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MWD concerns tabled until next RC Council meeting

Coppedge
Royse City City Council meeting of Tuesday, July 22, city
Alsbrook gave the "Financial Report for July 2014 Cash
Expense and June 2014 Budget Variance Report/Expenditures/
Fiscal Analysis."

There were two related business matters concerning "amending
Finance Division 2, Water Conversation Plan by adopting
Municipal Water District Model Water Conservation Plan of
Finance Division 3, Drought Contingency Plan, to adopt
the Municipal Water District Model Water Resource and
Management Plan of 2014 and incorporating such plan into
finances." Both items received a unanimous vote of 7-0
until more information could be obtained to advise

"We are clamoring us for more stringent water conservation,"
Coppedge said. "They are requesting us to buy certain amounts
of water to give us a refund on the water we don't use. So we will
bring them and come back to the table at the next meeting with
a plan out."

There was a name the street running east and west and stopping
at the intersection of the soon-to-be-built Wal-Mart was
made to name the street Mercantile, with a
council members Bill Bell and Tom Crowley voting no. The
decision was made at another time whether to tag the street as road,
or street.

DC director, and Alsbrook announced to the council a
plan for a \$300 million, 170-acre development called The
M 2642 and I-30, adjacent to the Verandah subdivision.
The development will include garden apartments, duplexes, fourplexes,

senior housing and loft apartments. It also will include recreation, retail,
office spaces for real estate and banking services, health care and a 12-
acre school site. A 30-acre water and adventure park is one of the main
drawing points. The park will have a zip line and climbing tower, which
will allow the park to be open all year round, drawing an expected 400,000
to 600,000 visitors. The park will generate more than 600 seasonal jobs.

"Not a day has gone by that either Lott or I haven't gotten a phone call
from someone who wants to be a part of The Meadows development,"
Alsbrook told the council. "The development is really picking up speed
and interest."

Councilman Bill Bell brought to the council the issue of having a
workshop regarding the old part of Royse City needing street repair at a
little more than \$6 million.

"If people don't want to get the roads fixed here in the old part of
Royse City, then they need to vote on it or shut up," he said. "They need
to stop bringing it up to the council."

Alsbrook said the workshop would be put on the agenda for the next
council meeting.

The Hot Summer Nights at City Lake Park events have been a success,
according to reports to the council. Movies, concerts and sing-offs take
place every Thursday night through Aug. 14. Free popcorn, snow cones,
hotdogs, drinks and other snacks have been served. The next event will
be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31 and will be a Royse City sing-off.
Those planning to attend are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

An executive session was conducted at the end of the council meeting
for an "update concerning the Chief Financial Officer position." No
action was taken.

All city council members were present.

The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the
Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main Street.



Wendy Johnson was appointed to the Royse City Planning and Zoning Commission with a unanimous vote of 7-0 during the Royse City City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 22. She takes the position previously held by her husband, Wayne, who resigned because of job commitments.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

City of Heath receives upgraded insurance rating

The city of Heath received an upgraded insurance rating from a class 5 to a class 2, according to the Texas Department of Insurance/State Fire Marshal's Office. The upgrade is a result of the city's improved fire department equipment, manpower and fire alarm facilities, according to the release.

"Our firefighting capabilities and access to reputable water sources for firefighting also contributed to an improved rating," Garrett said in the news release.

The last grading for the rating occurred in March and should go into effect in October.

The last grading for the City of Heath occurred in 1999 when the city received a rating of 5.

The rating improvement from a 5 to a 2 could have significant effect on insurance premiums, according to the news release. The amount of change could vary from company to company depending on whether or not the company uses the ISO/PPC system. Residents and business owners should check with their individual agents about any reduction in premiums.

For more information, visit the Texas Department of Insurance/State Fire Marshal's Office at tdi.texas.gov.

The Texas Department of Insurance/State Fire Marshal's Office advised the City Council during its most recent meeting that the rating will change from a class 5 to a class 2, according to the release. The PPC system is the nationwide classification by the Insurance Services Office to reflect a community's action for property insurance rating purposes.

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Royse City FFA members attend FFA convention in Fort Worth

Members from the Royse City FFA chapter attended the 86th annual Texas FFA State Convention July 14-18 in Fort Worth.

Royse City FFA members who attended the convention were Katie Gornio, Cooper Gilliland, Madi Berry, Tyler Martin, Brianna Garcia, Caitlin Shannon and Lawton Berry.

More than \$2 million in scholarships were awarded to FFA members and more than 2,200 members received the Lone Star FFA Degree, the highest degree of active membership bestowed by a state FFA association. More than 2,000 members were recognized on stage for their accomplishments.

Members also competed for state titles in public speaking and agriscience events. In the interest of premier leadership, personal growth and career success, the Texas FFA Association also offered an opportunity for students to compete in the fourth annual Spanish Creed Speaking Invitational Event. The creed delivery and the five-minute question-answer period were conducted entirely in Spanish.

Members heard from Sen. Dan Patrick, as well as motivational speakers Gabe Salazar and Dr. Lowell Catlett. The Casey Donahew Band, Texas country music artists, also performed exclusively for FFA members.

The 86th annual Texas FFA State Convention recorded more than 11,000 members and guests. Members of the agricultural youth leadership organization spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements and serving as the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association.

The Texas FFA has evolved from an organization focusing primarily on production agriculture, to a broader-based encompassing organization that addresses the needs and interests of students in urban and suburban schools in addition to the rural communities from which FFA rose in 1929. The organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of more than 104,000 members and 1,045 local FFA chapters. FFA gives students the opportunity to apply practical classroom knowledge to real world experiences through local, state and national competitions.

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Fans, funds being collected for MOW seniors

Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County is collecting new box fans or funds to purchase fans. Purchase a new electric fan at a cost of between \$20 and \$30 and drop it off or mail a check in any amount payable to Beat the Heat, c/o Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County, 950 Williams St., Building C, Suite 200, Rockwall, TX 75087. Donations also may be made online at rockwallmealsonwheels.org/donate.

School supply lists available online

School supply lists for several local schools now are posted on teacherlists.com. Lists can be printed out or accessed on smartphones. Local schools participating include Amanda Rochell Elementary, Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, Celia Hays Elementary, Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary, Dorothy Smith Pullen, Dorris A. Jones Elementary, Grace Hartman Elementary, Howard Dobbs Elementary, Nebbie Williams Elementary, Ouida Spring Elementary, Sharon Shannon Elementary and Virginia Reinhardt Elementary, according to the teacherlists.com news release.

Pumpkin Patch pickles, peppers available by order

Families who have enjoyed the Pumpkin Patch pickles and jalapeño peppers still can have access to them through a fundraiser being conducted by the Friends of the Rockwall County Library. A pint jar of pickles costs \$7; jalapeños cost \$6 for a half-pint (case of 12 pints of pickles, \$84, peppers by the case, \$72). Orders must be received by Aug. 1; contact Carolyn Duckworth at 972-772-0752 or carolyn_smu67@sbcglobal.net.

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Several members of the Royse City FFA attended the Texas FFA State Convention July 14-18 in Fort Worth. Pictured from left are Caitlin Shannon, Tyler Martin, Brianna Garcia, Cooper Gilliland, Madi Berry, Lawton Berry and Katie Gornio.

Rockwall County magistrates join TJCTC DWI Bond Schematic Program

Justice Court Training Center (TJCTC) Program Attorney announced on Monday July 21, 2014 that Rockwall County magistrates joined the TJCTC's DWI Bond Schematic

Magistrates also agreed to consider whether public safety requires that an ignition interlock device be installed as a condition of release following the commission of DWI first offense and DUI-minor.

Other conditions of release agreed upon by Rockwall County magistrates include obtaining and activating a portable alcohol monitoring device; obtaining and activating a continuous alcohol monitoring device; and refraining from using alcohol and/or drugs.

Daniel explained that Bond conditions set by the magistrates will be monitored by the Rockwall County Court at Law.

According to the sample orders provided by Daniel, the bond conditions are based on Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 17.40 which became effective in 2008, and 17.441 which became effective in 1999.

The TJCTC is sponsored by Texas State University, and provides continuing education to justices of the peace, court personnel, and constables in Texas.

County magistrates agreed that the condition should apply to individuals who commit the following offenses: intoxication, intoxication assault, DWI with a child passenger, felony DWI with two or more previous convictions, misdemeanor DWI with one previous DWI conviction, DWI with a blood alcohol concentration of over .15, and DUI-minor with two previous DUI-minor convictions.

Final performances of 'Godspell' this weekend

The final performances of the Rockwall Community Playhouse's teen musical, "Godspell," will be staged at 8 p.m. Aug. 1-2 and 2 p.m. Aug. 3.

The show, which features songs and skits based on the parables detailing the life of Christ as told in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, is being directed by Lloyd Turney. Assistant director is Tana Yater. Music director is Shannon Souddress. Choreography was handled by Nancy Pistilli.

The 17-member cast is comprised of individuals ages 13-19.

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall.

Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to show time.

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Gloria Campos to speak at September FOL meeting



Gloria Campos

Longtime WFAA-TV news anchor and reporter Gloria Campos will share the highlights of her 30-year broadcast career at the meeting of the Friends of the Rockwall County Library on Sept. 11.

The 11 a.m. meeting will take place in the library's Community Room located at 1215 E. Yellow Jacket in Rockwall. Campos began her career in broadcast journalism in 1978 at WFAA-TV in the Rio Grande Valley following her graduation from Texas State University (Texas State University). In 1984, she moved to Dallas to join the news team at WFAA-TV as a general assignment reporter. She worked her way up to her "dream job," becoming a news anchor. She served in that role for the next 20 years until 2004.

"The first major story I remember covering at Channel 8 was the release of Delta 191 at DFW International Airport," she said in a recent interview. "It was the biggest story I have ever covered - and it was a relief to be on the air during that time."

Another highlight was anchoring the news with Oprah Winfrey.

"When they called me to anchor the news with Oprah, I was dumbfounded," Campos said. "It was one of the most exciting moments of my career."

Campos is well known in the community for her work on the "Women's Issues" program, which she co-hosted for many years. She has also been involved in various community service projects.

The recipient of numerous major awards and honors, Campos has been recognized for her journalistic service and dedication. She has also been honored for her work in education and community service.

Reservations for the luncheon meeting are being accepted. For more information, contact the Friends of the Rockwall County Library at 972-722-3399 or visit their website at www.folrockwall.com.

The luncheon will be held at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Friends of the Rockwall County Library at 972-722-3399 or visit their website at www.folrockwall.com.

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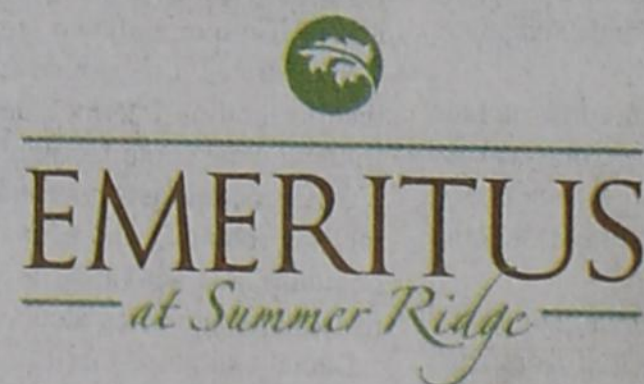
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Evelyn Burkett (right) and her Daughter Kathy Bass

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Betty Lou Melody

Betty Lou Melody, 85, of Roysse City were conducted at 28, 2014, in the First United Methodist Church, Roysse City, Cathy Partridge officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

July 24, 1929, in Burrow to George and Vera (Swanson) McCurry. She was an underwriter for United Fidelity Insurance in Dallas. She enjoyed painting, playing canasta and working in her garden. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, cooking and spoiling them.

Survivors include her son, Don Melody, and his wife, Addie; her daughter, Michael Edwin Melody; her granddaughter, Laura Kobe, and her son, Michael; her great-grandson, Austin Kobe; and her nieces and nephews.

She preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edwin Melody; her brother, Bobby Gene McCurry; and her sister, Bernice.

Gary Dean Sorensen

Funeral service for Gary Dean Sorensen, 65, of Rockwall was held at 11 a.m. July 28, 2014, at Lakeshore Church in Rockwall with Bill Patterson officiating.

July 24, 1929, in Burrow to George and Vera (Swanson) McCurry. He was a school band director in Texas and Arkansas. At Caddo Mills he taught science, math and physics. His robotics class was the international robotics team in Orlando, Fla. He was successful in getting his students into college and his recommendations in various positions at engineering firms.

He was a member of the family's log home and solar panels. He was a 29-year member of Rockwall and played trumpet in the Rockwall Community Band.

Survivors include his wife, Letitia; his daughter, Valerie Sorensen of Rockwall; his son, Eric of Honolulu, Hawaii; his grandson, Colten Sorensen; his daughter, Idemar and Irene Sorensen of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his daughter, Sorensen of Galveston; and his sister, Shauna Conner of Colorado Springs, Colo.

He has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Rockwall Community Band.



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Items must be picked up at the library between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sept. 9 or Oct. 14 at the FOL meetings or on dates by special arrangement; no deliveries.

Democratic Men's Group to meet Aug. 2

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon at noon Aug. 2 at La Cocina del Tio Mon's Tacqueria, 105 Kenway Rd., near downtown Rockwall. The group meets the first Saturday of each month to discuss local, state and national current events and politics. This meeting will focus on the humanitarian crisis at the state's southern border. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are invited to attend.

H-Hands school supply drive continues

Rockwall County Helping Hands and its Community Circle has set a goal to raise money and gather school supplies to help more than 1,200 students in Rockwall and Roysse City schools. To participate, make a donation to rockwallhelpinghands.com or purchase supplies and donate them to Helping Hands. Distribution date is set for Aug. 2.

Student, adult volunteers needed for STAR performances

Student and adult volunteers are needed from 8:45 a.m. to noon Aug. 4-8, 11-15 to assist Down Syndrome and autistic adult actors with lines, cues and choreography during rehearsals for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." STAR (Special Theatre at Rockwall) shows are scheduled for Aug. 16-17 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. For details, email marythacker@sbcglobal.net or call 214-668-5090. Student volunteers will receive community service hours.

PCCS offices to reopen Aug. 4

The Poetry Community Christian School is on summer break until Aug. 25; however, the school's offices will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays before officially opening for the next school term on Aug. 4. Emails pertaining to urgent matters should be directed to the school's administrator at poetry@airmail.net with a cc: to the assistant administrator at jbroshous@earthlink.net.

Stingerettes to offer dance clinic

The RHS Stingerettes will offer a summer dance clinic at Utley Middle School Aug. 5-8 for girls entering grades K-6. The clinic will teach dance techniques and a routine to be performed on the last day of class. Campers will play games, enjoy craft projects and share snacks. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and a photo with a Stingerette; they also will be invited to join the Stingerettes in the pre-game spirit line at the first RHS home game. Registration prior to July 21 will cost \$90; after that date the cost will be \$100. A show-off performance for parents is set for noon Aug. 8. For more details contact Beth Eidson at beth.eidson@rockwallisd.org.

Rockwall seeks public input

The City of Rockwall wants public input regarding the site plan of a future neighborhood park development located within the Stone Creek subdivision. The city's Parks & Rec Department will host a public forum at its next Advisory Board meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Aug. 5 at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. Plans call for 11 acres of park land to serve as a neighborhood park for Park District #5 west of John King Boulevard and south of FM 552. Park amenities will be constructed in phases as funding is made available. For more details call 972-771-7761.

Clothes giveaway set Aug. 9

Meeks Chapel, 917 E. Old Greenville Rd. in Roysse City, will host a free clothes giveaway from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 9. Both children and adult-sized clothing will be available. For more details call 972-636-6491 and ask for Bonnie.

RCP to audition for 'Rumors'

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will host auditions for its production of "RUMORS" beginning at 1 p.m. Aug. 9. Five men and five women are needed. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk in Rockwall.

Water solutions conference planned

The Rockwall County Extension Leadership Advisory Board, along with the Rockwall County Extension Master Gardeners, will host Save Your Landscape for Better Days - A Conference on Water Solutions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 9 at Liberty Hall in the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Businesses interested in co-sponsoring the event are encouraged to contact the Extension Office at 972-204-7660; by helping to sponsor the event, businesses will receive a space to showcase their business. The conference will offer solutions to homeowners on water management and care strategies for their landscapes under water restrictions.

Master's Quartet to perform at church

The Masters Quartet from Midlothian will sing traditional gospel music at the annual Old-fashioned Chautauqua program, sponsored by the Sailsetters 55 and better group, at 4 p.m. Aug. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. The Masters have been together since 1997 and are locally popular with live and radio audiences. The public is invited; complimentary childcare will be provided with reservations (972-771-5500). A free-will offering will be taken. A cookies-and-punch reception will follow.

Rockwall Women's League to host Meet & Greet

The Rockwall Women's League will host a Meet & Greet at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13, providing a fun-filled atmosphere for prospective members to learn more about the organization. Membership is open to all women of all ages and diverse interests who live or work within Rockwall County and have a common goal to serve. Since its 1973 inception, RWL has raised more than \$2.5 million; its primary fundraiser is its annual charity ball. Monthly meetings take place September through May. The social event will be conducted in the home of Cindy Bledsoe, 1712 Bison Meadows, Heath. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Janet Bowyer at 214-770-1063 or visit the RWL's Facebook page.

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Organizing discussed for RC Boys and Girls Club

Jean Coppedge

The Rockwall County branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall conducted a State of Roysse City Teens Community Forum on July 23, at the Holiday Inn Express. Open to the public, the forum was conducted to discuss the state of young adults in City area and how the Boys and Girls Club can help make a difference in their lives.

The main agenda item was to discuss whether the citizens of Roysse City support a club just for teens. There seems to be a greater middle and high school teens more than for younger children.

The Rockwall County Boys and Girls Club opened in June 2013 with the goal to help young people to be strong leaders and contribute to the workforce in a positive, productive manner.

At the forum, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall County, Jeff Larson, was present, but said the forum was to determine if there is a need for a teen club. She said such a club would offer things teens need in such as participation in a leadership group called the Club, college prep programs and leadership activities, job shadowing.

The panel for the Community Forum were teen community members: Jeff Stapleton, chief of police for Roysse City; Judge Bonnie Long of the Roysse City Teen Court; Danielle Howard, Roysse City juvenile case manager; and Roysse City High School principal Jennifer Go.

Panel students who served on the panel were Shelby Short, Jared Atilyn Agee, David and Daniel Gonzalez, Nayely Mendoza, and Alana Gomez and Grayson Gilkey.

Larson, director of Program Services of the Rockwall County Boys and Girls Club, led the forum, giving information on opportunities the club has to offer. He said teens want to be involved in things that are fun and engaging.

When asked the students on the forum what they thought was the problem in Roysse City and the schools. Over and over again the students stated that there was nothing for teenagers to do in Roysse City and to be with their friends. There is no swimming pool, no club with activities they want to do. They said there is "just nothing in our town to do."

Concern was mentioned several times by Larson and the panel that the teens in Roysse City didn't want to go to the Boys and Girls Club because smaller kids were there, down to age 6, and they

felt like the club was just a babysitting club. They felt out of place there and their friends weren't there.

Several of the teens said that many of the Roysse City teens go to Rockwall to The Harbor. There they can just hang out, talk and just be together. They said that they didn't have to do anything in particular. It is just a place to be together.

It was also brought up that many teens aren't old enough to drive and don't have a way to get to The Harbor. Then the problem of boredom sets in.

Whether during the school session or the summer months, drugs and alcohol are a real enticement to kids who want to be a part of a group or just to be accepted.

Each of the community professionals spoke on their view of what is going on in Roysse City with the young people. Each expressed a concern for finding a place where teens can associate with their friends in a happy, safe environment.

Ringo said that there is a 2 percent school drop-out rate because young people make bad choices, and drugs and alcohol are two of those choices. Stapleton agreed, as did Goldstein and Howard.

Larson said the Roysse City Boys and Girls Club would not open in the fall unless funds could be raised. At this point, there is not enough money to even pay the staff. If funds can be acquired, then only a club for teens in grades 7 through age 18 would be opened and it would be called The Club. Parents of younger children would be encouraged to take their children to the Rockwall Boys and Girls Club.

The meeting went longer than planned because at the end during the question and answer time, those in the audience were so concerned about how they could help and how the Boys and Girls Club coordinators could get the word out that Roysse City's teens need help.

Compassionate and dedicated to the cause of children and teens, Stephan Larson ended the meeting by asking all others who had questions, concerns or ideas to stay and talk after the meeting was dismissed.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to support The Club for the Roysse City teens may contact Larson or Debi Williamson at 972-722-2462 or email Williamson at clubblue@edrockwall.com.



Roysse City Police Chief Jeff Stapleton listens to audience member as concerns are voiced regarding a place for teens to hang out. At left is Judge Bonnie Goldstein of the Roysse City Teen Court and Danielle Howard, Roysse City juvenile case manager. To the chief's left are panel teens David and Daniel Gonzalez. The forum was conducted on July 23 in hopes of organizing a place for teens to go to The Club, which would be associated with the Boys and Girls Club.

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Area News Briefs

Disco Ball to raise funds for Love for Kids

Love for Kids, which serves chronically ill and special-needs children and disadvantaged children in Dallas and surrounding counties, will host its 2014 Disco Ball from 8 p.m. to midnight Aug. 9 at Seven for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 107, Dallas. Music will be provided by disco master Mark Anthony and the Soul Train Review. Disco-era clothing is encouraged; a costume contest featuring prizes will be conducted. Snacks and beverages will be available. Free valet parking will be provided. Cost will be \$55 per person; \$750 for reserved tables. Tickets and more information is available at loveforkids.org/events/disco-ball.

Run For Freedom set at Flower Mound

Runners from throughout North Texas will gather at Flower Mound Sept. 20 to compete in the third annual Run For Freedom, which will benefit the nonprofit YouCanFree.US, an international human rights organization dedicated to eradicating human trafficking. The 5k race will be paired this year with a 1k Super Hero Fun Run, inviting participants to race costumed as their favorite super hero. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Flower Mound High School, 3411 Peters Colony Rd. Register online at youcanfree.us/race.php.

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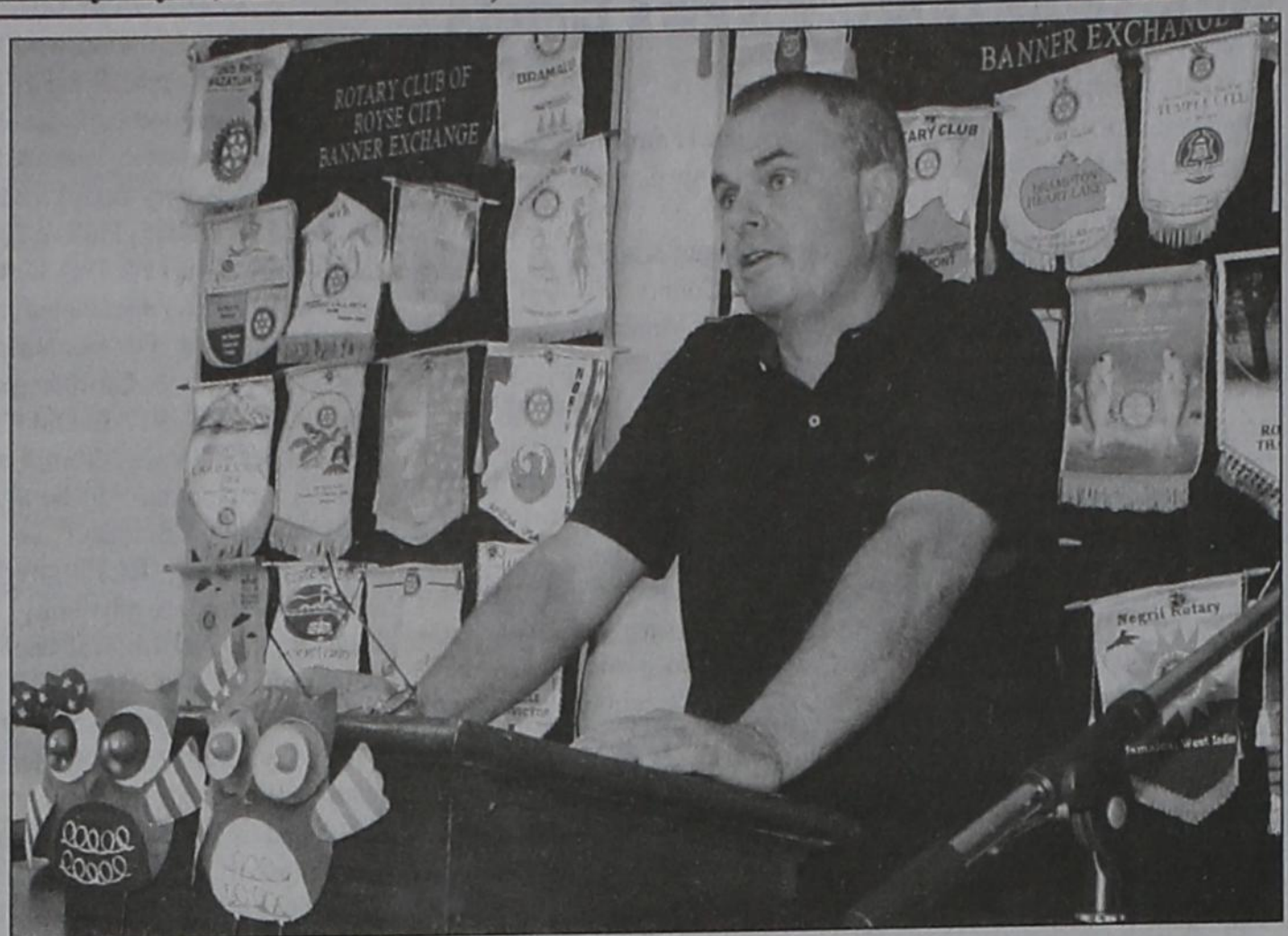
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Mark Witham, owner of the Veteran's Military Heritage Collection in Nevada, Texas, was the guest speaker at the Roysse City Rotary Club on July 24. Witham served 12 years in the British Royal Air Force and also in the U.S. Army Reserves. The museum has a huge display of hands-on military equipment from all over the world, including tanks, jeeps, personnel carriers, weapons, uniforms, medals and much more. Tours are encouraged, especially for school-age children interested in learning about their heritage and history. Admission is free. For more info call Witham at 214-794-8992

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- Ken Gorman, male, 40-50 years of age; professional and high strung
- Claire Ganz, female, 30; yuppy-ish Westchester housewife
- Lennie Ganz, male, 30-50; not the smartest guy (comedic timing essential)
- Cookie Cusack, female, 40-50; gaudy dresser, dramatic
- Ernie Cusack, male, 40-55; psychologist who wants to be a doctor
- Cassie Cooper, female, 25-40; neurotic, overly excited
- Glenn Cooper, male, 30-50; businessman with political connections
- Officer Pudney, female, 20-30; no-nonsense type
- Officer Welch, male, 30-50; imposing burly type

The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk in Rockwall.

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Women of Influence Tea set Aug. 16

The Rockwall County Republican Women will host a Women of Influence Tea Aug. 16 at Occasions in Roysse City. Cindy Burkett will be guest speaker. A special tribute to Ralph Hall is planned. Doors will open at 10 a.m.; seating is \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Jennifer Fisher at jlf_fisher@hotmail.com or Pam Benedetto at pamelabenedetto.com.

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RISD trustees plan special meeting

The Rockwall Independent School District Board of Education will hold a special meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Monday in the RISD Administration/Education Center, Executive Room 202, located at 1050 Williams St., Rockwall. Board members will undergo Team of Eight training by Reform for School Systems.

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AND THEREAFTER: Policing America

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... police to be better armed than the bad guys, but what that mean today?
...y it means the Pentagon and Department of Homeland ip even the tiniest rural police departments with massive cles, body armor and grenade launchers. The equipment ym the long wars we fought in Iraq and Afghanistan.
...uer, everything resembles a nail. SWAT (Special Weapons teams were once used only in emergencies such as riots where hostages were taken. But today there are more "no-knock raids" a year.
...cause crime got worse. There is (SET ITAL) less (END today. Crime peaked around 1990 and is now at a 40- it as politicians keep passing new criminal laws, police cions to deploy their heavy equipment.
...on Post reporter Radley Balko points out that they've teams to raid such threatening haunts as truck stops oker machines, unlicensed barber shops and a frat house age drinking was reported.
...ork City, these men in black raided standup comedian Joe tment.
...d customer service at the Apple Store," Lipari told me ew for my upcoming TV special "Policing America."
...d about it on Facebook. I thought I was funny. I quoted

"Fight Club," the 1999 movie about bored yuppies who attack parts of consumer culture they hate.
"People (on Facebook) were immediately responding that it was obviously from 'Fight Club,'" says Lipari. "It was a good time, until 90 minutes later, a SWAT team knocked on my door. Everyone's got their guns drawn."
It took only that long for authorities to deem Lipari a threat and authorize a raid by a dozen armed men. Yet, says Lipari, "if they took 90 seconds to Google me, they would have seen I'm teaching a yoga class in an hour, that I had a comedy show."
Lipari has no police record. If he is a threat, so are you.
SWAT raids are dangerous, and things often go wrong. People may shoot at the police if they mistake the cops for ordinary criminals and pick up guns to defend their homes against invasion. Sometimes cops kill the frightened homeowner who raises a gun.
Because America has so many confusing laws, and also because cops sometimes make mistakes, it's harder to assume -- as conservatives often do -- that as long as you behave yourself, you have nothing to fear. The raids should also trouble libertarians who sometimes believe that government can mostly be trusted when it sticks to "legitimate" functions like running police, courts and the military.
Government always grows, and government is force. Force is always dangerous.

It's healthy for conservatives, libertarians and liberals alike to worry about the militarization of police. Conservatives worry about a repeat of incidents like the raids on religious radicals at Ruby Ridge and Waco, Texas. Liberals condemn police brutality like the recent asphyxiation death of a suspect at the hands of police in New York.
This is a rare issue where I agree with left-wing TV host Bill Maher. On his TV show last week, Maher ranted about no-knock raids "breaking up poker games, arresting low-level pot dealers." Maher's right to point out that most SWAT raids are now done to arrest nonviolent drug offenders. "It's a guy who sells weed," says Maher. "You don't need to shoot his dog and crash through his window."
But they do. If cops continue to take a warlike us-versus-them approach to policing the population, they just might bring the left and right together. Government is reckless, whether it is intruding into our lives with byzantine regulations that destroy a fledgling business or with a flash-bang grenade like the one that critically wounded a child in a recent SWAT raid in Janesville, Georgia.
Regardless of our political leanings, we should be wary of big government in all its forms.
John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on the Fox Business Network. He's the author of "No They Can't: Why Government Fails, but Individuals Succeed."
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FROM AMERICAN HISTORY Part 15

CHRISTIAN COUNTRY BORN JULY 4, 1776

...aring our past with today and looking at our future

...eth Shores
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... three articles will continue to establish through history a was formed as a Godly Christian Nation. First we will very brief summarized family life and history of religion to the establishment of America as a Godly Christian

and the white population of the Chesapeake was growing on the basis of its own birthrate. The beginning of the eighteenth century, Virginia, had a population of approximately 59,000 people and was the most populous colony. Maryland, population was approximately 30,000 people and was the third largest colony (not including the Massachusetts colony).

have lived, sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this. I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of heaven and its blessing on our deliberation be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business.

...of civilized countries hungered for freedom from so much control that you had very little freedom of choice and religion. People were willing to risk everything to start a newly discovered undeveloped countries. History tells a newly discovered; land offered such a place that was oceans far away from government control.

My previous articles also covered some individual stories of hardships and challenges it took to form United States of America.

According to those present, "An atmosphere of reconciliation seemed to settle over the convention hall." Petty grievances and local interests were laid aside, and the delegates went on to complete their task of formulating the American Constitution and Bill of Rights. I think Whitefield must have smiled, and all of heaven with him!"

...most attractive to settlers coming to the land called offered freedom of choice and freedom of religion. In the settlers would trade with the native Indian people and to make their home. Unfortunately countries took ce, as the Indian people were no match for the armies d their land. This was not according to the teaching of how God set forth how we are to live, starting with the ndments. Some of the Indian tribes had more Christian the countries that invaded their land. Many settlers found ounds to bargain with the Indians to meet each other's wants. As long as greed and dictatorship were avoided was worked out peacefully.

First great awakening, George Whitefield

In the history of this country there have been three Great Awakening revivals and each one played a major role in our future.

The Second and Third American Great Awakening will be the subjects for the next two articles.

...ample of early life in America, in 1650 the immigrants men in their late teens and early twenties. Many perished arrival from; malaria, dysentery, and typhoid, which also iless toll of the population, cutting ten years off their life . Even with these hardships, the people of the colonies nd eventually they acquired immunity to the killer diseases many of the deaths. Surviving males competed for the of the extremely scarce women, which they outnumbered o one. Eligible women did not remain single for long. e seventeenth and eighteenth century the family of one irth up to eleven children (and many children died at birth age.) Families were both few and fragile in this merciless nt. Most men could not find mates and most marriages yed by the death of a partner within seven years. Poor showed in many pregnancies among unmarried young girls a, a third of the wedded were pregnant). More women by enth century allowed additional families to be developed,

The "First Great Awakening" included an evangelist and Minister George Whitefield who was the Billy Graham of the seventeen hundreds. Whitefield preached his first sermon in England and it was evident then he would be a great minister. He returned to America at the age of 29, in the year 1735 in New England, and immediately attended a revival that was falling apart. When he took the pulpit he was so inspiring and effective it raised the attendance and revival to new heights. This was the start of the "First America Awakening". On one six-week tour he preached more than one hundred seventy five sermons to tens of thousands of people. The region he preached at was left in a spiritual turmoil. This was one of the most remarkable events of American Christianity. Whitefield continued to preach until his death in 1770 to crowds of audiences of 20,000 and up to 30,000.

The lack of strong leadership by our President, and all Government officials today turning away from God's teaching is becoming even more apparent and WE THE PEOPLE can make a difference. Because our country is now following short as being the Greatest Nation in the world as we were in the past other leaders want to take us over under their control. Then we lose all of our freedoms as we once knew them. United we stand, Divided we fall. The Publisher and I would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Rockwall County Entertainment

With or Without U2

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...y 17 Concert by the With or Without U2 ned due to inclement e concert, which will e tribute band, has been d for July 31 at The 9 Summer Lee.

Rockwall Community Playhouse's teen musical "Godspell" will be offered at 8 p.m. Aug. 1-2 and at 2 p.m. on Aug. 3. The playhouse is locate at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to show time.

Square dance lessons offered

The Rockwall Square Dance Club will host a series of square dance lessons on Tuesdays Aug. 5 through Dec. 16. Lessons will run from 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center, 108 E. Washington. Lessons cost \$49 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more details call 903-356-3779 or visit rockwallsquares.com.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Girls Club sign-ups underway

...for the 2014-2015 Boys & Girls Club of County are underway. ion from Heath now is for more details, email bgerockwall.com, visit website at bgerockwall.com, 972-722-2462.

RFD plans Oct. 4 open house

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RPD plans Texas Night Out observance

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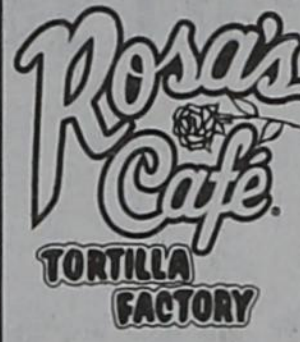
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Notice is hereby given to all interested persons who may have an ownership interest in the following property located in the City of Heath, Rockwall County, Texas, and locally known as:

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Harless A. Wade, Estate of
Lien Holders: None recorded.

After providing all notices required by law of the existing violations and the owner's failure to remedy the violations or demolish the structure, the City Council of the City of Heath, conducted a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, 2014 in the City Council Chambers, Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas to determine if the structure situated on the real property described herein is dilapidated, unsafe and a public nuisance which should be abated by demolition.

The City Council received testimony from the Code Official and the owner was not present. Upon the evidence presented, including previous issuance of notices, the Heath City Council determined the property is dilapidated, unsafe and a public nuisance and declared and ordered that demolition by the City is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and environs of the City of Heath if the violations are not corrected by the owner within 30 days of the date of this order. A copy of this order is available at the Office of the City Secretary, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas.

ORDERED THE 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2014.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing **Tuesday, August 12, 2014** and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing **Monday, August 18, 2014** to consider the following item(s). Both hearings will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas.

22014-020: Proposed Specific Use Permit - 109 Weston Court

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Bobby and Kimberly for the approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a carport that does not meet the minimum setback requirements stipulated by Section 2.1.2, Residential Use Conditions, of Article IV, Permissible Uses, of the Unified Development Code [Ordinance No. 04-38] for a 0.31-acre property identified as Lot 27, Block 11-3 & 12 of the A. Hanna Survey, Abstract No. 98, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, and take any action necessary.

22014-021: Proposed SUP Amendment - NEC N. Lakeshore Drive & East Fork Dr.

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Jill Blase for the approval of an amendment to Specific Use Permit (SUP) No. S-88 [Ordinance No. 11-11] to incorporate an additional 2.96-acre tract of land into the SUP for the purpose of providing additional parking in conjunction with the existing urban farm; the subject property is identified as a 16.26-acre tract of land composed of Lot 1, Block S of Preserve, Phase 3, Tract 11-3 of the N. Butler Survey, Abstract No. 21, and Tracts 11-3 & 12 of the A. Hanna Survey, Abstract No. 98, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Planned Development District 3 (PD-3), Planned Development District 41 (PD-41), and Single Family 10 (SF-10) District, generally located at the northeast corner of the intersection of N. Lakeshore Drive and East Fork Drive, and take any action necessary.

MIS2014-009: Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a City initiated request to amend the Future Land Use Map contained within the Comprehensive Plan, and take any action necessary.

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

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- HCC
- Sun Life
- ING
- HM Insurance
- Majestic (MGU)
- Symetra
- AIG

Insurance agents interested in providing proposals for reinsurance should solicit proposals from companies other than these designated markets. If commissions are to be included in the pricing for proposals provided through insurance agents, such commissions must be fully disclosed as part of the formal response.

The County of Rockwall will only consider those proposals which include an unconditional stipulation that there will be no "lasering" or individually specified deductible assignments initially or at each subsequent renewal period.

The effective date of reinsurance coverage is to be October 1, 2014. Proposals must be delivered to the office of The Director of Human Resources by 1:00 pm CDST on Thursday, August 21, 2014. Proposals must be sealed and contained within an envelope marked by the following designation:

"Individual Specific Stop Loss Reinsurance Proposal for the County of Rockwall Due 1:00 pm CDST on August 21, 2014."

Any questions or requests for additional information should be directed via email to:

Darenda Smith
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Darenda_Smith@ajg.com

Morris named athletic director at Fulton

Fulton School has hired D. Michael Morris as athletic director and coach. Following a revamped athletic staff, Johnathan Bryant has been named the Falcons' new head baseball coach and Melillo is expected to help with the six-man football team.

Pursuant to Chapter 101, Property Code, which is located at 101.001, the public auction will be held on August 1, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The auction will be held on August 1, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Dr. Letha Morris, who has 15 years of experience with TAPPS administration that Fulton's new Head of School, Dr. Letha Morris, has brought. All of her previous experience was with public schools.

Dr. Morris is excited to have Coach Morris be a part of the Fulton family. He will have a positive input in the athletic department with the knowledge he brings to the position."

Dr. Morris said the other head coaching assignments hadn't yet been determined.

Dr. Morris is currently on the track team at Stephen F. Austin University, and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas-San Antonio. He was on the coaching staff for three TAPPS state champion basketball

Dr. Morris and his wife have three children – one a college graduate, one a current college student and one a high school senior.

Changes in Fulton athletics were needed because Josh Johnson, the former athletic director and head coach of boys' basketball and his wife, Kallye Johnson, took teaching/coaching positions in New Braunfels, Texas.

Johnson coached volleyball and was a girls' basketball assistant coach. Dr. Morris will teach physical education. The 31-year-old spent the last three years as the head coach at Rockwall Preparatory Academy, a TAPPS 3A school. Fulton is in TAPPS 1A.

Dr. Morris said he expects to have Coach Bryant be a part of the Fulton family. He will have a positive impact in the athletic fields," Dr. Hopkins, wrote on the school website.

Dr. Morris was drafted out of Cedar Hill High School by the San Diego Padres, but chose to play baseball at Rockwall Community College. He also played at Delta State University before receiving a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Texas-Tyler. Bryant played independent minor league baseball as a right-handed

pitcher. Dr. Morris also teach AP English. The 64-year-old has 42 years of teaching experience, and has been a successful high school football coach.

Dr. Morris was named the Coach of the Year on the Wichita Eagle's Top 11 football team for 1986.

Dr. Morris is a New Jersey native also has coached at other Kansas high schools, and in Colorado and Nebraska. Dr. Morris' prior head coaching jobs in Texas have included Hanna and Princeton high schools.

Dr. Morris' website described Melillo as an avid reader and rare-book collector who owns more than 7,000 books.

Coming home: Rangers acquire Thompson from Detroit

Rockwall-Heath High School baseball standout Jake Thompson will be coming back home to the Fort Worth area after the Texas Rangers acquired him in a trade with the Detroit Tigers.

Thompson was ranked as the Tigers' 4th prospect by Baseball America, and so far this in prospect has pitched well at High-A Lakeland to earn him a spot in the Futures All-Star Game earlier this month. He was promoted to Double-A Erie after picking up the win for the US team. Thompson worked off of that, Thompson said in an interview with mlb.com. "I'm really proud of how I've come since last year, just kind of tweaking my fastball more, and using it better, not throwing it as hard as I can, but setting hitters up on it."

Lakeland, the 20-year-old went 6-4 with a 3.14 ERA and struck out 79 batters in 16 starts and 83 innings. Two starts at the Double-A level, Jake went 1-1 with a 4.50 ERA.

Thompson pitched in Heath's 2012 4A championship team, Thompson played at Dr. Bork in his high school career and now plays professionally in Frisco — just 30 miles from Rockwall and 35 miles from Globe Life Park in Arlington.

Rangers General Manager Jon Daniels spoke to MLB.com on how Thompson fits in the Rangers' rotation. "He's a big, physical guy who is built with a four-pitch mix. He has a good life on his fastball, a good arm and good makeup. He fits in with the wave of pitchers we have coming in."

Thompson was included in the trade with the 22-year-old right-handed pitcher Corey Knebel, a Georgetown, Texas native. Knebel rose quickly in the Tigers' system and made his major league debut this season. The former Texas Longhorn has been assigned to Triple-A Round Rock.

Dr. Daniels said he is excited to add these two pitchers. "We are acquiring them because we like what they do on the field, and they have good makeup. But they are both from our backyard. In talking to them, they both wanted to come here and pitch for the team they grew up rooting for."



Rockwall-Heath Hawks baseball standout Jake Thompson was acquired by the Texas Rangers last Wednesday, July 23 in the trade with the Detroit Tigers for closer Joakim Soria. Thompson, 20, has been assigned to Double-A Frisco and made his first start in the RoughRiders uniform Tuesday night, July 29 against the Midland RockHounds. Photo by Grant Nelson, Frisco RoughRiders/Rockwall County News



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Tri-Rock Triathlon set Aug. 3

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