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Rockwall County road becomes runway for emergency landing

Monday, June 16, a small private plane lost power less than three miles from the Rockwall Municipal Airport and made an emergency landing near North Country Lane and FM 549. According to the pilot, the plane began the shortened flight in Memphis. Details about the incident and emergency response were not available for this week's publication.

Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News

Royse City ISD swears in trustees, amended sick leave policy explained

Jean Coppedge
The City School Board began its June 9 meeting by swearing in newly elected and re-elected school board members: Scott Arm, Christina Carrion and Bobby Summers. Board members were re-elected to their board positions: Julie Board president, Don Palmer, vice-president, and Summers, superintendent Kevin Worthy announced that as of the school session, there were 4,950 students registered in the district schools.
Superintendent Jeff Webb told the board in his safety and report that a total of 80 two-way radios have been distributed to personnel in the district's schools. The radios are used for communication during a crisis or emergency situation.
Webb explained the amended sick leave policy for district employees. The Sick Leave Bank is a program set up whereas an employee can donate one day of their sick days at the beginning of the year to a pool, from which an employee may petition before a committee for help from the bank in case of a catastrophic event. Board members said that bereavement days (in case of a death in the family) are five days per year are being considered with a stricter policy needed for bereavement.
District superintendent of curriculum and instruction and the president of the Advisory Council, Julia Robinson, gave a

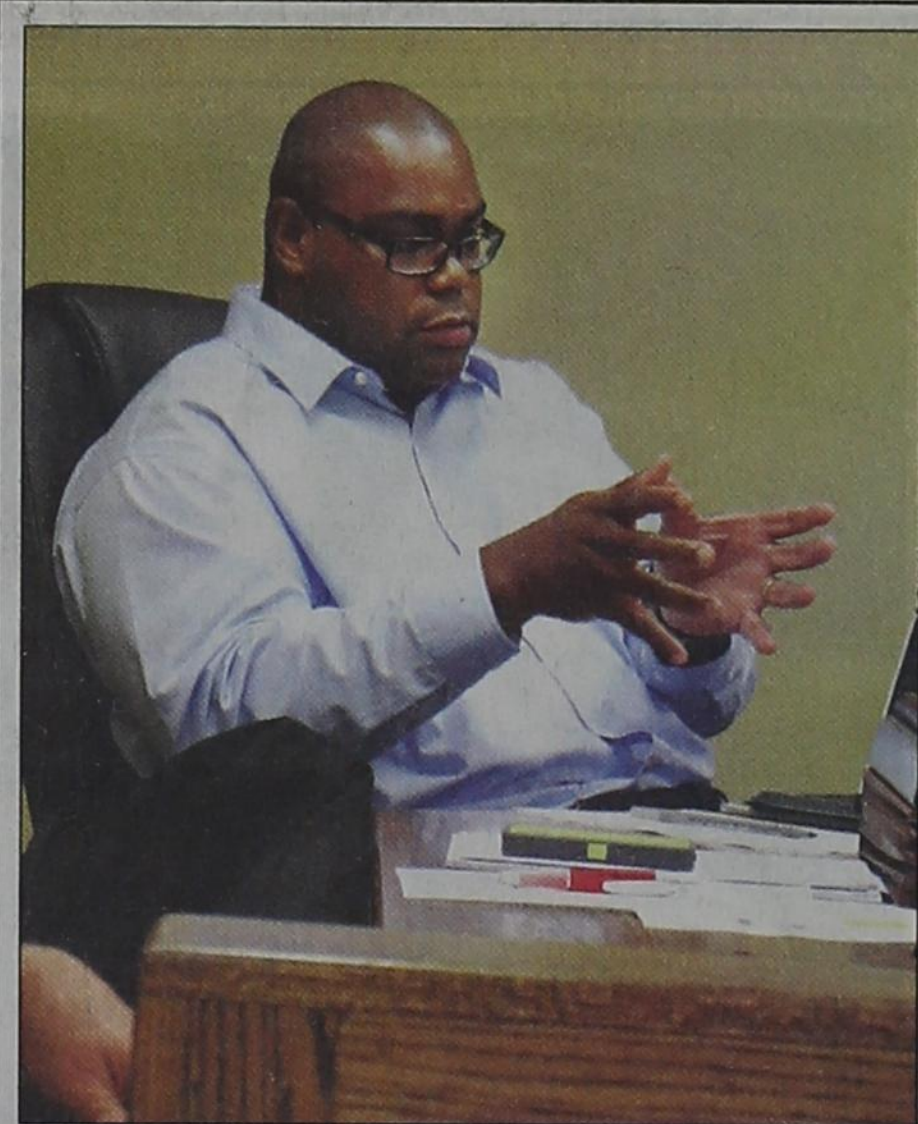
PowerPoint presentation of the 2014 data from the STAAR relating to grades 3-8 and 2014 end-of-course report.

"Future ready" was the term used by Worthy when he discussed the updated Royse City ISD 2014-2015 district grading policy. The action passed unanimously. Changes are being made regarding the re-dos of grades below 70 for homework, tests and projects. Students will only have one try to retest on unit assessments.

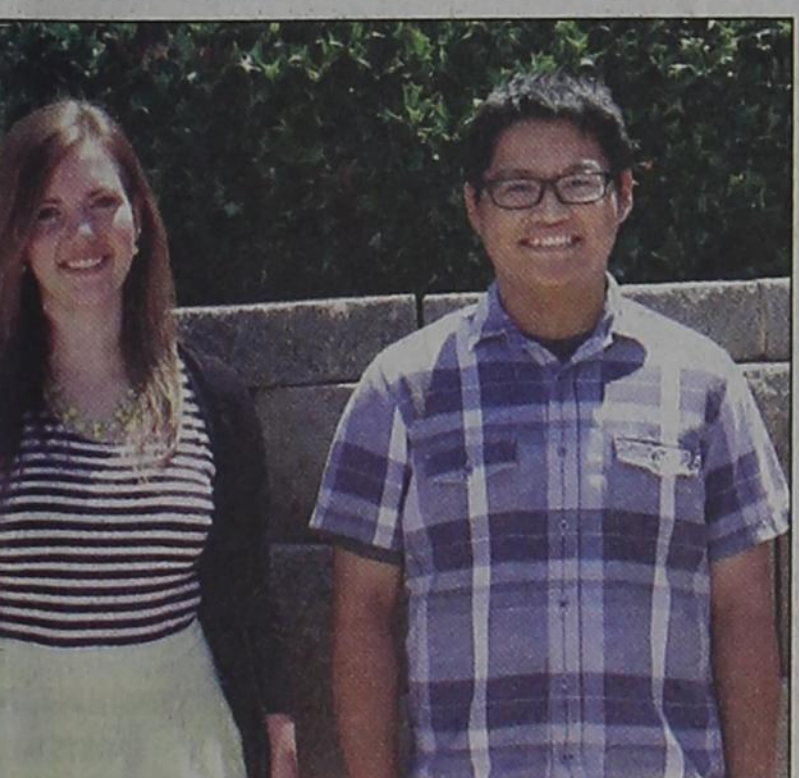
The board discussed the turnaround time for teachers to get students' work graded and recorded. The Parent Portal is the site on the district website where parents can go to view their children's grades. Robinson said that if the teacher waits too long to record the grades, too much time may have passed for the make-up of grades below 70 to be a workable situation. She said that it could become a vicious cycle of make-ups and retesting. She also noted that the grading policy states the minimum homework, tests, projects, etc. that must be given and graded per six weeks. The assessment of student learning should be on an ongoing basis, not just on two or three assignments in the six-week period.

Worthy said that all the information regarding the new grading policy would be in the packet sent home by the students on the first day of school.

All members of the board were present.
The next RCISD board meeting will be at 7 p.m. July 14.



At a recent meeting of the district's administration, Royse City Independent School District trustee for Place 4 Eric Fort praised teachers and the administration for their hard work, level of instruction and positive attitudes in working with students. Fort said he is proud to be a part of the district's school board.
Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Rockwall High School students Brianna Stoker and John Wirang were recipients of scholarships recently presented by the Aspasians. The organization presented scholarships worth \$60,000 thanks to the success of its art show. The next show is set for Sept. 20 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Pictured above are the Rockwall-Heath High School students who recently received scholarships from the local Aspasians group. From the left are Julio Colon-Gonzales, Aspasians president Neely Holland, Vanessa Colegio and Margie Chung, a member of the Aspasians Scholarship Committee.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Diamond interchange project at FM 551 begins

Construction soon will be broken on a Texas Department of Transportation diamond interchange at I-30 and FM 551, according to a news release.
The project of this interchange, the current two-way frontage roads between FM 551 and FM 551 will be converted permanently to one-way frontage roads during this week. Frontage roads will be narrowed to one lane in each direction while the new pavement markings are applied. The new configuration will be two lanes on both the east and westbound frontage roads with westbound traffic occupying the frontage road on the north side of the highway and eastbound traffic occupying the frontage

road on the south side of the highway.
When this segment of the conversion is complete, one-way frontage roads will be continuous from FM 740 in Rockwall to FM 548 in Royse City, according to the news release.
Webber LLC is the contractor on the \$30.8 million interchange project.
Road conditions and traffic updates are available on the drivetexas.org website, on Facebook at facebook.com/txdot and Twitter, twitter.com/txdot or twitter.com/txdotdallaspio.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Democratic Party to meet June 21

The Rockwall County Democratic Party will conduct a meeting at 9 a.m. June 21 at Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Participants will review results of the recent primary and primary runoff elections, the activities of Battleground Texas-Team Rockwall and the local party needs.

Church to host blood drive

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to noon June 22. To make an appointment, visit 2.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/51961. The church is located at 1524 Smirl Drive in Heath.

Democrats plan meeting with candidate

The Rockwall County Democrats will host a meeting with John Cook, Democratic candidate for land commissioner, beginning at 7 p.m. June 23 in the Rockwall High School cafeteria.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule set

The next Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle will be June 26. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 5:30 p.m. Prices are reasonable; assistance is available through Rockwall PAWS. Dogs should be in non-slip collars, cats in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 or email info@spayneuternet.org; hablamos Español.

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Shelby Adamson and Nathan Schnefke

Adamson, Schnefke plan June 28 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Adamson of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelby Keltz Adamson, to Nathan James Schnefke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schnefke of Shawnee, Kansas.

The bride-elect, a 2008 Rockwall High School graduate, received a mathematics degree from Tarleton State University in 2012. She is employed at Byron Nelson High School in Trophy Club.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2003 graduate of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, graduated from Kansas State University in 2007 with a business marketing degree. He is employed by Rouse Properties.

A June 28, 2014, wedding is planned at Watermark Church, Dallas. The couple plans to reside in Grapevine.

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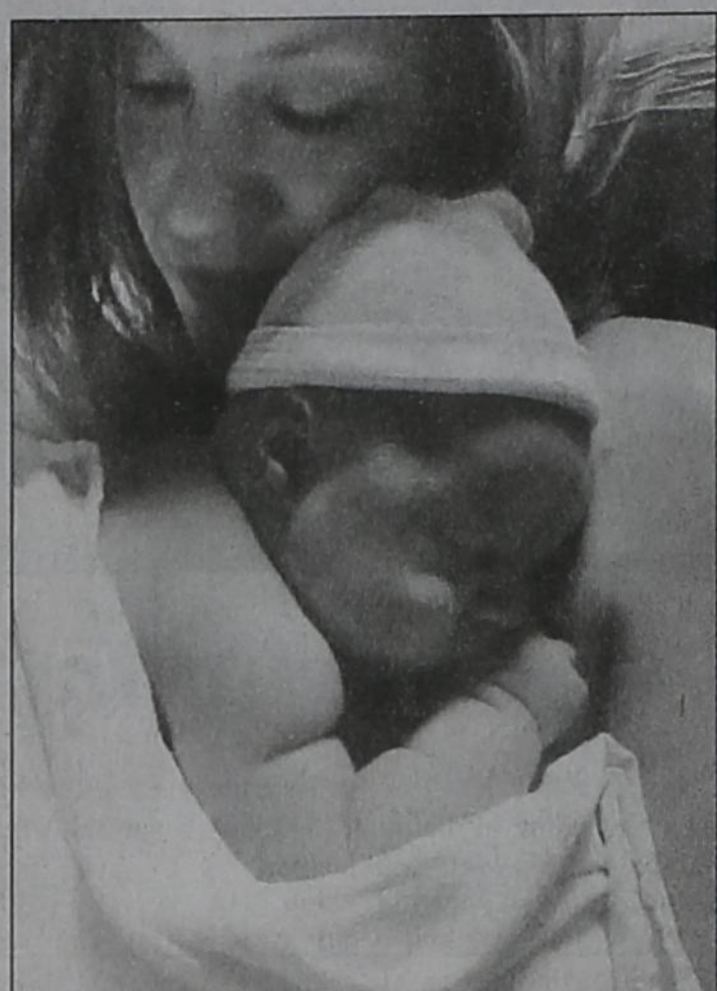
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Lone Star CASA volunteers sworn

Judge Brett Hall swore eight new volunteers for Lone Star CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Monday June 16, at the Rockwall County Courthouse. Pictured from left are Bradford, Tamara Hales, Loretta Hayden, Judge Brett Hall, Dee Willard, Debra Tamm, Jean Gustafson, Nancy Love and Richard Hansen. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Births



Ethan Knox Harris with mother Veronica

Veronica Harris and Christopher LaFoy are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ethan Knox Harris, at 4:32 p.m. on May 30, 2014, at Presbyterian Hospital, Rockwall.

The infant weighed 8 pounds, 13.5 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth.

He was welcomed home by siblings Trinity Harris and Elijah Harris.

Maternal grandparents are Philip and Patricia Rogers of Rockwall. Paternal grandparents are Corey and Toni LaFoy of Wylie.

Royse City Council hears Girl Scout troop's plan

by Millie Jean Coppedge

The Royse City Council meeting of June 10, which was a brief one, began with a presentation from the Girl Scout Troop 8997. The troop's plan is to clean up City Lake Park of any debris and rubbish. They will plant flowers for the further beautification of the park.

The troop also said their plan is to promote their endeavors on Facebook and possibly in the Royse City Water Statement.

"Hot Summer Nights @ City Lake Park" began June 12. The event is either a movie shown on an outside screen (donated by the Royse City Lions Club) or a concert each week; entertainment is appropriate for all ages. Participants should bring lawn chairs and blankets.

The summer schedule includes:

- June 19 at 6:30 p.m. - Concert, Eric Wayne with Kayla Wheeler
- June 26 at 9 p.m. - Movie, "Air Bud 3: World Pup"
- July 10 at 6:30 p.m. - Concert, Lonestar Overdrive
- July 17 at 9 p.m. - Movie, "The Lego Movie"
- July 24 at 6:30 p.m. - Concert, The Fellowship Band
- July 31 at 6:30 p.m. - Royse City Sing-off
- Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Concert, Mike Castleberry
- Aug. 14 at 9 p.m. Movie, "Freebirds"

Note that the movies, concerts and the sing off are all scheduled on Thursday nights, with the exception of July 3, which is the day after Independence Day. There will be no event on that day.

The schedule of the Royse City Splash Park, which opened May 19, will continue until Labor Day, was agreed by the council. The park located at Hwy. 66 and Erby Campbell Road will be free to the public seven days a week.

Also a reemphasis of the continuation of the May 27 council meeting when city manager Carl Alsbrook announced that the North Municipal Water District advised him that the Stage 3 water restriction would continue until Oct. 31. The council had been making the decision on a monthly basis of whether there would be the need to go to Stage 4. Stage 4 would have been extremely restrictive.

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Joyce Jackson and her Son Charlie Roach

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Locals tapped for Austin College

Three local residents among students named to the Dean's List at Austin College for the spring term, according to university news release.

Honorees include Jeff Nightengale of Heath, a senior at Rockwall-Heath High School; Megan Mayfield of Rockwall, a senior at Rockwall High School; and Madeline Smith of Rockwall, a senior at Rockwall High School. Karen Jacob and a graduate of Rockwall High School.

The Dean's List recognizes a minimum of three graduate credit courses each term based on the grade point average. The list was announced at a city council meeting on June 10.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Carlene Cooper Blessing



Carlene Cooper Blessing, 62, of Rockwall, died June 14, 2014, surrounded by loved ones following a long battle with breast cancer. She was born April 16, 1952, in Paris, Texas, to Carl "Booger" and Mary Ann Blessing. She was a loving wife and Rockwall resident since 1968. She worked as a registered nurse for more than 35 years and was best known for her endless capacity to nurture. She loved to read, travel, and spend time with her family. She is survived by her husband, Brian Blessing of Rockwall, and her two children, Blessing of College Station and his wife, Joey Kaspar and their three children.

Joe Leonard Braly



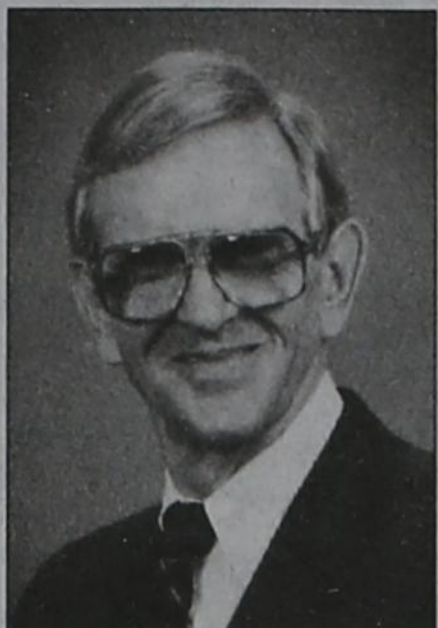
Joe Leonard Braly, 81, of Rockwall, died June 12, 2014, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel with his family officiating. Burial will be in the Rockwall Memorial Home. He was born June 3, 1925, in Grand Saline, Texas, to Ola (Vistal) Braly, nee U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II. He was the owner/operator of a company and a member of the First Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Billie Braly; his stepchildren, Rod Ryder, Sharon Wyman and Jim Braly; his siblings, Bill, Elmer, Lee, Morien, Wayne and Marie. He preceded in death by his son, Terry Braly, in 1999 and his daughter, Betty Braly, in 2008.

Curtis Owen Gibbs



Memorial services for Curtis Owen Gibbs, 81, a lifelong resident of Rockwall, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. June 14, 2014, in the Roysie City Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donahoe officiating. Burial was in the Rockwall Memorial Home. He was born June 12, 1925, to David and Elizabeth (Johnson) Gibbs, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall for 30 years. He worked as a farmer. He is survived by his wife, Mozelle Gibbs; his children, Johnny Gibbs and his wife, Sandra, Shirley Goodwin and her husband, Connie, and Deb Rosebure and her husband, Rosie; his grandchildren, Bobby Gibbs, Bryan Gibbs, Grant Goodwin, Jennifer Gibbs, and his great-grandchildren, Max Rucker and Bart Rosebure; and his great-grandchildren, Cody Gibbs and Zoe Rosebure.

Royce C. Phillips



Services for Royce C. Phillips, 79, were conducted at 2 p.m. June 13, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 12. He died June 9.

Born Nov. 3, 1934, in Tucumcari, N.M., to Monnie Lawrence Phillips and Zera (Shields) Phillips, he was raised in San Jon, N.M., where his father served as mayor for several years. He grew up helping his parents run a tourist court on old Route 66.

He lived in Rockwall for 35 years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall. He worked in the data processing industry until his retirement and enjoyed many hobbies, including golf and photography. Following retirement he worked part-time at the Rest Haven Funeral Home. He also enjoyed working part-time as a crossing guard at Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary School, a position he held for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna Phillips; a son, Ted L. Phillips; three grandchildren, Rebekah, Jayden and Nekoda Phillips; and three nieces, Diane Bass, Linda Chillcot and Barbara Ruckman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Steve Phillips; a sister, Margaret Bass; and a brother, James Phillips.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Susan Beth Thompson



Memorial services for Susan Beth Thompson, 51, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. June 7, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died June 3, 2014, with her family by her side.

Born Aug. 10, 1962, in Memphis, Tenn., to Autrey Allen Thompson and Shirley Jean (Croan) Thompson, she spent much of her childhood in the Galveston and Texas City areas, moving to Dallas with her family in 1975. She graduated from Bryan Adams High School in 1980.

She enjoyed spending time with her husband at their Broken Bow, Okla., lake home and enjoyed barbecues and swimming with her family. The Florida coast also was a favorite destination. She enjoyed cooking and trying new recipes and was an avid reader. Her happiest moments were spent with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Garduno of Rockwall; her daughter, Ashley Porter, and granddaughter, Payton, both of Dallas; her mother and stepfather, Shirley and Tim Speaks of Dallas; her sister, Carolee Liu, and her husband, Junior, of Seattle, Wash.; her stepdaughters, Melody Esquivel, and her husband, Johnny, of Terrell and Mari Garduno and her husband, Karlos Lopez, of Terrell; her grandchildren, Isaiah, Amelia and Emilia Lopez and Adam and Miley Esquivel; her grandfather, Arnel Moeller of Santa Fe, Texas; and numerous other family members, including stepisters, a brother-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and a nephew.

Thomas Edd Whitlock

A memorial service for Thomas Edd Whitlock, 73, of Roysie City will be conducted at 10 a.m. June 21, 2014, in the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating.

He died June 15. Born Oct. 18, 1940, in Paris, Texas, to Guy and Zoeneita (Rice) Whitlock, he served in the Texas Air National Guard. He worked as a mechanical engineer for Rockwell-Collins, later Rockwell International, from which he retired in 1996 after 40 years of service. A member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, he never met a stranger.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Carroll (McIntosh) Whitlock of Roysie City; his daughter, Sandy Van Dyke, and her husband, Jack, of Roysie City; his granddaughters, Kelly Van Dyke and Katie Van Dyke; his grandson, Jeff Van Dyke; and his nephews, Chad Hicks and his wife, Donna, and Rodney Hicks and his wife, Karen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rhoda Stewart. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the building fund at the church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Rockwall County News Briefs

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Highsteppers Mini Camp set July 14-17

Girls, grade K-6, are invited to join the Highsteppers and Starsteppers for Mini Camp July 14-17. Activities will take place at the RHHS gym; check-in is at 8:45 a.m. (8:30 a.m. first day). Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants should bring sack lunches, spill-proof drinks and water bottles daily; wear clothing that is conducive to dance. Each participant will receive a T-shirt. Registration fee is \$15; tuition is \$60. Make checks payable to RHHS Highsteppers; mail to Jennifer Sands/RHHS Highsteppers, 113 Fairfield Dr., Rockwall. Registration due June 27. For details call Sands at 972-971-6615 or Karen Birdsong, 214-707-3749, or email RHHSdrill@yahoo.com.

Firework use prohibited in Heath

Area residents should be reminded that the use of fireworks is strictly prohibited in the City of Heath, according to a news release issued recently.

City of Heath to close offices for July 4

The offices of the City of Heath will be closed in observance of the July 4 holiday on July 4 and will resume normal business hours on July 7, according to a city news release.

July 4 parade may disrupt traffic

Drivers traveling through Heath on the morning of July 4 should be advised to plan ahead for brief traffic delays. According to a city news release, the intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/FM 1140 will be closed during the city's Independence Day parade from approximately 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Democratic Men's Group to meet

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon on July 5 at Napoli's Italian Restaurant, 407 S. Goliad, near downtown Rockwall. Guest speaker will be Dr. Barbara Montgomery. The group meets at noon on the first Saturday of each month at local restaurants for lunch and discussions of local, state and national current events and politics. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are invited to participate; women also are welcome to attend.

Churches to co-host VBS July 13-17

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church will partner with the First Christian Church of Rockwall for vacation Bible school, which will be conducted on the Holy Trinity campus, 1524 Smirl Road, Heath, July 13-17. Classes will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children ages 4 and older are invited to participate. Theme for this year is Weir Animals; a station change format will be used. Each day, children will move through field-tested activity stations with their Zoo Crews. To register online, visit focrockwall.com/vbs-registration.

Student, adult volunteers needed for STAR performances

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

Rockwall County Entertainment

Beatles tribute show scheduled

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a Beatles tribute show by the Sgt. Peppers Lonely Bluegrass Band at the Concert by the Lake event on June 19. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

'Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.' performances set

Performances of "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." will run June 24-29 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk. Based on the ABC-TV Emmy Award-winning Saturday morning educational animated series that aired from the 1970s-1980s, performances will be at 7 p.m., except on June 29 when a 2 p.m. matinee is planned. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to show time.

Lake concert to feature country, rock variety

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host a country, rock variety show performed by J.D. Monson at the Concert by the Lake event on June 26. Live concerts are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at The Harbor and will run through July 24. For a full schedule of performers visit rockwall.com/parks/concert.

Family Fun Friday to feature 'Frozen'

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its Family Fun Friday on June 27 at Harry Myers Park, 945 E. Washington. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "Frozen," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

Southern Junction concerts planned

Southern Junction will play host to two big concerts this month: Mark Chesnut along with Beaumont on June 27 and Randy Rogers and Wade Bowen and their Hold My Beer & Watch This Acoustic Tour on June 29. The Chesnut concert will be open to individuals ages 17 and older, while the Rogers/Bowen concert will be open to those ages 19 and older.

Church plans June 29 Freedom Fest

Lakeshore Church will host its 12th Annual Freedom Fest beginning at 6 p.m. June 29. Admission and games will be free, including water slides, euro bungees, pony rides, petting zoo, rock climbing and more. Foods will include barbecue beef sandwiches, sausage wraps, nachos, kettle corn, pulled-pork sandwiches, tacos, hot dogs and more; proceeds will benefit local and international mission trips. The evening will end fireworks; participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The event will take place at 5575 Hwy. 205 South, Rockwall. For more details about the church visit lakeshorechurch.net.

Pet welfare workers attend workshop

Christina Arriaga, representing Rockwall Pets, and Susan Miley, representing Hurry Home Active Rescue Dogs, attended a workshop in Dallas presented by Petfinder, the online database of adoptable pets.

The single-day workshop included insight into online marketing, networking with other adoption programs, training dogs for adoptability, and feline upper respiratory conditions and treatment.

Speakers from throughout the U.S. were featured.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Youth girls summer volleyball registration underway

Registration is underway through June 21 for the youth girls summer volleyball program at the JER Chilton YMCA at Rockwall. The volleyball league is games only, no practices, and everyone who registers plays. League divisions include grades three through six. Games begin June 24 and will be played primarily on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the seven-game season; an end-of-season tournament will wrap league play. Non-marking rubber-soled shoes are required; shorts are preferred. The YMCA family member fee is \$50; activity member fee is \$100. For more details, contact Bill Cadman, sports director, at 972-772-9622 or bcadman@ymcadallas.org.

Area News Briefs

Carnival, concert set in Quinlan

A carnival and concert at Ford High School in Quinlan will benefit the Hunt County Kids and Lake Area Shared Ministries. The event, which will feature 50-cent games, a dunking booth, face-painting, hot dogs, a bake sale and live music, will run from noon to 6 p.m. June 21. The concert will begin at 3 p.m.; tickets cost \$5 and will be free for children ages 8 and younger. Headline performer will be Texas recording artist Zach Coffey.

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Lone Star... volunteers... Judge Brett... eight new volunteers... CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Monday... the Rockwall County... Pictured from left... Bradford, Tamara... Loretta Hayden, Judge... Dee Willard, Debra... Jean Gustafson, Nancy... and Richard Hansen... Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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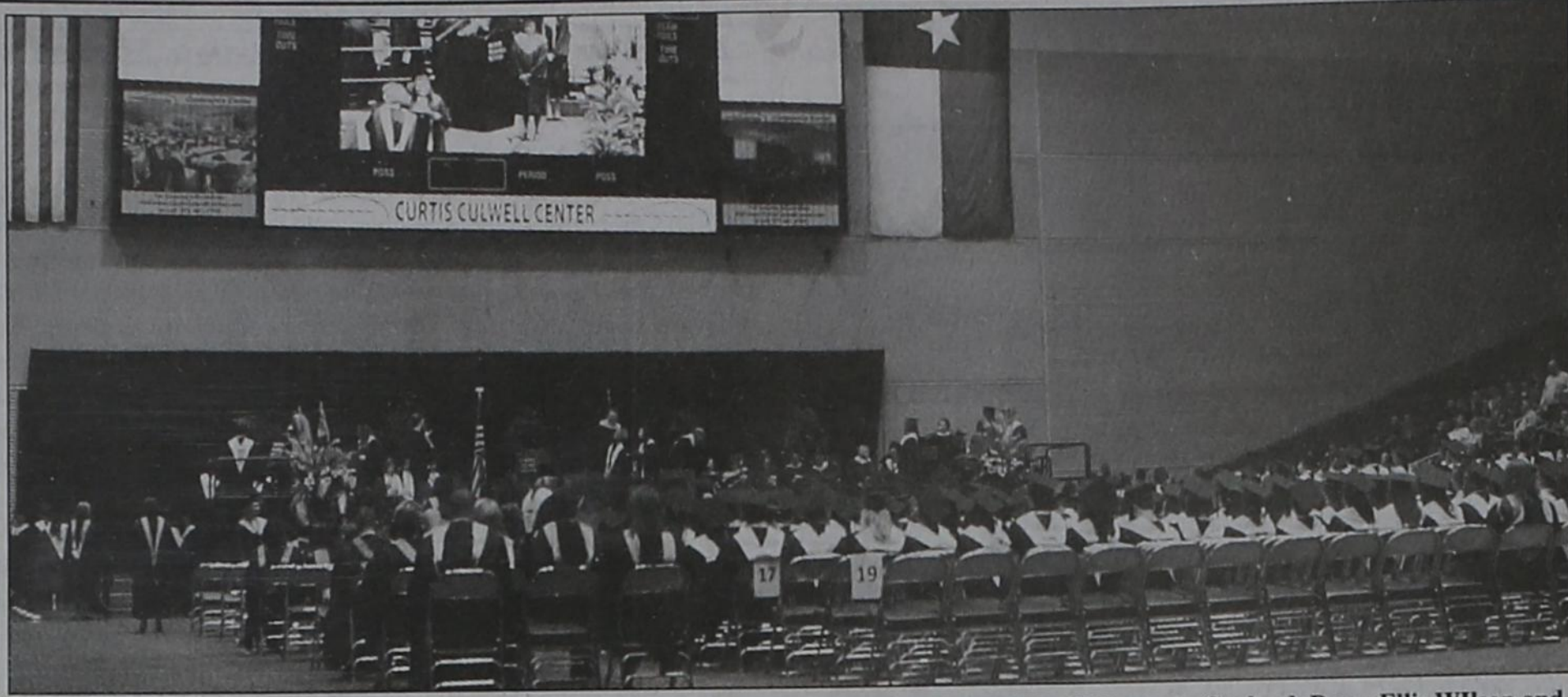
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thy Bedsale, president, and Alison Fox, chairperson of the Rockwall Women's League Ball, are shown presenting a \$13,500 check on behalf of the Rockwall Women's League to Melody... development director for Rockwall County Helping Hands. The RWL established the Children's Medical Fund in... who are patients of the Health Center at Helping Hands. The RWL established the Children's Medical Fund in... Helping Hands administers the fund, arranging to pay... dical costs for uninsured children in the county. In 2004, the Health Center employed its first family nurse practitioner... gan serving children on site. More than 1,000 children had... ed services as of the end of 2013, according to Helping Hands. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Wednesday, June 11, the Rockwall-Heath class of 2014 walked the stage at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland. Reese Ellis Wilson and Cullen Burns Clark were valedictorian and salutatorian respectfully. The 2014 class of Rockwall High School were presented their diplomas the previous night, June 10 at the same venue. Jessie Marie Hall and Acacia Elizabeth Davis were Rockwall High School's valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News



Fate DPS Officers coordinate the investigation and clean up of an hydraulic spill on Monday June 16 at the Fate exit and FM 551.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Fate DPS called out for hydraulic fluid spill

At approximately 8 p.m. Monday evening June 16, on the exit from I-30 and FM 551, (at the Fate exit), an 18 wheeler caused a hydraulic spill leaving the entire entrance ramp extremely dangerous and unbelievably slippery. Vehicles attempting to get up the hill to FM 551, found it almost impossible, sliding all over the road, almost hitting the right-hand guard rail, especially as they tried to curve onto FM 551, according to the investigating officer Lt. Andrew Poindexter 111.

Public Safety Officers Lenny Kendall and Casey Northcutt with Lt. Poindexter from the Fate Fire Department were directed to the top of the hill near the overpass bridge, after the incident Robert Howard was directing traffic at the entrance, motioning officers to continue on and not allowing them to enter the area.

The truck that caused the spill had not been located as of press time. TXDOT was called to the scene. They evaluated the situation and decided to put a granular absorbent on the fuel, allow it to soak up moisture, clean up the road and dispose of the chemical safely.

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FROM AMERICAN HISTORY Part 10 (June 19, 2014)

HOW AND WHY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Part series to explain our celebration of the Fourth of July

Keneth Shores

is my opinion as provided by my research on Francis Marion, South Carolina's "Swamp Fox" in his movie "The Patriot" portrayed the life story of Marion and this article will reveal additional information on how and why of the Declaration of Independence.

Marion learned his style of military tactics and guerilla fighting the Cherokee Indians while in the French War (1756-1763). His guerilla warfare tactics severely impacted British campaigns in the South, and helped to ensure victory in the War for Independence. Colonel Marion, a bachelor, walked with a limp, he was not well educated, and could not get along with military officers.

Francis Marion was commissioned a Major in the South Carolina militia and commanded a battery of canons that crippled the British fleet. The American triumph did not last long. British forces captured Charleston and 5,000 Americans (under Lincoln) in 1780. Then another American army under Gates was defeated at Camden.

Marion was promoted to Colonel and organized drifters to hide in the swampy low lands of British-occupied Carolina. During the next 2 1/2 years the Colonel created his guerilla warfare that earned him the title of "Swamp Fox." He led militia leaders Thomas Sumter and Andrew Pickens to resistance alive in South Carolina until the Continental Army returned the region. The Swamp Fox continued with his tactics of hiding and camped in the woods and swamps of the region, and when the opportunity arose, attacked the British forces without mercy.

The main weapon was surprise, and the ambush was their strategy. They attacked swiftly, and then vanished into the swamps before reinforcements could arrive.

British officers soon became obsessed with capturing the Swamp Fox. The Colonel and his men soon found themselves outmaneuvered and became part of the regular Army. British Lt. Colonel Marion commented after pursuing the Swamp Fox "As for this old fox, the Devil himself could not catch him." The Swamp Fox's last years were spent rebuilding his war-torn

plantation and serving in the South Carolina state senate. Marion finally married at age 56, and led the life of a country gentleman. When Francis Marion died in 1795, the "little Colonel with a limp" had the respect and admiration of the nation whose independence he had fought to secure. He assisted the revolutionary cause greatly by strengthening the colonies through the "committees of correspondence." He later signed the Declaration of Independence.

Sam Adams "Sons of Liberty"

In 1760 much of the credit for the Revolutionary stance of Bostonians belongs to Sam Adams and a group that came to be known as his "Sons of Liberty" (or the "Boston Mob" as some called them).

Adams, a Boston attorney and John Adams' cousin, hardly seemed like a revolutionary. Like his more successful cousin, Sam Adams was a devout Christian, beginning his day with prayers and ending his evenings with Bible-reading. One might expect, then, that "freedom of religion" would have dominated his political rhetoric. Instead, Adams saw the central connection between free religious expression, property rights, and political liberty.

In 1768, his Boston Gazette editorial admonished fellow colonists with the following, "the security of right and property is the great end of government and such measure as tend to render right and property precarious, tend to destroy both property and government."

Concerns over property rights rapidly led Adams to a position of opposing British imperial policies, and turning him into a fiery radical and rabble-rouser. He organized political opposition to the British in the Massachusetts colonial assembly and soon became the colony's most effective Revolutionary propagandist.

Adams confined his activities to non-violent arguments. One of the most fascinating aspects of Adams' career was his organization and leadership of the Sons of Liberty.

Adams and the colonists opposed British tyranny dramatically, even with violence. He and members of the "Loyal Nine," a secret group of Boston radicals, were together as a corps of husky South Boston "bully boys" to perform some of the more unpleasant revolutionary tasks, including terrifying tax collectors and threatening British officials. Mob violence had always plagued Boston, but now the rioters attained a political role, which brought with it a certain revolutionary legitimacy.

The Sons of Liberty were under the direct command of Adams, who called the Mob out whenever he determined that a British action demanded a protest. He learned a trick of modern political protestors by making the riots appear spontaneous. Adams controlled them and aimed actions only at Royal officials, politicians, or tax collectors. The Mob burned Royalists in effigy from the "Liberty Tree," stoned their houses, and tarred and feathered customs collectors.

But not all of the Mob's activities were so pranks.

Following passage of the Stamp Act (1765) the Sons of Liberty completely demolished Stamp Commissioner Oliver's home and drank the entire contents of his wine cellar. He resigned his post the next day. Then the Mob proceeded in a drunken rage to Lieutenant Governor Thomas Hutchinson's home.

Adams helped draft the Massachusetts Constitution, worked in Congress, was Lieutenant Governor, and became the Governor of Massachusetts. During the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Adams used these words, "We have this day restored the Sovereign to whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come".

"He also stated, "I conceive we cannot better express ourselves than by humbly supplicating the Supreme Ruler of the World."

Thomas Jefferson considered Samuel Adams more than any other member in Congress, the fountain of our most important measures and he was the "Father of the Revolution."

On October 2, 1803, Samuel Adams went home to be with the Lord. In his will he wrote, "Principally, and first of all, I resign my soul to the Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying on the merits of Jesus Christ for the pardon of my sins."

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Slavery Reparations

Walter E. Williams

Slavery reparations have returned with the publication of N. Coates' "The Case for Reparations" in The Atlantic (May 21, 2014). In making his argument, Coates goes through the horrors of slavery, Reconstruction, Jim Crow and gross discrimination.

Let me say that I agree with reparations advocates that slavery was a horrible, despicable violation of basic human rights and gross discrimination that followed emancipation made of the guarantees of the U.S. Constitution. I also agree that slave owners and slave traders should make reparations to those enslaved. The problem, of course, is that slaves, slave laborers and slave traders are all dead. Thus, punishing perpetrators and compensating victims is out of the hands of the living.

Compensating perpetrators and compensating victims is not what reparations advocates want. They want government to compensate blacks for the bondage suffered by our ancestors. But there's no government has no resources of its very own. The only way for government to give one American a dollar is to first -- through taxation, threats and coercion -- confiscate that dollar from another American. Therefore, if anybody cares, a moral principle justifies punishing a white of today to compensate a black of yesterday for what a white of yesterday did to a black of yesterday?

There's another moral or fairness issue. A large percentage, if not most, of today's Americans -- be they of European, Asian, African or Latin ancestry -- don't even go back three or four generations as American citizens. Their ancestors arrived on our shores long after slavery. What standard of justice justifies their being taxed to compensate blacks for slavery? For example, in 1956, thousands of Hungarians fled the brutality of the USSR to settle in the U.S. What do Hungarians owe blacks for slavery?

There's another thorny issue. During slavery, some free blacks purchased other blacks as a means to free family members. But other blacks owned slaves for the same reason whites owned slaves -- to work farms or plantations. Are descendants of these slaveholding blacks eligible for and deserving of reparations?

When African slavery began, there was no way Europeans could have enslaved millions of Africans. They had no immunity from diseases that flourished in tropical Africa. Capturing Africans to sell into slavery was done by Arabs and black Africans. Would reparations advocates demand that citizens of Ghana, Ivory Coast,

Nigeria, Kenya and several Muslim states tax themselves to make reparations payments to progeny of people whom their ancestors helped to enslave?

Reparations advocates make the foolish unchallenged argument that the United States became rich on the backs of free black labor. That's nonsense that cannot be supported by fact. Slavery doesn't have a very good record of producing wealth. Slavery was all over the South, and it was outlawed in most of the North. Buying into the reparations argument about the riches of slavery, one would conclude that the antebellum South was rich and the slave-starved North was poor. The truth of the matter is just the opposite. In fact, the poorest states and regions of our nation were places where slavery flourished -- Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia -- while the richest states and regions were those where slavery was absent: Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts.

One of the most ignored facts about slavery's tragic history -- and it's virtually a secret today -- is that slavery was a worldwide institution for thousands of years. It did not become a moral issue until the 18th century. Plus, the moral crusade against slavery started in the West, most notably England.

I think the call for slavery reparations is simply another hustle. Advocates are not demanding that government send checks to individual black people. They want taxpayer money to be put into some kind of reparations fund from which black leaders decide who receives how much and for what purpose.

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Three dollar per year dues increase approved by delegates at National Education Association (NEA) convention in 2013 went directly to a 'special fund' called Great Public Schools.

The May 2014 issue of the Education Reporter appeared with the headline, "NEA Dues Increase to Rescue Common Core". It appears to be one more attempt to salvage the Common Core promoted by the federal government and "deep-pocketed" like Bill Gates, who is active within the United Nations and used agreement with UN policies ... Agenda 21 is a UN action plan that promotes "sustainable development" and "performance at the expense of private properties, individual national sovereignty. Some Common Core concepts align with Agenda 21's education goals."

I doubt that convention delegates would have passed the resolution had they known it would eventually be used to shore up the Common Core. Even the NEA president has had to admit that the Common Core is "botched."

It is interesting to note "Common Core was developed at the behest of the National Education Association, the National Governors' Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)." (Texans can momentarily be reminded of their failed promotion of Merck's drug, Gardasil, for teenage girls, which received an \$8,000 political donation.)

"Whatever Lola wants, Lola gets." ("Damn Yankees" song, 1955) Just substitute CVS for Lola, and you get the picture.

At the June 10 Heath City Council meeting, the mayor and council voted to grant CVS yet another wish from its bucket list -- "a drive-through facility for their pharmacy."

CVS has already gotten a variance to build their behemoth building a mere 80 feet from the property line of a school, instead of the 300 feet per ordinance requirement (approved April 22, 2014).

Add to this, CVS' request for " five additional signs and ... maximum size of lettering on seven ..." (approved May 13, 2014).

Let's we forget, Heath's first-in-the-door huge national retail corporation's edifice is being built in what is essentially a residential area.

At the meeting I asked the mayor if a traffic feasibility/impact study has been done prior to this agenda item now up for approval. (This CVS site is at a very busy confluence of roads and multiple private homes are within spitting distance, which already generates lots of traffic). Mayor Liechty did not know the answer and deferred to Kim Dobbs, director of business development, etc. She said that, "TxDOT had done a study..."

Approved. I just recently found out from a TxDOT official that traffic impact studies must be done and "contracted separately by the builder or company as part of their permit(s) to build before TxDOT will grant access" to a road.

Hmmmmmmmm. The writing is on the wall ... and it's not a pretty picture.

Joan Ream
Heath, Texas

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- former conference for UTSA (abbr.)
- Troy's alma mater
- TXism: "I ever laid eyes on"
- TXism: "stuffed the gills"
- alma mater of ex-Cowboy Golden Richards
- an Inn in TX
- TXism: "___ up the river" (jailed)
- in Williamson Co. on 95
- Grand ___
- TXism: "___ his feelings on his sleeve" (sensitive)
- TXism: "he's ___ of the earth"
- TXism: "middlin' good"
- border exchange house; "casa de ___"
- TXism: "___ a song and dance"
- actor Bottoms of "The Last Picture Show"
- Spindletop driller Capt. ___ Lucas
- Tom Tryon TV role: "___ Slaughter"
- snakes at a TX zoo
- TX Fairchild TV spoof; "Based On An ___ Story"
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- bathing vat
- TXism: "___ in the hole"
- Van ___ TX
- TXism: "let the ___ (tell a secret)"
- TXism: "give me a ___ (drink)"
- body of water north of Denton
- "Cowpokes" artist (init.)
- ___ Minyard started a TX food store chain
- TXism: "up and ___ juice" (coffee)
- in Callahan Co. off I-20
- capably
- ___ Indios, TX
- TXism: "when he ___ hemming, he's hawing"
- TX Kenny Rogers' "___ I Can Make It On My Own"
- photos
- mopes
- TX-based TGI Friday's has restaurants in ___ wan
- approvals
- Santa ___ TX
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- to judge
- what you run at a honky tonk (2 wds.)
- TX "wheeler dealer" Billie
- cowboy hat part
- Texicans were denied this right by Mexico: "___ jury"
- TXism: "no ___ no gain"
- sentimental person
- Rangers ex-GM & current sportscaster, Grieve (init.)
- TX shot putter Matson who won gold in '68 (init.)
- Texas ___ Weekend
- TXism: "mean as a rodeo ___"
- Ranger Adrian Beltre doesn't feel ill
- TXism: "doesn't know enough to come ___ the rain"
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- TXism: "his porch light ___ always burning" (friendly)

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STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS 439th District Court OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS CAUSE NO: 1-14-157 TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM D. FIELDS, DECEASED, PLAINTIFF CITIMORTGAGE, INC., IT SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS BY AND THROUGH ITS ATTORNEY OF RECORD, LAUREN E. CHRISTOFFEL, OF BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGLE, LLP, 15000 SURVEYOR BLVD., ADDISON, TEXAS 75001, 972-386-5040, BROUGHT SUIT AGAINST DEFENDANTS ANNETTE FIELDS, ELIZABETH FIELDS, MARY ISABELLA FIELDS, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF WILLIAM D. FIELDS,

DECEASED TO ENFORCE THE LOAN AGREEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED 3123 OAK DRIVE, ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75032 AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: BEING LOT 3, BLOCK F, OF FOXCHASE PHASE TWO, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEROF, RECORDED IN CABINET C, SLIDE 206, OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS. You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you. You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation,

ON MONDAY, THE 21st OF JULY, 2014 AT 10:00 before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on FEBRUARY 18, 2014, A in this case numbered 1-17 on the docket of said court and styled, CITIMORTGAGE, INC. vs. ANNETTE FIELDS, ELIZABETH FIELDS, MARY ISABELLA FIELDS, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF WILLIAM D. FIELDS, DECEASED IN RE: 3123 OAK DRIVE ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75032. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: BY DECLARATORY JUDGMENT The officer executing this shall promptly serve the same according to requirements law, and the mandates there and make due return as the directs. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT OFFICE this 6th day of June, 2014 KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk Rockwall County, Texas 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200 Rockwall, Texas 75087 ROCKWALL COUNTY (Newspaper) Issued at the request of: Lauren Christoffel 15000 SURVEYOR BLVD STE 100, ADDISON, TX 75001, 972-341-5343

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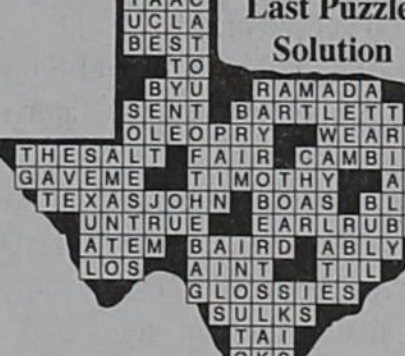
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Athletes for Christ to provide a path to college scholarships

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Vaughn is hoping to find high school graduates who will take it on Monday, the 19th of July, 2014. Athletes for Christ, a new post graduate college prep sports program based on Christian principles, is helping them play college basketball. The athletic director at Rockwall Christian Academy and the Christian Wrestling Federation, and RCA boys' basketball coach George Butler have joined to create A4C. Athletes would need a vision similar to Vaughn's and Butler's. It will be the men's basketball coach for A4C, which has no classes of its own. Vaughn and Butler's energy and their commitment to the program based on Christian principles. Vaughn said the program is modeled after Eastern prep schools such as Virginia's Oak Hill Academy that specialize in preparing athletes to go on to college sports. It's a long way from beginning a prep school program to becoming Oak Hill, which has about 150 students. Vaughn said A4C plans to start with 15 boys' basketball players this fall. Not every potential opponent has bought in to the A4C program. "Two colleges have said, 'Let's give it a year.'" By then, the plan is for A4C to have women's basketball, baseball and softball teams as well. They would be wearing uniforms in black and fluorescent yellow, the colors Vaughn picked out. Most of the Crusaders' games would be on the road, where they could be seen by college coaches and could scout out the campuses themselves. It's not yet certain where they would practice or play home games. "We'll be based near Rockwall," Vaughn said. "We have looked at several places. "We will have host families for students who live farther away." That could include a player from Fort Worth Calvary Christian who already has signed with A4C. Vaughn has been a college football assistant coach. He said, "I'm getting back to recruiting. I enjoy getting out and meeting people."



The Fulton School graduate Conner Cleveland, with his parents Stacey and Cory Cleveland, signs a letter of intent to play basketball for Athletes for Christ. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall, Heath softball places all-district honors

Garrett
Rockwall placed 16 players from the Lady Jacket and Lady Hawk softball teams named to the All-District 12-5A team announced earlier this month. Rockwall and Heath also placed seven players on the all-district academic team. Rockwall players named to the team include senior first baseman Bailey Wallace, senior Most Valuable Player, and Rockwall-Heath senior third baseman Huleta, named Defensive Player of the Year, senior pitcher Emily Cowan, senior pitcher Peyton Mills and junior catcher Hayley Baker on first team. Junior outfielder Kindal Sauter, junior second baseman Daneyers, sophomore shortstop Dani Greenlee and sophomore Dlyssa Henry took second team honors. Heath players named to the team include senior pitcher Cami Duffey, catcher Ally Brandvold, junior shortstop Katie Webster and senior Savannah Calhoun on first team, while freshman first baseman Clark took second team recognition. Heath academic selections for Heath include Brandvold, Calhoun, Duffey, Ford, Madison Leggett, and Leah Perry. Heath players named to the team include senior Shelby Court, Mallory Taylor, Savannah Cassidy and senior Heath's Megan Ford, Macy Wilson and Mikki and received honorable mention.

Rockwall player headlines lacrosse camp staff

Rockwall
Groot, a six-year professional player, will headline the list of coaches at the Rockwall and Heath Lacrosse camp July 28-31. Groot currently plays for Major League Lacrosse's Ohio Machine. Groot, who is currently playing on to MLL, he was an All-American and team captain at the University of Maryland. Groot also has played professional indoor lacrosse and has been a college assistant coach. He currently is the boys' lacrosse coach for Sentry Lacrosse in Dallas. The camp is open to boys from kindergarten to eighth grade. It will be held at Rockwall Middle School from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp staff also includes Rockwall and Heath Lacrosse's first full-time coach, Tim LaBelle, and alumni players.

Sailboats in Dallas Race

Rockwall
If there was a voice whispering, "If you sail it, they will race." The Rockwall and Heath Lacrosse camp July 28-31. Groot currently plays for Major League Lacrosse's Ohio Machine. Groot, who is currently playing on to MLL, he was an All-American and team captain at the University of Maryland. Groot also has played professional indoor lacrosse and has been a college assistant coach. He currently is the boys' lacrosse coach for Sentry Lacrosse in Dallas. The camp is open to boys from kindergarten to eighth grade. It will be held at Rockwall Middle School from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp staff also includes Rockwall and Heath Lacrosse's first full-time coach, Tim LaBelle, and alumni players.

Adam Arnecke 1st in Clarke Open fencing

Arnecke
Adam Arnecke placed first in the Youth 10 division to lead the Rockwall Fencing Academy contestants in Sunday's Blair Clarke Saber Open. Adam was one of four Arnecke family members who placed third or higher in the second annual event at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo. He also placed second in the Youth 8 competition, just ahead of RFA's Miles Nynas in third place. Lauren Arnecke finished second in the Youth 12 division, Margaret Arnecke tied teammate Morgan Waddell for third in Senior Women's Open and Darren Arnecke placed second in the Veteran diving and eighth in Senior Mixed Open. Waddell also was third in the Junior division. RFA's Macie McEllwain placed second in Senior Women's Open, and Steve Arze finished third in the Veteran division.

RISD baseball earn top all-district team honors

Garrett
The Rockwall and Heath baseball teams had 20 players, along with Hawks' coach Greg Harvey, named to the 12-5A All-District team announced earlier this month by the district coaches. Rockwall-Heath, the District 12-5A Champion, and district runner-up Rockwall dominated 12-5A along with postseason recognitions. Rockwall-Heath coach Greg Harvey was named Coach of the Year for 12-5A. Heath's Tyler Ivey was awarded Pitcher of the Year, while Ryne Randle earned Newcomer of the Year. Yellowjackets' Cole Ballew was named Offensive MVP and Garrett Moon took was recognized as Defensive MVP. Heath junior pitcher Tyler Pinkston and Rockwall senior right-hander Chris Glover took first-team all-district honors. Rockwall senior Carter Lilly and junior Shayne Nance were named second-team. Hawks seniors R.J. Williams, Dylan Brown, Trey Millender, and junior Clayton Rasbeary were named to first team. Seniors Dylan Lewis and Kelly Dorsett and junior Colten Maples took second team honors. Jacket seniors Nick Lutzel, Brad Barnett and Gary Burton were placed on the first team, while senior Nick Belvedere and sophomore Nick Colavecchi were picked for the second team.

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