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Rockwall City Council split on proposal to increase zoning change notifications

By Jo Anna Matejka

Councilman Matt Scott failed to convince the Rockwall City Council to adopt a practice of sending mailed notifications of zoning changes to more people at the council's first January meeting. The conversation was heated with Scott charging that some council members were uncaring and others on the defensive. His proposal failed to gain a majority with a tie vote. Councilman Mark Russo was absent.

David Sweet and Margo Neilson joined Scott in a pro vote. Current standard procedures are for the city to send mailed notifications to neighbors within 200 feet of a proposed zoning change. Scott has been advocating lengthening that distance since his election in 2005. He brought a motion three years ago that failed.

Scott ran for office in part because of the impact of a rezoning near his home, but further than 200-foot line, he said.

"I didn't get a notice of something that was near to me and I was shocked," he said.

His suggestion this time around was to increase the distance to 1,000 feet or follow a staff-proposed compromise of a stepped approach, increasing the notification radius with the size of the development. Arguments boiled down to being more transparent to residents and encouraging resident involvement in city planning decisions.

Arguments against included the unknown cost of sending letters to more people, an increase in confusion of more people receiving letters, and that just increasing the radius isn't enough. Also, since zoning is reviewed by staff, the planning and zoning commission, and by the commission, residents are represented in the zoning decisions, said Bill Bricker, former planning and zoning chairman.

Mayor Bill Cecil argued that sending letters to more residents would spur increased participation by those who "don't have a dog in that hunt." Right now we have a 200-foot rule, those people have a play in the issue," Cecil said. "Past that you've got people who think they have a dog, and they don't."

For large developments such as the building of shopping centers, the city has generally increased the notification radius. Also, zoning change requests appear on the planning and zoning committee agendas as well as the city council agendas. Both are published for the public in advance of meetings. Changes also are advertised in local newspapers.

"I've never heard elected officials say they want to stop or impede zoning information," Scott said.

The compromise: use the city Web site and social media to provide more outlets for information.

Before the vote, Scott asked, "Why?"

If only the people who matter are those in the 200-foot -- those who have the only people who have a dog in the fight -- why post it in the news, etc.," he said.

Cecil called the question "inappropriate" and refused to answer. A resolution to direct staff to use more social media to disseminate information on rezoning requests passed unanimously.



New Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse officers were installed Jan. 5. Shown at back, from the left, are Ken Alford, commander; Jim Wardlaw, assistant commander; Tom Briscoe, operations officer; Mark Harpst, training officer; Roy Hance, adjutant; Thad Parker, quarter master; and Charles Lambreth, secretary. Pictured at front are Choice Smith, treasurer; Deryl People, communications officer; Wendell Dyer, color guard; Ken Ingram, first platoon officer; and Jon Ogle, second platoon officer. The new slate of officers will serve for 2010-11. The posse, which serves under the auspices of Sheriff Harold Eavenson, is beginning its 19th year as a volunteer organization, performing services such as patrolling parking lots during home football games and prom parties; assisting in searches for missing persons and suspects; traffic control; and parades.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall dog tethering ordinance now in effect

A new ordinance recently approved by the Rockwall City Council regarding the tethering of dogs now is in effect.

According to a news release from the municipality, the ordinance went into effect Dec. 21, with a 30-day grace period for residents to comply. Under this ordinance, tethering refers to tying or chaining dogs to a stationary object or stake; it does not apply to walking animals on leashes.

Dogs may be tethered while on the owner's premises if the owner remains with the animal. Additionally, the ordinance provides that a dog may be tethered unattended on the owner's premises for a maximum of two hours in a 24-hour period. A dog must be a minimum of 15 feet from a road or sidewalk at all times if tethered.

The ordinance also addresses alternatives to tethering and requirements for dog runs and pens.

The ordinance was implemented based on research submitted by the U.S. Humane Society and the Centers for Disease Control, which indicates that tethering causes increased aggressive behavior in dogs and leads to a greater risk of people being bitten. According to research, when dogs remain chained in one place for extended time periods, they can become anxious and aggressive. Tethered dogs also are easier targets by attacks from other animals.

A violation of the city ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor that carries a maximum fine of \$500 per animal per occurrence.

A copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall or at rockwall.com under the Animal Services Department tab.

For more details call the Animal Services Department at 972-771-7750.

Algal bloom may cause changes in water taste, smell

The North Texas Municipal Water District confirmed in a news release issued by the City of Rockwall this week that a winter algal bloom occurring in Lavon Lake could create taste and odor changes in treated drinking water.

The changes may be detected by consumers who are "more sensitive to these changes," reads the release; however, the changes are a palatability issue only.

"The palatability change that results from a naturally occurring algal bloom does not alter the quality of the water provided to the cities and the communities served by the NTMWD," reads the release. "The water supply remains safe for use, with no health risks created by these events."

For a general fact sheet on winter algal blooms, visit the ntmwd.com Web site.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Grandma Brag Pages return Feb. 12

The Rockwall County News' Valentine's edition will publish Feb. 12, with a deadline of Feb. 5 for photos of Grandma's Little Valentines. The special edition will feature color photos of grandchildren with their names and the names of their grandparents. Cost ranges from \$30 (no more than two children), with larger sizes available for \$50 and \$90. Photos and information may be sent to rcn.news@rockwallcountynews.com or Rockwall County News, P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, TX 75087 or dropped off at our offices at 107 E. Boum Ave. Call 972-2-3099 for details.

Voter registration deadline nears

Deadline to register to vote in the March 2 primary election is Feb. 12. Applications to register may be downloaded at rockwallcountynews.com or picked up at the Rockwall County Elections office or at most city offices, libraries and high schools. Mail completed applications to 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, 75087.

RC Chamber luncheon reservations due

The Royse City Chamber's January luncheon will take place Wednesday at noon in the City Hall Melody Room, with Sen. Bob Cagle serving as guest speaker. Cost will be \$10 (meal provided by Cagle's Catering & Chocolate Fountain). RSVPs are due today. Call 972-636-5000.

AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving offered

An AARP55 Alive Defensive Driving class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and March 19 at The Center. Participants can brush up on their defensive driving skills and make adjustments to accommodate age-related changes in hearing, vision and reaction time. Cost for AARP members is \$12 for Rockwall residents, \$18 for non-residents. Non-member Rockwall residents will pay \$14, non-residents, \$21.

'Rockwall's Got Talent' events set

The semifinals and the finals competitions of Rockwall's Got Talent will take place today and Saturday, respectively, at Utley Middle School, 1201 Townsend Drive. Tickets to the competitions will cost \$8 each night, and audience members will vote on the winners. For information, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Conservatives, coffee set Jan. 16

The Rockwall County Conservatives & Coffee, a grassroots group dedicated to conservative values, meets every third Saturday at 8 a.m. at The Well, 103 E. Main St., Royse City. Speaker this session will be DA Kenda Culppepper. Local, state and federal issues will be discussed; all ages welcomed. For details call 214-793-2923.

Breakfast event will benefit Youth Reach

Royse City's Caitlyn Hodo will celebrate her 13th birthday by hosting a breakfast event for Youth Reach on Jan. 16 at 8 a.m. at the Royse City Community Center. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 972-772-3003.



Pictured above are Jordan Miller, Victoria Engel, Aaron Dorman, Lana Whittington, Jenna Huckabee and Taylor Duggan from the Heritage Christian Academy's theatre department presentation of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Performances of the Broadway musical will be offered at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28, 29 and 30, as well as a 2 p.m. matinee show on Jan. 30. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance; shows will take place in the HCA Multipurpose Room. Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$7 for adults; seating is limited. For tickets, call 972-772-3003.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

YMCA kicks off Y-Partners Campaign

The Rockwall County YMCA has kicked off its annual fundraising effort, the Y-Partners Campaign, in an effort to continue the provision of programs to those who need services and cannot afford them.

The YMCA is committed to serving children in need of safe care and educational support, teens in need of positive role models and activities and families who need a place to belong and grow in spirit, mind and body, according to a news release. To serve these needs and others through programs such as after school care, day camp, youth sports, swim lessons and health and wellness programs, financial contributions are needed.

"The impact of the down economy has impacted our neighbors and our community like never before," said campaign chairman Jay Longworth, a YMCA board member and volunteer in youth sports and Adventures Guides. "Request for financial assistance provided by the Partners Campaign has increased at an alarming rate."

Longworth said it is easy to make contributions when finances are good, but tougher to do so when times are tough.

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Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital expands breastfeeding program

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall has expanded its program that assists breastfeeding mothers and their infants.

According to a news release issued earlier this week, the breastfeeding resources center, which provides support and education for nursing mothers, now includes an on-site store for the rental and purchase of Medela breast pump equipment. The store, A Mother's Love, is housed in the Women's Imaging Center inside the Medical Office Building located close to the Childbirth Education

classroom.

A Mother's Love has both the Lactina and Symphony breast pump models available for rent on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. Available for purchase are the Pump In Style advanced models, as well as a variety of accessories and supplies. Trained hospital staff will provide expectant and new mothers with the assistance they need.

The convenience of having an on-site location is an extra advantage for new mothers and their babies.

Texas Health Rockwall continues to offer all the education, support and training new mothers need after they are discharged from the hospital. A board-certified lactation consultant works alongside new mothers to assist them in gaining confidence with breastfeeding, striving for a successful breastfeeding experience.

"When a mom comes to me in tears and leaves with a smile on her face and a nursing baby, my heart is full," said consultant Cindee Phillips, RN, IBCLC. "That makes my job all worthwhile."



Enjoying the special New Year's celebration at Arbor House Assisted Living are (back) members of the Harrington Band with Melinda Myers (second from right) serving desserts to residents Peggy and Harold Westmoreland, Trudy Gwyn, Bob Baltrz and Dale Senseman. Heath Elliott with Blue Canyon served as coordinator of the vent with Blue Canyon and The Hilton donating the dessert dishes. Staff Photo by Wes Burnett/Rockwall County News

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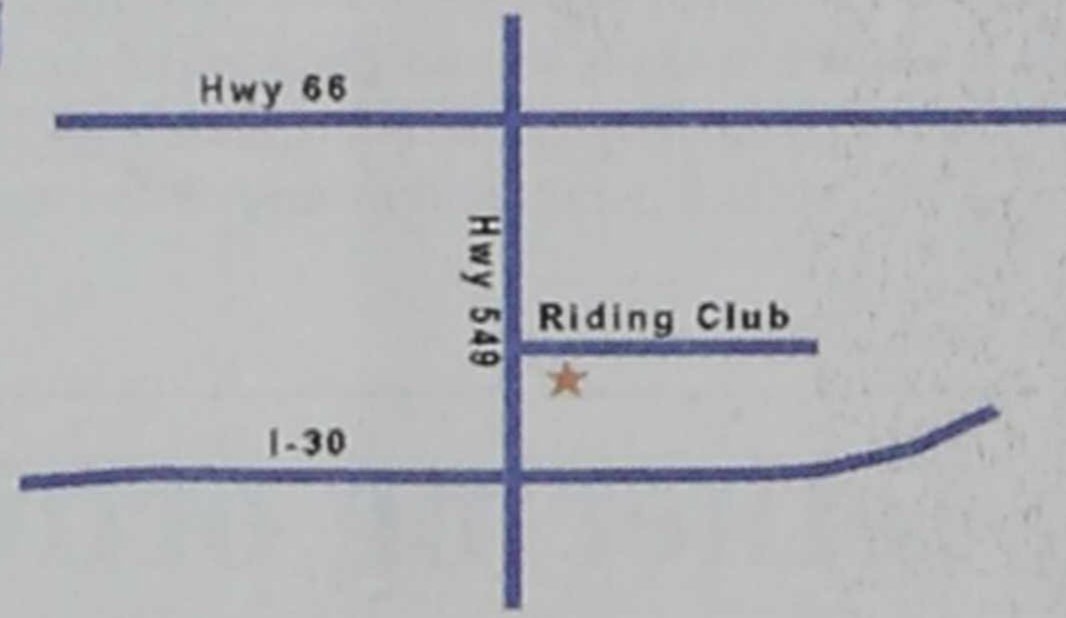
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In keeping with its motto "Service Above Self," the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club recently delivered winter coats to 198 students at Springer, Jones and Dobbs elementary schools. Pictured above are representative students accepting the gifts on behalf of Dobbs Elementary and the RBR members participating in the presentation. From the left are Jose Chabolla, Abigail Perez, Maritza Galva, Barbara Carreon, Adrian Colunga, Ivan Paredes, Joseph Howard and Felix Juarez, along with the school's counselor, Dina Rowe, and principal, Teresa Twedell. Also shown are RBR members Stephen Straughn, Johnny Tomasino, John Perser, George Russell, David Hamilton, Karen Straughn, C. Jackson, Mike Lucas and Trenton Cornehl. Coats for Kids is one of the RBR's many annual programs. For more information on the club, visit rockwallbreakfastrotary.com.

Photo courtesy of George Russell/Rockwall County News

January is School Board Recognition Month

January has been proclaimed by the governor as School Board Recognition Month to help highlight contributions of dedicated men and women who take the time to care about local schools.

The Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees will be recognized on Jan. 25 at a regularly scheduled meeting in room 600 of the RISD Education/Administration building located at 11 Williams Street in Rockwall.

"As advocates for our children, school board members face difficult challenges. They are elected to the community to make critical decisions that directly affect the future of our youth," said RISD superintendent Gene Burton. "They work tirelessly, devoting countless hours to help ensure a quality education that will lead our students to success. We're glad to recognize this team and participate in the 'Hats to Texas Trustees' theme with towns across the state."

RISD board members include president Craig Zurek, vice president David Loftis, secretary David Hamilton, Leigh Plagens, Stan Lowrance, Chris Cuny and Russ Childers.

"Grandma Brag Pages" deadline Feb. 5

The annual Rockwall County News "Grandma Brag Pages" special edition will be published Friday, February 12, with a Friday, February 5 deadline for photo submission. Just in time for Valentine's Day, the special edition features photos of grandchildren with their names and names of grandparents in full color.

Three sizes are offered: \$30, \$50 and \$90. High resolution images of information should be sent by email to rcn.news@yahoo.com, by mail to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or to the office at 107 E. Bourn Ave.

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"...But that's when the need is greatest," he said. "The YMCA's mission is to put Christian values into practice through programs that build the spirit, mind and body for all. It doesn't say 'for those who can afford it'."

Through donations made by local businesses and individuals, the Park Campaign has provided almost \$2 million in financial assistance to Rockwall/Rowlett/Heath community since 1975.

"We are asking for your involvement in providing opportunities for children in need by becoming a volunteer or making a donation," said Longworth. "Invest in your YMCA and you invest in your community. Your gift helps people catch the spirit of the YMCA."

To make a contribution or get involved, contact Longworth or George Majchrzak at 972-772-9622.

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ing a Birthday Charity Breakfast benefiting Youth Reach, a Christian nonprofit that provides food and hope to orphans, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at Applebee's in Rockwall. Cost for the all-you-can-eat meal will be \$6 at the door. Everyone is invited.

Rockwall County TEA Party planned

The Rockwall County TEA Party will host a Taxed Enough Already (TEA) Party at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane, beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday. Conservative State Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Dist. 89, will be the speaker. E-mail questions to nkreekon@verizon.net or john@rockwallcontrols.com.

'Nunsense' tickets available Monday

Tickets to the Rockwall Community Playhouse's 'Nunsense' will go on sale Monday. Performances are set for Feb. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21.

Library to close for MLK observance

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

'Alpha Course' begins Tuesday

FaithBridge Church will host "The Alpha Course," a free, pressure-free, 10-week introduction to Christianity, beginning Tuesday. The first session will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and each meeting will include dinner, Bible study and discussion at the American National Bank, 2865 Ridge Road. Childcare will be offered at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, beginning at 6 p.m. For more details visit alphausa.org.

Sing with the LCC

Rehearsals for the Lakeside Civic Chorus' spring concert, Dueling Divas, will begin Tuesday in the Rockwall High Choral Room. Interested individuals are encouraged to participate in the rehearsal, which will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more details visit lakeside-civicchorus.org, call 972-679-4227 or e-mail bushld@swbell.net.

Breakfast Club meeting slated

The Royse City Chamber- and RC Main Street-sponsored Breakfast Club meeting, which takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month, will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday at The Well Coffee Lounge, 103 E. Main St., Royse City. Light breakfast will be served; cost is \$3.

FUMC Heath offers women's Bible study

The First United Methodist Church of Heath, 140 Smirl Drive, will host a women's Bible study on Beth Moore's "A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place" beginning Wednesday. The session will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the church parlor. All interested women are invited; child care will be provided. For details call 972-771-6732 or visit fumcheath.org.

Teen anime enthusiasts to meet

The Rockwall County Library's teen anime group will meet from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the library.



Special treats and visitors highlighted the New Year's celebration party at Summer Ridge Assisted Living with members of the National Charity League serving residents. At the event were League members Mackenzie Woessner and Leah Wheeler along with residents Lou Crocker, Lucille Tate, Maxine Harber, Edith DeRose and Susanne Smett.
Photo Courtesy Trudy Woessner/Rockwall County News

Harlem Ambassadors perform locally Jan. 24

The Harlem Ambassadors will appear in Rockwall Jan. 24 in a game scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Rockwall-Heath High School.

The team offers a unique blend of Harlem-style basketball featuring high-flying slam-dunks, ball-handling tricks and comedy routines.

"At our shows we want the kids to know that they're part of our team too," said Coach de Majic. "We invite as many parents as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front row seat at during the show and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do."

The Ambassadors work with local nonprofit and service organizations, conducting shows as community fundraising events. This event will have the team partnering with the Springer Elementary PTA to help raise funds for the school's students. "It feels good to be able to provide quality entertainment and create memories that the kids will take with them," said ambassadors president Dale Moss. "We're able to give even more when we can help provide funding for a Habitat for Humanity house or new computers for the school library, and that feels great."

Tickets cost \$8 for children and \$10 for adults if purchased prior to game day. Prices at the door will increase by \$1.

Tickets may be purchased online at springerdreamteam.com.

Fashion fundraiser set for Jan. 24 at school

The Lone Star Chapter of National Charity League will host its annual mother-daughter fashion show, Fashion in Philanthropy, on Jan. 24.

The event will spotlight fashions inspired by the philanthropies, including thrift-ware favorites (Helping Hands); fishing well attire (Presbyterian Hospital); animal shelter assistance (Rockwall Animal Shelter); retirement center commitment (Summer Ridge, Rockwall and Rowlett); and prom closet benefiting both high schools. The show will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Williams Middle School.

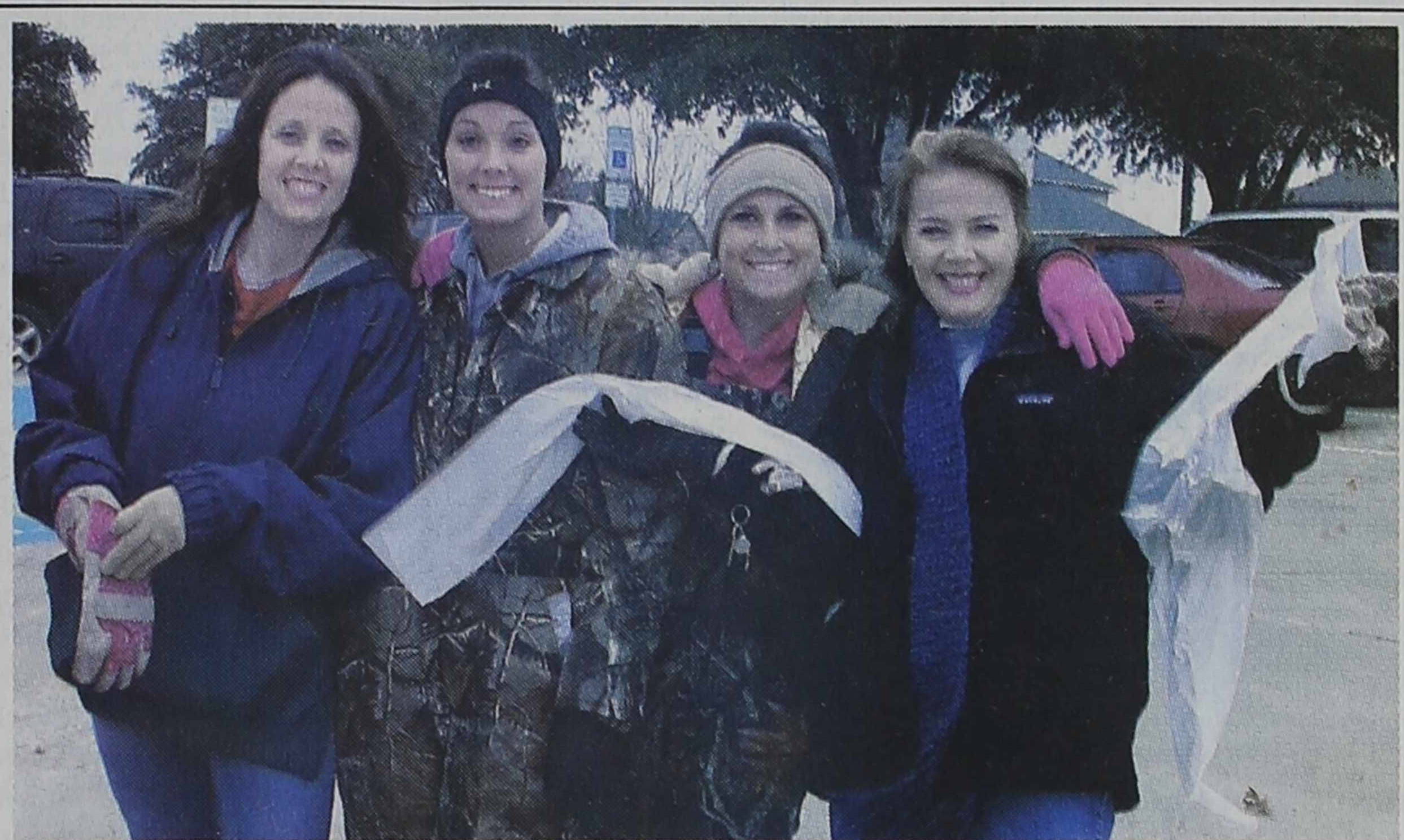
Tickets cost \$5 apiece and will be available at the door.

Proceeds will benefit the Lone Star Chapter Junior Class of 2011, a national nonprofit mother-daughter organization.

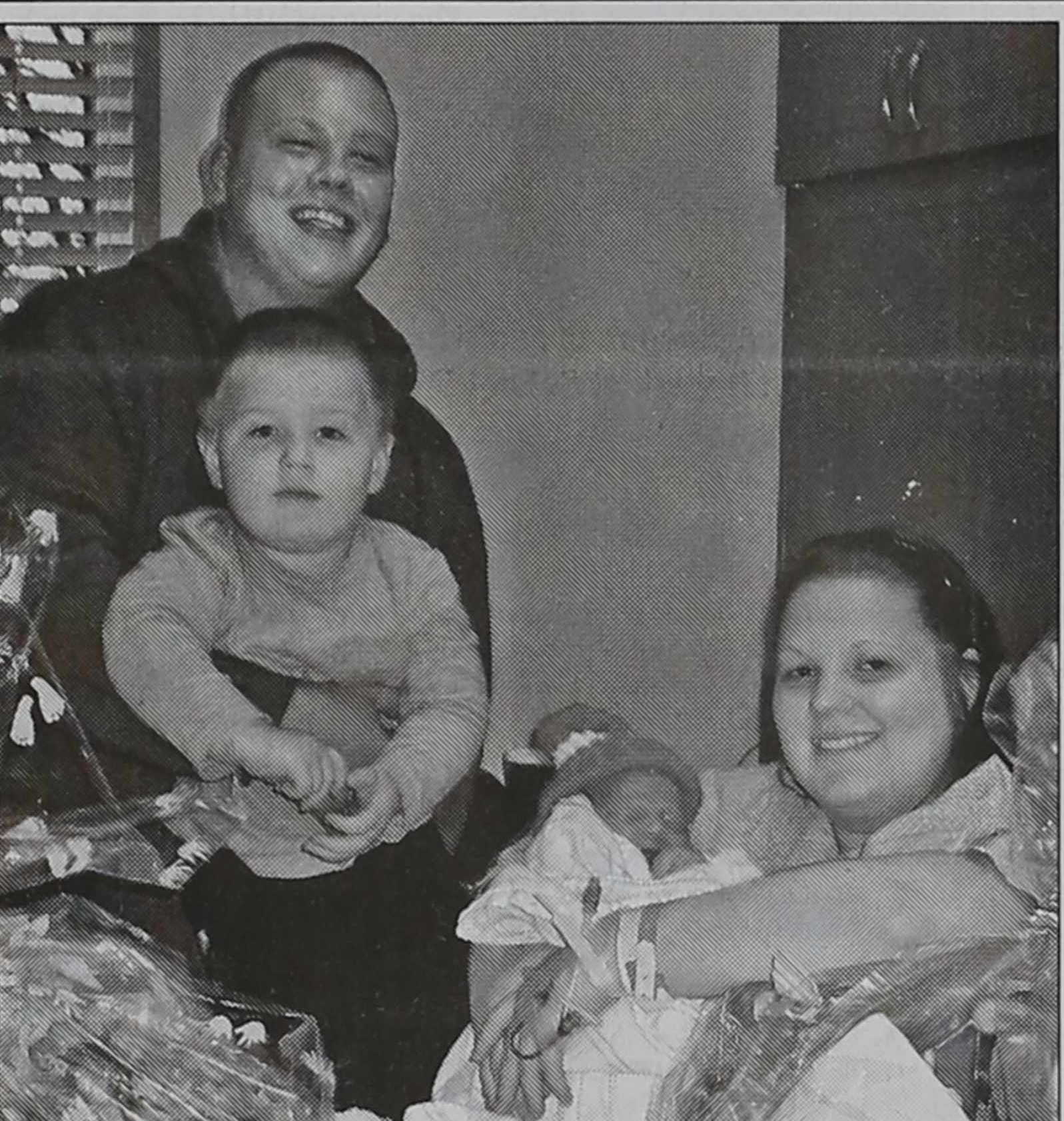
Two tapped for Tarleton honors

Two area students were listed among students recognized by Tarleton State University for the fall 2009 semester.

Shelby Adamson of Rockwall, a student at the university's Stephenville campus, and Sarah Tate of Royse City, a student at Tarleton's Southwest Metroplex campus, were among students named on the A Honor Roll, according to a university news release.



Teachers and staff members at Cullins-Lakepointe spent the first half of their Jan. 6 professional development day involved in community service projects. Some of the projects included work at the North Texas Food Bank, visiting the Rowlett Nursing Care Center, picking up garbage around the school and welcoming home troops at the DFW Airport. Pictured are, from the left, Amy Jumper, Whitney Rowell, Maci Montgomery and Tracy Songer who undertook trash detail around the school.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Nicole and Corey Chambers were the parents of the first baby born in 2010 at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Landyn, at 1:36 p.m. Jan. 1. Weighing in at 7 lbs., 10 oz., the baby will share his birthday with his great-grandmother, Shirley Whetzel-Lambert of Bridgewater, Va., who celebrated her 73rd birthday on Jan. 1. Baby Landyn will be welcomed home by a big brother, Corey Jr., as well as his grandparents, Diana and Kenneth Sautter and Reubin Jr. and Kimberly Chambers.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

Martha Taylor walking again

Martha Taylor is headed home after seven weeks of careful and attentive care at the Royse City Health and Rehabilitation center following a major ankle injury and surgery in October. "I can't say enough about how great the staff has been for me," she emphasizes. "They are very caring and helpful, helping me through all the stages of recovery, especially Martin."

Martha fell in her Rockwall home and broke her ankle. After surgery she was informed that she would need extensive rehabilitation

assistance in order to return to normal activities. Of all the various choices available, she chose Royse City Health and Rehabilitation. "It was a very good decision," Martha explained that she started out with a cast, and with the daily rehab services, moved to a walking boot, then to a walker, and now able to put about 50 percent weight on the ankle. "If it weren't for the help I got here," she said, "I think I'd be in a wheel chair."

Martha Taylor is happy to be going home, and praises Royse City Health and Rehabilitation for making that possible.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Tracy Lynn Barbay

Services for Tracy Lynn Barbay will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating.

She died Dec. 18, 2009, in Houston.
Born July 27, 1964, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Tanner L. and Nancy Barbay. She was raised in the Dallas area and graduated from Newman Smith High School. She worked for J.D. Edwards in Dallas until she transferred to the Houston office. She later worked for Western Gas in Katy. She eventually went into business for herself, operating a boutique in the Houston area and living in Magnolia until her death.

Survivors include her mother, Nancy Pruitt, her stepfather, Robert Pruitt, and her brother, Terry Barbay and his wife, Zelena, all of Rockwall; her niece, Kynal Barbay of Dallas; and her aunts, Jane Whittaker and Sally Barbay and cousins Don and Tanna, all of Houston. She also is survived by her extended family of Nalers and Pruitts and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tanner L. Barbay, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H.F.

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Rosemary Brown
Services for Rosemary Brown, 70, of Rockwall, formerly of Garland, were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Matt Geisinger officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Jan. 6.
Born Sept. 24, 1939, in Chicago, Ill., to Arthur Louis Kaufman and Marion (Moore) Kaufman, she worked as a quality control inspector with Lucent Technologies prior to her retirement.

Survivors include her daughters, Debra Wright and her husband, Marty, and Caren Cody and her husband, Gary; and one grandson, Jared Wright.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cletus Brown, in 2006 and her parents.

Edith Dawson

Services for Edith Dawson, 94, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Jesse Crouch officiating. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Jan. 10.
Born Aug. 9, 1915, in Roysie City to Hollis and Ada (Talley) Horton, she married Lonnie Dawson on Dec. 13, 1938, in Garland. She was a former cafeteria worker in the public school system and a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include her daughter, Nada Angel, and her husband, Danny, of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Lonnie, on April 18, 1999.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

John Ell Gibson

Memorial services for John Ell Gibson, 71, of Forney were conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 7, 2010, in the First Baptist Church in Heath. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 3.
Born Aug. 30, 1938, in Brasher to Ross and Loretta (Wilmon) Gibson, he served in the U.S. Navy and worked as a commercial truck driver. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and riding motorcycles. He had a passion for his family and his church, the First Baptist Church of Heath.

Survivors include his mother, Loretta (Wilmon) Gibson; his wife, Patricia Gibson of Forney; his son, Derek Gibson of Forney; his daughter, Kym French and her husband, Michael, of Quinlan; his grandchildren, Stone Gibson and Jonathan and Joshua Wortham, as well as 17 others; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and wife, Montez Gibson.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund in memory of John Ell Gibson, 224 Smirl Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

John E. Gramentine

Memorial services for John E. Gramentine, 77, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 23, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with John Albritton officiating.

He died Dec. 30, 2009.
Born April 21, 1932, in Pittsburgh, Penn., to John H. and Dorothy (Erlanson) Gramentine, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict and worked in the jewelry industry. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Pittsburgh and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Susan (Scott) Gramentine of Rockwall; his sons, John S. Gramentine of Arlington and James D. Gramentine and his wife, Allison, of Midland; his grandson, John Ross Gramentine; his granddaughters, Kate, Maggie and Sydney Gramentine; a sister, Joanne Kelley and her husband, Stephen, of Charlotte, N.C.; and a nephew, Matthew Kelley of Charlotte.

He was preceded in death by his parents.
The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Vitas Hospice, Suite 700 South Tower, 8585 N. Stemmons, Dallas, TX 75247.

Robert B. 'Bob' Rose

Robert B. "Bob" Rose, 71, of Rockwall died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, surrounded by family members. No memorial service was conducted. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Born Nov. 18, 1938, in Angola, Ind., to Edward Milton and Josephine Rose, he graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in electronic engineering. He worked for the U.S. Navy for 34 years. A man who loved his family and country, he had a passion for sports; weekends were spent watching baseball, European soccer and football. His favorite teams included the Chicago Cubs, the UW Huskies and the San Diego Chargers. He was a ham radio operator (K6GKU) for more than 50 years, a member of the NRA and the Amateur Radio Association. He attended the First United Methodist Church of Heath.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Marilyn Rose of Rockwall; his sons, Kevin M. Rose and his wife, Julie, of Forney and Greg S. Rose and his wife, Tonya, of Alpine, Calif.; his daughter, Stacey Klimek and her husband, Steve, of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Susan Jo Krieb and her husband, Richard, of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; his grandchildren, Chad and Tawni Brewer, Heather, Reagan, Grant, Nicholas, Jacob, Joshua and Jayson Rose; three nieces; and two nephews.

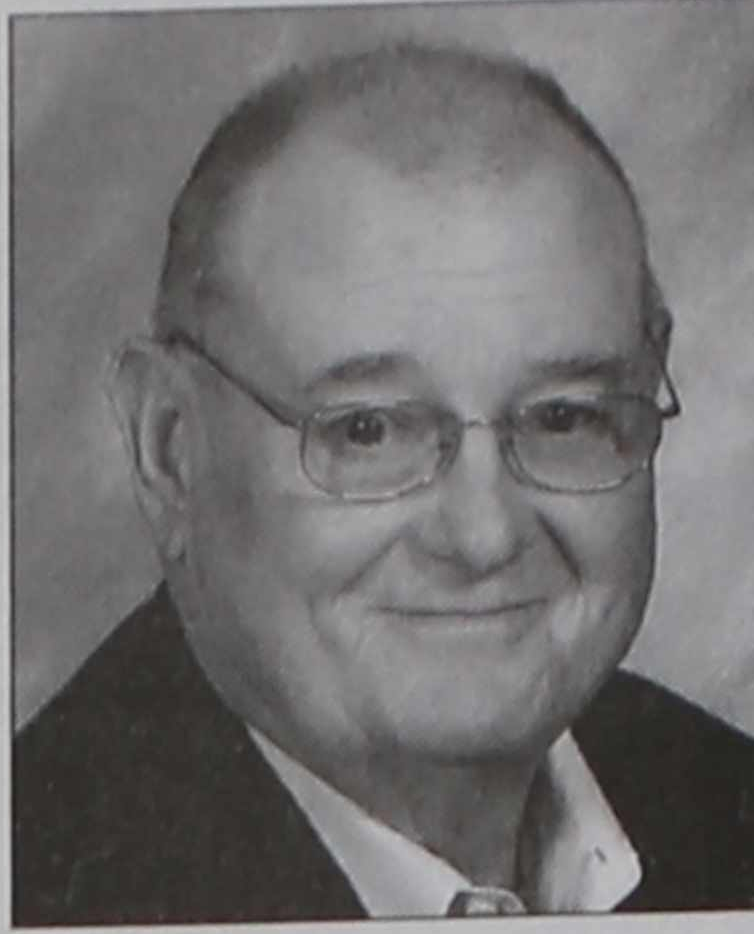
He was preceded in death by his parents.

Burnice Lee 'Bill' Shannon

Services for Burnice Lee "Bill" Shannon, 74, of Roysie City were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rosemount Cemetery in Commerce.

He died Jan. 5 following a courageous battle with lymphoma.

Born Dec. 9, 1935, in Direct to Joe Richie and Artie Lee (Tiggett) Shannon, he retired from the City of Gar-



land where he worked as a shift engineer at Garland Power & Light for years.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Judy Shannon of Roysie City; his son, Danny Shannon and his wife, Melanie, of Roysie City, Dale Shannon of R. City, Don Shannon and his wife, Ashley, of Sevierville, Tenn., Doug Shan and his wife, Marva, of Roysie City and Russell McCasland of Nocona, was like a son to him; a sister, Minnie Ryser of Honey Grove; his brothers, Shannon of Honey Grove and J.R. Shannon of Sumner; his grandchildren, I son "Weasle," Tyler, Shawna, Cody, Haley, Caitlin, Kiley and Collin; and great-grandchildren, Kassidy "PooPoo," and Remington, who is due in March.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William Shannon in 2002.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Texas Ju Brahman Breeders Association, 3003 South Loop West, Suite 520, Houston, 77054 in honor of Bill Shannon and B&J Ranch.

Donald W. Tiry

Services for Donald W. Tiry, 78, of Bountiful, Utah, and Rockwall were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, in the Eastridge Church of Christ Dyrle Phillips officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 4.
Born July 27, 1931, in Ralls to William and Madge (Caskey) Tiry, he raised in Littlefield. After spending five years in the U.S. Air Force, he earned Texas Tech University where he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1959. After marrying, he and his wife moved to Utah where they raised their family, but always returned to Texas and their roots. A man who never a stranger, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, traveling and topography. He was an active member of the Southside Church of Christ in Lake City, Utah, for 50 years and was a devout Christian.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Jerry (Holt) Tiry; his daughters, rina Tiry, Lisa Tiry-Butler and her husband, Michael, and Vanessa; his sisters, Patsy Pierce, Bonnie Tiry and Jean Delgadillo and her husband, Luis; his grandchildren, James, Annika and Grace Tiry-Butler and Tyler and Lexi Tiry Irvine; his sisters-in-law, Jimmie Beaty and her husband, Tom, and Judy Holt; his brothers-in-law, Joe Holt and Aubrey Holt and his wife, Carolyn; and one son-in-law, David Irvine.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Caroline Tiry Irvine, on Aug. 9, 2009.

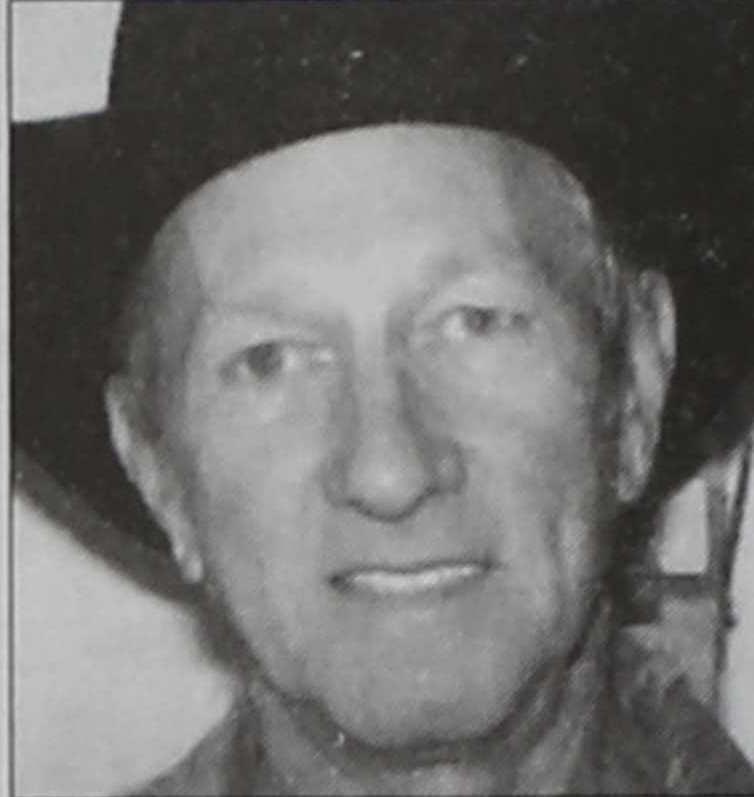
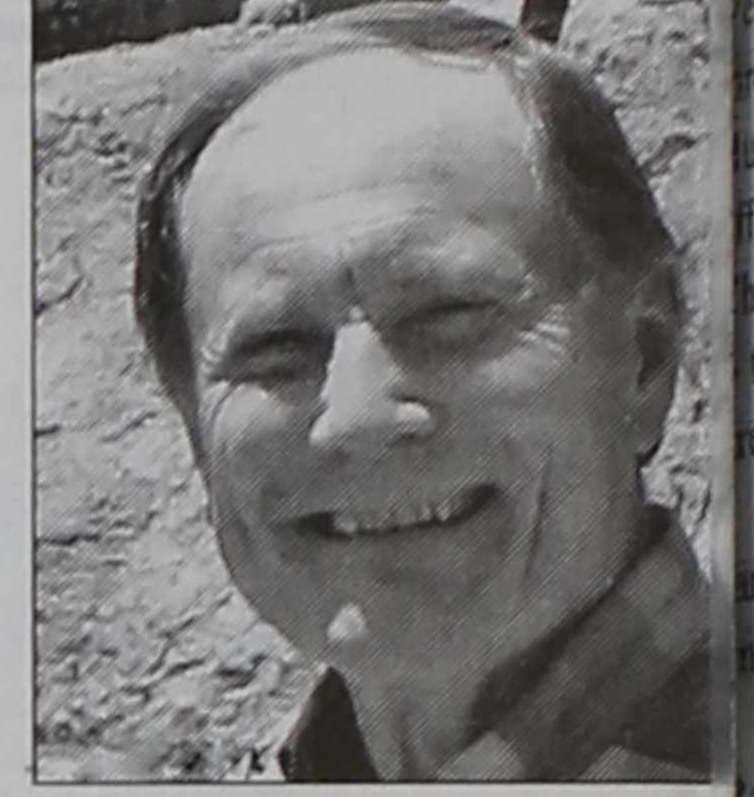
Luciana C. Tovar

Services for Luciana C. Tovar, 63, of Roysie City were conducted at 2 Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel Pastor John Livaudais and Pastor Manuel Silva officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Jan. 6.
Born Jan. 7, 1946, in Mexico to Pedro and Marcela (Torres) Castillo, she a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church. She was a giving, loving and so person who enjoyed traveling and cooking. Her kitchen specialties were tamales.

Survivors include her husband, Ignacio Tovar; her mother; her sons, M. Tovar and his wife, Maria, Lucas Tovar and Evaristo Tovar, all of Roysie City; her daughters, Gloria Tovar of Roysie City and Sylvia Livaudais and her band, Nick, of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Marin Jr., Blanca and Nayeli T. and Austin and Alec Livaudais; and her siblings, Isidra Castillo, Vicente Cas and his wife, Augustina, all of Greenville, Maria Guzman and her husband, Juan, of California, Pedro Castillo Jr. of Greenville, Jose Castillo of California and Imelda Castillo of Greenville and Gudelia Vargas and her husband, Antonio Roysie City.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Aristeo Castillo.



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"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."
Proverbs 18

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In Our Opinion

Brit Hume, Tiger Woods and Buddha

Bill O'Reilly
 My colleague Brit Hume has aroused the ire of some secularists, as well as some Buddhists, by advising Tiger Woods to seek redemption through Christianity in place of his mother's religion, Buddhism. Said Hume about Woods: "He's said to be a Buddhist. I don't think that faith offers the kind of forgiveness and redemption that is offered by the Christian faith. So my message to Tiger would be, 'Tiger, turn your faith back to the Christian faith and you can make a total recovery and be a great example to the world.'"

Almost immediately, the far left began mocking Hume as a religious fanatic. Some of the comments directed at him were as hateful as anything directed toward Woods.

Let's look at what happened. According to Buddhist journalist Barbara Hoetsu O'Brien, Hume is correct about Buddhism. That faith does not offer forgiveness and redemption the way Christianity does. It's because Buddhism has no concept of sin.

On my TV program, I asked Hume whether he was proselytizing, as a devout Christian. He said no and put forth that he was just offering Woods some advice he might consider. Thus, the question becomes: What is Hume's sin? Why are people like Washington Post critic Tom Iles and "The Daily Show's" Jon Stewart going after him?

The answer, I believe, lies in the explosive nature of right and wrong, good and evil; and in the unease some Americans feel when a religious conviction they don't hold is displayed before them.

Nancy Spagnolo of Bethany, Conn., e-mailed me shortly after I reviewed Hume: "Religion is such a deeply personal issue, and it is wrong to discuss what another person should believe. Mr. Hume should have contacted Tiger Woods privately instead of taking it public."

That's not a bad point. I'm sure Hume had noble intentions when he pressed the golfer publicly, but it was a deeply personal assessment of Woods' predicament. We are all sinners. How many of us want to be told how to achieve forgiveness in a public forum?

That being said, Hume has a perfect right to espouse what he believes is a healing tonic. The forgiveness Christianity offers has helped millions of human beings throughout history. The world would be a better place if every person on earth understood the basic philosophy of Jesus. Hume is simply exercising his free speech rights, and the fact that he is paid well to do so speaks to his intellect and insight.

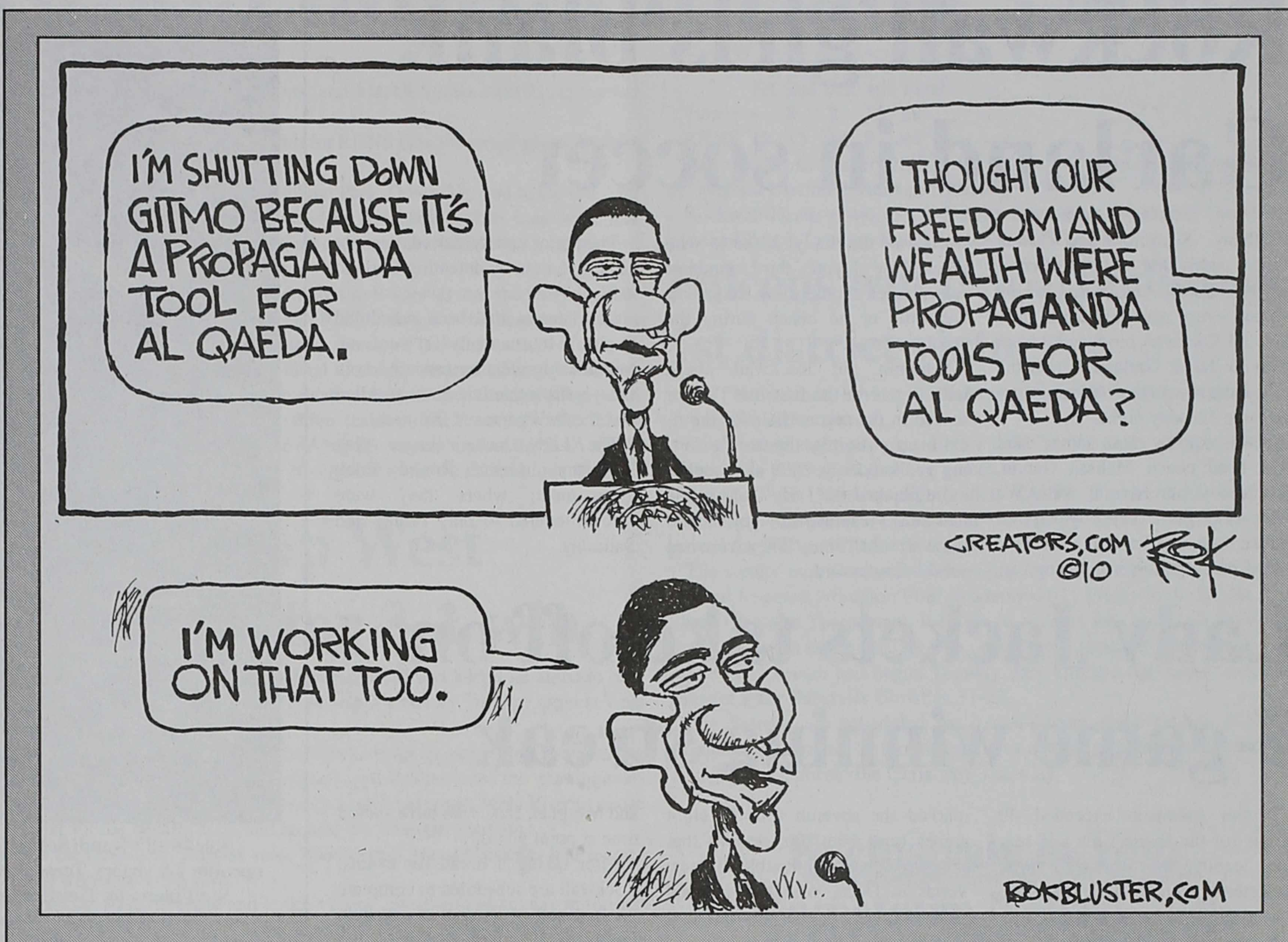
Antireligious sentiment is currently chic in America. You see it played in the media almost every day. Brit Hume sent some advice to Tiger Woods. He did so meaning well. Woods is free to take it or leave it. There was no harm in this.

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Untrue beliefs

by Walter E. Williams

Here's a sample of last week's news reporting: "A new decade is about to start ...", "What better way to start a new year and decade ...", and "ABC 'World News' Decade Look-Back." One would think that the first decade of the third millennium came to an end midnight Dec. 31 and the new decade began a minute after midnight. The truth of the matter is that we must wait another year before the new decade begins at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2011. Just do the math: The end of 2001 was the first year of the decade; the end of 2002 completed the second year and so forth. The end of 2009 completes the ninth year and the end of 2010 completes the 10th year and the end of the decade. One minute after midnight Jan. 1, 2011 begins the second decade of the third millennium.

Many reporters and talking heads will read this column and will still refer to 2010 as the new decade. My question: What is the most suitable characterization we can give them? I think it's the same characterization we would make of a person who's shown that an object is white and he insists upon calling it black -- stupid. Then there's the person who agrees that 2010 does not begin the next decade but prefers to say it's the next decade anyway. For that person, reality is optional. Then there's the person who steadfastly holds that 2010 begins the next decade because that's what most people believe. He might be a politician.

Politicians, businessmen and labor union spokesmen have whined about the decline in U.S. manufacturing. Before looking into what they say is the sad decline in U.S. manufacturing, let's examine what has happened in agriculture. In 1790, farmers were 90 percent of the U.S. labor force. By 1900, only about 41 percent of our labor force was employed in agriculture. By 2008, less than 3 percent of Americans are employed in agriculture. What would you have Congress do in the face of this precipitous loss of agricultural jobs? One thing Congress could do is outlaw all of the technological advances and machinery that have made our farmers the world's most productive. Our farmers are so productive that if needed, they could feed the entire world.

Let's look at manufacturing. According to Dr. Mark Perry's Department of Labor employment data, in his article "Manufacturing's Death Greatly Exaggerated" (<http://blog.american.com/?p=8593>), U.S. manufacturing employment peaked at 19.5 million jobs in 1979. Since 1979, the manufacturing workforce has shrunk by 40 percent and there's every indication that manufacturing employment will continue to shrink. Before you buy into the call for Congress to do something about manufacturing job loss, there are some other facts to be considered.

According to the Federal Reserve, the dollar value of U.S. manufacturing output in November was \$2.72 trillion (in 2000 dollars). Today's manufacturing worker is so productive that the value of his average output is \$234,220. Output per worker is three times as high as it was in 1980 and twice as high as it was in 1990. For the year 2008, the Federal Reserve estimates that the value of U.S. manufacturing output was about \$3.7 trillion (in 2008 dollars). If the U.S. manufacturing sector were a separate economy, with its own GDP, it would be tied with Germany as the world's fourth richest economy. The GDPs are: U.S. (\$14.2 trillion), Japan (\$4.9 trillion), China (\$4.3 trillion), U.S. manufacturing (\$3.7 trillion), Germany (\$3.7 trillion), France (\$2.9 trillion) and the United Kingdom (\$2.7 trillion).

These facts put a lie to claims we hear about how we are a country that "doesn't produce anything anymore," and how we have "outsourced our production to China," and there's been a "demise of U.S. manufacturing." U.S. manufacturing has gone through the same kind of labor-saving technological innovation as agriculture. Should we discard that innovation in the name of saving jobs?

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Not So Strange Health-Care Bedfellows

by Sheldon Richman

One thing can be said in half of the health-insurance overhaul currently shaping up in Washington: it has revealed the obvious bedfellows that politicians, Congress almost certainly will pass a bill that compels every American to have medical insurance. If his employer doesn't offer it, he'll have to buy it himself or be fined.

This justifiably offends everyone who believes in individual freedom. By what right do politicians order us to buy medical coverage? They say they have a good reason: if everyone were forced to buy health insurance, the premiums would be lower for sick people, who file more claims than healthy people do. I mean no disrespect to sick people, but that's a lousy reason to force the healthy to buy insurance they don't want. In a really free society, force would be used only to protect innocent people from aggression. Keeping insurance premiums down falls far short of that standard.

It turns out that a lot of other people think so too. In several states there are moves to block the insurance mandate. For example, Arizona voters will vote on a state constitutional amendment to prohibit forced participation in any health-care plan. And the Los Angeles Times reports that "a group of more than a dozen state attorneys general ... are exploring whether

the mandate is unconstitutional." The Times quotes Florida Atty. Gen. Bill McCollum: "It's a tax on living." The newspaper adds that McCollum "drew a distinction from the requirement that people buy auto insurance: Drivers make a choice to own a car." Actually, car insurance is tied to the use of the roads, and even private road owners would have the right to admit only insured drivers to their property. Moreover, drivers are required only to have liability insurance; they are free to forgo coverage for their own cars.

So here's the odd bedfellows angle: while big-government opponents (and Republican opportunists) are gearing up to fight the insurance mandate, guess who's all gung-ho for it besides the Democrats: the insurance companies!

Savor that for a moment. For a full year President Obama and his congressional allies have bashed those companies as the devil incarnate: They won't cover people who are already sick; they cancel policies after people get sick; they impose annual and lifetime benefit limits; they resist paying benefits; they charge sick people higher premiums than healthy people - and on and on. No self-respecting health-care "reformer" would be caught dead in the same room with these nefarious profit-driven guys. Right? Wrong.

The "reformers" have been in locked rooms with them regularly in what can only be called a conspiracy against the public. What unites them enough to overcome their few differences? The insurance mandate. Since the legislative process started a year ago, one element has been unquestioned: compulsory insurance. True, Obama opposed an individual mandate during his campaign for president. He needed to distinguish himself from his pro-mandate opponent, Hillary Clinton. But once Clinton was safely ensconced in the State Department, Obama came around. Dash the campaign promise.

There's really no need to explain why the insurance industry has been eager to accept every provision demanded by the Democrats (except the "public option") - including coverage for preexisting conditions, guaranteed renewal, and price uniformity regardless of health - as long as the mandate is in the bill. Under a mandate the industry would have millions of new captive customers, mostly healthy young people

who will pay premiums but make few claims. This will mean huge new politically derived profits. In economics, it's called rent-seeking - a form of privilege.

In fact, the insurance industry has only one complaint. The penalty for not complying with the mandate is too low! "We think there's more that [the legislation] needs to do," America's Health

Insurance Plans spokesman Robert Zirkelbach said. "There's still a strong incentive for people to wait until they are sick to purchase insurance."

In other words, the insurance industry is willing to cover all comers if everyone is effectively forced to buy its product.

Freedom is trashed whenever

"reformers" and the industry they seek to "reform" get behind closed doors.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State, and editor of The Freeman magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.freeassociation.com.



Rockwall County Sports

Lady Hawks swoop down on Lady Lions

In the third quarter, the Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball team went pedal to the metal Friday night at home against Carrollton R.L. Turner to take a 4-1 lead.

After letting up on the accelerator in the fourth quarter, the Lady Hawks still scored a 48-29 victory over Turner.

Rockwall-Heath boys move into playoff race

Rockwall-Heath moved into a tie for the fourth and final playoff spot by defeating the Carrollton R.L. Turner boys' basketball team Friday night in Denton.

The Hawks ran and played defense to take a 23-14 lead after one quarter and a 42-20 advantage into the halftime locker room. The second half was a formality in RHHS' 77-56 victory.

Jonathan Fuller and Todd Franza led Rockwall-Heath's scoring with 22 and 13 points, but it was a true team effort. Twelve Hawks scored during the game.

The victory combined with Greenville's loss to Richardson Pearce that moved the Lions to 2-2 in District 10-4A, matching RHHS' district mark. The Hawks can continue to improve their position in the district by winning one of both of their next two games. They're scheduled to play Highland (3-1 in 10-4A) Friday and Greenville Tuesday, both at home.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	23	19	11	24	77
Turner	14	6	12	24	56

Rockwall-Heath (7-12, 2-2): Jonathan Fuller 22, Todd Franza 13, Demi Leonard 8, Aaron Gladney 7, John Taylor 6, Anthony Haake 5, Preston Wynn 4, Jordan Points 4, Conner Geiser 3, Wayne Cunningham 2, Zachary Morett 1, Brandon Skinner 1.

Carrollton R.L. Turner (5-13, 0-4): Travis Cleghorn 17, David Hernandez 12, Lawrence Davis 9, Cody Holmes 4, Bernard Phillips 4, Lucas Amann 3, Van Comperolle 2.

Shanae Lowrance, with 19 points, and Macall Smith, with 11, outscored the Lady Lions by themselves.

Games will become more difficult for RHHS than the beatdown of District 10-4A's last-place team.

The next three opponents - Highland Park, Greenville and Rockwall - all are strong playoff contenders in 10-4A. The Lady Jackets long since had circled the Jan. 22 home game against cross-city rival Rockwall, ranked third among the state's 4A teams.

Rockwall-Heath's earlier 10-point loss to Rockwall was the Lady Jackets' closest district game this season, and RHHS' only loss in the district. It was closer than the final margin indicated.

It will be more important than usual to finish first in the District this season. That's because 10-4A's representatives would open the playoffs against District 9-4A. That district has three teams - McKinney North, Frisco Wakeland and Frisco - in the state 4A top 10. Assuming that the 9-4A standings remain as they are, only the 10-4A champion would miss one of those teams in the first round.

Hawks stop West

Mesquite for 3-1 win

Chase Minter scored a goal on a penalty kick and added an assist to help the Rockwall-Heath boys' soccer team to a 3-1 victory Tuesday night at West Mesquite.

Jose Contreras scored first for the Hawks, with an assist from Brandon Lu. Minter then assisted on Willie Medina's goal that provided the winning margin. After Lu was fouled in the penalty area, head coach Marc Broyles chose Minter for the penalty kick, and he beat the Wranglers' goalie.

At the other end, Broyles said, "Goalkeeper Hugo Cardenas had a good game with a very big save."

Both the RHHS varsity and junior varsity are scheduled to play in tournaments Friday and Saturday - the varsity at Keller Fossil Ridge, and the JV hosting its own event. They then would return to non-district action Tuesday at Lake Dallas.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Turner	4	8	2	15	29
RHHS	12	13	14	9	48

Carrollton R.L. Turner (12-9, 0-6): Rebekah Carrera 14, Ashley Munoz 11, Melissa Carrillo 2, Haleigh Walker 2.

Rockwall-Heath (14-6, 5-1): Shanae Lowrance 19, Macall Smith 11, Brooke Eddy 8, Lyndsey Renta 6, McKenzie White 4.

Falcons win twice, including 1st district victory

The Fulton School boys' basketball team began 2010 with only one victory in five games this season.

Over a busy eight-day period, they celebrated the new year by winning twice while playing another five games.

Included was Monday night's first TAPPS District 3-1A win over McKinney Cornerstone Christian at the Forney Sports Center. That improved the Falcons' district record to 1-3.

The victory over Cornerstone came just three days after Fulton (3-7 overall) had trounced Arlington Flint Academy 44-11 Friday in the Dallas Tyler Street Christian Tournament. It followed a 57-44 loss to TCAF Division I Lucas Christian as the Falcons won one of three games at Tyler Street.

The busy stretch had begun Tuesday, Jan. 5, when Fulton lost a district game at Waco Parkview Christian 31-22.

The Falcons are scheduled for a non-district game Friday at Poetry Community Christian before returning to district play against Tyler Street Tuesday and Duncanville Christway Thursday.

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Royse City Bulldogs fall in 2 district games

Playing against two of District 10-4A's better teams, Royse City lost both district games during the holiday break.

At home Saturday, January 2 against Rockwall-Heath, the Bulldogs trailed 71-45 at Highland Park. The Bulldogs trailed 22-4 after the first quarter, and even outscoring HP in the third quarter brought them back only within 20 points. Hayden was the game's high scorer with 28 points.

The Scots evened their overall record at 9-9 and moved to 2-1 in the district. Their only 10-4A loss has been by one point at Richardson Pearce, which led 17th among the state's 4A teams.

After losing its first two games in the Kaufman Tournament, Royse City came out on top and raced to a 66-45 victory over Tyler Street Christian Tuesday, Dec. 29. As he had throughout the tournament, Hayden led RC with 18 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	12	21	18	15	66
Tyler St.	4	9	11	21	45

Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Kaufman

Royse City (6-10): Pierre Hayden 18, Bryan Wyrick 8, Dillyn Duncan 8, Cory Stapleton 6, Dajon Avery 6, Quinton Britt 6, George Gomez 5, Nick Stone 3, Trey Crutchfield 2, Matt Stone 2.

Tyler Street Christian (7-3): Brian King 24, Caleb Hunt 9, Joshua Pegram 8, Chris Holland 3, Alex Andrews 2, Christian Ponce 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	4	11	19	11	45
HP	22	18	14	17	71

Tuesday

Royse City (6-12, 0-3): Pierre Hayden 28, Dajon Avery 5, Bryan Wyrick 4, Matt Stone 4, Nick Stone 2, Williams 2.

Highland Park (9-9, 2-1): Daniel Edwards 19, Jon Jessen 8, Joey Landess 7, Ryan Massad 6, Ben Strodel 6, Brooks Braden 5, Alex Fox 4, Luke Turpin 4, Caleb Landes 4, James Franchilla 3, Zach Chu 3, Caleb Robinson 2.

The box score for Royse City's game against Rockwall-Heath is with the RHHS game story.

Royse City rally falls short against Newman Smith

Carrollton Newman Smith is unbeaten in District 10-4A boys' basketball; Royse City hasn't won in the district - yet.

Both teams' status nearly changed Friday night at Newman Smith, when Royse City gave the Trojans all they could handle before losing 54-48.

A 16-9 third-quarter advantage made the difference. The Bulldogs had led just 25-24 at halftime, and outscored Newman Smith 15-13 in the fourth quarter before time ran out.

Royse City's Pierre Hayden raised his season scoring average above 20 points per game by pouring in 29 points, including nine of nine foul shots. Hayden also led RC's defense with three steals.

Nick Stone added 10 points and a team-high five rebounds for the Bulldogs.

Trojans multi-sport star Randall Joyner led his team with 18 points.

If Royse City continues to play as well as it did against Newman Smith, the Bulldogs won't be winless for long. The first district victory could come as soon as Friday at home, when RC is scheduled to play Carrollton R.L. Turner, also 0-4 in 10-4A. After that, the Dawgs would be at home again Tuesday against Rockwall (1-3 in the district).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	13	11	9	15	48
N. Smith	15	10	16	13	54

Royse City (5-14, 0-4): Pierre Hayden 29, Nick Stone 10, Matt Stone 5, Dajon Avery 2, Bryan Wyrick 2.

Carrollton Newman Smith (13-9, 4-0): Randall Joyner 18, Jalil Speed 11, Daron Maovern 7, Kevin Hall 5, Trey Pickney 5, Tripp Abbott 4, Will Allen 2, Edward Williams 2.

Eagles lose 2 district games

Heritage Christian Academy lost two TAPPS District 4-2A games during the past week to remain winless in the district.

On Friday, Rockwall Christian raced to a 19-4 lead after one quarter in a game that wasn't close. The Warriors went on to defeat HCA 57-22.

The Eagles performed much better Tuesday at home against Greenville Christian. The teams were tied 8-8 after the first quarter, but Greenville's Eagles broke away for a 20-13 halftime lead. The second half was virtually even, with GCS holding a 17-15 advantage, but the big second quarter led to a 7-28 victory, Greenville Christian's first this season.

Caleb Cathey led HCA with seven points.

Heritage Christian is scheduled for a non-district game Friday at Fannindel before returning to district play Tuesday at McKinney Christian.

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Judy Sweeney Moss
525 League Road
Rockwall, Texas 75032
DATED this 6th day of January, 2009.

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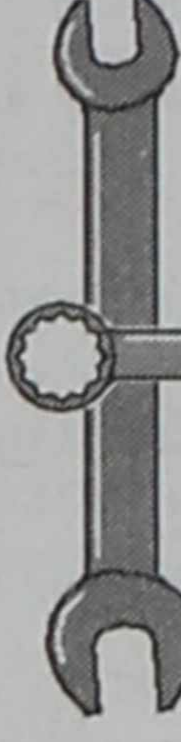
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Rockwall Christian routs Greenville in district opener

Rockwall Christian Academy basketball team continued its winning ways with a 74-44 victory over Greenville Christian Tuesday night in the TAPPS District 4-2A opening game.

The Warriors' resounding victory was the first in a row for the Warriors (13-1), following three consecutive wins that gave them the consolation in the Parish Episcopal tournament.

Against Greenville, RCA took a lead after the first quarter and rough points at halftime, when Warriors led 47-18, to win the

game. Four of Rockwall Christian's starters scored in double figures, paced by Elvis Below's 18.

The Warriors had lost a hard-fought 52-46 decision to the host team at Parish Episcopal before roaring back with three victories by eight or more points.

First, they defeated the Dallas Thunder 76-58. Even in that game RCA started slowly, trailing 33-32 at halftime before outscoring the Thunder 44-25 in the second half. Below had a game-high 24 points, as well as 12 rebounds. Sherman Peoples helped on the boards with

10 rebounds, and Stephan Turner provided six assists and nine steals.

Next came a 67-52 victory over Grapevine Faith Christian that was pretty much wire-to-wire. Faith came back within three points, 41-38 after three quarters, but again the Warriors finished strong. They had a 26-14 advantage in the final eight minutes.

The same cast of characters led the way. Turner paced RCA with 23 points, five assists and nine steals. Peoples had 14 rebounds and Below added 12.

In the consolation final against

Chisholm Trail Academy, Rockwall Christian had an even more impressive finish. The Blazers led 34-25 after three quarters, but RCA outscored them 20-3 in the fourth. Below and Turner each had 14 points. Peoples (11) and Below (10) were the leading rebounders, and Turner had another five assists and eight steals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	18	12	11	26	67
Faith	11	11	16	14	52

Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Parish Episcopal

Rockwall Christian (11-5): Stephan Turner 23, Elvis Below 19, Charlie Wilson 11, Sherman Peoples 8, Raymon Stewart 6, Grapevine Faith Christian (6-10): N/A.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Chisholm	14	7	13	3	37
RCA	9	6	10	20	45

Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Parish Episcopal

Chisholm Trail Academy (9-5): N/A.

Rockwall Christian (12-5): Elvis Below 14, Stephan Turner 14, Sherman Peoples 9, Raymon Stewart 4, Charlie Wilson 4.

CA Warriors outscore Heritage in district game

TAPPS District 4-2A's Battle of Wall was over after just a few minutes.

Rockwall Christian boys' basketball team built a 19-4 lead one quarter, stretched it to 34-12 at halftime and continued to dominate Heritage Christian in the second period for a 57-22 victory at HCA.

The Warriors, Elvis Below scored 16 apiece, Below and Sherman Peoples cleared the backboards for 11 rebounds and Stephan r contributed eight assists and

seven steals.

Tuesday at McKinney Christian, RCA blasted off with a 24-7 first-quarter lead and landed with a 70-45 victory. Four Warriors scored in double figures - Below with 29, Raymon Stewart with 18 and Wilson and Turner with 10 apiece. Below added 14 rebounds; Peoples had 12. Turner also had six assists and eight steals.

Those statistics followed season-long trends for RCA. Below leads the team with 17.8 points, 10.7 rebounds and 1.5 blocked shots per game. Turner was the Warriors'

leader with 5.4 assists and 7.2 steals per contest.

Rockwall Christian faces a big district game at home Friday against Sherman Texoma Christian.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	19	16	9	13	57
HCA	4	2	6	10	22

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	24	9	18	19	70
MCA	7	9	16	13	45

Rockwall Christian (15-5, 3-0): Elvis Below 29, Raymon Stewart 18, Charlie Wilson 10, Stephan Turner 10, Sherman Peoples 3.

McKinney Christian: N/A

Delby Adamson, Campbell star on opposite sides

Lary Bump

The Rockwall High School basketball fans who attended the men's basketball game Saturday at A&M-Commerce, it was like old times.

The game's leading scorers were by Adamson, with 16 points, Genevieve Campbell, with 14.

That no doubt brought back fond memories of RHS' run to the state 5A championship three years ago.

This time, however, Adamson and Campbell were playing against each other. Adamson led Tarleton State's 84-60 victory over A&M-Commerce with a team-high six assists as well.

Campbell, the leading long-range shooter for the Lady Jackets' unbeaten champs, made both of her 3-point shots against Tarleton.

For the visiting TexAnns (12-1), a third player from RHS' 2006-07 team, Brittany Coleman, scored five points.

Walking across America

Wes Burnett

The most interesting young man I met in Rockwall last week, walking across America to prove to himself that he can do it.

Adam Klaffky of Kensington, Texas, explained while visiting our office. Klaffky stopped in Rockwall to visit a college friend, Melody Doudney, a 2004 Rockwall High School graduate and 2008 graduate of Abilene Christian University. They became friends while attending graduate studies in Prague in 2004.

Klaffky left Daytona Beach, Fla. on October 13, 2009, walking on mostly secondary roads, using a map and a GPS. "I like to stay off the railroad tracks and stay off the state highways," he explained. His goal is to arrive in Olympic Park, Washington this summer. He's keeping a journal about his daily adventures and "crazy" experiences he encounters.

He arrived in Rockwall on the 88th day of his "road trip," being greeted by the coldest winter weather this season. While here, Klaffky met with Rockwall High School piano students, sharing his adventure and experiences. He encouraged students to set goals, work hard to accomplish them and never give up on their dreams. RHS piano students will track Klaffky's progress.

By now the young adventurer is somewhere west of Fort Worth, walking along U.S. Highway 180. "I'll be going up Hwy 84 to Lubbock," he said, "then off to New Mexico." He hopes to get to the Rockies after the snow melts.

Klaffky travels with tarps and a "very warm" sleeping bag, spending nights along the roadway or in parks. "I'm fairly frugal," he added, "water and peanut butter keep me going." He averages about 20 miles per day. He's keeping a journal about his daily adventures and "crazy" experiences he encounters.

His journey is a personal challenge. "This is the time in my life for such a challenge," he added, "I saved enough to make the trip, I'm healthy and fit, and I don't have any obligations."

He keeps in touch with his parents in Kensington through a cell phone, and email when he visits libraries along the route.

Editor's note: Our thanks to Melody Doudney for introducing Klaffky to us and sharing this interesting story.



Adam Klaffky



Joe and Marona Hewitt of Rockwall presented a 22-inch by 28-inch acrylic painting to the City of Fate last month entitled "Fate, 1967." The work was a collaboration, with Joe Hewitt doing the preliminary sketch and painting the sign and the roadrunner and Marona Hewitt handling the remainder of the project. The painting, framed in seasoned barn wood fashioned by Joe Hewitt, was inspired by a Dallas Times-Herald Sunday magazine cover depicting a house, dirt lane and sign that reads "Fate, Pop. 191." The Hewitts added color and a roadrunner to enhance the image. The painting, which took about six months to complete, will hang in Mayor Bill Broderick's office.

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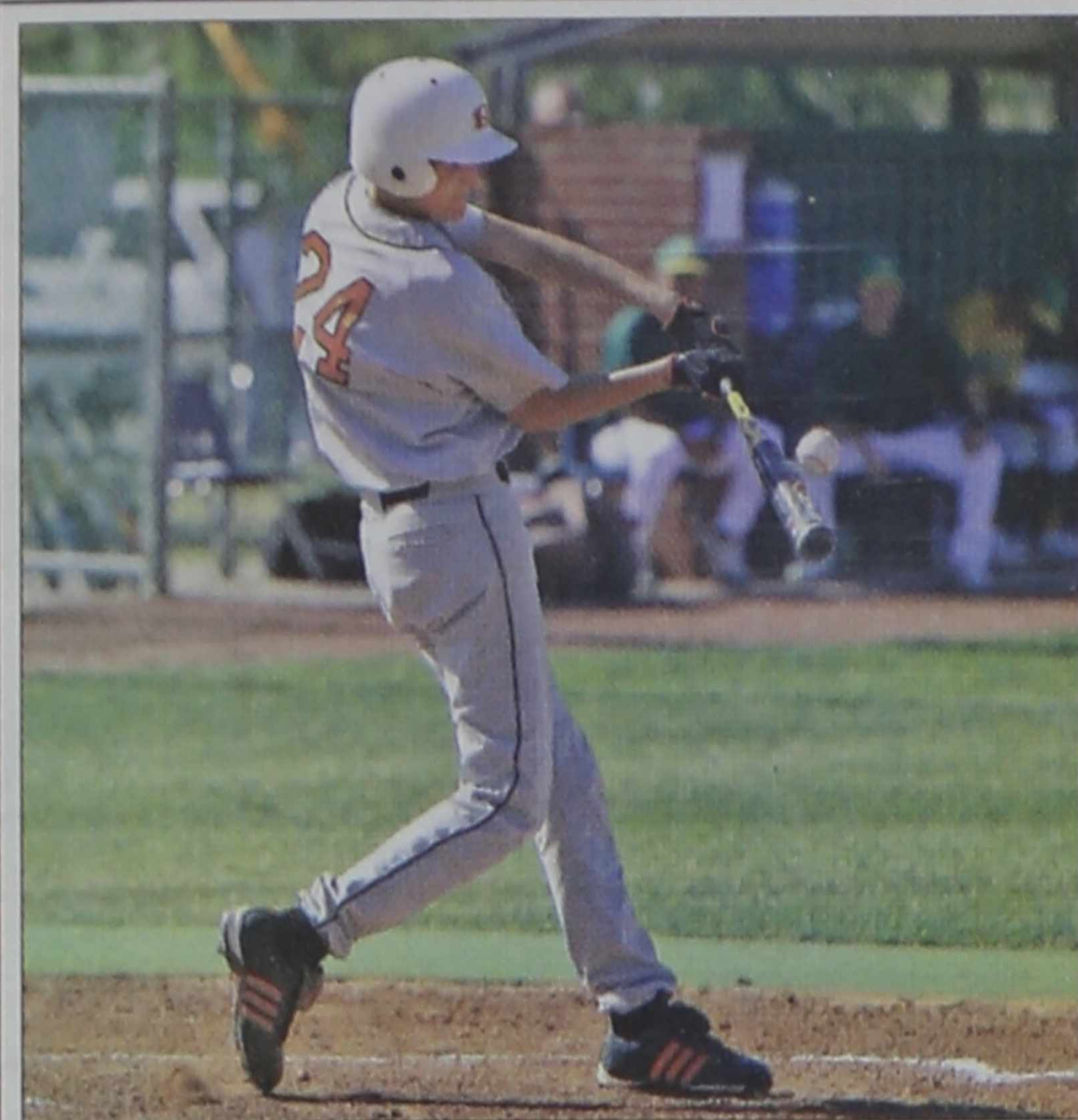
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Yellow Jacket's Tucker selected for 17U National Wood Bat World Series

Tucker Fielder, a 6'4" junior at Rockwall High School, has been selected by Perfect Game and Coach Mitch Russo of the Staten Island New York Orioles to play in the 17U National Wood Bat World Series in East Cobb, Ga., July 5-12. Fielder, who plays first base and pitcher for the RHS varsity team, is listed by Perfect Game college scouts as a top 2011 graduate. Courtesy photo Rockwall County News

Grinnan seeks to return to Pct. 2 pos

Lorie Grinnan has announced she will seek re-election as Rockwall County commissioner, Precinct 2, in the upcoming Republican primary election.

"It is a privilege to serve the citizens of our community as your county commissioners," she said in a press release issued late last week. "There are many pressing issues in which I am actively involved, and I am committed to continue that service."

The area's congested road system is a primary focus, Grinnan said, and she is working to implement the 2004 and 2008 Road Bond projects. As the Bicycle and Pedestrian NCTCOG representative, she is coordinating efforts to improve the area's trail system and open space planning.

As the current president of the Emergency Services Corporation,

she said she believes it is important to maintain the local ambulance service and communicate road construction schedules.

As a fiscal conservative, Grinnan said she supports the efficient use of tax dollars and consistently presses for strong financial planning.

"Our growth presents challenges that demand diligent planning and a professional approach to budgeting," she said.

Grinnan also noted that she has been honored to work with veterans and local residents on the Rockwall County Veterans Memorial.

"I cannot describe how proud I am to be a part of this effort where current and future generations will know we understood the price of freedom," she said.

Grinnan holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University and has worked in business and com-

munity service for 28 years. She is a member of the Rockwall Independent School District board of trustees for nine years, serving as president for two years. She and her husband have two children, both of whom are attending Texas A&M. The Grinnans will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in March.



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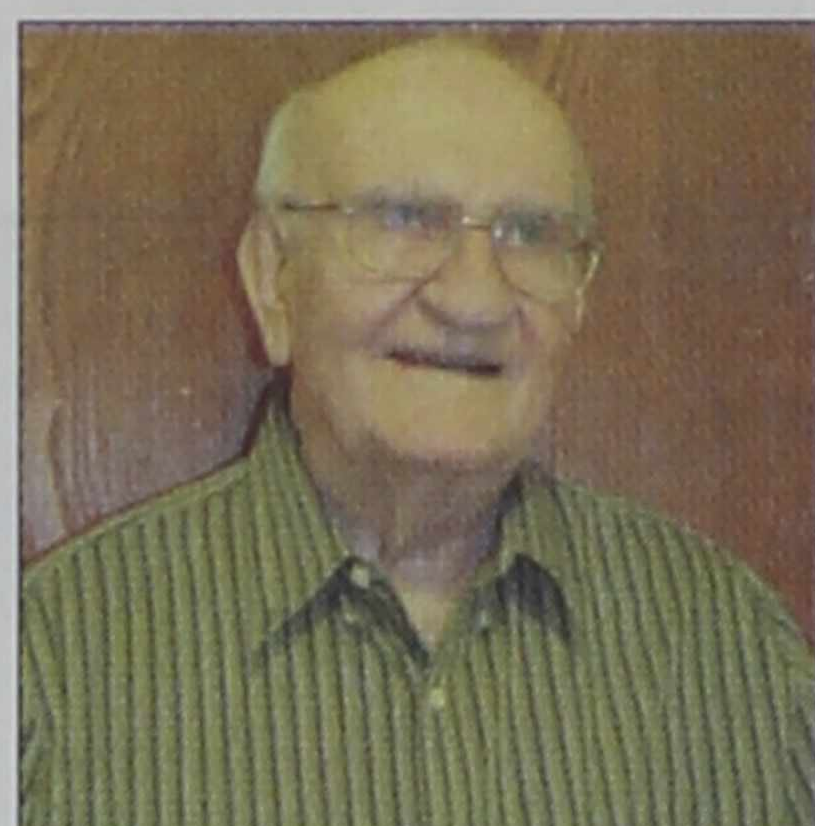
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Weldon Collier feels right at home at Summer Ridge Assisted Living



"I have been living at Summer Ridge for seven years, and I'm staying," Weldon says. "Everything that I need is right here."

Summer Ridge seems to be a perfect fit for this McClendon native, who has served on the facility's Greeting Committee and is an avid participant in the men's dining out event, which is conducted each month.

"I always enjoyed making the new men residents feel welcome," Weldon says. "I really like the men's monthly lunch out. We go to places like Red Lobster, Cotton Patch and Saltgrass. It's usually a different restaurant every time."

In addition to overseeing the recreational needs of its residents, Summer Ridge also goes out of its way to ensure their physical health as well. A year ago, when Weldon experienced chest pain, Summer Ridge staffers rushed him to Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall.

"They went all out and did what they had to do to assure my well-being," he says.

Weldon was kept overnight for observation. His attending physician, Dr. Scott K. Stephenson, determined the Summer Ridge resident was having muscle spasms.

Following the experience, Weldon gave his caretakers and the hospital high marks.

"They were very nice," he says, "and the service was outstanding."

At home again at Summer Ridge, Collier stays busy with his many activities, including his music. He began learning to play the organ in 2002 at the age of 77 and today enjoys playing his Lowry for himself and for others at Summer Ridge.

"I have performed three concerts in the living room here at Summer Ridge," Weldon says with a smile. "On occasion I will leave my door open and play for the other residents to enjoy during the day."

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