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Blackberry, a black lab, dives for his pool toys as his humans, Jennifer (left) and Bert (at right in pool) Hart of Rockwall, help him cool off at the City of Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department's Doggie Splash Day on Saturday, Aug. 14. The city pool at Harry Myers Park is traditionally opened to dogs big and small and their humans on the last day of swimming for the summer season.
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



Farmers Market takes place each Saturday through October at the downtown Rockwall historic square. Families can choose from locally grown fruits and vegetables, homemade soaps, honey from local bees, products made from lavender and a host of other organic and healthy products.
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Royse City Council spurns tax increase

Patricia Nolan Butts

Royse City Council put the brakes on a city property tax hike when members met in a budget workshop and declined to raise the effective rate voted in during the Aug. 10 council meeting.

The Aug. 10 vote was the record vote required by law, which sets a maximum effective or ceiling rate for local property taxes. The effective rate for Royse is currently 0.6576 per \$100 valuation. The council voted 4-3 to adopt an effective rate of 0.6736 per \$100 valuation.

However, with taxpayers already facing an increase in water and sewer rates in October, said city manager Bill Shipp, the council decided an increase in the effective rate was not appropriate this year. Council members voted instead to retain the current tax rate of 0.6576 per \$100. Other council business also included approval of a city system allowing residents to pay for utilities, city permits and municipal court costs online. The city anticipates offering online payment services by the end of the year, Shipp said.

Also in the Aug. 10 meeting, the council accepted a transfer of approximately one acre of land for a new water tower from One Verandah LP. When the company developed the Verandah subdivision in the northeast portion of the city, it promised land to the city for the tower. Royse City council members will likely award a bid for the tower at the Sept. 14 council meeting, and construction on the new facility will probably begin in November.

Shipp said, "Because of its elevation and location, the new site will provide the most efficient service for the entire city."

Replacement of air conditioning and heating in the city library, senior center and city hall will begin soon, resulting from the council's award of a bid for those services to Johnson Controls, Inc. of Irving. The project is funded by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

A grant will also fund a bid the council awarded Aug. 10 to North America Fire Equipment Company for personal protective equipment for Royse City firefighters.

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Rockwall City Council tables Harbor expansion discussion

by Patricia Nolan Butts

Planned development of the Harbor district expansion stalled Monday night when council member disagreement over multi-family housing in that area caused the city council to table the item until the Tues., Sept. 7 meeting.

The ordinance rezoning the hilltop acreage bounded by I-30, the Harbor, and Horizon Rd. was having a first reading pursuant to adoption by the city. Zoning changes are a required step in what has been a three-year process of setting development standards for the prominent site.

Although the code for the high end, mixed-use development has been under the supervision of the city council during that time, conflicting, apparently unresolved views about the inclusion of multi-family units surfaced during the meeting.

Opposing multi-family units

Council member Cliff Sevier stated his longstanding opposition to multi-family housing in the city, and received some support in that stance from Council member David Sweet. Mark Russo expressed concern that the effects of high density housing in the district have not been fully explored. In a tense exchange with Russo, council member Matt Scott conveyed some surprise that Russo concerns over the project's elements had not been adequately answered during three years of oversight with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The land is probably the most expensive property in the city, according to P&Z director Robert LaCroix. Scott indicated that all efforts to date had been with the goal of ensuring the "highest and best use of the property" and to "complement and enhance the viability of the Harbor and increase land value in the area."

Questions about definitions

LaCroix was called upon to give definitions of condominium, zero lot line homes and townhomes. The office-retail-residential master plan calls for maximum 1161 urban residential units (including a townhome element), and 49 zero-lot line single family homes in residential subdistricts.

"I appreciate the concerns about multi-family units. But we're not talking about rows and rows of apartments," Scott said. "We're talking about high end retail and residential similar to Dallas' Uptown areas such as West Village—multi-family in the highest, classic sense."

Council discussion gravitated to consideration of condo units in the Harbor area that have become rental units, and Chief of Police Mark Moeller was asked about calls for service in those areas. He replied that parking issues are the typical problem.

Identifying specific "struggles"

Acknowledging the right of council members to change their minds about aspects of the project under development, Council member Sweet asked members opposing multi-family provisions to "identify [their] specific struggles". He expressed satisfaction with the changes that had been made to the original code setting out housing standards, but said that "some aspects of the multi-family provisions make me nervous, too. I'm not going to support it tonight. I want to make sure I have a deep understanding and can answer these questions next time and stand by my vote on the second reading."

Sevier responded "I just think 1210 units for housing in that area is a lot. It's too much, whether you call them apartments or townhouses or whatever. Once the newness wears off, I don't see them bringing any value to the area."

Expressing concerns for density and traffic, Russo said, "We can talk on paper about how great it's going to be, but none of us has a crystal ball."

Scott replied that "we can't govern from fear. We all agree that what the Harbor needs for longterm viability is more foot traffic, more people."

Sweet emphasized the importance of unanimity on the council as much as possible. "I've been the lone vote against on some things. But this is one of the most important properties for the future of our city. We also know the impact it's going to have on the Harbor. We need to have a deep understanding of what's at stake here."

The council voted 6-0 to postpone the matter until September 7 regular meeting. Council member Glen Farris was absent from the meeting.

What happens now?

When Sweet asked city staff what would happen if the ordinance were not approved at this reading, city manager Julie Couch replied, "We've been working on this for three years. We'd be looking for direction about where you want to go with this."

The council voted to table the item to the Tues., Sept. 7 meeting. In other business, the council approved for acquisition two parcels of land related to the expansion of Airport Road and FM 549. It also recognized three graduates of Rockwall University Leadership Program (see related story).

Permit use requested extended

The council granted a 90-day extension of a specific use permit for

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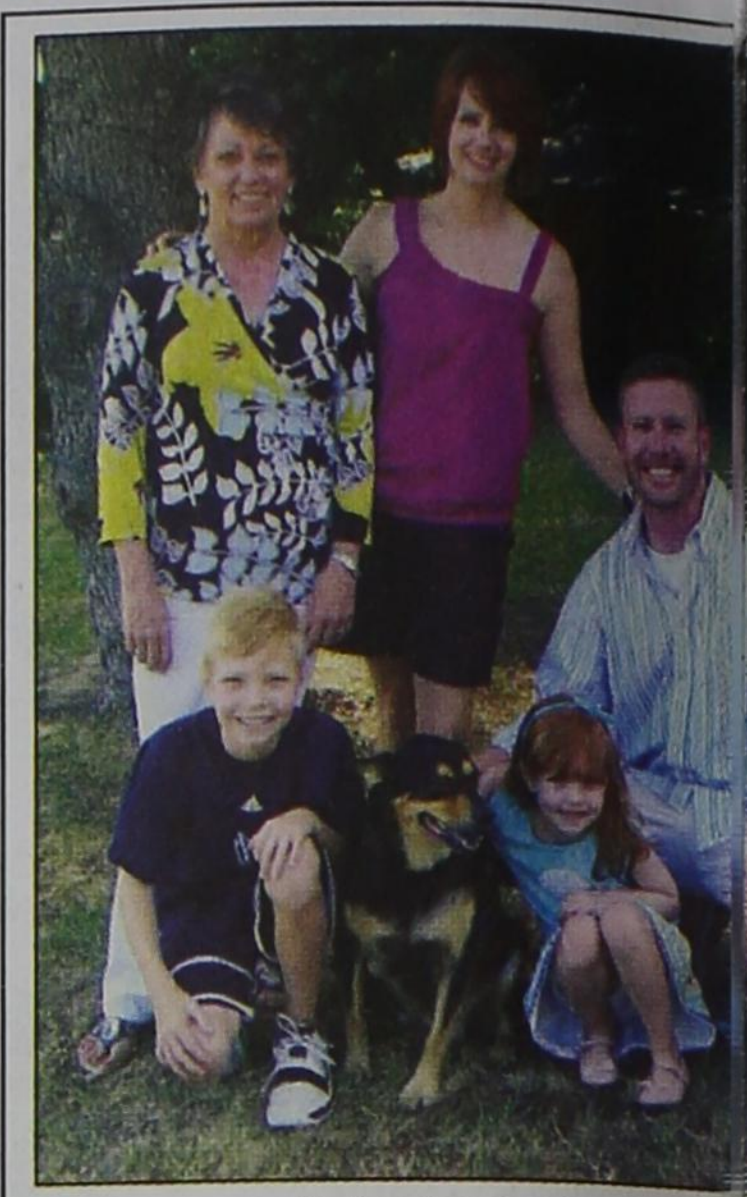
Miracle in Rockwall: Missing dog returns after five weeks

by Kathy Williams
How many times have we read a story or seen on the news about a beloved family pet gone missing that turns up at home after weeks or months on the run? A Rockwall family recently received that miracle when their 11-year old Lab mix dog, Bud, showed up after having gone missing over the July 4 weekend.

Steven Harvey, Bud's owner, said while his family was at a family reunion, his dog and his parents' dog were left in his backyard with access to food, water and shelter in the garage. When the family returned home, the gate leading into the yard had been opened and both dogs were gone.

Harvey said his father found his dog as they were searching the neighborhood for their pets, but Bud wasn't found. Harvey's neighbors said they would keep an eye out for the dog. "Everybody said they would watch for him. They all take in strays into their yards and watch for the lost pet posters to go up," Harvey said. "Lost pet signs work in this neighborhood."

After their lost pet signs went up, the Harvey family received a phone call that broke their hearts. A neighbor, Baye Check, said she saw Bud get hit by a car on Lake Shore Drive the Saturday of July 4 weekend. She told Harvey a teen driver was speeding through the neighborhood and never slowed down when Bud wandered into the street.



The Harvey family of Rockwall celebrates their dog, Bud, five weeks after he went missing from their family home. Members of the family are, front row left, Jacob Harvey, Bud and Paige Harvey and, at back, "Nana" Drake, Amy Harvey and Steven Harvey, known as "Nana" Drake. Photo courtesy of Abbie Vinci/Rockwall County News

"She said she made eye contact with the driver and looked at him like, 'Why aren't you slowing down?'" Harvey said. "She put her arms out like she was trying to slow him down."

Check said a part of the car's grill broke off when Bud was hit, and she gave it to Harvey in case the driver came forward. The Harvey family, which includes Steven's wife, Amy, and children, Jacob and Paige, decided that, despite their heartbreak over apparently losing Bud, they needed a dog in their lives and adopted Bee, whom Harvey described as a "shelter mutt. Both the dogs were rescue animals," he said.

Bud was found five weeks to Aug. 9 when the Harvey's miracle happened.

Debbie Drake, Amy Harvey's mother who lives two blocks from her daughter's family, hit the button on her garage door opener and received a shocking surprise. Sitting outside her garage, wagging his tail, dirty, hungry and 15 pounds lighter, was a very much alive Bud.

Because Harvey's mother-in-law does not have a fence around her yard, Bud had never been to Drake's house, Harvey said, so

he's not sure how Bud ended up there.

The Harveys' veterinarian, Dr. J. David Loftis of Rockwall Veterinary Hospital, said Bud didn't have any broken bones or any other obvious injuries from being hit by the car. Other than the weight loss and a bad case of fleas, Bud was in good health.

Harvey said he would like to commend the Rockwall Police Department for their compassion and understanding while Bud was missing.

"They wrote down all the de-

tails and listened to Bud," he said. "I don't remember, whose name it was, but the house with a police locker room is looking for a dog."

The Harveys are looking for their dog.

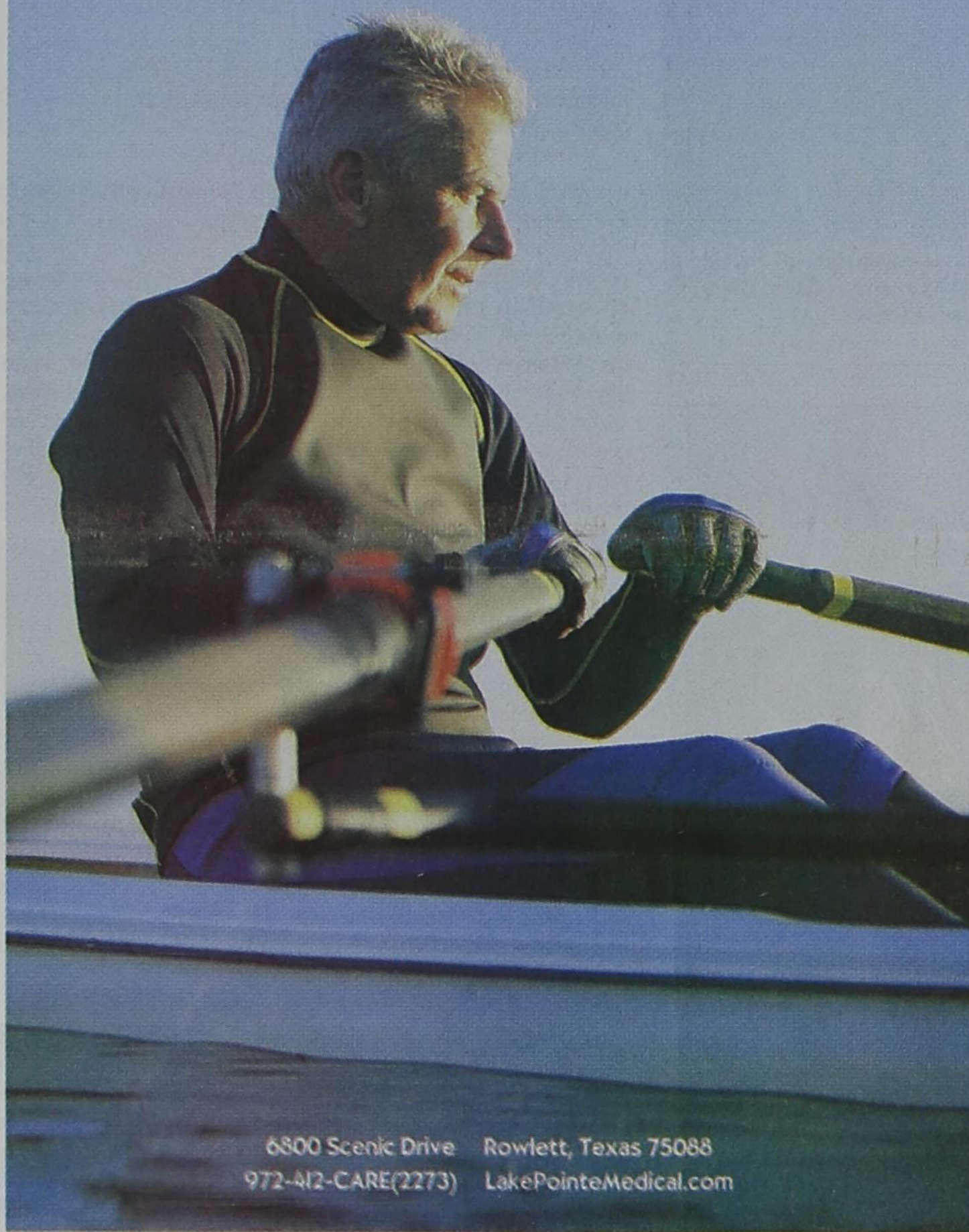
"It's just people who are so helpful, compassionate. These are good people around," he said.

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fire code requirements to Jerry Archer for his car care business at 306 E. Washington. Archer told the council he has faced difficulties meeting the previously agreed-upon requirements because of relocation, downtown street work, and the downturn in the economy. Inadequate city water supply to his business has made installation of the required sprinkler system exorbitant in cost, he said.

The council declined to act on a request from James Russell Wylie to allow his property to become part of the McLendon-Chisholm extra-territorial jurisdiction on which it borders, and in doing so, remove it from consideration for annexation by the city of Rockwall.

Council members also heard from other property owners who unanimously oppose city annexation of their land as part of 824.91 acres near the boundary line of McLendon-Chisholm. The four families represented stated that they have all the ser-

vices needed, or that deed restrictions for their property are already in place to prevent unsightly development. All are eligible for three-year agricultural exemptions under what is known as a 212 non-development agreement.

Mayor Cecil responded that "the city is completing a series of annexations to bring property into its extra-territorial jurisdiction into the Rockwall city limits." Because the public hearing was opportunity for input only and the council could not act on requests, Mayor Cecil and Council members assured homeowners they would meet with them outside the meeting time to answer questions.

Council members heard a re-

port from assistant city manager Rick Crowley regarding town square improvements. They include lighting, parking, and signage. He outlined how the city is responding to requests made in June by Robert Kewey, a person for the Town Shoppes.

In answer to Council member Mark Russo's request for a cultural center in the city, the city manager will determine steps and report back to the council. The council will level of involvement, and whether feasible, might be by existing city

Habitat plans kick off work in Peter's Colony

The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity will observe its first day of framing at the Peter's Colony construction site begin-

ning at 8:30 a.m. Additional work needed, but those participating should have a hot work day. Participants will be made aware of safety. Closed-toed shoes and it is helpful to bring work gloves, glasses, as well as mers, tape measure and utility knives. A power miter saw is for use.

A couple of volunteers are needed. Trucks are needed to load materials at the site. To volunteer, contact coordinator@yahoo.com. Three from Rockwall graduate from the program. Three Rockwall graduates listed among graduates of Habitat for Humanity according to a release. Lena N. Douglas received an Applied Science Technology degree. Elizabeth Ellis was awarded a Science degree. Lara Pitts of Rockwall a bachelor's degree in administration. The university summer graduate ceremony conducted in Chicago.

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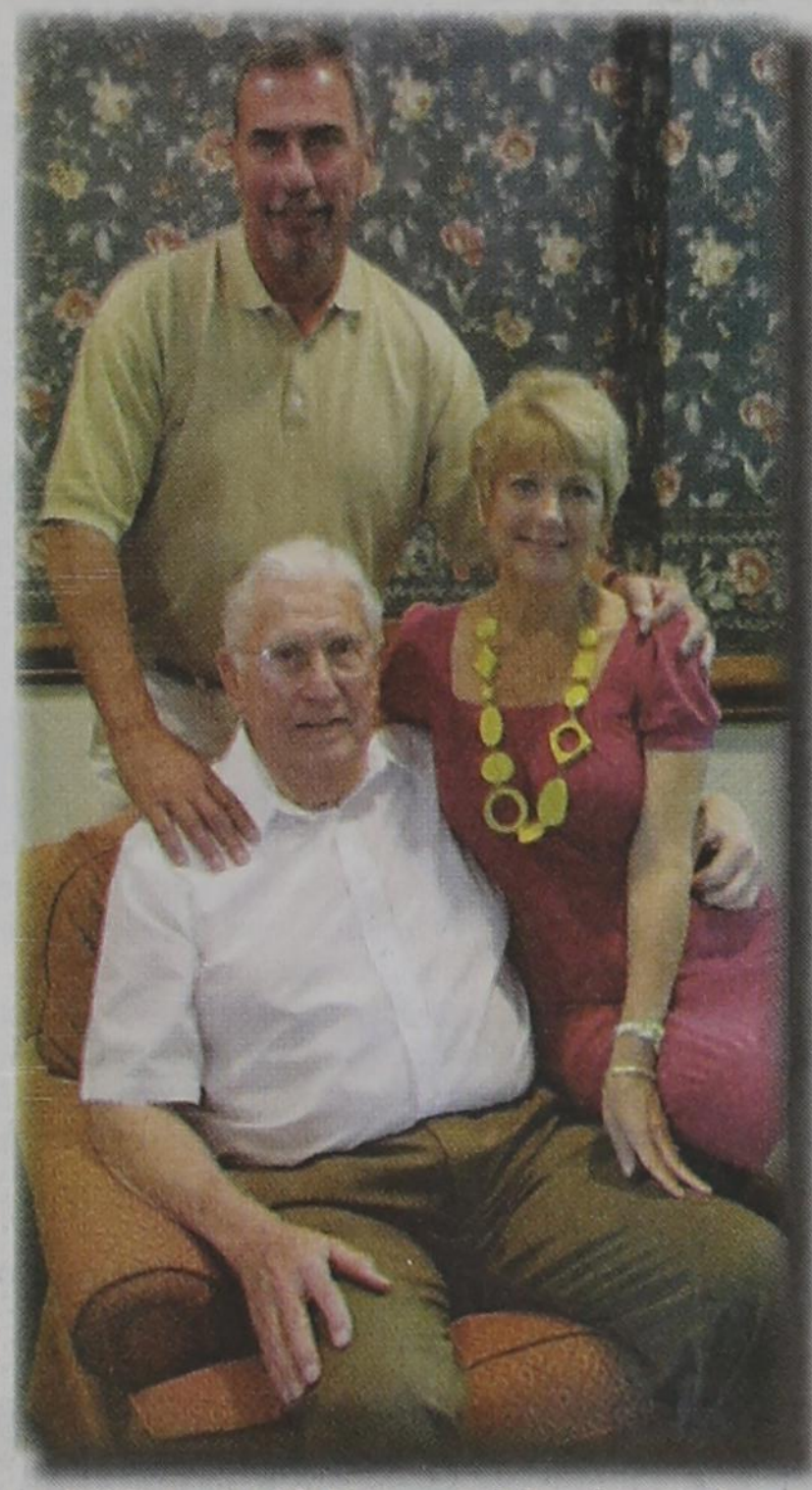
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CISD principals report TAKS scores

Royse City ISD principals gave reviews of their campus' 2010 TAKS scores and ratings to the Board of Trustees at the Aug. 9 meeting. The district had four Exemplary, three Recognized and one Acceptable campus, according to reports. Superintendent Randy Hancock commended each administrator and noted that two of the four Exemplary schools had first-year principals in 2009-2010. Pictured at front are principals Cynthia Pense (Davis Elementary, Exemplary); Paula Walker (Hendon Elementary, Exemplary); Danette Dodson (Fort Elementary, Recognized); and Shanna (Herndon Intermediate, Exemplary). Shown at back are new 2010-2011 principal David Dodd (Hendon School, Acceptable); Lloyd Blaine (Cherry Intermediate, Recognized); and Jere Craighead (Hendon Middle School, Recognized). Not pictured is Jimmy Hughes (Scott Elementary, Exemplary).

Photo by Patricia Butts/Rockwall County News

Royse City Council holds line on taxes

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The council decided to participate in an annual City Development Block Grant. The matching portion of the grant would require an expenditure from the city's reserves, according

to Shipp. The city had hoped to fund water, sewer, and possibly street improvements to Josephine Street with the grant funds. Royse City will likely re-apply for the grant next year, he said.

The council voted to move

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternate member David Wells to primary member and appointed Byron Davey and Jennifer Satterfield as alternates. The ZBA hears and acts on zoning code appeals and is the one city entity that may grant variances to the code.

Correction to August 6 RCISD story

An Aug. 6 article on the Royse City Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting, which reported on the board vote for transfers into the district was incorrect. The board deferred action on the proposal at the July 12 meeting when all board members were not present. At the July 26 meeting where the issue was re-opened, board president Don Palmer, as well as trustees Carroll and Mike Stone, voted against the measure. Trustees Rhonda Phillips, Jerry Richardson, and Bobby Summers voted for it. Rockwall County News regrets the error.



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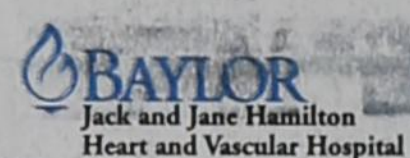
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Chris Foshee

Services for Chris Foshee, 75, of Farmers Branch were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Weldon Burchett officiating. A private family burial is

planned. She died Aug. 11. Born Jan. 17, 1935, in Fort Worth, she was a member of the Christian Care Center in Farmers Branch. Survivors include her son, Dirk Foster of Richardson; her daughter, Laura Phillips of Frisco; her step-daughter, Jody Foshee of Austin; and her grandchildren, Nick Otensman of Austin, Loren Foster of Austin, Sam Phillips of Frisco and



Alyssa Foster of Richardson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gus and Margaret Hartman; her husband, Jim Foshee; and her brother, James Richard Hartman.

John H. Mayes

Services for John H. Mayes were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug.

14, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel family burial followed.

He died Aug. 11. He was born May 4, 1928. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, and son, Mike, and his

Annie Faye McMurry

Services for Annie Faye McMurry, 81, of Celina, previously of Roys City, were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Allan Strickland officiating. Burial followed in the Roys City Cemetery.

She died Aug. 11. Born Dec. 8, 1928, in Garland to John and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Shaw, she retired in 1974 as a TI supervisor. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Weston.

Survivors include her son, Van Watkins of Celina; her sister and her husband, Don, of Garland; her brothers, Jody Shaw Sally, of Mineola, Bob Shaw and his wife, Jean, of Tyler and his wife, Betty, of McKinney; her grandchildren, Sally G. King and Jeremy Watkins of McKinney; her great-grandchildren, LaArion Graham of Arlington and Lillie McKinney; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Murry; and eight brothers and sisters.

Diane Amelia Noyes

Memorial services for Diane Amelia Noyes, 54, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Aug. 13, 2010, in the Lake Pointe Church Chapel in Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Aug. 9. Born Dec. 20, 1955, in Dallas to Donald and Dorothy Faye (Lawrence) Bowers, she was a member and a volunteer at Lake Pointe Church. She enjoyed helping people and was a leader of many self-help



groups. She was an avid lover of daisies, rainbows, and butterflies. She enjoyed dancing, singing traditional songs and spending time with her grandchildren.



Survivors include Kristi Ann Thomas, band, James, of Rockwall, and her husband, Ray, of Dallas; her granddaughters, Parker, Aubrey, and Alexis Mya; and Dolores Levine of Dallas. Jimmy Bowers of Dallas and Celia Hays of Rockwall.

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Matthew 5:8

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Rockwall County Obituaries

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of Dallas. She preceded in death by her parents and one nephew, Phillip Gar-

Mildred Thomas

Funerals for Mildred Thomas, 89, were conducted at 2 p.m. Aug. 17, 2010, at the Rest Home-Rockwall Chapel. Chaplain Patrick Archibald. Burial was in the DFW Cemetery. d Aug. 12.



Nov. 15, 1920, in Elenore, Texas. She was a devoted wife for 68 years. Survivors include her sons, Jerry and his wife, Marsha, of Dallas; William Thomas of Port Arthur and Gary Thomas and his wife, Crawford; her daughters, Darlene Gillenwater of Heath, Sue of Rockwall, Debbie Hill and her husband, David, of Forney and her husband, Willie, of Roysse City; her son-in-law, Mike Rockwall; her brothers, Julius Hollis and his wife, Annie, of Can- th Hollis and his wife, Seba, of Amarillo and George Hollis of Ad- sisters, Stella Cummings of Spearman, Bertha Gilbert of Fyffe, Marie Wright and her husband, Carl, of Birchwood, Tenn.; 21 children; 44 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Thomas; her daughter, Larry; her siblings, Floyd and Ed Hollis and Doris Givens; two children, Toby and Tara; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral home suggested memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, TX 75284 or the American Cancer Society, Area V Memorial Program, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356.

PAWS founded to decrease euthanasia, increase adoptions

Rockwall PAWS, a new nonprofit organization, has been founded by San- mon as a supporting organization for the new Rockwall Animal Center.

The purpose of the organization is to fund amenities for the animals not in the city.

Rockwall PAWS' original intent also involved support of an on-site spay/ neuter clinic that was planned; however, when plans for the clinic were un- der review, the organization's supporters decided to redirect their support to the Animal Adoption Center.

Each day, a range of three animals are euthanized locally each day, according to Rockwall PAWS. The organization's supporters want to increase the number of adoptions and decrease euthanasia by reducing the number of unwanted animals taken in or surrendered to the animal shelter.

To accomplish this goal, Rockwall PAWS will enlist the aid of two pro- fessional veterinarians: Dr. Litter-Free Rockwall and Save-a-Heart/Save-a-Life.

Rockwall PAWS offers reasonably priced spay/neuter services, as well as other assistance to individuals who need them.

Save-a-Heart/Save-a-Life gives adopted, heartworm-positive shelter dogs a chance at life. Rockwall PAWS is partnering with the city in this effort and has helped 10 such dogs since January.

There are two heartworm-positive dogs - Doodle, a standard poodle, and Callie, a yellow lab - awaiting adoption at the center. For more information, contact a member of Rockwall PAWS or donate at rockwallpaws.org.

Spay/neuter sterilization project under way in Rockwall

Rockwall PAWS and the Kauf- man County Animal Awareness have teamed up to offer a spay/neuter sterilization program designed to reduce the numbers of unwanted pets euthanized in city shelters.

On Sept. 23, a KCAAP service will be offered. Animals will be checked in at a local shelter early in the morning, transported to a Crandall clinic for spay/neuter and delivered back to the shelter to be picked up in the parking lot that evening.

For more details regarding the program, contact the shelter. The shuttle will be released at a later date.

The state-of-the-art clinic in Rockwall includes 5,000 square feet of space, four surgery tables. It can accommodate more than 100 cats and dogs. According to Bonnie Hill, KCAAP president. The shuttle van is equipped with clean, stainless- steel tables and can accommodate 50 animals of various sizes.

Animals are excited to bring this service to an area in need," she said, "and we are excited to be working together with a dedicated group as Rockwall PAWS."

For the surgery is determined by weight, gender and special needs. The owner will be asked to pay a \$20 credit card down payment to KCAAP when the animal's spay/neuter is made. Prices for services are listed on the KCAAP website - spayneuter.net.org.

Rockwall PAWS will facilitate transportation program and provide assistance to those who need it.

State law requires current rabies vaccination at the time of surgery; if not provided, the animal must be vaccinated at a cost of \$10.

KCAAP is a nonprofit agency that has provided low-cost pet spay/neuter and vaccinations for eastern Texas residents for more than five years, providing more than 16,000 surgeries.

Dr. Solomon, Rockwall PAWS president, said it is her hope that by promoting this service, Rockwall will see an increase in its spay/neuter

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

In Acts, chapter 10, we learn about a man named Cornelius who was a "centurion of the band called the Italian." He was not in a marching band, but instead he served in Caesarea as a captain over one hundred men. (See E.W. Bullinger's notes in KJV Companion Bible, p. 1601). According to verse 2, Cornelius was a devout man that revered God with his entire household. Verse 22 reveals that Cornelius got a good report card from the Jews in his area.

A very important thing to know about Cornelius is that he was a Gentile. In Acts 10:3-7 he saw an angel of God come to him. This angel instructed him to send men to a nearby town called Joppa and ask for a man named Simon Peter. According to verse 8, Cornelius did as he was told. In verses 9-20 Peter was on the roof meditating and praying to God. He was given a vision of a sheet with all kinds of meats being drawn down from the sky, and heard a voice say, "rise, Peter; kill and eat." (verse 13). Peter debated the matter and said that he had never eaten anything common or unclean. After this interaction occurred three times, the sheet rose back up to the sky. Peter was perplexed by this vision. While he thought about it, the spirit of God told him that three men were looking for him. And that he must stand up and go with them, without any doubt. Peter meekly did as he was told.

In verses 21-33, Peter met the men and the next morning traveled with them back to Cornelius' place. He found that all of Cornelius' family, servants and many friends were together to hear what God had to say through Peter. Both Cornelius and Peter shared their stories that led to the meeting. The record of Peter's teaching is found in verses 34-43. In essence, he taught about Jesus who was anointed by God with holy spirit and authority. He shared about Jesus the Lord who did many good deeds by the power of God, who the Jewish leaders slew and hung on a tree. He also taught about Jesus the Christ whom God raised up on the third day, and showed him openly to those witnesses chosen by God.

We come to verse 43, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believes in him shall receive remission of sins." Does this sound familiar? To have remission of sins is simply to be filled with

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which 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 telephone number or address for verification.

Do property rights any meaning in Rockwall?

Residents, you do not have a say. Did you not know that we are the council, all powerful, and we can do what we like?

Our names are Tony and Carol Gemmill and our property faces directly onto Summer Lee.

We have a lovely home and have spent thousands making our backyard look beautiful with landscaping and a swimming pool. We arrived home from vacation on Sunday evening to find a 200-foot radio pole erected in our back yard.

Yes, we know it is on the fire station property, but it might as well be in our yard. It has obliterated our view and left us feeling powerless and violated.

We were utterly incensed, because we had not had any notification whatsoever that this pole was being erected and therefore no chance for dialogue or recourse at all. The city manager informed us and FOX News that the city had no obligation and therefore do not inform neighborhood or commercial residents of their intentions to erect any poles or water towers anywhere. She also said that it had no detrimental effect economically on residents.

So you can imagine how enraged we are to find out that The Harbor residents had been forewarned that this pole might be situated in their residence. They apparently were extremely angry and vocal, and the result was they were not violated as we have been. Perhaps this is because The Harbor is the city's pet project.

We would like an answer to the double standard and clandestine approach of the council. They say they do not have to let residents know, but apparently some residents are deemed more worthy than others. Some residents are worthy enough and valued enough to be informed. The city did not inform us because they knew we would object.

Apparently, the fire station was only one of 14 sites, and the reason the fire station was chosen was because it would not cost the city any money to purchase the land. We are absolutely sure that in the whole of Rockwall there must be another site for this tower where it will not affect resident's safety, health and the price of their property.

We understood that the city was there to serve the people - last time we looked it is our tax dollars that pay their wages.

Tony and Carol Gemmill

RPA to meet Sept. 10 for year's first meeting

The Rockwall Preschool Association, which serves Rockwall area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten, will observe its first meeting of the new year on Sept. 10.

Speaker will be Lily Morris, who will talk about fresh foods.

Since 1985, RPA has served the Lake Ray Hubbard area, offering fellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and their preschool-aged children. The RPA calendar runs September through May, and new members are welcome at any time.

Meetings are conducted at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month, although dates can vary because of holidays. Meetings are conducted at the Free Methodist Church, across from Nebbie Williams Elementary, at 315 Dalton Road in Rockwall.

For more details about the group, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Rockwall Police, DEA plan Take Back Initiative Sept. 25

The Rockwall Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Agency to participate in the National Take Back Initiative on Sept. 25.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that date, residents will have the opportunity to surrender potentially dangerous pharmaceutical controlled substances for proper destruction at a safe collection site. To participate, local residents should take unwanted or unused over-the-counter or prescribed medications to the Rockwall Police Department John Fitzwater Sr. Community Services Office, 1113 Ridge Road, for safe destruction.

The purpose of the program, according to a city news release, is not only to shine a light on the issue of pharmaceutical substance abuse, but also provide a safer community by ensuring these medications don't end up in the hands of children or in the water supply. Most medications are disposed of by flushing them down the sink or toilet, Rockwall Chief Mark Moeller said, which deposits the chemicals in the public water supply.

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holy spirit when they believe with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead. (See also Romans 10:9-10 & Acts 2:4). The words "shall receive" came from the Biblical Greek word "lambano" which meant to lay hold of, or seize onto something. Peter instructed them to lay hold of, or "lambano" holy spirit after they were filled with the same holy spirit.

Verse 44, "While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." How did they know the "Holy Ghost fell on" them? See verse 46, "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." There it is, right before our very eyes. In verse 47, Peter noted that the Gentiles received the Holy Ghost just as they did as recorded in Acts 2:4. They were first filled with holy spirit, then they began to speak with other tongues.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas will conduct a Public Hearing:

Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing Date:

Thursday, September 2, 2010
 6:30 p.m.
 City Hall
 1248 S. Highway 205
 McLendon-Chisholm, Tx 75032

City Council Public Hearing Date:

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
 6:30 p.m.
 City Hall
 1248 S. Highway 205
 McLendon-Chisholm, Tx 75032

Public Hearings are for a Re-Plat of Brushy Creek.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Deborah Sorensen
 City Secretary

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, **September 3, 2010**, until the hour of **2:30 PM**, for the following project:

Chandlers Deep Lift Station Site Improvements

The project includes 135 LF Concrete Retaining Wall, 77 CY gabion Mat, 176 SY 8-inch reinforced Concrete Driveway (3600 PSI, 6.5 Sack Cement) and other miscellaneous items. All work shall meet OSHA guidelines for confined space entry.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked: **Chandlers Deep Lift Station Site Improvements.**

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Qualification is not required. Completion time is **90 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers 972-771-7746/fax 972-1-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP, 11910 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, Texas (phone numbers- 214-361-7900/fax 214-461-8390), at a non-refundable cost of \$25.00, beginning August 20, 2010. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP, and are listed on the Engineer's plan holders list, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

I-35 CORRIDOR SEGMENT COMMITTEE 1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

LONG-TERM PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE I-35 CORRIDOR IN NORTH TEXAS

During the month of September 2010, the I-35 Corridor Segment Committee 1 (CSC 1) will host a series of public planning workshops in North Texas. The purpose of the workshops is to present to and gather feedback from the public on the Committee's proposed long-range transportation solutions for the I-35 Corridor.

CSC 1 is one of four committees established by the Texas Transportation Commission in March 2009 to develop a needs-based citizens-directed plan for the I-35 Corridor. These committees are comprised of representatives from local cities, counties, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and community organizations. Over the last year, the committees have identified goals, needs, and potential solutions in their respective segments, and have reviewed traffic modeling analyses to determine the effectiveness of each proposed solution. They have used this information to develop draft I-35 Corridor Segment Plans that reflect the unique transportation needs and planning approaches within their respective areas.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend a public workshop to discuss the draft plan, ask questions, and express their views to the CSC 1 members. The draft plan for Segment 1 proposes roadway and rail solutions within the geographic area including and north of I-30 in the D/FW area to the Texas/Oklahoma border in Cooke and Grayson counties. Because of the overlapping transportation networks and issues in the D/FW area, the draft plan for Segment 2, which covers the area including and south of I-30 to the Bell/Williamson county line, will also be available for public review at the Segment 1 workshops.

Surveys and comment forms will be available and accepted at the public workshops, as well as through the MY 35 website (www.MY35.org). Written comments and surveys may also be mailed to Mr. Ed Westlock, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 14707, Austin, Texas, 78761. Website and/or mailed comments must be submitted by October 6, 2010, 2010.

For Segment 1, workshops will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the following locations:

September 9, 2010	Addison	Addison Conference Center Acacia Room 15650 Addison Road
September 13, 2010	Denton	University of North Texas Gateway Center Ballroom 801 North Texas Boulevard
September 14, 2010	Gainesville	Gainesville Civic Center 311 S. Weaver
September 15, 2010	Dallas	Hilton Garden Inn Dallas Market Center 2325 N. Stemmons Freeway
September 20, 2010	Fort Worth	Education Service Center Region XI, Conference Rooms A116-A122 3001 North Freeway

These workshops will utilize a come-and-go format that will allow members of the public to review the materials at their convenience and speak individually to CSC members and staff. Information regarding other workshops to be held in Central and South Texas is available at www.MY35.org.

Persons who plan to attend a workshop and have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to call (866) 614-1086 at least two business days prior to the workshop to request assistance. Because the workshop will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters should also be made at least two days prior to the workshop. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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 Time: 6:30 p.m.
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City Council Public Hearing Date:

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2010
 Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Place: City Hall
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The Public Hearings are for a zoning change to from Single Family Residence 1.5 acre to Planned Development. The property tract includes a 57.525 acre tract of land known as Brushy Creek Estates located on FM 1139.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Deborah Sorensen
 City Secretary

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 August 30, 2010 and closing on September 14, 2010 at 10:00 am. The on line sale will be conducted by Rene' Bates Auctioneers Inc., Texas License Number 6644 on www.renebates.com. Property includes vehicles, equipment and furniture. All property will be sold as is, where is with no warranties or guarantees of any kind. 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. Surplus property is located at the City of Rockwall Service Center, 1600 Airport Rd., Rockwall, TX. Contact Lea Ann Ewing or Lisa Frausto at 972-771-7700.

Surplus and Unclaimed Property will be available for public inspection between the hours of 8 am and 12 pm, Sept 8th and Sept 9th only.

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Request for Qualifications FINANCIAL ADVISOR RFQ 11-08.25-116

Proposals received until 2:00 PM August 25, 2010

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving qualification statements for a financial advisor. RFQ documents may be requested by email to dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org or by phone to Debra MacDonald - 469-698-7022. The District anticipates award at the September board meeting. Qualification statements should be received in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the RFQ number and name. RFQ's will be received until 2:00 PM on August 25, 2010 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

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

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Request for Qualifications ARCHITECT SERVICES RFQ 11-08.30-117

Proposals received until 2:00 PM August 30, 2010

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving qualification statements for architect services. RFQ documents may be requested by email to dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org. The District anticipates award at the September or October board meeting. Qualification statements should be received in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the RFQ number and name. RFQ's will be received until 2:00 PM on August 30, 2010 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

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Dalton Road Lift Station Improvements: Re-bid

The project includes bypass pumping, cleaning the existing wet well, removing and disposing of existing base elbows, discharge piping and guide rails, rehabilitating the wet well floor, furnishing and installing new ductile iron discharge piping, base elbows, guide rails, stainless steel hardware and other miscellaneous items. All work shall meet OSHA guidelines for confined space entry.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked: **Dalton Road Lift Station Improvements: Re-bid.**

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **60 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP, 11910 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, Texas (phone numbers- 214-361-7900/fax 214-461-8390), at a non-refundable cost of \$25.00, beginning August 13, 2010. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP, and are listed on the Engineer's plan holders list, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Kenyon Bevan, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2010, to Marilyn Lamirand Bevan in Cause No. PR10-71, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented in care of the Independent Executor's attorney: Fred Kolodey, 701 Justin Rd., Rockwall, Texas 75087. Dated the August 12, 2010. Fred Kolodey Attorney for Marilyn Lamirand Bevan, Independent Executor of the Estate of Robert Kenyon Bevan Notice to Creditors 08041001 Solo

Public Notice

Application has been made for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant with FB for Luna de Noche Ltd. Dba Luna de Noche, 2095 Rockwall, Texas, Suite 100, Rockwall County, Texas. Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. The Commission is currently reviewing the application. If you have any comments or objections, please contact Matt Hammer at 4-357- or by email at mhammer@manhattanconstruction.com.

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Fulton School Falcons
Saturday, Aug. 21 - Varsity football: scrimmage at Balch Springs Christian with Marshall Christian, 10 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28 - Varsity football: vs. Watauga Harvest Christian at Azle Christian Field, 5 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles
Friday, Aug. 20 - Varsity volleyball: at Boles, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 21 - Varsity football: home scrimmage vs. Dallas Academy, Dallas The Winston School and Temple, RISE, 10 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 23 - Volleyball: at Calvary Academy, middle school 5 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 24 - Volleyball: home vs. Poetry Community Christian, middle

school 5 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26 - Volleyball: at The Shelton School, middle school 4 p.m. 5 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28 - Varsity football: vs. Arlington St. Paul's annexed at a.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors
Thursday, Aug. 26 - Volleyball: at McKinney Christian, 6 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27 - Football: home vs. Dallas Home School Athletic Association, Dobbs Field, 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets
Friday, Aug. 20 - Football: home scrimmage vs. Denison, Wilson-San Memorial Stadium, freshman 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Volleyball: home vs. Nevada Community, JV and Freshman A, 5 p.m., and varsity and Freshman B, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 21 - Tennis: at Quad Match, Kilgore, 8 a.m.
JV Volleyball: at Crandall JV Tournament
Tuesday, Aug. 24 - Varsity volleyball: at Highland Park, vs. Floweround Middle School, 5 p.m. and vs. McKinney Boyd 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 26 - Varsity football: home vs. West Mesquite, Wilson-San Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27 - Freshman football: home vs. West Mesquite, Rockwall High School, 4:30 and 6 p.m.

JV White football: at Highland Park, Highlander Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity volleyball: at Team Cup, IAD Events Center
Saturday, Aug. 28 - Cross country: at Greenhill Relays, Norbuck Middle School
Varsity volleyball: at Team Cup, IAD Events Center

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks
Friday, Aug. 20 - Football: scrimmage vs. Rowlett, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Varsity volleyball: at Lewisville Varsity Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 21 - Varsity volleyball: at Lewisville Varsity Tournament
JV volleyball: at McKinney JV Tournament, McKinney High School
Tuesday, Aug. 24 - Volleyball: at Greenville with Mabank, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 26 - Freshman football: home vs. Garland, Herman For Rockwall-Heath High School, 5 and 7 p.m.
JV football: at Garland Naaman Forest, 5:30 and 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27 - Varsity football: home vs. Garland Naaman Forest, Wilkerson Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Cross country - at Hawk Invitation, McInnish Sports Complex, Carrollton
Freshman and JV volleyball - at South Garland

Royse City High School Bulldogs
Friday, Aug. 20 - Varsity volleyball: at Lewisville Varsity Tournament, Colony
Saturday, Aug. 21 - Varsity volleyball: at Lewisville Varsity Tournament, Colony
JV Volleyball: at Crandall JV Tournament

Tuesday, Aug. 24 - Volleyball: at Garland Lakeview Centennial, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26 - Varsity volleyball: home for Royse City Tournament
Friday, Aug. 27 - Football: home vs. Mesquite Potect, 7:30 p.m.
Varsity volleyball: home for Royse City Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 28 - Varsity volleyball: home for Royse City Tournament



To celebrate the end of a long but productive week of marching practice for the upcoming football and contest season, the Royse City fire department brought two of its trucks to spray the members of the Royse City High School band. Dancing and cheering as they cooled off from the heat, band members shouted a grateful "thank you" to the fire fighters for the treat. On one truck were (left to right) Fire Fighter/EMT Dustin Hendon, Fire Fighter Tanner Dietz and Fire Fighter Cody Holt.
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News
See the video at www.rockwalltexasonline.com

Local artists to compete in RCAA Gala contest

Mary Thacker, Susan Elam, Susan Jump, Doris Ledford and Tommie Ledford are among the local artists who will compete in the upcoming People's Choice Award Competition contest on Sept. 11 at the Hilton Bella Harbor during the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts annual fundraising gala.

The contest will group in three categories: Patriotic Symbols/History, American Vistas/Landscapes, and American People. Each reflects the theme: America the Beautiful. The contest is a tribute to the Arts, A Tribute to America.

Jump took some art classes during her time at West Virginia Wesleyan, but was not inspired to pursue art as a career until later in life when she met local artist Delores Ledford. In 2003 she began training in painting under Patsy Seward, who began by specializing in realism, impressionism and abstracts, but later moved her work to include watercolor and pastels.

Jump continues to hone her skills, attending workshops around the area and following Seward to her home in Hawaii. She also is currently attending portrait painting classes in Washington state, as well as studying in the south of France.

Member of the American Society of Marine Artists, she uses her painting experience on Lake Ray as the basis for her sea and boating works.

"There is a lot of wall space in my home," she said. "Often when friends come over, they end up staying for paintings. If they like something, it is usually for sale."

Jump has donated art to the Susan Ledford Foundation, which auctions her work to raise money for cancer research. She also shows her work in local businesses and galleries in her home state of West Virginia.

"I have had a burning desire to create since I was a young girl," she said. "Drawing, making my own clothes, spending hour upon hour in fabric stores, mesmerized by all the colors and textures."

She began painting in oils more than 20 years ago, taking lessons, attending workshops and experimenting for many hours.

Jump has won many honors, including first place and Best of Division at the Washington State Fair, the People's Choice Award at the Greenville Art Show, first place at the Heath Art Show and the TAEA Award at the NETFFA Art Show. She also has exhibited at American National Bank in Terrell, BB&T and the Founder's Day Art Show in Rockwall and at the A.R.T. Small Works Show in Rowlett. She also had a one-woman show at the Quinlan Library and has done many commissioned paintings.

She and her husband enjoy traveling and have toured all 50 states. Doris Vasek said she considers herself to be an emerging artist because she has only been painting for five years.

She has experienced art in many forms, including spinning, weaving, quilting, stained glass, embroi-

der and knitting. "My fascination with color led me to explore the art of watercolor, where I found I could mix color right on the paper," she said.

Vasek began studying watercolor art with Naomi Brotherton in 2005. The following year she began weekly studies with Sharon Serrago at Artists' Showplace Gallery, and she has taken workshops with such artists as Stephen Quiller, Judy Morris, Steve Rogers, James Toogood, Maureen Brouillette, Cecy Turner, Joyce Faulkner, Karen Vernon, Jane Jones, Soon Warren, Birgit O'Connor, John Salminen, Nick Simmons, Ken Hosmer, Margaret Huddy and Arnold Lowrey.

In 2009, Vasek's work was selected by the Southwestern Watercolor Society for its juried Membership Exhibition. Her painting, "Five Umbrellas," was selected for the SWS show this year and will hang Aug. 17 through Sept. 25 at the Family Arts Center in Plano. Her works also have shown at Artists' Showplace Gallery in Dallas, the Rockwall Art League, Texas Roast Coffee Shop and the Hilton Bella Harbor in Rockwall.

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Susan Jump, pictured above, is one of several artists slated to compete for the People's Choice Award at the Sept. 11 Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Gala. The annual fundraising event will take place at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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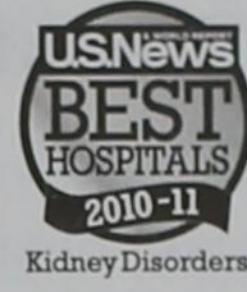
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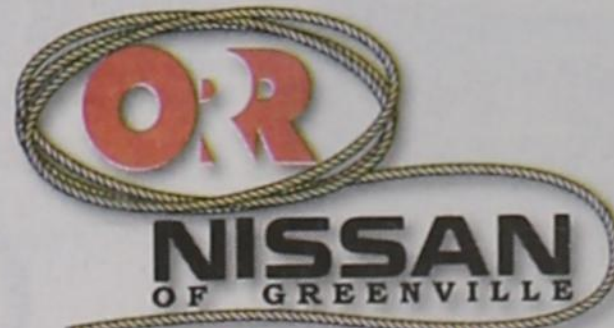
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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Jackets push RHHS in close loss

Rockwall's volleyball players found out they could be competitive with cross-town rival Rockwall-Heath, but a bit too early for head coach Damon Wilson. He would have preferred to wait until the District 10-4A schedule begins.

The two RISD teams met Saturday for the Gold Bracket championship in the Garland ISD Tournament at Sachse High School. After they split the first two games, the third was tied 15-15 before the Hawks pulled away for a 25-22, 20-25, 25-19 victory.

Wilson said, "It seems like every tournament we've both been in, we've

played each other. That's such an emotional thing for both teams. The kids love it.

"In our district last year, every once in a while there was a match that was a little bit of a break. This year in district play, I expect every one of our 14 matches to be like this."

That would provide a lot of entertaining volleyball. Against Rockwall-Heath, the first game was tied seven times. The last was at 22-22 before the Lady Hawks scored the final three points.

The second game resembled a seesaw even more, with three lead changes and five ties before RHS pulled away for the last five points. Loren Kelly served for the last four, which included an ace and winning hits by sophomores Ashlynn Broussard and Lindsey Wheeler.

Game three was similar, but Rockwall-Heath took over after the final tie at 15-15 to outscore the Lady Jackets 10-4 the rest of the way.

Wilson said, "I love coaching this team. They can play a lot of balls. Ashlynn does not get going without our passing and setting. Loren Kelly has been playing great. A lot of girls can get the first ball, but Loren is spectacular at getting to the ball.

"Our libero, Allie Cecil, and Ashlynn have really developed as passers, and Brenna Mason. That part of our game shows a lot of promise."

Before that match, RHS had swept four tournament matches on Friday. The next day, the Lady Jackets lost to John Paul II 25-13, 26-24 before edging DeSoto twice 25-22, 26-24 to reach the bracket final. In the second game, Rockwall scored the final four points, with the last two on kills by Broussard.

On Tuesday, the Lady Jackets (7-3) hosted 5A Arlington Martin. Rockwall's varsity stayed with the Lady Warriors early in each game, and led the second 18-17 and third 15-11. Both times, Martin (5-3) rallied, and won the match 25-16, 25-21, 25-17. Leading RHS were Kelly with 14 assists and Broussard with five kills.

Wilson said, "They're a solid team. They put a lot of pressure on us with their serves and were able to knock us off balance."

RHS' junior varsity lost 25-12, 25-21. The Freshman A team also lost 25-13, 25-13, and Rockwall's Junior B squad fell 25-19, 25-19.

In the Crandall Freshman Tournament, the Lady Jackets' Freshman A team placed third in the Gold Bracket and Freshman B was second in the Silver Bracket.

Rodriguez, Eldridge help Dallas reach 4th in national

Led by All-Tournament performer Alex Rodriguez, the Rockwall Dallas Water Polo Club boys' 12-and-under team placed fourth in the Division of the National Junior Olympics July 31-Aug. 3 in Los Angeles.

Thirteen of the Dallas club's players were from Rockwall. Coach Andres Rodriguez said, "This was an amazing result for the Water Polo Club and for our Rockwall players, considering that the largest water polo tournament in the world. We had over 500 teams participating in the various age groups. We played at the level of teams that have had much more experience than we have and have the luxury of a daily practice. I can only imagine how much better these kids will play. Rockwall community continues to provide more support for our water polo kids."

Alex Rodriguez and Mitchell Eldridge, also from Rockwall, each scored 27 goals for the 12-and-under age-group team.

Dallas' 14-and-under boys placed 15th, boys 18-and-under placed 17th, and girls 12-and-under placed 22nd.

In the girls' division, Dallas' 12-and-under girls finished 12th, 16-and-under girls were 20th. Rockwall players Jordan Hernandez, Raena Eldridge (13) and Summer Scown (14) still have more years in 16-and-under competition.

The Rockwall Water Polo Club's fall season will begin in August. Rodriguez is seeking additional players. He said, "We need more middle-school kids to join now so they can be ready to play for the school team. We want to have a strong group of younger players to compete in some upcoming events. The only requirement we ask is that you be a proficient swimmer."

For more information, visit www.rockwallwaterpolo.com or call Rodriguez at 214-649-8777.

Lady Bulldogs whip Denton Guyer to close 6-1 week

Royce City won five of six matches last weekend in the Collin County Spikefest tournament, but the Lady Bulldogs biggest comeback might have come Tuesday when they defeated Denton Guyer.

RCHS breezed through pool play Thursday, Aug. 5, with wins over Farmersville, Celina and Bells in the tournament at Anna and Melba. The Lady Dawgs stayed strong in a 25-10 first-game win over Commerce. In quarterfinals, the Lady Tigers roared back to win their first two matches, 25-20 and 25-23 to take the match.

Royce City had a similar comeback in its next match against Celina, losing 25-23 before rallying for 26-24 and 25-7 victories in the three competition. The Lady Bulldogs then took fifth place in the field by defeating Cumby 25-20, 25-21.

The success against a field of mostly smaller schools must have been a relief for RC in Tuesday's home match against 5A Denton Guyer. The Lady Bulldogs lost 25-20 in the first game of an up-and-down match, but won the next two games 25-19 and 27-25, but Guyer won the deciding fifth game by winning 25-19.

Royce City then defeated Guyer 15-11 to win the match and improve its record to 6-2.

The Lady Bulldogs are playing this weekend in the Leaning Tower of Denton Guyer Tournament. They'll return home Tuesday to meet another 5A opponent, Garland Lakeview Centennial.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

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Punt, Pass & Kick contest slated

The NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition will take place at Wisdom behind Dobbs Elementary beginning at 2 p.m. Aug. 29. Participants will punt the ball, throw and kick the ball off a tee. Skills are measured by distance and accuracy. Girls and boys compete separately. Age divisions include 8/9, 10/11, 12/13 and 14/15. Top scorer in each division advances to the sectional competition, and sectional champs may advance to the competition scheduled for halftime of a Dallas Cowboys game. Each participant will be required to have a copy of his/her birth certificate and soft-soled sneakers can be worn; no cleats will be allowed. Registration takes place on site. For more details on this free program, call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

RBA registration scheduled

The fall season of the Rockwall Baseball Association begins Sept. 13. Registration for the program will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Leon Tuttle Baseball Fields concession stand. The program provides youth baseball leagues for children ages 5 to 14 living in the Rockwall area. Teams typically play eight games. Cost to register is \$35 for T-ball, \$45 for all other age groups (7U and above). Registration forms and more information may be found at rockwallbaseballassociation.com.

RACE swim tryouts set

RACE swim tryouts will run from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 25-26 at the Rockwall Independent School District Aquatics Center off L. Tom Drive next to the football stadium. Those trying out should be able to swim across a 25-yard pool with backstroke, then return with freestyle and 5 to 18. No advance registration is required; there is no cost unless you are joined. This is a competitive USA club team, learn-to-swim program. Participants should bring swimsuits, towels and goggles.

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Little Kickers scheduled

The Little Kickers soccer program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 6, will run Mondays from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Aug. 30 through Oct. 5 at Harry Myers Park. Skill-building, age-appropriate drills and exercises are taught. The first two classes are non-competitive; the last two will include games. Each participant will receive a Little Kickers jersey. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwallcounty.com/parks.

Safety course offered

Adventure Sports America, a four-day safety course designed for canoe and paddle enthusiasts, will

be offered to individuals ages 13 and older over two class sessions scheduled for Aug. 31 and Sept. 2. Classes will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Center. Cost will be \$27 for Rockwall residents, \$40 for non-residents. For more information contact the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Little Sluggers T-ball dates

The Little Sluggers T-ball program, open to youths ages 3 1/2 to 5 years, will run Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Aug. 31 through Oct. 5 at Harry Myers Park. Children will learn fundamental skills – throwing, fielding, hitting and base running – and the final two weeks will include “games.”

TOT Preschool Basketball

TOT, which focuses on basketball handling and dribbling skills

for boys and girls, will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. on Thursdays Sept. 2-Oct. 14 and Oct. 28-Dec. 9 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program targets children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years of age and mixes academics and athletics. Cost is \$88 for Rockwall residents, \$132 for non-residents. For more details, call 972-771-7740.

Adult Kickball League

Registration is under way for an Adult Kickball League. Games will be 50 minutes long on Thursday nights. Participants must be 18 or older; teams may have no more than 12 players. League play begins Sept. 16, with all games played at Harry Myers Park. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 8. For more details call the Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.



Going back to school is a major event in the lives of children, teachers, parents – and the church. On Sunday, the Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills Drive, will recognize the season through a Blessing of the Backpacks event as part of the 11 a.m. worship service. All students, regardless of age, are invited to bring their backpacks, laptops or lunchboxes to the service. Blessings will be invoked on those involved in the education process for the coming year. For more details, contact Cheryl Taylor, pastor, at 972-771-5702. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Artists compete at Gala

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Recently Vasek, whose work is currently on exhibit at Karen Vernon's Gallery and The Gallery at Round Top in Round Top, began teaching watercolor classes at Harry Myers Community Center.

Tommie Ledford began her art career through a scholarship at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

She has explored numerous media, including clay, oils, pen and pencil, but said she enjoys working in watercolors and oils most of

all. Working with strong color and contrasted values, she paints a variety of subjects – from still life to landscapes – but has a preference for flowers.

A member of the South Watercolor Society, Artist and Craftsman Association, Blackstone Valley Art League, F.T.T.A., Richardson Civic Art Association and the Rockwall Art League, she has won awards in the SWS, Texas Neighbors Exhibit and the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

Ledford's paintings hang in private and corporate collections throughout the U.S. and Europe.

In addition to the People's Choice competition, the RCAA Gala will include a meal prepared by the Hilton chefs, local celebrities participating in a “Dancing With the Stars” competition, a performance by the Lakeside Civic Chorus, live and silent auctions and two hours of dance music provided by the 15-piece band, Nobles of Note.

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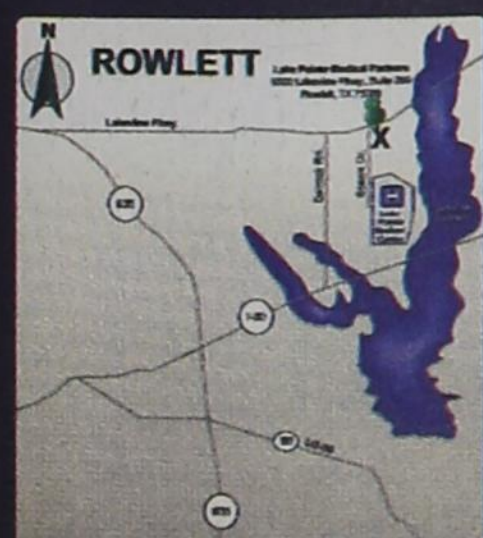


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I really love Summer Ridge and have lived here almost 7 years. One of the nicest things about it is the wonderful staff. I definitely get great assistance and I enjoy everyone. I especially love the musical events and our chocolate cream pie---the best! - Helen Mitchell

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Today is Thanksgiving, but it's also a Giving Thanks Day for all you who work so diligently taking good care of our loved ones. The dining room scene today was joyful, melodic in music and feeling, and it was a pleasure. The love you express in your faithful service is palpable, and I am very grateful to all who are present and accountable, day and night. Because of your work, I can sleep well knowing that Mom is content and cared for. - Teresa Strube

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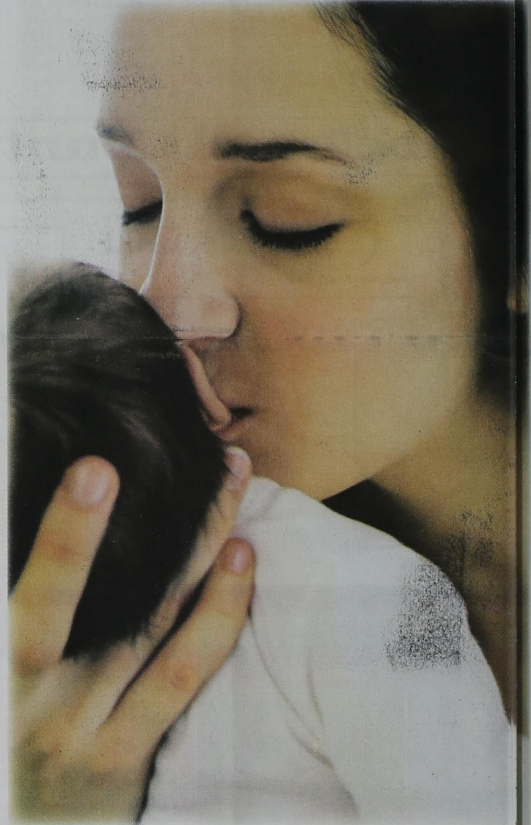
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