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Sheriff's department takes possession of MRAP

Rockwall County Sheriff's Department has taken possession of a Mine Resistant and Protected, or MRAP, which is a 39,000-pound vehicle used typically in chemical warfare situations.

Sheriff Harold Eavenson and the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department, the vehicle strictly will be used for the safety of Rockwall County citizens and also for the protection of Rockwall County.

The vehicle will only be used as a last resort for emergency situations, Eavenson said. "I want to make this emergency vehicle available to the Rockwall County community."

Rockwall County Commissioners voted unanimously in August to purchase the MRAP. The initial offer of owning the vehicle came from the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department received from the federal government, included on a broad venue of items to purchase from the military, from food supplies to weapon supplies.

Rockwall County did not spend one penny on the massive emergency vehicle, the MRAP vehicle was worth \$689,000 when purchased by the U.S. Department of Defense. The military transferred the MRAP, so it was given to Rockwall County Sheriff's Department upon its request.

The vehicle was driven from Fort Carson, Colo., by Rockwall sheriff's deputies, getting five miles to the gallon of diesel gas. Reaching a top speed of 65 mph, it took approximately 14 hours to get the vehicle back to Rockwall County.

The requirement of driving this massive emergency vehicle is a MRAP which requires special training to operate the vehicle.

The vehicle has many purposes for the battlefield, but what use does it have locally? There are multiple uses for this vehicle, such as any emergency situation where our police force needs to arrive quickly, according to Eavenson. The MRAP will be used in situations that require an emergency rescue calls. The vehicle also will help law enforcement personnel get into heavily armed areas without risking the lives of police officers. Although these situations rarely occur, Rockwall County will be prepared if ever it is faced with this sort of situation.

The MRAP was delivered to Rockwall County, it was stripped of all mounted gun turret on the top of the vehicle.

Rockwall County's MRAP is accessible to any law enforcement agency that has an incident for which they need the vehicle. Rockwall County sheriff's deputies who have acquired their MRAP licenses to the vehicle will transport the vehicle to any location in the area where law enforcement agencies are located.

Rockwall County MRAP will be housed at the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department.



The 39,000 pound Mine Resistant and Protected (MRAP) military grade vehicle is commandeered through the recent 2014 Rockwall Independence Day parade. The Rockwall County Sheriff's office took possession of the heavily armored vehicle for use by all local law enforcement departments. The U.S. federal government's massive gift will help build up the local civilian security force with various uses such as supporting barricades, extreme emergency rescue calls, and entrance to heavily armed areas without risking the lives of police officers.

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Royse City service station/convenience store burns down, cause of fire unknown

by Millie Jean Coppedge
Exxon Service Station/Convenience Store A Total Loss

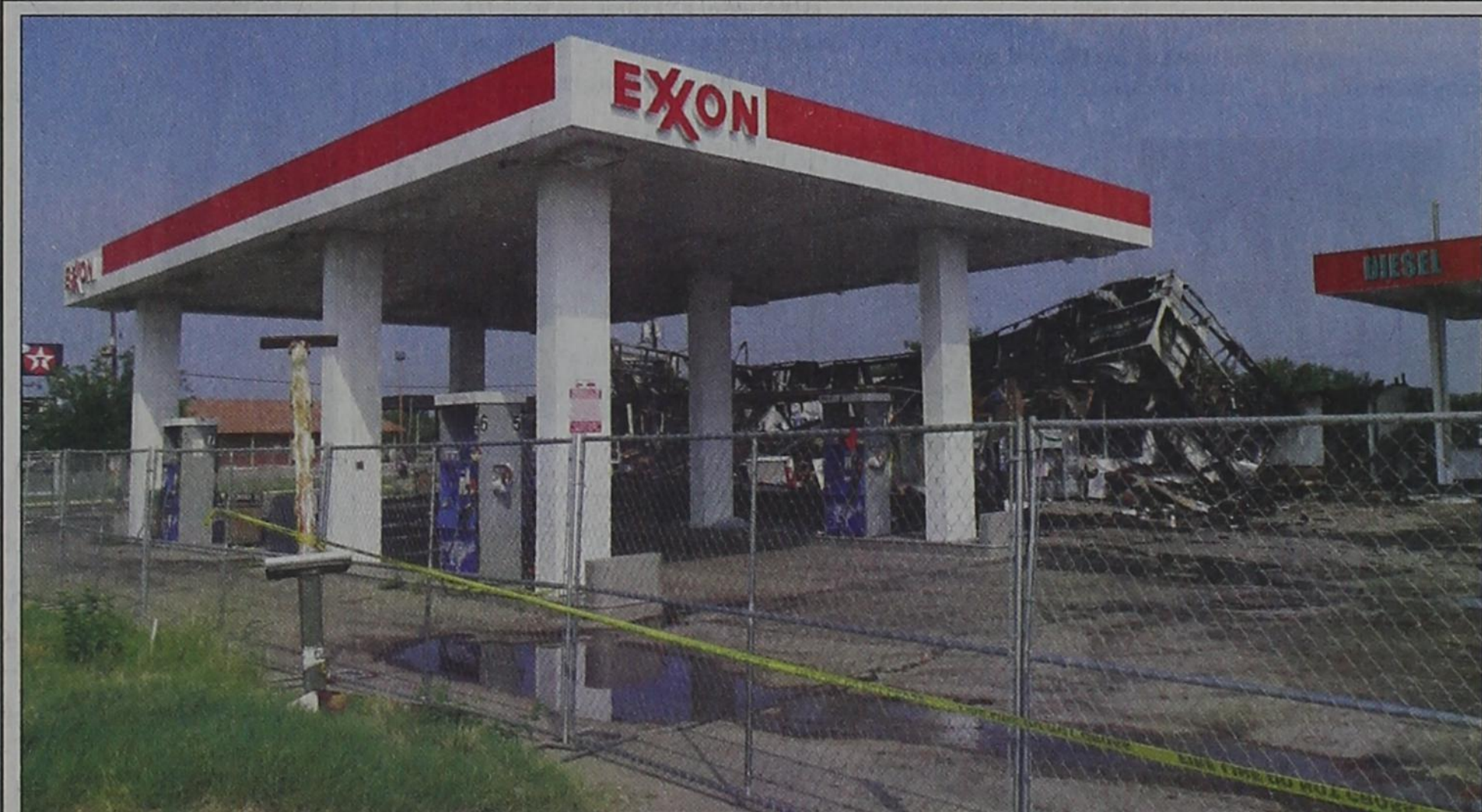
by Millie Jean Coppedge
The Exxon Service Station/Convenience Store located at I-30 near the westbound exit to FM 35 in Royse City burned at 1:00 a.m. Monday morning, July 21.

According to Royse City Fire Chief Ricky Bell, the cause of the fire is still not known at this time. He said an investigation could not be done

because the building is structurally unsound. Until the metal roofing is removed, they cannot go into the debris to begin the investigation.

The business owner is Mohammad Shohaib and the property owner is Mohammad Fahim. The building was a complete loss.

Store employees were in the building when they noticed smoke coming from the ceiling. Royse City Police and Fire Department, as well as Fate Department of Public Safety and McLendon-Chisholm Fire Department responded to the fire call.



The Exxon Service Station/Convenience Store was reduced to a total loss, Monday July 21, 2014, after a fire destroyed the convenience store building. The building is owned by Mohammad Shohaib.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Annexations still underway in Fate

by Millie Jean Coppedge
Majority of the business for the Fate City Council special called July 21 was the third and final process for the annexations of properties into the Fate City limits. Several citizens spoke before the council for consideration that their property not be annexed into Fate City, each with a slightly different reason but each with the same goal.

David Roman, who owns seven acres, told the council that he wanted the land because he wanted farm animals and if his property was annexed into the city he no longer could have his animals.

Christina Buis pleaded with the council not to annex her property. She is disabled, single parent and could not afford to pay both property taxes and city taxes.

She said, "I will vote me in and there is nothing I can do about it. I have 14 acres on Prince Lane," she said. "I will be able to pay city taxes for services that I can't/won't use. You are trying to take the 190 acres that you want for the city's development."

She continued to plead for her situation, obviously shaken, knowing the council would be about to vote for the third and final time to annex her property.

"I appreciate your comments," Mayor Loren Megyesi said.

Councilman Cameron Cowan spoke to Buis, explaining to her that the decision was made while the former mayor and council were in office. He said he was the only member from the old council currently on the council and assured her that much time, evaluation and consideration went into the selection of properties to be annexed. He apologized for the long process she was going through, but that it was a decision that had to be made.

Buis again pleaded for consideration from Cowan for the vote that would be made.

At the final vote, William Sezik and his brother also requested the council to annex 100 acres of land on the south side of I-30 between Fate and Royse City. The council voted, each of the eight properties was annexed by a unanimous vote.

The city council went into executive session to "receive legal advice regarding annexations." No action was taken by the council following the executive session.

The next regular Fate City Council meeting will be Monday, July 21, at the Fate Community Center. On the agenda will be the first of three meetings for the annexation of 29 more properties to be annexed into the Fate City limits.

At the July 14 meeting, the city secretary and city clerk were present at the July 14 meeting.

Disclaimer: The Rockwall County News finds no record that the Fate City Council published the required legal notices in accordance with Government Code Section 2048 (c)(1), toward meeting all required legal notices for annexation actions.



The Rockwall Farmers Market was one of the top shopping spots, Saturday July 19, after two days of rain and refreshing cooler temperatures.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

Free VIN etching available today
Free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, July 24, at the Home Depot located at 765 E I-30 in Rockwall. The service is being provided by the Rockwall Police Department and the North Texas Auto Theft Task Force.

CASA info sessions scheduled
Information sessions about CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. July 29 in the CASARockwall Office, 108 Kenway, Rockwall, and at 6:30 p.m. July 31 at the First



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London, Rowe wed in double-ring ceremony

Lauren Ashley London of Dallas and Brian David Rowe of Richardson were united in marriage at 6:30 p.m. June 20, 2014, at The Old Red Court House in Dallas.

Jerry Reynolds, the bride's uncle, officiated the double-ring ceremony, assisted by Dr. Adam Wright, the bride's cousin.

The bride is the daughter of Boyd and Karon London of Heath. The groom is the son of Steve and Donna Rowe of Russellville, Ark.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a demir stretch satin gown. The ruching of the fabric accented the modern silhouette of the dress, which featured a strapless sweetheart neckline that flowed into a Swarovski crystal band that sat just above the natural waistline. A chapel-length balloon train gave the dress a touch of elegance and whimsy. The finishing detail on the gown was a unique corset-style back. Accenting the dress was a silk illusion veil featuring crystals, pearls and a pewter-threaded scalloped edge.

The bride carried a hand-tied, loose, free-formed bouquet that included white and hot pink parrot tulips, white hydrangea, bupleurum and cherry roses. The bouquet was tied in a champagne satin ribbon. She also carried a monogrammed ivory-lace handkerchief given to her as a baby bonnet.

Bridal attendants were Lindsay London of Dallas, the bride's sister, Leilani Dodgen of Garland and Nicole Everett of Roysse City. Abigail

Wright of Richardson, the bride's cousin, served as flower girl.

The groom's attendants were Chad Hammerli of Broomfield, Colo., Keith Dodgen of Garland and Jeremy North of Forney. Cameron Van Wie of Russellville, the groom's nephew, was ring bearer.

Ushers were Kevin Andrew of Austin, Eliot Landrum of Dallas, Tres London, the bride's brother, of Dallas, Adam Simpkins of Dallas and Nathan Van Wie, the groom's brother-in-law, of Russellville.

The groom's sister, Jennifer Van Wie of Russellville, provided flute music for the ceremony.

A reception followed the ceremony in The Old Red Court House.

Members of the house party included Ashley Brodie of Hewitt, Ashley Downing of Lewisville, Kaylee Giebel, the bride's cousin, of Flower Mound, Jennifer London, the bride's sister-in-law, of Dallas, Jeni Rhodes of McKinney and Candice Wright, the bride's cousin, of Richardson.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Times Ten Cellars in Dallas.

The bride, a 2001 graduate of Rockwall High School, graduated from Texas A&M University in 2005. She is employed as the national director of victim services for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

The groom graduated from Arkansas School for Mathematics & Science in Hot Springs, Ark., in 2001 and Baylor University in 2005. He is employed in senior security engineering at Dell, Inc.

Following a wedding trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, the couple is now at home in Richardson.



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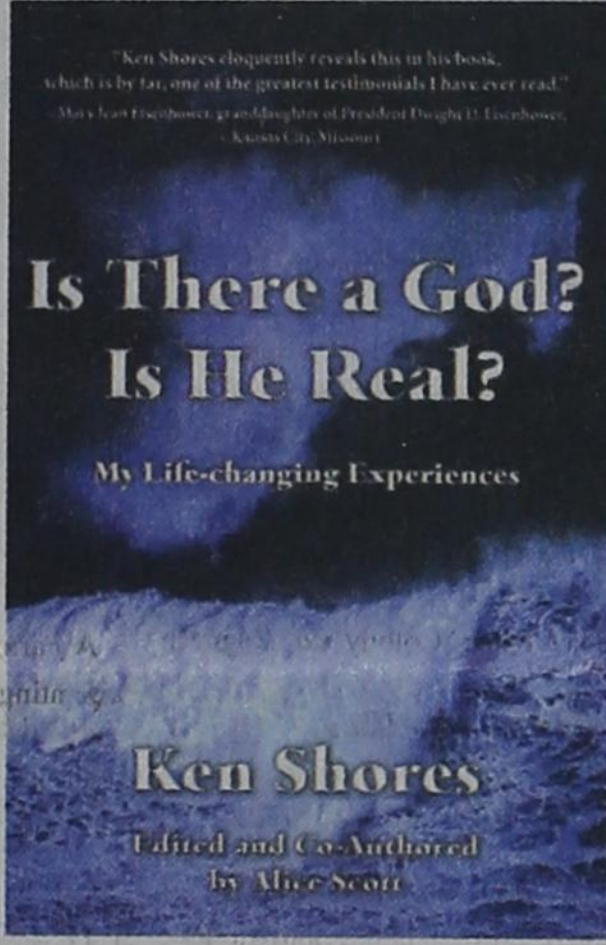
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University Scholastics

Cotsakis named to Dean's Honor Roll

Kathryn Cotsakis of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List in recognition of her scholarship in the 2013-2014 academic year at the University of Northern Colorado.

To achieve such honors, a student must have a 3.50 to 3.74 average, according to a university news release.

Speede named to Dean's List

Michelle Angela Speede of Rockwall was named to the semester Dean's List at Radford University in Radford, Va., according to a university news release.

Speede is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Speede. She is a marketing major.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have taken credit hours and have a grade point average of 3.4 or above and a grade below a C.

Persons earns Miami degree

Hillary Persons of Rockwall was among students from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, who received degrees during spring commencement exercises May 17.

St. John receives psychology degree

Stephanie St. John of Roysse City graduated from Upper Iowa University in May, according to a university news release.

St. John received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

Hall enrolled at SOSU orientation

Tyler James Hall of Rockwall is among the 813 high school seniors enrolled for the 2014 fall semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University's New Student Orientation program on the Weatherford campus, according to a university news release.

Classes begin Aug. 20 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.



Hunter Griffith (right) of Lavon, enjoys play-time in the rain, Thursday July 17, 2014, at The Harbor. Watching at back is Hunter's cousin Brittany Williams.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Will Clark

Will Clark received his master's degree from New York University in May, with honors in cinema and comparative literature. He will continue to NYU as a doctoral student the fall. A 2008 graduate of Rockwall High, he earned his undergraduate degree with honors, from NYU.

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Timmy Clark

Timmy Clark graduated with honors from the University of Texas in May, with a bachelor's degree in religious studies. He was a member of the University of Texas Marching Band and the Phi Mu Alpha fraternity. He also was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Church. Clark will be a medical assistant at Perkins School of Theology in fall on a full scholarship. He is a 2010 graduate of Rockwall High School, where he was salutatorian of his class.

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Mercier DeCuir (left) with her daughter Shannon DeCuir

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PCCS offices to reopen Aug. 4

The Poetry Community Christian School is on summer break until Aug. 25; however, the school's offices will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays before officially opening for the next school term on Aug. 4. Emails pertaining to urgent matters should be directed to the school's administrator at poetry@airmail.net with a cc: to the assistant administrator at jbroshous@earthlink.net.

Stingerettes to offer dance clinic

The RHS Stingerettes will offer a summer dance clinic at Utley Middle School Aug. 5-8 for girls entering grades K-6. The clinic will teach dance techniques and a routine to be performed on the last day of class. Campers will play games, enjoy craft projects and share snacks. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and a photo with a Stingerette; they also will be invited to join the Stingerettes in the pre-game spirit line at the first RHS home game. Registration prior to July 21 will cost \$90; after that date the cost will be \$100. A show-off performance for parents is set for noon Aug. 8. For more details contact Beth Eidson at beth.eidson@rockwallisd.org.

Water solutions conference planned

The Rockwall County Extension Leadership Advisory Board, along with the Rockwall County Extension Master Gardeners, will host Save Your Landscape for Better Days - A Conference on Water Solutions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 9 at Liberty Hall in the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Businesses interested in co-sponsoring the event are encouraged to contact the Extension Office at 972-204-7660; by helping to sponsor the event, businesses will receive a space to showcase their business. The conference will offer solutions to homeowners on water management and care strategies for their landscapes under water restrictions.

Master's Quartet to perform at church

The Masters Quartet from Midlothian will sing traditional gospel music at the annual Old-fashioned Chautauqua program, sponsored by the Sailsetters 55 and better group, at 4 p.m. Aug. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. The Masters have been together since 1997 and are locally popular with live and radio audiences. The public is invited; complimentary childcare will be provided with reservations (972-771-5500). A free-will offering will be taken. A cookies-and-punch reception will follow.

Rockwall Women's League to host Meet & Greet

The Rockwall Women's League will host a Meet & Greet at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13, providing a fun-filled atmosphere for prospective members to learn more about the organization. Membership is open to all women of all ages and diverse interests who live or work within Rockwall County and have a common goal to serve. Since its 1973 inception, RWL has raised more than \$2.5 million; its primary fundraiser is its annual charity ball. Monthly meetings take place September through May. The social event will be conducted in the home of Cindy Bledsoe, 1712 Bison Meadows, Heath. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Janet Bowyer at 214-770-1063 or visit the RWL's Facebook page.

Women of Influence Tea set Aug. 16

The Rockwall County Republican Women will host their annual Women of Influence Tea Aug. 16 in Roysse City. State Rep. Cindy Burkett will be guest speaker. A special tribute to Congressman Ralph Hall is planned. Doors will open at 10 a.m.; seating will be limited. Tickets cost \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Jerry Fisher at jlf_fisher@hotmail.com or Pam Benedetto at pamelabenedetto2@gmail.com.

Boys, Girls Club sign-ups underway

Sign-ups for the 2014-2015 year of the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County are underway. Transportation from Heath now is available. For more details, email clubblue@bgcrockwall.com, visit the club's website at bgcrockwall.com or call 972-722-2462.

Farmers Market open each Saturday

A Farmers Market hosted by the Friends of Downtown Rockwall is operating from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through Sept. 27 on the north side of the courthouse square on Kaufman Street. A wide variety of foods will be offered, including fruits, vegetables, honey, seafood and grass-fed beef.

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Rockwall Office, 108 Kenway, Rockwall, and at 6:30 p.m. July 31 at the First Presbyterian Church, 12433 FM 1641, Forney. CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to help find the best possible outcome for abused and/or neglected children in foster care. Volunteers complete review case records, prepare court reports, make recommendations and advocate in court, and undergo training. Volunteers from all cultures, professions and educational backgrounds are needed. For more details call 972-772-5858 or email vickie@lonestarcasa.org.

Pumpkin Patch pickles, peppers available by order

Families who have enjoyed the Pumpkin Patch pickles and jalapeño peppers still can have access to them through a fundraiser being conducted by the Friends of the Rockwall County Library. A pint jar of pickles costs \$7; jalapeños cost \$6 for a half-pint (case of 12 pints of pickles, \$84, peppers by the case, \$72). Orders must be received by Aug. 1; contact Carolyn Duckworth at 972-772-0752 or carolyn_smu67@sbglobal.net. Items must be picked up at the library between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sept. 9 or Oct. 14 at the FOL meetings or on dates by special arrangement; no deliveries.

Democratic Men's Group to meet Aug. 2

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon at noon Aug. 2 at La Cocina del Tio Mon's Taqueria, 105 Kenway Rd., near downtown Rockwall. The group meets the first Saturday of each month to discuss local, state and national current events and politics. This meeting will focus on the humanitarian crisis at the state's southern border. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are invited to attend.

School supply drive underway

Rockwall County Helping Hands and its Community Circle has set a goal to raise money and gather school supplies to help more than 1,200 students in Rockwall and Roysse City schools. To participate, make a donation to rockwallhelpinghands.com or purchase supplies and donate them to Helping Hands. Distribution date is set for Aug. 2.

Student, adult volunteers needed for STAR performances

Student and adult volunteers are needed from 8:45 a.m. to noon Aug. 4-8, 11-15 to assist Down Syndrome and autistic adult actors with lines, cues and choreography during rehearsals for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." STAR (Special Theatre at Rockwall) shows are scheduled for Aug. 16-17 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. For details, email marythacker@sbglobal.net or call 214-668-5090. Student volunteers will receive community service hours.

Area News Briefs

Barbecue dinner to aid heart transplant patient

A barbecue dinner, which will run from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. July 27 at the Wildwood Baptist Church, 531 S. Walker St., in Mesquite, will benefit 49-year-old Ben Disher, who suffers from viral cardiomyopathy and needs a heart transplant. Disher lives in Ponchatoula, La., but his sister, Jennifer Disher Short, is coordinating the dinner in her hometown. Plates will cost \$8 for adults, \$6 for children. For more details, contact Short at 254-640-0800.

Run For Freedom set at Flower Mound

Runners from throughout North Texas will gather at Flower Mound Sept. 20 to compete in the third annual Run For Freedom, which will benefit the nonprofit YouCanFree.US, an international human rights organization dedicated to eradicating human trafficking. The 5k race will be paired this year with a 1k Super Hero Fun Run, inviting participants to race costumed as their favorite super hero. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Flower Mound High School, 3411 Peters Colony Rd. Register online at youcanfree.us/race.php.

Disco Ball to raise funds for Love for Kids

Love for Kids, which serves chronically ill and special-needs children and disadvantaged children in Dallas and surrounding counties, will host its 2014 Disco Ball from 8 p.m. to midnight Aug. 9 at Seven for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 107, Dallas. Music will be provided by disco master Mark Anthony and the Soul Train Review. Disco-era clothing is encouraged; a costume contest featuring prizes will be conducted. Snacks and beverages will be available. Free valet parking will be provided. Cost will be \$55 per person; \$750 for reserved tables. Tickets and more information is available at loveforkidsinc.org/events/disco-ball.

B&G Club Rockwall boasts 400+ enrollment

More than 400 youths are registered participants at the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall this summer, more than quadrupling the number of youths who participated in the club's limited menu of programs two years ago.

According to a news release issued last week, the club is averaging 240 to 250 youth participants each day so far this summer.

Prior to the beginning of the summer, participants had the opportunity to select various "clubs" within the Boys & Girls Club, including science, math, reading, fitness, choir, creative design, Hilton Leadership Program, TrendSetters, swimming, Passport to Manhood, SMART Girls, Torch Club and Keystone Leadership Clubs. Programming was based on the understanding that all young people experience learning losses when they fail to engage in educational activities during the summer months.

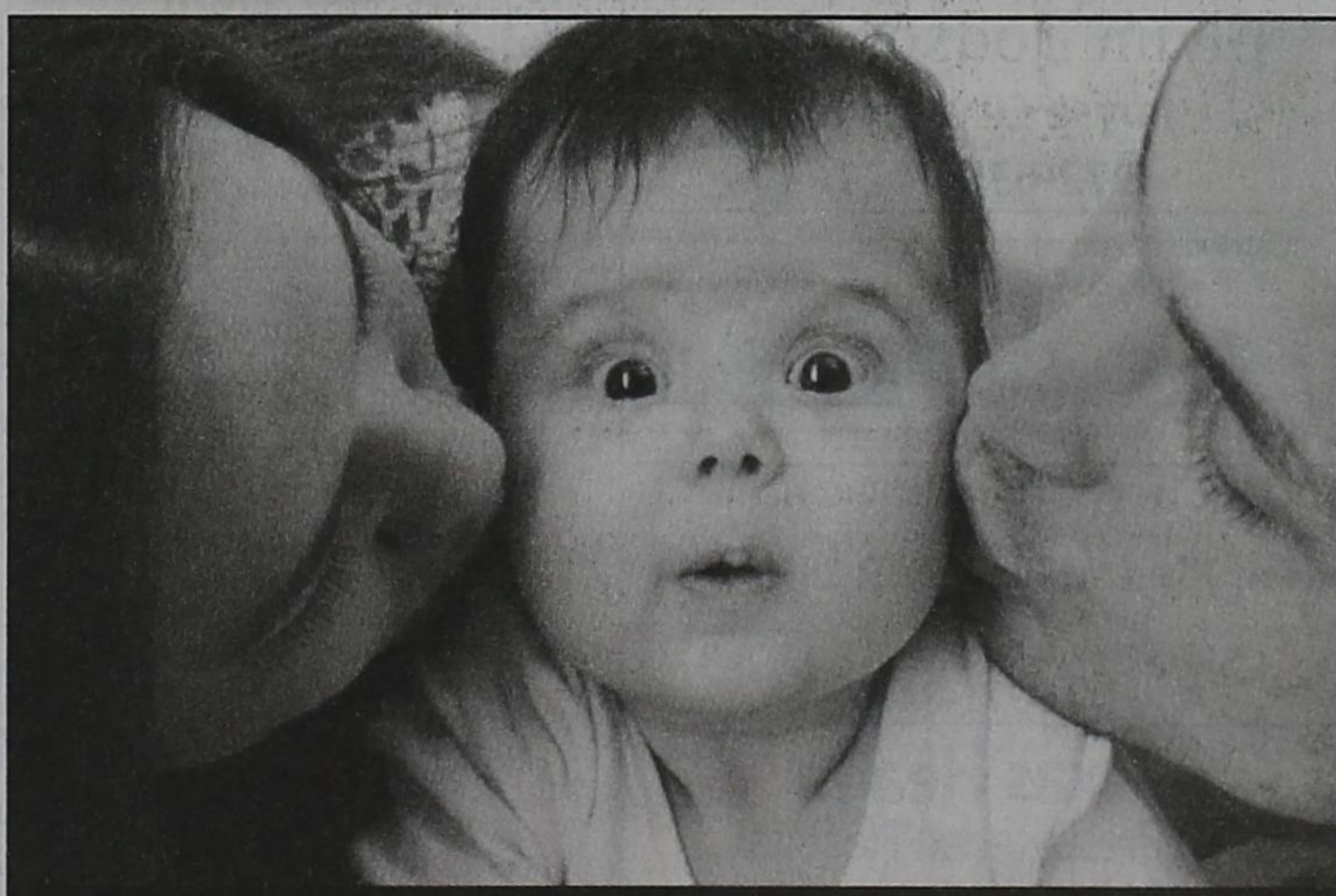
Fun, structured activities were planned to challenge and engage youths ages 6-18. Club members also are active and participate in daily fitness classes and the Rockwall Independent School District's summer food program, which provides nutritious breakfasts and lunches each day.

Price per month to participate in the Boys & Girls Club ranges from \$30 to \$55. Although some age groups are closed, space remains available for youths ages 10-18.

School year registration and school transportation requests will be accepted beginning July 14. Call 972-722-2462 or email clubblue@bgcrockwall.com.

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Ione Davis Stroble

Ione Davis Stroble, 95, will have a memorial service at a later date. Her funeral home will be in charge of the service on July 17, 2014.



Mrs. Ione Davis Stroble, 95, of Forney, Texas, died July 17, 2014. She was born March 28, 1919, in Forney, Texas, to James J. and Mary J. Davis. She had lived in Rockwall since the late 1930s. She was a woman of great energy, determination, and a devoted mother. She and her husband, James J. Stroble, built the Rockwall Nursing Home, now known as the Rockwall Center. She is survived by her daughters, Kay Clower Morgan, and her husband, Rockwell, and Sharon Clower Johnston and her husband, Jim, of Forney; her grandson, Michael F. Stroble Jr. of Houston, who lived with her for several years following her husband's death; her brother, David J. Garland; and several nieces and nephews. Her husband, one sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

New state regulation requires draining of boats, receptacles

A new regulation requiring boaters to drain all water from their boat receptacles prior to leaving or approaching a body of fresh water in Texas is now in place.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulation is designed to prevent the further spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species. According to a departmental news release, the regulation applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not: personal watercraft, kayaks/canoes or any other vessel used on public waters effective July 1.

The regulation requires the draining of live wells, bilges, motors and receptacles or water-intake systems coming into contact with water.

Boats, including personally caught live bait, cannot be transported to any body of water where the fish were caught in or aboard a vessel in any body of water where the fish were caught. Personally caught fish cannot be used in the water body where it was caught.

Boaters are allowed to transport and use commercially purchased live bait. They must have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait must be transported from a location on or adjacent to a public water body that is not a body of water from that water body only can be used as bait on any body of water.

Boaters participating in a fishing tournament confined to one water body may transport live fish in water from that single water body to an adjacent weigh-in location, but all water must be drained and disposed of before leaving that location. Anglers are required to provide documentation provided by tournament organizers that identify participants in the tournament.

Boaters may not move from one access point to another on the same lake during the day without require draining, and there is an exception for emergency activities and emergencies. Marine sanitary systems are required to be drained at these regulations.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and a coalition of partners are working to slow the spread of zebra mussels by reminding boaters to drain and dry their vessels before traveling from one lake to another. The partners in this effort include: North Texas Municipal District, Tarrant Regional Water District, City of Dallas Water Department, Trinity River Authority, San Jacinto River Authority, Sabine River Authority, Brazos River Authority, Guadalupe-Red River Authority, Lower Colorado River Authority, Upper Trinity River District, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, Granite, Water Oriented Recreation District of Comal County and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Roysse City Police Blotter July 11-17

July 11: Suspicious person, Area of Whispering Glen; Alarm, 1300 block E. Hwy 66; Alarm, 2100 block E. Hwy 66; Disturbance, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; City ordinance violation, 100 block E. I-30; Criminal mischief, Area of South Elm Street, 700 block Kim Lane

July 12: Noise disturbance, 300 block Midnight Drive; Welfare concern, 300 block West Creek Drive; Welfare concern, 100 block Westbound near the 74-mile marker; Medical assistance, 600 block Skelton Street; Accident, SR near the 74-mile marker; Accident, 100 block E. I-30 SSR; 700 block Nancy Drive

July 13: Noise disturbance, 900 block Sandy Lane; Alarm, 100 block Industrial Drive; Accident, Area of FM 35 and CR 2642; Medical assistance, 1500 block W. I-30 SSR; Medical assistance, 1000 block Pullen Street; Reckless driving, I-30 westbound near the 74-mile marker; Alarm, 1200 block FM 400 block Industrial Drive; Medical assistance, 300 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Curfew violation, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard

July 14: Suspicious person, Area of Bayberry Drive; Noise disturbance, 300 block Tripp Trail; City ordinance violation, 300 block Lane; City ordinance violation, Area of Ame Lane and Erby Campbell Boulevard; City ordinance violation, 1200 block Live Oak Boulevard; Medical assistance, 900 block W. I-30; Suspicious person, 400 block Meadows Drive; Suspicious person, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard; Curfew violation, 100 block E. I-30

July 15: Criminal mischief, Area of Redwood Street; Criminal mischief, Area of Matthew Lane; Accident, Intersection of the Texas Blazes by Drive and Hardy Drive; Alarm, 600 block Love Lane; Threat, 100 block Courtney Drive; Alarm, 1200 block Whispering Glen; Theft, 100 block Lane; Driving while license invalid arrest, 800 block at University Union Drive; Burglary of building, 6500 block W. I-30 SSR; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 westbound near the 75-mile marker; City Sheriff's Office warrants arrest, 900 block Joe Bailey

July 16: Suspicious person, 700 block Loganwood Circle; Alarm, 1000 block Peach Street; Medical assistance, 700 block Westbound near the 74-mile marker; Criminal mischief, Area of Overstreet Lane; Alarm, 100 block Circle Lane

July 17: Alarm, 400 block Highview Circle; Reckless driver, 100 block Westbound from the 83-mile marker; Alarm, 100 block W. Main Street; Criminal mischief, 200 block S. Bell Street; Alarm, 1500 block I-30 SSR; Assault, 1300 block N. Josephine Street; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 78-mile marker; Noise disturbance, 900 block Center Street; Welfare concern, 800 block Center Street; Welfare concern, 2600 block Redwood Street

Dean's Honor Roll... Rockwall was named to the Dean's Honor Roll in the 2013-2014 school year. A student must have a 3.50 or higher cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher to earn a Miami degree...

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

A study on receiving the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues, Part 2

In the Acts chapter 8 record, the word receive is translated from two different earlier known words. To "receive" the word was the Greek word dechomai which meant to mentally receive information favorably. Whereas, to "receive" the Holy Ghost was the Greek word lambano, which meant to lay hold of or seize unto it, with a sense of permanent ownership.

Please note the common chronological thread found in Acts 8, 2:38 and 2:4. All records involve two distinctly different things occurring chronologically one before the other.

As we come to Acts 19:1-7 where Paul came to Ephesus. It says he found certain disciples and said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" Paul's question perfectly fits with the chronology of Acts 2:4, 2:38 and chapter 8. Romans 10:9-10 offers more information about the role of believing. With the heart man believes that God raised Jesus from the dead unto righteousness.

Based on this information, we know that the people in Acts 2:1-4 were already believing with their hearts that God raised Jesus from

the dead. And when God poured His spirit out into the world, starting with the place they were at, all the disciples would have immediately been filled with the Holy Ghost.

Paul knew exactly what to ask the Ephesians, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" [with your hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead unto righteousness]?

Remember, according to Romans 10:9-10, believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead results in a state of righteousness. It is referred to as being filled with the holy spirit in Acts 2:4.

The Ephesians had never heard about the Holy Ghost. They only knew about John's baptism, which involved water. When they heard the truth, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. In other words, they were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Next Paul helped them receive the Holy Ghost which "came on them" when they spoke in tongues! The term "came on them" meant to permanently press downward.

Acts 2:3 mentions the vision of cloven tongues "sitting upon" each of them. The ancient word for "sitting upon" matched the word translated to "came on them." The concept of permanently pressing downward fits with the ancient Greek word lambano which meant to seize on to something, or lay hold of something with a sense of permanent ownership.

To "receive" (lambano) the Holy Ghost fits perfectly with the use of "came on them" and "sitting upon" them.

Please note that the permanent condition of pressing down and

ownership does not exist until after people receive the Holy Ghost. Therefore, the permanent condition of the Holy Ghost began to exist first after they started speaking in tongues.

After they were sealed with the promised Holy Ghost, they were set out and taught others and helped them to receive the Holy Ghost as the first disciples did.

This is exactly what Peter meant in Acts 10:1-48 and covers the details of non-Jews receiving the Holy Ghost for the first time.

Acts 10:43, "To him give all the prophets witness that his name whosoever believes in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them which heard the word." The term "fell on" came from the Greek as "came on them" and "sitting upon."

Acts 11:15 clears it up completely, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning."

Guess what the "beginning" referred to -- that's right, Acts 2:4, when they were filled with holy spirit and began to speak in tongues.

God's rightly divided word fits together perfectly..

In Acts 2:4, the disciples were already filled with holy spirit when they were believing with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead. When they started speaking in tongues, the Holy Ghost came on them, "came on them," started "sitting upon" them. When they started speaking in tongues, they received the Holy Ghost.

When they started speaking in tongues, they became the seed, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the ever-abiding word of God that gushed out of them as rivers of living water.

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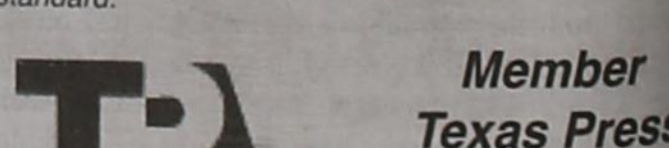
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FROM AMERICAN HISTORY Part 15

GODLY CHRISTIAN BORN JULY 4, 1776

Linking our past with today and looking at our future

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will continue to establish through history why America is a Godly Christian Nation. First we will start with a very brief history of religion leading up to the establishment of a Godly Christian Nation.

July 242 AD the original formation of the Catholic Church was established as the first Christian named religious church. England declared King Henry VIII was their ruler after being banished from the Roman Catholic Church. This was the first English clergy acknowledged the king rather than the pope as the supreme head of the Church of England. Their religion was the Reformed Protestant.

King James VI gave his translators instructions to write a new Bible. It was intended to guarantee that the new version would be the ecclesiology (origin of Christianity) and reflect the Church of England and its belief in ordained clergy. The translation was completed and written by 47 scholars, all of whom were members of the Church of England.

With most other translations of the period, the New Testament was translated from Greek; the Old Testament was translated from Hebrew and Aramaic text. This became the King James Version.

The people in churches believed that each church should be able to teach the gospel from the Bible. They were Puritans. These English Protestants who wished to reform the Church of England of what they considered to be the influence of Roman Catholicism in the 1620s. Leaders of the Puritan church grew increasingly unsympathetic to Puritanism. They insisted that the Puritans conform to religious practices established, and remove their ministers from office and banish them with "removal from the earth" if they did not fall in line.

Puritan laymen received savage punishments. For example, a man was sentenced to life imprisonment, had his property confiscated, nose slit, an ear cut off, and his forehead branded "S.S." (of sin).

In 1630, as many as 20,000 Puritans immigrated to New England to gain the liberty to worship as they chose. Pilgrims, who came to Massachusetts in 1620, believed that the Church of England was a true church, though they sought reforms. Every New England Congregational church was an independent entity, beholden to no hierarchy. The church was composed, at least initially, of men and women who had undergone a conversion experience and could prove it to their ministers. Puritan leaders hoped that, once their experiment in New England was successful, England would imitate it by instituting a church order of its own.

One of the first woman religious leaders within the United States was Anne Hutchinson, a Puritan spiritual adviser, and important participant in the Free Grace movement, which was a religious and political conflict that shook the Massachusetts Bay Colony from 1636 to 1638.

Her strong religious convictions were at odds with the established Puritan clergy in the Boston area, and her popularity and charisma helped create a theological division between people, which threatened to destroy the Puritans' religious experiment in New England.

Anne Hutchinson was a key figure in the development of religious freedom in England's American Colonies and the history of women in ministry. She challenged the authority of the ministers, exposing the subordination of women in the culture of colonial Massachusetts.

She is honored by Massachusetts with a State House monument calling her a "courageous exponent of civil liberty and religious toleration." She has been called the most famous, or infamous, English woman in colonial American history. She was eventually tried and convicted, then banished from the colony with many of her supporters.

Brief History of Jews settling in United States

A shipload of twenty-three Jewish refugees fleeing persecution in Dutch Brazil arrived in New Amsterdam (soon to become New York City) in 1654. By the next year, this small community had established religious services in the city. By 1658, Jews had arrived in Newport, Rhode Island, also seeking religious liberty.

Small numbers of Jews continued to come to the British North American colonies, settling mainly in the seaport towns. By the late 18th century, Jewish settlers had established several Synagogues.

Brief History of the Quakers settling in United States

The Religious Society of Friends formed in England in 1652 around leader George Fox. Many scholars today consider Quakers as radical Puritans because the Quakers carried to extremes many Puritan convictions.

Theologically, Theologians expanded the Puritan concept of a church of individuals regenerated by the Holy Spirit to the idea of the indwelling of the Spirit or the "Light of Christ" was in every person.

Such teaching struck many of the Quakers' contemporaries as dangerous heresy (nonconformity). Quakers were severely persecuted in England for daring to deviate so far from orthodox Christianity. By 1680, 10,000 Quakers had been imprisoned in England and 243 had died of torture and mistreatment in jail.

This reign of terror impelled Friends to seek refuge in New Jersey in the 1670s, where they soon became well entrenched. In 1681, when Quaker leader William Penn parlayed a debt owed by King Charles II to his father into a charter for the province of Pennsylvania, many more Quakers were prepared to grasp the opportunity to live in a land where they might worship freely. By 1685, as many as 8,000 Quakers had come to Pennsylvania from England, Wales, and Ireland.

Brief History of Pennsylvania Germans

During the main years of German emigration to Pennsylvania in the mid-18th century, most of the emigrants were Lutherans, Reformed, or members of small sects, including German Baptist.

Brief History of Roman Catholics in Maryland

Catholicism first came to the territories now forming the United States before the Protestant Reformation with the Spanish explorers and settlers in present-day Florida (1513), South Carolina (1566), Georgia (1568-1684), and the southwest.

Lord Baltimore was a Catholic who inherited the grant for Maryland from his father and was in charge 1630-45. In 1634, Lord Baltimore's two ships, the Ark and the Dove, with the first 200 settlers to Maryland. They included two Catholic priests. Lord Baltimore assumed that religion was a private matter.

In 1634, Maryland recorded a little less than 3,000 Catholics out of a population of 34,000 (around 9% of the population). In 1757, Pennsylvania recorded fewer than 1,400 Catholics out of a population of about 200,000. In 1785, when the newly founded United States (formerly the Thirteen Colonies) contained nearly four million people, there were fewer than 25,000 Catholics (about 0.6% of the population).

Summarization of the start of Religion in America

The sampling of examples of the settlers seeking Freedom of Religion shows how people risked everything to escape the persecution of their religious beliefs and find a place that would not take control of their lives, regardless of how they believe.

This was the beginning of America and the freedom of Religion. The major challenge in this new country was how all of these people of different religions could work together as each colony had their own rules and laws.

Also the colonies had different skills and trades, plus language barriers caused additional challenges. The native Indians also caused problems as the settlers were invading their land. Indian tribes such as the Powhatan, Pocahontas, plus others caused additional hardships. There were many Indians who died when they were exposed to diseases that were brought to their land by the settlers.

In the upcoming articles you will find the unquestionable proof that we are a GODLY CHRISTIAN NATION. The comparison between today's America and the past America has removed God from within. The lack of strong leadership by our President, and all Government officials today will become even more apparent and WE THE PEOPLE can make a difference.

United we stand, Divided we fall and actions speaks louder than words. The Publisher and I would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Make sure when you have comments or a solution on how to save this country, that you notify your government officials, your pastor, news media and others in official positions. Together we can make a difference and save America before it is too late.

One example of what is happening at Lake Pointe Satellite Church in Mesquite, Texas (website www.lakepointe/towneast). On the third Thursday of each month at 7PM for one hour of "Praying for our Nation". Pastoral Care Pastor Jerry Minx is in charge. Everyone is welcome to join in this special event.

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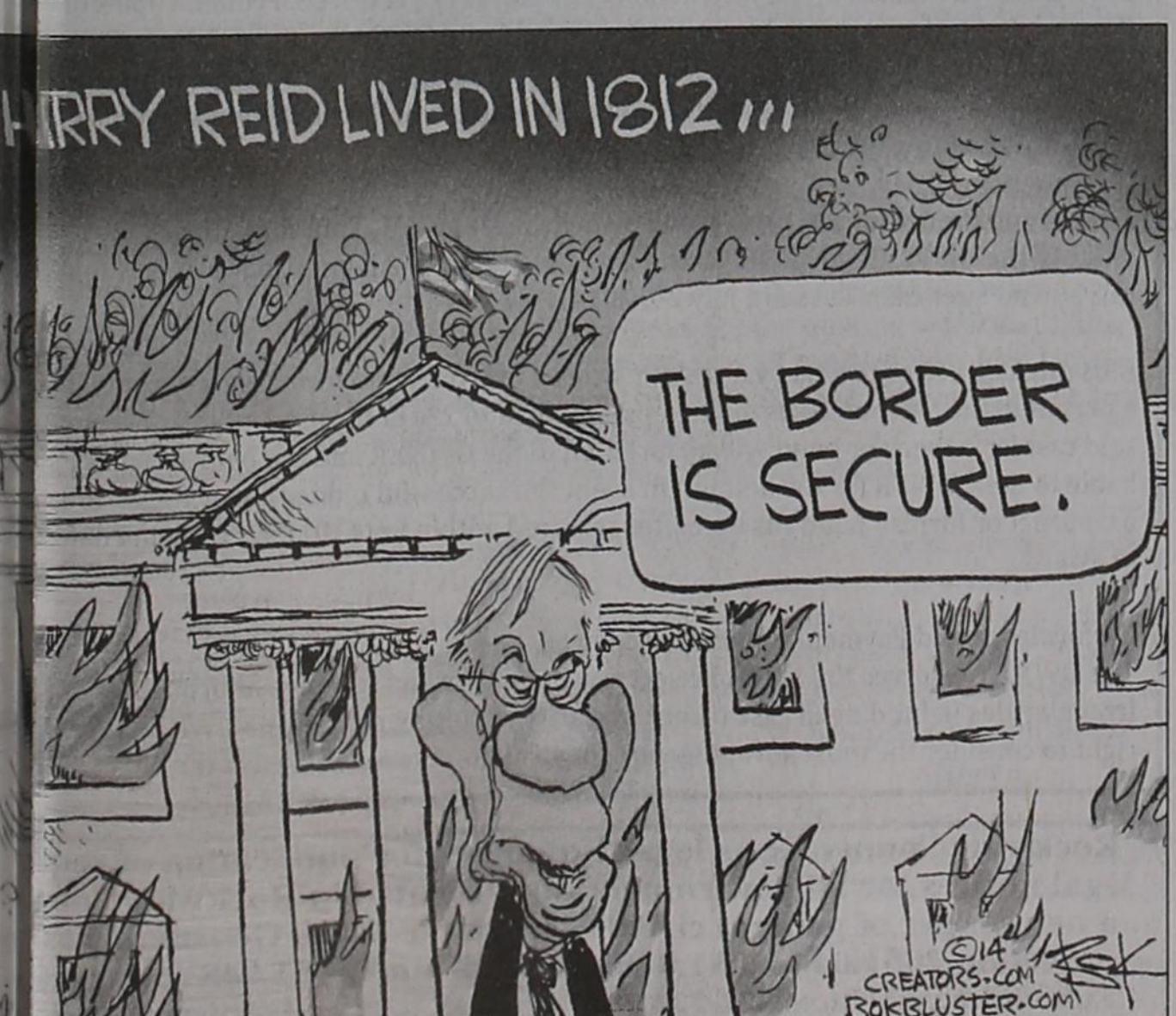
All thumbs

I am all thumbs when it comes to graceful and accurate text messaging. This could be a good thing, since thumbs are required for the task, but mine are uncoordinated and incapable of hitting the correct key – even if their nails depended on it. Happily, I've found a way to circumvent my contextual inabilities and increase the likelihood of communicating with my teenagers via the latest acronyms, which is both GR8 and FAB, if you know what I mean. The magic lies in a simple instrument called a stylus. The little pen-like doohickey comes equipped with a rubber tip that works like a finger on the touchscreen of a smartphone – with more accuracy than my thumbs could ever hope for. My stylus makes my lumbering thumbs irrelevant and turns me into somewhat of a textpert. At least it puts me in contact with my kids. I predict soon others may want a stylus or three for their very own. I say this because thumb texting comes with risks for pain, injury and other serious ailments. There's even an official condition called texting thumb, which is similar to tennis elbow but without the racket or balls. Texting thumb is a repetitive stress injury that develops over time. The muscles and anatomy of the thumb were designed for gripping and work in opposition to the rest of the hand. The fine motor skills required for texting are taxing and can result in irritation and inflammation. There's not much LOL in that.

If you haven't yet developed stylus envy but want to avoid texting thumb, the Internet suggests you consider a workout routine. For your thumb. This includes thumb massage to increase flexibility and strength training using an invention called thumbbells, which are little weights that look like dumbbells – for the thumb. The product promises to make your fattest opposable digit a lean, mean texting machine. Honestly, I couldn't make this stuff up.

I don't have any lofty ideas about speed texting or whipping my thumbs into Olympic condition. My phone may be smart, speedy and super efficient, but my thumbs never will be. I'm okay with that. Besides, I've got my own brand of cool and for now I'm satisfied to be simply styling with my stylus.

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Royse City trustees hear about The Meadows, e-cigarettes

Carl Alsabrook

Carl Alsabrook and executive director of the Community Board Larry Lott were first on the agenda for Monday, July 21, at the Royse City School Board meeting.

Alsabrook presented the board with plans for The Meadows at Royse City, a new multi-faceted development.

The development will feature recreation, retail, office, health care, a school on approximately 170 acres in the northeast part of the city. The school has already been paid for by the developers. The school will be built off FM 2642, just north of I-30. The Verandah adjacent to the planned site for The Meadows.

The development will drive growth of a mini-metropolis within Royse City and create local jobs and attract businesses into the community. The vision is that The Meadows will act as a catalyst for further development and improve the center and surrounding businesses.

The residential development will include garden apartments, duplexes, fourplexes, senior housing and loft apartments. Commercial development will include office space for professionals, real estate, medical services, banking and other businesses. The Meadows will have a specific focus on health care services, including medical offices and ambulatory surgical centers. A huge water and adventure park is one of the strong drawing points of the development.

Alsabrook said construction on the water and adventure park is set to begin in September and should be finished by next summer.

According to Alsabrook, the bridge at 2642 and I-30 will have to be torn down and a new one built in order to carry the heavy traffic brought in by The Meadows. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$23 million.

"There is a lot of annexation yet to do. A ton of stuff to do," Lott said. "The time span is a 10-year build out and if the water park goes in as is expected, it would be a five to seven year build-out."

"The hard part of this project has been keeping it quiet," Alsabrook said.

They said that water and sewer are the only infrastructure needed. The water park retains 98 percent of its water so it is water conservative and is expected to bring in 400,000 to 600,000 visitors a year. A zip line and climbing tower will allow the park to be open all year-round.

The park will generate 600 seasonal jobs. There will be a RV park and a grocery store. Board members said they were excited to hear the upcoming plans for The Meadows and especially for a new school to be built.

Also keynote on the agenda was a presentation by Misty Singleton, RN and nurse for May Vernon School, and physical education teacher Rose Antony, who shared the annual School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) report to the board. This council works to help with communication regarding the health of the students.

The majority of members on SHAC must be parents who are not employed by the district. The Royse City High School Student Council adviser, Christie Watts, also asked for volunteers for the committee.

The School Health Advisory Council is a program designed to help share the awareness of keeping young people safe and healthy. Singleton and Antony said one of their main goals this year was to educate the parents and community in nutrition.

"Fortunately, we (SHAC) are able to work alongside an administration, staff and school board who have a common goal of providing awareness through education, prevention, and safety for all our students/staff," Singleton said.

"One of the greatest problems we face," according to RCHS principal Brent Ringo, "is the electronic cigarettes or e-cig usage. Students and parents think these vapor cigarettes cause no risk or danger. Parents are even buying them for their kids, thinking they are safe. But they are not."

An e-cigarette is a battery-powered vaporizer that simulates tobacco smoking by producing an aerosol that resembles smoke. More than 50 e-cigarettes were confiscated at Royse City High School during this last school year. E-cigs are dangerous as they contain a component of antifreeze and traces of metals. The e-cigs have a sweet-flavored taste that is pleasant to the smoker, which also tends to convince the smoker the cigarettes are safe.

E-cig research has proven that they restrict the airways, diminish lung function and change the cells in one's body, according to information shared during the meeting.

The board discussed a variety of different ways to connect consequences to students caught smoking the e-cigs, such as revoking their parking privileges. No decisions were made at the meeting. Education is the first and foremost approach to letting students and parents know the dangers of e-cigs.

The Crime Stoppers Program in the schools was discussed at the board meeting. Information will be distributed to parents and the community at the Back to School Bash, the score board at football games will begin an awareness campaign, and pamphlets will be provided to all students attending health classes regarding the dangers of e-cigarettes. This is a community-wide concern and we need to be aware of its dangers and education is the first step.

In closing, Royse City school district superintendent Kevin Worthy said the Celebrate Freedom was a success.

All the school board members were present except Brian Zator, Place 6.

The next school board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, August 11, at the Ernest Epps Educational Service Center, 810 Old Greenville Road, Royse City.



Carl Alsabrook, left, city manager of Royse City, and Larry Lott, EDC director, explain to the Royse City School Board the plans for the new development called The Meadows. This multi-faceted 190-acre complex will feature retail, office, health care, housing and a school.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Anything Goes' set for RSM stage Aug. 14-17

Rockwall Summer Musicals will present its second show of the 2014 season, Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" Aug. 14-17 on the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center stage. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the final show set for 2 p.m.

"Anything Goes" is the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical that first opened in 1934. It has enjoyed a long run in the U.S. and Britain. This production will be directed and choreographed by Dallas guest director Leonard and music director Matt Medrick.



Hunter Lewis, Sally Glaze, Whitney Rosenbalm and Jason Bias, pictured above, are just a handful of the actors preparing for Rockwall Summer Musicals performances of "Anything Goes" Aug. 14-17 on the RCHS Performing Arts Center stage. All performances will be at 7:30 p.m. except for the final show, which will be a 2 p.m. matinee performance. Ticket prices range from \$13 for students to \$19 for adults; tickets for senior adults ages 65 and older cost \$16. Tickets may be purchased at rockwallsummermusicals.org or by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS.

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The installation of officers of the Order of the Eastern Star #642 took place June 21 at the Royse City Masonic Lodge in Royse City. Pictured are Worthy Matron Sherry Thomas and Worthy Patron Darrell Thomas, center back, of Royse City. Other members and officers pictured are Sally Hutcheson, Jana Thomas, Joni Thomas-Duvall, Lou Anne Elliott, Glenda Smith, Neta Cain, Reba Barrett, Bernice Sladek, Annie Cornelius, Joe Perks, Rhonda Holloway, Ben Day, Molly Cliett, Alice Anders, Reba Tally, Lucille Bell, Brandi Alexander, Chris Elliot, Barney Jones and Roxanne Garza.

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Kiwanis' focus on kids, community service

The Kiwanis Club is an international group dedicated to serving children. The Rockwall County Kiwanis Club is a small club, but it is making an impact on local children.

The club's biggest project is Food for Kids. Started more than one year ago, the program provides food for children who may miss meals on the weekends and during the summer when school is not in session and they are not able to receive a healthy meal at school.

Former president Glen Farris recognized that a need existed and started Food for Kids in March of 2013. At that time 150 supper and 50 breakfast meals were assembled and taken to the Boys & Girls Club. That month 92 meals were distributed to qualified children.

The program has expanded and now includes meals also distributed through Helping Hands. The number of meals assembled has risen from 150 to between 300 and 400. Current president Gary Cole said he feels there is a need to package even more meals, but funding is limited.

The breakfast meal includes an envelope of oatmeal, non-perishable milk, a 100 percent fruit juice drink, a fruit cup and a snack, such as peanut butter and crackers. The supper meal is the same, but the oatmeal is replaced by an entrée such as macaroni and cheese or Beefaroni. There is no state or federal funding for this project and the club relies solely on its annual Tri-Rock Triathlon, Christmas Parade and business sponsorships to raise enough money to purchase the food.

Misti Potter, director of the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall, said she sees the effect of the meal distributions and indicated there is a high level of gratitude and appreciation for the meals families receive.

During the year the Kiwanis Club participates in many other events geared at giving back to the community. One is the Angel League. This is a twice-a-year baseball season where special-needs children and adults can play baseball. At the end of each season there is a banquet where trophies are awarded.

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& Rec Department will host its Family Fun Friday on July 25 at The Park at Fox Chase, 4475 Tubbs Road. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "The Lego Movie," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

With or Without U2 concert rescheduled

The July 17 Concert by the Lake by With or Without U2

Square dance lessons offered

The Rockwall Square Dance Club will host a series of square dance lessons on Tuesdays Aug. 5 through Dec. 16. Lessons will run from 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Met Shop to perform

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department will host its Met Shop to perform at the Lake event on August 24. Metal Shop will perform a 30s rock variety show beginning at 7:30

Lego Movie' planned for Family Fun Friday

The City of Rockwall's Parks

VerHagen gets called up for Tigers' doubleheader

Rockwall-Heath alumnus and Detroit Tigers prospect Drew VerHagen earned his first Major League promotion last Saturday, July 19 against the Cleveland Indians in the first game of a day-night doubleheader in Detroit.

In a pregame interview with Fox Sports Detroit, VerHagen talked about what it felt like to get the call-up.

"I was at home and my phone was dead," Drew said. "I turned on the phone to two voicemails, and when I talked to my manager I was obviously thrilled with the opportunity. After I hung up, I went straight inside to tell my dad. It was a little emotional and real exciting. It was a good moment."

The Tigers are allowed to use MLB's 26th-player rule for doubleheader to call up VerHagen without having to send another player down, though Drew will have to be added to the 40-man roster. With the spot-start, the 23-year-old will likely return to Triple-A Toledo following Saturday's game.

"I wouldn't say necessarily I had an exact timeline [to make the club]," VerHagen added. "That was just something that was out of my control. All I could do was improve every start I had in Toledo. I feel I'll stick to my strengths against Cleveland."

Drew came out on fire, recording his first two major league strikeouts against the first two batters he faced in the first—Cleveland second baseman Jason Kipnis struck out swinging on a changeup and shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera swung and missed on a 93 m.p.h. fastball — and struck out four of his first six batters of the game.

"That was definitely nice," he said in a postgame interview. "I obviously had some nerves going but was able to control them pretty well, and those strikeouts were able to help with that, for sure."

In the fourth inning, VerHagen needed just eight pitches to get through the middle of the Indians' lineup.

Following four scoreless frames in which Drew gave up one hit,

two walks and four strikeouts, a three-run 5th put the Indians in a hole. Lonnie Chisenhall led off the inning with a walk, and then Nick Swisher knocked an RBI double to center field. Cleveland added runs off by former Texas Ranger David Murphy and Kipnis.

In five innings of work, VerHagen (0-1) threw 82 pitches — 47 of which were strikes — and allowed three earned runs off five hits, with three strikeouts and a 5.40 ERA. He picked up the loss as the Tigers' starter in the 6-2 loss.

VerHagen, a 4th round pick in the 2012 draft out of Vanderbilt University, ranked 12th on MLB.com's Top 20 Tigers prospect list at the start of Spring Training on February 23, Drew was selected to start the annual opening game exhibition against Florida Southern College where he pitched two scoreless innings. The right-hander holds an overall record at the Triple-A level this season with a 3.67 ERA. He has allowed three or fewer runs in his last five starts with the Mud Hens.

Thompson takes control in All-Star Futures game

by Ryan Garrett

Detroit Tigers prospect Jake Thompson needed just eight pitches to earn the win in the US team's 3-2 victory over World in the 2014 All-Star Futures game Sunday, July 13 at Target Field in Minneapolis.

The former Rockwall-Heath standout entered the game in the sixth inning, with Team USA trailing 2-1, and struck out the only two batters he faced — including fellow Detroit minor-leaguer Steven Moya — with his fastball command and explosive slider.

"It's not the traditional win, but it's something I'll remember," Thompson said in a post game interview. "I didn't throw a full inning, but it's always nice to get a win any way you can."

The game marked just the second relief appearance for the 2012 second-round draft pick, who has struck out all five batters faced as a reliever. Jake's success as a starter, however, is what earned him an invitation to last week's Futures Game, with a 6-4 record with 79 strikeouts over 16 starts prior to going to Minneapolis.

Following Thompson's relief appearance, Texas Rangers third base prospect and minor league home run leader Joey Gallo smashed a two-run homer to give USA the lead for good.

Low lake levels require Rockwall council to extend boat dock

by Brittany Williams

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Monday night, the Rockwall City Council unanimously approved a request from Scott Self of Sail with Scott LLC to extend his boat dock.

Previously, the council had approved a request to install a floating dock and ramp located on the south side of the jetty at The Harbor to accommodate both of Self's boats, Sea Wolf and Harbor Lights, for the loading and unloading of passengers. Due to the extremely low lake levels, Council approved the relocation of the dock to the west side of the break-wall.

As lake levels receded further, Scott Self requested permission at the April 2 Rockwall City Council meeting to extend his dock to reach deeper water in order to operate his boats.

At this time, Mr. Self is requesting to extend the docks another 30'. Current depth at the end of his dock is approximately 14" – 16" inches. According to Mr. Self, if he is permitted to extend it an additional 30 feet, the water depth would be between 4' -6'.

The dock would still be within the "No Wake Zone" buoys set by the City of Dallas. Self has also placed solar powered blinking lights at the end of the dock for safety reasons.

Based on the April through June receipts, Sail With Scott revenue is down approximately 35-40% from last year. If current trends continue, the revenue could be nearly 50% less than last year. This revenue is deposited into the Recreational Development Fund.

The relocation of the dock must also be approved by the city of Dallas as well. Moving the dock will be at his expense and will be returned to its original location once the lake levels are back to an elevation in which he can safely operate his boats.

Mr. Self also requested permission to temporarily dock his boats over night at The Harbor in the event that he is unable to access his allocated dock space at Chandler's Landing Marina. Between his docking area and the marina break-wall exit is a sand bar that is not visible from the surface of the water. If a boat becomes beached on that sand bar, he would not be able to enter or exit the dock until the boat is removed from the sand bar. According to Self, this has been a problem recently.

The ability to temporarily dock over night at The Harbor would allow him to continue to operate in the even that he is not able to dock at the Chandler's Landing Marina.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for August 4.

Kiwanis' community service ...

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Terrific Kids is another program to honor children who have displayed good citizenship. Each month during the school year members meet at an elementary school and hand out rewards to children chosen by their teachers.

The Kiwanis Club is a charter sponsor of the Rockwall County Boy Scout Troop #309. The club produces the annual Christmas Parade and the annual Tri-Rock Triathlon and participates in the Harbor Halloween event.

Meetings are conducted at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel at noon every Tuesday. Lunch is catered and twice a month the program includes a guest speaker from a local organization. Visit to the club website at rockwallkiwanis.org or Facebook.com/RockwallKiwanis or call (972) 722-6001 for more information. New members and contributions to the club's many community service programs are always welcome.

Rockwall County Entertainment

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p.m. at the Center, 108 E. Washington. Lessons cost \$49 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. Participants ages 10 to 100 are welcome; the first two lessons will be offered free of charge. For more details call 903-356-3779 or visit rockwallsquares.com.

RSM set for 'Anything Goes' Aug. 14-17

Rockwall Summer Musicals will present its second show of the 2014 season, Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," Aug. 14-17 on the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center stage. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the final show set for 2 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices range from \$13 for students to \$19 for adults; tickets for senior adults ages 65 and older cost \$16. Tickets may be purchased at rockwallsummermusicals.org or showclix.com/events/9148 or by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS.

STAR performances of 'Charlie Brown' planned

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will host its annual STAR (Special Theatre at Rockwall) performances of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7 p.m. Aug. 16 and 2 p.m. Aug. 17. Tickets may be ordered



RHS cheerleaders return with awards from Universal Cheerleaders Camp

The Rockwall High School cheerleaders recently went to the Universal Cheerleaders Camp at the Great Wolf Lodge.

The entire group won Most Traditional Fight Song Dance Award and the UCA Tradition Award. The varsity team won the Sideline Chant Champion and second place in Xtreme Routine. The JV team won Game Day Champion, third place Xtreme Routine and Gamer Day Cheer Champion. The freshman team won Xtreme Routine Champion, Band Dance Champion and second place Game Day.

Pictured are Adisyn Joplin, Tori Hedges, Sam Ruff, Jane Turner, Anna Oakes, Maddie Young, Heather James, Abby Childers, Lyric Brown, Heidi Blackwell, Maddy Ferguson, Maggie Umina, Morgan Gilstrap, Chandler Choate, Holley Herndon, Hyndal Hetmer, Morgan Cain, Hannah Eldridge, Megan Elsey, Laney Tiger, Micaela Vavra, Alayna Davis, Lydia King, Nyna Berger, Maddie Thompson, Mamie Brownlee, Alicia Castricone, Lily Bennett, Ava Garner, Brookly Reynolds, Daria Ellis, Brooke Smith, Kaylin Lord, Darby Davis, Kate Baker, Skylar Pierce, Lexi Cardona, Jodi Camper, Sara Morales, Libby Kirk, Alyssa May, Shelby Rogers, Becca Maloney, Rachel Hohenberger, Justina Lee, Rylee James and Kaytlan Meusel. Not pictured is Michaela Richmond.

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Rockwall Community Playhouse presents "Godspell"

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will present its teen musical, "Godspell," at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and at 2 p.m. on Sundays through Aug. 3. The show features songs and skits and is based on the parables detailing the life of Jesus as told in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. The playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall. Pictured at back are Tucker Souther, Christian Sanders, Isaac Thacker and Shannon White. On the third row are Maddie Rosenbalm, Anne-Marie Thacker, Micah Brooks, Cameron Golin, Bryce Brewer and Thara Hite. On the second row are Aubrey Blake, Kamrey Mantz and Kenzie Osborn; at front are Allie Magee, Abbie Mayfield and Kate Larman. Not pictured is Rebecca Hundley. Tickets are available at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to show time.

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'Superman's Cape' 'Wings' win again

Marshall Mader Jones' "Wings" continued winning ways in sailing at Ray Hubbard

In Summer Wednesday Series Race 4 on July 16, Mader guided his boat to first place A Fleet by 49 seconds over up Jim Oursler and "Maude"

Jones was the B Fleet Placing second was David aboard "Respite." In third was Larry Carpenter in "Ode"

The Saturday Night Series scheduled for July 12 was canceled because of low water levels. Last week's rains, depths as low as 10 inches were reported in the north of the lake.

Lady Bulldog Basketball Camp slated

The Roysie City Lady Bulldog Basketball Camp will run July 30. Incoming grades 2-4 girls have camp from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Auxiliary Gym. Incoming grades 5-7 girls will have camp from 9 a.m. to noon in the new gym while incoming 8-9 grade girls have camp at the same time in the main gym. Register by July 15. Be guaranteed a camp T-shirt and basketball. An All-Star game will be conducted at the conclusion of camp; teams will be selected by coaches from the 5-9 grade girls. Cost is \$50. RCHS head basketball coach Dallas Bostick and his staff are organizing camps. For more details call 268-5453.

RCISD plans football camp

The Roysie City ISD will host two summer football camps. The We Will Win camp, for students entering grades 6-8, will provide instruction in all aspects of football; fundamentals and techniques will be provided daily in this no-contact camp. The cost will be \$50; a camp T-shirt will be provided for each participant. The camp will run from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 28-31. Football Camp II will be open to students entering grades 7-9. Cost will be \$25. Camp II will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 4-7. Both will be taught by RCISD coaches at the Roysie Swiney Multipurpose Facility on the RCHS campus. For more details call David Bradley at 972-635-5000, ext. 2630 or Bradley at 972-636-9991 or 2621.

Kiwanis Tri-Rock Triathlon set for Aug. 3

Rockwall's 14th Annual Kiwanis Tri-Rock Triathlon will be held August 3, 2014 at the Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center. Sanctioned by USA Triathlon, the annual event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County and is co-sponsored by the City of Rockwall. The purpose of the event is to raise funds to support the Kiwanis Scholarship Program, the Angel League, Helping Hands Medical Clinic, Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club, the Rockwall YMCA and other individual and special youth programs within Rockwall County. Sign up now at <http://www.playtri.com/trirock>.