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## Investigation continues to playground fire at Ann Elementary

**Williams**  
onscribed as juveniles have presented themselves to the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department to report involvement in a July 2 fire that heavily damaged playground equipment at Miss May Vernon Elementary School in Fate.  
Fire Marshal Sean Fay said because the two are juveniles, he cannot discuss their gender, age, names or any other information about them at this time.  
The individuals went to the Sheriff's Department late on July 4 and the second one the morning of the same day.  
"The individuals were given a citation for possession of a firearm and no charges have been filed," Fay said. "This is still very much an ongoing investigation."  
Fay said he became aware that a surveillance camera at the school caught the incident but he has not been able to download the video. He was meeting with the Rockwall County District Attorney's Office to see about viewing the video for any evidence that might help his investigation.  
The fire started in the playground area and spread to the plastic play set. Damage to the equipment was extensive, with at least half of the equipment completely destroyed or melted enough to warrant replacement. Large globs of melted plastic are visible on the ground mixed in with the wood chips. The plastic edging around the play area is also partially melted.  
Fay said fireworks is illegal within the Fate city limits.  
Fay said the district's investigator has been to the site and will submit a report when all the facts are known.



A large charred spot is seen after some of the damage was cleared away following a fire that destroyed part of the play equipment at Miss May Vernon Elementary School in Fate. Illegal fireworks are believed to be the culprit, first igniting the wood chips at the base of the play set then quickly spreading to the plastic equipment. Some melting can be seen on the underside of the red cover at left, on the red and blue supports at center and to the blue tubes on the right.  
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

## Heath projects working towards November completion dates

**by Edie Zimmerman**  
At the July 3 meeting of the Heath City Council, members reported that two important, long-term projects are on schedule for completion in November.  
City Engineer Randel Dobbs said the bowl of the city's new 1.5 million gallon water tower was successfully raised on June 29. Dobbs confirmed that the project is on target to be completed and online in November 2012. He also presented a video of the bowl raising, in which Heath Mayor Lorne Liechty addressed the benefits of the additional tower.  
"It's necessary to ensure that we have a safe and secure water supply for our citizens, not just for drinking water, which is of course critical, but also for fire protection," he said. "Today we have a water tower next to City Hall and the City Park. This is our second water tower. It's providing plenty of water for us now but it also secures us in the future. Now as we grow more, obviously we will need more water storage. But for right now and in the next few years this takes care of people."  
The second project is Phase I of the TxDOT road project, which widens FM 740 to four lanes from FM 3097 (Horizon Road to FM 1140 (Smirl Drive) at Heathland Crossing.  
Council member Barry Brooks discussed a recent meeting between the Rockwall County Planning Consortium and TxDOT. He said there was a perception by some that construction work had significantly slowed recently. TxDOT responded that smaller scale work is currently being done, such as connecting driveways in preparation for the upcoming pouring of the southbound lanes, planned for later this month. There is also a chance that extreme heat conditions could result in overnight pouring, as it did last summer for the northbound lanes. Brooks also relayed that a desire was expressed for consideration and communication to be extended regarding any significant construction.  
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Carlee Cheney, a junior at Rockwall High School, is shown entertaining customers at Rockwall's Farmers Market last Saturday morning. Carlee has been singing and playing guitar and piano since she was a child. Carlee is using some of her tip money for SCUBA certification for her future career in scuba diving and is putting the rest away for college. The Rockwall Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through Sept. 29 on the historic Rockwall Square.  
Photo by Ryan Lange/Rockwall County News

## City of Rockwall plans mosquito-fogging program

The City of Rockwall will begin fogging for mosquitoes July 23 because of the "high number" of human cases of West Nile Virus reported in area counties, according to a city news release issued earlier this week.  
The city health officer recommended the spray program to minimize the risk of the virus.  
The fogging will be done between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. A details map of the spray area schedule soon will be available at the city website. Also, postcards explaining the program and providing the website address soon will be mailed to Rockwall residents.  
The city is asking local residents to take precautions to avoid the West Nile Virus, a potentially serious disease that is spread by mosquitoes. The easiest way to avoid the virus is through the prevention of mosquito bites. Recommended precautions include:  
• Use insect repellent with an EPA-registered active ingredient, especially at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active;  
• Wear long-sleeved garments and pants or remain indoors during the dusk and dawn hours;  
• Empty standing water from mosquito-breeding sites such as buckets, flower pots and barrels, and change bird dishes and bird baths weekly;  
• Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when not in use.  
"The goal is to spray each neighborhood one time a week," said Brad Griggs, director of the program. "The fogging doesn't have any residual effect - it will only control the mosquitoes that come in direct contact with the fog."  
If you are a property owner, the city will treat stagnant bodies of water with a mosquito larvaicide within 48 hours of notification. Larvaicide prohibits the larvae from developing into mosquitoes.  
Human cases of West Nile Virus have been reported in Rockwall or Collin counties, but several have been noted in Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties, according to the news release.  
About 80 percent of people infected with the virus won't show any symptoms of West Nile Virus. Milder symptoms include headache and body aches, nausea, vomiting and a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back that can last for several weeks.  
There is no specific treatment for the virus, and milder cases improve on their own.  
The city health officer says wetter weather conditions are responsible for the increase in the number of cases.



Silhouetted against the bright fireworks at Rockwall's Harry Myers Park, Martha and Reuben Ramirez of Rockwall, along with their children Marciello and Camilla, enjoyed the city's annual July 4 celebration.  
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# NCL's summer activities keep members busy

by Mary Thacker

School may be out, but that doesn't mean that it's vacation time for the girls of National Charity League (NCL). Summer can be their busiest time of year, because they are able to shift their focus from academics to community service.

Keep your eyes open for them the next time you visit the library. They may be spotted shelving books with the summer reading program. While swimming laps at the Natatorium, you may hear their Special Olympics athlete as they perfect their side stroke. When volunteering at the Rockwall Animal Shelter, girls may assist with feeding and walking the animals or helping with adoptions. They can also be seen at horses at Throwaway Ponies, delivering lunch to Meals on Wheels clients or sorting clothes at Helene's.

NCL mother-daughter team may be escorting audience members to their seats at Rockwall Community Center during Rockwall Summer Musicals. They will be helping with bingo games at Summer Ridge Retirement Community. Wherever there is a need for volunteers, they can be found sharing their enthusiasm for community service.

The Lone Star Chapter of the National Charity League was chartered in 1983 and has more than 250 members. The organization has three main goals: to foster strong mother-daughter relationships through service, to provide leadership experience, and to encourage awareness and enjoyment of cultural events.

Most girls join NCL when they begin middle school and spend the next six years bonding with the girls in their class. Each class elects officers who run the meetings with the guidance of two GLADs or grade level advisers. A GLAP or grade level adviser of philanthropy who helps facilitate projects and a mentoring team is assisted by a GLAP or grade level adviser of philanthropy who helps facilitate projects.

By the time they graduate high school, they have learned leadership skills, have a heart for service, have been exposed to a variety of cultural events, and have developed strong relationships with their mothers. NCL experience quite often leads to a senior presentation presented to the community at an elegant ceremony.

Mary Stacey serves as a GLAD for the Class of 2012. She said she is excited about the year with the experience she is mentoring. She was chosen to have a GLAD for the young ladies at the Girls Club of Rockwall. She will be doing a mini-manicure day for the ladies at Summer Ridge Home, and is scheduled to give Christmas presents for Meals on Wheels. They will also be doing a tree for the Hands Festival of Trees.

"Partnering in National Charity League with my mother is important to me as a young woman for many primary reasons. First, I want to share precious time together that will be lost to less important things. And secondly, each year together with a philanthropy project to see my daughter flourish. God put her on this earth to love others by her example."

Andrew Paul Freese, valedictorian of the Rockwall High School Class of 2004, graduated cum laude from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston on June 1. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine and plans to complete his five-year residency in orthopedic surgery at Indiana University at Indianapolis, Ind. Pictured above with Freese is his sister, Jurhee Freese, a 2007 graduate of RHS. She is about to enter her second year at the Texas Tech University School of Medicine in Lubbock.



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The 2012-2013 Rockwall High Stingerette officers attended Crowd Pleasers Officer Camp at the Hyatt Regency DFW. The group placed third out of 62 participating teams. Pictured from left to right are Mikayla Burns, lieutenant; Julie Dickerson, first lieutenant; Katelyn Barton, captain; Elizabeth Miller, lieutenant; and Savannah Miller, lieutenant. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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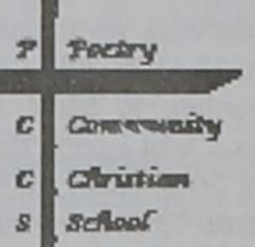


Steve Karbowski (center) with his son, Dr. Steve Karbowski Jr. and wife Barbara Karbowski.



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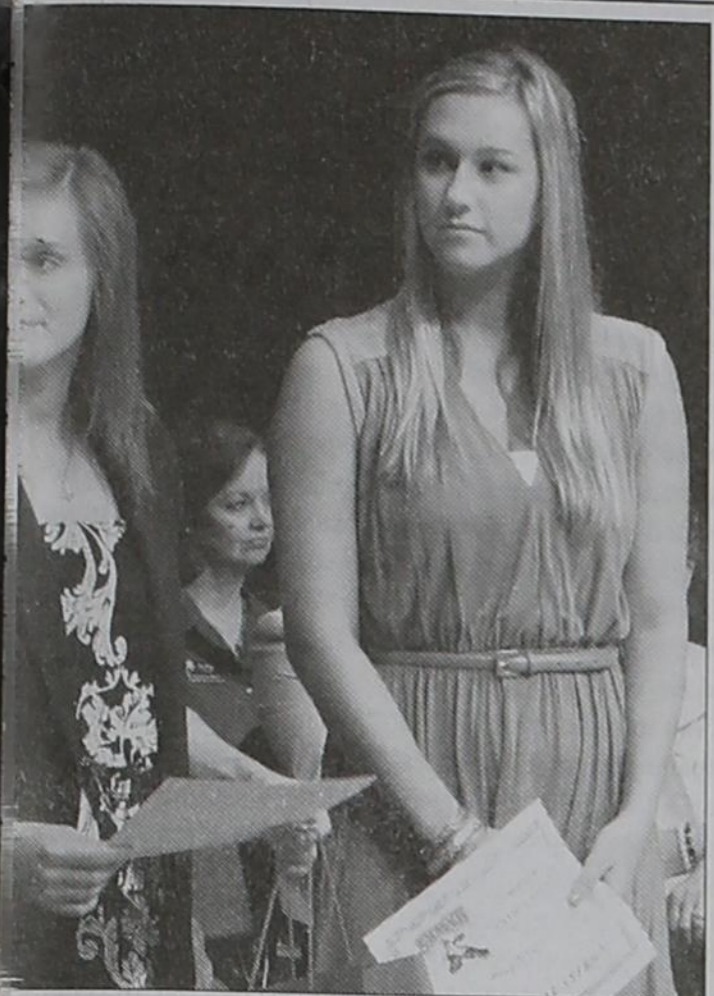
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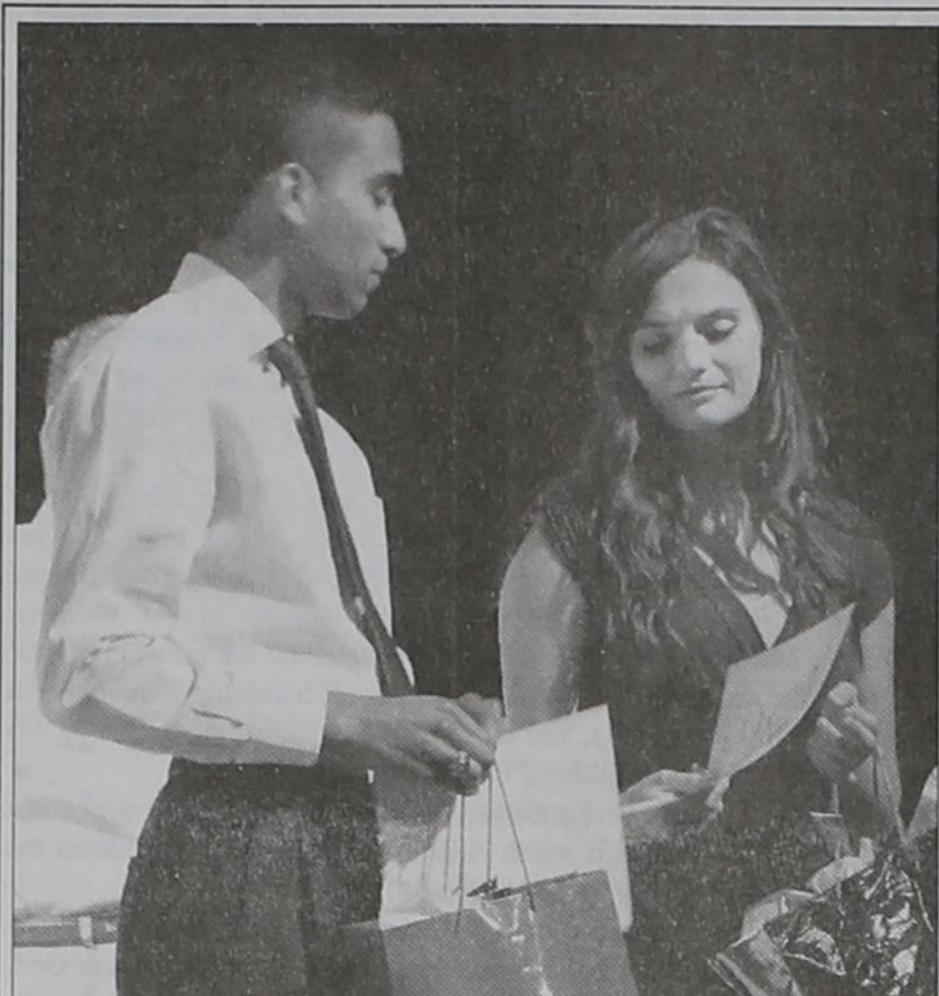
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Christ for India Ministries in Rockwall presented four graduating students with the Dr. P.J. Titus Memorial Scholarship. Pictured above are the Rockwall High recipients, Quincey Thompson and Whitney Jenkins, each of whom qualified for a \$500 scholarship. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

**City Council...**

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changes that might coincide with the beginning of the new

extension of the road widening project from the end point of 1140 (Smirl Drive) at Heathland Crossing to FM 1140 at Heath City Hall. City Manager Ed Thatcher explained that the project has already been funded, it will not go out to bidding until 2013. It could take up to a year after that to secure right of way cables. Based on this, it is likely to be late 2014 before Phase II begins.

Thatcher addressed the city staff and council members saying, "Everybody here and on the council and everybody living in the city has to have the roads done as soon as possible. And I think it is on us as Council to make sure that if there's anything we can do to make sure we're ready when they're ready, let's make sure that there's certainly no one that can point the finger at us for not being ready." So we want to make sure that's the position we're in with the Consortium and (County) Judge (Jerry) Hogan going to put all that pressure on them to keep it moving as fast as possible.

Council Member Rich Krause asked about preliminary location for set up of the concrete batch plant, stating, "I've been scrambling with at the last minute and had special meetings last time."

Thatcher's conversation that concluded it will be sometime before we're ready to focus on a temporary plant location. Also, the city's point by saying the push for readiness stops shy of what will otherwise be incurred by the project itself.

**Heath Golf & Yacht Club**

There was a discussion regarding the Heath Golf & Yacht Club. The mayor said the council was expecting to see a Final Agreement for consideration at this meeting, which was not

presented. The city did however receive comments from the developer on the development. It was also reported that the amendment to the agreement was signed by the developer who also made a contribution, which was delivered into escrow for payment

Thatcher stated that he had a very positive conversation with the president of The Redstone Companies, who is a co-founder of the project. Thatcher reports Redstone is "full steam ahead" on the project.

The developer at the meeting was former Heath mayor Chris Cuny Corporation and Sarah Whittle. Cuny acknowledged some of the way around but offered assurance that all parties are committed to a more deliberate pace would serve all and prevent things from slipping through hoops.

The next step is to develop a schedule and work out those details with the agreement. Our goal is to come back on 7-17 with an agreement that both sides are in general agreement with the city," Cuny said.

**Residential Take Area Sublease Agreement**

At the city council meeting, two changes were made to the Residential Take Area Sublease Agreement. This pertains to lakefront homeowners leasing on the shoreline for the purpose of making improvements. The city is in Assumption Agreement so that a new landowner can

assume an existing Take Area Lease. The other changes the agreement term anniversary from the actual date of the assumption to a uniform date which will be prorated, as appropriate, thus providing for efficiency in accounting and billing processes.

**Dilapidated Home**

Making yet another appearance before the council to ask that a potentially dangerous eye-sore be considered for demolition, Charles Weems, a 45-year resident of the 500 block of Hubbard Drive, said the house across the street from him is abandoned, dilapidated and part of the ceiling inside the house is now being held up by a 2x4.

The house has had other owners over the years, Weems said, but the current owner, Rob Whittle, has boarded it up, which could lead to dangerous problems if the house is not dealt with.

"It's a health hazard and a fire hazard, a drug hazard and any little kid could wander in there and get killed," Weems said.

City Manager Ed Thatcher acknowledged that the grass is a problem too. Once it gets past twelve inches high, the city has to schedule to mow it at taxpayer's expense, he said, but not before the current homeowner has a 30 to 90-day window to comply. Weems said his son-in-law has been known to mow it with a tractor from time to time.

Thatcher said the house has been condemned, but Whittle boarded the doors and windows, which was enough to stop further action by the city. If a board is pried off or falls off, Thatcher said Weems can restart the process.

Weems said that he has been seeking the demolition of 531 Hubbard Drive for five years.

"I've tried code enforcement, city managers and everybody. They tell me, 'We'll take care of it.' But five years later it's still sitting there."

Weems added, "The tax man told me that the owner, Mr. Whittle, went to him two years ago and said to take it off the tax rolls because he was going to tear it down."

The city of Heath currently does not have a code on the books that would give staff the authority to demolish a homeowner's property. In a similar situation in the past, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Dallas homeowner. Therefore the code was removed to protect the city from potential lawsuits. That case has since been overturned, freeing the Heath city council to add the necessary specific language back into the code, for approval at the next meeting.

Liechty expressed regret to Weems but encouraged him to come to the next meeting and hold "their feet to the fire." Weems left the meeting with a final plea, "Please don't leave me hanging again."

Heath City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting is at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive.

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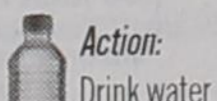
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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Jesus Christ faces Pontius Pilate...

(Continued)

Last week we stopped at Jesus' response to Pontius Pilate's question in John 18:33-38. Pilate gave an honest response by saying, "What is truth." According to Mark 15:3-5 and Matthew 27:13-14, Pilate questioned Jesus Christ again. This time Jesus was silent. Pilate "marveled greatly" over Jesus' silent restraint, while facing false accusations by his people. In Luke 23:13-15, Pilate addressed the chief priests, rulers and the people. He said, "you have brought this man unto me, as one that perverts the people: and behold, I having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof you accuse him. No, nor yet Herod. For I sent you to him, and nothing worthy of death is done unto him." All three Gospels record Pilate's discourse with the Jewish leaders concerning the release of Jesus. This is found in Matthew 27:15-26, Mark 15:6-15, Luke 23:16-25 and John 18:39-40. Pilate offered to free Jesus Christ, but the Jewish leaders cried out, "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas" (Luke 23:18 and John 18:40).

Barabbas was a robber or highway bandit (John 18:40). He was imprisoned for murder during an insurrection in the city (Mark 15:7 and Luke 23:19). According to Matthew 27:16, Barabbas was a "notable prisoner." Matthew 27:15, Mark 15:6, Luke 23:17 and John 18:39 reveal that Pilate had a tradition of releasing one prisoner to the people for the feast of Passover.

Knowing their envy, Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to release unto you the King of the Jews?"

The chief priests moved, or vehemently stirred up, the people to call for the release of Barabbas. Pilate asked again, "What will you then that I shall do unto him whom you call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" Then Pilate said, "Why, what evil has he done?" And the people cried more exceedingly to crucify him. Three times, Pilate entreated the people to let him release Jesus to them, and three times they cried out to crucify him. The record in Matthew 27:19 adds some new information. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife told him to have nothing to do with "that just man." She said, "For I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him."

She had the eyes to see that Jesus Christ was a "just man," and it grieved her to the point of having a bad dream about him. The record does not indicate whether or not God played a role in her dream. But her account was important enough to include in the Gospels. According to Matthew 27:24, when Pilate saw he could not prevail over the people's will, he washed his hands before the people and said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it." Then the people declared, "his blood is on us, and on our children."

Pilate was a just ruler, and did the best that he could to judge rightly. But he still had to be good for his word. And since he promised to release the people's choice of prisoners, he had to back his word.

According to John chapter 9, the two issues that most concerned Pilate were the claims by the Jews that Jesus declared himself to be the son of God, and that Jesus was making himself a King.

Verses 6-7 reveal that Pilate repeated how he found no fault in Jesus and urged the Jewish leaders to crucify him themselves. It goes on to say, "The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, be-

cause he made himself the son of God. This saying caused him to be afraid.

Pilate brought him back into the judgment hall and questioned the Jews claim asking, Jesus gave no answer.

Next Pilate reminded Jesus about his power to release Jesus wisely answered, "You could have no power against me were given you from above. Therefore he that delivered me he delivered the greater sin."

With Jesus' astounding and spiritually founded answer, Pilate eventually to release him.

But then the Jews played their last card by claiming that he made himself a King. With this declaration, Pilate was forced to release Barabbas and crucify Jesus.

Much can be learned from Jesus' last words to Pilate, Jesus doing God's will and being blessed by God his Father. Jesus knew the truth that God is able to allow the world to persecute loved saints so that they might be strengthened by God's power and He would get the glory.

God told the apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you inasmuch as you are made perfect in weakness" (1 Corinthians 12:9). A study of the Greek-Hebrew Lexicon reveals a more accurate translation: "My grace is strong for you. For My power is fully accomplished in your weakness."

In any case, it is always God's will for us to endure the hard times by the strength and love of God in the name of Jesus Christ. In the end we are strengthened by God's strength, and we get the glory.

Romans chapter 9 touches on this subject beautifully. The story of Job's life reveals that God allowed Job to experience hard times. Job faithfully endured not only the loss of his property, but the loss of his children. He was a miserable counselor who grieved his heart. In the end, Job was strengthened and was blessed abundantly above what he had. Jesus endured the persecution, unjust punishment and crucifixion. He hoped that his Father would not forsake him, but would raise him from the dead. Jesus correctly understood how he was to be the first and God's purchased price for all of mankind from the grip of Satan.

The Jewish leaders and people did not fully understand the meaning of "his blood" in the context of the Passover lamb and God's plan for the redemption of the world. They did not know that the blood of Jesus Christ would truly be able to cleanse from all unrighteousness in the near future, simply by believing with a heart that God raised him from the dead unto righteousness which is the life of the holy spirit (see also Romans 10:9-10).

In the end all of God's saints have the hope of resurrection life because of what God did by raising Jesus from the dead to sit at his right hand of all power and authority as His firstborn.

Jesus understood these things during his final answer to Pilate. He had had all power from the great Caesar of Rome, but Jesus was the son of God in heaven. It's possible that Pilate realized the man who truly had more power and higher authority than the Caesar.

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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Public service to our community

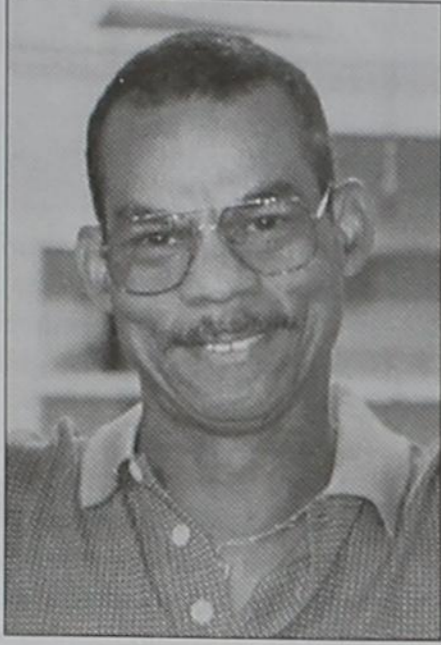
### Micheal 'Mike' Campbell

Service for Micheal "Mike" Campbell, 42, of Roysse City was held on July 11, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City.

Mr. Campbell was born July 7, 1969, in Dallas to Bennie Thirl Campbell and Marilyn (Homen) Campbell. He worked as a pipefitter in the fire protection industry. He is survived by his wife, Meril (Andrews) Campbell of Roysse City; his brother, Mark Campbell and his wife, Sherry, of Gun Barrel City; his sister, Shirley Jackson, and her husband, Robert, of Teague; and numerous nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents.

### William Columbus Kincaid Jr.

Funeral services for William Columbus Kincaid Jr. were conducted July 12, 2012, at the First Baptist Church in Rockwall, Texas. Mr. Kincaid was born July 3, 1933, in Rockwall, Texas, to W.C. and Mary Ann Kincaid. He graduated from Rockwall High School in 1951 and worked for the Chrysler Corporation in Sterling Heights, Mich. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Reecie Adkins Kincaid; his son, Shannon Kincaid; his daughter, Devon Kincaid; his parents, W.C. and Mary Ann Kincaid; his brothers, T.C. and Pete Kincaid; his sisters, Patricia Kincaid, Janet Long (Paul), Wendy Kincaid, Karen Kincaid, Monica Evans (Sly); his nephews, Martin Kincaid, Marcus Kincaid and Kevin Kincaid; his stepdaughters, Ateah Stahl and Ann-Michelle Molinar (Fabian); his uncle, T.C. Kincaid (Rose); his aunts, Charlene Cannon and Ida Bell Walker.



### Jake Earl Williams

Jake Earl Williams, formerly of Rockwall, died on July 7, 2012, in Scottsville, Va. He grew up in Scottsville, Va. and graduated from Thomas Dale High in 1948. He graduated from Sydney College with a degree in chemistry and worked in the petroleum industry all his life. He served in the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant in the Army in Korea during and after the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Mary Ellen; daughters, Joanne Reardon and Mary Barbara Williams of Winnsboro, S.C.; and sons, Robert Williams, M.D., Ph.D. of Rocky River, Ohio and Robert Williams, D.V.M. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Burial was in the Rockwall Memorial Park. Service information was not available. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in his honor to the American Olympic Committee, P.O. Box 130, McDonough Street, Rockwall, AL 36130.

# Rockwall County Entertainment

### The Rub set for July 19

The Rub will perform urban blues tunes at the July 19 Concert by the Lake. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

### Vaughn tribute to close series

The late Stevie Ray Vaughn, performed by Voodoo Blue, will close the Lake series on July 26. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

### Orchestra concert set Sept. 1

The Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra Concert is set for Sept. 1 at The Shell. Rockwall MusicFest invites the community to attend this free concert. For more details visit [rockwallmusicfest.com](http://rockwallmusicfest.com).

### UNT Lab Band to perform

The One O'Clock Lab Band, under the direction of Grammy-nominated and associate professor of jazz studies at the University of North Texas, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 Townsend Drive, Rockwall. The band has six Grammy nominations for its musicianship and tight ensemble performance. Tickets cost \$25 for a concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for an individual performance ticket. For more information visit [rockwallmusicfest.com](http://rockwallmusicfest.com).

### Street Strutters scheduled

Street Strutters will present an event showcasing the talents of Meloney Collins at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Performing Arts Center, 1201 Townsend Dr., Rockwall, Texas. Meloney Collins, will perform an extensive repertoire, including jazz, blues, and 26 different styles of music. Tickets cost \$25 for a concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for an individual performance ticket. For more information visit [rockwallmusicfest.com](http://rockwallmusicfest.com).

### Post show slated March 18

Rockwall MusicFest will present a one-man variety show at 8:30 p.m. March 18 at the Performing Arts Center, 1201 Townsend Drive, Rockwall. The show is inspired by classic and his Italian grandmother and sang at any family gathering. Tickets cost \$65 for a concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for an individual performance ticket. For more details visit [rockwallmusicfest.com](http://rockwallmusicfest.com).

# Rockwall County News Briefs

### Science exhibit offered at library

An interactive Contact Science exhibit, the second such explorative unit called Electric Adventures, is being offered at the Rockwall County Library. Although the exhibit was designed for children in grades 3-6, anyone would enjoy exploring its offerings. The exhibit will be offered through the end of the year, followed by Optical Adventures in 2013. The exhibit is offered in collaboration with the University of Texas at Dallas.

### Habitat workday set July 14

The Rockwall Habitat for Humanity group will begin working at 8 a.m. July 14 at 304 E. Ross. This week's workday will focus on interior doors and trim work, including door casings, window sills and baseboards. Volunteers are encouraged to bring tape measures, utility knives, carpenter squares, levels and pencils.

### Relay For Life plans pancake breakfast

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will play host to a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 14 at a local restaurant. Cost will be \$8 per person, and proceeds will benefit the ACS. For more details contact Carla Brooks at [relayforliferockwallcounty@gmail.com](mailto:relayforliferockwallcounty@gmail.com).

### RHHS Highsteppers to host mini camp

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers will host their annual mini summer camp July 16-19. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the camp is open to girls in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Participants will learn dance routines, make crafts and enjoy other activities. Cost is \$75. For more details or to register contact Jennifer Sands at 972-971-6615 or [sandsjen5@yahoo.com](mailto:sandsjen5@yahoo.com).

### Hot air balloon featured at 'Sky' VGS

A large hot-air balloon will be on hand for the opening of the Sky VBS at the First Baptist Church in Heath, 224 Smirl Drive, to help illustrate to children in grades K-6 that "all things are possible with Christ and that they can soar to great heights with His power." Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. July 16. Each evening through July 20, campers will enjoy music, games, stories and activities designed to teach and entertain. Family Night will be conducted July 20, with hamburgers and hot dogs to be served and the hot air balloon will be on hand for everyone to sit in and experience without ever leaving the ground. For pre-registration and information visit [fbcheath.com](http://fbcheath.com) or call the church office at 972-771-8275.

### Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

The low-cost spay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will depart at 7:30 a.m. July 19 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and return to the same location at 6:30 p.m. after procedures have been completed. Dogs must be on secure leashes, cats in secure carriers. Prices can be viewed and appointments made at [spayneuternet.org](http://spayneuternet.org) or by calling 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). For more details call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354. Upcoming dates are Aug. 16 and Sept. 20.

### Program on Texas weapons laws set

Rockwall County District Attorney Kenda Culpepper will give a free presentation on Texas Weapons Laws from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 19 in the Rockwall County Library's large meeting room. She will discuss the difference between legal, illegal and prohibited weapons and outline when one can carry a legal weapon. She also will distribute a free book on weapons law and answer questions from the audience.

### Church plans community blood drive

Lake Pointe Church will host a community blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 21 at its Rockwall campus. Donors should enter through the south entrance of the main church building. Organizers hope to have enough personnel on hand to get each donor in and out in under an hour. Each will receive a gift certificate for a free pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream and will be eligible to win other awards, such as a bed-and-breakfast getaway in Brenham; tickets to a Texas Rangers game; and a year's supply of Blue Bell. For more details call 469-698-2200 or visit [lakepointe.org](http://lakepointe.org).

### Heath church plans VBS

The Heath United Methodist Church will conduct a vacation Bible school with the theme of discovering God's underwater universe from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 22-25 at the church. Register by July 1 to receive a free T-shirt. Register online at [funcheth.org](http://funcheth.org) under the Education & Prayer tab on the left.

### Republicans plan candidate welcome

The Rockwall County Republicans invite all local residents to meet and welcome the Republican nominee for state representative, Scott Turner, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 26 at the home of Ken and Glenda Jones, 1608 S. Lakeshore, Rockwall. This will be a non-fundraising event.

### Library seeks volunteer tutors

The Rockwall County Library needs volunteer tutors for the fall to assist with Adult GED and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes that are conducted from 10 a.m. to noon or from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Knowledge of Spanish is not required, nor is teaching experience necessary. Most tutors teach one of two days/evenings per week. Training is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 4. For more information or to sign up visit the library's literacy area or contact Gloria at 972-204-7705.

### RCRW plan annual tea

The Rockwall County Republican Women will have their annual tea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 25 at Occasions in Roysse City. Guest speaker will be the state director for Americans for Prosperity, Peggy Venable. Tickets cost \$30 and may be purchased by sending an email to [marcia@marciagilbert.com](mailto:marcia@marciagilbert.com).

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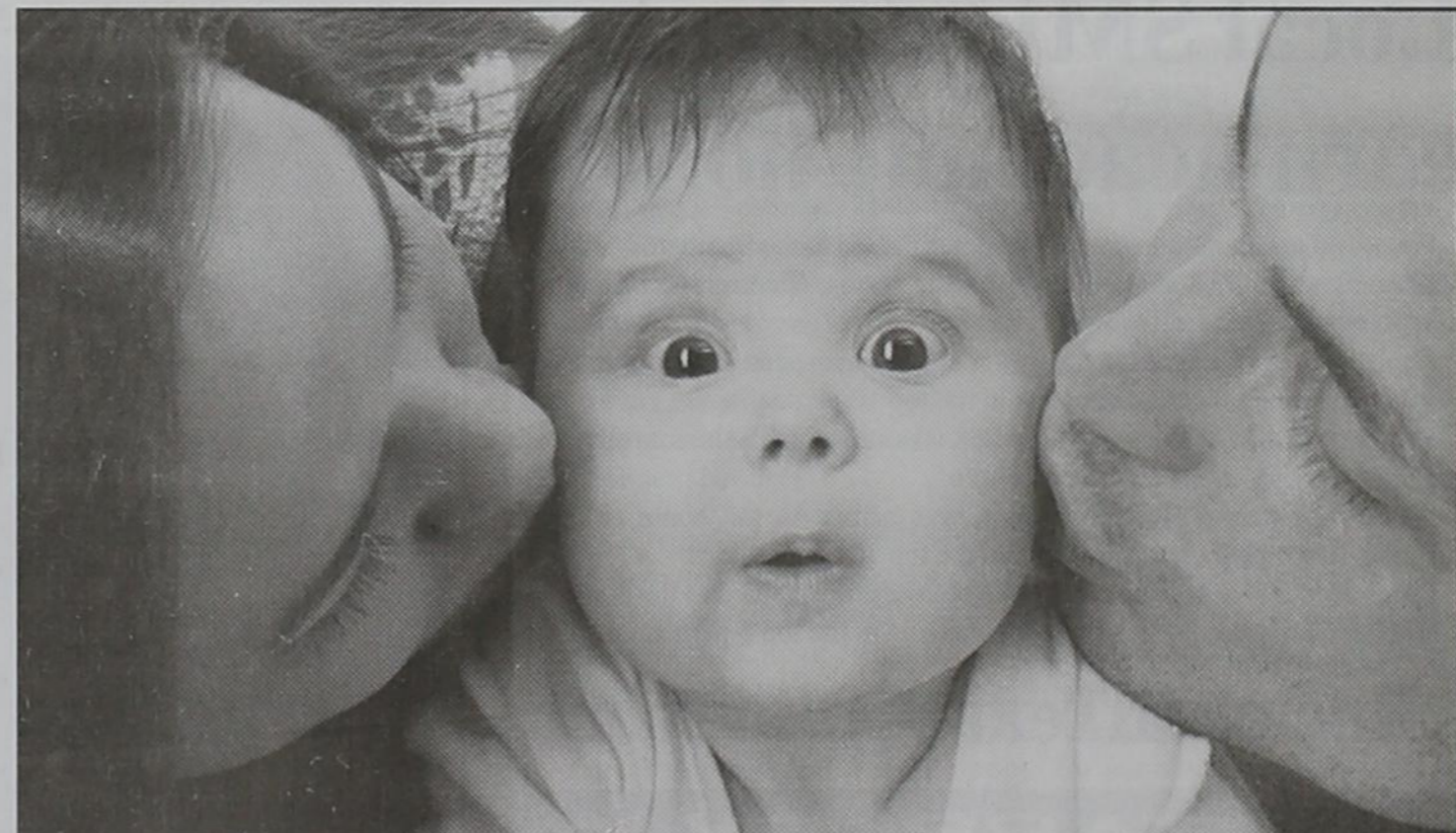
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# Children's musician, author to offer concert, workshop

Jim Gill, a nationally acclaimed children's musician and author, will be in Rockwall later this month as part of his national Family Room Tour.

As part of his appearance, Gill will provide a concert and educational experience for families and conduct a workshop for teachers, librarians and other individuals who work with children.

A child development specialist, he has completed graduate studies in child development at the Erikson Institute of Chicago with a special emphasis on the study of play.

Gill will perform in family concerts set for 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. July 19. The family sing-along events will draw on original songs and audience participation. Because younger children usually have a more difficult time focusing for 45 minutes, the programs probably will be most enjoyed by children ages 4 and older. Families are invited to bring picnic blankets or quilts to sit on during the concert.

Seating will be limited to 75 children per concert. While the events will be offered free of charge, a ticket is required for each child. Tickets will be available starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the concerts.

On July 20, Gill will conduct a workshop that will emphasize the many connections between musical play and literacy within the various areas of childhood development. These connections become clear as he shares clever word play and rhymes in the context of active motivational games.

Gill has shared his expertise with organizations such as Head Start, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Association for Family Child Care and, most recently, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"Librarians in youth services and early childhood educators will be sure to find many new ideas to enhance story times and children's programming," said Lindsey Snelling of the Rockwall County Library. "Jim will share music and play that can be used with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and parents."

Those interested in attending the workshop should contact Snelling at [lsnelling@rockwallcountytexas.com](mailto:lsnelling@rockwallcountytexas.com) by July 16.

The free events are being provided through a donation from the Friends of the Rockwall County Library.

For more details about Gill, visit [jimgill.com](http://jimgill.com).



Above are the recently installed members of the Friday Study Club. Pictured are Becky [Name], president; Mary Vervalin, first vice president; Sharon Shannon, second vice president; [Name], recording secretary; Carolyn Duckworth, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Carolyn [Name], reporter; and Billye Wood, assistant reporter. Not pictured is Leigh Plagens, parliamentarian.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Working on his Eagle Scout project, Jay Pultorak, shown in background, along with Scouts and leaders from various area troops are shown doing car maintenance for selected clients of Rockwall County Helping Hands. Pultorak, along with Duane Saputa, Cade Whitson, Connor Davis and Matthew Wright, did oil changes, topped off fluids and did inspections, as well as washed the vehicles and cleaned their interiors. Items needed for maintenance were donated, as was food for the Scouts.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Smith receives bachelor's degree

Jeremy Smith of Royse City graduated from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, according to a news release.

Smith was one of approximately 300 students receiving degrees from UNT during its spring commencement exercises.

## RHS Class of '92 plans reunion

The Rockwall High Class of 1992 will conduct its 20-year reunion on Aug. 4. A reunion mixer will be conducted at the Flying Saucer on Aug. 4 from 4-5 p.m. On Aug. 5, the RHS alumni are invited to attend a family picnic at the Harry Myers pavilion; a snow cone stand and bounce house are planned, and parents should bring their children in swimwear to allow them to play in the splash park. That evening there will be dinner and dancing at Southern Junction. For tickets or more information, visit [rhsclass1992reunion.blogspot.com/](http://rhsclass1992reunion.blogspot.com/).

## Repairs under way on Woodcreek Drive

The City of Rockwall has contracted with Estrada Concrete to repair the section of Woodcreek Drive located at the intersection of Ralph Hall Parkway.

The repair, scheduled to begin Wednesday, included replacement of the damaged section of concrete street pavement, to a news release issued by the city.

Upon completion, the new concrete pavement must cure for two days to develop sufficient strength to support traffic loads. The process should take approximately three days unless impacted by delays. The intersection should be open Friday evening.

During the project, the intersection of Woodcreek at Ralph Hall will be closed to through traffic.

All residents will have access to their driveways and garages during the process; however, the street will be closed to through traffic. Recommended alternate route for accessing the parkway from Woodcreek will be the Rockwall Parkway to Westwood Drive.

For more details call Billy Chaffin, the city's streets and superintendent, at 972-772-6444 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. For after-hour construction-related emergencies, call the department at 972-771-7724.

## DA to speak on weapons law July 19

Rockwall County District Attorney Kenda Culpepper will give a presentation on Weapons Law on July 19 at the Rockwall County Library.

The discussion will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the large meeting room off the entry foyer.

There will be no charge to attend.

Culpepper will discuss such topics as the difference between legal, illegal and prohibited weapons, as well as when one can carry a legal weapon. She also will distribute a free book on weapons law and take questions from the audience, according to the library website.

The Rockwall County Library is located at 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. For more information, visit the library page at [rockwallcountytexas.com](http://rockwallcountytexas.com).

## Local SMU students earn academic honors

Four local residents were among students named to the Southern Methodist University undergraduate honor roll for the spring semester, according to a university news release.

Kaylee Dusek of Royse City, a freshman, was named to the honor roll with distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile.

Patricia Naaman of Rockwall, a senior, was named to the honor roll, which includes students in the top 15 percentile.

Weston Richter of Heath, a senior, was named to the honor roll with distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile.

Caroline Willet, a sophomore from Rockwall, was named to the honor roll with high distinction, which includes students in the top 5 percentile.

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The Boy Scouts of Troop 312 were proud to present the flag ceremony at the Royse City Masonic Lodge No. 663 officer installation on July 7. Cailean Stevenson called while Alex Earnhart posted the American flag, Christian Jurgens posted the Texas flag and Matthew Earnhart, Brett Lawson, Ryan Earnhart and Clayton Brown guarded the colors. Also in attendance were junior assistant scoutmaster William Brown and scoutmaster Cody Stephenson, committee chair Bobby Lawson, assistant scoutmaster Shayne Earnhart and assistant scoutmaster [Name].

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Two named to UM top honor roll

Two local residents were named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll for the spring 2012 semester at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, according to a university news release.

Joshua Noel Steward and William McKinley Steward, both Rockwall

residents, were included on the list.

To be named to the Chancellor's List, a student must earn a grade average of 3.75 to 4.0 and have successfully completed a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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# Opinions

## Supreme Court's Word Game Saves Obamacare

In **Richman**, the Supreme Court decision upholding the health-insurance mandate in the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) has an Alice-in-Wonderland quality. As Lewis Carroll wrote in *Through the Looking Glass*, "Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, 'it is to be as you say it to be - neither more nor less.'" Justice Roberts's opinion holds that the penalty for not having health insurance is both a tax and not a tax - depending on the question is whether someone may sue to strike down the law. Yes, because the penalty is not a tax. Under the Tax Anti-Injunction Act (first passed in 1867 but since updated), one may not ask a court to refund from the IRS, and if turned down, then sue the government. In the Obamacare case, the Court denied such an attempt to be struck down by declaring the penalty not a tax.

So how did Roberts form a majority with those four to uphold the mandate? The government had a backup argument for its claim, and this one found favor with the five. The government argued that should the Commerce Clause argument fail, the court can think of the mandate penalty as - wait for it - a tax! It's long been established in the law that Congress may regulate action (or inaction) by taxing it - even if it may not constitutionally regulate it directly.

Voila! What seemed unconstitutional became constitutional. The penalty

four other members of the court (Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito) did not buy this argument. "The Framers gave Congress the power to regulate commerce, not to compel it," Roberts wrote. He rebutted in great detail the Obama administration's many arguments that penalizing people for not buying insurance was a way to regulate interstate commerce.

Fine. It does seem a stretch to claim that forcing people to engage in commerce (buying insurance) amounts to regulating commerce. As Roberts said, regulating something presupposes the existence of that something. But the mandate seeks to create commercial activity where it does not exist.

Interestingly, Roberts's four allies on this point were actually in the minority of the overall case. The other four members of the majority (Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg) found the mandate perfectly consistent with the Commerce Clause.

So how did Roberts form a majority with those four to uphold the mandate? The government had a backup argument for its claim, and this one found favor with the five. The government argued that should the Commerce Clause argument fail, the court can think of the mandate penalty as - wait for it - a tax! It's long been established in the law that Congress may regulate action (or inaction) by taxing it - even if it may not constitutionally regulate it directly.

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(the term used in the law) now is a tax, even though earlier in the opinion the Court said the penalty is not a tax. Justice Humpty Dumpty has spoken.

Strangely, some opponents of Obamacare are rejoicing over the decision. Randy Barnett, the constitutional law professor at Georgetown University Law Center who is credited with formulating the case against the government's Commerce Clause argument, wrote an op-ed in the *Washington Post* declaring, "We Lost on Health Care. But the Constitution Won." How's that?

Barnett's point is that Roberts's affirmation of limits to the Commerce Clause struck a historic blow for individual liberty and against government power. Considered in isolation, Roberts's refusal to include abstinence from buying insurance under the rubric of "interstate commerce" could be applauded. Unfortunately, Roberts didn't leave the stage after singing that aria. He went on to say that other constitutional grounds exist on which the government can penalize us if we fail to buy insurance.

So where's the victory for liberty? There is none here.

The court has long held that the government may use its "all-embracing" constitutional taxing power to regulate our conduct. To the person being forced, does it really matter which constitutional clause is invoked?

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

## Benefits created through new courthouse

Hogan  
of 2009 the Rockwall County Commissioners Court made a decision to have a new courthouse built to house the judicial system. The controversy developed because of two previous decisions held where the building of the courthouse was on the agenda. The first was a bond issue to build a new courthouse, which was defeated by the citizens. The second was a bond issue to build a new courthouse, which was also defeated by the citizens. The issue of how much should be spent on the facility. In 1995, the county had occupied the old Cameron Road. This facility was originally bought to provide a place for the courts to be located. Fifteen years later the courts were still in the building. At that time it was correctly deemed unsatisfactory for a number of reasons. The security issues of prisoners intermingling during court days. A clear potential for disaster existed. The failure to get the citizens to agree to a bond issue to pay for the new courthouse. The Commissioners Court made the decision to issue a bond issue in the amount of \$30 million were then issued. In 2004 the court made another decision to obligate an additional \$10 million for construction and outfitting of the building. Thus a total of \$40 million was designated for this new courthouse.

Over the years, citizen outcry about the decision and about the cost, was loud and pervasive. Comments of "the courthouse will cost at least \$50 million and they won't get it built for 10 years. Everyone seemed to have opinions on the courthouse. The Commissioners Court and most were not favorable. (Of the three who voted for the new construction, one was defeated

in his next election and the other two elected to not run again.)

But now the courthouse has been built. It did not take 10 years; it took exactly what was programmed with the planned dedication on Nov. 11, 2011, happening right on schedule. It did not cost \$50 million; in fact, it came in \$272,847 under the original budget of \$37.2 million. And it provides a lot more than originally conceived.

When the new courthouse was originally discussed with the architect, the idea was to build a facility that would house the two district courts, the court at law, the DA and the county and district clerk offices. One spare courtroom would be built for a visiting judge and for future expansion.

But the experience of Collin County caused the Rockwall County to reconsider their decision as Collin County built its new courthouse and three years later had to go back and construct additions to the building because of no expansion space. The court made the decision to add a fourth floor to the building for expansion as the county continued to grow.

Thus the courthouse was designed for three occupied floors with one 35,000-square-foot floor left vacant for expansion of four new courtrooms when needed.

In 2011 the Commissioners Court looked at the facility utilization in the county and made some new decisions. At that time, the county had personnel in three leased buildings and nine buildings owned by the county. Rather than let all of the extra space in the new courthouse go unused, the discussion was started to consolidate and reduce the cost of all the extra facilities.

The forecast for when the next courtroom will be needed at the new courthouse was established at five to eight years. Using this as the baseline, it was then possible to realign offices and facilities to pick up utilization of the new courthouse. The decision was made to additionally place all four of

the JPs and their courtrooms, the four constables, the treasurer, the auditor, the indigent health, the veterans service officer and the HR department in the new courthouse. This would allow two of the three leases to be discontinued as well as allow two building to be sold. It would also provide enough vacant space for the fifth courtroom to be built when needed without displacement of any of these temporary people who had been moved to the courthouse.

The cost to build out all of these spaces in the new courthouse was an additional \$1,108,228.

And how is this going to be paid? A total of \$200,000 had been previously allocated to make changes to some of the older facilities so new organizations could move into these buildings as other people left for the new courthouse. This was not spent. One building has been sold and closed for \$250,000. Another building is on the market for \$1.5 million. Annual operating costs that are being avoided include \$48,000 in lease costs, \$100,000 in utilities and about \$15,000 in miscellaneous maintenance costs.

This was a good deal with payback of less than one year with continued savings year over year.

Yes, the new courthouse was, and still to some people may be, controversial. But it was needed, it was done well, and it has allowed cost reductions as well as better space for our citizens to do business with the county. And adjacent to our courthouse is also our Veterans Memorial. Please come see both and then imagine what citizens 20 to 30 years from now will say when they see what was built and dedicated for them in the year 2011. I bet it will be a big wow.

*Jerry Hogan is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel who is county judge of Rockwall County Texas. He can be reached at jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033.*

## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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**Supreme Court tax decision reaction**

is not going back to Congress and the States. Congress must act and we must work to end unfunded federal mandates. None is possible, however, until we defeat Barack Obama and take S. Seats.

was founded on the basis of life, liberty and the pursuit of not settlements, government encroachment and the pursuit of

Republican Party Candidate, State Representative District

**What happened to the flag pole investigation?**

I was as the people of Rockwall County should by now, know of the Flag Pole Incident.

investigated by the Texas Rangers, we were told.

al Prosecutor was appointed for a number of reasons.

quite some time has passed, I contacted the Texas Rangers to inquire per request under Freedom of Information laws, copies of the on.

nger, who was quite polite, told me he had turned his investigation

over to the Special Prosecutor. Since the case remained open he could not provide information under Freedom of Information laws. He told me the Prosecutor was an Assistant District Attorney for Tarrant County.

I contacted their office and left a message for the Prosecutor to call me and the reason for my call to him. This was a week ago and I have received no call back.

I am a retired Investigator having investigated hundreds if not thousands Fidelity and Surety Bond Cases, Burglary and Theft Cases as well as multiple fatality vehicle accidents. It is my belief enough time has passed for this investigation to be completed and the results known to the taxpayers of our County. Will or has the matter been turned over to a Grand Jury. has or will the incident be dropped with out further action by anyone/everyone?

I hope this will not become a, "Louisiana Boat Ride" and the entire matter swept away with the wind.

Perhaps your Paper can push someone into action for the Citizens of our County.

Thank you for your interest

**Put an end to this "madness"**

In January of this year I made a formal complaint with appropriate affidavit of fact to the Rockwall district attorney concerning 70-plus violations of government Code 2051.048 by the Heath city secretary. The DA ignored my complaint, as she has done before, in her practice of selective enforcement of the law. She refers to this as "discretionary" authority.

I was not surprised to get the brush-off, considering the relationship that exists between the Rockwall DA and Heath city manger Ed Thatcher, whose son is apparently heavily involved in complaints received by the DA's office about the City of Heath.

Now, lo and behold, the city is being sued by (the) Rockwall County News for this same violation of law I reported in January this year. Now our tax dollars are going to be spent

Here's where we are currently in Heath:

1. City council members Julie Zurek and Rich Krause were seen inside the voting place during the May 12 municipal election, openly violating election laws;
2. City secretary Stephanie Galanides has been reported committing six violations of election laws and 70-plus violations of government code 2051.048;
3. Assistant city manager Kim Dobbs has been accused of causing more than \$100,000 to be paid to her husband's law firm without personal disclosure of the family relationship, is alleged to have caused the waiving of \$24,000 in development fees due by a former assistant Rockwall DA and is accused of causing the waiving of development fees for Tim Hartley, the Heath municipal judge;
4. City manager Ed Thatcher has paid for family vacations on the city's credit cards, caused the waiving of \$24,000 in development fees due by a former assistant Rockwall DA and has approved raises for employees under his supervision during the three years of a city-wide wage freeze;
5. The council continues consideration of spending our tax funds on a high-risk private development project, which is being promoted by a family which has "inside" connections to Mayor (Lorne) Liechty. The city council should be ashamed to even consider spending our hard-earned money on such boondoggle and risky private developments. Just look at the financial mess Rockwall taxpayers have experienced with the same developer. This project adds to the public distrust of our city government.

Can we say "conflicts of interest?"

Let's put an end to this madness.

Tina Winnett, Heath

**I say "Let's continue our success"**

I have received your "request for comment" regarding a letter from Tina Winnett, which addresses your paper's decision to file a lawsuit against the City of Heath. The City of Heath does not comment on ongoing litigation, and therefore I will not comment on the merits of your case. I will point out, however, that the selection of the city's official newspaper was discussed in open council meetings and that the reasons for our city's selection of The Dallas Morning News rather than the Rockwall County News have been explained to our citizens in our City of Heath newsletter.

However your "request for comment" from City Council members to Ms. Winnett's letter tells me that you think it is newsworthy. I disagree, and I am not going to respond ad seriatim to a series of baseless charges, which have been made and answered in the past.

Rather than focus on the complaints of a chronically disgruntled citizen, I think it is far more important to note that the Heath City Council is made up of citizen volunteers who consistently give their most valuable commodity, time, to making the city a wonderful place to live. I would also point out that these efforts have been successful, resulting in a low property tax rate and a high credit rating. The successful work of our City Council has been recognized by others, as Heath was one of only 16 cities in the State of Texas to be designated as a "Scenic City" in 2011 and was recently ranked #11 on D Magazine's 2012 list of Best Suburbs.

Ms. Winnett says "Let's put an end to this madness." I say let's continue our success.

Lorne O. Liechty, Mayor, City of Heath

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- 2 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ country mile"
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- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ empty \_\_\_\_\_ gun" (not prepared)
- 11 retirement sys. for TX employees (abbr.)
- 12 media money makers
- 13 Tampa Bay team of A&M's Michael Bennett
- 14 TX Roy Orbison hit: "It's \_\_\_\_\_" ('64)
- 15 TXism: "spinning like a weather \_\_\_\_\_ in a whirlwind"
- 16 Gen. Robert \_\_\_\_\_
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- 20 this Levi was 1st to make blue jeans (init.)
- 23 Cowboy score
- 24 weed chopper
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- 32 TX band: "Asleep \_\_\_\_\_ the Wheel"
- 33 \_\_\_\_\_ Jo, TX
- 34 TX semiconductor co.
- 36 curved shape
- 37 TX JoBeth film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Crazy" ('80)
- 38 Artic Circle bear
- 39 judge's mallet
- 40 samples provided by some parolees
- 41 guilty, not guilty, or nolo contendere
- 43 longtime Ranger announcer, Nadel (init.)
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- 55 \_\_\_\_\_ Lake State Park" (Burnet Co.)

**We must demand a return to the constitutional limited government we inherited from our ancestors**

**Simple, One Sentence Explanation**

**"The problems we face today are there because the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living."**

(Contributed by Richard Bigham, author unknown)

**We must demand a return to the constitutional limited government we inherited from our ancestors ... ensuring our liberty**



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CIRCLE C SALES A PARTNERSHIP has filed a written application dated the 2ND day of JULY, 2012 to be issued a WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT, at 2000 EAST INTERSTATE 30, FATE, rockwall county, Texas. PARTNERS OF THE COMPANY ARE RICK CAWTHON AND RANDY CAWTHON. in Compliance with Section 61.38 of the "Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code", said application will be heard before the Honorable Jerry Hogan, County Judge of Rockwall County Texas, located at 101 East Rusk Street, 3rd floor, in Rockwall, Texas on the 26TH day of JULY, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 6TH day of JULY, 2012. Shelli Miller, COUNTY clerk, rockwall county, texas.

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#### Construction sequencing timeline:

**Phase I:** Northbound facilities (Temporary and permanent) constructed between Stations 0+00 and 48+00 (SH 276 to IH-30). Construction starting August 16<sup>th</sup> and ending February 8<sup>th</sup>. Construction between Stations 0+00 and 34+00 shall be completed by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Phase II:** Southbound facilities constructed between Stations 0+00 and 22+00 (SH 276 to Discovery Blvd). Construction starting September 19<sup>th</sup> and ending January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Phase III:** Northbound facilities constructed between Stations 7+00 and 14+00 (SH 276 to Springer Rd.). Construction starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Phase IV:** Southbound facilities constructed between Stations 22+00 and 48+00 (Discovery Blvd. to IH-30). Construction starting March 4<sup>th</sup> and ending August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Re-mobilization charges for the phasing shall be subsidiary to the mobilization item in bid schedule.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- **Corporate Crossing Improvements- SH-276 to IH-30**.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. **The completion dates for the various phases are above. Completion time for entire project is 265 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.**

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rockwall, Texas (Phone: (972) 771-7746, Fax: (972) 771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, Wier & Associates, 701 Highlander Boulevard Suite 300, Arlington, Texas, 76015, 817-467-7700, 817-467-7713 (fax), for a non-refundable cost of \$50.00, beginning, **July 13, 2012**. Engineer will not supply electronic copies of any materials to bidders or other interested parties. Engineer will, upon written request, ship plans and documents to prospective bidders, provided all costs are prepaid and arranged by bidder/requesting party. Engineer or City will not be responsible for any delays caused in part or in whole by bidder requesting plans be shipped.

Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the Engineer, Wier & Associates and are listed on the Engineer's List Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

## Personals

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## Garage Sales

Garage sale Friday & Saturday, 11 Keswick, Heath, 8:30 to 2:30.

## Pets and Supplies

**Tyler Adopted**  
Tyler, the orange domestic cat was adopted June 16 by a couple who, when they saw him, were reminded of their cat of years ago.

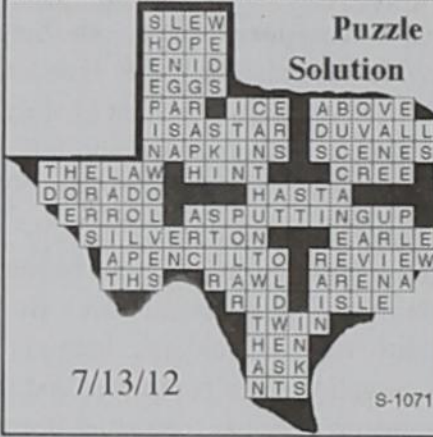
## Notice of Public Auction of Property

to satisfy Landlord's Lien. Auction is at 1:00PM July 24, 2012 at American Mini Storage, 660 Justin Road, Rockwall TX 75087. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the auction. Property includes contents of storage units of the following tenants:

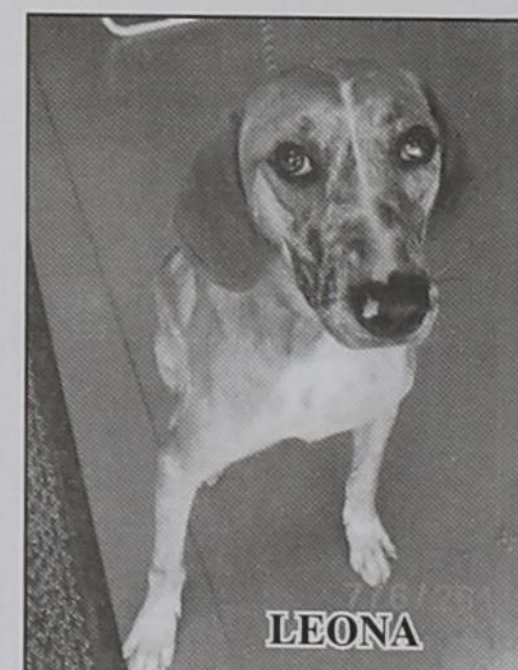
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Sierra is an 18 month old German shepherd mix also called a pocket shepherd because of her tiny size (27 lbs). She was dumped along with her puppies at a high skill shelter. They found their way out, but Sierra was left behind. Because of a cherry eye, she was not considered adoptable and her life was cut short. Sierra was taken into our rescue, where she received all of the medical attention she deserved (shots, worming, spay, micro chip, heart worm prevention, and the cherry eye fixed). She is now ready to find a family and home she can call her own. She is a very calm and loving young lady that is housetrained, walks fine on a leash and doesn't mind a small car. She gets along great with everyone (big and small) as well as other dogs but, cats are unknown at this time.

If interested in meeting or possibly adopting one of these dogs please call Rockwall Animal Rescue at 469-698-8898 for more information. Other animals available for adoption can be found at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/TX1158.html>

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## Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 WILLIAM HART FRY, A CHILD.  
 DOB: SEPTEMBER 6, 2005;  
 DALLAS, TEXAS.

THE INTEREST OF WILLIAM HART FRY, A CHILD. The date and place of birth of the child (children) who is (are) the subject of this suit: WILLIAM HART FRY; DOB: SEPTEMBER 6, 2005; DALLAS, TEXAS.

The Court has the authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children) adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Rockwall, Texas, this 6th day of July, 2012.  
 KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk  
 Rockwall County Courthouse  
 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Ste. 200  
 Rockwall, Texas 75087  
 By CAROL RICHARDSON  
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**PRECEPT/NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 CAUSE No. 4-12-8  
**SUIT PENDING IN THE 439th District Court OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS**  
 ROCKWALL, TEXAS  
 IN THE INTEREST OF WILLIAM HART FRY, A CHILD  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OR ANY COUNTY WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
 GREETING:  
 YOU ARE HEREBY commanded, that you notify ALICIA ANN WINCHESTER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN in the above stated cause that CHIEF BEAR WHO WALKS SOFTLY filed a ORDER

ON MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER on JULY 6, 2012, wherein he prays that ALICIA ANN WINCHESTER be cited to appear and answer herin and show cause if any he has why said ORDER ON MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER should not be granted. The Honorable DAVID RAKOW, Presiding Judge of said Court, has set on a hearing on said ORDER ON MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, for JULY 20, 2012 at 9:00 AM, in the Rockwall County Courthouse, 111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, 4th Floor, Rockwall County, Texas, Rockwall, Texas, at which time and place you ALICIA ANN WINCHESTER are to appear. HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ, and have executed the same, make due return.  
 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND SEAL OF SAID OFFICE THIS THE 6th day of July, 2012  
 Kay McDaniel, District Clerk

Rockwall County, Texas  
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School District is receiving sealed proposals for the Districts exclusive beverage vending services. Proposal packages may be requested from the Purchasing Office at debra.macdonald@rockwallisd.org. The District anticipates award at the August board meeting. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on August 3, 2012 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposals should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be opened and identified but not read. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

## Early voting dates set for July 31 runoff elections

Early voting for the Primary Election runoff races will begin July 23 and run through July 27. Runoff Election Day is July 31.

Races to be decided, polling locations and voting times are given below.

Sample ballots and election information can be found on the Elections Administrator page at rockwallcountytexas.com.

- Early Voting Polling Places and Times**  
 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., July 23 – July 27
- Rockwall County Elections Office, 107 E. Kaufman
  - Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive
  - Royse City Hall, 305 N. Arch
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., July 26 and July 27
- Cullins-LakePointe Elementary School, 5701 Scenic Drive
- Runoff Election Day Polling Locations  
 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., July 31
- Precinct 1, Reinhardt Elementary School, 615 Highland Drive, Rockwall
  - Precinct 1A, Lake Pointe Medical Center, 6800 Scenic Drive, Rowlett
  - Precinct 1B, Ridgeview Church, 1362 E. FM 552, Rockwall
  - Precinct 1C, Nebbie Williams Elementary School, 350 Dalton Road, Rockwall
  - Precinct 2, Rockwall Municipal Court Bldg., 205 W. Rusk, Rockwall
  - Precinct 2A, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3003 Horizon, Rockwall
  - Precinct 2B, Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary School, 5701 Scenic Drive, Rowlett
  - Precinct 2C, Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath
  - Precinct 3, Benny Gracy Memorial Fire Station, 305 E. Boydston, Rockwall
  - Precinct 3A, Amanda Rochell Elementary School, 899 Rochelle Road
  - Precinct 3B, Dorris Jones Elementary School, 2051 Trail Glen, Rockwall
  - Precinct 3C, Pullen Elementary School, 6492 FM 3097, Rockwall
  - Precinct 3D, Chisholm Baptist Church, 1388 S. Hwy 205
  - Precinct 4, Rockwall Independent School District Administration Bldg., 1050 Williams Street
  - Precinct 4A, Fate Community Center, 104 S. W E Crawford, Fate
  - Precinct 4B, Royse City Hall, 305 N. Arch St, Royse City
  - Precinct 4C, Ernest Epps Education Center, 812 E. Old Greenville, Royse City

- Runoff races include:
- **Democrats**
  - U.S. Senator -- Grady Yarbrough, Paul Sadler
  - **Republicans**
  - U.S. Senator – Ted Cruz, David Dewhurst
  - Railroad Commissioner – Christi Craddick, Warren Chisum
  - Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term – Greg Parker, Barry Smitherman
  - Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 -- John Devine, David Medina
  - Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 -- David Evans, Bill Whitehill
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## Famous Quotes from American Founders

Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine. Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants.

**James Wilson**

I entreat you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ, for there is no salvation in any other [Acts 4:12]. If you are not reconciled to God through Jesus Christ - if you are not clothed with the spotless robe of His righteousness - you must forever perish.

**John Witherspoon**

I desire to bless and praise the name of God most high for appointing me my birth in a land of Gospel Light where the glorious tidings of a Savior and of pardon and salvation through Him have been continually sounding in mine ears.

**Robert Treat Paine**

A representative government cannot flourish without virtue in the people.

**Richard Henry Lee (Signer of the Declaration of Independence; Fram-er of the Bill of Rights)**

The only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible.

**Benjamin Rush**

Having secured the approval of our hearts by a faithful and unlearned discharge of our duty to our country, let us joyfully leave our concerns in the hands of Him who raiseth up and pulleth down the empires and kingdoms of the world as He pleases.

John Hancock

While we are using the means in our power, let us humbly commit our righteous cause to the great Lord of the Universe, who loveth righteousness and hateth iniquity.

John Hancock (Signer of the Declaration of Independence; President of Congress)

### NOTICE OF SALE

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pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the County Court At Law of Rockwall County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court, I have on July 9, 2012, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in August, 2012, the same day of said month, at the Front Steps of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Rockwall, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the best bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Rockwall and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
8/12/09	3010-000B-0001-B0-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN MILLER, ET AL	The South one-half of Lots 1 and 2, Block "B", W. H. Adams Addition, Town of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, as described in Volume 1468, Page 42, Real Property Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (13931)	\$29,930.00
08/15/10	5370-000E-0853-00-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOSE A LOPEZ	Lot 853, Block "E", Rockwall Lake Subdivision- Revised, a subdivision in Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 29, Map Records of Rockwall, County, Texas. (24568)	\$38,250.00
11/2/11	5063-000B-0006-00-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CALSOUTH CORPORATION	Lot 6, Block "B", Starlight Ranch, an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 136, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (56127)	\$22,500.00
11/2/11	5063-000B-0012-00-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CALSOUTH CORPORATION	Lot 12, Block "B", Starlight Ranch, an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 136, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (56133)	\$22,500.00
11/2/11	5244-000B-0001-00-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CALSOUTH CORPORATION	Lot 1, Block "B", Westcreek Estates, an addition to the City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "E", Slide 20, Map Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (55110)	\$18,750.00
08/15/10	4115-0000-0005-00-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARLIN E MILLER	1.14 acres, more or less, situated in the M. L. Price Survey, Abstract 257, Rockwall County, Texas, as described in deed dated July 14, 2005, from Bryan C. Caldwell to Marlin E. Miller, in Volume 4111, Page 205, Real Property Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (18495)	\$82,280.00
10/22/11	0186-0000-0013-10-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. J G ROCKWALL DEVELOPMENT LP	1.08 acres, more or less, situated in the J.A. Ramsey Survey, Abstract 186, Rockwall County, Texas, as described as Tract 1 in deed dated August 9, 2002, from Lewis Real Estate Investment, Inc. to J.G. Rockwall Development, L.P., in Volume 2633, Page 325, Official Public Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (49803)	\$10,800.00
10/02/12	3860-000A-0007-00-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MICHELLE BRAKE, ET AL	Lot 7, Block "A", Heritage Heights Addition, an addition to the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 112, Plat Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (17035)	\$42,950.00
10/22/11	4595-000G-0004-00-OR JULY 09, 2012	ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GOFF HOMES LTD	Lot 4, Block "G", Northview Village, Phase V, an addition to the City of Fate, Rockwall County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume "E", Page 169, Plat Records of Rockwall County, Texas. (56782)	\$18,000.00

that will my volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rockwall County, Texas, to which and attorneys reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of how to bid defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), every interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

at Rockwall, Texas, July 9, 2012

Sheriff Harold Eavenson  
 Rockwall County, Texas

By [Signature]  
 Deputy

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# Rockwall County Sports

## RACE's Butler qualifies for National Championships

Jared Butler is the first swimmer in the Rockwall Aquatic Center of Excellence's history to qualify for the Youth National Championships.

He posted a time of 2 minutes, 10.64 seconds to win the boys 15-and-over 200-meter individual medley in the Bill Nixon Long Course Memorial Swim Meet at the Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center.

Butler was one of two RACE swimmers to win High Point trophies for their age group in the event that included some 750 athletes from four states.

He won two races as an individual and one with a relay team. In addition, he was second in two individual events and one relay, fifth in another individual race and sixth in another.

David Johnston was even more dominant in the boys 10-and-under age group. He won four individual races, and placed second in two individual events and three relays.

Johnston won the 50-meter butterfly in 34.74 seconds, 400 freestyle in 5:04.62, 200 free (2:24.49) and 100 backstroke (1:17.87). His second-place finishes were in the 200 IM (2:46.56) and 100 freestyles in 1:08.32.

RACE's boys 10-and-under relays were second in the 200- and 400-meter free relays and 200 medley relays. The times were 2:31.07, 5:25.99 and 2:52.97.

Butler also was first in the 200 free (1:58.46) and 200 free relay (1:41.17). His second places were in the 100 free (54.56), 400 IM (4:41.22) and 400 free relay (3:47.70). He finished fifth in the 100 back (1:04.17) and sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.10).

Leading the RACE girls was Raena Eldridge, who placed second in the girls 15-and-over 50 free (27.71), third in the 100 free (1:00.33) and fourth in the 100 fly (1:05.92).

Teammate Carolyn Johnston was fourth in the 11- and 12-year-old girls' 200 free (2:20.99) and 400 free (4:57.25), sixth in the 200 fly (2:41.24) and seventh in the 100 back (1:16.10).

In the girls 10-and-under 400 free, RACE's Margot Little placed fifth in the 400 free (5:33.62). She also placed fifth in the 100 fly (1:23.53) and seventh in the 100 free (2:41.22), and was part of two second-place relay teams that finished third.

Emily Manly was fifth in the 13- and 14-year-old girls' 400 free and seventh in the 400 free (4:49.17).

## Poetry's Horan sisters qualify for Junior Olympics

Sisters Sarah and Morgan Horan from Poetry Community Christian School both have qualified for the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics National Championships in track and field.

To warm up for that meet, they are competing this weekend at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Regional Qualifying meet in Garland.

In that meet, they expect to qualify again for the TAAF State Games of Texas July 26-29 in Corpus Christi.

That would take them right up to the AAU Junior Olympics track and field event July 29-Aug. 4 at Humble High School's Turner Stadium.

In an AAU Junior Olympics National Qualifying Meet June 21-24 in Burleson, Sarah Horan qualified in the girls' 14-and-under 4X400-meter and 4X800-meter relays. Morgan also qualified in the 4X800 relay, in the girls' 12-and-under division.

Both sisters have competed since age 6 in Christian Schools Athletic Federation events. They both began summer competition 4 years ago with the Blazing Broncos, coached by Morgan Hill. This season, Sarah and Morgan began running with Ferrari Speed, coached by Greg Black and with the Select team Track Force One, which Blake coaches with Chris Drake.

The Horans have qualified for the State Games of Texas in each of the last 4 years, but this is the first time they have qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics.

Morgan's favorite races are the 800-meter and mile runs. Sarah prefers shorter races – the 200 and 400 meters, and mile relay.



Qualifying for the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics National Championships in track and field, from Poetry Community Christian School, are sisters (left to right) Sarah and Morgan Horan.

Photo courtesy of Anne Horan/Rockwall County News

## Edwards, VerHagen make pro debuts

Spencer Edwards and Drew VerHagen last week became the last two of the five former Rockwall ISD baseball players drafted last month to make their professional debuts.

Edwards, a 2012 Rockwall graduate who was Tampa Bay's second-round choice, started Saturday's game at shortstop for the Rays of the Rookie Class Gulf Coast League. Batting second, he was hitless in two at-bats in a 3-1 loss to the Orioles.

VerHagen, a 2009 Rockwall-Heath grad drafted by Detroit out of Vanderbilt University in the fourth round, pitched one scoreless inning for the Tigers against the Orioles, also in the Gulf Coast League.

Meanwhile, Travis Ballew, Edwards' teammate with the 2009 Yellowjackets, improved his record to 3-0 with a victory in relief Monday. Pitching for the Tri-City Valley Cats, the Houston Astros' affiliate in the short-season Class A New York-Penn League, Ballew shut down the Aberdeen Ironbirds. In 15 pro innings, he has struck out 16 batters and walked just three in compiling an 0.60 earned run average while holding opponents to a .146 average.

Former RHS player Roger Kieschnick, in his fourth season in the San Francisco Giants' organization, has missed more than a month with the Triple-A Pacific Coast League's Fresno Grizzlies because of a shoulder injury.

## Veteran Bradford to coach Fulton girls' basketball

The Fulton School's girls never have played a game of varsity basketball, but the Lady Falcons' inaugural team this fall will have a coach with plenty of experience and success.

Christina Bradford, who coached Mesquite Horn to six consecutive playoff appearances and four District 11-5A championships, has been named Fulton's first girls' basketball head coach.

Said athletic director Josh Johnson, "The Fulton School is pleased to welcome Coach Christina Bradford to our school. Coach Bradford is a disciplined, high-energy individual who has a passion for teaching young female athletes the game of basketball. We are excited to have her a part of our team and share her knowledge and coaching expertise."

She has more than 20 years of basketball experience, as a player at Hill Junior College and Texas A&M-Commerce, and as a coach at the high school and junior college levels in Texas and Oklahoma.

Bradford had a 156-47 won-lost record at Horn. She resigned in 2010, when her fourth child was born. The new coach has a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology and a Master of Science in educational administration.

In addition to spending time with her husband, Jay, and their children, Bradford teaches Sunday school.

## Carter kicks off Saturday Night Series with win

David Carter claimed victory in Race 1 of the Summer Saturday Night Series, sailing "Gerinomo" to first place on Lake Ray Hubbard.

The next-highest finishers were Chris Nelms, second in "Silver" and Roy Kuipers, third in "Three Sheets."

Inclement weather wiped out Race 1 of the Summer Wednesday Night Series.

The lake will be the site of races beginning at 7 p.m. on both Wednesdays and Saturdays for the remainder of the summer.

## Rockwall County Sports Notes

### Rockwall Open slated for July 13

The 20th Annual Rockwall Open Golf Tournament is set for July 13 at the Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club (formerly The Shores Country Club). This year's event will feature two shotgun starts – one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 1 p.m., with practice balls 30 minutes prior to tee times. Box lunches for both groups will be available at noon. The tourney will feature a Florida scramble format. For more information call Paula at 972-771-5733, ext. 102; visit rockwallchamber.org; or pick up an entry form at the chamber office located at 697 E. I-30 (between Discount Tire and Lake Pointe Church). Entry fee is \$150 per individual or \$550 for a four-some; entry fee includes pre-tourney dinner/par-tee, fees, carts, range balls, goody bags and lunch. Sponsorship opportunities also are available.

### Youth Tennis Game Day slated

A Kids Tennis Game Day will run from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 14 at the Chandler's Landing tennis courts. Participants ages 4 and older are welcome. Rackets and balls will be provided, as will refreshments and snacks.

### Tourney to benefit H-Hands

The annual Ambassadors of Buffalo Creek Golf Club Tournament is set for Sept. 10. Entry fees are \$85, individual; \$150, hole sponsor; \$300, team; or \$500, team sponsor. Door prizes, raffles, awards and golf games will highlight the day. Breakfast and registration will begin at 7 a.m.; shotgun start at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served. For more details or to register visit rockwallhelpinghands.com or call 972-771-4357. The event will benefit Rockwall County Helping Hands.

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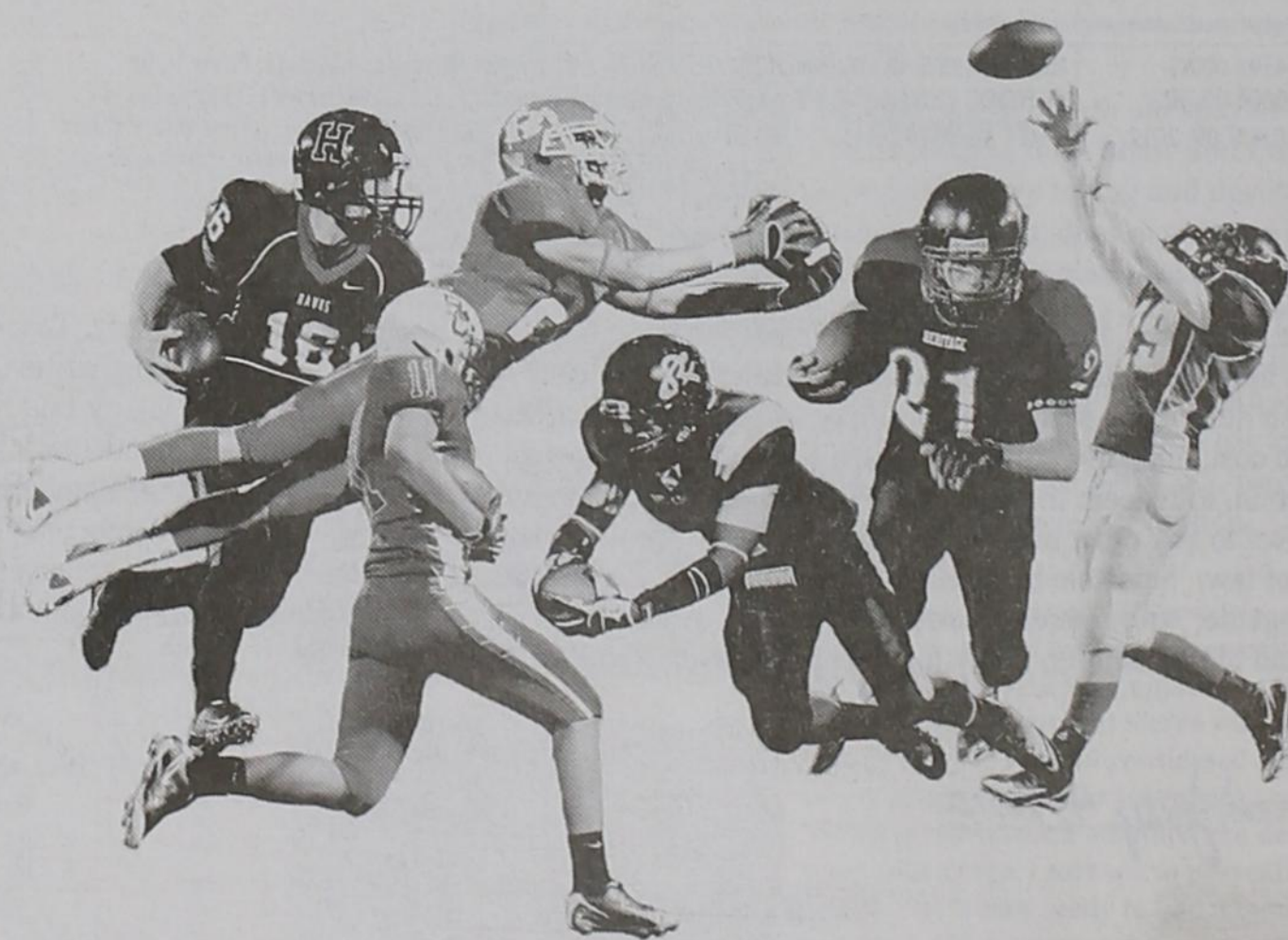
# Rockwall County News

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# Royse City News

## Royse City library, Friends need community support

Illie Jean Coppedge, Goodwin Library at 309 Arch Street in Royse City and the Friends of the Library need your help. The library needs donations of time, money and expertise. They need committed helping hands, tutors for the literacy program, story time, crafts and help with the summer reading program. Friends also need help shelving books, mending materials and providing information or history files. The Friends of the Library is a separate entity from the C.F. Goodwin Library and will help provide assistance and materials the library needs. The FOL raised \$5,400 to assist with the library's ever-growing collection. Its pamphlet, the mission statement of the Friends of the Library and promote the library by: securing and long term funding for selected programs

- Establishing and maintaining public awareness of upcoming and current events conducted by the C.F. Goodwin Library and Friends of the Royse City Library
- Developing volunteer involvement
- Assisting in a varied menu of programs for the continuing growth of literacy within the Royse City community.

The Friends of the Royse City Library was established in 2004. The organization recently conducted its annual luncheon at the Trinity Baptist Church in Royse City on June 29 with roughly 75 in attendance. The theme of the luncheon was "Once Upon a Time," and tables were decorated in celebration of favorite books.

Friends of the Library president Susan Simon got together with Margie VerHagen of Meals on Wheels, Rockwall County Committee on Aging, and decided to offer book delivery with the meals. MOW's drivers present the meal recipients with a flier for them to note the kinds of books/subjects they

are interested in such as mystery, romance, biographies, cookbooks, etc. The when the individual meal is delivered, each request receives a book. Each participant can return the book to the driver when they had complete reading it, keep it or pass it on to someone else to enjoy. Books To Go also offers puzzles, magazines and even books on tape. A cassette player can be checked out to the participants. This has been a successful program.

With last year's funds raised, the Friends of the Library purchased eight chairs for the work stations at the computers, an old-fashioned popcorn popper, books to supply the Books for Babies program, historical video: audio books, current movies and a disc cleaner for movies and audio books.

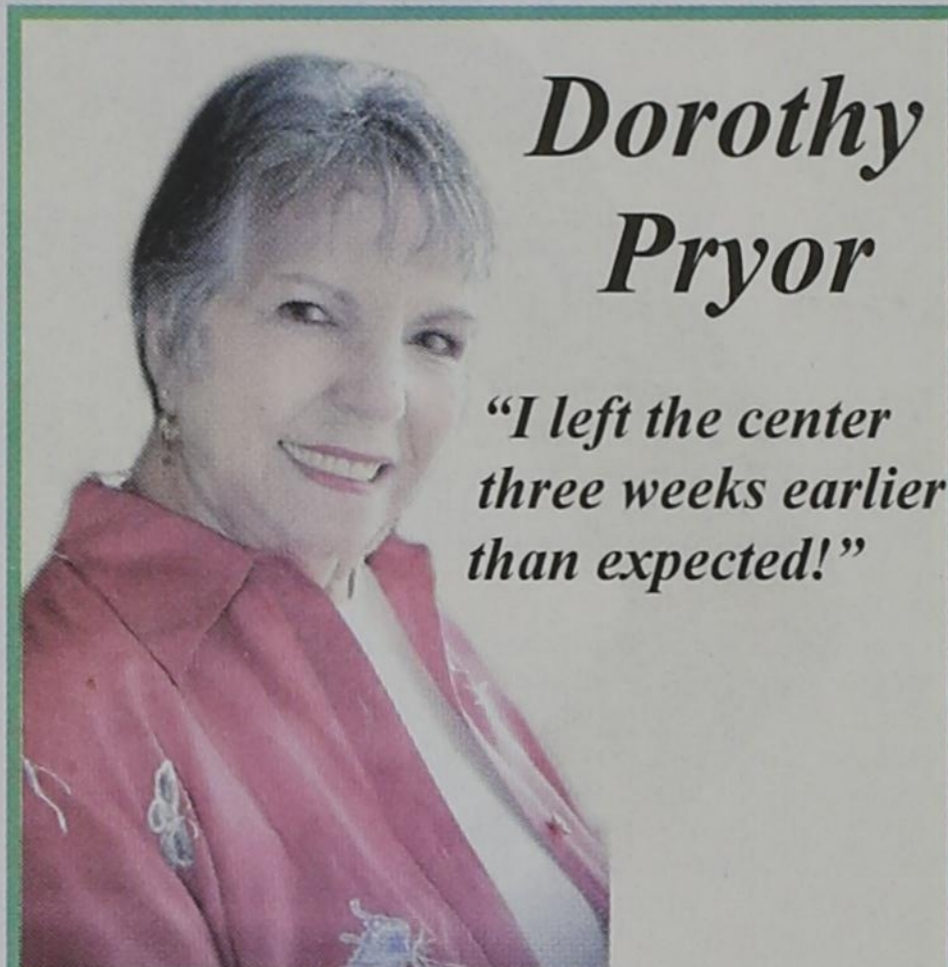
The group also was awarded a grant by NASA for a pair of lunar binoculars a tripod and literature about the solar systems, great for star gazing and moon viewing with students or group gatherings.

Anyone interested in joining may contact the Friends of the Library president at 214-642-2943 or drop by C.F. Goodwin Library for a pamphlet and more information. The group does accept book donations.

Information on the library's monthly calendar of events is available for review at [roysecity.com](http://roysecity.com).



Friends of the Library celebrating another successful year. Courtesy: Rockwall County News



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## Visiting patients – do's and don'ts

Illie Jean Coppedge

When you've gotten onto an elevator and was totally over taken by the strong punch of someone's perfume or cologne? I think most of us have experienced this. I was hospitalized four times within two months. Many of the staff has such overwhelming fragrances that I suffered more from the sea of their entering the room than the diagnosis for which I was hospitalized.

When visiting someone in the hospital or nursing home, there are many things to consider. Much to my surprise, there is an abundance of information on the internet. Here are what I believe are the 11 most prominent things to be taken when visiting someone in the hospital or nursing home.

1. Observe visiting hours and call ahead to make sure the patient is able to receive visitors.
2. Consider bringing reading materials to the patient such as a book or magazine. Many people are allergic to flowers and food such as perfume or fruit is not always an acceptable gift to take.
3. Do not eat, chew gum or crunch on ice or hard candy as an ill person is often sensitive to the smacking or crunching noise irritating.
4. Do not bring food to a patient. They may be on a restricted diet.
5. Ask the nurse about what and how much a patient is eating or drinking.
6. Do not take small children or loud, disrespectful teenagers to visit an ill person.

7. Do not wear perfume or strong smelling cologne. People who are ill or on medications may have a sensitive sense of smell and it may make them nauseous.
8. Never sit on the patient's bed as this may make them nervous or feel crowded. This also presents a hygienic problem, especially if the patient has had surgery and some type of infection. Germs are a definite consideration.
9. Always be positive and try to cheer the patient. Do not discuss family problems, your hospitalization or nursing home stays or other negative points of conversation.
10. Do not assist the patient with things like going to the restroom, taking a walk, etc., without first consulting the nurses or staff. Doctors may have given orders for the patient not to get out of the bed without help from the staff due to the danger of falling.
11. Turn off all cell phones or electronic game machines before entering.
12. Make your visits short. About 15-20 minutes is a good time to let the patient know you care about them and to give them your good wishes for a quick recovery.

Always be very considerate, kind, and soft spoken when visiting in hospitals and nursing homes. Someday you may be a patient and then will realize how very important and necessary these considerations are.

## Royse city Police Blotter

- Monday, July 5: Driving while intoxicated/Unlawful carry of weapon arrest, I-30 at the 78-mile marker
- Tuesday, June: Driving without valid driver's license arrest, I-30 at the 76-mile marker; Welfare check, Area of N. Josephine
- Monday, July: Driving while intoxicated/Possession of marijuana arrest, I-30 at the 77-mile marker; Driving while intoxicated/Arlington Police Department warrants arrest, 300 block W. Main Street; Accident, Corner of FM 548; Noise disturbance, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane
- Monday, July: Public intoxication arrest, 200 block S. Elm Street; Theft, 200 block W. Gail Street; Criminal mischief, 1100 block N. Josephine Street; Alarm, 200 block Sandy Lane; Welfare check, Area of N. Josephine
- Tuesday, July: Possession of drug paraphernalia, I-30 at the 75-mile marker; Suspicious activity, 1500 block Drive; Fireworks, 1200 block Evergreen Street; Fireworks, 1200 block Tyler Court; Suspicious activity, 1500 Hafner Drive; Accident, 2300 block I-30 NSR; Suspicious activity, 100 block E. I-30; Accident, Corner of 1000 block FM 548; Welfare check, Area of I-30 SSR; Medical assistance, 900 block Pullen Street
- Wednesday, July: Driving while intoxicated arrest, 100 block W. I-30; Accident, 1000 block FM 548
- Thursday, July: Driving while intoxicated arrest, 1400 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Disturbance, 300 block Panola Street

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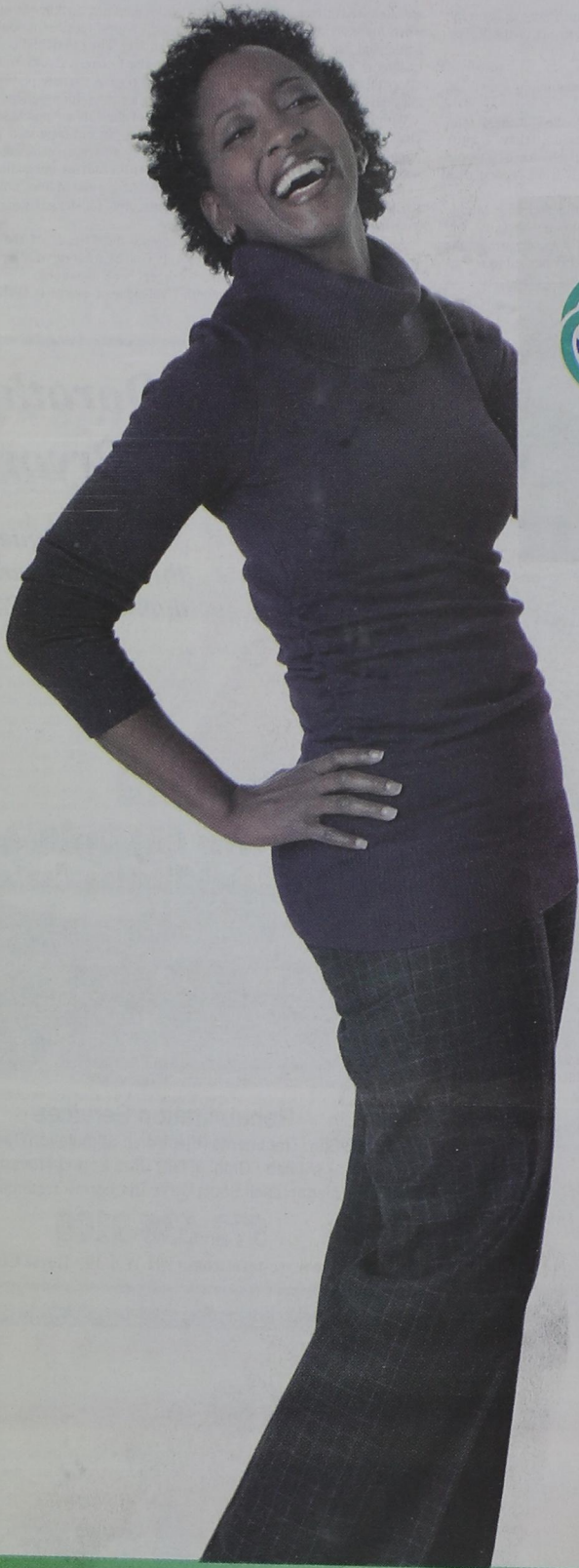
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