "Play Ball" program is also included in the price. That is a great deal. To reserve your

spot, contact Julia Bryant at the chamber of commerce at 972-464-4772. She'll be glad to set you up.

Needing Your Input

I have decided to write an article about the Royse City Chamber of Commerce's "Month of the Citizen" here. I need your help to write a successful story. I need any connection to the cemetery to call or write me. I hear there are good stories associated with it. If you don't write or call, I'm afraid I'll have to search you out. This is not just a story, it is history and is told and retold for each generation. Sharing your stories with others is a sense of community to all. The best part is folks will have something to talk about in the years to come.

Thank you in advance for helping me with the research. I appreciate you.

Have a great weekend leading into the week ahead. "Don't let the reminder you of what you are not now" and be safe as you go. Contact me at rcn.paula@gmail.com or call me at 469-464-4772.



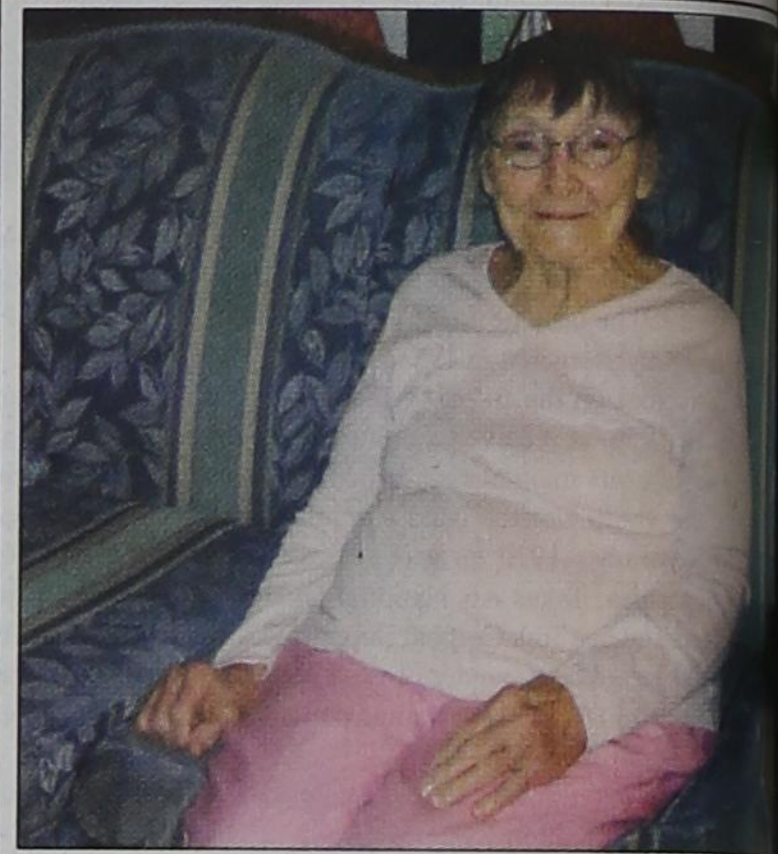
The home of Janet Nichol at 527 County Line Road is recognized as the Royse City Chamber of Commerce's "Month of the Citizen" according to a chamber news release. The program is to "recognize Royse City's citizens who have made extraordinary above-average efforts in maintaining their property thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large."

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Royse City Police Blotter

July 1-7

- Friday, 1 July: Criminal mischief, 300 block Regal Court; Domestic disturbance, 900 block Meadowdale Drive; Accident, 100 block W. I-30
- Saturday, 2 July: Driving while intoxicated arrest, 100 block W. I-30; Theft, 100 block E. Main Street; Driving while license invalid arrest, 100 block W. I-30; Medical assistance, 1200 block Mexia Court; Reckless driver, Area of E. I-30; Verbal disturbance, 300 block Audubon Lane; Suspicious activity, 1500 block Hafner Drive
- Sunday, 3 July: Criminal mischief, 1800 block Ranch Road; Driving while license invalid arrest, 600 block E. Old Greenville Road; Suspicious vehicle, Area of Dean Drive
- Monday, 4 July: Driving while license invalid, 1000 block E. Main; Suspicious activity, Corner Hwy 66 and Erby Campbell Boulevard; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard; Welfare check, 300 block N. Houston Street; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Houston Street
- Tuesday, 5 July: Theft, 1900 block Green Terrace Court; Theft, 100 block E. Main Street; Theft, 200 block W. I-30 SSR; Suspicious person, Corner of Rowdy Drive and Brice Drive; Medical assistance, 900 block Joe Bailey Street; Criminal mischief, 300 block Singleton Drive
- Wednesday, 6 July: Burglary of habitation, 900 block Joe Bailey Street; Alarm, 1600 block Kelly Lane; Welfare check, 700 block Stedham Street
- Thursday, 7 July: Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30; Welfare check, I-30 at the 80 mile marker; Suspicious activity, 200 block W. Main Street; Suspicious activity, 1000 block FM 548



Wilma Jordan, a resident of Rockwall for more than 40 years and one of the original volunteers behind the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, is pictured with a quilt that has quite a history with the local organization. In 1993, the Rockwall Chapter of Habitat for Humanity organized a fundraising raffle that included a handmade quilt designed and crafted by local residents Wilma Roy and Esther White. The quilt was signed by President Bill Carter and his wife, Rosalyn, as part of their continued involvement with Habitat. Jordan won the quilt in the raffle and enjoyed it hang on her wall, as depicted above, for many years. Recently she contacted Habitat and said it was time to return the quilt to be used in another fundraiser for the organization. Habitat for Humanity is working to determine the best way to utilize the quilt in future fundraising efforts.

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LPHN expands with addition of Rowlett facility

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In 2005, founder Dr. J. Bradfield envisioned a new comprehensive cancer center. Construction of the 10,500-square-foot facility was completed in 2008.

The center, which now is named Lake Pointe Cancer Center, is located in the Lake Pointe Medical Center Arts building at 7501 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 120, in Rowlett. The center operates the Varian TrueBeam, one of the most advanced linear accelerators available. This technology allows the center to offer some of the most sophisticated forms of radiation therapies, including Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and Image-Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT) capabilities.

"The addition of the Lake Pointe Cancer Center continues our commitment to our community by providing access to high quality cancer care close to home," said Dr. Hampton, chief of staff at Lake Pointe Medical Center. "The center will offer our community the services and resources required for comprehensive cancer care for both patients and their family members."

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Chamber luncheon RSVPs needed

RSVPs to the July 19 Royse City Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be accepted until 5 p.m. on July 15. The event will take place at noon at Arboleda's Main St., Royse City. City manager Bill Shipp will be the guest of honor. The cost will be \$10 at the door or \$15 for individuals without RSVP email Julia Bryant at info@roysecitychamber.com or 972-636-0100.

Spaying continues on Habitat site

Spaying will continue July 16 at the 801 Peter's Colony Habitat for Humanity site. Work will begin at 6:30 a.m. so volunteers can get as much of the hottest part of the day; work will probably run only shortly thereafter. Volunteers are urged to pre-hydrate and bring water.

Event to focus on making kites

Parks & Rec Department will host Kite Making 101 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The Center. Children ages 5-12 are invited to make and fly their own kites in the city park. Cost will be \$45 or \$30 for members. Supplies will be provided. For more details visit rockwalltx.com or call 972-722-3099.

Church to host Summer Mission Camp

The First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall will host a Summer Mission Camp from 9:30 a.m. to noon July 18-22. Participants will experience the church's motto, "Feel the Love, Be the Love," as they travel throughout the community to learn about organizations that help others. A pool and pizza party will be conducted on the final day. Cost will be \$10 per child, which will include the camp T-shirt. The event will be open to youths in grades kindergarten through eighth. To register, contact Mary Thacker at marythacker@sbcglobal.net or call 972-722-1215.

'Math Mania' set July 18-22

A math program that will utilize games to help children ages 8-10 learn math skills will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18-22 at The Center. The emphasis will be on having fun while reviewing age-appropriate math skills. Cost is \$120 or \$80 for Rockwall residents. For more details call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Stingerette clinic slated

The RHS Stingerettes Side Show Summer Dance Clinic is set for July 19-22 at Williams Middle School. Register at the door at a cost of \$80 per participant. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon, with an 8:30 a.m. check-in on the first day. A noon performance for parents will take place on the last day of camp. For more details contact Jill at 214-212-9411 or email hjll@verizon.net.

Surfing the Net class offered for seniors

A course designed to teach individuals ages 55 and older about browsers, search engines, email, contacts and other computer-related topics will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays July 19 through Aug. 4 at The Center. Cost will be \$75 or \$50 for Rockwall residents. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

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'Texas Smartscape' is program for garden club

The Rockwall-Rowlett Garden Club will offer a program on "Texas Smartscape" beginning at 6 p.m. July 20 in the Rockwall Community Center, the building next to the pool at Harry Myers Park, 815 E. Washington, in Rockwall. Meetings are conducted each third Wednesday of the month. For more details call 972-413-8767.

Spay/Neuter Shuttle to run July 21

The low-cost Spay/Neuter Shuttle sponsored by Rockwall PAWS and KCAAP will depart at 7:30 a.m. July 21 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in secure carriers. The shuttle will return at 6:30 p.m. after the animals are spayed/neutered. For an appointment call 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). Prices may be viewed online at spayneuternet.org. For more details call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354.

Library tutor training set July 23

The Rockwall County Library will train tutors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 23 to help adults learn to read and speak English. Training will be conducted at the library, and no pre-registration, teaching experience or knowledge of foreign language is required. ESL classes run from 10 a.m. to noon and 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Volunteers are asked to work once or twice each week starting after Labor Day. GED volunteer tutors also are needed. These classes are from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays/Wednesdays and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays/Thursdays. For details call 972-204-7705 or visit the library's literacy area and ask for the ESL/GED coordinator.

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Business Opportunities

Heath Community Correspondent

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Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

SURPLUS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY SALE

CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

The City of Rockwall is holding an on line Surplus and Unclaimed Property Sale beginning July 18, 2011 and closing on July 29, 2011 at 10:00 am. The on line sale will be conducted by Rene' Bates Auctioneers Inc., Texas License Number 6644 at www.renebates.com. Property includes sedans, truck, outdoor lights, drill press, air compressor, ladders, and miscellaneous office equipment. All property will be sold as is, where is with no warranties or guarantees of any kind. The City cannot and will not guarantee that the vehicles included in this

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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR BID - BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT

The Rockwall County Commissioners' Court will be receiving sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2011 for Rockwall County's Bank Depository Contract. Sealed bids will be received at the Rockwall County Treasurer's Office, 2nd floor, Rockwall County Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk St., Suite 201, Rockwall, Texas, 75087. Copies of the specifications (Bid 11-06-006) may be obtained on or after Tuesday July 5, 2011, by contacting Lisa Constant, Rockwall County Auditor, Rockwall County Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk Street, Suite 101, or by calling (972) 204-6050. Technical questions should be directed to David Peek, Rockwall County Treasurer at (972) 204-6100 or e-mail dpeek@rockwallcountytxas.com.

Rockwall County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Jerry Hogan
Rockwall County Judge

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Base Flood Elevation Determination for the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, Case No.11-06-2878P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and/or on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP.

LEGAL NOTICE

On 12/31/2009, a washer/dryer combo was recovered from a stolen UHAUL in Rockwall County. If you feel this item may belong to you send a certified letter to the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office, attn. Detective Oldham with a description (color, make, model, serial # if known) and a number you can be contacted at.

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Volunteer in Parks day set July 30

The next Volunteer in Parks (VIP) workday in the City of Rockwall will be July 30 at The Park at Hickory Ridge. The volunteer effort will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals and groups are welcome. For more info...

Operation: Beat Cancer slated July 31

Ethan's Army, a group of local women raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, will host a fair. Operation: Beat Cancer from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 31 at the Lofland Farms Community Center, 2400 N. Rockwall. The event will include a bounce house and water slide, face painting, raffle prizes and \$6 burrito...

Registration open for YMCA cheerleading

Registration is under way for YMCA cheerleading for children ages 4-12. Cost is \$35 for YMCA Family members and non-members. The season will begin Sept. 10. Additional details and registration information is available at...

Library to assist job seekers

The Rockwall County Library will offer some free classes for job seekers: Searching for a Job Online, 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 8; Applying for a Job Online, 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 15. All classes are free. Space is limited. Sign up for the classes at the library's reference desk.

Author to offer program at library

Mary DeMuth will present a free writing program from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Aug. 9 in the Rockwall County meeting room. The program will be entitled "11 Secrets of Getting Published." DeMuth has written six works of non-fiction. She will sign copies of her latest work, "Muir House," following the program. The book is available at marydemuth.com.

Doggie Splash Day set Aug. 13

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Doggie Splash Day at 10 a.m. Aug. 13. A swim paddle race and retrieving contest will be conducted for dogs. Cost will be \$5 per dog; swimming owners will be charged. Owners must bring proof of rabies vaccinations for their pets to be allowed entry. For more details call 972-771-7761.

RCRW planning Aug. 20 tea

The Rockwall County Republican Women are planning a tea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 20 at Holy Trinity Fellowship Hall. Special guests will include Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, speaker, and Nancy Beatty, who will give a presentation "Rosemary Memories." Tickets will cost \$25 and may be purchased at rcrw.org, at GOP headquarters or by calling 972-771-7761.

Final VIP day of the year planned

The final Volunteer in Parks (VIP) summer workday in the City of Rockwall will be Aug. 27 at Harry M. Washington. The volunteer effort will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals and groups are welcome. For more info call the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7761.

RHS groups needs vendors for craft fair

The RHS Band/Senior Class will host a craft fair Oct. 8. Vendors of all types are needed for the event, which will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plenty of parking also will be available. The fair also will include a senior class fundraiser - a haunted house. Contact Liz Tarter at 972-772-1846 for more details.

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Opinions Whither U.S. Energy Policy?

by Laurence M. Vance
President Obama has authorized the release of 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). The oil reserve is currently at a historically high level of 727 million barrels. "We are taking this action in response to the ongoing loss of crude oil due to supply disruptions in Libya and other countries and their impact on the global economic recovery," said Energy Secretary Steven Chu.
The president has also called for a one-third cut in oil imports by 2025, wider use of natural gas, incentives to use natural gas to fuel fleets of vehicles such as city buses, greater production of biofuels, the establishment of four commercial scale refineries producing cellulosic ethanol or advanced biofuels within the next two years, higher fuel efficiency standards for heavy trucks, and for oil companies to make greater use of federal leases to increase domestic oil output. Obama's 2009 "stimulus package" set aside \$70 billion in grants and loan guarantees to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and advanced batteries for electric cars.
The State Department has again put on hold the construction of an oil pipeline from Canada to U.S. refineries in the Gulf of Mexico while it considers the pipeline's environmental impact.
Shell Oil has again applied to drill ten wells off Alaska's Arctic shore over the next two years after earlier experiencing the inability to obtain federal permits.
Republicans have their own ideas for the direction of U.S. energy. The Republican-controlled House recently passed, with the help of only twenty-three Democrats, the Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011 (H.R.2021) to streamline the permit process with the goal of expanding American energy production.
Earlier this year, House Natural Resources Committee chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA) was pushing three bills that would expand offshore energy production to create jobs, lower energy costs, and lessen American dependence on foreign energy.
Senate Republicans just spearheaded the passage of an amendment to a bill that would eliminate income tax and excise tax credits on ethanol fuel production. However, they earlier voted overwhelmingly against a similar bill to reduce tax credits for the oil industry.
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has accused the Obama administration of "waging a war on American energy" because of

drilling permit delays.
In December of 2007, President Bush signed into law the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (PL 110-140). This law requires that automakers boost the gas mileage of their fleets to 35 mpg by the year 2020. Fuel-economy regulations (CAFE standards) were first introduced for passenger cars in 1978. The current standard of 30.2 mpg will rise to 39 mpg by 2016.
Democrats and Republicans in Congress may disagree on the size of the budget of the Department of Energy, the permitting process for drilling leases, and the nature of U.S. energy policy, but they all agree that the government should "do something" to lower gas prices, increase domestic energy production, and lessen U.S. dependence on foreign oil.
Because adherence to the Constitution and the proper role of government are not the foundational issues that they should be - indeed, they are often not even considered by most members of Congress - the debate over energy policy among Democrats and Republicans and liberals and conservatives is always over how government should carry out an energy policy instead of why the government should have an energy policy in the first place.
The simple truth is that the national government has been delegated no authority whatsoever concerning anything to do with energy production, provision, or efficiency. It is no more the role of government to regulate, subsidize, oversee, issue mandates to, and set standards for energy-related industries than it is the role of government to do these things to or for any other industry. And having a national energy policy is nothing more than Soviet-style central planning.
Clearly, there should be no Department of Energy or national energy policy.
But that's not all. There should be no CAFE standards, moratoriums on drilling, ethanol or biofuel mandates, efficiency standards, subsidies for any particular type of energy, bans on incandescent light bulbs, drilling permits, encouragement of mass transit, incentives to use natural gas in fleets, blending requirements for gasoline, research grants, promotion of renewable energy, mining regulations, conservation mandates, energy independence goals, or green campaigns.
There should be no Strategic Petroleum Reserve any more than there should be a strategic lead or rice reserve. The federal government has no authority to be in the commodities business.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor
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A bit of Rockwall history
Dear Friends at Rockwall's Only "Real" Newspaper:
Recently, my cousin from Corsicana sent me an article from the June 2010 Texas Co-op Power newsletter and magazine, a story written by Martha Deeringer about the Mollie Bailey story enclosed a copy of it for your review and enjoyment.
Please note the lead-in cover by Ben Peek, Bandera Electric Doctor Makes Circus Calls and the Rockwall connection. A poem by Frank W. Ford at the end of the story.
I appreciate your service to the community.
Gill Henson, Rockwall
Editor's Note: See this web site for details about Rockwall J.F. Peek from 1887 to 1910 treats circus performer who nearly died for her:
http://www.texascooppower.com/texas-stories/history/the-mollie-bailey-story/
There should be no federal leases issued for the simple reason the federal government shouldn't own vast tracks of land in Washington, D.C. (The largest landowner in the United States government, owning land in all fifty states, with ownership percent in some states.)
Three related points about energy should also be mentioned. One, there is nothing special about the discovery, extraction and offering for sale oil, natural gas, coal, or any other common resource. Companies involved in energy production should be like companies that provide any other product or service. Wind turbines, and solar energy can't make it on the free market without government intervention, then they should be allowed to compete.
Two, there is nothing inherently wrong with importing ethanol, or any other source of energy for the simple reason it is nothing inherently wrong with importing any raw material product. "Energy independence" is autarky, pure and simple.
And three, if the U.S. government wants to pursue a wise policy, then it should look in the mirror. The Department of Defense burns barrels of oil each day, 70 percent of which goes to overseas at a cost of almost \$10 billion a year.
Whither U.S. energy policy? We can only hope it runs out.
Laurence M. Vance is a free-lance writer in central Texas and is the author of The Revolution That Wasn't. Visit his website at vancepublications.com.

Coming soon to an airport near you

by Wendy McElroy
If you fly within the United States in the future, keep your expression neutral, do not blink too much or too little, and do not sweat. Carefully maintain a normal respiration and heart beat as you submit to demands from Homeland Security agents. If you question or resist their demands, you could be detained as a pre-crime suspect, fined up to \$11,000 and added to a No Fly list.
On July 5, a headline in the bioethical news source BioEdge declared, "Pre-crime" terrorist detector field tested in US." BioEdge explained that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has finished initial testing of Future Attribute Screening Technology (FAST), which is "designed to spot people who intend to commit a terrorist act." According to DHS documents, however, FAST targets a far broader range of people, from "individuals planning to cause a disturbance or use false documents to individuals who are planning an assassination or terrorist attack. The future time horizon can range from planning an event years in advance to planning to carry out the act immediately after passing through screening."
Unlike most other security measures, FAST is not aimed at finding contraband or explosives but at identifying suspicious people before they can cause trouble. FAST expands a trend currently expressed through the behavior detection officers who are part of a TSA (Transportation Security Administration) program entitled Screening Passengers by Observation Technique (SPOT). These TSA screeners are trained to spot and detain questionable people even if the people have done nothing wrong; about 3,000 behavior-detection officers are currently spread throughout America's airport system.
FAST aims at mechanizing this detection process, although on-site human analysts will still receive and interpret the data. Pre-criminals will be identified through the use of remote cardiovascular and respiratory sensors, a remote eye tracker, thermal cameras, high-resolution video, and an audio monitor for pitch change. Additional sensors, such as pheromone detectors, are being considered. People with aberrant readings are likely to receive "special treatment" on the suspicion of their being suspicious.
In the recent field test, sensors were embedded in an isolated corridor through which volunteers passed and were "read" as they did so. It is not possible to assess how reliable the readings were because the data is classified. Earlier lab tests, however, claim an accuracy rate of about 70 percent but the tests were non-random, with no blind study or other standard controls. Nevertheless, Undersecretary for the Science and Technology Directorate for Homeland Security, Jay Cohen, has pronounced the first stage of FAST to be a "home run." This means the program will not only seek to expand but will also be installed in areas through which everyone must pass.

The FAST screening of passengers has three possible stages. If any person triggers a "flag," then the sensors transmit a warning to on-site analysts, and the person may be taken to one side. The flagged person undergoes "micro-facial scanning and enhanced questioning" during which muscle movements in the face are measured to ascertain his mood and intentions. After enhanced screening, the person is assigned a "malintent level" that determines his subsequent handling.
What happens to those judged as a high risk? No information is available but it is reasonable to assume the treatment would not differ significantly from that which was meted out by TSA behavior-detection officers.
In August 2009, a California college student named Nicholas George went through a checkpoint at the Philadelphia airport. George was studying Arabic. In his bag, TSA behavior-detection officers found both flash cards with Arabic words and a book on foreign policy. He received "enhanced questioning" before being handcuffed by the Philadelphia police, who held him for four hours. After being questioned by F.B.I. agents, George was released without charges.
Backlash against FAST
Most criticism of FAST revolves around the accuracy of the data. In Nature News (May 26, 2010) Sharon Weinberger explained, "No scientific evidence exists to support the detection or inference of future behaviour, including intent," declares a 2008 report prepared by the JASON defence advisory group. And the TSA had no business deploying SPOT across the nation's airports "without first validating the scientific basis for identifying suspicious passengers in an airport environment," stated a two-year review of the programme released on 20 May by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the investigative arm of the US Congress.
Many experts do not believe there are identifiable physiological indicators that are directly linked to malicious intentions or pre-criminals. The indicators measured by FAST - for example, a speedy heart beat - could easily be caused by the anxiety of confronting armed TSA officers, a fear of flying, a fight with your spouse, stress at work, being in a rush, or too much coffee. In short, many experts do not consider FAST's mission to be scientific or technologically sound. To them, it is akin to phrenology - a "science" revolving around the shape and measurement of the brain and skull - which became a tool through which some 19th-century police departments detected pre-criminals by examining the bumps on their heads.
But critiques of data effectiveness miss the point of FAST. The point is to expand social control and, at that task, FAST may prove remarkably effective.
Since 9/11, the TSA has conditioned Americans to accept an ever-

increasing totalitarianism at airports in exchange for the traveling within their own nation. From rigid I.D. requirements, off clothing at command, from tiny bottles in plastic bags to pat-downs ... Americans have proven to be amazingly compliant when a stranger gropes their children's genitals. The TSA has created the Newer American - a citizen who is even more obedient before and half-frightened and half-awed by men in uniform. American lines up passively in queues to have his rights violated by ill-mannered, ill-trained thugs who claim to be helpful and is even grateful for it.
In reality, the TSA is the antithesis of a protector. It views pre-criminals to be surveilled because it presumes them to be innocent. Guilty flyers can currently "prove" their innocence by taking a series of indignities that violate all Fourth Amendment rights. Then, if no contraband is found and no wrong attitude expressed, they will move on to the next guilty flyer. With FAST, however, the possibility of proving your innocence; the absence of contraband; properly subservient attitude cannot hide your perspiration; sensors; you are condemned by your unexpressed thoughts and by your presumed malicious intentions. Based solely on the camera machinery, you can be detained, placed under surveillance or your movements, not your actions, make you guilty.
FAST is coming soon
The field test for FAST has been declared "a success." The logical extension of the TSA's behavior-detection officers, SPOT, and malintent programs. Certainly within TSA, there is a push to expand and ever expand its authority.
Nevertheless, it is not certain that FAST will be implemented at the airport system. Cost is one barrier. Practical concerns, such as the rate of false positives, is another. Political backlash poses a possibility. Perhaps the most ominous aspect of FAST is that the field test conducted by using a movable lab of equipment and personnel resembled nothing so much as a huge recreational trailer. The lab assures us, can be transported to provide security for train, bus, and events ... for everything from an inauguration to little Johnnie's party. Yes, the totalitarianism that defines the modern airport is your neighborhood, like a depraved ice cream truck, and for the sake of sense of freedom."
Wendy McElroy is the author of The Reasonable Woman: A Journey of Intellectual Survival (Prometheus Books, 1998). She actively writes websites: http://www.ifeminists.com and http://www.wendymcelroy.com. For additional articles on current events visit Ms. McElroy, please visit the Commentary section of our website.

Rockwall County Sports

Junior Olympics meets next for Richardson

Rockwall's busy summer will conclude with two national track and field meets at the end of this month. Senior-to-be already has had a successful "off" season. Her personal best in the long jump at June's Great Southwest meet in Albuquerque, N.M. Richardson set a personal best of 19 feet, 4 inches in the long jump at June's Great Southwest meet in Albuquerque, N.M. Richardson set a personal best of 19 feet, 4 inches in the long jump at June's Great Southwest meet in Albuquerque, N.M. Richardson set a personal best of 19 feet, 4 inches in the long jump at June's Great Southwest meet in Albuquerque, N.M.

Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath compete in state 7 on 7 tournament this weekend

Qualifiers for the state 7 on 7 Division I football championships will be competing simultaneously during the weekend. Rockwall will face El Paso Riverside. Arlington's high school team reached the 5A playoffs last fall; playoffs along with RHS. The matchups will be Round Rock McNeil in Pool N for Rockwall-Heath and Langham Creek from the Cypress-Heath will face another CFISD team, Jersey Village, while Rockwall plays Klein Forest. Rockwall will represent 5A and 4A schools. After Friday's pool play, the 64-team field will be split, with those finishing first-four team pool moving on Saturday to the Championship round beginning at 9 a.m. and the third- and fourth-place teams competing in the consolation round at 8 a.m. The championship will be played at A&M's Kyle Field, with the Consolation championship scheduled for 3 p.m. and the State championship at 7 p.m.

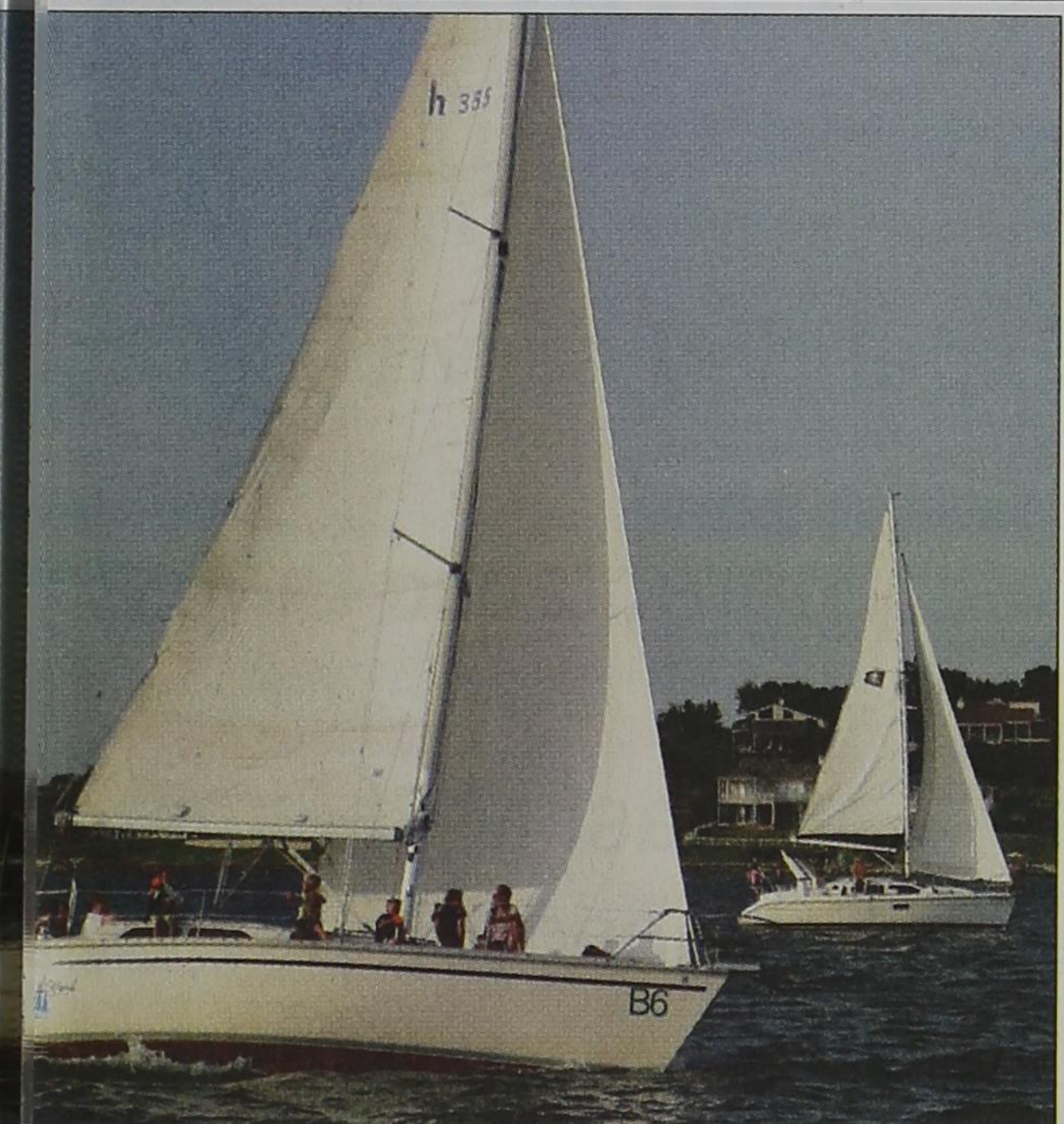


Brianna Richardson in the Long Jump event during the 2011 UIL State Track and Field Meet in Austin. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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'Hotter Tuna' takes 1st Saturday night sailing race

Hotter than the weather when Robert Williams sailed "Hotter Tuna" to first place in the first race of the Saturday Night Series on Lake Ray Hubbard. The 5-boat race was held in a 5-10 mph wind from the south, Dan Malak finished second in "Orion" and Chris Nelms was third in "Silver". The Summer Wednesday Night Series July 6, Brian Taylor led the nine-boat A Fleet across the finish line in his "Rented Mule" were Marshall Mackenzie, second in "Superman's Cape"; Scott Self, third in "Soap" and Jeff Willis, fifth in "Cuttin Up." The B Fleet race was held in a 5-10 mph wind from the west. Still, "Rented Mule" was able to cover 4 nautical miles in 40 minutes. The six-boat B Fleet in "Wings." Second was David Lawson in "Respite," with Keelan Manuel third in "Joint".



First Saturday night's Chandler's Landing race, is the boat "Three Sheets to the Wind" (at front). The boat is owned and skippered by Roy and Kathy Kuipers of Chandler's Landing of Rockwall. The boat "Blue Moon" can be seen at back off Three Sheets' bow. Blue Moon is a Hunter 310, owned and skippered by Dan Malak, also of Chandler's Landing. Photo by Dan Malak/Rockwall County News



Ginger is an outgoing, friendly tri-color Chihuahua-mix. She is heartworm positive, but Rockwall PAWS will cover the expenses of her treatment. She is all ready for adoption - spayed, micro-chipped and vaccinated. Call the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center at 972-771-7750 or visit 1825 Airport Road in Rockwall. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Georgia is a peach of a dog with a winning personality. This blue heeler/Catahoula mix is heartworm positive, but Rockwall PAWS will cover the expenses of her treatment. She is ready for adoption - spayed, micro-chipped and vaccinated. Call the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center at 972-771-7750 or visit 1825 Airport Road in Rockwall. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Rockwall ISD Child Nutrition receives state awards

The Rockwall Independent School District Child Nutrition Department was tapped to receive several awards from the Texas Association of School Nutrition at its June 21 annual conference in Fort Worth. Awards received included: School Nutrition Specialist of the Year Award - Cathy Morgan, specialist at Jones Elementary, is this year's recipient. Morgan has been with the RISD Child Nutrition Department for two years. During that time she has become involved in the Rockwall Association for School Nutrition. She also has become a lead, which is one step from manager. Partnership in Nutrition Award - Elizabeth Williams, child nutrition manager at Nebbie Williams Elementary, was nominated for this award for her presentation to promote the consumption of fruits and vegetables by the kindergarten classes at her school. Williams used unusual fruits and vegetables and presented information about them to the kindergarten students. She also gave them the opportunity to feel, smell and taste the foods. Breakfast Participation Award - Awarded to school districts that obtain 10 percent increases or more in breakfast participation. The RISD increased breakfast participation by 15 percent over the previous year. Certification Award - Awarded to a local chapter achieving 50 percent or better of TASN-certified members. The award is based on the current year's ration of TASN certified member to total TASN membership. The RISD achieved 63 percent. "I am excited for our staff who has worked all year on the goals that earned them these awards," said Julie Farris, nutrition director for the RISD. "Our trained professionals provide quality foods and excellent customer service to our students on a daily basis. We are part of education. No child can learn if their stomach is empty."



Officers for the 2011-2012 Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers, pictured above, attended the Crowd Pleasers Officers Camp at the Hyatt Regency at DFW June 16-19. Officer camp presents character-building challenges with an emphasis on leadership while providing an environment that encourages team-bonding and growth. Team awards won by the RHHS group included Superior Performance Home Routine Award, Top Scoring Home Routine, Most Outstanding Choreography for Home Routine and the Gold Elite Award. Pictured are, at back, Bree Statham, Erin Shaw, Rachel Smith, Maddie Mills, Kayla Bender and Ashlee Lindemann. At front are Victoria Pulley, director Monica Lyon, Kristina Starnes and Kurstin Hill. Taking individual awards were Mills, Statham and Hill, each named a Super Star Dancer. Statham also won the Super Star Elite Award, which is given to the top 10 dancers at the camp. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Entertainment

- Classic rock concert slated**
The classic rock band Railhead will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. July 21 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.
- Professor D to give concert**
The variety band Professor D will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. July 28 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.
- Country band to take stage Aug. 4**
King Buck's, a country band, will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.
- Eagles tribute band scheduled**
The Eagles tribute band Fastland will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.
- Cajun/Zydeco concert to end season**
Ponty Bone, a Cajun/Zydeco band, will give the final performance of the Concert by the Lake 2011 series at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

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