

# Rockwall County News

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## Two Rowlett men land in jail following altercation with police officer in Rockwall

Two men ended up in the county jail last Wednesday after a trip to the Texas Department of Public Safety in Rockwall. Nineteen-year-old Richard Mansfield Beachem of "evading detention/arrest in Motor Vehicle" while Ticerio Leonard Louis-Jean was charged by Rockwall Trooper Christopher Gonzales, Beachem for a driver's license at the Ridge Road office, while appearing to be escorting Beachem. When a computered outstanding warrant for Beachem, Gonzales ap young man and told him, "I need you to come with me." Beachem then bolted toward the door. "I confronted him," Gonzales reported, and managed to get him just outside the office, then Louis-Jean came towards at same time Jeff Shanks came out of Shanks Jewelry, at the officer might need help, confronted Louis-Jean. "I told me that the young man was trying to get at the trooper I confronted him," Shanks recalled. "He squared off to fight." Gonzales said he didn't want Shanks to get hurt, so he sprayed to Beachem and Louis-Jean. As he let go of the accused jumped up and took off running across the

parking lot.

"He was a fast runner," Gonzales added, "I could see I wasn't going to catch him."

Shanks saw Louis-Jean get into a car and sped away across the parking lot. "I jumped in my car and followed him to the 7-Eleven (corner of Ridge Road and Goliad)," Shanks explained. He stopped the car and the other fellow who was running through the parking lot jumped into the get-a-way car," Shanks added.

Shanks said he followed the two men as the driver left the 7-Eleven parking lot and turned left on Goliad in the south bound lane, speeding on the wrong side of Goliad. "There weren't any cars in that lane at the time," Shanks said. At the intersection just north of Ridge Rd. the two accused men continued north bound on Goliad.

Shanks said he saw a Rockwall Police Department cruiser coming toward him (south bound on Goliad). "I stopped my car and began waving furiously," Shanks said, "about that time the car behind me slammed into the rear of my car."

Trooper Gonzales said the Rockwall police stopped the men a few minutes later. "With pepper spray in their eyes, they must have had a tough time negotiating the heavy traffic," he explained.

Shanks is the grandson of Shanks Jewelry owner Janene Shanks, working at the store in jewelry repair and customer service.

## July 4th in Rockwall County

### Parade, Popsicles in the Park set

The annual City of Heath Independence Day Parade and Popsicles in the Park will take place Saturday. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary. After the parade, free popsicles will be served in the Towne Center Park Pavilion behind City Hall. For more details visit [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) or call 972-771-6228.

### Old Town to host Saturday parade

The Old Town Rockwall Neighborhood Association and Community Bank will host the 10th Annual Fourth of July Parade beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. The route will run through the square, south on Fannin, east on Munson and west on Clark back to Kaufman. For details call Sherry Pittman at 469-698-9588 or visit [oldtownrockwall.com](http://oldtownrockwall.com).

### FourthFest planned in Royse City

Royse City's 4th Annual FourthFest Parade and Festivities is set for Saturday. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. in the downtown area, followed by activities, music and food at the old RCHS football stadium. A fireworks display is set for 9:15 p.m. For details visit [roysecity.com](http://roysecity.com) or call 972-636-5000; parade entrants must register in advance.

### Fireworks show set at Harry Myers Park

A Rockwall Parks & Rec Department-sponsored fireworks show synchronized to music will be offered at dusk on Saturday. Participants are encouraged to bring picnic baskets, FM radios and blankets or lawn chairs.

### America's Tea Party Fourth event set

A non-partisan group of activists, will host America's Tea Party celebration downtown Rockwall Saturday. The free event begins at noon with guest speakers Congressman Ralph Hall, State Representative Jodie Laubenberg, Concerned Women for America Ann Hettlinger, Heritage Alliance Johanna Runnels, Texas T.E.A. for Property Tax Nicholas Kreekon and Jordan Williams Young Republicans. Tom Taylor will seerve as Master of Ceremonies with Todd Smith leading the opening prayer and benediction.

## News Briefs

### LCC auditions offered

The Lakeside Civic Chorus is inviting all interested chorus singers to audition. General membership requires sight-reading abilities, vocal quality, ability to blend vocally and previous ensemble experience. For details visit [lakesidecivicchorus.org](http://lakesidecivicchorus.org) or contact David Bush, LCC director, at 972-679-4227 or [bushdl@swbell.net](mailto:bushdl@swbell.net).

### HH food drive set at Brookshire's

Brookshire's in Rockwall will host a food drive for the Helping Hands food pantry through July 4. Items needed include Tuna, Chicken or Hamburger Helper, rice, dry beans, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and child-friendly snacks. For more details call 972-771-HELP.

### Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip. Pay at the door; no reservations required for this informal social gathering for area Republicans. For details call Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

### Petty Theft to give lakeside concert

Petty Theft will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### City of Heath offices to mark holiday

The City of Heath offices will be closed Friday in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Normal business hours will resume on July 7.

### Library closed Friday, Saturday

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Friday and Saturday in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The library will reopen at 10 a.m. Monday.

### Farmers Market open Saturday

The Rockwall Farmers Market, offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, honey, jams, jellies, flowers and other items, will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in the downtown square.

### Zooniversity slated at library

Zooniversity, a free program for youths in grades 6-12, will run from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. July 7 in the first-floor meeting room at the Rockwall County Library.

### 'Treasures of the Desert' VBS planned

A "Treasures of the Desert" vacation Bible school is planned for 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. July 7-10 at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1524 Smirl Drive, in Heath. Co-hosted by Holy Trinity and First Presbyterian of Rockwall, the event will be open to youths ages 4 through completion of fifth grade. Call 972-771-8242 for more details.

### Church day care enrollment under way

The First United Methodist Church of Heath is conducting enrollment for the summer and fall sessions of its Lil' Voyagers Day Care program. Summer sessions for children ages 2 to pre-school begin July 7 and continue through July 30. For information call the church office at 972-771-6732 or visit [fumcheath.org](http://fumcheath.org).

### Intro to Computers class offered

An Introduction to Computers course for ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 7 and July 9 at The Center. Cost will be \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Moving Colors plans Harbor concert

Moving Colors will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert

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and Dave Tatum guided "Maiden China" to first place overall in three of the five races to take both the overall and Fleet F trophies in the Dallas Race Week on Lake Ray Hubbard. The winning boat sails out of Rush Creek Yacht Club. Courtesy Dallas Race Week

## Boat 'Maiden China' takes first place overall in 2009 Dallas Race Week

Boats of the first sailboats across the finish line were hardly winners at the 28th annual Dallas Race Week at Chandlers Creek and Tennis Club.

David Tatum guided "Maiden China" to first place overall in five races to take both the overall and Fleet F championship series of races Sunday to Friday evening, June 21-26. The boat sails out of Rush Creek Yacht Club.

Based on each boat's top four finishes, with one point each place, "Maiden China"'s overall score was 2-1-1-1-5 points. The low score wins.

The race was canceled because there wasn't enough wind at evening was a rousing success because it embodied the spirit of the event.

Rockwall mayor and county commissioner Scott Self said the Dallas Race Week in 1982 - modeling it after the Antigua Regatta where he had won in 1978. The major change came a year later when, as Self notes on his [sailwithscott.com](http://sailwithscott.com) web site, the event "changed from just a big party to a charity event for a good cause."

The racing concludes with a meal provided by a local restaurant and spectators pay a donation that for the last several years has gone toward the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club's annual fund. Corporate sponsorships and other donations - one of this year's sponsors gave a \$1,000 check - add to the funds collected at the meals.

Wednesday's meal was at the Hilton Bella Harbor, where Rockwall Breakfast Rotary presented \$8,000 in grants to 12 organizations.

One of the primary beneficiaries is Helping Hands of Rockwall, which ran the Dallas Race Week charitable operation from 1999 until Rockwall Breakfast Rotary took over in 2006. Grants went to Helping Hands' Food Pantry, Health Center and Thrift Center.

Also awarded grants were Before the Bridges, Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity, Master

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## Deadline today for "Best of Rockwall County" ballots

Rockwall County News readers may continue submitting ballots for their favorite "Best of Rockwall County" businesses through June 30. The campaign is an opportunity to focus on our local businesses and express our readers' appreciation for their favorite ones.

Today is the final deadline for ballot submissions. The ballot is published on Page 5 in this edition.

Voting must be on an original copy of the ballot printed in the Rockwall County News. Ballots may be mailed to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or dropped off at the office, 107 E. Bourn in Rockwall.

"Best of Rockwall" ballot results will be announced in the Friday, July 24 edition.



# DAR lauds area students for Good Citizenship

The Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, recently honored area students with Good Citizenship awards.

Teachers and staff members from their schools selected student honorees. In order to receive the award, a student must exhibit the DAR's five qualities of good citizenship: honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism.

The following students were recognized, according to a DAR news release:

- Forney – Rebecca Blackshear, Blackburn Elementary; Maddison Carney, Claybon Elementary; Adali Montes, Crosby Elementary; and Sadie Carithers, Lewis Elementary.
- Rockwall – Reace Cano-Garcia, Amanda Rochell Elementary; Brett Loeffler, Amy Parks Elementary; Amber Adams, Celia Hayes Elementary; Sabrina Hart, Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary; Sarah McCulley, Dorris A. Jones Elementary; Matthew Hunt, Grace Hartman Elementary; Victoria Darrington, Howard Dobbs Elementary; Jake Stone, Nebbie Williams Elementary; Dustin Jackson, Sharon Shannon Elementary; Robbie Castillo, Virginia Reinhardt Elementary; Hannah Cook, J.W. Williams Middle School; and McKenzie Edwards, Maurine Cain Middle School.
- Royse City – Marissa Terese Dusek, Royse City Intermediate; Mackenzie Raylee Crawford, Royse City Middle School.
- Private schools – Isabella Cerritas, The Fulton School; Connor Harold, The Fulton School.

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Wright is one of two seniors in Girl Scout Troop 2219. An honoree of Royse City High, she began Girl Scouts as a Brownie in first grade and continue to participate in camping trips, cookie sales and related friendships. She was a member of the winning RCHS band for four years and traveled to Florida to perform at Disney World as a reward for her 2008-2009 accomplishments. She also was a member of the National Honor Society and the school's debate team. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler in the fall where she will earn a degree in nursing.



Shelby Woolly is one of two senior girls in Girl Scout Troop 2219. A Girl Scout for the past 12 years and a Show Team-level Tejas Rider, she earned the Presidential Gold Award for Volunteer Service with 368 hours through Tejas Riders. She also received a lifetime membership in Girl Scouts. She is a coach for beginning-level Tejas Riders and is working her third summer at Camp Bette Perot. She graduated 17th in her Royse City High senior class and has been a member of the RCHS Band, debate team and National Honor Society. This fall she plans to attend Texas A&M-Commerce where she will study animal science and elementary education. She will continue coaching with the Tejas Riders and volunteering at Camp Bette Perot in the fall.

## Boy Scout Troop 314 works on skills, earns badges at camp

Members of Heath Boy Scout Troop 314 attended Camp Constantine in June.

The scouts worked on the Buccaneer Program's basic skills and earned badges required for their first-class rank, while remaining scouts took merit badge courses in sailing, first aid, swimming, space exploration, metal work, wood carving, water sports, and environmental science.

The week ended with three major events: a regatta, The Great Raft Race and a relay race.

In the relay race, Troop 314 did well, even though their 11-, 13-year-old scouts found themselves competing against older troops whose members were 15, 16 and 17 years old. An older member of another troop demonstrated the true meaning of what it means to be a Boy Scout when during the swimming portion of the race he stopped to help smaller scouts unable to get out of the water safely. His actions cost his team the race, but showed the scouts traits to which all scouts aspire.

### RCISD sending out season ticket notices

Royce City Independent School District season ticket holders should expect to receive notification from the school district sometime next month concerning renewals for their season tickets.

According to a RCISD news release, a letter containing information about season ticket renewals will be mailed out to each season ticket holder on July 7.

Season ticket holders for the 2008-2009 year may pick up their tickets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 20-31.

Group reserved seating ticket sales will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 3-7.

Season reserved seating ticket sales will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 10-28.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 314 are pictured in plastic pirate teeth and eye patches during their recent visit to Camp Constantine. Pictured at bottom, from the left, are Taylor Poteet, Nick Bowyer, Jacob Hogue, Logan Jones and Gregg Schneeman; middle row, Dillon Waggoner, Devin Himmelheber, Val Zabolotny, Garrett Jones, Justin Murphy, Karsten Steinmeyer, Will Wilcoxson, Hammerick Morgan and Jeremy Bayliss; and at back, Chris Allen, Chris Bowyer, Ethan Smith, Brad Steinmeyer and Anthony Scheemann. The photo was made as a joke, as troop leaders had promised parents their boys would brush their teeth each day while at camp.

## Volunteer tutors needed at Rockwall County Library

The Rockwall County Library's Reading for Adults program needs volunteer tutors to help adults learn to read and speak English, pass the GED and obtain U.S. citizenship.

Classes are offered each morning from 10 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Volunteers need not be teachers or speak Spanish to serve as tutors.

Tutor training will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 1 at the library.

Classes will begin on Labor Day.

To register, go by the library's ESL classroom or sign up by calling Gloria at 972-204-7705.

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Porter, a member of the Royal Ambassadors of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall, is shown displaying good his group collected for the Helping Hands food pantry. Helping Hands is a nonprofit agency that provides assistance to Rockwall County residents in need. For more information about Helping Hands, call 2-771-HELP.

## Don't Say You Saw It In "County News"

### 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.

# Rockwall County Classified Advertising

## Help Wanted

The City of Fate is now accepting applications for seasonal work for the Parks and Recreation Department. Starting salary \$9.00

to \$10.00 an hour depending on experience. For more information on these positions please contact Stacy Burns at (972-771-4601).

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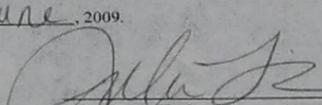
### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wiley Donald Newton, Deceased, were issued on June 12, 2009, in Cause No. PR09-40, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Ruth Cox Newton.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Julie Timpa Fecht**  
Attorney at Law  
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DATED the 28 day of June, 2009.



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## - Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 14, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 20, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

**P2009-014: Independence Pass Addition (Residential Replat)**  
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Chad Hudson for approval of a residential replat of Lots 1-3, Block A, Independence Pass Addition, being 1.47-acres zoned (PD-8) Planned Development No. 8 district and situated along the west side of FM 740 (Ridge Rd) and at the south terminus of Independence Place, and take any action necessary.

**Z2009-013: Renda's Place Hair Salon (SUP) - 907 North Goliad**  
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Renda Songer for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "Hair Salon" within (PD-50) Planned Development No. 50 district on Lot 1, Block A, Henry Addition, being 0.17-acre and located at 907 N. Goliad, and take any action necessary.

**Z2009-014: Proposed Solar Panels at 606 Shoreview (SUP)**  
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by David and Barbara Powell for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "Utility Installation, Other Than Listed," specifically the installation of solar panels on the roof of their home located at 606 Shoreview, being Lot 2, Block D, Stonebridge Meadows #1 Addition and zoned (SF-10) Single Family Residential district, 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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1 TX outlaw: "Black \_\_\_"  
5 TXism: "cold \_\_\_" out-house in January"  
6 TXism: "hard \_\_\_" (tough hombre)  
7 Wichita Falls TV  
8 this Rep. was 1st TX black in Legislature since Reconstruction  
17 "one" south of border  
18 talking too much?  
21 rodeo rider & country artist who lived some in TX: Chris \_\_\_Doux  
22 TXism: "\_\_\_ a soul" (no one)  
23 "I'm an \_\_\_ hand from the Rio Grande"  
24 TXism: "tame \_\_\_" dog"  
29 this actress  
34 film for TX JoBeth and TX Barry: "Crazy" ('80)  
35 in the Valley: "Santa National Wildlife Refuge"  
36 TXism: "\_\_\_ cinch" (certain)  
37 "no \_\_\_ no gain"  
38 wager at TX Lone Star Park (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

1 in '29 TX Ginger eloped with this man  
2 TXism: "dainty \_\_\_" bride"  
3 Dimmitt is seat of this county  
4 took a knie  
9 TXism: "spittin' \_\_\_" of"  
10 saddle  
11 this TX Clark is song writer & singer  
12 TX actor Rip (init.)  
13 TXism: "happy as \_\_\_" mud"  
14 more wicked  
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## BEST OF ROCKWLL COUNTY CATEGORIES

### COMMUNITY

- Child Care Facility/Day School \_\_\_\_\_
- Children's Birthday Party Location \_\_\_\_\_
- Country Club \_\_\_\_\_
- Country Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_
- Private School \_\_\_\_\_
- Public School \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Park \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take Visitors \_\_\_\_\_
- Place for a Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Rockwall County's Best Hidden Jewel \_\_\_\_\_
- Tennis Court \_\_\_\_\_
- Hiking Trail \_\_\_\_\_

### FOOD/ENTERTAINMENT

- American Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Bakery \_\_\_\_\_
- BBQ \_\_\_\_\_
- Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Barbers \_\_\_\_\_
- Organic Coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- Designer Coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- Organic Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Salads \_\_\_\_\_
- Spa Treat \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice cream, slushies, frozen yogurt, cones) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_
- Home cooking \_\_\_\_\_
- Italian \_\_\_\_\_
- Margarita \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican \_\_\_\_\_
- Pub \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizzeria \_\_\_\_\_
- Place for a cold beer \_\_\_\_\_
- Pub food \_\_\_\_\_
- Healthy Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Park \_\_\_\_\_
- Amusement Rides \_\_\_\_\_
- Outdoor Music Venue \_\_\_\_\_
- Indoor Club or Music Venue \_\_\_\_\_

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Dermatologist/Allergy Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Day Spa \_\_\_\_\_
- Yoga \_\_\_\_\_
- Artist \_\_\_\_\_

- Family Practice Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- General Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Health Club/Gym \_\_\_\_\_
- Internal Medicine Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse Practitioner \_\_\_\_\_
- OB/Gyn \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Orthodontist \_\_\_\_\_
- Oral Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Orthopedist/Sports Medicine \_\_\_\_\_
- Pediatrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Place for a Massage \_\_\_\_\_
- Rehabilitation Clinic \_\_\_\_\_
- Sports Medicine Physician/Clinic \_\_\_\_\_
- Weight Loss Facility/Practitioner \_\_\_\_\_

### RETAIL

- Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronics Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Flower Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- General Merchandise \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Décor \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Video Game Store \_\_\_\_\_

### SERVICES

- Automobile Paint and Body \_\_\_\_\_
- Banking Services \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Sales – New or Used \_\_\_\_\_
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- Carpet/Rug Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Computer Repair/Assistance \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Haircut for Dad \_\_\_\_\_
- Haircut for the Kids \_\_\_\_\_
- Haircut for Mom \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Conditioning \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscape Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Marina \_\_\_\_\_
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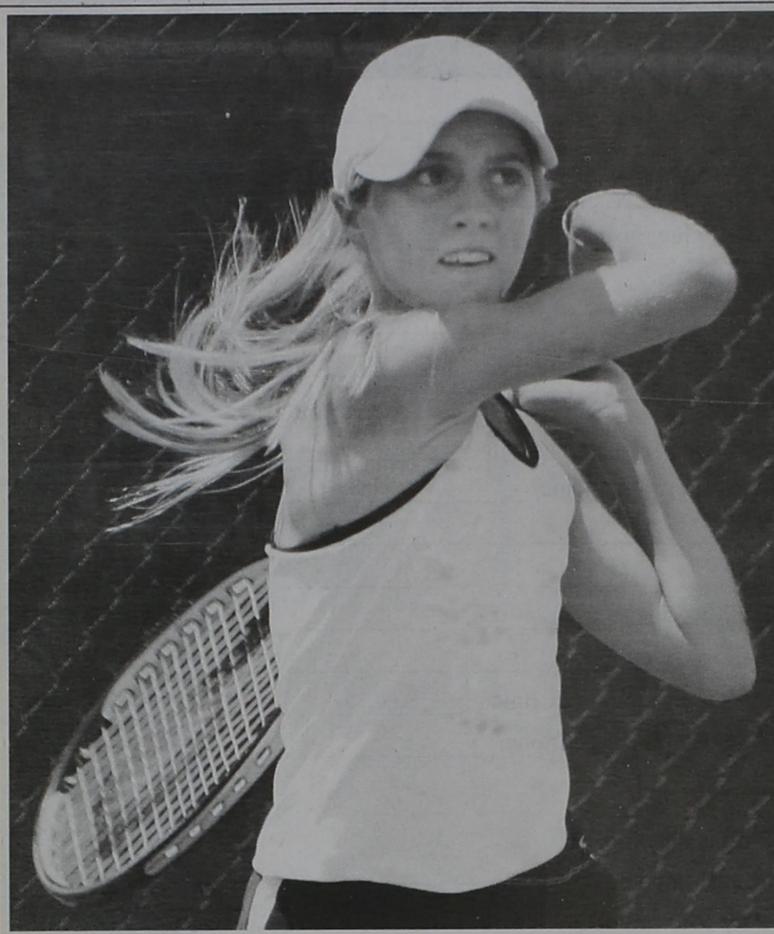
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# 2009



# Rockwall County Sports



Karina Traxler

## Karina Traxler takes two Sectional tennis titles

Karina Traxler of Rockwall won the 12-and-under singles championship and teamed with Maria Smith of Houston to take first place in doubles as well as the Texas Grand Slam Tennis Championship June 12-19 in College Station.

In singles, Traxler was seeded second and lost only one set while winning six matches. In the final, she upset top-seeded Marina Cozac of Plano 6-1, 6-2.

Traxler and Smith were seeded third, but defeated the No. 1 and No. 2 teams on their way to the title. In the final, they knocked off first-seeded Elizabeth Porter and Margo Taylor of Dallas 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

As one of 16 Sectional champions, the 11-year-old Traxler will advance with her doubles partner to the Nike national championships in September at Stanford University.

"It was the best hosted tournament that I have ever played. They treat us like stars. This year I will have a much better chance to win the tournament. Last year, I was only 10 and had to compete against 12-year-olds," she said.

Traxler will be competing in other national tournaments in Florida and Georgia before the Nike-sponsored event.

Said Karina's father, Dan Traxler, "In order to continue her improvement she must compete with players that can push her, and that is the reason we travel extensively around the country. Coming from a small town like Rockwall there is very little opportunity." He said that in Texas she has won 14-and-under and 16-and-under tournaments.

Even with another year remaining in the age group, Traxler will be ranked among the top 15 in the nation among 12-and-under players.

She attends Spring Creek Academy, a private school in Plano that specializes in allowing athletes time to travel and compete. Karina can train there 3-4 hours daily. Among the students there has been Olympic gold medal-winning gymnast Nastia Liukin.

Not surprisingly, Traxler hopes to play professional tennis.

## Dallas Race Week ...

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Gardeners of Rockwall County, Meals on Wheels, One Man's Treasure Clothes Closet, Reading for Adults, Rockwall Pregnancy Resource Center and Shoes for Kids.

The grants will be used to purchase equipment, supplies and computers; assist in construction; expand programs; purchase meals for holidays when Meals on Wheels is closed, and increase awareness of programs.

"We had a huge crowd up at the Hilton," said Blake James, the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary president. "It was all about having a good time."

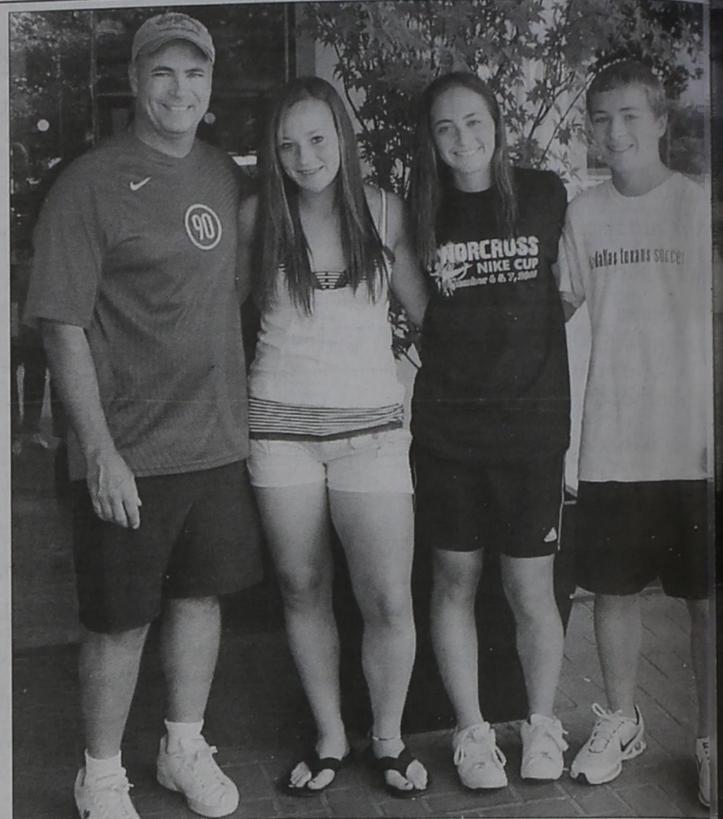
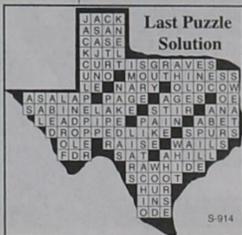
Coordinating the racing was the Gary Slodowick's race committee from Chandlers Landing Yacht and Tennis Club. "They're a wonderful group to work with," Slodowick said of Rockwall Breakfast Rotary and the crews of the 45 boats entered.

- Top 10 overall finishers
- 1-"Maiden China," Tom and Dave Tatum, Rush Creek, 2-1-1-1-5
  - 2-"Gringo," Ryan Glaze, unattached, 1-2-2-2-7
  - 3-"Devil Dog," Jack Kern, Rush Creek, 5-4-3-4-16
  - 4-"Quixote," Steven Hain, Chandlers Landing, 8-1-5-5-19
  - 5-"Shooting Star," Jeff Progelhof, Rush Creek, 7-3-4-6-20
  - 6-"Soap Opera," Nigel Brown, Chandlers Landing, 5-2-7-7-21
  - 7-"Trick Monkey," Matt Mayo, Rush Creek, 7-10-6-3-26
  - 8-"Wings," Mike Jones, Bay View, 3-9-8-10-30
  - 9-"Superman's Cape," Marshall McKenzie, Bay View, 11-5-9-8-33
  - 10-"IC You," Doyle Sherman, Rush Creek, 8-3-12-11-3

"Maiden China" also finished first four times for a perfect score of 4 among the seven boats in Fleet F, which featured the three fastest boats in the competition.

The other fleet winners were Hain's "Quixote" among seven boats in Fleet A with a score of 3-1-2-1-7; Jones' "Wings" in the 16-boat Fleet B with 1-3-1-1-6, and Larry Seals of Rush Creek in "Mr. Bills Dog" in the 14-boat Fleet M&J with a perfect 1-1-1-1-4.

Rockwall Breakfast Rotary hopes to raise \$40,000 to benefit



Shelby Soldat's team wins regional title

Shelby Soldat (second from left) of Rockwall helped the Dallas Texans Red girls' 15-and-under team win the Region 3 title Wednesday in Frisco. Texans Red moved up 26 places to sixth in the for the 15U age group after defeating NASA Elite II from Georgia 3-1 in the championship game. Shelby playing defense, the team outscored six opponents 11-1. The Region 3 champions advanced to the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series July 21-26 in Lancaster, Mass.

It was a busy week for the Soldat family - from left, Bill, Shelby, Randi and Christian. Bill also coached the Dallas Sting 17U girls' team fall in the semifinals and Christian's Texans Red 14U boys' team lost on penalty kicks in the championship game, both to the eventual champions. Another Rockwall player, Nikki McKnight, and the Sting 14U girls' team also reached the semifinals.

## Woods, Beasley named All-Academic

Two Rockwall County athletes have been named to the Rodgers Recruiting Report preseason Texas All-Academic football team.

Rockwall-Heath offensive lineman Austin Woods is a first-team selection, and Rockwall wide receiver Will Beasley received Honorable Mention;

The All-Academic team honors seniors in the Class of 2010 who have grade point averages of 3.0 or better and scores of 1000 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT test, and have been nominated by coaches or counselors.

Texas-based recruiting analyst Randy Rodgers compiles the Rodgers Recruiting Report and the All-Academic team.

Last year, Rockwall-Heath quarterback Drew Hollingshead was named to the All-Academic first team as a punter. He will attend the University of Houston on a football scholarship.

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# Heath parade to prompt street closings

Saturday's 9 a.m. annual Independence Day parade in Heath will require the temporary closing of several streets and intersections, according to a news release from city officials.

Portions of Laurence (FM 740), Hubbard, Terry, Larry and Smirl (FM 1140) will be affected by parade activities, which are slated to begin with staging at 8 a.m. at the Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School, 330 Laurence Drive.

Judging and awards are scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

Following the parade, the public is invited to the Towne Center Park Pavilion for free Popsicles courtesy of the City of Heath.

For more information about the parade or related activities, visit [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) or call 972-771-6228.

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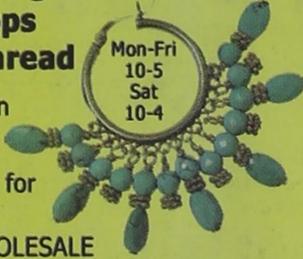
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Six kindergarten students from The Fulton School co-wrote a book, "Daisy's Magical Mushrooms" during the 2008-2009 school year. The students held a book signing party at the school on Friday, June 19, 2009. From left to right: Mia Spears, Pauline Napier, Emma Hancock, Sarah Odom, Zoe Odom, and Claire Bennett. Photo Courtesy of The Fulton School, Rockwall County News

## Schedule of Saturday's July 4 festival

### Parade, Popsicles in the Park set

The annual City of Heath Independence Day Parade and Popsicles in the Park will take place Saturday. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary. After the parade, free Popsicles will be served in the Towne Center Park Pavilion behind City Hall. For more details visit [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) or call 972-771-6228.

### Pool, park, firework fun offered in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall is encouraging local residents to enjoy an old-fashioned Independence Day with swimming, picnics and fireworks. The pools at Harry Myers and Williams parks will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and the parks are the perfect place for family picnics. The fireworks show with synchronized music will begin at 9 a.m. at Myers Park; best viewing areas are Myers Park, Dobbs Elementary, Tuttle Athletic Complex and the RISD Education Center (Myers Park amphitheatre area will be closed). For more details call 972-771-7740.

### Old Town to host Saturday parade

The Old Town Rockwall Neighborhood Association and Community Bank will host the 10th Annual Fourth of July Parade beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. The route will run through the square, south on Fannin, east on Munson and west on Clark back to Kaufman. For details call Sherry Pittman at 469-698-9588 or visit [oldtown-rockwall.com](http://oldtown-rockwall.com).

### Rockwall T.E.A. Party planned

Local conservatives will unite at noon Saturday at the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse. Speakers and representatives of several conservative groups will be on hand. Participants are encouraged to bring protest signs, banners and flags to this non-partisan event. For more details visit [teapartyday.com](http://teapartyday.com), [teaparty Patriots.org](http://teaparty Patriots.org) or the Rockwall County Conservatives and Coffee site on Facebook.

### America's Tea Party Fourth event set

A non-partisan group of activists, Dallas Tea Party, will host America's Tea Party celebration at the Southfork Ranch near Dallas. The free event will run from 3 p.m. to midnight Saturday, including fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Events will include speakers, music, games, food, a children's area and full cash bar. Parking will cost \$10.

### FourthFest planned in Royse City

Royse City's 4th Annual FourthFest Parade and Festivities is set for Saturday. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. in the downtown area, followed by activities, music and food at the old RCHS

football stadium. A fireworks display is set for 9:15 p.m. For details visit [roysecity.com](http://roysecity.com) or call 972-636-5000; parade entrants must register in advance.

### Joy Lutheran plans Fourth activities

Bingo, ice cream and fireworks will be on tap at Joy Lutheran Church on Saturday, and local residents are invited to participate. Games will begin at 7:30 p.m., and a variety of ice cream flavors will be served. At dusk the group will move outside to

enjoy the City of Heath fireworks. For more information on the church, visit [theranchurch.org](http://theranchurch.org) or contact the Rev. Paul Bennett at 972-771-4161.

### Fireworks show Harry Myers

A Rockwall Park Department-sponsored fireworks show will be held on Saturday. Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, FM radios and lawn chairs.

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for 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. July 7-10 at the Holy Trinity Church, 1524 Smirl Drive, in Heath. Co-hosted by Holy Trinity Presbyterian of Rockwall, the event will be open to all ages. For more details, call 972-771-8242.

### Church day care enrollment under way

The First United Methodist Church of Heath is conducting enrollment for the summer and fall sessions of its Lil' Voyage program. Summer sessions for children ages 2 to pre-K will begin Tuesday and continue through July 30. For information, call 972-771-6732 or visit [fumcheath.org](http://fumcheath.org).

### Intro to Computers class offered

An Introduction to Computers course for ages 50 and over will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Rockwall Community Center. Cost will be \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Moving Colors plans Harbor concert

Moving Colors will perform at the free City of Rockwall Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive, on Saturday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Out-to-Lunch Bunch set July 10

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. July 10 at the Rockwall Community Center. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### NAMI support groups plan meeting

Two free NAMI support groups – one for individuals with mental illness in Room 121 and another for their families in Room 122 – will run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 11 at the United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Heath. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030 for more details.

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## Zaner Benetin dies ...

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as Royse City mayor from 1980 until 1982. She received a plaque from the Texas Press Association representing 50 years of membership and a plaque marking 20 years of service as secretary/treasurer of the North and East Press Association. She was also an honorary member of the Royse City Earlybird Rotary Club.

The Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Royse City is named for her. The "Z" museum is located at 124 S. Arch Street and is housed in the only building in Rockwall County on the National Register of Historic Places.

On Dec. 27, 1979, she mar-

ried John Bernard Benetin. They briefly lived in Puerto Rico. After returning to Royse City, they began working on newspapers. He died May 25, 2003.

She was survived by a host of nieces, nephews and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Albertine Irons Henderson, Grace Trice and Mae Compton Oakley; three brothers, T. Ray Culberson, W. Alton Culberson and Louis M. Culberson; a nephew, Harvey W. Compton; and a great-nephew, Jack Wayne Culberson.

Family members served as pallbearers.



Madrid (left) and Miles Murray chat while making Native American-style headwraps at the Zaner Robison Historical Museum. Curator Ann Cornelius and docent Doloris Ballard hosted the museum's "Indians" event Thursday, June 18. Kids and parents got Caddo Indians, Cherokee words, and the traditional Buffalo Woman story while enjoying Native American-themed crafts and museum is hosting youth-related events from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Thursday through July 23. Visit the museum's website, [www.zanerrobisonmuseum.com](http://www.zanerrobisonmuseum.com) for more information.

Elizabeth Fudge  
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### Art camp to focus on safari fun

Themed art camp for ages 3-6 will be offered from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### NAMI meetings scheduled

NAMI Support Groups – one for individuals with mental illness and one for their family members, Room 123, B will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 13 at the First Methodist Church in Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-771-4161 for more details.

### Modern Art Camp set

Modern Art Camp for ages 6-10 will learn about a variety of contemporary art. Camp will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 13-14 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Make Encounters program scheduled

Encounters, a free program for youths in grades 6-12, will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 14 in the Rockwall County first-floor meeting room.

### Surfing the 'Net class available

The 'Net class for individuals ages 50 and older will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays July 13-14 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$50 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Location changed for RC breakfast event

City Networking Breakfast Club will change its meeting location beginning July 15. The group will meet at Hot Rodz Café, 1001 St., in Royse City. A breakfast buffet will be served at 8 a.m. per person. Anyone interested in talking about business networking with others is invited. Events take place from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the first and third of each month.

### Residents plan concert at lake

Residents will perform at the Rockwall Concert by the Lake event beginning July 16 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Robots Camp offered

All types will be the camp for youths ages 8-12 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Rockwall ISD Center Gym. Cost for residents will be \$140; non-residents will pay \$210. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Performing Dogs show set

Performing Dogs, a free program for youths in grade 4-6 will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 21 in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library.

### Summer Reading program scheduled

Grades K-8 can participate in the Rockwall High School Summer Camp, July 13-14 at Williams Middle School.

Activities will run from 9 a.m. to noon; first day check-in 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$80 on the first day. For details contact Claire Shippy, [cshippy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cshippy@sbcglobal.net) or call 972-816-8857.

### Random Axis is featured band

Random Axis will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 23 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Teen reading program to wrap up

The Rockwall County Library's Teen Read '09 will end July 25. All logs must be turned in by 4 p.m. on that date.

## Rockwall named to 10 Best list ...

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our community is. We have great families here and have seen a lot of growth in the last ten years," he said. "We need to never lose our sense of community and the feeling of friendliness as we grow. We need to protect what makes us special."

"We can't say our job is done because someone else says we're one of the best. We need to always strive to be good stewards of our community. These qualities are what make people want to come here and be part of the city," Russo said.

He also said Rockwall's educational system contributes to making the city special. "The teachers and principals in Rockwall are some of the nicest people I've ever met. Our teachers are

some of the best in the country."

In response to this year's list of family friendly towns, President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama issued this statement: "The key to successful communities is the hard work and determination of the people who live there. Each of the towns honored is made up of forward thinking parents, teachers and students who are passionate about their hometown, dedicated to bettering their children's futures and involved in advancing their local school systems as exemplified by the implementation of such programs as partnering with private medical groups to ensure treatment for students who don't have health insurance and integrating dual language classes in grade school."

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This bald eagle was recently seen perched in a tree on Stevens Street in Heath. Photo Courtesy of Rodney Wheeler Rockwall County News

## Bald Eagle spotted in Heath

by Kathy Williams

The list of unusual animal sightings in the Rockwall County area grew last week to include a rare sight; a bald eagle in Heath.

The national bird was spotted in a tree on Stevens Street, next door to Heath residents Rodney and Loyce Wheeler. Rodney Wheeler said his family was returning from a brief vacation and as he returned to his car, he noticed the large bird in the neighbor's tree. At first thinking it was a buzzard, a second look confirmed that it was indeed a bald eagle.

Wheeler immediately went for his camera, which had dead batteries. After a quick recharge, he went back outside to see the bird still perched in the tree. He was able to get several photos before it took off. His neighbors, Jeff and Paige Swiney, on whose tree the eagle was perched, watched from inside their house to avoid scaring the bird away.

Wheeler said his family has only lived in the area for about eight weeks, moving to rural Heath from a larger city. Upon seeing such a rare and magnificent animal literally in his backyard, Wheeler said, "It just floored me. Moving from the city to the country - that's a big piece of the country staring at us."

He was also moved that the bird appeared a week before the

July 4 holiday. He said to see the nation's symbol of freedom up close brought the holiday into perspective and made him think about what the symbol means to our country.

Captain Garry Collins of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Garland said the bald eagle sighting is very unusual in this part of the state during this time of year. He said a nesting pair of bald eagles was found near the Lake Ray Hubbard dam about four years ago and another nesting pair was reported at Lake Fork a year ago. Bald eagles have also been reported at Chandler's Landing and north of Hwy. 66, but he said it is still "very uncommon" for the birds to make Rockwall County their home this late in the season.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife website, bald eagles nest in Texas from October to July and breed mainly in the eastern half of the state. They winter in the Panhandle as well as in

Central and East Texas.

Bald eagles mate for life and use the same nest year after year. They may live up to 30 years in the wild and have been known to live 36 years in captivity. Their main food source is fish, but they will also eat birds, small mammals, turtles and carrion.

The website also details two ongoing surveys by Texas Parks

and Wildlife to monitor the status of bald eagles in the area. The Bald Eagle Nesting Survey was started in 1960. At that time, five active nests were found in the 1970s, efforts were made to find and document nests.

TP&W reports that since 1995, the number of active nests increased to 40. This increase is in part to a rise in the population, expanded efforts and an increase in public awareness, according to TP&W. Data collected from nest locations, status and hatching spring. These data are used by TP&W to aid in the development of environmental assessments on development in nesting areas.

In the Bald Eagle Survey, twenty-two locations are monitored from January to estimate the number of non-nesting eagles found in Texas. Of the 22 monitored at reservoirs in the eastern parts of the state, surveys are conducted annually to record trends.



Rockwall-Heath High School Honors band under the direction of Benny Davis. Photo Courtesy of Benny Davis Rockwall County News

## Rockwall-Heath Mighty Hawk Band advances to State

The Mighty Hawk Band from Rockwall-Heath High School advanced to the TMEA Area C Honor Band Contest on Wednesday, July 1, at Jacksonville High School.

Recordings from six area 4A bands from Regions 3, 4, and 5 were evaluated by five judges and ranked. The top recording was from the Heath group and J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson.

From here the Mighty Hawk Band will advance to the state competition, which will be held on Saturday, July 25 at the TMEA's Association Convention in San Antonio.

Five judges will evaluate recordings of the top fourteen bands from across the state. The top seven will be named finalists and the winner will be declared the TMEA 4A Honor Band, concert band in the state.

Benny Davis, director of the award winning Heath group, said, "This is a really great time for our band. This is the first time a relatively young group has made it to the state level."

All three concert bands at Rockwall-Heath High School will compete for Sweepstakes Awards at UIL Concert and Sight-reading on April 24. The Mighty Hawk Band is one of only two groups from Rockwall-Heath to win the Sweepstakes with Poteet High School from Mesquite, to win the Sweepstakes. Poteet is the 2007-08 TMEA 4A Honor Band.

## Rockwall ISD Celebration event winners named

During the Rockwall Independent School District Foundation's annual Celebration event, current and past Teaching Grant recipients were recognized and given the win prizes.

Eight prizes were donated, and all recipients attending the Celebration were eligible to win.

The following is an overview of prizes and winners:

- Rockwall office of Lady of America, three one-year memberships - Renee Cecil of Doris Elementary; Dana Akard of Rockwall High and Elena S. Ouida of Spring Elementary
- Southwest Airlines, two round-trip airline tickets - Nancy, RHS
- Lakeway Resort and Spa, one-night stay - Katy Ruth Hays Elementary
- Mistra Room, Hilton Bella Harbor, a two-night stay - fast donated by Sara Whittle - Patrick McClendon of Doris Lake Pointe Elementary
- Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center, two stays - Elizabeth Kelly of Sharron Shannon Elementary - Boyd of Grace Hartman Elementary.

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Susan Boyd, a teacher at Grace Hartman Elementary, is shown receiving a prize from Cindy Benefield. The prizes were part of the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation's Celebration event conducted earlier this year, which recognized all current and past Innovative Teaching Grant recipients. Several prizes were distributed, and Boyd was one of the winners.

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dle and high school levels provide a unique array of learning choices.  
RISD students attend summer school for a variety of reasons. Some  
students are attending programs for remediation in order to improve  
necessary skills. A few summer learners are enrolled in credit-recov-  
ery courses so they can remain on track for graduation. Several eager  
scholars are attending to free up time in their future schedules, and  
many of them are attending for enrichment opportunities.

At the elementary level, Rockwall Academy of Creative Explora-  
tion (RACE) is hosting "A Summer with the Stars," a tuition-based  
program providing exploration classes to engage learners. The cours-  
es have been designed to challenge students both physically and  
mentally while helping to stretch their imaginations. Music, sports,  
culinary arts, crafts, dance and art are just some of the topics fea-  
tured during this summer enrichment program.

"Taking Flight" is Rockwall ISD's secondary summer enrichment  
program. Like the elementary program, this tuition-based program  
offers many engaging opportunities. Specifically, broadcasting, robo-  
tics, art, culinary arts, and theatre are part of the curricular roster.  
In addition, courses designed to help pre-plan the college experience,  
provide Pre-AP and AP readiness, and enhance the use of Facebook  
complete this summer experience for students.

Students are not the only ones busy during the summer months.  
Teachers and staff members throughout the district are attending pro-  
fessional development sessions offered at the district's Administra-  
tion/Education Center. Instructional staff members from all three lev-  
els - elementary, middle and secondary - have opportunities to work  
together as a professional learning community to hone their skills  
regarding student engagement and a variety of other topics.

RISD administrators have options to experience the same profes-  
sional development offerings as teachers. Additionally, many of the  
district's leaders will attend two district-sponsored administrative  
conferences: RISD's Leadership Academy and Summit of the Minds.  
Both of these events emphasize key leadership topics relevant to  
changing demographics in a fast-growth district. RISD's Leadership  
Academy is for campus principals and assistant principals, and Sum-  
mit of the Minds is for both campus and Central Office administra-  
tive teams.

The summer professional development opportunities for RISD staff  
members support the district's movement to becoming a true learning  
organization. Within this movement, the focus on the mission state-  
ment and core beliefs become more critical than ever.

Phillip Schlethy, an expert on school leadership and change, rec-  
ommends to organizations that their community of learners (collec-  
tion of individuals joined together for the purpose of sharing common  
learning experiences) form a learning community (group of people

bound together by pursuit of common questions, problems, and is-  
sues) to attain the level of learning organization that accomplishes  
the following:

Purposefully create, support and use learning communities as the  
primary means of inducting new members, creating, developing and  
importing knowledge, assigning tasks and evaluating performances,  
as well as establishing goals and maintaining direction [in order to  
fulfill the mission and beliefs of the organization].

The offerings of June, July and August definitely have evolved  
since the time when summer months were usually equated with sab-  
baticals from school. Yes, many students, teachers, principals, and  
other staff members experience vacations during these traditional  
times, yet many of them also use some of their out-of-school time  
taking advantage of learning opportunities. In Rockwall ISD, the  
summer activities continue to reflect our beliefs:

In Rockwall ISD, in order for us to be a model learning organi-  
zation, we do believe students are the center of all our decisions,  
that instruction is meaningful and engaging, that expectations lead  
to high levels of success, that success is dependent on the strength  
of our relationships, that sustained success comes from our com-  
munity's shared leadership and continuous improvement, and that  
families and the community participate as partners.

In reflection, the summer months provide a variety of opportu-  
nities for our students, staff, and community members. Vacations  
and quality family time are evident in many households as June,  
July and August move us closer to another school year. Presently in  
Rockwall ISD, summertime activities are keeping us engaged, yet  
we are eagerly waiting for Aug/ 24 when we will once again say to  
our students, "Welcome back! How was your summer?"

## Rockwall ISD graduation newsletter online

The Rockwall Independent School District Class of 2009 marked  
the completion of high school with three graduation ceremonies, in-  
cluding event for Quest Academy, Rockwall-Heath High and Rock-  
wall High School.

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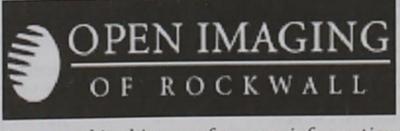
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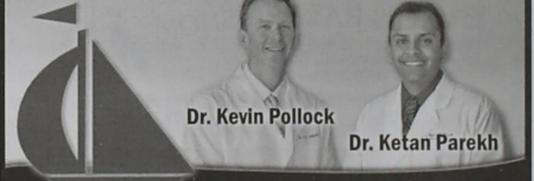
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by Timothy W. Burnett  
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### The events following Jesus' crucifixion

Following the death of Jesus Christ a series of amazing and phenomenal events occurred that captured the attention of the Roman soldiers and others who were gathered for the crucifixion. They are recorded in Matthew 27:51-54, Mark 15:38-39 and Luke 23:47. It is possible the braking of their legs as recorded in John 19:31-37 occurred prior to the above mentioned events.

After Jesus bowed his head and died, the Jewish leaders were itching to finish the job because a special sabbath day was fast approaching. It was against Jewish policy for the bodies to remain on the stakes during that day. It should be noted that the Jewish calendar day began every 24 hour period at sunset. This means that Jesus died near the time of sunset. The special day was the Passover. How ironic...the same Jewish leaders who were so fervent about keeping the ordinance about letting dead bodies stay on the stakes, were the same ones who killed God's beloved son.

The Jewish leaders requested to speed up the death of the condemned men by braking their legs. This would have kept them from being able to hold them selves up by their legs, and sped up the suffocation process because all their weight hung by their nailed hands.

The soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man, and then the other who was crucified with Jesus. In other words, the soldiers broke the legs of one of the robbers, and then did the same to one of the malefactors who were led in with Jesus. By the time they came to Jesus, they found him dead and his legs were spared.

Next, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side only to see blood and other fluids come out. We might wonder why it is so important to mention the blood and the fluids. This was proof positive that he was truly a man of flesh and blood. It also emphasized the spilling of Jesus' incorruptible blood as the perfect Passover sacrifice. Remember that according to Mosaic law, an important part of the Passover sacrifice was the blood. This may sound grotesque, but a closer study of the Old Testament law related to Passover sacrifices will help to understand the significance of Jesus' blood.

Jesus' unbroken leg and pierced side fulfilled the scripture in Psalms 34:20 and Zechariah 12:10.

Some time during or after the braking of the legs and piercing of Jesus' side, the veil of the Temple ripped from top to bottom, the land began to quake, the graves appeared to open and many bodies of the saints which were dead appeared to many people in the city of Jerusalem. After all this was done, one of the Roman centurions and all who watched Jesus became extremely afraid and said, "Truly this was the son of God." Wow! God sure knows how to get people's attention!

Next week we will study the record of the saints rising from the graves after Jesus' resurrection, and appearing to many in the holy city. Our underlying research question will address whether or not this event was a literal resurrection of the saints, or a vision given to many people in the holy city meant to symbolize the true resurrection, which has not yet occurred.

## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Zaner Fay Culberson Benetin

Services for Zaner Fay Culberson Benetin were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009, in the First United Methodist Church of Roysse City with Pastor Cathy Partridge officiating, assisted by Kim Pease, nephew. Burial followed in the Roysse City Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysse City Chapel.

She died June 27.

Born March 13, 1914, near Gilmer, she was the fifth of the seven children born to Tom Low Culberson and Hattie May Ray Culberson. She married Robert Neil Robison in Corpus Christi on March 6, 1939. The couple first lived in Quinlan, then moved to Caddo Mills where they started the Caddo Mills Enterprise. In 1942 they purchased the Roysse City American. In 1963 they started the Tawakoni News. He died Jan. 20, 1975. She continued working with the newspaper and helped establish five additional newspapers.

She was a member of the Roysse City United Methodist Church where she served as a teacher of several classes; president of the United Methodist Women; member of the administration board; trustee for the nomination committee; lay leader; and Famous Women of the South. She was a life member of the Chamber of Commerce of Roysse City and served as Roysse City mayor from 1980 until 1982. She received a plaque from the Texas Press Association representing 50 years of membership and a plaque marking 20 years of service as secretary/treasurer of the North and East Press Association.

On Dec. 27, 1979, she married John Bernard Benetin. They briefly lived in Puerto Rico. After returning to Roysse City, they began working on newspapers. He died May 25, 2003.

She was survived by a host of nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Albertine Irons Henderson, Grace Trice and Mae Compton Oakley; three brothers, T. Ray Culberson, W. Alton Culberson and Louis M. Culberson; a nephew, Harvey W. Compton; and a great-nephew, Jack Wayne Culberson.

Family members served as pallbearers.

### Mary Helen Lee

Services for Mary Helen Lee, 73, of Josephine were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall. Burial followed in the Caddo Mills Cemetery.

She died June 27.



Born April 9, 1936, in Quinlan to Leon and Vera (Rye) she was loving and caring, devoted to her family and was loved by her loved ones and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Rhonda Watkins and Jeff, of Allen; her sons, Phillip Lee and Daron Lee and all of Josephine; her sisters, Gwen Deweese and Era M. Tawakoni; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmie Lee II; two brothers; and a sister.

### Edward Carl Mollenkamp Sr.

Services for Edward Carl Mollenkamp Sr., 88, of Rockwall, Texas, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tom Hadley and the Symmank officiating. Burial will take place Monday in Fort Worth National Cemetery at a time to be determined. He died Monday, June 29.

Born Jan. 22, 1921, in Elk Grove, Ill., to William and A. Mollenkamp, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was employed with GTE for 20 years. A member of the Life Lutheran Church, he enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include his children, Eileen Dawson and John, of Rowlett, Edward C. Mollenkamp Jr. of Rowlett, R. Mollenkamp and his wife, Nancy, of Garland; his grandsons, Jeffrey A. Dawson and his wife, Tisha, Gregory S. Dawson, M. Dawson, Andrew J. Mollenkamp and Jolene R. Mollenkamp, a sister, Esther Banner of Arlington, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elinor Mollenkamp; his brothers, William and Herbert; and his sister, N.

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"Therefore I say unto you, What soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe ye receive them, and ye shall have them."  
Mark

"That if you will confess with your mouth is Lord", and believe in your heart that God Him from the dead, you will be saved."  
Romans

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."  
Proverbs

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# Friday Opinions

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

## The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

In the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Experience has shewn that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them to compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us; Protecting them, by a mock Trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States;

Cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world; Imposing Taxes on us without our Consent;

Depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury; Transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences;

Abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies;

Taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments;

Dispensing our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

At this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to witness their destruction.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

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

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**Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery**  
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Georgia:

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*It is what we celebrate on July 4th ... not the flag, not the fireworks, nor the holiday hoopla ... we celebrate the signing of one of the most radical*

*political documents of human history ... we celebrate those brave men and women who dared to stand against the tyranny of their time. Who among us*

*will put their lives at risk in defense of freedom and liberty against the government tyranny of our time?*

*Wesley W. Burnett, Publisher, Rockwall County News*

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## Rockwall County Book Review

### 'Yankee Chick's Survival Guide to Texas,' by Sophia Dembling

Contributed by Denise Fudge  
Rockwall County Library Assistant

I am proud to say that I am a native Texan, born and raised in Dallas and college-educated in Houston. But in my young 20s, I moved to New England for five years and felt I had moved to another country.

About the same time, Sophia Dembling was making the same transition, only in reverse, moving from New York to Texas. In 2001 she wrote the insightful and funny book, "The Yankee Chick's Survival Guide to Texas."

The Friends of the Library hosted Ms. Dembling for a talk a few years back. This book is very funny if you are not above looking in the mirror and laughing at yourself. A few of our customs that she tries to understand are the obsession with pickup trucks, the cult of football and cheerleaders, the reverence for the Alamo, and our love of the shape of Texas and the Texas flag. Here's a hint that the book will show at least a little respect for the state: it's published by Republic of Texas Press.

I like her assessment of the major Texas cities. Austin is hip and cool and "where most Texans would live if whatever they do wasn't keeping them where they are." Dallas is the "epicenter of conspicuous consumption" yet has an inferiority complex. Houston is "grown up, with a sophisticated arts scene and municipal self-confidence that makes Dallas look needy and Austin look like a frat boy." Her notes on the college scene around Texas are right on the mark, too.

This book reads like a very long Texas Monthly article. She has traveled all over the state and has her own stories to tell, plus lots of Yankee friends to quote. Her total conversion to Mexican cuisine and barbecue makes me smile, with some recipes in the back of the book that I want to give a try. I learned the difference between a "bubba" and a "good ol' boy" and was enlightened by her take on the phrase "bless your heart."

Next time you're "fixin' to" go to the library, check it out!



## Control Fourth fireworks to avoid wildfires

Fireworks and outdoor activities are commonly linked to Fourth of July celebrations, but Texas Forest Service warns that carelessness with fireworks and other outdoor activities can lead to a wildfire.

With summer in full swing, grass, shrubs and trees are starting to dry out. These dry "fuels" and an errant spark from fireworks or a grill is all that is needed to start a devastating wildfire.

"Many Texans use fireworks to celebrate the Fourth of July," TFS Fire Operations Chief Mark Stanford said. "TFS encourages Texans to use fireworks safely. Citizens should be diligent in protecting themselves and their property from accidental wildfires."

Sandra Taylor, TFS fire prevention specialist I, says citizens should keep fireworks away from homes and structures, which can be accidentally ignited. She says there are a few tips you should adhere to when using fireworks.

"Fireworks should only be used under close adult supervision and in safe areas, away from grass and brush," said Taylor. "A water hose, bucket of water and wet towels should be kept nearby in case they are needed to stop small fires. Used fireworks should be disposed of in a bucket of water."

Other outdoor activities also can lead to dangerous wildfires if you are not careful. Here are a few tips to keep you and the outdoors safe when grilling and camping.

- Build campfires in open, level spots away from trees and overhanging branches; preferably in designated fire rings or fire receptacles.
- Never leave a campfire or cooking fire unattended and extinguish your fire completely before leaving it.
- When dry, windy conditions occur while dead grass, weeds and/or leaves are present, consider using a propane stove or barbecue grill instead of an open fire for cooking. Your fire is not safe to leave until it is cool enough to touch.
- Put barbecue grills over bare dirt or other fire resistant surfaces – well away from dead grass and weeds. Completely extinguish coals and ashes with water. Never transport a barbecue pit or grill with live coals.

As always, check with your local government officials or fire departments to make sure fireworks and campfires are allowed in your county. Be sure to comply with all fireworks restrictions – they are in place to help prevent wildfires.

Under Texas law, the authority to restrict fireworks and implement burn bans is left up to county government officials. TFS does not make decisions regarding restrictions on fireworks or outdoor burning bans. The state agency does, however, provide drought condition information to counties.

To learn more about wildfire prevention and how to protect yourself and your home, go to [texasforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=1542](http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=1542).

## Jacob Way tapped for Kohl's Young Texas award

Jacob Way, 18, a 2009 Rockwall-Heath High School graduate, is one of more than 2,000 youths honored nationwide recently through Kohl's Department Stores' Kids Who Care Scholarship Program.

Way and the other honorees were recognized for the "good deeds they performed in their communities through volunteerism," according to a news release issued recently by the department store chain.

Texas saw 153 of its youth recognized. Each winner at this level of the competition will receive a \$50 Kohl's gift certificate and a certificate of recognition. They also are qualified for the chance to receive a \$1,000 regional scholarship for post-secondary education that Kohl's will award next month. From the regional winners Kohl's will select 10 national winners, each of whom will receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship. Additionally, each national winner also will be given the opportunity to designate a nonprofit organization that will receive a \$1,000 contribution from Kohl's in the winner's name.

More than \$350,000 in scholarships and prizes will be awarded.

## Rockwall High School Robotics Team building for the future

by Logan Metcalf-Kelly  
Rockwall High School's Robotics team, called the Full Metal Jackets, advanced to the finals of the Dallas Regional competition this year, capping off a strong 2009 run. The Full Metal Jackets, among the best in the nation last year when they advanced to the 2008 Nationals in Atlanta, GA., now look to continue their success into next year and beyond.

Though competition season is relatively short, the Full Metal Jackets are in full over-drive for the summer off-season. They are looking to strengthen their program from the ground up by working with elementary and middle school students.

"Involving younger students [ensures] Rockwall Robotics continues as a winning team," said RHS Senior Megan McClellan, robotics club Vice-President of Technology.

Rockwall Robotics hopes to involve younger students by giving them hands-on experience with robotics technology. The Jackets will mentor up-and-comers at camps this summer, working with middle-school students at the end of June and elementary students in mid-July. Rockwall Robotics plans to form new teams and clubs for interested students.

"We hope that in a few years [these younger students] will be on the high school robotics team where they can apply all the skills then that we will teach them in their camps now," said RHS Senior Samantha Van Bevers, robotics Vice-President of Public Relations.

Since 2004, Rockwall robotics participated in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), an international organization designed to promote awareness and interest in technology among students. Through these summer camps, Rockwall means to foster the growth of FIRST's primary-school



The Rockwall High School Full Metal Jackets robotics team celebrates after their run to the 2009 Dallas Regional at SMU's Moody Coliseum during the spring.

Photo Courtesy of Rockwall Robotics  
Rockwall County News

branches - the LEGO League, for students from ages 9-14; and the Junior LEGO League, for students from ages 6-9.

Each year, FIRST designs a new type of game for the Robotics Competition. In January, teams are given the objectives of the game and specifications for construction and given six weeks to build and prepare their robots.

"The drive train as well as the software and all the electronics must be designed and assembled sometimes from scratch and sometimes using supplied parts from the game designers," said McClellan.

The 2009 game, dubbed "Lunacy," was designed with a lunar theme for the fortieth anniversary of the moon landing. Students had to design drive trains to navigate a slick, simulated low-gravity surface and get "moon rocks" into the opposing teams' trailers.

But the Jackets play as hard as they work. Come competition day, they don bright orange camouflage and face-paint. And their enthusi-

asm does not go unnoticed. "Everyone [recognizes] Rockwall," said McClellan. Sponsor Bruce Charbonneau is proud of his team's spirit.

"I love it," said Charbonneau, who teaches computer science at Rockwall High School.

He also feels that an enthusiasm for robotics will pay off. "We celebrate sport in this country; that's why we're good at it. If we celebrate technology, we can be good at that too," said Charbonneau.

The Jackets earn attention in the professional world as well as the competitive.

"Because I was in robotics," Van Bevers said, "I was able to participate in another program for NASA."

Rockwall has welcomed new corporate sponsors as well, including SPM (Special Products and Manufacturing). The Rockwall-based manufacturing company became interested as a result of a Rockwall Robotics field trip to SPM manufacturing facilities two

years ago. "It was then that the of SPM and Rockwall were exposed, and SPM to officially sponsor Robotics," says Dan SPM's marketing department. According to Horr many similarities in SPM's facturing process and Robotics students design the use of CAD design and machine program nology.

Next year's robot are Chris Marsh, Principal Driver; Megan Vice-President of Samantha Van Bevers, Vice-President of Public Cole Brosie, Vice of Robot Construction Calderon, Vice-Presid Robotic Construction Dawe, Historian and Safety Captain.

As the crew moves i season, Charbonneau hopes.

"We hope to go on t and compete well there



Pictured above are the Royse City ISD Campus and District Teachers of the Year. Shown from the left are RCHS's Chandra RCMS's Sheli Holmes; Ruth Cherry Intermediate's Heather Meeks; Davis Elementary's Ron Corcoran; Anita Scott Elementary Richardson; W.R. Fort Elementary's Angela Homan; and Miss May Vernon Elementary's Marie Lowry. Each of the campus pictured was interviewed by a panel of outside judges who selected the District Teachers of the Year - Caffee, Secondary Teacher Year, and Homan, Elementary Teacher of the Year. Caffee and Homan will participate in the Region 10 Teacher of the Year competition honored at a Texas Rangers baseball game; and be treated to an August luncheon where regional winners will be recognized.

Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

## Ralph Hall votes no on energy bill

The House voted last week largely along partisan lines on the House Democrats' cap-and-trade energy bill that Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-4) opposed, believing that this bill will increase costs for taxpayers on gaso-

line, utilities, and groceries while accomplishing little for the ment and for energy independence and will certainly spawn g increases.

## Ralph Hall votes to strengthen border patrols

Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-4) joined a majority of House Members last week in approving the homeland security appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010 that garnered large bipartisan support. The vote was 389-37.

"This is one of the few measures so far this year on which both parties could reach some agreement," Hall said. "I'm pleased that we maintained strong support of our Border Patrol Agents who are helping to keep our borders secure. We also established Congressional intent that some of the funds be used to remove lookout posts used by drug smugglers and Mexican drug cartels along the U.S.-Mexico border."

Since 2000, the Bush Administration and Congress have doubled the number of Border Patrol Agents, and since 2006 Congress has appropriated \$3.5 billion for border security fencing, infrastructure and technology activities, resulting in 624 miles in pedestrian and vehicle fencing. These measures have resulted in a record number of drug seizures and a decline in the number of illegal immigrants entering the U.S., according to a news release issued by Hall's office.

"This bill also prevents funds from being used to employ any undocumented illegal workers and extends the E-Verify program, which employers use to check the immigration status of employees," Hall said.

The bill requires the Department of Homeland Security to place Guantanamo prisoners on "no fly" lists and denies them immigration benefits.

The vote was 219 yeas to 212 nays.

Hall voted instead for a Republican alternative, the "New Project for Energy Independence" Act, according to a news release from his office. This alternative establishes a commission to set making the U.S. 50 percent energy independent in ten year percent energy independent in 20 years and authorizes a commission that awards large monetary prizes to the first entity that achieves seven different energy goals set out in the alternative.

The purposes for reaching the goals are to eliminate dependence on foreign oil and transform the energy sector. The Republican alternative was defeated by a vote of 172-256.

"In this economic slump, increased costs for gasoline and utility deal American families an even greater economic hardship," in the news release. "Many experts indicate that more than 15 jobs would be lost each year for the next 20 years as a result of legislation. With unemployment at 10 percent and rising, we need to be working to create jobs - not destroy them."

## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

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## Rockwall T.E.A. Party plans Fourth activities

Area conservatives will gather at noon Saturday at the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse for the Rockwall T.E.A. Party Independence Day event.

Several speakers and representatives of a handful of conservative organizations will be on hand for the gathering. Scheduled speakers include Congressman Ralph M. Hall; State Rep. Jodie Laubenberg; Ann Hetterger, Concerned Women for America; Johanna Runnels, Heritage Alliance; Nicholas Kreekon, Texas T.E.A. for Property Tax; and Jordan Williamson of the Young Republicans.

Tom Taylor will serve as master of ceremonies and disc jockey, while Todd Smith will deliver the opening prayer and benediction.

Conservative organizations to be represented include Americans for Prosperity, the Heritage Alliance, Concerned Women for America and Texas T.E.A. for Property Tax.

According to a news release on the event, "recently enacted new federal taxes will bankrupt families, idle businesses and debilitate the American economy. The current administration promises to further tax all Americans to fund socialized medicine and a plethora of other unwanted programs. This Taxed Enough Already (T.E.A.) Party protest invites conservatives of all parties and independent voters to unite with a common purpose of preserving our nation and protecting it from fiscal ruin."

Deputy voter registrars will be on site to help register voters. Participants are urged to bring protest signs, banners and flags to the non-partisan event.

Public parking will be available in several locations, including around the courthouse square; along the northeast corner of Fannin and Washington streets; at City Hall off of Fannin, south of Washington; at the southeast corner of Washington and Goliad streets; and at the southeast corner of Rusk and Goliad streets (behind businesses).

For more information, visit [teapartyday.com](http://teapartyday.com), [teaparty Patriots.org](http://teaparty Patriots.org), [estempodevotar.com](http://estempodevotar.com) or the Rockwall County Conservatives and Coffee



Their winning tradition at this year's officer camp, the South High School Highstepper and Starstepper drill, received individual and team honors at the June 9-11 at the Rockwall Hilton Bella Harbor. The camp was a success. The Highstepper officers performed a jazz and received second place red ribbons for both. The Starsteppers also performed jazz and modern pieces and received second place red ribbons for both. Starsteppers Captain



Breelan Statham received a first place blue ribbon for technique during the individual evaluations. The 2009-2010 RHHS Highstepper Officers are (in photo at left) First Lt. April Fehlsing, Captain Taelah Wooten, Lt. Katie Cooper and Lt. Dana Brewer. Not pictured is Lt. Taylor Short. The 2009-2010 RHHS Starstepper Officers are (in photo at right) Director Anna Blair, First Lt. Madison Mills, Captain Breelan Statham and Lt. Kayla Bender.

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## Sports Notes

### Skyhawks Golf program slated

Skyhawks Sports Golf will run from 9 a.m. to noon July 6-10 in Harry Myers Park, offering youths ages 5-8 the change to learn golf technique and foundational skills. Cost will be \$113 for Rockwall residents, \$170 for non-residents. For details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Canoeing offered at Pickens Lake

Learn about canoeing safety and proper padding techniques at 9 a.m. July 11 at Pickens Lake. Canoes, paddles and safety vests provided for this class, which is perfect for beginners. Early registration at [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks) is encouraged. Cost is \$10 for Rockwall residents, \$15 for non-residents.

### Instruction in disc golf offered

A course focusing on basic instruction for disc golf will be offered at 1 p.m. July 11. Call 972-771-7740 or visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks) for more details. Cost is \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents. Early registration is encouraged; spots are limited.

### Triathlon training set

A triathlon training class will be offered on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 18 through Aug. 8 at Harry Myers Park. Swimming, running, biking and practicing the transition area will be included, as will a mini-triathlon. Cost is \$45 for Rockwall residents, \$68 for non-residents. For details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Quickstart Your Kayak offered

Basic paddling and kayaking safety skills will be offered in Quickstart Your Kayak from 9 a.m. to noon on July 18. Participants will try out different types of kayaks; kayak PFD and paddles will be provided. Cost is \$60 for Rockwall residents, \$90 for non-residents. For details call Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

### RCISD season ticket schedule set

Current Roysie City ISD season ticket holders can pick up their renewals from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 20-31 at the RCISD administrative office. New group reserved seating ticket sales will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 3-7. New season reserved seating ticket sales will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 10-28.

### Kayaking, canoeing course scheduled

A class offering instruction in kayaking and canoeing will be offered at 10 a.m. July 25 on Lake Ray Hubbard. Cost is \$10 for Rockwall residents, \$15 for non-residents. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks) or call 972-771-7740.

### Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp set

The Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp, which will run July 27-31 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym, will offer athletes ages 4-7 the chance to experience a number of different sports. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost will be \$98 for Rockwall residents, \$147 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Agility, conditioning camp offered

Sports Agility and Conditioning Camp will be offered in the Rockwall Education Center Gym. Weeklong camps for 10- to 12-year-olds set Aug. 10-14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 13- to 15-year-olds, Aug. 10-14, 11 a.m. to noon. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$149, non-residents \$225. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

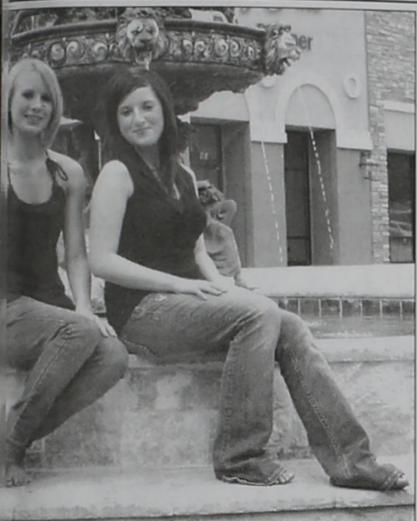
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Varsity mascot Chandler Cox, left, and junior Andee Aulbaugh received numerous awards while at SMU last month. Each received Superior Ribbons for crowd involvement, and both were tapped as All-Around Mascots. Cox also was named Spirit Mascot by her peers.

## Earns DAR award

A sixth-grade student at Grace Hartman Elementary, Andee Aulbaugh, earned a Good Citizenship Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

As the crew member of the award recipient by faculty and staff members at the school. To be eligible for the award, a student must possess the five pillars of citizenship - honor, service, courage, leadership and respect. Aulbaugh, a member of the Rock Wall Chapter, DAR.

## Named to honors list

Albrecht of Rockwall was included on the Missouri Science and Technology honor list for the spring semester.

To be named to the honor list, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credits and a grade point average of 3.2 or better out of a possible 4.0.

## receives Georgetown Scholarship

Heath recently received the Mood Scholarship to attend Eastern University in Georgetown, according to a university news release.

Scholarships are merit scholarships of between \$10,500 and \$15,000.

## Johnson earns Trinity degree

Johnson of Rockwall graduated May 16 from Trinity University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and journalism.

Exercises were conducted on the university's San Antonio campus, according to a university news release.

18 undergraduates received bachelor's degrees and 74 received master's degrees in education or accounting.

## Rockwall American Legion quarterly dinner meeting

The Rockwall American Legion quarterly dinner meeting will take place on Friday, July 16 at the Rockwall Park community center. A presentation by the Rockwall Chief of Police will follow dinner. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

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## Health screening set next week at Rockwall chamber

A vascular screening event will take place Wednesday and Thursday in the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 697 E. 1-35 (south service road at Ridge Road).

Certified medical technicians will use state-of-the-art color flow Doppler imaging to reveal the extent of fatty plaque build-up in critical arteries. These ultrasound screenings are painless, non-intrusive, effective and private.

Three ultrasound (color flow Doppler imaging) tests will be made available: carotid arteries, abdominal aorta and leg arteries. Regular cost is \$45 each; sponsor special price will be all three tests, \$120. (hospitals charge

\$300 to \$1,500 each for these tests). Payment by cash, check or credit card is due at time of testing.

Results will be privately disclosed to the patient by a board-certified radiologist in three to four weeks.

Individuals at risk of cardiovascular disease are encouraged to participate, including those who can be identified as follows: 40 or older, overweight, physically inactive, eat an unbalanced diet, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, high triglycerides, stressful life, smoker, diabetic and/or family history of stroke

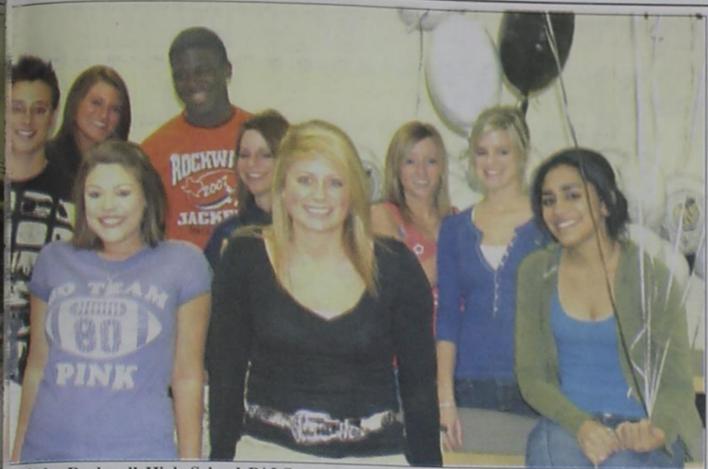
or heart disease.

Other tests that will be available include bone density test for women, \$25; PSA test for men (prostate cancer), \$65; and full lipid profile blood test, \$45.

Tests will be conducted by appointment only. Appointments made first-come, first-served.

To make an appointment, call toll-free 1-866-935-7226.

Hosted by EBBY/Rockwall Realtors and the Rockwall County Chamber of Commerce, the event is open to all members of the community. Medical services will be provided by Stroke Scan Inc., strokescaninc.com.



Members of the Rockwall High School PALS, under the leadership of coach Billy Tipps, recently presented awards to RISD Education Foundation in preparing for the 2009 Spring Prize Patrol, which recognized 56 students who distributed more than \$27,000 to be used for classroom projects. The students created balloon bouquets and oversized checks. Pictured at back are Joseph Williams, Alanna Switzer and Ugo Nkalari, and, at front, are Kelly Matthews, Amanda Harmon and Tipps. PALS is a student leadership organization at Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School. Both Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High School students have been recognized for their Foundation projects.

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Members of the Leadership Rockwall Class of 2009 recently joined the RISD Education Foundation's Spring 2009 Prize Patrol, busing to help surprise Innovative Teaching Grant recipients with balloons, oversized checks and logo-embellished canvas bags.

Members of the Leadership Rockwall board members and Class of 2009 coordinators. The group, along with directors, community participants and RISD personnel, distributed grants at Howard Dobbs and Howard Middle School and J.W. Williams Middle School. The grants are awarded to teachers groups that present creative, new ideas in the classroom.

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Members of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Rockwall were commissioned two new Stephen ministers. Pictured at a commissioning service are Stephen ministers Dr. Frank Miller, Greta Miller, and the Rev. Mark Irons, Janie Mosley, Paul Havens and others. Not pictured is Stephen minister Wilma Brown. The Stephen Ministry is a transdenominational caregiving ministry serving more than 10,000 congregations.

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## First Christian Church commissions two new Stephen ministers

Two new Stephen ministers were commissioned by the Rev. Mark Irons at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Rockwall.

Paul Havens and Paul Havens completed their 50 hours of training in caregiving skills. During their training, the pair covered topics such as active listening, Christian care, feelings, confidentiality and ministering to people in specific situations such as grief and hospitalization.

The church now has seven trained and commissioned Stephen ministers in its congregation.

The Stephen Ministry is a transdenominational caregiving ministry developed by Stephen Ministry in St. Louis. Initiated in 1975, the ministry is used in more than 10,000 congregations representing 30 denominations.

The ministry is "a source of warmth and care," according to a statement in a news release from the church. Irons said the ministry is to be "a blessing for many years to come, enabling the congregation to grow as a nurturing community where members are cherished and cared for and their needs taken seriously, in the name of Jesus Christ."

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Rockwall City Councilmember Mark Russo (right) offers his thoughts at the Saturday Juneteenth celebration at Gloria Williams Park in Rockwall. Pastor Joe Robbins (left) and advocate Sam Buffington (center) also spoke on the significance of the day as a guide for tolerance and acceptance of people of all races and nationalities in the U.S. Juneteenth celebrated June 19, 1865 announcement in Texas that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery. Texas received the news three years after the signing. After the opening comments, which also included a welcome address from Rockwall City Councilmember Bill Cecil, residents helped themselves to a picnic, complete with hot dogs, chicken and all the fixings. The day cooled off from the heat in the Williams pool free of charge for the day.  
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams  
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Caroline Dalton plays "herd the piggies" at the Fulton School's "Rodeo Days" camp where campers look on. Thirteen children attended the camp for youngsters ages 3-5, which ran from June 15. They learned about the rodeo, created rodeo-themed arts and crafts such as cactus and held a miniature stock show with the campers' favorite stuffed animals.  
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### DimeBox Theater finishing summer film

Movies fans have just a few more opportunities to enjoy their favorite flicks over the next few days at the DimeBox Theater in Royse City.

- July 11 - "Red Blood of Courage." Kermit Maynard, Ann Sheridan
- July 15 - "I Cover the Waterfront." Ben Lyon, Claudette Colbert
- July 17 - "39 Steps." Hitchcock thriller with Robert Donat, Madelaine Carroll
- July 18 - "Reunion in France." John Wayne as an American soldier in WWI

Admission is 10 cents. Screenings begin at 2 p.m. Groups of 10 or more are invited to make a reservation. The theater is located at 2453. The DimeBox Theater will officially open on the first Saturdays of each month. For more information, contact James Cornelius at 9230.



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