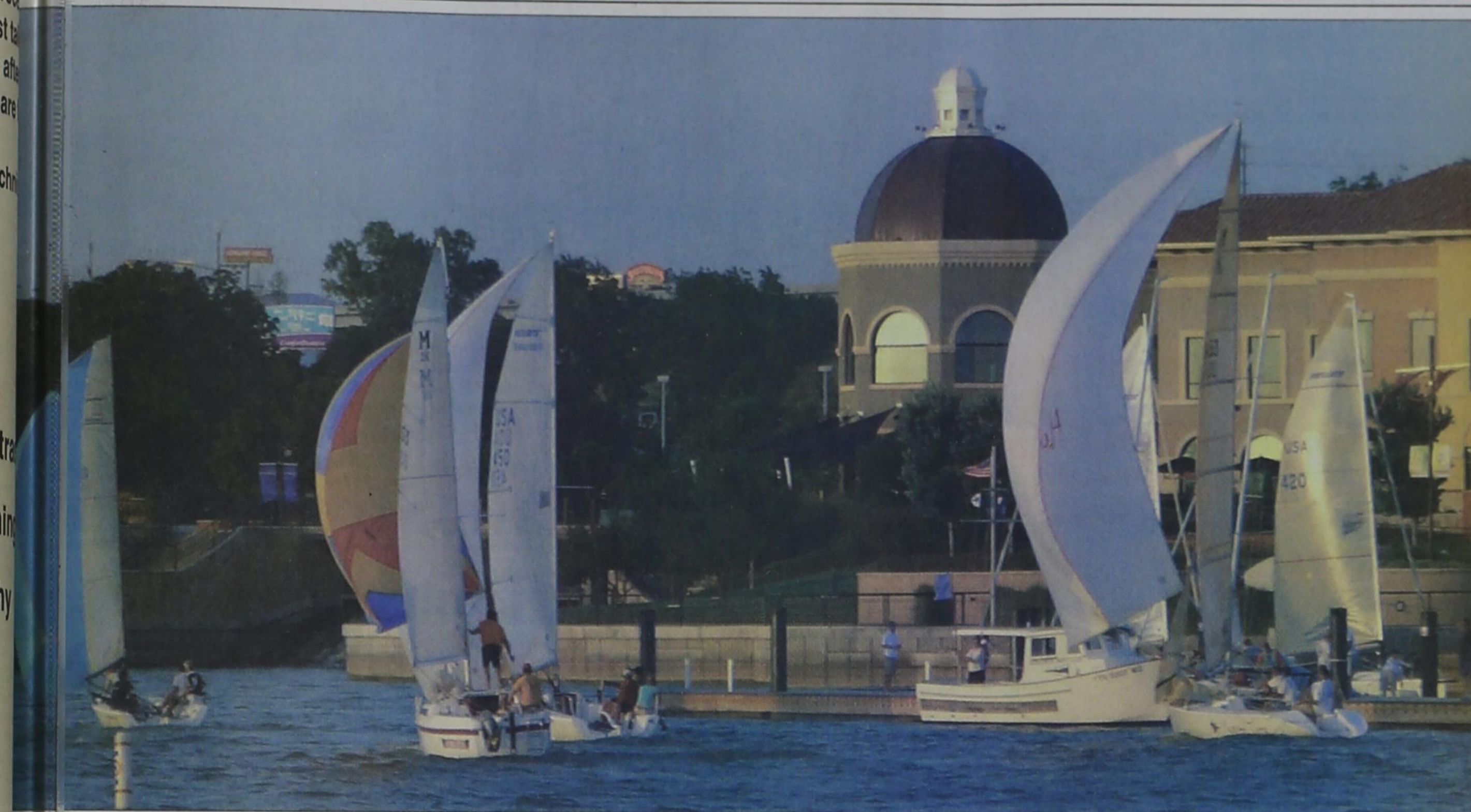


# TAGS State Swim Championship Results ... see Page 13



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“Wings” finished tied for 2nd place in the C fleet for the week. The Melges 24 in front of Wings is “Surfin’ Bird,” owned and skippered by Dwight Kruse out of Rush Creek Yacht Club. “Surfin’ Bird” would finish 6th in the Melges 24 fleet for the week. For more Race Week news, see page 14.

Photo Courtesy of Dan Malaki/Rockwall County News

## Royse City ISD trustees update district drug testing policy, student dress codes

Trustees also approved contracts for seven personnel: Marie Adamson, art teacher; Jaci Chasteen, special education teacher; Alexander Guerrero, teacher and coach; Jill Hart, special education teacher; Brent Moseley, teacher and coach; and Elizabeth Seay, music teacher.

In their report to the board, Bobby Philips of Gallagher Construction and Nathan Morgan of architects Claycomb and Associates detailed progress on high school additions and remodeling. All projects except gym seat installation are scheduled for completion by school opening Aug. 23. Because of a color change, the stadium-style seats are scheduled to arrive by Sept. 1 and to be installed soon afterward.

Contractors are working on final lists in the auditorium, classroom science and visitor locker room additions, Morgan told the school board. The wood floor and bleachers have been installed in the gymnasium, and painting, mechanical and plumbing work is continuing. The weight room addition and field house remodels are almost complete.

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More than 90 young girls and members of the Rockwall High School Stingerettes drill team were “ed” at the annual Stingerettes dance camp held last week at Williams Middle School. For ages K-8 learned dance techniques from the RHS dancers. They learned several dance techniques from the RHS dancers. They learned several dance techniques from the RHS dancers. They learned several dance techniques from the RHS dancers.

## County Commissioners set meeting to propose tax rate, public hearings

The Rockwall County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday to set a proposed tax rate for the coming fiscal year and schedule the related public hearings.

In a Tuesday news release from Bill Sinclair, Rockwall County treasurer, the county announced the effective tax rate for the 2010 tax year is \$0.3864 per \$100 valuation. The effective tax rate compares to the adopted tax rate of \$0.3750 for tax year 2009, an increase of \$0.0114 per \$100 valuation, or \$11.40 per year on a \$100,000 residence.

Sinclair also released the Truth-in-Taxation property tax forms required by the state. These forms provide the effective and rollback tax rates as calculated by the Central Appraisal District, as well as a statement of tax increase or decrease that would result from adoption of the effective tax rate.

“Calculation of the effective

tax rate is a fairly complex process,” Sinclair wrote in the release, “however, the intent is to determine the tax rate required in the new tax year to raise the same amount of taxes as were raised in the prior tax year on properties that are subject to taxation in both years.”

Commissioners were informed during a workshop meeting this week that on average, about 80 percent of properties that were on last year’s tax roll experienced a 1 percent to 3 percent drop in assessed value, according to the news release.

“Although the county’s financial affairs can be sliced and diced in many different ways, I have learned over the four years I’ve worked in this office that there are basically two forces that steer the course: those things mandated by the state and those discretionary things levied by the voters,” Sinclair’s release states. Examples of the latter include the

new county library and the funding of road projects, which together account for 34 percent, or \$1,768,139 of the \$5,144,143 for debt service to be funded in the next fiscal year’s budget. Library operating expenses will require an additional \$1.4 million, and only \$13 million of the \$117 million of road bonds authorized by the voters have been issued.

“The discretionary items either absorb resources required to meet the mandated duties of the county or must be funded with a tax rate increase,” the press release states.

County funds are initially earmarked for courts, law enforcement, recordkeeping/management and collecting and distribution of funds for the state and state agencies, said Gene Terry, executive director for the Texas Association of Counties as quoted in the press release. County commissioners are charged with carrying out these mandates.

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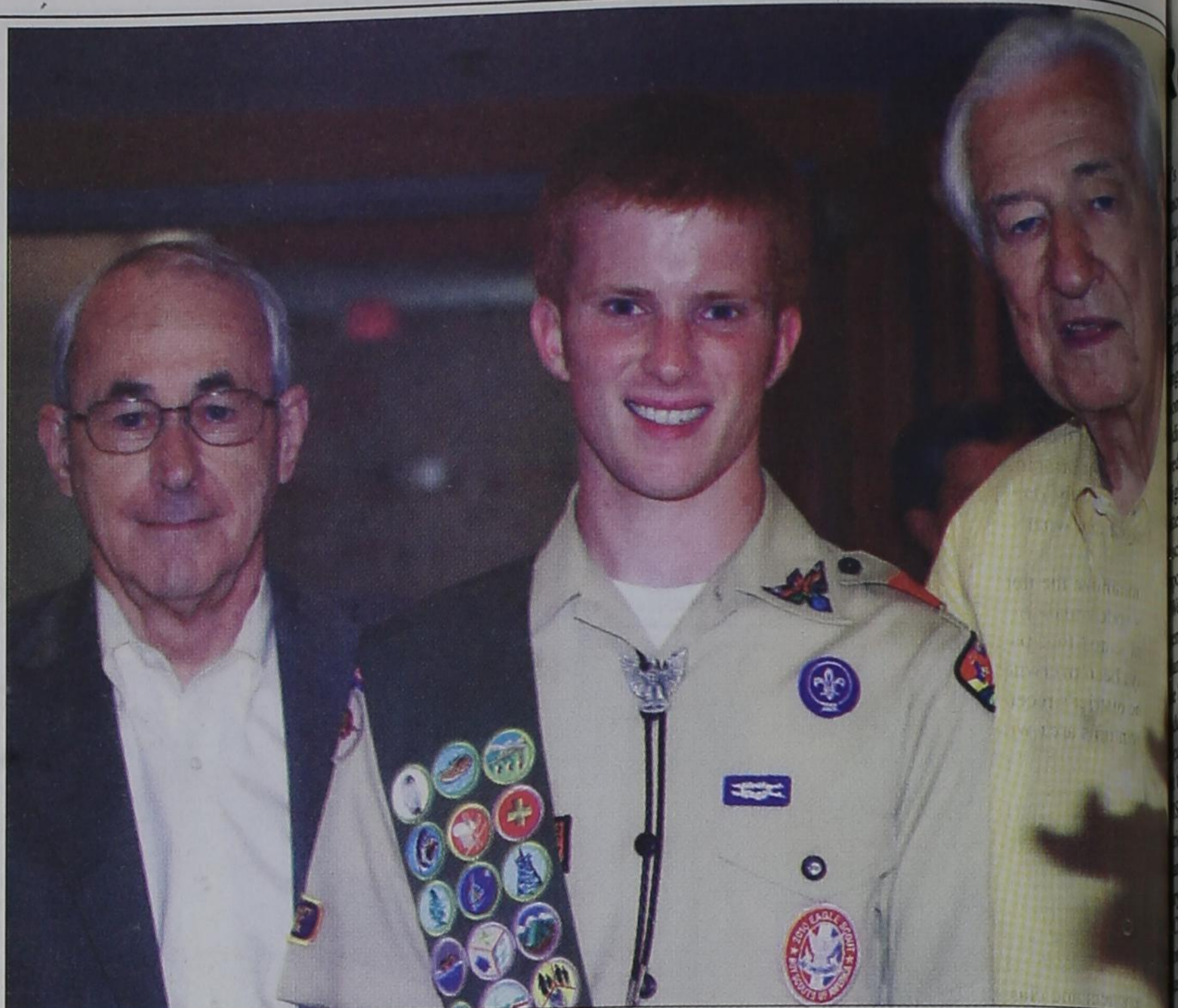
# Rockwall ISD trustees laud student recognitions

At their July 19 meeting members of the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees celebrated the accomplishments of Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary School students who participated in the Destination Imagination Global Finals.

The team of fifth-grade boys and one second-grade girl competed against 60 teams from 30 counties and several states at the University of Tennessee and came home with eighth place.

Among other events, the students competed in building in which they designed and created a load-bearing structure using only newspaper and glue. The student's cylinder held more than 500 pounds, beating the team's performance a regionals with a similar design that that held about 340 pounds.

The trustees also celebrated the winning of a Bronze Telly Award by the Rockwall ISD Educational Foundation with an entry of its Prize Patrol video. The Telly is an honor for video production for both non-broadcast and broadcast video.



An Eagle Scout Court of Honor and reception were conducted for Grant Mitchell Johnson, son of Quinn and Susan Johnson, at Eastridge Church of Christ in Rockwall. Guests included Congressman Ralph Hall and Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil, who are pictured above with the honoree. Hall presented Johnson with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol and a Texas flag, given by State Representative Laubenberg, which was flown over the State Capitol. Cecil proclaimed July 10 Eagle Scout Grant Johnson Day in Rockwall, presented the honoree with a certificate. Johnson is a member of Troop 989, whose Scoutmaster is Robert Frazier. His Eagle project consisted of constructing a garden at Eastridge Church of Christ. Produce from the garden is used for local benevolence programs. Johnson will be a senior this fall at Rockwall High.

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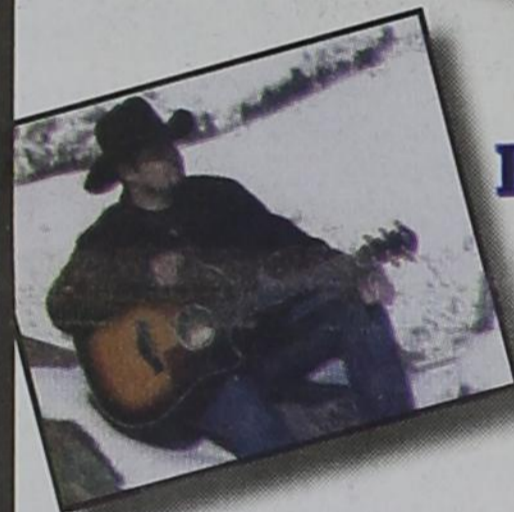
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# Royse City Main Street program tapped for national accreditation

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Each year, the National Trust and its partners announce the list of accredited Main Street programs that have built strong revitalization

organizations and demonstrate their ability in using the Four-Point Approach methodology for strengthening the economy and protecting their historic buildings.

"We congratulate this year's nationally accredited Main Street programs for meeting our established performance standards," said Doug Loescher, director of the National Trust Main Street Center. "Accredited Main Street programs are meeting the challenges of a recession head on and are successfully using a focused, comprehensive revitalization strategy to keep their communities vibrant and sustainable."

The organization's performance is annually evaluated by the National Trust Main Street Center, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet performance standards. These standards set the benchmarks for ensuring an individual Main Street program's application of the Street Four-Point Approach to commercial district revitalization. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and standards such as developing a mission, fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking progress and preserving historic buildings.

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# Rockwall ISD hears early report on TAKS

At its June 21 meeting members of Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees heard a preliminary summary of performance on the TAKS test from assistant superintendent Koehn.

According to Koehn, the district can expect a "recognized" from the Texas Education Agency with all campuses also recognized or exemplary.

The TEA looks at student performance across tests in reading, language arts, math, science, social studies and writing by

including African-American, Hispanic, white, economically disadvantaged and students together, giving 25 separate grading and accountability ratings.

In 15 out of those areas the scores improved, while in 10 areas holding steady. Writing scores, which were up by one point in every area besides white. Despite every group's writing scores in the mid 90s, according to Koehn.

Over the last five years, the data gives district cause to celebrate, including a 13 percent score increase in math in the African-American and Hispanic subgroups, 24 points in mathematics in commendable performance on the science and social studies tests.

While staff is pleased with the expected ratings on the report, superintendent Jeff Koehn marked that the "district" was a recognized rating on the science skills test. "We'll continue to raise the level of expectations for our students."

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# City ISD hears update on district construction projects

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 this mistake.”  
 increased penalties for drug violations from 30 days of non-participation in co-curriculars. Students admitted to practice with their team or group.  
 code policy included specific language about hair (bottom of the collar for boys) and shirt length (no longer by the side of the body). With the shirt-length policy no longer be required to be tucked in. A clarification that they may be worn in the high school locker room during the school day.  
 principal Richard Pense noted administration the dress code in the light of what's necessary for the district, what's enforceable and what the community  
 nize the number of kids losing instructional time situations,” he said.  
 ed that parent remarks to him about the dress code were overwhelmingly positive.  
 istrict's recent flat growth rates, due at least in part to the area-wide, the board agreed to reconsider the issue of out-of-district students transferring into the district. Growing at 12 percent to 17 percent annually, the district is experiencing changes that have left some classrooms full, according to Jerry Richardson, board secretary.  
 e based, in part, on the district's student population. The amount per student paid by the State of Texas, Hancock said. Student numbers determine the number of teachers and classrooms needed.  
 nsfer students represent a “potential revenue” of approximately “\$500,000 per 100 students,” said Hancock.  
 otation of the RCISD, it “has always been an issue for transfer students,” said board member Mike Hancock.  
 ecisions based solely on money,” Hancock said. “We need to look at this again. We need those students.” The board will consider the policy at the July 26 board meeting.  
 gnizing troubled students and designing early interventions is the topic of a seminar administrators, counselors and teachers will attend Aug. 2-3 in Kaufman, Hancock said.

## City finalizes cemetery details

The Rockwall City Council has agreed to assume ownership and take over operations of the Rockwall Burial Club Cemetery located at State Highway 205 and Damascus Road.  
 The action was taken recently following a request from a group of residents that has maintained the cemetery for decades but could no longer do so.  
 The city has assisted with maintenance at the cemetery for several months, but a more formal agreement was required before other operations requested by the residents could be assumed.

By law there is a waiting period of 60 days after the council's approval and after the resolution is published in a local newspaper before the ownership change is final. The information gathered during the waiting period will be used in gaining historic designation for the cemetery.

## Ragland studying abroad in Florence

Rachel Ragland of Rockwall is spending the summer semester viewing art from the Renaissance Era, bartering in open-air markets and enjoying day trips across Italy.

According to a news release from Harding University, where Ragland is a student, the sophomore kinesiology major is part of a group of students studying abroad in Florence, Italy, with the university's International Programs.

The group will study architecture, art, music, language and theater history while in Florence. To supplement their studies, they will travel to areas of cultural importance, including Pisa, Rome, San Gimignano, Sicily, Siena and Greece.

The students also will have the opportunity to explore western Europe during free travel.

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participant in the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall's first Mission Camp conducted in June, shows off a craft she created during the event. In addition to craft projects, Bible lessons and music were offered. Twenty children and adults toured Helping Hands and delivered food items for the Food Pantry. Participants also donated items for the canines at the Rockwall Animal Shelter. The goal of the camp was to spread God's love throughout the community.  
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# God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Praying in Tongues... John 4:22-24

Jesus' journeys, he left Galilee because it was necessary to go through Samaria. Upon his arrival to Samaria he stopped to rest at a well of land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. About six o'clock he was weary and sat on Jacob's well. A woman from Samaria came to draw water out of the well and found Jesus sitting there. She asked him for a drink. At the time he was alone because his disciples had gone to the city for food.

Jesus asked Jesus how it was that he, being a Jew, would draw water. This was because the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus began to lovingly open her heart up concerning the gift that would be available in the future. What wonderful scripture in John 4:22-24. Notice how he meekly served his Daddy by opening his heart to a Samaritan woman.

Jesus said to the Samaritans, "The Samaritans were outcasts in the eyes of the Jews. They were not fully accepted and shared the truth with the others in Samaria. Jesus said, 'many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him that the woman told them. Let's look at what Jesus taught about the gift of God's word in the Epistles.'

Jesus said to the woman, "if you knew the gift of God, and he would have given you living water." What is the "gift of God" and what is the gift of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'" The words refer to holy spirit. The gift from God is holy spirit.

Jesus also referred to in John 7:38, "He that believes on me, as I have said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Jesus said, "about the blessed man, 'and he shall be like a tree planted by the water, that brings forth his fruit in his season.'" In Matthew 23:17, "John compared earthly water with spiritual water, 'I in- with water unto repentance, but he that comes after me... shall be with [holy spirit], and with fire.'" The living water can be found in John 4:24 and see how the subject of "worship" is introduced. Jesus explained to Jesus that all were to worship God on earth. Jesus then revealed to her that the time would come when neither worship God in this mountain, nor at Jerusalem. Jesus plainly stated, "But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth for he that worships him. God is spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

The words "spirit and in truth" are a figure of speech which meant, truly spiritual. If we understand that to "worship" is to "pray," we can see how God defines spiritual worship in John 4:14-15, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays to himself: I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the tongue."

## Planning, zoning to minimize Rockwall Council meeting

Planning issues dominated the July 19 Rockwall City Council meeting, including a requested amendment to the ordinance governing zoning along the shoreline of Lake Ray Hubbard. The council voted to proceed with Rockwall's annexation of several parcels exempted under an agricultural extension agreement, and zoning issues for two new downtown businesses.

Planning Robert LaCroix said that the Takeline Overlay District for structures and landscaping along the lake edge, especially related to obstruction of neighbors' views of the lake. A request to amend Zoning office by Scott Jungels of Crestcove Drive for a parcel on his lakeside property below the 438 feet mean sea level elevation. P&Z to bring the issue before the council.

The jurisdiction for lakeside use belongs to the City of Dallas under an agreement with the city of Rockwall. The Rockwall City Council requested the change to Dallas for approval.

For business, the council approved a preliminary plat for a 13-parcel residential development on Ridge Road. This first required a rezoned lot size, setbacks from the street, as well as such as drainage and utility connection plans, LaCroix said.

The plat of lots on the southeast corner of SH 205 and SH 276 was approved along the planned construction of a Racetrac business building at the 7-11 store planned for the southwest corner of FM 3097 received its final plat approval from council members.

In downtown district businesses, a spa and salon at 204 N. West by Carol at 303 N. Alamo, got the nod from the council for rezoning plans developed by the businesses and P&Z. The plans include on-street and off-street parking for those locations.

The council voted 4-2 to proceed with annexation of several parcels. One parcel is 162.88 acres on the south side of Clemens Road, 1.549 and the other 1496.66 acres south of SH 276 west property was previously exempt under annually-renewed agreements with property owners.

There would probably be "some minimal change to taxes" on the properties, but that the properties would fall under city police jurisdiction and be eligible for city trash collection and eventually city services.

Council members Glen Farris and Mark Russo voted against the annexation. Opposition was based on having had "made a promise to the owners that if they didn't develop, the city wouldn't annex."

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**Notice of Effective & Rollback Tax Rates**  
**2010 Property Tax Rates in Rockwall County [Fiscal Year 2011]**

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for County of Rockwall, Texas. 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.

**Last year's tax rate:**

	<b>M&amp;O and I&amp;S Funds</b>
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 18,633,415
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 4,901,548
Last year's total taxes	\$ 23,534,963
Last year's tax base	\$ 6,275,990,305
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.3750 / \$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 23,368,196
Divided by this year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 6,046,745,159
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.3864 / \$100
Total effective tax rate	\$ 0.3864 / \$100

*(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)*

**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)	\$ 18,455,990
Divided by this year's adjusted tax base	\$ 6,046,745,159
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.3052 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.3296 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0844 / \$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.4140 / \$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.4140 / \$100

**Property Tax Form 50-179**

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### Statement of Increase/Decrease [FY 2011]

If **County of Rockwall** adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of **\$ 0.3864** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2009 taxes by **\$ 369,039**.

**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
Maintenance & Operations (M&O)	\$21,000,000
Debt Service (I&S)	293,400

**Schedule B - 2010 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 Payment	Interest Payment	Admin Fees	Total Payments
\$ 950,000 Capital Projects LTN 2004	175,000.00	3,071.25	1,000.00	179,071.25
\$ 550,000 Capital Projects LTN 2005	100,000.00	5,967.50	1,000.00	106,967.50
\$11,500,000 County Library PIB 2007	420,000.00	456,205.00	1,000.00	877,205.00
\$ 1,250,000 Land & Capital Projects LTN 2007	175,000.00	26,306.00	1,000.00	202,306.00
\$ 2,000,000 County Svcs Building LTN Series 2008A	270,000.00	54,806.00	1,000.00	325,806.00
\$24,705,000 Courts Building LTN Refunding Series 2009	640,000.00	1,026,556.26	1,000.00	1,667,556.26
\$10,620,000 Road Improvements UTB Series 2009	270,000.00	454,862.50	1,000.00	725,862.50
\$ 2,460,000 Road Improvements UTB Series 2010	50,000.00	114,071.88	1,000.00	165,071.88
\$ 8,815,000 LT Refunding Bonds Series 2010	475,000.00	418,296.88	1,000.00	894,296.88

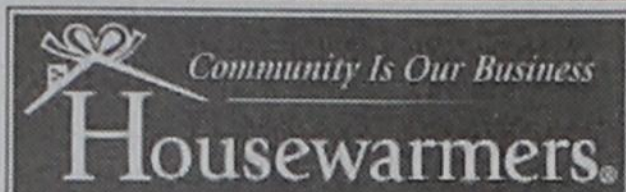
Total required for 2010 debt service	\$	5,144,143.27
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$	0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$	0.00
- Excess collections last year	\$	0.00
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010	\$	5,144,143.27
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 98.0% of its taxes in 2010	\$	104,983.00
= Total Debt Levy	\$	5,249,126.27

**Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)**  
 The **County of Rockwall** County Auditor certifies that **Rockwall** County has spent **\$ 0.00** in the previous 12 months beginning **January 1st, 2009** for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. **County of Rockwall** 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 **County of Rockwall** spent **\$ 258,949.33** from **July 1, 2009** to **June 30, 2010** 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 decrease from last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is **\$63,743.51**.

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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 the data supporting this notice: **Ray E. Helm**.  
 Title: **Chief Appraiser**.  
 Date supporting data prepared **July 27, 2010**.



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## Six local residents take Tarleton honors

Six area students were among those named to the Distinguished Students list for the spring semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, according to a university news release.

Students making the list included Shelby Adamson, Lauren Oster, Christine Perkins and Julie Woods

of Rockwall and Laura Bell and Lawrence Hampel of Royse City.

Students on the list included freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio and no grade lower than a C, as well as juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a C. All must be in good standing with the university.



Media technology students from Rockwall High p video shown at the Rockwall ISD Education Foundatio Celebration, and this year the foundation entered last eo, Prize Patrol 2009, in the Telly Awards competition, captured the 2010 People's Telly Bronze Award in the al competition, which included entries from CBS Tele tribution, Discovery Channel, ESPN, FOX Sports, Mics Weather Channel and other notable media representa tured is RHS instructor Jennifer Faunce, who assisted preparing the 8-minute video. Students involved includ Cayce, Nick Conway, Jason Cowan, Matt Crawford, P son, Kristy Goode, Nick Martin, Austin Nevels, Micha Trent Rhodes, Bradley Smith and Kelley Hawley.

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## Two from RC earn degrees at Tarleton

Two Royse City residents were among spring graduates at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, according to a university news release.

Laura Bell of Royse City earned a BBA degree in marketing, while Lawrence Hampel, also a Royse City resident, received a BS degree in ag services and development.

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## 2010 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF FATE

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### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$809,122
Last year's debt taxes	\$81,091
Last year's total taxes	\$890,213
Last year's tax base	\$415,211,306
Last year's total tax rate	0.214400/\$100

### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$890,288
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$410,421,202
= This year's effective tax rate	0.216900/\$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)	\$809,197
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$410,421,202
= This year's effective operating rate	0.197100/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.212800/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.068800/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.281600/\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If CITY OF FATE adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.216900 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$ 52,361.

### 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
M&O, I&S	3,838,576

### Schedule B: 2010 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 Payment
General Obligation Bonds	20,000	24,063	0	44,063
Combination Tax & Revenue Cos 2010	20,000	160,188	0	180,188
Tax Anticipation Note 2010	72,837	2,600	0	75,437
<b>Total required for 2010 debt service</b>				<b>\$299,688</b>
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
<b>= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010</b>				<b>\$299,688</b>
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
<b>= Total Debt Levy</b>				<b>\$299,688</b>

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 27, 2010**

## Heath Council entry corridors, board, commission appointments

Members of the Heath City Council found good news in reports at the July 20 meeting, considered the city's required entry corridors, looks at designs for entry corridors and commission appointments.

According to city engineer Pedram Farahnak building per last 5 percent growth in value in the city so far this year, be goal of 3 percent.

"Building has picked up and we expect to meet our goal 20 to 30 percent more," Farahnak said.

In Heath, people are building docks, guest houses and pool cording to records. That building is added to the construction Suites dog grooming and boarding facility.

Council members also heard from the zoning commission masonry requirement regulations and decided to bring it up in later meetings.

At issue is whether there should be a masonry requireme and whether that requirement would apply to replacement of existing structures or whether existing non-masonry structu "grandfathered in."

Council members also looked at concepts for corridor entry by architect Jim Cooper.

Cooper is proposing the city collaborate with the City of H the Chandler's Landing home owner's association to take adv portunities presented by the FM 740 reconstruction to create a ture.

The city comprehensive plan places "emphasis on roadways to reflect the quality, positive aesthetics and unique character residents and visitors as they utilize roadways."

Roadway aesthetics might include landscaping, public art, st features that might indicate the city boundaries, incorporate tra or parks.

Also on the council agenda was board and commission appo much discussion was centered around how new people could be to serve on boards.

Councilman Steve McKimmey advocated for considering ins limits on boards or required rotations to make way for new vel

Councilman Rich Krause said the council has no term limi dered if there would be enough applicants to fill all the bo mission seats if sitting members were rotated off, and McKim council faces elections and his feeling is that people are discou status quo.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lorne Liechty and McKimmey and other c bers repeated that they had no dissatisfaction with anyone cu ing. With the mayor absent, council members suggested bringi back on a future agenda and reappointed a list of board and members who had expressed a desire to continue service.

The city has boards for planning and zoning, economic develo nicipal benefits, parks, special events, adjustments and take are

More information about boards and the application is availabl website at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com).

## UNT degrees to Heath, Royse City, Rockwall residents

A number of area residents were among those receiving de the University of North Texas' spring commencement exerci recently in Denton.

Graduates from Heath included Larry Brett Bush, BAAS in and sciences; Stacy Lynn Green, BS in health promotion; and Houpt, BFA in fashion design, according to a university news

Royse City graduates included Sara Elizabeth Bieker, BA Christine Michelle Schmidt, BAAS in applied arts and sciences Latrice Tyler, BA in biology.

Graduates from Rockwall included Jose Luis Ballesteros, B ology; Michele M. Boerder, MS in applied technology and improvement; Todd Erin Camplin, MFA in studio art; Van Finkenbinder, BS in kinesiology; Ana Lynda Fonrigmao, BA in Bailey Ryan Haeussler, BA in history; Katrina Elizabeth Harve terdisciplinary studies; and Megan Marie Haynes, BS in psych

Also, Cari Elynn Heinen, BS in criminal justice; Roscoe M MS in biology; Kristen Leanne Huckleba, MA in radio, televi Kenneth Roderick Kosterman, BM in performance; Andrea BA in psychology; Garrett Wade Lee, BA in English; Emily M BS in interdisciplinary studies; Anissa Marie Mascorro, BBA in Kristin Michelle Moon, BS in interdisciplinary studies; and Nielsen, BAAS in applied arts and sciences.

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**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$3,044,806
Last year's debt taxes	\$707,103
Last year's total taxes	\$3,751,909
Last year's tax base	\$1,092,895,231
Last year's total tax rate	0.343300/\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,752,389
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,069,430,421
= This year's effective tax rate	0.350800/\$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)	\$3,045,286
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,069,430,421
= This year's effective operating rate	0.284700/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.307400/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.111300/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.418700/\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If CITY OF HEATH adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.350800 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$ 64,230.

**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
M&O	1,775,840
Debt Service	1,209,601

**Schedule B: 2010 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 Payment
General Obligation	290,000	61,108	0	351,108
Certificate of Obligations	411,866	450,369	0	862,235
Total required for 2010 debt service				\$1,213,343
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$1,213,343
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$1,213,343

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Aspasians Scholarship Committee members Sharon Huston, Ross, Roxy Nilson and Debrah Berger are pictured with Aspasians Scholarship recipients: Joseph Halford, and John Kramer. Not pictured is recipient E.J. K. Em. Each year the organization awards four college scholarships worth \$4,000 to Rockwall-Heath area students.

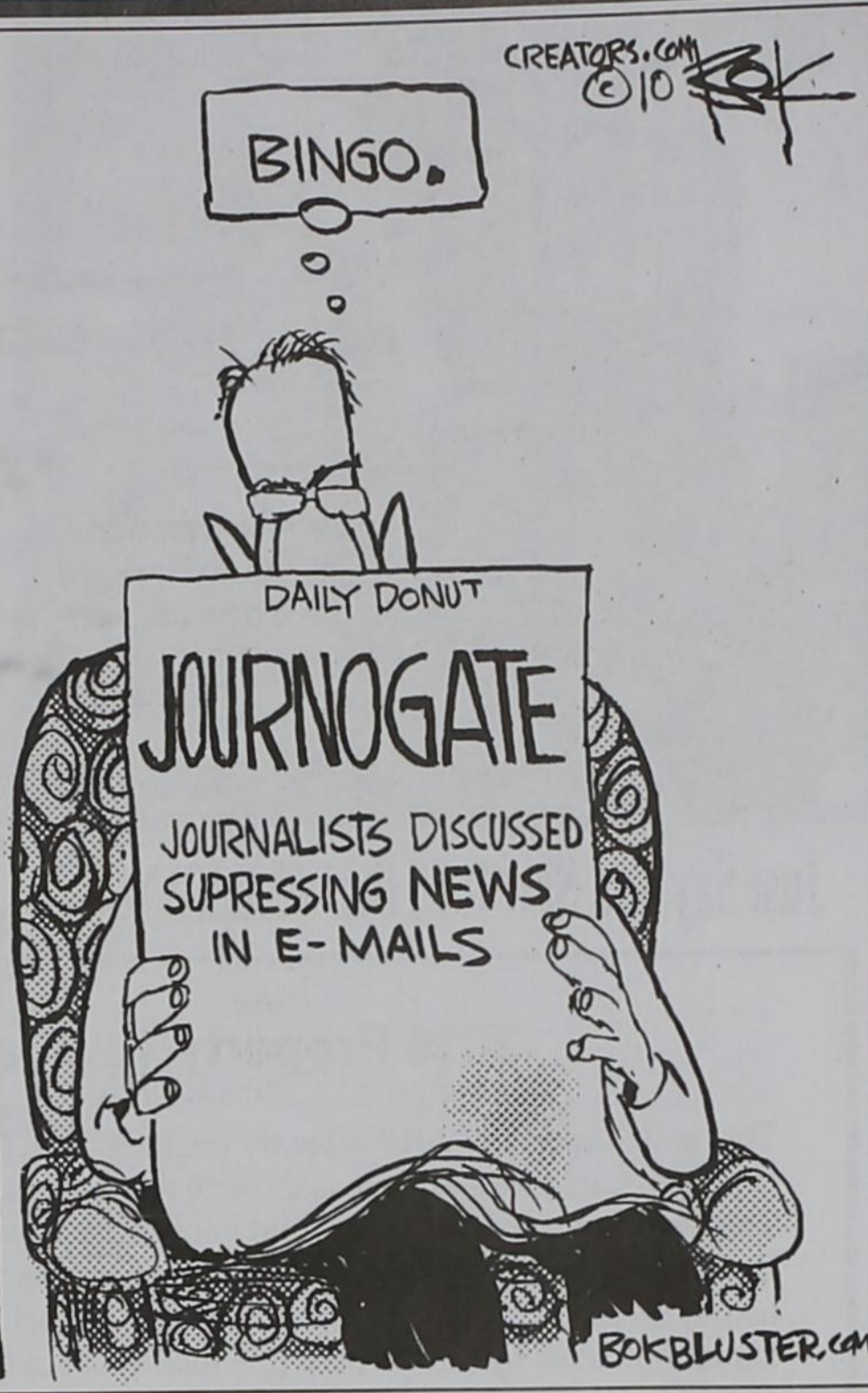
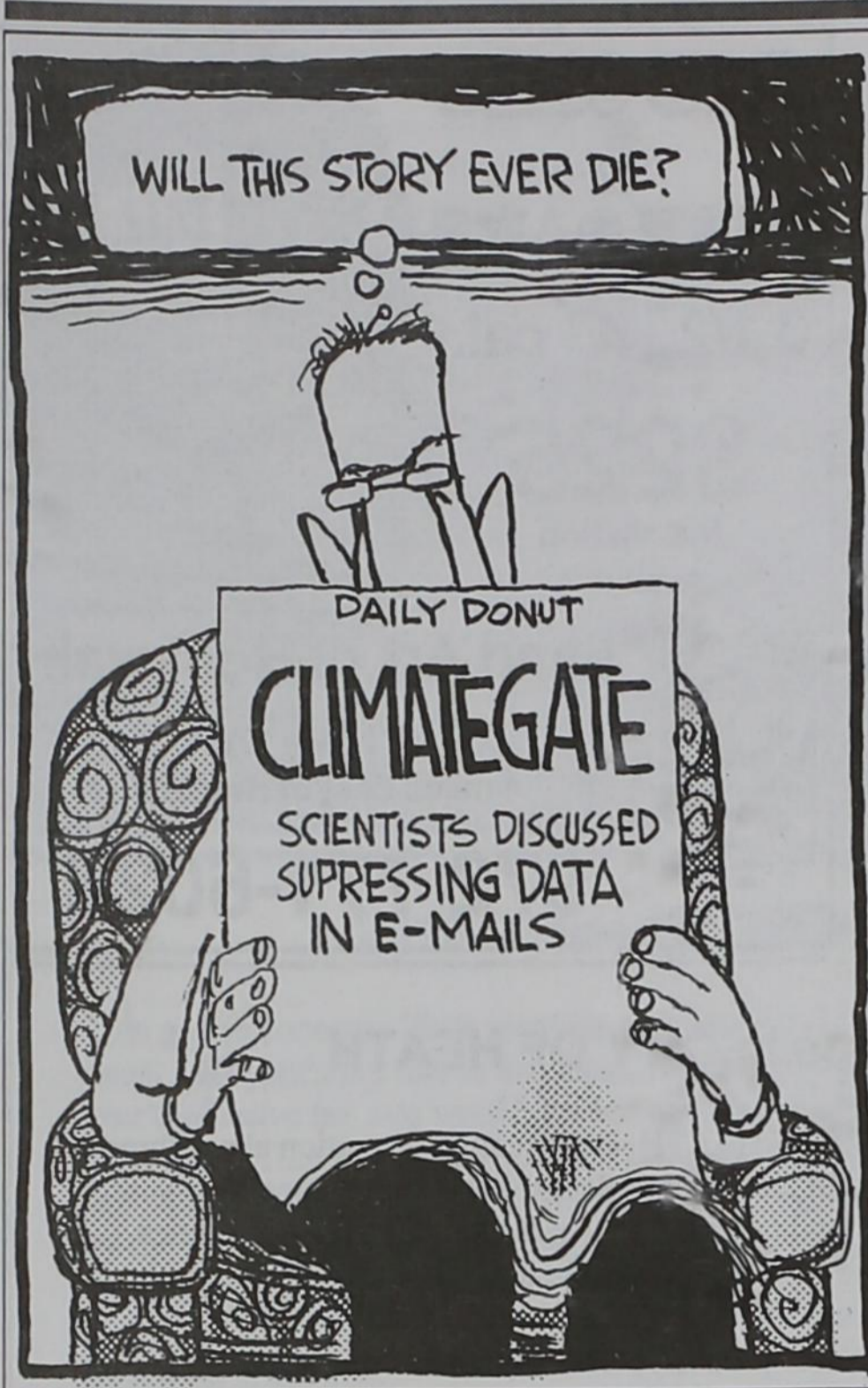
**City ISD eyes  
budget deficit, reverses  
student transfer policy**

Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$35,359,000, which contains more than a million-dollar increase in property taxes. Voters approve a new tax rate. The board voted to open the district to transfer students, reversing its policy of closing the district to transfers. Superintendent Randy Hancock expressed appreciation for the board's decision to open the district to transfers. Hancock said the board's decision to open the district to transfers is a "win-win" for the district and the community. Hancock said the board's decision to open the district to transfers is a "win-win" for the district and the community. Hancock said the board's decision to open the district to transfers is a "win-win" for the district and the community.

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# Rockwall County News Opinion



## Fairness for Shirley

This time last week, few Americans had ever heard of Department of Agriculture official Shirley Sherrod. Now she is a household name in households that actually follow the news. A few days ago, Sherrod was fired by the Obama administration for admitting that more than 20 years ago -- as an administrator in Georgia -- she did not treat a white farmer as fairly as she would have treated a black farmer. Her admission came as part of a speech she made before the NAACP in March. Sherrod is black.

The problem was Sherrod was relating the story as part of an epiphany she said she'd had. After mulling things over, she came to the conclusion that what she had done was wrong. Unfortunately, that message was overlooked in the initial reporting, and I was one of the culprits.

Regrettably, I did not examine the full transcript of Sherrod's remarks closely enough, and after hearing that the white farmer had been hosed, I said she should resign. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack made the same mistake; so did the NAACP. Like all Americans, Sherrod deserves to be treated fairly, and she should be reinstated at the Department of Agriculture. However, the situation deserves a top-to-bottom examination by the feds.

Shirley Sherrod is a longtime liberal activist who peppered her NAACP speech with racial references, such as this: "So I figured if I'd take (the farmer) to (a white lawyer), that his own kind would take care of him." Own kind?

Now, we all make mistakes, and that just might be a harmless comment. But if a white federal official referred to an African-American by using the term "own kind," you know what would happen.

Then Sherrod went on to tell the NAACP audience this: "I haven't seen such a mean-spirited people as I've seen lately over this issue of health care. Some of the racism we thought was buried. Didn't it surface? Now, we endured eight years of the Bushes, and we didn't do the stuff these Republicans are doing because you have a black president."

The Hatch Act prohibits federal employees from endorsing political parties while on the job. Sherrod was invited to speak at the NAACP meeting because she was in the administration. So you make the call.

There are two main points here: First, Shirley Sherrod was not initially treated fairly by me, some other journalists, the NAACP or the Obama administration. She deserved better.

And secondly, Sherrod may not be a great fit for the USDA. She is obviously a very political person with a strong point of view. Public servants are supposed to look out for all the folks; it is tough for polarizing people to do that.

So this is a fascinating story on many levels. We have not heard the last of it.

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## Declaring Independence from the Federal Government

by Ken Sturzenacker

The thousands of 4th of July celebrations did not focus much on our 1776 Declaration of Independence from England. Listening to the list of complaints against England's King George would sound too much like the complaints against our own Congress and presidents over the past five decades or so. Instead, the official part of the festivities focused on our supposed status as 50 united states.

Most historians would claim that the issue of states' rights was settled in favor of the central government during Lincoln's presidency nearly 150 years ago, in the so-called Civil War.

Not quite so fast. On close examination we may not be nearly as united as the political propagandists would have us believe. Recent events suggest that moves to separate ourselves from the central government are accumulating at an accelerating pace.

Perhaps we can trace the growing trend toward a new independence from the central government to California, which in 1996, in defiance of federal law, approved the nation's first medical marijuana law in a statewide voter initiative. Despite near hysteria by anti-marijuana forces, 13 other states so far have also approved medical marijuana laws, including New Jersey earlier this year.

Concerned about its potential violations of privacy, the costs of funding, and other issues, 25 states led by Maine have acted to denounce the George W. Bush-era law known as the Real ID Act. The law remains on the books, but its implementation has been "delayed" repeatedly, and it is, in practice, null and void.

In the past two years, Tennessee and Montana have passed laws that exempt from federal control any weapons and ammunition made entirely within those two individual states, challenging federal interpretation of the Constitution's Interstate Commerce Clause.

On the same basis, some 18 states are suing to overturn the recent approval of the so-called Obama Care health bill.

Amid much controversy, Arizona recently enacted a law that challenges the federal government's exclusive control over illegal immigration.

Rejection of and challenges to the federal government's claim to power come from individuals as well.

A recent poll found that some 80 percent of Americans want Congress to

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order an audit of the Federal Reserve. No wonder: The highly secretive non-federal, non-reserve has been claiming it can cure the current economy of its years of artificially low interest rates, easy credit, and printing money with even lower interest rates, easy credit, and printing larger quantities of money. How bad is it? Since the Fed was created in 1913, the value of the dollar has dropped 95%. ([www.usinflationcalculator.com](http://www.usinflationcalculator.com))

Schooling is considered by many to be a bedrock function of government. Some 55 million children in the United State are of K-12 age. But the parents of roughly 15% of school-age children - some 8.5-9.0 million - have chosen alternatives to government schools. Parents have put 6.5 million of them in private, that is, non-government schools. Another two million are homeschooled, a number that this decade has been growing 6-7% a year.



## Racism and Stupidity

by Walter E. Williams

A black or white person, now dead, who lived during the struggles of the 1930s, '40s or '50s, might very well be disgusted by black behavior accepted today. Yesteryear, in or White Citizens Council who showed up at polling places to intimidate black voters. During the 2008 elections, it was the New Black showed up at a Philadelphia polling place to intimidate white them. "You are about to be ruled by the black man, cracker!"

Black intimidation of voters, to my knowledge, is rare, but the U.S. Department of Justice has decided to not to prosecute the U.S. Department of Justice has decided to not to prosecute of Asians is not. Recent reports out of Philadelphia and San F black students beating up Asian students. The Asian American and Education Fund, in the wake of serious black-on-Asian violence Philadelphia High School, charged the district with "deliberate to the harassment of Asian students and with "intentional discrimination."

The violence is not restricted to Asian youngsters. As included, such as the recent bludgeoning to death of an 83-year man in San Francisco and the pushing of a 57-year-old Asian subway tracks.

A white Charleston, S.C. teacher frequently complained of calling her: white b---, white m---f---, white c--- and v people would judge that to be racism and demand it to end. Ch officials told the teacher this racially charged profanity was s--- students' culture, and if she couldn't handle it, she was in the The teacher brought a harassment suit and the school district court for \$200,000.

What about black youngsters who hit the books and stud instead of hitting the streets? Sometimes they are ridiculed a negro or acting white and the ridicule is often accompanied threatening physical violence. Many blacks, particularly black arrived at the devastating conclusion that academic excellence of their black identity.

The pathology seen among a large segment of the black population likely to change because it's not seen for what it is. It has slavery, poverty and racial discrimination. Let's look at it. illegitimacy rate is about 70 percent. When I was a young 1940s, illegitimacy was around 15 percent. In the same percentage of black children were born inside marriage. In fact, his Gutman, in "Persistent Myths about the Afro-American," Journal of Interdisciplinary History (Autumn 1975), reports 1 of black two-parent families, depending on the city, ranged 75 Today, only 35 percent of black children are raised in two-parent The importance of these and other statistics showing greater less pathology among blacks in earlier periods is that they put excuses. Namely, at a time when blacks were closer to slavery more discrimination, more poverty and had fewer opportunities not the kind of chaos, violence, family breakdown and black see today.

Intellectuals and political hustlers who blame the plight of us on poverty, discrimination and the "legacy of slavery" are co socioeconomic and moral decay. But as Booker T. Washington "There is another class of coloured people who make a business the troubles, the wrongs, and the hardships of the Negro na public. Having learned that they are hard to make a living troubles, they have grown into the settled habit of advertising -- partly because they want sympathy and partly because if p these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievances, be not want to lose their jobs."

*Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

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One group which does not seem to be making as much independence as it probably ought to consists of younger adults now surely realize that the amounts being confiscated from the for Social Security are not being set aside for their retirement. C politics is that people vote by age. That is, 70% of the 70-year-old only 20% of the 20-year-olds vote. Seniors will turn out in good bad to protect their benefits, but the young can't seem to get word the fact that they're being ripped off every time they get paid. G federal government has done, and continues to do, to the American of July is a perfect time for a wave of new declarations of independence.

*Ken Sturzenacker is a former chairman of the Libertarian Pennsylvania.*





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## - Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold a second public hearing at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2010** in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the proposed annexation described below.

### A2010-001

Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex four (4) areas totaling approximately 824.91-acres overall and contiguous to the existing City of Rockwall city limits line, and more specifically described as follows:

#### Area 1

(538.90 acres located West of SH 205, South of FM 549 and Northeast of Hanby Lane)

BEING a 538.90 acre tract of land situated in the W.M. Ford Survey, Abstract No. 80 in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at a point of intersection in the Eastern Right of Way line of Jeff Boyd Dr and the Northern Right of Way line of East Cullins Rd;

**THENCE** N 43° 43' 2.574" E following along said Northern Right of Way line for a distance of 2149.24 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 45° 18' 36.140" W following along the Western Right of Way line of East Cullins Rd for a distance of 1143.621 feet to a point lying in the Southern Right of Way line of Farm to Market Rd 549 (FM549);

**THENCE** N 48° 08' 10" E following along said Southern FM549 Right of Way line for a distance of 792.06 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 44° 28' 10" E for a distance of 2101.60 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 47° 30' 10" E for a distance of 508.30 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 49° 59' 08.255" E for a distance of 402.341 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 45° 51' 18.989" E for a distance of 1444.543 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 00° 13' 23.433" E for a distance of 80.101 feet to a point intersecting the Northern Right of Way line of State Highway 205;

**THENCE** S 45° 57' 59" E following along the eastern right of way line of State Highway 205 for a distance of 2274.809 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 44° 37' 29" W following along the southern property line of Abstract 80, Tract 17-13 (50 acres) for a distance of 2323.70 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 43° 54' 01" W following along the southern property line of Abstract 80, Tract 17-15 (134.33 acres) for a distance of 1583.26 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 43° 01' 55" E following along the eastern property line of Abstract 80, Tract 17-02 (9.75 acres) for a distance of 184.44 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 43° 56' 36" W following along the southern property line of Abstract 80, Tract 17-02 (9.75 acres) for a distance of 838.18 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 46° 07' 12" E following along the southwestern property line of Abstract 80, Tract 17-01 (158.248 acres) for a distance of 2180.48 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 43° 58' 49" W to the southern corner of Abstract 80, Tract 13-01 (19 acres), a distance of 1329.13 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 45° 29' 27.396" W following along property lines and Northern Right of Way line of Hanby Ln. for a distance of 4085.376 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 44° 43' 49.089" E for a distance of 9.216 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 44° 54' 7.509" W following along the Eastern Right of Way line of Jeff Boyd Dr for a distance of 917.893 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing **538.90** acres of land (23,499,869.50 square feet) more or less.

#### Area 2

(111.80 acres located north of FM 1139 and east of FM 549)

BEING a 111.80 acre tract of land situated in the J.A. Ramsey Survey, Abstract No. 186 in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the Southeastern most corner of Wooldridge Estates for a point of beginning;

**THENCE** S 00° 22' 09.327" E following along Eastern property line of Abstract 186, Tract 6 for a distance of 3038.147 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 00° 00' 20.884" E for a distance of 80.025 feet to a point on the South Right of Way line of Farm to Market 1139 (FM1139);

**THENCE** S 88° 43' 47.153" W following along the South Right of Way line of Farm to Market 1139 for a distance of 1542.069 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 01° 05' 01.431" W for a distance of 80.001 feet to a point on the North Right of Way of FM1139;

**THENCE** N 01° 05' 01.426" W following along the Western property line of Abstract 186, Tract 6 (eastern split portion / RCAD # 12255) for a distance of 3031.679 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 88° 30' 29.735" E following along the Southern subdivision line of Wooldridge Estates for a distance of 1581.491 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing **111.80** acres of land (4,870,139.842 square feet) more or less.

#### Area 3

(81.96 acres located along the west side of Rochell Road south of SH 276)

BEING a 81.957 acre tract of land situated in the J.A. Ramsey Survey, Abstract No. 186 in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the Southwestern most corner of Timber Creek Estates for a point of beginning;

**THENCE** N 88° 13' 19" E following along Southern boundary of Timber Creek Estates (nearest Lot 22) for a distance of 837.35 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 89° 05' 11" E following along said Southern boundary for a distance of 1307.46 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 89° 03' 14.504" E following along said Southern boundary for a distance of 24.318 feet to a point intersecting the Eastern Right of Way of Farm to Market Rd;

**THENCE** S 00° 40' 26.223" E following along said Right of Way line for a distance of 1677.693 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 89° 29' 25.076" W following along the Southern property line of Abstract 186, Tract 16 for a distance of 2158.35 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 01° 02' 33.865" W following along said Tract 16 western property line for a distance of 1649.821 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing **81.957** acres of land (3,570,043.269 square feet) more or less.

#### Area 4

(92.25 acres located along southeast side of FM 550 south of SH 276)

BEING a 92.25 acre tract of land situated in the J.W. Pitman Survey, Abstract No. 181 in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the Eastern most corner of Abstract 181, T1-9 for a point of beginning;

**THENCE** S 44° 32' 39.223" W following along property lines for a distance of 1762.363 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 45° 40' 13.669" W following along said Western boundary of Abstract 181, Tract 1-5 for a distance of 2270.382 feet to a point intersecting the Northern Right of Way line of Farm to Market Rd 550 (FM550);

**THENCE** N 44° 17' 30.519" E following along said Right of Way line for a distance of 804.627 feet to a point;

**THENCE** N 44° 22' 43.377" E following along said Right of Way line for a distance of 986.003 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 31° 48' 50.655" E crossing to the south Right of Way line of Farm to Market Rd 550 for a distance of 82.41 feet to a point;

**THENCE** S 45° 26' 51.569" E following along Abstract 181, Tract 16 northern property line for a distance of 2191.674 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing **92.25** acres of land (4,018,211.185 square feet) more or less.

Note: The above descriptions shall follow all existing City of Rockwall City Limit boundaries where noted.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning department at (972) 771-7746 or visit our website at [www.rockwall.com/planning/annexation.asp](http://www.rockwall.com/planning/annexation.asp) with any questions.



# Hungry Harry Restaurant Review

## Hungry Harry 'sneaks' into Kabob Hut

by Hungry Harry

Some of the best places I have ever eaten in were not the ones that stuck out like a sore thumb. Driving down Goliad I noticed a rather plain looking building with a not too flashy name, Kabob Hut.

Kabob Hut has been open one year and yet it has apparently eluded my perceptive food vision. However, Momma Hungry always told me to never judge a book by its cover. In this case, she was absolutely correct.

Once you enter the door, you will find yourself in a very colorful and inviting restaurant. Within seconds I was welcomed with a warm and friendly smile. My mission was to try a variety of things. The decision came down to the Gyro Special and Chicken Kabobs.

It was also recommended to try the Chef Specials. Admittedly, the menu was lacking that enticing visual appeal to just order anything. However, once was the order in place, the wise choices of my decision-making would come to in the form of edible bliss. The Gyro was fantastic and then came the Chicken Kabobs. The flavor was amazing and cooked to near perfection. After the delightful main course, came the sweet reward... Bakhlava.

What more can a person ask for? It was a perfect compliment to the meal.

I can tell you if you are looking for an affordable and pleasant experience, Kabob Hut just may be the place for you. It was a clean, fast, and one that is deserving of a try.

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Food: Excellent

Price: Excellent

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*(Editor's Note: "Hungry Harry" is a local resident who loves to eat out, and will from time to time share his "eating out" experiences. He pays his own way and he gets no benefits from any of his chosen eating spots nor from the Rockwall County News.)*

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# Abramczyk graduates from Baylor Dentist

Crystal Robyn Seaman Abramczyk received the doctor of dental degree from Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry during May 27 commencement exercises at the Morton H. Symphony Center in Dallas, according to a news release from the college.

During her tenure at HSC-BCD, Abramczyk was a member of the Christian Medical and Dental Society, the Hispanic Dental Society, the Student Research Group. She also was the HSC-Baylor College of Dentistry student representative to the Hinman Student Research Symposium, which is a national meeting that features research study presentations by students and graduate trainees.

Abramczyk is a 1991 graduate of Rockwall High School and a 1995 graduate of Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in psychology; and a 2006 graduate of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston with a master's degree in biomedical sciences.

She plans to practice dentistry in Roysse City at Comfort Care Dental, Dr. Henry Wachtendorf.

Abramczyk is married to Eugene E. Abramczyk III and has a daughter, Wanda Sarver of Rockwall.

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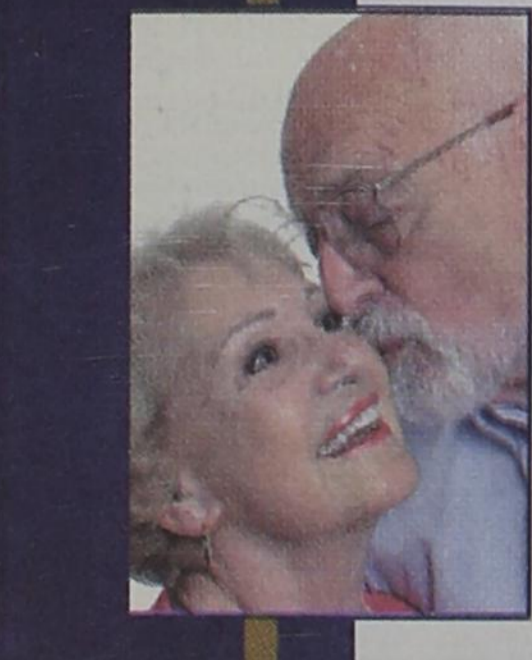
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# Rockwall County News



Members of the Rockwall Aquatics Center of Excellence USA Club Team who raced in the July 21-25 USA National Championships in Austin were (front row, left to right) Jeremiah Kim, Brooke Arnold, Jessica El, Alex Rodriguez, (middle row) Bentley Gilbert, Arena Eldridge, Emily Manly, (back row) Neil Walker, Justin Tonus, William Rapp and Coach Tom Applegate.  
 Photo by Barbara Tokuz/Rockwall County News

## Emily Manly earns top medals at TAGS Swim Championship

Rockwall Aquatics Center of Excellence USA club team swimmers, ages 10 and under, competed at the TAGS Swim Championship at the University of Texas at Austin from July 21-25. The event is designed to offer top swimmers the fastest Texas swimmers. The TAGS is one of the elite competitions in the nation. Swimmers must meet certain criteria to be eligible. More than 700 swimmers from Texas and other states competed in the three medal relay events.

Nitro Swimming from south Texas finished first overall, scoring 618 team points, while second place North Texas Nades finished with 511.5 points. Rockwall finished 38th with 13 points.

In the 11-year-old girls division, Emily Manly (11), won medals in three of her seven qualifying events. In the 50-meter breaststroke on Friday, she came into the finals in the 6th place position. During the finals, one second was dropped from her prelims time to earn her a third place medal, clocking 38.46.

On Saturday's 100-meter breaststroke event, she dropped three seconds from the morning prelims to, again, earn her the third

place medal position with a time of 1:24.15. She won her third medal in the 200-meter breaststroke finals where she placed eighth in her last event on Sunday with a time of 3:05.78. She had dropped two seconds from the morning prelims to earn her that spot.

She narrowly missed the finals in the 200-meter individual medley by finishing ninth in 2:44.71. She finished 12th in the 100 fly with a time of 1:16.55; and in the 400-meter free she finished 15th in 5:05.73. She finished 22nd in the 50 backstroke (37.51).

In the 10-and under girls division, Jessica Iggo (10) finished as second alternate in 10th place as she dropped 1.5 seconds in the 50 backstroke (38.47) from her earlier seed time. On Sunday she dropped an additional two seconds in the 100 backstroke to finish in 16th place (1:24.05).

Also, in the same division, Rachel Hyvl (10) finished 16th in both the 50-meter free (34.03) and 50-meter back (39.01), and finished 18th in the 50 fly (37.26).

In the 13-14 combined boys division, Jeremiah Kim (13) placed 10th overall in the consolation finals of the 100-meter breaststroke (1:14.45). This time ranks him as the 1st fastest 13-year-old in the

### Sports Notes

**Registration under way for Y football**  
 The Rockwall County YMCA's Flag Football program, ages 5 and 6, and Tackle Football, ages 7-12 and not on currently is under way. Early registration runs through registration will run Aug. 1-10; and late registration will end when all teams are full. Fees are posted at rockwall.youthsports.com. Every child is a starter, either on or off the field. Practices will be limited to two per week in a non-game week. A football/cheerleading coaches meeting is set for 11 a.m. Aug. 14. For more details call 972-772-YMCA.

**Register now for YMCA Soccer**  
 The Rockwall County YMCA's Small Fry Soccer program for children ages 3 and 4, and Youth Soccer, ages 4-12, currently is under way. Registration ends Saturday; regular registration will run from Aug. 11 and will end when all teams are full. Return to the same website for more details. A coaches meeting is set for 11 a.m. Aug. 14. For more details call 972-772-YMCA.

**Volleyball camp planned at RCHS**  
 A structural volleyball camp for future Lady Bulldog volleyball players is set for 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 9, 10 and 11 in the gymnasium of the high school volleyball team and their coaches. The camp is for fifth and sixth grade students. Cost is \$30; sign up the day of camp. Call Robyn Hill at 903-227-1936 for more details.

**Ambassadors Golf Tourney slated**  
 The 10th Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Rockwall County Helping Hands is set for Aug. 16 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. To register contact Kay Dutta at 972-771-4357, ext. 222, or e-mail kaydutta@rockwallhelpinghands.com.

**Little Kickers scheduled**  
 Little Kickers soccer program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 years, is from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Aug. 30 through Oct. 4 at Harry H. Hines Jr. Building, age-appropriate drills and exercises are taught. Sessions are non-competitive; the final two will include games. Participants will receive a T-shirt. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$40 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

**Little Sluggers T-ball dates set**  
 Little Sluggers T-ball program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 years, is from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Aug. 31 through Oct. 5 at Harry H. Hines Jr. Building. Children will learn fundamental skills - throwing, fielding, running - and the final two weeks will include "games." Participants will receive a T-shirt. Parent participation is encouraged. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

**George Griffith Regatta planned**  
 The George Griffith Regatta will take place Sept. 24, sailing from Rush Bay Hubbard. The event will benefit the Rockwall County Helping Hands. To register contact Kay Dutta at 972-771-4357, ext. 222, or e-mail kaydutta@rockwallhelpinghands.com.

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### 2010 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF MCLENDON-CHISHOLM

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for CITY OF MCLENDON-CHISHOLM. 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.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$161,914
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$161,914
Last year's tax base	\$166,065,600
Last year's total tax rate	0.097500/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$161,913
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$163,889,915
= This year's effective tax rate	0.098700/\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
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)	\$161,913
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$163,889,915
= This year's effective operating rate	0.098700/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.106500/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.106500/\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**  
 If CITY OF MCLENDON-CHISHOLM adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.098700 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$ 3,449.

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  
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# Hotter Tuna cools Dallas Race Week

Robert Williams finished first in three of the six sailing races on Lake Ray Hubbard to win the top prize at Dallas Race Week.

In Hotter Tuna, he won the first race Sunday, July 20, then came back to win the final two races Thursday and Friday, July 24 and 25. Williams, who sails out of Bayview Yacht Club, finished no worse than fourth in any of the races.

Nigel Brown was the runner-up in Soap Opera, totaling 13 points (one point for each place finished) to 10 for Williams. Brown didn't win a race, but was no worse than fourth in races that counted for him. In the scoring format, each boat's worst finish was thrown out.

Placing third was David Butler in Shotglass, followed by David Carter in Geronimo, fourth, and Jacques Roy in One Trick Pony and Jack Progelhof in Senior Moment, who tied for fifth.

First-place finishers in the other fleets were Jeff Greenwood in au-

gust Blaze, Fleet B; Doyle Sherman in IC You, Fleet I24; Kenny Dykes in Lil Buddy, Fleet M&J, John Hopper in Gnatster, Fleet Melges 24, and Greg Olson in GLO Worm, Fleet C.

Greenwood won three races, to edge Dan Malak in second place in Orion. Malak rallied to win the final two races.

Sherman breezed through the I24

competition, first five races to finish place Jack Caliente.

In the Melges John Hopper races to finish Jeffrey Progel Olsen won first and Wings.

# Hogan tapped Governor's School

Rockwall High School student Adam Hogan was one of the 100 teens selected to attend the Texas Governor's School June 6-16 on the University of North Texas campus in Denton.

Sponsored by the ExxonMobile Corp., the all-expenses-paid camp is designed to encourage Texas students to study math and science and

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neering. Students spent experiments in and nanotechnology according to a They also ex-campus life and of field trips are "ExxonMobil such as the School in order hands-on activ the importance ence, technology mathematics," senior program poration's educ three weeks th at camp can hav and possibly of which we live."

This summer Advanced in Technology Affi cused on a wide topics. Students aimed at impro skills and devela ration plans.

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# Swim meet results

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state in the 100-meter breaststroke. In the 200-meter breaststroke he recorded a 2:44.93 time in the prelims and went on to finish 14th overall in the consolation finals with a time of 2:46.03.

Bentley Gilbert (14) finished 23rd in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 27.10.

The 13-14 boys 200-meter freestyle relay finished in 10th place with a time of 1:50.17. Leading off was Justin Tokuz (27.90), Jeremiah Kim (28.44), William Rapp (27.38), and anchoring was Bentley Gilbert (26.45).

Their 200-meter medley relay dropped almost four seconds from their seed time to finish in 13th place. Leading off with the backstroke was William Rapp (32.77), Jeremiah Kim swam breaststroke (34.82), Justin Tokuz swam butterfly (29.64), and anchoring with the freestyle was Bentley Gilbert (26.75).

Alex Rodriguez (12) took off a half second in the 200-meter breaststroke (3:04.32) to finish 16th in the 12-year-old boys division.

Raena Eldridge (13) matched her seed time in the 50-meter freestyle (28.75) to finish in 20th place in the combined 13-14 girls division.

Brooke Arnold (11) swam the 50-meter butterfly (34.59) finishing in 20th in the 11-year-old girls division.

This weekend, the Rockwall RACE team will host the BB Championships at the Rockwall Aquatics Center July 30 - August 1.

Swim team coaches will be holding tryouts from 4p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 25, and Thursday, August 26, at the Rockwall Aquatics Center, located next to the football stadium on Townsend Drive.

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