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Rockwall City Council Honors Teens with Lifesaving Award

The Rockwall City Council honored three local teens for saving the life of a drowning child. Thanks to the teens' swift action, the child is alive and well today.

Lifeguards Harrison Steinberger, Kaden McClendon and Chris Daniels were on duty at the Gloria Williams swimming pool near Downtown Rockwall, when they noticed a little boy in an instant had lost his footing, and began drifting into the deep end of the pool, eventually going under water completely. The three lifeguards immediately went to work with rescue efforts, pulling the child from the water, beginning CPR and calling 911. When they started, the child did not have a pulse, then after the first round of CPR he expelled water from his lungs but was still unresponsive. In the third round of CPR, the boy began to respond. Once the ambulance arrived, the boy was transported to a Dallas hospital, where he was released the next day.

When presenting the award to the young men, Assistant Fire Chief Brett Merritt expressed the gravity and importance of their awards. "Others may have awards that seem worthwhile for sports or academic achievements," Merritt said. "But you will always have your lifesaving awards, and no one can compete with that."



Scott Self Memorial Dedication

The Lighthouse at The Harbor has been dedicated as the Scott Self Memorial Lighthouse. The entrepreneur owner of Sail with Scott and Pro Soap was a lifelong accomplished sailor who founded Dallas Race Week, a premier regatta spanning four decades on Lake Ray Hubbard.

Scott was passionate about giving back to his community, serving as a volunteer firefighter, Rockwall Mayor, City Councilmember, County Commissioner, Treasurer, as well as in key leadership roles with a number of area nonprofits. Scott Self has indeed left a legacy of service to his community. Pictured here is Scott's family: wife Jan, son Billy, and daughter Chandler.



Happening Around Town

Saturdays, May 1-September 25

Rockwall Farmers Market, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fridays-Saturdays, May 7-October 30

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 7-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 25

Mother-Son Dance, Springhill Suites, 6-9 p.m.

*must pre-register at PlayRockwall.com

Saturday, October 2

Rib Rub Run and Roll, Historic Downtown Rockwall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information:

Rockwall.com, PlayRockwall.com

Out and About in Rockwall



Rockwall Veteran Groups Help Celebrate Independence Day

Continuing with tradition, the City of Rockwall celebrated the Independence Day weekend in grand style. The day started with the Independence Day parade, with Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117 member Colonel Bob Amick (U.S. Army, Retired, pictured above left), as the Grand Marshal of the event. Colonel Amick has served on the board for the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, as well as with Rockwall Rotary and the Rockwall YMCA Board.

Prior to the elaborate fireworks display that evening, veteran groups entertained the crowds with a WWII plane flyover and parachute event. The plane used for the parachute jump is a vintage WWII Navy R4D-6S airplane, flown by the Dallas-Fort Worth Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. The pilots were Keith Barrett and Marty Case, co-pilot was Fred Jeanes and crew chief was Bill Lawson. The American Legion narrated the demonstration as the jump team entered the park, and provided safety assistance at the landing zone.

The parachute jumpers were: Bobby Coker, Sr., Bobby Coker, Jr., Mary Coker, and Paul Ramirez. The ground crew was: Chelsi Coker, Kristen Coker, Cole Congleton, Chris Graves, and Cheryl Coker.



Patriotic Flag Project Underway

Visitors to Rockwall will soon have a gigantic patriotic display to welcome them to our city. The Rockwall City Council has approved a 190' flagpole with an 80'x50' American flag to be installed on the north side of I-30, just up the hill from the Snuffers restaurant. The project is anticipated to be complete sometime this fall.

Love Your Landscape: August is Bug Month!

Many pests start showing up this month in our trees and lawns, so be sure to keep an eye out for them. Here are some of the biggest offenders:

- Chinch bugs in St. Augustine - infestations produce large areas of dead lawn
- Grub worms in St. Augustine & Bermuda - infestations produce large areas of dead lawn
- Bag worms in various tree species - infestations produce 1 to 2 inch long bags hanging from limb tips almost like a Christmas ornament
- Aphids in various annuals, ornamentals and crepe myrtles - they will be located under the leaves of plants, and infestations produce sticky honey dew and black sooty mold on the leaves

If you think you may have any of these pests please email a picture for confirmation and treatment options to Travis Sales at tsales@rockwall.com.

