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Kathy Wirtz of Rockwall (front middle) quickly points in response to a question from Children's Librarian Doreen Miller (left), reading a story during Wednesday's "Reading Roundup" at the Rockwall County Library. Other children listening and interacting with her (left to right) Ava Alexander of Rockwall, Matthew Kianpour of Rockwall, Lalie Rose of Royse City, Beeler Adair of Fate, Austin Miller of Rockwall and Zohair Kamran Khalid of Rockwall. Watching in the back is parent Mandy Alexander. Photo by Tim Burnett

News Briefs

First Aid/CPR course set
CPR techniques and basic first aid measures will be taught in a class that will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at The Center. Open to ages 15 and older, the class is part of the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's summer activities program. Cost is \$55.

Choir to perform for ACS event
The Rockwall Community Relay for Life Choir will perform at an 11 a.m. Saturday event recognizing the fundraising success of the American Cancer Society High Plains/North Texas District. The choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. today, July 18, at the First United Methodist Church, Heath. To participate, call 972-771-6732.

RC Dog Days slated July 19
The Royse City Dog Days of Summer will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday on North Arch Street between Hwy. 66 and Church Street. Pet adoptions, pet vendors and \$10 rabies vaccinations sponsored by the Royse City Animal Control and the Country Friends Vet Clinic will be offered. Leashes will be required for all dogs; cats must be in carriers. For details, call 972-524-4837.

Triathlon Training class offered
A five-week pre-triathlon course will be offered from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each Saturday July 19 through Aug. 16 at Harry Myers Park. Open to individuals ages 16 and older, the course will include instruction in swimming, running, biking and transition. A mini-triathlon will be conducted on the final class day. Participants should bring equipment for each sport. The first class will meet at Myers Park Pool. Cost for the Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored program is \$45. For more details, visit www.ironheadrp.com.

Learn to Swim with ARC
The American Red Cross will offer its final summer series of Learn to Swim classes for individuals ranging in age from six months to adults beginning July 21. Call 972-563-1030 to register.

Secret Agent Lab camp set
Youths ages 6-9 will explore some of the scientific aspects of being a spy at this July 21-25 camp set in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon; cost will be \$140. For more details, contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department.

RTU youth tennis camps scheduled
Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will conduct Racquet Rookies' Camp, open to youths ages 5-9, July 21-24 and Aug. 4-7. Cost is \$60 per week or \$20 per day. Spinners' Camps, serving athletes ages 10-17, will be July 28-31 and Aug. 11-14. Cost is \$90 per week or \$20 per day. For details, contact J.R. at Rahmanzadeh1@sbcglobal.net or call 972-771-8883.

Desert Camp for Young Rembrandts
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Young Rembrandts classes continue with the July 21-23 Desert Camp at the Myers Park Community Center. Open to youths ages 6-12, campers will focus on drawing images that conjure up images of the desert. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; cost is \$50.

Pre-school drawing class slated
A Young Rembrandts drawing class for children ages 3-6 will take place Mondays July 21 through Aug. 18 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. The class will include focus on drawing, fine motor skill development, focus and spatial organization. Coordinated by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the 4 p.m. class will run 45 minutes each week. Cost is \$50.

Drawing class set for elementary youth
Fundamental drawing techniques offered through the Young Rembrandts drawing method will be taught Mondays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. July 21 through Aug. 18 at the Rockwall Education Center Gym. The class is part of the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's summer program. Cost is \$50.

Cartoon drawing class offered
A class that will focus on drawing cartoon characters through the Young Rembrandts drawing method will run Mondays July 21 through Aug. 18. Open to youths ages 6-12, the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department event will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each week at the Rockwall Education Center Gym. Cost is \$50.

CPR instruction available
The American Red Cross will offer CPR instruction July 23-25 at its Terrell office. To register or for more information, call 972-563-1030.

RTU offers Ladies Day Out
Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will offer its second summer session of Ladies Day Out each Wednesday running from July 23 through Aug. 13. Fee is \$15. Anyone interested in joining should register by e-mailing rahmanzadeh1@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible.

Cold Blue Steel to perform
Cold Blue Steel will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. July 24 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Each event in the Concert by the Lake series is open to the public, and admission is free. Participants are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Camp to offer intro to various sports
The Skyhawks Mini Hawk Camp, set July 28 through Aug. 1, will offer youths ages 4-7 an introduction to a number of sports. Camp sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost is \$98. For details, call 972-563-1030.

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New County Library

Dedication set September 7

arcus Funk
"The shelving is up!" proclaimed Kathy Melston with a smile. "We'll have room for all our books!"
Melston wasn't kidding — space is so sacred at the current facility that every new book comes in, an old book has to be taken off the shelves and exiled to climate-controlled storage. And the shelving that does exist took a priority over amenities like chairs and tables, especially since nearly half the facility is structurally unsound for book racks and heavy loads. For the last 17 years, the Rockwall County Library has been cramped at best. But the new library opens in a little less than eight weeks, that's all that matters.
More Geisel might say life was moving from a tight sight to a wide one. John Erickson would say the new steps merited a security force, and his Cowdogs would smell nothing when they bumped into the Beagle looking for a dog in the children's section. And Melston, the library's director, agrees more — the new facility is an upgrade in just about every way, shape and form.
The new building is more than five times larger than the old building, expanding from a little less than 10,000 square feet to more than 50,000 square feet. Shelving space is growing almost as significantly, with room for everything dedicated to children's time rooms and teen areas to an adult education area and a research facility. The kid's area alone is as large as the current library, and administrators are excited. There's a drive area for returns and pick-ups, and yes, there are new parking spots and lots of new parking spaces.

It's also designed for growth, with room to expand its repertoire as the local population grows over the next five decades. Part of that, Melston said, is sound planning — but another part is compensation for the 17 years spent in an outdated Post Office. When the library moved there in late 1991, they were promised it wouldn't take long to find a new facility, which motivated the state's Library Association to approve the move despite key limitations. And before that, the books had been housed in an old church, making the dream of a grand library older than anyone stepping into the young adult section today.
That dream isn't without a price, although a 2004 bond initiative secured most of the major funding for the land and building. What's needed now are donations for books and equipment, Melston and Children's Librarian Doreen Miller said, and the Friends of the Library group has filled about \$350,000 of their half-a-million dollar donation goal. Any donations are helpful, but the larger donors can secure an engraved leaf on the Giving Tree just beside the front door, made out to whoever they choose. Donors can stop by the library or visit the Friend's Web site at www.rockwalllibrary.org.
"This whole process has been a real community effort, and that shows in the tree and the library itself," Miller said. "This library is for growth, and it's for the future of Rockwall County."
Sidebar —
Old Library's last day open — July 19
New Library Dedication — September 7
New Library Opens — September 8
New Library Address — 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane, across the street from the Rockwall High School football stadium




Expansion has begun at Rockwall Heath High School. The new fine arts wing will house a 3-tier, 1,500-seat performance hall, new band practice rooms for orchestra and choir, and make-up and dressing rooms. The addition is expected to be ready for the 2010 school year. Photo by Sean Williams

News You Won't Find Anywhere Else!

VNA offers hospice volunteer training

The Visiting Nurse Association needs hospice volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families. A six-day training course in volunteer hospice care will run Wednesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 6-21, from noon to 3 p.m. at the VNA branch office at 2414 W. University Drive #200 in McKinney. Volunteers are an essential part of the hospice team. Direct care volunteers provide emotional support, caregiver relief and assistance with errands. Bereavement volunteers help comfort grieving family members, co-facilitate grief support groups and assist with monthly luncheons. Administrative volunteers help with clerical duties and other program support activities. To register for the volunteer training class, contact Connie Williams, VNA hospice volunteer coordinator, at (972) 562-0140 or at williams@vnatexas.org.



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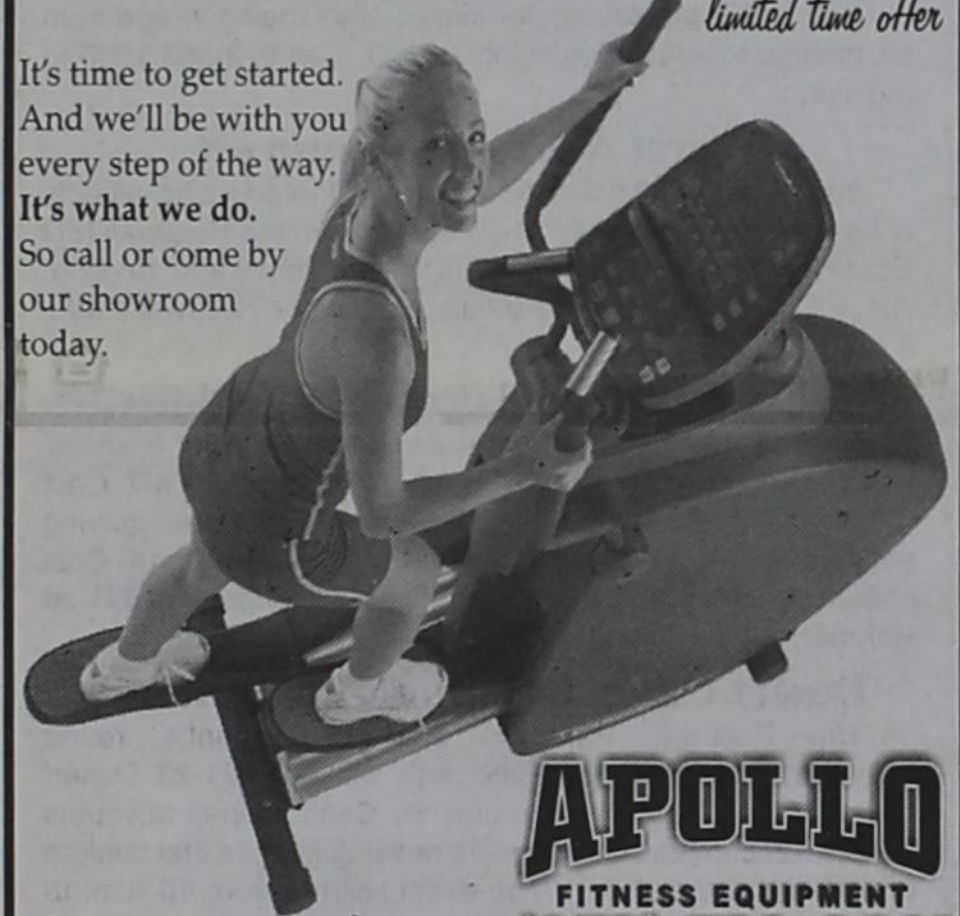
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Local high school students recently awarded scholarships by the Rockwall Women's League are (back row left to right) Mason Galloway, Ashley Titus, Jessica Crabtree, Kelsey Stone, Kali Katzman, Rebekah Radney and Zachary Jordan, (front row left to right) Tanner Rottman, Travis Cunningham, Andrew Young, Nathan Ennis, Andrew Hester and Jose Zaldivar. Photo courtesy of Rockwall Women's League

Women's League awards \$130,000 in scholarships

The Rockwall Women's League recently hosted a reception for scholarship recipients from Rockwall High, Rockwall-Heath High and Royse City High schools.

Thanks to the support of the Rockwall community, the organization presented \$130,000 in scholarships to high school students this year, according to a league press release.

Scholarship recipients included Mason Galloway, Ashley Titus, Jessica Crabtree, Kelsey Stone, Kali Katzman, Rebekah Radney, Zachary Jordan, Tanner Rottman, Travis Cunningham, Andrew Young, Nathan Ennis, Andrew Hester, and Jose Zaldivar.

This year's Charity Ball, sporting the theme "A Crown Affair," was the most successful in league history, according to the press release.

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contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department.

Adventures in Art Camp set

Young artists ages 5 through 13 can join the Adventures in Art Camp sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Eight different works using five different mediums will be created during the event, which will run from 2 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. July 28-31 at The Center. Participants should bring paper towels and wear old T-shirts. Cost is \$105.

Animals Camp for Young Rembrandts

Learning to draw animals, fish and birds will be the focus of the Animals Camp offered as part of the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's ongoing Young Rembrandts series. Open to youths ages 6-12, the event will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. July 28-30 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center. Cost is \$50.

Camp with Barbie

Youths ages 5-8 are invited to Camp with Barbie, a program coordinated by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Camp activities will focus on dress, manners, making friends and the importance of schoolwork. The event will take place from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. July 29 through Aug. 1 at the Myers Community Center.

Cost is \$85.

Read Now set for first graders

Read Now, a series of classes designed for kids ages 5-6 anxious for first grade to begin, will be held from 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Myers Community Center through Aug. 1. Cost for the class, sponsored by the Parks & Rec Department, is \$85.

Fashion Designer classes slated

Girls ages 8 through 11 can graduate from playing dress-up to designing their own fashions with help from Fashion Designer classes to run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. July 29 through Aug. 1 at the Myers Community Center. Design basics will be covered through sewing. Cost for the class, coordinated by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, is \$85.

Rockwall ISD alumni sought

The Rockwall Independent School District Foundation seeks to contact Rockwall High alumni for the following classes: 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, 2009. Contact information should be sent to Cindy C. Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Inc., 972-771-0600 or cbenefield@rockwallisd.org.

Registration under way for fall sports

Registration is under way for youth sports offered by the Rockwall County YMCA, including Small Fry Soccer (ages 3-5); Youth Soccer (ages 4-12); Flag Football (ages 6-12); Football (ages 8-12, not on a school team); and Cheerleading (age 4-12). Early registration will continue through July 25 to ensure participants the lowest participation fees. For more information, contact the YMCA at www.rockwallymca.org or www.quickcores.com/rockwall.

Dolls showcased at The Z Museum

Dolls from around the world are being showcased at the Zaneb Robison Historical Museum, or The Z Museum, during the month of July. The dolls are part of the collection of assistant Deloris Ballard. The Z Museum is located at 1000 Arch, Royse City, and is open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays. Admission is free.

Free stargazing event scheduled

Members of the Texas Astronomical Society will be conducting a free stargazing event that will begin at the Myers Park Community Center at 7 p.m. July 31. Open to individuals ages 13 and older, the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department-organized event will run until 10 p.m. and will be free of charge.

Living Proof Live 2008 set

The Women's Ministry at FBC Rockwall will offer Living Proof Live 2008 with Beth Moore simulcast Aug. 1-2. The author and speaker, will appear live via simulcast. The event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 1 and from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 2. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 1; past attendees who purchase boxed dinners may pick up their meals at 5:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased after each service or online at fbcrockwalltx.org. Event-only tickets cost \$35; event-plus tickets cost \$45. For details, call 972-771-8459.

'Singin' tickets available

Tickets to the Rockwall Community Playhouse production, "Singin' in the Rain," are now available for purchase online at www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org. Shows are scheduled for Aug. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10; Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m., with the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Line Dancing for Adults set

A variety of line dances will be taught at the Line Dancing for Adults class that will take place each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 2 through Aug. 9 at The Center. The class is open to ages 18 and older, and is part of the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's summer activities program.




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Western dance classes offered

Country and western dance classes, including standards as the TV dance show, the Waltz, the Polka, the Swing, will be explored in Saturday classes starting Aug. 2 to Sept. 6 at The Center. Open to ages 18 and older, classes will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost will be \$10. For details, contact the Parks & Rec Department.

Lunch & Learn

The Zaneb Robison Historical Museum in Royse City will offer its next Lunch & Learn event Aug. 3. The event will feature this month's session, "History of Royse City," on the first Sunday of each month.

Sandy McCallum and Cody Graham married April 26 in Rockwall church

Sandy Elizabeth McCallum and Cody Allen Graham were married on April 26, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with the Rev. Dr. Keith Payne Boone officiating.

Sandy is the daughter of Wayne and Cathy McCallum of Rockwall. She graduated from Rockwall High School in 2002 and the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas in 2006.

Cody is the son of Frank and Judy Graham of Shady Shores in Lewisville. He graduated from Lake Dallas High School in 2003 and from the College of Engineering at The University of Texas in 2005.

The officiant was Brianna Peterson. Bridesmaids were the groom's sisters Taylor McCallum, Amanda Smith, Monica Segui and Hanlon. Bridesman was Mitchell Boone of Alaska.

The best man was the groom's brother, Brady Graham. The ring bearers were brother Aaron Graham, Luke Jones, Moses Mike Bohm and Andy Smith.

The bride's cousins, Katherine and Alexandra Muller of Rockwall and Jason Gomez II of Red Oak, served as flower girls and ring bearers.

Following the wedding, a reception with dinner and dancing was held at The Atrium in Garland.

Following their honeymoon to Cancun, the couple now resides in Rockwall. The bride is employed at Zale Corporation in Las Colinas and the groom is employed as a civil engineer with Halfon in Richardson.



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Members of the Rockwall business community celebrate with Travis Rhodes, center, as he cuts the ribbon on a trail honoring his work on the Parks and Recreation Board. He is joined by (left to right) City Councilman Glen Farris, City Councilman Mark Russo, City Councilwoman Julie Couch, Park Board members Gail Caruth, Herb Moltzan, Rhodes, Park Board Chairman Glenn Park Board Vice-Chairman Pam Kitkoski, Park Board member Marcus Sevier, and Mayor Proff Sevier. Photo by Sean Williams

Rockwall ISD
Open House
The meeting of the Independent School District Board of Trustees has been postponed until July 28, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration/Education Center. Information explaining the meeting's delay was in the press release.

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Jesse and Barack

by Bill O'Reilly
 Earlier this week on my television program, we broke the story of Jesse Jackson criticizing Barack Obama for "talking down" to black Americans. In Chicago, Jackson was speaking to Dr. Reed Tuckson, a health care official, when a microphone picked up the reverend saying in part: "See, Barack been talkin' down to black people on this faith based (situation). I want to cut his (body part) out. He's talking down to black people."

Pretty rough. So what exactly is this all about? Recently, Sen. Obama came out in favor of the federal government continuing to help private religious organizations assist the poor with tax dollars. President Bush's program of faith-based federal assistance has angered ACLU types who see it as a violation of church and state separation. But since Reverend Jackson's non-profit organizations benefit greatly from government-mandated tax breaks, you would think he would be pleased with Obama's position.

Apparently not. Soon after the story broke, Jackson issued a statement saying that even though he disparaged Obama, he still supports his campaign. However, Jackson has avoided specifically stating what his beef with the senator really is. Was there condescension toward black people in Obama's faith-based charity statements? Not that I can see.

In his statement, Jackson mentions the "moral responsibility of black males." That indicates that he didn't much like Sen. Obama recently calling out black fathers who abandon their children. Jackson writes that the government is also responsible for the intense abandonment problem in the black community, a position he's held for years.

Some political pundits believe that Jesse Jackson and other committed social activists are fearful that if Obama is elected president, the "victimization" industry will be damaged. After all, if Americans vote for a black man to lead the nation, it will be hard to continue labeling the country as prone to racism.

That, of course, is simply an opinion. If Jesse Jackson says he wants Obama to be president, there's no reason we shouldn't believe him. But it is also apparent that Jackson has some "issues" with the senator from Illinois, and the reverend should put them on the table, not make snide behind-the-back remarks. That's not charitable and not fair. If Jackson has a beef, he should tell the folks exactly what it is.

Come November, black voters will overwhelmingly support Sen. Obama, of that there is no doubt. But it is also apparent that some liberal blacks like Jackson do not like the senator's message of personal responsibility and support of faith-based government-funded charities.

Debate on those issues is healthy. Might be good for Jesse Jackson to man up on this one.

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Opinions



Oklahoma rebellion

by Walter E. Williams
 One of the unappreciated casualties of the War of 1861, erroneously called a Civil War, was its contribution to the erosion of constitutional guarantees of state sovereignty. It settled the issue of secession, making it possible for the federal government to increasingly run roughshod over Ninth and 10th Amendment guarantees. A civil war, by the way, is a struggle where two or more parties try to take over the central government. Confederate President Jefferson Davis no more wanted to take over Washington, D.C., than George Washington wanted to take over London. Both wars are more properly described as wars of independence.

Oklahomans are trying to recover some of their lost state sovereignty by House Joint Resolution 1089, introduced by State Rep. Charles Key.

The resolution's language, in part, reads: "Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows: 'The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.'; and Whereas, the Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United States and no more; and whereas, the scope of power defined by the Tenth Amendment means that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states; and Whereas, today, in 2008, the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal government... Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 2nd session of the 51st Oklahoma Legislature: that the State of Oklahoma hereby claims sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States. That this serve as Notice and Demand to the federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers."

Key's resolution passed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives with

a 92 to 3 vote, but it reached a bottleneck in the Senate where it is adjournment. However, Key plans to reintroduce the measure when the legislature reconvenes.

Federal usurpation goes beyond anything the Constitution's framers have imagined. James Madison, explaining the constitution in 1787, said, "The powers delegated ... to the federal government are limited. Those which are to remain in the State governments are indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce. ... The powers of the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people. ... The Tenth Amendment emphasized that the states are not "subordinate" to the federal government, but rather the two are "coordinate departments of the integral whole. ... The one is the domestic, the other the foreign and independent."

Both parties and all branches of the federal government have violated the checks and balances, separation of powers and the republican government envisioned by the founders. One of the more disgusting things to watch a president, congressman or federal judge take and defend the United States Constitution, when in reality they are in contempt of it or they are ignorant of it. State efforts, such as Oklahoma's, create a glimmer of hope for Americans and their elected representatives will realize that the government is the creation of the states. A bit of rebellion by the states will speed that process along.

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What's wrong with selling your vote

by Sheldon Richman
 Poor Max Sanders. The 19-year-old University of Minnesota student faces five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine; he is accused of putting his vote in the presidential election up for auction on eBay. He started the bidding at \$10. The charge is bribery, treating, and soliciting.

I'm confused. Aren't all our votes for sale? Each candidate tries to bribe us with future benefits of all sorts. Basically, a campaign is an effort to buy votes wholesale. Why do you think Barack Obama is "refining" his positions on so many issues? He's in the process of buying the independent votes he needs to win in November. This creates a problem. If he goes too far in buying independent votes, he may have to return votes he already bought from left-leaning Democrats during the primaries.

His updated positions on the Iraqi occupation, the death penalty, handgun bans, campaign finance, money for religious groups, and immunity for telecom companies that illegally helped the Bush administration wiretap us without warrants have upset people who thought their vote sales were final. In politics no sales are final.

John McCain may have a bigger problem. He's had trouble buying votes from the conservative base of the Republican Party. Those voters don't seem eager to sell their votes to him because they don't like what he's promising to pay in return.

While McCain is trying to close the deal with conservatives, he also votes from independents. That's one of the dilemmas of politics. If, from, say, fiscal conservatives, you might have a hard time also buying advocates of climate control through cap and trade, which would be a production.

Keeping most campaign promises costs money. For politicians, it's from the taxpayers, who are forced to surrender their cash whether or not. As H.L. Mencken understood, "Every election is a sort of auction sale of stolen goods."

So the only difference I see between a politician who buys a vote and a bidder who buys it is that the bidder spends his own money. Since people own money more wisely than they spend other people's, we can conclude that an eBay sale might be preferable.

I'm sure many people were appalled that young Mr. Sanders — a bidder in his first presidential election — would even dream of selling his vote. He is, they must be thinking.

I don't think he's cynical. I think he's naive. He thought someone would be willing to buy his vote for \$10 or more. Anyone do that? One vote isn't going to change the outcome of the election. The chance that McCain and Obama will tie in any of the 50 state elections is zero. No single vote will be decisive. So we can be certain that for the election day it won't matter if he stays in bed.

Now, if a person's one vote doesn't matter, are two votes — his own or he buys — likely to change the outcome of the election? Of course, the vote total would increase 100 percent, but that only shows you the percentages can be. It's still only one more. So why would anyone buy a vote? If there is such a person, tell him I have newborn unicorns for sale.

Mr. Sanders's entrepreneurship would have run into other problems. The buyer know the vote he purchased was cast for his favorite candidate. There would be no way to prove it. He'd have to rely on Mr. Sanders's honesty. It's a big risk to take with a stranger.

But I guess it's no bigger than the risk you take when you trust a politician when you sell him your vote.

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

A means of oppression

Quotes from a speech by Charles Adams
 When popular support for a law, especially a tax law, disappears, it falls back on what the great sage of the Enlightenment, Montesquieu, called "extraordinary means of oppression." That seems to be what we have and are likely to experience in the decades ahead. The likelihood of change in our society may depend on just how fed-up the people are with the tax system. With the "evil empire" now gone, tolerance for a bad tax system completely disappear and a powerful democratic force for change may be new and better tax law. But beware, don't expect too much, unless you set up with a much better mousetrap. And even then, we should remember the couplet of Alexander Pope, written 250 years ago:

"Who ever hopes a faultless tax to see,
 Hopes what ne'er was, is not, and ne'er will be."

Attorney Charles Adams is the author of "When in the Course of Human Events," "Arguing the Case for Southern Secession," and "Those Dirty Rotten Tax Revolts That Built America." Much of this material and more can be found in his book, "For Good and Evil: The Impact of Taxes on the Course of Civilization."

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Happy campers at Fulton School

by Kathy Williams

Their was a joyous noise in the air last week as campers at The Fulton School music camp made their own instruments and had a private fiddle concert to end their week of activities. In another classroom, junior farmers were learning how to grow food and care for farm animals at the Down On The Farm camp. The week-long camps are part of the school's summer Kiddie Kamp program for children ages 3 to 5. The camps run through August 8. Each week has its own theme, such as Oceans, Treasure Island, Out of this World, Jungle Safari, and Creepy Crawlers. Campers play games, make crafts, have hand-on experiences and even learn a few things while having fun.

During Down On The Farm week, the future farmers learned about growing and shipping food, caring for farm animals, studied different kinds of equipment used to produce food, and learned about life on a working farm.

At music camp, the little musicians learned about pitch, rhythmic movement and were able to explore several musical instruments. They played keyboards, shook tambourines, made shakers that produced different sounds, and created hand clappers using their own hand prints.

As a special treat at the end of the week, Fulton School senior Amanda Bellinger played Irish and bluegrass music on her fiddle for the students. Amanda plays in an Irish band and was a teaching aid at the camp. Fellow student James Cowell accompanied her on guitar.



Summer campers at The Fulton School in Heath read about farm tractors with early childhood development teacher Sandra Helmeyer during the Down On The Farm camp. Photo by Kathy Williams

Galaxy Ranch students get insight into law enforcement

Students at Galaxy Ranch Private School in Rockwall got an up-close look at what it means to be in law enforcement thanks to a visit by police officer earlier this month.

The students were able to see and feel real police gear by trying on vests and helmets. They discussed how to reach police and firefighters in an emergency and how to practice safety among friends.

The hands-on experience included exploring a police car and a police officer's uniform. Children could check out the equipment and sound the siren. A highlight of the visit was the police helicopter fly-by, as the school's 12th grade students waved at the officers in the aircraft who visited the school a few times and waved back.

"I believe the door was open when the helicopter tipped and didn't even fall out!" said Jackson, a first-grade student. "I thought it was 'neat' that the officers waved at us from the sky."

Students took away more than just the excitement of the fly-by. Police officer Jackson, who is going into second grade, explained that if someone is in danger the police can jump off the helicopter in a parachute to help them.

The police truck was interesting to Elyse, who said they use it to transport people who may have fallen in the lake.

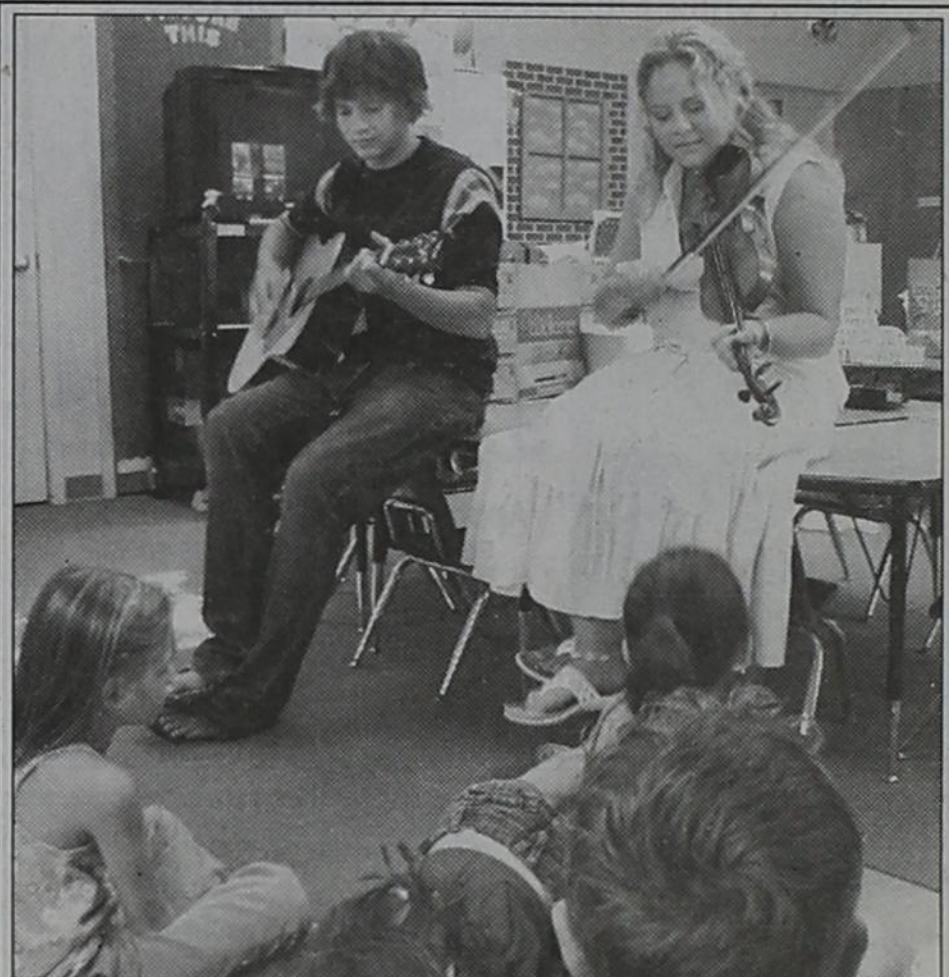
"The sirens," she said.

The students were impressed by the equipment the police-

men carry and its purpose. "They have a big, heavy tool and can break a door with it," 4-year-old Cooper said, "but the police have to wear a mask so no one knows who they are."

The police officer visit and helicopter fly-by are among the many programs being offered at Galaxy Ranch School this summer. In addition to swimming curriculum, theater and dance camps, preschoolers and Summer Explorers in grades 1-6 had their own July 4 parade, complete with watermelon.

Galaxy Ranch Private School provides programs for children 18 months through private kindergarten. Summer Explorers camp and before-and after-school care for children in first through sixth grade. The school is enrolling students in private kindergarten for the 2008-09 school year, in addition to pre-K and preschool programs. Private swim lessons are available and open to the public. Go to www.galaxyranchschool.com for more information, or call Galaxy Ranch School at 972-772-9798.



Performing traditional Irish and Bluegrass music during the recent music camp at The Fulton School in Heath are (back, left to right) Amanda Bellinger and James Cowell. Photo by Kathy Williams

Farmers market comes to downtown Rockwall

An eye on bringing shoppers back to downtown and introducing locally grown food to Rockwall County families, the Friends of Downtown Rockwall will have a farmers market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 19 at the Rockwall square. The market will be held Saturday through August 23.

According to Barb Coleson, a founder of the Friends of Downtown Rockwall, the market is a pilot program to bring more life to downtown. By having the farmers market on the square, she hopes shoppers will visit downtown businesses after the market.

Local growers have been invited to sell their products. She hopes to include organic and more Texas grown products in the market.

To participate in the market or for more information, contact Friends of Downtown Rockwall members Barb Coleson at 972-771-5497 or Claudette Hatfield at 972-771-5497.

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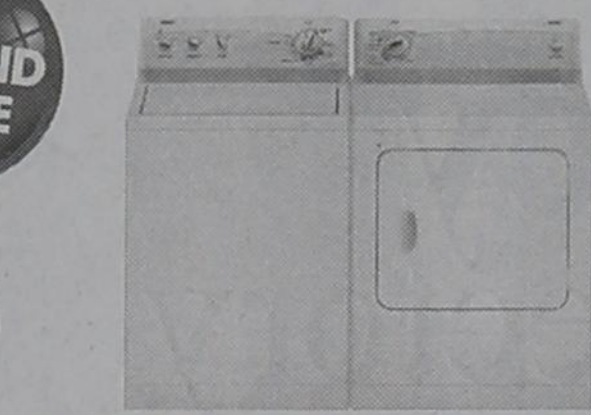
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Believing...Matthew 14:28-31

Believing God's word brings powerfully dynamic results. That's because God is the author of His word, and to this day He is still able to faithfully back His word.

Now let's learn from the believing of Jesus Christ and one of his disciples.

Jesus Christ just finished teaching over 5000 people. Later he sent his disciples to the other side of a sea, while he went up to a nearby mountain to pray alone.

Still in the ship, his disciples contended with hostile winds. During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto the disciples. He didn't hop in a boat to do this. Instead he walked on top of the water.

Please understand that Jesus did not dream this up himself. He was responsible for doing God's will. When he stepped out onto the water for a stroll to his disciples, it was because God gave revelation to do so. This is the context of Matthew 14:28-31.

Verse 28, "And Peter said, 'Lord if it be thou will, bid me come unto thee on the water.'" Peter knew that if Jesus gave the word by authority from God, then it would come to pass. For he knew that Jesus was the son of God with all authority from God.

Verse 29, "And he said, 'Come.' And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water to go to Jesus." Peter was fully persuaded that when he stepped out, his feet would stand solidly on the water. He believed. How do we know he believed? He took the believing action and stepped out onto the water in response to Jesus' command.

Verse 30, "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, 'Lord save me.'" At first Peter had his eyes focused on the Lord Jesus Christ. Next he turned his eyes toward the hostile forces of nature. He immediately became afraid and began to sink.

As fear and doubt defeated Peter's ability to walk on the water, so also will it defeat anybody's ability to receive from God. Look at Jesus' response. Verse 31, "And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him, and said unto him, 'O thou of little faith, wherefore did you doubt?'"

After grabbing Peter, Jesus began to teach him that doubt defeated his ability to continue walking on the water. There is so much to learn from the above record. Notice that Jesus caught Peter first and then taught about believing. Jesus didn't let him sink all the way into the water. Instead, he bore him up in his grasp. This is a wonderful subject of another study about Christians bearing each other's burdens even if the burdens were the results of their own wrong decisions or actions.

There is so much to learn from God's word about how to have God's word written for the Body of Christ today. God little children, and have overcome them, because that is in you, than he that is in the world." (1John 4:4)

While facing the troubles of this world, let's stay God's promise and not distracted by troublesome winds. Proclaim every situation in life being fully persuaded that He is able also to perform.

City of Rockwall offers GIS web mapping service

Aerial photos, live weather radar, ZIP codes and other information about Rockwall property and its surroundings are now available through the City of Rockwall's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Web site.

GIS is a computerized mapping technology that allows users to see not only where things are located but precise specific locations as well. For example, GIS can locate fire hydrants and provide their age and repair history. It can even help identify the health of trees in city parks.

This month the city added a new online interactive Web site. Users can choose what layers of information based on what questions need to be answered.

For the City of Rockwall, its online GIS offers a number of uses through 25 layers of information. It can assist in planning, logistics and environmental impact assessment. It resource and asset management.

Its uses are almost endless, said Lance Singleton, the GIS coordinator.

"This is a building process of adding information for the city," he said. "The Internet is an easy way for us to deliver Geographic Information System (GIS) data to an unlimited amount of users at a minimum cost to our citizens."

The city shares the cost of its interactive mapping with other cities through a contract with the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Regular coordination with other city departments helps ensure geographic data is maintained in a consistent manner.

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City amends tree ordinance

Trees or vegetation located on city property cannot be cut or trimmed without written authorization from the city's Parks, Recreation and Right of Way, Brad Griggs, according to a new ordinance approved by the Rockwall City Council.

City property includes public parks, open space and other areas.

Violation of the ordinance is considered a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

The new law was adopted in an effort to stop the removal of trees and vegetation along the lake line of the city.

Timmermann is finalist for award

Amanda Timmermann of Rockwall recently was recognized by Texas A&M University as a top 13 finalist for the prestigious Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Award.

The award is given each year to two outstanding graduate students and is the highest honor the university can bestow on its students.

Timmermann graduated with a 4.0 grade point average in interdisciplinary studies and was active in both on- and off-campus activities.

Timmermann is a 2004 graduate of Rockwall High School.

City seeks applicants for boards, commissions

The City of Rockwall is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on a board or commission.

Appointments are made by the Rockwall City Council. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29 and available at City Hall or online at www.rockwall.com/CitySecretary.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

(Davis) Smallwood Peoples

For Nelda (Davis) Smallwood Peoples, 71 of Rockwall, died at 11 a.m. today, Friday, July 18, 2008, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall.

She was born Monday, July 14, 1936, in Rockwall to Lonnie Leon & Bessie L. Peoples. She was a homemaker. She collected baby dolls, ceramics and crafts, and could make a planter out of anything. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Peoples of Rockwall; her daughter, Patty Cummings and her husband, Randy, of Rowlett; her son and her husband, Andy, of Arlington, Larry Leon and his wife, Linda, of Rowlett, Gary Smallwood and his wife, Linda, of Canton, and Allison Peoples of Garland; her sisters, Doris Stephenson, Elaine Smith, Charlene Northcutt White; her brothers, Curtis, Gary, Jimmy and Newborn; 31 great-grandchildren; her pet, Bowser; several nieces and nephews; and a large extended family.

She preceded in death by her parents; her grandson, Larry Smith; a baby brother, Jerry Walter Davis; and her daughter, Maureen Fletcher.

Juanita Wylie

Funeral services for Juanita Wylie, 82, of Rockwall, were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2008, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died July 9. Born July 5, 1926, in Comanche to Roy and Mary (Lindsey) Stanley, she was a hardworking social individual and an excellent seamstress who enjoyed crafts and dancing.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Lewellen of Los Angeles, Calif.; her daughter, Betty Hill of Rockwall; her sister, Mickey Leis of Kennedale; her brothers, Roy Stanley of Mansfield and Jackey Stanley of DeSoto; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She preceded in death by her husbands; her parents; two brothers; and one sister.

Rockwall County woman earns gubernatorial nod

Sandra D. Bridges of Rockwall recently was appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to the State Board for Educator Certification, according to a press release from the governor's office.

Bridges and Stefani D. Carter of Plano were appointed to terms to expire Feb. 1, 2013.

The State Board for Educator Certification is charged with developing certification and continuing education requirements and standards of conduct for public school teachers.

Bridges, a teacher in the Rockwall Independent School District, is a member of the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented and the Texas Middle School Teachers Association. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler and a teaching certificate at Texas A&M Commerce.

Biblical Interactive workshop set for July 26

Local minister Terry Barnett will conduct a one-day interactive workshop entitled "Your Jeremiah Journey" on July 26.

The workshop, based on the Biblical passage of Jeremiah 29:11, will be conducted at the Garland Best Western Lakeview Inn, 1635 E. I-30.

"Your Jeremiah Journey" is designed to help individuals discover their purpose in life, understand their current thinking process and empower them to make changes necessary to de-stress and simplify life. Participants will learn to explore and re-define their personal understanding of success, self-fulfillment and personal joy through interactive exercises and self-evaluation and determine if they have chosen the profession or lifestyle they were created to pursue.

Cost of the workshop is \$35. For more information, go to www.terrybarnett.org or call (972) 203-9062.

Republican Women plan luncheon, fashion show

In lieu of its regular monthly meeting, the Rockwall County Republican Women's Club will host a luncheon, fashion show and auction at 11 a.m. Aug. 16 at the Hilton Bella Harbor Hotel in Rockwall.

The theme of the event is "Honoring our First Ladies." For tickets, which must be purchased in advance, call Lea Carlson at 972-475-7321 or e-mail rcrwtxas@gmail.com. For other information contact Brenda Zielke at 214-707-5888 or e-mail bzielke@sbglobal.net or go to <http://rcrwtxasgop.blogspot.com/>.

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall Athletics off to national tournament

by Lary Bump
 For the third consecutive year, the Rockwall Athletics are headed to the Super Series Baseball national tournament.
 Now playing in the 10-and-under age group, the Athletics will leave Saturday for the 36-team event in Broken Arrow, Okla. Tournament games will begin Sunday and run through the following Sunday, July 26.
 Marc Clark has coached the team with virtually the same roster since the boys were playing tee ball as 5-year-olds.
 They played this year in a league in Rowlett, where they qualified for the national event as the runner-up in the April Classic.
 The Athletics held a fund-raising drive at Walgreen's last weekend to defray expenses for their trip. Contributions from individuals and what Clark called a "generous" donation from Netport USA are enabling the team to travel.

"Our strength is the team," Clark said. "They're well rounded and they don't quit."
 He gave an example of a game in last year's national tournament. An opponent scored six runs in the top of the sixth (and last) inning to take a 12-6 lead, but the Athletics scored seven in the bottom of the inning to win 13-12.
 Clark recalled how he started coaching the team, which includes his son Kyle.
 "I was working at AT&T, and it was not a good week. The Y called my wife and said they were looking for a coach for the T-ball team. She told them, 'My husband will do it.' When she told me, I said, 'You did what?' But it has been a blessing, one of the best things I've ever done."

Riptides swimmers compete in A-level championship meet

Rockwall Riptides USA/YMCA swim team members competed at the Long Course "A" Level Championship meet July 10-13 at the Carroll Independent School District's 50-meter pool in Southlake.
 Twenty North Texas teams and more than 500 swimmers com-

peted for the top eight ribbons, and team points that were awarded in each age division. Swimmers must earn USA "A" time standards to receive a placement.

In the Girls 9-10 Division, Emily Manly, 9, swam personal best times in the 100-meter freestyle, knocking off 3 1/2 seconds to finish first out of the 9-year-olds and 15th in her division with a double "AA" time of 1:17. In the 200 free she finished 21st in her division with a double "AA" time of 2:49.96, which was also a fourth-place finish out of the 9-year-olds. She received single "A" times in the 50 free, 100 back, 100 breast, 50 back, 200 IM and 100 butterfly.

In the Girls 11-12 Division, Raena Eldridge, 11, swam her first long course meet after returning to the U.S. after a year in China. Her first race was the 200-meter backstroke in which she swam an "A" TAGS time of 2:53.83 and came in 14th place. She received a double "AA" TAGS time of 37.26 in the 50 back coming in 12th. She also received "A" times in the 50 free, 100 back, 100 free and 200 free.

In the Boys 11-12 Division, Justin Tokuz, 12, earned 27 team points. He trimmed off more than 30 seconds and finished second in the 400 IM with a 6:00.95 "AA" time. He finished fourth in the 1500-meter freestyle with a "AA" time of 21:01.58 and set a new team record.

In the 50-meter butterfly, Tokuz placed third with a "AAA" TAGS time of 32.72. In the 50-meter freestyle, he placed fourth with a "AAA" TAGS time of 29.82. In the 100 freestyle, he finished eighth with an "AA" time of 1:06.87. In the 200 backstroke he shaved off five seconds and swam an "AA" time of 2:52.48 to finish 11th.

In the 200 free Tokuz finished seventh with an "AA" time of 2:28.01. He swam "A" times in the remaining events clocking 2:54.03 in the 200 IM finishing 16th and an 11th place finish in the 100 fly of 1:20.78. He finished 13th in the 50 back with 37.61, and in the 400 free he trimmed off 22 seconds and earned 12th place with 5:16.83.

In the Women's 13-14 Division, Amy Rogers, 14, earned a total of five team points. She finished fourth in the 1500 free with an "AA" time of 19:38.95. In the 400 free she earned an "AA" time of 5:01.39, finishing 22nd. In the 100 free she placed 59th place with "A" time of 1:08.77. In the 800 free she finished 17th with an "A" time of 10:29.34. In the 50 free she finished 60th with an "A" time of 31.75.

In the Men's 13-14 Division, Nathan Eldridge, 14, earned "A" times in the 50 free 30.05, finishing 33rd and 100 free time of 1:06.10, finishing 42nd.

In the Men's 15 & Over Division, Sean Eldridge, 15, earned an "A" time in the 100 free with a time of 1:03.46, finishing 50th.

Sports Notes

Red team captures North Texas

Representing Rockwall, the Texas Sports Red baseball team won the Super Series North Championship in DeSoto in June.

Rockwall baseball reaches even farther away, to Bismarck, where 2005 RHS graduate James Leverton has a professional career. The Cubs drafted him out of Texas Tech and sent him to the Hawks, their Class A farm team. In five games, including three starts, Leverton has a 0-2 record.

Adamson's effort not enough in TSSA All-Star contest

Recent Rockwall High School graduate Shelby Adamson did her best to help her North team win, but it wasn't enough. She scored 15 points, but South won 72-67 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association 4A-5A North-South All-Star contest.

Adamson scored 15 points, but South won 72-67 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association 4A-5A North-South All-Star contest. The four-year player has signed a letter of intent to play college basketball at Tarleton State in Stephenville, Tex. The camp for those going into grades 7-9 will be from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$85.

Still time to sign up for RHS v-ball

The summer camp season for Rockwall High School concludes next week with the girls' volleyball camp.

New RHS coach Damon Wilson, who will conduct the camp is being conducted at Rockwall-Heath High School. The camp will be divided into two age groups. Girls in grades 3-6 will meet in the mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The girls in grades 7-9 will be from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$85.

To sign up, contact Wilson at 214-906-6439 or arrive at the door on the first day of camp. Additional information is available on the RISD Athletics Web site. Go to www.rockwallathletics.com and click through to Athletics and then on the titled "RISD Summer Camps Are Here."

This is the last of camps in 11 sports sponsored by Rockwall High School.

The Lady Jackets' volleyball team will be the first into action for the fall season, with the first scrimmage for Aug. 8.

'Jacket two-a-days will begin Aug. 11

On Aug. 11, the Yellowjackets' football team will begin two-a-day practices to prepare for its first season in District 10. Rockwall's first game will be a non-district clash at Muench Stadium in Dallas on Aug. 30.

Head coach Scott Smith said his team's preparation has been good leading up to fall practices.

"Our kids have had a good summer," he said. That's despite the fact that for the first time since 1974, Rockwall didn't qualify for the 32-team state 7-on-7 tournament conducted last weekend in College Station at Texas A&M.

The Jackets fell short of qualifying from their own tournament which took place the last weekend in June. South defeated Rockwall 20-18 in the semifinals and went on to win the state tournament.

"Close isn't good enough," Smith said of the near miss. "We got out of pool play in three of the five tournaments we participated in and in 7-on-7 what you want is a chance to play."

The Jackets were 6-5 last season, finishing second in District 10-5A and suffering a heart-breaking 42-35 loss to Plano in the playoffs' first round.

RTU plays host to annual mixer

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited (RTU) conducted its annual July Mixer at Utey Freshman Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 18.

Participants enjoyed the mixer format conducted by Greg Zachary and Peter Ramsay. The format gave players a chance to play with partners and meet new friends.

Zachary, in addition to his court involvement, treated guests to grilled hot dogs.

More RTU social and family activities are planned.

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Kat Donnell
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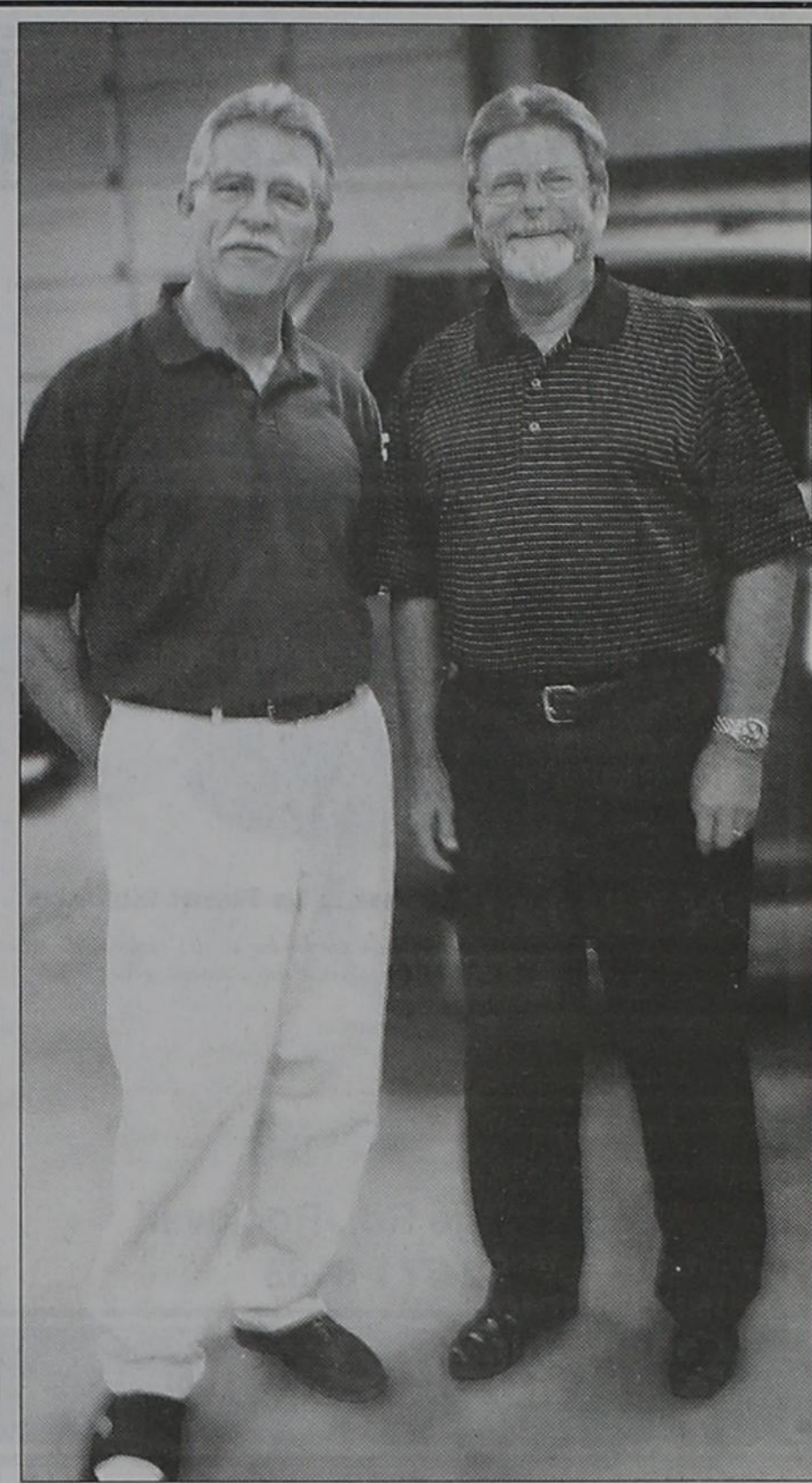
The May and June In-Service invitation list included the Rockwall Mayor, City Council, Chief of Police, and Whittle Development. For some time now, there has been noise in the council chambers regarding handicap parking spaces. Those with modified vehicles have not been able to park in those spots reserved for them due to unauthorized parking. Inviting the city government gave them an unprecedented look at how vehicles are modified and the expense of doing so. Mayor Cecil and Cliff Sevier represented the city and suggested other cities be invited as well.

"Upon leaving, I suggested they call Ron Jones, Mayor of Garland, to invite him and their city council to share in this experience," said Cecil. "There is a severe lack of understanding as to what people go through to be able to drive again."

"I had no idea of what it takes to have a vehicle modified. Not only the level of skill that it takes, but the financial aspect as well. Then you have the individual that has been hurt and the emotional trauma that has taken its toll," said Sevier. "This was an educational and humbling experience and quite frankly, more people need to see this because it does make a difference."

"Officials don't quite understand what it takes for a person to be able to drive again after a serious injury," said Tom Wright. "On top of dealing with the range of emotions, there is the time and amount of money involved in outfitting a vehicle. There is a valid reason that this group gets so angry when they can't park in their designated spots. I have now and always have had an open door policy to the public."

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Cliff Sevier (left) and Tom Wright at the recent Wright Way Inc. in-service.
Photo by Kat Donnell

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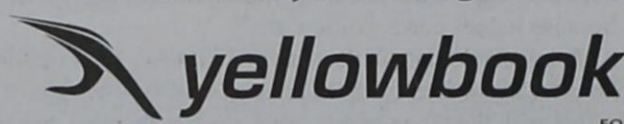
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IN RE: ESTATE OF

MARY MOZELLE ROARK DARBY

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IN THE COUNTY

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ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE ESTATE OF MARY MOZELLE ROARK DARBY, DECEASED. Notice is hereby given that the Letter Testamentary upon the Estate of Mary Mozelle Roark Darby, Deceased were issued on the 6th of December, 2007, in Cause No. PR07-97, pending in the County Court At Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All person having claims against this estate being administered are hereby required to present same within the time prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed in care of "Representative, Estate of Mary Mozelle Roark Darby, Deceased", and may be presented at the following address

Patsy Darby Neely, Executor/trix/Administrator
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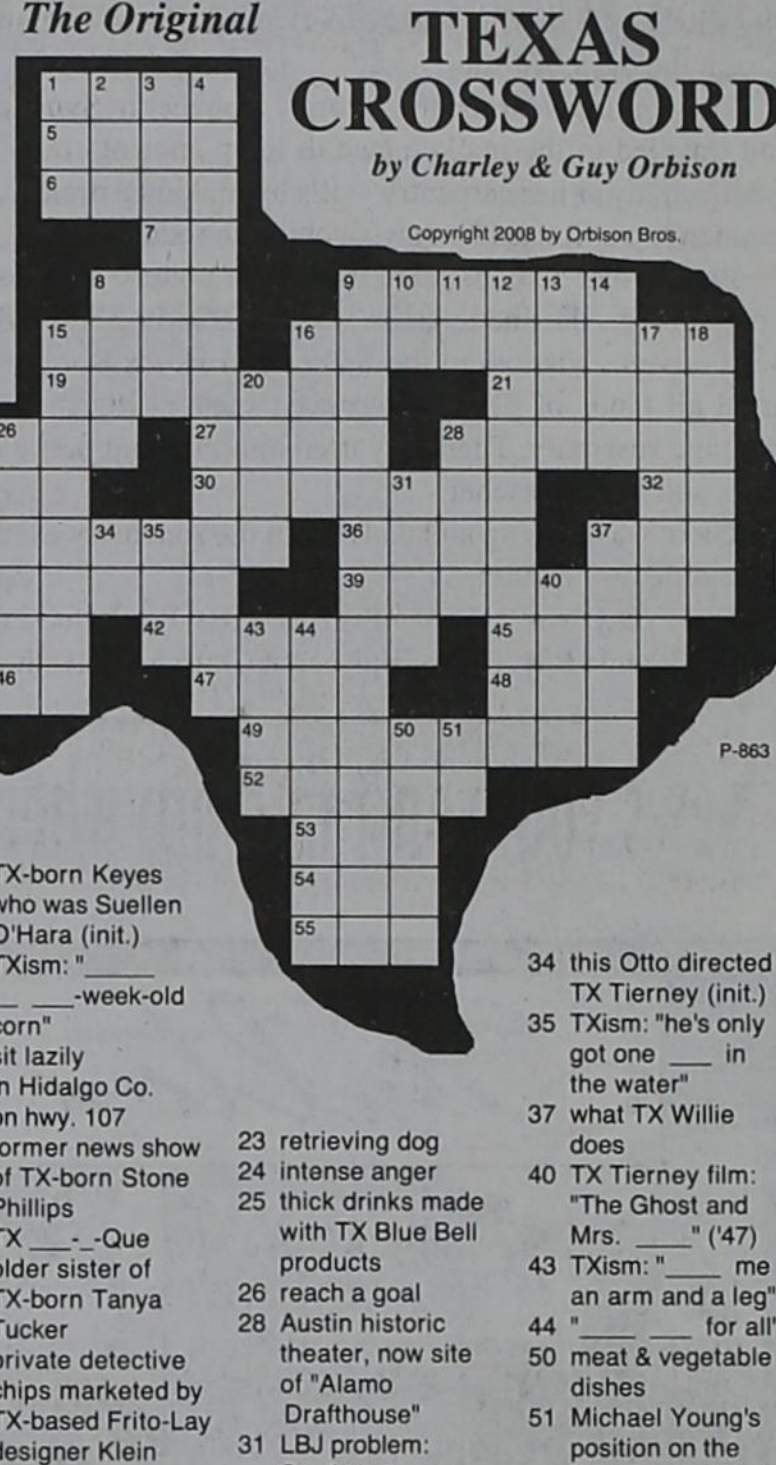
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 County Court at Law, Rockwall County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determination of Heirship in this estate on April 15, 2008, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Moe Sepehri, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be acted on by the Court at any docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation. All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Rockwall County, Texas on or before the above-noted date and time.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Rockwall, Texas, July 16, 2008.

Lisa Constant, County Clerk
 Rockwall County, Texas
 By: Twyla Starr, Deputy Clerk

Churches give VBS students glimpse inside ancient Israel

The fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall was transformed into a biblical marketplace during vacation Bible school, June 23-26.

Children and adults wearing robes and headdresses assembled into tribes each morning and experienced life as it would have been during the days of Jesus.

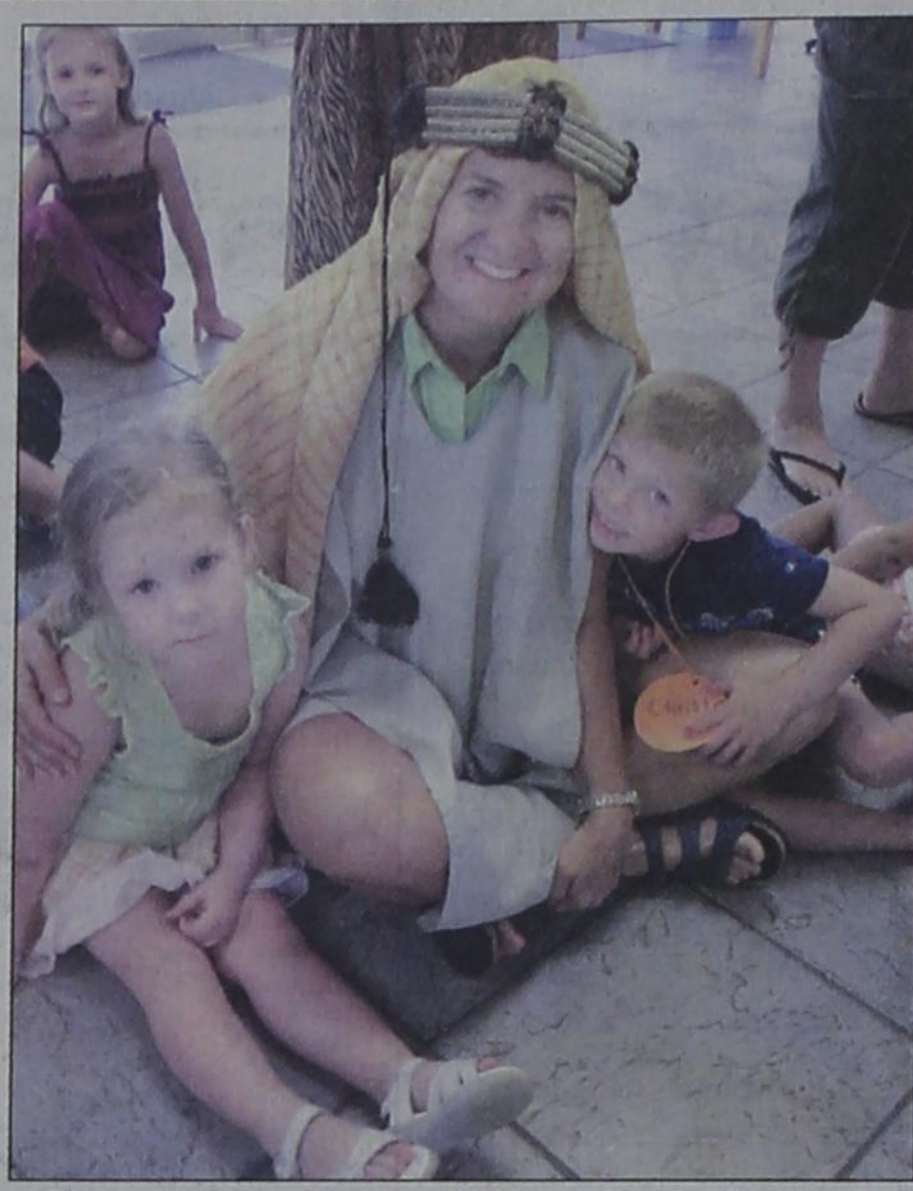
The children learned the Hebrew alphabet in Synagogue School and traveled to the marketplace to learn ancient crafts. Each child practiced his or her carpentry skills by making a dreidel, the ancient wooden top still used by Jewish children today.

Booths that demonstrated the arts of pottery and basket making were favorite destinations, as was the Candy Shop, where sweets were served. Visitors to the Spices and Herbs Booth were able to smell all kinds of different aromas, such as myrrh, frankincense, mint and rosemary. Then they used a mortar and pestle to crush the herbs and make a sachet.

There was singing and dancing in the sanctuary every day and a waterslide on Thursday.

The event was a joint effort of First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Heath.

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Pictured (left to right) are McKinna Copple, Cynthia Case and Christian Loomis preparing to watch a skit performed during vacation Bible school at the First Presbyterian Church.



Elizabeth Gersch (left) and Sarah Berglund (right) in traditional costumes as part of vacation Bible school conducted last month at the First Presbyterian Church.

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