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This spectacular scene was captured Sat. July 4, 2015 during the Rockwall Independence Day fireworks show at Harry Meyers Park. There was a striking similarity between the two lights at the bottom, and the alignment of the planets Venus and Jupiter high in the western sky during the fireworks show.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Venita Tuggle of Rockwall, left, stands with her granddaughter, Rachel Tuggle, on Saturday, May 30 following the Stephenville High School graduation ceremony in Stephenville, Texas. Rachel finished high school as the top student with a grade-point average above 4.0.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Tuggle's granddaughter is Stephenville valedictorian

Rachel Tuggle, granddaughter of Venita and the late Abe Tuggle of Rockwall, graduated from Stephenville High School with high honors on Saturday, May 30.

Tuggle finished school as valedictorian with a 4.0 grade-point average, with extra points thanks to her extensive course load, according to her grandmother.

The graduate's accomplishments include a long list of honors and awards starting with continuing on the 'A' Honor Roll for four consecutive years; member of the National Honors Society, SHS Texas Senior Scholar; Outstanding AP English IV Student; UIL Regional Qualifier in Ready Writing, News Writing, and Editorial Writing; UIL Scholar Award for maintaining top 10 percent while participating in a University Interscholastic League activity during high school.

She was approved to participate in the Presidential Honors Scholarship Program at Tarleton State University and named a Premier Dick Smith Scholar. According to the TSU Scholarship website, Presidential Honors receive an annual scholarship of \$7,000 that is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate work. Dick Smith Scholars who participate in the Presidential Honors Program receive an annual scholarship of \$9,000.

Rachel Tuggle also received the TUS President's Texan Scholarship and a scholarship for her Optimist Club Essay Contest.

She will attend TSU with a double major in English and Spanish.

Her sister, Rebecca, a ninth grade student, received year-end honors as Outstanding Pre-AP English I student and UIL Regional Qualifier in Feature Writing and Headline Writing.

Rachel's parents are Justin C. and Shelly Tuggle.

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

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 dogs cannot slip their collars and that cats are in secure carriers. Posted 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 Meyers Park, 827 Washington St., Rockwall. Proceeds will help 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-event party will feature food trucks and a live band. Registration prior to 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 timed 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.

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Heath celebrates Fourth with parade, Popsicles

celebrated the Fourth of July with its annual hometown parade, led by a new patriotic program in the park.

Mayor Lorne Liechty presented the parade awards and honored veterans; U.S. Congressman John Ratcliffe led the invocation of Pledge of Allegiance; and a live barbershop quartet sang the National Anthem and other American favorites. Free Popsicles, cold water and lemonade also were served.

The 2015 parade award winners were:
Mayor's Award - Miss Stella & her pony
Best Float - Hangin' Ten in Heath

- Best Bicycle - Miss Sloane Beesley
 - Best Classic Car - James Best
 - Best Costumes - The Rudine & The Stewart Kids
 - Best Go-cart - Miss Gabby Selden
 - Best Golf Cart - The Wells and Brandy Boys
 - Best Off-Road Vehicle - The Gillean Family
 - Judges' Choice - The Keith Family
 - Most Patriotic Spirit - Heath Salon & Spa
- A highlights video can be viewed at heathtx.com.



The parade entry pictured above, dubbed Miss Stella and her pony, captured the Mayor's Award in the City of Heath's Fourth of July parade on Saturday, July 4. The parade, an annual fixture, was well attended.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

University scholastic honors

Davis named to Dean's List

Rebecca Davis of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List at the University of Arkansas at Little Rockwall, according to a university news release. Students whose academic performances have been superior at the end of each semester are recognized. To qualify, a student must have a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester. Davis is an American Sign Language studies major.

Hongs named to Dean's List

Two Rockwall residents were among students named to the Dean's List at Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania, according to a news release from the college. To be eligible for the Dean's List with High Distinction honors, a grade-point average of 3.85 to 4.0 is required, according to the release. Angelina Hong was named to the Dean's List with High Distinction. A sophomore biology major, she is a 2013 homeschool graduate and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hong. Jackie Hong was named to the Dean's List with High Distinction. A senior biology major, she is a 2011 homeschool graduate and also the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hong.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Braden Drake Benton

Services for Braden Drake Benton of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Trent Worsham officiating.

He died June 27 at the age of eight days old.

He was born June 19, 2015, in Rowlett to Johnny Charles Benton and Glynda Don (Oglesby) Benton, who will forever cherish the memory of their son.

Survivors include his parents; his grandparents, Arlene Benton of Wylie, Sandi and Robert Harris of Grand Saline and Danny Oglesby of Lindale; and numerous aunts, uncles and other relatives.

His grandfather, John Benton, preceded him in death.

Nina J. Combs

Services for Nina J. Combs, 78, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Pine Forest Cemetery in Pickton.

She died July 2.

Born Oct. 29, 1936, in Dallas to George Francis Crenshaw Sr. and Dorothy L. (Sport) Crenshaw. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She retired from Texas Instruments, where she was employed as a supervisor, after 27 years. She was a member of the Danielde Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Ben Combs; her children, Brenda Turner, Billie Hankey and her husband, Johnny, Shirley Lynch and her husband, Jackie, and William Ray Webber Jr.; her stepchildren, Cindy Welborn, Craig Combs and Clay Combs; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a sister; three brothers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her parents, one sister and a great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Retirement reception set July 15 for Moeller

A reception honoring retiring City of Rockwall Police Chief Mark C. Moeller will run from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. July 15 at The Center, 108 E. Washington.

The city is hosting the come-and-go event, which is open to the public.

Reception set for retiring LaCroix

A reception honoring Robert LaCroix, the retiring planning and zoning director for the City of Rockwall, will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. July 29 at The Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall.

The city is hosting the come-and-go event, which is open to the public.

Ned Alton Martin

Services for Ned Alton Martin, 89, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Wednesday, July 1, in Tyler.

Born May 9, 1926, in Pendleton to Claude and Ida (Cantrell) Martin, he was the owner/operator of Martin-Tomlinson Roofing Co. He was a smart businessman and a man of his word who was honest in his dealings. He provided quality work. He was generous as well.

He and his wife supported many works of the Church of Christ, but particularly enjoyed sponsoring the Westview Boys Home in Hollis, Oklahoma.

His favorite hobby was golfing. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was a loving husband and father and grandfather to three young men.

Survivors include his daughters, Pam Martin and Jill Norris and her husband, Jack; his grandsons, Aaron Norris and his wife, Haylee, Caleb Norris and his wife, Emily, and Casey Norris and fiancée, Marie; and sisters Mary Lawhorn and Claudena Tinkle.

His wife, Betty Martin, preceded him in death.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Westview Boys Home, 120 W. Broadway St., Hollis, Oklahoma 73550 or World Video Bible School, 25 Lantana Lane, Maxwell, Texas 78656.



Joanne Eubank Page

Services for Joanne Eubank Page, 89, of Dallas were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor David Rangel officiating. Burial was at 12:30 p.m. in the Sulphur Springs City Cemetery in Sulphur Springs.

She died July 4.

Born March 12, 1926, in Rockwall to Sam R. and Mabel (Cade) Eubank, she married Richard Walter "R.W." Page on Nov. 8, 1947. She was a bookkeeper in the construction industry until her retirement and a member of the Linda United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Survivors include her son, Jake Page, and his wife, Penny Rowlett; her daughter, Paula Monson, and her husband, Rodney Katy; her grandchildren, Natalie Monson, Katy Wood, Jamie and Sam Page; her great-grandchildren, Olivia Nel, Watt Wood, Clark Wood, Ian Nel and Chapman Wood; a sister, Betty Jean Page of Rockwall; and a brother, Don Eubank, and his wife, Brenda Marble Falls.

Her husband, R.W. Page, preceded her in death on June 19, 2012. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Casa Linda United Methodist Church, 1800 Barnes Bridge Rd., Dallas, TX 75228 or to the Faith Presbyterian Hospice, 4350 S. Rd. #400, Dallas, TX 75244.

Ronnie Joe Shewmake

A memorial service for Ronnie Joe Shewmake, 61, of Savoy will be conducted at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Wednesday, June 24, at his home.

Born Nov. 30, 1953, in Terrell to Jack Maurice Shewmake and Dorothy Mae (Griffin) Shewmake, he enjoyed the Beatles, fishing, hunting, astronomy, metal detecting and boxing. He was the Gloves Heavyweight Champion in 1972.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Rowlett, he worked at Dallas Works and Columbus Works under Lucent Technologies for 29 years. He had been a resident of Savoy for 14 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mitzi Jo (Monroe) Shewmake of Savoy; his daughter, Rhonda Jo Baldwin, and her husband, Peter Columbus, Ohio; his sons, Zachary Lennon Shewmake, and his wife, Jordan, of Frisco and Fred Wesley Shewmake of Savoy; his brother, Jackie Shewmake Jr., and his wife, Judy, of Garland; his sister, Dianne Shewmake Youden, and her husband, David, of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Jackson Shewmake, Jonathan Shewmake, Alan Baldwin and Shayla Baldwin; and his father, Jack Shewmake, and his wife, Mary, of Garland.

His mother, his grandparents and a sister, Roxanne Dove preceded him in death.

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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, servers, etc.) and donations will be appreciated. Older kids (13-18) may volunteer, as well as parents. For more details about the Everest theme, visit group.com/vbs/everest. A video about the curriculum may be viewed at youtube.com/watch?v=Bz8DbZ51wQI. To register for the VBS online visit groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/holytrinity2015 or call 972-771-8242.

FCB 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 fcrockwall.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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New leadership team slated for library group

Rockwall County Judge David Sweet administered the oath of office to board members for 2015-2016 at the May 12 meeting of Friends of Rockwall County Library.

At the helm will be president Gloria Bishop, and Nell Welborn was sworn in as president-elect. Other officers include Darlene Bealmear and Becky Achenbach, co-vice presidents for programs, Jane Buie and Pat Calhoun, co-VPs for membership, and Judy Buffington and Susan Laszynski co-VPs for fundraising. The team is rounded out with treasurer Susan Egan, recording secretary Charlene Volpert, corresponding secretary Becky Cecil, past president Debbie Daniels and Carolyn Duckworth as parliamentarian.

Kathleen Broze, who received the 2014 Hartman Award, announced the selection of the 2015 recipient. This award is given to members who have willingly given of themselves for the good of Friends and the library. This year's recipient is Kathy Melston, long-time Friends member who has served on the Friends of the Library Board, Pumpkin Patch Steering Committee and who is a citizenship class tutor in the Adult Literacy Center.

The Celia Hays award is presented annually to the outstanding library volunteer for service at the library. Eileen Conway, circulation supervisor, introduced this year's honoree, Suzanne Vancil. Vancil has volunteered so long that no one can recall when she actually started. Vancil said she thinks it was around 2002.

The 2015-2016 membership drive is underway. Several types and levels of membership are available. Membership information can be completed online and payment made with a credit card at the Friends website, rockwallfriends.com. A membership form also may be printed from the website, picked up from a display in the Library lobby, completed and mailed with a check.

Regular meetings will resume in September in the Rockwall County Library.



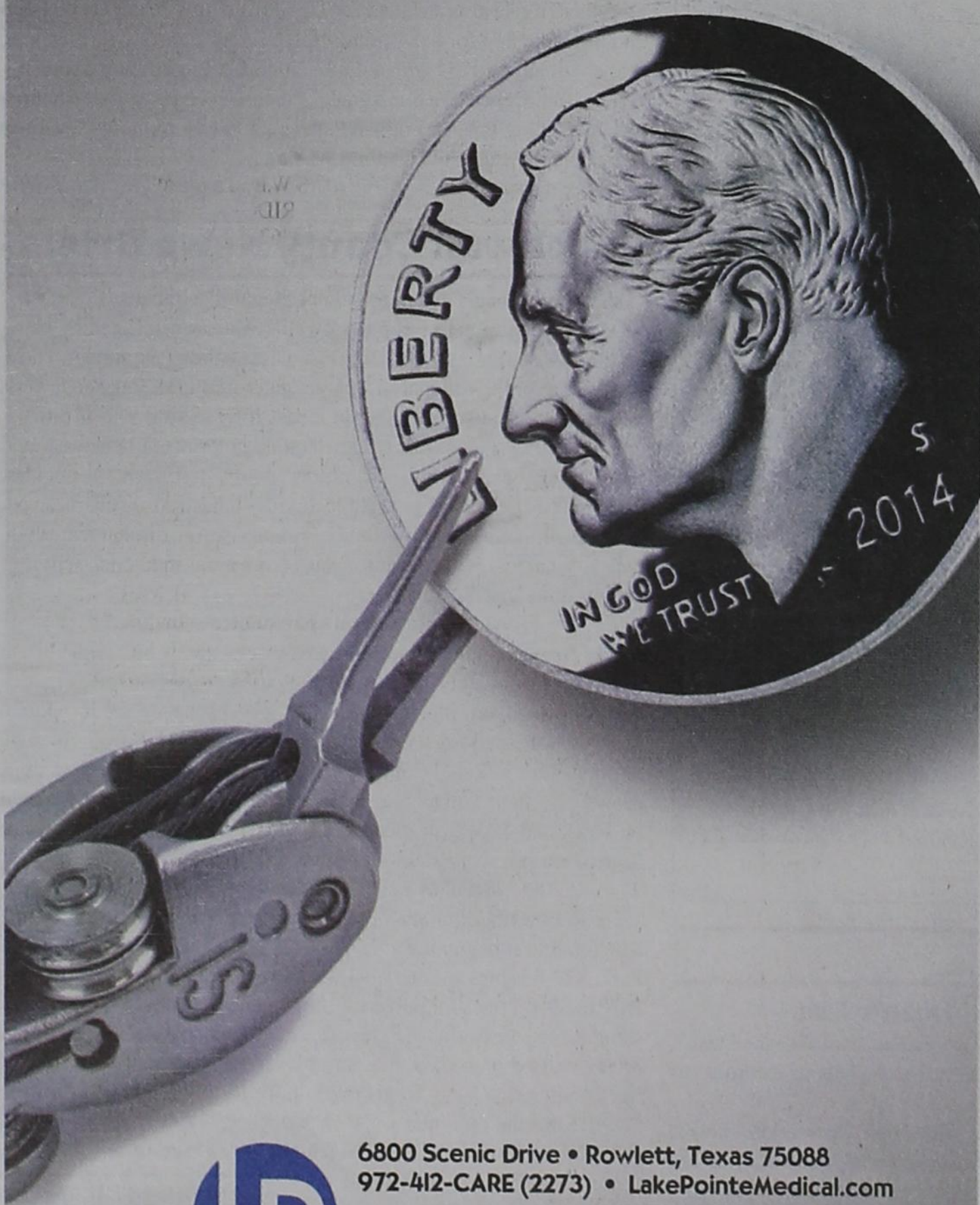
The 2015-2016 board members for Friends of the Rockwall County Library recently were sworn in. Pictured above are president Gloria Bishop, and Nell Welborn, president-elect. Other officers include Darlene Bealmear and Becky Achenbach, co-vice presidents for programs, Jane Buie and Pat Calhoun, co-VPs for membership, and Judy Buffington and Susan Laszynski co-VPs for fundraising. The team is rounded out with treasurer Susan Egan, recording secretary Charlene Volpert, corresponding secretary Becky Cecil, past president Debbie Daniels and Carolyn Duckworth as parliamentarian.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Speaking in tongues ... receive the spirit Part 4

After the first people were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues, many were amazed and marvelled over how they heard them speak in their languages the "wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:4-11). Some people accused them of being drunk.

Next Peter stood up with the eleven other apostles and began to explain what they saw and heard (see Acts 2:14-39).

Please notice that they saw and heard uneducated men from Galilee speak in the languages of everyone else in the same place, by the spirit of God gave the words. Peter began to give the explanation, which was also inspired by the spirit of God.

When Peter declared that God made the same Jesus that they murdered both Lord and Christ (Messiah), they asked what they should do in response.

Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). The words "you shall" were not in the ancient texts.

Without the words "you shall," a chronology exists in which baptism (being filled with holy spirit) is a pre-requisite to receiving the gift. A comparison with Acts 2:4 reveals the same chronology. Being filled with holy spirit was pre-requisite to speaking in tongues.



The Pathfinders Gospel Quartet from Midlothian, pictured above, will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9, at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. The group, which has been together for 14 years, will sing traditional gospel music at the annual Old-fashioned Chautauqua program sponsored by the Sailsetters 55 and Better group. The public is invited to the performance. Complimentary childcare will be provided with advance registration (9720771-5500). The Rockwall Squares dance group also will perform and a free-will offering will be taken. A cookies-and-punch reception will follow.

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Support group meetings slated

A support group for those who have suffered with thoughts of suicide or attempted and overcome; those who have lost someone to suicide; and those who care meets the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Rockwall.

Two Candles is not a replacement for medical and therapeutic help. It can be an adjunct to professional support systems. Its focus is to understand what depression and suicide are and what they are not, to connect with others through shared experiences and to support one another on the road to recovery.

Enter through the church's back (east-facing) door at 3375 Ridge Road in Rockwall.

For more details call the church office at 972-771-5526, email candles@gmail.com or visit the LTC blog at lighttwocandles.blogspot.com.

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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;"
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VerHagen returns to Tigers; Thompson on U.S. team

Former RISD baseball stars have seen their careers take different directions since they were selected in the 2012 Major League Baseball draft.

In the past week, Rockwall-Heath right-handed pitcher Drew VerHagen returned to the major leagues, former teammate Jake Thompson left his pro team to join the United States team for the Pan American Games and Rockwall High School graduate Spencer Edwards was released from the Tampa Bay Rays' organization.

Today, the Detroit Tigers recalled VerHagen, their fourth-round pick out of Vanderbilt University in '12, from Double-A Erie. VerHagen pitched in his second major league game on Sunday, when he struck out two runs in one relief inning.

VerHagen had started one game for Detroit last year. He began the season on the disabled list because of a back injury, and then returned to Triple-A Toledo with an 0-1 record and 10.38 earned run average in three appearances. Then he was 2-0 with two saves a 2.70 ERA in five games from Erie's bullpen, earning his promotion.

Thompson, whom the Tigers drafted two rounds ahead of VerHagen, was released from the Tampa Bay Rays' organization. On Saturday, he left the Frisco RoughRiders, the Double-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers, to join the U.S. team in Cary, N.C. The Americans' first game at the Pan Am Games is scheduled for Saturday against Puerto Rico in Toronto.

In 15 starts for Frisco, right-hander Thompson is 6-5 with a 4.11 earned run average, 10th-best in the Texas League. The Detroit Tigers drafted him in 2012, and sent him to the Rangers last season as part of a trade for right-hander Joakim Soria.

Milb.com reported that Edwards, who graduated from Rockwall High School in '12, has been released from Tampa Bay's low Class A farm team at Bowling Green, Ky., of the Midwest League.

Edwards had missed the Bowling Green Hot Rods' first 80 games because of a suspension for the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

He tested positive for Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone and metabolite, Methasterone and metabolite and a metabolite of Tamoxifen.

Edwards batted .210 with three home runs, 36 runs batted in and 33 stolen bases in 138 games in the Rays organization. A shortstop

for the Yellowjackets, he was moved to center field as a pro.

RHS' only player to reach the major leagues, outfielder Roger Kieschnick, is playing this season for the Los Angeles Angels' Triple-A affiliate at Salt Lake City. He was batting .288 with 10 homers and 36 RBI in 60 games.

Kieschnick has played in the majors with the San Francisco Giants, who drafted him in the third round in 2008, and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Two other RHS graduates are playing minor league baseball this season.

Catcher Steve Bean, a compensatory first-round draft pick by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2012, had a five-game hitting streak through Monday that raised his average to .235 with Peoria of the Midwest League. Through 54 games, Bean had 13 RBI and two homers, including a grand slam.

Outfielder Kendall Coleman, a ninth-round pick by the New York Yankees in 2013, is playing at Pulaski, Va., of the Rookie Class Appalachian League. Through 12 games, he was batting .114 with two homers and six RBI.

Jones paces big sailing turnout

Warmer and higher water levels have brought a lot of sailboats to Lake Ray Hubbard.

The first two races in the Summer Wednesday Night Series included 17 boats on June 24 and 14 on July 1. Mike Jones and "Wings" made an early statement by taking first place three times between the Wednesday night races and the Summer Saturday Night Series.

Jones sailed to first place in the B Fleet June 24, in the first race of the Saturday Night Series on June 27 and the A Fleet racing on the A Fleet course July 1.

The A Fleet winners were Bryan Taylor aboard "Rented Mule" in Wednesday Night Race 1 and Kathy Kuipers in "Rij Jik of Jik Ik" on July 1.

In the B Fleet that night, Mansfield brought "Bruce Lee" home first in the B Fleet on July 1.

Following Taylor in Wednesday Race 1's A Fleet were Marshall Mackenzie and "Superman's Cape" in place, Robert Williams third with "Hotter Tuna", David Carter and "Geronimo" fourth and Dan Malak Orion" to fifth place.

In the B Fleet that night, Mansfield was second in "Bruce Lee", Bob Barnes third in "Claire de Lune" and Dawson fourth with "Respite".

Taylor and "Rented Mule" placed second behind Kathy Kuipers in the A Fleet on July 1. Roy Kuipers was third with "Three Sheets", Mackenzie and "Superman's Cape" took fourth, George Conklin placed fifth with "Geronimo" and Carter was sixth on "Geronimo".

Carter also guided "Geronimo" to second place behind Jones and "Wings" in Summer Saturday Night Series

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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When five radical lawyers of the United States Supreme Court recently handed down the most recent unconstitutional ruling, it immediately came to mind of what I had recently read in the jacket of the book, "The South Was Right, to wit: Politically, the North still controls the government and continues to impose its radical social agenda on the rest of the country at the expense of individual liberty. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court, the first federal department to infringe upon the rights of sovereign states, continues to suppress any efforts to reclaim liberty for the individual from the federal government.

The synopsis of the book continues to explain .. "the Shout lost its right to be a free country" and "There is a continuing effort to obliterate all symbols dear to Southerners. This is a form of cultural ethnic cleansing ... Home to one-third of the population, the South is represented by one out of nine justices of the Supreme Court, and that only after the greatest struggle."

Interestingly enough, the news report of last evening revealed that 66% of our country's population is also opposed to this latest amoral Supreme Court decree.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jacqueline Frank Strickland
Rockwall, Texas

As part of the annual campaign, we spiced things up with Painting with a Purpose fundraiser. Thanks to the support of our community we raised \$1,145! We had so much fun painting and raising money for our neighbors in crisis. Check out the pics on our Facebook: facebook.com/rockwallhelpinghands.

Thanks,
Brittany Coleman
Rockwall County Helping Hands

On Fri. July 3, 2015, about 8:00 a.m., I was driving to my first job of the morning, tuned to radio station 94.9 FM as always.

I saw an adult Pitbull (approximately 75 pounds), lunging and barking at a female walker. Instantly, I stopped, got out of my vehicle, yelled "No! No!" Clapped, and clapped again.

The dog stopped cold each time. I ordered it to get back in the yard. I knew it would work due to my strong faith in God and myself.

Sometimes verbal words can't express who you really are.

Your helper,
Danny Smith



Horan to compete at Junior Olympics Track & Field Championship

Local runner Sarah Horan will compete at the national Amateur Athletics Union of the United States' Junior Olympics Track & Field Championship in early August in Norfolk, Virginia. North Texas athletes first compete at the Southwestern AAU Track & Field District Qualifier to the AAU Region 18 Qualifier. The top finalists qualify to attend national Junior Olympics. Horan qualified in the age 16-and-under division of the 400 meter relay and the 4x400 meter relay. Her love for running began when she was running with her older sister and schoolmates on the spring track team at local private school, Poetry Community Christian School. She later joined summer track and now runs with summer select team Track Attack coached by Larry Thomas. She has a long record of successes, including defending her three-year 400 meter record at Christian Schools Athletics Federation and defending her three-year 400 meter record at the Texas Christian Athletics Federation in the 400 meter and the 200 meter, placing in two relays at the 2012 Junior Olympics, taking the gold at the State Games of America and various invitational meets in Texas and Oklahoma and medaling in relays and individual events at the State Games of Texas year after year for which she holds the 2014 bronze medal for the 400M.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Royce City is experiencing a boom of business growth like it has never seen. The Wal-Mart building pictured above, located at the northwest corner of Erby Campbell Boulevard and the I-30 service road, is expected to open Nov. 11. During the June 23 Royce City city council meeting, according to city manager Carl Alsabrook, Dairy Queen has submitted a letter of intent to build on one of the pads in the Wal-Mart retail area. Alsabrook mentioned some time ago that a Whataburger also has shown interest in joining the retail complex. Across the street, at the northeast corner of Erby Campbell and the I-30 service road, a CVS Pharmacy is being constructed. No exact opening date has been announced, but from the progress of the construction, it should not be long before the pharmacy opens.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Lane closures planned on I-30

Weather permitting, various lanes will be closed on the eastbound and westbound lanes of I-30 this week, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The closures will be located between FM 548 and FM 551 and from one mile west of FM 551 to two miles east of FM 551 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. through Saturday, July 11.

The closures are necessary to accommodate road construction, according to the release.

Closures will affect one lane at a time. Drivers should anticipate delays and may want to seek alternate routes if possible, according to the release.

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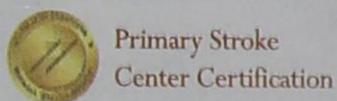


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