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Crawford and Trevor Clark prepare for a day of sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard. The two were a part of a group of students Helping Hands to receive sailing scholarships through the North Texas Sailing School at Rush Creek Yacht Club. Photo by Rockwall County News

Students tapped by Helping Hands earn sailing scholarships

Eighteen students, all children of Helping Hands clients, recently cashed in on sailing scholarships from the North Texas Sailing School at Rush Creek Yacht Club. "Sailing is like heaven on earth," one of the students said following the sailing lessons. Since 2006, the sailing school and yacht club has provided tuition-free sailing lessons for children who normally would not have the opportunity to participate in such activities. The students are selected by Helping Hands. This year's lessons took place July 30 through Aug. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "Your kindness and generosity will forever be remembered as my son learned a lifetime sport of sailing," wrote one participant's mother. "Thank you for the sailing camp," another participant wrote. "Thank you for teaching me how to sail." The students' enthusiasm and excitement made the effort worthwhile, said Sherry Hamm, director of assistance and referral for Helping Hands. "Their families couldn't afford these lessons, so to be able to provide the students with this special week was really something to be thankful for this summer," Hamm said. "We are so grateful to Rush Creek and its continued support of Helping Hands." "Thanks to regatta chairman Jeff Progelhof, the sailing instructors and Rush Creek members for their support of our agency," said Margo Nielsen, executive director for the agency. "Their generosity and kindness allowed kids that might never have had the opportunity learn how to sail an experience they will take with them for the rest of their lives. Now we are looking forward as we do each year to the fun of the regatta." The yacht club will team up with Helping Hands again for the annual George Griffith event on Sept. 29-30. All proceeds will benefit the agency.

Rockwall Police see jump in residential burglaries

In residential burglaries south of I-30 has been seen during weeks, according to a news release issued Friday by the Police Department. Burglaries are occurring during daylight hours, with suspects appearing when no one is home. According to the news release, suspects are knocking on the door or ringing the doorbell prior to way into the residence. The suspects' vehicles are described as a blue or gray Chrysler 300 and a black Cadillac Deville with a ragtop. The City of Rowlett has experienced a similar trend in recent weeks, according to the release. The Rockwall PD has been provided with a description of the possible suspect vehicle from Rowlett. That vehicle is described as a black four-door Mercedes with a handicap license plate, possibly containing the character Y or N. Occupants of this vehicle were described as four black males. Anyone with information pertaining to these burglaries is asked to contact the Rockwall PD at 972-771-7717 or Rockwall County Crime Stoppers at 972-771-TIPS (8477). Callers may be eligible for a cash reward and may remain anonymous.

Church members collaborate on new sanctuary display cross

The First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall dedicated a new display cross in the church sanctuary. The cross, positioned at the front of the church above the choir loft, was the product of a collaboration of church members. Last year, church member Roger Alexander sent Pastor Cheryl Taylor an email expressing his wish for a large cross in the sanctuary. "I was blessed with a beautiful stained glass window at the front of the church," the pastor said, "but only a small cross on display." Concerned about the church's governing body, whose members liked the idea and began exploring different options. The first idea was to repurpose a cross from a church closing its doors. When possible commercial sources for display crosses were contacted, but pricing was found to be prohibitive. When David Crutchfield, the church's Facilities Committee moderator, went to work in his garage. He researched cross designs, consulted professional carpenters and even made a test cross before the 10 foot by 6 foot display that focuses on the centrality of the cross and resurrection in Christian faith. "I had never undertaken anything of this magnitude or importance, it was a bit daunting in the beginning," Crutchfield said. "I did some research and received some hints and suggestions from a furniture maker at a local store who kept telling me it was easy. I thought easy? For him maybe. Nevertheless, we jumped in with gusto. My sons, Sean and Will, assisted their father on the project, which took about two months - cutting, staining and varnishing. Honestly, it turned out better than I had envisioned," Crutchfield said. "I think it is a beautiful addition to the sanctuary and will enhance our worship services for years to come." Other church members assisted in the delivery and installation of the piece. Dennis McShane transported the cross to the church property, and Bob Schlumpf, Bill Sinclair, Kevin Henson and Mr. Alexander helped install it. "I am grateful for all the people who made this a reality," said Taylor. "I know that this cross will prove a blessing for those who worship here, focusing us on the grace of God in Christ and calling us to move forward in His love." The pastor created a "beautiful service" to dedicate the display cross. "Every moving service, as her services always are," he said. "I would love to invite everyone to join the First Presbyterian Church for worship on Sunday and would enjoy showing off the newest addition to our sanctuary." Morning services begin at 11 a.m. The church is located at 602 White Hills Drive.



On Sept. 2, members of the First Presbyterian Church dedicated a new display cross in the church sanctuary. The cross was the result of a collaboration among church members. Pictured from the left are Bob Schlumpf, Bill Sinclair, Roger Alexander, Will Crutchfield, John Crutchfield, David Crutchfield and Kevin Logue. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall continues with Stage 2 water restrictions

Week long water restrictions will remain in effect for the City of Rockwall until further notice to help conserve water usage by 10 percent and meet long-term area water needs, according to a city news release. The City of Rockwall is a member of the North Texas Municipal Water District - recently announced Stage 2 of the district's water conservation and drought contingency plan. Under Stage 2, sprinklers or irrigation systems can be used no more than two days per week as determined by the city. Residents are asked to turn off their sprinkler systems and skip watering if their area receives rain on a couple days of a scheduled watering day. Residents are also asked to not use sprinklers or irrigation from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems can be used for up to two hours on any day for foundations and trees. For more information and tips on water conservation, visit wateriqu.org, ntmwd.com or rockwall.com.

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Burkhardt, Myers wed at Chapelle o

Kelli Michele Burkhardt and Gary Michael Myers were married Sept. 1, 2012, in the Flower Mound with the Rev. Matthew Hanel officiating.

The bride is the daughter of James and Sharla Burkhardt of Rockwall. The groom is the son of Michael and Christy Myers of Rockwall.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose as her maid of honor Lauren Atkins of Rockwall. Bridesmaids were Lauren Smith of Rockwall, Sarah Ettinger of Dallas and Nicole Myers of Rockwall.

Serving as best man was Gavin Blockhus of Houston. Groomsmen were Justin Comeau of College Station, Zach Wells of Orange, Calif., and Thomas Burkhardt of Rockwall.

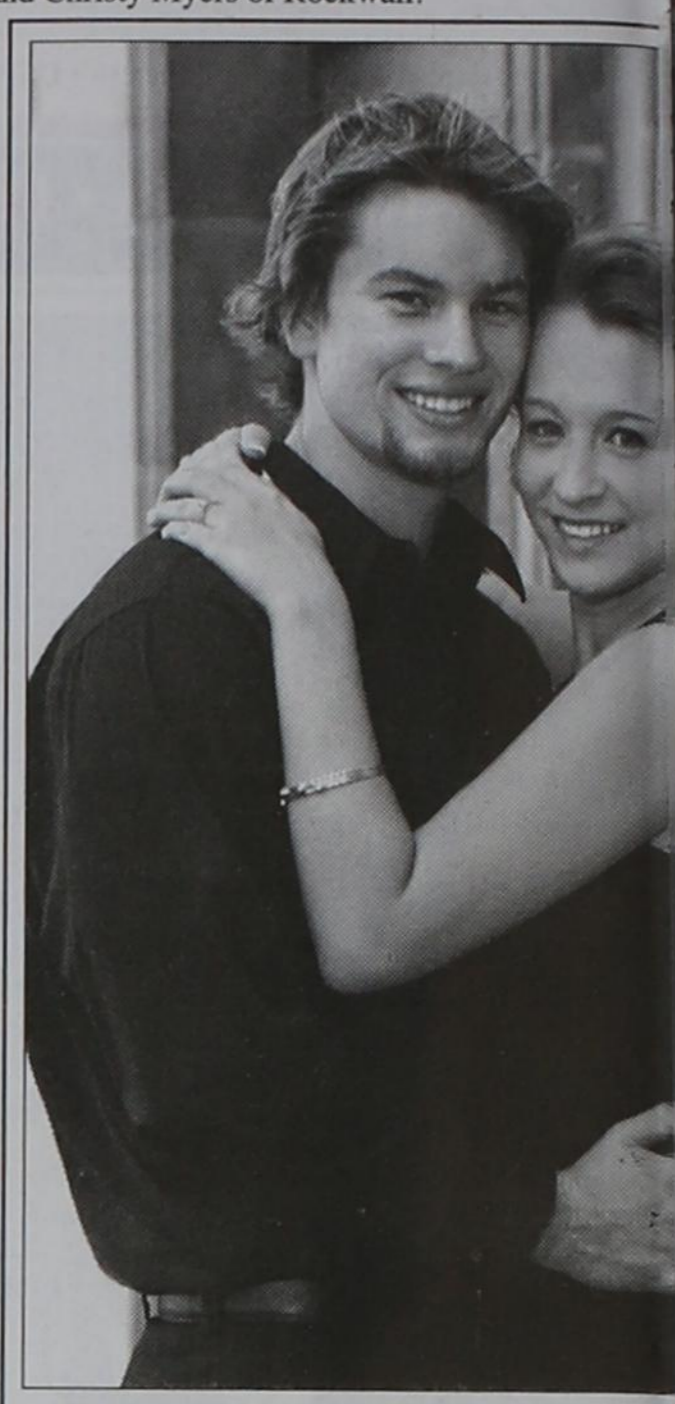
Ushers were Greg Lanting of Bryan and Joshua Nelson of College Station.

A dinner and dance reception followed in The Grande Room of the Chapelle des Fleurs.

The bride, a 2008 graduate of Rockwall High, received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Texas in 2011. She is employed as a math teacher at The Woodlands High School in The Woodlands.

The groom, also a 2008 RHS graduate, earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University in College Station in 2012. He is employed as an engineer for FMS Technologies in Houston.

Following a honeymoon in Cozumel, the newlyweds will make their home in The Woodlands.



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Myers

Corporate Crossing construct

The City of Rockwall has scheduled Corporate Crossing, formerly a portion of FM 54 between State Hwy. 276 and the I-30 service road.

According to a news release issued Friday, the existing two-lane asphalt section of Corporate Crossing will be reconstructed into a four-lane divided concrete road with curb and gutter and an utility system. The project also will include the addition of left-turn lanes to the Corporate Crossing intersection.

The portion of the project from SH 276 to Discovery Boulevard should be completed in late 2012, according to the news release. The entire project should be completed by next fall.

The project is being funded by 2005 Road Bond funds authorized by voters. For more details, contact Kathleen Lappen, project manager, at 972-771-7746.

Three Baylon

Three local residents were arrested among the suspects in a summer community center on the campus in Waco, Texas.

Local residents included Emilee Heflin, a 21-year-old Rockwall resident, and two other individuals.

The arrests occurred during a summer community center program. The individuals are being held in Waco and are expected to be charged with various offenses.

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Basic computer
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Rockwall Preschool
 The Rockwall Association will offer preschool classes starting in September. Classes will be held at the Methodist Church on Rockwall Road. The calendar runs September through May; new members can join at any time. All children must be 3 years old by September 1st. Classes are held monthly at 9 a.m. on the first of each month at the church. For more information call 972-771-7770.

Doggie Splash Day
 The Rockwall Department will host Doggie Splash Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 8. Dog owners must bring proof of rabies vaccination for their pets to be allowed in the pool. Owners are responsible for their pets. For more details call 972-771-7740.

(More News Briefs)

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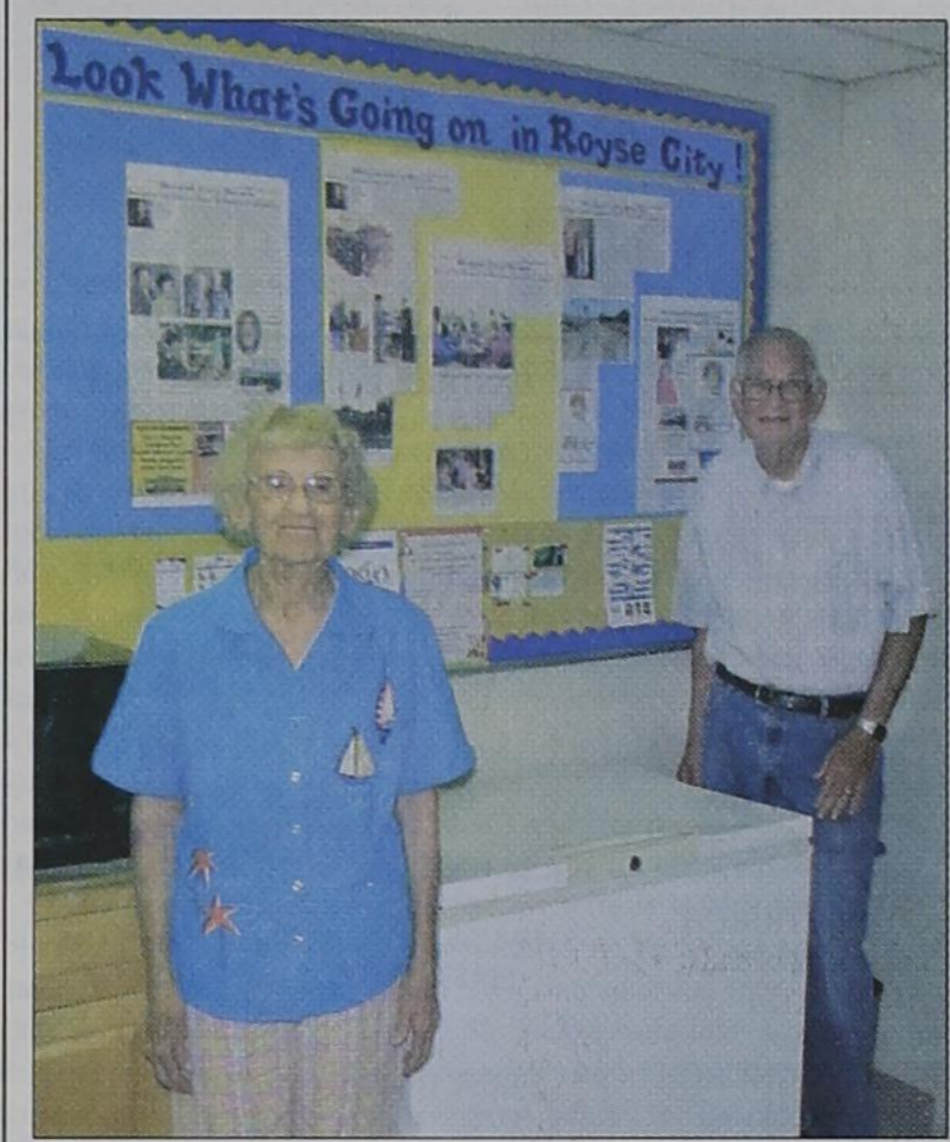
The City Council faces court challenge on newspaper selection

The City Council is challenging the City City Council in its continued selection of an option for publishing the city's legal notices. The Rockwall County News through its attorney, seeks a declaratory judgment, citing the law. The city has published its required legal notices in violation of Texas Government Code § 2051.048. The publication holds a postal service periodical permit and statute requires a city to publish its notices in a newspaper in the county in which the city is located and which is the same county. The city requests the court to declare the city's actions as illegal and to select a qualified newspaper in accordance with the law.

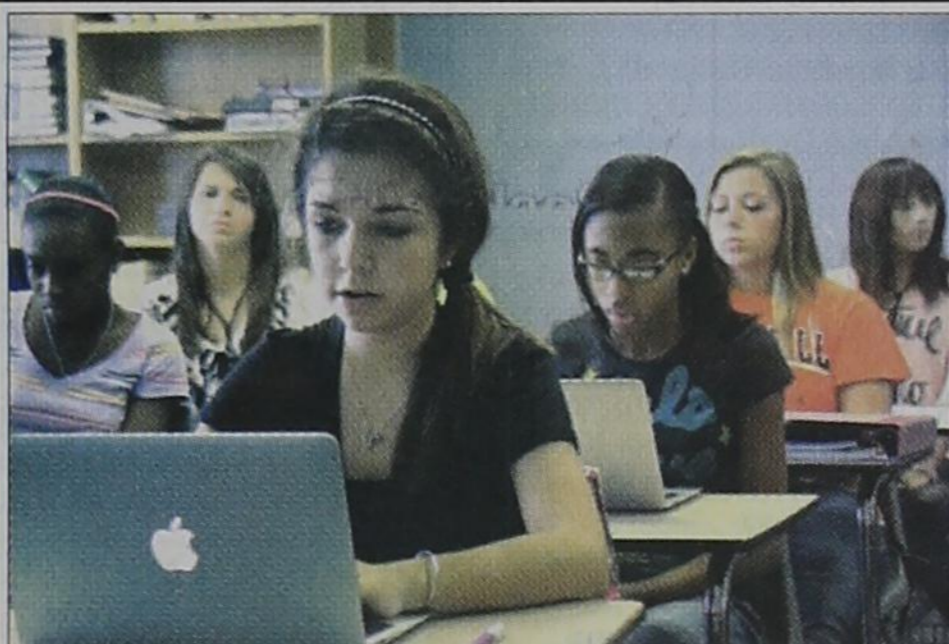
Hunt County publication since 2004. "We have appealed to city management over the past several years," Rockwall County News publisher Wesley W. Burnett said regarding the court challenge. "We even sent the specific statutes with explanations about the lawful requirements. "The city must be held accountable to the law," Burnett said. "As in the similar challenge to the City of Heath, the out-of-county published newspaper simply doesn't meet the qualifications specified by the law," Richards added. The City Council addressed the filing in an executive session at its most recent meeting conducted last week.

City Police Blotter Aug. 24-30

Aug. 24-30
 Suspicious person, Area of Industrial Drive; High Meadow Court; Alarm, 100 block E. Old; Suspicious person, 1800 block S. Erby Campbell check, 100 block W. I-30; Assault, 700 block; Suspicious vehicle, 800 block E. Old Greenville; 100 block E. Main Street; Noise disturbance, 200 block; Welfare check, 1500 block E. I-30; Criminal; Disturbance, 400 block W. Main Street; Medical; Alarm, 500 block E. Main; Section of FM 548 and I-30 SSR; Welfare check, SR; Suspicious vehicle, 1000 block Pullen Street; 100 block Oak Grove Lane; Noise disturbance, 200; Driving while intoxicated arrest, I-30 near the; Disturbance, 300 block E. I-30; Suspicious person, SR; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound after the; Criminal; 500 block Sandy Lane; Criminal; Brookhaven Drive; Welfare concern, 200 block S. mischief, 900 block Loganwood Drive; Suspicious; elch Road; Suspicious vehicle, 100 block E. I-30; 100 block Rowdy Drive; Alarm, 200 block N. Arch; 1000 block Oak Grove Lane; Two possession; I-30 SSR at Hawthorne Court; Driving while; I-30 near the; nsumption of; est, I-30 near



Mabel Harper and Ernest Jones are pictured with the community bulletin board at the Royse City Senior Citizens Center. The bulletin board displays the Rockwall County News and other information as to what is going on with their friends, neighbors, schools and city.
 Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Technology will be a major focus in learning at J.W. Williams Middle School this year. Teachers and students will use new Mac laptops and iPads in the classroom, and the school has implemented a BYOT - Bring Your Own Technology - program designed to allow students to utilize their own laptops, cell phones and tablets to help reinforce learning. Pictured above in a history class are Kyleigh Hinojosa and Darla Howard along with other eighth grade students.
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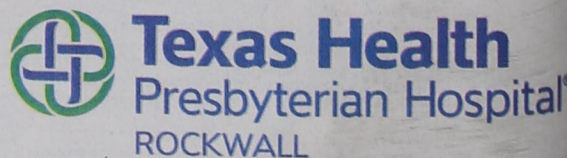
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