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Beginning Monday, Aug. 10, TxDOT moved traffic from Goliad Street to the newly constructed Alamo Road near downtown Rockwall. Goliad will be closed and traffic will be rerouted (north and south bound) to Alamo Road from north of the square, southward, to just south of the intersection with Rockwall City Hall. At least one lane of the east and west roadways (Washington, Kaufman and Kaufman) will remain open at the intersections with Goliad for through traffic. Detour

signage will be in place. Goliad will remain closed to traffic until April 2010. Beginning August 15, the Rockwall Farmer's Market will be moved to the San Jacinto side of the courthouse on the Downtown Square due to the construction. Contact Kevin Lay, TxDOT Project Manager, at 214-320-6100, or Chuck Todd, Rockwall City Engineer, at 972-771-7746, with questions about the upcoming traffic switch.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Back to school shoppers look forward to tax free weekend

and Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local taxes during the annual tax holiday weekend on August 21-23. According to Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, lay-away plans can be used to take advantage of the tax-free weekend.

The tax-free weekend exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on items they spend. Backpacks under \$100 that are used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. The exemption during the sales tax holiday also includes back-wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a backpack, and messenger bags.

The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, rucksack backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased at one time without providing an exemption certificate.

The legislature recently expanded the list of items qualifying for tax exemption. Effective this year, in addition to clothes, some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax exemption on school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

Inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

Book bags, Calculators, Cellophane tape, Blackboard erasers, Composition books, Crayons, Erasers, Folders (pocket, plastic, and manila), Glue, paste and paste applicators, Index cards, Index card boxes, Legal pads, Paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, markers, Notebooks, Paper (loose leaf ruled notebook paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, and construction paper), Pencil boxes and other pencil boxes, Pencil sharpeners, Pencils, Pens, Protractors, Rulers, Writing Tablets.

An exemption certificate is required, with one exception. If the purchaser is buying the supplies under a business account, the purchaser can obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser certifying the items are purchased for use by an elementary or secondary school student. "Under a business account" means the purchaser is using a business credit card or business check rather than a personal credit card or personal check; being billed under a business account maintained at the retailer; or is using a business membership at a retailer that is membership based.

Tax-free clothing, footwear and backpacks

Clothing, Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students with attached buckles, Boots - cowboy, hiking, baseball, fishing, golf, knitted), Coats and wraps, Diapers (and baby), Dresses, Gloves (generally), Gym suits and hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts, Hosiery, Jackets, Sneakers (baseball and football), Jogging apparel, Neckwear (Pajamas, Pants and trousers, Raincoats and ponchos, Shorts, Suits, Slacks, and jackets, Sweatsuits, Underclothes, Work clothes, and uniforms.

Items included in the tax-free holiday Accessories (generally) include elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches; Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students; Baseball

cleats and pants; Belt buckles (without belt); Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders; Buttons and zippers; Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics; Dry cleaning services; Football pants; Golf gloves;

Handbags and purses; Handkerchiefs; Hard hats; Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports; Ice skates; Jewelry; Laundering services; Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel; Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder; Personal flotation devices; Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes); Roller blades and skates; Safety clothing, glasses, and Shoes - bicycle (cleated, golf, bowling).

For more information on the Texas tax-free weekend or for a complete list of exempt items, visit www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs.

RCN Tuesday Sports Package Exclusive

by Wesley W. Burnett

The Tuesday edition of the Rockwall County News will soon offer subscribers an exclusive sports package, just in time for this year's football season.

Our readers won't have to wait a week for details on Rockwall County football teams, as the Tuesday edition will be packed with up-to-date latest sports news and photography.

The Tuesday sports package exclusive will cover all six Rockwall County football teams: Heritage Christian Academy, Rockwall Christian Academy, Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heath High School, Royse City High School and The Fulton School.

On August 28 our much anticipated annual Rockwall County Football Guide will be distributed in the Friday edition, with extra copies available to our advertisers and participating schools.

The Tuesday edition sports package will debut on September 1. Subscribers to the Rockwall County News get the Tuesday edition in their mail boxes, it is available only to subscribers.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Food Pantry needs assistance

The Helping Hands Food Pantry is seeing an increasing demand on its resources and currently has a shortage of staple food items: oil, flour, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and canned goods. Items may be brought to Helping Hands' Building A on Williams Street (Hwy. 66 east).

Benefit dessert auction planned

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will conduct a dessert auction following its Tuesday luncheon program. Proceeds from the auction will be used to offset the medical and funeral costs of the father of a chamber board member who had no insurance at the time of his death.

Beatlegras is featured band

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

Casino Night set Friday in RC

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host a Casino Night and Silent Auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. The event will raise funds to help the chamber's economic development efforts, scholarship fund and related events and programs. For reservations call 972-636-6000.

Farmers Market open Saturday

The Farmers Market in downtown Rockwall will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, offering fresh produce, toffee, salad dressings, gourmet food mixes, roasted coffee, local honey, plants and herbs. The market will be open each Saturday through September. For details call 972-772-6400.

Ministerial Alliance plans meeting

The Rockwall Ministerial Alliance (Pastors' Prayer Time) will be at noon on Aug. 26 in the Rockwall County Helping Hands Conference Room. Participants should bring a brown-bag lunch; Helping Hands will provide beverages and desserts. For more details call 972-771-5526.

Inner City All Stars to perform

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

Women's League open to new members

The Rockwall Women's League, a local women's philanthropic organization that promotes the area through community service and the support of civic, study and social events, will conduct an informational meeting for women interested in joining the league from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 28 at 1 Camden in Heath. Contact Amy Butler at 214-763-9614 for more details.

RHHS March-a-Thon set Aug. 29

The award-winning Mighty Hawk Band of Rockwall-Heath High will kick off the new year with a March-a-Thon beginning at 8 a.m. on Aug. 29. The band will march throughout Heath and Rockwall neighborhoods to raise money for expenses. Performances also are set for 11:30 a.m. at Home Depot; noon, Kroger; and The Harbor, 12:30 p.m. For more information visit mightyhawkband.org.

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Rockwall County Library Book Review

'Baltimore,' or, 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier and the Vampire'

by Mike Mignola & Christopher Golden

Reviewed by Gavin Sheaffer
Rockwall County Library Reference Librarian

What is the deal with the recent trend of making vampires lovable and misunderstood? I cringe whenever a new vampire movie, television show or book is created that describes these creatures as sympathetic or misunderstood. I prefer my vampires dirty and despicable as well as deathly afraid of sunlight and running water. Thankfully, the creative team behind "Baltimore" has stuck to the original mythos and kept the vampire scourge solely in the realm of evil.

"Baltimore," or, "The Steadfast Tin Soldier and the Vampire," is actually three stories within a story. The tale is told in flashback by three different characters, who are summoned to a mysterious inn by the elusive Lord Baltimore, the titular hero. Each character is identified by his respective trade; one is a business man, the other is a scarred doctor and the third is a grizzled sailor.

All of the men have two things in common; the first is their shared connection to Lord Baltimore, whom each character has met through his travels. The second connection is that each man has come face to face with supreme evil, albeit in different guises. This presents a unique angle for the overall story, allowing the creative narrative to drive multiple plot points towards a spectacular conclusion.

The stories within the story serve to flesh out the necessary motives and personalities of each character, which has the effect of humanizing the three men as well as providing crucial background history in an appropriate manner. Once the multiple back-stories are concluded, the real story begins.

"Baltimore" is a cautionary tale of evil; at once the reader is presented a ringside seat to view the macabre. The mood of the book is depressing and dark, further complemented by the hauntingly rendered illustrations. "Baltimore," or, "The Steadfast Tin Soldier and the Vampire," is available at Rockwall County Library in the adult fiction collection on the second floor.



Gavin Sheaffer

Constitution Week observance approaches

The national observance of Constitution Week, a weeklong commemoration of America's most important documents, will begin Sept. 17.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution began decades ago thanks to the efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, the DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 each year to be dedicated to the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed in law on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The observance is designed to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution; inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's heritage and way of life; and encourage the study of historical events that led to the framing of the document in September 1787.

"Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document, which is the safeguard of our American liberties," said DAR president general Linda Gist Calvin. "We encourage all citizens across the country to take time this week to reflect on our heritage of freedom."

For more information about the DAR and its programs, visit dar.org or call 202-628-1776.

First Presbyterian Church assists in teaching ESL, literacy classes

First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall has completed curriculum goals to teach English as a Second Language and advanced literacy classes to individuals from four different countries.

This achievement is just one of many community service projects the church has been involved with over the years. The church's previous minister, the Rev. Robert Reeves, helped create Helping Hands. The church's new minister, the Rev. Cheryl Taylor, also is dedicated to connecting the community through service, and individual members and the church body has a whole have engaged in numerous outreach efforts.

With financial assistance from a Title III grant through the Rockwall Independent School District; tutor and evaluator training through the Rockwall County Library; and assistance from the Grace Presbyterian, FPC has entered a collaborative effort that has achieved extraordinary results, according to a news release from the church. Along with the RISD, the library, Lake Pointe Church of Lake Rockwall Community Center, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church and the First Methodist Church of Rockwall, FPC has contributed helped impact the community by contributing to the knowledge of the students enrolled in the program.

Each month ESL network coordinators from various sites meet to exchange ideas and support and map out plans to present instruction to more than 700 participants.

Classes vary in the days and hours offered, and the course material is tailored to make the most of each student's learning experience. Child care is available in the classes provided by the RISD.

On Aug. 29, individuals interested in participating in ESL and related classes offered in the 2009-2010 school year can visit Rochell Elementary from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for registration and placement. Child care will be available for registrants.

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News Brief

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Tri-County Choral auditions offered

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

Gloria D'Arezzo performance slated

Gloria D'Arezzo will perform at the free City of Rockwall event by the Lake Series beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

FOL plans meeting in Baker home

The Friends of the Library will meet in the home of C. beginning at 11 a.m. Sept. 8. Speaker will be artist, actor and author of "After the Republic." Lunch catered by Richard's Bar-B-Q for \$15; reservations required. Contact cplagens65@aol.com or call 972-771-8976.

Library's Birthday Bash set Sept. 8-11

The Rockwall County Library's Birthday Bash will run Sept. 8-11. Puppets, scavenger hunts, storytellers and live animal Creature Teacher will be on hand to help celebrate. Storytelling in the following week. For more details visit rocklib.com

Newcomers plan first fall meeting

The Rockwall Newcomers will observe the first meeting of the 2009-2010 year beginning at 10 a.m. Sept. 10 at Occasion River, 1250 FM 2453, Royse City. The event will begin with a meeting and luncheon. For reservations or more information about the group, call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-7222.

Ron Jones to give concert

Ron Jones will perform at the free City of Rockwall event by the Lake Series beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Rockwall Rib Rub set Sept. 12

The Rockwall Rib Rub will take place Sept. 12 on downtown square. The family fun-filled day will begin with firing up their grills at 6 a.m. Farmer's Market will open and there will be plenty of music and food vendors, as well as children's activities and a Poker Stroll. Host for the event is Main Street and Old Town Shoppes on the Square. For applications visit rockwall.com and click on Happening. For more details, call Bethany Golden at 972-772-6400.

RHS seniors plan fundraiser

The Rockwall High Class of 2010 will host a pancake fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sept. 12 at Applebee's. Pancakes may be purchased at the door at a cost of \$6 per person. Dawn Defebaugh at 972-722-6984 for more details.

Hawaiian End-of-Summer Dance set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Hawaiian End-of-Summer Dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 12 at Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. Cost will be \$10 for Rockwall residents and \$15 for non-residents. Costumes will be required.

Texas Gypsies is featured band

The Texas Gypsies will perform at the free City of Rockwall event by the Lake Series beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Rowlett Quilters plan anniversary event

The Rowlett Quilters Guild will host a 10th anniversary celebration from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 19 at the First United Methodist Church, 4405 Main St., in Rowlett. Refreshments, photo booth, quilt video, show-and-tell projects, Quilt Bingo and fellow members past and present are planned. For information call Miskin at 972-771-5195, Joanne Kamper at 972-270-3520, Cunningham, 972-475-0151.

RARTA meeting set Sept. 21

The first Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association meeting for the new year will begin at 1:15 p.m. on Sept. 21 in the Rockwall City Building, Room 600. District X legislative chairwoman Joanne Kamper will give the program, "Update and Status of Legislation for the Texas Retired Teachers Association." All retired teachers and employees are welcome. For details call Becky Cecil, 972-771-5195.

Corner Pocket to play

Corner Pocket will perform at the free City of Rockwall event by the Lake Series beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

Newcomers plan Sept. 27 picnic

The Rockwall Newcomers Club invites women of all ages to attend a free Sunday family picnic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 27 at Harry Myers Park. Those planning to bring a covered dish to share. For more information call Gleneva DeYoe at 972-722-5606.

RHHS plans homecoming cookout

The Class of 2010 of Rockwall-Heath High School will host a homecoming cookout on Oct. 14 immediately following the homecoming parade. Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, drinks and other food items will be offered prior to the entertainment. The event will be held at the tennis courts on the way to the football field. For more information call Cristi Hudecek at 214-668-1084.

FunFest slated for Oct. 17

The Royse City Chamber's 20th Annual FunFest will take place on Oct. 17, with a children's carnival, live bands, arts and crafts booths, food vendors, karaoke contest, Little Mr. and Miss Royse City Pageant and many other contests. Other events include Stick Robinson Memorial Fun Run, Boy Scout pancake breakfast, Girl Scout spaghetti dinner and an outdoor concert. For more information or to reserve vendor space call 972-636-5000.

Celebrating Women luncheon planned

Baylor Health Care System Foundation will host its 10th Annual Celebrating Women luncheon benefiting research, community outreach and expanded technology for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer at 11:45 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Hilton Hotel in Dallas. For more information call 214-820-4300.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

James Lewis Evans

Services for James Lewis Evans, 64, of Heath were conducted at 2 p.m. Aug. 2, 2009, in the Anderson-Clayton Bros. Funeral Home Funeral Home Chapel in Terrell.

He died July 30 in Rockwall.

He was born Feb. 23, 1945, to Lewis and Iris (Adcock) Evans.

Survivors include his two sisters, Rita Thorson of Heath and Karen Franklin and her husband, Tony, of Forney, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Wynema Frasier

Services for Wynema Frasier, 95, of Royse City were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery.

She died Thursday, Aug. 13.

Born June 7, 1914, in Royse City to R. William and Pauline (Mosley) Reeder, she was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Royse City.

Survivors include her daughter, Paula Ables of Royse City; her grandchildren, Ken and Donna Frasier of Odessa, Laura and Randy Ferguson of Kansas City, Mo., Jeff and Bobbie East of Royse City, Nancy and Tim Teel of Stuttgart, Ark., Joe and Melody East of Royse City and Jimmy and Brennan East of Dallas; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dallas Frasier; and one son, Alvin Lee Frasier.

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Public Notice
Application has been made for a Private Club Registration Permit for Crowells Fish Camp Private Club, Inc.
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5 TX Pride's "Have to Offer You Is Me"
6 this TX-born Charlie hit two HRs in a '59 World Series game
7 once a Port Lavaca AM, an apt station for the TX coast
8 coral snake warning: "kill a feller"
17 "hole in"
18 lawn tools invented by TX George Ballas in Houston (2 wds.)
21 this Devlin won TX Byron Nelson Golf Classic in '69 (init.)
22 what this TX Heloise will give to a reader
23 TXism: "blind"
24 TX Perot selected _____ Stockdale as '92 running mate
29 a really hot TX month
30 citrus drink suffixes
31 "Sha Na"
32 TXism for the handle of a work tool
34 one who initiates legal action
35 TX Foreman lost title to Muhammad Ali
36 "conflict of"
37 Kerrville is seat of this county
38 adultery, e.g. (2 wds.)
39 state senate dist. 22 incumbent in '94 & '98
41 TXism: "a sheep in wolves clothes" (2 wds.)
42 golf ball support
43 the infamous accounting-fraud Houston co.
44 investigated
45 TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)
46 Burton, TX has oldest U.S. operating cotton gin
47 state of TX George H.'s summer home
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51 TX Chennault was adviser to Chiang _____ shek in '37
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53 _____ River
DOWN
1 TX outlaw Sam Bass was a train robber who had no luck with these crimes (2 wds.)
2 TXism: "____ in his own mind"
3 Armstrong Co. seat
4 TX-born Foote wrote screenplay for "To _____ Mockingbird"
9 Arlington's "Hurricane Harbor" was once "Wet _____"
10 repudiate
11 "Are we there _____?"
12 "Mingo" Ames on "Daniel Boone"
13 Iowa Park newspaper
14 light emitter
15 Hobby & Love arrival guesses (abbr.)
16 some TXns were once called "Johnny _____"
19 TXism: "____ ants out of a burning stump"
20 grass-_____ jeans
22 deer _____ season is generally Nov.-Dec.
24 Joey of "Texas Across the River" (init.)
25 this MacGraw was in "Conroy" with TX Kristofferson
26 TX Willie's "Georgia On My _____"
27 "wheeler-dealers" area: real _____
28 this Sealag was in '92 "Under Siege" with TX Tommy Lee
29 Archer City was the last hideout for this outlaw James
30 pirate Louis-Michel _____ patrolled the Gulf looking for loot
33 _____ Oak, TX
34 "you ain't _____ nothing yet!"
35 TXism: "busy _____"
37 1897 gold hunter
38 typeface (2 wds.)
40 this Dennéhy was in "Precinct 13" film with TX Hawke
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Amy Parks Elementary celebrates Back-to-School with ice cream

To kick off the Amy Parks Elementary School 2009-10 school year theme, "We Are Family," the school will have a Back-to-School Ice Cream Social for the whole Amy Parks family from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21.

Students will be able to visit their classrooms and meet their new teachers while catching up with old friends. "This is always a special and exciting time as students begin a new social and academic journey," said Principal Dan Crawford. "We look forward to another exciting year as we build memories that will last a lifetime."

In an effort to foster a family-feeling atmosphere, Amy Parks will launch its e-newsletter, "The Mariner Monthly," when school starts. The goal of the publication is to keep parents, students and the community informed about campus activities.



Amy Parks Elementary School students Allison Young, Kendall York, Tiffany Clark and Austin Mayfield look forward to another year of learning and friendship. The school kicks off the new year with an ice cream social tonight from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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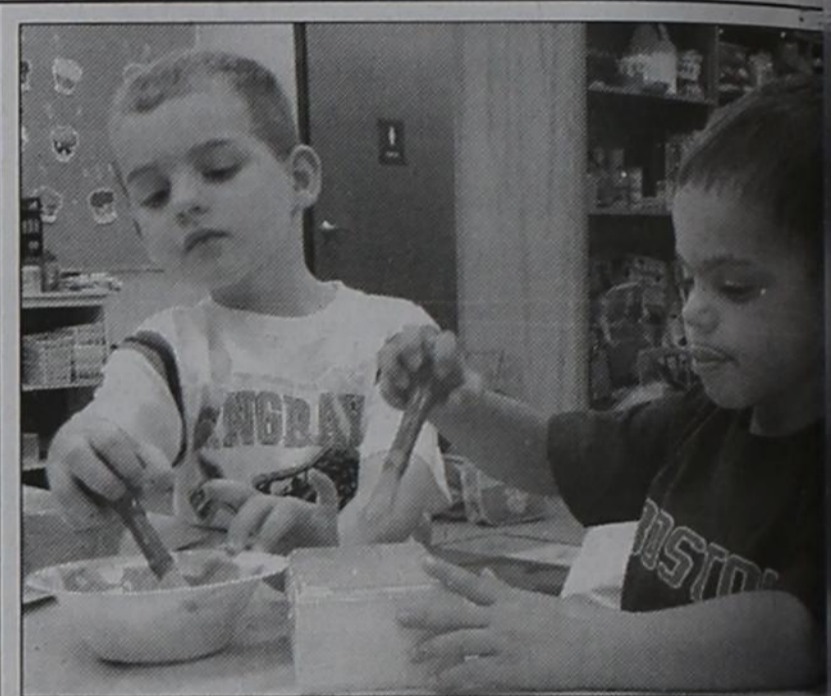


The Rockwall ISD Education Foundation, Inc. sponsored an Innovative Teaching Grant that has produced a published book, *Kind Elementary*. Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School counselor, Christi Crump, submitted the application entitled, "Why Don't We Make It a Habit to Show Our Kindness and Compassion Every Day?" The grant enhanced the district-wide initiative, Rachel's Challenge, by targeting all students in kindergarten through sixth grade in Rockwall ISD. A portion of the grant proceeds were used to produce the student written book, *Kind Elementary*, which promotes kindness and compassion. The book was illustrated by Brianne Pickering and then published. Crump has presented Nancy Boyd, RISD Director of Guidance and Counseling, and each school counselor with a copy of *Kind Elementary*. More information on the book may be obtained from Boyd's office. Shown with copies of the book are (back row from left) Fonn Lee, Deb Harris, Kim Gammon, Elizabeth Peters, Kelly Emmerson, Robin McCartney, Cathy Conger, Linda Lyon, Vicki Jones and Gloria Hill, (front row from left) Dina Rowe, Nancy Boyd, Christi Crump and Lori Allums.
Photo Courtesy of Marcia M. Gilbert



KHYI 95.3 FM "The Range" radio station intern Ankara Orm (center) signs up Joe Willy's p for a chance to win a weekend getaway while Yvonne Brown (far left) and DJ Allan Peck (left), KHYI, chat with Glenda Jones (right), who co-owns the station with her husband, former mayor Jones. KHYI, which was recently named Texas Broadcast Station of the Year by the Texas Association, is a country music station based in Dallas. Tuesday's lunchtime visit to Joe Willy part of KHYI's "Around the World" tour of Dallas-area cities in their broadcast range. Allan gave away "The Range" car stickers, which he promised would improve gas mileage by 10 mil gallon, throughout the event. The live broadcast concluded with Peck giving away \$95.30 in ho the station's frequency, 95.3, to Bob and Carol Morgan, who walked up just after Peck announce giveaway on the air. "It sure made our day," said Carol Morgan.
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Ren Shannon (left) and Alexander Hicks paint "treasure at the Fulton School's "Treasure Island" camp for 3- to 5-year last week. Children also made parrot puppets, pirate faces paper plates, treasure maps and pirate hats at the camp, was the Fulton School's last summer camp. The Fulton kicked off the new school year with a Back to School pic campus last Saturday.
Staff Photo by Elizabeth Fudge/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports Notes

RCISD season ticket sales under way

New season reserved seating ticket sales for the Royse will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Aug. 28 at the RCISD istrative office.

Hunters' ed course slated

A hunters' education course will be offered for individua 12 and older from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Myers C nity Center. Instruction in Texas hunting regulations, ethics, and hunting safety and other topics will be covered. Cost Rockwall Parks & Red-sponsored program will be \$15 for R residents, \$23 for non-residents.

Punt, Pass & Kick competition planned

The local Punt, Pass & Kick competition will begin at 2 p. 13 at Wisdom Field at Dobbs. Participation will be free; g boys compete separately in age divisions 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 15. Sectional champs may advance to the team competition a las Cowboys halftime. Each participant must bring a copy of birth certificate; only soft-soled sneakers will be allowed, no For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Depart 972-771-7740.

Fly fishing course scheduled

A class in fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p. 12 at Harry Myers Park. Participants will learn how to cast fly rod, learn basic knots and discuss the different types of where they might be used. Instructed by members of the Da Fishing Club, the class is sponsored by the Rockwall Parks Department. Children ages 12-15 must be accompanied by a For more details call 972-771-7740.

Hot Shot contest set Sept. 26

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department w a Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest beginning at 9 a.m. 26 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center gym. The event open to individuals ages 8 and older; cost will be \$3 for R residents, \$5 for non-residents.

H-Hands offers physicals, shots for students

The Health Center of Helping Hands is offering school and sports physicals, as well as immunizations needed for students to go back to school.

Physicals are available for all children, regardless of insurance or financial status, at a cost of \$25.

Immunizations are available for children who are uninsured, on Medicaid or whose families cannot afford insurance co-pays. Restrictions on who can receive the shots are set by federal rules through the Vaccine for Children Program that supplies the vaccines to the center.

Shots range in cost from \$14.85 for one to \$35 for five or more.

Students going into the seventh grade will need to have a meningococcal vaccine and a second dose of chickenpox vaccine if it has not already been received. Also, if it's been five or more years since your seventh grade student had a tetanus booster, the new tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine is required.

The Health Center is located in the Reeves Service Center, 102 S. First St., Suite B, on the lower level. For more details or to make an appointment, call 972-772-8194.

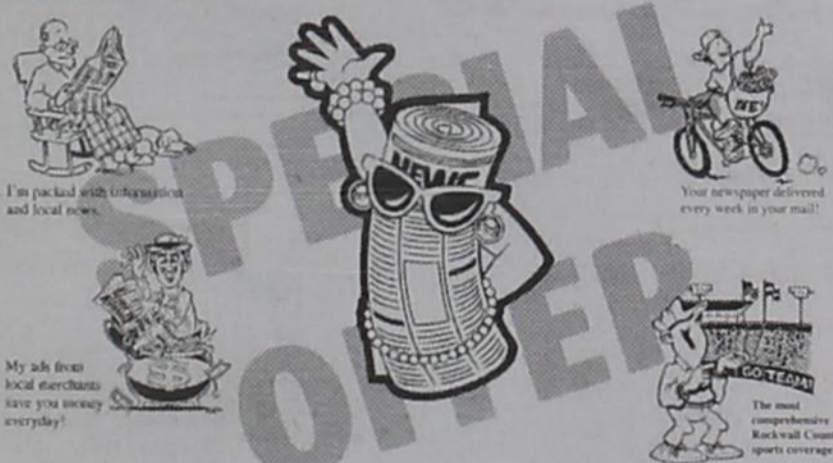


When Utley Middle School opens its doors this fall as the third Rockwall middle school, everything will be new - including the sports and the squads that cheer for them. The newly formed Utley Middle School cheerleading team spent a week with the Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleading squads learning cheers, chants, jumps, new techniques and a spirit dance to be performed basketball games. Here the Utley cheerleaders learn the details of their spirit dance, even down to thumb placement and leg angles, from Rockwall-Heath cheerleaders. Utley will open its doors to seventh graders when the 2009-2010 school year begins on Monday, Aug. 24.
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