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Shoes for Kids is holding a fund-raiser from 5 to 9 p.m. June 26 at Rockwall. A percentage of the sales that night will be used to raise money for underprivileged children in Rockwall and Royse City school districts.

Library Closing

Rockwall County Library will be closed for the present facility on July 21. The library will reopen Sept. 8 at 1215 W. Jacket Lane.

PARD Activities

Registration are currently being taken for youth and adult programs offered at Rockwall Parks and Recreation Center. (972) 771-7740 or register online by stopping by the Center, Washington or mailing the registration in the Fun Guide to 108 E. Main, Rockwall, 75087.

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City hearing sparks HOA battle

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It was somewhere between a house of horrors and a civics lesson – depending on who you ask.

On Monday night, the Rockwall City Council hosted a public hearing regarding Homeowners Association communities, or HOAs, and their role and future within the city limits. The communities are required by state law to manage housing developments and community complexes, and are given a certain degree of autonomy when it comes to internal decisions. HOA boards are allowed to tax residents, set bylaws and even place liens on individual homeowners. Many of these "cities within a city" have found themselves at the center of heated controversies in recent years, and Monday's local discussion was no different.

There were stories of evictions, foreclosures, harassment and voter fraud, just to name a few. There was a tale of a home foreclosure in Irving over a bench on a front porch, and another of inflammatory lawsuits in Frisco when a group of homeowners requested open meetings.

Closed meetings, unavailable bylaws, inaccessible regulations and – above all – accusations of tyranny and harassment dominated local complaints as well. And almost everyone claimed they had not seen a copy of their HOA's bylaws until after closing on a home.

Judging by the applause, Lakeside Village resident Dawn Purtee best summarized the charges of the dozen-or-so opposition speakers. The single mother of two claimed her HOA board accused her of tolerating weeds and hanging paint chips – until they visited her house and found no evidence of either.

So, instead, they barred her from board meet-

ings and accused her of parking in the street and building with rotting boards.

"There's really nowhere for me to go. I'm a single mother with no voice and invisible weeds," Purtee told the council. "It really seems to me that it's not the rules, it's the people that are enforcing the rules. And they have pitted neighbor against neighbor to extremes I've never seen before."

Supporters of HOAs painted a dramatically different picture for the council, and there were almost as many of them present at the meeting. They said the issue boiled down to integrity and responsibility – of the average homeowner as much as the municipal government.

Leaders of many prominent HOAs, including Oaks at Buffalo Way President Cid Murphy and Chandler's Landing President Chip Emory, said

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Couple earns med degrees

Timothy and Nicole Swofford received their Doctor of Medicine degrees from the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine on May 17 in College Station.

Timothy is the son of Steve and Brenda Swofford of Rockwall. Nicole is the daughter of Curt and Becki Weidner of Missoula, Mont. They both graduated from A&M with bachelor's degrees in biology.

The Swoffords earned their medical degrees after completing four years of medical education which included two years of basic study and two years of clinical training.

A statement from the college's dean's office applauded the couple's achievement.

"The College of Medicine congratulates both doctors on reaching this important career milestone and wishes them best of luck in their future career."

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Rockwall services set Friday for fallen soldier

A soldier killed June 4 in Iraq will be honored at funeral services Friday at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall.

U.S. Army Spc. Jonathan Emard, 20, was killed in the line of duty along with two other soldiers, Sgt. Shane Duffy and Sgt. Cody Legg.

Known as JD to his friends, Emard was an Airborne Ranger with the 1-87 Infantry Battalion 10th Mountain Division.

Emard was known for his active personality and friendly attitude. He was a football player at Boles High School and Quinlan High School before joining the military at age 17.

According to his father, David, he made friends wherever he went.

"He would show up somewhere and suddenly, a whole group of people would be there," Emard said with a laugh. "Sometimes he thought it was a curse, especially when it was 10 girls that showed up all at once."

Emard said his son loved Mexican food, and was also an "absolute ace" at paintball.

"He devised a battle plan with a fellow paintballer that used diversions and stealth to defeat the competition every time they played," his father said.

Emard said that after watching his son play paintball, it was obvious he would do well in the armed forces.

Emard was involved in an ex-

pansive, multi-battalion operation into enemy territory, according to U.S. military reports.

"We possessed a "black list" of almost 100 suspected terrorists," according to Lt. Christopher Vanek, battalion commander.

"You can remain exceptionally proud of the soldiers and leaders of this Task Force," Vanek wrote in a letter to family members. "We will always remember the sacrifices these men have made, yet we afflicted a tremendous cost on our enemies that they will not recover from."

Visitation is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Clayton Funeral Home in Terrell.



Emard



The Terrell Tribune / DEBBIE GAMBLE

Cheyenne Jinks (front) and Baylee Roberts enjoy a ride at Equine In Line Youth Equestrian Camp. Both girls have been participating in the camp for several years.

Renowned trainer leads youth in equestrian camp

By DEBBIE GAMBLE

Equine In Line Youth Equestrian Camp began Monday in Terrell with renowned trainer Robert M. Liner. The camp is designed for youth ages 4-16 and offers them the opportunity to learn about western heritage.

Liner teaches the students to reach within themselves and face their fears through mentally and physically connecting with the horse. He teaches them to confront their fears through therapeutic hands on interaction with the horse. Students learn how to handle a horse safely from haltering, tying, grooming, checking the horses for injuries and administering preventative first aid, to saddling and bridling as well as learning about nutrition and hoof care.

"I encourage the students to be creative and interact with nature and use all the resources available to them. It takes two years for a beginner to be proficient. We start out slow and let the stu-

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E! Terrell starts sixth season

E! Terrell subscriptions are now on sale for the 2008-2009 season. E! Terrell, now in its sixth year, brings a variety of internationally-known live entertainment to the area each year. Season passes are \$45 pass and serve as admission to all seven performances throughout the September 2008 through April 2009 season.

Among performers scheduled for this season are Riders in the Sky and American Jukebox. Passes also are available for seniors 60 and older at \$40 each and for students at \$10 each. A family membership (two adults and four children) is \$90.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.eterrell.org or call the Terrell Chamber of Commerce at (972) 563-5703.

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HOA communities make security and stability available to residents in ways that governments could never provide. They claimed their community atmosphere preserved beautiful common areas and high property values, and that the regulations governing an HOA board are readily available to home buyers long before they move in to a neighborhood. HOA boards are often run by a handful of residents, they said, because most refuse to volunteer for committee positions.

While there are exceptions, supporters said that efficient and equitable HOAs provide a very positive influence - and the city has no

right to intervene.

"Overall, these HOAs offer a great benefit to the community, and I don't think it's a city's responsibility whatsoever to govern non-profit corporations like these," said Aaron Samples, vice president of Real Manage, a management company that works with HOAs across the country. They also work closely with the Oaks at Buffalo Way. "The onus of all this falls on the buyer or homeowner before you buy a home. And if you don't review your bylaws or mortgage agreements, then ignorance is not acceptable."

More than two dozen speakers spoke at the hearing, which city officials said was astronomically high for a city government meeting. With the exception of an annexation hearing, Councilman Matt Scott said Monday's speakers list was the most

crowded of any meeting in recent memory.

That may or may not be good news for Scott, who is leading the charge against "the little monsters" after filing a lawsuit against his own HOA a few months ago. He said the how of a potential ordinance is still under consideration, partly because new regulations would apply only to forthcoming HOAs, not established ones. But he said the why has been well estab-

lished, both here in Rockwall and across the state.

The rest of the council has mixed feelings about HOAs, although they all supported the hearing. The discussion will likely crop up at future council meetings, and at this point, the issue could potentially follow several different paths.

But after Monday, one thing is certain - they'll have more than enough to talk about.



Minter Mortgage Matters

No Closing Costs? Don't Believe the Hype!

I've been noticing the renewed popularity of mortgage company and lender ads touting "no closing costs" mortgage loans. I even heard an ad that boasted "no closing costs for the rest of your life!" I think this promotional tactic warrants some clarification. The fact is, whether you are purchasing or refinancing, there are always closing costs, most of which are required by law. The question is: Whose pocket do they come out of, and how are they paid?

Generally, total closing costs to buyer and seller on a home purchase range from 3% to 5% of the loan amount when a mortgage is involved. The real estate sales contract clearly designates which party is responsible for each individual cost.

A word to the wise:

If you are considering an adjustable rate mortgage with a "no closing cost option" the additional interest expense to you is very cleverly concealed in the margin on the loan. BEWARE!

The only real rule of thumb when you are researching mortgage loan options is that everyone's situation is unique and decisions should only be made after consulting a professional mortgage specialist who can properly explain all the options available to you. Don't be misled by irresponsible advertising promising unreal benefits without disclosing the real costs and risks.

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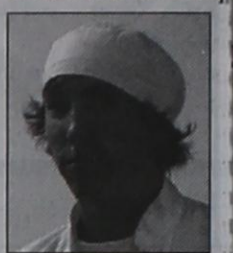
Royse City High senior Shay Prigmore received second place and an \$8,000 scholarship to The Art Institute of Dallas in April during the Best Teen Chef Local Cook-off Competition.

Prigmore had to first enter an essay and personal recipe to be in the competition. Prigmore was selected to participate in the contest with his recipe for Seared Sea Bass with Pine Nut Roussette and Jalapeno Beurres Blanc Sauce. The competition is only available to students who are interested in attending The Art Institute.

"At the competition there were 18 to 22 seniors participating. Everyone had to prepare the same recipes but we were able to use optional seasonings in the sauce. Winning second place made me feel really good about myself," Prigmore said.

Prigmore is no stranger

to the kitchen. "I've loved something I have enjoyed and loved. I started at Culpepper



Prigmore

Culpepper for half years. I am currently cook at 2900 Restaurant Dallas," Prigmore said.

"My long-time would be to be an executive chef in a five-star restaurant and possibly own my restaurant one day. I'm making a big name for myself any way possible to enter my future position in the industry," Prigmore said.

Prigmore will be a student at The Art Institute of Dallas this fall.

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Student Council Convention



Members of the Rockwall-Heath High School Student Council recently attended the Texas Association of Student Councils State Convention in Arlington, April 18-19. Students pictured are (back row, from left) Lucas Babbitt, Mitchell Blom, Logan Callier, Jeremy Casebolt and Blake Bailey; (middle row) sponsor Leah Voth, Madison Edwards, Sarah Palin and Lauren Smith; and (front row) Vanessa Bovee and Irma Fernandez.

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Gold Cards

Gold Cards are available to Roysse City ISD residents who are 65 or older. The cards allow free admission to all home athletic events. Call or visit the Roysse City ISD administration Office to pick up your card. (972) 636-2413.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall located at 602 White Hills (by Wal-Mart) has new summer hours with worship from 9:45-10:45 a.m. followed by fellowship from 10:45-11:15 a.m. and Sunday School from 11:15-noon.

Patriot PAWS

Individuals can make a donation to Patriot PAWS by joining the Tom Thumb Good Neighbor program. A percentage of each purchase will be donated to the organization. Card holders also

are eligible for 10 cents off per gallon on gas for every \$50 spent at the store.

Fireworks in the Park

The Josephine VFD would like to invite the public to its annual Fireworks In The Park Fundraiser. The event begins at 4 p.m. June 28. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids under 12 for all you can eat brisket and all the trimmings. For information on craft booths, call Julie Brooks at (214) 347-296. For information on the pageant, call Melissa Peralez at (214) 437-932. The event also will feature games, crafts, raffle and a live band (Clay Potter). Bring a lawn chair.

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earn at their own pace. Students have to fully understand the mind of the horse moving on to other things," Liner said. Students not only ride but learn about all the aspects of a working ranch. Campers also learn how to effectively communicate with one another while working together as a team. Liner said the training is over from their riding every day.

According to Liner, children learn if they can handle a horse without any problem. Summer camp began June 14 and will run for four additional weeks through August. The weeklong sessions are held for the summer. Space is still available.

For more information visit www.rockwallcountynews.com or call (972) 365-5929.

MHA offers free program to service personnel, families

Operation Healthy Respite is sponsored by Mental Health America of Greater Dallas. Candidates for this program, troops with family in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families are being interviewed. Mental health needs are addressed for this program; treatment will be customized to specific needs of each participant. Service members do not willingly leave home. Although given a self-reporting system and are encouraged to seek treatment, most do not have a real crisis in precipitous. Many problems do not last for 60 to 90 days after deployment.

The U.S. Army last year had the highest rate of suicide in its history. 18 percent serving more

than one deployment need mental health care

- up to one quarter of returning troops struggle with psychological injuries
- stigma is the major deterrent for not seeking treatment
- most all mental health illness is curable with proper treatment
- care is for the service person and their families
- the Secretary of Defense has stated that mental health treatment will not become a part of a troop's medical file, contrary to previous regulations

For assistance, individuals should contact their clergy, physician, public library or go directly to Mental Health America of Greater Dallas at (214) 871-2420. The Web site is www.mhadallas.org. Counties include Collin, Dallas, Delta,

Denton, Ellis, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, Rains, Rockwall and Van Zandt.

Mental Health America of Greater Dallas provides an ongoing effort of Changing Minds/Improving Lives

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A WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE

Preparations wrapping up for trio of festivities

By **MARCUS FUNK**

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TERRELL - This week will see the final preparations for at least three celebrations this weekend, each with a unique purpose and cause.

Terrell's favorite feline will host the first event. Maddie, the young Calico rescued by the folks at Books and Crannies, recently wrote a book about the plight and tales of animal refugees.

And - like any good author - she'll be holding a book signing this Saturday to commemorate the event.

The nationally published book, entitled "Shelter Stories: Love Guaranteed," tells the story of 70 refugees just like Maddie, and includes pictures and a biography.

As a Hurricane Katrina refugee, Maddie's story is a bit unique, but she certainly hopes that the warm welcome she's received after the storm can be felt by all animals.

She had help writing the book from "Mutts" comic strip author Patrick McDonnell, who has been an ardent supporter of animal outreaches.

So on Saturday, the bookstore - and its four-legged hostess - will hold a book signing to call attention to the plight of neglected and abandoned animals.

Operation Kindness is making the drive from Carrollton to help out, and Books and Crannies owner Gayle Harris is hoping the attention will generate knowledge and charity dollars for Operation Kindness, the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project and local pets. Photos and kitty treats will also be available.

"Basically, the profits from the book and everything to do with the signing are going to benefit either Operation Kindness or the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project," said Books and Crannies owner Gayle Harris. "We're really looking forward to it."

Books and Crannies is located at 209 W. Moore Ave., and the signing last from noon to 3 p.m.

The second is a "Hometown Health Fair" this Saturday at the Renaissance Hospital-Terrell.

The festival is designed to re-introduce the community to the hospital, which is under new ownership, and pro-

vide "healthy fun for the whole family."

Educational exhibits about health issues will be available to help kids learn about the human body, and hamburgers and hot dogs will also be on sale. All proceeds will go to the Genesis Center, a women's shelter near Kaufman.

That event lasts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the hospital located at 1551 Highway 34 South.

And last, but not least, an ancient threshing machine will be fired up in Ben Gill Park this weekend.

The North Texas Antique Tractor Engine Club will be taking a trip into the farming era of yesteryear, with displays of tractors, binders and combines stretching back nearly a century.

Last week, they harvested grain with a 90-year-old binder. This weekend, they'll run that grain through an antique threshing machine - a gigantic contraption designed to separate the wheat kernels from the rest of the plant - to help preserve Texas history and show kids how it was done in the old days.

The show starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday, and lasts from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.



Author and famed feline Maddie poses with her recent work, "Shelter Stories: Love Guaranteed" and Books and Crannies owner Gayle Harris. Maddie lives at the bookstore, and had help writing the book "Mutts" comic strip author Patrick McDonnell.

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Jephthah
Judges 11

Jephthah, a son of Gilead and a harlot, was a mighty man of valor. Gilead's wife and her sons drove Jephthah out of the land. He lived in Tob where he and a worthless band of men went out raiding.

When the people of Ammon came up against the Israelites, the elders of Gilead invited Jephthah to be the commander of their army and lead them in battle against the people of Ammon. Jephthah agreed and went to war against the people of Ammon. Jephthah made a vow to the Lord promising that if the Lord would deliver the people of Ammon into his hands, then it would be that upon his return from battle, whatever came out of his house to meet him, he would offer as a burnt offering.

Jephthah was victorious and the people of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

When Jephthah returned to his house, there was his only daughter, coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing.

Seeing his daughter, Jephthah tore his clothes and told his daughter what he had promised God. She insisted that he keep his vow to God. And he did.

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Rockwall resident Connie Latimer joins his Gardere Gearheads' team members at the start line for the initial leg of the two day, 150-mile Sam's Club MS 150 Bike Tour from Frisco to Fort Worth, held May 3-4. Formed in 2005 and now 200-members strong, the Gardere Gearheads is the largest law firm team participating in the annual ride benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Lone Star Chapter.

Grand opening of AAC rescheduled

The Grand Opening of the city's Animal Adoption Center at 1825 Airport Rd. on June 28 has been rescheduled for 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the ribbon-cutting scheduled for 3 p.m.

Bring the family and tour the new, temporary home for stray dogs and cats. The 7,122 sq. ft. facility offers a controlled environment with enough space for educational classes and a "meet and greet" room and courtyard for adoptions.

"Yea! We're moving and getting ready to adopt some animals," said a very excited Chris Valentine, animal

services supervisor. "I have waited 22 years for this. Our new place is beautiful!"

Valentine and her hard-working crew are dedicated to serving the community and to protecting its animal population.

Animal Services offers a variety of services to residents by providing responsive and efficient animal con-

trol and quality animal care while promoting responsible pet ownership. The updated, larger facility makes it easier for the department to pursue an aggressive adoption policy to find loving families for the animals and to do more to promote animal care and the importance of spaying or neutering for the community.

FBC to host Beth Moore simulcast in August

Baptist Church Rockwall will be a host for the Beth Moore simulcast "Living Proof Live," Aug. 1-2.

Moore, founder of Living Proof Ministries, is an in-ally known Christian author and speaker in Houston. Moore, led her ministry focuses on aiding who desire to mod-ives on evangelical principles.

Most of the FBC event ticket. Box dinners available for Aug. 1 for an al \$10. Diners will led by Jason's Deli. event will be held 0 p.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. dinner pick up be- p.m. and Worship loors open at 5:30 1 Aug. 2, the event uled from 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 oore also teaches her radio show, Liv- of with Beth Moore, ears as a regular television program day where she hosts sdays with Beth.

re, along with Kay and Priscilla Shirer, Deeper Still: The LifeWay weekend- ce featuring the men in 2007.

Moore writes books based on the regular Bible studies that she conducts at the Living Proof Live conferences and at her local church, First Baptist Church of Houston.

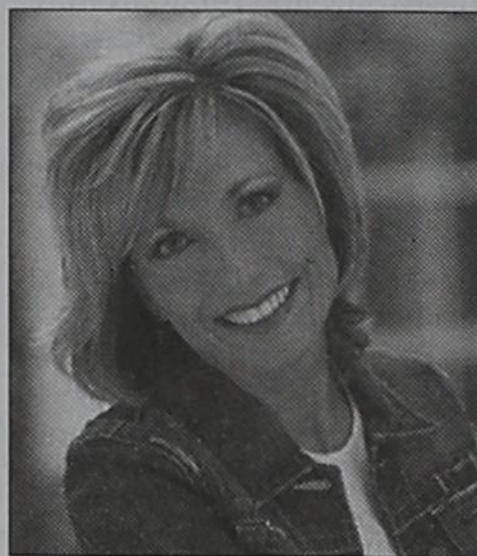
She has authored numerous books including "Breaking Free," "Believing God," and "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things." Through various media and written works, women from every denomination around the world have heard her messages.

Through the years American missionaries and expatriates have taken the Bible studies overseas, resulting in a vast number of Beth Moore Bible study groups. Her Living Proof Live conferences have taken her to 39 states and have been attended by more than 421,000 women.

Moore committed her life to vocational Christian ministry at the age of 18. But years later, when she was volunteering as a Sunday School teacher, Moore realized she needed to learn more about the Bible. She went to a Biblical doctrine class that gave her a deep yearning to know the Bible, and she began sharing her expanding knowledge through a weekly Bible study

class. By the mid-1990s that class had grown to 2,000 women and she was speaking at churches throughout South Texas. It was then that LifeWay Christian Resources began publishing her Bible studies, leading to a national speaking ministry for Moore.

To reserve a ticket visit register online at www.fb-crockwalltx.org or call the reservation line at (469) 698-2500.



Beth Moore

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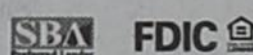
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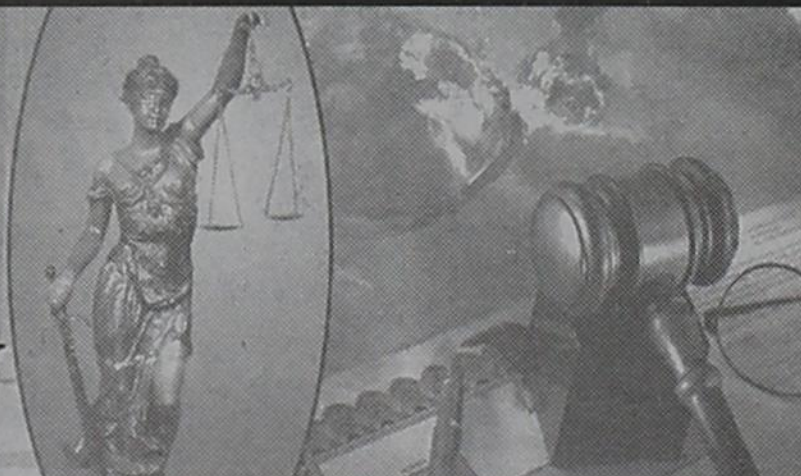


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LAEUNA W. SMITH
LaEuna W. Smith, age 89 of Rockwall, passed away June 7, 2008. She was born Dec. 21, 1918, in Gainesville, to George Robert and Naomi (Hardy) Wooldridge.

Mrs. Smith was a member of First United Methodist Church and an active participant in the Friendship Class. She dedicated much of her time as a 50-year member of Eastern Star, Mother Advisor of Rainbow Girls, leader of Girl Scouts and supporter of Band Boosters.

Mrs. Smith worked 21 years for the U.S. Government. She was married to N. Frank Smith on Dec. 2, 1939, in Rockwall, where they made their home and shared a wonderful life of 65 years together.

Mrs. Smith is survived by daughters: Linda Redmond and husband Chris of Rowlett, and Mitzi Harker and husband Herb of Rockwall; brother: Bob Wooldridge of Dallas; grandchildren: Lori Harker, Chris Harker and wife Julie, Dawn Atkins and husband Matt, Teresa Nelson and husband Eric, Ashley Locke and husband Chris, Morgan Rohde and husband Chad; great-grandchildren: Kolby and Kason Atkins and Kayla, Katie and Kolton Locke; loving niece: Debbie Graves of Rockwall and a host of other nieces and nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Mike, sister Wynona and brother Bill.

Funeral services were Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at First United Methodist Church of Rockwall with the Rev. Valarie Englert officiating. Interment followed in Rest Haven Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund.

TREVA ANN RATLIFF PFAFF
Treva Ann Ratliff Pfaff, a life absorbed with unselfish

love, kindness, charity, and inspiration, returned to the Lord Tuesday, June 3, 2008. She remains as an example to her family, all who knew her, and to many whose lives she unknowingly touched.

Love was her priority - love of God, love of her husband, her two sons, her sister, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. Her love of children stemmed from her firm but loving role as mother, confidant, advisor, and supporter. These traits carried into her teaching career at Mary Immaculate Catholic School, Carrollton-Farmers Branch I.S.D. at Goode Elementary, and Forney I.S.D. at Johnson, Criswell, and finally at Lewis Elementary. She taught pre-kindergarten until two weeks before her death. Children, even as they grew older, greeted her with loving hugs. Treva accepted friends as they were, with compassion and without judgment. Her courage and determination were an inspiration to many people.

Following her October, 2006, diagnosis of cancer, Treva was determined to continue life with a quiet and amazing strength without complaint. She was a trooper. She loved her family and unselfishly and quietly helped friends and those in need. Her enjoyment of life was ob-

vious in her smile and contagious laugh, her taste for Mexican food, playing Bunco, and her quiet time spent in devotion at church. Travel was a highlight, especially to visit her husband's family in Ireland, Eastern U.S., and Florida. One of her favorite activities was spending hours with her devoted sister while bargain shopping.

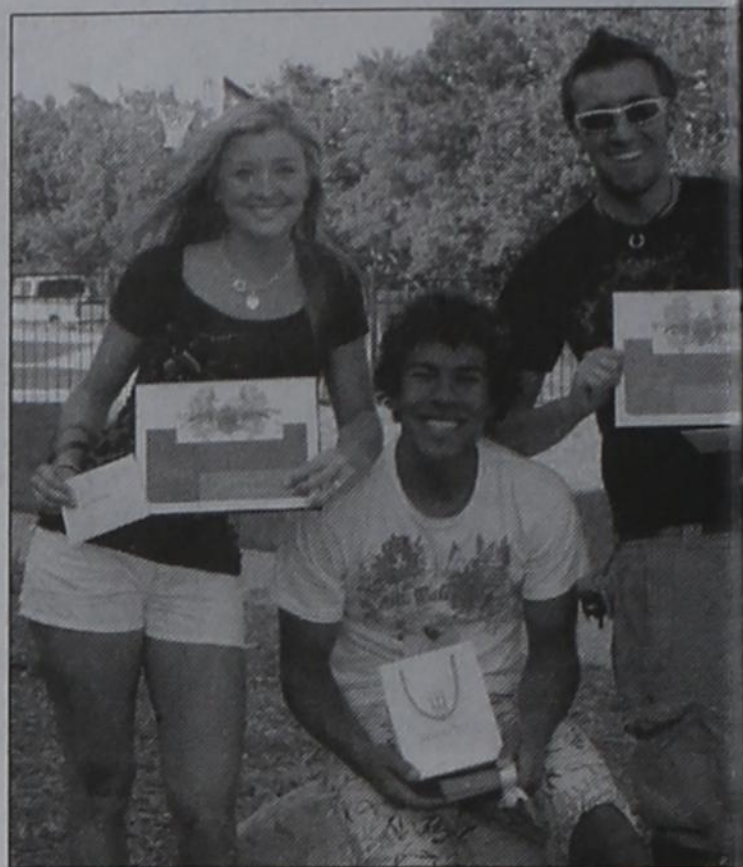
Born Dec. 12, 1946, in Fort Worth, to Flora and W.H. Ratliff. Her mother died when Treva was only four years old. The family lived in Sulphur Springs and Treva was a member of the First Baptist Church. She graduated from Sulphur Springs High School with the class of 1964. Treva received a Bachelor's Degree in Art from North Texas State University. After a brief career in advertising art, she and Brendan were married in Sulphur Springs, June 13, 1970. After her sons entered school, she attended Texas Women's University to obtain a teacher certification, while continuing as a homemaker, wife, mother, and teacher's aid.

Treva is survived by Brendan, her husband of "38 wonderful years", two sons, Brent, wife Emily, and their three children, Abigail, Harrison, and Lillian of Arlington; Michael of Rockwall; her sister, Rhonda and husband Tom Felton of Rowlett; her niece Lindsey and her husband

Keith Goodwin of Rockwall; nephew Clint and his wife Elizabeth Felton of Dallas; and numerous cousins. Also present for the service were members of the Pfaff family from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Florida.

Rosary was prayed at Rowlett's Rest Haven Funeral Home Friday, June 6, 2008. Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, June 7, at Our Lady of the Lake in Rockwall. Celebrants were her nephew, Father James Cogan of North Port, Florida, and Msgr. Bob Coerver, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Rowlett. Pallbearers were Jim Burzynski, David Dorotik, Adam Dorotik, John Shapovsky, Tom Stelmar, and Bruce Strotman. Memorials may be made to National Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza Suite, 1400, New York, New York, 10122.

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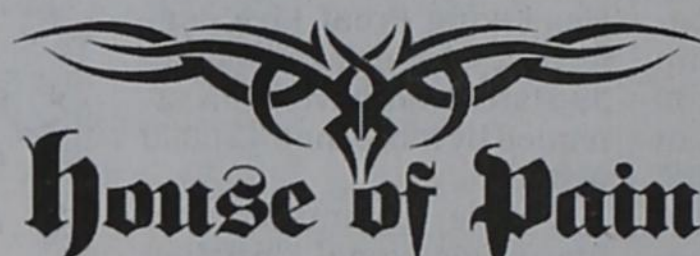
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The Outstanding Senior Scholarship recipients for the Rockwall-Heath High School Student Council for 2007-2008 (from left) Elizabeth Garner, Logan Callier and Luis B. Garner is finishing her year as vice-president of the organization and Callier is finishing a four-year-elected term as president of the organization.

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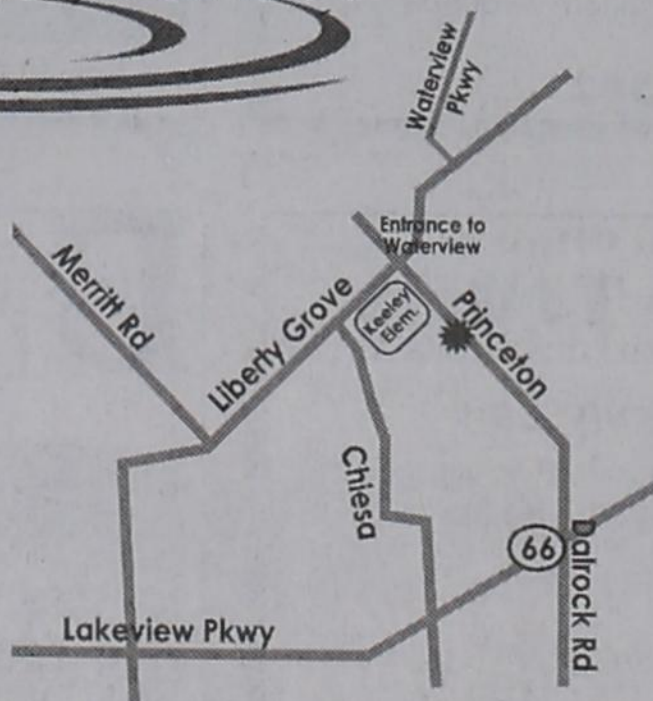
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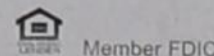
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Residents invited to participate in weekly area grief support group

Area residents who are trying to cope with the death of a loved one are invited to take part in the First Baptist Church of Terrell's GriefShare support group.

The church began the second semester of the group on June 9.

The group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays in the church's Recreation Outreach Center, located at 100 W. Brin Street. GriefShare is open to anyone seeking support for dealing with grief in life.

According to director Marilyn Carter, a time of loss can be one of life's greatest challenges. Many find it difficult to cope with loss of a love one, a tragic event in life, or other forms of trauma that can cause grief. Finding help among others who have been through a similar process can be an uplifting and healing experience.

"Our first semester was a powerful experience as many shared of the healing they have felt," Carter said.

"We had a steady group of regulars and had others join us throughout the semester."

GriefShare involves a weekly video-driven seminar format that features some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each session is combined with a grief support discussion time to allow group participants to talk about the content of the video seminar and about how they are dealing with the loss of their loved one.

"Getting to share with others who are grieving, focusing on God's healing power and praying for each other really helped me," shared Ruth Pierson, a member of the group. Debbie Vicars, another participant said, "GriefShare really helped me learn that I am not alone in my grief if I let God help me."

Each semester of GriefShare consists of 13 weekly seminar sessions, but each is designed to be "stand alone" so that anyone can join the group at any time. There is a \$20 registration fee that goes

solely to cover the cost of the course workbook and the video materials. Scholarship assistance is available based on need by contacting the FBC office at 972-524-1800. Childcare can be made available with at least a four-day prior reservation through the church office.

"I learned from others in the group as well as from the pastors, counselors, and psychologists on the videos some ways to heal through the grief process. Using God's word as the basis for the program was very comforting and helpful," noted Mike Tolon as he shared about how the group benefited him. Mary Mayhew, another group member said, "Hearing of others' heartaches in the death of loved ones helped me feel that we have a common bond."

More information about GriefShare is available through the church's Web site at www.fbcterrell.org, or by visiting GriefShare's site at www.griefshare.org.

More than 80 people gathered May 23 at Our Lady of The Lake Church in Rockwall to celebrate Older American Day. May is a Federally proclaimed annual celebration for Older Americans Month.

Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil read a proclamation and Mary Johnson, mayor pro tem of the City, read a dedication. County Commissioner David Magness introduced keynote speaker U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall. Hall spoke on issues affecting Senior Citizens.

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Special Olympics basketball team takes home gold medal

A Rockwall County Special Olympics basketball team, the Shooting Stars, recently competed in the State Championship in Arlington. Coaches Del and Christy Wendt and Rose Anthony led the team to a 4-0 championship earning them the gold medal.

Rockwall County Special Olympics Basketball teams consist of players from Caddo Mills, Community, Rowlett, Garland and Rockwall. During the season, they played in several tournaments and local competitive games including the Area 10 Basketball tournament in Allen, Feb. 22-23.

Rockwall Special Olymp-

pics is currently looking for more players. They offer activities such as track and field, basketball, aquatics, bowling and bocce ball. Softball and soccer may also be added to the list. Special Olympics is for intellectual challenged individuals from 8 to adult.

Volunteers are always welcome and family participation is greatly appreciated.

To refer someone interested in being a part of Special Olympics, contact Rose Anthony at Royse City schools; antonyr@rcisd.org, Christy Wendt at Hartman Elementary; cwendt@rockwallisd.org, or Jerry Fisher at Williams Middle School; jfisher@rockwallisd.org.



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Rockwall Special Olympics Basketball team, The Shooting Stars, recently received a gold medal at the state championship. Pictured are (back row) Scott Wendt, John Michael Baker, Daniel Hettinger, Matthew Bendorf, Jamie Wylie, Ashley Francis, Mandy Rowland, Patty O'Connor, Carey O'Connor, Mason Sevier, Christy Wendt and Rose Anthony and (front row) Cole Randolph, James Overstreet, Leonard Davis, Kyle O'Connor, and Andrew Sauerwein. Not pictured: Bryan Sims, Troy Frasier and Edwin Calderon.

RISD to no appointment for PPCD

Rockwall ISD Special Education Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) for children from 3 through 5 of age (and not in kindergarten) who have significant delays in motor skills and/or intellectual development may be eligible for the PPCD program.

Screening to determine if a referral for special education is appropriate will be conducted by appointment from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 12-14 at the RISD Center, 801 E. Washington Street. Please call Linda Leewood at (972) 772-1751 for additional information to schedule an appointment for screening.

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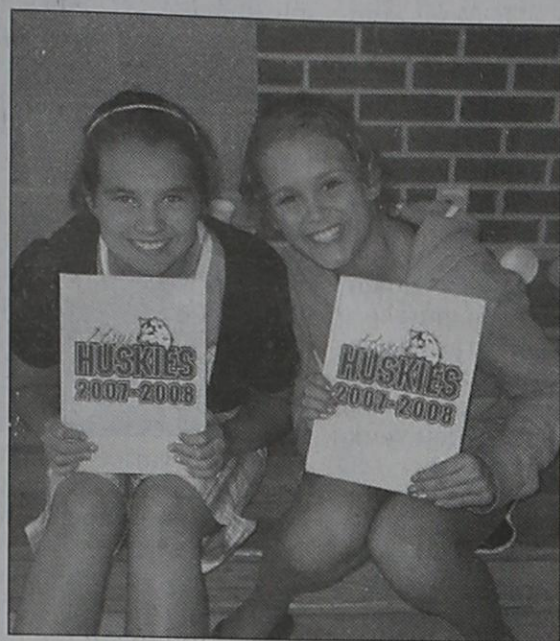
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Hays Elementary Yearbook Signing Party



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memorable time was had at the first annual Celia Elementary School yearbook signing party. The students and teachers to sign yearbooks while families enjoyed the warm sunny day with a hotdog picnic. Hays Elementary opened Rockwall ISD in August. Farewell hugs and tears were evidence of the close relationships that formed at this wonderful new school.

Making home sweet home a home safe home

schools out for the summer, many families will find more time at home. The increased time at home can increase the chance of injury, something expected by one out of every five families, according to a Home Safety Council survey. To help families avoid accidents and injuries, the Home Safety Council is urging everyone to take stock of their safety plans during Home Safety Month. It is an ideal time for families to spend a few hours preparing their inside and outside for family-oriented activities. Debbie Handwerker, director of external affairs for the Home Safety Council, said that a room-by-room audit will increase knowledge and reduce the risk of serious injury. Surprisingly, the Home Safety Council survey at nearly half (46 percent) of respondents have not taken any action to prevent fire causes of home

Home Safety Council First Alert suggests the following easy-to-follow tips to help keep families safe this summer:

Fire Safety
Escape Planning
 Install smoke alarms in the bedroom and on every floor of the home. Test smoke alarms at least once a month. Change the batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year when the low-battery chirps. Never remove batteries from smoke alarms, unless you are replacing them with fresh ones. Otherwise, it is easy to leave them unprotected from fire. Keep a fire extinguisher

or Tundra® Fire Extinguishing Spray in your kitchen and near other areas where a fire could occur, such as in a workshop, garage or near the grill.


Home Security
 • Create and practice a home escape plan at least twice a year, making sure everyone is involved - from kids to grandparents

Poison Prevention
 • Install carbon monoxide alarms on every level and outside each sleeping area
 • Never operate fossil-fuel burning appliances, such as a gas grill, indoors or in the garage - even with the garage door open
 • Inspect the pilot lights on natural gas appliances to ensure that the flame is blue. When a flame is mostly yellow in color, it is likely producing carbon monoxide.
 • Clean out the lint and debris that may build up in the clothes dryer vent that leads to the outside of the house
 • Never leave an automo-

bile running in a garage, even with the garage door open

Backyard and Garage
 • Designate the grilling area a "no play zone" keeping kids and pets well away until equipment is completely cool
 • Check grill connections, such as fuel lines, for leaks and never operate the grill closer than three feet from the home, trees, shrubs or other objects
 • Keep children away from pools, ponds or ditches
 • Tie-down outdoor furniture and equipment prior to severe storms to help prevent debris from taking flight. Consider using Cordzilla, a new stretch rope available in lengths up to five feet, to secure objects. This product features a bungee encased in a flexible polypropylene rope for added strength and security.

"Conducting a home safety audit can help identify potential danger areas of the home and where to properly place safety and security equipment for maximum protection," said Meri-K Appy, president of the Home Safety Council. "It also gives homeowners the opportunity to prepare in advance for emergencies and develop appropriate escape and preparedness plans to reduce the threat of accidents and injuries."



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Student Council Officers



Rockwall-Heath High School Student Council officers for 2008-2009 are (from left) Mallory Bellinger, secretary; Becca Frederick, social chair; Irma Fernandez, president; Kathryn Ross, vice-president; and Raychel Clark, historian.

Commission seeks artists to part in Texas Original Program

AUSTIN - The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) is seeking talented Texas craft artisans working in various mediums to participate in the Texas Original program.

Created in 2006 by TCA to promote craft arts in Texas, Texas Original provides an opportunity for potential customers to purchase works by member artists online and learn about the artists and the cultural influences that shape their work.

TCA markets the TxO program as a way to increase awareness of Texas' craft arts legacy. Only artisans who meet the highest business, quality and artistic standards are granted the title of Texas Original.

"We are fortunate to have such a vast array of accom-

plished artists right here in Texas and a state culture that entices many to visit and embrace our art and heritage," said Gary Gibbs, executive director of the Texas Commission on the Arts. "The Texas Original program engages both artists and art lovers through marketing efforts that promote the Texas craft industry as a whole."

The Texas Original program includes artists working with a variety of materials including glass, pottery, stone, metal, fiber, mixed media and more.

The www.txoriginal.com Web site provides consumers a place to browse the handmade products and offers links directly to the artists' Web sites.

Interested Texas artists must submit their applications as Original program by July 11, 2008. Please visit www.txoriginal.com for application information and load an application.

TCA was organized in 1965 by the legislature to develop a climate for the arts. TCA supports a diverse and innovative arts culture in Texas, through education and international providing resources to enhance economic development, arts education, cultural tourism and life initiatives.

For more information on TCA and its programs, please visit www.tx.us.

RISD Council of PTA's honored

The Rockwall Independent School District is pleased to announce that the RISD Council of PTA's was recently named Outstanding Small PTA Council by the Texas Parent Teacher Association.

The Texas PTA awards top honors to an outstanding small, medium, large and extra large council each year based on each council's activity report.

The award is given based on the level of service each council provides to the local campus units, the programs offered and the partnership that is developed with the school district.

The RISD Council was chosen out of 37 small councils across the state and was lead by President Denise Smith during the 2007-2008 school year.



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Outstanding Performer



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Davis of Rockwall-Heath High School was recently named an "Outstanding Performer" at the 2008 Texas State Chamber Music Competition. She performed the Violin Solo Contest. Of the approximately 22,000 musicians who performed at TSSEC, only 100 earned the distinguished honor of being recognized as an "Outstanding Performer." Davis will be a junior at Rockwall-Heath High School this fall and has been selected as a drum major for the 2009 season.

Helping Hands seeks donations

Rockwall County Helping Hands is soliciting the assistance of area residents in their 1st Annual Fundraising Campaign. Donations are needed to help the organization continue offering those less fortunate an opportunity to break the cycle of dependency and become independent members of the community.

"In 19 years of working with the agency, I have come to understand the incredible benefits that Helping Hands provides to our community," said executive director Margo Nielsen. In 2007, Helping Hands provided emergency financial aid to 3,340 Rockwall County residents.

"These services have been provided day in and day out with little fanfare by a professional, caring staff that has allowed Helping Hands to provide a safety net of support for people in Rockwall County who are unable to provide for themselves. Many of the recipients of this help are our friends and neighbors who are in a temporary crisis and in need of a 'helping hand,'" Nielsen said.

The center also has provided more than 10,000 bags of groceries from the food pantry, given school supplies to

1,000 children, provided new Christmas toys to 843 children and medical assistance to more than 4,000 people. They also have aided more than 50 people stranded in Rockwall, distributed low-cost clothing and household goods worth almost \$10,000 to people throughout the community and administered 1,500 flu vaccines at reduced rates on site and at 11 off-site flu clinics.

"As Rockwall County has grown, our mission has grown along with it. In order to continue providing necessary support and assistance to our clients, Helping Hands has kicked off its first annual fundraising event," Nielsen said. "Our campaign theme, 'It only takes a minute,'" emphasizes three fundamental truths that I have learned during my years with Helping Hands - that there is a fine line between self-sufficiency and the need for assistance, that with limited assistance, many of those in need can get back on their feet and that by each of us taking a few minutes to make a contribution, together we can address many of the needs of those in distress in Rockwall County."

Nielsen and the board of directors are asking for the community's support



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Margo Nielsen

to help them in order to continue their operations.

"I am asking you to make the best gift you can to Helping Hands to continue their mission. Please remember Helping Hands is not just another organization, it is a vital part of our community," Nielsen said.

For more information call, (972) 771-4357 or visit their Web page at www.rockwallhelpinghands.com.

Interested must submit their application as Original or Copy, 11, 2008. Please visit www.rockwallhelpinghands.com for more information. TCA was established in 1965 by the Texas Commission on Artistic and Cultural Affairs to provide a climate for the development of the arts and culture in Texas. TCA supports innovative art programs and initiatives in Texas, through grants and other means. For more information on TCA and its programs, please visit www.tca.tx.us.

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City of Heath to present annual 4th of July parade

HEATH - It's almost time for another hometown 4th of July celebration in Heath.

The fun will begin bright and early on Friday, July 4 with the City of Heath's annual Independence Day parade. Staging for the parade is at 8 a.m., judging and awards are at 8:30 a.m., and the parade begins at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School at 330 Laurence Dr.

"This is a very special time for our community," says Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe. "We invite everyone to come share in the fun as we recognize our nation's freedom and the thousands who have served, fought and even given their lives to protect this privilege."

Any individual, family, neighborhood, business or organization is welcome to participate in the City of Heath parade. A Best Decorated award will be presented in several categories including: float, bicycle, wagon/stroller, golf cart, off-road vehicle, and antique car.

There are also awards for best costume, most patriotic

pet, and the mayor's award. However, throwing candy or trinkets along the parade route will not be allowed as a safety precaution.

"This special tradition is so wonderful because we have community-wide participation under the excellent leadership of our Special Events Board," said Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher. "Whether you prefer to watch or march, it's a great opportunity to connect with your friends and neighbors."

After the parade, everyone is invited to gather at Towne Center Park Pavilion behind City Hall to cool off with free popsicles provided by the City of Heath.

For more information about the Heath Annual Independence Day Parade, visit www.heathtx.com or call (972) 771-6228. City of Heath offices will be closed on Friday, July 4 and resume normal business hours on Monday, July 7.

Residents are encouraged to celebrate the holiday safely. The use of fireworks is strictly prohibited in the City of Heath.



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It's not a parade without a marching band, and the Rockwall-Heath High School Band and Drill team will once again participate in the 2008 City of Heath Annual Independence Day Parade.

Audie Murphy Days to kick off June 27 in Greenville

GREENVILLE - To honor and remember our nation's military heroes, Audie Murphy Days will kick off June 27. The annual two-day event is hosted by the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum in conjunction with local military service organizations to celebrate Audie Leon Murphy, the most decorated soldier of World War II, as well as military veterans and those currently serving our country. The event is free and open to the public.

Audie Murphy Days, June 27-28, centers on Audie Murphy, a native son of Hunt County, war hero, Hollywood film star and accomplished songwriter. This year's events will consist of a variety of ceremonies, music, displays and speakers.

Noted guests include Robert Hoy, a long-time actor and stuntman, U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall (R-Rockwall), Fort Sill Honor Guard, Fort Hood 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment, storytellers Wendell and Linda Edwards, and keynote speaker, retired Lieutenant Major General Charlie

Wilson.

Friday's events will be at the Civic Center at 69 South in Greenville, starting at 9 a.m. and the evening will be at the Audie Murphy Days 2008.

Saturday's event begins at the Civic Center at 9 a.m. and will move to the museum located at 600 Greenville, for a unique horse and carriage demonstration by the 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment from Fort Hood. There will also be a military show exhibition all day at the Museum.

The evening will feature a showing of the movie "Destiny," which stars Audie Murphy and Robert Hall, a candlelight ceremony for the statue of Audie Murphy and the Hunt County Memorial.

For more information, contact the Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum at (903) 450-4500 or visit the Web site at www.audiemurphydays.com for additional information.

Artist, Anheuser-Busch to be inducted into Texas Conservation Hall of Fame

Conservation educator Jim Teer, wildlife artist John P. "Jack" Cowan and corporate champion Anheuser-Busch have been elected to the Texas Conservation Hall of Fame. They will be inducted Oct. 3 during the annual EXPO Conservation Banquet, hosted by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation, the Hall of Fame's founding organization and official non-profit partner of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

The event, held at the Lost Pines Resort near Austin, is expected to draw 700 of the state's leading conservationists. It will feature video tributes, personal

testimonies, responses from the inductees. Governor Rick Perry, who served as Master of Ceremonies last year, has again been invited to present the Conservation Gold Medal to Teer, Cowan and Mike Owens, business operations vice-president for A-B.

This year's Co-Chairs are TPW Commissioner Karen Hixon and Foundation board member Pat Murray. Tradition, established last year with the first Hall of Fame ceremony, is for previous inductees to also serve. This year, Lee Bass, representing his late father Perry R. Bass and, Red Duke, representing the Texas Bighorn Soci-

ety, are honorary chairs.

Teer, after 56 years in the field, is a legend in the international wildlife community. He can speak with unquestionable authority on virtually any wildlife subject. Teer was, among many other accomplishments, head of the Texas A&M Wildlife & Fisheries Department and Director of the Welder Wildlife Foundation for 20 years. A member of dozens of natural resource organizations and the winner of numerous awards and honors, he now serves as Professor Emeritus at Texas A&M.

Cowan, whose wildlife art has generated more than \$2 million

for conservation in Texas, was a student of Norman Rockwell at the Pratt Art Institute. He became a full-time sporting artist in 1961 and produced more than 80 limited edition prints throughout his career. His paintings have appeared on the covers and pages of such magazines as *Fortune*, *Life*, *Look*, *Esquire*, *Sports Afield* and *Outdoor Life*. He was named one of the Top 12 contemporary artists in America.

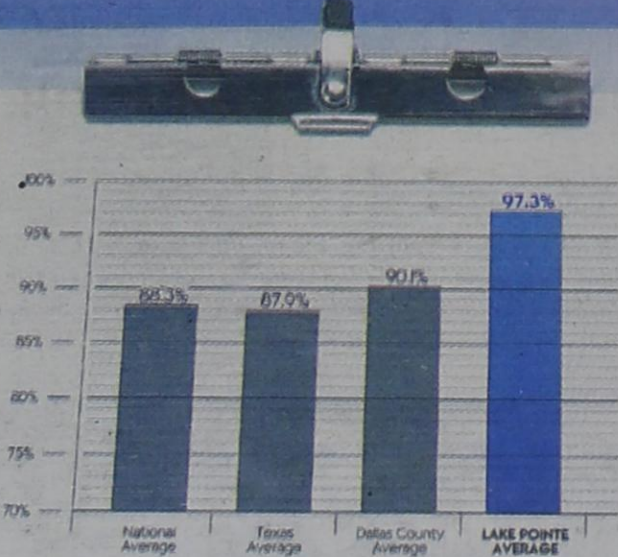
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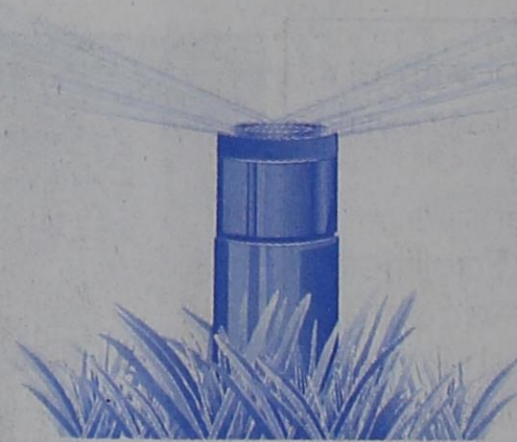
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Former Jackets selected during amateur draft

LARRY BUMP
 Rockwallcountynews.com

Kieschnick and Leverton went through the time at Rockwall and three years as teammates. They might have to see one another. The is they'd be paid to

league baseball selected both former stars during last amateur draft. The red what at times be an endless wait San Francisco Giants Kieschnick and go Cubs called Le-

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was speculation ight fielder could be as high as late in the id or early in the sec- nick was surprised

when the Giants chose him. His mother, Leslie Kieschnick, alerted him while he was on the phone with a Philadelphia Phillies representative.

His career at Tech has him within the top half-dozen in several offensive categories for the Red Raiders.

This year, Kieschnick batted .305 with 17 home runs and 65 runs batted in.

The American Baseball Coaches Association named him to its All-Midwest first team.

Leverton's time at Tech wasn't as flashy, in part because he had to decide whether to be a left-handed pitcher or first baseman.

In an interview with the Cubs' website, he said, "At the plate, I'd out-think myself. On the mound, I'd say I was a lot more stable."

A starter when he pitched for the Yellowjackets, Leverton made 31 appearances, all in relief, for the Raiders. He led the team with a 3.86 earned run average. Opponents batted just .227 against him; he struck out 27 of them and walked just 12.

"I'm preparing to do whatever they ask me to - starter or be a setup man like I've been doing."

Though he had hoped to be drafted during Thursday's first six rounds, he said, "It means a lot to go in the eighth round, especially for the Cubs being a historic organization."

Leverton throws two- and four-seam fastballs at about 90 miles per hour, a circle changeup and what he calls his best pitch, a slider.

Double Trouble



The USSSA Texas North Zone Baseball Tournament was held this past weekend in Corinth, Tx. The Rockwall Blue Devils and Rockwall Rough Riders made it to the Championship game, with the Blue Devils prevailing, 18-10, in a hard fought game. The Rough Riders players pictured are Jeremy Modisette, Doyle Lopez, Mason Cofer, Thomas Slaydon, Jak Neal, Carson Sargent, Hayden Roses, Chance Sinks, Sean Esquivel, Caden Fitzgerald, Donovan Griffith and head coach Dario Lopez. The Blue Devils players pictured are Ty Jones, Jenner Brown, Zach Frost, Cooper Luff, Tanner Hopkins, Cade McBride, Luke McBride, Trent Thompson, Brandon Fite, Jake Spray and head coach Eric Jones, assistant coaches, Brian Luff, Patrick Frost and Charlie Brown.

4th Annual JFS tourney takes on new format

The Fourth Annual JFS Volleyball Tournament will June 14, but this year's edition offers a twist - a combination of outdoor (4-on-4) or indoor (6-on-6) competition.

The event is held annually in honor of Jessica Frances Shaw, a 2004 RHS graduate who died in an automobile accident on August 28, 2004.

Jessica earned numerous awards and honors as a 4-year standout on Rockwall's volleyball team.

She was also a coach for several YMCA youth teams and for the Club MVP volleyball team.

Her No. 10 jersey was retired and is on display in the trophy case at Rockwall High School. The Lady Jacket volleyball team presents an annual Jessica Shaw

Award for "leadership, friendship and loyalty" at the end of each season.

The memorial tournament in her honor helps raise money for the YMCA Partners Campaign and, for the first time, the Jacket Backers of Rockwall High School. All proceeds from the outdoor tournament will go to the Jacket Backers to benefit the RHS volleyball team.

The 6-on-6 indoor tournament will have divisions from 4-8 grades, as well as a 9th-through-adult division that will be coed-optional.

All of these games will be played at the Rockwall YMCA Gymnasium. Registration forms are available at the YMCA and the entry fee is \$20 per player.

To register a team, volunteer or make a contribution to the YMCA, please contact Gina Lancaster of the Rockwall YMCA at (972) 772-9622.

The 4-on-4 outdoor tournament will be open to anyone from 9th grade and up and will also be coed-optional. All of these games will be played on grass courts at Harry Myers Park in Rockwall.

Registration forms are available at the Rockwall YMCA or by contacting RHS volleyball coach Damon Wilson at (214) 906-6439. The entry fee is \$100 per team.

All participants will receive a tournament t-shirt. Additional t-shirts will be available for sale on the day of the tournament for those not able to participate as a player or volunteer.

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- CHRISTOPHER MCNEILL;** furniture, misc. items.
- FANCY FENCE;** appliances, tools, misc. items.
- DANE A. ROWLETT;** misc. house wares.

Contact The Vault Self Storage, 1280 E. Ralph Hall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas 75032, (972) 771-1105.

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LEGAL NOTICE
ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Request for Proposals

EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS
RFP 08-07.03-82

Proposals received until 2:00 PM July 3, 2008

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving proposals for the management / operations of an employee health clinic. Proposal packages may be requested by email to dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org or picked up by appointment (469-698-7019) at the administration building. The District anticipates award at the August board meeting.

There will be a pre-proposal meeting on June 19, 2008 at 2:00 PM at the administration building. (Any additional requests for information about the District must be made prior to June 17th to the Purchasing Department for distribution at this meeting.)

Proposal offer forms should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on July 3, 2008 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087 at which time said proposals will be publicly opened but not read.

The Board of Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any proposals or the proposal process.

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Request for Sealed Competitive Proposal

LONG TERM BLEACHER RENTAL
RFP 08-06.30-84

Proposals received until 2:00 PM June 30, 2008

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed competitive proposals for the above mentioned products/services. Proposal packages may be requested by email to dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org or picked up by appointment (469-698-7019) at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087 at which time said proposals will be publicly opened but not read.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
DEMOLITION SERVICES

Sealed bids addressed to the City of Rockwall Purchasing Agent will be received at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087 until 3:00 p.m. CST on June 20, 2008 for Demolition Services.

A description of the contracted work is as follows:

1. Coordinating disconnection and/or removal of utilities
2. Demolition and removal of structure and/or structures
3. Emptying of septic tanks (if needed) and demolition of septic system
4. Removal of any and all concrete slabs from property
5. Lots must be totally cleared of all debris and left level as possible without backfill
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7. All of the above included in the bid

All submitted bids duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud on the above date and time. Proof of Liability and Workers Compensation insurances are required at the time the bids are opened. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive formalities, re-advertise, re-bid and consider the most advantageous bid thereof. The City reserves the right to add or delete properties to be contracted for demolition. This is an all or none bid. Bid packet including Bid Form and Specifications are available at no charge from the City's Purchasing office. For additional information, contact Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Agent at 972-771-7700 x 6418.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

SURPLUS and UNCLAIMED PROPERTY SALE
CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

The City of Rockwall is holding an on line Surplus and Unclaimed Property Sale beginning June 23, 2008 and closing on July 11, 2008 at 10:00 am. The on line sale will be conducted by Rene Bates Auctioneers Inc., Texas License Number 6644 on www.renebates.com. The following property will be auctioned:

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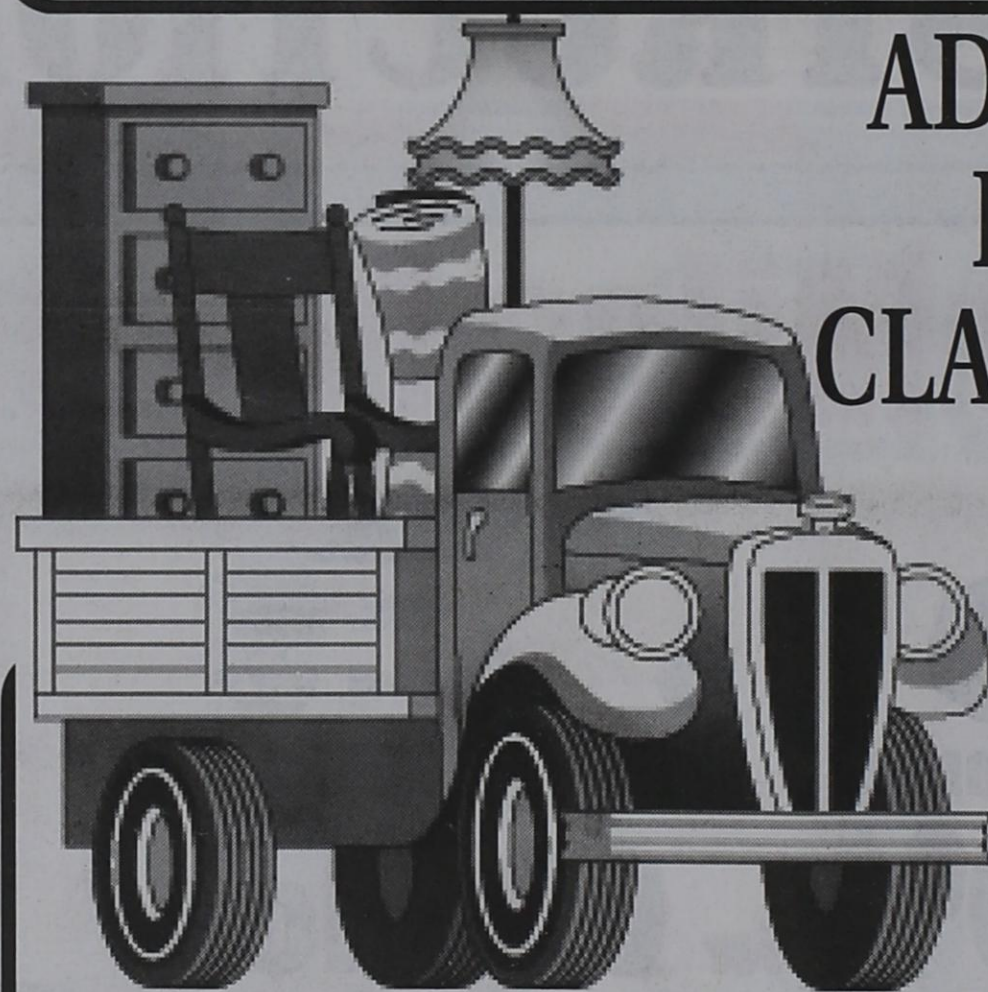
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| 36" walk behind mower (2) | Assorted Jewelry |
| Misc. Office equipment and files | Assorted Electronics |
| Assorted vehicle equipment | |

All property will be sold as is, where is with no warranties or guarantees of any kind. The City cannot and will not guarantee that the vehicles included in this auction may or may not have a salvage title. The City reserves the right to remove and add property to this auction at any time. The auctioneer will determine forms of payment accepted. It is the buyer's responsibility to pay in full and remove the property purchased within 10 days of the auction closing date. Property not picked up after the 10 day period will be subject to re auction. Property located at the City of Rockwall Service Center, 1600 Airport Rd., Rockwall, TX. For additional information contact Lea Ann Ewing or Lisa Frausto at 972-771-7700.

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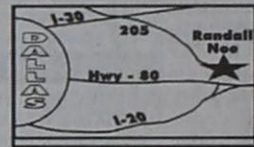
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