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Local officials urge precautions in wake of West Nile reports

A news release issued Aug. 1 by Rockwall County and the cities of Heath, McLendon-Chisholm, Fate and Royse City, officials urged the public to take precautions to reduce the risk of contracting West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne illness that is plaguing the North Texas region.

Officials advise insect repellent when outdoors and avoid going outdoors at dawn, according to the release. Humans can contract West Nile virus from a mosquito bite. Infected mosquitoes get the virus from infected birds and mammals.

Precautions include:
• Use an approved insect repellent every time an individual goes outdoors. Read the instructions on the label. Approved repellents are those containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

• Regularly drain standing water, including water that collects in tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water.

• Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

• Use air conditioning or make sure there are screens on all doors to keep mosquitoes from entering homes.

• In case of a serious illness or death, West Nile symptoms include fever, muscle aches, nausea and drowsiness.

• Most people with the milder form of illness typically recover on their own, but symptoms can last for several weeks. Up to 80 percent of infected people will have no symptoms and recover on their own.

• There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent West Nile virus. People over the age of 50, young children and individuals with immune systems are at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill if infected.

• If you have symptoms that cause concern should contact their healthcare provider.

• There have been a higher than usual number of human West Nile cases in the state this year because of warm weather conditions and recent rains.

• For more information visit the CDC website at cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile.htm.

McLendon-Chisholm interviews candidates for city planner

City Council members for McLendon-Chisholm have been interviewing candidates for a contracted city planner position. The council has already undergone the evaluation and two candidates are scheduled to be interviewed at the next city council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14 in the McLendon-Chisholm City Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

City Council members are looking for someone at this point of the city's development," McLendon-Chisholm mayor Gary Moody. "We want to find someone who can help us move forward."

The city is located on the east side of State Highway 205 and west of Edwards Road is set aside for the planned development that will be called the Sonoma Verde subdivision. Currently, the city is working on the development agreement regarding the entrance area of the subdivision. Discussion of an assisted development with the city is also possible.

At the next city council meeting, the new planned development will be discussed and discussed at the next city council meeting.

McLendon-Chisholm citizen of the year will be announced during the next city council meeting. This year's recipient will be presented with a plaque by mayor Moody and their name will be added to the plaque honoring all past recipients at city hall.

The city council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at city hall.

Happy 40th Anniversary Rockwall HS Stingerettes!



The Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team celebrated its 40th anniversary earlier this summer at line camp by doing a scavenger hunt around town. At various locations the girls were met by former directors and Stingerettes members and learned a bit about the organization's history. For example, the Stingerettes first performed at Wisdom Football Field, which is located behind Dobbs Elementary. The Stingerettes also hosted pep rallies on the downtown square by the old courthouse where the girls would load into buses to sing the Stingerettes song that was written on a bus one evening on the way home from a football game. Also, several Stingerettes throughout the years have had mothers who had been Stingerettes as well. The girls, pictured above, are gearing up for a great 2012-2013 year.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Summer mission trips help two communities

Youth from Holy Trinity By The Lake participated in two mission trips this summer.

In early July, six youths and two sponsors assisted with the Summer in the City program at Bishop's Camp in Dallas.

Time was spent visiting Our Savior Community Garden, the Austin Street Shelter, reading with campers, Bible study and fellowship. In late July, 10 youth and three adult sponsors drove to New Orleans where the youth worked out of St. Paul's Homecoming Center. They rebuilt six picnic tables in the park by Lake Pontchartrain and scraped and painted a home and weeded its yard. The group also toured the Ninth Ward, visited several tourist sites and rode the trolley. They plan to return in 2013. Those attending the mission trips included Megan Alonzo, Myranda Alonzo, Andrew Alonzo, Sarah Berglund, Josh Berglund, Cole Berglund, Shelby Schorlemmer, Jeri Sanders, Nehria Sanders, Caleb Fay, Gracie Fay and sponsors David Sanders, Sydney Berglund and Ellen Russell.

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Heat forces night work on FM 740

Ongoing hot weather conditions has prevented the contractor for the FM 740 project to pour concrete during the day, according to a City of Rockwall news release issued last week. Because cooler temperatures allow concrete to cure faster and speeds up the overall project, Ed Bell Construction decided to begin paving from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Overnight work began Monday. Paving of the main lanes is estimated to take about three weeks to complete.

The work area stretches from Horizon Road in Rockwall to Smirl Drive in Heath. Paving will begin at the north end in the City of Rockwall and end at the south end in the City of Heath.

Contact Kerry Lively, project manager with TxDOT, at 972-962-3617, or Rockwall city engineer Chuck Todd at 972-771-7746 for more details.

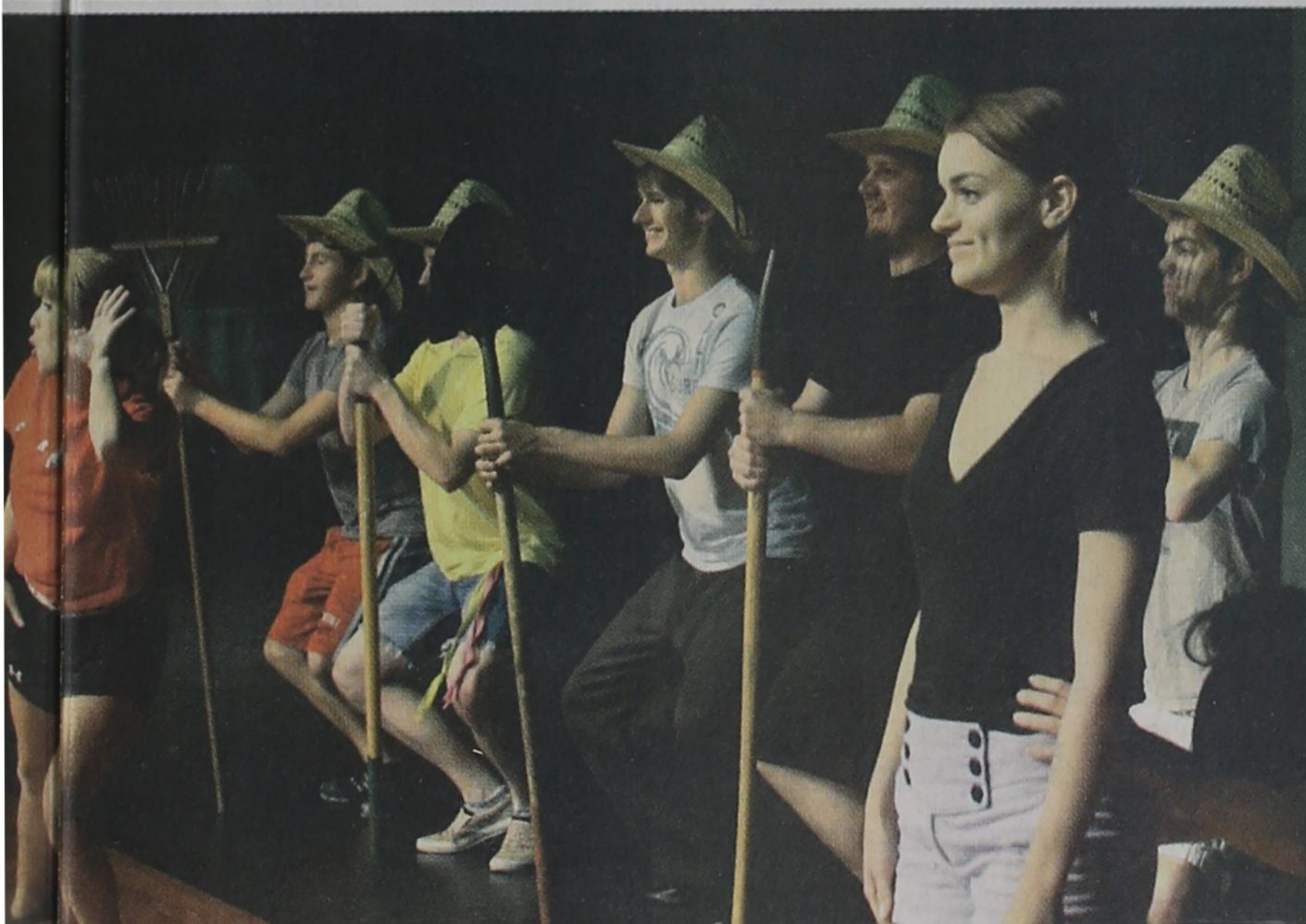
County OKs transfer of tax collection efforts to RCAD

On July 31, the Rockwall County Commissioners Court authorized the transfer of the collection of county property tax from the county tax assessor's office to the Rockwall Central Appraisal District, according to a news release issued by the county.

The changeover will be effective with the new tax year, which will begin Oct. 1.

The transfer is expected to save county taxpayers about \$120,000 each year, according to the release. Instead of having two different organizations billing and collecting property taxes, local residents will receive a single bill from the RCAD for all property taxes owed.

The consolidation was made possible through the cooperation of the tax assessor and Ray Helms of the RCAD.



By Dobbs (left as Dainty June) and Rachel Bower (right as Louise) rehearse their new act, "I Have a Moo Cow" with the dancing boys Egan Kramer, Tyler Kirwan, Brian Boyce, Aaron Davies and Bryan Brooks, in the Rockwall Summer Musical's production of "I Have a Moo Cow". The show opens Thursday, Aug. 9 at the Utley Middle School Performance Hall. For the full story and cast list, see Page 3.

Photo by Jim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Highsteppers win at Dance and Line Camp

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers attended the American Dance and Drill Team Line Camp from July 26-29 in Richardson. The girls won several team awards, including All-American Team of the Week, All American Team of the Day for July 28, Super Sweepstakes and Best Overall Precision Team.

Several Highsteppers also won individual awards as well. Those awards are Outstanding Manager Award to Karla Alvarez; All-American Honorable Mentions to Patricia Barreras, Shelby Carrell, Madison Dale, Lieutenant Anna DiGirolamo, Lieutenant Kayla Stubbs, Jennifer Stubbs, Mercedes Tobias; All-American Dancers to First Lieutenant Kayla Bender, Junior Lieutenant Victoria Carney, Captain Madison Mills, Junior Lieutenant Alissa Powell, Brooke Sands, Lacey Smith, Allison Strother, Christina White, and Brittney Woodard; All-American Dance Company to First Lieutenant Kayla Bender, Junior Lieutenant Victoria Carney and Captain Madison Mills; and Captain Madison Mills, Outstanding Leadership Performance in Dance.



Highsteppers who received All-American Honorable Mention and All-American Dancers (front left to right) All-American Dancers: Allison Strother, Junior Lieutenant Tori Carney, Woodard, First Lieutenant Kayla Bender, Madison Mills, Christina White, Brooke Sands, Lieutenant Alissa Powell, Lacey Smith. All-American Honorable Mentions (standing): Lieutenant DiGirolamo, Madison Dale, Jennifer Stubbs, Lieutenant Kayla Stubbs, Shelby Carrell, Mercedes and Patricia Barreras.

Photo by Cyndi Bender/Rockwall County News

Rockwall ISD trustees names new slate of officers

Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District recently elected new officers for the 2012-2013 year. Doug Hamilton was elected president. Chris Cuny will serve as vice president and Leigh Plagens will serve as secretary.

Hamilton was elected to the board in May 2001 and re-elected in 2004, 2007 and 2010. He has been involved in the community and served on the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation's board of directors for several years, holding the offices of president, vice president and secretary. He and his wife, Janet, have previously been involved in PTAs at Reinhardt Elementary, Williams Middle School and Rockwall High. Hamilton is employed at American Eurocopter as senior director of management information systems.

Other board members include David Loftis, Russ Childers, Stephanie Adams and Linda Duran. The board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the RISD Administration Building, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

For more information about the board, including meeting notices and minutes, visit rockwallisd.com; from the main page, choose About to access a drop-down menu, then choose People and Our Trustees.



Highsteppers who won a Team Award at the American Dance and Drill Team Line Camp (left to right) Mascot Madelyn Lyon, Junior Lieutenant Tori Carney, Lieutenant Anna DiGirolamo, Lieutenant Kayla Bender, Highsteppers Director Monica Lyon, Captain Madison Mills, Lieutenant Anna DiGirolamo, Jennifer Stubbs, Junior Lieutenant Alissa Powell, (2nd row) Vlada Filic, Brittany Woodard, Jennifer Alyssa Mastronardi, Christina White, Leslie Allen, Patricia Barreras, (3rd row) Karla Alvarez, Mercedes Tobias, Sarah Schneider, Preyanka Mehta, Madison Dale, Allison Strother, Aylana Alvarez, Lacey Smith, Macy Christian, Kristen Bonsante, Kareena Mehta, Shelby Carrell, (4th row) Hannah Crocker, Bedford-Nix, Brooke Sands, Ashley Kumar, Megan Brand, Kaci Gonzalez, Shannon Lovell, Yasmine Baker.

Photo by Cyndi Bender/Rockwall County News



Highsteppers named as All-American Dance Company Members were First Lieutenant Kayla Bender, Captain Madison Mills, and Junior Lieutenant Tori Carney.

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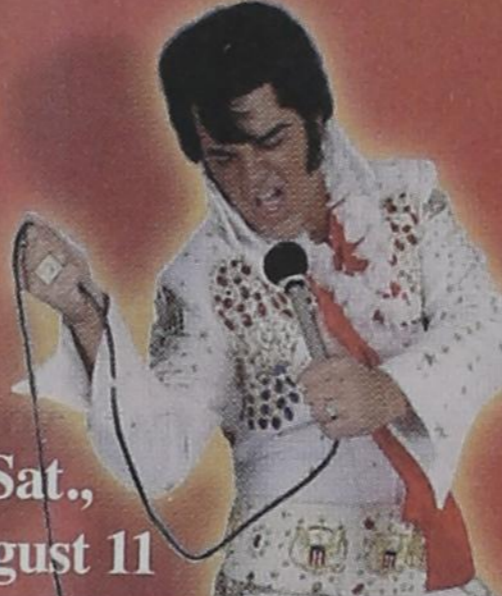
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Hot Rocks Bike Race set Aug.

The Hot Rocks Bike Race presented by the Rockwall Club, is expected to draw as many as 900 participants Aug. 11. This year's event, which will mark the race's 26th year, will feature 13.5-, 43- and 57-mile courses. Improved roads and a better weather forecast should make this year's race the best, according to organizers. Fully stocked rest stops and volunteers serving drinks and fruit will be provided every 10 miles. Local law enforcement also will provide support along the route. Roving bike mechanics will be on hand to share their support. Nearly 90 percent of the proceeds from the race are earmarked for the Rockwall Rotary Foundation's Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to graduates of Rockwall and Rockwall High Schools. For more information, register, visit hotrocksbikerace.com.

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This Week in Heath

August good time regroup, refresh before school

Rockwall area moms are again hunkering down for the peak of another hot, dry season. Last year, trudging through our historical heat for myself that it was too hot to be out enjoying summer vacation. But this year, I've found a new perspective. Independent School District has pushed their start day from Monday to now the fourth. That means a whole extra week to regroup and try to help them from getting too restless. The restlessness probably applies to me more than my kids. I'm ready to get going with our school year schedule and structure behind me. I'm using the month of August to refresh myself and my routine begins. Since it's too hot to be much outside, I'm motivated to try to bear the heat - there is no time to waste. I'm going to clean into our home and make the most of our time in a myriad of leftover craft materials and partial projects to

complete. Instead of leaving those in the craft closet to continue to sit unused, we are turning odds and ends into whatever we can make them into. The kids enjoy getting into all those supplies that have been tucked away. They're having fun and I'm cleaning out and organizing at the same time. Hands down a win-win.

Since this is typically the time when most of us moms are hitting the stores for back to school shopping, it's also the best time to do a thorough clean out of the kids' closets - a summer cleaning as opposed to a spring cleaning.

My kids and I recently breezed through an entire afternoon playing dress up with all the goods coming out of the closet. My kids tried on each other's clothes and paraded around in their crazy concoctions, while seeming to forget that usually 4 p.m. is the "unhappy hour" in our house and they would really rather be outside running, playing and blowing off steam.

Aside from kid activities, I have also tried to use this time for personal projects. Those things that I have been putting off for months (or, eek, years) are now either done or I will try to complete this month. Remember the last remnants of the baby book that need to be finished, that have been hanging out gathering dust in a closet somewhere? Yep, that's the kind of stuff I'm talking about.

If I'm stuck in the house, I'm going to get that stuff done. With it comes a sense of relief that it's finally completed, and at the same time I made a good use of time. Seriously, we all have those kinds of projects lingering in the back of our thoughts, pestering us to be finished once and for all. How nice to be free

from their bondage.

My goal is to be organized and cleaned out enough by the first day of school that we can transition into the school year easily and happily, without feeling like we were just trying to get by during the hottest (and probably the most uninspiring) month of the summer. If it's too uncomfortable to be out and about, then I've refused to mope during this unrelenting heat like I did last August.

These last few weeks before the first school bell rings will not be plundered, but claimed and used for the betterment of my home and my family.



Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members celebrated the recent grand opening of Southwest Car Care, located at 5151 State Hwy 276 in Royse City.

Rockwall Summer Musicals presents 'Gypsy' starting Thursday

may be winding down but there is still plenty of good family fun to be had with the Rockwall Summer production of 'Gypsy.' With music and lyrics by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim, many of the songs, including 'Some People,' 'Let Me Entertain You,' and 'Rose, Some People,' are familiar old favorites. The opening night production will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Utley Middle School Performance Hall. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10 and Saturday, Aug. 11. The final performance will be on Sunday, Aug. 12.

The production is located at 1201 TL Townsend Road in Rockwall.

'Gypsy' is based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee and focuses on her mother, Rose, the ultimate stage diva. The story of a life in show business but after the failure of her own path to stardom, pushes her two daughters, Louse and Gypsy, Gypsy's real name, into the spotlight.

'Gypsy' opened on Broadway in 1959, was made into a movie starring Ethel Merman in 1962, and has been called the greatest of all American musicals.

The Rockwall production is directed by Patty Granville as Mama Rose. Granville has been the director for the Performing Arts since its opening in 1982. She is a founder of the Garland Summer Musical and has served as producer of the GSM since its inception in 1983.

The production has performed in many familiar productions around the North Texas area, including 'The Common Glory,' 'Mame,' 'Annie Get Your Gun,' 'The Will Rogers Follies,' 'Anything Goes,' 'CATS,' 'Carnival,' 'Winter,' 'Stuart,' and 'I Do! I Do!'

The production was directed by the late Broadway performer John Raitt in a GSM production of 'South Pacific.' In 1982, the Garland City Council voted to rename the Garland Performing Arts Center, the Patty Granville Arts Center.

The production is directed by Barbara Doudt, with Music Director Roberta Pavlov, Assistant Director Marvis Kisselburgh, Set Designer/Artist Phyllis Johnson, and Set Architect David Johnson. Set Dressers include Suzanne Toler, Barbara Coleson; Properties/Set Director Palmer Ragsdale; Property Assistant Emily Beamster; and Cyndie Ray and Lori Wright; Costumer Lea Jackson; Costumer Dressers are Meredith Lyle, Julie Pfeieger; Assistant State Manager Sally Mendoza; State Manager Sarah McKinney; and Matt Mitchell; Light Tech Morgan Beech; Light Design Bear Hamilton; Lighting Operators are Annon White; and Audio Operator Patrick Persons.

The production includes: Sarah McCulley, Shelby Smith, and Libby Tolle. Set Designers: Bill Andrews, Cody Andrews, Ruth Andrews, Janice Barnhart, Kenneth Bennett, Katherine Bower, Rachael Bower, Phyllis Lyle, Erica Lyle, Katie Lyle, Kelsey Lyle, Abbie Mayfield, Sarah McCulley, Julie Pfeieger, Diana Sharber, and Lori

Brooks, Tom Hogan, David Johnson, Tyler Kirwan, Jerry McCulley, Kirk Ragsdale, and Jacob

are Jack Geyman, Paul Fullington, Sharon Fullington, William Sencoski, Gage Mayborn, Maurice Thompson, Benjamin Croucher, Nicholas Fullington, Jordan Garrison, and Witwer, and Cathy Lemmon.

Members include Cole Ragsdale as Uncle Jacko; Dalton Irwin as Uncle Jacko; Jeanette Fullington as Florence; Jennifer Andrews as Baby June; Madeleine Ash as Baby June; Al Wall as Pop; Jerry McCulley as Rich Man; A.J. Vinton as Rich Man's Son; Chad Pfeieger as Tap Dancing; and David Johnson as Boy Scout.

Members include: Molly Dobbs as Rose; Rachael Bower as Louise; Bryan Brooks as Rich Man; Tyler Kirwan as Rich Man's Son; and Aaron J. Davies as Rich Man's Son.

Members include: Brian Brooks, Tyler Kirwan, David Johnson, Dalton Irwin, and Cameron as Farm Boys; Tom Kringle as Cole Ragsdale; Mary Duncan as Mary Duncan; Cratchit; Diana Sharber; Laura Humphrey as Mary; Kevin Di Francesco as Mary; Emily Ahm as Thelma; Bennett; Gail; Kelsey Ida; Tom Carpenter as Suzanne; Tyler Kirwan as Tessie; Melissa Coker as Mazeppa; Jillwain as Lectra; and Kim Rene'e.

Members include: Abby Mayfield, Matthew, and Lani Bivins as Kids; Jeanette, Kelsey Matthews, and McIlwain as Scouts; Jodi Deb Went and Shanna as Mothers/Hotel; Diana Sharber and Laura as Mothers/Hotel; Kristin Di Francesco, Ahm K. Pajot and Julie as Mothers/Hotel; Jeanette as Restaurant Waitress; power as Diana Sharber; Act 1; Drew Mitchell as Cow Act 2; Ford; Chowsie, and King as Lamb.

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Baby June (Jennifer Andrews) belts out her best 'Let Me Entertain You' at an audition in Seattle. The scene is just one of many show-stopping numbers in the Rockwall Summer Musical's production of 'Gypsy', which opens Thursday, Aug. 9 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 12 at the Utley Middle School Performance Hall.

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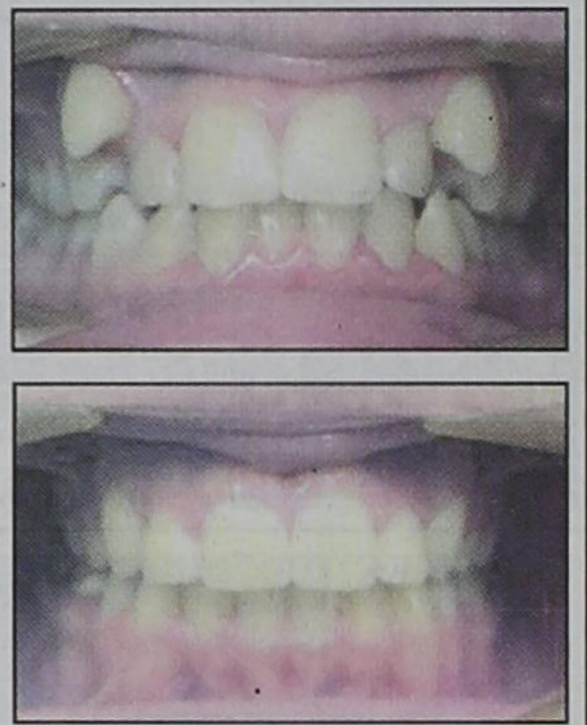
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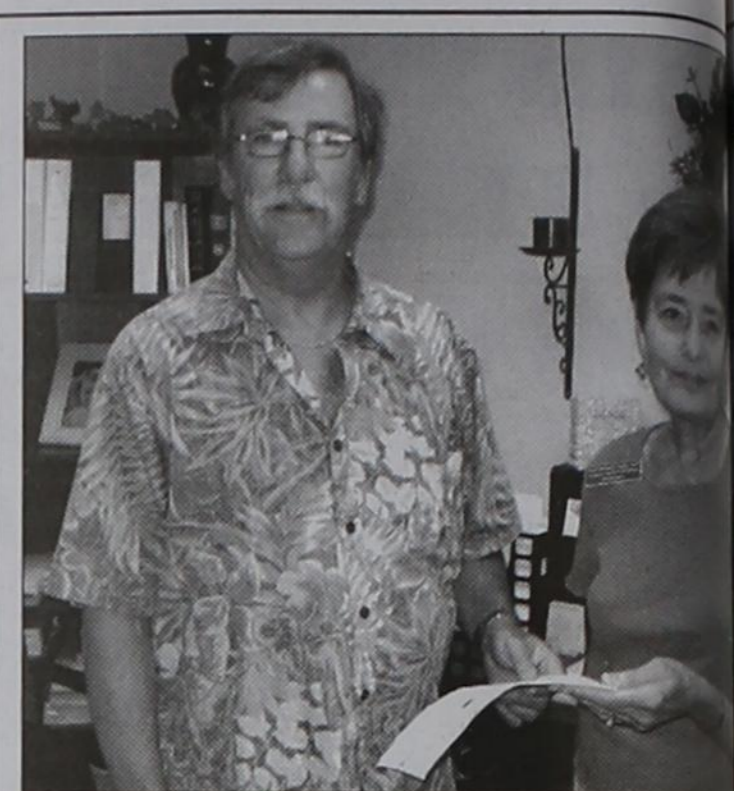
How many men were crucified with Jesus Christ?

In our study on the number of people crucified with Jesus Christ, we will look at the meaning and use of the word "robbers" in Matthew 27:38 and Mark 15:27, and the word "malefactors" in Luke 23:32. After facing a most painful scourging, Jesus was marched off to be crucified. According to Luke 23:32, "there were also two others, malefactors, lead with him to be put to death."

The word "malefactors" was translated from the earlier known Greek word, "kakourgoi," which meant evildoers. All three men were accused by the Jewish leaders of committing evil acts. The malefactors were on each side of Jesus. Later in the day two other people were lead out to be crucified at the same location as Jesus and the other accused malefactors. This event is found in Matthew 27:38 where it says, "Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left." This same information is revealed in Mark 15:27.

According to both records the other two men arrived after the Roman soldiers put Jesus' accusation on the stake above his head, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." The thieves were also on each side of Jesus. The word "thieves" in both scripture comes from the earlier known Greek word

"lestai," which meant robbers. The Greek word lestai is distinctly different from the word kakourgoi (referred to above). The thieves were basically considered to be brigands or highway bandits, while the malefactors were treated as evildoers. When the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are allowed to harmonize the story, we can see more clearly that Jesus was first lead out with two malefactors or evildoers. Then, after the accusation was put over Jesus' head, two thieves or robbers were added to the crucifixion. Having seen how the above three Gospels harmonize to tell the whole story, it's time to tackle the account found in John 19:18-19 where it says, "Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the was, 'Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews.'" The account of John includes the words "on either side one." This phrase comes from the earlier known Greek phrase, "enteuthen kai enteuthen." The Greek phrase meant on this side and on that side. When we replace the verse with the more accurate translation it reads, "...and two other with him on this side and on that side, and Jesus in the midst." The word "midst" fits perfectly with the verse because it refers to being in the middle of three or more people. If he were crucified with only two others, it would have used the word "middle." Having established that Jesus was crucified with four other men, let's look briefly at John 19:31-37. The Jews urged Pilate to make sure all the men were dead. Braking the legs would accelerate the process. According to verses 32-33 the soldier broke the first man's leg, then the other who was crucified with Jesus. Then he came to Jesus and found him dead. By allowing God's word to interpret itself, we can see that the first man would have been a robber and the second a malefactor. Jesus would have been third in line. Jesus' death was so precise in timing that none of his bones were broken, which fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy, "A bone of him shall not be broken." This scripture is found in Psalm 34:20, "He keeps all of his bones. Not one of them is broken."



Greg Blair of First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall presenting a \$400 donation to Sherry Hamm for the church at Helping Hands. Blair is chairman of the church's Committee, while Hamm is director of assistance and Helping Hands. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Public hearing Horizon Road

A public hearing on the anticipated impact of planned improvements to FM 3097, Horizon Road, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at Pullen Elementary School, 3097 FM 3097. The improvements to FM 3097 will include widening the road to a four-lane divided road from FM 740 to Tubbs Road. The Texas Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Highway Administration, will conduct the hearing. TxDOT will be available at 6 p.m. prior to the hearing to conduct an open house where they will answer questions and review project exhibits. The information presented at the public hearing also will be available for public inspection and reproduction at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 801 W. Mesquite and online at keepitmovingdallas.com. Public Hearings.

Final election results

Results from the July 31 Primary Election Runoff were released by County elections administrator Glenda Denton. The final tallies are as follows:
Democrats
• U.S. Senator: Grady Yarbrough: 77, Paul Sadler: 202.
Republicans
• County Commissioner, Precinct 1: Cliff Sevier: 1,453, Whitehill: 1,302.
• Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3: Mark Russo: 781, Chris Florio: 779.
• Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4: David Karr: 625, Liana Bell: 625.
• Justice, 5th Court of Appeals District, Place 2: David Evans: 3,179.
• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4: John Devine: 3,435, David Miller: 3,435.
• U.S. Senator: Ted Cruz: 4,556, David Dewhurst: 3,214
• Railroad Commissioner: Christi Craddock: 4,565, Warren Chappell: 3,607.
• Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired: Greg Parker: 2,626, Barry Parker: 3,607.

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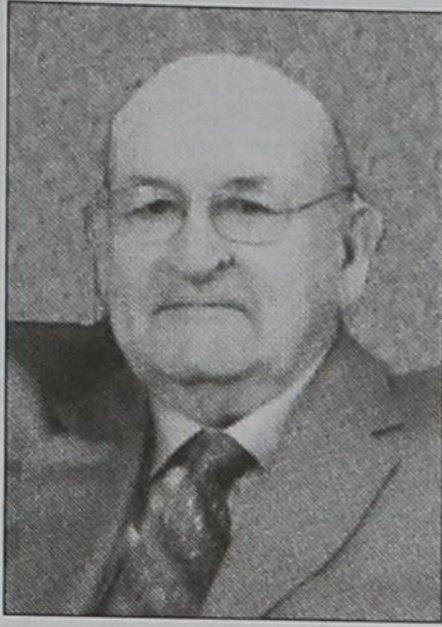


Rockwall County Obituaries

Public service to our community

C.L. Blackburn

C.L. Blackburn, 86, of Rockwall, died at 10 a.m. Aug. 3, at Rest Haven Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Mike Pastorek and Donahoe officiating in the Mt. Zion



born March 21, 1926, in Lubbock to Sr. and Rosetta (Wilson) Blackburn. He had worked in bakery and was a member of the Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nell (Sweet) Blackburn; daughters, Becky Glass and Janey, of Frisco and another daughter, John Garland; his sister, Ravenelle Arnold of Fort Smith, Ark.; his granddaughters, Yvonne and her husband, Craig, of Frisco and Brandon Glass and his wife, Trisha, of McKinney; and his great-grandchildren, Cameron Yates, and Evan Glass.

Maie 'Florence' Rodgers Johnson

Maie 'Florence' Johnson, 86, of Rockwall, died at 10 a.m. Aug. 3, at the First Baptist Church of Rockwall with the Rev. Mark Irons officiating. Burial will be in the Grand Memorial Park.



She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of the area. She enjoyed antique shopping, visiting with family and friends and singing in the church choir. She is survived by her husband, Ralph Johnson; her son, William Johnson, and his wife, Diane; her daughter, Stacy Brazeau and her husband, Tom, and Laurie Lomax and her husband, Clay; and her step-great-grandchild, Kiandra Brazeau, all of Rockwall; and many nieces, nephews and other family members.

Cathryne Irene Oldfield

Cathryne Irene Oldfield, 87, of Rockwall, died at 10 a.m. Aug. 3, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mark Irons officiating.



She was born July 26, 1925, in Cushing, Okla., and was the daughter of Les and Irene (Arnold) Anglemeyer. She was married to Benjamin Harrison Oldfield for 54 years until he died in 1979. Prior to being a mother and a teacher, she was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, as well as a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. She is survived by her daughters, Suzanne Sautter and her husband, Johnny, of Rockwall; Les and Jenkin and her husband, Jeff, of Tyler and Kelly Frahm and her husband, Bob, of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Lindsey Barajas, Bobbi Jo Sievers, Kyle and Benjamin Harrison and Hance Jenkins; her great-grandchildren, Benjamin Harrison and Arie Adell; and her sister, Charlotte Cue of Rockwall.

Chick-fil-A gets hefty dose of support from Rockwall community

by Darcy Rocha

Regardless of political ideology, people in Rockwall adore their Chick-fil-A. The quality service, always with a smile, and crowd-pleasing menu makes it an easy choice for busy families. The loyalty that this engenders was on display Aug. 1 as Rockwall Chick-fil-A overflowed with customers showing their support during the Chick-fil-A "appreciation day."

Whether they stood in agreement with Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy's political statement, supported his right to say it or simply wanted to express their appreciation for this Rockwall favorite, the people in our community came out in droves, bearing 107-degree temperatures and record-breaking lines.

Chick-fil-A restaurants are independently operated franchises. Retired Mesquite police officer Tim Moseley is the operator of the Rockwall Chick-fil-A and opened the restaurant in 2001. He said that the restaurant served several thousand transactions that day, far more than they have seen or most likely ever will see in a single day.

"We were really surprised, we had no idea what to expect," he said. They had to call extra workers in to serve the crowds, several of whom stayed to help far after their shift ended simply because they wanted to help. "In a kind way, some refused to leave, saying they weren't going to let the customers down. It was awesome how everyone came together... That's the kind of employees we have here."

In addition to the steady surge of customers all day, the store also had many large unexpected delivery and pick-up orders to serve.

"I had customers say that they didn't have time to stand in line, but their boss said 'Chick-fil-A for everyone today!' and they'd call in these large orders," he said.

Even though it was a lot of hard work, Moseley said, the positive atmosphere was contagious.

"Whatever the reason they had for being here that day, there was not a bad mood, there was not anything bad spoken, it was amazing. No matter how long the wait was, everyone was kind, everybody was happy. It amazed us," he said.

All Chick-fil-A restaurants faced shortages of product that day, but according to Moseley, it became a team effort between stores. They treated each other like family, coming through with supplies and products for one another when needed, even though the restaurants are independent from one another.

Some stores had to close early, but the Rockwall restaurant got by with only closing one hour early, which Moseley said was necessary to recover from the busy day and prepare for their regular opening Thursday which was bright and early at 6 a.m.

"We are so driven on service... It doesn't matter what race or creed or sexual orientation, we want to serve everybody to the very best. We want to see everybody walk out of here with a smile. That's what Chick-fil-A is about and that's what drove me to Chick-fil-A," said Moseley.

After serving with the Mesquite police department for 15 years, Moseley made the leap to becoming an independent franchise restaurant operator with Chick-fil-A because he found the service aspect of the business to be similar to that of his work as a police officer.

"I served people everyday in the police department, whether it's changing flat tires or coming to the rescue of somebody. I'm doing the exact same thing at Chick-fil-A," he said. "I'm serving people everyday. My job is to serve people and make people happy."



Loyal customers wait in line to be served at the Rockwall Chick-fil-A on what was known as Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day nationwide. Restaurant staff handed out large umbrellas to those waiting in lines in the 107-degree weather, passing the umbrellas along the line to share.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall infant receives life-saving transplant

With the cost of a transplant often exceeding \$500,000, many transplant families are unable to shoulder the financial burden of such a procedure. The Children's Organ Transplant Association is a national charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-related expenses.

In Rockwall and Sulphur Springs, volunteers are raising funds for COTA in honor of transplant patients like local baby, McKenzie Young.

McKenzie is the daughter of Jesse and Mandy Young. Born on May 2, McKenzie was diagnosed with Viral Myocarditis. The doctors at Children's Medical Center of Dallas in Dallas performed a life-saving heart transplant on June 23. An estimated \$100,000 is being raised by Rockwall and Sulphur Springs volunteers, according to a COTA news release.

Volunteers are needed to assist with fundraising activities that will help with transplant-related expenses. Individuals and groups interested in more information can contact community coordinator Libby Bogart at 817-721-3482 or libby@bogartdesigns.com.

Donations may be mailed to the Children's Organ Transplant Association, 2501 West COTA Drive, Bloomington, Ind. 47403. Checks or money orders should be made payable to COTA with "In Honor of McKenzie Y" written on the memo line of the check. Secure credit card donations are being accepted online at COTAForMcKenzieY.com.

McKenzie's family has asked for assistance from the Children's Organ Transplant Association. The organization's priority is to assure that no child or young adult is denied a transplant or excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds. One hundred percent of all funds raised are used for patients' transplant-related expenses, according to the news release.

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Drought prompts availability of low-interest loans

Drought conditions in Rockwall County have prompted government authority the distribution of low-interest emergency disaster loans. Money to be received by the county judge last month, the Farm Service making emergency loans available to eligible applicants. Details on loans are available through the local FSA office.

Locally, the Small Business Administration, through an agreement with the Department of Agriculture, is providing Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers.

Medicare cost savings may be available

Residents may be able to reduce Medicare costs by taking advantage of certain programs, according to a news release issued last week by the County Committee on Aging.

The Extra Help program reduces out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs. Medicare Savings Programs pay some or all of the costs of Medicare coverage.

Help may pay monthly drug plan premiums, annual deductible and some copayments, for prescription drugs. The Medicare Savings Programs pay all of the Medicare Part A and B premiums, deductibles and coinsurance.

For more information and resources qualify. To determine eligibility for one or both programs, contact the RCCOA at 972-972-1111 and speak to a benefits counselor.

Three named to Dean's List

Three students were among the more than 5,800 students from the University of Houston named to the Dean's List following the spring semester. The students included Megan Frausto of Royse City, Obika Omenukor of Heath and Spencer of Rockwall, according to a university news release.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Livestock Mentors plan Aug. 11 meeting

Rockwall County's Livestock Mentors will host a livestock introduction meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 11 at the RISD Ag Science Center, 875 Riding Club Road. The event will provide information for local youth interested in having a 4-H animal livestock project: cattle, hogs, goats, sheep and rabbits. Mentors will cover the basics participants will need to know prior to purchasing an animal. 4-H is open to youths ages 8 and in the

third grade through high school graduation. A kickoff meeting for families interested in 4-H and its opportunities – both animal and non-animal – will be conducted Sept. 24. For more details, call 972-204-7660 or email rockwall@ag.tamu.edu.

WIC program has relocated

Outreach Health Services WIC program, a nutrition program for growing families, infants and children less than 5 years of age, pregnant women and new mothers, has moved to 106 Kenway in Rockwall, according to a news release. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Aug. 14, the program will host a celebration marking World Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Local residents are invited to stop in for free food, games and prizes.

Dobbs schedules Pop-in event

Dobbs Elementary will host a Pop-in and Look Around event from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 19. This year's class rosters will be posted at the entrance of each grade-level hallway. Parents are welcome to deliver school supplies to the classrooms, according to an announcement on the school's website.

Meet the Teacher event set at Davis

A Meet the Teacher Night and School Supply Drop Off event will take place Aug. 23 at Davis Elementary in Royse City, according to the campus' website. Students in grades pre-K through 1 will meet their teachers from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by students in grades 2-4 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Rosters will be posted at 5 p.m.

Meet the Teacher Night planned at Fort

Fort Elementary's Meet the Teacher Night for students in grades K-4 will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 23. Pre-K teachers plan to meet with parents by appointment during the day, according to information on the school's website. Teachers will be contacting parents to schedule appointments.

May Vernon plans Meet the Teacher event

A Meet the Teacher event for students of May Vernon Elementary will be conducted Aug. 23. Students in kindergarten and first grade will meet their teachers from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by students in grades 2-4 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pre-K families will have conferences with teachers by appointment, according to the school's website.

Nebbie Williams plans Pop Back to School

The Nebbie Williams Elementary Pop Back to School event will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 24 at the school, according to the school's website. Class lists will be posted at 4 p.m., and parents may bring school supplies to drop them off in their classroom.

RCRW plan annual tea

The Rockwall County Republican Women will have their annual tea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 25 at Occasions in Royse City. Donations are being accepted. Guest speaker will be the state director for American Revolution Bicentennial, Peggy Venable; also scheduled is the "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader" game show featuring local politicians. Tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased by sending an email to marcia@marciagilbert.com, lgreen@rockwallcounty.com or by calling 214-282-5006.

Primp Your Pit (Bull) event set Aug. 11

Rockwall PAWS will host the Kaufman County Animal Welfare League's Primp Your Pit (Bull) event for another mobile animal surgical hospital event for pit bull mixes on Aug. 31 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 1000 Myers Park. Funded by PetSmart Charities, the event will allow dogs to have their pits spayed/neutered for \$20, which includes a rabies vaccine, nail clip and Capstar for fleas. Appointments are available by calling 3500 or spayneuternet.org.

Rockwall Preschool Assoc. to meet

The Rockwall Preschool Association will kick off its annual meeting on Sept. 7 at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton. The organization's calendar runs September through May. All Rockwall area mothers and fathers of children kindergarten age are welcome. General monthly meetings are on the first Friday of each month at the Free Methodist Church. For more information visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Doggie Splash Day scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Doggie Splash Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8. For more details, call 972-204-7660.

The Rockwall Preschool Association will host a Party beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at Mi Cocina; a Kid's Day will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Oct. 5 at the Free Methodist Church. For more information about the events or this organization visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Rubber Duck Regatta set Sept. 23

The Rockwall Rubber Duck Regatta, set for Sept. 23, is a fundraising event for two organizations – the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County and Meals on Wheels of Rockwall County. Thousands of rubber ducks will race down the fountains at The Harbor. These ducks are the property of supporters of the fundraiser, will race toward the finish line and be returned to their adoptive parents. For sponsorship opportunities, call 972-722-2462.

Open Devotional to meet Aug. 11

The public is invited to attend a prayer and devotional time from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 10 at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton. The topics to be discussed will be physician/medically assisted euthanasia, prevention and issues, and ways to lobby for legislation. For more information contact susanfisher972@yahoo.com.

RockwallTexasOnline.com

2012 Property Tax Rates in ROCKWALL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for ROCKWALL COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

GENERAL FUND

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$19,160,731
Last year's debt taxes	\$4,877,277
Last year's total taxes	\$24,038,008
Last year's tax base	\$6,221,016,559
Last year's total tax rate	0.386400/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$23,857,846
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$6,114,533,852
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.390100/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.390100/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$19,042,913
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$6,114,533,852
= This year's effective operating rate	0.311400/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.336300/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.084000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.420300/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.420300/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If ROCKWALL COUNTY adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.390100 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$ 216,837.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: GENERAL FUND

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Debt Fund	1,670,787

Schedule B: 2012 Debt Service: GENERAL FUND

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Series 2007 County Library	455,000	417,324	1,000	873,324
Series 2007 Capital Purchases	190,000	11,841	1,000	202,841
Series 2009 Refunding Bonds	670,000	995,406	1,000	1,666,406
Series 2010 Refunding Bonds	585,000	302,912	1,000	888,912
Series 2008 A Whitmore Building	295,000	31,595	1,000	327,595
Series 2009 Road Bonds	285,000	439,016	1,000	725,016
Series 2010 Road Bonds	75,000	88,508	1,000	164,508
Series 2012 Road Bonds	0	899,282	1,000	900,282
Total required for 2012 debt service				\$5,748,884
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$500,000
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012				\$5,248,884
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2012				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$5,248,884

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Rockwall CAD County Auditor certifies that Rockwall CAD County has spent \$ 0 in the previous 12 months beginning 01/01/2011, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Rockwall CAD County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The ROCKWALL COUNTY spent \$ 360,597 from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's

enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 360,597.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, TX 75087. Name of person preparing this notice: Ray E. Helm Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: July 31, 2012

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Last year's tax rate:
Last year's operating taxes
Last year's debt taxes
Last year's total taxes
Last year's tax base
Last year's total tax rate

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If CITY OF ROCKWALL adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.502500 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$ 7,854.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	9,845,630
Debt Fund	747,850

Schedule B: 2012 Debt Service:

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total
2003 G O Refunding Bonds	297,877	37,332	0	
2005 G O Refunding Bonds	725,000	389,919	0	
2006 G O Bonds	950,000	1,109,835	0	
2007 G O Bonds	445,000	795,988	0	
2008 G O Bonds	345,000	375,788	0	
2009 G O Bonds	440,000	204,150	0	
2011 G O Refunding Bonds	240,000	227,475	0	
2006 Certificates of Obligation	130,000	23,375	0	
2009 Certificates of Obligation	350,000	120,133	0	
2011 Certificates of Obligation A	95,000	6,900	0	
2012 Tax Notes-equipment	170,000	12,752	0	
2006 ES Corp-Gun Range	107,759	9,384	0	
Total required for 2012 debt service				
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				
- Excess collections last year				
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012				
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2012				
= Total Debt Levy				

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 3,834,295 in additional sales and use taxes. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount's expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, TX 75087. Name of person preparing this notice: Ray E. Helm Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: August 1, 2012

Rockwall County Entertainment

Church plans Aug. 12 event

The First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, will host its annual summer old-fashioned gospel Chautauqua beginning at 4 p.m. Aug. 12. The Erwins, a renowned young family Southern gospel quartet from Edgewood, will sing. The brother-sister act appears at national gospel conventions and in 2011 won Best of the Week in Louisville, Ky. The public is invited; no advance tickets required. A love offering will be taken, and the Erwins will have CDs for sale. The program in the sanctuary will immediately be

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2012 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF FATE

This table concerns 2012 property tax rates for CITY OF FATE. It presents information about three tax rates: the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in 2011. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can request a rollback. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes levied by the total value of taxable property with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are per \$100 of property value.

Operating tax rate:	
Operating taxes	\$960,471
Debt taxes	\$183,190
Total taxes	\$1,143,661
Tax base	\$463,771,655
Total tax rate	0.246600/\$100
Effective tax rate:	
Adjusted taxes	
(After subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,143,710
Adjusted tax base	
(After subtracting value of new property)	\$460,915,199
Effective tax rate	0.248100/\$100
Rollback tax rate:	
Adjusted operating taxes	
(After subtracting taxes on lost property and	
adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment	
and rate criminal justice mandate and/or	
enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$960,512
Adjusted tax base	\$460,915,199
Effective operating rate	0.208300/\$100
08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.224900/\$100
Debt rate	0.038000/\$100
Rollback rate	0.262900/\$100

Amount of Increase/Decrease:
If FATE adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.248100 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 by \$61,000.

Rule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:
Estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not reduced by a corresponding debt obligation.

Balance: 119,256

Rule B: 2012 Debt Service:
Plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Portion of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2010-2013	85,000	142,142	0	227,142
Total required for 2012 debt service				\$227,142
Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$42,122
Excess collections last year				\$0
Total to be paid from taxes in 2012				\$185,020
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2012				\$0
Total Debt Levy				\$185,020

This contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 Rockwall, TX 75087. Person preparing this notice: Ray E. Helm, Chief Appraiser, dated August 1, 2012.

Little Black Dress event slated

The Throw On Your Little Black Dress event, an evening of networking for Rockwall's "most wonderful and intelligent women," will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 17 at KE Cellars Winery, 301 N. San Jacinto, Rockwall. Cost for admission will be \$45 per person, which will include wine and hors d'oeuvres. A silent auction to benefit the Heath Center of Helping Hands also is scheduled. Seating will be limited, so those planning to attend must RSVP with payment; tickets will be held at the door. RSVP by purchasing an admission ticket online at rockwallhelpinghands.com or contact Kay Dutta at kaydutta@rockwallhelpinghands.com.

Orchestra concert Sept. 1

The Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra Concert is set for Sept. 1 at The Harbor Bandshell. Rockwall MusicFest invites the community to attend this free performance. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

Cain Mustangs

The Rockwall-Heath cheerleaders conducted a cheer camp for the Cain Middle School cheerleaders July 30 through Aug. 2. The girls learned cheers, chants, jumps and stunts. The Heath cheerleaders, pictured at back, include Sarabeth Beauchamp, Heidi Hawk Mascot Erin Wallis, Bailey Anderson, Taylor Smith, Emily Alexander, Ali Johnson, Mallory Goucher, Bailey Buchanan, Kami Robinson, Sydney Vaughan, Kendall Howie, McKenzie Seales, Monica Baldwin, Miki Westmoreland, Morgan Montgomery, Kellie Hogue and Bekah Alexander.

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Program offers discounted services for pit bulls

Rockwall PAWS and the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project are working with the City of Rockwall to promote the Primp Your Pit spay/neuter promotion sponsored by PetSmart Charities. During August, KCAAP will spay/neuter pit bull mixes for a special rate of \$20, including a free nail trim, at an event set Aug. 31 at Harry Myers Park. KCAAP will bring its Mobile Animal Spay Hospital to Rockwall. "We are so excited to be working with Rockwall PAWS on this great event," said Bonnie Hill, KCAAP president. "They are truly a dedicated group of volunteers that wants to make a difference in their community through spay/neuter." About 35 percent of dogs and cats in U.S. households are not spayed or neutered, yet the procedure is one of the most effective ways to reduce the homes pet population, according to a KCAAP news release. Pit bulls often

end up in shelters in larger numbers because of the myths and negative media that impact public perceptions about these dogs. "The Primp Your Pit bull promotion helps you and your dog," said Sandy Solomon of Rockwall PAWS. "Spaying/neutering a pet is the most effective thing a pet parent can do to prevent unwanted litters and ensure their pet lives a long, happy life. We want to thank the City of Rockwall for allowing us to use the Harry Myers Park Community Center for this wonderful MASH event." Any Texas resident with a pit bull or pit bull mix is eligible to take advantage of this special, according to the news release. To take advantage of the special rate, pit bull/mix owners must mention Primp Your Pit when they schedule an appointment. The promotion will be based on availability. Visit spayneuternet.org or call 972-472-3500 for more details or to schedule an appointment.

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Rockwall County Commissioners Court responds to TCEQ ruling

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to write a letter to the Texas Committee on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) asking for an explanation regarding recent action by the agency that Commissioners feel oversteps the State's authority in county matters. Hogan said in 2008 an application was submitted by the FM-548 & High Plains Trail-1237, LLP to establish Water Control and Improvement Districts 1&2 in unincorporated land in Rockwall County, near McLendon-Chisholm. In August 2008, the Commissioners Court at that time requested a formal hearing on the matter. Hogan said the request languished with TCEQ for four years until July 2012, when TCEQ contacted the County asking if it still wanted the hearing. Hogan said the County sent a response requesting the hearing but within a matter of days received a letter from TCEQ stating the hearing request had been denied because the County's response was deficient. The County once again sent a reply to TCEQ and was expecting a determination on the contested hearing by July 25, but received notice that the improvement districts had been approved on July 23. Hogan said the County has not received notice of the contested hearing determination. "The County's position for the hearing was due to a water control and improvement district being created in the county with no governmental entity in the county having oversight," Hogan said. "The areas involved were in the McLendon-Chisholm ETJ but city backed out of the project." According to Hogan, "The letter says we are citizens of the State of Texas and who do you think you are coming in here putting a taxing district on top of our citizens without any governmental approval or oversight? We're concerned about land use and we're concerned about safety and we'd like you to explain that to us." Hogan said the worst thing that could happen to the County is the TCEQ ignores the letter or the best thing is it could put the county on record as saying, "Hey, if you guys think you're going to come in here and just do your own thing without the County having any say so, we don't agree with that."

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HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITORS, AND COURT REPORTERS, THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR OF TEXAS

CITY OF ROCKWALL
 is hereby given that the District Judges of the 382nd and 439th Judicial District of Rockwall County, Texas, will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on the day of August 2012, in the 382nd District Courtroom located in the Rockwall County Courthouse at 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane in Rockwall, Texas.

purpose of this public hearing is:

1. To receive public comment on the proposed annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporters, and on the proposed budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2013.
2. To set the annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporters, and set the budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2013.

Comments received prior to the public hearing will become part of the public record. The public is invited to attend and make comment.

Legal Notices

TXDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FM 3097 CSJ: 3148-01-006

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, for the proposed improvements to Farm to Market Highway (FM) 3097 (Horizon Road) in Rockwall County, Texas. The proposed project limits extend from FM 740 (Ridge Road) to Tubbs Road.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the anticipated social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project. The Public Hearing will be held at the Dorothy Pullen Smith Elementary School cafeteria located at 6492 FM 3097, Rockwall, TX 75032. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The formal Public Hearing presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a public comment period.

The proposed improvements would consist of the widening of FM 3097 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway from FM 740 to Tubbs Road. The existing usual right-of-way

(ROW) of width of FM 3097 is 100 feet. The proposed ROW width will vary from 100 feet to 125 feet requiring approximately 1.03 acres of additional ROW. Approximately 0.20 acres and 0.71 acres of drainage easements and small temporary construction easements will be required, respectively. No residential or commercial property displacements or relocations would be required. The proposed project would not adversely affect wetlands or the 100-year floodplain.

The proposed project's environmental document along with maps and drawings showing the location and geometric design will be presented at the Public Hearing. This information is also available for public inspection and reproduction at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing. Information concerning the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacements as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Persons requiring special communication

or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) working days prior to the Hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the Hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpretation or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Hearing. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing may be presented either in person or by mail to:

Mr. Robert Hall, P.W.S., C.F.M.
 TxDOT Dallas District Environmental Coordinator
 4777 E. Highway 80
 Mesquite, Texas 75150-6643

Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be postmarked on or before Friday, August 31, 2012, to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information please contact Mr. Robert Hall at 214-320-6157.

OPINIONS

Development of the Rockwall County budget

by Jerry Hogan

Development of a budget for any household, business or governmental entity is more than a casual affair. Most people do a pretty good job of establishing their own personal and household budgets, but once it gets beyond that level, the tendency is to not really worry about how spending is developed for their city, county, state or even national organizations.

One of the first requirements in creating any budget is calculating the amount of money you have to spend. Last year in the county during the development of the 5 Year Strategic Plan a group of individuals with talent in financial matters and mathematical modeling developed a basic forecasting model for the county. Using this model and the projections from our Centralized Appraisal District, it is now possible to project out five years the revenue the county can expect to receive to run their operations and pay their debt service and also look at various taxing rates and operational cost variables.

County revenue is composed of two major parts. About 87 percent of the county money comes from property tax assessed on individual homes and businesses located in the county. The remainder comes from fees, fines, interest and grants that are generated by either payments assessed in the courts or clerk's offices or awarded by some outside agency for a specific purpose such as clean air program, etc.

The property tax revenue the county is projected to receive this fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30, is \$26,452,845. This includes taxes levied this year and collection of past-due taxes from previous years. The Centralized Appraisal District is projecting for the second year in a row a .5 percent growth in net taxable income for next year. Using the forecasting model, this translates to revenue for the county of \$26,746,204 -- a growth of about \$284,000.

One of the key factors for validity of the forecasting is the accuracy of the increase or decrease in the net taxable value by the Centralized Appraisal District. They are pretty good. In 2009, the Appraisal District forecast was +2 percent; it actually increased 2.5 percent. In 2010 the forecast was for 0 percent growth, it actually was a negative .2 percent. Last year the forecast was for 0 percent growth; it was 0 percent growth. And this year the forecast was for .5 percent growth and it will be right on the money at .5 percent growth.

Fees, fines, interest earned on investments and grants make up the remainder of monies that will be available to the county for each year's operation. This year, for example, grants and reimbursements equaled about \$958,000; fees were \$1,761,000; fines were \$1,100,000 and interest was \$110,000, for a total of about \$3,930,000. Next year the projection is for about \$3,900,000 to be received by the county.

Thus when you add up the projections for the property tax revenue and the fees, fines, interest and grants revenue for next fiscal year, Oct. 1, 2012 through Sept. 30, 2013, the total amount expected is \$30,646,204. From this revenue provided to the county, the debt must be serviced and the operations of the county must be sustained.

\$5,740,884 of the revenue must be used to pay the principal and interest on the debt of the county. This debt includes payments for the library, some tax notes issued in 2007, the new courthouse, the County Services Building and the road improvements you see ongoing throughout the county.

On the operations side, this year the county budgeted to spend \$25,325,137. This year's budget was a balanced budget and did not require any increase in taxes to our citizens.

Now comes the tough and creative skill of developing a budget for this coming year. The revenue is pretty much set at \$30,646,204. The total amount of monies needed for operations without any increase in cost is \$25,325,137. The money needed for debt service is \$5,743,520. Therefore a total of \$31,068,657 is needed. But the revenue is only \$30,646,204, a shortfall of \$422,453.

Add to this shortfall the fact the county must absorb the costs of an additional two justices of the peace (JPs), their staffs and two additional constables because of a state mandate that says that every county over a population of 50,000 must have one JP and one constable per precinct. This cost, with the current organizational structure, adds about \$600,000 to the budget this coming year.

And then most departments, whether in the county, a corporation, the state or at the national level, almost always think they need to expand to more effectively achieve their objectives. This, of course, adds additional pressure to establishing a balanced budget without raising taxes to generate more revenue.

A good question to ask is "What is the forecast for growth and what will the budget requirements look like in the future?"

The current forecast from the Centralized Appraisal District calls for a 1 percent increase in Rockwall County Net Taxable value in FY 2014; 2 percent in FY 2015 and FY 2016 and 3 percent in FY 2017.

There also will be a demand for additional debt service payments as more roads continue to be funded from the \$100 million bond program that the voters approved in 2008. For example, with the current road-building schedule, debt service payments will be going up an additional \$1,900,000 within the next three years.

There are things that can be done for short-term help with the budget for this year. But as the debt service continues to rise and as the normal pressures of growth continues, it is clear that either a significant increase in net taxable growth must happen fairly quickly or the Commissioners Court will be debating a tax rate increase to fund on-going and debt service obligations. And that is not what anyone that I know wants.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Jerry Hogan, county judge of Rockwall County, can be reached at jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033.)

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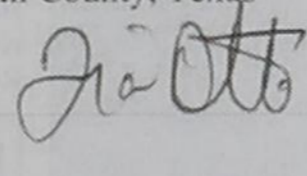
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Case # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
3-1316 06/27/12	4460-0012-0001-00-OR AUGUST 06, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEHMAN HARRIS, ET AL	MOTON, BLOCK 12, LOT 1, UNDIVIDED INTEREST 30% (19939)	\$6,099.00
3-1316 06/27/12	4460-0012-0001-01-OR AUGUST 06, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEHMAN HARRIS, ET AL	MOTON, BLOCK 12, LOT 1-1, UNDIVIDED INTEREST 30% (50583)	\$6,099.00
3-1316 06/27/12	4460-0012-0001-02-OR AUGUST 06, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEHMAN HARRIS, ET AL	MOTON, BLOCK 12, LOT 1-2, UNDIVIDED INTEREST 30% (50584)	\$6,099.00
3-1316 06/27/12	4460-0012-0001-03-OR AUGUST 06, 2012	ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEHMAN HARRIS, ET AL	MOTON, BLOCK 12, LOT 1-3, UNDIVIDED INTEREST 10% (50585)	\$2,033.00

any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rockwall County, Texas, to which instrument reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of the defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

at Rockwall, Texas, August 6, 2012

Sheriff Harold Eavenson
 Rockwall County, Texas

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

Encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The editing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and is done for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters that are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include a phone number or address for verification.

Where does AG get authority for shutting door on Secretary of State?

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the Texas Attorney General and shared with our readers.
 I am resubmitting this request through certified mail and a check. I am reading further that the AG stopped processing e-mail requests January this year and that a \$25 Administrative fee may be required, even though they give you the e-mail as proof. I have had no response and it is past 10 days. Too bad I can't use my \$25 dollars to look into this situation.

Pursuant to Section 31.006 of the Election Code, the Secretary of State may refer criminal complaints to the Texas Attorney General for investigation.

Pursuant to Open Records laws and the Public Information Act, I request the following information from the Texas Attorney General's Office:

Any and all documents which relate to the enactment, resolution or decision of a policy that has been adopted by the Texas Attorney General which states that because of limited state resources the Texas Attorney General's office will not investigate election-related misdemeanor criminal offenses diverted from the Texas Secretary of State and that asks that the Texas Secretary of State refrain from referring such matters to the Texas Attorney General.

Tina Winnett, Heath

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall county pitchers stand out in pro baseball act

Rockwall County's professional baseball pitchers all have been doing well this season in the minor leagues.

Right-hander Travis Ballew, a 2009 RHS graduate, improved his record to 4-0 for the Houston Astros' short-season Class A farm team at Tri-City (Troy, N.Y.) with a victory in relief Sunday against Hudson Valley. Tri-City has an 11-game lead in the Stedler Division with a 35-13 record. Ballew has contributed a stingy 1.04 earned run average, a save and five holds for the ValleyCats.

In the Double-A Southern League, left-hander James Leverton is 3-0 since being promoted from Class A Jupiter in the Miami Marlins organization. In his fifth pro season, Leverton has pitched in 16 games – including five starts – for the Suns since being promoted from Class A Jupiter. The former Yellowjacket's ERA through Monday was 3.32.

Rockwall-Heath's two 2012 draft picks, right-handers Drew VerHagen and Jake Thompson, have pitched well but with little to show for their efforts. Despite a 2.63 ERA at Class A Lakeland, VerHagen is 0-2. Thompson is 1-2

for the Tigers of the Rookie Class Gulf Coast League even though he is batting just .149 against him.

Steve Bean, who caught for RHS last spring, was moved to the Gulf Coast League with Thompson and former teammate Steve Berman. Bean was batting .235 for the GCL Cardinals. He had not yet started for shortstop Edwards, who is with the GCL Rays.

Football teams prepare for opening games of 2012 season

Football is back.

All six football-playing schools in Rockwall County will be practicing next week to prepare for the 2012 season.

Because Roysse City did not have spring practices, the Bulldogs were allowed to begin practice Monday. A new UIL rule forbade two-a-day practices for that first week of practice.

RCHS head coach Greg Strahm said his team has been practicing early in the morning. After a brief period to rest and cool off, the Bulldogs have returned to the field for a walk-through. The coach said the teams were finished by 11 a.m., so the heat hasn't been excessive.

This is a realignment year, so there are changes in opponents for Roysse City, Rockwall Christian Academy, Heritage Christian Academy and The Fulton School. The biggest changes are for Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath, who both have moved up to District 12-5A. With just seven teams in the district, the Yellowjackets and Hawks are scheduled for four non-district games. They also will be traveling to East Texas to play Longview and Tyler Lee, along with Mesquite's three 5A schools.

Roysse City remains in District 13-4A, but with some new opponents. McKinney North, Wylie and Wylie East moved over from 10-4A, which they shared with RHS and RHHS, and Lovejoy moved over from 3A.

The teams will have scrimmages during the weekend of August 10-11. The first game for a local team would be Thursday, August 9, when Rockwall-Heath hosts West Mesquite as part of the third annual Honor Before Victory Classic at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

On the next night, Aug. 31, Rockwall is scheduled to play Garland Forest in the second half of the Honor Before Victory Classic. Other games also would include Roysse City at Forney, Fanning Christian and Cedar Park Summit at Fulton.

Season begins with volleyball

The first high school athletic events for this academic year will be volleyball.

Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath and Roysse City all are playing volleyball this weekend. On Saturday, RHHS will host Garland Lakeland and Sunnyvale for a 9 a.m. scrimmage. An hour later, teams will compete at RCHS in the Lady Bulldog Play Day. Also at 10 a.m. will have a scrimmage at Plano West.

All three Rockwall County public schools will have their 2012 season matches beginning at 5 p.m. Roysse City will host Lakeland and Richardson. Forney and Frisco Liberty will be at Rockwall.

Rockwall-Heath will join Plano for the teams' opening matches. The Hawks, who reached the Region II-4A finals last season, are to be a top contender in 5A this fall despite having only one roster. RHHS will rely on a strong junior class, with some freshmen figuring in its rotation as well.

Taylor, Jones win Championships Landing sailing races

Bryan Taylor and Mike Jones again were victorious Aug. 12 in the Summer Wednesday Night Series on Lake Ray Hubbard.

Taylor sailed "Rented Mule" to first place among seven teams in the Fleet. Competitors were closed bunched behind the Mule. MacKenzie second in "Superman's Cape." Scott Self third in "Cutting Up" and Jeff Willis fourth in "Cutting Up."

Jones finished first in the B Fleet, with Don O'Grady second and "Dancer."



Boats cross the line at the start of the Chandler's Landing Summer Wed Night Series, Race #5, 8-1-12. The course was an out and back to mark 182, which is located at a bearing of 180° (due south), 2 nm away for a total course length of 4nm. The boats from right to left are Cuttin Up/Sonar23, owned and skippered by Jeff Willis of Dallas; Rented Mule/Viper 840, owned and skippered by Bryan Taylor of Dallas; Geronimo/J92, owned and skippered by David Carter of Chandler's Landing; and Soap Opera/Hobie33, owned and skippered by Scott Self of Chandler's Landing. Rented Mule would finish 1st in the A fleet, Soap Opera finished 3rd, Cuttin Up finished 4th and Geronimo would tie for 5th.
Photo courtesy of Dan Malak/Rockwall County News

Dunleavys, Collins shine at Junior Olympics

Six individual track and field athletes and two relay teams from the Rockwall Mustangs finished among the eight finalists in their events last week at the AAU National Junior Olympics in Humble.

The Mustangs' Fiona Dunleavy had the highest place, taking second in the Intermediate Girls' (15 and 16 years old) 3,000-meter race walk in 17 minutes, 31.21 seconds.

Liah Collins had the best overall meet, placing third in both the 400-meter dash (1:00.70) and the 800-meter run (2:22.51) among the Sub-Midget (11) Girls.

Thomas Dunleavy, Fiona's younger brother, finished fourth in the Sub-Youth (13) Boys' division with a 20:39.21 clocking in the 3,000 race walk.

Taking a sixth place for the Mustangs was Destini Jeter in the Bantam (10) Girls' 800, finishing in 2:5.72.

In seventh place was Cinque Balanciere in the Sub-Midget Boys' 400 (59.55 seconds). He also was part of the Mustangs' Midget Boys' 4X400-meter relay team, which took sixth place in 4:05.69. Also eligible on that team were Jarrod Gladney, Bryce Coby, Tanner McCalister, Logan Wilson, Calen Mayfield and Davis Baucum.

Mayfield, Wilson, Baucum, Coby, Gladney and Devon Maheshwari also were part of a 4X800 relay team that placed eighth in 10:12.76.

McCalister also was 13th in the Midget Boys' shot put (37 feet, 4 1/4 inches).

Maiya Collins took eighth place in the Intermediate Girls' 1,500 (5:04.75).

Canyon Hall, competing in the Sub-Bantam (9) Boys' division, finished among the top 17 in two events. Hall was ninth in the shot put (23-8 1/2) and 17th in the three-event triathlon with 356 points.

Another 13th-place Mustang was Grayson Gilkey, who competed in the Youth Boys' (14) 3,000-meter run (10:39.40).

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Rockwall Yellowjackets

Friday, Aug. 10 – Volleyball: scrimmage at Arlington Marlin
Saturday, Aug. 11 – Volleyball: scrimmage at Plano West
Tuesday, Aug. 14 – Volleyball: home vs. Forney and Frisco

Friday, Aug. 17 – Varsity volleyball: at Garland Varsity Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 18 – Varsity volleyball: at Garland Varsity Tournament
Freshman volleyball: at Crandall Freshman Tournament

Rockwall-Heath Hawks

Friday, Aug. 10 – Volleyball: scrimmage with Mansfield Fossil Ridge, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11 – Volleyball: home scrimmage vs. Garland Centennial and Sunnyvale, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 14 – Volleyball: with Plano at Sachse, 5 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 17 – JV and Freshman A volleyball: home vs. Sunnyvale, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity volleyball: at Garland Varsity Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 18 – Varsity volleyball: at Garland Varsity Tournament
Freshman A and B volleyball: at Dallas Bishop Lynch Tournament

Roysse City Bulldogs

Saturday, Aug. 11 – Volleyball: home for Lady Bulldog Play Day
Tuesday, Aug. 14 – Volleyball: home vs. Longview and Richardson, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 16 – Freshman volleyball: at Crandall Freshman Tournament

Friday, Aug. 17 – Varsity volleyball: at Allen Varsity Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 18 – Varsity volleyball: at Allen Varsity Tournament
Freshman volleyball: at Crandall Freshman Tournament

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Tourney to benefit H-Hands

The annual Ambassadors of Buffalo Creek Golf Club Tournament for Sept. 10. Entry fees are \$85, individual; \$150, hole sponsor; or \$500, team sponsor. Door prizes, raffles, awards and golf prizes highlight the day. Breakfast and registration will begin at 7 a.m. start at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served. For more details or to register, visit rockwallhelpinghands.com or call 972-771-4357. The event is sponsored by Rockwall County Helping Hands.



Sherry Hamm, director of assistance and referral at Rockwall County Helping Hands, is shown accepting a \$500 donation from AMICA. AMICA, a nonprofit organization of local women, is a longtime supporter of Helping Hands. Rockwall County Helping Hands is the top beneficiary of AMICA gifts, which total almost \$33,000 since 1995. AMICA members also attend and support Helping Hands special events and raise money for the group's annual charity gala, Denim & Diamonds. The donation will be used to help purchase school supplies for children in need.
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Royse City News

Quilters show support for C.F. Goodwin Library



by Millie Jean Coppedge

The beautiful quilt displayed at the front of the C.F. Goodwin Library was made and will be raffled off by the C.F. Goodwin Library Quilters.

The drawing is set for the Royse City Fun Fest on Oct. 11. Tickets for the quilt are \$1 each or six for \$5 and may be purchased at the library or from any member of the Library Quilters. For more information contact Jackie Gilbert at 214-762-2921.

The Quilting Group has been meeting at the library for a couple of years to learn new skills and enjoy fellowship. To thank the library for starting the program, they decided to make a quilt to be raffled off, the proceeds to be used for children's books for the library. They chose a pattern and met in February at the library to get started. Each member completed part of the quilt, then Jackie put the parts together and quilted it. The group worked together to complete the binding.

The quilt pattern is by Bonnie Hunter of Quiltville. For more information on Bonnie K. Hunter, visit her site at Scrap User's System-Quiltville Custom Quilting (quiltville.com). Her site displays an assortment of beautiful quilts and instructions for making the various patterns. Everything is found on her site from how to collect, sort and store the scraps, to the finished product, displaying many beautiful quilts.

Those interested in joining Library Quilters are welcome. The group is working on a block of the month project doing embroidered blocks at the present time.

The quilting group meets every Tuesday night at the library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and work on various quilting projects.

The quilters will donate the money for the quilt in appreciation to the library and for the purchase of children's books.

Royse City Police Blotter July 27-Aug. 2

• Friday, 27 July: Driving while intoxicated arrest, 1000 block W. Main Street; Possession of controlled substance/Drug paraphernalia arrest, 1000 block W. Hwy 66; Welfare check, Area of FM 548 and Lakes Drive; Alarm, 200 block E. Main Street; Noise disturbance, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane; Noise disturbance, 400 block Ame Lane; Welfare check, 1000 block Pullen Street; Welfare check, Area of Hwy 66 and Erby Campbell Boulevard

• Saturday, 28 July: Welfare check, 2000 block Jessica Way; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 200 block Adams Street; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 71-mile marker; Suspicious person, I-30 SSR and 74-mile marker; Suspicious person, 100 block W. I-30; Alarm, 700 block Nancy Drive; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 77-mile marker

• Sunday, 29 July: Possession of controlled substance arrest, 1000 block Pullen Street; Possession /Marijuana/Unlawful carry of weapon arrests, I-30 at the 77-mile marker; Burglary of motor vehicle, 1500 block Hardy Drive; Burglary of motor vehicle, 1500 block Hardy Drive; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Noise disturbance, 1200 block Hawthorne Court; Alarm, 1100 block Industrial Drive; Accident, Area of Hwy 66 and Elm Street; Alarm, 1200 block Lost Valley Drive; Accident, I-30 at the 79-mile marker

• Monday, 30 July: Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 at the 74-mile marker; Driving while license invalid/Resisting arrest, I-30 at the 76-mile marker; Soliciting without permit/Denton County warrant arrest, 1100 block N. Houston Street; Burglary of motor vehicle, 500 block Briar Oaks Drive; Burglary of motor vehicle, 1600 block Brandon Drive; Burglary of motor vehicle, 500 block Cherrywood Terrace; Burglary of motor vehicle, 1600 block Marti Drive; Possession of dangerous drug/Marijuana arrest; I-30 at the 77-mile marker; Alarm, 100 block W. I-30; Suspicious person, 1100 block Walnut Street; Suspicious person, 2700 block Redwood Street; Suspicious person, I-30 at the 83-mile marker; Disturbance, 1000 block Loganwood Drive

• Tuesday, 31 July: Alarm, 2300 block I-30; 1500 block Brandon Court; Accident, Corner of Main Street and Arch Street; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Noise disturbance, Area of Overstreet Lane; Suspicious person, 700 block Arch Street; Welfare check, Between FM 35 and FM 2453

• Wednesday, 1 August: Criminal mischief, 200 block Lynn Street; Suspicious person, Area of N. Houston Street and County Line Road; Suspicious person, 1200 block Cyprus Drive; Reckless driver, Area of I-30 and the 74-mile marker; Reckless driver, Area of I-30 SSR and FM 2642

• Thursday, 2 August: Criminal mischief, 800 block Meadowdale Drive; Noise disturbance, 1500 block Leslie Drive; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Reckless driver, Area of I-30 and FM 35; Suspicious person, 500 block N. Houston Street; Criminal mischief, 800 block Meadowdale Drive


The Gilbert of the C.F. Goodwin Library Quilters is the quilt on display at the library entrance. The quilt, made by the quilters, will be raffled off in a drawing Oct. 11 at the Royse City Fun Fest. Tickets cost \$1 each and \$5 may be purchased at the library or from any Quilting members.

by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Work on the new exit road for the Royse City McDonald's is well advanced. When the Erby Campbell overpass construction begins, one of the first things the Texas Department of Transportation engineers proposed was to make both the north and south service roads one-way to all traffic. The north service road will be westbound from the Shell Station at Elm Street (FM 35), while the south service road will serve eastbound from Circle Lane. Typical TxDOT procedures are to work on the road adjustments first, including the relocation of utility lines prior to the start-up of construction. Once service road adjustments have been completed, customers arriving at McDonald's via the new road westbound will be directed to depart behind the Shell station and exit onto South Elm Street.

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