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Heath Golf, Yacht Club development plan, agreement approved

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The preliminary plat and a development agreement for the Heath Golf and Yacht Club were all approved unanimously by the regular meeting Tuesday night. HGYC, L.L.C., requested approval for a development plan. One of the development items is the construction of a clubhouse. Stephanie Galanides, stated that Robert Whittle is the owner of HGYC, L.L.C. for the development. The development consists of 358 acres and 319 lots. The first 18 holes of golf will be completed by the end of the year. The Board and Planning and Zoning Board both unanimously approved at their respective meetings. All items were all approved unanimously.

Juana French, represented Heath Salon and Spa as she requested \$25,000 from the Economic Development Assistance for improvements to Heath Plaza, which is located at 201 Hubbard Drive. "While Heath is a great place to come to, keeping our current service providers in Heath is a challenge. Rockwall Harbor would really like for our salon and spa to relocate and continues to make the move more attractive financially. Heath Salon and Spa is celebrating 20 years this May and would like to keep growing in Heath, for Heath for the next 20 years," the application, filed by French, states. The application stated that the funds would go to "improvements that will realistically aid in the interests of other businesses coming to Heath and in the growth of the current businesses." Other items on the agenda included: An application for a zoning change to amend the concept plan for McCrummen Estates. The applicant requested an increase from 51 to

66 lots. Council gave approval for 59 lots, citing the density for the amendment. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year of 2013-2014. A final budget will be approved by council on September 10 during the next regularly scheduled city council meeting. Council took no action taken during the executive session. For more information, visit www.heathtx.com.
Editor's Note: The applicant for the Heath Golf and Yacht Club development project, HGYC, L.L.C., is a domestic limited liability company filed with the Secretary of State's office on March 28, 2013. The L.L.C. is co-managed by Robert Whittle, Sarah Whittle, Michael Whittle and Randal Noe.
City Secretary, Stephanie Galanides stated that the required legal notices related to the Heath Golf and Yacht Club were published.

Rockwall County Commissioner will not seek third term

Grinnan announced that she will not seek a third term as Rockwall County Commissioner, Precinct 2. She took office on Jan. 1, 2011, and is the first woman to be elected as commissioner in the history of Rockwall County. "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Rockwall County. As I complete eight years as commissioner, I believe I have accomplished the mission I set. It has been a great experience and I am grateful for the opportunity." Grinnan cited several projects she was proud of, including the \$100 million bond, improvements on FM740 and the John King Interchange, and many projects that are well into the planning stages. In addition, the county Bike Plan is the first county-wide effort to coordinate



Lorie Grinnan

and provide connectivity for bike and pedestrian traffic between cities and along major roadways. Also, Commissioner Grinnan supported efforts in strategic planning, developing policies and upgrading systems, and implementing processes to increase efficiency and an improved delivery of service. Grinnan has been a member of the Juvenile Services Board, both as a commissioner and as a school board member. She currently presides as the president of the Emergency Services Board, which includes duties involving the ambulance service. "Of all the projects and duties, I am most proud of my involvement with the Veterans Memorial, and I cherish the honor of getting to know so many of the wonderful veterans we have right here in our community. I plan to continue efforts to support our Veterans and the Memorial that honors them." Grinnan spearheaded the formation of the Veterans Advisory Committee, the Design Jury, oversaw the design contest and the Memorial construction. Over 2,000 citizens attended the extensive Grand Opening Ceremony held on 11/11/11. In addition to serving eight years as commissioner, Grinnan was a RISD school board member for nine years. "After seventeen years in public office, I am excited to pursue other opportunities. There are so many talented and competent citizens in our county, and I believe someone will step up and be willing to serve. I feel so blessed to have been entrusted

with the responsibilities of a commissioner, and I am genuinely thankful for the opportunity. Most of all, I will miss working with the many wonderful people who reside here in Rockwall County. We truly live in a special place and I plan to continue to be active and support our community."

Roadway repairs underway in Rockwall

The City of Rockwall has contracted to make pavement repairs to sections of Clem Road and North Country Lane, according to a news release issued last week. The repairs, being done by Reynolds Asphalt, will be made in two phases. The first phase will include pulverizing the existing asphalt, along with grading and compacting the road base. The second phase will be to place new asphalt on the roadway. The base work began Aug. 28. City officials said they hope to leave the road open to traffic as much as possible during the process; however, temporary delays may be unavoidable. The roads also will remain open to traffic during the asphalt-laying process; however, there may be some temporary delays during this process as well. Anyone with questions pertaining to the project should call Billy Chaffin, the city's streets and drainage superintendent, at 972-772-6333 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. For after-hour emergencies related to the project, contact the Rockwall Police Department at 972-771-7724.

City Council discusses Texas Hwy. 66 project

City Council members for Roysse City, during their Aug. 27 meeting, discussed the importance of public input at the upcoming meeting about the realignment of Texas Hwy. 66. The meeting on the topic was set for Sept. 3. City officials were to consider the proposed \$100 million reconstruction of the Texas 205 in Rockwall to FM 1777 in Roysse City. The Sept. 10 regular City Council meeting to be held at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main, beginning at 7 p.m. Council members will discuss the proposed tax rate of \$.6980 per property taxes. The rate is \$.6853 per \$100 value, according to Brenda Craft. Under the proposed tax rate, a home valued at \$100,000 would see a tax increase of \$12.70 if the home's value remains the same. The date set for the involuntary annexation into the city limits of certain properties, Craft said. The Aug. 27 meeting was held in the process of the annexation and she said all parties had been notified. Council voted unanimously concerning an ordinance that the

plans/design for the upcoming construction of Taco Bell at 115 East I-30 have been met. The design standards already had been approved by the staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The restaurant should be completed by the end of the year. Carl Alsbrook, city manager, complimented Paula Morris, Roysse City's Main Street manager, for her job in organizing the Aug. 23 Back 2 School Bash. "We had a great turnout with over 500 people attending," Alsbrook said. "Everyone had a great time." The event was organized to give free school supplies donated by local businesses, civic organizations and individuals to students to start off the new school year. The last item on the agenda was concerning the monitoring process for the West Nile Virus. Alsbrook said the city is sending weekly samples to the state, with 50 to 70 samples already tested. To date, no West Nile has been found. Roysse City Council members present at the meeting were Mayor Jerrell Baley, Mayor Pro Tem Janet Nichol, Bill Bell, Matt Wheatley, and Tom Crowley. Also present were Alsbrook, city attorney Jason Day and a Craft.

Lake Rockwall Estates outage caused by dump truck

by Brittany Williams
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After six and a half hours, power was finally restored after an outage in Lake Rockwall Estates on Thursday evening. The power outage was caused by a dump truck that hung a wire and broke a pole near the intersection of Trout Street and Texas Avenue, according to Cindy Tayem, area manager for Oncor. A new pole was installed and power was restored. According to a press release, Lake Pointe Church opened the doors to their community center in Lake Rockwall Estates to those families in need of a place to get out of the heat.

Rockwall lauded by Scenic Texas with Platinum Criteria

Rockwall recently was recognized as a Scenic City by a organization whose long-term goal is to improve the image of the city according to a news release issued by the city. Rockwall received Scenic Texas' highest level of certification: Platinum Criteria for this recognition include a strictly regulated and controlled code; a ban on new billboards; and a landscaping and tree-trim program. The city's special districts, those created to protect its historic and scenic character, are examples of preservation, Culver said. The city will be formally recognized at a reception hosted by Scenic Texas at the October Texas Municipal League conference.

Anne Culver, executive director of the Scenic City Certification Program in Houston, said Rockwall's five-year recognition as a Platinum Certified Scenic Grant was tied to the city's "strong standards to enhance the visual character of its streetscapes (sign regulation, landscaping, underground utility lines); clearly stated unity-of-design standards; and emphasis on establishing and protecting parks, trails and open spaces." The city's special districts, those created to protect its historic and scenic character, are examples of preservation, Culver said. The city will be formally recognized at a reception hosted by Scenic Texas at the October Texas Municipal League conference.

Rockwall County News Briefs

- Citizens Police Academy applications due**
Applications for the upcoming Citizens Police Academy, sponsored by the Rockwall Police Department, are due Sept. 6. The academy will be conducted from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays from Sept. 10 through Dec. 10. For more details, visit rockwallpolice.org, call 972-771-7765 or email pyoung@rockwall.com.
- Doggie Splash Day set Sept. 7**
The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's annual Doggie Splash Day will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Harry Myers Park pool, 815 E. Washington. Cost will be \$5 per dog; owners get in free of charge. Proof of rabies vaccinations will be required for each dog prior to entry to the pool. Owners will be held responsible for their pets' behavior.
- College Nights set at RHS, RHHS, Quest**
College Night events at Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heath High and Rockwall Quest Academy will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 9, according to the RISD website.
- GS recruitment events scheduled**
Four Girl Scout Recruitment Night events will be conducted in Rockwall and Roysse City. All girls in kindergarten through 12th grade and their parents/guardians are invited to attend one of the events, which will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Events are set for Sept. 9, Williams Middle School, Rockwall; Sept. 10, Utley Middle School, Rockwall; Sept. 11, Cain Middle School, Rockwall; and Sept. 12, First United Methodist Church, Roysse City. Registration fee is \$15; financial aid is available. For more details contact Ami Crouch at 972-415-3095 or at acrouch@marykay.com.
- Republican Women to meet Sept. 9**
The Rockwall County Republican Women will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the City of Heath's Community Room in the Heath City Hall. Guest speaker will be Lillie Ralph, who will talk on the history of the black electorate. She is involved with GameChangers, an organization dedicated to breaking the "mental chains of progressivism through information, education and activation." For more details visit rcrw.org or gamechangers.org.
- Democratic Party meeting to address Photo ID Law**
The new Photo ID Law will be outlined and discussed at the September meeting of the Rockwall County Democratic Party. Participants will also review the Amendments up for vote in the November Constitutional Amendment Election. Please join us September 21st, 9 AM, Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. A Continental Breakfast will be provided.



In the direction of Michael J. Manley, the Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra performed Saturday August 31 on the amphitheater at the Harbor District in Rockwall. Narrated by Margo Nielson, the program entitled "A Toast to Musical America," included music by Aaron Copeland and Irving Berlin.

by Rollin Richmond/Rockwall County News

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The Rockwall High School Jacket Babes varsity drill team members participated in their annual camp this month in preparation for the upcoming school year. The team presented a show for friends and family at the close of the camp. The Jacket Babes are under the direction of Amy Lutes.

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Margo Nielsen marks 24th year, plans retirement from H-Hands

Margo Nielsen marked her 24th anniversary of service to Rockwall County Helping Hands on Aug. 28 and announced she will retire on her 25th anniversary in 2014, according to a news release issued by the nonprofit agency.

Nielsen's retirement will coincide with her 70th birthday. Selected to help guide the direction of Helping Hands in 1989 as its first executive director, Nielsen used her background of social work in the State of Florida and experience in management of an indigent guardianship program in San Antonio to direct the local agency. Under her guidance, Helping Hands has grown from a 1,500-square-foot storefront to a four-building complex that fills more than 10 acres and operates with an annual budget of \$1.8 million.

The agency provides financial assistance and health care to more than 10,000 Rockwall County residents annually, according to the news release.

Since relocating to Rockwall in 1985, Nielsen has been active in community service. She is an honorary member of the Rockwall Rotary Club and has received the Jean Harris Award. She also is a Paul Harris Fellow. She serves in advisory capacities with the Rockwall Agricultural Extension Service and Rockwall MusicFest and is a member of the board of directors for Rockwall PETS.

She received the Soroptimist Women of Distinction Award and reigned as queen of the Mardi Gras Ball for Hubbard Chamber Music Series. She was appointed to the Dallas Extended Metropolitan Area Health Services Planning Council and the North Central



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strong

Howard, Strong

Lt. J.G. Henry Strong recently was married to Ensign of Virginia.

The newlyweds are both graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy. Strong earned his wings in Pensacola, Fla., and now flies SH60 helicopters.

The two are stationed in San Diego, Calif.

Prior to graduating from Rockwall High School, Strong's interest in flying with his orthodontists at Miller Cross Miller, an academy alumnus, suggested and assisted Strong an appointment to the academy.

Texas Workforce Development Board.

Nielsen was appointed to the Rockwall City Council in 2005, where she served for seven years. She has served on numerous nonprofit boards and commissions, including the Rockwall County Child Protective Services board, the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Rockwall and Rockwall's Building and Standards Commission. She was a charter member of the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity and Lone Star CASA and served as president of the Lone Star Chapter of National Charity League, the

Rockwall Housing Corp. and the Shore Association. She also on the Rockwall County on Aging.

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Ava Nelson (right) with her son Jim

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Birth



Chase Logan

Robby and Jamie excited to announce their son, Chase Logan August 15, 2013, at Presbyterian Hospital. Born at 11:35 a.m. and weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces. Maternal Grandparents: Cowley and Gary Sturch, all of Rockwall. Paternal Grandparents: Rollings and Jimmy Ennis. The infant's siblings are Fox Rollins and Frisby.

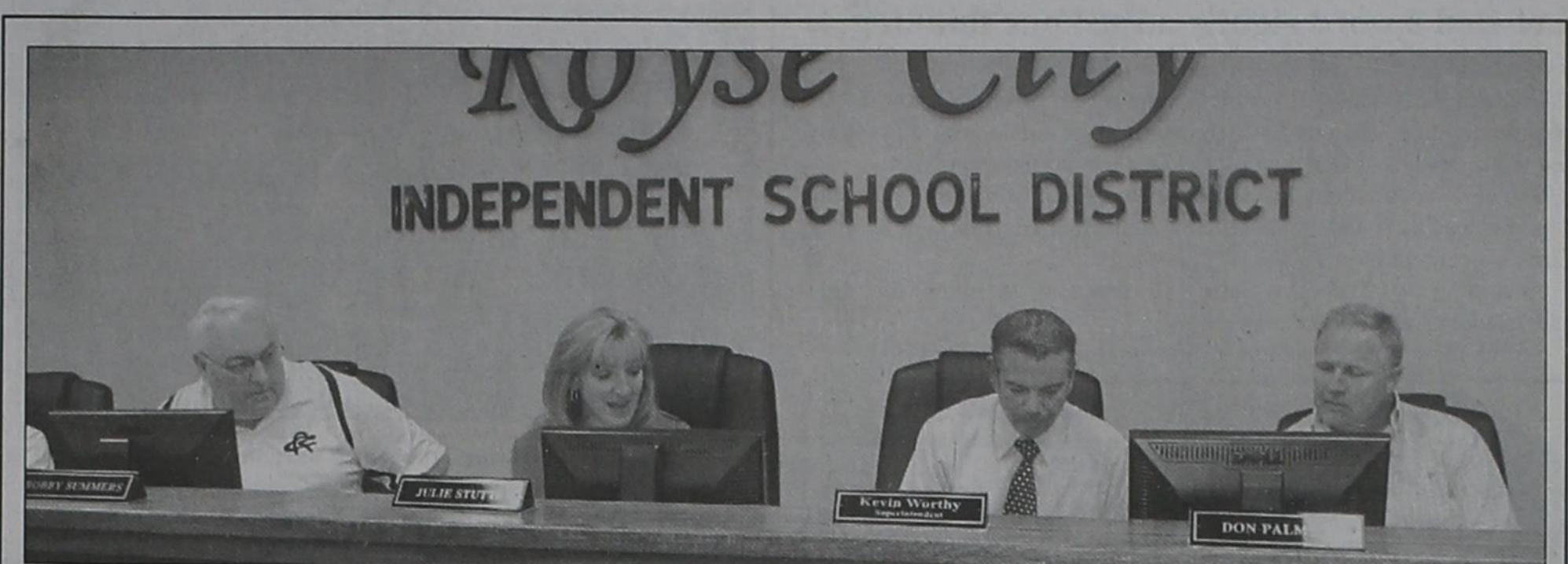
Hospital recognized for lactation

Texas Health Rockwall Hospital recognized by the International Board of Lactation Consultants for excellence in lactation according to a hospital release.

Texas Health Rockwall the award in recognizing staff professionals the International Board of Lactation Consultants and providing a lactation that is available five to seven week for breastfeeding. In addition, the facility also has provided recent training for medical staff for new families and activities that help protect and support breastfeeding. "More and more breastfeeding now and they need reassurance, education." "Our program by leaps and bounds over five years," said Cindee hospital representative. "It is rewarding to see how it has grown from basic breastfeeding classes to having support and a large Facebook group of moms there to help each other." Recognizing the importance of a diverse breastfeeding Texas Health Rockwall a range of classes to help and baby through what breastfeeding stage. The classes are offered to help moms to help them understand the basics of early breastfeeding experiences. Later support is available to moms through any experiences that may arise or to support experiences with other

2014 budget approved by Royse City ISD School Board

Coppedge
 A special meeting and public hearing of the trustees of the independent School District was called to discuss the budget through the agenda stated that "any taxpayer may be participate in the public hearing," not one citizen attended meeting lasted about 20 minutes.
 The session, trustees agreed there will be no budget rate for the coming year.
 The budget for the 2013-2014 school year passed, and the proposed tax rate. The tax rate is \$1.67 per \$100 which breaks down to \$1.17 for maintenance and operation and \$0.50 for debt service.
 Kevin Worthy, RCISD superintendent, the revenue the district will be \$37,471,039. Budget expenditures will be \$37,421,039, leaving a \$50,000 overage.
 Board members present were Jeff Webb, Jimmy Butler, Eric Mckensturm, Bobby Summers, Don Palmer, Worthy, Matts, Brian Zator, Jerry Richardson and Peggy Webb. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 9. Following the closed session an open meeting will begin at 7 p.m.



Members of the Royse City Board of Trustees said they were pleased Aug. 26 with the "in-the-black" budget for the 2013-14 school year. Pictured from the left are board secretary Bobby Summers, president Julie Stutts, RCISD superintendent Kevin Worthy and Don Palmer, the board's vice president.
 Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



The Metro East Division of the Dallas Builders Association recently presented a check to Lone Star CASA from this year's car show. This was the eighth year for the show and raised \$43,784.26, a total raised for Casa to over \$190,000.00.
 Presenting the check are Joe Chamberlain, DBA President, Dave Hambley, Car Show Committee, Lucille Chamberlain, Car Show Director, Doug Bowerman, Car Show Committee, Larry Baty, Metro East President and Committee, and Mike Mischler, Metro East Board member.
 Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Rib Rub Run & Roll set Oct. 5 in Rockwall

Some of the best in Texas barbecue will be offered Oct. 5 at the 5th Annual Rib Rub Run & Roll in Rockwall's downtown square.
 Visitors can begin the day with a 5k/10k run, which will kick off at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. respectively. Awards will follow at 9:30 a.m.
 Live music will begin at 10 a.m. Performances scheduled include Water Sign, the Paul Harrington Band, Blues Driver and the Justin Cash Band.
 While enjoying the live music, visitors can vote in the People's Choice Competition for the best chicken wings and sample competitors' barbecue. The cook-off will be sanctioned by the International Barbecue Cookers Association and drew 35 competitors last year.
 A car show will sideline the activities and will include People's Choice and Mayor's Choice awards.

New to this year's event is BBQ & Brews, which will allow participants to purchase brew glasses at the Main Street Booth for beer tasting.
 For more details about the event, visit mainstreet.rockwall.com.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Adult oil painting classes offered
 Parks & Rec Department will offer monthly adult classes with the Robert Garden School of Art beginning in the Harry Myers Community Center. The first class, Mt. Fuji, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 9. Open to ages 14 and older, the session will cost \$55 or \$43 for members. For more details and upcoming session dates call rockwall.com/parks.
Not-so-Scary Haunted Hayride slated
 Parks & Rec Department will host a Not-so-Scary Haunted Hayride on Oct. 18 in Harry Myers Park East. Sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Open to children up to the age of 5. The event will include

a monster mash dance, spooky snacks and storytelling; each child will receive a pumpkin. Pre-registration is required for this event. Fee per child and one adult is \$15 for Rockwall residents, \$25 for non-residents. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.
Royse City FunFest scheduled Oct. 19
 The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its 24th Annual FunFest Oct. 19. The event will include a children's carnival, live bands, arts and crafts vendors, food, a children's pageant, doggy contest, pie-eating and Hula Hoop contests, a truck pull and a professional DJ. Also scheduled is the inaugural RunFest, as well as the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner, blood drive and animal adoptions. For more details or to reserve vendor space, call the chamber at 972-636-5000 or email info@roysecitychamber.com. A vendor applications and rules are available at roysecitychamber.com.

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Homecoming Cookout planned
 Heath High School Homecoming Cookout will begin with the homecoming parade, which is scheduled to run from 11:35 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 (and will run along Lawrence Drive in front of the school). The Class of 2014 will sell meals (hot dog or burger, chips, dessert and drink) at a cost of \$5 each to raise money for the homecoming and after-prom. Meal service will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the practice football field. All members of the family are invited to attend.
You a gun safety focus of CARGO Gun Club
 Citizens Association for Responsible Gun Ownership (CARGO) Gun Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Lone Star CASA in Rockwall. This month's focus will be youth gun safety. Children and grandchildren will be welcomed from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 12 meeting to learn gun safety techniques from Rockwall County game warden, Todd Williams, a 4-H volunteer and David Stroud, president, TSRA. Certified concealed carry instructor Jack Sekunik will moderate the discussion. No fee for members or dues.
CASA to host fish fry Sept. 14
 Lone Star CASA will host a fish fry beginning at 5 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Catholic Community at FM 1641 and I-20. Fried fish, french fries, sides and desserts will be served until 8 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 972-772-5858. For more information visit lonestarcasa.org.
Program to offer insight into dementia
 "Virtual Dementia Tour, 'Your Window Into Their World,'" will be held at the Arbor House, 5250 Medical Drive, Rockwall. The program is sponsored by Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas and the Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County, is designed to provide insight into the "realities of living with dementia" for family caregivers, professionals and anyone who works with older adults. It will include the "overwhelming effect of trying to perform everyday tasks on living with memory loss" and will take participants through the beginning to late stages of the disease process. Tours will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. by reservation only. To make a reservation call 469-338-0204.
Fate's Breakfast with the Mayor set
 Breakfast with the Mayor will run from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Sept. 19 at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, in Fate. A light breakfast snack will be served.
Donor Bridge
 A public meeting to participate in Donor Bridge will be held on Sept. 19 at the North Texas Giving Day, and Lone Star CASA will be the beneficiary on the Leaderboard during the give-a-thon, which runs from 7 a.m. to midnight. North Texas Giving Day is an annual event that focuses on increasing the visibility of and funding for charitable agencies that serve North Texas. To help Lone Star CASA work to help abused and neglected children, go to donorbridgetx.com and look for the agency's name.

H'ween Extravaganza set at The Harbor
 The Halloween Extravaganza at The Harbor will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 26. The free event, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will include carnival games, bounce houses, music, entertainment, a costume contest and other activities.
Daddy/Daughter Dance available Nov. 4
 Tickets to the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will go on sale Nov. 4 at The Center. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 25 at The Hilton Bella Harbor. Cost will be \$69 per daddy/daughter couple or \$45 for Rockwall residents; each additional child will cost \$15. Tickets will be limited and pre-registration is required. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.
Royse City Lions to host Nov. 14 wine tasting
 A wine tasting will be hosted by the Royse City Lions Club in association with Eden Hill Vineyard of Celina on Nov. 14 at the Holiday Inn Express in Royse City. The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets will cost \$30 and cover appetizers and five wine tastings. Proceeds will be used by the organization for community service projects. For more details call Pat at 972-635-9229.
Christmas tree lighting planned for Dec. 5
 The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Christmas tree lighting beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Rockwall City Hall. The free event will mark the 30th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and will include craft-making in Santa's Workshop, cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and live holiday music. Santa also will be on hand. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Ask Dr. Danette
 by Danette McNew, D.D.S.
NO NEED FOR PATIENTS TO STOP BLOOD THINNERS
 Not too long ago, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and the American Dental Association (ADA) suggested that taking antibiotics prophylactically might not always be necessary for patients undergoing dental procedures. More recently, the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) has recommended that patients undergoing dental procedures need not stop taking blood thinners such as warfarin. If warfarin (or aspirin) is going to be stopped for a procedure, the general recommendation is doing so for five days beforehand (seven to ten days for aspirin). However, the AAN found that, of all the procedures studied, dental procedures were the least likely to increase bleeding risk. Any decision concerning the (dis)use of a medication should be discussed with the dentist.
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Let God's word rightly adjust our thinking ...

Based on John 1:1, all people can know God by His word. Following 1 Timothy 2:15, an important part of getting to know God is "rightly dividing" His word, which means to not cut corners in the study and interpretation of God's word. Let God's word interpret itself.

The next series of columns will shine the light of God's rightly divided word on specific foundational belief systems that are embraced by most Christian churches.

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Members of Brownie Troop 1080 have been learning about ways to improve their community and decided they could work together to pick up trash in the park. The girls – Maddie Aldridge, Gracie Hill, Riana Wells, Emma Ziebell, Olivia Williams, Elle Clewis, Monica Sutton, Jillian Fowler, Avery Martin and Kate VonGonten – picked up garbage around the baseball fields, ponds and playgrounds at Harry Meyers Park.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall County Newcomers and Friends will meet on Sept. 12 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. The meeting will include the introduction of new officers for 2014 who are pictured above and provide sign-up sheets for the coming year. Pictured from the left are Judy Buffington, vice president; Kathy Weintraub, first vice president; Hatcher, president; Ann Mass, treasurer; and Suzanne secretary. The organization welcomes all Rockwall women, whether new to the area or longtime residents. The luncheon will be \$20, payable at the door. Reservations are required by Sept. 2 and may be made by calling at 972-722-9896 or De at 972-722-1090. More details on the organization may be found at newcomersrock.com.
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Opinions

by Timothy W. Burnett

Since the tragic events that occurred at the World Trade Towers in New York on September 11, 2001, many professional and scientific research papers have been published that address various issues such as the free-fall collapse and pulverization of WTC Towers 1, 2 and 7; the existence of matter in the dust that suggest the use of super-thermite in the buildings' structure; how massive multi-ton steel beams were propelled hundreds of feet and penetrated adjacent buildings, etc. etc. etc.

The below list of published research only touch the surface of the vast amount research on the subject which are listed and referenced in David Ray Griffin's book, "Ten Years Later 9/11: When State Crimes Against Democracy Succeed."

• Collapse Time Analysis of Multi-Story Structural Steel Buildings Robert M. Koroll, K.S. Sivakumaran and Frank R. Greening Pp 25-35 The Open Civil Engineering Journal

Consider a typical N-story building of height H with floor and roof dimensions of A by B as shown in Fig. (1). Height 'h' is the clear distance at story 'i'. The mass at floor level i is designated to be m_i. It is postulated that a given story N is suddenly degraded to a state of zero resistance due to a catastrophic event occurring in story N. The result is a commencement of freefall motion of the rigid block above story N, until it impacts the floor level below. Commensurate with the conservation of momentum principle, a sudden reduction in velocity is then expected due to the mass of the rigid block impacting the mass at the below level. While the consequent impulse, occurring during the collision gives rise to a short interval of time, (during which a dense layer of crushed debris is forming).

Collapse Time Analysis of Multi-Story Structural Steel Buildings.

The Open Civil Engineering Journal, 2011, Volume 5 27

When dynamic impact force exceeds the elastic limit of the resisting columns, plastic deformation will occur and is likely to continue to crush or bend the columns in the floor below until either the motion is stopped due to high energy capacity of the columns, or to continue with subsequent collision with the floor below (crush-down collapse).

Depending on the mass of the moving crush-down front, its velocity, and the energy dissipation capacity of the columns in given stories, the crush-down front may be arrested or it may reach the ground level.

Free Fall
It is postulated that a given story n suddenly collapses.

The result is a freefall motion

of the stories above level n through height hn. The initial collapse story n are intact but freefalling, as a total mass of that part of the building may be given as the motions of a freefalling object, the velocity of this impact with the floor below ...

• Fourteen Points of Agreement with Official Government the World Trade Center Destruction

Steven E. Jones, Frank M. Legge, Kevin R. Ryan, Ann and James R. Gourley Pp 35-40 April 8, 2008

Abstract: Reports by FEMA and NIST lay out the details of the destruction of the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001. We wish to set a foundation for productive discussion and focusing on those areas where we find common ground. NIST, while at the same time censoring several popular WTC collapses.

5. Essentially in Free Fall

NIST: [Question:] "How could the WTC towers collapse in only 11 seconds (WTC 1) and 9 seconds (WTC 2) - speeds that approximate that of a ball dropped from the height in a vacuum (with no air resistance)?" [Answer:] "As documented in Section 6.14.4 of NIST NCSTAR 1, these collapse times show that: "... the structure below level of collapse initiation offered minimal resistance to falling building mass at and above the impact zone. The energy released by the downward movement of the large building mass far exceeded the capacity of the structure below to absorb that energy through energy dissipation. Since the stories below the level of collapse initiation provided little resistance to the tremendous energy released by the falling building mass, the building section above came down essentially in free fall, as seen in video. We agree with some of this, that the building "came down essentially in free fall, as seen in videos." This is an important starting point. (Because of obscuring dust clouds it is difficult to determine the exact fall times, but the fact that the buildings "came down essentially in free fall" seems correct when accelerations are viewed, for the Towers and also for WTC 7.) Further, we agree with NIST that "the stories below the level of collapse initiation provided little resistance" to the fall - but we ask - how could that be? NIST mentions "energy of deformation" which for the huge core columns in the Towers would be considerable, and they need to be quantitative about it were not) in order to claim that the "intact structure" significantly slow the motion.

Beyond that, NIST evidently neglects a fundamental law of physics in glibly treating the remarkable "free fall" of each Tower, namely, the Law of Conservation of Momentum. This law of physics means that the hundreds of thousands of tons of material in the way must slow the part of the building because of its mass, independent of which can only slow the fall even more. (Energy and Momentum must both be conserved.) Published papers have argued that this negligence by NIST (leaving the near-free-fall speeds unexplained) is a major flaw in their analysis. NIST ignores the possibility of controlled demolitions, which achieve complete building collapses in near free-fall times by moving them out of the way using explosives. So, there is an alternate explanation that fits the data without violating basic laws of physics.

8. WTC Fires Did Not Melt Steel

NIST: "In no instance did NIST report that steel in the WTC towers melted due to the fires. The melting point of steel is about 1,500 degrees Celsius (2,800 degrees Fahrenheit) and hydrocarbon (e.g., jet fuel) fires generate temperatures up to about 1,100 degrees Celsius (2,000 degrees Fahrenheit). NIST reported maximum upper layer air temperatures of about 1,000 degrees Celsius (1,800 degrees Fahrenheit) in the WTC towers (for example see NCSTAR 1, figure 6-36)" [3].

Agreed. We also find agreement with Prof. Thomas Eagar on this point: The fire is the most misunderstood part of the WTC collapse. Even today, the media report (and many scientists believe) that the steel melted. It is argued that the jet fuel burns very hot, especially with so much fuel present. This is not true.... The temperature of the fire at the WTC was not un38 The Open Civil Engineering Journal, 2008, Volume 2, pp 1-31, and it was most definitely not capable of melting steel [18].

We are in remarkable agreement, then: the WTC fires were not capable of melting steel. Of course, NIST then have trouble explaining the molten material flowing out of the South Tower just before its collapse, as well as evidence for temperatures much higher than NIST's reported 1,100 [13]. We offer to discuss explanations for the observed high temp

Other published research papers related

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- The Environmentalist
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ACROSS

- TXism: "Nuff"
- TX Vikki Carr song: "Cosas del"
- Boerne has "Kid" fiber festival
- early TX gunfighters had a fast
- TXism: "he shoots from the"
- "that's a tough to follow"
- Houston Zoo has rare elephant
- TX Johnny Nash "72 hit: "Clearly Now"
- Rogers, a hooper from Fort Worth
- this Stephens was in Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders films
- overabundance
- Alamo's Travis: "never surrender or retreat"
- Midland FM station
- in 2010, this incumbent Edwards was beaten by Bill Flores for U.S. House
- Canada's largest province
- Teddy trained his "Riders" in San Antonio
- lion sound (2 wds.)
- Alamo aggressor: Antonio Lopez
- 1st Sun Bowl game was between "Stars" and Ranger H.S.

DOWN

- winter inhabitant at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge (2 wds.)
- Jo-Carroll Dennison in '42 was 1st "Miss" from TX
- in Wichita Co. on 370
- this Pearson was a great Cowboy WR
- most populous continent
- New York's "Grand" TXism: "ninety" (very small)
- grow older
- San Antonio's IMAX has a sound system
- one twelfth of a foot
- Cowboy RB, Tommie (1990-94)
- TXism: "I stirred up a hornet's"
- arrest or seize
- great Cowboy QB, Roger (init.)
- smart TXNs have a high one
- act of a court on its own: "sponte"
- TXism: "skedaddle out of"
- "Holiday your keep"
- one-masted sailboats
- longtime Ranger announcer, Eric
- filthy
- holes in one
- Jo, TX
- Phys. Ed.
- TX Ted Cruz or TX John Comyn
- TXism: "mean hombre" (mean)
- one place where TXNs can get auto parts

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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