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Rockwall's Patriot Paws pairs nelper pets with disabled vets

Patricia Nolan Butts

rmhearted stories of soldiery reunions abound during the ays, a feature on every newsibout special overseas packages

I'll-be-home-for-Christmas. when a soldier's homecoming ves life changing injuries, the y is hard to come by.

t organization that trains and tes service dogs to disabled ans, is working to change that. ded by Royse City resident Stevens in 2006, the group has ed nearly 15 service dogs with ed veterans, especially ampuwho depend on their dogs to n and retain physical and emoil independence.

's impossible to overstate the act these animals have on the of disabled service men and ien," says Bonnie Hardick, who recently volunteered as Patriot s' marketing director.

ne veteran who will receive g after the first of the year had his arms burnt off from the els down in 2006," she says. "He ill in rehab in San Antonio, but one wish he has, so that he can the independence he is looking is for a dog that can help him his pants up. He's not going to ble to live alone unless he can do So Lori is working with the dog nat skill."

ogs that can help their human ners get dressed? Yes, and also h prostheses, telephones, water les and laundry, open and close vers and doors, take off socks shoes, pull wheelchairs, and probracing to stand, walk, and sit n. The dogs can even be trained ecognize and help avert oncom-

ing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) episodes and to get help in with service dogs for veterans: a emergencies.

Labrador retrievers are the breed of choice for their eager-to-please personalities and natural fetching ability. Sometimes a shelter dog is selected, but dog donations cannot be accepted to the program. "We've had a couple named American Legion Auxiliary ckwall's Patriot Paws, a non- of mutts work out, and Lori is training a full-size poodle right now, but the dogs have to be specifically chosen," Hardick says.

> Each dog requires 18 months to two years to train. The mission of Patriot Paws is all the more remarkable in that, although the cost to train and place a dog is \$30,000 or more. the recipient is charged nothing.

"Donations are the lifeblood of Patriot Paws," says Hardick. Only in the last year, as the result of a grant from the Meadows Foundation, has founder Lori Stevens begun receiving any salary for her work.

Patriot Paws is a 501(c)3 organization with a facility at 254 Ranch Trail in Rockwall. Tax deductible donations can be made via their website (www.patriotpaws.org) or by calling 972-772-3282, Hardick says. Other ways to help include volunteering to bathe and walk dogs, plan fundraisers, do office work and errands, and clean the facility. Families and individuals can offer foster homes to dogs-in-training.

Back in 2005, Stevens, who had been a professional dog trainer for 15 years, responded to a request from the Dallas VA hospital to train service dogs for them. "When she saw the incredible need of those vets for dogs that could help them, she quit her job and formed Patriot Paws," says Hardick.

Stevens has since received na-

tional recognition for her work story in Guideposts and in an Oprahrecommended book, "Dogs and Their Women", an NBC news feature, appearances on "The Late Show" with David Letterman and on Animal Planet's "Pet Star", as well as being Woman of the Year in 2009.

But time spent answering media requests and promoting Patriot Paws with VA officials, military hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and veterans' groups--while drawing national exposure--drew time from dog training. Stevens "saw she wasn't going to be able to do it all," Hardick says. The waiting list for service animals continued to grow, and her time for training dogs continued to shrink. Then reinforcements came from an unlikely source: female prison inmates.

In 2007, Patriot Paws entered into an agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to house 20 puppies-in-training with female inmates at the Laine Murray and Craine Units of the women's correctional facility in Gatesville. The young dogs, which Patriot Paws often receives as donations from Labrador breeders, are cared for individually by inmates who qualify to participate in the program.

A professional trainer from Patriot Paws teaches the women how to socialize the dogs, as well as how to train them in 35 basic commands during their 18-24 months together. The dogs stay with the inmates around the clock and train in a mock apartment at the unit which simulates their future home with a veteran. The dogs receive their final training in

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and Lori Stevens, founder and director of Patriot Paws of Rockwall says his name is spelled "Petco Foundation". Patriot Paws, a Rockwall nonprofit that trains and gives service animals to disabled veterans without charge, recently received from the Petco Foundation a new full-size van, complete with red, white and blue logo, handicap adaptations, and removeable kennels. The van is used to transport disabled veterans and the Patriot Paws-trained service dogs that restore independence to them. Stevens is pictured with Jazz, a golden lab demonstration dog, and Trooper, a rescue dog that is ready to be placed with a veteran. Patriot Paws is a 501(c)3 organization with offices at 254 Ranch Trail in Rockwall. Tax deductible donations can be made via their website www.patriotpaws. org or by calling 972-772-3282.

Photo courtesy of Patriot Paws/Rockwall County News

Wounded warrior awaits service dog

by Patricia Nolan Butts In 2006, Staff Sargeant Juan Amaris

was in his second tour of duty in Iraq.

An explosion left him with burns that eventually took away his two

pendence. Now it may be a service dog from Patriot Paws in Rockwall, forearms and, with them, his inde-Texas that restores to Amaris some of the life he has given up for his

His country is the United States of America, but Amaris was a U.S. soldier before he was a U.S. citizen. When his mother emigrated from Bogota to make a better life for her family, Amaris, age 10, was enrolled in a Colombian military school. He finally joined his mother in the United States in 1999, and in 2001 enlisted in the U.S. Army. It wasn't until after his first tour of duty in Iraq during 2003-2004 that he achieved his lifelong dream of becoming an American citizen.

Following tours of duty at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina and then in Alaska, he returned to Iraq. A month from his deployment back to the states, Amaris was supervising Iraqis that were supposed to be assisting with transport. At one point suspecting fuel theft, he walked toward the truck to investigate. The

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When tuned to the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day, watch for these and others representing Rockwall's Patriot Paws on the "Saving America's Mustangs" float. Service dog Harley Davidson lives with and assists disabled veteran Clay Rankin of Clarksburg, W V. Rankin sustained a spinal cord injury in Iraq and is unable to walk unassisted. He works for the Wounded Warrior Program which ministers to ill and injured soldiers, veterans and their families, and also serves on the board of trustees for Rockwall's Patriot Paws. His first service dog from Patriot Paws was a black Lab named Archie (named Dog of the Year by the ASPCA in 2009). They were together over three years before Archie died of a massive heart attack in Nov. 2009. Rankin says, "He was more than a dog, he was my friend. He was part of my body and soul...He braced me so I could walk, and without him I couldn't visit other soldiers because I can't get around." In January 2010, at Patriot Paws founder Lori Stevens' insistence, Clay took home another dog for a trial. That was Harley Davidson. Now Harley has given Clay back the ability to help others and io be independent himself. (And yes, Harley shovels snow; See Page 2.)

Photo courtesy of Patriot Paws/Rockwall County News

U.S. Army veteran Juan Amaris will come to Rockwall in January to meet with Patriot Paws director Lori Stevens and be matched to a service dog who can help him regain some of the independence he lost to injuries in Iraq.

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Wounded warrior...

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Iraqis began to run, and the truck exploded in a ball of fire, setting Amaris' clothing on fire.

He first tried rolling in a grassy area, but could not extinguish the flames. He ran screaming to fellow soldiers, who finally were able to put out the fire. But in the 30 minutes before the medical helicopter could evacuate him, he was fully conscious and in horrific pain.

Four days later, Amaris woke in Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio to the news that he had third degree burns over most of his body. One hand had to be amputated, and then the other. His chest and neck were so badly burned he couldn't bend his neck.

Nearly four years later, 2010 is drawing to a close. Juan Amaris' long journey of hospitalization and rehabilitation is also closing, and a new one beginning. When Amaris comes to Rockwall in January, he will meet with Lori Stevens, founder and executive director of Patriot Paws, a nonprofit organization that trains service dogs for disabled American veterans.

Stevens will introduce him to three dogs specifically trained to assist Amaris in skills he cannot perform for himself, even with his prosthetic hands. Help with dressing is at the top of Amaris' list of needs. All the dogs will have the skills, but most likely just one will have the heart for the wounded warrior. And that is the one that will go--at no charge--with veteran Juan Amaris, to be his hands for him.

Patriot Paws, mission accomplished.

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Jessica Rice, Ryan Latham plan April 16 marriage

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Rice of Houston are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jessica Kelly Rice of Dallas, to Ryan Jean Latham of Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J Latham of Dallas.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Woodlands High School, earned a bach elor's degree from the University of North Texas. She is employed witl Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell LLP.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Rockwall High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University. He is owne

An April 16, 2011, wedding at the Highland Park United Methodis Church is planned.



In addition to helping their humans with household chores and personal tasks, service animals can even be trained to handle manual labor jobs, such as clearing snow. Here, Clay Rankin's dog, Harley Davidson, clears a path in the snow at Rankin's West Virginia home. Patriot Paws in Rockwall is dedicated to training service animals for injured veterans to make their lives easier and provide loving companionship to these American heroes.

Photo courtesy of Patriot Paws/Rockwall County News

Patriot Paws...

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Rockwall before placement.

The benefits are reciprocal, Hardick says: the women enjoy the companion Their current circ ship of the dogs and feel that they are making a contribution to others. An spings Hands had some inmates find, on release, that they have developed a pet-related voca son to provide a tional interest. Some women have gone to work for veterinarians as a resu Imstances, a lad of their Patriot Paws service. Others have found employment with pet store: le spiral of adver One has come to work for Patriot Paws.

Rhonda Lee applied to work with Stevens in Rockwall after partnering wit lage," as she use Patriot Paws at Gatesville. First volunteering, now she and co-trainer Bonni Paper many vol Hoard, a disabled retired Navy veteran, will in January begin to receive small salary through a Meadows Foundation grant.

The successes at Gatesville have encouraged Patriot Paws to expand the stant second to t

program to the men's prison i Perhaps most im Seagoville in early 2011. Steven Helping Hands: plans to eventually have 20 puppic without ex in training there.

The goal is to place each servic munity will prodog by age three so that it will bon we the end of m well with the veteran and so that th Intering, I reali pair will have the maximum lengt the challenges. of partnership. So, when a dog i trained, the disabled veteran come and picks out his or her dog, right? Wrong. Actually, the dog does the

picking. The veteran is invited to stay abou 10 days in Rockwall (at his or her ex pense, which is part of the applica tion agreement) and to interact witl three fully trained dogs. Hardicl says, "Usually, by the third day, the dog shows his preference. It's amaz ing. They just bond."

Patriot Paws makes every effort to pair veterans and dogs successfully This accounts for part of the expense of training: pre-visits to the veteran' home to see that it can accommo date a service animal and a follow up visit to check on the adjustment Sometimes, despite all due care something doesn't work. Perhaps the dog is too protective of his partne. and growls at the veteran's children or is frightened of elevators. So the process backs up a step and a nev pairing is offered.

Once the match is made, though says Hardick, observing the bone between human and dog and the vel eran's joy in regained independence makes every step of the process worth it.

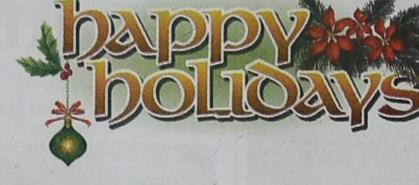
"These veterans have paid a ver high price for us. This is the least w can do for them," she says.

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Helping Hands director touches eart of Rockwall-Heath student

Bar's Note: This essay was ed to the Rockwall County News by the family of Rockwallleat High School student Morgan lorgan's time volunteering Hing Hands and her contact th H Executive Director Margo touched her in unexpected During this holiday season, s family and the Rockwall News paired to share n's experience and encour-

h of us to reach out to somemeed this Christmas. You just changed in return.)

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versonal Essay 1-Write an n which you tell us about ne who has made an impact r life and explain how and hy nis person is important to

M o Nielsen is a woman that ou y walk right by in the grocery that sore he is not a local celebrity and has the limelight, but as director of Hoing Hands, a Rockwall-based on ofit that provides a variety of upp t services for families in need, inounces Ms. celson serves on the front lines sica Ken of R kwall's fight against poverty. Mrs. Ro SI also taught me what being a ery t truly means.

earned Ding through Rockwall, a employed see suburb outside of Dallas, ne light not imagine a need for igh School in Canization like Helping Hands. ty. Heis For ately, I was blessed with parnts ho stressed the importance of ited Me rivi back to the community and, for young age, they encouraged ne discover my own personal viof f service about which I could e passionate. As a result, I d at the chance to join National y League (NCL) when I beeligible in the ninth grade. allowed me the opportunity to rarize myself with many of the es operating in Rockwall.

le I worked with many wonnon-profits, each with dedivolunteers, it was my involvewith Helping Hands, and (a) Nielson specifically, which a true awakening. Even in light current economy, many do not a that they have neighbors who e juggling to pay their bills, keep their car and keep their chiled and clothed.

a ashamed to say that I was one se who did not fully realize the of such need. That outlook cerchanged once I met the people lping Hands.

ile at Helping Hands, I witd Margo and her staff work iressly to help people in need also serving the community dignity, patience, love, respect caring spirit that goes far bejob title. Margo and her staff ach each case without judgbut rather with an understandmust each family has a unique set Ilversities that propelled them heir current circumstances.

lpings Hands has made it their on to provide a way out of these mstances, a ladder to climb out spiral of adversity. Margo trucompasses the phrase, "It takes age," as she uses her leadership spire many volunteers to make ommunity a better place. With to, the needs of self are always tant second to the needs of oth-Perhaps most impressive, Margo Helping Hands accomplish their ion without extensive funding st volunteers and faith that the munity will provide.

the end of my first week of nteering, I realized that no mathe challenges, deprivations or

humiliations I had encountered in my short life, they were nothing compared to what others were facing.

After such an eye-opening experience, I was sad when my rotation at Helping Hands ended, but I made it a point to keep in touch with Ms. Nielson. Fortunately, our paths would

As a junior, I was selected to a position on the Rockwall Youth Advisory Council (YAC). As a member of the YAC board, I was required to attend meetings of the City Council's Planning and Zoning, of which Margo is a member. Each student on the Youth Advisory Council is assigned a city official as a mentor.

Knowing the respect I have for Margo, you can imagine the elation I felt when she selected me as her student mentee. As part of this relationship I was able to spend more one-on-one time with Margo, which broadened my understanding of her commitment and dedication not just to Helping Hands, but also to the city as a whole.

Through my relationship with Margo Nielson, I have come to believe that privileged life is one of service. In a society that so often lauds that people like Ms. Nielson are so committed to selflessness. She is an inspiration and continues to impact my life and dedication to volunteer-

selfish acts, it is refreshing to know ism. Because of her influence and mentoring, I plan to get involved in the University of Texas Student Volunteer Board to continue to serve in the community.





Members of Cain Middle School's Rock City Players were among entertainers at the Heath Holiday in the Park event conducted earlier this month. Pictured at back, from the left, are Shayna Oden, sponsor, Leah Perry, Lexi Greenhill, Kendall York, Melanie Cavendish, Ashlynn Smith, Jessica Kiker and Bailey Maxson; and, at front, Gina Pisano, Niki Swercinsky, Kenzie Osborn, Nickole Selensky and Marlow

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RCISD earns favorable rating

by Patricia Butts

During its Dec. 13 meeting, the Royse City Independent School District Board of Trustees announced the school district has received four out of five stars in a new report from the state comptroller that compares the amount of money spent per student to academic success of students.

According to the comptroller's office, The Financial Allocation Study for Texas is a detailed study of Texas public school funding and its relation to academic achievement. Facing budget constraints in the 2011 session, the Texas Legislature's HB 3 required the study,

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aiming to identify districts that perform efficiently--achieving strong academic performance while keeping costs low. Districts like Royse City could offer examples for other

The comptroller's office reports that, to ensure that all school districts were rated on a level playing field, the FAST report's academic progress measurement involved variables such as student demographics, economic disadvantage and limited English proficiency. A new, comptroller-developed spending index took into account variables such as labor costs, enrollment and geographic size to

In early October of 2010, I fell

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staff began immediately learning my likes and dislikes; then they

I also watched these workers interplay with the others too. Their

care and concern for the the oldest and most unresponsive patient

was heartwarming. I saw kisses and hugs along with pills; and

If I were to grade the rehab center, I would have to give it at

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determine the most relevant fiscal peer groups to Royse City.

The measure of academic progress was based on three years' worth of test results, was adjusted for factors affecting student performance, and can be used for statewide comparisons. The spending index, by contrast, compares district and campus performance to that of up to 40 fiscal peers with comparable socioeconomic and financial characteristics, according to the comptroller.

A web-based tool allows access to all results of the study.

Parents and coaches of 13 4A alldistrict teams and athletes joined the school board in recognizing the athletes for a successful season. Among those for whom resolutions were read were athletes from the Bulldog varsity football team, Lady Bulldog cross country and volleyball varsity teams, and junior varsity teams.

Nicky Morris, maintenance director, presented a report to the board on the physical plant, noting a total of 3,158 work orders responded to by a maintenance staff of 17 in 2009-2010. Six hundred-sixteen of those orders were for preventive maintenance. Forty-two percent were general, with the next highest categories being heating and air conditioning and grounds, with 20 per cent each.

Transportation director Tammy Loveless reported that for 55 percent of the district's enrollment ride the district's 35 buses. The district transports 2490 students daily on 126 bus routes for a total of 466,459 miles. Co-curricular transport accounts for another 36,713 miles, summer school for 13,849 miles and an additional 7,748 miles for tutorials. The district employees 41 fulltime drivers.

Enrollment in the district was reported at 4541, up 4.6 percent over

The Royse City Education Foundation is recruiting five new directors. The Annual Drive dinner was a success, and early planning for the Top Dog Spectacular has begun, according to foundation president Scott Muckensturm.

Board president Don Palmer reported that all members of the Royse City ISD Board of Trustees have exceeded the required hours of continuing education required by state education code.

The school board approved Rutherford, Taylor CCP's audit on the district's financial statement for

Rockwall's Harbor District was one of several locations around the Metroplex chosen to host the KDFW Channel 4 Toys for Tots event earlier this month. The drive netted several thousand toys for area children who may have done without a Christmas treat if not for the generosity of local residents Helping with the toy drive was Royse City resident Robert Mueller, who drained his savings account an amount totaling about \$1,700, to help children have a happy Christmas. Mueller and his mother ged by the pril Tabatha Mueller, were interviewed on Ch. 4 and she said the family was "paying it forward;" that the claration of Inde had hard times in the past and were now in a position to help someone else. Robert is a freshman a property are the Royse City High School and plays in the Bulldog Band. Shown with Mueller is one of the many U.S government is to Marines on hand to accept donations and Ch. 4 news anchor Heather Hays and her daughter. Photo courtesy of Tabatha Mueller/Rockwall County News

Royse City to regulate water wells, awards bid for sewer line expansion

by Patricia Nolan Butts

The Royse City council moved another step away from rural municipality toward urban with the passage of an ordinance regulating water wells in the city limits.

According to the ordinance passed by the council at its Dec. 14 meeting, existing water wells must be registered and new wells may be drilled by permit only. Wells are allowable on tracts of five acres or more, and only for agricultural or irrigation purposes, or a combination of the

Bill Shipp, city manager, noted

that water wells are regulated "in most cities", and that it is in Royse City's interest to know the location of all wells, because any new well placement could interfere with the water supply.

The council awarded a \$1,293,900.90 bid for construction of an expanded capacity 36-inch sewer line section to replace an old, existing 12-inch line that collects waste water from the northeast side of town, some of the central portion, and the area around the high school. The bid was awarded to TNT's Pipeline Corporation of Southlake.

Bearpen Creek Development received the nod from city council to proceed with crafting a bill to present to the Texas legislative session that begins in January. The bill proposes creating a conservation and reclamation district within the city limits of Royse City. Final wording will be voted on by the city council at their January meeting.

"This is a continuation of the city's ongoing discussion with this developer," said Shipp.

"Essentially, creation of a district is a financing mechanism that allows Bearpen to incur debt to build infrastructure on their 962 acres southeast of the high school. Their agreement with the city is that they will complete infrastructure for 100 homes within five years. Ultimately, they plan to build 2800 homes in the subdivision," Shipp said.

The council also agreed to other developer request, gran Verandah Municipal Utility Dist (MUD) inclusion of new tract and 5 into Royse City's extrate torial jurisdiction (ETJ). Veran may hold develop agreements v the city only on properties will the city's ETJ.

In other action, the council c curred with the recommendation the Economic Development Bo to reappoint members Clay lis, Mike Gilbert, and Otis Go to new three year terms. Cand Middleton's application to se was accepted by the EDC board approved by city council. She serve a three-year term, taking place currently held by Bill E who is moving out of the city.

The council voted to give manager Bill Shipp and city at ney Jason Day authority to ne tiate the city's certificates of c venience and necessity (CCN) water and sewer service, includ necessary filings with local, st Iwner, Frank D. St

and federal agencies. Shipp also told council he awaiting a structural engine report on the Wing Dingers bu ing at the southest corner of I and SH 548. The building, heav. damaged in a fire Sept. 2, is be checked for structural integrity [suant to rebuilding and retail use





Enjoying the beauty, entertainment and comfort at Arbor House are (left to right) Jo Lee, Lee Hamilton, Fern Woodall, Bernice Rodgers and Virginia Vaughn.



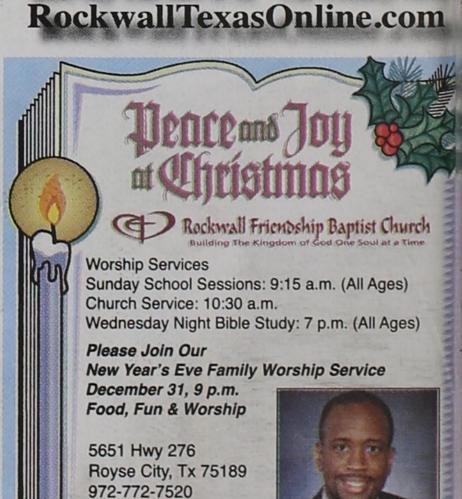
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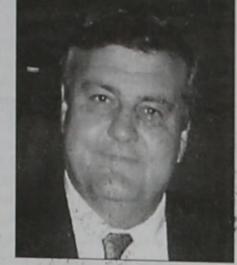
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Me orial services for Roger A. Cox, Rockwall were conducted at 2 ec. 21, 2010, in the First Baparch, M.L. Jones Chapel, 610 S. in Rockwall with Pastor Steve and officiating. The Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel was ge of arrangements.

ned Dec. 17. Feb. 7, 1937, in Wichita, Kan-Jack W. and Nell (Cooper) Cop, est ed in the Air Force Reserves and owner/operator of several busiincluding the Oak Grove Golf in Terrell (1993 to 2000), the



Bee Ham Store in Plano (2001 to 2006) and the Texas Grill in Dallas o 2007). He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served ncon and teacher of the Senior Adult Men's Sunday School Class. ivors include his wife, Nina Cox, of Rockwall; his daughter, Nena nd her husband, Tony Diaz, of Tampa, Fla.; his son, Roug Cox, and Mari, of St. Augustine, Fla.; a sister, Susan Jones, and her husband, Fruita, Colo.; his grandchildren, Brandon, Jordan, Mitchell, Garrett

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and Caleb; one great-grandchild, Tiano; and numerous nieces, nephews and

His parents and one brother, Mickey Cox, preceded him in death. John Wilburn 'J.W.' Cullins

Services for John Wilburn "J.W." Cullins, 95, of Heath were conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 18, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial was in the Heath Cem-

He died Dec. 14 at the Rockwall Nursing Center.

Born Oct. 27, 1915, to Sim and Rena Blue Cullins, he grew up in Heath, working in the cotton fields with his parents on the family farm.

He attended Rockwall schools. In May 1933, he married Edna Shewmake in Rockwall.

He began a career in law enforcement in the early 1930s as a Texas Department of Corrections guard on a prison farm in Sugar Land. He returned to his hometown in the late 1930s to farm on family land and eventually purchase his own acreage.

He worked as a law enforcement officer, farmer and rancher for most of his life. He worked with the City of Rockwall as a police officer and later was offered a position as the first paid peace officer in the City of Heath. He remained with the Heath Police Department for 15 years, retiring in 1986 as the city's first chief of police. Local author and retired municipal judge Barbara V. Montgomery once described him as "the essence of justice" and a "peace officer that did not police, but rather kept the peace with a mixture of good judgment and common sense."

He was an active member of the Church of Christ in Heath.

Survivors include his son, John Norman Cullins, and his wife, Jane, of Rockwall; his daughters-in-law, Ila Cullins of Heath and JoAnn Cullins of Rockwall; his granddaughters, Donna Pritchard, Kym Collichio, Dana K. Macalik, Saundra Holland, Terri Ferguson, Amy Pearson and Kathy Cullins; his great-grandchildren, Stacy Redding, Justin A. Holland, Robert Miller, Wade Watkins, Austin Miller, Trey Ferguson, Colton Cullins, Jamie Howell, Rachel Howell, Cole Collichio and Dalton Pearson; and his great-greatgrandchildren, Caitlyn Redding, Marshall Redding and Cayden Cullins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 68 years; his brothers, Keith Cullins and Rex Cullins; his sisters, Nannie B. Morris and Gladys Gibson; and his sons, Douglas R. Cullins and Richard L. Cullins.

Pallbearers were his great-grandsons, Justin A. Holland, Robert Miller, Austin Miller, Trey Ferguson and Wade Watkins, and a lifelong friend, Wilkie

Honorary pallbearers were Cole Collichio, Marshall Redding, Dalton Pearson and Cayden Cullins.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Heath Church of Christ, 775 Jeff Boyd Road, Rockwall, TX 75032 or to Boles Children's Home, 7065 Love, Quinlan, TX 75474.

Evelyn Downs

Memorial services for Evelyn Downs, 81, of Plano will be conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 21, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Bro. Ed Perry officiating. She died Dec. 18.

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Born Feb. 28, 1929, in Wolfe City to Radford Hill and Lilly (Compton) Hill, she had worked as an aid in the nursing home industry. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her daughter, Brenda Kraus of McKinney; a son-in-law, Larry Chase Sr. of Canton; her grandsons, Jimmy Chase of Longview, Larry Chase Jr. and his wife, Martha, of Mesquite and Jason Downs of Abilene; her great-grandchildren, Jerry Ray Chase of Longview and Vicky, Katie, Andy and Monica Chase of Mesquite; her sis-



ter, Naomi Eldridge, and her husband, Cleburne, of McKinney; and several

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Johnny B. Downs; a son, Johnny Wayne Downs; a daughter, Janie Lou Chase; a son-in-law, Jim Kraus; and several siblings: Sherman, Willie Mae, Preston, Irene, Gladys, Daisy, Cleo, R.L., Kermit and Jessie Marie.

William David 'Bill' Fields

A memorial service for William David "Bill" Fields, 46, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 21, 2010, in the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall with the Rev. Cheryl Taylor officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 16.

Born Nov. 14, 1964, in Fort Worth, he grew up in Fort Worth and graduated from Southwest High School in 1983. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, Annette

Fields, and daughters, Elizabeth Belén Fields and Mary Isabella Fields, all of Rockwall; his parents, Ben and Judy Pennington of Fort Worth; his brother, Bret Fields, and his wife, Sandi, of Omak, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

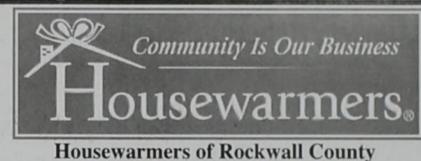
His father, Daniel Boyd Fields, preceded him in death.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 602 White Hills Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Mary Belle Landfried

Private graveside services for Mary Belle Landfried, 88, of Rockwall were conducted in Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas. A celebration of life service was conducted at 1 p.m. Dec. 18, 2010, in the First Presbyterian Church

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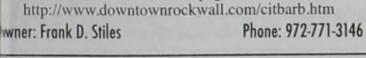
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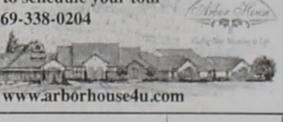
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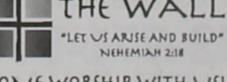
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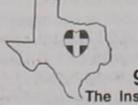
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in Rockwall with the Rev. Cheryl Taylor officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. She died Dec. 16.

Born July 15, 1922, in Dallas to Marcellus and Grace (Knuckolls) Brown, she was raised in Dallas and attended Hockaday and Southern Methodist University. After a year in college, she left to work at Procter and Gamble in Dallas. There she met John Landfried, whom she married on April 30, 1943. They were married for 64 years.

The Landfrieds moved to P&G headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they raised their three children. The family moved to Rockwall in 1982 following his retirement from P&G. The couple enjoyed working at their church, First Presbyterian of Rockwall, as well as traveling worldwide. They also enjoyed playing bridge. Following her husband's death, she played bridge three or four evenings per week at Greenway Village, both with new friends and longtime friends from her monthly Rockwall bridge group.

The Landfrieds supported many charitable organizations in Rockwall, including Helping Hands, Habitat for Humanity and the Rockwall County Committee on Aging. They were active in the Rockwall Newcomers Club for more than 28 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Tina Bergen, and her husband, David, of Dundee, Oregon; her sons, Larry Landfried and his wife, Judy, of Rockwall and Philip Landfried and his wife, Ilze, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Virginia Bennett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staffs at Beacon Harbor, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Summer Ridge Retirement Community, Greenway Village at Christian Care Center of Mesquite and Hospice Plus.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 602 White Hills Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Carolyn Meredith

Services for Carolyn Meredith, 97, of Mesquite will be conducted at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of

She died Dec. 17 following a lengthy illness.

Born June 12, 1913, in Patterson, N.J., to Michael and Lydia (Rotundi) Deodati, she worked in the investment industry and was a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall. She was married three times - to Walter Breen, Dr. Richard Meredith and Lt. Col. Earle Brown. Each marriage lasted more than 20 years.

Survivors include her son, Walter Breen, and his wife, Yvonne, of Rowlett; two granddaughters, JoAnna Zabolio and her husband, Dow, of Irving and Nathalie Phillips and her husband, Bruce, of Houston; and her great-grandchildren, Dow, Rebecca, Monica and Jonathan Zabolio and Grace and Jacob

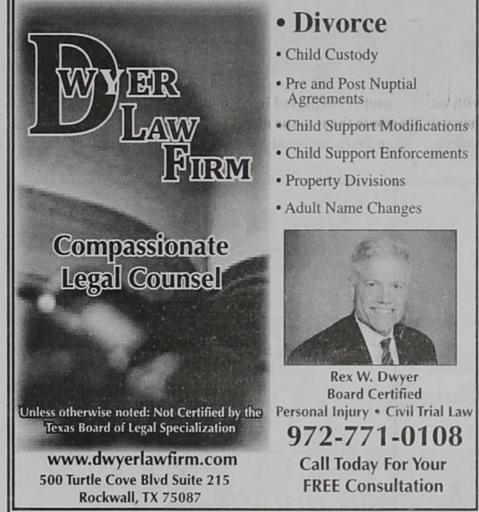
She was preceded in death by her parents and eight brothers and sisters.

Michael Moscarello

Graveside services for Michael Moscarello, 91, of Rockwall were conducted at 12:45 p.m. Dec. 20, 2010, in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrange-

He died Dec. 15.

Born Feb. 4, 1919, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Carmine and Assunta (Gallo) Moscarello, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was an electrical engineer for Ford Aerospace until his retirement. A member of



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the Dallas, Arlington and Rockwall chambers of commerce, he lived in Rockwall for 23 years. In his spare time he enjoyed several hobbies, including sailing, building model ships and trains, painting and sculpting. He also was an avid reader of books.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Moscarello, of Rockwall; two sons, Dr. Gary Moscarello, and his wife, Kathy, of Pasadena, Calif., and Richard Moscarello and his wife, Kim, of Los

Angeles, Calif.; a stepson, Mark Brown, and his wife, Liz, of Chicago, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Kim Jeske, and her husband, Tim, of Arlington and Terri Seay and her husband, Mark, of Trophy Club; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Dr. Vivian Dickerson of Orange, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents and three sisters preceded him in death.

John Holland Shirey Jr.

Services for John Holland Shirey Jr., 89, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 20, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Mark Keldorf officiating. Burial followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

He died Dec. 17.

Born Oct. 28, 1921, in Mineola to John Holland Shirey Sr. and Lucy Edith (Vandiver) Shirey, she worked for the Federal Housing Administration until her retirement.

Survivors include two sons, John Shirey of Dallas and Tom Shirey of Rockwall; a daughter, Nancy Jane Shirey of Kaufman; a sister, Anne Louise Morscheck of Mineola; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

His wife, Susie Elizabeth Shirey, preceded him in death.

Shanda Stark

Memorial services for Shanda Stark, 37, of Rowlett will be conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 22, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. She died Dec. 18.

Born Nov. 10, 1973, in Dallas to Gaylor Lee Stark and Sherry (Darter) Stark, she was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her children, especially at their sporting events. She attended Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jose Martinez Jr. of Rowlett; her father,

Lee Stark, and his wife, Linda, of Wylie; her children; Sienna, Bel, Joseph, Sasha and Jose Martinez III, all of Rowlett; her brothers, Terry Qassim and Anthony Stark, both of Fort Worth; an aunt, Pam Cejas of Fort Worth; her uncles, Terry Darter and Richard Darter, both of Fort Worth; her grandmothers, Virginia Barnett of Dallas and Faye Darter of Fort Worth; and her

Her mother and her grandfathers, Johnny Barnett and Less Darter, preceded her in death.

Robert Allen Walker

Private family services will be conducted for Robert Allen Walker, 56, of Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel will be in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 18.

Born Jan. 9, 1954, in Mesquite to Prentice Wilton Walker and Mildred (Dorman) Walker, he was self-employed in the home repair industry.

Survivors include his father, Prentice Walker of Saucier, Miss.; a close friend, Susan Cannon of Rockwall; his brother, Phil Strother of Rockwall; and his sister, Sabra Wilson of Saucier.

His mother, Mildred Walker, and a sister, Michelle Walker, preceded him in death.

Nellie Watson

Services for Nellie Watson, 82, of Royse City were conducted at 1 p.m. Dec. 18, 2010, in the First Baptist Church of Royse City with Pastor Chad Hays officiating. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Dec. 15.

Born Dec. 17, 1927, in Temple to Henry and Callie (Watson) Mays, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Royse City. She enjoyed gardening, yard work and spending time with her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. In her retirement, she enjoyed working in the Royse City High School cafeteria.

Survivors include her son, Ron Watson and his wife, Pam, of Austin; her daughter, Carolyn Bostick and her husband, Danny, of Royse City; her grandchildren, Billi Carol Castanon and husband, Eli, and Lindsey Bostick, and her great-grandchildren, Seeli Summers and Connor Castanon, all of Royse City; and her sister, Benita Watson, also of Royse City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Billy Watson. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 900 Pullen St., Royse City, TX 75189.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The dynamic story of Jesus' birth and his final victor Rockwall Childre

In this series on significant events in Revelations we come to the grachoristers began to rophecy recorded in chapters 19.20. And what the series of the grachoristers began to the grachoristers and spectars. prophecy recorded in chapters 19-20. And what better time for this, the entertained spectal during the time that people are thinking about the line for this, the entertained spectal during the time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that people are thinking about the line for this time that the line for this time that the line for the line fo during the time that people are thinking about the birth of our Lord Jest any December the

The return of Jesus is found in Revelations 19:11 – 20:15. It starts by s and to see so many ing, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that mers as they entered upon him was called faithful and to upon him was called faithful and true, and in righteousness he doth ju glard's to the delight and make war. His ever were as a flower of C and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were my group's final content of the had a name written that crowns. And he had a name written, that no man knew, but him hims and girls clad in tu (verses 11-12). After reading to the end, we will see that this is no C leajoy hearing the n Eastwood western movie!

Jesus isn't going to come in to take out the bad guys, and then les swall Children's I Instead, he's sticking around. It continues, "And he was clothed with a still years ago by S ture dipped in blood. And his name is called The Word of God. And the community armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clother a choir is divided fine linen, white and clean." There are two points I want to emphasize, consists of ch

First, just as Jesus perfectly spoke and fulfilled God's word during group practices a first life on earth as recorded in the Gospels, so also will he perfectly ark said he is passion ecute God's word upon his return to earth. Jesus was, and will be seen as le hear a lot of mus living word of God because he will perfectly live God's word. This is would of children si it means when it refers to Jesus as the living word of God.

Second, it says that the armies on white horses that will follow him, i hers for three or many have already been in heaven with him before that time. They are describe choir will perform as being "clothed in fine linen, white and clean." The best candidate this army must be the born-again Christians who will be drawn up int C auditions will to cloud to be forever in heaven with the Lord Jesus. More details about 1 ms, visit rockwallch event can be found in 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1Corinthians 15:51-By applying Revelations 19:14 with 1Thessalonians 5:3,4 & 9, it is m clear that the Day of Christ (or the rapture) will occur prior to the gi tribulation period. This is the salvation during the age of the Grace of (that we live in today.

According to Revelations 19:15, Jesus will have full authority to exec the final "wrath of God almighty." The "sharp sword" probably refer the judgment sword of God's word. Verse 16 reveals that all will recogn Jesus as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. None of the Kings Lords on the earth will be able to prevail against him. For according to Pointe Medica verses 19-21 the "beast" will be cast into a place referred to as a "lake of the Joint (fire burning with brimstone," and Jesus will also slay the remnant of all H Seal of Approv kings' armies with the "sword"

Revelations chapter 20 describes the devil being bound for 1000 ye bying an on-site e during which time God's saints, who were killed "for the witness of Jes mostration of con and for the word of God, will reign with Jesus the Christ (verses 1-4).1 inally developed very clear that this will be the first resurrection (verse 5), and will inve God's saints who were killed during the great tribulation period. This rerection will not be the same as that of the Day of Christ (rapture).

Revelations 20:7-15 describes the devil being released and allower "deceive all the nations," and to "gather them together to battle aga God's saints. Remember that these are the same people who will be res rected and reign for 1000 years. It says as the devil's armies begin to: round the saints, God himself will send "fire" down from heaven to dev the armies. And the devil would be cast into the same place known a 'lake of fire." Please notice that God leaves no room for private interpri tion. The devil will go to a place where the beast and the false prophet already be in. In other words, it clearly distinguishes between the devil the beast, and reveals a chronology.

Verses 11-15 reveals the final judgment of God. It will be during this ti that all the other people of the earth will be resurrected and judged for the works. It furthers says, "And whosoever was not found written in the be of life" will be cast into the same lake of fire. It does not say they will ment forever, like the devil and his host of angels. Instead, they will sim die a second death with no hope of life anymore.

With this victorious end, it might be easier to understand the significa of Jesus' birth. Jesus was conceived in a woman by the one true creato the heavens and the earth. The Old Testament includes the red threat prophecies related to Jesus.

Alas the day came. As promised by God, through an angel, Jesus be to form in the woman's womb during the pregnancy (Luke 1:26-38). name Jesus was translated from the ancient Hebrew name that we kn as "Joshua." After about nine months, he breathed his first breath of in Bethlehem (Luke 2:7). God worked mightily to make sure his mot would be married to just the right man (Matthew 1:19-25). According to English translations, their names were Mary and Joseph.

Nestled in the Gospels are two beautiful events at chronologically posite ends. Jesus was conceived at the exact moment that Mary fully lieved the words of the angel. She declared, "behold the handmaiden of annual Recycling Lord. Be it on to me according your word" (Luke 2:36). According to M accepted electron 14:34-42, Jesus knew by the spirit of God that he was about to face gr lunds for the tear tribulation and ultimate death. It says that he "prayed, if it were possil lear. Helping to the hour might pass from him." Jesus cried out to his Father saying, 'left to right) Ja things are possible unto you. Take away this cup from me. Neverthele Wiggins, Tena W not what I will, but what you will."

Just as Mary meekly believed God's word with such doubtless humi unto receiving the promise, so also did her first-born son pray with perl meekness toward God. Mary and Joseph were perfect parents for Go first-born child.

Jesus said, "Rise up, let us go. Lo, he that betrays me is at hand" (Li 14:42). During Jesus' genuine and heart wrenching prayer to his Fatl he must have learned the time had come. What was his reply after e request? "Not what I will, but what you will." It's one thing to reply, another thing to take the believing action. Jesus rose up and took the beli Three local residen ing action so that his Father's will might be done.

As we reflect on the story of Jesus' birth, let's focus our attention on mighty works of God, and the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph, who rai Jesus to be a faithful servant of his Father in heaven.



Bill Yancey of Garland shows off his unusual handy crafts Saturday's Craft Fair sponsored by the Rockwall High School Band. Among Yancey's unique items were backscratchers mad from golf balls and golf tees, specially made in Rockwall and Rock wall-Heath High School colors; wind chimes crafted from spoons forks, kitchen strainers, soda cans and other everyday items; an bird houses from recycled laundry soap bottles, plastic lunch boxe and decorative gift boxes. Other vendors at the annual event, which raised money for the school band, offered their house wares, hand made jewelry, and specialty gourmet food.

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Lockwall Children's Chorus busy during fall, holiday season

Rockwall Children's Chorus has been busy spreading music throughout the Metroplex.

choristers began by singing at the Friends of the Library Pumpkin Patch in October. The group, led by Alan entertained spectators with a medley of patriotic songs.

arly December the 40-member chorus traveled to Summer Ridge Retirement Center where the residents were d to see so many young, smiling faces. Rockwall's J.C. Penney hosted the young singers who greeted their ners as they entered the store. The next holiday stop was to North Park Mall in Dallas where they sang in front lard's to the delight of busy shoppers, seeking last minute gifts.

group's final concert of the season was at Castle Douglas. The rustic setting was the perfect backdrop for the and girls clad in tuxedoes and long, formal dresses.

njoy hearing the music of Christmas sung by children," said Clark. "It seems a natural pairing to put the sounds 's, and the and ories of Christmas with voices that have an innocent and pure quality."

kwall Children's Chorus is one of the best-kept secrets in Rockwall. It is an audition-only choir started more

1 years ago by Shelba Gorham-Bell to provide local children the opportunity to share their musical talents

choir is divided into two parts: Concert II is made up of students in second, third and fourth grades, and ert I consists of children in grades five through nine.

group practices at First United Methodist Church of Rockwall every Monday.

k said he is passionate about his role in shaping young singers.

hear a lot of music. It's on the radio, television, iPods, computers and many other places. Yet, we rarely hear und of children singing," he said. "There is something natural and beautiful in the sound of a young voice." rk knows how to bring out the beauty in the young singers' voices. Many of the choristers have been RCC pers for three or more years.

choir will perform at additional venues in 2011 and will sell singing valentines in February during their annual

C auditions will take place in the spring with time and locations to be announced. To learn more about the s, visit rockwallchildrenschorus.com.

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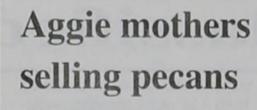
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Each year about 795,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke, which is the nation's third leading

one suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and someone dies of a stroke ever 3.1 minutes.

Stroke also is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the U.S., with about 4.7 million stroke survivors alive today.

"Stroke is today what heart attacks were 30 years ago," said Dr. Larry Dencklau, medical director in the Lake Pointe Center Emergency Department. "The faster a patient gets to a Primary Stroke Center... the more likely they are to make a significant recovery."



The Rockwall County Aggie Moms are conducting their annual pecan sales fundraiser.

Cost is \$8.75 per one-pound bag. For recipes that use pecans, visit rockwallaggiemoms.com.

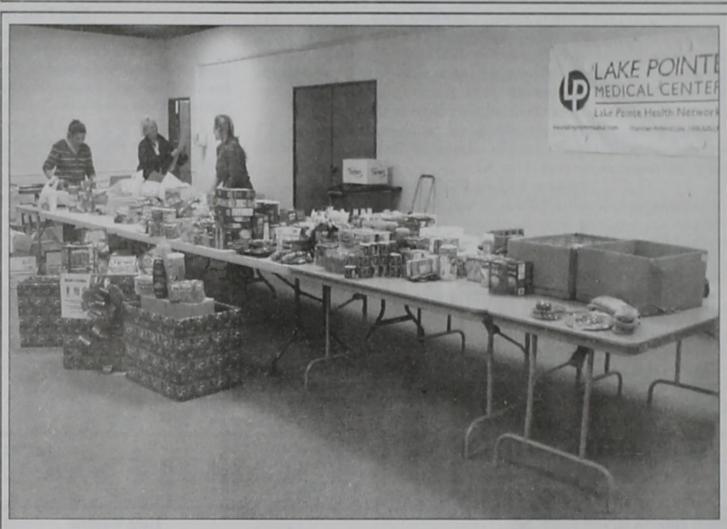
To make a purchase, contact Dena Beddow at 469-446-7472 or denabeddow@msn.com.

Funds raised through the pecan sales are used for scholarships.



Pictured are members of the Rockwall Children's Chorus following an October performance at the Friends of the Library Pumpkin Patch. The group, under the direction of Alan Clark, has remained busy during the fall and into the holiday season, performing at events and businesses throughout Rockwall and the Metroplex.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The holidays will be a little brighter this year for more than 100 soldiers on active duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, including at least three hometown heroes, when they receive gift boxes donated by the employees and volunteers from Lake Pointe Medical Center. Volunteers Behnaz Lavaee, Norma MacLeod and Kate Williams (from left to right), along with LPMC Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Talty, LPMC Director of Human Resources David Olmstead and LPMC Marketing Manager Bobby Montgomery (all unpictured) packed the boxes Friday, Dec. 10 for delivery to the post office the next Monday. Montgomery said one employee from the hospital is currently deployed to Afghanistan and they have identified at least two more hospital employees with family members deployed in Afghanistan or Iraq. The boxes will be shipped to those personnel and they will distribute them to the members of their units. Lake Pointe is partnering in the Adopt A Soldier project with the Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale.

Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team had their nnual Recycling Drive Saturday, Dec. 11 at the school. The drive eccepted electronic items, cell phones and other items that will raise unds for the team as they move into competition season in the New lear. Helping to load the donated items were Stingerette Moms left to right) Jan Brooks, Michelle Wiggins, Tracie Archer, Amy Wiggins, Tena Weeks, Deanna Hartmeier, and Jan Pitts (seated). Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Chree tapped for Midwestern honors

hree local residents were among honor students for the fall 2010 semesat Midwestern State University at Wichita Falls, according to a university

s release. ockwall students feted included Samantha L. Bigham, named to the sident's Honor Roll; Jennifer A. Bujnovsky, named to the Provost's nor Roll; and Whitney D. Caldwell, was who listed on the Provost's

student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 semester hours in no grade lower than a 4.0 will be included on the President's Honor

student who completes a minimum of 12 semester hours with a grade nt average of 3.75 to 3.99 with no grade lower than a C will be included the Provost's Honor Roll.



Sixth grade students at Dobbs Elementary have been researching the decades of the 20th century. Each student selected a decade to research and then produced a time capsule and a newspaper front page containing stories about trends of the time period. Students also found examples of U.S. Census forms from past decades. Pictured with work from their projects are, at back, from the left, Jonathan Porter, Bryan Sandoval and Carlos Rivera and, at front, Sydni Philip, Savannah Capehart and Allison Kelly. Not pictured at the project's coordinators, teachers Sherri Naylor, Courtney But-

ler, Melinda Porter and Deanna Wheeler. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Dobbs sixth grade student Caroline Wilson is shown positioning a slide containing her own cells under the microscope in science lab. Teacher Deanna Wheeler had her students scrape cells from the insides of their mouths to examine magnified human cells. Students also were asked to sketch and describe what they saw through the microscopes.

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There is more to owning a car than putting the key in the ignition and driving from Point A to Point B, as the members of Girl Scout Troop 2265 recently learned when they worked through the requirements for the Car Care Badge. On a visit to a local car dealership, the girls learned about changing the oil, checking tire pressure, checking the air filter and the steps of a state inspection. Shown above, members of the troop check the oil level after an oil change. For more information about joining or volunteering with the Girl Scouts, they may be contacted at www.gsnetx.org or 972-636-9419. Photo courtesy of Jadi Spicer/Rockwall County News

RISD puts surplus computers to work in students' homes

The Rockwall Independent School District's Central Administration building is typically quiet after business hours, but the evening of Dec. 16 was busy with families coming in to complete their Bridging Home and School requirements.

The program, made possible through state legislation, allows school districts to place computer equipment that has been declared surplus into the homes of students who have no access to this type of technology outside of school. Under the legislative guidelines, all equipment remains the property of the school district, but eligible families are provided the computers free of charge and may keep them in their homes until the student graduates or withdraws from the school district or until five years has passed, according to a RISD news release.

In the RISD program, which was developed by Debbie Smothermon, assistant superintendent, and Chris Gasaway, director of technology and information services, families with students in grades two through six were invited to apply to participate. The district received 256 applications, and each was evaluated using specific criteria. A total of 100 applicants were selected, with every elementary campus having at least one recipient.

Participating families were required to attend two training sessions before computers were distributed at the final mandatory session on Dec. 16.

The RISD also is providing three optional training sessions for participating families, as well as a support structure that includes technical assistance and maintenance/repair access.

Through this program, a total of 294 children who previously did not have access to computer equipment outside of school now will have the equipment available.

"It was absolutely a case of Christmas coming early," said Sheri Fowler, the RISD's executive director of communications, public relations and marketing. "The families were so excited and so grateful to be a part of the program and the district is thrilled to find a use for surplus technology that directly benefits students and their families. It is an ultimate win-win situation."

Coby McDonald Band, The Dirt Road Gypsies featured at Southern Junction

The Southern Junction Nightclub & Steakhouse is having a New Years Eve party Friday December 31 st featuring The Coby McDonald Band along with The Dirt Road Gypsies on stage. The night includes our famous balloon drop with \$2011 in cash and prizes, complimentary champagne toast at midnight and party favors for all. Ring in the New Year here at the Southern

Doors open at 6PM. Dirt Road Gypsies start at 8:30 p.m., alternating bands all night long! For ticket prices and other information call (972) 771-2418, or log on to www.southernjunctionlive.com.

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Royse City offices to close for holiday

The municipal offices of Royse City will be closed Dec. 24 and 27 and Dec. 31 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

FaithBridge offer Christmas Eve service

FaithBridge Church, a United Methodist community, will host a Christmas Eve worship service at 5 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 305 S. Fannin St., Rockwall. Prior to the service will be a time of fellowship and cocoa in the covered outdoor pavilion at the chapel. The worship service will be family friendly; all ages are invited. For more information visit faithbridgechurch.net.

Highsteppers plan Dance Clinic

The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers will host a dance clinic from 9:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 22 in the RHHS gym. Check-in will be at 9 a.m. The event will be open to girls in kindergarten through ninth grade; participants will be separated into age groups to learn dance steps. Cost is \$25. Only participants registering prior to Dec. 31 are guaranteed a T-shirt. For more details call Amber Creamer at 469-338-8204 or e-mail danceclinic10@gmail.com.

CASA volunteer info sessions set

An informational session for potential volunteers for CASA will begin at 6 p.m. Jan. 11 at Carmona's Tex-Mex & Cantina in Terrell. Those planning to participate should RSVP to the CASA office at 972-772-5858 by Dec. 31). A second session is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at the CASA office, 108 Kenway, in Rockwall. CASA is a nonprofit agency that trains and supports community volunteers who advocate for children in the court system because of abuse or neglect. For more details visit lonestarcasa.org, texascasa.org or nationalcasa.org. Library to be closed Jan. 1, 3

The Rockwall County Library will be closed on Jan. 1 and Jan. 3 in observance of the New Year's holiday. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. Jan. 4.

Rockwall to recycle Christmas trees

The City of Rockwall will accept and recycle Christmas trees until Jan. 3. Trees can be dropped off at 1600 Airport Road at the east end of the Tuttle Sports Complex parking lot. All lights, ornaments, bases and flocking should be removed from trees prior to drop-off.

ESL, GED and citizenship classes to begin

English as a Second Language, GED and citizenship preparatory classes will begin at the Rockwall County Library the week of Jan. 10. Registration for these classes will take place the week of Jan. 4.

Frazier to address RCC Jan. 5

Lisa Frazier of Lisa Frazier Training & Services will be guest speaker at the 6:30 p.m. Jan. 5 meeting of the Rockwall Computer Council at the Center at Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St., Rockwall. The RCC is open to anyone interested in computer use in the home or office, regardless of computer experience. For more details, call Jim Baird, 972-771-8529.

Drama for Kids offered

Children ages 7 to 11 can work together on structured improvisations, group activities, speech, creative movement, theater games and other activities as part of the Drama for Kids class offered by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Classes run from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays Jan. 6-May 26. Cost is \$55 per month for Rockwall residents, \$83 for non-residents. To register online visit dramakids.com/tx3.

Zumba classes made available

Zumba classes will be offered at The Center from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays Jan. 6 through Feb. 24 or March 3 through April 21. Offered through the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the classes will be open to individuals ages 13 and older. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-Rockwall residents.

Senior defensive driving classes slated

The AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving class, a four-hour course designed to help older drivers cope with age-related changes that affect driving, will run from noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 7 at The Center. Individuals ages 55 and older are eligible to participate. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Beginning watercolors class scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a Beginner Watercolor Painting class for individuals ages 55 and older from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays Jan. 12-26. Supplies will be provided. Cost will be \$25 for Rockwall residents, \$38 for non-residents. For information call 972-771-7740.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch headed for Plano

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will play host to the Out-to-Lunch Bunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 14. Participants will travel to the Plano Movie Grill in Plano. Cost for transportation only is \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. The trip is open to individuals ages 55 and older.

Library to close for MLK Day

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Jan. 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Relay For Life kickoff slated

Rockwall County's Relay For Life will have its team kickoff from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Teams can sign up to participate in this year's event, which will begin at 7 p.m. April 29. For more details about Relay or to register online visit relayforlife.org/rockwall.tx. To sign up for a Relay committee, contact Carla Brooks, Relay chair, at cbrooks_heath@ sbcglobal.net.

Beginner Bridge class planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer lessons for beginning Bridge players from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays Jan. 19 through March 9 at The Center. Lessons are open to individuals ages 55 and older; cost is \$20 per Rockwall resident, \$30 for non-residents. For information call 972-771-7740.

Ping Pong tourney set Jan. 21

A ping-pong tournament for individuals ages 55 and older will begin at 10 a.m. Jan. 21 at The Center. All levels of play are encouraged to participate; beginner brackets will be offered for those who do not wish to play in the advanced bracket. Prizes will be awarded. Cost to participate will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-Rockwall residents.

Kids Game Night offered

A Kids Game Night, coordinated by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department to give parents a night off, will be offered from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 21 at The Center. Parents can drop off their children between the ages of 3 and 8 for an evening of fun, organized activities, games, arts and crafts and snacks. Cost is \$20 per resident child, \$30 per non-Rockwall resident. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Father/baby story time set at library

A Man in the Moon Storytime, a language play program for adult male caregivers and babies up to 12 months of age, will be offered for fathers and their babies beginning at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at the Rockwall County Library. Each program will include 30 minutes of activities designed with age-appropriate finger plays, songs, sign language, movements and baby books. The activity will run through Feb. 26. For more details call 972-204-7740 or e-mail damiller@ rockwallcountytexas.com.

Library to host teen activities

The Rockwall County Library will host a teen movie night from 5:30 p.r to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25. Free popcorn and soft drinks will be served to studen in grades 7 to 12. Call 972-204-7700 or visit the library's blog at rocklibteen blogspot.com for more details.

Daddy/Daughter Dance planned

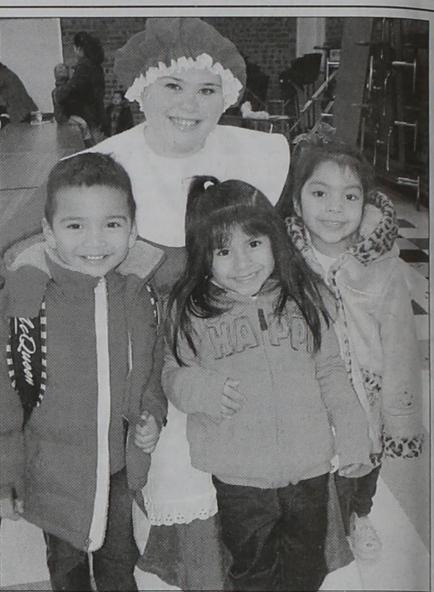
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's 11th annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 28 at The Hilton at The Harbor. Cost wi be \$45 for Rockwall couples, \$10 per additional child, and \$68 for non-reside couples, \$10 per additional child. Price includes a photo by a professional photographer; snacks and beverages will be provided. Spots are limited. Call 97 771-7740 for more details.

Sock Hop set March 5

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Sock Hop beginning at p.m. March 5 at The Center. The event will include a crazy socks contest at plenty of rock 'n' roll music. Cost will be \$10 per local resident, \$15 for no resident. For more details call 972-771-7740.

March 12 Quilt Show planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Quilt Show from 10 a.m. 3 p.m. March 12 at The Center. Handmade quilts will be displayed. Admission will be free. For information call 972-771-7740.



Dobbs Head Start teacher Crystal Ramadan dressed up on the last day of school before the Christmas break, earning big smiles from her students. Pictured with Ramadan are three of her students -Fabricio Garcia, Anette Cervantes and Alexa Arciniega. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable County Court At Law (district) of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road, Suite 209, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on FRIDAY, 14TH OF JANUARY, 2011 BEFORE 10:00 AM before the Honorable County Court At Law (district) of Rockwall County, Texas at the Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition, was filed in said Court on OCTOBER 29,2010, A.D.,

in this case numbered 1-10-1229 on the docket of said court, and styled, WILLIAM UNDERWOOD vs. CHRIS FISCHER, INDIVIDUAL-LY AND WING DINGERS USA,

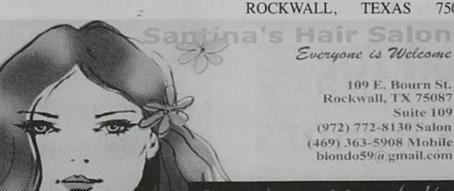
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: BREACH OF CONTRACT (CCL) The officer executing this writ shall

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Braden Smith, SMU (Rockwall), Thursday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m., Armed Forces

Bowl, ESPNU - Also a high school quarterback, Smith has moved to inside

linebacker as a redshirt sophomore for the Mustangs. Even though he's a back-

up, he's sure to play unless SMU doesn't score at its home stadium against

Army. That's because Smith is the holder for Mustangs place kicks. His father

Rhett Richardson, Arkansas (Rockwall), and Austin Moss, Arkansas

(Rockwall-Heath), Tuesday, Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m., Sugar Bowl, ESPN - Sophomore linebacker Moss has missed this season because of injury. Richardson was the

Razorbacks' long snapper from the time he arrived on campus in 2007 through four games during his senior season. He too was injured, but could return to snap against Ohio State in New Orleans. Moss' dad is Hawks head coach

Aaron Arterburn, Texas A&M (Rockwall), Friday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Cotton

Bowl, Fox – The sophomore linebacker played three games this season before

going down with a knee injury that required season-ending surgery. Thus, he

Falcons drop to 2-1 in district

Granbury Happy Hill Farm Academy, but the Falcons still finished the 2010

Fulton led 18-15 at halftime, but Bradley Williams powered Happy Hill to

Final

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a 19-7 third-quarter advantage and a 46-35 victory. Williams led the Pioneers

Slow start, cold shooting

When a basketball team holds its opponent to eight points in the second half,

"You should win," Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball head coach Devin Gabbard

He had just seen his team accomplish half of that equation, restricting

That helped the RHHS cause, but not enough. The Lady Hawks couldn't over-

Rockwall-Heath's defense led a furious fourth-quarter rally that forced the Lionettes into missing all five of their field goal attempts and turning the ball

"We all can defend," Gabbard said of his team, "but we continue to struggle

RHHS made just 4 of 13 field goal attempts (31 per cent) in the fourth quarter,

so the Lady Hawks scored just nine points to McKinney's two. That was good

enough to erase only half of the Lionettes' 14-point (35-21) lead after three

They built that lead in large part because it was Rockwall-Heath playing fast

Gabbard said, "They came out very physical, very aggressive. This is a differ-

McKinney to six points in the third quarter and two foul shots in the fourth.

portion of their schedule 2-1 in the district and 4-2 overall.

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doom Lady Hawks

come a 29-17 halftime deficit in a 37-30 loss at McKinney.

(4-5, 2-1) with 24 points, 11 rebounds and six steals.

The Fulton School suffered its TAPPS District 2-1A loss Friday, Dec. 17, to

will not be able to play against LSU at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

is Yellowjackets head coach Scott Smith.

Mickey Moss.

Happy Hill

By Lary Bump

said Tuesday night.

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall County athletes on bowl teams

hen you watch this season's crop of college football bowl games, you i have a local rooting interest in five of those.

graduates of Rockwall County high schools are on a bowl team's roster, gh as many as three of them could be out because of injuries.

ere's a summary of when and where you could see them on your TV. endial Lawrence, Missouri (Rockwall-Heath), Tuesday, Dec. 28, 9 p.m., the ht Bowl, ESPN - The sophomore running back should have plenty of ing time against Iowa in Tempe, Ariz. Lawrence was the Tigers' thirding regular-season rusher with 67 carries for 382 yards (a 5.7-yard average) and four touchdowns. He also caught four passes for 47 yards. Lawrence played in 11 of Mizzou's 12 games, starting one.

Richard Morrison, Arizona (Royse City), Wednesday, Dec. 29, 8 p.m., Alamo Bowl, ESPN - The former Bulldogs quarterback is a redshirt-freshman slot receiver for the Wildcats. He played in nine of their regular-season games, starting one and catching 13 passes for 122 yards (13.6 average). Morrison has yet to score a touchdown in college, and a good place to start could be in San Antonio against Oklahoma State.

ady Jackets survive scare from Wylie

night have looked like a mismatch before the game, but when it was over ockwall girls' basketball team came closest to losing and gave up more than they had since Nov. 19.

S was flying high with nine consecutive victories when Wylie brought a ecord to RHS Friday, Dec. 17. The Lady Pirates certainly weren't intimithey raced to a 16-8 lead after the first quarter.

er that, the game became a seesaw battle in which the Lady Jackets trailed after three quarters and had to hold Wylie to one point in the fourth quar-

kwall had roared back to take a 25-23 halftime lead before the Lady pies scored 19 third-quarter points, more than the average for the entire secalf by RHS' previous nine opponents.

the fourth quarter, the game turned into the kind of defensive struggle in the Lady Jackets have excelled. They scored just four points, but those we enough to win by a basket - because Wylie couldn't make any in the final

S scored 33 of its 45 points in the second and third quarters, but it was a

balanced offense overall with Alyssa Lang and Paige Turner scoring 12 points apiece and Hannah Hughes right behind with 11.

The victory improved Rockwall's record to 14-3 overall and 2-0 in District 10-4A. RHS is ranked ninth in the TABC 4A state poll. Wylie is 7-8 and 0-2. Rockwall's final district game of 2010 was scheduled for Tuesday at home

against McKinney, which the Lady Jackets defeated in last season's playoffs. RHS will open play at noon Tuesday in Duncanville's Sandra Meadows Classic against Euless Trinity. The Lady Jackets' junior varsity improved to 15-1 and 2-0 by defeating Wylie

47-38. Ellen Baker led Rockwall with 15 points.

Final Wylie 16 19 43 RHS 8 17 16 45

Wylie (7-8, 0-2) - Colby Davis 13, Sydnie Whitworth 10, Makaila Jordan 7, Mary Fisayo 5, Courtney Jones 5, Kayla Walton 3.

Rockwall (14-3, 2-0) - Alyssa Lang 12, Paige Turner 12, Hannah Hughes 11, Kayla Smith 5, Mary Hinton 2, Mariah Roof 2, Morghen Day 1.

lig 2nd quarter carries Lovejoy past RHS

I kwall and Lovejoy were tied after one quarter of their boys' basketball gai Friday, Dec. 17.

www. were even in the second half, when each team scored 23 points. It wasn't good enough for RHS, because the Leopards outscored the visitam 16-7 in the second quarter and held that nine-point advantage for a

loss dropped the Yellowjackets to 7-7. Lovejoy, ranked 15th in the TABC on the sta A poll, improved to 10-4.

Griffin Fraser scored 16 points to lead the Jackets, who were scheduled to open their District 10-4A schedule Tuesday at McKinney (10-5).

Final 13 RHS 16 11 Lovejoy8

RHS (7-7) - Griffin Fraser 16, Wesley Davis 8, Blake Sandlin 6, Collin Schmucker 4, Tanner Humm 2, Landon Knight 2.

Lovejoy (10-4) - Joseph Gonzalez 18, Kealyn Oliphant 10, Britt Graham 8, Ryan Whitt 7, Trevor Eckard 4.

RCA Warriors win 1

is year, progress is being measured in small steps for the Rockwall Christian A emy boys' basketball game.

st week, that meant one victory in three games at the Grand Saline Tenament, which represented an improvement over the Warriors' 1-5 start. ant Jensen was RCA's leading scorer throughout the tournament, averaging sistent 20 points per game. He put in 21 in a 64-57 loss to Malakoff in the oj ing round Thursday, Dec. 16, then 20 as the Warriors walloped Winnsboro 615 the next day and 19 in a 54-49 loss to Eustace Saturday.

A continued to keep games close. After falling behind 33-26 in the first Rockwall Christian matched Malakoff point for point in the second half. mer top scorers for the Warriors were Justo Garcia with 14 points and Carl

isen also had team highs of 12 rebounds, three blocked shots and two steals aj ist the Tigers. Garcia passed for three assists.

ainst Winnsboro, RCA ran to a 22-9 first-quarter lead. Jensen pulled down ends to 1 ebounds, and Raymon Stewart had four steals and four assists. Clewis, ecial in w had 13 points, also recorded four assists vs. the Raiders. Garcia scored 10 e collet prs.

Saturday's game against the Bulldogs, Stewart scored 10 points. Garcia led

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CA (2-6) - Grant Jensen 20, Carl Clewis 13, Justo Garcia 10, Eric Wright 9,

Rockwall County Sports Schedule

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

day, Dec. 28 - Varsity boys' basketball: vs. Dallas First Baptist at ridge Classic, Arlington Oakridge, 5 p.m.

nesday, Dec. 29 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Oakridge Classic, Arlington

rsday, Dec. 30 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Oakridge Classic, Arlington

Rockwall Hih School Yellowjackets

nday, Dec. 27 - Varsity boys' basketball: vs. West Mesquite at Pirate/ ingler Classic, Mesquite Poteet, noon

sday, Dec. 28 - Varsity girls' basketball: vs. Euless Trinity, at Sandra adows Classic, Duncanville High School Blue Gym, noon

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Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

nday, Dec. 27 - Varsity girls' basketball: vs. Dallas Lincoln at Dallas ISD/

a-Cola Basketball Tournament, Cobb Field House, 1 p.m. sity boys' basketball: at The Colony Tournament, vs. Belton, Gym B, 1 ,, and vs. opponent TBA, 7 p.m.

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ursday, Dec. 30 -- Varsity girls' basketball: at Kaufman Holiday

Winnsboro (2-4) – Thompson 8, Wood 8, Jones 5, Partan 5, Tebbetts 4, Bright

RCA 7 21 49 Eustace 15 16 15 54

RCA (2-7) – Grant Jensen 19, Raymon Stewart 10, Justo Garcia 7, Eric Wright 5, Carl Clewis 4, Aaron Eastin 4.

Bradburn 7, Taylor Caldwell 4, Raymond Shutak 3, Steven Ashton 2, Dalton

Rockwall-Heath broke on top of the North Mesquite boys' basketball team 17-14 after one quarter, and trailed by just three points entering the fourth quar-

points and a 78-69 home victory over the Hawks.

season with excellent records. North Mesquite improved to 11-4, and RHHS took a 10-5 record into Tuesday's game against McKinney North.

a season-high 29 points. Todd Franza and Jonathan Fuller came through with 15 and 12 points.

next week's Avery Air Invitational at Plano Senior High School. RHHS drew host Plano as its first-round opponent at 7 p.m. Monday.

Final RHHS 17 19 14 69 North Mesquite 14 25 14 RHHS (10-5) - Conner Geiser 29, Todd Franza 15, Jonathan Fuller 12, Warren

Matlock 6, John Taylor 4, Jordan Points 3. North Mesquite (11-4) - Sidney Gilstrap 20, King Davis 13, Kendal Copeland

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Eustace (7-8) – Addison Scott 15, Chad Barina 12, Braden Strickland 9, John

ent chapter of officials, and they let it play. Usually we're more the aggressor.

North Mesquite outruns Hawks

ter Friday, Dec. 17. From that 53-50 advantage, the Stallions galloped off to 25 fourth-quarter

It was a good offensive show by two teams completing the non-district pre-

Sophomore Conner Geiser continued to lead Rockwall-Heath's scoring, with

After the McKinney North game, the Hawks will have another tough test at

11, Darik Walker 10, Mike Brown 9, Johnny Watson 9, Desmond Lewis 6.

That threw us for a loop." The Lady Hawks shot well (62 per cent) in the first half. That was because on the rare occasions when they were able to beat McKinney's pressure, Brooke Eddy was open inside. She scored 10 of her team-high 14 points before halftime.

and loose with the ball in the first half, turning it over 12 times.

However, the team as a whole attempted just 13 field goals. Another factor helped Rockwall-Heath reduce the deficit in the fourth quarter. Lionettes guards Aundrea Gordon, who already had 15 points after three quarters, and Andrea Grant didn't play in the fourth. Even when the Lady Hawks pulled within seven points and had a 3-point attempt that could have cut the lead

to four, McKinney head coach Deb Harris and her team didn't panic. Gabbard said of Gordon, "She does a lot of good things besides her scoring. She hits kids with passes, and defensively she's on the ball."

The coach pointed out that RHHS won't have any scheduling breaks soon. The Lady Hawks were scheduled to play McKinney North, which returned the nucleus of last year's playoff team, Tuesday; Dallas Lincoln (9-1) in the opening round of the Dallas ISD/Coca-Cola Basketball Tournament Monday and Rockwall (14-3) in the first District 10-4A game of 2011.

Final RHHS 30 13 37 McKinney

RHHS (6-10, 1-1) - Brooke Eddy 14, Brianna Richardson 8, Kaitlyn Bordelon 4, Willette Rankin 2, McKenzie White 2.

McKinney (10-6, 2-0) - Aundrea Gordon 15, Breana Smalls 10, Michelle Hoehne 4, Kimi Frazier 3, Nicole Quincy 3, Payton Brenham 1, Brianna Blackburn 1.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Softball registration to begin Jan. 1

Sign-ups for the Rockwall Girls Softball Association will run Jan. 1 through Feb. 28. To register, visit rockwallgirlssoftball.com or call 972-841-2939 for more details.

Baseball sign-ups scheduled

The Rockwall Baseball Association will begin taking online signups beginning Jan. 2. Walk-up registration will be Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. To register or for more details visit

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Softball tourney slated Feb. 19

The Texas 6 Shooter Softball Tournament, a six-game guarantee tourney, will take place Feb. 19 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Divisions offered will include men's, men's church, co-red and church co-rec. USSSA rules will apply. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

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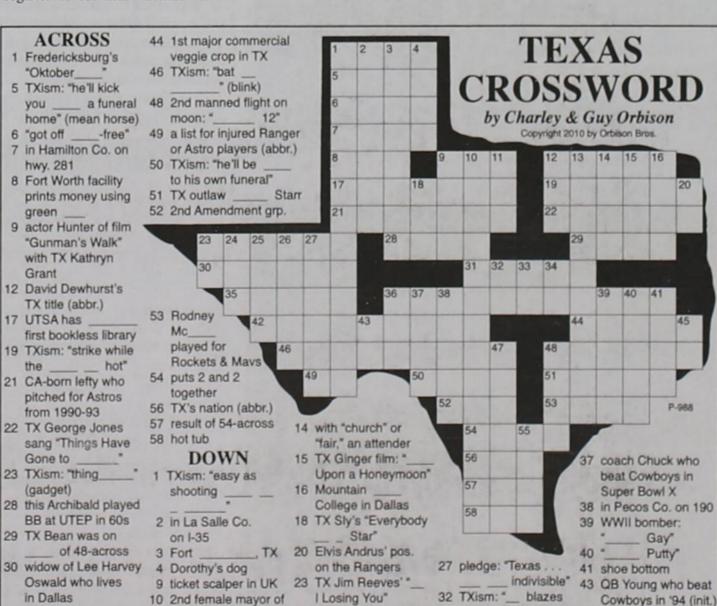
Juventus Club hosting soccer camp

Dallas Juventus Soccer Club is hosting a four-day Holiday Skills Camp Monday through Thursday at the Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo. The camp is designed to help youngsters sharpen their soccer skills. The cost is \$65 for those aged 9 and younger, or \$75 for those 10 and older. Multi-child discounts are available to families with more than one camper. Single-day passes are available for \$25. To register, contact Sharon Johnson

at 469 867-0478 or sjenk4@gmail. com. Registration is limited. Instruction will be by experienced,

college-level players who will focus on defensive play and shooting under pressure.

The Dallas Juventus Soccer Club, based in Rockwall, has teams representing Rockwall, Frisco and Richardson. The club strives to create winning players and teams and build a winning experience for everyone involved. For more information, go to www. dallasjuventus.com.



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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Bulldogs win to even district record

Royse City took a 3-2 lead on Nina Gaines' first-quarter 3-point shot and didn't trail again in a 60-39 home victory over Sulphur Springs Friday, Dec. 17.

By winning, the Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 1-1 in District 13-4A and 7-9 overall.

After Gaines gave them the lead, RC went on to lead 14-8 after the first quarter and 25-18 at halftime, and continued to widen its advantage during the second half.

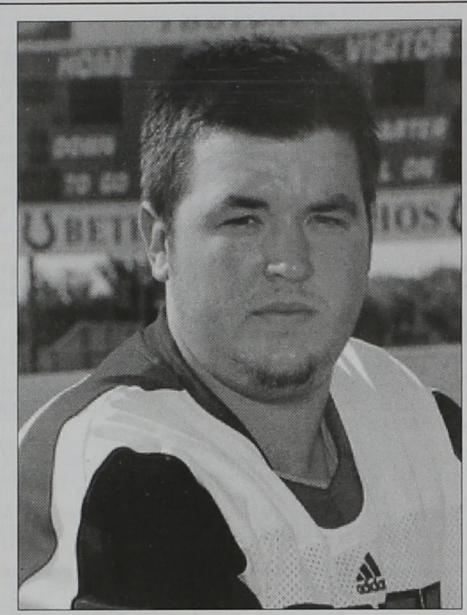
Krystal Pickron led Royse City with 15 points, and had plenty of help from Jennifer Null with 12 and Gaines with 11. The Lady Bulldogs dominated every phase of the game. They outrebounded the Lady Cats 40-29 and held them to 30 per cent shooting (14-for-47) with no 3-point field goals. Sulphur Springs put itself into foul trouble, sending RC to the foul line for 28 shots.

Royse City was scheduled to host Texarkana Texas Tuesday before playing in next week's Kaufman Holiday

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Sulphur Springs (N/A, 1-1) - Ariel Tippitt 11, Reagan Humphrey 9, Destiny Wade 8, Andrea Tippitt 4, Marissa Walter 3, M. Debase 2, Ashanti Ivery 2.

RCHS (7-9, 1-1) - Krystal Pickron 15, Jennifer Null 12, Nina Gaines 11, Dezary Gardner 9, Sydnie Erbe 6, Taylor Jordan 6, Colleen Moore 1.



Ex-Jacket Termin named All-Academic

Jake Termin, a 2010 Rockwall High School graduate, made the Central States Football League Academic All-Conference team in his first semester at Southern Nazarene University.

The Yellowjackets' starting center for two years, the 265-pound Termin joined junior Chance Willard, another RHS grad, as an offensive lineman at the university in Bethany, Okla.

To be eligible for the Academic All-Conference team, players must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Mercer leads Hawks to 9th in tournament

Troy Mercer won his second individual wrestling tournament championship this season to lead Rockwall-Heath to ninth place in the Rockwall "Rumble at the Rock" Invitational Saturday at Rockwall High School.

Mercer won all four of his matches in the 180-pound weight class. After pinning his first three opponents, he took a 6-2 decision in the final match over Zach Rowe of tournament champion Keller Central.

The Hawks totaled 87 points to 132.5 for Keller Central.

For RHHS, Jacob Black (130 pounds) and Jay Arnold (215) each placed third with 3-1 records. Jacob Glastad, who won three of five matches, was fourth at 171 pounds.

4 Bulldogs named All-District 13-4A

Four Royse City offensive players were named to the 2010 All-District football first team for District 13-4A.

Junior wide receiver Jake Horbacz was a unanimous selection. Joining him on the first team were three senior teammates - running back Jonathan Burns, tight end Taylor Pollock and offensive lineman Hunter Williams.

Bulldogs junior J.R. Arredondo was named to the All-District second team at two positions: outside linebacker and punter.

Other second-team selections were three seniors - offensive lineman Jose Ramirez, defensive end Brody Johnson and cornerback Dylan Funderburk - and two juniors - inside linebacker Damion Foster and safety Caryn Pence.

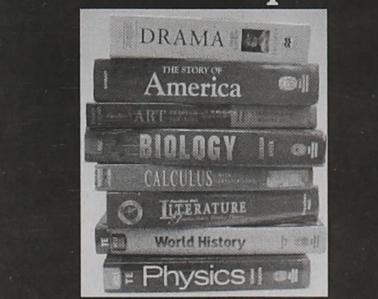
Fulton wins 1st 2 in district

The Fulton School won its first two district boys' basketball games in different fashions.

On Thursday, the Falcons ran to a 35-13 lead after the first quarter on the way to defeating Irving StoneGate Christian Academy 87-31 on their home court at the Forney Sports Center.

Tuesday's game was played at a much slower pace and was much closer. Fulton defeated Brownwood Victory Life Academy 41-33. In addition to a 2-0 district record, Fulton is 4-1 overall.

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RCA's Rousset, Eastin double up on All-District

Rockwall Christian Academy seniors Joey Rousset and Aaron Eastin have been named to the TAPPS District 2-IV football All-District first team.

Rousset made the team as a lineman both on offense and defense; Eastin was honored as a receiver and defensive back. Because of injuries to other players, the versatile Eastin also played running back and quarterback.

Three other Warriors were honored twice in All-District voting. Sophomore Daniel Rorie was a firstteam running back and Honorable Mention defensive back. Senior Ryan Lee made the second team as an offensive and defensive lineman, and Raymon Stewart was a second-team selection at receiver and defensive

Senior linebacker Randy Castaneda also made the second team.

RCA's Honorable Mention selections were senior defensive lineman Carl Clewis, senior linebacker Justo Garcia, senior defensive back Seth Burkshier, junior offensive lineman John Edwards, sophomore linebacker Shelby Sharpless and freshman receiver Colton Jones.

Jackets win 3 of 5 matches

On a busy wrestling weekend, Rockwall won at McKinney 55-32 Thursday, Dec. 9, then split four matches in Saturday's Lone Star Duals at Dallas St. Mark's School of

The Yellowjackets (10-2) knocked off Colleyville 51-21 before losing to Arlington Martin 45-30 and dropping a tough decision to Grapevine 27-26 in the tournament. RHS bounced back to down Wylie 52-18.

Coach Brent Pohorsky pointed to five Jackets who have played major roles in the team's success.

med to the Academic All-State team.

Honorable Mention All-State punter.

positions: punter, kicker and center.

and Leverett, utility back and safety.

wide receiver and linebacker.

to the second team as a defensive lineman.

4 Falcons receive

All-State mention

The best football season in The Fulton School's history has been rewarded in

Two of those players, seniors Brett Steffen and Tyler Johnson, also were na-

Steffen, who played in Saturday's North-South All-Star Game in Waco, re-

Senior Dylan Leverett was named a second-team All-State safety, and junior

Johnson was named to the TAPPS 6-Man District 2-I second team at three

Three Fulton players received All-District honors at two positions. They were

Sophomore C.J. White was a first-team All-District tight end, and was named

In addition, senior Kendall Johnson made the All-District second team at both

The Falcons hosted a playoff game for the first time in their history during a

tight end and defensive line, and freshman Hayden Leverett was a second-team

Steffen, quarterback and defensive line; Rabah, running back and cornerback,

Milan Rabah received All-State Honorable Mention at both running back and

ceived second-team All-State honors as a defensive lineman. Johnson was an

part by having four players receive mention on the TAPPS 6-Man II All-State



Lady Jackets' Morghen Day (5) drives the ball upcourt with after her rebound against Wylie during lart Friday's game at Rockwall.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Lady Hawks win L.D. Bell Invitational Par Santa,

Jade Bowerman won the individual all-around championship with 39.20 points, just .8 short of a perfect score, to Rockwall-Heath to first place in the Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational Thursday night, Dec. 2.

The Lady Hawks' 116.05 total edged the host team by less than half a point. Bell scored 115.625 in the 19-team ex-Bowerman, a senior, also won the uneven bars at 9.8. She placed second in the vault with 9.90 and third in botl balance beam and floor exercise with scores of 9.75.

Backing up her performance was freshman Carolyn Sherwin, third all-around at 38.85. She won the floor exercise at placed third on the uneven bars (9.7), eighth in the vault (9.8) and 10th on the balance beam (9.55). Another freshman, Jacquelyn Doughty, finished seventh all-around at 38.00. She was 10th in both the uneven bars (§

and floor (9.45). Sophomore Ashlee Reese also tied for 10th on the uneven bars at 9.35. The next night, RHHS was fourth among 11 teams in the boys' competition at the L.D. Bell Invitational. The Ha

score of 163.15 was just 4 ½ points behind champion Rockwall. Reed named 10-4A Offensive Player of the Year

linemen Chris Tanner and Payden

McBee, kicker Travis Shinn and pun-

ter Wesley Davis. All are seniors ex-

Quarterback Alan Reed, who led Rockwall to second place in District-104A football this season, has been named the district's Offensive Player of the Year.

Reed passed for 2,574 yards and 24 touchdowns and led the Yellowjackets with 794 yards and 14 TDs rushing. They posted a 5-2 district record that included a victory over 4A state semifinalist Wylie and a 7-point loss to 10-4A champion Highland Park.

Joining Reed on the All-District first team were three unanimous selections - two seniors, wide receiver Blake Turner and safety Reed Loftis, and junior return specialist Spencer Edwards. Turner led the team with 890 receiving yards, and tied Edwards for RHS' lead with 10 touchdown catches. Loftis paced Rockwall's defense with

89 tackles and four interceptions. Other Jackets on the first team were tight end Kyle Crawford, offensive cept for junior Davis, who averaged 42.7 yards per punt. Shinn kicked four field goals to go along with 20 extra points. Edwards and Loftis also made the All-District second team as wide

receivers. Other second-team s tions were three seniors - offer lineman Robert Hinton, defe end Jarrett Spencer, the team le with six sacks, and inside lineba Andrew Douphrate - and junio fety Andrew Hinckley.

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RHS finished with a 6-5 or record after reaching the playoff the first time in three years.

RHHS' Arnold named Defensive Sophomore of the Year

Rockwall-Heath defensive end Jay Arnold has been honored as the Defen Sophomore of the Year on the District 10-4A All-District football team. Arnold leads a strong group of underclassmen who could lead RHHS b to the playoffs in 2011. Of the seven Hawks who received All-District firs second-team mention from a 5-5 team, just three were seniors.

The seniors were offensive lineman Shelton Williams and defensive ta Matt Gruner, named to the first team, and tight end/H-back Tyler Wood, made the second team.

Juniors Jovan Hernandez and Amaris Fields were named to the first t for leading the Hawks' offense. Running back Hernandez gained 825 y and scored 11 rushing touchdowns. Fields led the run-oriented team with catches, 380 yards, nine receiving touchdowns and 68 points.

Sophomore inside linebacker Raaquan Davis was voted to the second te

HCA's Pettit, Terrell named 1st-team All-State

Heritage Christian Academy's 9-3 football season was rewarded in part b ving two players, linebacker Austin Pettit and defensive lineman Quincy Te named to the TAPPS 6-Man I All-State first team.

Pettit also was named to the TAPPS District 2-I All-District team at positions. He was a first-team linebacker and second-team quarterback and ter. Pettit played for the North team in Saturday's 62-34 victory over the 5 All-Stars in Waco.

Terrell received All-District honors as a first-team defensive lineman Honorable Mention tight end. Number one tight end Asa Burke receive cond-team All-State and first-team All-District honors.

HCA's fourth All-District first-team player was senior safety Aaron Ma He also was named a second-team All-District performer as a kicker and r ved All-State Honorable Mention as a safety. Mateer and Pettit represente Eagles on the Academic All-State team.

Other All-TAPPS District 2-I players were junior Caleb Cathey cond-team running back and Honorable Mention linebacker; senior T Arterburn, second-team defensive lineman; junior Stephen Salter, Hono Mention center, and sophomore Evan Pettit, Honorable Mention corner HCA head coach Robert Huckabee coached the North in Saturday's All

season when their 5-6 record was their best ever. Game. Sixmanfootball.com ranked the Eagles 26th among 253 teams in T Griffin is RCA's first female scholarship athlete

By Lary Bump

Little more than a year ago, Brittany Griffin was playing little for the Rockwall High School girls' basketball team. A year from now, she's likely to be the most celebrated female scholarship

athlete ever from Rockwall Christian Academy. Those changes have come because she transferred during last basketball season from RHS to RCA, and on Friday, Dec. 10, she became the first Lady

Warrior to sign a college athletic scholarship letter of intent. She's likely to play some as a college freshman. That's according to Southwestern Assemblies of God University head women's basketball coach Arlon Beadles. He made the trip from Waxahachie with assistant coach Jacob

Rodriguez for Griffin's signing before students and well-wishers who crowded the foyer of RCA's gymnasium. Beadles said, "Last year she came in for a workout with our team and went through all our drills. We knew she could play at our level. There will be a

senior playing ahead of her next year at small forward, but as sophomore she'll be capable of starting for us." That would be no small feat. SAGU, an NAIA Division I university, won 49

games during its last two seasons. At the time of Griffin's signing, the Lady Lions were 8-3 and coming off the first victory over an NCAA Division I team in the program's history. They had won in overtime at Texas State. Her future coach said, "She has pretty good size (5-foot-9) for our league and

a nice little jump shot. She can move without the basketball really well. She fits in well with our students. We look for kids who want to be in our environ-Griffin is the second high school senior to sign with SAGU this year. Beadles

indicated the recruiting class would include two additional players.

She echoed Beadles' words. "I love them. I love the campus. The team

family, and I felt I could fit in."

Apparently Beadles had given her areas to work on. She said, "I'm wor really hard currently on my ball handling, and I'm getting used to going to right," which were the coach's assessment almost verbatim.

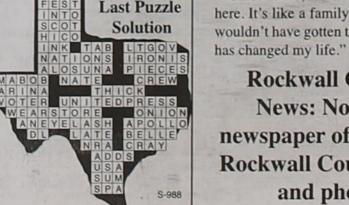
"Hopefully, I can bring a spark and enthusiasm to the team. I'm very go lifting people up. I'm a lefty, and I can take advantage of that."

The kind of spark she mentioned was apparent to RCA head volleyball of Nicole Mount, who said Griffin's addition was a key to the team's reachin

Head basketball coach Steven Turner, who alerted Beadles to Griffin, her work ethic.

"Brittany is about hard work. She has a 3.78 grade average. She works i classroom, on the track running miles every morning and on the basketball c Remember, hard work pays off," Turner said, seemingly addressing the

> RCA students gathered there. Griffin said, "I really do enje here. It's like a family. At Rockw wouldn't have gotten this chance.



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Rockwall County Letters to Santa

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e you ready for Christmas? For stmas I would like the game Uno, er, and battleship pleas. I will cookies on the fire place. ve, Jacob

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ear Santa,

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Jenny Lowe

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Dear Santa,

How are you? Hows Mrs. Clos? How is the toys? Hows Rudolf? For Christmas I would like a puppy, and a pinkish D.S. and a pink panda bare webken. I'll give you oreos. How many cookies, do you want? I also want more Clos for my Amaricin girl. Love, Madilynn

Dear Santa,

How are the elves? I Would like a penbow, a pony, a fon, a bug catcher and a baby set

Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,

How is Rudoph? Are you ready for Christmas? I'd like a chocolate lab, a laptop, boards to break, and a camera. I will leave you milk and cookies on the fire place. Love, Reed

Dear Santa.

How are the reindeer are the elves? For Christmas I would like a big bike, a baby Cat and a desk. On Christmas I will put Cicees on the tabl. I am triing to bee good.

Love, Hanna

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are not sic. I hope you cometoo crismis. For crismis I woold want a noow cat and a dog. A fish will be fine. I also want 5 hamstrs. I will put some candy out. Love, Brianna

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolf? For christmas I would like a puppy, and a rascar trac, and a Helcedr, and a flawr, some cande and a cat. Thank you for the toys. I like you'r jingle Ball. Love, Illijah

Dear Santa.

How is Rudolf? For christmas I will like anything that is boy stuff. Love, Dub

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolf? For christmas I wud like a DS and a Nerf and Lego Kegdum. I wud like a dog, and a brother. Love, Noah

Dear Santa,

I am tring to be good. For Christmas I wold like a pet gardiner snake. If you cant get me that than I wold like a pet ferret, and a soccrball sise 4, and the D.S. game Pokemon Hart gold. If you come I will give you cookise. Love, Drew

Dear Santa,

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Luve, Krista

Dear Santa,

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Love, Tyler

I would like a Nutckracker and a fosle so I can start a collection. Love Jacie

Merry Christmas!!!

I would lik gutr Brooke Ellott I would lik a laptop Love Brooke

I Love you Santa!! Mixehand 1) Easy Bake 2) Vanity and chair Barbie 3) puppy swim school & pool 4) Barbie with Long hair 5) My first doll house 6) Barbie grill

Dear Santa,

Prissilla

I have bin good this year I do my Chres at home. So can you give me a pad of Super hearous. Love, Jon

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Your Friend Mason.

Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

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Love Tanner

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Love Haylee

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Dear Santa, I was good Santa. I want the wii game the hunt. I got good grads. I did my chors. I want the wii game the hunt because I want to Irn how to

Love AJ, for Santa.

Dear Santa,

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Love Cayden

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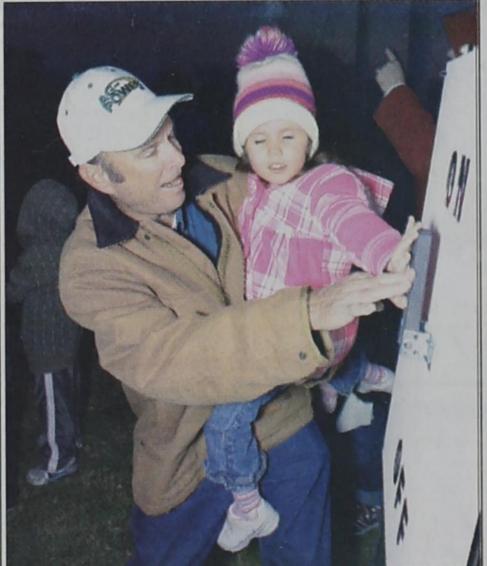
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Royse City Bells on Main Street



Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley helps light the city Christmas tree at the Dec. 11 Bells on Main Street festivities at Old Jail Park in Royse City. In addition to lighting the official tree, revelers has story time with Mrs. Claus at the Royse City fire department, sang carols, had pictures made with Santa Claus and were delighted with the annual lighted parade down Main Street.

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Donald Clinard holds up his three-year old granddaughter, Allison, who threw the switch to light the Royse City Christmas tree on Dec. 11 at Old Jail Park. Clinard donated \$1,000 to the city for the purchase of the tree for the event. After the tree lighting and singing of Christmas carols, the annual lighted parade passed in front of the beautiful tree down Main Street.

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(More Royse City Parade Photos on Page 12)

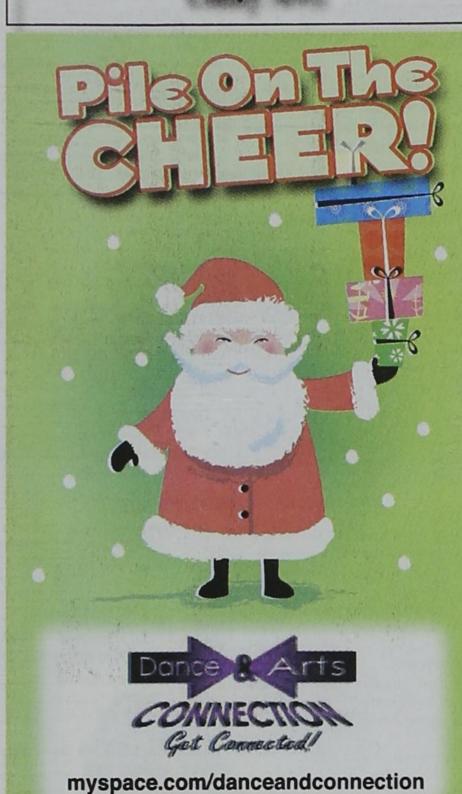






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The Royse City High School Bulldog Band entertained the holiday crowds with Christmas tunes at the Dec. 11 Royse City Bells on Main Street Christmas parade. Flute players (right to left) Natalie Barsoum, Rachael Reel, April Lopez and Megan Frauendorfer dressed in their holiday finest to celebrate the season.

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Scouts and leaders from Cub Scout Pack 1401 bundled up against the chilly night but still had on their shiniest holiday lights and Santa hats at the Royse City Bells on Main Street Christmas Parade on Dec. 11. The Bobcats, Wolves, Bears and Webelos participate in many community events and service projects as part of their Cub requirements.

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The Grinch visited Dobbs Elementary recently. Pictured from the left, front row, are Sion Philip, Tyler Kapphahn and D'Shaud Turner. On the second row are Colton Crawford, Daniel Cunningham, Karlea Kilpatrick, Michael Sparks, Emma Parr and Carsyn Willess. Standing with the Grinch is second grade teacher Robyn Gunderson.

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Rockwall High's Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization recently conducted a bake sale to raise funds to help out the less fortunate during the Christmas season. From donations and the bake sale, the youths raised \$1,000, which was used to shop for clothing, electronics, sports equipment and jewelry for Rockwall teens in need. Pictured from the left are a handful of FCA members: Julia Sealock, Candace Schmucker and Taylor Lemons.

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Lindsey Noel

Easter egg hunt set April 16

The Rockwall Parks & Recsponsored 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. at the Tuttle Athletic Complex. Field 1 will serve children ages up to the age of 2; field 2, ages 5 and 6; field 3, ages 3 and 4; and field 4, ages 7 through 12. A bounce house, face painting and a visit from the Easter bunny are planned.

Rockwall plans Hazardous Waste Day

Rockwall residents will have the opportunity to dispose of household chemicals and other hazardous waste items from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at 1600 Airport Road. To participate, local residents must bring a copy of their utility bill or driver's license to verify residency.

Founders Day Festival set May 21

The City of Rockwall's historic downtown square will play host to the annual Founders Day Festival May 21. Vendor booths, children's activities, food, entertainment and a sunset concert are planned. For more details visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

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Habitat for Humanity reaches 400,000

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the nonprofit organization was founded in 1976, its self-help, hand-I has resulted in rehabbed, repaired or new housing for more than 2 people worldwide.

tockwall Chapter for Habitat will finish its twenty-sixth house in d begin two or three new houses in the New Year. wall Area Habitat for Humanity is continuing its efforts to help fami-

"We are happy to have helped Habitat for Humanity reach this important milestone in bettering communities across the country," said Cindy Bruemmer, with RAHH. "With continued support of our sponsors and volunteers, we'll address affordable housing needs in Rockwall County."

In fiscal year 2010, Habitat for Humanity served a record 74,960 families worldwide through a combination of new construction, rehabilitation and repairs. Habitat also helped an additional 6,355 families establish legal rights to a house or land, and provided more than 46,964 individuals with technical

assistance ranging from legal help to construction advice or training.

"We are pleased that even in this difficult economy, Habitat for Humanity has been able to help a record number of families around the world have a better place to live," said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International. "Our affiliates are the backbone of Habitat's efforts. Their hard work and dedication have made this milestone possible. We are grateful for the work of Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity."

For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit Habitat.org.

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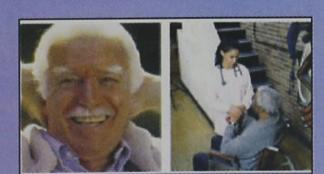
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