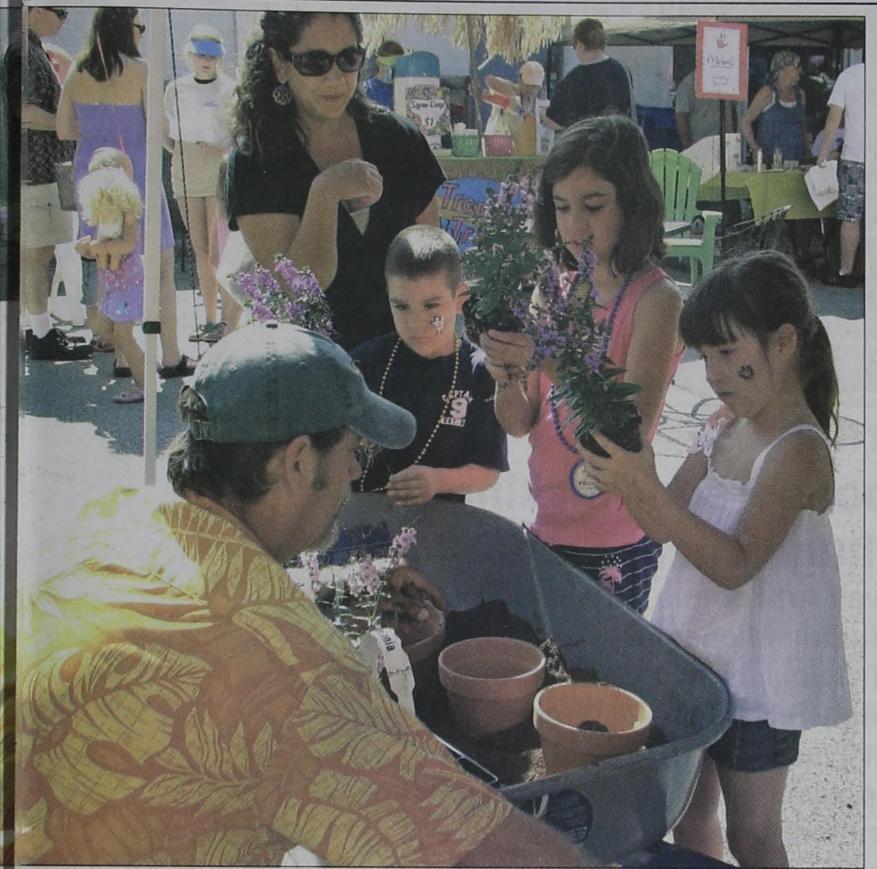
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Lai ston, Ava Langston and Sophia O'Quinn (left to right) planted flowers with the help of Tropical John Thomas during turds: Just for Kids event at the Rockwall Farmers Market. While the grown-ups shopped for their weekly produce on the own Stare, the kids has a street all to themselves where they could decorate boxes, pinecones and their faces, make necklaces, and work off all that energy in a bounce house. The flowers the youngsters got to take home were Angelonia, or summer agons: perennial flower in shades of purple, white and pink. The Farmers Market runs every Saturday through September 29 a.m. noon on the Rockwall Downtown Square.

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cal Fourth of July celebrations planned

July oliday just around the corner, many events are planned iots oll ages celebrate our nation's birthday. The following is

ual R se City 4th Fest & Fireworks 7 p.m., June 29

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- Para begins at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School, 330 Drive terans and active members of any branch of the U.S.

military are invited to ride in the parade on the veterans float. Best Decorated awards will be presented in several categories, including Float, Bicycle, Golf Cart, Kiddie Car, Wagon/Stroller, Off-Road Vehicle, and Antique Car. Awards will also be given for Best Costume, Most Patriotic Pet and Mayor's Award.

For more information, visit heathtx.com or call 972-771-6228.

Rowlett Fireworks on Main

5 p.m. to 10 p.m., July 4

Downtown Rowlett 4000 Main Street

Live music, children's entertainment area, vendors. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Parking is located at Coyle Middle School, 4500 Skyline and Herfurth Park, 4600 Centennial. DART shuttles will run from Rowlett High School, 4700 Main St., to downtown. For more information, contact the Rowlett

Community Centre at 972-412-6170.

Rockwall Fireworks Show

9:30 p.m., July 4 Harry Myers Park 815 E. Washington St.

Fireworks display will be synchronized to music that can be heard on 87.9 FM. Bring an FM radio and lawn chairs or blankets.

Rockwall council orders study of city's athletic facilities

Rockwall eyes need for athletic facilities upgrades by Kathy Williams

The Rockwall City Council has requested staff to conduct a feasibility study of the city's athletic and ball park facilities and make recommendations for improvements.

Place 3 council member Bennie Daniels brought the item to the agenda.

In the May 12 Joint Election, voters in Rockwall said no to a \$25 million bond proposition that would have been used to build a state-of-the-art athletics complex, including lighted baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, restroom facilities and a snack bar.

While he understands voters said no to the bond, Daniels said there is still room for improvement to the city's existing athletic facilities.

"In no way in what I'm proposing am I trying to circumvent the majority vote. I want that to be clearly understood. At the same time there's a need for improvement in the (existing) athletic facilities and additional athletic facilities," he said.

Daniels jokingly told the council they could tell by his age that he has no young children who would use an upgraded athletic field, but he is basing his opinion of current needs on his experience as a T-ball coach in the 1970s, when most teams were scrambling to use the one field that used to be located where the Boys and Girls Club now sits near Dobbs Elementary School.

"It was chaotic," Daniels said, "and we are about still in the same place today."

City staff members will evaluate all of the existing athletic facilities in Rockwall, not just baseball fields, and offer their findings, suggestions and any estimated costs to the city council in 60 days.

Place 2 council member Mark Russo suggested staff look into any grant or government programs that might help pay for improvements. While many of those programs are for new construction, he asked that staff investigate whether facility improvements would fall under any of the assistance guidelines.

The feasibility study will not cost the city anything as long as city staff is conducting the work, but council was cautioned that if outside help is needed, they might be approached to authorize the cost of an outside agency.

Rockwall street repairs under way

The City of Rockwall has contracted with APAC-Texas to make street repairs to south Alamo Road from west Bourn Street to near Summit Ridge Drive.

The repairs will be made in two phases, according to a news release from the city. The first phase will include the pulverization of the existing asphalt and the re-stabilization of the street base. The second phase will include the installation of new asphalt on the roadway.

The improvements began this week and will continue through Thursday.

The street will remain open to traffic during the process; however, there may be some temporary delays. It may be necessary to temporarily limit through traffic on south Alamo Road and allow access only to residents.

In order to minimize inconvenience, work each day will not begin until after 8:30 a.m.

For more details, contact Billy Chaffin, the city's streets and drainage superintendent, at 972-772-6333 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. For after-hour construction-related emergencies, contact the Rockwall Police Department at 972-771-7724.

Tourney generates funds for RCCOA

A golf tournament conducted June 8 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Course generated \$16,000 – or enough money for the Rockwall County Committee on Aging to provide meals for 160 seniors for a month – according to a RCCOA news release issued this week.

Eighty-nine golfers participated in the event, which served as a fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels and Senior Services programs of Rockwall County. The goal was to generate operating funds through donations from local residents and businesses to continue offering high-quality meals, information referrals and benefit counseling services.

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th Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall broke ground June 14 for a 16,600-square-foot facility that will house a family practice physician, emergency room and laboratory resources in north Rockwall. The facility is expected to open in stages beginning in October. The first phase will consist of a family practice physician, needed in the rapidly growing area, according to hospital officials. Dr. Dhara Patel, a Texas Health Physician Group doctor, is scheduled to begin seeking patients in II-service hospital ER will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing all of the capabilities of the south Rockwall campus by the spring of 2013. Patients hospitalized will be transferred via ambulance or air transport to Texas Health Rockwall. The facility is being constructed to serve the large number of patients in north Rockwall area and surrounding northern communities.

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Ketcherside, Atterberry, Carol Berendt and Carol S pictured are Joy Greenwalt, Carolyn Francisco, Mary I Parvin and Julia McCormick. To learn more about t Atterberry at 972-771-5067.

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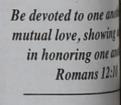
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onardi to attend MCA conference

ardi is one of 25 delegates who have been selected to the 2012 YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs. erence has been held at the Blue Ridge Assembly in North 1 and seeks to provide an introduction to the concept of o for participants, including a broad exposure to national e crucial issues facing society.

ly 6, Mastronardi will be among 600 other outstanding ts at the conference, speaking on her own proposal, and

resident of the Rockwall-Heath High School chapter of ment and is excited for the 2012-2013 year alongside her

Youth and Government team attends both regional the State Conference at Austin. This year at state, one of four members of the 2011-2012 RHHS team to outstanding delegates, making RHHS one of the most the conference.



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Rockwall Christian Salutatorian Allen Thomas (Left) and John Edwards (Right), graudated June 3, 2012.

Rockwall Christian Academy top graduates honored at graduation

Allen Thomas, the son of Phillips Thomas and Elizabeth Phillips. has attended RCA for seven years. He is a member of the National Honor Society and National Society of High School Scholars. Allen played basketball for four years and was 2nd Team All-District.

Allen plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas and major in

John Edwards of Mesquite is the son of Cary and Jana Michelle Edwars. He also recieved the Perfect Attendance Award for never missing a day of school from Kindergarten through 12th grade. John received the MVP Award from his team in Baseball, and The Warrior of the Year Award for sportsmanship and oustanding performance. He was first team, All-State for three years in a row in Baseball, and voted District MVP.

John is a member of the National Honor Society and Class President. John received the Aacademic Honors Scholarship and Christian Leadership Scholarship from Dallas Baptist University, where he plans to attend this

of Rockwall, part of Dallas, Fannin, Hunt, Kaufman, Rains and Van Zant;

and Dr. Barbara Montgomery, former county chair and former member of

SDEC, who was selected as the state-wide delegate at-large.

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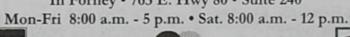
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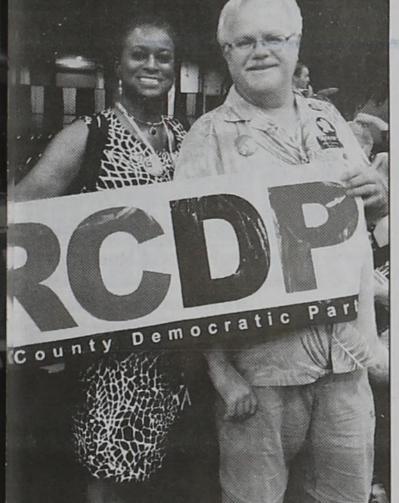
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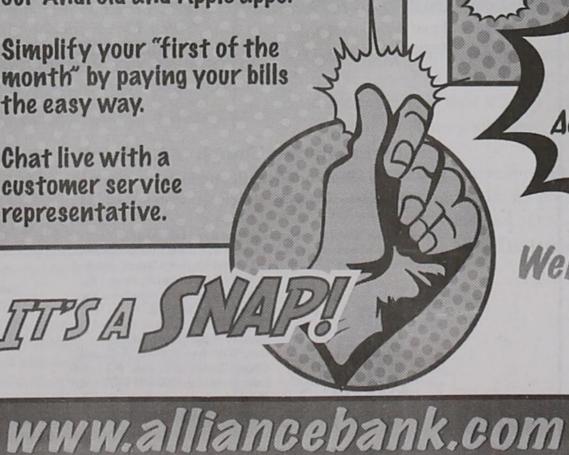
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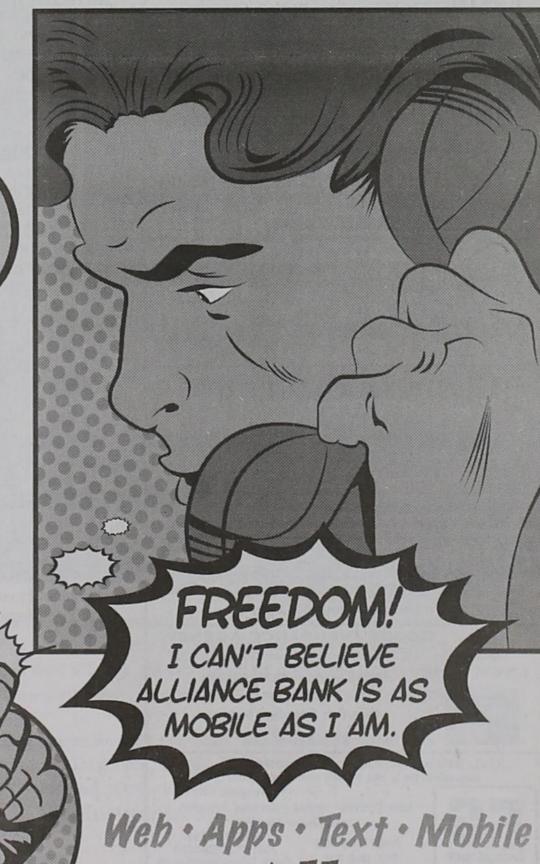
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by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ faces two religious trials

Last week we looked at the record of Jesus Christ's arrest. He had full command of the situation. The reason he was in such a spiritually solid frame of mind is because he had just finished spending a great deal of time in fervent prayer toward his Father. And an angel from God ministered to him.

The end result of this fervent and focused time with his Father was that he was edified and built up within his heart. He was mentally and emotionally peaceful. He had the complete soundness of mind to be able to command the moment during his arrest and throughout his sufferings. He understood his own weakness and trusted God. Isn't that just a wonderful example for us! Just before Jesus was bound and led away, all but one of his disciples ran away. One young disciple followed him until he was grabbed by some of the young men in the arresting party. He escaped naked, with his linen clothing still in the hands of the soldiers. This record is found in Mark 14:50-52. The record doesn't reveal who this man was, but he must have had a close brotherly love for Jesus. When we truly love others, we can't help but pay close attention to them. Even

There's an unexplainable aching deep in our hearts. We want so much to provide comfort when they are hurting inside, or to share in their happiness and glory. The kind of love where just catching each other's eyes from a distance warms and tenderizes both hearts, even without a word spoken.

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Not only can this exist in that uniquely special love between a man and a woman, but as we will see in the records of Jesus' crucifixion, there was also a close brotherly love between him and his disciples. After Jesus was bound, the arresting party led him away to face...not one... but two religious trials before facing the Roman judge. According to John 18:13-24, they "led him away to Annas first. For he was father in law to Caiaphas," the high priest during that year. Then Annas had him bound and sent to Caiaphas the high priest. The references to the "high priest" in verses 19-23 do not contradict the rest of the chapter. If this was a chronological record, then the "high priest" referred the highest-ranking priest over Annas' trial, as distinguished from Caiaphas the high priest over all the priests. Both trials occurred early in the morning, and Annas' trial was probably illegal under Jewish law of that time.

Luke 22:63-71 reveals that Jesus was led to the second trial soon after sunrise. Verses 63-65 shows that during the first trial he was mocked and beaten profusely. The record in Mark 14:53-72 appears to address the second trial only. One of the reasons for the trial was to seek witnesses against Jesus in order to put him to death (Mark 14:55). It says that many people bore false witness against him. They apparently did not do a very good job because it says, "their witness agreed not together." (Verse 56). Their stories didn't match. What a fiasco of a trial that must have been! Finally, the high priest asked Jesus, "'Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed?' And Jesus said, 'I am. And you shall see the son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:61-62). According to verse 63, Jesus' own true statement gave the high priest his proof to condemn him. This record is also found in Matthew 26:57-68. All the expert false witnesses basically stumbled over their own stories. Yet it was the truth out of the mouth of God's son that secured his condemnation.

Please note that Jesus was condemned for something that was not forbidden under the laws laid down by God through Moses. This practice can be understood a little better by comparing with the courts and officers in the different states

People might be shocked to learn how much expanded power ment has gained with the help of the State and local Courts. F enforcement departments selectively place travelers under cu conduct known as "speeding."

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Next the Courts actually force the accused to enter a plea of a Class C Misdemeanor criminal offense while knowing t designate it as such.

The officers and the courts do not want the people to know the roads and highways is recognized as a natural right by the chose to not designate it as a criminal offense.

How does this compare to Jesus' situation?

Jesus had the right to declare the truth concerning who he wa and punished for it. Moreover, just as the court's today often s toward the government's need to expand its power beyond the an Act, so also did the Roman ruler show extreme bias toward by releasing a murder and sentencing Jesus to death. The situal extremely different, but the bias is the same. We will address court in a few weeks.

Jesus was on top of things and knew that it was God's will die, and did so with the hope of God's promise of resurrection. God did not forsake His beloved son, but raised him from the

Appraisal distr **Penalties loom** late taxpayers

Property owners who have not paid their 2011 taxes have up neir birthday parties and avoid a 20 percent collection penalty, according to a news re denioyed watchin week by the Rockwall Central Appraisal District.

By state law the tax office must turn over all delinquent accourage Reed of Pottsb attorneys on July 1, but because that is a Sunday this year, the de pam King and her Payments must be made on or before, or postmarked on or before Ha, of Heath, Shaw Ray Helm, Rockwall Central Appraisal District chief appraisar aboro, Lana Grahat who are delinquent on July 3 will see their bills go up by more and his wife, Kim,

Notices were mailed in May informing taxpayers that a 20 pe Grant, Brianne, Jo penalty would be added if the account is not paid in time; howeve and Reese; and a h are over 65, disabled or on active military duty out of the area m -eded in death by deferral of homestead property taxes.

Individuals who think they are eligible for a deferral may contact Id Dee, Herrold, Ja Central Appraisal District at 841 Justin Rd., Rockwall, TX 7508

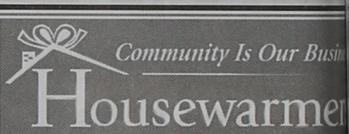
Taxes can be paid at the Rockwall Central Appraisal District or be mailed to the above address.

Locals included on Dean's List at

More than a dozen local residents were among the almost University students named to the Dean's Academic Honor List Home-Rockwall C semester, according to a university news release

Honorees include, from Heath, Joshua Ryan Arnold, Brooke B.B. Forbes Kirwan, Brendan Michael Mackin, Adam Russell Nedel 1938, in Rock Ann Shirley, Also, Rockwall residents Gregory Chandler For Geremew, Roxanne April Lamarre, Kim Phuong Le, Rachel Jo D'Anna Macaluso, Courtney Renee Murphy, Rebekah Anne Radia Thomas Rash, Michael Brock Sterry and Christina Nicole Walthe

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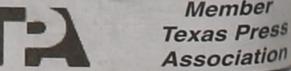
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James Charles Gibson

ce for James Charles Gibson, 56, of Greenville was conducted 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel ez officiating.

. 13, 1955, in Douglas, Ariz., to Charles Elmer Gibson Jr. and eedle) Gibson.

his wife, Diana Gibson of Greenville; his daughter, Rhiannon !le; his father, Charles Gibson of Arizona; his sister, Cordi na; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. in death by his mother, Sandra Gibson.

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iur, Okla. On Jan. 30, 1935, she married Frank Leonard. In eir family to the Wichita, Kan., area and purchased a home in r moved to Derby, Kan., in 1948.

East Dallas area prior to moving to Heath 22 years ago to iter. She enjoyed spending time with all of her grandchildren birthday parties and other celebrations. She was a big Texas joyed watching their games on television.

e three daughters, Alise Prothro, and her husband, Norman, Reed of Pottsboro and Sharon Blake of Grand Saline; seven King and her husband, Damon, of Plano, Lance Prothro and of Heath, Shawn Prothro of Garland, Brad Stuart and his wife, o, Lana Graham and her husband, Stacy, of Elk City, Okla., is wife, Kim, of Grand Saline and Brent Blake of Norman, andchildren, Lauren, Taylor, Christina, Rachelle, Brad, O.J., int, Brianne, Jon, Morgan and Seth; two great-great-grandchil-Reese; and a host of nieces and nephews.

d in death by a daughter, Clarine Leonard; her parents; three guson, Estelle Hembree and Frances Wilson; and six brothers, Dee, Herrold, James and Tommy Wilson.

Mary Webb Wisdom

vice for Mary Webb tockwall will be con-June 23, 2012, in the ch, M.L. Jones Chapel, Rockwall with Pastor officiating. The Rest ne-Rockwall Chapel is

1938, in Rockwall to (Zuspann) Webb, she ayne Wisdom on Aug. a school teacher in the dent School District for ng sixth grade English, river's education. She the Rockwall Nursing y and was a member of



nurch and the Joy Club at the church. She was an active memall Historical Society and was involved in many community

e her husband, Coach Hobart Wisdom, her daughters, Brenda

edith Wisdom, and a granddaughter, Aaralyn Grace Wisdom,

d in death by her parents and one sister, Judy Webb. rs, the family has suggested that memorial donations may be

-kill animal shelter or to the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. kwall County **lews Briefs**

AL work on display at courthouse

of art by artists involved with the Rockwall Art League are curat the new Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket , which contains eight works in media including oil, acrylic and ated in the first floor rotunda. Artists include Joe Hewitt, Linda McCasland, Tom Hands, Nikki Frazier, Tyce McLarty, Sidney 1. Many of the pieces also are available for purchase. The courtekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Habitat workday set June 23

at for Humanity will have a workday beginning at 8 a.m. June Drywall work is still under way. ffices to close for Fourth

eath offices will be closed in observance of the Fourth of July Normal business hours will resume July 5.

Rockwall Social Club to meet

Social Club is planning at 7:30 p.m. meeting on July 6. Contact awn@dawnpurtee.com for more details.

g Republicans plan pro-life fundraiser

County Young Republicans will host a fundraiser at a local p.m. to 10 p.m. July 12. The group is raising money for the rce Center, and anyone who eats during that time can tell their support of the fundraiser and a portion of the meal's cost will fe organization. For more details call John Stacy at 469-939-

iHS Highsteppers to host mini camp

Heath High School Highsteppers will host their annual mini iy 16-19. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the camp grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Participants will learn utine nake crafts and enjoy other activities. Cost is \$75. For more derip Codes) reg r contact Jennifer Sands at 972-971-6615 or sandsjen5@yahoo.

w-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

pay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will depart at 7:30 the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and return tion at 6:30 p.m. after procedures have been completed. Dogs e leashes, cats in secure carriers. Prices can be viewed and apat spayneuternet.org or by calling 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos ore details call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354. Upcoming and Sept. 20.

Heath church plans VBS

ted Methodist Church will conduct a vacation Bible school with covering God's underwater universe from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. church. Register by July 1 to receive a free T-shirt. Register th.org under the Education & Prayer tab on the left.

RHS Class of '92 plans reunion

othe right t Furn High Class of 1992 will conduct its 20-year reunion Aug. 4-5 inion mixer will be conducted at the Flying Saucer. All RHS ed to attend. A family picnic will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 e Harry Myers pavilion; a snow cone machine and bounce house parents should bring their children in swimsuits to allow them to 1 park. That evening will include dinner and dancing at Southern kets or more details visit rhsclass1992reunion.blogspot.com/.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 421, chartered to Lakeshore Church in Rockwall, helped to beat the heat by providing water, lemonade and popsicles to visitors at last Saturday's Just for Kids event at the Rockwall Farmers Market. The troop also helped put out American flags around the Square before the event. Troop members on hand were (left to right) Mason Woolbright, Kurtis Geoke, Keyton Lueb, Sloan Johnson, Jaxson Lueb, and helper Jeremy Lueb. The Farmer's Market runs every Saturday through September 29 from 8 a.m. to noon on the Rockwall Downtown Square. Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Entertainment

Journey tribute slated June 28

A tribute to the band Journey will be offered by Escape on June 28 at the Concert by the Lake event. 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.

Random Axis to perform

Random Axis will perform July 5, providing a variety of music styles for the first Concert by the Lake event of July. 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.

1980s music to be featured July 12

Live 80 will serve up its blend of 1980s hits at the July 12 Concert by the Lake performance. 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.

The Rub set for July 19

The Rub will perform urban blues tunes at the July 19 Concert by the Lake series event. 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

A tribute to the late Stevie Ray Vaughn, performed by Voodoo Blue, will close out this year's Concert by 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 Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra Concert is set for Sept. 1 at The Harbor Bandshell. Rockwall MusicFest invites the community to attend this free

performance. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com. **UNT Lab Band to perform**

The UNT One O'Clock Lab Band, under the direction of Grammy-nominated composer 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 T.L.

Townsend Drive, Rockwall. The band has six Grammy nominations and is noted for its musicianship and tight ensemble performance. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

Side Street Strutters scheduled

The Side Street Strutters will present a musical event showcasing the vocal stylings of Meloney Collins beginning at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall. The program, Shiny Stockings, will include an extensive repertoire, colorful costumes, tap dancing and 26 years of musicianship. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

Two take degrees from Tulane

Two local residents were among the estimated 2,700 graduates of Tulane University who were awarded degrees at graduation ceremonies that took place May 19 in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans.

Maxwell Pasterczyk of Rockwall graduated from the A.B. Freeman School of Business with a bachelor's

Megan Lehr of Royse City graduated from the School of Liberal Arts with a bachelor's degree.

Lisa P. Jackson, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, served as keynote speaker for the

In the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity.

John Quincy Adams (Sixth President of the United States; Diplomat; U.S. Senator)

Robert Post show slated March 18

Rockwall MusicFest will present Robert Post in a one-man variety show at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Post's show is inspired by classic vaudeville and his Italian grandmother, who danced and sang at any family occasion. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

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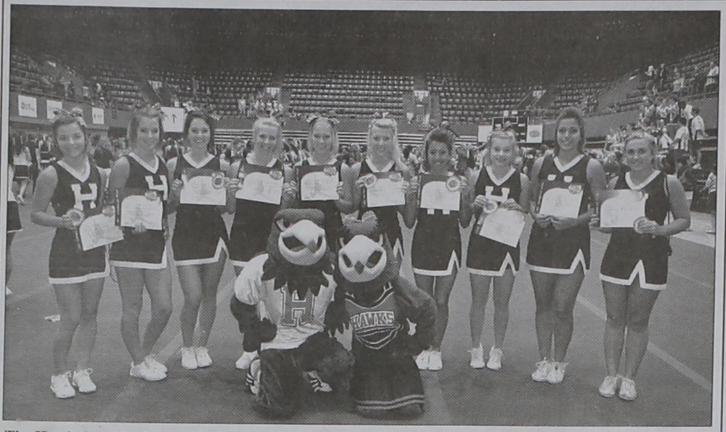
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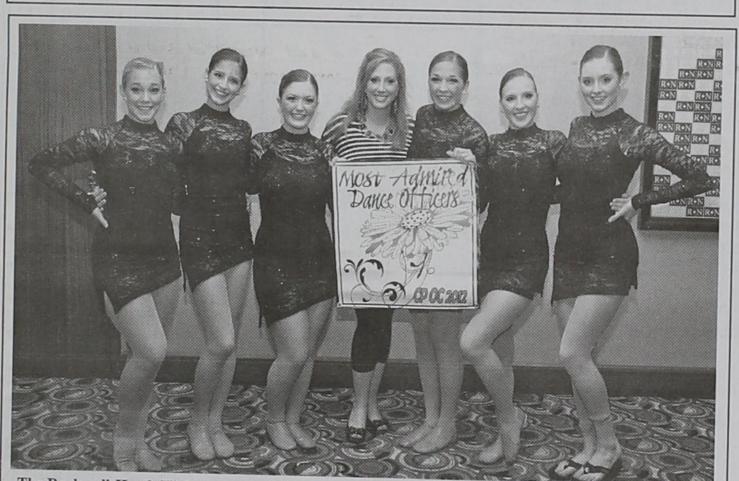


The Heath Cheerleaders attended NCA Cheer Camp June 4-7 at Southern Methodist University. Varsity cheerleaders Emily Wade, Makenzie Tomalin, McKenzie Seales, Rebekah Gerritsen, Kylie Reynolds, Jacquelyn Doughty, Sarah Lopez, Kaley Stewart, Kelsey Goodwin and Monica Baldwin were awarded All American along with varsity mascots Mariah Pranschke (Harley Hawk) and Erin Wallis (Heidi Hawk). Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The Heath freshman cheerleaders attended NCA Cheer Camp at Southern Methodist University earlier this month and were awarded Top Freshman Team. They also won superior ribbons in cheers and chants and received the spirit stick. All 16 were nominated for All-American. Named NCA All-Americans were Bailey Anderson, Kelsey Dvorak, Mallory Goucher, Ally Helms, Kellie Hogue, Mikayla Ludwig, Lexi Newell, Shelbi Spruill, Lauren Story, Ashley Surber and Mikki Westmoreland. Pictured above are, first row, head cheerleaders Story and Bailee Schuster; second row, Ludwig, Becka Malone, Surber, Dvorak, Helms, Westmoreland, Newell and Spruill; and, third row, Taylor Smith, Carly Brown, Anderson, Hogue, Goucher and Riley Callahan.

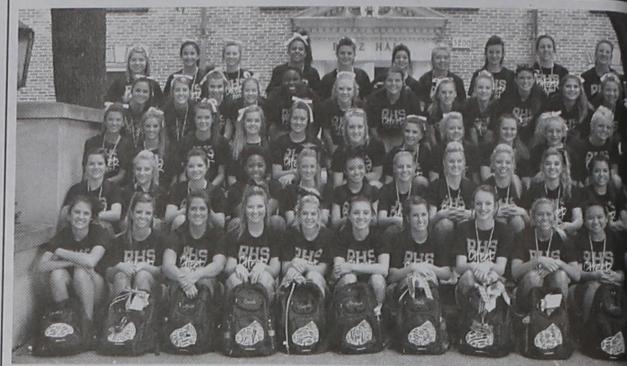
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The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers Drill Team officers were one of 44 officer groups to attend the Crowd Pleasers Officer Camp June 2-5. While at camp, the officers learned and performed advanced routines for evaluation and presented choreography projects to the judges. The officers received several awards, including being chosen as the Most Admired Team of Officers by camp staff and other attendees. Additional awards earned were the Superior Award and Outstanding Choreography Award for their home routine and an Elite Award for scoring above 90 on their home routine, choreography project, chosen performance routine and the camp dance. They also took a class with Kent Boyd, from 'So You Think You Can Dance Season 7' fame. Junior Lt. Tori Carney was chosen as one of 10 participants to be named a Super Star Dancer. Next for the team is their annual Highsteppers Mini-Camp for K-6 grade girls which will be July 16-19. For more information contact Jennifer Sands at sandsjen5@yahoo.com or Michaelle Carney at michelle.carney@gmail.net. Highsteppers officers are, from the left, Jr. Lt. Tori Carney, Lt. Anna Di Girolamo, 1st Lt. Kayla Bender, director Monica Lyon, Captain Madison Mills, Lt. Kayla Stubbs and Jr. Lt. Alissa Powell. Photo by Cyndi Bender/Rockwall County News



Rockwall County Republican Women vice president of legislation Ann Hettinger and president Jerry Fisher were recognized at the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Tribute to Women luncheon June 8 during the Texas State Republican Convention in Fort Worth. Tribute to Women gold pins were presented to the local women for their "exceptional volunteer service in positions of increasing responsibility within their Republican Women Organization, the Texas Federation of Republican Women, the National Federation of Republican Women and the Republican Party of Texas." Speakers for the event were U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Courtesy photo/ Rockwall County News



Rockwall High's varsity, junior varsity and freshman cheer squads competed in the competition on the SMU campus June 8-11. All three squads won the spirit stick and numerous and team awards. The mascots won awards for the Best Mascot Props and Superior E Additionally, the entire program won Performance Top Team Award, a bid for the nationals and and the Dorothy Herkimier Award, which is given to the team/program that exemplifies unin teamwork and support, along with being the most talented.

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June 8-14

- Friday, 8 June: Suspicious person, 500 block Live Oak Street; Alarm, 800 block Kim Lane block E. Lamar Street; Accident, I-30 at the 75-mile marker; Welfare check, Corner of FM 548 and Suspicious person, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard
- · Saturday, 9 June: Criminal mischief, 800 block S. Elm Street; Driving without driver's container arrest, I-30 at the 82-mile marker; Duty on striking unattended vehicle, 600 block N. Joseph Suspicious person, 100 block W. Main Street; Disturbance, 800 block Rowdy Drive; Welfare d FM 35; Criminal mischief, 800 block S. FM 548; Suspicious person, Area of Hidden Creek; Suspicious person, Area of Hidd 2800 block Redwood Street; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 75-mile marker
- Sunday, 10 June: Criminal mischief, 200 block S. Elm Street; Criminal trespass, 300 block Au Suspicious person, Area of FM 2642; Suspicious person, Area of Autumn Trail; Disturbance, 100 Grove Lane
- Monday, 11 June: Criminal mischief, 600 block E. I-30 NSR; Driving while license invalid block E. I-30; Alarm, 200 block W. I-30; Burglary of a building, 600 block E. I-30 NSR; Crimir 1300 block Evergreen Street; Criminal mischief, 200 block S. Elm Street; Criminal trespass, Meadowdale Drive; Suspicious person, 100 block W. I-30; Suspicious person, Corner of Barton Str. NSR; Suspicious person, 600 block E. I-30
- Tuesday, 12 June: Driving while license invalid/Seven Points Police Department/Kaufman She warrants arrest, Corner of Erby Campbell Boulevard and W. Main Street; Assault, 900 block Steat Two possession of marijuana arrests, 100 block E. Main Street; Suspicious person, Corner of F Hickory Hill Road; Alarm, 1300 block Hunter's Glen; Criminal mischief, Area of Hwy 66; Red 100 I-30 at the 75-mile marker; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street and El of Erby Campbell Boulevard and Hwy 66

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• Thursday, 14 June: Driving while license invalid, 300 block E. Main Street; Suspicious person Front Street and Bell Street

Royse City DI team to the last lauded for global w

The SuperStar Bulldogs Destination Imagination team from Cherry Intermediate School was presented Royse City ISD Board of Trustees on Monday after their second place win at the DI Global Finals or on May 26 in Knoxville, Tenn.

After competing at Globals against 1,276 teams from 45 states, seven Canadian provinces and 13 the Royse City team was bested only by a team from Beijing, China, who the SuperStars have pleds next year.

Starting in September, teams chose from a list of six challenges to complete, working towards or throughout the school year hoping to advance to Globals. The Royse City team chose the 'Assembly's challenge, which required them to transport 340 separate parts on a handmade conveyor belt, then products with those parts and complete a task related to their products. A panel a judges then interview team to see how their product worked, if they did the work themselves, and measured their team

Each team was only allowed a budget of \$175 to complete their task, but could use items they gath 18 10 w

The 'Assembly Required' category had 48 teams in the Elementary Level, which included the Rollie J team and teams from around the US, England, Korea, China, Canada and Turkey.

This is the fifth year the team has competed in Destination Imagination, which includes three trips will be the trips wi contest and to Globals last year.



The SuperStar Bulldogs Destination Imagination team from Cherry Intermediate School second place at the DI Global Finals last month in Knoxville, Tenn. Team members are, at back, left, Ethan Margot, Brendan O'Connor and Cade Baridon and, at front, Karina Revilla, Camille Sarah Nolan and Lou Lou Howell. The team was sponsored by Kelly Margot and Maria O'Conpo-Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

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er we started noticing bruises on Kaitlyn, but didn't pay as she was very rambunctious and fell a lot playing and normal child does."

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while we were waiting, we heard a commotion going on in the ses, staff, and the doctor. The doctor came into the room ues and she started crying. We knew then something was g. T was November 11, 2011."

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'4 ho s, we had gone from the doctor's office, to Children's without drivater Dallas, through surgery to have Kaitlyn's port placed, .600 block N jerapi ner first treatment. It was a horrible thing to go through",

dden Creek: 55 ker a journal of Kaitlyn's journey. "That's how I cope", he

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of Hwy 66 fout or stay at the hospital, we became like a family with other reet; Suspice their ck children. We shared our stories and our tears. When a hroug chemo, it kills off their bone marrow. When it begins to mischief, 30 other hildren who are more verbal than Kaitlyn in describing block S. FMy the beling in the hips and legs as being like 'growing pains' 1400 block tors s it is like arthritis pain. It's hard to see your child going reet; Crimina ethin they are too young to understand. It breaks your heart to

Suspicious pevorks ays and James works nights. One parent or the other is n mo of the time, and Diane Johnson, Kaitlyn's grandmother it Werly help out in the in-between hours.

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ere has been three fund raisers for the family: an on-line auction, urnan in Greenville sponsored by their friend Ashli Davis, and dinne and concert at the Wylie First Baptist Church sponsored by

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Knap the new instructor drawing all the attention, took studio ining 1 m the age of 3 to 18 at Joy's School of Dance in Waco, hich it uded classical ballet, tap, jazz, modern, pointe and hip-

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Hinto is the director for McLennan (MCC) Dance Team. She just ed her 1th year directing the team. My mom, Shirley Tidmore, and , Branc Vines, also trained at MCC. My mom was on the first dance 1976 at my sister danced from 2001-2003.

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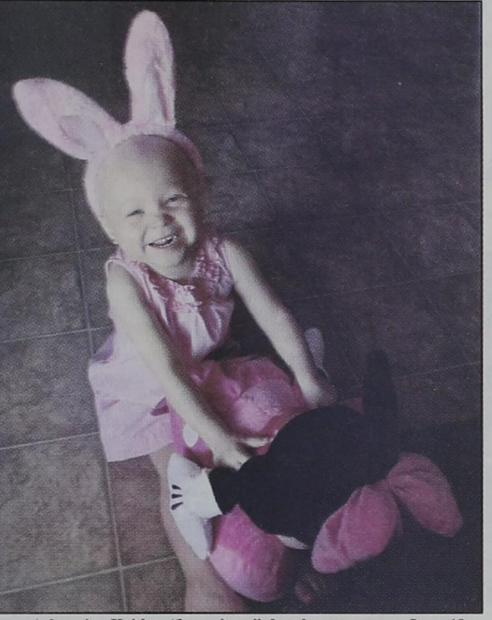
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begin th classes with warm-up stretches and strengthening the core h pilates or the first 30 minutes. Then the last 30 minutes we get our ate up we some cardio by doing zumba with Latin, hip-hop and even

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Kaitlyn in Children's Medical Center on December 22, 2011. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News



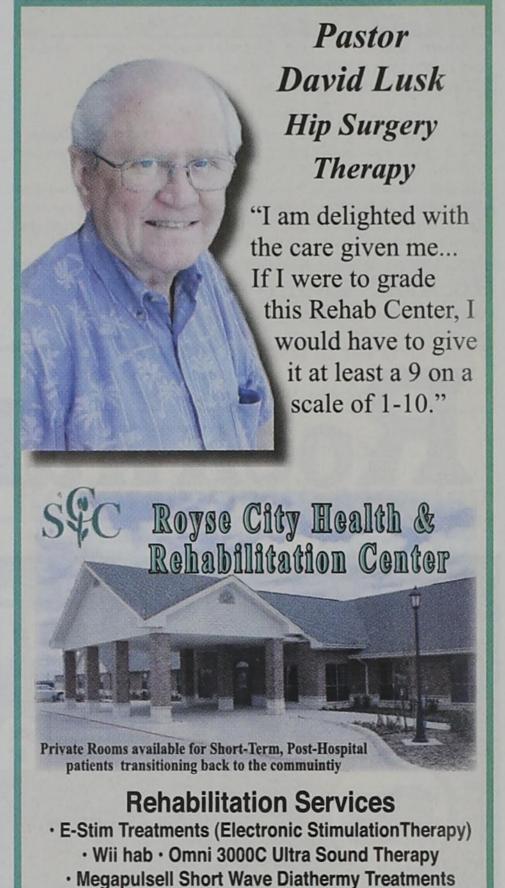
A happier Kaitlyn "hams-it-up" for the camera on June 18,

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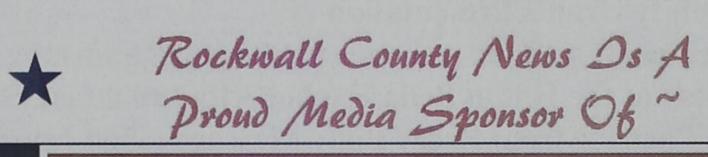
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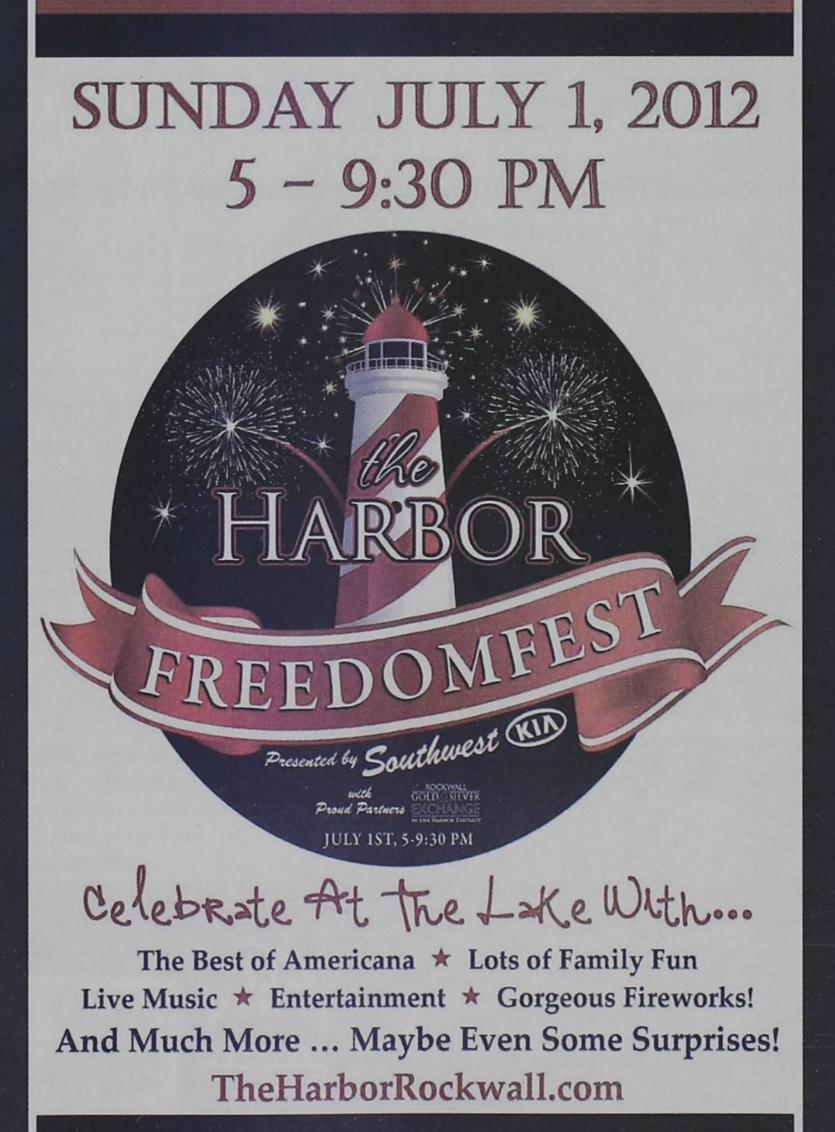


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Kristen Knapp, left, and students warm up for a pilates and zumba class at Royse City Fitness. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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country dance routines. Aerobic dance is a fun way to burn calories. You don't have to have dance training to be able to do well, have fun and get a great workout in this class. Ladies of all ages like this class," Kristen added.

The gym is located at 316 College Street in Royse City. The center also offers strength training, Silver Sneakers, Boot Camp, life fitness and Fit Kids. For more information, contact Terri or Rich at 972-635-2900 or drop by to see the center for yourself and experience all that is going on at Royse City Fitness.

Rockwall County News Exclusive



Patriot PAWS Service Dogs is a nonprofit organization in Rockwall that trains and provides service dogs for disabled American veter other individuals with mobile disabilities nationwide in order to help restore physical and emotional independence through assistance service dogs. Lori Stevens, who has more than 20 years of experience in obedience and specialized canine training, founded the organized 2006 after a group of disabled veterans from the Dallas VA Hospital approached her about assisting them in training service dogs. Sino Patriot PAWS has placed 49 dogs with disabled veterans and other individuals. Pictured above are Tom Tavtigian and his dog, Hope Gregory and his dog, Wilson; and Charles Trask and his dog, Summit. Forty-one dogs are currently in the organization's training which takes 18-24 months to complete at a cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000 per animal. Patriot PAWS does not charge a veteran for a dog a are covered by donations, grants and fundraisers. The current waiting list has 52 veterans' names on it. Donations are needed, particularly land donation of two to four acres that could serve as the organization's home. Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation contact Stevens at 972-772-3282. For more details on the organization, visit patriotpaws.org. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Family Fun Event at The Harbor in Rockwall!

June 22, 2012, Festivities start at 6pm

Live music from The Rub starts at 7 p.m.

Community Grants Presentation

Raffle tickets sold for a chance to win a 59" Samsung 3D HDTV, 1 night stay at the Hilton Bella Harbor with breakfast (\$150 value), Massage Package from Every Body Massage (\$360 value), among other valuable prizes.

Bounce House

Face Painting

• Ice Cream

· Rockwall High Scool Robotics Team, Full Metal Jackets, will showcase their award winning robo

Join the fun and also watch top champion sailors from around the area race their sailboats on Lake Ray Hubbard!

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Proceeds to benefit the community service projects of the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a 59" Samsung 3D HDTV, 1 night stay at the Hilton Bella Harbor with breakfast (\$150 value), massage package from Every Body Massage (\$360 value), among other valuable prizes. Fore more information, visit www.facebook.com/ DallasRaceWeek or contact Trenton Cornehl at trentoncornehl@gmail.com or

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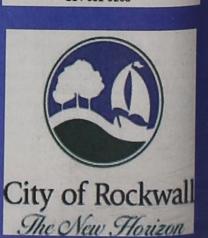












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Rockwall County Sports

yssa Lang named TABC 4A Player of the Year

ors that keep coming in for Rockwall's Alyssa Lang was tion of Basketball Coaches' 4A Player of the Year award. he Lady Jackets to the 4A State Final in her senior year, the 4A All-State team by both the TABC and Texas Girls on. It was her second All-State selection.

ely finished her high school career before heading to Rice isketball scholarship.

Ir dge receives 7 Allteswimming awards

Eldrid won 7 of the 16 All-State swimming and diving awards eam won this year.

state champion was first-team All-State in the 200 , 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly. She also received second-100 free and 100 backstroke, and Honorable Mention in ounded the medles and 400 free relays.

n awards were the most for any swimmer in the state n and his duirl, 4A 5A. Her performance helped RHS increase its number of from five a year earlier. ly Jackets - Morgan Barnes, Megan Conner and Rebecca

veteran for a other are needed shared Ionorable Mention in the relays with Eldridge. Sarah

the RH boys' team, Honorable Mention went to Alex Fontenot in

S' Harrison, Baker ne All-State in softball

center Ider Kennedy Harrison and freshman catcher Haley Baker to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's 4A All-State

on, a fir-year starter for the Lady Jackets, led the team in runs and a nored the outfield defense after moving from left field to hen Ka Page was injured. Harrison's play led RHS to the Region



acthort qualifies for US Fincing Nationals

ockwal encer Chadwick (Chaddy) Short II qualifies for the Fencir Nationals, July in Anaheim, California. Currently a ked 3m in the state of Texas and 41st in the National Rolling nts for is division, Short in the North American Cup Men's ratione You 12 Division. Coached by Andrew Gregory of RISE icing A demy in Rockwall, the young fencer has competed in region and local tournaments during 2012 including a 7th ce finis at the Salle Mauro Super Youth Circuit tournament Januar Short also won 11 medals including 2 gold medals d 5 silve medals during 2012.

'hoto cortesy of Kaydee Short/Rockwall County News

Lang already played in the TABC 4A/5A/Private All-Star game, helping her White team to a 76-66 victory over Blue at Trinity University in San Antonio May 18. She's also scheduled to play in the TGCA 4A/5A All-Star game at 7:30 p.m. July 12 at Arlington Martin High School.

Rounding out her achievements was being named to the TGCA Academic All-State team, along with RHS teammate Kayla Smith.

Walters, Butler receive All-State honors

Rockwall-Heath's Claire Walters, the 4A state champion in the girls' 200 freestyle, received five All-State awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Swimming Coaches Association.

The junior made the All-State first team in the 200 free and 100 butterfly, was named second-team All-State in the 50 and 100 freestyles and received Honorable Mention in the 500 free.

RHHS' Jared Butler earned first-team All-State honors in the boys' 200 free and Honorable Mention in the 100 breaststroke.

Brindock leads 2 teams to titles in Shaw Memorial

For all of the success Maggie Brindock has had on indoor volleyball courts at Rockwall High School and the University of Notre Dame, her greatest successes may have come on sand.

She was one of the standouts as the record-setting eighth annual Jessica Frances Shaw Memorial Volleyball Tournament opened on sand courts for the first time June 9 at the Oasis Beach and Tennis Club.

Brindock and Jordan Story, who were national age-group champions in beach volleyball, teamed again to win the inaugural 2-on-2 Open Division championship at the Shaw tournament. Brindock also was on the tournamentchampion 4-on-4 Competitive Division-winning Team Impact with Travis Ferguson, T.J. Staples and Mark Sanders. It was the third consecutive title

In the final match, Team Impact defeated Participation.

Speaking of participation, a record 46 teams competed. The event honors the memory of former Rockwall volleyball star Jessica Frances Shaw.

The Recreation Division champions included two former RHS athletic standouts. Sunny Satery was the point guard for the Lady Jackets' undefeated state champions in girls' basketball in 2007, and played at Midwestern State University. Preston Clark, who went from the Jackets' baseball team to the University of Texas' College World Series runners-up, joined Satery, Elliott O'Hare and Jake McCarter on the winning team.

In the 2-on-2 14-and-Under Division, Hannah Swiney and Casey Holloway teamed for the championship.

The JFS Memorial Tournament will conclude with 6-on-6 indoor competition Saturday at RHS.

Rockwall's Impact Volleyball headed to Nationals

The Rockwall-based Impact Volleyball Club's under-18 girls' team has qualified to compete at the prestigious 2012 USA Volleyball Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio, from Thursday through Sunday, July 1.

For a time it appeared that in its fifth season in existence, Impact Volleyball would have none of its teams qualifying from tournaments in Dallas, Atlanta, Minneapolis or Spokane, Wash. At the highly competitive the USA Volleyball North Texas Region Regional Bid

Championships, the Impact 18 Highline team coached by Travis Ferguson had several chances to land one of the three qualifying berths from the Gold Bracket. The Rockwall team defeated Advance Performance 18 Nfinity and Skyline Roshambo Black. Losses to Victory Elite Black in the semifinals and Instinct Lions

However, when USA Volleyball allocated bids it awarded a fourth berth to the North Texas Region's 18 and Under Division. The North Texas Region office informed Ferguson that the team would be competing at Nationals.

National in the third-place match left Impact in fourth place.

"When I got the call from the region office that we had earned a bid, I wasn't sure what to say," he said. "When you set a goal you work hard to achieve it, you don't really plan for the reaction when the goal is in hand. I couldn't wait to tell the girls and their families that they've done it and we're going to Nationals!"

Said team captain Becca Floyd, who also plays setter for Rockwall High School, "It means the world to me to be committed for 6 years working so hard and to finally be good enough and to prove to everyone what our team was capable of."

Other Rockwall County players among the nine girls on the roster are Rockwall's Lindsey Wheeler and Madison Roof, and Royse City's Sarah VerHagen and Tori Green.

You can learn more about Impact Volleyball at www.impactvb.com.

ockwall hosting last chance for 7-on-7 state tournament

kwall w have a home-field advantage in its last chance to qualify for

on-7 focall Division I State Championships. last choce will come Saturday on the artificial-turf practice field at

vall Hig School in the I-30 State Qualifying Tournament.

nty tean will be competing in the tournament. Six of those already jualified or the 64-team field in the State Championships July 20 and Texas AM University in College Station. Thus, 14 teams will be g for two state berths.

ve got ot of good teams," said RHS head coach Scott Smith. er the a dance of Rick Black, Rockwall advanced to the semifinals

Wolves QT in Plano before losing to Duncanville. The local team liminate in pool play at Mesquite and Wylie. Rockwall has had two entered a Tuesday night 7-on-7 league with Rowlett and Garland an Fore

kwall's | Feam is scheduled to play in Pool A against Terrell at 9 a.m., Worth Pathal at 10 a.m. and Arlington Lamar at 11 a.m. Winners of A, B, and D will advance to Saturday afternoon's semifinals. The

winners of those two games could compete for the I-30 championship, or they could choose to become co-champions, because both will advance to the state tournament.

Lamar already has qualified, so three teams will be eligible for Pool A's semifinal berth.

The Rockwall B team is scheduled to play in Pool C against Richardson Berkner at 9 a.m., Plano at 10 a.m. and McKinney at 11 a.m., with those games all at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

Playing in Pool D at Rockwall-Heath High School would be Wylie East, which already has qualified; North Mesquite; Naaman Forest, and Rowlett. In the only pool playing on natural grass, at the RHS grass field, are Denison, Sherman, Midlothian and Lovejoy. A separate Pool E at Homer B. Johnson Stadium in Garland would include four teams that already have qualified - Wylie, Plano East, Hebron and Tyler Lee.

North Mesquite and Tyler Lee will be in District 12-5A with Rockwall

sai ors take 1st places in 1st half of Dallas Race Week

appetitive ailing highlighted the first half of this year's Dallas Race was second with 7, and in third place was Bayview's Chris Hunke in on Lak Ray Hubbard. even of eight fleets, two or more sailors brought their boat home

t place tring the first three races Sunday through Tuesday nights. most c sely contested was the IC 24 fleet, in which a different won eac day's race. Halfway through the competition, the three ers all we tied for the overall lead.

y Mike mes of Bayview Yacht Club, sailing "Wings" in the Aux et for bos with Performance Handicap Racing Fleet ratings of 201 ther, led fleet in each of the first three races. Jones has had similar ss in the reekly Wednesday Series' B Fleet.

ty-one buts are competing in the annual event, which ends Friday a race liginning at 7 p.m. It's part of Family Fun Night at the

ginning 6 p.m., Family Fun Night will include live music by The Noat 7 p. a performance by Full Metal Jackets, Rockwall High ol's robics team; a raffle with the top prize a 59-inch Samsung V; a bouse house, and face painting. sults for e first three races:

A Fle (PHRF less than 120) - Nigel Brown from Chandlers ang Yac and Tennis Club won Sunday's opening race in "Soap a. Rob Williams, also from Chandlers Landing won the next races Though Tuesday, they were tied for the lead with 5 points.

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Kuipers ook first place Tuesday. Malak led with 5 points. Kuipers

"Swale" with 8. Aux C Fleet (PHRF 201-plus) - After sweeping the first three races, Jones was first with 3 points. In second place was Bayview's Keelan

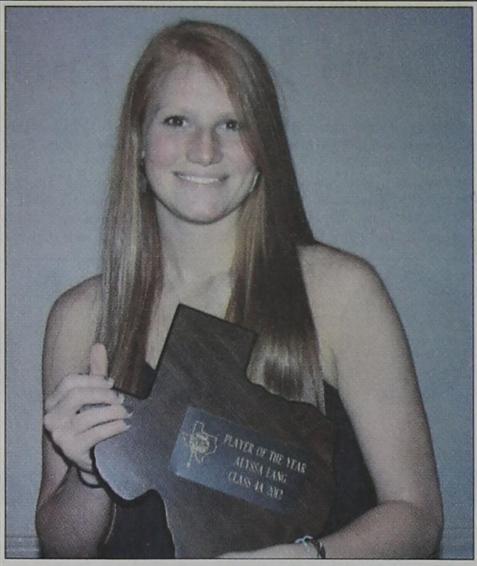
Manuel in "Joint Venture" with 9 Aux Main Jib Fleet - Mike Wilkinson of Lavon Yacht Club won Sunday in "Paragon," but Bayview's Stephan Schrenkeisen rallied to take the next two races in "The Rock." Through three races, they were tied for the lead with 5 points. David Lawson of Bayview was third in "Respite" with 8.

Melges 24 Fleet - Rush Creek's Anna Williams won Sunday and Monday in "Surfin Bird," with Ryan Glaze, also from Rush Creek, taking Tuesday's race in "Gringo." Williams had a slight lead over Glaze, 4 points to 5, for the overall lead. In third place in "Rocket Science" were Mano Judd and David Hoye from Rush Creek with 9 points.

IC 24 Fleet - Three Rush Creek sailors traded wins, and were tied for first place with 6 points each. On Sunday, Roy Heath placed first in "Eve CU." Monday's winner was Larry Seals in "Ragtime." It was Tom

Bieger's turn to win Tuesday in "Reflection." A Kite Fleet - Tom Tatum from Rush Creek sailed "Maiden China" home first in the first two races. Robert Cummings from CSC won Tuesday's race in "Wabbit." Tatum led the overall standings with 6 points, followed by David Wesley of Rush Creek in "Green Flash" with 8 and Cummings with 9.

Aux Main Jib 2.0 Fleet - "Radical," skippered by Larry Kousal from Lavon, won Sunday and Monday. On Tuesday, Rush Creek's David McDonald took first place in "Lively." Kousal was first overall with 4 points. In second place was David Christensen from Rush Creek in "No Filler" with 9. McDonald was third with 10 points.



Alyssa Lang is honored as Player of the Year by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Photo courtesy of Neal Lang/Rockall County News

7-on-7 league visits **Rockwall-Heath Monday**

Rockwall-Heath is scheduled to host its 7-on-7 football league Monday. Mesquite Poteet, Lake Highlands and Mesquite Horn will visit RHHS. This fall, Horn will be a District 12-5A opponent for Rockwall-Heath.

The teams seem evenly matched. On June 11, the first night of the season, each team won and lost at least one game. Rockwall-Heath defeated Poteet and Horn that night, and lost to Lake Highlands, with each game decided by six or fewer

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Highsteppers to host youth dance camp in ,

Girls in K-6 grade are invited to sign up for the Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers and Starsteppers Mini Summer Camp that runs July 16-19 at the Rockwall-Heath High School gym.

Check-in will be at 8:45 a.m. with camp running each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$75 and in addition to dance instruction with the award winning RHHS drill teams, campers will receive a T-shirt and information regarding sitting with a Highstepper at a Hawks varsity home football game and being part of the Victory Line before the game.

Reservations must be received by July 2 to guarantee a dance camp shirt.

Participants will be divided into age groups where they will learn excerpts of drill team 1 technique and traditions and have fun with the Highsteppers and Starsteppers.

Campers should bring a sack lunch, spill-proof drink and a water bottle each day. Students should bring a sack lunch, spill-proof drink and a water bottle each day. that is conducive to dance.

There will be a showoff time to perform for parents on the last day of Mini Camp. For more information, contact Jennifer Sands, Booster Club youth liaison, at 972-971-6615 or s com with the subject line: Highsteppers Mini Camp.

Local HAM radio operators to join national eff

Members of the Amateur Radio Operations (HAMs) from Rockwall County plan to join in a national deployment and public demonstration of emergency communications set for June 23-24 at the McLendon-Chisholm Fire Station No. 2, 10685 W. FM 548 in Rockwall.

Thousands of ham radio operations from throughout the U.S. are expected to participate in showcasing their

emergencies, including wildfires, winter storms, tornadoes and other events. During Hurricane Katrina, amateur

emergency communications capabilities during the weekend-long event. In recent months, the news has been ripe with reports of ham operators providing critical communications during radio operators were often the only ones who could communicate, saving lives and property. During the weekend event, the public will have the chance to meet and talk with ham radio ope

themselves what amateur radio service is about -- digital and satellite capabilities, voice commun historical Morse code - in public demonstrations. The annual event, called Field Day, will serve the weeklong Amateur Radio Week sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for amateur

More than 35,000 amateur radio operators across the U.S. participated in last year's event.

Opinions

What are citizens to do when government ignores the rule of l

by Wesley W. Burnett

Last week we published the response from the Rockwall County District Attorney's office to questions we raised about the procedures related to the recent election code violations at the Heath voting location. We asked this question in a May 22 letter to the district attorney:

"DOES THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAVE JURISDICTION TO FILE RELATED COMPLAINTS WITH THE DISTRICT COURT AND INSURE THE GRAND JURY IS INFORMED OF THE SAME COMPLAINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLES 2.03, 2.04 AND 2.05?"

Here's the response from the district attorney's office:

"The D.A.'s Office has jurisdiction to represent the State in both District and County Courts as well as to appear before the Grand Jury to inform them of offenses liable to indictment. However, courts have rejected the notion that articles 2.04 and 2.05 impose a duty on the District Attorney to file a case in the absence of probable cause or sufficient evidence. Taylor v. Gately, 870 S.W.2d 204 (Tex.App.-Waco 1994, dis'm w.o.j.) To the contrary, courts in this State, the Supreme Court of the United States and the Texas Attorney General's Office generally agree that "so long as a prosecutor has probable cause to believe that the accused committed an offense defined by statute, the decision whether or not to prosecute, and what charge to file or bring before a grand jury, generally rests in his discretion." Bordenkircher v. Hayes, 434 U.S. 357, 364, 98 S.Ct. 663, 54 L.Ed.2d 604 (1978); Roise v. State, 7 S.W.3d 225 (Tex.App.-Austin 1999, pet. ref'd); Taylor v. Gately, 870 S.W.2d 204 (Tex.App.-Waco 1994, dis'm w.o.j.); Tex.Atty.Gen.Op. GA-207 (2004). In addition, the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct direct a prosecutor to "refrain from prosecuting or threatening to prosecute a charge that the prosecutor knows is not supported by probable cause." V.T.C.A., Govt. Code T. 2, Subt. G App. A, art. 10, §9, Rule 3.09(a)."

We agree that there must be probable cause, and since District Attorney Kenda Culpepper cites the case law above, she must believe there was no probable cause in the complaint that Heath city officials were in the voting location during May 12, 2012 municipal election.

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New fund raising project for Throw Away Ponies

A new fundraiser for Throw Away Ponies (TaPs) has been established that's so easy. If everyone we know (heck, if just the people on our Facebook) signs up to give \$1 a day, we'll have all our feed money, some extra hay money and maybe even some left over for the vet. Please look for us on razoo.com and donate the price of an iced tea to TaPs.

I know a lot of you already give, so please just pass this on to others who want to help the horses. It can be set up as an automatic payment too. What could be easier?

Karen Bander, RN

214-202-1390 throwawayponies.org

Why has Congress taken so long to act?

Finally, in the Democratic Party Platform at the Texas State Convention in Houston on June 10, there is a provision calling for the de-criminalization of marijuana (or pot as some called it).

Tobacco is legal and taxed; alcohol is legal and taxed. Those drugs kill people. Name one person who has died from marijuana.

At the correspondence dinner in Washington, D.C., last month, the President asked, "How many of you have never smoked pot?" As the TV camera swept the room quickly, about five people out of 1,500 raised their hands.

No, I have never tried it, but it relieved the agony of my dying children and that of many cancer patients. At the Stanford University Clinic in California, it gives relief to those suffering from meningitis and other diseases. Pot works better that habit-forming pain pills.

The legalization would end the drug war and save millions of dollars. It would stop the jailing of young people. It would probably go a long way to balancing the federal budget.

Decriminalizing marijuana. Tax it. End this hypocrisy.

Dr. Barbara Montgomery, Rockwall

Questions about voting procedures in Heath

In response to the newspaper article, (6/15/12) my husband and I went to vote on June 12 morning around 7:15 a.m. I have lived in Heath 31 years and have never seen such disorganization when voting. The man ahead of us was given the wrong ballot. The woman checking my husband in seemed more interested in chitchatting with the other workers than checking him in. My husband was just getting ready to ask her if he should just come back when she finally turned to him.

I did not witness council member Julie Zurek in the voting area when we were there. There were only a few voters there when we were there. Christine Braun, Heath

Quote by:

Former Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe September 6, 2011

"The good news is that we have a bunch of lawyers on this council and lawsuits are good for lawyers and good for business and someone is going to prosper from it. There are always winners and losers."

So, the central question remains: were Heath city council members Juilie Zurek (also a candiate in the election), Rich Krause and city secretary Stephanie Galinides in the voting location on the day of the election, not for the purpose of voting?

Apparently the district attorney believes that they were not, otherwise she would not have declared there was "insufficient evidence" (or probable cause) to proceed with a formal complaint required by the law.

Here's the district attorney's answer (first published in Rockwall County News (6/15/2012):

"After investigation, this office is of the opinion that there is insufficient evidence to proceed with criminal prosecution of the presented allegations. As a result, no formal complaint or information was prepared by this office in accordance with articles 2.04 and 2.05."

That is why we requested specifics about the investigation itself. In earlier reports, the district attorney referred to Mrs Zurek as "exchanging pleasantries" in her visit to the voting location. That statement certainly implies that the district attorney knew that Zurek was actually in the voting room. That admission directly contradicts the district attorney's claim that there is "insufficient evidence" that a crime was committed. There is also independent, impartial, eye-witness testimony confirming the violation.

than while actually casting a vote) IS the violation. Credible testimony as of a government ruled by men, not by the rule of law.

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to the presence of Zurek, Krause, and Galinides at the voting location during voting hours IS THE EVIDENCE of the violation. We cannot understand what the DA is thinking about when she claims she has insufficient evidence, when she has reported herself that she already knows the very evidence that not only indicts, but convicts primae facae, Is she somehow thinking that maybe the culpable parties were not there after all? In spite of reporting herself that they were there, "exchanging pleasantries?"

Or is she thinking that maybe "exchanging pleasantries" constitutes an excusable exception to the clear language of the law, even though no such exceptions are delineated within the code? Are these city officials themselves so contemptuous of this law that they deem it not worthy to be respected? Is the DA also so contemptuous of this law that she deems clear, irrefutable, violations not worthy of prosecution? Have they no deference to our legislature's right and wisdom to write code to be followed AS written, and not interpreted, or flat out ignored, by local officials?

The law on this matter is plain and simple: no person other than voters, election clerks and election judges, are allowed in the voting location during an election period. The violation in this case is defined as a Class C Misdemeanor It seems obvious the district attorney relies on case law

authority to overlook violations of the law by three Heath I described in last week's opinion (6-08-12), selective en law is a rejection of the rule of law, a sure step toward ana misprision of justice, and has the smell of corruption, howe as deemed by the guilty parties.

If the DA thinks it is her prerogative to decide which cle will prosecute, and which ones she will "forgive" (bless TCE OF PU mightn' she provide we the public with written guidelines violations she deems forgivable, and which ones she deems that we the public can adjust our expectations of law abidan way, Rocky No wonder thousands of registered voters don't bothe -- arty to sati

knows what other violations of election procedures are same attitude? There's "insufficient evidence" to pay any complaint. The security and integrity of elections is definite What are law abiding citizens to do when the rule of law

elected and appointed government officials?

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Some Telling Rockwall County Indicate by Jerry Hogan

Economics in the United States continue to be an item of prime interest. In fact, economics throughout the world is an area of prime interest. No longer do we live in a world where isolationism prevails and "What happens in Europe stays in Europe." The recent events in Greece, which have caused financial markets in the rest of the world to tumble, clearly demonstrate how not only countries, but continents are linked together.

Mirror this international dependence with our gradually declining fiscal strength here in the U.S., as witnessed by our national debt rapidly approaching \$16 trillion, and you quickly see why businesses, governments and individuals are so concerned about economic indicators and economic strength. Let's examine what Rockwall County Texas looked like at the end

First our unemployment. At the end of March, we had 40,492 people in our civilian labor force. A total of 37,928 were employed. Our unemployment rate was 6.5 percent, down from 7.8 percent a year ago and down from the previous month by 0.2 percent. This rate of 6.5 percent compares to 7.4 percent in Dallas County, 6.4 percent in Collin County, 7.5 percent in both Hunt and Kaufman counties and 6.9 percent in Tarrant County. In the state of Texas, the rate was 7 percent and in the U.S. it was 8.4 percent. We are doing well in this area... if you have a job. Remember, we have 2,564 citizens of this county who are unemployed.

How about demographics of our people. In the fall of 2010, 79.1 percent of our citizens were white, 6.1 percent were black, 2.4 percent were Asian and about 12 percent were from other races. About 17.4 percent of our citizens are Hispanic, which is up 12 percent in the last 20 years. The median household income at the end of 2010 was \$78,917, with the average being \$101,463. Our per capita income was \$28,415. 89.8 percent of our households had income exceeding \$25,000 per year. But 4.7 percent had an income level less than \$15,000

A total of 6.1 percent of our citizens were 65 or older; 31.4 percent were 19 or younger. A total of 34.2 percent of our citizens had at least a four-year college degree and an additional 7.3 percent had an associate's degree. Of those people 15 years or older, 67 percent were married. Of the 27,067 total housing units at the end of 2010, 78.3 percent were owned by citizens, 15.8 percent were rented and 6 percent were vacant.

So what does this all mean?

It means we live in a county that is economically viable. generally, are well educated, the majority are white, are emplo; which exceeded the rest of Texas and the U.S., live in a home own or are buying, their income surpasses most other areas in the nation and they demand more in terms of the quality of life LOE less fortunate.

But what does it mean to your local city and county government Our population is shifting. In 1990, 5.9 percent of the county was Hispanic. Today it is 17.4 percent. In 1990, 93.7 percent of the was white. Today it is 79.1 percent. In 1990 our total county por 10000 SIGN 26,000. At the end of 2010 it was 78,337 and projected to conti rapidly to eventually top out at around 250,000. We can expect the CDL reo change in demographics going forward that we have seen for years, not only in population. but also in makeup of the population

Transportation means into Rockwall County are getting better Reuble ho have two major highways crossing Lake Ray Hubbard. But we tank our experience Dart Rail station opening up in Rowlett the end of this year. seen the George Bush extension open making it a 30-minute North Dallas to Rockwall.

As the population grows, so grows the demand and access for trail schooling, shopping and restaurant facilities, services, health care and entertainment facilities and housing. But all of the focu areas cannot be strictly for the 90 percent of the population will exceeds \$25,000 per year. The lower end of the economic spe needs to be addressed. Ethnic considerations will have an impact the redistricting the State of Texas just went through because

The wise local governments are managing the day-to-day del hopefully they are also looking to what they want their communi the year 2020 and 2030 as all of these changes happen. If you are of the curve, you will never catch up.

*Data for this article came from the 2011 Annual Demograph Rockwall County, Texas produced by the North Central Texas Solutions and from Economic Indicators, April, 2012, North Co. Workforce Solutions.

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Baldwin ... before and after

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It has been 42 days since Baldwin joined our rescue. As many of you know, he arrived with almost no hair at all due to having sarcoptic mange. In addition, he was under weight and just a very pathetic creature to look at. Here is an update as of June 3, 2012. Baldwin has completed the treatment for his mange and his fur is starting to grow back in. He has put on 10 lbs, been given his shots, neutered, micro chipped, and started on heart worm prevention. He is still just as happy and go lucky, as when his ordeal first started.

If interested in meeting or possibly adopting Baldwin, please call 469-698-8898 for more information. Other animals available for adoption can be found at

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