

# Rockwall County News

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## News Briefs

**Zooniversity slated at library**  
 A free program for youths in grades 6-12, will run from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. today in the first-floor meeting room at the Rockwall County Library.

**Treasures of the Desert' VBS planned**  
 "Treasures of the Desert" vacation Bible school is planned for 9:15 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1524 Smirl Drive, Heath. Co-hosted by the First Presbyterian, Rockwall, the event is open to children ages 4 through completion of fifth grade. Call 972-771-6732 for details.

**Church day care enrollment under way**  
 The United Methodist Church of Heath is conducting enrollment for the summer and fall sessions of its Lil' Voyagers Day Care. Summer sessions for children ages 2 to pre-school are running from July 13 to July 30. For information call the church office at 972-771-6732 or visit [fumcheath.org](http://fumcheath.org).

**Intro to Computers class offered**  
 An introductory course for ages 50-plus will run from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at The Center. Cost is \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

**Swimming Colors plans Harbor concert**  
 The Swimmers will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

**Out-to-Lunch Bunch set Friday**  
 The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at the Old Town Center. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

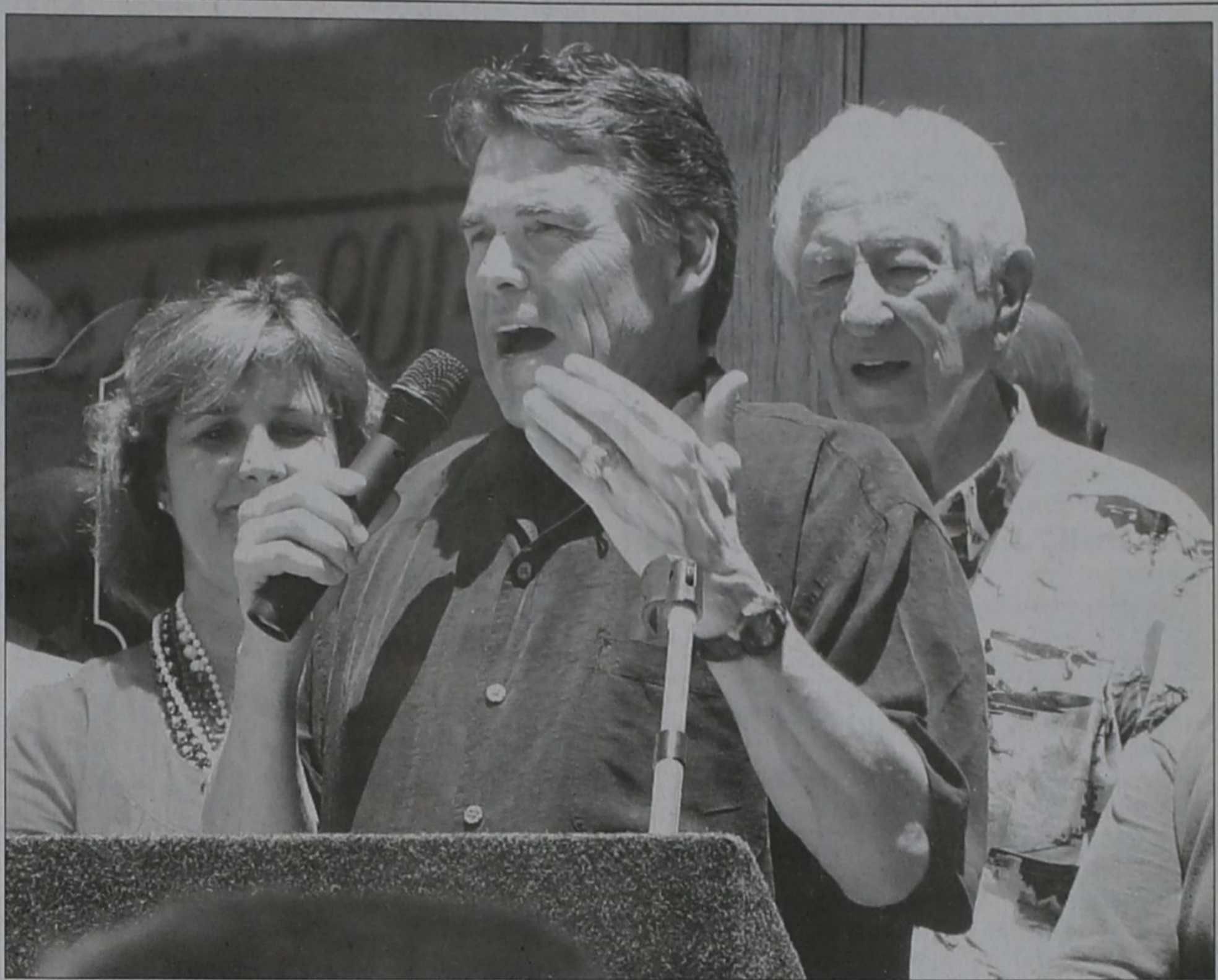
**Scrap Pink' to benefit cancer research**  
 Scrapbookers will meet for an event to raise awareness and funds and enjoy photo preservation projects from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Rockwall's Eastridge Church. Proceeds will benefit local cancer groups. Call Tara Nuytten at 972-771-7438 or Kathleen Nuytten at 972-771-4688 for details.

**AMI support groups plan meetings**  
 NAMI support groups – one for individuals with mental illness in Room 121 and another for their families in Room 122 – will run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030 for details.

**Art camp to focus on safari fun**  
 A themed art camp for ages 3-6 will be offered from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost is \$9 for Rockwall residents, \$19 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

**Modern Art Camp set**  
 A Modern Art Camp that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$9 for Rockwall residents, \$19 for non-residents. For more details, visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

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Texas Governor Rick Perry (center) delivered an impassioned speech at last Saturday's Rockwall TEA Party, joining Rockwall County Commissioner Lorie Grinnan (left) and Congressman Ralph Hall (right) on the steps of the historic courthouse downtown. Watch for more details and exclusive photographs about the event in Friday's edition of the Rockwall County News.  
 Staff Photo by Pat Burnett  
 Rockwall County News

## Family Circle Magazine ranks Rockwall in Top 10 family-friendly towns in U.S.

As reported initially in last Friday's Rockwall County News (07/03/09), the City of Rockwall is one of the Top 10 Best Towns for Families, according to an article in the nationally distributed Family Circle magazine.

In the August issue that hit newsstands today, Family Circle rated Rockwall and nine other U.S. cities as the best places to call home, according to a news release issued by the city last week. Criteria used to make the Top 10 selections included public schools, affordable housing, green spaces, financial stability, low crime rates, access to health care and neighbors.

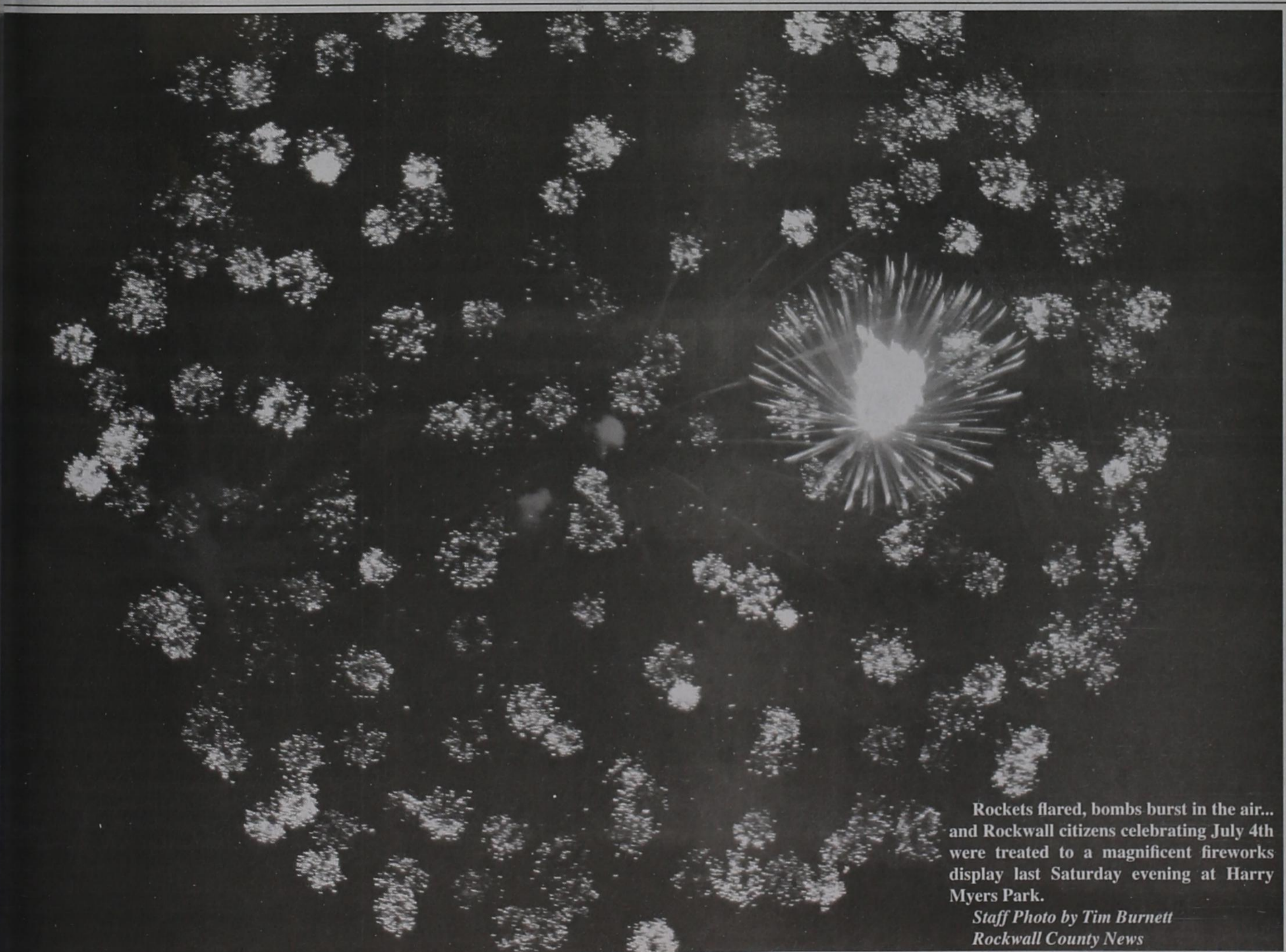
The multi-page article describes Rockwall as a lakeside Dallas suburb and one of the fastest-growing communities in the state. It

makes mention of the Rockwall Independent School District's involvement in the Rachel's Challenge program, includes a short interview with local residents J.C. and Terry Crabtree and includes a scenic photo of The Harbor.

Although the article lists no specific ranking for Rockwall within the Top 10 list, the community is the first city profiled in the magazine spread.

Information for the annual listing was compiled by New York City's Onboard Infomatics research firm from a list of 1,700 cities with populations between 15,000 and 150,000. Family Circle made the final selections, focusing largely on schools, according to the

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Rockets flared, bombs burst in the air... and Rockwall citizens celebrating July 4th were treated to a magnificent fireworks display last Saturday evening at Harry Myers Park.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett  
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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Robert (Bob) J. Evans

Services for Robert (Bob) J. Evans, 89, of Magazine, Ark., formerly of Rockwall, were conducted on June 23, 2009, at Booneville Funeral Services in Booneville, Ark. Burial followed in the Robert Evans Cemetery near Magazine.

He died June 18. Born to James Nash and Lulu Blankenship Evans in Bradshaw, W. Va., he fought in World War II in the Guadalcanal Campaign and the Pacific Islands and retired from the U.S. 1st Marine Division with a rank of CWO-4. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW, DAV and the Retired Officers Association and originator of the Arkansas River Valley Pro-Am Golf Association and the Evans Museum. He developed, owned and operated the Meadowbrook Country Club Golf Course and was a real estate developer and broker. Former manager of the Rockwall Estates, he was a resident of Rockwall for about 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Conny, of Magazine; daughter, Yvonne Sipple, son, Jim Evans, and his wife, Paulette, and son, Wayne Evans, and his wife, Lan, all of Rockwall; two stepsons, Marc Reed of Booneville and Christopher Reed of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Lois Sallee, and her husband, Jim, of Glendale, Ohio; his grandchildren,

Jim Maring III, Kim (Evans) Borges, Paul Evans, Sean Kitchens and Hoa Tuyet Le; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, his daughter, Renee (Evans) Presley, and his former wife, Althea Evans.

## Etta Lide

Services for Etta Lide, 83, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, July 3, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Red Webster officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died July 1. Born April 20, 1926, in Kemp to Purdy P. and Dora Lee (Driver) Brown, she worked for Resistol Hat Co. in Garland and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fate. She and her husband, Douglas, were Tex Pack distributors and Dallas Morning News carriers in Rockwall for many years.

Survivors include her sons, Bryan Lide and his girlfriend, Cheryl Meeks, of Rockwall and Carroll Lide and his wife, Brenda, of Wewoka, Okla.; her daughter, Linda Washburn of Roysse City; her brothers, James and Loraine Walker of Grand Prairie and Bill Walker of Ladonia; a sister, Martha Nell Ruland of Glen Cove, N.Y.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Allen Lide; one daughter, Nelda Bush; and one brother, Kenneth Brown.



The cotton patch behind the tenant cabin on the Rockwall County Historical Foundation museum property at Harry Myers Park is in bloom! In an effort to be as true to the County's history as possible when Cotton was King in Rockwall County, Jan Self, the most dedicated cotton farmer of this century, is shown "tinning for bees." This process was done with a tin pan and a wooden spoon to attract the bees when the cotton plants started to bloom. The patch will be ready for harvest at the annual Cotton Pickin' Party to be held Sunday, October 4. This annual fundraiser helps support all the RCHF projects that allow residents to enjoy the treasure that is their past. More information about the event will be announced throughout the summer.

Photo Courtesy of Leigh Plagens  
Rockwall County News

## Chisholm Baptist offers 'Chisholm Trails' VBS

The youth and children's ministries leaders at Chisholm Baptist Church in McLendon-Chisholm are departing from tradition this year by turning Vacation Bible School into Vacation Bible Saturday.

The church recognized that, while it is know that Christian parents love the idea of their children having good, wholesome summer fun while learning about God and praising his Holiness, many families have

work schedules that make it difficult to shuttle their children to and from church, three week nights in a row for a traditional VBS program.

VB Saturday is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 11. This year's theme will be "Chisholm Trails." Pastor Rocky Weatherford and Youth/Children's Ministry Coordinator Leroy Rippey are opening the doors of CBC to all children that can come.

Activities will include Gospel presentations (morning and afternoon), praise and worship music, crafts, Bible study and other special activities, including a bounce house and the return of Jo-Jo the Rodeo Clown.

# News Brief

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\$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents, tails, visit rockwall.com/parks.

## Church to host Crocodile Dock

The First Baptist Church of Heath, 224 Smirl Drive Crocodile Dock vacation Bible school from 6:30 p.m. July 13-17. Activities will include a wader slide and on July 17. To pre-register call 972-771-8275 or register for more details visit fbcheath.com.

## Snake Encounters program scheduled

Snake Encounters, a free program for youths in grade will be offered from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 14 in the Rock Library's first-floor meeting room.

## Surfing the 'Net' class available

A Surfing the 'Net' class for individuals ages 50 and offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and T 14-30, at The Center. Cost will be \$50 for Rockwall for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com

## Location changed for RC breakfast

The Roysse City Networking Breakfast Club will change place beginning July 15. The group will meet at H 101 E. Main St., in Roysse City. A breakfast buffet will per person. Anyone interested in networking with others is invited. Events take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on third Wednesdays of each month.

## American Legion sets quarterly meeting

The Rockwall American Legion will have its quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. July 16 at the Harry Myers Park Building. Dinner and social hour will be at 6 p.m., presentation by the Rockwall police chief. Veterans are to attend.

## The Pictures plan concert at lake

The Pictures will perform at the free City of Rockwall Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 16 Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

## Red Hot Robots Camp offered

Robots of all types will be the focus of a camp for 9-12 to run from 9 a.m. to noon July 20-24 in the Education Center Gym. Cost for Rockwall residents non-residents will pay \$210. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

## TC's Performing Dogs show set

TC's Performing Dogs, a free program for youths in grades 1-4 will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 21 in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library.

## Stingerette Summer Camp scheduled

Girls in grades K-8 can participate in the Rockwall Stingerette Summer Camp, July 21-24 at Williams Memorial Park. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to noon; first day check in. Cost is \$80 on the first day. For details contact Claire Stingerette at cpy@sbcglobal.net or call 972-816-8857.

## Random Axis is featured band

Random Axis will perform at the free City of Rockwall Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 22 Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

## Teen reading program to wrap up

The Rockwall County Library's Teen Read '09 will wrap up on Thursday, July 9 at 4 p.m. on that date.

## Science camp scheduled

A camp covering a multitude of sciences - from biology to chemistry - will be offered from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program is for youths ages 6-9. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents and \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

## End-of-Summer Party set at library

A free End-of-Summer Party for youths in grades 1-4 will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 28 in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library.

## Airwave 80s to play at Harbor

Airwave 80s will perform at the free City of Rockwall Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 30 Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks.

## Training set for library's volunteer tutors

The Rockwall County Library's needs volunteer tutors to help adults learn to read and speak English, pass the GED test and become U.S. citizens. Classes are offered mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Tutors need not be teachers of speak Spanish. Training will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. Classes begin Labor Day. For more information call Gloria at 972-204-7705.

## FUMC Heath to host Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host Bible school from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7. Sign-up sheet available at the church office or at the church Web site: fumc.org. Registration costs \$15 per child or \$35 for three or more children. Scholarships are available. For details call 972-771-8275.

## Secret Agent Camp set

CSI-themed science activities will be offered in a Secret Agent Camp for youths ages 9-12. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 3-7 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost is \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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## Rockwall national rally

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press release.

Other cities listed include:

Evans, Ga.; Sheridan, N.C.; Elmore, N.C.; Noblesville, Ind.; Ohio; Hendersonville, N.C.; Kenmore, Wash.; and Erie, Wis.

Family Circle magazine published by Meredith Corp. is said to be one of the women's magazines. The magazine began in 1932.



Newly selected Rockwall-Heath High School Starstepper Drill Team made their debut at the school's scrimmage game in May. The new members of the team are (back row from left) Savannah Gye, Cheyenne Bradford, Lulu Wilson, Kaitlin Hargis, Alyssa Mastronardi, Tori Bryant, Pepper Director Anna Blair, (middle row from left) Macy Christian, Alaina Smith, Madison Lovett, Crawford, Kayla Stubbs, Jennifer Stubbs, Portia Hambrick, Madison Welch, (front row from left) Kayla Bender, Captain Breeelan Statham and First Lt. Madison Mills. Not pictured are members Alvarez, Nicole Alyatim, Haley Bryant, Hannah Bryant, Anna DiGirolamo, Lori Giranado and with Magee.

Courtesy of Stephanie Statham  
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The Fulton School campers Kristian Kelley (left) and Frank Douglas feed a llama while Ryan Carmack watches at the school's "Down on the Farm" camp for 3- to 5-year-olds last week. Campers learned about farm animals and their products, enjoyed farm animal arts and crafts and even made their own butter. The camp concluded on Friday, June 26 with pony rides and a petting zoo that included rabbits, goats, geese, guinea pigs and a llama, brought to The Fulton School by Princeton-based Cathy's Critters.

Photo by Elizabeth Fudge  
Rockwall County News

### Box Theater announces spring schedule

Fans will enjoy some of their favorite flicks over the next six weeks at the DimeBox Theater in Roysse City.

- 1 - "Red Blood of Courage," Kermit Maynard, Ann Sheridan
- 5 - "I Cover the Waterfront," Ben Lyon, Claudette Colbert
- 7 - "39 Steps," Hitchcock thriller with Robert Donat, Madge Evans
- 8 - "Reunion in France," John Wayne as an American soldier

Screening costs 10 cents. Screenings begin at 2 p.m. Groups of 10 or more are asked to make a reservation. The theater is located at 12453.

The DimeBox Theater is typically open on the first and third Saturday of each month; however, additional screenings are occasionally scheduled. For more information on the DimeBox, which is dedicated to family entertainment, contact James Cornelius at 972-636-9230.

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## Teen summer activities kicks off at Rockwall County Library

Rockwall County Library is offering a full schedule of youth programs and camps this summer, including interesting and fun activities for teens.

The library's Teen area was designed with help from a focus group of Rockwall County teens, who helped select everything from comfortable chairs to the light fixtures and wallpaper, according to the library's web site. The result is a colorful and fun place to hang out. Library staff has also made improving the selections of books and educational materials a priority.

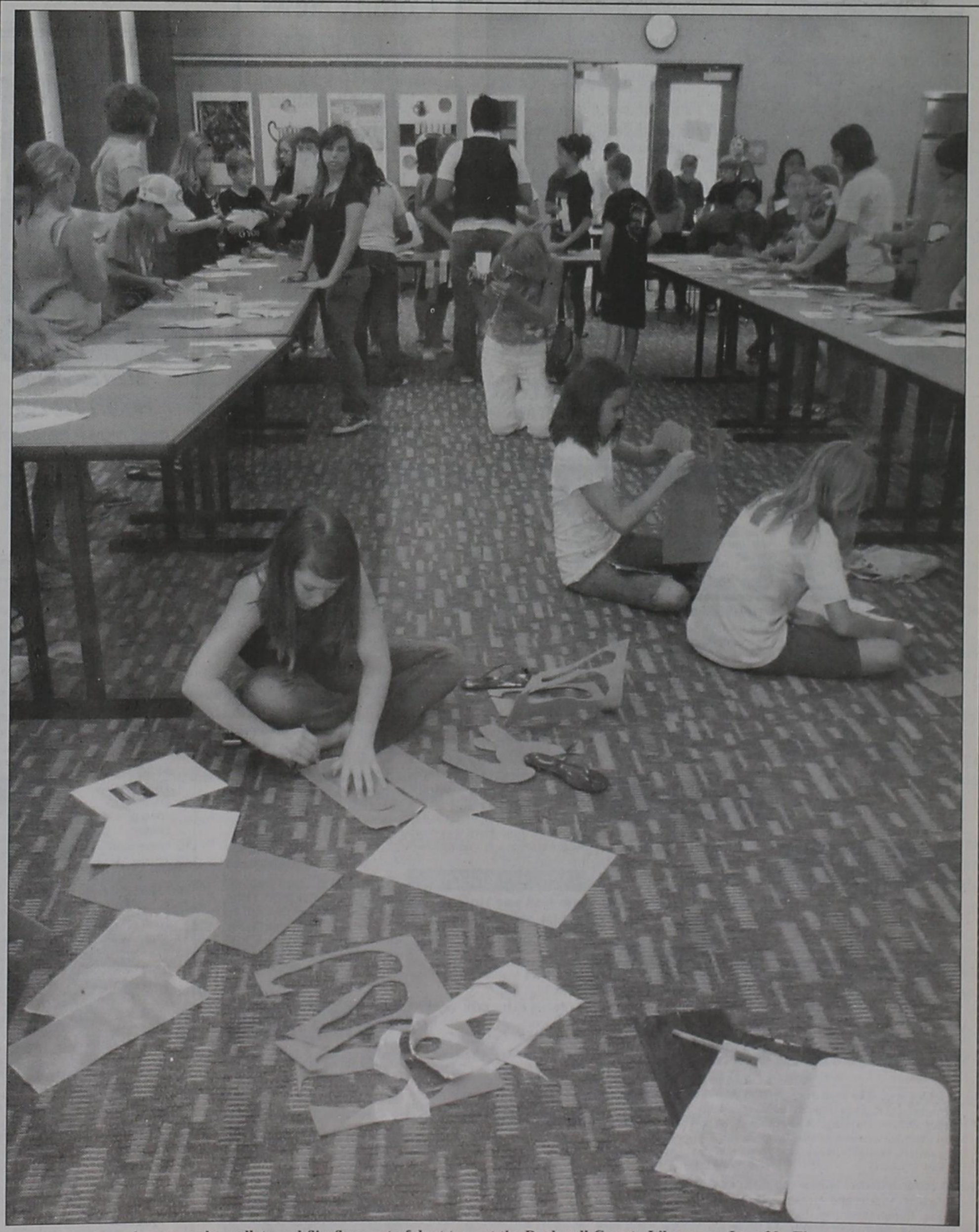
Following is a schedule of upcoming teen activities:

- Zooversity: Zooversity will bring a selection of their amazing collection of exotic animals, all former unwanted, injured or abused exotic animals.
- 6th - 12th graders: 3:45 p.m. Meeting Room: Snake Encounters: Sprout and his cast of boas, anacondas and other varieties of reptiles will take your breath away.
- 6th - 12th graders: 4 p.m. Meeting Room: TC's Performing Dogs: Topper and her trained dogs will show you how to have fun with the most out of your dog. Please do not bring your own dog.
- 6th - 12th graders: 4 p.m. Meeting Room: Teen Read '09 ends: All books must be turned in by 4 p.m. today.
- End of Summer Teen Read '09 Celebration: Celebrate the end of the year with a special event for food, fun & surprises! We will be drawing for the grand prize.
- 6th - 12th graders: 7:30 p.m. Meeting Room: Spanish Training: Spanish training sessions will begin Labor Day.



Sherry Hamm (left), Assistance and Referral Director at Rockwall County Helping Hands, thanks speech teacher and project coordinator Kimberly Lewis (right) and some of her students at Rockwall-Heath High School for their generous donation to the Food Pantry at Helping Hands. Their donation included canned foods and gift cards to local grocery stores. The food drive was their final project for the 2008-2009 school year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by Helping Hands, a non-profit agency that offers critical assistance in critical times for Rockwall County residents. For more information about Helping Hands, please call 972-771-HELP.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Area teens learn how to make wallets and flip-flops out of duct tape at the Rockwall County Library on June 23. The workshop was just one of many scheduled activities this summer aimed at teens. For more information on upcoming teen activities, visit the library's web site at [rockwallcountytxas.com](http://rockwallcountytxas.com) and click on the library link.

Photo by Elizabeth Fudge  
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## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

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**Legal Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fate Economic Development Corporation will hold a Public Hearing concerning the 2009/2010 Operating Budget on Thursday, July 23, 2009, 7:30 PM at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, Fate TX 75132.

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# Tuesday Opinions

## Obama the Health-Care Reformer Would Grow Up

Jon Richman

Obama insists he does not want the government to run the health care system. He insists that he wants only to fix what's broken and bring what works intact.

At his word, this is typical of Obama. His desires are things that can be achieved if only we want them badly. All that prevents fulfillment are the obstacles created by inertia, ideological, and perhaps evil people.

Obama really believes this - and is not merely engaging in wishful thinking (a strong possibility) - then he has the maturity of a child. No way is this unique to Obama. Most politicians are either naive or in this respect or demagogues. You may decide which is

the achievement of the first economists was their realization that there are natural laws of economics. They noticed real-world cause and effect rooted in the logic of human action. Prices rise with supply and demand. If the supply of a commodity fell or rose, other things being equal, the price rose, activating incentives to increase supply either of the commodity in question or to find substitutes acceptable to consumers. And if the king forbade a certain activity there would be bad consequences for consumers: chronic queues at shops, and rationing.

The development of economics was bad news for rulers who were omnipotent. The new discipline told them their power was limited. They could not decree an abundance of cheap goods into existence. Naturally, rulers did not like that information, and their court intellectuals (today we all them New York Times and Washington Post op-ed writers) denied there was such a thing as a subjective economic theory.

It is, and it continues to thwart public policies that attempt to control prices. Price ceilings (such as anti-gouging laws) will produce shortages. Price floors will produce surpluses. Minimum-wage laws will make jobs more scarce or more unpleasant for the unskilled.

Why even a sincere wish by Obama not to have the government run the medical system will mean nothing if he pursues it as he seems intent on pursuing.

Obama's "public option." That's a euphemism for a government-run health insurance program that is to provide a competitive alternative to private insurance. This rationale is misleading because it would mean ready competition among insurers - and there would be no competition. For example, a resident in Minnesota, where health insurance policy is burdened with dozens of state-mandated requirements for coverage he may not want (for instance, alcoholism/mental health and breast reconstruction), may not legally buy a policy in Idaho, which has far fewer mandates.

There's no need for a public option to create competition. All that needs to do is get out the way.

What will the public option have, then? Remember what it is: government bureaucracy. That tells us something right off the bat: It will not face the market's discipline of profit and loss or the threat of bankruptcy. It will have the taxpayers in its back pocket and will cover its expenses. In other words, in the name of keeping costs down, private insurers, won't need to charge premiums high enough to cover its expenses. In other words, in the name of keeping costs down, companies "honest," the public option will be able to engage in predatory pricing, with the taxpayers making up the losses.

The government's program will also be able to strong-arm pharmaceutical companies and other vendors and providers into selling their products below market level. To make up for those low prices, they will have to charge others more than they would have otherwise, putting private insurers at an additional disadvantage. As the disadvantaged providers and insurers exit the market, consumers will have little choice but the public option.

Obama's shot is that just by acting like the government bureaucracy, the public option will make it difficult if not impossible for private insurers and service providers to remain in the market. The government will end up running the medical system by default if it signs.

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## Why a Bill of Rights?

by Walter E. Williams

Why did the founders of our nation give us the Bill of Rights? The answer is easy. They knew Congress could not be trusted with our God-given rights. Think about it. Why in the world would they have written the First Amendment prohibiting Congress from enacting any law that abridges freedom of speech and the press? The answer is that in the absence of such a limitation Congress would abridge free speech and free press. That same distrust of Congress explains the other amendments found in our Bill of Rights protecting rights such as our rights to property, fair trial and to bear arms. The Bill of Rights should serve as a constant reminder of the deep distrust that our founders had of government. They knew that some government was necessary but they rightfully saw government as the enemy of the people and they sought to limit government and provide us with protections.

After the 1787 Constitutional Convention, there were intense ratification debates about the proposed Constitution. Both James Madison and Alexander Hamilton expressed grave reservations about Thomas Jefferson's, George Mason's and others' insistence that the Constitution be amended by the Bill of Rights. Those reservations weren't the result of a lack of concern for liberty. To the contrary, they were concerned about the loss of liberties.

Alexander Hamilton expressed his reservation in Federalist Paper No. 84. "(B)ills of rights ... are not only unnecessary in the proposed Constitution, but would even be dangerous." Hamilton asks, "For why declare that things shall not be done (by Congress) which there is no power to do? Why, for instance, should it be said that the liberty of the press shall not be restrained, when no power is given (to Congress) by which restrictions may be imposed?" Hamilton's argument was that Congress can only do what the Constitution specifically gave it authority to do. Powers not granted belong to the people and the states. Another way of examining Hamilton's concern: Why have an amendment prohibiting Congress from infringing on our right to

picnic on our back porch when the Constitution gives Congress no authority to infringe upon that right in the first place?

Alexander Hamilton added that a Bill of Rights would "contain various exceptions to powers not granted; and, on this very account, would afford a colorable pretext to claim more (powers) than were granted. ... (it) would furnish, to men disposed to usurp, a plausible pretense for claiming that power." Going back to our picnic example, those who would usurp our God-given liberties might enact a law banning our right to have a picnic. They'd justify their actions by claiming that nowhere in the Constitution is there a guaranteed right to have a picnic.

To mollify Alexander Hamilton's and James Madison's fears about how a Bill of Rights might be used as a pretext to infringe on human rights, the Ninth Amendment was added that reads: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." In essence, the Ninth Amendment says it's impossible to list all of our God-given or natural rights. Just because a right is not listed doesn't mean it can be infringed upon or disparaged by the U.S. Congress. The Tenth Amendment is a reinforcement of the Ninth saying, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." That means if a power is not delegated to Congress, it belongs to the states of the people.

The Ninth and Tenth Amendments mean absolutely nothing today as Americans have developed a level of naive trust for Congress, the White House and the U.S. Supreme Court that would have astonished the founders, a trust that will lead to our undoing as a great nation.

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## Don't Be Deceived

by Bill O'Reilly

It seems every day there is another example of media deception in America. With the Fourth of July approaching, it is well worth remembering why the Founding Fathers gave the press special privileges. They wanted journalists to report honestly, to give the folks accurate, unbiased information so they could make informed decisions about who should hold power. Many of the Founders, like Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, didn't much like the press, but they understood that, for a democratic Republic to work, voters need honest information.

Unfortunately, the vision of a free and honest press is fast disappearing in America. Let me give you yet another vivid example. This week a poll by The New York Times asked: "Would you be willing to pay higher taxes so that all Americans have health insurance?"

Fifty-seven percent said they were willing, 37 percent were not willing, and 6 percent had no opinion.

So, according to the Times, Americans overwhelmingly want government financed health care. That's what the poll says, right?

But if you read all the way down to the bottom of the poll, you see another question. "Who did you vote for (in the presidential election)?"

Forty-eight percent said Barack Obama, and just 25 percent answered John McCain. The rest, 19 percent, did not vote. Wow, that's almost two to one for Obama.

But the popular vote tally in the election last November was 53 percent for Obama and 46 percent for McCain. Wait a minute.

That's a lot closer than two to one. Apparently The New York Times skewed the polling by offering the questions to mostly Obama voters. I'm shocked they supported higher taxes for federal health care, aren't you?

This kind of dishonesty is not uncommon in the media. The Times says its poll is "scientific." Sure it is. Scientifically stacking the deck.

I believe very few people read the entire poll before digesting the health care headline. The result is a flawed perception of what the American public really wants. The folks may indeed support Uncle Sam paying some heavy medical bills, but this poll is not a reflection of anything other than a New York Times deception.

By the way, CBS News also had its name on that poll.

As a media guy who wants accurate information, that kind of stuff tees me off. As soon as the pollsters learned that most of the respondents were Obama people, they should have thrown the results out. But the Times ardently favors national health care and a huge federal government. So the con played out.

The most frustrating part about this is that nothing can be done. The Times has an ombudsman, but he's a joke, and no outside agency has any power over the paper. It can pretty much do what it wants, and does.

It is true that the Times and some other media outlets, most committed left, are on the brink of bankruptcy. The liberal papers say the Internet is to blame, and that's partly true.

But the folks are beginning to understand that the informational fix is in. What good is "all the news that's fit to print" if the news is bogus?

The Times might want to poll that question.

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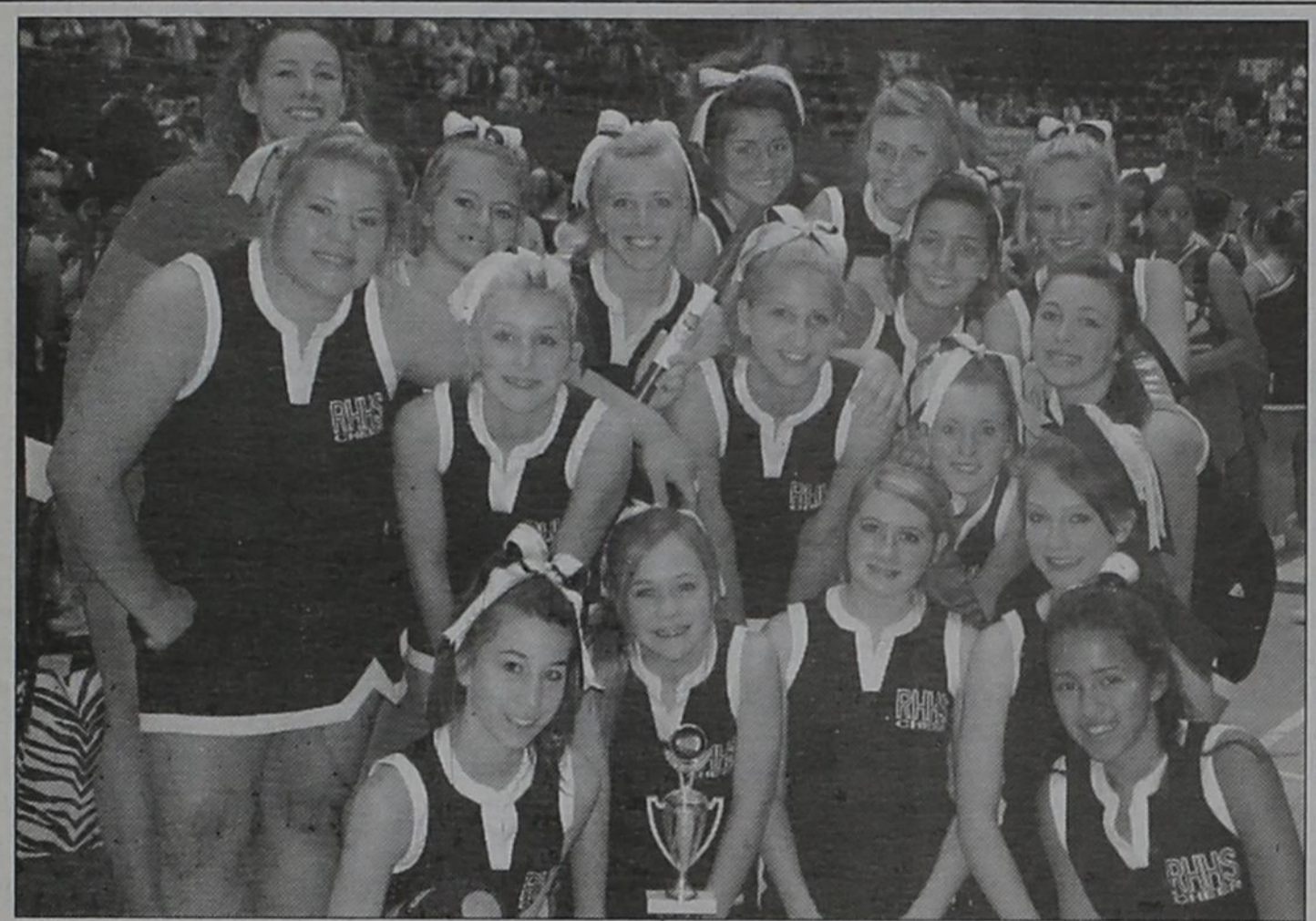
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The Rockwall-Heath High varsity cheerleading squad attended camp at SMU last month at home with a bevy of awards and recognitions, including the Herkey Award (voted Best Team peers); the Spot Award (safety); Spirit Stick; three Superior Ribbons for cheer; three Superior for chant; bid to nationals; Most Improved trophy; and Performance Top Team trophy. Named All-Americans were Kaleigh Loeffler, Ashley Fladeland, Meredith Moreau, Megan McKenna, Wenger, Katelyn Brown, Allie Lincoln and Morgan Iles. Receiving NCA invitations to try out for the NCA staff next year were Wenger, Loeffler and Moreau. Shown at camp were (back row from left) Allie Lincoln, Ashley Fladeland, Rebecca Eddy, Lauren Hartnett, Rylie Mike-Mayer, Iles, Kayla Hall, Katelyn Brown, (front row from left) seniors Katy Ray, Morgan Johnson, McKenna, Megan McKenna, Brittany Wenger, Michaela Tomalin, Kaleigh Loeffler, Sophomore Mascot Chandler Cox, (front) senior Stefanie Cotner.  
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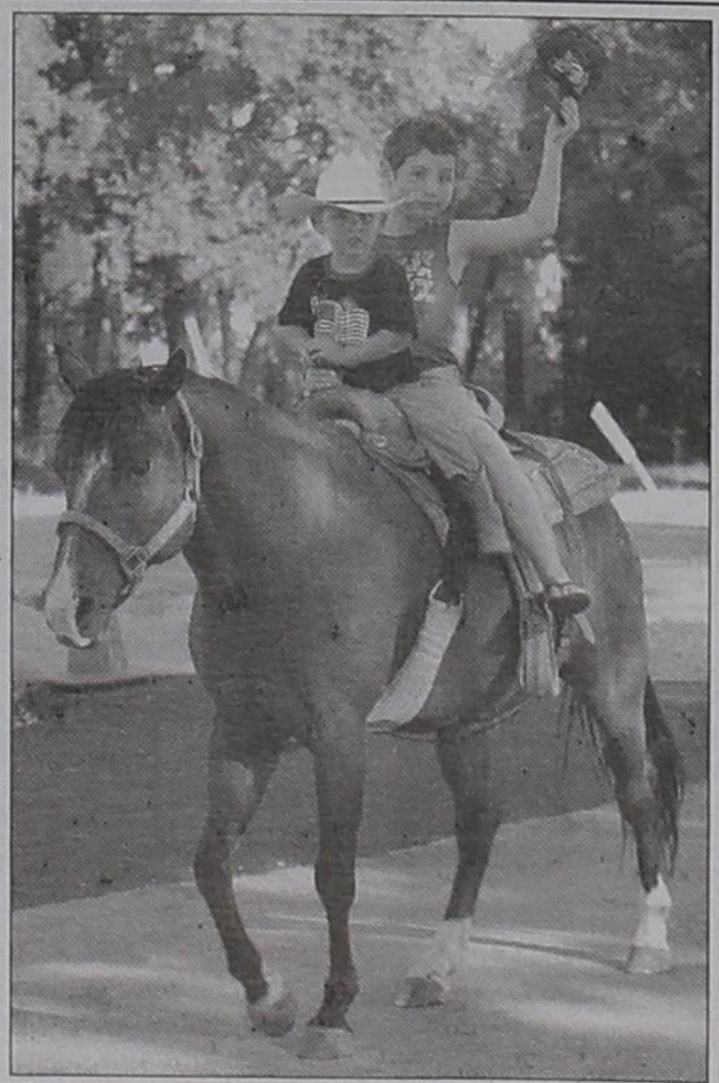
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Shown with the trophies and awards earned at the June 9-12 cheerleading camp at SMU in Rockwall-Heath senior cheerleaders are Katy Ray, Morgan Johnson, Meredith Moreau, McKenna, Brittany Wenger, Michaela Tomalin, Stefanie Cotner and Kaleigh Loeffler.  
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Members of the Rockwall-Heath High School junior varsity cheerleading squad attended camp June 9-12 where they received several recognitions, including the Spot Award (safety); Spirit Stick for Superior Skills, jump; Excellent Ribbon for cheer; two Superior Ribbons for cheer; a Superior Ribbon for chant; two Excellent Ribbons for chant; and a bid to nationals. Named All-American Paige Richerson, Tara Woessner, Meagan Naegle, Kaylea Wisner and Alexis Roland. Shown were (back row from left) Hallie O'Connor, Savannah Smith, Meagan Delozier, Meagan Naegel, Jordyn Leeuw, (middle row from left) Chasity Rooney, Peyton Garner, Kaylea Wisner, Buchanan, Holley Noe, Paige Richerson, Alexis Pranschke, (front row from left) Elleott Amie Woessner and Cayley Lott.  
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