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Water Conservation Plan in Effect for Rockwall residents

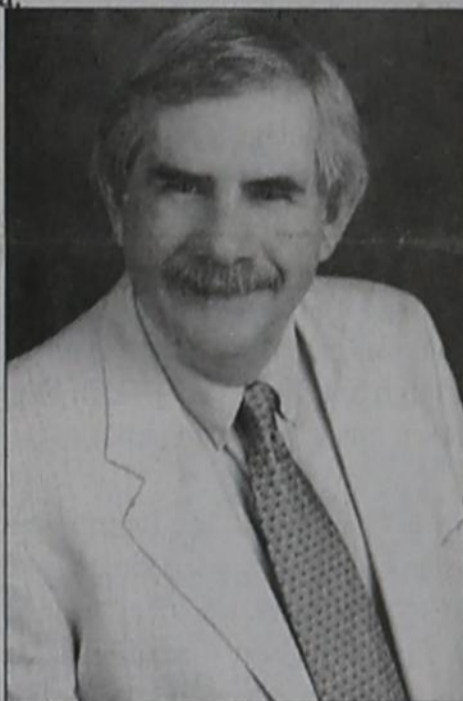
The City of Rockwall has recently adopted a new Water Conservation Plan that emphasizes water conservation. The plan was developed with the help of the North Texas Municipal Water Commission. The demand for water service is increasing in the area, leading to the need for the water conservation plan. The guidelines established in the Water Conservation Plan include: * Watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. is prohibited from April 1 through October 31. * Outdoor watering of impervious surfaces (concrete, blacktop) is prohibited. * Watering during rain or freezing temperatures is prohibited. * Lawn and landscape irrigation is limited to twice per week unless: irrigation systems are equipped with an evapo-transpiration controller; a water hose with a shut-off valve is used; or if needed for new lawns or landscaping, for a period of 30 days or as approved by the City of Rockwall. * In-ground and freeze sensors and/or evapo-transpiration controllers must be properly maintained. * Washing and at-home car washing are permitted only when using a water hose with a shut-off valve. To learn more about water conservation or the City Conservation Plan, visit www.rockwalltx.gov.

City to meet with Lake Rockwall residents on zoning proposals

The City of Rockwall will be conducting special meetings at the Lake Pointe Church Community Center in Lake Rockwall Estates, to meet with residents and answer questions concerning the proposed zoning for the neighborhood and to discuss other development issues. The first meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30. The second meeting is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. The Lake Pointe Church Community Center is located at 375 Eva Street. Representatives from the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department and others involved in the process will be on hand to answer questions and discuss future improvements to the area. For more information, contact the Planning and Zoning Department and 972-771-7700.

Joe Vaughan named Dean of Upper School at Lakeland Academy

Lakeland Academy, a private school located on a 70-acre equestrian ranch near Royse City, has named Joe Vaughan as the new Dean of Upper School. Dr. Vaughan, formerly of Texas A&M University, has committed to developing the school's unique college preparatory curriculum, which will include the first IB (International Baccalaureate) high school in the area. Dr. Vaughan, Head of School at Lakeland Academy, said, "We are fortunate to have an educator of Dr. Vaughan's status join our faculty in developing our world class school that focuses on preparing students for the twenty-first century. He will be working with seventh and eighth grade students for the 2009-2010 term, as well as assisting in the accreditation process. Dr. Vaughan will also be working with organizations and parent groups in the tri-county area for the 2010 school term as dean of the upper school in preparation for our ninth and tenth grade classes in the fall of 2010." For more information about Lakeland Academy or its new expansion package, may visit www.lakelandacademy.org or call 972-771-7700.



Princess Ingrid is elated to see her old friend, Maxwell Smart, as Agent 99 looks on with not quite as much enthusiasm in the Rockwall Community Playhouse Teen Theater production of "Get Smart." The show's run continues this weekend at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Princess Ingrid is played by Alexandra Thomas; Max is played by Coleman Roughton and Agent 99 is played by Leslie Allen. The show is directed by Felicia Sykes. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children, students and adults age 62 and over and can be purchased online or by calling RCP at 972-722-3399. The Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk in Rockwall. RCP will also hold auditions for its next production, "Calamity Jane," at 1 p.m. Aug. 8 and 9 at the Playhouse. The Playhouse will also host the Camp Broadway Teen Theater Camp from Aug. 3 to Aug. 14. Participants will learn about staging, choreography, songs and many aspects of producing a musical show. Sign-up information is available on the RCP website at www.rcp.org.

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End-of-Summer Party set at library

An end-of-Summer Party for youths in grades 6-12 will run from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library.

Training set for library's volunteer tutors

The Rockwall County Library's needs volunteer tutors to help students learn to read and speak English, pass the GED test and obtain citizenship. Classes are offered mornings from 10 a.m. to noon and evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Tutors do not have to be teachers of speak Spanish. Training will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the library. Classes begin Labor Day. To register for the training, call Gloria at 972-204-7705.

Seminar to focus on thyroid disorders

The Lake Pointe Health Network will conduct an interactive one-hour seminar on thyroid disorders beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lake Pointe Café in the medical center, 6800 Scenic Drive. Enter through the north entrance portico. Speaker will be Dr. Saikat Gangi, who is board-certified in endocrinology and internal medicine. For details call 1-866-525-5762.

City to host neighborhood meeting

The City of Rockwall will host a pair of meetings at the Lake Pointe Church Community Center, 375 Eva St. in the Lake Rockwall Estates to meet with residents and answer questions concerning the proposed zoning for the neighborhood. Other zoning issues will be discussed. Meetings are set for 6 p.m. Thursday and Aug. 6. For more details call 972-771-7700.

CASA volunteer info sessions set

Volunteer information sessions will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at Soulman's Barbecue, 691 E. I-30, Rockwall. For more information call CASA at 972-772-5858 by Tuesday) and at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Kaufman County Library, 3790 S. Houston St., Kaufman County. For more information about CASA, visit lonestarcasa.org or e-mail lonestarcasa.org.

Airwave 80s to play at Harbor

The Airwave 80s will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Free horseback riding event slated

Children and beginner adults can participate in a free horseback riding event Saturday at the Bar S Arena in Royse City. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; no drop-offs allowed. Riders will ride in a covered arena from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., taking turns on gentle horses (or bring your own horse). Adults will ride from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Some help will be available to those who request information or directions visit barsarena.com.



Carol Fendley (left) and Barbara Baumann (right) wait to purchase cantaloupes from the Millcreek Farms booth at last Saturday's Farmer's Market at the Rockwall downtown square. The ever-popular market will continue each Saturday from 8 a.m. to Noon through October. Vendors on hand last Saturday included Sterling Tea, Tropical John's, Blackland Coffee Company, Round Rock Honey, Custom Café Foods, Wackym's Kitchen, The Bea Charmer Honey, Millcreek Farms and Llew Sibley's Old School Melons.

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

We must reject proposed national health plan

If anyone bothers to read the proposed national "healthcare reform," they'll find the language so convoluted that is impossible to understand. Take for instance Page 239, Line 14-24. I read one review which said that provision will reduce physician services for Medicaid and that will affect older folks, those on low income and the poor.

When I read that page, I couldn't make heads or tails out of what it is saying - it is legalese gobbledegook. It doesn't say in plain English that services for seniors will be reduced - it reads like most government documents to the point that ordinary English speaking folks can't tell for sure what it is saying.

I suspect most folks, like me, are opposed to this bill, not because they KNOW what it will do, but, because they DON'T KNOW what it will do, and, that alone is reason enough to be against any proposed legislation. Any legislation that cannot be understood straightaway by ordinary folks should be rejected by congress.

When those who oppose this bill say they understand it and it means such and such, they leave themselves open for the pro-bill folks (like the scumbag leaders at AARP), to deny that it says that (which it doesn't, in plain English), and that makes those opposed to it look stupid, or paranoid.

Those making a public voice against this bill should just stick to what everyone can see with their own eyes - this bill is so wordily convoluted that those who will be affected by it can't really make sense of it, and, any health care bill (or any legislation) should be easy to understand by the masses - that is something the AARP couldn't argue with, and that is something the masses (like me) could see with our own eyes.

It is unnerving to know that these jackals are always there, circling the carcass (the dying body of the USA), waiting for any and all opportunities to rush in and grab another big bite.

I feel like what the old fisherman in "The Old Man and the Sea" must have felt as he watched the sharks come in, one by one, and gobble up his big marlin he had caught and strung up alongside his small sailboat as he made his way back to port. All you can do is watch and weep.

Jerry Burnett

Opposing so-called "Healthcare Reform"

Recently I took a grassroots approach and hosted an educational forum which was a Rockwall Town Hall. This meeting was open to the public, which was held at the Rockwall High School held on May 26.

I have traveled two occasions in the past three months to Washington, D.C., and lobbied about health care reform; I went as a member of National Association of Health Underwriters. I returned June 15 after personally meeting with Congressman Ralph M Hall, TX-R 4th District, Rep: Pete Olson TX-R 22nd District, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson TX-D 30th District, Rep. Silvestre Reyes TX-D 16th District, Rep. Jeb Hensarling TX-R 5th District.

I own an insurance agency in Rockwall, Benefit Writers, and I serve as the federal legislative chairwoman for Dallas Association of Health Underwriters. My passion comes from the love for my family, and I am driven by my passion to do what is in the best interest of my clients, as well as a professional in the health care industry. I take what I do very seriously and want to play a part in a better reform.

We do not need a socialized, or a single-payer health care plan; one that would increase our national debt to an estimated \$20 trillion. The 1,018-page bill released by the Democrats known as The America's Affordable Health Choices Act would cost Americans \$1.5 trillion that would be spent in a 10-year time.

I do not believe we break the whole mechanism, I believe we focus on a reform that addresses the uninsured Americans. Why fix what isn't broken? Let's focus on what parts of health care are broken and work to find a solution to make a reform to improve it. We need to realize the private sector those of us paying insurance premiums and a portion of our premiums and a portion of carriers is mostly how health care is financed.

We are all very different and our needs are very unique in the sense that one plan will not be suitable for all Americans. There is a way of to fix our current health care, one that does not ration benefits. One that will not cost taxpayers \$1.5 trillion.

In the next few weeks I will submit a series of pieces that will explain what is in the proposed bill released last week. It will address the public option, with all the cost associated with it. We the people should raise our voices loud enough that our representatives hear us in Washington, D.C. We can let them know that we the people do not want, nor will we tolerate, a government-run health plan that controls cost by rationing benefits.

The America's Affordable Health Choice's Act was introduced by the Democratic House a week ago Tuesday; all 1018 pages of it. President Obama wants Congress to vote on this bill before the August break. We the people need to demand the bill be read in its entirety by our representatives and their aids before they cast their votes in our behalf. After all, it's about us Americans. And we will be the ones to live with the debt of it as our children and the next generation. We are expected to pay for it. Yes, pay for it because it's not free.

How do we know or how can we know if we are for it or against it without knowing the details?

I have made it a point to personally read the bill, and I have one word to describe how I feel about it. That would be a loud no. I am thinking of my parents who are Medicare age, and I see the Medicare recipients would suffer the most.

Let's take a look at the bill in its condensed version. I believe only a few sections should be released at a time to insure the published piece can be read and readers can have time to understand what they are reading. I hope they look forward to the other sections by the next print date.

Readers can be involved and let their voices be heard by visiting the following Web sites: capwiz.com/nahu/home/; brokersmakingadifference.org; kaygranger.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=95§iontree=20; and notintexas.org.

Write key congressmen and let them know you want them to read the bill in its entirety before they vote on it:

• Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, Finance Committee; 202-224-2934, 202-228-2856 (fax)

• Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-TX 15, Education and Labor committees; 202-225-2531; 202-225-5688 (fax)

• Rep. Charles Gonzalez, D-TX 20, Energy and Commerce committees; 202-225-3236; 202-225-1915 (fax)

• Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-TX 25, Ways & Means Committee; 202-225-4865

• Rep. Michael Burgess, R-TX 26, Energy and Commerce committees; 202-225-7772; 202-225-2919 (fax)

• Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-TX 28, Blue Dog; 202-225-1640; 202-225-1641

• Rep. Gene Green, D-TX 29, Energy and Commerce committees; 202-225-1688; 202-225-9903 (fax)

• Rep. Sam Johnson, R-TX 3, Ways & Means Committee; 202-225-4201

• Rep. Ralph Hall, R-TX 4, Energy and Commerce committees; 202-225-6673; 202-225-3332 (fax)

• Rep. Joe Barton, R-TX 6, Energy and Commerce committees, 202-225-2002; 202-225-3052 (fax)

• Rep. Kevin Brady, R-TX 8, Ways & Means Committee; 202-225-4901; 202-225-5524 (fax)

Diane Vickers
DAHU federal legislative chairwoman

Rockwall ISD's New Wave of Technology

by Dr. Gene Burton, Rockwall ISD Superintendent of Schools

Sergey Brin, cofounder of the Google search engine said, "As we go forward, I hope we're going to continue to use technology to make really big differences in how people live and work."

As we follow our Technology Plan and the 2006 and 2007 Bond packages, Mr. Brin's hope is very evident in Rockwall ISD. Throughout our schools, ongoing technology undertakings continue enhancing the lives of our students and staff.

Our primary objective with technology upgrades is to directly integrate technology into the curriculum and impact instruction. Linda Starr noted in her article "Technology Integration Made Easy" the importance of equipping both students and teachers with 21st-Century skills.

Ms. Starr stated that "integrating technology into the curriculum is a priority - if not a mandate - in most schools today." In addition, this author stated the following: Most educational technology experts agree...that technology should be integrated, not as a separate subject or as a once-in-a-while project, but as a tool to promote and extend student learning on a daily basis.... In order to incorporate technology-based activities and projects into ... [the] curriculum, ...teachers first must find the time to learn and use the tools and understand the terminology necessary for participation in those projects and activities.

As a Learning Organization, we strive to provide ongoing, quality learning opportunities for students and staff members. Extending student learning and properly preparing our teachers to enhance their instruction through technology integration is always a priority. In May, 2009, all teachers from Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School were given an Apple MacBook laptop and received basic Macintosh Operating System training.

This computer is the same laptop that students will be using at both high schools beginning this fall. Using the MacBooks provides students with the opportunity to not only learn the Microsoft applications but also the Macintosh operating system and software. Over the summer, all teachers from Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High will attend a two-day workshop to learn basic software skills in two iLife software applications.

Additionally, teachers will learn how to integrate the laptops into their curriculum. Since the high schools will be receiving laptop computers in a 3-to-1 ratio (student to computer), teacher training will focus on using the laptops in a Project-Based Learning model and will provide strategies and tools for creating collaborative lessons for students.

Summer classes are being offered for teachers who are either new to the district or who are moving to another grade level. Although each campus has a computer lab, the training classes provide these teachers with learning opportunities applicable to their instructional settings. There are three different courses offered, and they are based on the various types of technology available in the classrooms.

Kindergarten through second grade teachers will learn strategies for teaching in a one-computer classroom. Third through sixth grade teachers will focus on using their Inspired Classrooms. (In the Inspired Classroom, there are five laptops on carts, which can be moved around the room so that students may have access to technology most of the day.)

Initially, middle school teachers will attend a two-day workshop that provides them the strategies for working in a one-to-one student to laptop environment. Through this continuous learning process, teachers will adapt the new strategies for students. In time, the process will become a new way of life for both teachers and students. Also this summer,

Instructional Technology Specialists are busy developing new training that will be implemented this fall. Projects in development include additional MacBook software training for teachers and students, an elementary and secondary level Internet safety class, and an online version of Rockwall ISD's technology proficiency program.

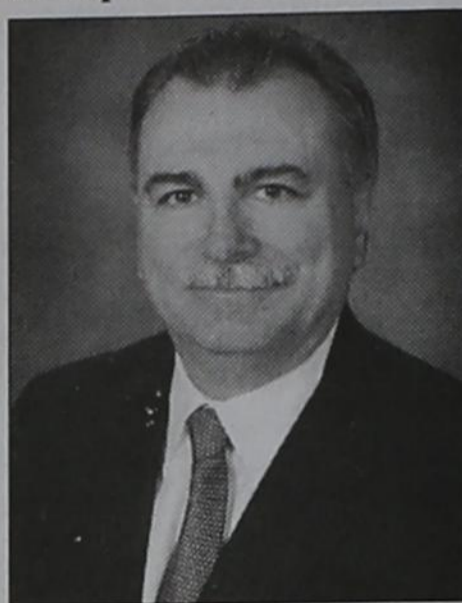
In August, all new teachers to the district will receive a new laptop computer. They will attend a one-day workshop to learn computer basics, the Skyward grade book and attendance system, and Group-Wise e-mail. This summer marks Phase 3 of many technology projects. All district teachers received laptop computers in the summer of 2006.

Phase 1 began with technology retrofitting (or updating) on the following elementary campuses in the summer of 2007: Amanda Rochell, Nebbie Williams, Amy Parks-Heath, Howard Dobbs and Virginia Reinhardt. Both Celia Hays and Shannon Sharp Elementary Schools opened that year comparably equipped with these updated facilities.

In Phase 2, transpiring the summer of 2008, retrofits occurred at the following elementary schools: Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe, Dorothy Smith Pullen, Dorris A. Jones, Grace Hartman and Ouida Springer.

Both middle schools received technology updates during that summer, and one-on-one laptops were issued to middle-school students that fall. Phase

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Traffic flow changes

The two right lanes of eastbound SH 66 at Alamo bound couplet) will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, according to a news release issued by the City

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Farmers Market open Saturday

The Farmers Market in downtown Rockwall will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, offering fresh produce, toffee, salad dressings, roasted coffee, local honey, plants and a market will be open each Saturday through September. Call 972-772-6400.

Free immunization clinic scheduled

Get all recommended immunizations, including shots for first- and seventh-grade students, at a free clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Children up to 18 years old will be served; no appointment required. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Immunization records will be reviewed. For more details visit carevan.org or call 972-689-8285.

Geocaching class scheduled

A class on geocaching - high-tech treasure hunting through the use of GPS devices - will be offered on Saturday. Cost to participate will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

Learn outdoor cooking in Myers Park

An outdoor cooking class will be offered beginning on Saturday. Participants will learn simple ways to prepare propane cooking stoves to foil dinner packs with charcoal. Cost for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents. Call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

Church to introduce new pastor

The First Presbyterian Church, Rockwall, is inviting a new pastor, Cheryl Taylor, who will begin her first sermon during the 11 a.m. Sunday service. A reception will follow. The church is located near I-30 and at 602 White Hills Drive. Call 972-771-5702 for more information.

Deadline nears for goody bag contributions

Monday is the deadline for contributions for the goody bags to be distributed at the 2009 New Teacher/Employee Breakfast. The goody bags will be distributed by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce. Goody bag donations or prizes would be appreciated. Also remain available. To make a contribution or arrangement, e-mail sharon@rockwallchamber.org.

Rockwall church plans SWIM

The First Christian Church, Rockwall, will host a special worship service, a creative arts camp designed to tap into their God-given talents, Aug. 3-6 from 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 7; sack lunch provided. For more information visit the church's Web site: rockwall.com.

FUMC Heath to host Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host a Bible school from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7. Sign-up sheets are available at the church office or at the church Web site: fumc.org. Registration costs \$15 per child or \$35 for three or more children. Scholarships are available. For details call 972-843-3788 for more information.

VBS event set at Lavon FBC

The First Baptist Church of Lavon, 210 Main St., will host a VBS event from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 3-7. The event, which will be open to children ages 3-6, will be Boomerang Express: Back to Jesus. To pre-register, visit fbclavon.org through the registration also be completed at the door on the first evening. For more information call 972-843-3788 for more information.

Secret Agent Camp set

CSI-themed science activities will be offered in a Secret Agent Camp for youths ages 9-12. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 3-7 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gymnasium. Registration costs \$10 for Rockwall residents, \$20 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Republican Lunch Bunch event slated

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will be held at Luigi's Italian Cafe, Rockwall, on Aug. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 5 at Luigi's Italian Cafe, Rockwall. The event will include lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the time of service. Reservations are required for this informal social gathering. For details call Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4444.

Night for Networking planned

Harbor Mail's Night for Networking event will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 5 in the Harbor Mail Store. Participants are encouraged to bring their business cards, samples and share with other business representatives. For more information call Alma at 972-722-3807.

Jeanne Lay & Fat Tuesday to perform

Jeanne Lay & Fat Tuesday will perform at the free C-Note Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

RHHS cheerleaders offer camp

The Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders will offer a leadership camp for youths ages 5 to 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at RHHS. Cost will be \$25 (cash or check); T-shirts will be provided at a cost of \$10. For more information contact Kristina at 214-577-8623.

Health Fair set in Roysse City

A health fair will be held in Roysse City from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 8 at the City of Roysse, 100 N. Arch St. The fair will include several informational booths, food vendors, speakers, screenings, speakers, Carter BloodCare also will be a part of the fair. For details e-mail robert.ery@tenethealth.com

Mental illness

Two free NAM (National Alliance on Mental Illness) groups - one for individuals with mental illness in Rockwall and one for their family members - will be held on Aug. 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. For details call Dee Whitfield, 972-4

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Household items, food sought help local residents in need

Pantry and Thrift Stores of Helping Hand need donations to continue serving the growing residents turning to the Rockwall area non-profit agency for critical assistance in critical

but still usable clothing and household items are welcomed at the Rockwall Thrift Store. Dropped-off from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 950 Williams St., but the staff requests that items not be dropped off after hours due to theft concerns.

to the Royse City Thrift Store at 508C Interstate 30 can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Service is available for both stores.

Items for the Food Pantry include flour, sugar, cooking oil, salt, pepper, canned milk, canned meats, macaroni and cheese, Hamburger, Tuna and Chicken Helper and peanut butter, oatmeal, rice, soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, snack foods for children and coffee, tea and

donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 950 Williams St., A.

The organization also operates the Health Center of Helping Hands at 102 S. First St. Suite B. The center provides quality, affordable healthcare and offers old-fashioned medical care. The Health Center is equipped to be a healthcare home for everyone. Service is offered on a sliding scale fee for those who qualify.

For more information, please call 972-771-HELP or 972-772-8194 for the Health Center.



Melody East, the Rockwall Helping Hands Thrift Store manager, sits on the stack of merchandise donated to the store. She requests that merchandise at both the Rockwall and Royse City stores be dropped off only during regular hours. Location times and addresses are listed in the accompanying article. Photo Courtesy of Helping Hands/Rockwall County News

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The Summer Camp theme for the week of July 20 was Jungle Safari. Pictured are campers in their costumes they made. Campers also made crafts and learned about the different animals in the jungle. Camper were (back row from left) Carson Skaggs, Caroline Dalton, Francesca Jessica Lee, Alyssa Lee, Pauline Napier, Lexi Smith and Arnanhan, (front row from left) Max Douglas, Frank Douglas, Medcalf, Charlie Kelley, America Napier, Kristian Kelley, Kelly and Drew Smith. The Camp Instructor was the school's kindergarten teacher, Andrea Davis.

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Rockwall ISD Superintendent report ...

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currently occurring in many of the district's buildings and addressing ever-changing needs. At the same time summer uses on instructional improvement through technology the following technology projects are occurring:

• Reconfiguring existing classrooms and equipping new classrooms at Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heath High School and Rockwall Middle School.

• Equipping classrooms at Herman E. Utley Middle School. • Purchasing technology equipment in the Administration/Education, Maintenance and Transportation Departments, Child Development Center, District Warehouse and the Network Operation Center. • Equipping the Aquatic Center, Wellness Center and Wilkerson Stadium.

• Achieving a 100% district wireless status. Specific to campuses, the following projects include adding the following to classrooms (old and new) at Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School, existing rooms at Rockwall Quest Academy, and the Herman E. Utley campus:

• Computer carts (with docking equipment for MacBooks, DVD/Blu-ray drives, Document Cameras, Dukane Airslates), • Ceiling-mounted data projectors, • Sound systems. At both Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School, Apple Laptop Inspired Classrooms are being equipped as follows:

• 60 computer carts per grade level including (Total of 60 carts per grade level), • MacBooks (Total of 600 per campus), • Batteries, • Charging station cart,

• Laptops. Rockwall ISDs Long Range Plan for Technology provides a road map for the implementation of these technology projects while defining a technology infrastructure supporting 21st century education.

George Miller, chairman of the House Education and Public Safety Committee, captured the philosophy of Rockwall ISDs technology vision for all students when he stated the following in a hearing on "The Future of Learning: How Technology is Changing Public Schools":

It is more important than ever to ensure that every student in every classroom has the opportunity to grow, thrive and achieve to their potential. This is becoming increasingly important as our global competitiveness abroad has shifted. Today's students use technology in the way they do. From the moment they wake up to the digital world, listening to their iPods as they walk to school, communicating with their friends on Twitter and Facebook, or sharing information on YouTube - they are used to customizing their worlds with the click of a computer... One critical element of learning in the 21st century is to provide technology-rich classrooms to all students. It shows that when technology is systematically integrated into the classroom and used by digitally-savvy staff, it can improve teacher effectiveness and student achievement, and reduce the dropout rate. As our grandkids tell me, it makes school a lot more fun.

At Rockwall ISD, we are all about supporting and reinforcing our great teachers and student success. We want the best for them, and we want them to enjoy the educational journey as well.

As George Brin hoped, our district continues using technology to bridge the "educational divide" differences. Rockwall Independent School District is determined to make positive differences in the lives of students and staff members alike.

One of our core belief statements is "students are the center of all learning." With the community's support, the district continues to create state-of-the-art learning environments fostering hope for the future.

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The City of Rockwall, Texas will accept at the City Secretary's office, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087, sealed proposals for codification or recodification services before 5:00 PM local time, on August 13, 2009. All submittals must be in the City Secretary's office by the time and date specified above. Late responses will not be accepted. The City of Rockwall reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities, to waive any informalities, to re-advertise, and to proceed otherwise in the best interest of the City. Proposal packet may be obtained from the City's Purchasing Office 972-771-7700, ext. 6418.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 11, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

Z2009-008: Proposed Zoning Change for Lake Rockwall Estates

Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request for a change in zoning from (Ag) Agricultural district to (PD) Planned Development district on approximately 329.53-acres known as "Lake Rockwall Estates," located along the south side of Tubbs Road, east side of Horizon Road (FM 3097), and north side of County Line Road, 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.

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Z2009-015: Proposed Temporary Education Buildings (SUP)

Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Heritage Christian Academy for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for "Private School Temporary Education Buildings" within the (MF-14) Multi-Family Residential district on Lot 1, Block A, Heritage Christian Academy Addition, being 6.64-acres and located at 1408 South Goliad, 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.

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The Rockwall County Commissioners Court invites on-line bids to purchase surplus equipment. Equipment to be sold includes but is not limited to the following: telephone equipment including voice mail and 1992 Ford Tractor (1). Equipment will be sold "AS IS" with no warranty written or implied.

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The Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse picked up one donkey on 7/14/09 at 744 Sabine Creek Rd. Call 972-204-7001.

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Counsel for Plaintiff: Michael P. Menton, Esq. SettlePou

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- TXism: "distant piece" (distant)
- ple ala
- hwy. 277 goes through Munday
- TX Gene Roddenberry's "Star Trek" genre: -fi
- what some TX youngsters call their grandfather "___ kill"
- TXism: "busier than ___ fry cook at a truck stop"
- in Lamb Co. on 84
- this Christopher was in film "Noises Off..." with TX-born Carol Burnett
- quick clever reply to an insult or criticism as a pin
- TX Charley Pride hit "___ Angel Good Morning"
- Minnesota port city
- TXism for "amateur"
- TX Eilertson book: "And ___ It Goes"
- obligated (2 wds.)
- Harrison Co. namesake had a leading role in route of the ___ Canal
- TXism: "you ___ the nail on the head"
- TX Admiral Nimitz returned these swords to ancestral homes after WWII
- snot rag? (2 wds.)
- Robert De ___ was in "Showtime" with TX James Roday
- giant copier company
- abbr. for "in the legal case of"
- rattlesnakes casa
- boot smell
- less than a TX "whopper"
- perfect lawn? (3 wds.)
- minority at TWU
- DFW security (abbr.)
- this Lovett was 1st president of Rice University (init.)
- TX "Pecos Bill's sweetheart Sue (init.)"
- 1st two vowels
- "Institute of ___ Sciences" in Galveston
- TX LBJ's title from '63-'69 (abbr.)
- in Liberty Co. on 90
- this Bill was Dallas PD chief before '96 director of Olympic security
- TXism: "frisky ___ unsaddled horse"
- TXism: "when he ain't hemming, he's having"
- indicate or signify
- TX "Cowpokes" artist Ace
- this Duval starred in "Lonesome Dove" by TX McMurtry (init.)
- "gold" son of the bronze
- film studio by actors
- noted TX guitarist, f
- town in MI
- in Van Zai
- in FM 271
- the earth towards
- TX-born singer
- Knistofferson
- unusual antelope raised in TX
- 51 "m ___ casa"

DOWN

- '08, Ogbonnaya was a Longhorn, in '09 he's this
- unknown aerial phenomenon (abbr.)
- Cottle Co. seat
- this Richard made TX Connally treasury secretary in '71 (2 wds.)
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CA registering youngsters for fall sports

Registration for seven fall sports programs is open now at the County YMCA. Parents or guardians must visit the YMCA on North Goliad Street to register their children. Tackle football players must accompany parents or guardians to registration so they can weigh in. The YMCA offers tackle football for boys 8-12 years old, flag football for boys 6-7 and coed Small Fry football for 4- and 5-year-olds. Girls' sports are coed soccer for ages 4-16 and coed Small Fry soccer for 4-5 year-olds; coed volleyball for grades 3-8, and cheerleading for girls 10-12 years old. An eight-game season can be played on Monday, Tuesday or Saturday. Players receive a participation medal at the end of the season. The Y stresses that "everyone plays at the YMCA."

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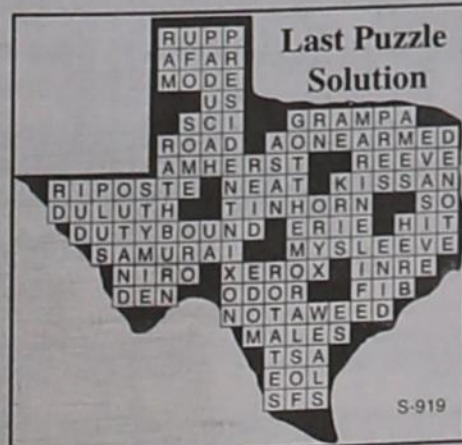
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