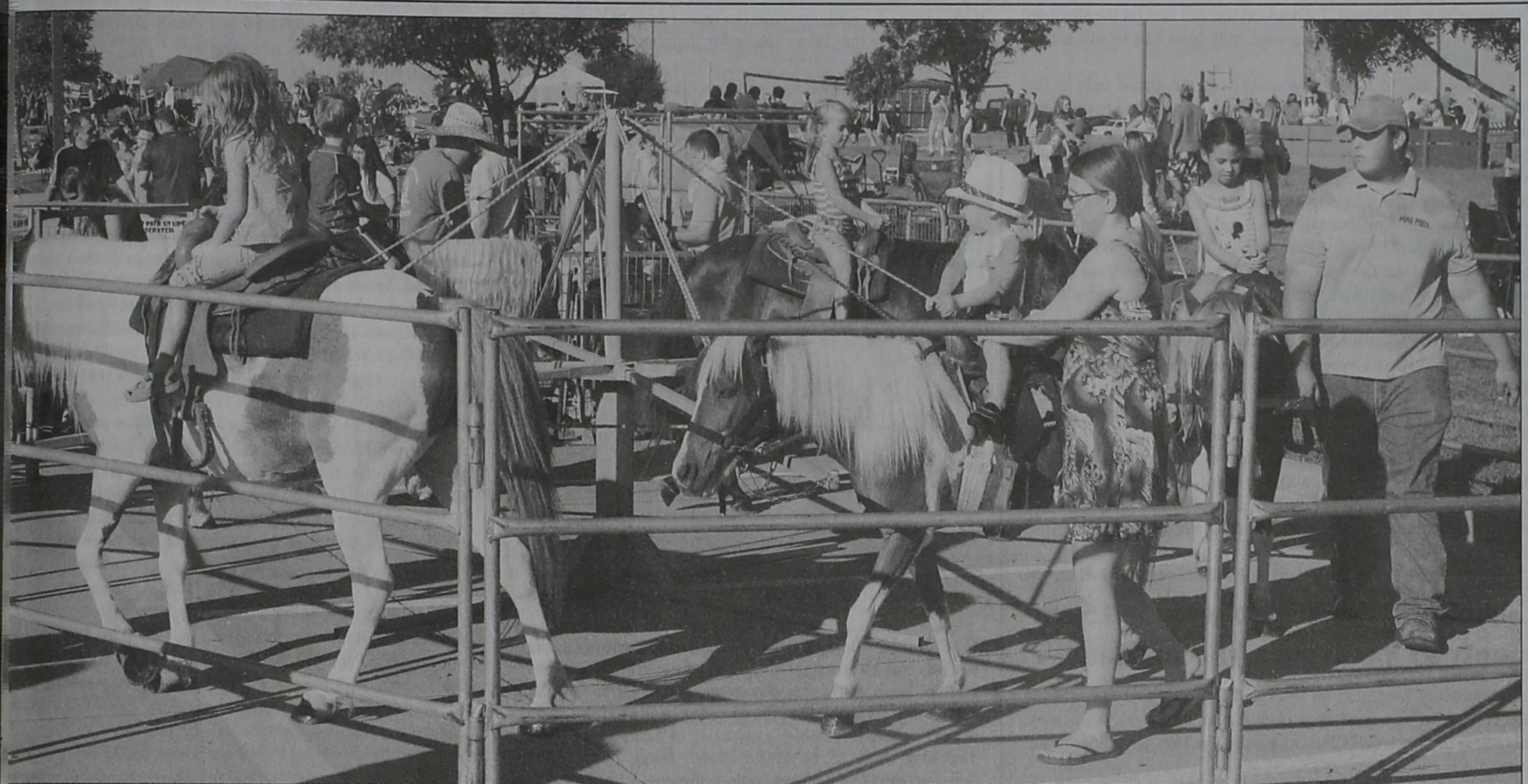


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Lakeshore Church launched the July 4th celebrations for the Rockwall, Heath and McLendon-Chisholm area with its 13th annual Freedom fest, Sunday June 28, 2015 on the church grounds. Lots of children enjoyed riding ponies and petting farm animals during the fest. Other entertainment included Water Games and Slides, Gaga Ball, Volleyball Tournament, Carpet Ball, Human Foosball, Rock Climbing, Euro Bungee, Kiddie Swing, Super Slide and numerous food booths. The church also set up a prayer tent for people who needed prayer time with church members. The event finished with the popular fire works show.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Local church choir members perform at Carnegie Hall, New York City

Contributed by Susan Shores
On June 5, 2015, the First Baptist Church Dallas choir and orchestra, consisting of 282, were given the opportunity to sing not only at Carnegie Hall but also at the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church in New York City. The choir and orchestra were directed by Doran Bugg (Minister of Music at First Baptist Church Dallas). Local residents singing with the group were Susan Shores of

Rockwall, Trudy Berlando and Barbara Cline (both of Heath). The choir and orchestra have been preparing for the concert for nearly a year. Both groups also went on a dinner cruise around the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. They were greeted by Pastor Jim Cymbala, and his wife Carol, of the Brooklyn Tabernacle church, in Brooklyn, New York. The church's congregation greeted the group with much love, and responded with several standing ovations.

Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth), and Nathan Lane (Director of the School of Arts, Artists in Residence at First Baptist Church in Dallas). Shores explained that they were the first church choir to be asked to sing at Carnegie Hall. Other church choirs have sung at Carnegie Hall but with several church choirs singing together. Ms. Patti was very gracious. She enjoyed singing with Day and Woodward. Lane also played the Saxophone during the concert. Robert Jeffress (Pastor of First Baptist Church Dallas), spoke at Carnegie Hall and the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church.



First Baptist Church Dallas choir members arriving in New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall are (left to right) Trudy Berlando of Heath, Barbara Cline of Heath, and Susan Shores of Rockwall. Under the direction of Doran Bugg, the choir and orchestra performed on Mon. June 8, 2015, with the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church, Sandi Patti, Leo Day and Nathan Lane.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

"Words cannot describe the feeling of singing at that church. The atmosphere was unbelievable. Filled with the Holy Spirit," said Ms. Shores. On Mon. June 8, the group went to Carnegie Hall to first practice singing with Sandi Patti, (from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.). The performance lasted from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. They sang with Sandi Patti, Leo Day (Dean of the School of Church

Rockwall to host Fourth activities
Rockwall's Fourth of July activities will kick off at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 4, with live music at Harry Myers Park. Bad Moon Rising will perform from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by Escape from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission will be free.

The fireworks show will begin after dusk. The prime viewing locations for fireworks, according to the City of Rockwall website, are at the park, Dobbs Elementary, the Tuttle Athletic Complex and the Rockwall Independent School District Administration Building. The Sat. July 4th parade will start 11:00 a.m. at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, and will finish 1:30 p.m. at Dobbs Elementary. The parade permit applicant is John Joseph "JJ" Smith of Heath.

University scholastic honors

Hurd named to Dean's List
Robert William Hurd II of Rockwall, a junior business administration major, was named to the Dean's List at William Jewell College for the spring semester, according to a news release from the Liberty, Missouri, college.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying 14 or more semester hours.

MacGilvary listed on Dean's List
Morgan MacGilvary of Rockwall, a sophomore, was named to the Dean's List of Mercer University's Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics following the spring semester, according to a university news release.

To be named to the honors list, students must meet a grade-point average standard determined by the school within the university.

Locals earn academic recognition at Baylor
Thirteen local residents were among the more than 3,100 Baylor University students named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the spring semester in Waco, according to a university news release. Honorees include, from Heath, Tyler Forbes Kirwan Samantha Nicole Lopez, Hailey Elizabeth Platz and Spencer Davis Sosnowski; from Royse City, Briana G. Fulghum; and Rockwall residents Anabel Glynn Burke, Cathleen Cheyenne Conrad, Alexa Briel Hein, Nathan Sheeder Mateer, De'Andra Christine Maxwell, Taylor Ashlyn Neely and Patrick Sam Ntchobo.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

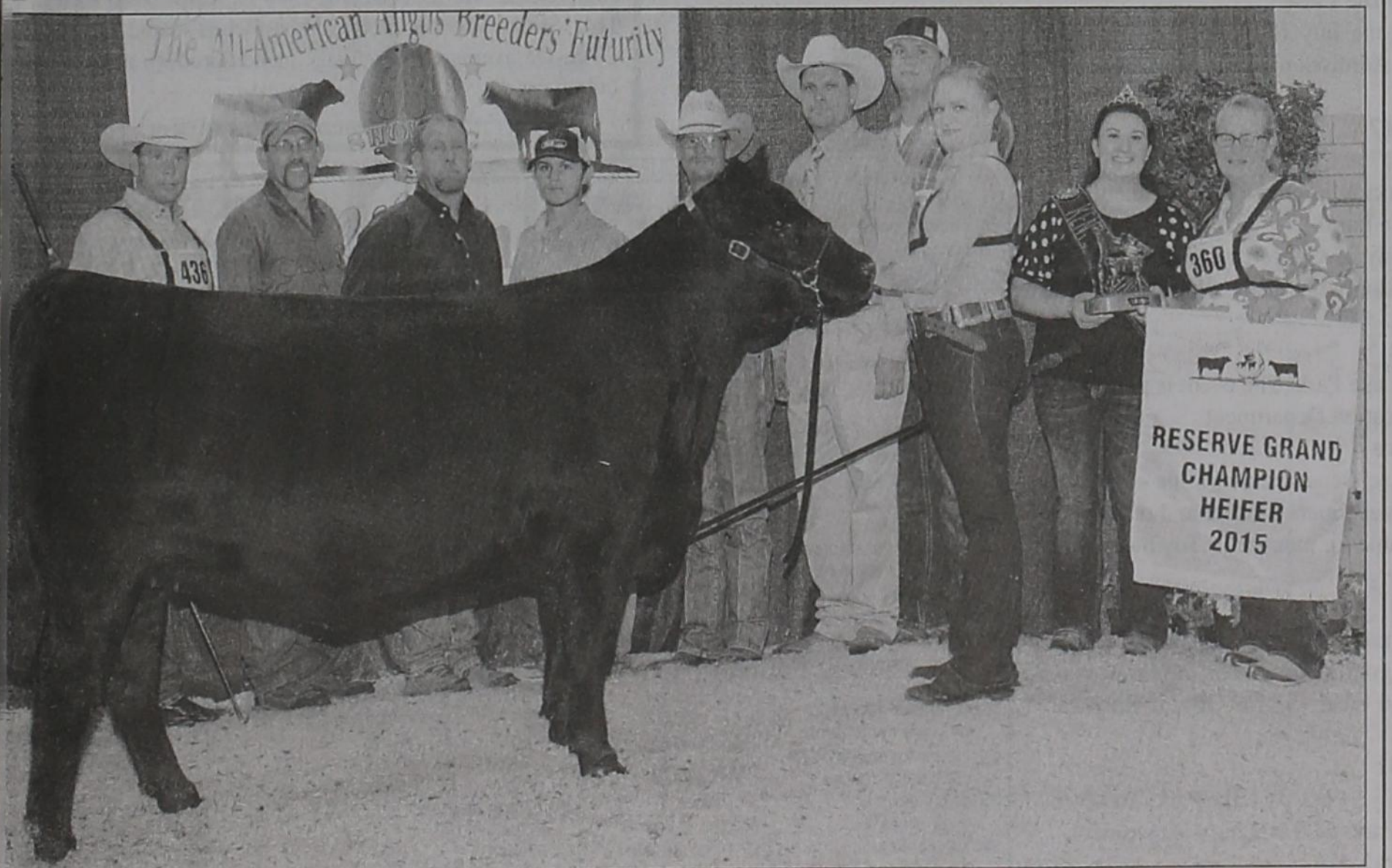
Local students tapped for UNT honors list
More than a dozen local residents were named to the President's List for the spring semester at the University of North Texas in Denton, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Eric Tyler Tamez of Fate; James B. Beattie and Jade Melynn Keath of Heath; Erika Alaina Mendoza of Royse City; and Rockwall residents Diana Marisa Avila, Joshua Taylor Bernal, Tyler Jesse Cerrato, Cameron Cole Frazier, Janna Lee Griffin, Lauren Diane Ham, Shane Austin Ivey, Puneetpal Singh Janday, Hannah Milica Jelic, Marlena Kay Jordan, Hollie Marie Kissane, Christopher James Morel, Nicole Pichardo, Shelby Lauren Plato, Michael E. Smith, Alina Soaita, Ashley Neeltje Stephens, Derrick Yuen and Ian Raphael Zurutuza.

To be named to the President's List, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a perfect grade-point average of 4.0.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Locals asked to report illegal discharges
Do your part to help Keep Rockwall's Waterway's Clean by being on the lookout for pollutants that can damage the environment. Those who see any illicit/illegal



DAJS Martha 134 won reserve grand champion female at the 2015 All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Roll of Victory Show on June 14 in Louisville, Kentucky. Tanner Howey of Rockwall owns the January 2014 daughter of DAJS All In 828. She is the first won reserve junior champion.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall constable tapped as Texas' Constable of the Year

by Millie Jean Coppedge

On Tuesday, June 30, at 9 a.m. the Rockwall County Commissioners Court will honor Constable Randy Parks of Precinct 4. He was awarded Constable of the Year last week on Padre Island by the Justices of the Peace & Constables Association of Texas.

Parks received the award in connection with an incident that was detailed in the Rockwall County News' Dec. 4, 2014, edition.

"I had been on Hwy. 276 heading eastbound, just east of FM 548. A green van traveling westbound passed me at what was estimated to be over 100 miles per hour," Parks said in the story published earlier. "I immediately turned my patrol car around, and headed toward the fleeing vehicle. In pursuit, I witnessed the van was on the shoulder of the road, then began traveling erratically from side to side and in and out ditches.

"I knew I had to take action quickly as the signal light at the dangerous intersection of FM 548 was coming up. I had two sudden thoughts. One was to try to speed up enough to get in front of the van and force the driver to slow down by ramming my car and eventually coming to a stop, but with oncoming traffic, that was an extremely dangerous idea. I decided to try pulsating my siren, hoping the driver would hear it and slow down or stop.

"Relieved, I saw the tail lights light up on the van and it began to slow down, then finally stopped. Upon approaching the van, I noticed the driver was having trouble getting out of the vehicle and was sweating profusely.

"I had recently taken a course in the procedures of working with a diabetic individual and recognized the odor of the suspects breath as that of possibly being a diabetic, rather than that of alcohol. Diabetics who are about to go into a diabetic coma are often mistakenly thought to be intoxicated.

"I asked the driver several times if he was a diabetic," Parks said, "and finally he said he was. I called the sheriff's department for back up and EMS. The driver was falling in and out of consciousness, so I began shaking him in an attempt to keep him alert and trying to avoid him going into a diabetic coma."

The 64 year-old driver, Jack Key, a retired Marine who had served

in Vietnam, was going into a diabetic coma. His little dog named Tattoo, a service dog, was with him in his van. Key flat-lined at the scene in the ambulance on the way to the hospital and again at the hospital, according to reports.

While the EMTs were working on Key at the scene, Tattoo bolted from the seat of the van and was running toward oncoming traffic. Key, in a moment of consciousness, had asked where was Tattoo. Parks heard him and knew that must be the dog's name. He yelled "Tattoo! Tattoo!" The dog stopped, turned and ran straight to Parks, who kept the dog safe until the dog's veterinarian could come to retrieve the animal.

Parks received a resolution from the Texas House of Representatives and another from the Texas Senate for "helping to save the life of a fellow citizen."

Due to Parks' diligence, Key and Tattoo are doing fine.



Constable Randy Parks of Precinct 4, Rockwall County, recently was awarded the Constable of the Year Award for the State of Texas. Parks was chosen by his peers from more than 1,000 other constables for the award presented at the Justices of the Peace & Constables Association of Texas awards dinner Thursday, June 25, on Padre Island. Judge Janice Ralston Sons, president of the association, presented Parks with the award. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Community workshop set July 15 on county's Open Space Master Plan

A community workshop on Rockwall County's first Open Space Master Plan will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Earlier this year, Rockwall County began the process of developing its first countywide Open Space Master Plan. A consultant team has been collecting data and plans from each of the cities, conducting citizen surveys, interviewing stakeholder groups and meeting with representatives from the county, cities and various state and federal agencies, according to a news release provided by the City of Rockwall.

At the workshop, consultants will provide an overview of work completed to date; seek additional input from those present; review existing parks, trails and cultural/historic facilities and programs available across the county; and detail the role that planning played in obtaining those facilities.

The OSMP will consolidate all the information and plans into a countywide Master Plan that can be used as a guide by the county and individual cities. As development occurs, there will be opportunities to preserve and protect natural systems and designate open spaces and corridors for future recreational considerations and trail connections throughout the county.

The public is invited to attend.

For additional information about the project or to volunteer for a committee, contact Nell Welborn at nwelborn@sbcglobal.net or the consultant's project manager, Kevin Shepherd, at kevin@verdunity.com.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Random Axis to perform at Concert by the Lake

Random Axis will be featured at the July 2 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The group plays a modern/mix variety of music. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

E-Flat Porch Band to perform at library

The E-Flat Porch Band, a duo from McKinney, will perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at the Rockwall County Library. The band will perform their signature country blues style.

Concert by the Lake to feature Def Legend

Def Legend, an '80s rock band, will be featured at the July 9 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Fellowship Band to perform July 10

The Fellowship Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. July 10 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Nights series organized by the Royse City Parks & Recreation Department.

Allman Bros. tribute band set at Concert by the Lake

Schroomville, an Allman Brothers tribute band, will be featured at the July 16 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

'Hunger Games' screening set July 17

"The Hunger Games" will be screened beginning at 9:15 p.m. July 17 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Nights series organized by the Royse City Parks & Recreation Department.

Concert by the Lake offers Stones tribute band

Stoneleighs, a Rolling Stones tribute band, will be featured at the July 23 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Southern Ride to perform July 24

Southern Ride will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 24 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Nights series organized by the Royse City Parks & Recreation Department.

Family Fun Friday set at Northshore

The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at Northshore Park on July 24. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and others will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Toy Story" will be screened at dusk.

Pirate Plunge planned at city pool

The City of Rockwall's Marry Myers Pool will be the site of the Pirate Plunge event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 25. Participants can show off their cannonballs, dive for gold, play Sharks and Pirates and compete in a pirate fashion show. Cost is \$2 for children ages 2 and older (\$1 for City of Rockwall residents); admission will be free for children under 2.

'The Goonies' to be screened July 31

The movie "The Goonies" will be screened beginning at 9:15 p.m. July 31 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Nights series organized by the Royse City Parks & Recreation Department.

Tickets available for 'West Side Story'

Tickets for Rockwall Summer Musicals' "West Side Story" production are now available. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13-15 and 2 p.m. Aug. 16 at the RHS Performing Arts Center at Utley, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Cost are \$19.95 for adults, \$17.95 for seniors/students. Tickets are available online at showclix.com/events/9148 or by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS.

Family Fun Friday set at The Harbor

The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at The Harbor on Aug. 28. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and others will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Big Hero 6" will be screened at dusk.

Heath to host July 4 parade, celebration

The City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade is set for Saturday, July 4.

Staging will begin at 8 a.m., with judging and awards at 8:30 a.m. The parade will start at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Drive.

A Best Decorated award will be presented in several categories, including float, bicycle, wagon/stroller, golf cart, off-road vehicle and antique car. Awards also will be distributed for Best Costume, Most Patriotic Peg, Most Spirited and the Mayor's Award. The city's Special Events Board is encouraging a friendly competition among neighborhoods with a new award for the Best Neighborhood/HOA Flat.

The city is inviting veterans and active U.S. military to ride on the veterans float.

"We have this float so that our community can honor our veterans for their extraordinary gift of service," said Lorne Liechty, Heath mayor, on the city's website. "It is because of them and the many other brave men

and women who have served in our armed forces that we are able to celebrate independence."

For more information about the military involvement, contact Norma Duncan at 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com.

Awards will be presented in Towne Center Park immediately following the parade; a live barbershop quartet and free popicles will be provided.

Area residents should plan for brief traffic delays. The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/FM 1140 will be closed from approximately 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

To view or download a map of the parade staging area and/or the parade route, visit the City of Heath website.

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discharges into area inlets, storm sewers, lakes, creeks and should report it by calling 972-772-6791. Types of illicit discharges include chlorinated backwash and draining associated with swimming pools, fertilizers, pesticides, lawn/landscape household toxins, industrial discharges, oil, anti-freeze, cleaning fluids, sanitary sewer discharges, septic tank discharge wash waters from commercial/industrial activities and machine discharges.

Rockwall city offices plan closure

Offices for the City of Rockwall will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Garbage recycling collection services will run on normal schedules on that date, according to a city news release.

Heath city offices to close for holiday observance

City of Heath offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

Democratic Men's Group to meet July 4

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will have next luncheon on Saturday, July 4, at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 200 S. Goliad, Rockwall. The group meets at noon on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state, national current events and politics. Open-minded, progressive members concerned about the future of Rockwall County and Texas are invited to participate. This month's speaker will be Dr. Barbara Montgomery who will address the history of Rockwall County.

Hope Mobile animal spay/neuter scheduled

The Spay/Neuter Network's 45-foot hospital bus will be in Rockwall Friday, July 10, in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Surgeries are performed on site. Low-cost surgery packages are available. Walk-up vaccinations are offered at a reduced price from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 972-472-3500 to make an appointment. Be sure you cannot slip their collars and that cats are in secure carriers. Proceeds by Rockwall PAWS, a local nonprofit that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive Rockwall shelter dogs (rockwallpaws.com).

RCP to host Glow Run fundraiser

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will host its Once Upon a Glow Run fundraiser beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 10, at Harry Myers Park, 827 Washington St., Rockwall. Proceeds will be used to build a new RCP facility. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded. So participants should come dressed as their favorite storybook characters. Additional prizes will be presented, and an after-party will feature food trucks and a live band. Registration for July 1 costs \$25 for the 5K, \$15 for the one-mile walk; race day costs will be \$30 and \$20. Deadline for online registration for the race is July 17. Visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Holy Trinity plans VBS

Vacation Bible school at Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, July 12-16. The program will be offered free to children ages 3-12. Volunteers (assistant teachers, workshop leaders, music leaders, drama characters, registration, check-in/out, kitchen prep, serving, etc.) and donations will be appreciated. Older kids (13-18) are invited to volunteer, as well as parents. For more details about the curriculum, visit group.com/vbs/everest. A video about the curriculum may be viewed at youtube.com/watch?v=Bz8DbZ51wQL. To register for the VBS online visit groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/holytrinity2015 call 972-771-8242.

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Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



MOUTH-WATERING FACTS

At first glance, the condition known as "dry mouth" (xerostomia) may seem to cause nothing more than a minor inconvenience. However, when you take into account all the important functions involving saliva, you realize how necessary it is to have dry mouth treated. To begin with, saliva contains protein molecules called "mucins" that act similarly to ball bearings to lubricate the mouth and thereby facilitate chewing, speaking, and swallowing. Saliva also helps regulate the acid balance in the mouth and provides the environment in which tooth minerals can be replaced. That is why chronic dry mouth can cause cavities and gum disease. Whenever prolonged periods of mouth dryness are experienced, a dental examination is warranted.

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- 16 TX bootmaker Tony 1957 hit: "_____ You?"
- 18 TX Jim Reeves
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- 24 Galveston's "tall ship," originally launched in 1877
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- 34 insurance with a cash value (abbr.)
- 35 pretty parts of Tyler roses
- 36 simulated judicial proceedings: "_____ court"
- 37 cream of the crop
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- 45 school media dept.
- 46 TX Al Dexter's "Pistol Packin' _____"

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- 49 TX Jimmy Dean makes this breakfast food
- 52 Noah's boat
- 53 Corpus is the "Sparkling City by the _____"
- 54 this west TX county has only one post office
- 55 erect again
- 58 "Valero Texas Open" has _____ golf events

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- 9 Canadian h.s. class
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- 11 car windows have this
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- 13 today, BMW makes _____ Rolls
- 14 TXism: "the fat _____ in the fire"
- 15 TXism: "_____ a spell"
- 17 TXism: "straight _____ star's teeth"
- 19 Marie Osmond sang "You're Still _____" (1986)
- 20 _____ Park, TX
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- 25 golf course turn:
- 26 "Believe _____ Not" Odditorium in Grand Prairie

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Speaking in tongues ... receive the spirit Part 3

By rightly dividing God's word, it will be seen that the term "receive the Holy Ghost" is put for that which occurred when the chosen apostles started speaking in tongues.

Acts 2:4 does not actually use the word "receive," but other areas of God's word reveals the connection.

Acts 8:14-15 includes an account of two apostles helping others receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. The verses use the word "receive" two times.

The first use is translated from the ancient Greek word "dechomai" which meant to mentally receive information favorably. The second "receive" was translated from the Greek word "lambano," which meant to lay-hold of, seize unto something, with a sense of permanent ownership.

The same two words were used in Acts 2:38-41, where Peter answered the question, "what shall we do." He answered, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive [lambano] the gift of the Holy Ghost." In the King James Bible the words "ye shall" are set in italic font because they were added by the editors. The earlier texts do not include them. Thus, it would read, "Repent, and be baptized ... and receive the gift ..."

Verse 41 uses "dechomai," "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized." Compare the above Acts verses with Acts 2:4.



The Royse City Rotary Club observed its annual installation banquet on June 11 at the Holiday Inn Select. Incoming Rotary president Tom Shelton, right, congratulates the new 2015-2016 Rotary president and Rotarian of the year, Ted Bedsole. New officers also were installed. Kent Dusek was awarded the Service Above Self Award, while his daughter Marissa, was recognized as having participated in two humanitarian trips to Nicaragua and honored as a member of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. RYLA is a youth leadership camp coordinated by the Rotary to help young people develop their leadership skills, building self-esteem and confidence. Although her parents are Rotarians, Marissa Dusek is the first non-Rotarian to be recognized by the Royse City Rotary, according to Shelton.
Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall Housing Development Corporation and Helping Hands of Rockwall are continuing their efforts to assist flood victims with housing and other essential needs. Pictured above are Larry Hance of the Hance Wickham law firm and Donna Allen, the RHDC president. Hance is shown presenting the corporation and Helping Hands with a contribution to assist with flood relief efforts. Extreme rains in recent weeks displaced several local families.
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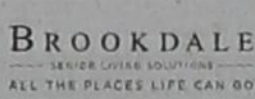
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Romans 10: 9-10

"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

Psalm 150:6

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

Proverbs 18:7

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"

Proverbs 3:5

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;"

Proverbs 3:6

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The Rockwall chapter of Soroptimists was one of two clubs recognized at the recent Soroptimists International Governor's Round Table event in Los Angeles. The local club was feted for a unique fundraising event that was not only family-oriented, but also created public awareness: the Rockwall Country Fair. The event, entered in the fundraising category of Soroptimists Celebrating Success, was selected for recognition from more than 1,300 clubs in 20 countries and territories. Cindy Lindley, left, governor-elect of the South Central Region and a Rockwall member, accepted the award. She is pictured above with Norma Morris, the newly installed Rockwall Soroptimists president. The second annual Country Fair was conducted May 30. The organization works "to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment," according to a news release from the organization.
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May 2015

- Average daily population: 160
 - Inmates booked: 519
 - Inmates released: 360
 - Males booked: 380
 - Females booked: 139
 - Males released: 259
 - Females released: 101
 - Inmates charged with felonies: 95
 - Inmates charged with misdemeanors: 408
 - Average length of confinement: 35 days
 - Rockwall County Courthouse visitors screened: 6,159
- Statistics courtesy of the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department

Wylie man convicted of child sexual abuse

A Rockwall County jury returned a verdict of guilty against Wylie resident William Leigh Muzolf, 42, on the charge of continuous sexual abuse of a child, according to a news release from the Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney's Office.

On June 26, the same jury unanimously sentenced Muzolf, who had no prior felony history, to life in the Texas state penitentiary.

He will be ineligible for parole, according to the news release.

Jurors heard testimony that Muzolf sexually assaulted his girlfriend's 9-year-old daughter multiple times over a period of 12 months in 2011-2012. The child told her aunt when she returned to Oklahoma to stay with her biological father, according to the news release.

Prosecutors called a number of witnesses, including a forensic interviewer from Oklahoma, to corroborate the victim's allegations. A witness from the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center also helped educate the jury on the effects of trauma following sexual abuse and the reasons for a delayed outcry.

"Thankfully, the victim's father had the presence of mind to report the abuse to child protective services and law enforcement

when he heard about it," said Felicia Oliphant, the lead prosecutor on the case. "Too many times, families hesitate to act and the abuser is allowed to have continued access to the child. I am also proud of the victim who finally had the courage to stand up to her abuser."

"Once again, a Rockwall County jury sent a strong message to the community that this type of heinous behavior will be punished to the full extent of the law," said Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County criminal district attorney. "I really appreciate their service in helping to protect victims who are often too vulnerable to defend themselves."

Rockwall County Entertainment

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'Cinderella' to be screened Aug. 7

The movie "Cinderella" will be screened beginning at 9:15 p.m. Aug. 7 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Nights series organized by the Roysse City Parks & Recreation Department.

History of State Fair to be explored

The history of the State Fair, which began in 1886, will be explored Sept. 11 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Family Fun Friday set at Hickory Ridge

The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at Hickory Ridge Park on Sept. 25. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and others will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Paddington" will be screened at dusk.

Program slated on Parker Cemetery

Jan Willess Johnson will talk about one of the oldest Rockwall cemeteries, Parker Cemetery, on Oct. 9 as part of the Sheri Stodghill

Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, at noon in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. The cemetery is the final resting place for some of the county's earliest settlers, including the Truitt, Hays, Orr, Collins, Parker and Wille families. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Nov. 13 program to focus on Rayburn

Sam Rayburn, one of Texas' best-known statesmen, will be the focus of the Nov. 13 program, part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Rock wall to be revisited

The history of the rock wall and recent developments about the unique underground structure will make up the Dec. 11 program that will be part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

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FCC Bible school set July 13-17

The First Christian Church Rockwall will conduct its vacation Bible school from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. July 13-17. Theme will be Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid. Children will "travel back in time" to experience life in a Bible-time village with a carpenter's shop, a food market, crafts, games and songs, all while learning about God's love. A highlight will be a market where participants can spend their "gold" coins. The VBS is open to children ages 4 through fifth grade (just completed). Register at fcerockwall.com. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Rd., 1.4 mile south of I-30. For more details call the church office at 972-771-5526.

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History of the Declaration of Independence

Comparing our past with today and looking at our future

Ken Shores

Today, July 4, 2015, we will again celebrate the separation of our thirteen Colonies from Great Britain officially with the Declaration of Independence. This was the beginning of a new nation, one chosen by the people, under the control of "We the People". Our government by our Constitution cannot include religion as a law and rules would be enforced. We the people, are to decide who enforced our constitution and Declaration of Independence as written by our founding fathers. The large majority of Christians at that time, "We the People" elected God fearing men to make up our government. The world perceived the United States of America as a "Christian" nation. According to the only proven history book, "The Bible" inspired and written by our heavenly Father which defines how to be a Christian. As written, to conquer death, God gave each man the freedom of choice to accept God's free gift. In 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (NIV)". All denominations of Christians understand and accept this gift by turning to God through Jesus Christ to follow His will and live our lives. Before if "We the People" joined together and elected Christians to lead our Government, we govern under God's rules. From 1776 until 2010 there has been 34 Presidential & Representative

elections. Only 8 times did more than 50 percent of the registered voters vote. This is per our government records.

How many of the voters took the time to research each candidate before voting? On Friday June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court Justices announced their decision that across our fifty states, they must perform same sex marriages. According to the Bible, God states that a marriage is between one man and one woman (Genesis 1:26-28 & 2:24). Marriage naturally results in producing children. How can same sex togetherness ever be called a marriage? The second sentence of the original July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness".

God is the Creator referred to in this document. What right does any person have to change God's rules? Because of such actions as this, our country is falling apart. Our government is too big and has too much control over individuals. Government making all our decisions is not necessarily good for the individual person. It is one thing to celebrate the limited freedoms we now have, but we should also take time to get on our knees and pray to God for forgiveness also.

We the People must stand together and through prayer and uniting with one another, help save our country from destruction. This fourth of July, include with your celebration your commitment to God

that you will pray for our country and join with others to denounce anything that is in violation to God's rules as stated in the Bible. Make this Fourth of July your declaration of Independence to do things God's way.

Our founding fathers sacrificed their wealth, family and lives to create the United States of America. The battles and wars we have won were because the American people trusted God through prayer and His directions as Illustrated in the Bible. Within the past hundred years, people and leaders have allowed the absence of God to take place instead of yielding to God's will, the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution as designed by our founding fathers. Through God's forgiveness, God Bless America.

You are invited Sunday evening 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, July 12, 2015 at the Heritage Christian Academy— 1408 S Goliad St, Rockwall, TX. Join others to learn about "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER". A live small band and a guest speaker. Everyone is invited to this free event. This will be our fourth "saving our country through our prayers" on the second Sunday Night of each month at the same time. This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested. For more information contact Mike Kennedy (972) 998-2680 or Kenneth Shores (214) 334-1206 or Jerry Minx (972) 896-7081

Ken Shores' articles can be viewed on my book website www.isthereagod7.org under ARTICLES.

The heart of a farmer

Jill Pertler

In my heart, I am a farmer – at least during the summer months when I'm outside tending my garden. I enjoy the feel of moist black dirt between my fingers. I get a sense of satisfaction when my seedlings sprout. I like the pleasure in the aching, sweaty feeling I get after a day spent moving dirt and pulling weeds – doing good work. Real work in the garden with Mother Nature as my boss and my husband as my supervisor. (Not really, but I let him think so.) Even though I truly dig gardening, I am not a farmer. Nor is my husband a farmer. I'm a writer who is sometimes a farmer at heart. Gardening would be the trendy term for it. My husband and I are a pretty good team in the garden. I pull the weeds and he hauls dirt. We express satisfaction with the height of the plants and anticipate the first pea pods and squash blossoms. We marvel at the ever-vigorous growth of the indestructible, immortal plants. Over the years we've learned growing things involves a never-ending learning curve. (There's a parenting analogy in there for you who wants to harvest it.) We've also learned that gardening success comes not only from

what you plant, but where. Plants are social beings and garden relationships are key to a robust crop. You don't have to be a farmer to reap the benefits of companion planting. Strong smelling herbs like basil, dill and green onions protect tomatoes from insects and slugs. Beets like bush beans (but not pole beans). Corn likes cucumber. Nasturtium is an edible flower that deters bugs and aphids. Ditto that for marigolds. You can also eat pansies. They look pretty in a salad.

Some plants experience irreconcilable differences and do not make good neighbors. Cabbage and cauliflower prefer to stay away from one another. Beans don't like garlic or onions. Lettuce and celery may both be green and crispy, but they don't like growing in proximity to each other. Garden plants possess more (or less) social skills than I ever would have imagined.

Another interesting aspect of gardening is sex – most specifically (and literally) the birds and the bees. What I'm referring to is pollination, which in plant circles means S-E-X. Both birds and bees can pollinate, but bees are better known for this skill.

Garden plants produce flowers. Some plants develop male and female flowers, others are hermaphrodites; their flowers are twofers – male and female at the same time. For plants to produce fruit (most things in the garden, even tomatoes and cucumbers, are technically fruit) pollen from the male part of the plant must make its way to the

female ovaries. Here's where the birds and bees come in.

I don't want to get all R-rated, but as bees collect nectar from flowers, pollen clings to their tiny bee feet. As they flit about the garden, the pollen is distributed to a female flower (or portion thereof) and the deed is done – pollination! Flower sex at its finest, and it's all made possible by busy bees (or in some cases butterflies, bats or even the wind). They flutter from bloom to bloom in search of nectar seemingly oblivious to the flora life cycle they are helping to perpetuate.

Summer's in full bloom in my yard and my husband and I are busy bees ourselves with weeding and watering and – hopefully soon – harvesting.

We aren't farmers, but you don't have to be an official farmer to enjoy growing things. We started with kids and moved up to tomatoes and beans – if you consider that an advancement, which it probably isn't. I guess that's okay with us. It is summer. We are outside. And we are having fun pretending to be farmers together.

Feels pretty good to me.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. She welcomes having readers follow her column on the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Rockwall County Sports

Sailor from Brazil edges Gust for Sunfish title

Sailors came from as far away as Chile, but a local competitor just missed winning the Sunfish North American Championship on Lake Ray Hubbard last week. Gust from the host Rush Creek Yacht Club won 4 of the 11 races, including two of the last three. He really fell short, in large part because he placed 15th in Race 10. The host sailor's 10 highest finishes counted in the scoring, with the first-place finisher receiving 1 point, second place 2 points, etc. The winner was the sailor with the lowest point total – in this case, Joao Hackerott from Yacht Club Amaro in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Hackerott won just two races, but didn't finish worse than eighth in his 10 races that counted. The 7-point difference between Gust's 15th-place race and Hackerott's eighth was the difference between first and second place. Hackerott finished with 38 points; Gust had 45. Rush Creek was well represented among the 59 entries from 13 U.S. states and nine foreign countries. Stuart Draheim took third place in the North American Championship with 56 points. His finished race was 11th, and his score included no finish worse than 11th. Rush Creek's other entries were Rod Favela, who placed 12th; Hamrick Morgan, 25th; Billy Self, 28th; George Hannan, 45th; Sydney Calk, 46th, and Jack Marsh, 51st. Enciso Renna from Buenos Aires, Argentina, won two races and placed fourth with 60 points. The remaining one race each were sixth-place finisher Gabriel Sanz Agaro from Asovela Guatemala, ninth-place Jacobo Margules from Mexico City and 19th-place Josh Rubin from Humble and Clear Lake Yacht Club. The highest finish by a female sailor was eighth place for Amanda Callahan from Portsmouth, R.I. representing the New York Yacht Club, she totaled 117 points, with finishes between fourth and 19th. The top youth finisher, in 17th place with 152 points, was Romina De Iulio from Salinas Yacht Club in Cayauquil, Ecuador.

Sewell, Hinton win track gold medals

Rockwall athletes Noah Sewell and Kaylee Hinton each won a gold medal at the USA Track and Field Western Association Championships at Pine Tree Stadium in Longview. Sewell, an RHS junior with Club Vaultitude, won the 15 and 16 boys' pole vault at 13 feet, 7 inches during the 18-20 weekend. Hinton, who completed her career with the Lady Jackets this spring, placed first in the 17 and 18 women's 50-meter dash at 5-3. Representing the Texas Express club, Hinton also was fifth in both the 200-meter dash (25.06 seconds) and shot put (30-11). She has signed to continue her career at Texas Tech. Sewell was among seven Club Vaultitude athletes who placed in the pole vault. Florette Brown, a 2015 Emory Rains graduate who is blind, won the 17 and 18 women's event at 11-7 1/4. Deb Estes, an RHS sophomore, was third behind Sewell at 12-5 1/4. Among the 13 and 14 boys, Trevor More placed third at 9-0 1/4 and Preston Johnson was fourth at 8-6 1/4. Club Vaultitude took second, third and fourth in the 13 and 14 girls' competition with Cheyenne Wills at 6-11 3/4, Maci Guy at 6-6 and Abigail Hinton at 5-6. Club Vaultitude, coached by RHS cross country coach Toby Howell, showed that it produces more than just pole vaulters. Wise City junior Kyle Oldham took fourth in the 17 and 18 men's discus (108-6) and fifth in the shot put (40-1/2). RHS freshman Riley Stewart was second in the 15 and 16 boys' high jump (5-4 1/2), and classmate Leah McKenzie was fourth in the 15 and 16 girls' high jump (4-11). RHS sophomore Sierra Gunter placed second in the 15 and 16 girls' long jump at 13-6 1/4. Plano-based Texas Express, Rockwall-Heath sophomore Jacob Herrscher placed fifth in the 15 and 16 pole vault at 10-11 1/2. The Southwestern Association meet was a qualifier leading up to the USATF National Junior Olympics July 2-8 in Jacksonville, Fla.



Skilled NTX Flyboard 'flyers' dazzled onlookers with demonstrations in the Lakeshore Church pond, Sun. June 28, 2015, during the Freedom fest celebration. Photo by Golden Kalu/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Fall football registration underway

Extended registration for the Heath Hawks Community Athletics Association fall football program, open to grades K-6, will run until July 19; cost will be \$125. Divisions include K-2, flag football, and grades 3-6, tackle football (second grade division tackle option possible). The HHCA works with the Rockwall Youth Community Association and Sunnyvale to provide boys of these communities a safe place to play football. For more information visit hhcafootball.com. To sign up, visit hhca.sportssignup.com. For more details call 214-927-9202.

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Articles of Confederation of The United States of America

To all to whom these Presents shall come, we the undersigned Delegates of the States affixed to our Names send greeting.

The Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts-bay Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Article I

The Stile of this Confederacy shall be "The United States of America".

Article II

Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not by this Confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress assembled.

Article III

The said States hereby severally enter into a firm league of friendship with each other, for their common defense, the security of their liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, binding themselves to assist each other, against all force offered to, or attacks made upon them, or any of them, on account of religion, sovereignty, trade, or any other pretense whatever.

Article IV

The better to secure and perpetuate mutual friendship and intercourse among the people of the different States in this Union, the free inhabitants of each of these States, paupers, vagabonds, and fugitives from justice excepted, shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of free citizens in the several States; and the people of each State shall free ingress and regress to and from any other State, and shall enjoy therein all the privileges of trade and commerce, subject to the same duties, impositions, and restrictions as the inhabitants thereof respectively, provided that such restrictions shall not extend so far as to prevent the removal of property imported into any State, to any other State, of which the owner is an inhabitant; provided also that no imposition, duties or restriction shall be laid by any State, on the property of the United States, or either of them.

If any person guilty of, or charged with, treason, felony, or other high misdemeanor in any State, shall flee from justice, and be found in any of the United States, he shall, upon demand of the Governor or executive power of the State from which he fled, be delivered up and removed to the State having jurisdiction of his offense.

Full faith and credit shall be given in each of these States to the records, acts, and judicial proceedings of the courts and magistrates of every other State.

Article V

For the most convenient management of the general interests of the United States, delegates shall be annually appointed in such manner as the legislatures of each State shall direct, to meet in Congress on the first Monday in November, in every year, with a power reserved to each State to recall its delegates, or any of them, at any time within the year, and to send others in their stead for the remainder of the year.

No State shall be represented in Congress by less than two, nor more than seven members; and no person shall be capable of being a delegate for more than three years in any term of six years; nor shall any person, being a delegate, be capable of holding any office under the United States, for which he, or another for his benefit, receives any salary, fees or emolument of any kind.

Each State shall maintain its own delegates in a meeting of the States, and while they act as members of the committee of the States.

In determining questions in the United States in Congress assembled, each State shall have one vote.

Freedom of speech and debate in Congress shall not be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Congress, and the members of Congress shall be protected in their persons from arrests or imprisonments, during the time of their going to and from, and attendance on Congress, except for treason, felony, or breach of the peace.

Article VI

No State, without the consent of the United States in Congress assembled, shall send any embassy to, or receive any embassy from, or enter into any conference, agreement, alliance or treaty with any King, Prince or State; nor shall any person holding any office of profit or trust under the United States, or any of them, accept any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any King, Prince or foreign State; nor shall the United States in Congress assembled, or any of them, grant any title of nobility.

No two or more States shall enter into any treaty, confederation or alliance whatever between them, without the consent of the United States in Congress assembled, specifying accurately the purposes for which the same is to be entered into, and how long it shall continue.

No State shall lay any imposts or duties, which may interfere with any stipulations in treaties, entered into by the United States in Congress assembled, with any King, Prince or State, in pursuance of any treaties already proposed by Congress, to the courts of France and Spain.

No vessel of war shall be kept up in time of peace by any State, except such number only, as shall be deemed necessary by the United States in Congress assembled, for the defense of such State, or its trade; nor shall any body of forces be kept up by any State in time of peace, except such number only, as in the judgement of the United States in Congress assembled, shall be deemed requisite to garrison the forts necessary for the defense of such State; but every State shall always keep up a well-regulated and disciplined militia, sufficiently armed and accoutered, and shall provide and constantly have ready for use, in public stores, a due number of filed pieces and tents, and a proper quantity of arms, ammunition and camp equipage.

No State shall engage in any war without the consent of the United States in Congress assembled, unless such State be actually invaded by enemies, or shall have received certain advice of a resolution being formed by some nation of Indians to invade such State, and the danger is so imminent as not to admit of a delay till the United States in Congress assembled can be consulted; nor shall any State grant commissions to any ships or vessels of war, nor letters of marque or reprisal, except it be after a declaration of war by the United States in Congress assembled, and then only against the Kingdom or State and the subjects thereof, against which war has been so declared, and under such regulations as shall be established by the United States in Congress assembled, unless such State be infested by pirates, in which case vessels of war may be fitted out for

that occasion, and kept so long as the danger shall continue, or until the United States in Congress assembled shall determine otherwise.

Article VII

When land forces are raised by any State for the common defense, all officers of or under the rank of colonel, shall be appointed by the legislature of each State respectively, by whom such forces shall be raised, or in such manner as such State shall direct, and all vacancies shall be filled up by the State which first made the appointment.

Article VIII

All charges of war, and all other expenses that shall be incurred for the common defense or general welfare, and allowed by the United States in Congress assembled, shall be defrayed out of a common treasury, which shall be supplied by the several States in proportion to the value of all land within each State, granted or surveyed for any person, as such land and the buildings and improvements thereon shall be estimated according to such mode as the United States in Congress assembled, shall from time to time direct and appoint.

The taxes for paying that proportion shall be laid and levied by the authority and direction of the legislatures of the several States within the time agreed upon by the United States in Congress assembled.

Article IX

The United States in Congress assembled, shall have the sole and exclusive right and power of determining on peace and war, except in the cases mentioned in the sixth article—of sending and receiving ambassadors—entering into treaties and alliances, provided that no treaty of commerce shall be made whereby the legislative power of the respective States shall be restrained from imposing such imposts and duties on foreigners, as their own people are subjected to, or from prohibiting the exportation or importation of any species of goods or commodities whatsoever—of establishing rules for deciding in all cases, what captures on land or water shall be legal, and in what manner prizes taken by land or naval forces in the service of the United States shall be divided or appropriated—of granting letters of marque and reprisal in times of peace—appointing courts for the trial of piracies and felonies committed on the high seas and establishing courts for receiving and determining finally appeals in all cases of captures, provided that no member of Congress shall be appointed a judge of any of the said courts.

The United States in Congress assembled shall also be the last resort on appeal in all disputes and differences now subsisting or that hereafter may arise between two or more States concerning boundary, jurisdiction or any other causes whatever; which authority shall always be exercised in the manner following. Whenever the legislative or executive authority or lawful agent of any State in controversy with another shall present a petition to Congress stating the matter in question and praying for a hearing, notice thereof shall be given by order of Congress to the legislative or executive authority of the other State in controversy, and a day assigned for the appearance of the parties by their lawful agents, who shall then be directed to appoint by joint consent, commissioners or judges to constitute a court for hearing and determining the matter in question: but if they cannot agree, Congress shall name three persons out of each of the United States, and from the list of such persons each party shall alternately strike out one, the petitioner beginning, until the number shall be reduced to thirteen; and from that number not less than seven, nor more than nine names as Congress shall direct, shall in the presence of Congress be drawn out by lot, and the persons whose names shall be so drawn or any five of them, shall be commissioners or judges, to hear and finally determine the controversy, so always as a major part of the judges who shall hear the cause shall agree in the determination: and if either party shall neglect to attend at the day appointed, without showing reasons, which Congress shall judge sufficient, or being present shall refuse to strike, the Congress shall proceed to nominate three persons out of each State, and the secretary of Congress shall strike in behalf of such party absent or refusing; and the judgement and sentence of the court to be appointed, in the manner before prescribed, shall be final and conclusive; and if any of the parties shall refuse to submit to the authority of such court, or to appear or defend their claim or cause, the court shall nevertheless proceed to pronounce sentence, or judgement, which shall in like manner be final and decisive, the judgement or sentence and other proceedings being in either case transmitted to Congress, and lodged among the acts of Congress for the security of the parties concerned: provided that every commissioner, before he sits in judgement, shall take an oath to be administered by one of the judges of the supreme or superior court of the State, where the cause shall be tried, 'well and truly to hear and determine the matter in question, according to the best of his judgement, without favor, affection or hope of reward': provided also, that no State shall be deprived of territory for the benefit of the United States.

All controversies concerning the private right of soil claimed under different grants of two or more States, whose jurisdictions as they may respect such lands, and the States which passed such grants are adjusted, the said grants or either of them being at the same time claimed to have originated antecedent to such settlement of jurisdiction, shall on the petition of either party to the Congress of the United States, be finally determined as near as may be in the same manner as is before prescribed for deciding disputes respecting territorial jurisdiction between different States.

The United States in Congress assembled shall also have the sole and exclusive right and power of regulating the alloy and value of coin struck by their own authority, or by that of the respective States—fixing the standards of weights and measures throughout the United States—regulating the trade and managing all affairs with the Indians, not members of any of the States, provided that the legislative right of any State within its own limits be not infringed or violated—establishing or regulating post offices from one State to another, throughout all the United States, and exacting such postage on the papers passing through the same as may be requisite to defray the expenses of the said office—appointing all officers of the land forces, in the service of the United States, excepting regimental officers—appointing all the officers of the naval forces, and commissioning all officers whatever in the service of the United States—making rules for the government and regulation of the said land and naval forces, and directing their operations.

The United States in Congress assembled shall have authority to appoint a committee, to sit in the recess of Congress, to be denominated 'A Committee of the States', and to consist of one delegate from each State; and to appoint such other committees and civil officers as may be necessary for managing the general affairs of the United States under their direction—to appoint one of their members to preside, provided that no person be allowed to serve in the office of president more than one year in any term of three years; to ascertain the necessary sums of money to be raised for the service of the United States, and to appropriate and apply the same

for defraying the public expenses—to borrow money, or emit bills on the credit of the United States, transmitting every half-year to the respective States an account of the sums of money so borrowed or emitted—to build and equip a navy—to agree upon the number and land forces, and to make requisitions from each State for its quota in proportion to the number of white inhabitants in such State, which requisition shall be binding, and thereupon the legislature of each State shall appoint the regimental officers, raise the men, cloath, arm and equip them in a solid-like manner, at the expense of the United States; and the officers and men so cloathed, armed and equipped shall march to the place appointed, and within the time agreed on by the United States in Congress assembled, if the United States in Congress assembled shall, on consideration of circumstances judge proper that any State should not raise or should raise a smaller number of men than the quota thereof, such extra number shall be raised, officered, cloathed, armed and equipped in the same manner as the quota of each State, unless the legislature of such State shall judge that such extra number cannot be safely spread out in the same, in which case they shall raise as many officers, cloath, arm and equip as many of such extra number as the judge can be safely spared. And the officers and men so cloathed, armed, and equipped, shall march to the place appointed, and within the time agreed on by the United States in Congress assembled.

The United States in Congress assembled shall never engage in a war, nor grant letters of marque or reprisal in time of peace, nor enter into any treaties or alliances, nor coin money, nor regulate the value thereof, nor ascertain the sums and expenses necessary for the defense and welfare of the United States, or any of them, nor emit bills, nor borrow money on the credit of the United States, nor appropriate money, nor agree upon the number of vessels of war, to be built or purchased, or the number of land or sea forces to be raised, nor appoint a commander in chief of the army or navy, unless nine States assent to the same: nor shall a question on any other point, except for adjourning from day to day be determined, unless by the votes of the majority of the United States in Congress assembled.

The Congress of the United States shall have power to adjourn any time within the year, and to any place within the United States, so that no period of adjournment be for a longer duration than the space of six months, and shall publish the journal of their proceedings monthly, except such parts thereof relating to treaties, alliances, military operations, as in their judgement require secrecy; and yeas and nays of the delegates of each State on any question shall be entered on the journal, when it is desired by any delegate of a State, or any of them, at his or their request shall be furnished with a transcript of the said journal, except such parts as are excepted, to lay before the legislatures of the several States.

Article X

The Committee of the States, or any nine of them, shall be authorized to execute, in the recess of Congress, such of the powers of Congress as the United States in Congress assembled, by the consent of the nine States, shall from time to time think expedient to vest them with; provided that no power be delegated to the said Committee, for the exercise of which, by the Articles of Confederation, the voice of nine States in the Congress of the United States assembled be requisite.

Article XI

Canada acceding to this confederation, and adjoining in the measures of the United States, shall be admitted into, and entitled to all the advantages of this Union; but no other colony shall be admitted into the same, unless such admission be agreed to by nine States.

Article XII

All bills of credit emitted, monies borrowed, and debts contracted by, or under the authority of Congress, before the assembling of the United States, in pursuance of the present confederation, shall be deemed and considered as a charge against the United States, for payment and satisfaction whereof the said United States, and the public faith are hereby solemnly pledged.

Article XIII

Every State shall abide by the determination of the United States in Congress assembled, on all questions which by this confederation are submitted to them. And the Articles of this Confederation shall be inviolably observed by every State, and the Union shall be perpetual; nor shall any alteration at any time hereafter be made in any of them; unless such alteration be agreed to in a Congress of the United States, and be afterwards confirmed by the legislatures of every State.

And Whereas it hath pleased the Great Governor of the World to incline the hearts of the legislatures we respectively represent in Congress, to approve of, and to authorize us to ratify the said Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union. Know Ye that we the undersigned delegates, by virtue of the power and authority us given for that purpose, do by these presents, in the name and behalf of our respective constituents, fully and entirely ratify and confirm each and every of the said Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, and all and singular the matters and things therein contained: And we do further solemnly plight and engage the faith of our respective constituents, that they shall abide by the determinations of the United States in Congress assembled, on all questions, which by the said Confederation are submitted to them. And that the Articles thereof shall be inviolably observed by the States we respectively represent, and that the Union shall be perpetual.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands in Congress Done at Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania the ninth day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Eight, and in the Third Year of the independence of America

Agreed to by Congress

15 November 1777

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Readers are encouraged to closely read the Articles of Confederation for a comparison with the U.S. constitution and the present political climate in the United States of America.

We find no clause in the U.S. constitution that nullifies the Articles of Confederation.
Nor do we find another agreement dissolving or overriding the Articles of Confederation.

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