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**Eddie Sturgal** 

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Fate City Manager Vicki to Lt. John Norton Mikel said Sturgal was placed on administrative leave on June 26. She said due to council member vacations and other schedule conflicts, the Fate city council would not meet again until Monday, July 13 to discuss Sturgal's fate.

"This is a council action and he will remain on administrative leave until the council meets to decide his status," Mikel said.

The penalty for the charge of abuse of official capacity ranges from Class C Misdemeanor for under \$20, up to a first-degree felony for over \$20,000.

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M.E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Walker, G.C. Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Pedigo.

In 1887, the year the church was chartered and when the town of Royse City was laid out, the church moved into the city to

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The rocket's red glare lit up the skies over Rockwall's Harry Myers Park last Saturday during the city's annual July 4 celebration. The fireworks show concluded a day of swimming at the Myers pool and picnics on the park grounds. For more photos of Rockwall County's Independence Day celebrations, see pages 10, 11 and 12.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett Rockwall County News

## Former Royse City pastor sentenced to 17 years on child porn convictions

by Kathy Williams

Steve Richardson, the former Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Royse City, was sentenced on Monday, June 29 to 17 years in federal prison Lindsay, following his guilty plea in March to two child pornography offenses, according to a press release by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The sentence was announced by Acting U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks of the Northern District Christian Church in of Texas, who also ordered the 36-year old Richardson to serve a lifetime of supervised release and register as a sex offender.

Richardson, who was suspended from his duties at the church after his arrest, has been in federal custody since he was arrested on September 24, 2008, by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

"ICE agents target and inves-

tigate anyone who produces, possesses or shares child pornography," said John Chakwin, special agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Dallas. "However, ICE prioriby U.S. District Judge Sam A. tizes its investigations against anyone who may have direct contact with children, as was the case with this former pastor." Chakwin oversees 128 counties in north Texas, and the State of

Oklahoma. The press release states that Richardson pleaded guilty to one count of transporting and shipping child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. In documents filed in court, Richardson admitted that on December 20, 2007, he logged into his Google "Hello" account and sent an image of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Richardson, using the online identity "cowboysspades,"

communicated over the Internet with an undercover ICE agent in Seattle, Wash. The Department of Justice says that during that communication, Richardson sent an image of child pornography and requested images of child pornography from the un-

dercover agent. On September 24, 2008, ICE agents executed a search warrant at First United Methodist Church in Royse City and seized a desktop computer from Richardson's office that contained images of child pornography. The Department of Justice said Richardson admitted possessing an external hard drive that also contained images of child pornography.

Richardson had faced a maximum of 20 years in prison for the transporting charge, 10 years on the possession charge and a \$250,000 fine on each of the charges.

## News Briefs

Out-to-Lunch Bunch set today

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. today at the Olive Garden. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

'Scrap Pink' to benefit cancer research

Traditional and digital scrapbookers will meet for an event to raise awareness and funds and enjoy photo preservation projects from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Rockwall's Eastridge Church of Christ. Proceeds will benefit local cancer groups. Call Tara Claborn at 972-772-7438 or Kathleen Nuytten at 972-771-4688 for details.

NAMI support groups plan meetings

Two free NAMI support groups - one for individuals with mental illness in Room 121 and another for their families in Room 123, B Building - will run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030 for details.

Art camp to focus on safari fun

A safari-themed art camp for ages 3-6 will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost is \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Modern Art Camp set

Youths ages 6-10 will learn about a variety of contemporary artists in the Modern Art Camp that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For

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## First Christian Church anniversary

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meet at the schoolhouse. Several years later, the congregation built a new wood frame building on a land grant in the 200 block of South Elm Street.

Brother Graham McMurry. He led his congregation in a capital campaign to build the first brick structure, which was constructed over the years 1910-1911. Fred Mercer donated the property on which the church was built at the corner of Burton and Arch Streets. The new church building contained classrooms, a baptistery, elevated floors and swinging doors. The ordinary glasses and platters previously used for communion were replaced with a silver pitcher, goblets and plates.

The church at this time became a training ground for many new preachers. Often students from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth would come to Royse City on weekends to stay with church members, visiting on Saturday and preaching on Sunday.

A Ladies Aid group was organized to carry out the work of the church. The ladies met on Mondays for devotionals and Bible studies and would have quilting days, stopping only long enough to eat the covered dish lunches they brought.

also saw the addition of a young

room for the young married couple's class.

In 1962, the congregation began a building fund for a new building on the existing church site at Arch and Burton Streets. The pastor at the time was The new building was constructed during 1968 and 1969. During that time, the congregation met in a vacant home on County Line Street.

> The last service in the old building was held on June 2, 1968. Lillian Burks was the last person to be baptized there.

> The first service in the new building was held on February 9, 1969. Nine people were baptized that day. They were Bobby N. Pennington, Steve Pennington, Deborah and David Clinard, Kenny Campbell, Glenda Johnson and Linda Ford, Gary and Terry Houser. For that first service, 175 people were in attendance.

The cost of the building was approximately \$55,000. The congregation had expected to pay cash, but ended up with about \$10,000 in debt due to "price spiraling" during construction.

In her history, Mrs. Cross said, "During the years, we remember so many of our dearly beloved, faithful members who are now gone. However we still feel their everlasting influence in our lives. To the former pastors and This time in the church's life members, we owe much. We today tread the path they blazed person's department and a class- for us and that partnership that

was formed in 1884 by the little band of Christian men and women. They have been the light of our community. They lighted the torch for us."

"With Jesus Christ, let us be living torches that our lives, through faith, hope, understanding and love, will have the right kind of influence in the community where stands the First Christian Church of Royse City."

Pastor Bell, who became pastor in 1992, said the church underwent another major renovation in 2003. During that time, the congregation worshipped at the First Baptist Church of Royse City and the First United Methodist Church of Royse City offered them storage space. Bell said he is grateful for the assistance given during renovations and the friendship offered with no questions asked.

"Both of those churches deserve much credit for helping us during our renovations and we appreciate them very much," he

Bell said as the church looks towards the future, they are upgrading their educational program and youth departments. They are also continuing their mission outreach in the Royse City community.

The community is welcome to join in the celebration on Sunday or to visit any Sunday if they are in need of a church home. First Christian Church of Royse City is located at 101 N. Arch Street and can be reached at 972-635-2994.

More information about the history of the church can be found in the brown "Rockwall County History" book on sale at the "Z" Museum in Royse City.



The First Christian Church of Royse City building constructed in 1910 at the corner of Burton Streets north of downtown Royse City. Photo Courtesy of the Zaner Robison Historical Museum

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CHRISTIA

The First Christian Church of Royse City built it church in 1968-69 on the site of the previous church by the corner of Arch and Burton Streets. Part of the foun the 1910 building sits under the slab that holds the kit dining room.

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more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Church to host Crocodile Dock VBS

The First Baptist Church of Heath, 224 Smirl Drive, will host the Crocodile Dock vacation Bible school from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 13-17. Activities will include a wader slide and family fish fry on July 17. To pre-register call 972-771-8275 or register at the door. For more details visit fbcheath.com.

Snake Encounters program scheduled

Snake Encounters, a free program for youths in grades 6-12, will be offered from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Rockwall County Library's first-floor meeting room.

Surfing the 'Net class available

A Surfing the 'Net class for individuals ages 50 and older will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14-30, at The Center. Cost will be \$50 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Location changed for RC breakfast

The Royse City Networking Breakfast Club will change its meeting place beginning Wednesday. The group will meet at Hot Rodz Café, 101 E. Main St., in Royse City. A breakfast buffet will be served, \$3 per person. Anyone interested in networking with other businesses is invited. Events take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

American Legion sets quarterly meeting

The Rockwall American Legion will have its quarterly dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Harry Myers Park Community Building. Dinner and social hour will be at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation by the Rockwall police chief. Veterans are encouraged to attend.

The Pictures plan concert at lake

The Pictures will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Red Hot Robots Camp offered Robots of all types will be the focus of a camp for youths ages 9-12 to run from 9 a.m. to noon July 20-24 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$140; non-residents will pay \$210. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

TC's Performing Dogs show set

TC's Performing Dogs, a free program for youths in grade 6-12, will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 21 in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library.

Stingerette Summer Camp scheduled

Girls in grades K-8 can participate in the Rockwall High School Stingerette Summer Camp, July 21-24 at Williams Middle School. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to noon; first day check-in 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$80 on the first day. For details contact Claire Shippy, cshippy@sbcglobal.net or call 972-816-8857.

Random Axis is featured band

Random Axis will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 23 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Teen reading program to wrap up

The Rockwall County Library's Teen Read '09 will end July 25. All logs must be turned in by 4 p.m. on that date.

Science camp scheduled

A camp covering a multitude of sciences - from biology to engineering to chemistry - will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon July 27-31 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program is open to youths ages 6-9. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

**End-of-Summer Party set at library** 

A free End-of-Summer Party for youths in grades 6-12 will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 28 in the first-floor meeting room of

the Rockwall County Library.

Airwaye 80s to play at Harbor

Airwave 80s will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 30 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Training set for library's volunteer tutors

The Rockwall County Library's needs volunteer tutors to help adults learn to read and speak English, pass the GED test and obtain U.S. citizenship. Classes are offered mornings from 10 a.m. to noon and from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Tutors need not be teachers of speak Spanish. Training will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. Classes begin Labor Day. To register go by the ELS classroom or call Gloria at 972-204-7705.

Free immunization clinic scheduled

Get all recommended immunizations, including newly required shots for first- and seventh-grade students, at a free clinic set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 1 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Children up to age 18 will be served; no appointment required. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Immunization records will be needed. For more details visit carevan.org or call 972-689-8285.

**FUMC Heath to host Bible school** 

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host its vacation Bible school from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7. Sign-up sheets are available at the church office or at the church Web site: fumcheath.org. Registration costs \$15 per child or \$35 for three or more in the same family. Scholarships are available. For details call 972-771-6732.

Secret Agent Camp set

CSI-themed science activities will be offered in a Secret Agent Camp for youths ages 9-12. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 3-7 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Jeanne Lay & Fat Tuesday to perform

Jeanne Lay & Fat Tuesday will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Concert to feature Angela Blair

Angela Blair will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch set Aug. 14

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Aug. 14 at Patti's Place. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Doggie Splash Day slated

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Doggie Splash Day event beginning at 10 a.m. Aug. 15 at Myers Park Pool. Cost will be \$5 per dog; swimming pet owners will swim free of charge. All dogs must have proof of rabies vaccinations to be eligible to participate.

Beatlegras is featured band

Beatlegras will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Inner City All Stars to perform

The Inner City All Stars will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Tri-County Choral auditions offered

The Tri-County Choral Society will conduct open auditions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Mellody Room at City Hall, 305 N. Arch, in Royse City. No time slot or prepared music required. Rehearsals begin Sept. 1. Dues cost \$35 per semester. For more details call Amy McLeroy at 214-883-4750 or Annie Cornelius at 972-816-9626.



Sydney Hollingsworth, Kendell Shields and Clayton members of the Paradigm Student Ministries youth LakeShore Church in Rockwall, are shown delivering the Food Pantry of Helping Hands. Youth pastor Nicl coordinated the food drive, along with Liz DeKold, Jenn and Tim Meister. The group spent a week serving sev nonprofits and ministries in the area during June. As pa week, youths checked expiration dates on all food pantry stocked the pantry shelves.

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Barbara Spalding is shown making a donation to the Helping Hands Food Pantry during the recent food drive at Brookeshire's, which was coordinated by manager David Pike. Helping Hands, a nonprofit agency offering assistance through the provision of food, shelter and utility payments and operation of thrift stores in Rockwall and Royse City, provided almost 15,000 bags of food to residents in 2008 and expects that number to grow in 2009. Financial donations, as well as contributions of food, clothing and household items are welcomed, as are volunteers. For more details call 972-

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

#### Hayes graduates magna cum laude

Lisa Combest Hayes of Rockwall graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree during May commencement exercises at LeTourneau University in Longview.

Hayes received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. The ceremonies were conducted in the S.E. Belcher Jr. Chapel and Performance Center.

Magna cum laude honors recognize students whose final grade point averages range from 3.6 to 3.79 out of a perfect 4.0, according to the university news release.



mpers ranging from second grade to eighth grade attended Drama Camp the week of June 22-26 at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary year. The camp was sponsored by the Rockwall-Heath High School Theater Department. The future thespians learned basic eleama in rotating classes, including characterization, movement, theatre games, and improvisation. In addition, each camper participroduction of Gary Grinkle's "Battles with Wrinkles," which was performed for family and friends on the last day of camp. The the Gary Grinkle show encouraged people to overcome their fears, to get out of their houses and venture into their neighborhoods, iends and just play.

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"The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity uses the house

payments it receives from Habitat homeowners to fund the building of more houses for other families," Beebe said.

Program details and applica-

tions are available at rockwallhabitat.org. For more information, contact the Habitat office at 972-771-6909.

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## Four named to **OBU** honor roll

Four local residents were named to the President's List for the spring semester at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. Jacob Lively and Royse City and Katy Fritts, Sarah Horton and Joshua Lord were named to the list, according to a university news release. A total of 212 students were tapped for the honor.

To be named to the President's List, a student must compile a 4.0 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student enrolled in a minimum of 12 academic hours.



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Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles and niece Carolyn Bryan

## Eight Rockwall students chosen to attend Boys and Girls State convention

Contributed by Marvin Fleetwood

The American Legion Post 117 of Rockwall sponsored four girls and four boys to attend the annual summer Boys and Girls State

conventions in June. The delegates from Rockwall High School were Tyler Fassett, Connor Defebaugh, Patricia Boyle and Hailey Dunn. Delegates from Rockwall-Heath High School were Sean Wong, Chris Gaines, Kylie Robinett and Ezinne Arizor.

Their teachers and school counselors, James Jones of Rockwall-Heath High School and Teddie Cherry of Rockwall High School, selected the students as outstanding candidates. They were selected based on their leadership, character, academic record and extracurricular activities, both at school and out-

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side of school.

Boys State was held June 6-12 at the University of Texas in Austin. Girls State was held June 14-20 at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin. Approximately 520 boys were in attendance at Boys State and Girls State played host to around 465 participants.

At the conferences, the delegates learned the operation of local and state governments, while participating in political campaigns and mock state and local governments. The Boys State program is considered the most respected educational program of government instruction and leadership for high school boys in Texas. The purpose of Girls State is to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

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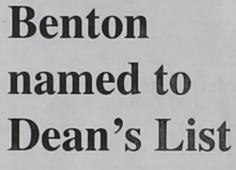
Gaines campaigned for and was elected Chief Justice of the Appeals Court and was also a precinct chairman of his city. He said, through his experience, he learned how appeals are submitted. Defebaugh campaigned for and was elected mayor of his city, learning the many workings of a city.

At Girls State, participants were residents of a mythical fiftyfirst state where, for a week, they organized their own city, county and state governments. They introduced and debated their own bills in a mock legislature.

a visit to the Texas State Capital in Austin, where the girls had the opportunity to sightsee and meet state officials.

Boyle campaigned for and was elected Chairperson of the Railroad Commission. She said she enjoyed learning about the responsibilities of the office. Robinett campaigned for and was elected Fire Chief of her city. She said she enjoyed city and council meetings because it was similar to a real government but in smaller setting.

Arizor campaigned for and



Corrie Benton of Royse City was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

According to a university news release, Benton is a sophomore theatre arts major.

was elected City Treasurer of her city. She enjoyed learning about the responsibilities of a city treasurer. Dunn campaigned for the local level to the state level. Attorney General. She said she

put a lot of effort into learning

the duties of the AG. She also

interviewed for Floor Leader of

the Senate.

While at Boys State, Wong campaigned for and was elected Railroad Commissioner. Fassett campaigned for Senator of his district and was elected to that office. He said he learned about presenting bills and the impor-

The program concluded with



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#### **Rockwall County** Letters to the Editor

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#### **Contact Congressman to** support Nino's Act

I am asking all constituents of the State of Texas to contact Congressman Ralph M. Hall, a member of the Congressman Finance Committee, to encourage him to sign on as a co-sponsor of HR 1421 (House Companion Bill, Nino's Act).

Nino's Act offers children with rare diseases a chance to live a full life and to relieve their families of the emotional and financial hardship that goes along with caring for their sick child.

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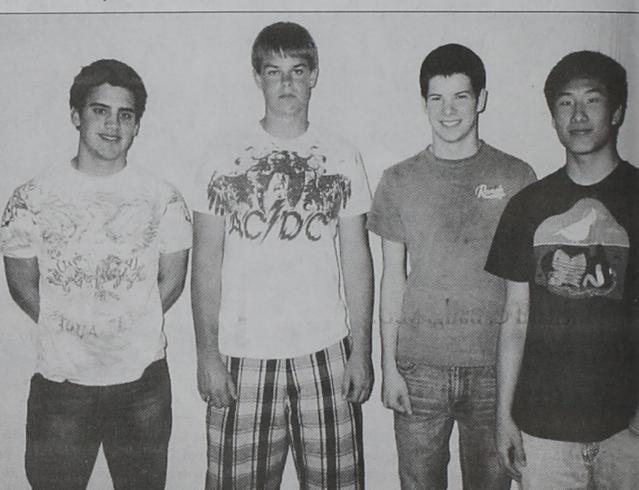
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North Texas where she graduated Magna cum Laude.

Prior to entering seminary, Taylor served as Director of Christian Education for Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church in Dallas for three years and for Trinity Presbyterian Church in Flower Mound, Texas for six years.

She worked as a Christian Education Consultant for Grace Presbytery for seven years. In addition, she has two years of experience as a Chaplain at Harris Methodist HEB Hospital in Bedford, Texas. First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth hosted her while she was a Pastoral Intern from 2008-2009.

Taylor has been married since 1982 to David Moore. David is passionate about issues involving the homeless and has worked closely with The Stewpot and The Bridge in Dallas. Their daughter, Kelsey, is a recent graduate of Coppell High School. This fall she will be attending Schreiner University in Kerrville, where she will be studying Psychology and Education on a Presidential Scholar-

Reverend Joseph J. Clifford, pastor of First Presbyterian Church Dallas, said, "Cheryl has genuine warmth, wisdom to match her intelligence, and is just plain fun to be around."

Brite Divinity School Professor Dr. Joseph Jeter states, "She is a people person, always smiling and in touch with God. She takes her sermon preparation very seriously. She is a gifted preacher who has won preaching awards, including the Walker Scholarship which is given to a student with real promise as a pulpit minister."

Reverend Frank Ehman of Trinity Presbyterian Church

added, "Cheryl is genuine and authentic. She communicates her faith by how she lives. Her faith is who she is. When you're with Cheryl, you feel you're in the presence of a faithful and devoted servant of the church."

The community is invited to welcome Taylor at 11 a.m. Aug. 2 at First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall. The church is located at 602 White Hills Drive, off Ridge Road next to Wal-Mart.

## Chisholm Baptist VBS Saturday tomorrow

The youth and children's ministries leaders at Chisholm Baptist Church in McLendon-Chisholm are departing from tradition this year by turning Vacation Bible School into Vacation Bible Saturday.

VB Saturday is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, July 11. This year's theme will be "Chisholm Trails." Pastor Rocky Weatherford and Youth/Children's Ministry Coordinator Leroy Rippy are opening the doors of CBC to all children that can come.

Activities will include Gospel presentations (morning and afternoon), praise and worship music, crafts, Bible study and other special activities, including a bounce house and the return of Jo-Jo the Rodeo Clown.

Lunch and other refreshments will be served and the day's activities will end at approximately 5 p.m.

Chisholm Baptist Church VBS is for all children, Kindergarten through sixth grade. CBC is located on the west side of SH-205 in McClendon-Chisholm, six miles south of I-30.

All area youth are welcome spend time with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, while also sharing some down-home fun on "Chisholm Rockwall County News Friday, July 10, 2009 Page 5



Newly appointed pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall Cheryl Taylor (center), celebrates her May 2009 graduation from the TCU Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth with her daughter, Kelsey, and husband David Moore.

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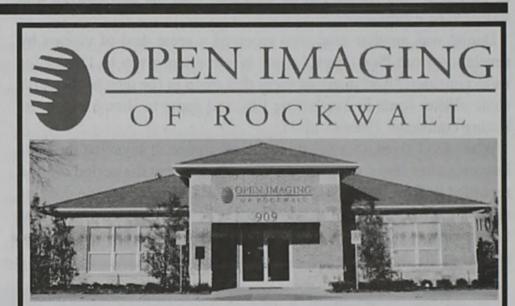
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What about the saints coming out of graves after Jesus' resurrection?

After Jesus died on the stake a number of phenomenal events occurred that seized the attention of everyone present. We will closely study the record of dead bodies rising from graves and appearing to many people in Jerusalem.

Matthew 27:50-53, "Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost...And the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

This scripture is popularly interpreted to mean that Old Testament saints were actually resurrected from the dead and visited many people.

The above verse includes the word "appeared." It was a translation of the earlier known Greek word emphanizo, which meant to exhibit, reveal, make known. In the passive tense it meant to appear.

In the King James Companion Bible, E.W. Bullinger provided more information for emphanizo as follows, "to cause to be manifested or shown plainly and clearly. Used of causing that to be seen (or known) which would not otherwise have been cognizable by the unaided eye

It is appropriate to not rule out the possibility that the people could have seen a clear vision of a future event that likely did not literally happen at that time. A brief study of God's word concerning the resurrection and the holy city should help in this study.

The same Greek word is used in Hebrews 11:14, "For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country." To declare plainly is emphanizo, make known or reveal. What kind of country?

Verse 16, "desire a better country, that is heavenly...for He has prepared for them a city." This verse is not talking about a earthly city, but a heavenly one. It says they seek a heavenly city. According to Matthew 27:53, the bodies went into the physical city of Jerusalem and were seen by many people. Even though it was built by men's hands, it was still counted by God as a holy city.

Go back to Hebrews 11:13, "...these all died not having received the promise." Hebrews was written after the event of Matthew 27:53. The saints of the Old Testament died and are still dead today.

Let's check out Revelations 21:1-4 where it says, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...'

John was given a vision of a future event. The present earth that we live on will pass away, and God will establish a new earth also known as paradise. This should not be confused with the new heaven that will also be established.

Daniel was another man who received a great deal of visions by revelation from God. Here's some information given to Daniel for us to consider, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2).

When God gives a vision, it is with a purpose. It says that the bodies arose after Jesus' resurrection. Considering that the period of time recorded in Revelations has not yet begun, the best possible conclusion is that the vision of the bodies rising from the graves was meant to emphasize what would ultimately result from God's loving resurrection of His beloved son Jesus Christ.

## **Rockwall County Obituaries**

#### **Amy Fairchild**

Services for Amy Fairchild, 72, of Rockwall were conducted at 6 p.m. July 2, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died June 30.

Born Sept. 18, 1936, in Bassfield, Miss., to John Leslie and Alpha Deen, she was a hairdresser and a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Survivors include her sons, Phillip Langley and his wife, Marie, of Wagoner, Okla., Chris Langley and his wife, Staci, of Rockwall and Todd Langley of Rockwall; her daughters, Suzon Speights of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Sonja Courtney and her husband, Fred, of Bassfield; her siblings, Bill Deen and Joyce Pierce, both of Bassfield, and Margie Rosa of New Orleans, La.; and her grandchildren, Derick, Shiloh, James, Houston, Taylor, Amanda, Karlee, Cherokee, Kira, Joe, Leah, Miles and Kellan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Rod and Dwight Deen.

#### **Paul Melendez**

Services for Paul Melendez, 85, of Fate were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Saturday, July 4.

Born Jan. 26, 1924, in Valley Junction to Jose and Petra (Pecina) Melendez, he was a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a skilled leather craftsman who made saddles for many years. He enjoyed wrestling, dancing and baseball and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. A loving, devoted family man, he shared a special bond with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughters, Mary Kirby of Terrell and Jeanett Smith and her husband, Mark, of Fate; a brother, Julio Melendez of Euless; a sister-in-law, Sarah Melendez of Fate; his grandchildren, Danny Kirby Jr. of Terrell and Markus, Michael and Molly Smith of Fate; and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Baudilia; a sonin-law, Dan Kirby Sr.; two sisters, Marcelena and Marty; and four brothers, Eleno, Pete, Zeke and Ben.

#### Francisca Santos Padilla

Services for Francisca Santos Padilla, 88, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died July 3

Born Oct. 4, 1920, in El Salvador to Miguel Juan and Sofia (Padilla) Santos, she was a member of Templo Emmanuel in Rockwall. She was a loving homemaker who was devoted to her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Lucilla R. Chevez, and her husband, Ernesto, her grandsons, Jose I. Chevez, and his wife, Dilia, Jesus Chevez and his wife, Dora, and Alba Luz Chevez, and a granddaughter, Anna Sylvia Chevez, and her husband, Carlos, all of Rockwall, and many nieces, nephews and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Maria and Carmen Santos; and one brother, Manuel Santos. Philip Weldon Porter

Graveside services for Philip Weldon Porter, 79, a 1 Rockwall for 11 years, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesd 2009, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Sunday, July 5.

Born May 23, 1930, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Arthur W. Madge (Chitwood) Porter, he served in the U.S. Army Korean conflict. A geologist and a member of the Geologic in Houston, he was a devoted family man.

Survivors include his daughters, Phyllis Pollard and he Larry, of Rowlett, Ruth Miller and her husband, John, o Calif., and Sherry Porter of Houston; his sons, Bill Porter Porter and his wife, Cynthia, all of Houston; his gran Johnny, Rebekah, Rachel, Allen and Abigail; and one gi daughter, Uriah.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Caro Porter; one grandson, Daniel; and two brothers, Gordon ar

#### Nell J. Vanlandingham

Services for Nell J. Vanlandingham were conducted

Tuesday, July 7, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall.

She died Saturday, July 4, in Rowlett.

Born Sept. 22, 1925, in Atlanta, Ga., she spent her lifetime dedicated to caring for family members and friends. She demonstrated her caring nature by volunteering at the Lake Pointe Hospital in Rowlett for more than 15 years. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include one son,

Terry, and his wife, Gayla, of Arlington; three daughte Hail, and her husband, Philip, of Rockwall, Rebecca Vanla of The Colony and Carol Vanlandingham of Arlington; 1 children, Chris Hail and his wife, Melody, of Rockwall Hail of Rockwall, Jennifer Hail Frederiksen and her Mark, of Rockwall, Jeff Vanlandingham of Arlington Vanlandingham of Rockwall; her great-grandchildren, C Parker Hail, Sydney Hail, Garrett Hail and Natalie Fred sister, Margaret Johns of Brookeville, Md.; a brother-in-Vanlandingham and his wife, Ruth, of Norman, Okla.; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, to who

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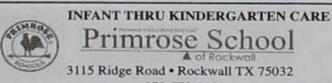
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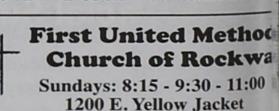
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the U.S. Senate unanimously passed Senate Resolution ing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African-The resolution ends with: "Disclaimer. -- Nothing in this authorizes or supports any claim against the United serves as a settlement of any claim against the United means Congress apologizes but is not going to pay s least for now.

of the Congressional Black Caucus have expressed at the disclaimer, thinking that it's an attempt to stave off aims from the descendants of slaves. Congressional Black woman Barbara Lee, D-Calif., said her organization is language of the resolution and Rep. Bennie Thompson. 'putting in a disclaimer takes away from the meaning of number of us are prepared to vote against it in its present re several members of the Progressive Caucus who feel

hout saying that slavery was a gross violation of human e would demand that all the perpetrators -- that includes and African and Arab slave sellers -- make compensatory yments to victims. Since slaves, slave owners and slave longer with us, such compensation is beyond our reach to be settled in the world beyond.

om the reparations debate is: Who pays? Don't say the because the government doesn't have any money that

## n't Say That

cricans busy celebrating the 233rd birthday of the USA edom of speech comes to mind. We Americans are big on ely, but the words we use are quite another matter. In fact, ning a nation of braying sheep, using the same words and and over again. Benjamin Franklin, a wordsmith if there would have some issues with that.

That is a drastically overused word that is being used to per word: "problems." He has "issues" sounds a lot better y is dramatically screwed up." So, my friend, issues, not the new polite.

id." Is it just me, or does calling someone you just met sound a bit condescending? Friendship takes time and I don't want somebody telling me I'm his or her friend. amilton, who could be a mean guy, would understand, and Il alive, he would give me a shout out.

at." That cliche comes from the hip-hop world, which re to ruin the English language than Paris Hilton. But the won this lexicon battle. Millions of Americans are now to their friends and neighbors. What's next, Dick Cheney out out" to Don Rumsfeld? Could happen, and if it does, it

This may be the worst cliche to hit the country since gain, it comes from the hip-hop industry, where "they be using actual phrases like "that was my fault." Why say when you can say two and rhyme at the same time? "My d." Awesome.

e." Why? Why not "splendid"? Or "excellent"? Or rry, we had "super" a few years ago, and it almost drove arsi. But, really, why awesome? Why is everybody saying n't tell me "it is what it is."

t. "It is what it is." What does that mean? Should we go ig stuff like "hey, look at that alligator over there -- it is I know that. I know what I'm seeing and hearing. I don't ne to tell me "that refrigerator is what it is." That is sooooo

Pleeeease. Stooooop.

When Brando said it in the 1950s, it sounded good. When e" Byrnes said it on "77 Sunset Strip," it was in context. dent Obama says it, I want to turn in my passport. Grown ot be saying "cool" unless they are willing, like Brando, to orcycles very fast. Then it's OK. You go, girl!"

You go, girl!" Another expression from the hood made Oprah and other TV people. Now all the girls are going.

Where are the ladies heading? I don't know. news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The tor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate artoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators. umn originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com. IT 2008 BillOReilly.com.

it doesn't first take from some American. So which Americans owe black people what? Reparations advocates don't want that question asked but let's you and I.

Are the millions of Europeans, Asians, and Latin Americans who immigrated to the U.S. in the 20th century responsible for slavery and should they be forced to cough up reparations money? What about descendants of Northern whites who fought and died in the name of freeing slaves? Should they cough up reparations money for black Americans? What about non-slave-owning Southern whites, a majority of whites; should they be made to pay reparations? And, by the way, would President Obama, whose father is Kenyan and mother white, be eligible for a reparations payment?

On black people's side of the ledger, thorny issues also arise. Some 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 blacks eligible and deserving of reparations? There is no way that Europeans could have captured millions of Africans. They had African and Arab help. Should Congress haul representatives of Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Muslim states before them and demand they compensate American blacks because of their ancestors' involvement in capturing and selling slaves?

Reparations advocates make the foolish unchallenged pronouncement that United States became rich on the backs of free black labor. That's utter nonsense. Slavery has never had a very good record of producing wealth. Think about it. Slavery was all over the South. Buying into the reparations nonsense, you'd have to 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 country 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.

The Senate apology is nothing more than political theater but it could be a slick way to get the camel's nose into the tent for future reparations. If the senators are motivated by white guilt, I have the cure. About 15 years ago I wrote a "Proclamation of Amnesty and Pardon Granted to All Persons of European Descent" that is available at: www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew/gift.html

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## 'Audit the Fed' push frightens majority of congressmen

by John Tate

Campaign for Liberty

Earlier this week, the first shot in our battle to pass "Audit the Fed" legislation through the U.S. Senate was fired on the Senate floor by Senator Jim DeMint of South Carolina.

Senator DeMint, who has a well-deserved reputation for taking the battle to the other side in the Senate, once again proved why he is such a valuable ally in our fight to bring transparency and accountability to the Federal Reserve.

A little while ago, the Senate voted to pass HR 2918, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act. This \$3 billion bill contains, among many other things, provisions for GAO audits on certain agencies.

Seizing on a chance to take quick action to bring Audit the Fed up for a vote, and with the GAO provisions in mind, Senator DeMint attached the full text of S 604, the Senate version of Ron Paul's Audit the Fed bill, to HR 2918 as Senate Amendment 1367 before it was considered for final passage.

Democrats slam the door shut

However, Senate Democrats refused to even allow a vote on the amendment! That's right. The internationalist, Fed-loving elite in the Senate used a parliamentary tactic to shut down DeMint's

After Senator DeMint brought Audit the Fed to the floor, Senator Ben Nelson of Nebraska raised a "point of order" to prevent a vote, claiming that the amendment violated Senate Rule 16 by "legislating" on an appropriations bill. The Senate president agreed, and the amendment was shot down.

Senator DeMint did not back down, though, and directly challenged Senate leadership by pointing out the other GAO audits contained in the bill. As Senator DeMint listed them off, the Senate president was forced to agree with Senator DeMint that each one he described, all of which would be left in for final passage, also violated Senate Rule

Which tells us at least one thing: the problem wasn't with "legislating" on the bill or violating Senate Rules (which is commonly done). Shooting down the amendment was about preventing a thorough audit of the Federal Reserve for the first time in its history!

Trying to avoid the vote

Senate leadership is hoping this issue will just fade away so they can get on to what they deem to be more "important" business, like dictating what kind of healthcare plan you and I can carry or passing destructive Cap-and-Tax legislation.

But the American people deserve answers on what the Fed has done with trillions of our tax dollars and what they are committing us and future generations to as part of their secret deals with foreign central banks and governments.

The leadership decided today to turn their backs on transparency, but our fight is just beginning.

As Senator DeMint made clear on the floor, the Audit the Fed bill has wide bipartisan support. He rightly warned the Senate that even if they delay today, they WILL have to deal with the issue on the

It is up to you and me to back up Senator DeMint's words by making sure the momentum continues to build and the bill comes up for a final vote.

The rejection of the Audit amendment is just the first battle in our war. Now is the time to really put the pressure on the U.S. Senate to Audit the Fed!

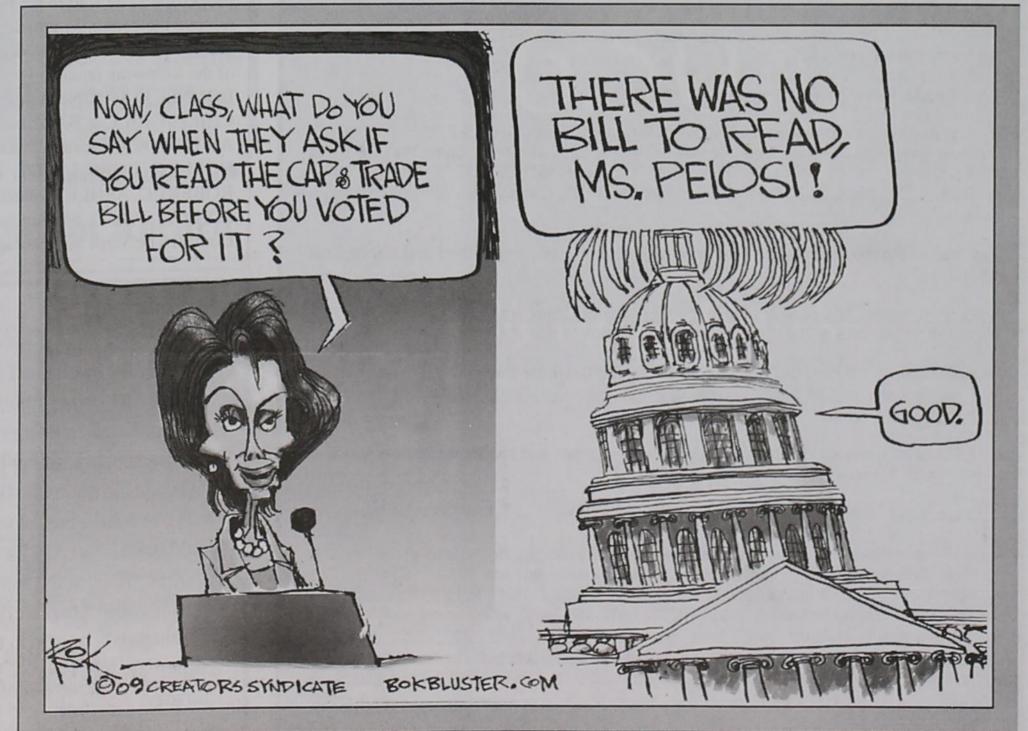
It's just the beginning

Senator DeMint fired the opening salvo and showcased the hypocrisy of the Senate for allowing other GAO audits to be included in the bill while refusing to even allow a vote on Fed transparency.

Again, we're just getting started. Senator DeMint will keep fighting to pass Audit the Fed on its own or as an amendment, and we need to continue putting pressure on our senators to do everything in their power to achieve a floor vote!

Click here to sign our online petition. And visit our Audit the Fed action page for contact information to call, write, and fax your senators and urge them to support S 604 and to push for a final

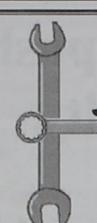
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#### Clark Street Light Project

The project includes approximately: transporting, installing and making operational seven prepurchased 16-foot and three pre-purchased 18-foot historic style light poles; furnishing and installing pole bases, conduit, control panel, conductors, wiring, ground wiring, providing electrical service, and other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- Clark Street Light Project.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 90 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers- 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Conway, LLP, 11910 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, Texas (phone numbers- 214-361-7900/fax 214-461-8390), at a non-refundable cost of \$25.00, beginning July 6, 2009. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Conway, L.L.P., and are listed on the Engineer's List Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

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#### White Road and Ranch Trail Project

The project includes approximately: 3740 SY of Pavement Removal, 6415 SY 6-inch, 3600 PSI Concrete Pavement, 7265 SY Lime Treated Subgrade, 2896 LF 6-inch Curb, 9531 SF 6-foot Wide Sidewalk, 1347 LF Fence, 4593 SY Grass Sod, 60 LF 18" RCP, 215 LF 24" RCP, 54 LF 48" RCP, 3- 10' Inlets, 2- 6' Storm Sewer Manhole, 1- 6' "Y" Inlet, and other miscellaneous

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- White Road and Ranch Trail

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 180 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers- 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, PBS&J, 18383 Preston Rd., Suite 110, Dallas, Texas (phone numbers- 972-818-7275/fax 972-380-2609), at a non-refundable cost of \$40.00, beginning July 10, 2009. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the Engineer, PBS&J, and are listed on the Engineer's List Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

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acquisition approximately 20 acres of land for expansion of the municipal airport and for public safety facilities:

(v) paying legal, fiscal, engineering and architectural fees in connection with these projects.

The City Council tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of said certificates of obligation at a meeting to commence at 6:00 p.m., on August 17, 2009, at the City Hall, 385 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas. The maximum amount of certificates of obligation indebtedness that may be authorized to be sold on said date for such purposes described above is \$5,300,000. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law, and from a pledge of limited surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the City's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

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DECEASED a/k/a DAN L WURST a/k/a DAN WURST Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DANNY LEE WURST, Deceased were issued on June 22, 2009 in Cause No. PR 09-055, Pending in the County Court

to TINA NELSON, Independent The mailing address of the Independent Executor is:

at Law of Rockwall County, Texas

TINA NELSON

2424 Cantura Drive Mesquite, Texas 75181

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them with the time and the manner prescribed by

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#### **Sports Notes**

Triathlon training planned

A triathlon training class will be offered on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. July 18 through Aug. 8 at Harry Myers Park. Swimming, running, biking and practicing the transition area will be included, as will a mini-triathlon. Cost is \$45 for Rockwall residents, \$68 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Quickstart Your Kayak course offered

Basic paddling and kayaking safety skills will be offered in Quickstart Your Kayak from 9 a.m. to noon on July 18. Participants will try out different types of kayaks; kayak PFD and paddles will be provided. Cost is \$60 for Rockwall residents, \$90 for non-residents. For details call Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

RCISD season ticket schedule set

Current Royse City ISD season ticket holders can pick up their renewals from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 20-31 at the RCISD administrative office. New group reserved seating ticket sales will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 3-7. New season reserved seating ticket sales will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 10-28.

Kayaking, canoeing course scheduled

A class offering instruction in kayaking and canoeing will be offered at 10 a.m. July 25 on Lake Ray Hubbard. Cost is \$10 for Rockwall residents, \$15 for non-residents. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-

#### McLaughlin, Simpson hot at RHS soccer camp

Ben McLaughlin and Bradley Simpson shared the Golden Boot award at the Rockwall High School soccer camp by scoring five goals each.

The Blue team won the camp's mini-tournament.

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RHS boys' soccer coach Troy Williams reported that the campers used plenty of wet towels and drank gallons of Gatorade to combat 100-degree temperatures.

"The coaches noticed lots of improvement," Williams said. "We hope to see lots of kids next year. Hopefully, the sun will take it a little easier on us."

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Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp set

The Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp, which will run July 27-31 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym, will offer athletes ages 4-7 the chance to experience a number of different sports. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost will be \$98 for Rockwall residents, \$147 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Camp to focus on agility, conditioning

Sports Agility and Conditioning Camp will be offered in the Rockwall Education Center Gym. Weeklong camps for 10- to 12-yearolds set Aug. 10-14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 13- to 15-year-olds, Aug. 10-14, 11 a.m. to noon. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$149, non-residents \$225. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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## Fitzgerald brings home gold from Conroe Police Games

by Kathy Williams

Larry Fitzgerald, a detention officer with the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office, recently competed in the annual state-wide Police Games, bringing home gold medals in the 100 meter and 200 meter dash. The Games took place June 24-28 in Conroe, near Waco.

The sporting competition draws between 1,500 and 2.000 law enforcement officers from around the state of Texas. Retired military police officers are also eligible to participate and firefighters have recently been allowed to compete.

The Police Games, formerly called the Police Olympics, is sponsored by the Texas Police Athletic Federation.

Fitzgerald, who ran the same races on the track team at Birkner High School in Richardson, has been with the Sheriff's Office since January 2008. This was his first time participating in the Games, but says he will definitely go again next year. He was the only Rockwall County participant this year, but says there is now interest from many of his friends and co-workers in law enforcement to attend with him next year.

"Next year's Games will be South Padre Island, so that's

are interested in going now so it would be good to go with a group," Fitzgerald said. "There were a lot of other people there with groups and I was alone, so it will be good if more of us can

Fitzgerald said he found out about the Games when he found the organization's web site on the Internet. "I thought it would be cool to compete because as you get older, you don't have many opportunities in track to do much."

Fitzgerald was already in good physical shape due to the training he does for his job. To prepare for actual races, he said he "just worked out a lot." In addition to his responsibilities as a Detention Officer at the county jail, Fitzgerald is also a member of the Sheriff's Office Disturbance Control Team (DCT). The team is trained to handle major issues that might occur at the jail, such as a riot or inmate escape.

The DCT works out and trains to stay in shape at least 16 to 20 hours a month, Fitzgerald said.

"We stay in shape for the job. Anything can happen at any moment and we try to be ready for

According to the organiza-

a good thing. A lot of others tion's web site, "the Texas Police Games are well organized competitive events that enable commissioned Police Officers the opportunity to compete with fellow Police Officers from the State of Texas as well as on a nationwide level. The idea of promoting good physical condition, through competitive athletic competition, originated in California. Mr. Duke Nyhus, a San Diego Assistant Chief, founded the California Police

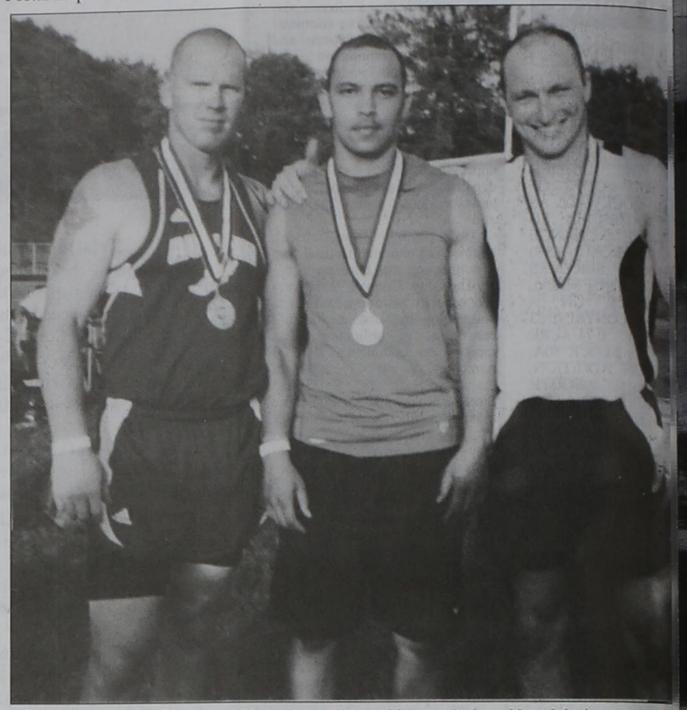
> Athletic Federation in 1966." The Texas Police Athletic Federation, was conceived in 1974 by officers Steve G. Baggs of the Texas Department of Public Safety, O.L. Cullum from the Ft, Worth Police Department and Tim R. Vought of the Dallas Police Department. The officers conducted the first Texas Police Recruit Championships in Dallas in April 1975. The event was repeated in Austin in January 1976 and in Ft. Worth in December 1976.

> Officers who may participate include City Police Officers, County Sheriff's Officers, County Constable Officers, State Police Officers, Highway Patrol Officers, FBI Agents, Fish and Game Officers, Park Rangers, ATF Enforcement Officers, Drug Enforcement Officers,

District Attorney Investigators, U.S. Secret Service, Federal/ State Parole/ Probation Officers, U.S. Marshals, Railroad Peace Officers, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, Federal Postal Inspectors and many oth-

This year's competitions included Submission Wrestling, Trap/Skeet/5-Stand, Soccer, 5K & 10K Run, Archery, K-9 Patrol, Bass Tournament, Horseshoes, Volleyball, Track & Field, Texas Pentathlon, Tennis, Softball,

Rifle, Racquetball, 1 ing, Pistols Tactica Paintball, Mountain Narcotics, Karate, Football, Cycling, Billiards, Basketbal shootout, liftoff, and exhibition.



Rockwall County Detention Officer Larry Fitzgerald (center), the gold medal winner of the 10 and 200 meter dash races at the 2009 Texas Police Games, is shown with the second and thin finishers. Fitzgerald, who has been with the Sheriff's Office for nearly two years, competed in Games this year.

Photo Courtesy of Larry Fitzgerald Rockwall County News

## Heath celebrates July 4 with parade and popsicles in the pa

Laurence Drive drenched in red, white and blue for the 4th of July was a sure sign summer is in full swing as the Heath community turned out in record numbers to watch or participate in the City's Annual Independence Day Parade.

"This is one of the traditions" that make our hometown so special," said Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe. "The community and patriotic spirit displayed by everyone who comes out to watch or march in the parade makes me feel very proud and honored to be a part of Heath."

cause our citizens are the driving force," says Lori Lawing, chairman of the City of Heath's Special Events Board. "We set the stage and watch the magic happen. It is really fun seeing your friends and neighbors get-

ting all 'tricked out' in red, white and blue. The festive atmosphere is contagious."

Hundreds of people of all ages lined Laurence Drive to cheer and wave to their friends and neighbors as they rode by on colorfully decorated floats, golf carts, off-road vehicles, antique cars, wagons and strollers, and bikes and trikes.

Special honor was paid to area residents who are currently serving in the Armed Forces and those who have defended their country in the past, while the Rockwall-Heath High School Mighty Hawk "The parade is so special be- Marching Band filled the air with patriotic tunes and the rhythms of the drum line.

> Everyone gathered immediately after the parade at Towne Center Park Pavilion behind City Hall to cool off with free popsicles provided by the City of Heath.

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2009 Parade Winner

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Boy Scout Troop 386 Information contribut City of Heath. For mo photos, see Page 11.



Zookeeper Allison Blankenship shows off "Rocky" the kinkajou to a crowd of more than 100 teens and parents at the Rockwall County Library's teen program this Tuesday. Blankenship also brought a tarantula, a tenrec and a burrowing bullfrog from Zooniversity, a traveling educational zoo whose exotic animals have been rescued from owner neglect. More information on Zooniversity is available on their website www.zooniversity.org and the full schedule of teen events at the library is available at www. rocklib.com.

Photo by Elizabeth Fudge Rockwall County News

## Royse City FourthFest filled with fun, parades, fireworks

The Fourth Annual Royse City FourthFest Parade and Festivities were again a hit with the community last Saturday.

The parade, led by Lt. Col. Gene Allen and a large group of veterans carrying flags, driving motorcycles and military jeeps, was a wonderful sight to see.

Red white and blue decorations were everywhere and on everything, from the children who decorated their bicycles to the horse's manes. The Royse City Rotary Club helped by serving as Parade Marshall's for the event.

The festivities at the old football stadium and middle school after the 6 p.m. parade were attended by approximately 3,000 people. Activities included sack races, egg toss contest, bingo, bounce houses and a very messy watermelon eating contest that added fun to the evening.

While the music of Jaci Butler and Those Guys filled the night air, everyone enjoyed food provided Hot Rodz Café and Lone Star Italian Ice.

Before the spectacular fireworks display, which was timed to music, Jaci Butler sang the National Anthem while the veterans and Boy Scouts presented the colors and raised the nations flag. Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley offered his welcoming

words and thoughts to the gath- Blue - State Farm Insurance ering.

Prizes were given to parade participants. Trophies were Tovar awarded to:

Bicycle Decorating Contest: 1st Place - Sam Kazlow 2nd Place - Kylie McHorgue 3rd Place - Sarah Kazlow •

Best Float - Peggy's Feed & Best Dressed in Red White & Touring

Kari Hargrave

Best Automobile - Johnny Best Powersports - Kerry

Mantooth Best Equestrian - Trinity Trail Preservation

Judges Choice - Tri County Honor Guard Best Organization - Star



The Rockwall Old Town Association put on its annual July 4th parade through the neighborhood and around the downtown square Saturday morning.

Photo by Roy Heath Rockwall County News



The winner of the Mayor's Award at the 2009 City of Heath 4th of July parade float conti Jerry Knoer (left). Heath Mayor John Radcliffe (right) presents Knoer with his ribbons at Satt Independence Day festivities.

Photo Courtesy of City of Heath Rockwall County News

#### DimeBox Theater schedule winds dow

Movies fans have just a few dates left to enjoy some of their favorite at the DimeBox Theater in Royse City. The remaining dates and shows are:

• July 15 - "I Cover the Waterfront," Ben Lyon, Claudette Colbert

• July 17 - "39 Steps," Hitchcock thriller with Robert

Donat, Madelaine Carroll

 July 18—"Reunion in France." John Wayne as an American soldier in WWI

Admission costs 10 cents. Screenings begin at 2 p.m. Groups of 10 or more are asked to make a reservation. The the-

ater is located at 127 FM 2453. The DimeBox Theater is typi-

cally open on the first a Saturdays of each mont ever, additional screeni occasionally added.

For more information DimeBox, which is de to family entertainment, James Cornelius at 9 9230.

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or and remembrance of those who fought for our country's freedom past and present, the City of Heath July 4 parade included rying very special guests, veterans (left to right) Stark West, Ray Walker, Pat Drake, Chuck Bealmear, Marvin Fleetwood, Paul b Laing, Jim Anderson, Bob Hille, Mike Hardick and Robert Turner. Courtesy of the City of Heath all County News



100re family of Heath was the winner of the 2009 City of Heath 4th of July parade float contest for Best Wagon/Stroller. This is the the Moore's have won the category at the parade. Courtesy of City of Heath vall County News



the fourth year in a row, the award winning Rockwall-Heath High School Mighty Hawk Band provided patriotic tunes in the July f Heath parade. Under the direction of band director Benny Davis, the band, colorguard, drum majors and drum line fired up the with their non-stop music and drum beats. to by Carl McClung

Rockwall Old association held al 4th of July Saturday, which classic cars er classic means sportation. The ound through the neighborhoods the n square then made its way downtown.

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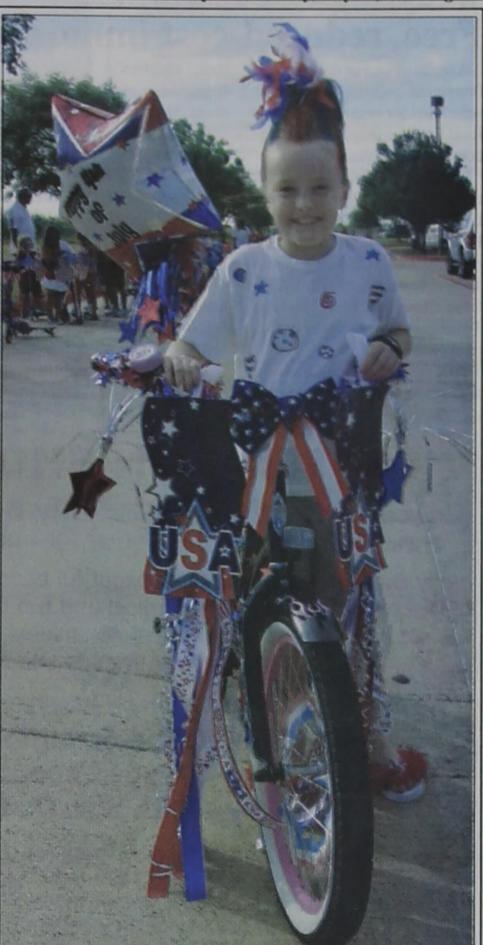
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Shelby Ketron was the double winner of the Best Bike and Best Costume awards at Saturday's 2009 City of Heath 4th of July arade float contest.

Photo Courtesy of City of Heath Rockwall County News



Rockwall-Heath HS cheerleaders (left to right) Mary Fields, Tara Woessner and McKenzie Edwards, along with others on the squad, handed out candy at the City of Heath 4th of July parade last Saturday.

Photo Courtesy of Krissy Edwards Rockwall County News



Even the horses pulled out their best patriotic decorations to celebrat the 4th of July at the Royse City FreedonFest parade last Saturday. The annual parade made its way through Royse City's downtown, then the fun continued into the night with games, food and contests at the old football stadium.

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#### Free, reduced-cost immunizations offered

immunization clinics have been scheduled for next month to help local families prepare for the upcoming school year.

offered for children through 899 Rochell Ct., in Rockwall the age of 18 on Aug. 1 at the from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug. First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Provided by the of 18 will be served. Children Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas care van, vaccines will be made available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for eligible children who are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents should bring

A series of free or reduced-cost their children's immunization records. For more details on this event, visit carevan.org.

The BC/BS of Texas care van will be at the Amanda Rochell Free immunizations will be Elementary School cafeteria, 13 to offer free immunizations. Eligible children through the age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; immunization records will be needed. Visit the Web site listed above for more information.

On Aug. 19, the Texas from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Department of State Health Services Region 2/3 Field Office will offer immunizations at a clinic at Utley Middle School, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, in Rockwall. Parents should bring their children's immunization records and any letters from school outlining immunization needs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Immunization fees for this clinic will be based on a sliding scale; Medicaid will be ac-

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Avery and Emery Gilbert are pictured with some of the fresh tomatoes available each we-Farmers Market in downtown Rockwall. Open from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through Sei the market is the community's newest gathering spot - with produce, organic greens, toffel dressings, gourmet food mixes, roasted coffee, locally-produced honey, plants and herbs ava barbecue cook-off is planned for Sept. 21. For more details call Bethany at 972-772-6400. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Morgan Tamez and Amy Hwang recently were recognized year's Rockwall-Heath Scholarship recipients presented b Aspasians of Rockwall. Pictured with the honorees are Ma a member of the Aspasians Scholarship Committee, and To



Rockwall-Heath HS cheerleaders (left to right) Leal and Sarah Lopez jumped right into the crowds along the Heath parade route at last Saturday's 4th of July festivi make sure every little hand held a sweet treat to celebr nation's holiday.

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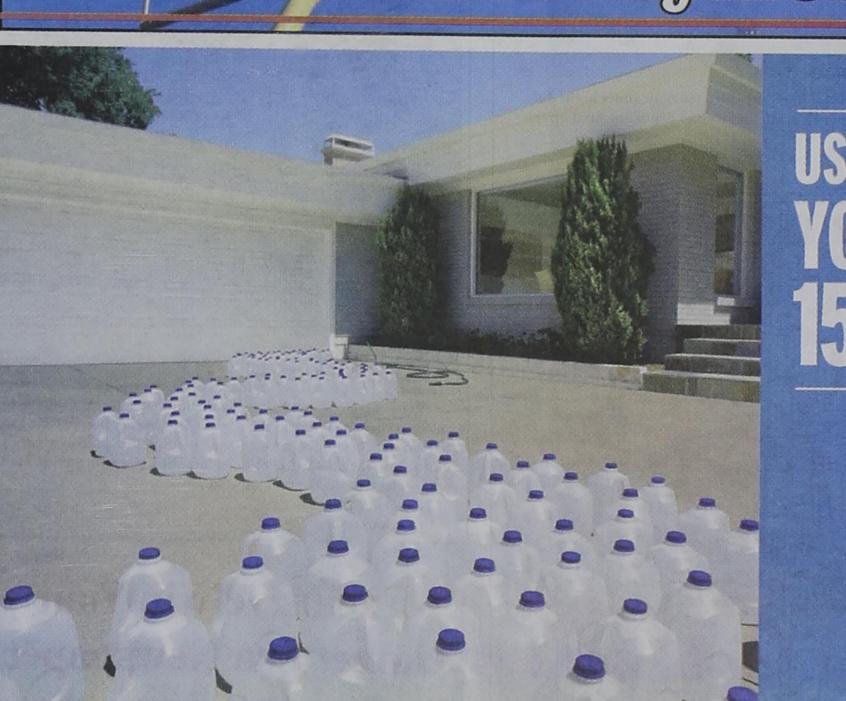
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