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Rockwall Independence Day parade showcased many colorful floats and costumes including the McLendon/Chisholm Baptist Church float shown above.
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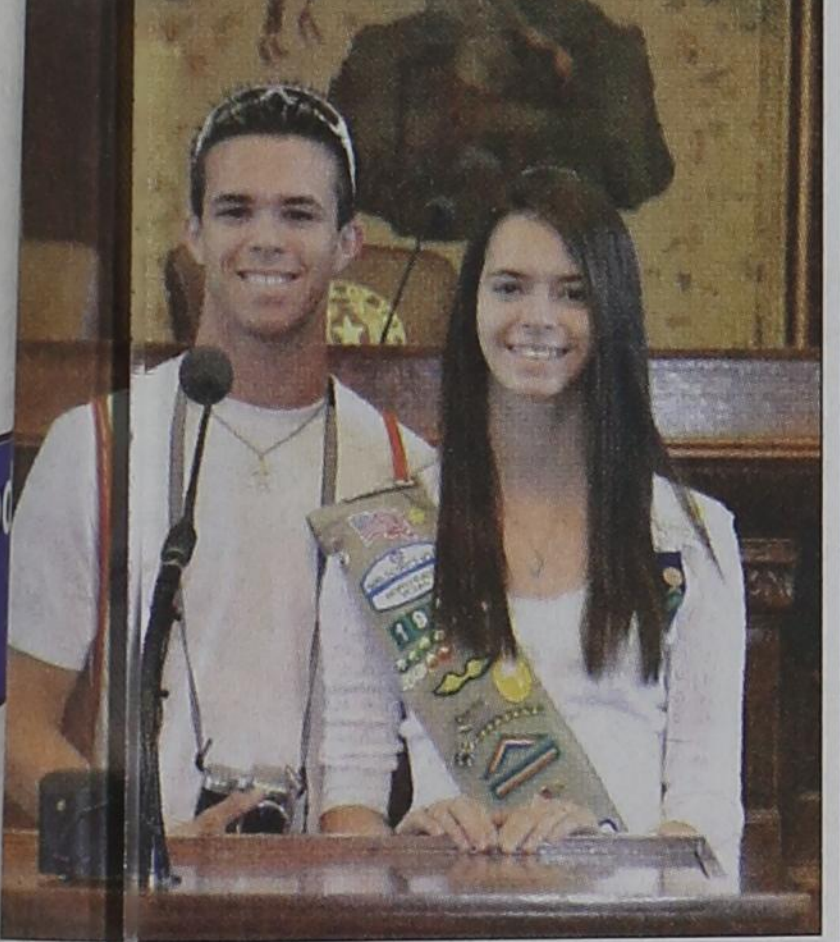
County officials searching for cuts to balance budget

Edwards
ing discussions, the Rockwall County Commissioners Court
second draft of Judge Jerry Hogan's proposed budget at a June
find that when you start cutting, it's very, very difficult to cut,"
about the challenge of finding 5 percent contingency reductions.
that we've got in the county, we've got things that can't be cut.
to operate the facilities, we've got to pay our people, and as you
budget anything that was first attempted to be cut met lots of
and resistance."
Services Director Angie Scalf, for instance, was asked to speak
her department with regard to the proposed budget. Like other
s, they've made plans for a 5 percent reduction, using state
eliminating an intern position to make the required cuts.
ported the number of families and youths served in Rockwall
increased from 45 in 2004 to 241 in FY 2010. With an increase
offenders the expense of drug testing grows, as does the need
placement of children being removed from threatening envi-
Without making for additional county funds, the department has
utilized grant funding to increase effective programs from 2005

to 2011. Among juvenile offenders that submitted to drug testing in 2004,
before the implementation of aggressively responsive programs, 42 percent
failed. In 2010, reports show a failure rate of only 7 percent.
"This shows these programs work," said Scalf.
Another reduction that has been taken off the table was the proposed out-
sourcing of library services. Following a town hall meeting on the subject
where dozens of citizens voiced their opinions against the proposal, Hogan
pulled the item from the court's agenda, eliminating any further action.
One idea Hogan proposed to provide "an insurance policy" against dwindling
funds is to obligate, on a general fund line item, an amount from the
reserve that, if unspent, can be returned back to the reserve funds. County
auditor Lisa Constant reported that this process would only require some
minor "jumping through hoops" but would amount to basically the same
thing — the funds would eventually come out of the reserves anyway, if the
county went into a deficit situation.
Some of the additions back into the budget include \$50,000 for the library
based on an agreement with its director and \$60,000 for the fire department
to continue funding it at the same level as last year. The county is strapped
for funds due to the need fund a \$100,000 project to renovate the Historic
Court House, and \$35,000 for security cameras in government buildings due
to increasing security concerns.
"We have no pay raises for the third year, and a lot of things we should
be doing," Hogan said about the budget situation, "but we don't have the
money to do right now."

A summation of the additions and reductions to the first budget by the city
auditor, has been provided prior to the discussion. In the interest of transpar-
ency, the court has ensured that documents and slideshows pertaining to the
county's budget process are available online at rockwallcountytexas.com.
Of equal impact on the agenda was a briefing on the background of the
Strategic Plan Committee, provided by Joan Terry in anticipation of their
complete presentation June 28.
The entire planning process was a basic demonstration of participatory
management," said Terry, who is assistant superintendent at Rockwall ISD.
"Specifically, strategic information flows downward and operational infor-
mation flows upward."
The planning team represented every component of the organization, as
well as the local community. One hundred and twenty individuals com-
prised the team, representing every faction of the organization, with the
public and elected officials invited to participate. With an anticipatory ap-
proach, data analysis included comparability to other county's strategic
plans, and state and national data, looking into the who, what, when and
where, with regard to the direction of Rockwall County.
"The strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and the threats of the county
were also analyzed," said Terry.
The importance of syncing the strategic plan with budget planning, and
continuing updates, as well as direct involvement with elected county of-
ficials to take the plan to the second phase, Terry said. With that appeal,

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Autumn Farter receives Gold Award

Autumn Farter received her Girl Scout Gold Award June
at the state capital. The award is the highest award given in
Girl Scouting. Farter, who is pictured above with her brother,
ack, has been a Girl Scout for 11 years. She earned the Gold
award for doing the Angel Tree for Equest in Rowlett, a project
that required 48 hours to complete. She designed ornaments for
the group's Christmas tree and part of her project required her
lead other donations from the tree helped with the expenses
the nonprofit organization, which enriches the lives of riders
through a therapeutic horsemanship program.
Courtesy: Photo/Rockwall County News



Joan (left) and Thomas Montgomery received the Mayor's Float award during Monday's Independence Day parade in Heath.
Photo by Greg Hill/Rockwall County News



RCRW plan Aug. 30 tea

The Rockwall County Republican Women will not meet this month, but a tea is planned for Aug. 20 at Holy Trinity by the Lake. Special guests will include Rep. Jodie Laubenberg and Justice of the Peace Nancy Beaty. Tickets will cost \$25 and may be purchased at rcrw.org, at GOP headquarters or by calling 972-771-3574.

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The 2011-2012 Starstepper Officers from Rockwall-Heath High recently attended the Crowd Pleasers Officer Camp in Dallas and attended leadership classes, competed in a choreography challenge and earned "superior" trophies for two routines. Pictured are Allison Strother, first lieutenant; Autumn Bass, lieutenant; Brooke Sands, lieutenant; Anna Blair, the group's director; Sarah Schneider, captain; and Raquelle Blackwood, lieutenant.
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Sheriff tapped for office in National Sheriffs' Association

Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson was elected sergeant-at-arms for the National Sheriff's Association at the organization's annual conference conducted June 18-22 at America's Center in Dallas.

Eavenson's selection to the post means he will serve as president of the national organization in 2012. A career law enforcement official and graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute, Eavenson also serves on several NSA committees, including Immigration and Border Security. He has served as sheriff of Rockwall County for the past 10 years and is active in organizations at the state and national level. In addition to his service on the board of directors, he also has served on committees for the Sheriffs Association of Texas.

"Most of us in the law enforcement profession are where we are due to our desire to serve," Eavenson said in a news release issued over the weekend. "We must never lose sight of the fact that what we do and how we do it reflects not only of us as individuals, but also the office of sheriff. We must put the integrity and dignity of the office above our personal goals and objectives. It is an honor to serve as sheriff of Rockwall County, Texas, and it is an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to serve the National Sheriffs' Association as their sergeant-at-arms and continuing to serve in other officer positions prior to becoming president of this outstanding organization."

Prior to being elected to the NSA sergeant-at-arms position, Eavenson was a member of the organization's board of directors. His election to the board was in 2007.

Earlier in his law enforcement career, Eavenson worked as a Texas Department of Public Safety sergeant for 10 years and a member of its Criminal Intelligence Service team for 10 years. During three of those years he was assigned to an organized crime unit. He left the DPS to accept a position as director of security for First National Bank in Dallas. He then worked in the corporate world and formed his own consulting firm in 1991.



Eavenson was elected sheriff after winning a runoff election in 2001. He initially took office Jan. 1, 2001.

In addition to his training at the National Sheriff's Institute, Eavenson is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Texas at Dallas.


A member of the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club, he serves on the board of directors for the Rockwall YMCA and CASA and is a member of the Rockwall Republican Men's Club and the North Texas Crime Prevention Council.

The NSA is one of the largest associations of law enforcement officials in the U.S., representing more than 3,000 sheriffs. Its membership is more than 20,000. The purpose of the nonprofit organization is to raise "the level of professionalism among sheriffs, deputies and others in the field of criminal justice and public safety."


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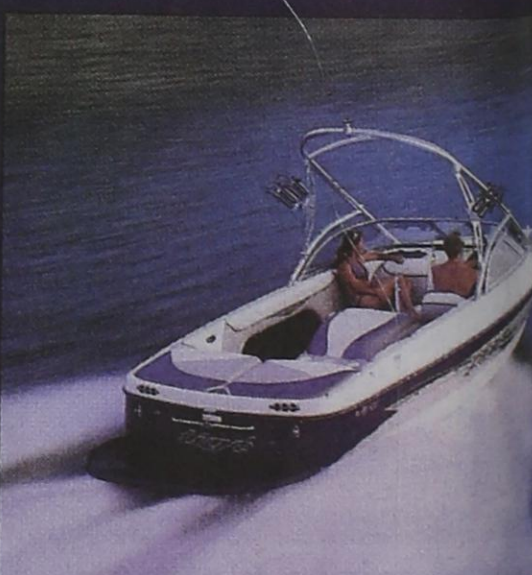
Spay/neuter shuttle runs again

The low-cost spay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will run from 7:30 a.m. July 21 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot.

The shuttle will return at 6:30 p.m. on the same day after dogs have been spayed or neutered. Dogs must be on leashes and in secure carriers.

To make an appointment online or review prices, visit spayneuter.com. To make an appointment by phone (hablamos Español) call 3500. Future shuttle dates include Aug. 18, Sept. 22 and Oct. 12. For more details, call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354.

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Funding decrease difficult task for budget planning

meeting of the Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees, which public hearing, the board approved the proposed 2011-12 proposed tax rate, which will remain at its current rate of 1.82 percent.

challenge in presenting a balanced budget without increasing the tax rate, according to the RISD's chief financial officer, David Singleton. "The challenge we did in the last few months," said Singleton, "is to balance the principal and interest payments when we did that bond issue in May."

Rockwall ISD school district to maintain that 43-cent tax rate, said Singleton, "is the principal and interest payments when we did that bond issue in May."

to manage that for the next two to three years," said Singleton. "The only thing that is if we issue more debt."

information, available on the RISD's website, shows that the budget is Salaries/Benefits, which has been reduced to 79 percent last year with decreased staffing and the outsourcing of custodial services. Outsourcing these positions created for those services from Salaries/Benefits toward contract

ways concerned about how much money is in the classroom. Among operational expenses, classroom expenditures have been steadfastly maintained at 63 percent of the total budget. "The change in expenditures has been in child nutrition, due to the decrease in federal funding. An increasing number of RISD students are on the subsidized lunch program each year, and increasingly the requirements mandated by the federal government are increasing the costs."

particularly apprehensive about the cost of the child nutrition program. Despite the increasing costs of food, federal reimbursement amounts to be proportionate to the amount of food served. This means that, in order to increase the federal funding, the district will need to charge more for the lunches.

cuts in the proposal were substantial reductions in Payroll/Outsourcing a number of positions will result in a savings of \$1.1 million, and the Employee Health Clinic program is saving \$1.2 million dollars.

leton's presentation and a few board questions, the public hearing was held for comments. No one came forward to speak, so the board approved the proposed budget and tax rate, 1.82 percent, by a 5-0 vote. The meeting was attended by 11 members, with 10 members present.

summary has been posted on the home page of the Rockwall ISD website under Featured News Items.

meeting, the board elected officers, with David Loftis as president and Chris Cuny as secretary. The meeting adjourned shortly after opening the meeting, then the public session.

communications, public relations and marketing Sheri Fowler presented a strategic plan overview update, providing a recap of the first

back over the past year, one thing has become very clear," said Fowler. "Our strategic plan has become entrenched in our daily tasks, and we are, exactly as it should be."

ed the "A-frame strategies" contained in the plan, which include: communication, ethics, diversity, communication, safety, facilities, technology, and operations.

job shadowing, student growth, family access to technology, and operations and communication expansion are other major

has been regularly updated on the committee's progress. The annual report was presented in the form of a simple binder, published to the RISD Boardbook. From the podium, the Rev. Dr. Joe C. Pool, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Texas, delivered the opening prayer on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

ackup documentation, and indicated a hard copy could be provided to board members that requested it.

board immediately asked for hard copies and inquired how the book could be posted on the Internet.

discussed how," said Fowler, "but we will have that available."

consent agenda, the board unanimously approved minutes from the regular session and the June 6 special session. The board also approved all other items on the consent agenda, which included a motion, donations to the district, personnel items, extensions on vendor contracts and RFPs.

Fowler's meeting recap on the RISD website, the 2011-12 strategic plan was included among those approvals, and two policies approved involved at-will employment and outsourcing.

former transportation and custodial employees, who have been laid off, said Fowler, "and are now employed by outsourcing agencies to continue to attend RISD schools as long as their parents are employed by the outsourcing entities."

ct that the other personnel policy involved at-will employment. He explained any further. According to the Texas Municipal Employees' at-will doctrine dictates that "Generally, employees are employed on an at-will basis and can be fired for good cause, bad cause or no cause at all."

situation," the legal briefing goes on to explain, "either the employer may terminate the employment relationship at any time without warning, and with or without cause, unless there is an agreement with express terms and conditions covering its termination."

policy will be available through RISD's website; the DCD document issued April 21, 2007, remains posted at this time.

ognition item, superintendent Jeff Bailey presented a letter of appreciation to Dr. Stan Lowrance with a plaque, thanking him for his service to the board of trustees and Rockwall ISD.

be brought a unique perspective to Rockwall ISD," said Superintendent Jeff Bailey. "His children graduated from Rockwall Schools... having grown up in Rockwall; he always made it a priority to consider all aspects of business from a staff perspective, as well as his personal life as a parent."

to was first elected to the board in 2005, was instrumental in the formation of the RISD Health Clinic and was a part of the board credited with the approval of new facility constructions and renovations, as well as a significant increase in the ISD's fund balance.

gnition item in the June 20 meeting was the introduction of a new principal for Quest Academy.

board also recognized Multiple Listing Service realty group members for their \$100 to each elementary campus. Earl Milner and Cindy Milner of Rockwall MLS, were on hand to relate the organization's appreciation to the donors: to "show the community that we value, not just the commissions," in Milner's words. Elementary

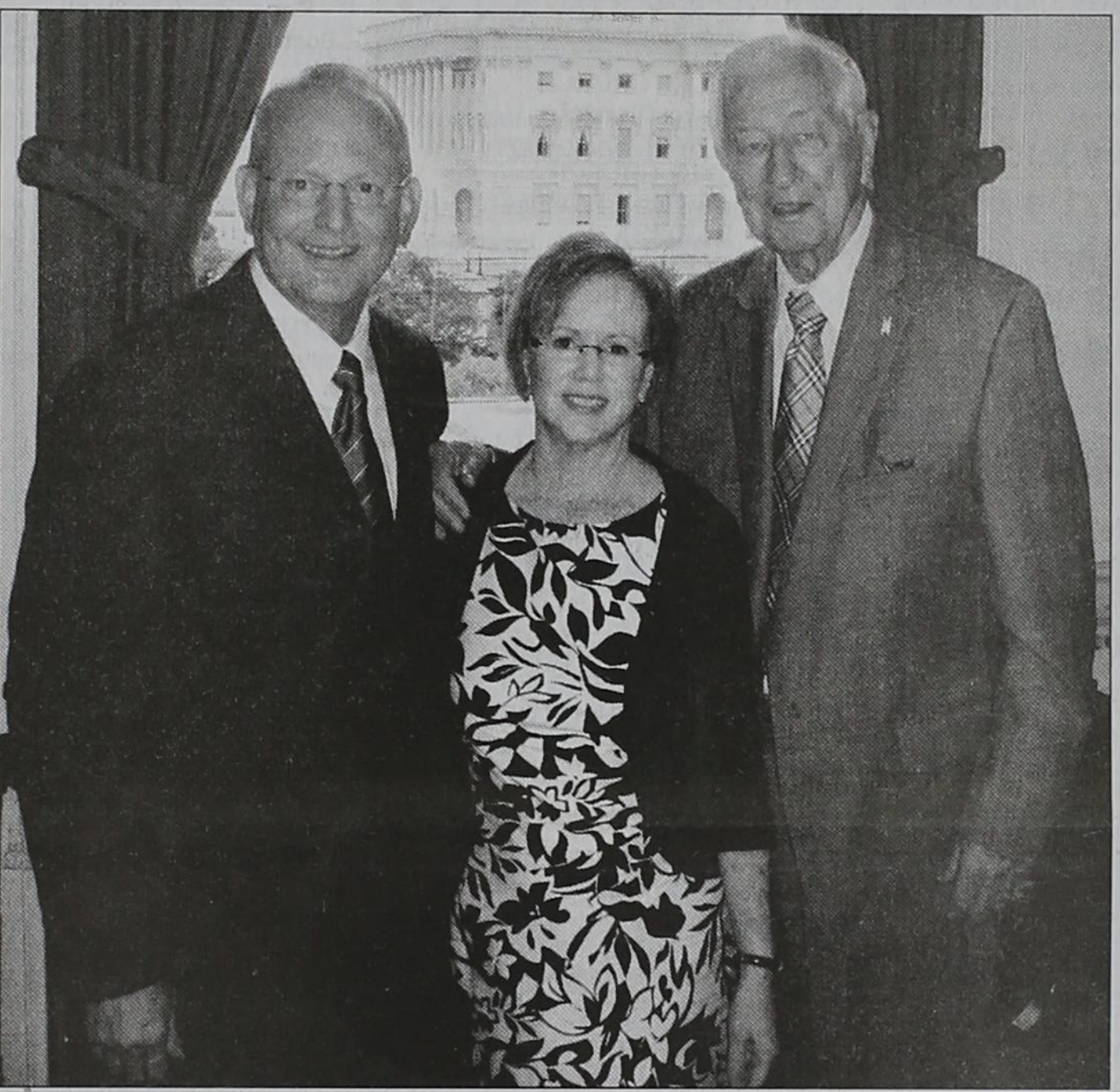
the teachers to choose a project to make use of the funds. The Chess Club, for instance, with more than 100 participants, was able to purchase new and additional chess sets.

have decided to use the funds for much-needed art supplies, materials, class projects and new non-fiction literature items.



Roy Hance, left, was one of several area residents feted at the recent Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse 20th anniversary celebration. Hance, first commander of the posse, received a plaque for 20 years of service to the organization. Making the presentation was Chief Deputy David Goelden. Also receiving plaques for years of service were Budd Pierce, second commander; Wendell Dyer, fourth commander; Jim Wardlaw, fifth commander; and Tom Briscoe. Ken Ingram was feted for 15 years of service, and Deryl Peoples and Choice Smith were recognized for 10 years each. Lauded for five years of service were Charles Lambreth, Mike Groves, Thad Parker, J.D. Parker and Ken Alford, sixth commander. Pierce also was given a special award for Outstanding Service to the Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse.

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The Rev. Dr. Joe C. Pool, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, served as guest chaplain June 22 and delivered the opening prayer on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. Pool, left, is pictured with his wife, Becky, and Rep. Ralph Hall of Rockwall, who attends Pool's church.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Local pastor delivers prayer on U.S. House floor

On June 22, the Rev. Dr. Joe C. Pool, pastor at First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, delivered the opening prayer on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Pool filled the role of guest chaplain.

Following the prayer, Rep. Ralph Hall gave the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize our guest chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Joe C. Pool, pastor of my home church, the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Texas. Rev. Pool's ministry spans more than 30 years in North Texas and includes serving as associate pastor in Dallas and as pastor in Irving and Gainesville prior to serving in Rockwall.

"Rev. Pool earned a bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and earned both a master of theology degree and the doctor of ministry degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He has been a longtime member of the executive board and the Mentor Pastor Program at Perkins.

"Over the past quarter of a century, Rev. Pool has led mission trips to the Appalachia region, Mexico and the Navajo Nation. He has been involved in hurricane recovery and rebuilding efforts throughout Texas and Louisiana following hurricanes Andrew, Katrina and Rita. Active in community service, he was selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America three times and also was selected for inclusion in Who's Who in America.

"Rev. Pool is blessed by his wife, Becky, and three children -- Candace, Corey, and Amanda -- and Rockwall in turn is blessed by this minister and his family. Rev. Pool is known as a wonderful preacher, teacher and friend of many, and may God continue to bless his life and his ministry for many years to come."

Habitat for Humanity ranks Sixth in U.S. largest home builders

Rockwall Habitat for Humanity's work to provide affordable housing in Rockwall has helped Habitat for Humanity International rank as the sixth largest homebuilder on Builder magazine's top 100 list.

With 6,032 closings in 2010, this is the second time Habitat for Humanity has placed in the top 10, according to a news release issued Tuesday by Habitat's local chapter.

"Our placement on the Builder 100 list is a testament to what can be accomplished when people work together," said Larry Gluth, senior vice president of U.S. and Canada for Habitat for Humanity International. "So many families in the United States and around the world face an incredible need for affordable housing, and this need only increases during challenging economic times. Habitat works every day to help these families, and we are grateful for the generosity of our donors, volunteers and advocates who have joined our efforts to help families obtain safe, decent and affordable homes and to strengthen communities."

In 2010, Rockwall Habitat helped three families obtain housing and is building the latest house on Peter's Colony near the post office. Manhattan Construction sponsored the current house, donating tools, supplies and time.

"We are thrilled that our work to provide affordable housing has contributed to Habitat's ranking as the sixth largest builder in the United States," said Wendy Buford, president at Rockwall Habitat. "We are proud to help families obtain affordable housing, and we thank our supporters for their commitment to helping families in need."

The Builder 100 list is an annual compilation of the largest homebuilders in the country. In 2009, Habitat for Humanity ranked eighth on the list with 5,294 closings, marking the first time the organization made it to the top 10.

County budget woes ...

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she asked Commissioner Jerry Wimpee to lead arts and recreation and Commissioner Dennis Bailey to lead finance.

A considerable amount of information pertaining to Rockwall County's strategic plan has been made available to the public on the Rockwall County website at rockwallcountytexas.com on the Strategic Plan page. Rockwall ISD has also devoted a page of their own website to the project, at rockwallisd.com.

Update: A special meeting scheduled for June 30 was cancelled, due to lack of a quorum, after one of the commissioners expected to attend did not appear. According to the posted agenda, the meeting was intended to discuss and act on reduction in force procedures, and the second draft of the proposed budget. This meeting has not yet been rescheduled and probably will not be until after the next regular meeting on July 12.

Volunteers needed for children's summer food program

Rockwall Mayor David Sweet is leading the call for volunteers for the Summer Food Service Program, designed to provide healthy free meals in the summer months to Rockwall children 18 years and younger.

During the school year, many of these children participate in the National School Lunch Program. For the summer program, sponsors provide meals at sites throughout the community through school districts, food vendors and on-site preparation. Volunteers are needed to help the sponsors as they provide meals at sites throughout Rockwall by helping assist with transportation; outreach; business processes; providing enrichment activities; and directly serving meals to the children.

Volunteers are an important part of the program, and they are often critical to its success, according to the news release.

The meal schedule is as follows:

- Dobbs Elementary: Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and lunch, noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday (except July 4) until Aug. 12
- Rochell Elementary: Breakfast 7:20 a.m. to 7:50 a.m., lunch, noon to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday (except July 4) through Aug. 12
- Lake Rockwall Estates Community Center: Lunch, noon to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday (except July 4) through Aug. 12

Anyone interested in being a Summer Food Service Program volunteer should visit summerfood.org and click on the link "Eat Right Find a Site" or call 2-1-1.

The Fulton School adds new AP courses

The Fulton School, a private college preparatory school, has expanded its Advanced Placement courses to include AP Calculus AB and AP Physics, according to a news release from the school.

These additions bring the total AP offerings to 10 courses including English Composition and Literature, English Language and Literature, Statistics, Comparative Government and Politics, American History, Environmental Science, Studio Art, and Chemistry.

"The Fulton School's growing assortment of AP courses enables our students to complete one semester of college credit before graduation, further enriching the value of the education they receive. We offer small class sizes and big opportunities," said Matthew Burgy, Fulton's head of school.

"Fulton's attractive value proposition led to a 38 percent increase in our student body during the 2010-2011 school year, and we're projecting continued growth for our upcoming school year," Burgy said.

The Fulton School enrolling students for its 2011-2012 school year, which will begin Aug. 17.

Families can attend an open-house Preview Day on from 10 a.m. to noon July 30 or schedule a private tour by calling 972-772-4445.

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"

On God's Word

Edifying the church...1Corinthians 14:27-33

by Timothy W. Burnett

"If any man speaks in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course, and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church, and let him speak to himself and to God" (1Corinthians 14:27-28).

Paul's previous words were "Let all things be done unto edifying," at which point he addresses some details of the dynamics related to speaking

in tongues with interpretation and prophecy. The above quoted verses 27-28 specifically address speaking in tongues with interpretation.

Due to misinterpretation, churches have taught that the interpretation is given by somebody in the group besides the one speaking in tongues. By allowing the verse to interpret itself it can be seen that the word "one" refers to the "man" who was speaking. This is cleared up in the next verse.

For if there is no interpreter, let him keep silence and let him speak to himself and God. Let who keep silence? The one who speaks in tongues, but does not believe to interpret. That one should keep silent and not speak in tongues in the church seeing that he does not believe to give the interpretation of the tongues.

Verses 29-31 address prophecy, "Let the prophets speak two or three and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sits by, let the first

hold his peace. For you may all prophesy one by one so that all may be comforted."

Notice that speaking in tongues and prophecy involve people. They were not designed to benefit only one person. They grow in the spirit and practice prophecy in our personal lives that we eventually utilize it in the church setting, glorifying the church.

I love the part that says, "For you may all prophesy one by one so that all may be comforted." Like children we so look to the spirit of God for the edification of the church that turns because we love our fellow saints and brethren, sweet and loving words of edification and comfort by the saints.


The saints in Corinth were no doubt doing this at the time of confusion and discomfort of sitting in a church fellowship of 20 people all speaking in tongues with interpretation at the same time. Nobody could understand what is spoken.

You know what happens when this continues? Soon it gets out of control. Maybe some of us have seen this.

God cleared this up with the following information, "Let the prophets be subject to the prophets. For God is not the spirit of the church because they have the spirit of God in them."

The spirit that is in us is subject to us. It does not possess us. God is not the author of the confusion that results in the spiritual matters. This kind of confusion takes away from God. For God is the author of peace. This is true of the saints.

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Melt milk, chocolate and butterscotch chips in the microwave.
Add vanilla and nuts, stir.
Pour into 9" x 13" foil lined dish.
Chill in refrigerator a day or so.
Remove foil, cut into small, easy to handle pieces.
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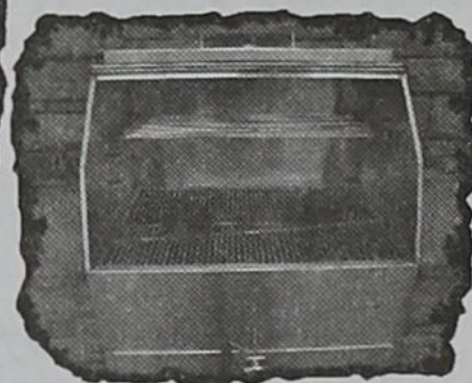
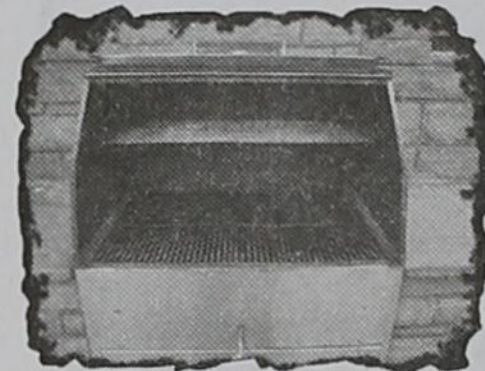
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lowed in the Restland Memorial Park, 9220 Restland Road, in Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died June 29.
 Born Dec. 28, 1926, in Keller to William Travis and Ella Harriet Wallace, she graduated from Birdville High in Fort Worth in 1944 and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene with a bachelor's degree in speech and drama in 1947. She also received a master's degree in school counseling and guidance from North Texas State University.

She was a teacher and counselor for the Dallas Independent School District for 30 years, retiring in 1992. Following her retirement, she worked in a private counseling practice as a licensed professional counselor and a licensed marriage and family therapist for many years. She and her husband, John, enjoyed working together for many years, leading marriage enrichment programs throughout the state. She was a member of Better Marriages (ACME) and the Texas State Teachers Association.

A former member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall where she taught Sunday school for more than 30 years, her most recent church membership was at Wilshire Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, John R. McLaughlin; her son and daughter-in-law, Weldon and Jane McLaughlin of Flower Mound; her son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Sharon McLaughlin of Dallas; her daughter and son-in-law, Kellye Magee-Brim and Lloyd Brim of Rockwall; her brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Lois Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn.; her 11 grandchildren, Paige Stevenson and John McLaughlin, Valerie Crabtree, Sie McLaughlin and Adrienne Mageors, and Meredith, Allison, Kendall and Holden Magee, Jillian Brim and Heather Skeen; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Pathways to Ministry Program, a program designed to give recent seminary graduates the opportunity to apply and develop their training in a real-world, two-year pastoral residency experience, at Wilshire Baptist Church.

Vern Barham Woodall

Services for Fern Barham Woodall, 79, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. July 2, 2011, in the First Methodist Church in Grand Saline. Burial followed in the Woodside Cemetery.

She died June 29.

Born Aug. 12, 1931, in Arp to P.L. and Martha Pederson Barham, she graduated from Gaston High School in 1949 and married Howard (Woody) Woodall July 2, 1949, in Albuquerque, N.M. The couple moved to Grand Saline in 1972 where they purchased the Grand Saline Sun and the Edgewood Enterprise. They also owned the Wood County Democrat and three other weekly newspapers.

For almost a decade in the 1960s and 1970s, the couple lived in Jacksonville where they were active members of the First Christian Church. She was employed by Lon Morris College as assistant to the dean and he was a sports writer and advertising sales rep for the Jacksonville Daily Progress. She began her newspaper career as society editor at the same newspaper.

While living in Grand Saline, she served the community in many roles. She was active in the First United Methodist Church where she spearheaded the annual Thanksgiving dinner, served as Sunday school secretary, served on the board of directors and taught a Sunday school class. She was chairman of the Grand Saline Library board and president of the Athena Club. She was instrumental in starting the local Friends of the Library and was president of the organization for several terms. She was named Woman of the Year in Grand Saline in 1992, and she and her husband were awarded the Sam Holloway Achievement Award by the North and East Texas Press Association.

The couple enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. in their motor home. The Woodalls were married 53 years. He died in 2002.

She spent her final years living at Arbor House in Rockwall where she enjoyed cooking, reading, writing, visiting and playing board, card and computer games.

Survivors include her two sons, Bill Woodall and Jessica Matlock of Kilgore and Bert and Denise Woodall of Prescott, Ariz.; her daughter, Lisa and B.J. Reid of Rockwall; one grandson, Josh and Emily Woodall of Atlanta, Ga.; three granddaughters, Katie and Scott Heater of Tyler, Meagan and Brian Skarbek of Dallas and Kelsey and Matt McCord of Dallas; six great-grandsons, Nick and Alex Woodall of Atlanta, Jackson and Nathan Noland of Tyler, Andrew Skarbek of Dallas and Reid McCord of Dallas; her sister, Linda Gay and Robert Brown of Longview; her brother, Jim and Shirley Barham of Overton; two sisters-in-law, Beth Holmes of North Plate, Neb., and Barbara Woodall of Grove, Okla.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

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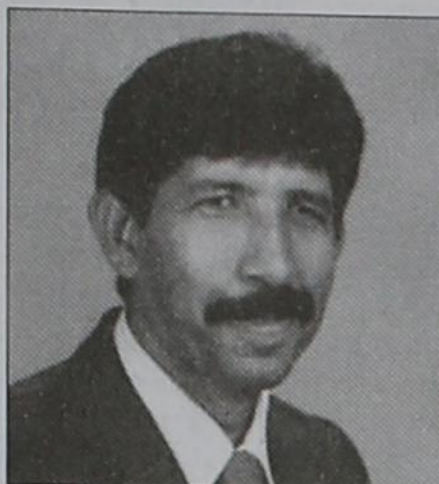
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Jose Luis Ballesteros

Jose Luis Ballesteros, 53, died at 2 p.m. at the Rest Haven Funeral Home with Deacon



in Mexico to and Catalina Ballesteros, his wife, Blanca Ballesteros, his sons, Jose Luis Ballesteros and Eric Ballesteros, all of Rockwall; his brother, Filiberto, Sergio and Ricardo Ballesteros; his sisters, Catalina, Luz Elena and Griselda Martinez; and the fa-

ther of his parents and one brother, Fernando.

Colleen Evans

Funeral services for Colleen Evans were conducted at 2 p.m. at the Rest Haven Funeral Home with Deacon



in Garfield County, Texas, to Ernest and (Mrs.) Holden, she was a doctor's office manager, a crafter, especially quilting, and her daughter-in-law, Jupiter, Fla.; her grandchildren, Gary Evans and his wife, Christina Condos, and her great-grandchildren, Jake, Miranda, Curtis and Michael, Elizabeth and

Max Evans; her son, Max Evans; and her brother, Sam Evans.

Michael Travis Frausto

Funeral services for Michael Travis Frausto were conducted at 2 p.m. at the Rest Haven Funeral Home with Deacon



in Dallas, he was a fitness instructor from McKinney, Texas, where he played

with his wife, Alyson Frausto, and one daughter, Kaylee Frausto, and one son, Kade Everett Frausto, and one daughter, Kaylee Frausto, and one son, Kade Everett Frausto, and one daughter, Kaylee Frausto, and one son, Kade Everett Frausto, and one daughter, Kaylee Frausto.

John Michael Himelrick

Funeral services for John Michael Himelrick were conducted at 10:30 a.m. July 8, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

He was born in Pueblo, Colo., to John Irwin and Betty L. (Sherwood) Himelrick in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He married Sandra Hyatt in 1999, he retired from the Department of Homeland Security as an investigations supervisor. After moving to Rockwall he worked as a school bus driver for the Rockwall Independent School District. He was a fan and enjoyed camping and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Himelrick of Rockwall; his sons, John and wife, Amie, of Cypress and Chris Himelrick and wife, Gail, of Centennial, Colo.; his sisters, Gail McMillian of Oak Grove, Okla., and Kim Real of Pueblo; and his grandchildren, Michael, Hunter, and Hunter.

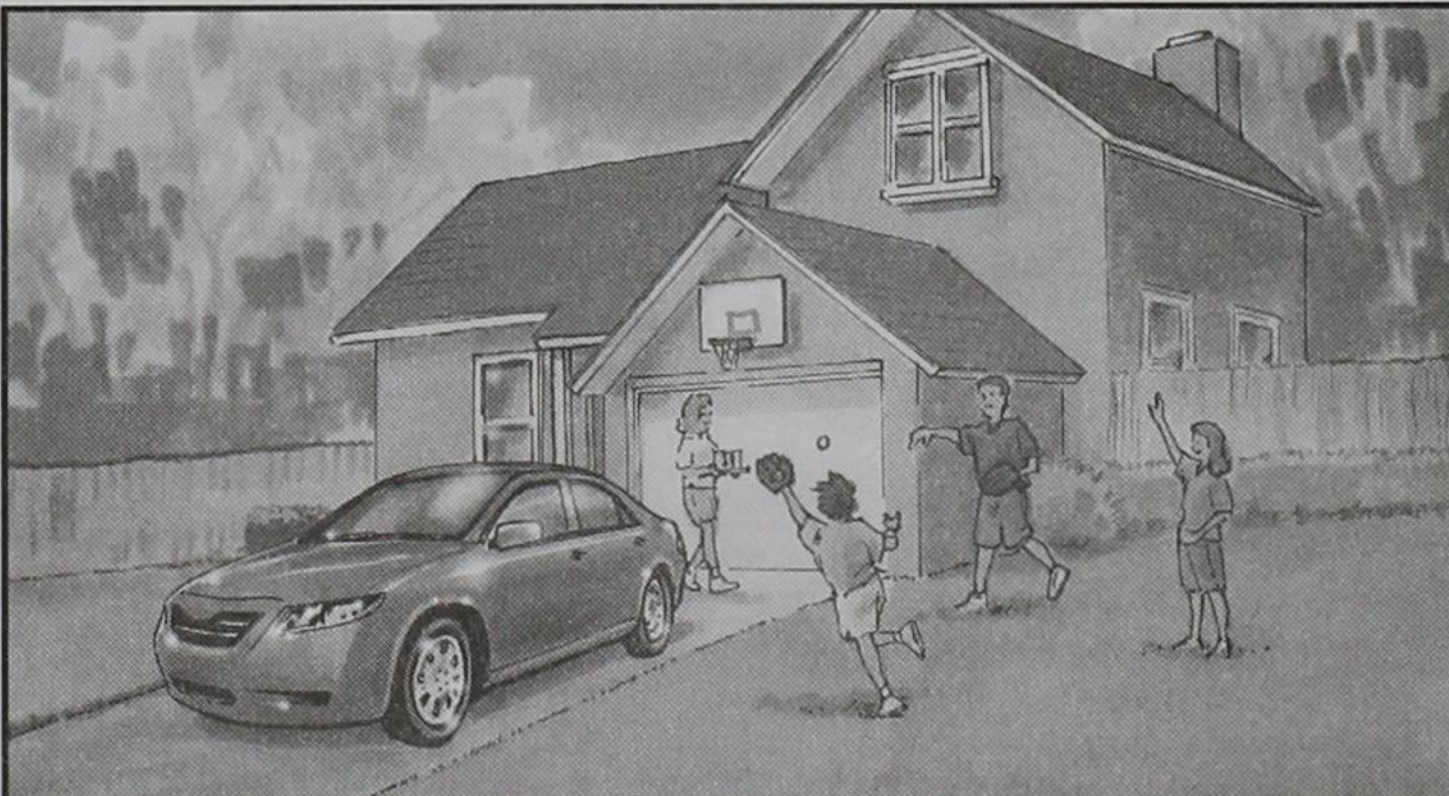
Moveta Janis McLaughlin

Funeral services for Moveta Janis McLaughlin, 84, of Garland, a longtime Heath resident, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. July 6, 2011, in the Wilshire Baptist Church, 4316 Abrams Road, in Dallas with Dr. Charles C. McLaughlin and Dr. J. Preston Bright officiating. Burial fol-

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Habitat workday slated Saturday

Work at 801 Peter's Colony, the current work site for Rockwall Habitat for Humanity, will continue July 9. Roof shingling will be the primary task undertaken. Work will begin at 6:30 a.m. and continue until about noon to try to beat the heat of the day. Volunteers planning to work are encouraged to hydrate and wear sunblock.

Free NAMI support groups to meet

Two free NAMI support groups will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 9 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. One group is for individuals with a mental illness (Room 121) and the other is for their family members (Room 123), B Building.

Highsteppers offer mini-camp

The RHHS Highsteppers drill team will host a summer mini-camp for girls in kindergarten through sixth grade from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 11-14. Activities will take place at the RHHS school gym. Participants will be grouped according to grade level. Each participant will receive a T-shirt. Cost for the camp is \$60 per child. For more details, contact Stephanie Statham at stepstatham@gmail.com.

Intro to Computers class offered

An Introduction to Computers class open to individuals ages 55 and older will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. July 13-14 at The Center. The course is designed to familiarize participants with basic computer operation fundamentals. Cost will be \$30 or \$20 for Rockwall residents. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

RC Chamber luncheon RSVPs needed

The deadline for RSVPs to the July 19 Roysie City Chamber of Commerce luncheon is July 15. The event will take place at noon at Arboleda's Restaurant, 138 E. Main St., Roysie City. City manager Bill Shipp will be the featured speaker. Cost will be \$10 at the door or \$15 for individuals without reservations. To RSVP email Julia Bryant at info@roysiecitychamber.com or phone 972-636-5000.

Event to focus on kite-making

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host Kite Making 101 from noon to 2 p.m. July 16 at The Center. Children ages 5-12 are invited to make their own kites and fly them in the city park. Cost will be \$45 or \$30 for Rockwall residents; supplies will be provided. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Church to host Summer Mission Camp

The First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall will host a Summer Mission Camp from 9:30 a.m. to noon July 18-22. Participants will experience the church's motto, "Feel the Love, Be the Love," as they travel throughout the community to learn about organizations that help

others. A pool and pizza party will be conducted on the final day. Cost will be \$10 per child, which will include the camp T-shirt. The event will be open to youths in grades kindergarten through eighth. To register, contact Mary Thacker at marythacker@sbcglobal.net or call 972-722-1215.

'Math Mania' set July 18-22

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

Stingerette clinic slated

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

Surfing the Net class offered for seniors

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

Spay/Neuter Shuttle to run July 21

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

Library tutor training set July 23

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

'Earth: The Amazing Planet' offered

Youths ages 6-10 are invited to participate in Earth: The Amazing Planet from 9 a.m. to noon July 25-29 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The day camp will cover multiple areas of science, including biology, engineering and chemistry. Cost is \$248 or \$165 for Rockwall residents. For more details call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Volunteer in Parks workday set July 30

The next Volunteer in Parks (VIP) workday in the City of Rockwall will be July 30 at The Park at Hickory Ridge, 1910 Walnut Ridge. The volunteer effort will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals and groups are welcome. For more information contact the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7761.

Registration open for YMCA cheerleading

Registration is under way for YMCA cheerleading for children ages 4-12. Cost is \$35 for YMCA Family members and \$90 for non-members. The season will begin Sept. 10. Additional details and registration information is available at rockwallymca.org.

Library to assist job seekers

The Rockwall County Library will offer some free classes for job seekers: Searching for a Job Online, 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 1; Applying for a Job Online, 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 8; and Resume writing, 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 15. All classes will be offered in the Tech Lab. Space is limited. Sign up for the classes at the library's reference desk.

Author to offer program at library

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

Doggie Splash Day set Aug. 13

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Doggie Splash Day at 10 a.m. Aug. 13. A swimsuit contest, dog-paddle race and retrieving contest will be conducted for dogs. Cost will be \$5 per dog; swimming owners will be admitted free of charge. Owners must bring proof of rabies vaccinations for their pets to be allowed entry. For more details call 972-771-7740.

RCRW planning Aug. 30 tea

The Rockwall County Republican Women are planning a tea Aug. 20 at Holy Trinity by the Lake. Special guests will include Rep. Jodie Laubenberg and Justice of the Peace Nancy Beaty. Tickets will cost \$25 and may be purchased at rcrw.org, at GOP headquarters or by calling 972-771-3574.

Final VIP day of the year planned

The final Volunteer in Parks (VIP) of the summer will be Aug. 27 at Harry Myers Park, 815 E. Washington. The volunteer effort will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals and groups are welcome. For more information contact the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7761.

RHS Parks needs vendors for craft fair

The RHS Band/Senior Class will host a craft fair Oct. 8. Vendors of all types are needed for the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plenty of parking also will be available. The fair also will include a senior class fundraiser - a haunted house game booth event. Contact Liz Tarter at 972-772-1846 for more details.

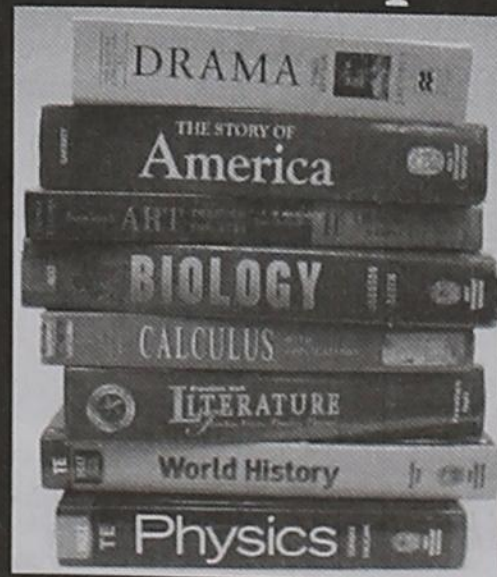
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Rockwall County Entertainment

Mystery theater benefit dinner slated

"Knot by a Long Shot," a mystery play where the audience solves the crime will be offered from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 9 at the Church of Prayer Fellowship, 5326 Rochelle Rd., Rockwall, by the non-profit organization Your Season Ministries. Appropriate for ages pre-teen to adult, the play calls for semi-formal attire. Tickets cost \$15 per person or \$80 for a table. Tickets are available at Hidden Treasures, Rockwall; at the church; or at yourseason.org. For more details call 972-772-4411 or 972-961-4011.

Double Ace to perform

Double Ace will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Classic rock concert slated

The classic rock band Railhead will perform at the Concert by the Lake at 7:30 p.m. July 21 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Professor D to give concert

The variety band Professor D will perform at the Concert by the Lake at 7:30 p.m. July 28 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Country band to take stage Aug. 4

King Buck's, a country band, will perform at the Concert by the Lake at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Eagles tribute band scheduled

The Eagles tribute band Fastland will perform at the Concert by the Lake event at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

Cajun/Zydeco concert to end season

Ponty Bone, a Cajun/Zydeco band, will give the final performance of the Concert by the Lake 2011 series at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

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Crime Stoppers offers reward for info on bank robbery

The Rockwall County Crime Stoppers board of directors has authorized a reward of up to \$3,000 to be paid to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest of the person or persons involved in the June 14 bank robbery at the Community Bank in downtown Rockwall.

The decision to offer the reward was made at the board's June 27 meeting. According to police reports, a man described as African-American, with a light complexion, thin and approximately 5'6" in height, wearing a dark shirt, approached the teller on duty, demanded money and fled with the cash. The suspect was exhibiting during the crime, and the amount of cash taken was approximately \$10,000.

The suspect was wearing large-gauge earrings with clear stones. The crime, and authorities believe these may be an identifying feature, led to the Crime Stoppers new release. The suspect, who has been described as a "lobe bandit" because of his earrings, also is being sought by law enforcement in a Garland bank robbery.

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Royse City News

Royse City ISD's Randy Hancock earns Region 10 superintendent honors



Royse City Independent School District superintendent Randy Hancock has been named the Region 10 Superintendent of the Year, according to a RCISD news release.

Hancock was tapped for the honor by the Region 10 Screening Committee.

The recognition makes Hancock eligible for the annual Superintendent of the Year award sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards. Superintendents from 18 public school districts have been nominated for the SOTY award, which since 1984 has recognized superintendents for "excellence and achievement in

educational leadership."

Candidates are chosen for their leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality, ability to build effective employee relations, student performance and commitment to public involvement in education. Superintendents from any of Texas' 1,034 local school districts are eligible for nomination by their school boards.

The state committee will interview regional winners next month in Austin and select five state finalists. The Superintendent of the Year will be announced Oct. 1 at the TASA/TASB Convention in Austin.

Royse City Lions Club conducts youth art contest

The Royse City Lions Club is seeking entries for the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Participants are encouraged to express their visions of world peace in their posters. Each poster will be judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters will advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities will select a grand prizewinner and 23 merit award winners.

During the past 20 years, more than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. Past grand prize winners' posters can be viewed at lionsclubs.org.

Students in Royse City and the surrounding area ages 11-13 on or before Nov. 15 are eligible to participate.

The Royse City Lions will host a preliminary art day at the Royse City Library from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 9. Supplies will be provided. Those planning to participate in the art day event should register by calling 214-287-1656 or email roysecitylionsclub@gmail.com.



Avery Champion (left) and Rand Champion feast on watermelon while enjoying last weekend's Independence Day festivities at the Royse City Stadium. The two are the children of Rand and Kim Champion of Royse City. Avery attends second grade at Fort Elementary in Royse City.

Photo by Heath/Rockwall County News



The Royse City Lions Club installed new officers on June 30. Pictured above, from the left, are Andrea Chandler, president; Kimberley Jer, secretary; Melda Belk, treasurer; and Kathleen Tyre, vice president. The club is making plans for a fundraising Charity Texas Golf Tournament Aug. 25 at Luigi's Café in Royse City. Proceeds will help fund the club's service projects, including low-vision clinics, computer packages, Head Start classroom assistance and others. The club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Luigi's. Visitors are invited to attend.

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This Week in Royse City

Fourth of July celebrations

All of us had a wonderful Fourth with all the celebrations in our community. The night started with a fireworks display at 8 p.m. on Friday night and had a great time. Though the heat and humidity were enough to take away your breath, no one seemed to mind. The best time was when we were all gathered at the park, having the best time - whether they were gulping watermelon, bouncing on the bouncers, running sack races or tossing beanbags. Laughter and fun were everywhere, sponsored by Southern Junction, entertained with a live band, sponsored by Southern Junction, entertained with a live band, sponsored by Southern Junction, entertained with a live band. All in all, the atmosphere was just what we needed to celebrate our independence.

Davis appeared to be the oldest resident at the fireworks, said I thought she was 80, but she never told me how old she is. "I'll give you a hint," she said, with a mischievous sparkle in her eye. "I've lived in Royse City for 60 years." "You know when Botox first came out and they would take 10 years off your face? Well, I thought to myself, why would I want to look 84?" The fireworks were beautiful and brilliantly planned. The chamber did a fine job of putting on the sixth annual celebration. I know I can't wait for next year's celebration.

Church news

Hope Baptist Church, located at 801 Old Greenville Road, is an African-American church that welcomes everyone. They do not care if you are a different race, what you may or may not have done. They care about reaching the community. Visiting this church Sunday I found everyone there to be friendly. If you decide to visit, you'll find yourself swaying with the organ music

and the drumming of an 11-year-old boy. Pastor Raymond Clayborn presents a powerful sermon that makes you feel good.

New Hope has many activities: women's and young women's ministries, meetings of the brotherhood, youth Bible studies, choirs and more. Vacation Bible school begins July 12 and runs through July 15. This will be a true blessing for the children and the church.

"The Imperfect Woman" is the theme of this year's Women's Conference, which will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 23. Tickets cost \$10 if you register early and \$12 at the door. If money is a problem, call the church. They would be more than happy to find a sponsor for you. The Women's Conference is the perfect time for women to get together for a day of worship and empowerment.

On July 24 will be the Women's Annual Day. The church ladies invite 100 women, wearing any kind of purple clothing, to come march around the church with them. Bring a friend. There's room for everyone.

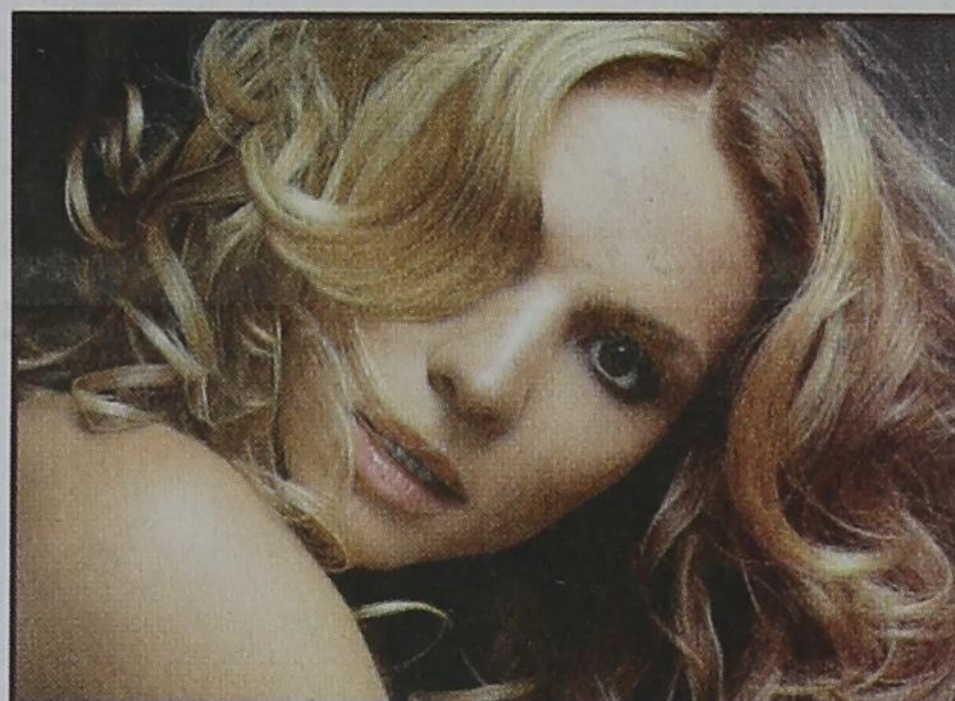
Last, but not least

Congratulations to Janet Nichol, whose yard was awarded Yard of the Month. Good job.

Well, it's been a busy week and lots of fun was had by all, but don't let it stop here. It's never too late to have fun. Be careful as you go.

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Students produce video about water pollution

When Amy Parks-Heath Elementary teacher Kelly Romack and her fifth grade students were invited to produce a water pollution video for the City of Heath, they tackled the project with creativity and enthusiasm. After researching the topic and writing a script, the students turned to Michael Oleksinski, a professional film producer and father of an Amy Parks student, to coordinate the video. Oleksinski, whose career began at Paramount Studios, has worked for Hyundai, Lexus, Stein Mart, Pepsi and Nike. He has resided in the area for eight years. The resulting video has drawn praise from Heath officials. "We were impressed by the effort, talent and significant time the students and Mr. Oleksinski invested in the project," said Randel Dobbs, Heath's city engineer and director of public works. "They took this opportunity seriously, and the need for citizens to seriously do their part to keep our water clean." Every municipality is mandated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to implement a Storm Water Management Program. The mandate includes requirements for educating the public about how to reduce water pollution, a task accomplished by Romack's students. "This video exceeded our expectations, and we are submitting it to numerous organizations including TCEQ, the Texas Development Board and American Public Works Association for recognition," said Dobbs. "It is an outstanding educational tool that educates people in a memorable way." The video, which includes a poem by Jakob Thomas and a rap song by Berkley Adams, can be viewed on the city's website at heathtx.com.

Rockwall ISD Child Nutrition receives state award

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

Linda Traphagen

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Kelly Romack and her fifth grade students at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary recently produced a video about the importance of reducing water pollution. The students were assisted by Michael Oleksinski, the father of an Amy Parks student and a professional film producer. The video can be viewed at heathtx.com.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall-Heath High cheerleaders recently attended the NCA Cheer Camp at Southern Methodist University. All three cheer groups – the varsity, junior varsity and freshman squads – were singled out for awards, and the Hawks mascots scored some honors. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

RHHS cheerleaders, mascots earn honors at cheer camp

The Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders and mascots attended the NCA Cheer Camp June 8-11 at Southern Methodist University. The varsity squad earned "excellence" ratings in tumbling, "superior" ribbons in cheers and chants, a "spirit stick" and a bid to the NCA Nationals competition. Each varsity member received a "superior" ribbon and an All-American Nominee nod. Alexis Roland, Meagan Crawford, Erin Iles, McKenzie Edwards, Mary Fields and Rebekah Gerritsen were selected as All-Americans, and Roland received NCA invitations, an award given to seniors and inviting them to try out for the NCA staff. The junior varsity cheerleaders were tapped for the Top Team Award. They also received "superior" ribbons for cheers and chants, a "spirit stick" and a bid to the NCA Nationals competition. The group also received the Herkey Award. Individually, each JV team member received a "superior" ribbon. Kaley Stewart, Jacquelyn Doughty and Madeline were selected as All-Americans. The freshman cheerleaders received the Champion Chant Award and "superior" ribbons for cheers and chants, a "spirit stick" and a bid to the NCA Nationals competition. Annika Smith, Ali Johnson and Connor Choate were named All-Americans. The Hawks mascots also fared well at camp. Varsity mascot Harley Hawk, a.k.a. Chandler Cox, received the Mascot Award and was selected as All-American and Most Spirited Mascot. She also received a NCA invitation to the NCA staff. Varsity mascot Heidi Hawk, Mariah Pranshke, received the Leadership Award and was chosen All-American. JV mascot Marlow Amick, earned the Unity Award and was named All-American.



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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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Reading for Adults receives grant

Reading for Adults local program offered by Rockwall County Library recently received a Rockwall County Breakfast Rotary Club Community Grant Award. The funds will be used to support the library's adult and literacy tutoring program. Shown accepting the grant is Gloria Bishop, the program coordinator for the library. The RFA program offers tutoring, a U.S. citizenship preparation program and English as a Second Language classes. Registration for classes is under \$100. Call the library, 1215 E. Yellow Lane, or by calling 972-770-7705.

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Rockwall County Sports



Dallas Race Week drew over 40 boats for six days of action packed sailing accompanied by perfect sailing weather. The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club to contribute over \$25,000 to nine charitable organizations.

Wrestlers place 4th at Colorado tournament

Rockwall's wrestlers had plenty of opportunities to compete during a summer camp at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo. The team took part as Rockwall won 11 of 16 matches to place fourth in the overall competition.

Competition during the week divided the teams into three-team championship pools. The Jackets went 10-4 to qualify for the Second Championship Pool. The losses were to Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., and to the three teams that took the first three places in the overall competition - champion Pueblo, Colo.; Columbia, Idaho, and Moon Valley, Ariz.

Hernandez, Cade Goss, Garrett Miller, Ryan Gamino, Daniel Roland, Collin Hill and Austin Hatten.

"The boys wrestled fantastic," said RHS assistant coach Mike McMahon. "The Western State coaching staff and clinicians spent additional time with our group working on mat skills and technique that will help make our wrestlers more successful. Our boys received a ton of additional technique as well as the competitive mat time, making this summer's camp a huge building block for the future. All wrestlers competed extremely well, and the coaching staff is very pleased with their growth and how well they supported each other as a team."

'Mule' win summer races

Rockwall showed up for the first sailing race of the Summer Wednesday regatta on Wednesday, June 29.

The regatta was a 5-boat A Fleet, perhaps inspired by the Dallas Race Week that took place earlier in the year, was Brian Taylor's "Rented Mule." Six boats competed in the regatta.

Rockwall's "Mule" was the winner of the regatta. Other boats included "Wings," "Rented Mule" in the A Fleet were Scott Self, second in "Soap Opera"; Marshall Mackenzie, fourth in "Geronimo"; Marshall Mackenzie, fourth in "Superman's"; Chris Hunke, sixth in "Swale," and "August Blaze."

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Rockwall County Sports Notes

Sign-ups under way for girls volleyball
Registration is under way for girls volleyball through the Rockwall County YMCA in grades 3-6, volleyball play will begin Sept. 10. Registration is \$45 for YMCAs and \$95 for non-members. Registration runs through July 31. Cost is \$45 for YMCA Family members or \$100 for non-members. The coaches meeting is set for 11 a.m. Aug. 13 at the Rockwall YMCA. For more details contact the Rockwall YMCA at 972-772-YMCA.

Small Fry, Youth Soccer registrations open
Registration for Small Fry Soccer (age 3) and Youth Soccer (ages 4-12) will run through July 31. Regular registration will be Aug. 1-10, and late registration will begin Aug. 11 until teams are full. Cost to register is \$35 for YMCA Family members or \$75 for non-members. The coaches meeting is set for 11 a.m. Aug. 13 at the Rockwall YMCA. For more details contact the Rockwall YMCA at 972-772-YMCA.

YMCA offers new football program
Rockwall County YMCA is offering a new football program with two levels to accommodate every player ages 5-12. Registration is open now and will close on July 31. Cost is \$45 for YMCA Family members or \$100 for non-members. The season will begin Sept. 10. Visit rycafootball.com or hhcafootball.com for more program details.

Triathlon set Oct. 2 at The Harbor
The Open Triathlon, the final event in the Race to the Toyota Cup series, will be held in the City of Rockwall Oct. 2 at The Harbor. The three-event race will include a swim, followed by a cycling and a running event. The swim event will start at 7 a.m. and the last runner should finish at about 2 p.m. To avoid traffic on Oct. 2, a new bike route has been designed. More than 1,000 participants are expected to compete.

Varsity, JV and freshman cheer squads competed
The cheer squads competed in a competition on the SMU campus June 8-11. All three squads won spirit sticks, as well as excellence and team awards. The varsity squad won top recognition, and the Dorothy Herkimer award for the team/program that exemplifies unity, teamwork and support, along with being the most talented. The varsity squad members are Tori Hedges, Marissa Lancaster (mascot), Ellie Kate Davis, Amber Britton (mascot), Lauren Phillips, Sarah Beasley and Samantha Ruff; second row, Lindsay Reynolds, Riley Kelley, Abby Farmer, Hunter Blackwell, Ali Arguelles, Kallea Coles, Megan Inglis and Cathleen; third row, Jordyn Solorzano, Molly Phillips, Aubrey Dickson, Katie White, Shelbi Crawford and Sammie. Additionally, seniors Arguelles, Beasley, Loy, Moses, Phillips received NCA staff invitations to join the NCA team.



Rockwall County wrestlers attending the recent team camp at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado are Trent Alders, Andrew Hyde, Jonathan Jonas, Cody Jonas, Drew Troxler, Brandon Jimenez, Tyler Wells, Austin Tamez, John Hernandez, Cade Goss, Garrett Miller, Ryan Gamino, Daniel Roland, Collin Hill, and Austin Hatten.



Rockwall County Sports



Black Sox perfect season
YMCA 10-1

The Black Sox baseball team had a perfect 8-0 season in the YMCA 10-12 age group (back row left to right: Chris Chastain, Bob Breen, Matt Trety, Jacob Chandler, Josh Gray, Coach Zimm, Alex Jobe, Isaac Jared Pugh, Max Chastain, and Bob Breen).

Photo courtesy Breen/Rockwall County

Opinions

The 'Isolationist' Red Herring

by Sheldon Richman

The media have picked up a new buzzword: "isolationist." They jumped on it after Sen. John McCain, who seems to want the United States to be at war everywhere, said after the last Republican presidential debate, "I do want to send a message, and that is that we cannot move into an isolationist party." He was soon joined by his fellow advocate of empire, Sen. Lindsey Graham, who told his party's critics of President Obama's Libyan intervention to "shut up."

Is the GOP going isolationist? Presidential aspirant Jon Huntsman calls for an "aggressive drawdown" from Afghanistan. Mitt Romney wants the troops out "as soon as possible." That brought rebukes from rivals Tim Pawlenty and Michele Bachmann. Speaking at the establishment Council on Foreign Relations, Pawlenty accused some Republicans - presumably Huntsman and Romney - of "trying to out-bid the Democrats in appealing to isolationist sentiments," while Bachmann said the U.S. government must "finish the job" in Afghanistan.

Pawlenty and Bachmann need not worry. There is no "danger" that Huntsman and Romney will fall into "isolationism." Calling for bringing the troops home "as soon as possible" is a meaningless statement, and an aggressive drawdown from Afghanistan, when the public is sick of America's longest war, says nothing about foreign policy in general.

On the other hand, another candidate in the race, Rep. Ron Paul, does want an immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and everywhere else the U.S. government maintains troops, including Europe, Japan, and South Korea. He wants the thousand or so U.S. military installations scattered around the world closed.

But is that isolationism?

No, it is not. Why would anyone use that term to describe a program of peace and free trade with the rest of the world? Where's the isolation?

There have indeed been political figures who wished to create a Fortress America, a program that would have included economic self-sufficiency. That is properly called "isolationism."

But a foreign policy of trade with the world and military nonintervention is as far from isolationism as one could get.

It is telling that the critics of "isolationism" equate engagement in the larger world with invasions, occupations, bombings, drone missile attacks, assassinations, black-site prisons, torture, covert operations, and all the rest of the malign things associated with the so-called war on terror. For them the choice is between empire and isolation.

How absurd! Were George Washington and Thomas Jefferson isolationists when they advised the United States to have commercial relations with all countries and political ties with none, and that it stay clear of foreign quarrels? Was John Quincy Adams an isolationist when he said that America "goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own?"

What those who attack "isolationism" don't want the public to know is that Washington, Jefferson, and Adams favored a foreign policy of nonintervention because it is best suited to a constitutional republic. As we have seen in recent years, keeping government power in check is impossible when it is free to roam the world imposing its notion of order - and always in a way that turns a profit for special interests. As their counterpart in Great Britain, the free trader and pacifist Richard Cobden, noted, freedom cannot flourish in an empire.

Or as James Madison put it, "Of all the enemies to public liberty war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded because it comprises and develops the germ of every other."

But aren't we in danger? If so, it is because of a half-century of U.S. military and political intervention.

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Not happy with closed restaurant

Editor's Note: A frustrated consumer wrote the following letter to the General Manager and Regional Operations Manager of a restaurant. Not having received an answer from the company, the author of this published letter will result in a resolution of the issue.

Dear Mr. Baerenstecher

In November 2010 I received a gift card for \$100. I was to use the card on March 11, 2011 to take my wife out for her birthday. Arriving at the restaurant in Rockwall I found out that the restaurant was closed.

I emailed your office with no response. After two weeks I called your office again with no response. I also emailed the manager with no response. With much persistence I found out that the card at the Rockwall Hilton, but only for \$50.00.

I have patronized Blue Canyon in the past and find this a disappointing practice. I am sending this letter to your other locations and will refund my \$50.00. Your Gift Card says "A Gift in Goodwill." Paul R. Havens, Rockwall

So let's hear no more about isolationism. But if the world let it be used as the classical liberal William Graham Sumner said, "Our ancestors all came here to isolate themselves from the and inherited errors of the old world.... When the others are the burden of militarism, who would not be isolated in peace. When the others are all struggling under debt and taxes, who would not be isolated in the enjoyment of his own earnings for the benefit of his family?"

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State* and *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at sheldonrichman.com.

TSA abuses: A seeing the forest and the tree

by Anthony Gregory

The Transportation Security Administration is finally getting some of the bad publicity it deserves. We read about an elderly woman forced to remove her adult diaper to go through the screening process. We learn about a mentally disabled passenger deprived of his harmless toy by a sadistic policy, if not sadistic TSA agents. We see pictures of women and little children being felt up, all the while Americans stand by, seemingly helpless to do anything about such humiliations. A whole country has been conditioned to these summary body scans and pat downs, these invasions of bodily integrity that would have unlikely been tolerated in the era before 9/11, a memory that grows dimmer by the day.

Under Obama, conservatives once again pose as advocates of liberty, increasingly expressing outrage about TSA abuses. They are right to be angry. We could ask where they were almost ten years ago when their president, George W. Bush, oversaw the creation of this national monstrosity. More to the point, we should note that their critique hardly goes far enough and is somewhat misdirected.

The conservatives complain that grandmas and helpless children are being abused, and instead the TSA should pursue a more "common sense" policy that streamlines unthreatening people through a less-invasive process. Those who obviously don't "look like a terrorist" shouldn't be molested. Sounds good. But what many of them mean is that we need racial profiling, and that Arabs, Muslims, and those from questionable nations should undergo extra scrutiny. Yet this too is objectionable and absurd. Hundreds of thousands if not millions of such people fly in America regularly, and only an infinitesimal fraction are any threat. Why should the government subject innocent Arabs and Muslims to indignities and unreasonable searches without due process? On the other hand, British citizen Richard Reid, the attempted "shoebomber" of December 2001, didn't look like a "typical" terrorist. He was of European and Jamaican descent. TSA agents are simply not equipped to discern who is a threat from who is not, and they never will be. There is no way to guarantee the total security conservatives have spent a decade demanding while preserving the liberty of everyday Americans.

The liberals are even more disgraceful. They spoke up for civil liberties under Bush, decrying the No-Fly list and other such deprivations. Now many of them, suspicious of the conservative TSA critics, defend this terrible agency created by Bush and made worse under Obama. They even cheer as TSA agents vote to unionize, as though better compensating these federal employees or making them even harder to fire should be on the top-ten-thousand list of priorities for any humanitarian, as the left claims to be. Even worse, many left-liberals have denied that these screening procedures are intolerably invasive. Some have said those on the No-Fly list should be

barred from gun ownership. The same liberals who fret about big business's threats to the environment and consumer safety defend the TSA full-body-scanner, insisting the health risks are a total fantasy.

In March, USA Today reported that the TSA "would retest every full-body X-ray scanner that emits ionizing radiation - 247 machines at 38 airports - after maintenance records on some of the devices showed radiation levels 10 times higher than expected." The same government that many Americans trust to protect their health didn't even bother to accurately test within an order of magnitude the radiation levels of its equipment before irradiating many millions of Americans and foreigners. And why should anyone be subjected to this risk, no matter how small? Ah yes, for the privilege to fly.

Some will say that this is simply the price we pay for security, but that is a complete illusion. According to ABC reporting last December, TSA diagnostics to determine how many weapons could be snuck past security found that some major airports had a failure rate of 70% and at some airports, "every test gun, bomb part or knife got past screeners." Nothing has improved since college student Nathaniel Heatwole snuck weapons onto a plane at Baltimore-Washington International Airport back in September 2003 and then emailed his story to the TSA, which took five weeks to find the contraband. A flustered top TSA official insisted, "Amateur testing of

No wonder that when terrorists are stopped in their tracks - the shoebomber of 2001 and the underwear bomber of 2009, for example - they were frustrated by the private sector, flight crew and customers, and not by TSA.

our [security] systems do not show us in any way our flaws. We know where the vulnerabilities are and we are testing them." Eight years later, have they addressed these vulnerabilities? A determined terrorist, needless to say, could easily infiltrate a plane with weapons.

This has happened without major casualties inflicted on the innocent - unlike the case of Rigoberto Alvarado who in December 2005 was shot multiple times on a Miami runway by two Air Marshalls, who claimed the man had cried out he had a bomb, something none of the passengers corroborated. Moreover, when people actually stop a terrorist incident, it has nothing to do with mass invasions of the personal privacy of millions of airline customers.

Airlines have every reason to protect their property and their customers, which means private security - not as it was before 9/11, overseen by the FAA, but truly, completely private security - is the answer. (The recent resignation of the major FAA official due to the scandalous tendency of his

air traffic controllers to be caught sleeping on the job indicates an indispensable and crucial that agency is.)

In a free market for security, some airlines might have developed more rigorous screening processes. Others might allow guns on planes - another deficiency that has been completely neglected. Whether airlines profile passengers up to them, but customers will demand security without violating their dignity, and the private sector, unlike government, has all the incentives to deliver on both fronts.

The myopic focus on planes is questionable to begin with.

The TSA has already terrorized Amtrak passengers on its eyes set on other ground transportation - is this the direction we want this country to go? Recently the agency was even involved at securing a high school prom.

other, similarly vulnerable, public locations? Will they come to an authoritarian atmosphere of the airports?

The missing fact in most of the controversy is that TSA is not designed nor institutionally structured to protect us. We are surrendering our gels, forgoing our bottled water, or taking off our shoes for our own good. That's all a ruse. The TSA is an agency whose if not intended purpose, is to condition obedience and subservience to the population. It is an arm of the federal police state and cannot be used for anything else. It must be abolished totally and nothing should bring liberty back to air travel.

Even more fundamentally, the media and talking heads - conservative opponents of TSA - forget why we have a terrorism such as it is, in the first place: Because the U.S. government has been waging imperial wars abroad, slaughtering children, propping up corrupt overthrown governments, playing geopolitical favorites, competing for off of international trade, and generally behaving as the biggest bully in the world. The blowback terrorism that results can never be stopped as long as the wars continue. Those who criticize the TSA but defend the wars and those who defend the TSA but question the wars, should know they are two sides of the same imperial coin. The same degradation of domestic passengers is in play in the degradation of foreign civilians bombed from the sky. Washington, D.C. as master of our lives and ruler of the world. So long as we have pretensions to control the planet, we will be treated as imperial subjects are always treated: as mere cogs in the machine, disposable and of no human livestock, at the very best.

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