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# A caring touch



Photo submitted by KATHY CORCORAN

**Hospice volunteer Kathy Corcoran** (left) visits with Joan Roberts, 78, in the common area of a Garland nursing facility with her dogs Brea and Atom on July 31. Corcoran, a Garland resident was drawn to work with the terminally ill and their families because she wants to make sure patients do not feel alone. In Oct. 2008, she became a hospice volunteer for the Visiting Nurse Association of Collin County. Read Elena Harding's story about the organization at [neighborsgo.com/stories/73324](http://neighborsgo.com/stories/73324).

## Drought conditions prompt mandatory water restrictions

Cities served by the North Texas Municipal Water District will implement mandatory water restrictions over the next three weeks.

District officials met with member and customer cities on Friday to announce that it would be moving to Stage 2 of its drought plan. The goal of Stage 2 restrictions is to reduce water consumption by 5 percent. While every affected city's drought plan varies, the primary provisions include limiting landscaping watering with sprinklers to twice a week and prohibiting watering during the day.

The district asked the cities to put restrictions in place by Aug. 19.

The district serves Collin, Rockwall and Kaufman counties, as well as northeastern Dallas County, including Richardson, Garland and Mesquite.

"Our water deliveries continue to in-

crease," water district spokeswoman Denise Hickey said. "We're seeing that increase in delivery due to those triple-digit temperatures over multiple days and the ongoing drought."

The district on July 25 set a single-day use record of 554 million gallons. That surpassed the previous record of 537 million gallons set last August.

The drought is compounded by the presence of zebra mussels in Lake Texoma. As state, federal and district officials have sought to curtail the spread of the invasive species, they stopped pumping water from Texoma to Lavon Lake. That cut off nearly a quarter of the district's water supply.

Lavon and Jim Chapman Lake, the district's other major sources of water, are also several feet below capacity because of the lack of rain.

This is the first time since the 2005-07 drought that the water district has implemented mandatory restrictions.

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## GARLAND POLICE REPORT

The police blotter summarizes selected crimes, listed by street and block with the time reported.

- **Ridgemoor Drive, 3100 block,** 3 a.m. July 11: Criminal mischief
- **Eastgate Drive, 1400 block,** 12:30 p.m. July 11: Theft
- **Classic Drive, 3500 block,** 10:50 a.m. July 12: Burglary of a residence
- **East Centerville Road, 1000 block,** 6 p.m. July 12: Burglary of a residence
- **Bucknell Drive, 4000 block,** 5:30 p.m. July 13: Burglary of a residence
- **Thistle Drive, 300 block,** 11 p.m. July 13: Burglary of a vehicle
- **West Oates Road, 400 block,** 2 p.m. July 14: Theft
- **Henderson Circle, 500 block,** 5 p.m. July 14: Burglary of a residence
- **Market Street, 2600 block,** 7 a.m. July 15: Theft
- **Broadway Boulevard, 3300 block,** 2:30 p.m. July 15: Burglary of a vehicle
- **Patton Drive, 2000 block,** 1:20 a.m. July 16: Burglary of a vehicle
- **South Country Club Road, 4600 block,** 3:40 a.m. July 16: Burglary of a building



Photos submitted by ALEX LIEHR

**Matthew Jeffcoat** calls out orders to Scouts during an overturned canoe exercise for his canoeing merit badge. The Scouts of Troop 57 completed 95 merit badges during the Colorado campout at Pikes Peak.

## Troop 57 Scouts challenge Colorado mountain camp

By ALEX LIEHR  
Contributor

Boy Scout Troop 57, which is chartered by First United Methodist Church of Garland, returned on July 24 from Camp Alexander, a Pikes Peak Council Boy Scouts of America camp just west of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Fifty six scouts and 21 adults under leadership of Scoutmaster Kevin Harrison made the two day road trip to the camp and then spent 6 days in the mountains and six nights under the stars before returning to Texas.

At Camp Alexander, Scouts worked on merit badges and rank achievements.

A total of 95 merit badges were completed and four new ranks were awarded by the

end of camp. Scouts could also participate in the Blue Mountain hike, which took hikers for a sunrise mountain view at about 9,500 feet above sea level.

Some campers took part in the Iron Man Competition, which pitted troops against each other in a series of physical challenges.

The all-camp climbing competition was won by Troop 57's Braden Johnson who climbed three rock formation walls in the fastest time.

In addition, Troop 57 members were able to make new friends with troops from Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

*Alex Liehr contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 57 of Garland.*



**Alex Liehr** and Braden Johnson of Troop 57 prepare to scale the rock face during the climbing competition. Johnson won the Scout camp wide contest.