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Local celebrations planned to mark Independence Day

For some patriotic fun? Feeling a little red, white and blue? There are plenty of activities planned to mark this weekend's Independence Day holiday. Whether it's fireworks, parades or Popsicles, there's a nearby celebration perfect for everyone looking for a bit of July observance.



A handful of the volunteers from the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall who traveled to Texas last month to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Ike is shown at front is Michael Logue. Also pictured are Jonathan Dutsch, Zack Thacker, Ryan Nightingale, David Dutsch and Laura Tennent. The group worked on the Port Arthur home of the Pickens family. The family evacuated prior to the hurricane's landfall two years ago, but returned to find their home missing its roof and sections of the front wall. The volunteers installed a ceiling and learned how to tape and plaster Drywall, which then was sanded and painted. "The trip had an impact on me, said Logue, one of the volunteers. "I had to step out of my comfort zone. I enjoyed learning new construction skills and using them to help the Pickens family."

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Listed below are a few of the many celebrations scheduled, listed in chronological order:

It's all about the 'Que

The Rowlett Exchange Club will host a charity fundraiser, 'QueFest, today, Saturday and Sunday at Lake Ray Hubbard's Elgin Robertson Park, I-30 and Dalrock.

Scheduled entertainment will include, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. today, Jonny Lang and Cory Morrow; from noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Joan Jett and Black Tie Dynasty; and from Sunday noon to 11 p.m., Tracy Lawrence and Charlie Robinson. Local bands also will be entertaining.

Barbecue from many local restaurants will be served, as well as many Texas State Fair favorites: Fletcher's Corny Dogs, fried butter, fried cookie dough, chicken- and sausage-on-a-stick, funnel cakes and fried green tomatoes.

Admission will cost \$8 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. Children under 5 will be admitted free, as will active military personnel with military ID. To purchase tickets online visit quefest.org. Tickets also will be available at the gate.

All funds raised will benefit the club's community service programs.

Fireworks & Festivities

Royse City will play host to its 5th Annual 4th of July Fireworks & Festivities beginning at 6:30 p.m. today at Bulldog Stadium at Hwy. 66 and FM 1777.

Concessions will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., and the band will play during that same time period. The show's opening ceremony will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Food, drinks, games and contests are planned for the family fun event.

The fireworks display is scheduled for approximately 9:15 p.m.

For more details, visit roysecity.com.

Scouting out pancakes

Boy Scout Troop 314 will sponsor a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Saturday before and during the annual Heath Independence Day parade.

Pancake pick-up will be located at the corner of Smirl and Hubbard Drive at the American National Bank ATM drive-thru. To-go meals will be \$5; proceeds will help fund troop activities.

To purchase tickets contact Mary Thacker at 972-722-1215 or marythacker@sbcglobal.net.

Heath parade, Popsicles

The City of Heath's annual Independence Day parade and Popsicles in the Park event will take place Saturday.

Staging for the parade will begin at 8 a.m., with judging and awards at 8:30 a.m.

The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary and will run along Laurence Drive. Veterans are invited to ride the Veterans Flat.

The city plans to close some roads from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. to accommodate the parade. Closures will include parts of FM 740, FM 1140, Terry Lane, Larry Drive and Hubbard Drive.

For more details call Kim Dobbs at 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com.

Flags, frozen treats at Farmer's Market

The Rockwall Farmer's Market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday, with special plans to mark the Independence Day holiday.

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B&G Club has rich history of investing in children's futures

by Patricia Nolan Butts

Quick: Name a Rockwall County private non-profit youth development agency that offers affordable after-school and summer activities for first through twelfth graders.

The Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall County (BGC-Rockwall) hopes the question does not confound.

Executive director Gordon L. Eldredge said they don't want to be the best-kept secret in town. Instead, he and the BGC-Rockwall board and community supporters want to spread the word that students in Rockwall County have opportunity for positive, fun, enriching, even life-changing activities year-round in a safe, friendly, adult-supervised place.

In fact, Eldredge said, "If you give me two days' notice and have two people who want to hear about the club's vision to impact young lives in a positive way, I'll be there."

Long history with clubs

He's not kidding. He is a man with a passion "to help kids be what they can be." His knowledge is personal, because he was himself one of those children, helped in life skills and character lessons from age 7 to 18 by a (then) Boys Club in his hometown of Baltimore.

After college, Eldredge became program director and then executive director for one of the Baltimore Boys Clubs. Later, he moved to Billings, Mont., to charter a club where he spent 25 years helping youngsters.

Now, two months into his leadership role at BGC-Rockwall, Eldredge has been director of Boys and Girls Clubs for 50 years, nearly half the 104-year history of the Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA).

People tend to believe him when he says, "The programs we offer work." He's had ample opportunity to observe that "we have a big tradition and legacy."

Boys and Girls Club alumni Denzel Washington and Jennifer Lopez, as well as Shaquille O'Neal and Bill Clinton are among those who would agree with that assessment. Not to mention Bill Cosby, Michael Jordan, Brad Pitt and others who credit the influence of the BGCA for new skills, character lessons, leadership training, and healthy role models during their formative years.

The Boys and Girls Club-Rockwall, located in the former Dobbs Elementary School (now Dobbs Annex) on Interurban Street, is one of 4,500 affiliates in the United States. The local club opened in 2005 under the leadership of Gene Burton, now retired Rockwall Independent School District superintendent. He and other community leaders recognized the value of and need for extended day services to children who might otherwise be unsupervised after school and in the summer.

BGC-Rockwall is open to all 6-18 year olds, but makes a particular effort to reach out to children from economically disadvantaged homes.

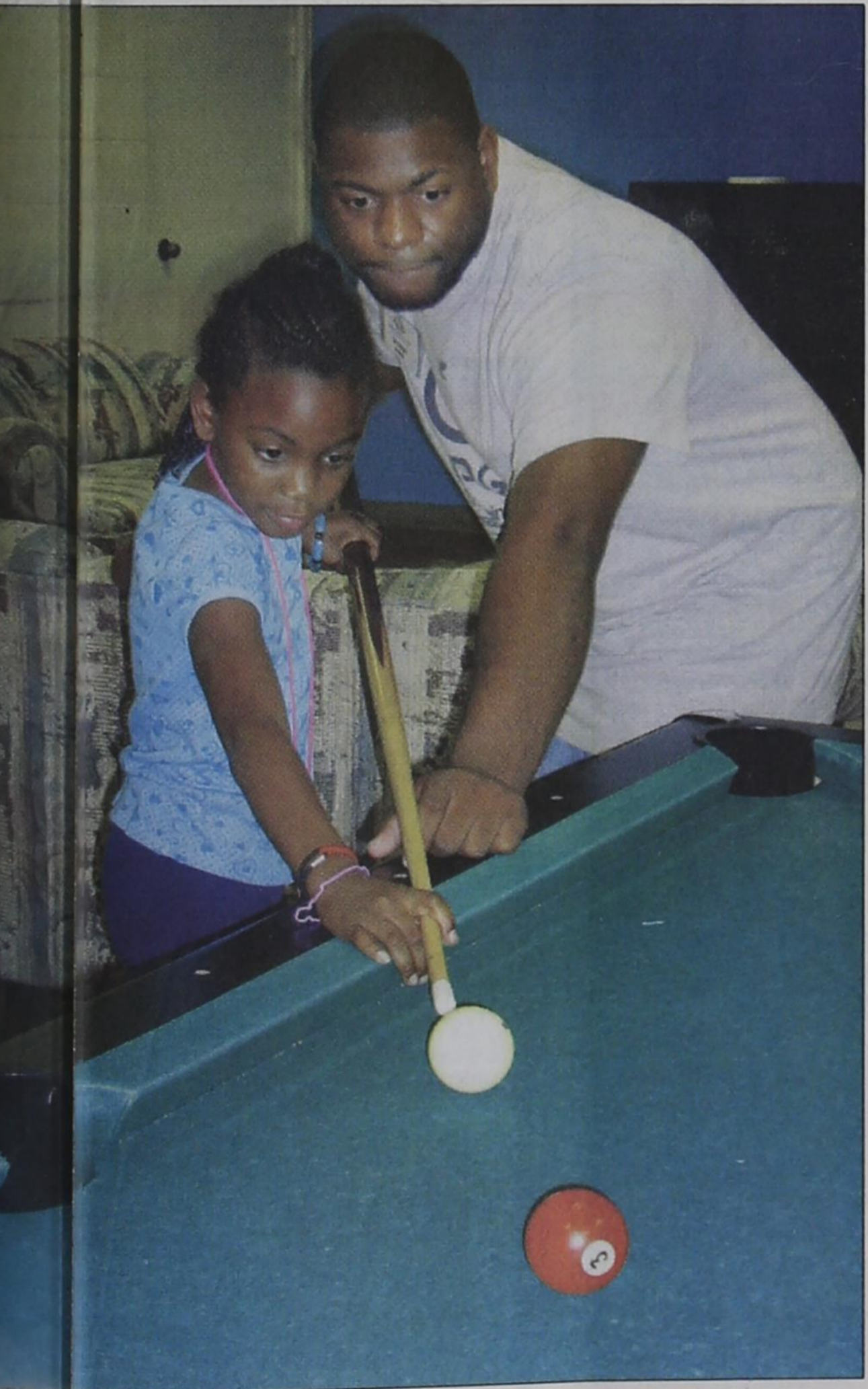
Funding critical

How can this agency welcome nearly 150 students (and counting) for 11 hours a day for not just recreation, but such programs as peer mediation training, counseling, tutoring, and leadership development? As a community-based organization, it relies totally on donations for its operation.

But, says director Eldredge, "just because you're a nonprofit doesn't mean you're going to get support." It is at this point that local service groups, businesses and individuals who see the importance of Boys and Girls Club to the community are stepping up to the bat.

Consider Rockwall businessman Jonathan Lenertz. He and fellow members of the band Spector's Gun Collection put on a Harbor Rock! benefit concert June 12 at The Harbor to raise money and awareness for BGC-Rockwall. Why? Lenertz said he has a longstanding debt to Boys and Girls Clubs, dating from his childhood in Fairbanks, Ala., where a Boys Club mentor and coach "took a troubled kid and gave me

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Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club volunteer Justin Daniels (right) teaches Skyler Johnson how to play pool at the club's pool table.

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Independence Day Celebrations

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In addition to the usual array of fruits and vegetables, Wendell Callaway and his group, Texas Legacy, will perform from 10 a.m. to noon in the style of Bob Wells and the Sons of the Pioneers.

Friends of the Square will be on hand to distribute small American flags to wave at the parade, along with frozen treats.

Parading in Rockwall

The annual Rockwall Fourth of July parade will wind its way through downtown beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The parade will form at 10:30 a.m. on Kaufman Street just west of Fannin Street and will go west on Kaufman to the square, turn south on San Jacinto, east on Rusk, south on Fannin, then east on Washington to Clark, north on Kaufman and back to the square.

For more details call Sheri Fowler, 214-926-6466.

Ice cream 'n' fireworks

Joy Lutheran Church, located

at 302 N. Goliad St. (one block north of the Rockwall house), will host a fireworks watch party beginning Sunday.

Participants (who are encouraged to bring lawn chairs) will enjoy the fireworks show and some free homemade ice cream.

Patriotic pyrotechnics

The City of Rockwall is planning a Fourth of July fireworks display. Synchronized to patriotic music, the display will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday at Harry Myers Park.

Suggested parking areas outside of the park include the Rockwall Athletic Complex, Dobbs Elementary, the RISD Elementary School gym and, of course, the park. For public safety, the area of the park will be closed.

Those planning to view the fireworks display are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets and FM radios.

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Rockwall County July 4th activities

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childhood in Fairbanks, Ala., where a Boys Club mentor and coach "took a troubled kid and gave me focus and taught me there were such things as goals." Although now, he said, "I can't remember the coach's name. I remember every day the lessons he taught me. You never know what a difference

your guidance and personal support in the life of a child is going to make."

Lenertz praised the Boys and Girls Club volunteers as "tireless" and their work as "phenomenal". Although he has heavy demands on his time with the two IT consulting and software development businesses he owns, ("I think my coach

maybe overdid it a little."), he looks forward to continue and help for the Boys and Girls Club.

Another example of the Rockwall County board with this community effort on behalf of the Girls Club. The new, all new, one-year election payments collection month of July.

Whole community BGC-Rockwall came involved with Girls Club through to aid battered women community and families that constructive children can have.

"During the school kids have some school they don't draw them into their future choices."

Banks also noted club-to-home the club a student help with homework. Mom comes home and, freed from the monitoring school benefit is twofold help for the student tive overflow into tionships."

Local and national building relationships directing children in pursuits is a strong the children's future citizens and contribuety, Banks said.

Club kids have a independence, she are "not heavily someone to teach mediate or direct needed. The volunteer do things that build in the kids, and tiant because life can down and going some lifts you up is a big ms, America m

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Wayne Davenport Jr. and Amber Chapman

Chapman, Davenport to marry in Royse City

Phillip and Kerri Chapman of Rockwall are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amber Nicole Chapman, to Wayne Davenport Jr., son of Kenneth and Sandy Davenport of Garland.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Rowlett High School who received a bachelor's degree in education from Texas Woman's University in 2006.

The prospective bridegroom, a 1998 graduate of South Garland High, received a bachelor's degree in agricultural education in 2003 and a master's in animal science in 2005 from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

The couple plans to set July 31, 2010, at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City.

They plan to make their home in Sulphur Springs.

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City of Heath closed today
 The City of Heath will be closed today in observance of the Fourth of July. Normal business hours will resume on July 3. The use of fireworks within the city limits is prohibited.

Library closing for holiday observance
 The Rockwall County Library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Fourth of July holiday. The facility will be open on Tuesday.

City of Rockwall offices plan holiday
 The City of Rockwall will be closed on Monday to mark the Fourth of July holiday, according to a municipal news release. Recycling and bulk pick-ups will run on regular schedule.

Camp to focus on earth topics
 The Planet will be offered to youths ages 6-12 on July 5-9 at the RISD Education Center gym. The camp will focus on several areas of science, including biology, chemistry and physics. Cost is \$165 for Rockwall residents, \$195 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet
 The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Gigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost is \$10, which includes a meal and tip; pay at the door. No reservations are necessary. The gathering is open to all area Republicans. For more information, contact Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

Ballet classes available
 Ballet classes for individuals ages 18 and older will be offered from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays July 7-28 and August 4-25. Cost is \$48 for Rockwall residents, \$72 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Double Ace to perform Thursday
 The Lake series continues Thursday at The Harbor Amphitheater. This week's band is Double Ace. Admission to all concerts is free. Participants are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the amphitheatre, which is located behind the Hilton.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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Remembering July 4th

On the 4th of July as a kid my dad drove me to our small town to watch the fireworks show. I remember listening to the high school band, reassembled and playing patriotic music. We heard the mayor talk and then we stood respectfully as the local VFW band played. Tears filled our eyes as we heard a young lady sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

My dad said to me, "This is America. Most people are proud to be American. But... I chose to be an American."

My dad was an immigrant and very proud of his chosen country. He said America was the greatest country on earth. If you asked him why, he would tell you why. Then you had better be prepared to answer.

My dad was the best of America, my dad believed, was that in my life I could drive could achieve anything they wanted. The American way was the legal, economic and political system as well as a culture of freedom-loving people who achieved excellence and who actually cheered for their country. My dad believed this was all a direct result of the fact that America was founded upon biblical values. He would say, "America is a great country in the world because America was founded on an ideal and God blessed America."

My dad was not oblivious to the problems and difficulties America faced. But he was proud of the fact that when America was in trouble, America made good choices and took right po-

My dad was an immigrant from South Africa and of Italian and Dutch descent. He saw America lead the world in defeating the Nazis, Hitler, Nazi statism and halt the Holocaust. He saw America take steps to eliminate racism within. My dad was generous to build up former enemies and friends from worldwide and finally defeat communism. My dad, in seventh grade last year, asked me what a communist was. I remember. But I'm afraid that if we all don't intentionally remember what made and makes America great and the fight to preserve it, we may forget and then lose our great America!

Leonie is a lawyer who has lived in Rockwall County with her family for over 30 years. The opinions expressed are his own.

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NAMI support groups to meet

Two free NAMI support groups – one for those with mental illness (Room 121) and one for their families (Room 123, B Bldg.) – will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 10 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield, 972-412-6030, for more details.

First Christian plans VBS

The First Christian Church of Rockwall will host a vacation Bible school, "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace," from 9 a.m. to noon July 12-15. The VBS will be open to children ages 3 through fifth grade (completed). The church is located at 3375 Ridge Road in Rockwall, 1.4 miles south of I-30. For more details call 972-771-5526 during business hours Monday through Thursday.

Ouachita Nat'l Forest camp event set

Youths ages 10-17 can participate in the Ouachita National Forest Day Camps set for July 12-16 and July 26-30. The program will emphasize leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, "leave no trace" and advanced survival skills. Cost is \$395 for Rockwall residents, \$593 for non-residents; all camping and backpacking gear, transportation, food and entrance fees included. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Tot-Teams of Tomorrow offered

TOT-Teams of Tomorrow will be offered to preschoolers ages 3-5 July 12-15 and July 19-22. Activities will run from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the RISD Education Center gym, with participants learning ball-handling skills and educational concepts such as space, rockets, sun, moon and constellations. Cost is \$68 for Rockwall residents, \$102 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

DA to discuss 'senior scams'

Rockwall County DA Kenda Culpepper will give a free presentation on how to recognize and avoid senior scams beginning at 10:30 a.m. July 14 in the Rockwall County Library Meeting Room. Topics will include identity theft, Internet scams, phone scams, mail fraud and door-to-door solicitation. She also will provide info on new legislation involving seniors and tips for avoid elder abuse and exploitation. No reservations required; light refreshments will be provided.

Bon Jovi cover band to perform

The Concert by the Lake series continues July 15 at The Harbor Amphitheater. This week's band is the Bon Jovi cover band Blaze of Glory. Admission to all concerts, which begin at 7:30 p.m., is free. Participants are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the amphitheatre, which is located behind the Hilton.

AARP Defensive Driving class planned

The AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving class for individuals ages 50 and older will run from noon to 4 p.m. July 16 at The Center. Class attendees are eligible for a discount on their auto insurance (class good for insurance purposes only). Cost is \$12 for Rockwall residents (\$14 if a non-AARP member), \$18 for non-residents (\$21 for non-members). For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Day camp planned at M-Wells

A day camp for individuals ages 10 and older will be offered July 17 and July 31 at the Mineral Wells State Park's Penitentiary Hollow. Participants will enjoy a full day of rock climbing while learning new techniques and having fun. The day will begin with a techniques and safety class. Cost is \$75 for Rockwall residents, \$113 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Stingerette dance clinic set July 20-23

The RHS Stingerette Dance Clinic will run July 20-23 at Williams Middle School. Girls entering grades K through 8 can participate. Stingerette officers will teach dance technique; a routine will be performed on the camp's final day. Participants will receive clinic T-shirts and individual photos with the Stingerettes. Participants will perform with the Stingerettes in the pre-game spirit line at the first RHS football game. Cost is \$70 (register by June 26) or \$80 at the door. Contact Gail Crawford at gcraw4d@sbcglobal.net or 972-743-5655 to register.

Intro to Computers class slated

An Intro to Computers class for individuals ages 50 and older will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. July 20-22 at The Center. Cost is \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Professor D to perform

The Concert by the Lake series continues July 22 at The Harbor Amphitheater. This week's band is Professor D, a variety group. Admission to all concerts, which begin at 7:30 p.m., is free. Participants are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the amphitheatre, which is located behind the Hilton.

Wii bowling event planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will play host to a Wii Bowling event at 10 a.m. July 26. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Spy Masters camp scheduled

Rockwall ISD trustees approve \$104.5 million budget with no tax increase

Following a June 21 public hearing, members of the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a \$104.5 million general budget with no tax increase for the 2010-2011 school year.

The budget comes with almost \$8 million in cuts but still dips into reserve funds for half-a-million dollars, an amount trustees hope to avoid using by finding additional savings over the coming year.

Even with some revenue uncertainty, board members approved a 2 percent of the midpoint raise for staff. That amount for teachers, nurses and librarians is about \$1,020.

"We met for several months over this budget and think we've done an extraordinary job and made some substantial decisions," chief financial officer Mike Singleton said. "It's something we can live with. It did not solve everything we wanted to solve."

Resident Art Ruff offered the only comments generated by citizens, warning the board of more economic difficulties to come and suggesting the teacher raise wait until mid-year.

"I can look around this town and see may retail spaces and offices not leased. I have neighbors who have been foreclosed on," he said. "We're not out of the woods on houses being foreclosed on. How can the appraisal district thin we're going to have the revenue we had last year?"

Singleton explained that staff pay raises could not be put off until mid-year because of the nature of teacher contracts and invited Ruff to spend some time with him to learn how the school budget was put together.

A copy of the budget and other financial information is available at the school district's website: rockwallisd.com/Departments/Finance.aspx.

Boys & Girls Club ...

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is happening right now," said BGC-Rockwall board member Brenda Keilers.

"We currently have approximately 135 children daily and we are open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The children work in the computer lab, have arts and crafts time, gym, game time and swimming," she said.

Club members also can play on sports fields, shoot hoops, play foosball and billiards, or sign up for any classes offered, such as dance or martial arts. Their opportunities are often limited only by volunteers available to work with the youngsters.

The club actively seeks volunteers to assist the children with skills or to supervise their play.

"We are more than a recreation facility and we are not a daycare," Eldredge said.

He echoes the mission statement on the club's website (begratrockwall.org): "We have a proven curriculum... helping our youth face difficult challenges with daily, guidance-oriented character development programs. We have earned the reputation of being 'the positive place for kids.'"

Library to offer computer classes

The Rockwall County Library will offer three-day computer classes during the month of July.

Classes will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will run July 12-14 and July 19-21. All classes are conducted in the library's technology lab.

Individuals interested in participating are required to make reservations, and each participant must have a library card.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Barbara Ann Ayres

A memorial service for Barbara Ann Ayres, 67, of Terrell, formerly of Rowlett and Garland, was to have been at 10 a.m. today, Friday, July 2, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Saturday, June 26. Born June 4, 1943, in Bangor, Maine, to Edward Stanley and Emilene (Richardson) Matthey, she married Carl Leroy Ayres on April 4, 1964, in San Francisco, Calif. She was an accomplished artist in oil painting and was a Presbyterian.

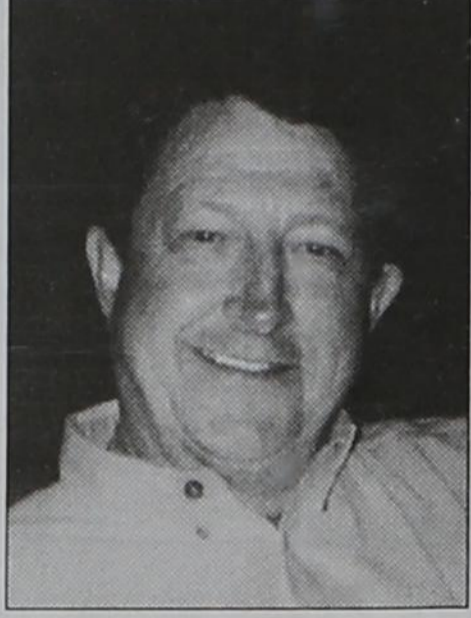
Survivors include her husband, Carl Ayres of Terrell; her sons, Karl Ayres and his wife, Deisha, of Clearlake, Calif., Issac Ayres and his wife, Jamie, of Fate, Robert Ayres and his wife, Valerie, of Roysse City and Ronald Ayres of Lewisville; her sister, Betty Matthey of Fresno, Calif.; and her granddaughters, Lyla and Leah.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Larry 'Dwayne' Carr

A memorial service for Larry "Dwayne" Carr, 65, of Garland, was conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Chaplain Paul Ramler officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died June 24. Born Dec. 16, 1944, in Mountain Home, Ark., to James Wesley and Letha Faye (Gurley) Carr, he served in the U.S. Army and was a dealer in the wholesale auto industry. Survivors include his wife, Julia



"Julie" (Hansen) Carr of Garland; his daughters, Michelle Pittman and husband, Brad, of Melissa and Nicki Schmid and husband, Chris, of Frisco; his brothers, Wesley Carr and his wife, Judy, of Rockwall, Jerry Carr of Dallas and James "Butch" Carr and his wife, Karen, of Kingston, Okla.; his sisters, Joyce Martin and her husband, David, of Mesquite and Katherine Kaye Mays of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Rebecca and Josh Pittman and Kyle and Adam Schmid; numerous nieces and nephews; and a brother-in-law, Steven A. Hansen and his wife, Pam, of Monroe, La.

His parents; his brother, Roy Carr; and a brother-in-law, Mark E. Hansen, preceded him in death.

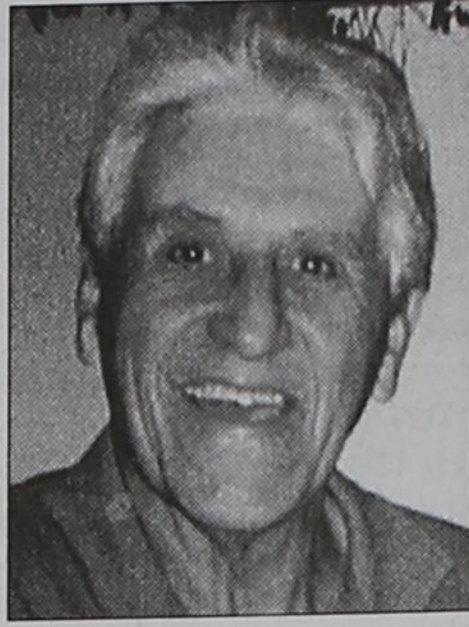
The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, the National Kidney Foundation or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Bill Gorman

A memorial service for Bill Gorman, 83, of Rockwall is pending with David Sharp officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died June 4. Born Aug. 24, 1926, in Oswego, N.Y., to William and Helen (Smith) Gorman, he earned a master's degree at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He and his wife started Demo Specialists in 1983 after he retired as an executive with New York Life and Farm Bureau. He retired from Demo Specialists in 2006 and volunteered with the Rockwall County Meals on Wheels. He had been a resident of Rockwall for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Ginny (Romer) Gorman of Rockwall; his daughters, Lisa Parrish and her husband, Jim, of Terrell and Leslie Gorman and her partner, Charlotte Rasche, of Houston; his son, David Gorman and his fiancée, Dena Reitsma, of Arlington; his constant companion, Jessie, a rescue Doberman; and his sisters, Sally Caton of Earlville, N.Y., Suzanne Watts and her husband, Michael, of Bethlehem, Pa., and Joan Roberts of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.



He had been a resident of Rockwall for 30 years.

His parents preceded him in death. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Rockwall Committee on Aging, Meals on Wheels, 950 Williams, Suite 200, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Paul G. Hendrix

Graveside services for Paul G. Hendrix, 86, of Rowlett were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2010, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died June 24. Born Aug. 25, 1923, in Glade-water to John George and Thelma (Jackson) Hendrix, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was the owner of a business. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his sons, Donnie Hendrix, Kenne Hendrix, wife, Ellen, and Allen Hendrix and his wife, Sandy; his grandsons, Heather, Kyle and Amber; four great-grandchildren; and his daughter, Barbara.

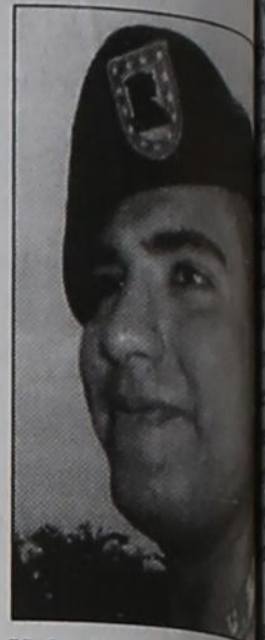
His parents, his wife, Jerry Hendrix, and one brother preceded him in death.

Kyle Matthew Holguin

Services for Kyle Matthew Holguin, 27, of Forney were conducted at noon Tuesday, June 29, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died June 24.

Born June 13, 1983, in Mesquite, he served his country in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Amanda Lavele (Murphy) of Forney; his daughter, Taylor Malinski; his son, Cayden Allen Holguin; his father, Alex Holguin and his wife, Sylvia Maza; his mother, Lisa Mewbourn and her husband, Jack; his brothers and sisters, Brian Holguin, Stephanie Holguin, Stacie Fox, Megan Godinez and Jackson Mewbourn; his grandmothers, Lela and Annie Holguin; his grandfathers, Allen Teel and Tico Holguin; his sisters, Ashley, Hinda and Gina Maza and the Maza family; his law, Larue and Carolyn Yates; and his sister-in-law, Jennifer.



Robertson recognized

Kids Who Care program

A local teen was among the 158 Texas volunteers recognized through Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program. Jessica Robertson, 18, of Rockwall will receive a \$50 Kohl's gift card and a chance at a \$1,000 regional scholarship for outstanding service, according to news release from the retailer. The regional winners will be named in July. From the 200 regional winners, more than 2,100 youths were recognized nationwide "for their service that have made a positive impact on their communities," the retailer said.

R-City offers warrant amnesty through July

The Roysse City Municipal Court is currently offering an amnesty program for individuals who have outstanding Class C misdemeanor warrants according to a city news release. As part of the amnesty program, anyone with an outstanding warrant contacts the court and takes care of the warrant will have his or her fee waived. The amnesty program began Monday and will end July 31. Once the program ends, members of the Roysse City Police Department will begin to seek out individuals with outstanding warrants. Anyone with questions about the program or the status of a warrant, the Roysse City Municipal Court should contact the court at 972-771-7070.

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Proverbs 10:13

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."
Matthew 5:8

Dodd has been named principal of Royse City High School. He was previously the Magnet School principal at Richardson High, Dodd has been with the Richardson Independent School District for 27 years. He has 15 years of classroom administration experience, having served in the roles of principal, coordinator of academic competitions, assistant principal and, most recently, Richardson Magnet High School principal.

Dodd has a Bachelor of Science in Education and principal certification from North Texas State University. He has a tremendous reputation and brings a wide range of experience to the position. "The district is very impressed with him during the interview process and we are excited to have him on the Royse City High School campus," said RCISD superintendent Randy Hancock. "The district is excited to have a man of his caliber on the job for a couple weeks as he prepares for the school year. Dodd replaces Jeff Webb, who was the previous principal and retired."

Dodd will be a part of the Royse City High School staff. "We have a great group of teachers and staff at Royse City High School that I look forward to working with in the coming years. The district's commitment to excellence in all areas is evident when you visit the new science labs and athletic facilities added over the summer."

Dodd will be involved in freshman programming, Professional Learning Communities and AVID (Advancement Via Individual

Determination), a college-readiness system designed to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges.

Dodd said he believes an educator's mission is to make school enjoyable, exciting and successful.

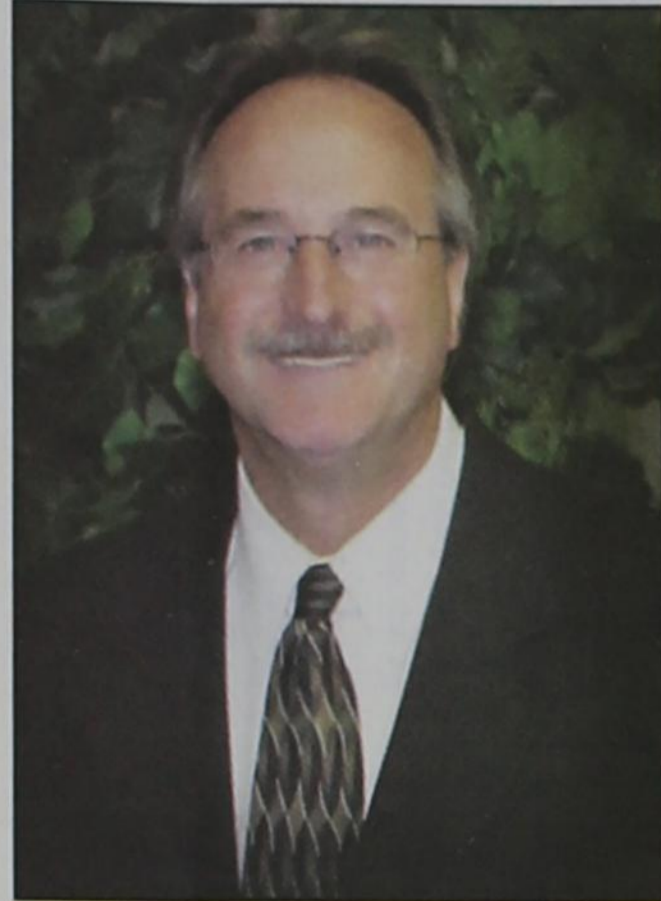
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Academic excellence and providing students the opportunities to showcase their talents in fine arts, sports and CATE (Career and Technology Education) courses is

a goal, Dodd said.

"Every student at RCHS should get involved in at least one club or organization since there is something available for every student."

Dodd is married to Babs Dodd, a retired teacher who taught for 31 years in the Richardson ISD.



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 Spiritual Matters... 1 Corinthians 14:34-40

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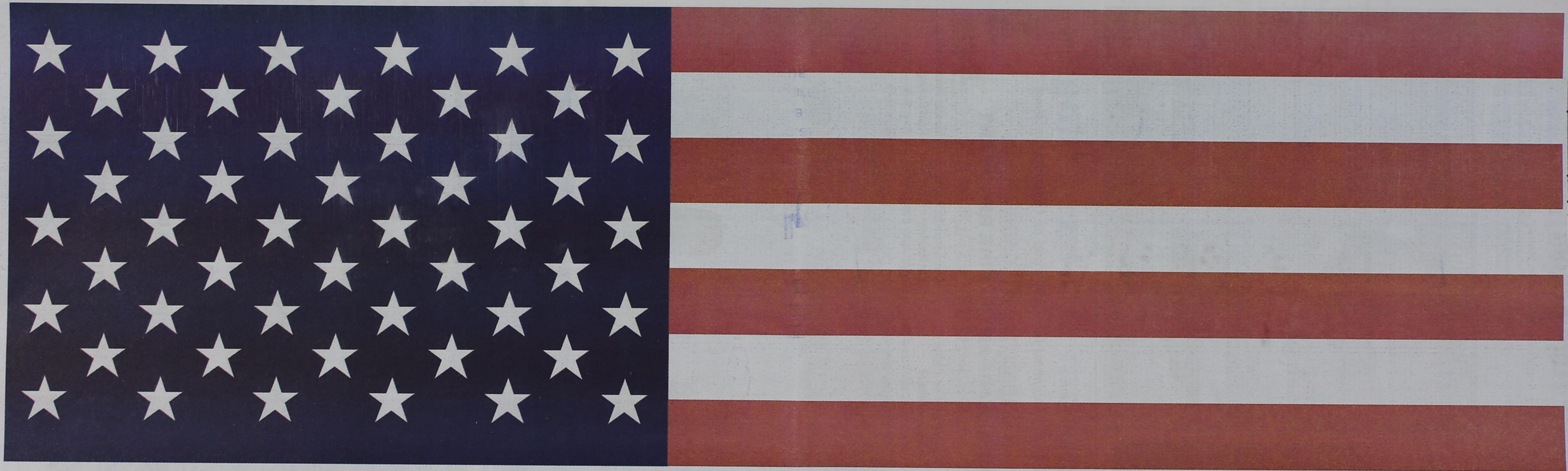
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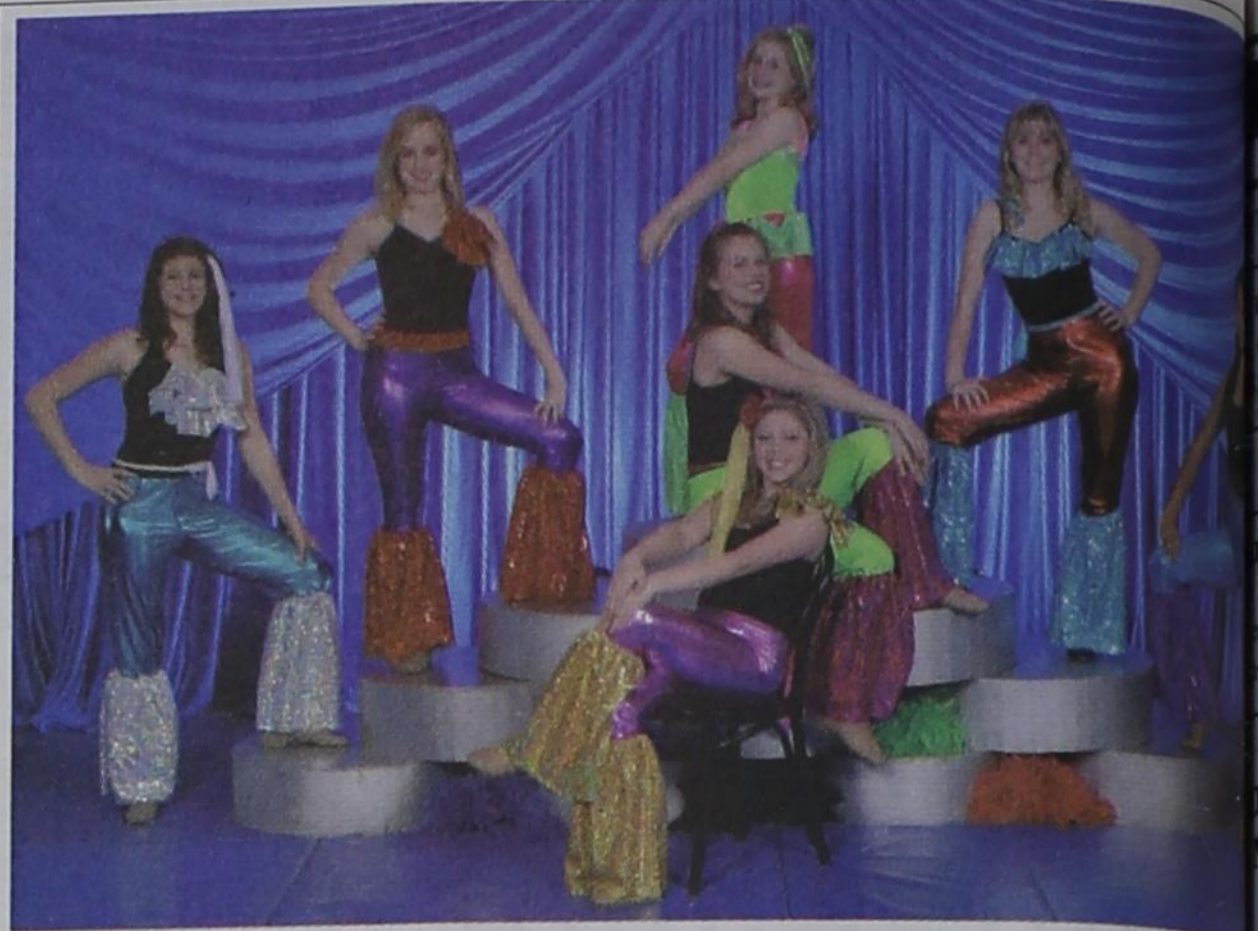
When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a prudent consideration that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers. He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance. He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures. He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power. 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He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

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Larry Fitzgerald, an officer with the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department, competed in the Texas Police Games hosted by the Texas Police Athletic Federation on June 17-18. He earned three gold medals, winning the High Jump competition with an effort of 4'2", the 100 Meters race in a time of 11.6 and the 200 Meters race with a time of 24.08. He also captured a silver in High Jump with a 14'6" jump and a bronze in the Police Pentathlon, which included pulling a 250-pound weight for a distance of 40 yards, a bike course, a 1.5-mile run, a 100-meter run and as many pull-ups as possible in a two-minute period. During last year's games he earned two gold medals. The 27-year-old has been employed with the sheriff's department as a detention officer since October 2008 and is currently working toward a degree in criminal justice at North Texas University.
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Members of Glee Song & Dance, representing Rockwall's C K Studio housed at Heritage Academy, won first place at the recent Southwest Teachers Association of Performing Arts Competition. Pictured are Danielle Ory, Emily Sullivan, Kennedy Kroll, Lana Whittington and Dana La. Front is Christina Prothro and, at middle, Lydia Perkins.
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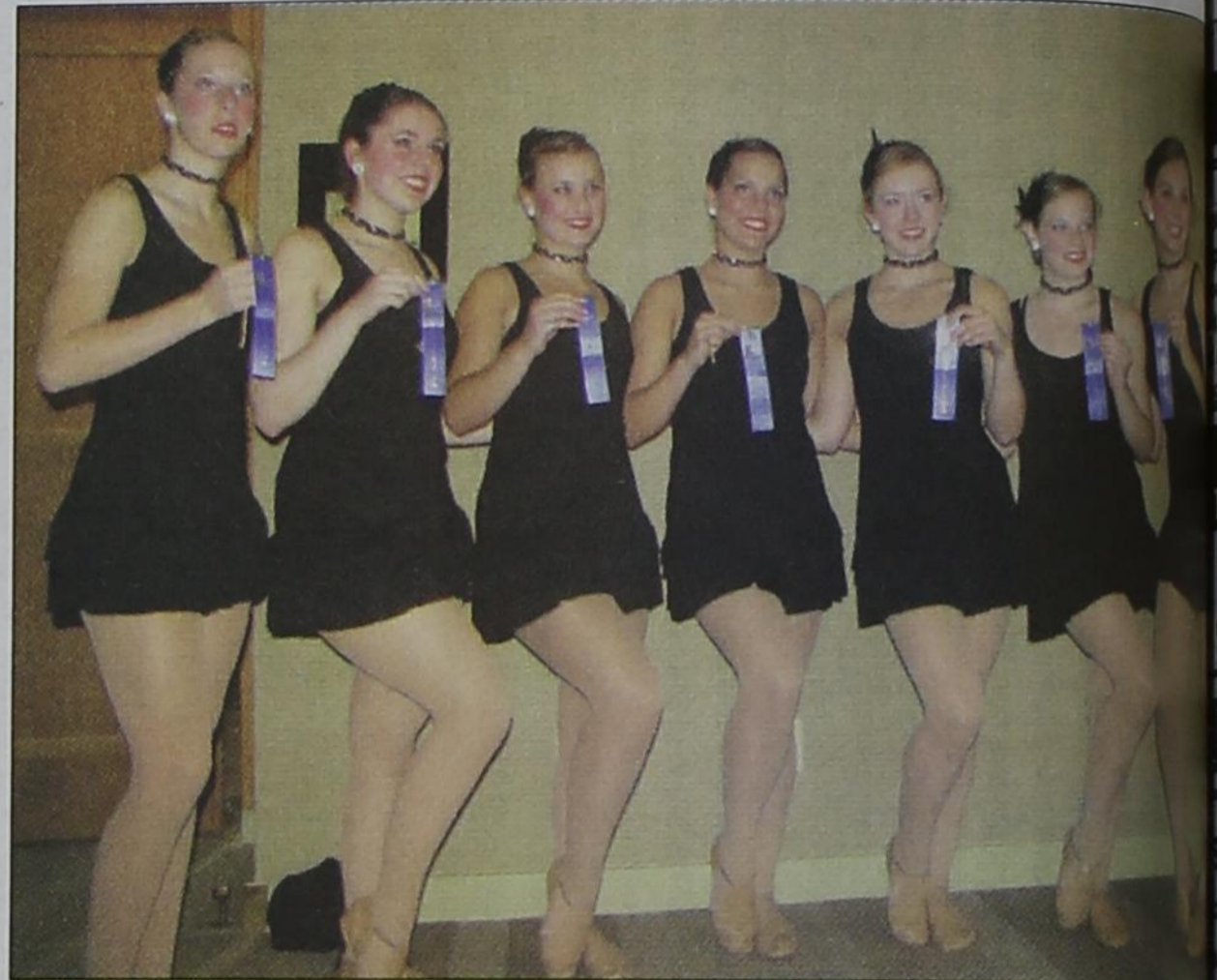


Pusch receives degree in industrial design

Alexander Christian Pusch of Rockwall recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design, according to a news release from the college.
 He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in industrial design.



Aspasians Scholarship Committee members Sharon Huston, Mary South, Dee Ross, Rony and Debrah Berger are pictured with the Aspasians Scholarship recipients: Joseph Hallford and John Kramer. Not pictured is recipient E.J. Macalik. Each year the organization awards four college scholarships totaling \$40,000 to Rockwall-Heath area students.
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Pictured above are officers for the 2010-2011 Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers varsity drill team. From the left, Rachel Smith, junior lieutenant; Kirsten Peek, lieutenant; Emiley Jurgensen, lieutenant; Taylor Short, captain; Savannah Jones, senior lieutenant; Victoria Pulley, junior lieutenant and Kristina Starnes, junior lieutenant.
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The Rockwall Chick-fil-A location hosted a "spicy celebration" to celebrate the release of its new Spicy Chicken Sandwich. Attendees and their families were treated to dinner and an evening of fun. Attendees are Royse City firefighter Tanner Dietz, Brittany Rogers, Dustin Yocum-Dietz and Rachel Stephens. The restaurant entertained guests with a face painter and provided games and prizes for children. Photos were taken with the Chick-fil-A Fireman Cow.
 Photo courtesy of Chick-fil-A/Rockwall County News

Canada, James highlight S-Junction's July concert

An acoustic concert featuring Cody Canada of Cross Canadian Ragweed and Seth James will be offered July 9 at the Southern Junction & Steakhouse.
 While Cross Canadian Ragweed takes a break from life on the road, band's lead singer, Canada, has opted to do acoustic concerts throughout the country. Southern Junction is one of his stops.
 Opening the show will be the Keith Mitchell Band. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The show will begin at 8:30 p.m.
 Other shows and activities planned during the month include the No Justice Concert; Saturday, Jon Beaumont Band; July 14, Mitchell Band; July 14-17, Coby McDonald Band; July 14-17, Lindsey Band; and July 28-31, the Coby McDonald Band.
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 Executor of the Estate of JACK D. BLISS, Deceased. CAUSE NO. PR10-55

CITY OF FATE PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Fate will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., in the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, to consider a replat of Fate O T (RCISD), Block J, Lots 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, & 24 into one Lot 12R containing 0.402 acres, 17,500 square feet in the City of Fate, Rockwall County, Texas. For detailed information regarding this replat, please contact the City Hall, located at 105 E. Fate Main Place, at (972) 771-4601.
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Testamentary upon the Estate of Gerald Lee Taylor, Sr., deceased were granted to the undersigned on the 9th of June, 2010 by the County Court At Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All person having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to Gerald Lee Taylor, Jr. and Patricia Taylor McHan within the time prescribed by law.
 My address is: Gerald Lee Taylor, Jr. and Patricia Taylor McHan C/O Law Office of Erik K. Lokken 3201 Main Street Rowlett, TX 75088
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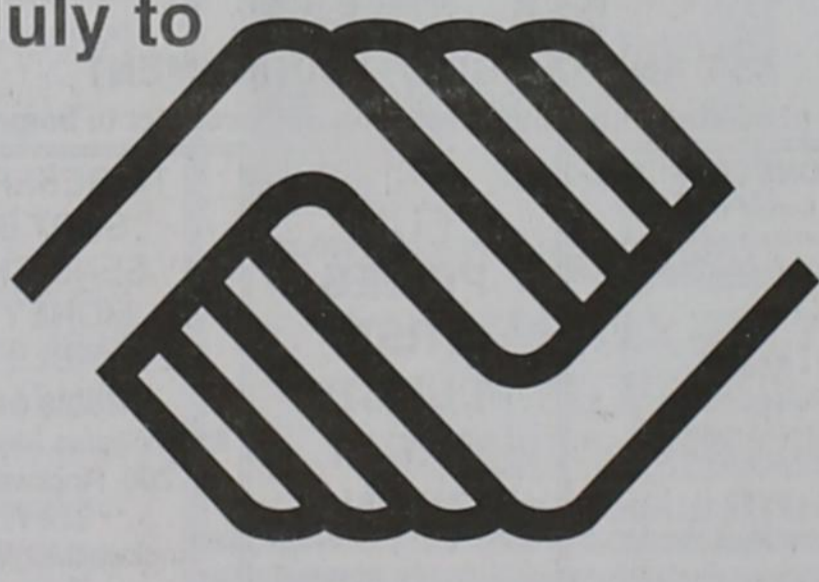
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Rockwall qualifies for state 7 on 7 tournament

by Lary Bump

Rockwall bounced back from an opening loss to win its last three games Saturday and qualify for the state Division I 7 on 7 football championships.

In the last day of qualifying, teams had to win their way into the finals of the 1-30 State Qualifying Tournament to move on to the state tournament July 9 and 10 at Texas A&M University.

Rockwall scored 119 points in its last three games, including a 46-13 semifinal rout of Sachse that earned the state-tournament berth.

"It was a big win. Kids had been out of town for some of our other games. We came together today. I always hoped to go there. Last year, we never did qualify for state. This will be a good experience and good team building," said Reed Loftis. He and Josh Broach served as the team's player-coaches.

Loftis said they were prepared with Rockwall High School's offensive and defensive passing schemes. "They were things we've been taught during the spring. Then the coaches picked me and Josh to pick the team."

The players from RHS lost its first game on the RHS field to Arlington Lamar 26-19. The home team then defeated Dallas W.T. White 46-15 and pulled away from Fort Worth Paschal in the second half to win 39-24.

Lamar swept its three games in Bracket A, but because the Vikings already had qualified for the state tournament, second-place Rockwall (2-1) advanced to the semifinals against Sachse.

The Mustangs, who were in the tournament because Wylie dropped out after qualifying for state a week earlier, won a three-way tiebreaker after winning two of three games in Bracket B.

Rockwall took a 12-0 lead early, and had a 26-7 halftime advantage. After the Mustangs scored the first second-half touchdown, the home team's defense stiffened and helped it win going away.

Alan Reed passed for six touchdowns, including four to Andrew Hinckley. The first two went to Hinckley and Broach. After Sachse pulled within 12-7, Reed hit Hinckley with two more scoring passes just across the goal line.

The game's turning point arrived after Sachse's second-half score. On the extra-point attempt, Loftis reached over the intended receiver to bat a pass away.

Loftis, who played as a wide receiver as a junior last fall, said he was surprised when RHS' coaches asked him to play safety on defense as well this season.

"I haven't played it since eighth grade. Now that they're working me both ways, I can be excited about it."

After that, Reed threw a high pass that 6-foot-5 Wesley Davis reached to grab for a touchdown. Sachse appeared ready to score again until Rockwall's Casey Wright stepped in front of a Mustangs receiver at the goal line, intercepted the pass and returned it the length of the field for a TD. The final score

came on Reed's long pass down the middle to Hinckley.

Loftis said, "Our defense came up with big plays, like Chase took for a touchdown. Our defense has been strong. Rockwall's defense also had returned interceptions for touchdowns in the day.

In the other semifinal, Dallas Skyline qualified by defeating 36-13. Skyline and Rockwall agreed that four games with teams from the 90s were enough, so there was no tournament championship game.

Honors keep coming for Hawks baseball

Rockwall-Heath's magical 39-3 baseball season has received recognition even after the Hawks' season ended in the Region II-4A semifinals.

The Dallas Morning News named RHHS sophomore Jovan Hernandez its Area Player of the Year, and honored head coach Greg Harvey as its coach of the year.

Hernandez finished the season with a 41-game hitting streak intact. He batted .514 with 11 home runs and 64 runs batted in to pace the Hawks' offense. Recent winners of the Area Player of the Year award include the Los Angeles Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw (Highland Park) in 2006, Texas Rangers first-round draft pick Blake Beavan (Irving) in 2007 and Pittsburgh Pirates

draft pick Colton Cain (Waxahachie) in '09.

This is the first Area Player of the Year for RHHS. This year, Chase took for a touchdown.

The newspaper's All-Area second team included three Hawks: James Baune, who won 12 games; shortstop Trevor Holland, who batted .475, and utility player Jake Thompson, who batted .444 and won the Area Player of the Year award.

In addition, Hernandez was the Texas High School Baseball Association's All-State third baseman. Baune and Holland were named the All-State second team.

RHS' Deloach, Holcomb named all-state

Players on Rockwall's baseball and softball teams have been honored for helping RHS advance in the playoffs this spring.

Senior J.D. Deloach was named the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's third-team All-State catcher. He broke the Yellowjackets' season home run record while helping them reach the Region II-4A quarterfinals.

The softball team reached the Region II-4A semifinals, in large part due to the pitching of junior Laycee Holcomb.

Area utility player by the Dallas Morning News. Holcomb was named the All-State second team.

Ex-Jacket Noble hits first pro homer

June was a good month for Rockwall's Chad Noble.

After his senior baseball season ended at Northwestern University, Major League Baseball's Chicago Cubs drafted the catcher.

Then Noble graduated from Northwestern.

Next, the 37th-round draft pick signed a contract and reported to the Rookie Class Arizona Cubs.

Finally, on Monday, he made his professional debut.

As the catcher, he threw out the only runner who tried to steal a base against him. Batting fourth in the Cubs' lineup, the 22-year-old didn't have a

hit in four at-bats but did walk once.

On Tuesday, as the designated hitter and still batting cleanup, Noble didn't have a professional hit after three at-bats. In the top of the first inning, he slammed a two-run home run to help the Cubs lose in the bottom of the ninth.

Noble is a 2006 Rockwall High School graduate. He was the Area Player of the Year for the 2005 team that reached the state final. He was named the Area Player of the Year by the Dallas Morning News. Other players from that team, in representing Rockwall in baseball's minor leagues,

Malak, Orion sail to another Summer Race

Dan Malak continued his winning ways, sailing Orion to victory in the Saturday Summer Race Series Race #2 on Lake Ray Hubbard.

Following Malak's boat across the finish line were Hotter Tuna, skipped by Robert Williams, in second place. Marshall McKenzie in Superman's Cape placed third in the fleet.

Orion also had won the first Saturday Summer Race Series race in the final race in the spring Sunday series, and the Wednesday series.

In the June 19 race, McKenzie finished second in Superman's Cape. Roy Kuipers was third in Three Sheets to the Wind.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

RTU plans Fourth of July Mixer

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will host its annual Fourth of July Mixer at RHHS from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, following the Heath parade. Cost will be \$15 for members, \$20 for guests (\$5 off for members or guests who register by Friday). For more details, call 972-771-8883 or visit rockwalltennisunlimited.com.

Registration under way for Y football

Registration for the Rockwall County YMCA's Flag Football program, serving children ages 5 and 6, and Tackle Football, ages 7-12 and not on a school team, currently is under way. Early registration will run through July 31; regular registration will run Aug. 1-10; and late registration begins Aug. 11 and will end when all teams are full. Fees are posted at rockwallymca.org or quickscores.com/rockwall. Every child is a starter, either on offense

or defense, by rule. Practices will be limited to two per week in a game week or three in a non-game week. A football/cheerleading coaches meeting is set for 1 p.m. Aug. 14. Parents will receive a call following the coaches meeting detailing practice times and dates. For more details call 972-772-YMCA.

Register now for YMCA Soccer

Registration for the Rockwall County YMCA's Small Fry Soccer program, serving children ages 3 and 4, and Youth Soccer, ages 4-12, currently is under way. Early registration will run through July 31; regular registration will run Aug. 1-10; and late registration begins Aug. 11 and will end when all teams are full. Returning players who register prior to Aug. 1 are guaranteed to return to the same team. Fees are posted at rockwallymca.org or quickscores.com/rockwall. A coaches meeting is set for 11 a.m. Aug. 14. Parents will receive a call following the coaches meeting detailing practice times and dates. For more details call 972-772-YMCA.

Monday Yoga to begin July 12

Monday Yoga will run from 6:30

p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays July 12 through Aug. 2 at The Center. Learn proper breathing and balance techniques while improving flexibility and circulation. Class is open to individuals ages 15 and older. Cost is \$32 for residents, \$48 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Lil Tots Sports Sampler set

Preschoolers ages 3-5 are invited to come learn the basics about soccer, T-ball and basketball at the Lil Tots Sports Sampler that will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Mondays from July 19 through Aug. 23 in the RISD Education Center gym. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

MOW Golf Classic planned

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host its first Meals on Wheels Golf Classic from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 23 at Buffalo Creek Golf Course, Heath. All proceeds will benefit the senior nutrition program in Rockwall County. To register or help sponsor a team call 972-771-9514.

Little Kickers scheduled

The Little Kickers soccer program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5

years, will run Monday through Friday from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Harry Myers Park. Skills and age-appropriate drills will be taught. The first four weeks are non-competitive; the final four weeks include games. Each player will receive a T-shirt. Call 972-771-9514 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Registration for fall cheerleading program

Registration is under way for the 2010 Texans Cheer fall program.

Cheerleading is open to entering grades kindergarten through sixth in the fall. For children ages 4 who would like to try out will be conducted from 7:30 p.m. July 15 at the Center for Praise in Mesquite.

No prior experience is necessary. This group is a part of the Hubbard Football Sports Program, which is a Rockwall team. Practices will be conducted in Rockwall. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks. The parent information meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 15 at the Center for Praise, 790 Windbell Drive, Mesquite.

Organizers have indicated it is important for parents of cheerleaders to be on hand for practices. The practice schedule will be reviewed and questions answered at the upcoming season will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 15 at the Center for Praise. Cheerleaders also will be required to wear a bathing suit under their uniforms, so each child should have socks for trying on during the time of fittings.

Uniform cost is \$150. The uniform includes a shell (top), skirt, socks, brief trunks, eyeglass case, cheer bag, bow and pom-poms. The uniform also will be reviewed and questions answered at the upcoming season will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 15 at the Center for Praise. Volunteer and fundraising opportunities will be made available at the meeting.

To register, go to dallascheerball.com and print out a registration form, fill it out and mail it to the Center for Praise. The \$50 registration fee is non-refundable.

For more information, contact Heather Neighbors, 972-771-9514 at 903-379-9911 or 469-9911. E-mail texanscheerleaders@rockwall.com.

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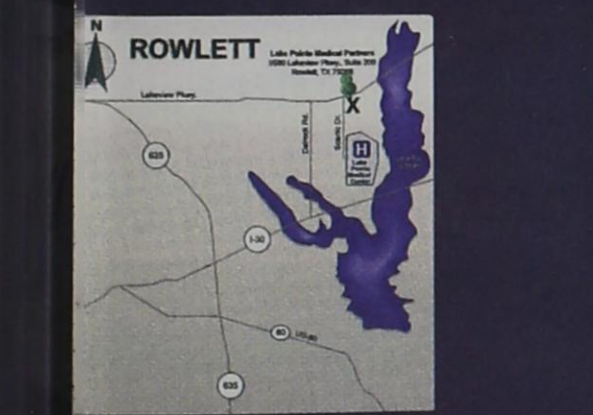
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Little Sluggers T-ball dates set

The Little Sluggers T-ball program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 years, will run Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Aug. 31 through Oct. 5 at Harry Myers Park. Children will learn fundamental skills – throwing, fielding, hitting and base running – and the final two weeks will include “games.” Each participant will receive a T-shirt. Parent participation is encouraged. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.



Where Is It?

In our continuing photographic quiz, we challenge our readers to identify the photo on the left as to its location and use. Please send details to rcn.news@yahoo.com

(Photo by Sheree Morris)

Last week's “Where Is It?” Although no reader responded with an answer to last week's featured Rockwall County landmark, hundreds, perhaps thousands pass by it daily ... it is the fourth Rockwall County Courthouse, built in 1941 and located at 101 E. Rusk Street.



Teen activities set at library

The Rockwall County Library will host several teen activities throughout the month of July. Beginning at 3 p.m. July 6, a 45-minute program on the history of the World will be offered. During the same time period on July 13, O'Bryant Magic & Illusion is scheduled. On July 20, a program entitled Stage Combat Master Class will be offered. Registration is required for this program and will take place at the end of the O'Bryant program on July 13. The final teen event of the month will be the Blast of the Blues Celebration from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 27. Prizes, food and refreshments are planned. All programs are free and open to youths who have completed 5-12.

Komah, Thompson earn degrees
Michelle Lee Komah and Bryan D. Thompson, both Rockwall residents, were among students receiving degrees during spring commencement ceremonies conducted recently at Texas State University in San Marcos. Komah earned a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising and Thompson's received a bachelor's degree in management.

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