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News Briefs

'Into the Woods' begins tonight

e Rockwall-Heath High School Theatre Department present the musical, "Into the Woods," at 7 p.m. today irsday), Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in the IS Black Box Theatre. Reserved seats cost \$10 and may ecured through Kristin Dodgen in the RHHS Black Box een 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by contacting her at kwoodard@ wallisd.org.

ekets to the 2009 Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce ual Awards & Appreciation Banquet, set for Feb. 5 at the on Bella Harbor, are available at the Chamber office. The t will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinut 7:30 p.m. Dallas Morning News sportswriter Brian Davis be the speaker. Seating is limited; reservations required by y (Thursday). Tickets cost \$45. For information call 972-5733 or e-mail info@rockwallchamber.org.

'Little Women' to be staged this weekend ittle Women: the Broadway Musical" will be staged at the tage Christian Academy at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday e HCA campus, 1408 S. Goliad. Tickets cost \$5 for students \$7 for adults and are available during school hours at the coffice or beginning at 6:30 p.m. at performances. Doors 1 at 7 p.m. for open seating.

RCHS Choir plans Saturday garage sale

e RCHS Choir will conduct a fundraising garage sale from n. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the RCHS cafeteria. A silent auction face painting also will be featured. All proceeds will benhe RCHS choir. Anyone with items (clothing, toys, games, ll appliances, etc.) to donate should drop them off at the room, C208, or contact Delila Dennison at deliladenni
hotmail.com. Donations of large items will be accepted.

RCHS course schedule meetings set

rent informational meetings at Royse City High continue week and next. Remaining meetings include: next year's iomore class, tonight; next year's junior class, Monday; and year's senior class, Feb. 5. Meetings will run from 6 p.m.: 30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Meetings are for rmation only; schedules will be set at a later date.

Auditions for LCC wrapping up

iditions for the spring season of the Lakeside Civic Chorus being conducted this month. Rehearsals are conducted each sday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Rockwall High choral n. To schedule an audition or for more information contact id Bush at 972-679-4227 or 972-772-3549 or e-mail him at idl@swbell.net. More information on the LCC is available kesidecivicchorus.org.

Teen Book Club meeting Tuesday

ne Teen Book Club will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. sday in the big first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall nty Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the will discuss "When Zachary Beaver Came to Town" by Iberly Willis Holt. Officers will be selected at the meeting.

Republican Lunch Bunch plans meeting

ne Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet 1:30 a.m. Wednesday at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. It will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; icipants should pay at the door. No reservation required for informal gathering open to all area Republicans. For more ils call Dalton Kensnimer at 972-636-4034.

Li'l Readers offered Wednesdays

ne Rockwall Parks & Rec Department is offering a 45-min-Li'l Readers program each Wednesday (through Feb. 11 and . 25 through April 1) at 9 a.m. at Myers Community Center. Readers is open to children ages 1-3 and their parent/parand includes themed stories, singing and short activities. program is free for Rockwall residents; \$15 for non-resit participation. For more information call 972-771-7740.

First Wednesday Flick is "21"

ne February First Wednesday Flick, sponsored by the kwall Parks & Rec Department, will be "21," the story of MIT students who used their intelligence to beat the odds take Vegas for millions. The movie will be screened at 3. at The Center, and admission is open to individuals ages and older. Cost is \$1 for residents, \$2 for non-residents. For the information call 972-771-7740.

Computer Council sets Wednesday session

he Rockwall Computer Council will observe its next meetat 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Center, Rockwall City Place, E. Washington St. Kaaren Mahoney, senior tax adviser at R Block, will present the program, which will cover recent eral tax law changes. Meetings are open to anyone interested computers for the home or office. For more details, contact Conrad at 972-771-8712.

Valentine's special deadline is Feb. 5

Valentine's Day edition of the Rockwall County News dished Feb. 10 will include "Grandma Brag Pages" packed to color photos of grandchildren. Deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 5. Forite photos of grandchildren may be dropped off at 107 E. 1711, mailed to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, TX 75087 or e-mailed 151 to rcn.adverising@yahoo.com; include names of children grandparents. Three sizes -- \$20 (limit two children to a 1010), \$40 or \$80 - available. See the Rockwall County News or call the office at 972-722-3099 for details.

RCISD seeks input on school names

he Royse City Independent School District is seeking comnity input on names for two intermediate schools. The district litionally has named campuses after outstanding educators b have worked within the school district. Name suggestions,

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Rockwall-Heath High School's musical production of "Into The Woods" cast members (left to right) Rachael Bower (as the "witch"), Amanda White (as "stepmother") and Laine Garrett (as "Lucinda") rehearse the scene "Careful the things you say, children will listen." Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. January 29 at the RHHS Black Hawks Theatre. (See Page 8 for more details).

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Chief Deputy David Goelden named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

by Kathy Williams

David Goelden, Chief Deputy of the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department, has been named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the North Texas Crime Commission. Goelden received the honor at the Commission's annual awards luncheon on Jan. 7 at the Lakewood County Club in Dallas.

Goelden was nominated for his work on the Ray Sumrow investigation by Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson.

"I felt due to the outstanding work done by Rockwall County Chief Deputy David Goelden on the Ray Sumrow investigation that he should be a candidate for the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the following reasons: the investigation spanned 19 months, involved 47 witnesses, over 25 thousand documents, multiple grand jury sessions and two different trials that resulted in convictions in both instances," Eavenson said.

Special Agent Brent Chambers of the FBI was also recognized at the luncheon as Federal Agent of the Year for his contribution to the Sumrow case. He, too, was nominated for the honor by Eavenson for the reasons given above. Eavenson said, "Agent Chambers exemplified the essence of the team approach during the duration of this investigation. His professionalism and dedication were consistently outstanding."

Both Special Agent Chambers and Chief Deputy Goelden were also nominated for the awards by Special Agent in Charge Bob Casey of the Dallas Field Office of the FBI.

Goelden was assigned to the Sumrow investigation by Eavenson to "build and support the investigative team to look into the pervasive and on-going criminal activity of the District Attorney, Ray

Eavenson said, "Chief Deputy Goelden not only directed and supported the administrative and technical aspects of this complicated undertaking, but served as the lead investigator on the case. Chief Deputy Goelden possesses extraordinary investigative skills which

paid dividends for the Special Prosecutor at every turn."

"As Special Prosecutor Jim Skinner stated during the closing arguments, Goelden's actions, conduct and leadership throughout this case 'was indispensable in bringing a thoroughly corrupt politician

Former Rockwall County District Attorney Ray Sumrow is currently serving a prison sentence for his 2008 conviction of theft by a public servant.

The North Texas Crime Commission also named the Prosecutor of the Year at the luncheon. The Commission, established in 1950, is an organization whose mission is to make North Texas safer by linking law enforcement, business, education, government, media and all citizens. The NTCC administers the Crime Stoppers Rewards

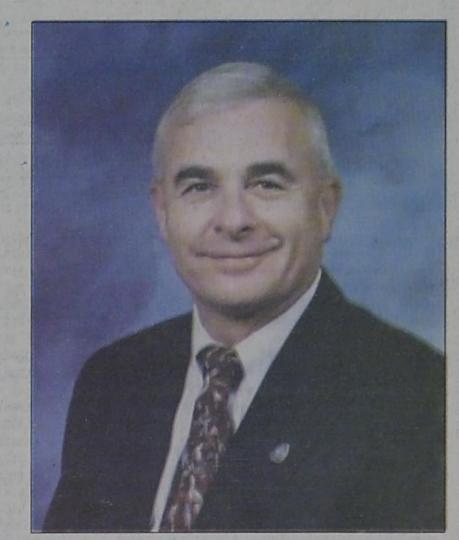
Program, which pays for information about criminal activity and forwards that information to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The Commission is a five county organization, which includes Dallas, Collin, Kaufman, Rockwall and Denton counties.

Honored guest and speaker at the luncheon was The Honorable Greg Abbott, Attorney General of Texas.

In his statement about the awards winners, Eavenson said, "this case, in my opinion, is a classic example of how an effective multi-agency cooperative investigative effort should work. The Dallas FBI Office, the Collin County District Attorney's Office, the Travis County District Attorney's Public Integrity Unit, members of the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office CID Unit and the Texas Rangers are most deserving of recognition for their dedication and commitment during this investigation."

"However, the two recipients of the awards, Goelden and Chambers, distinguished themselves on a consistent basis and were most deserving of the recognition given them by the North Texas Crime Commission."



Chief Deputy David Goelden

Rockwall City Council considers new lighting ordinance, change to animal allowance

by Stephen Woods

A new shopping center in Rockwall will be safer upon completion thanks to an ordinance change that was approved at the Jan. 20 City Council meeting to allow taller light poles to better light up the area.

Grey Stagner, a representative of Pogue Engineering & Development, eagerly lobbied council members to allow his company to install 30 ft. light poles at the Tom Thumb grocery store parking lot currently under construction at FM 552 and SH 205.

At the present time, most businesses in the city are restricted to 20 ft. light poles but Stagner felt that standard wasn't enough.

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"Raising the light pole's height just ten more feet will allow us to

protect the community and save a substantial amount of energy," said Stagner.

The additional light provided by the higher poles could keep shoppers at the Stone Creek Retail Center safe at night, but not without a price. Due to the proximity of residential areas that are also under development, members of the council were concerned that residents in the overlay district may experience some light pollution on their properties.

Council member Matthew Scott said, "I just feel that our lighting standards are in place for a good reason. If we bend on this issue,

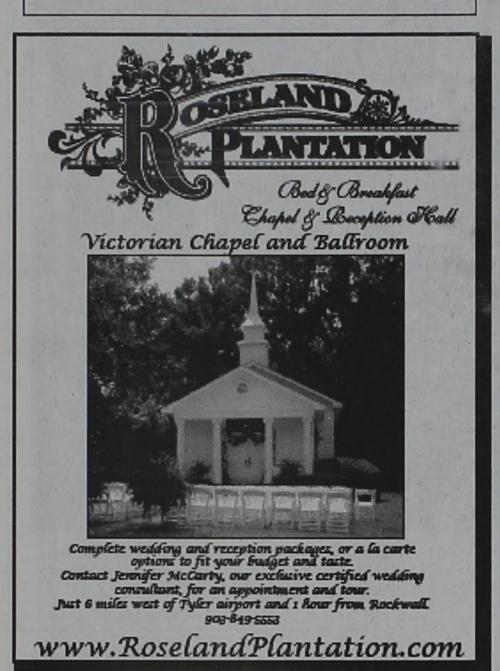
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 54804L003, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located on the north side of State Highway 66 approximately 1000 feet east of FM 1141, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas. information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.



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along with a short paragraph about why the individual is being recommended, should be submitted prior to Feb. 27. Entries should be directed to: Jo Nell Mellody, Royse City ISD, P.O. Box 479, Royse City, TX 75189 or e-mail mellodyj@rcisd.org.

RPA plans Feb. 6 gathering

The Rockwall Preschool Association will conduct a general meeting from 9 a.m., to 11 a.m. at the Free Methodist Church on Dalton Road. Doug Fox, founder and pastor of Cornerstone Church of Rockwall, will speak with his wife, Frani, on "How to Make Your Marriage Grow." For information on the RPA, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com. Childcare available with reservation.

Mardi Gras celebration slated

A Mardi Gras celebration sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at The Center. The free event is open to individuals ages 50 and older. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 972-771-7740.

'Finding Patriots in Your Family Tree' offered

The Rockwall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will present "Finding Patriots in Your Family Tree" beginning at 10 a.m. on Feb. 7 in Room 110 of the Eastridge Church of Christ, 485 N. FM 549 in Rockwall. Scheduled as part of the group's February meeting, the program will be free and open to the public. For details contact Faye Heil at 972-771-3033 or e-mail fsheil2004@sbcglobal.

Father-daughter dance set Feb. 7

The annual Father-Daughter Black & White Ball, which will feature a deejay and dancing, refreshments and photos, will run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Hilton. Cost is \$45 per couple for City of Rockwall residents, \$67 for non-residents. Tickets are now on sale at The Center, 108 E. Washington. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Bands to host dinner concerts, auction

The Rockwall-Heath High School and Cain Middle School bands will observe their first dinner concert and silent auction on Feb. 9-10 at the high school. The middle school bands will perform on the first night, with the high school bands performing on the second night. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and may be purchased through Sandra Nelson at 469-338-1864 or snelson1@classicnet.net.

Friends of the Library to meet

The February meeting of the Friends of the Library will be in the Community Room of the Rockwall County Library beginning at 11 a.m. Feb. 10. The program, presented by MusicFest, will be "A Touch of Music... A Touch of Youth." Catered lunch will be served for \$15; reservations and/or cancellations required by 5 p.m. Feb. 6. Call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

Finding Love workshop

771-7740.

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a workshop, "Finding Love after the Loss of a Loved One," from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 10 at The Center. The event will be open to individuals ages 50 and older. For more information call 972-

Teen Game Night set at library

Game Night will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10

Rockwall Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes In Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Year Ended August 31, 2008

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in the big first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Li Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the event will include pizza for the first 20 student-participants.

Business After Hours program beginning

The Royse City Chamber and Royse City Main Street are st Business After Hours, a business-to-business networking oppo ty. Chamber members will have the opportunity to attend a me BHA event, with the "host" providing light refreshments and t portunity to make new business contacts, entertain clients, r employees and spend time with co-workers. For more details schedule an event call 972-636-5000.

Applicants for Citizen Fire Academy sought Applications are being accepted for the Citizen Fire Aca sponsored by the Rockwall Fire Department. Classes will run 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday nights from Feb. 12 through 23 (no class on March 19) at Fire Station No. 2. The program signed to give participants a broader understanding of the fire d ment. Applications are available at the fire station and City Ha more details, call Tony Santoro at 972-771-7770.

Seniors Out-to-Lunch set Feb. 13

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Out-to-l Bunch for seniors will be at Siciliano's Taste of Italy in Garla Feb. 13. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost will for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more inform call 972-771-7740.

Basic computer class offered

A class on computer basics will be offered by the Rockwall & Rec Department Feb. 17 and 19 at The Center. Open to indiv ages 50 and older, the class will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. is \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more information 972-771-7740.

Chicago-style bridge tourney slated

A bridge tournament featuring Chicago-style scoring will run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at The Center. The event will be open dividuals ages 50 and older, and each participant must have a p to play. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Electronic recycling event set

An electronic recycling event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 21 in the Rockwall Wal-Mart parking lot, 782 I-30. Computer (keyboard, laptops, scanners, printers, copiers/fax machines, ph cartridges, stereos, microwaves, air conditioners and other speitems will be accepted free of charge. Monitors and TVs will I cepted for a nominal fee. For more information, visit trashbu

Teen Anime Group to meet

The Teen Anime Group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Fee askin problems. The event will in the second-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Lill Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the meeting will in the election of officers for the group.

Senior class will explore the Net

A class for individuals ages 50 and older interested in learning surf the Internet will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays 24 through March 12 at The Center. Sponsored by the Roc Parks & Rec Department, the class will run from 10 a.m. to a.m. each class day. Cost is \$50 for residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Teen Writer's Group meeting set

The Teen Writer's Group will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 Feb. 24 in the big first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall Co Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the meeting include the election of officers for the group.

VNA offers bereavement seminar

The Visiting Nurse Association will offer a bereavement sem for adults, "Coping with Grief," from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fe at the VNA branch office, 102 W. Grove St. in Kaufman. T to be covered include common grief experiences, coping with and myths about grief. There is no cost to attend; however, res tions should be made by calling Clayton McCord at 972-962or 1-800-345-0576.

Senior trip to Canton planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department is planning a senior trip to Canton Trade Days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27. Cost w \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more info tion call 972-771-7740.

"Daddy Day Camp" is featured flick

The March First Wednesday Flick, sponsored by the Rock Parks & Rec Department, will be "Daddy Day Camp," a com The movie will be screened at 3 p.m. March 4 at The Center admission is open to individuals ages 50 and older. Cost is \$ residents, \$2 for non-residents. For more information call 972-7740.

Spring Fling Ballroom Party set

A Spring Fling Ballroom Party, hosted by the Rockwall Part Rec Department, will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 att Center. Participants can enjoy dance hits, practice dance steps learn new ones. Light refreshments will be served, and door p will be given away. Partners not required; dress will be semi-for To register or for more information call 972-771-7740.

ARC-taught first aid class available

An American Red Cross-taught first aid class will be off March 7 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 15 and older class will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include information

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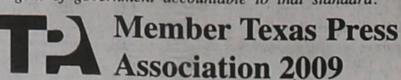
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Spring Break Ca ckwall Parks & Rec Depa Brak Camp March 16-20 from Vacation Center Gym. Activit rips to the Dinosaur Valley Dallas Zoo, Science Place on is required; space is limit 5,5113 for non-resident. For n Trip to Heritage M.

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Casino trip for seni in to the Choctaw Casino in lockwall Parks & Rec Depart 150 and older, the trip will in m. return. Cost will be \$20 f more details call 972-771-7

Family Fun Fridays Fun Fridays, sponsored by t at will run April 17 through ! 30 p.m. each Friday, including wiffle ball games, face painting eis set for 9 p.m. each week. bars, blankets and FM radios.

Environmental Ad by of Rockwall will host a ng at 8 a.m. April 18. Rock ld chemical wastes by callin ateers (individuals and/or gr by calling 972-771-7740. T od breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Th

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Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer the ROCK Break Camp March 16-20 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Education Center Gym. Activities for children ages 6-12 will trips to the Dinosaur Valley State Park, Texas Freshwater es, Dallas Zoo, Science Place, Imax and the aquarium, Preetion is required; space is limited. Cost is \$75 for Rockwall its, \$113 for non-resident. For more information call 972-771-

Trip to Heritage Museum slated

to the Heritage Farmstead Museum, open to individuals ages older, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 27. The event is red by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Cost (transon, admission and guided tour) is \$10 for residents, \$15 for sidents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

"Iron Man" is Wednesday flick

April First Wednesday Flick, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks Department, will be "Iron Man," a superhero tale. The movie screened at 3 p.m. April 1 at The Center, and admission is individuals ages 50 and older. Cost is \$1 for residents, \$2 for sidents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Old-fashioned egg hunt slated

Id-fashioned Easter egg hunt, complete with egg dyeing, cookorating and hunting for hidden goodies, is set for 1 p.m. April ne Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the event free and will include a prize for the individual who brings the essed basket. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Easter Egg Hunt set April 4

Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's seventh annual Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. April 4 at the Tuttle Athletic ex (Field 1, up to age 2; Field 3, ages 3-4; Field 2, ages 5-6; I-30. Computer (1, ages 7-12). Candy and special prize eggs will be offered. activities are planned. For more information call 972-771-

April 8 workshop to cover skin

ing Care of Your Skin" will be offered April 8 at The Cenen to individuals ages 50 and older, the free workshop will e summer skin care, as well as the signs and symptoms of o.m. to 3 p.m. Fe on skin problems. The event will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. For kwall County Litenformation call 972-771-7740.

April 10 is Out-to-Lunch event

Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Out-to-Lunch for seniors will be at Love and War in Texas, Plano on April e event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost will be \$7 for all residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more information ored by the Rock 2-771-7740.

RISD sets weather make-up day

twall Independent School District students will attend class-April 13, which has been scheduled as an inclement weather up day, according to a district news release. For more details :30 p.m. to 5:30 t the school district.

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Casino trip for seniors scheduled

y trip to the Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla., will be hosted es, coping with Rockwall Parks & Rec Department on April 15. Open to inals 50 and older, the trip will include an 8 a.m. departure and p.m. return. Cost will be \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-resi-For more details call 972-771-7740.

Family Fun Fridays begin April 17

anning a seniors ily Fun Fridays, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec De-Feb. 27. Cost will ent, will run April 17 through May 8. Free activities will bes. For more info 7:30 p.m. each Friday, including contests, disc golf shootouts, p wiffle ball games, face painting, fishing and a bounce house. vie is set for 9 p.m. each week. Families should bring picnics, ed by the Rock hairs, blankets and FM radios. For more information call 972-Camp," a cone 740.

Environmental Action Day set

at The Center, City of Rockwall will host an Environmental Action Day ting at 8 a.m. April 18. Rockwall residents may dispose of nold chemical wastes by calling 972-771-7700. Trash collecplunteers (individuals and/or groups) may reserve their favor-Rockwall Part its by calling 972-771-7740. Trash collection volunteers will ved breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at The Center.

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DAR offers program on family history

The Rockwall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will present the program "Finding Patriots in Your Family Tree" beginning at 10 a.m. Feb. 7 in Room 110 of the Eastridge Church of Christ, 485 N. FM 549.

Guest speaker will be Lee Lloyd.

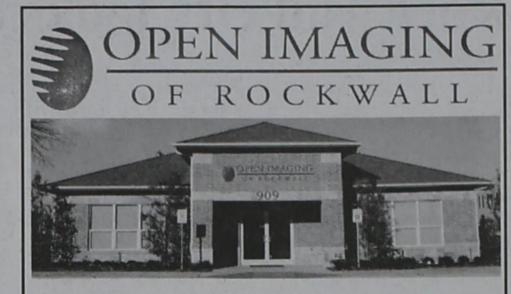
The program, part of the group's February meeting, will be free and open to the public.

The DAR, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing the country's future through better education. The group is comprised of more than 165,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the U.S. and the world.

Any woman 18 years of age or older, regardless of race, religion or ethic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership.

For more information contact Faye Heil at 972-771-3033 or e-mail fsheil2004@sbcglobal.net.

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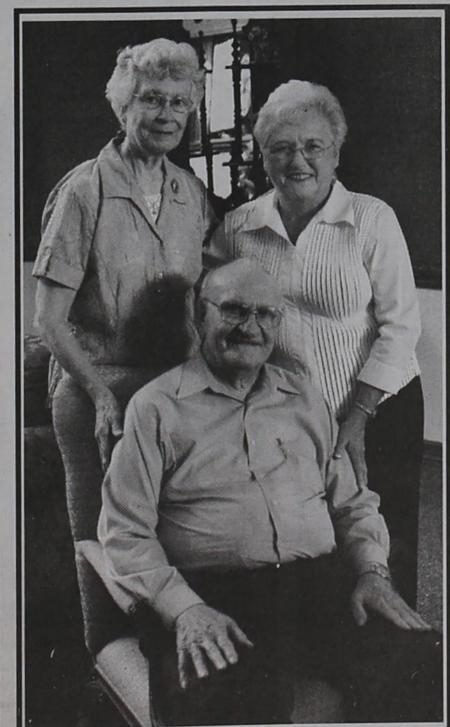
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Rockwall city looks at light pollution ...

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then we may open the floodgates for other companies that may not be in a position to completely avoid bothering our homeowners."

Stagner mentioned that his company uses standard 400watt lights that meet all city ordinance requirements. "These lights are designed to remain on our site and will not significantly affect nearby homeowners," he said.

Council member Mark Russo asked Stagner if he had considered using LED lights. "As a city we are always looking for ways to save energy while meeting our green agenda," he

Stagner stated his development company had not previously considered using LED lights, prompting Russo to suggest that the council postpone their decision for two weeks. Stagner appreciated the suggestion, but insisted that he was in compliance with all current ordinances and that a delay would not be in the shopping center's best interest.

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"I am not too familiar with the effectiveness of LED lights but I do know that they would easily triple the cost of our project," Stagner said.

After hearing Stagner's closing arguments, the council members decided that a delay wouldn't be necessary and the ordinance was approved. All other issues aside, Council member Margo Nielsen feels that any added light would benefit shoppers in the community.

"We shouldn't hesitate to support measures that will promote safety in our business districts," she said.

Another improvement to the city was highlighted during the meeting. Local businessman and Rockwall High School graduate John Hagaman received praise from the council for his donation of 14 street signs that will be installed on Yellowjacket Lane near the high school. The reflective signs, which feature the school mascot to show school spirit, will be installed from Utley Middle School to Ridge Road. Council member Russo was impressed with the act of kindness.

"The caliber of this donation serves as a fine example of how

much people care about their community," Russo said.

Council member Nielsen agreed. "I've served on the city council for five years and this is hands down the best gift we have received," said Nielsen.

In addition to the signs, a multiple pet ordinance was discussed after a local woman complained that her six dogs may have to be put up for adoption. According to the current ordinance, residents annexed into the city are only allowed to have a certain number of domestic animals. In some instances, owners are forced to place pets that they have had for years for adoption.

"Considering the amount of concern we have received for this issue, I think allowing our residents to obtain a multiple pet permit is the only fair conclusion," said Russo.

The ordinance was unanimously approved by all council members present. Council member Glen Farris was unable to attend the meeting.

Several items on the agenda were postponed until the Feb. 3 council meeting, as suggested by Mayor Bill Cecil. These include the Household Hazardous Waste Day Collection that is slated for Apr. 18 and an amendment to the Code of Ordinance on Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places concerning overhanging limbs.



Pullen Elementary sixth grade students recently perfo-"Fairytale Courtroom" for family members and friends und direction of music teacher Laci Strickland. Pictured above prince, Jackson Joubert, getting wooed by Sleeping Beauty trayed by Shelby Fleming.

350 DALTON RD ROCKWALL TX 75087 Boys and Girls Club Three Hundred Eighty Seven and In BANK NEBBIE

Brent Farley, the Nebbie Williams Elementary student pice above, recently adopted the Power of One Challenge for him making contacts through his father's workplace to request \$\, nations to the Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall County. Il a couple of weeks, Farley had collected \$387, which he reco presented in a check to club board members Peggy Dick and Debbie Smothermon. The local Boys and Girls Club its fourth year of operation, serving approximately 125 stueach day.

County plans Friday sessi

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court will meet in session beginning at 9 a.m. Friday at the Rockwall County I Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk.

Agenda items will include discussion and possible action pointing members to the Rockwall County Historical Comp and related issues, as well as discussion and possible action RFQ review and the selection of the top five candidates County Services Building Project.

Noah Salucci, left, and Michael Bartley, fifth grade students at Pullen Elementary, recently saw t Reflections Art Program entries beat out more than 200 other district entries to compete at the level. State judging is not yet completed, but both students are excited to have their entries chose advance. Salucci entered a photo with artistic modifications and said he was "really proud." His friend, Bartley, has competed in the program for five years and is "pretty happy" his visual art so tion on the 2008 Olympic swim team was tapped for the state-level contest. Photo courtesy Pullen Elementary School

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RHS to host regional contest, classes dismiss early Friday

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School District to observe early dismissal on Friday at noon. Buses will run early, as school officials will be "using every square inch" of the school for the competitive events.

"This is our second year to host," said Erica Crump, RHS associate principal. "All of the districts in Region X take their turn hosting this academic event. It rotates through, and each district hosts for two years in a row."

This year's event will take place on Friday and Saturday.

"This same event takes place all across the United States on the same day, with schools competing for places to advance to state and then nationals," Crump

This year's theme is Latin America, with an emphasis on Mexico. Events will include essay, speech, interview, mathematics, music, economics, science, language/literature, art and Super Quiz.

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the 10-4A UIL Marching Competition last fall and for the students who were chosen for the All-Region Band.

Courtney Rogers and Kyle Geyman were selected for Symphonic All-Region Band with Travis Sanders chosen for Freshman All-Region Band. Band directors for the Royse City High School Band are Dean Bouras, Shayne Canning, Daniel Butcher and Rommel Cordova.

The great Bulldog athletic tradition continued with the Royse City High School Varsity Girls Volleyball Team. The team finished the season with a 17-16 record and fourth place finish in District 10-4A. Several members of the team were named to the 10-4A All-District team. including Skyler Strahm, First Team; Kellie Wyrick and Fayrina Merrick, Second Team and Shelby Pille, Autumn Landers and Lacy Osborne, Honorable Mention.

The Royse City Middle School Choir was recognized for its success in Solo and Ensemble competitions in September 2008. The Choir received a rating of "Outstanding" on their ensemble piece, "Spring Quiet." Ensemble members are Jasmine Cooper, Jasmine James, Rebecca Oldham, Abriana Rankins-Wright, Tatyana White, Kimberlin Agee, Lauren Dusek, Krista James, Chloe Luncefore and Kameisha Thompson.

Choir member Matthew Morin received an "Outstanding" rating for his solo, "Kum Bah Ya."

The choir is under the direction of Heather Fisher.

As a special treat, the Middle School ensemble performed "Spring Quiet" for the board members and Morin sang "Kum Bah Ya."

Construction Update

In other business, the board heard a construction update on the new Royse City middle school, which is will open its doors for the 2009-2010 school year. Installation of the school's roof is expected to begin in three to four weeks, concrete paving has been poured and gas and sewer work is on tap. The teacher's parking lot was expected to be poured late last week. Representatives from Gallagher Construction estimate the project is one-and-a-half months or more ahead of schedule.

The trustees were given a student enrollment update, which showed 2% growth since the beginning of this school year. Enrollment in August 2008 was 4,250 and at the beginning of 2009 stood at 4,336.

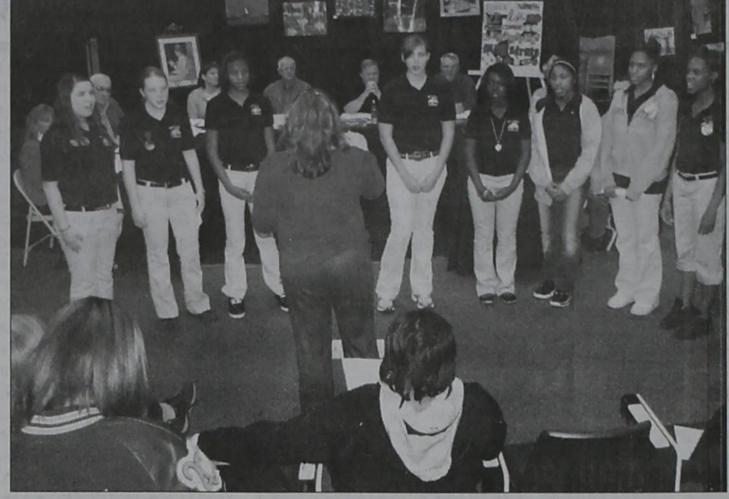
The trustees discussed the need to publicize dates for the general election slated for May 9, 2009. The district will have a General Election for Places 3. 4, and 5, with a Special Election for Place 7, which is a one year unexpired term.

February 7 is the first day to file for a place on the ballot. March 3 is the last day to field for the special election and March 9 is the last day to file for a place on the general election ballot.

Bad Weather Make-up

With students already missing one day this school year to bad weather, trustees needed to choose a make-up day to meet the required number of days children must attend school. They did stress that if students miss more than two days to inclement weather, they do not have to be made up.

Board members offered much discussion whether to have the



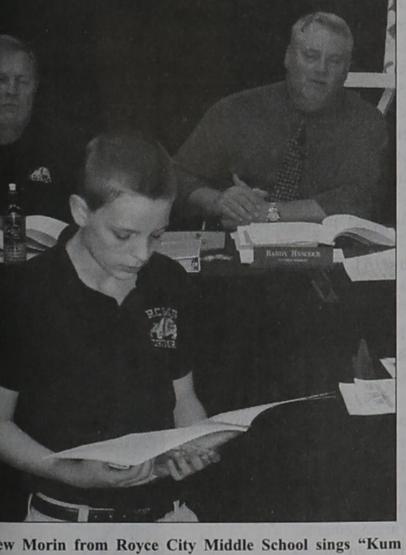
The award-winning Royse City Middle School choir performed "Spring Quiet" for the RCISD Board of Trustees at their regular meeting Monday, Jan. 19. The board read a proclamation commending the choir for their recent UIL competition "Outstanding" rating. Members of the choir, under the direction of Heather Fisher, are (left to right) Chloe Lunceford, Rebecca Oldham, Jasmine Cooper, Lauren Dusek, Jasmine James, Sabrina Kidd, Tatyana White and Krista James. Staff photo by Kathy Williams

make-up day on a Saturday or on Monday, May 25, which is Memorial Day. School principals in attendance at the board meeting said in the past they have used a Memorial Day make-up day as field day to encourage attendance by both students and parent volunteers and have scheduled special programs to celebrate the day. After agreeing that both days would have low attendance no matter which is chosen, trustees unanimously voted to have the make-up day on May 25.

New Middle School Name Board members next turned their attention to the business of naming the new middle school slated to open next fall. Superintendent of Schools Randy Hancock said the name is the board's decision. He said since the district would have two middle schools, the board could decide to name just the new one or also change the name of the current Royse City Middle School.

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Ya" at the Monday, Jan. 19 RCISD board meeting. Morin eived a proclamation from the board commending his rating of utstanding" at the District 10-4A UIL competitions last fall. taff photo by Kathy Williams

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Mitchell H. Brown Jr.

Services for Mitchell H. Brown Jr., 88, were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, in the Silver Lake Baptist Church with Dr. J.D. Graham officiating. Burial followed in the Silver Lake Cemetery under the direction of the Barley Funeral Home, Grand Saline.

He died Jan. 23 in Kilgore.

Born Sept. 23, 1920, near Weslaco, he graduated from Rockwall High in 1938 and earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M in 1942. Commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he spent most of World War II guarding the Panama

He was employed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, working as Wood County's first assistant county agricultural agent. From 1947 until his retirement in 1976 he was the county agricultural agent in Groesbeck, Limestone County.

In 1947 he married Florine Carpenter. In 1968 he earned a master's degree in education from Texas A&M. That same year he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for Agriculture from the National County Agent's Association.

In 1976 he retired from the Extension Service and returned to Van Zandt County to farm full time. He continued to explore a wide variety of interests ranging from improving productivity in beef cattle, forage, pecans, peaches, pears, flowers and figs. His mixed-grass hay won both local and regional awards for its nutritional value. In 2004, he received the Bill Clements Lifetime Agricultural Leadership Award for his service to East Texas agriculture.

Survivors include his daughter, Lane Brown Heath, and her husband, Tom, of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland; his son, Mitchell H. Brown III of Rockwall; his son, Thomas H. Brown and his wife, Jan, of Kilgore; six grandchildren, Shawn Heath, Anna Heath, Taylor and Parker Brown and Margaret and Rebecca Brown; and three greatgrandchildren, Luke, Dean and Pete Mitchell.

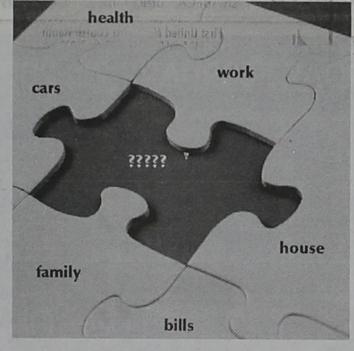
He was preceded in death by his wife, Flo, in 2006.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to either the Silver Lake Cemetery Association, 359 FM 2422, Mineola, TX 75773 or the Mitchell Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship, c/o the Van Zandt County Extension Office, P.O. Box 712, Canton, TX 75103.

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Vince Cochran

p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, in the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall with Pastor Wes Hamilton officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 22.

Born Oct. 23, 1971, in Concord, N.C., to Budge Alan and Brenda Kay (Harris) Cochran, he graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a BSN in nursing. He worked as a pre-op nurse at the Surgery Center of Mesquite. He was a member of the Lake Pointe Church and the Stafford-Miller ABF.

and his grandparents, Budge and Beulah Cochran of Concord.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bobby G. DeJarnatt

Graveside services for Bobby G. DeJarnatt, 81, of Gunter were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, in the Dodd City Cemetery, Dodd City, with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Born Aug. 19, 1927, in Windom to Eddie Bryan and Flossie Fay (Bridges) DeJarnatt, he was a construction foreman with Dallas

Survivors include his wife, Wanda (Nichols) DeJarnatt of Gunter; his son, James DeJarnatt and his wife, Phyllis, of Dallas; his daughter, Jane Howry of Rockwall; six grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Judy Ford.

John R. Fay

Memorial services for John R. Fay, 62, of Garland will be at noon on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, in the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, 1524 Smirl, in Heath with the Rev. Peter R. Getz officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Born Oct. 26, 1946, in Houston to John L. and Caroline Ruth (Popplewell) Fay, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was the manager/owner of an automotive company.

Survivors include his wife, Vickie (Miller) Fay of Garland; one son, Sean Fay and his wife, Jill, of Rockwall; one sister, Lynne Brez and her husband, Ray, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and his grandchildren, Charlotte Grace and Caleb Christian Fay of Rockwall. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Susan Caroline Fourie

Graveside services for Susan Caroline Fourie, 79, of Royse City were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, in the Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Jan. 22 following a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. became naturalized citizens in 1956 on Ellis Island. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and was a special education teacher.

Survivors include her son, John Fourie of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; her daughter, Caroline Nosworthi and her husband, Dudley, of Royse City; her grandchildren, Bryan Burgess, Steven Nosworthi and Megan Nosworthi; and her brother, Theodore DeMeillon of Australia.

Services for Ruth Jennie Lewis, 89, of Rowlett were set for 10 a.m. today, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Buist Wilson and Bob Moser offici-

She died Jan. 26 following a brief illness.

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Born June 5, 1919, in Rowlett to Jesse S. and Minnie (Baker) Lemons, she spent her life as a loving mother and wife, often giving of her time to care for others. An active member of the First United Methodist Church of Rowlett and the Rowlett VFW, she was a past member of the Eastern Star.

ous nieces and nephews, including Wilma Shelton, Joe Hall, Judy Moon, Jimmy Lawrence, Joe Lemons and Vicki Aldridge.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Theo

Services for Vince Cochran, 37, of Rockwall were conducted at 3

Survivors include his wife of 10 years, Leigh Ann Cochran of

Rockwall; his 17-month-old son, Alexander Henry Cochran of Rockwall; a sister, Amy Cochran Schueneman and her husband, Rodney, of Mount Pleasant, N.C.; a brother, Brian Alan Cochran of Concord; a brother- and sister-in-law, Dr. Ryan Lunsford and Dr. Tisha Lunsford of Scottsdale, Ariz.; his father- and mother-in-law, Stephen and Kathie Lunsford of Allen; his nieces and nephews, Samantha Kay Schueneman, Ally Elizabeth Schueneman, Jessica Marie Cochran, Luke Ryan Lunsford and Caroline Leigh Lunsford;

He died Jan. 23.

County for 25 years and a member of the Fate Baptist Church.

He died Jan. 25.

Born Oct. 16, 1929, in Durban, South Africa, she and her husband

Ruth Jennie Lewis

ating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Survivors include her cousin, Laura Chenault Hefner, and numer-

Lewis; and one daughter, Carolyn Ruth Lewis.

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Boyd Lee Morrison

Services for Boyd Lee Morrison, 83, of Garland were s p.m. today, Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with

Pastor Richard Buck officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Jan. 25.

Born Jan. 8, 1926, in Lamesa to Alton Morrison and Joycie Blevins, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later was a supervisor for

Rockwell International. Survivors include his son, Jerry Lee Morrison and hi Carole, of Wylie; one daughter, Patricia Ann Thompson husband, Stephen, of Garland; his grandchildren, Delana II. Daryl Ann Thompson, Tiffany Rosson, Jason Hulsey, Chris Karrie Arias and David Mauri; and seven great-grandchildre

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Morrisi second wife, Nita Morrison; a son, Mickey Hulsey; a gr Steven Mauri; his parents; a brother, Billy Joe Morrison; an ter, Melba Joy Raiden.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memor tributions be made to New Life International, P.O. Box 7 Dallas, TX 75379.

Joyce Glass Saldeen

Services for Joyce Glass Saldeen, 74, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating.

She died Jan. 22.

Born June 9, 1934, in Brenham to Ervin and Lora (Fritz) Glass, she was an office manager in the clothing industry of Wrangler Women's Wear.

Survivors include her husband,

Marin E. Saldeen of Rockwall; one daughter, Annette Vaug her husband, Scott, of Pontiac, Ill.; her sons, Randal Haydon wife, Sara, of West Tawakoni and Dean Haydon of Plano; a er, Roy Glass of Pocohantas, Ark.; a sister, Lela Herrin of Mound; her grandchildren, Justin and Natalie Haydon and I Austin VanWaes; a great-granddaughter, Madelyn Haydon; merous nieces and nephews.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Fin Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244 or to the donor's charity of cho

Mary Therese 'Terry' Short

Services for Mary Therese "Terry" Short, 57, of Rowlett were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, in the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall with the Rev. Frank Rahm and Ed Simcox officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Jan. 25.

Born June 10, 1951, in Albuquerque, N.M., to Robert James and Mary Frances (Holt) Stephenson, she worked as a trucking company dispatcher and

was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rock Survivors include her husband, Ron Short of Rowlett; one er, Robert J. Stephenson Jr. and his wife, Mona, of Deatsville her sisters, Louellen Shipley and her husband, Mike, of Roo Sandra Simcox and her husband, Edwin, of Indianapolis, In-Louina Pole and her husband, Chris, of Indianapolis; one by in-law and sister-in-law, Don and Nancy Short of Carmel, In numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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

Leon Charles Weiss Jr.

Memorial services for Leon Charles Weiss Jr., 74, of Heath, will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Chandler's Landing Yacht Club, 501 Yacht Club Drive, Rockwall, with Rabbi Oren Hayon officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 24.

Born March 30, 1934, in New Orleans, La., to Leon Charles and Caroline (Dreyfous) Weiss, he graduated from Tulane University in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in electrical eng

ing. He served eight years on the Heath City Council, six ye the Heath Planning and Zoning Commission and previously on the board of Chandler's Landing. He was an avid outdoo who enjoyed sailing, camping and rock climbing. During hi time he made two transatlantic crossings by sailboat. He wor an electrical engineering consultant.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Pat Weiss of Heatl daughter, Robin Carey and her husband, Tom, of Oviedo, Fli sons, Michael Weiss and wife, Sisifa Timi, of Fiji Islands and Weiss of Durango, Colo.; one sister, Leta Marks of West Hair Conn.; and his grandchildren, Avian, Zamia and Alana Ca Oviedo and Zachary Weiss of the Fiji Islands.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made City of Heath, Leon Weiss Memorial Fund, 200 Laurence Heath, TX 75032.

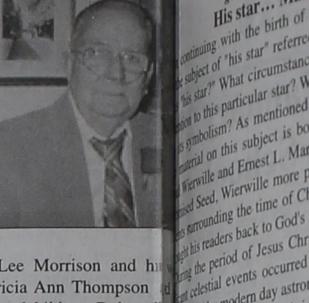
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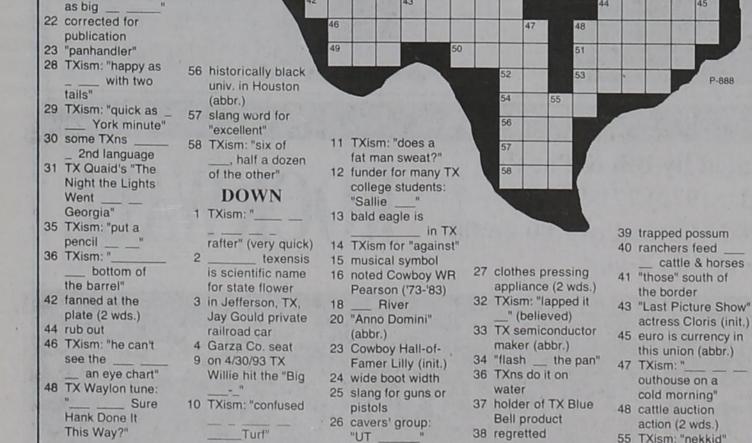
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by Timothy W. Burnett For archives of On God's Word visit geocities.com/christinyou7/love His star... Matthew 2:2 and 9

ontinuing with the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come subject of "his star" referred to in Matthew 2:2 and 9. What 'his star?" What circumstances caused the Magi to pay close tion to this particular star? Were they taken by its brightness? s symbolism? As mentioned in last week's column, much of naterial on this subject is borrowed from the work of Victor Wierwille and Ernest L. Martin. In his book Jesus Christ Our ised Seed, Wierwille more perfectly synthesized the celestial is surrounding the time of Christ's birth, with God's word. He ght his readers back to God's rightly divided word.

ring the period of Jesus Christ's birth a large number of sigant celestial events occurred in the heavens that can be pretraced by modern day astronomers. In their respective books, wille and Martin provided simple illustrations of star positions ow the various significant events that occurred within the conitions Leo and Virgo. Significant celestial events are those that r in such unusual ways and with unique repetition that it attracts ttention of stargazers.

en the related stars have spiritual symbolism, they grab the aton of those star trackers who understand God's word written in tars. This is why the Magi knew without a doubt that a "King e Jews" was born.

e to limitations we cannot list all the related celestial events Weirwille and Martin suggested to have occurred during that od of time. They involved the following stars and constellations: 18. Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, Mercury, Regulus, Leo and Virgo. The tial events included conjunction, retrograde motion, triple conion and massing of planets. When two or more planets and stars ip so that a straight line can be drawn through them to the ce-

lestial north pole, a conjunction has occurred. A triple conjunction occurs when one of those stars pass three times into conjunction. Here, the related star first passes in the normal direction, appears to reverse its motion back through the conjunction, and finally returns through in the normal direction. The reverse motion is known as retrograde motion.

Wierwille laid out six possible candidates for "his star." The first five appeared in two conjunctions between Jupiter and Venus that occurred on August 12, 3 B.C. and June 17, 2 B.C., and three conjunctions between Jupiter and Regulus on September 14, 3 B.C., February 17, 2 B.C. and May 8, 2 B.C. Regulus is the brightest star of, and is considered the foot in Leo. All the conjunctions occurred in the constellation Leo. A final sixth conjunction in Leo would have completely convinced the Magi that a King was born. This one involved the massing of four planets, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Venus in the constellation Leo.

According to Weirwille, a review of all the significant celestial events reveals one planet that stood out as the most likely candidate for "his star." Jupiter is historically and spiritually known as the kingly planet. It has royal symbolism and significance.

After watching the significant celestial events involving Jupiter in the constellation Leo, the Magi could have become persuaded that a King (Jupiter) was born out of Judah (the lion or Leo). As it is written in Genesis 49:9-10, "Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptor shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

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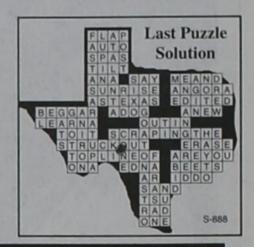
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Royse City ISD ...

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It was discussed that other districts name their schools after persons of importance to the district, city or state. Trustees expressed an interest in selecting the new school's name in that manner, but with input from the community. It was decided to take suggestions from the community with a reasonable deadline to be announced for submissions, with the board considering those options. They further agreed to rename the Royse City Middle School if an acceptable name could be

found. The board unanimously voted to accept suggestions from the community to rename both middle schools.



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Rockwall County Entertainment



Preparations for The Fulton School's Mardi Gras Gala, to be held at the Hilton Bella Harbor Hotel, are in full swing. The festivities, which will include dining, dancing, live and silent auctions and a casino, are from 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 21. Tickets to the Gala are \$75 per person. For more information on the Gala, contact The Fulton School at 972-772-4445. Showing their Mardi Gras spirit are (left to right) Jerolyn Finnel, Gala organizer; Joy Greenwalt, The Fulton School Head of School; Deseri Kelley, Fulton PAT Vice President and Stacey Rose, Gala Donations Chair. Photo courtesy of The Fulton School

Rockwall High School Theatre opens 'Man of La Mancha' Feb. 5

The Rockwall High School Theatre Arts department is continuing rehearsal for the Feb. 5 opening of its upcoming musical, Man of La Mancha. The show will be in the RHS theater.

Man of La Mancha tells the tale of Miguel de Cervantes and his assistant, Sancho. The Spanish Inquisition throws the two men into the prison in Seville after foreclosing on a church that has failed to pay its taxes. The other prisoners steal Cervantes's possessions, including a manuscript he convinces them is a pack of worthless papers.

He reenacts for them the story of Don Quixote of La Mancha, a "noble knight who lives in a world of madness and hasn't noticed that chivalry has died. His holy quest is a mission of salvation to find compassion, not for himself, but for others." He falls in love with a fallen woman, convinces her to live a moral life and fights injustice and a few windmills along the way.

The show is under the direction of RHS Theatre Arts Director Becky Henderson, director; Shelba Gorham-Bell, choral director; RHS Fine Arts instructor Matt Mitchell, fight choreographer; and Barbara Doudt, dance choreographer.

Dates and times for the play are Feb. 5, 6, 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 7 and 8 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10, with tickets going on sale Wednesday, Jan. 21. Seating is by reservation only.

Seats may be purchased by cal-

ling school registrar Margaret Mayo at 469-698-7213 or by visiting the Rockwall High School website at www.rockwallisd.org and checking the RHS campus

Rockwall-Heath HS Theatre presents 'Love in Shakespeare'

The Rockwall-Heath High School Theatre Department is presenting a Dessert Theatre in time for Valentine's Day featuring "Love in Shakespeare," with select scenes from The Bard's plays with themes on love.

The Advanced Theatre class, which includes 18 ninth to twelfth graders who have already taken Theatre I, will stage scenes from The Tempest, As You Like It, Twelfth Night, Taming of the Shrew, Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and Much Ado About Nothing. Leigh Reid, RHHS theatre teacher, said the actors will "use the original language, but in modern day clothes, with a modern day flavor. But, they will reflect the original characters."

"The students are choosing which scenes they want to do. Each scene is about love; being in love, discussing love, arguing about love, fighting about love," Reid said.

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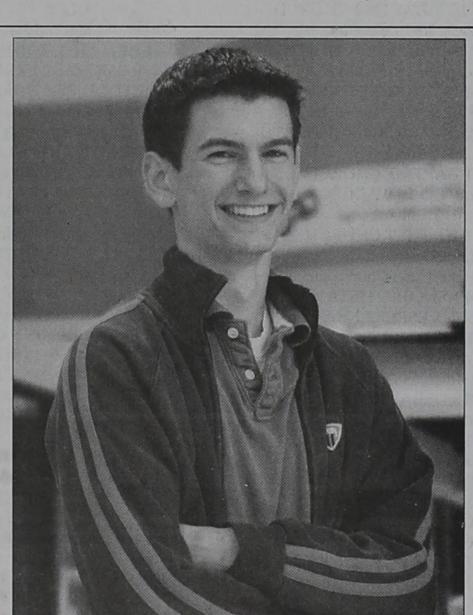
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Dessert and coffee will be served at the performance. The single performance will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 in the school cafetorium. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$5 from Reid. She can be contacted at the school at www.lwesley@ rockwallisd.org.



Rockwall High School's Scott Shelley chosen for **All-State Choir**

Scott Shelley, a junior at Rockwall High School, will perform with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio on Saturday, Feb. 14 as part of the 2009 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention. Shelley was chosen to be a member of the men's choir after several competitions at the district, region and area levels last fall. Students are also chosen to be part of a mixed choir and a women's choir. This is Shelley's first time to be selected to the All-State Choir.

A Bass II, Shelley performed Dona Nobis Pacem by J.S. Bach and a selection from Dorchester Canticles by Tarik O'Regan during his auditions. He is a vocal student of his father, Don Shelley, who is music minister at First United Methodist Church in Rowlett and a former choir director at Mesquite High School. Shelley is a member of the FUMC-Rowlett youth choir and the Lakeside Civic Chorus in Rockwall. Shelley sings at Rockwall High School under the direction of Karen

Elrod Thomas. He is the son of Don and Sandy Shelley of Rockwall.

'Into the Woods' opens January 29 at Rockwall-Heath High School

Department's first ever musical production, "Into the Woods," is additional performance dates at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 and 31 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the RHHS Black Box Theatre.

Black Box between 8 a.m. and 4 dard@rockwallisd.org.

Opening night for the Rockwall- the audience through fresh lessons Heath High School Theatre Arts of good versus evil, community responsibility and parent-child relationships. "Into the Woods" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, with is a Tony Award-winning musical showcasing Stephen Sondheim's musical numbers.

Cast members include Evan Brumbelow, narrator and mysteri-Reserved seats are available for ous man; Kelly Moses, Cinderella; \$10 and may be purchased from Daltin Irwin, Jack; Sara Woodard, Kristin Dodgen in the RHHS Jack's mother; Mekel Wright, Milky White and the Wolf; Nathan p.m. or by contacting her at kwoo- Hodgson, the baker; Sydney Allen, the baker's wife; Amanda White, The story of "Into the Woods" stepmother; Brooke Brundage, asks: What's beyond happily ever Florinda; Laine Garrett, Lucinda; after? It explores the other side Zane Brown, Cinderella's father; of everyone's favorite childhood Victoria Koepf, Little Red Riding fairy tales with characters walking Hood; Rachael Bower, the witch;

Callie Horner, Cinderella's mo and Snow White; Jennie 1 Granny and Sleeping Bei Brittney Wenger, Rapunzel; J Way, steward; Mitchell B Rapunzel's prince; and the v of Tsuki Campbell, giant. Crew members include Ra

Bryant, stage manager; Ma Khan, assistant stage man Haley de la Garza; Tyler Rus Melanie Tomic; Arthur John Clayton Patrick; Wyatt; Jose Gamez; Dunavant; Bradley Steinme Guy Kowalchick; and Hi Pemberton.

The production staff incl Dodgen as director and Na McCollough, choral director

Heritage Christian Academy offer 'Little Women: the Broadway Musical' Friday and Saturday

Christian Heritage Academy's production of "Little Women: the Broadway Musical" takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 and Saturday, Jan. 31 at the HCA campus, 1408 S. Goliad. Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$7 for adults and may be purchased at the school office during school hours or at 6:30 p.m. on performance evenings. Doors will open at 7 p.m. each evening for open seating.

The cast of the production includes Jordan Miller as Jo; Evan Stelly as Prof. Bhaer; Lana Whittington as Amy; Amy Adams as Meg; Jenna Huckabee as Beth; Baye Cheek as Marmee March; Ethen Woodlee as Mr. Laurence; Spencer McAfee as Laurie Laurence; Elizabeth Mateer as Aunt March; Aaron Dorman as Mr. John Brooke; Melissa Waters

as Mrs. Kirk; Taylor Duggan as Clarissa; Spencer McAfee as Braxton; Stephen Salter as Rodrigo; Andrew Waters at Knight; Sarah Hurst as Hag, Audrey Salter as Troll and Gabby Mezarina as Rodrigo 2.

The Hag Chorus includes Chloe Hochstein, Sarah Watson, Baye Cheek, Leah Crowe, Sarah Webb and Erika Hochstein.

Members of the Troll Chorus are Victoria Engel, Jenna Huckabee, Cate Walker and Annamarie Martin.

Party guests are Andrew Waters, Stephen Salter, Audrey Salter, Leah Crowe, Sarah Hurst, Victoria Engel, Chloe Hochstein, Ehten Woodlee, Sarah Watson, Gabby Mezarina and Taylor Duggan.

The production crew members are Whitney Walker, head stage manager; Lauren Pettit, assistant

stage manager; Melissa Wal chorus head; Mariane Miller, of props and Stacy Kilpat stage design.

Technical crew members Whitney Walker, technical (Mjenniferta@lakepointe.org head; Whitney Daniel, so athey to speak at Josh Kemis, lights; Lauren P backstage head; Jennifer (and Asa Brooke, backstage c Darla Talley, costume design Audrey Salter, hair and make head.

The musical is under the rection of Kendra Talley, Il theatre/speech/debate instru music direction by Christy Ol HCA choir director; music rangements played and reco by Eddie Walker; choreogra by Lee Ann Whittington and t nical direction by Tom Dev HCA technology director.

Father/daughter dance at Hilton Bella **Harbor February 7**

The annual Father-Daughter Black and White Ball, often referred as the Daddy-Daughter Dance, is scheduled for Feb. 7 at the Hil Bella Harbor.

Because the event has, in the past, usually been a sell-out, this year dance was moved to the Hilton in the hope that no one will have to turned away, said Angie Smith, the city's recreation superintendent. "The Hilton will also add a certain ambiance to the evening for

couples," she said. The event will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and all ages are welcom Tickets cost \$45 per couple for city residents and \$67 per couple

non-residents. The ticket price includes a photo, a special gift for father and a flower for the daughter.

Tickets may be purchased at The Center, 108 E. Washington St. For more information call 972-771-7740.

'Barefoot in the Park' opens Feb. 6 at Rockwall **Community Playhouse**

The Rockwall Community Playhouse raises the curtain on its first sl of the new year Friday, Feb. 6 when it opens Neil Simon's "Barefoo the Park". Dennis Gullion and assistant Christina Swanson are di tors of this comedy favorite.

Cast members include Matt McClearin as Paul Bratter, Ash DeGroot as Corie Bratter, Johnna Leigh as Corie's Mom, Ethel Ball Patrick Persons as Victor Velasco, Juan Perez as the Telephone N and Dave Kierski as the Delivery Man.

The show centers around Paul and Corie, newly married and just turned from their honeymoon. Paul is also a brand new lawyer who just won his first case, with damages awarded totaling 6 cents.

His new bride, Corie, is beautiful but as addled as they come, and moved them into a high rent sixth floor apartment - with no eleva-The apartment has no furniture, the skylight leaks snow, the paint jo all wrong, there isn't room for even a double bed, and the strange I upstairs uses their apartment and the window ledge as the only account to his padlocked apartment.

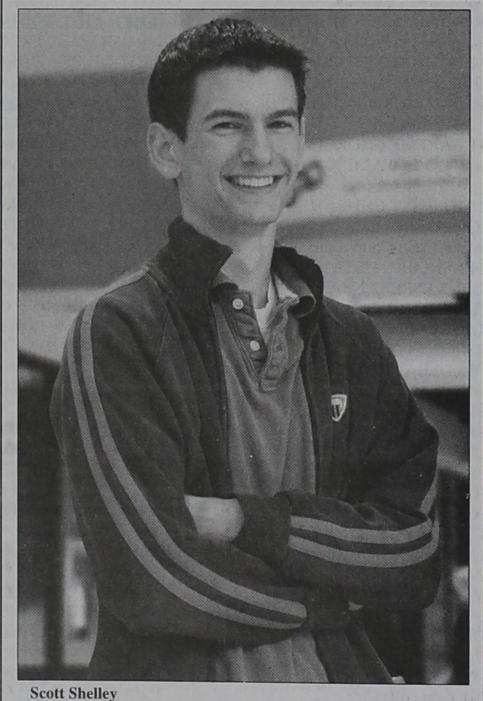
Throw in her mother, furious fights that result in Paul's leaving t coming back to throw Corie out since he pays the rent, and well-me ing service people, and you have a great night of hilarious fun at Rockwall Community Playhouse.

The play begins at 7 p.m. on Fridays, Feb. 6, 13 and 20; Saturda

Feb. 7, 14, 21; and Sundays, Feb. 8, 15 and 22. Reservations may be made by calling 972-722-3399 and leavin message or on line at www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org. Ticl cost \$18 for adults and \$12 for youth and senior.

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rush

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2009 Spring Support Groups Begin February 5 roups include Marriage Course, Couples at the Crossroads, angling Relationships, Search for Significance, Singles Group, ual Abuse Recovery, Women Healing From Betrayal, Divorce overy, Divorce Care, Kidshare, Boys and Girls Mentoring, and Postrtion Recovery. These classes take place at Lake Pointe Church, kwall Campus, beginning at 7 p.m. February 5. Lake Pointe Church

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inseling Center, 469-698-2250.

Ladies' Tea at Cedar Ridge Bible Church edar Ridge Bible will host its monthly Ladies' Tea at 7 p.m. February The church is located at 114 East Main Street in Royse City. The lic is invited. For more information, contact Kelly Lambourne, 972--3784.

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Focus on Marriage Simulcast

aturday, February 28, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

in exciting lineup of marriage experts, including Beth Moore, Dr. y Smalley, Dr. John Trent, Gary Thomas and Dr. Del Tackett. nited special price of \$50 per couple for the first 200 couples who chase tickets. To purchase tickets, contact Jennifer Taillac, 469-698-6, jenniferta@lakepointe.org

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ooke, backstage a David Cathey, a close friend of the pastor at Chisholm Baptist Church, I visit the church Sunday to share his testimony about "spreading the , costume design vs and hope of Jesus Christ to those living in Muslim countries." Cathey also will address the challenges he and others have faced and cal is under the victories they've experienced.

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Other church services are set for 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. ion by Christy Ol



Rockwall resident Greg Blair, center, received the Henry W. Bloch National Award for Outstanding Community Service in November 2008 from (left) Russ Smyth, Chief Executive Officer of H&R Block, Inc. and (right) Henry Bloch. Blair, a financial planner with Ameriprise Advisors, Inc., formerly H&R Block Financial Advisors, was recognized for his past work as president of the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Photo courtesy of Greg Blair

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Sarah Williams earns national robotics award

Sarah Williams

Rockwall High School student Sarah Williams has received the National Center for Women and Information Technology Award for Aspirations in Computing for her hard work and success with the RHS robotics team. The award is sponsored by Bank of America.

The award was created to acknowledge the computing aspirations of young women and generate visibility for women's participation in computing-related pursuits. Award recipients demonstrate outstanding aptitude and interest in information technology and computing.

Williams said she learned of the award application while helping with the junior robotics league at Celia Hays Elementary School. She said a district staff member saw her working with the students and suggested she apply. Williams assists Kay Orr, the Instructional Technology Specialist at Hays, with the robotics class.

Williams received a \$500 scholarship, a laptop computer and will attend the Bank of America Technology Showcase and Awards Ceremony in Charlotte, N.C. on March 7. She will be interviewed for a documentary on women in technology while in Charlotte and will attend the technology showcase, visiting with vendors representing a wide range of businesses.

A senior at Rockwall High School, Williams said she has received several college acceptance letters, but has not decided where she will attend. She intends to major in pre-medicine.

Williams is the daughter of Darlia Simpson and Rodney Simpson of Rockwall.

Greg Blair receives H&R **Block national recognition** for community service

Longtime Rockwall resident Greg Blair was awarded the prestigious Henry W. Block National Award for Outstanding Community Service on Nov. 6, 2008 at a luncheon in Kansas City, Mo. Blair received his citation from Mr. Henry Block and Russ Smyth, Chief Executive Officer of H&R Block, Inc.

Blair is a financial advisor with Ameriprise Advisors, Inc., formerly H&R Block Financial Advisors. He was cited for his activities as President of the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate. The award was accompanied by a \$5,000 donation from the H&R Block Foundation to the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

The Henry W. Block National Award for Outstanding Community Service is awarded annually by H&R Block, Inc. to the Block employee that demonstrates the highest commitment to the betterment of his or her community through dedicated community service.

Bands to host dinner concert, auction

The Rockwall-Heath High School bands and the Cain Middle School bands will host their first dinner concert and silent auction on Feb. 9-10 at the high school.

The middle school bands will perform on Feb. 9, followed by the high school musicians on Feb. 10.

"We have more All-Region Band finalists in this group than any other school in our district," said Carla Vaughan, Hawk Band Booster president. "These kids are simply the most talented group in North Texas. We're putting their talents together with some good Creole cooking for an evening you won't want to miss."

Tickets cost \$10 in advance and may be purchased by calling Sandra Nelson, dinner concert chairman, at 469-338-1864 or by e-mailing snelson@classicnet.net.

Funds raised will help support the RHHS Band in its pursuit of a state marching band championship in the fall.

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Meeks earns degree

Elizabeth Meeks of Rockwall was among the nearly 350 graduates receiving diplomas at the Dec. 20 commencement exercises at Harding University in Searcy, Ark.

Meeks majored in social science and earned a Bachelor of Arts de-

Neal named to Dean's List

Katherine Neal of Heath was named to the Dean's List for the 2008 autumn quarter at DePaul University.

To receive Dean's List commendation, a student must be attending the university full time and must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3,50 or above on a four-point scale.

VNA to offer 'Coping with Grief' The Visiting Nurse Association will offer a bereavement seminar for

adults, "Coping with Grief," from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the VNA branch office, 102 W. Grove St. in Kaufman.

Clayton McCord, hospice chaplain and VNA bereavement coordinator, will cover topics that include common grief experiences, coping with grief, myths about grief, and resources for assistance.

There is no cost to attend the seminar; however, reservations should be made by calling McCord at 972-962-7500 or 1-800-345-0576.



The Southern Junction Nightclub & Steakhouse is proud to present Vince Vance and the Valiants, along with the lovely Valiantettes, for his "39th Annual Birthday Concert" on Saturday, January 31st. Appearing after the concert will be the Rob Dixon Band. Doors open at 6 p.m.. Show starts at 8 p.m.. Ticket prices are \$10-\$20. For ticket and reservation information, call (972) 771-2418, or log on to www.southernjunctionlive.com.





ROCKWALL COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT DIRECTORY







Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

Habitat for Humanity starts new home

Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity has found a family that meets the guidelines set forth by the chapter, and we plan to start framing their future home at 928 Joe Bailey St. on Saturday, Jan. 31.

The major portion of the labor to build Habitat homes comes from volunteers who donate their Saturdays (and occasionally a few weekdays) in an effort to extend a hand that helps others realize the American dream of home ownership. Donated lunch meals for these volunteers are greatly appreciated by the workers. Typically our lunches have run the gamut from pizzas, chicken sandwiches, deli sandwiches and the like donated by local businesses, to soups, spaghetti, tacos and sandwiches made by local church groups or fa-

During our last three builds in Rockwall, it was common that there would be 20 to 30 workers on site on any given Saturday. It's hard to guess how many workers to expect as we move to Royse City, but the buzz and excitement from the Royse City community has been strong.

Feel free to pass along this information as you see fit. Please give my contact info to anyone who has an interest in partnering with RAHFH in this project. Home phone is 972-771-1983, cell is 972-978-4143 or e-mail volunteer.coordinator@yahoo.com,

I really appreciate your support and look forward to a great couple of builds in Royse City!

Mike Humphrey, Volunteer Coordinator Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity

Response to the Texas State Board of Education

True science is exploring how our world works using controlled, repeatable processes.

Many theories presented through the years have been proved false after being challenged. We now know the earth is not flat; that the earth is not the center of the universe; that bacteria has more good functions than bad functions, and that our bodies do not have vestigial appendages. But there are many theories have withstood the test

Believing in evolution or creation does not hinder one's ability for scientific advancement. One the greatest neurosurgeons in the world believes in creation, and somehow that did not limit his ability to bring many innovations to his field. He also happens to be an African American from a single parent home. That did not limit him either.

The theory of evolution is based on historical science, or how we interpret the things we find today that are from the past. How you interpret the past does not have to limit your ability to follow the scientific method. Many of the great scientists of the past were Christians driven to find out how God's creation worked. People like Galileo, Kepler, Newton, Faraday, Pasteur and many others. Their theories have stood the test of time and are the foundation of many other theories, but our current scientific community would have written them off because they believed in a creator. How many potential Einsteins are being pushed to the side now?

If the theory of evolution (and I use the word theory even though the real definition doesn't fit) is a slam dunk to stand the test of time, why are they so afraid of mentioning its weaknesses? They should encourage them to be mentioned so that young scientists can rise up and fill in the gaps. Evolutionists won't even debate any more, they have resorted to name calling and wall building. Go back through history and see what happened to the theories that resorted to these tactics.

Darwin himself said that if hundreds of examples of evolutionary transitions are not found in the fossil record in the next fifty to one hundred years, his theory should be discarded. He was that confident that those fossils would be found. It seems like the current evolutionists no longer have any confidence in their theory. Theories that stand the test of time are strengthened by challenges.

James Walters, Rockwall



Scrappy, a 4-year-old shorthaired dilute tortie female, is a shy, gentle companion who started life as a feral kitten. She enjoys playing and gets along well with most cats, but will need some time to get accustomed to a new home. She is spayed, litter-box trained and ready to go home. Individuals interested in adopting Scrappy should call 972-671-0429 and ask for her by name, number 9730, or e-mail info@feralfriends.org. Feral Friends hosts adoptions every Saturday and Sunday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the PetSmart in Rowlett, Hwy. 66 and Liberty Grove. Visit feralfriends.org for more information.

Groundbreaking set Jan. 29 at **Heath Terry Park**

Memberes of the Heath City Council and the Park Board will meet at 5 p.m. today for a ceremonial groundbreaking at Terry Park, located at 599 Terry Lane.

Immediately following the groundbreaking event, the City Council will meet at the City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, to convene in a special meeting. The called meeting, according to the posted agenda, will serve as an executive session, during which time the council members will meet to discuss pending litigation pertaining to Tract 34-9 of the A. Rodriguez Survey, Abstract 231, City of Heath, Rockwall County.

Rockwall County Responders

Rockwall Fire & EMS

Calls for Service Jan. 19 - 25

· Calls for Service: Car fire 1, Dwelling 4, Gas spill 1, Grass fire

7, Other fire not classified, Smell smoke odor 5, Rockwall PD

Calls for Service Jan. 19 - 25

 Monday, 19 Jan.: Burglary, 300 block IH 30; Theft, 2000 block Kristy Lane, Theft, 5100 block Standing Oak Lane.

• Tuesday, 20 Jan.: Burglary, 200 block Rockbrook Drive; Theft, 2100 block Summer Lee Lane; Theft, John King Street; Theft, 900 block West Yellow Jacket Lane (2).

• Wednesday, 21 Jan.: Burglary, 800 block SteigerTowne Drive; Burglary, 900 block IH 30; Burglary 600 block IH30; Burglary 1100 block IH 30; Theft, 1700 block IH 30.

• Thursday, 22 Jan.: Burglary, 1800 block Kelly Lane; Burglary, 2600 block Market Center Drive.

• Friday, 23 Jan.: Burglary, 1000 block North Fannin Street; Burglary, 1000 block Morningstar Street (2); Burglary 900 block Midnight Pass; Theft, 2000 block Summer Lee Lane; Theft, 2100 block Garden Crest Drive; Theft, 3900 block Mediterranean St; Theft, 1300 block Stewart Drive.

• Saturday, 24 Jan.: Burglary, 1000 block Kay Lane; Theft, 800 Steger Towne Drive; Theft, 500 block East Washington Street; Theft, 400 block Coach Light Trail.

• Sunday, 25 Jan.: Theft, 1800 block South Goliad Street; Theft, 700 block IH 30; Theft, 100 block Murphy Court.

· Other Service Calls: Abandoned property 2, Animal complaint 19, Burg/other alarms 50, Criminal mischief 15, Criminal trespass 2, Drunk (all) 4, Fire alarm 2, Follow up investigation 10, Forgery 5, Injured or sick person 34, Investigation 29, Major traffic accident 1, Meet complainant 34, Minor disturbance 13, Minor traffic accident 20, Missing person 3, Motorist/assist citizen 33, Open building 8, Ordinance violation 7, Possible drunk driver 12, Street hazard 8, Suspicious person 60, Traffic complaint 3, Welfare concern 5.

Heath DPS

Calls for Service Jan. 19 -- 25

• Thursday, Jan. 22: Theft, 6600 block Horizon Road.

· Other Service Calls: Animal complaint 3, Burg/other alarms 17, Criminal assault/rape 2, Fire alarm 4, Injured or sick person 5, Investigation 1, Minor disturbance 4, Minor traffic accident 2, Motorist/assist citizen 1, Street hazard 2, suspicious person 6.

Rockwall Sheriff's Department

• Calls (Jan. 16-22) – 232

Arrests (Jan. 16-22) – 43

Warrant unit arrests (week of Jan. 19) – 12

Royse City Police Blotter

Jan. 16-22

• Friday; 16 January: Accident, 200 block Northstar Drive; Accident/Driving while intoxicated arrest, 2200 block I-30

• Saturday, 17 January: Alarm, 1500 block Redman Drive; Theft, 400 block I-30; Alarm, 1100 block Hidden Creek; Suspicious activity, 1700 block FM 2642; Suspicious activity, 400 block Ame Lane; Burglary of motor vehicle, 1500 block Lorena Drive; Alarm, 200 block S. Elm Street; Criminal mischief, 1700 block FM 2642; Accident/Driving while intoxicated arrest, 200 block S. Elm Street

 Sunday, 18 January: Suspicious activity, 700 block Oak Grove Lane; Burglary of a building, 1000 block W. Main Street; Three marijuana (7.6 lbs) possession/possession of firearm by felon arrests; Controlled substance/marijuana possession arrest, 2400 block

 Monday, 19 January: Burglary of motor vehicle, 300 block Audobon Lane; Burglary of motor vehicle arrest, 300 block Shepherd Lane; Two marijuana (81 lbs) possession arrests, 2300 block I-30

• Tuesday, 20 January: Public intoxication arrest, 200 block E. Main Street; Criminal mischief, 1200 block Whispering Glen; Assault, 300 block Briaroaks Drive

• Thursday, 22 January: Alarm, 300 block Northstar Drive

Habitat invites volunteers, donors to build Culp home

The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity will begin construction on a new home for Deidra Culp and her three children Saturday at 928 Joe Bailey St. in Royse City.

Individuals, churches, organizations and businesses in Royse City, Rockwall and surrounding communities are invited to join in the

The Culp home will be the 23rd home constructed since the local group organized in 1994.

Plans call for the completion of the three-bedroom, one-bath home by May; however, the schedule will depend largely on the weather and the number of volunteers who aid in construction.

Volunteer construction work will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Saturday, weather permitting, beginning Jan. 31 and until the home is completed. No building experience is required, but volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers can share any amount of time they have available on any given Saturday.

Beverages and lunch are provided.

Donations of meals and bottled water, sports drinks and soft drinks also are needed for volunteers. Donors are recognized on the RAHFH Web site, as well as in the group's newsletter.

For details about donating time, food or beverages, contact Mike Humphrey, volunteer coordinator, at volunteercoordinator@yahoo.

Tax-deductible contributions also may be made, with 100 percent of the donations used to build homes for families in need. For more information, contact the organization's fundraising director, Carol Proffer, at carolproffer@sbcglobal.net.

"Whether you share your time, talents or pocketbook, your generosity is greatly appreciated," said Jim Beebe, president of the RAHFH. "We urge all members of the community to get involved in our worthwhile efforts."

The RAHFH is a Christian housing ministry dedicated to building homes for families who might not otherwise afford one. The group constructs the homes by leveraging private donations and volunteer labor, then sells each home at cost and provides zero-interest financing. Families selected for the program invest 200 hours of "sweat equity" during construction.

The organization currently is seeking applicants for additional homes to be built this year. Visit rockwallhabitat.org for more information or call 972-771-6909.

Rockwall County Rockwall Yesteryears Furing S

Compiled by Judy Schneider From the archives of the Rockwall County Library

10 Years Ago January 26, 1999

The Plano Wildcats beat the Rockwall High School boys' var basketball team 78-74 in a huge District 9-5A win. The Jackets 1 losing by 10 points at half time and hit five big three-point baske the final period. Although Plano won Rockwall never quit!

of Commerce awards banquet. Sorrells helped the Chamber organ several fund-raising functions, which included at the annual Chan Scott Sorrells was named Director of the Year at the annual Chan several fund-raising functions, which included the chamber auci 20 Years Ago

January 27, 1989

Chad and Todd Hawkins announced the arrival of a baby si Brooke Ellen was born at Lake Pointe Medical Center. Parents Bryan and Shanon Hawkins of Rockwall.

Joyce Ibison became the Criminal Investigator for Rock County. Joyce came from Oklahoma where she spent many y as an Administrative Deputy Sheriff. A 1981 graduate of South Texas Law Enforcement Academy, she specialized in crimes aga women and children.

> 30 Years Ago January 26, 1979

Melani Skalberg of Rockwall made the Dean's Honor Roll at V Texas State University at Canyon, Texas.

Wally Wadsworth of Rockwall traveled to Austin to attend the inauguration of a Republican Texas governor in more than a cenand a Democratic lieutenant governor. William Perry Clements was sworn in as governor and Bill Hobby became lieutenant ernor. This was one of the most glamorous occasions in Texas tory.

40 Years Ago January 31, 1969

The Dairy Queen in Rockwall held specials:

Monday Night: Barbecue Sandwich & Malt - 69 cents. Wednesday Night: All you can eat Fried Chicken - \$1.00

Mrs. Mary Hanby Dudley and Mrs. Susan Williams Reinh graduated from East Texas State University, both receiving Educa degrees.

60 Years Ago January 28, 1949

Joe Loftis and F.V. Irvin, students at Rockwall High School, s a week in Gainesville attending a Recreation School for You Entertainment. Joe was an active member of the 4-H Club.

The student body at Rockwall High School assembled in the state | mes Clark, left, a sixth grade st hall to hear the broadcast of the inauguration of the newly re-ele well won his school's spelling be President Harry S. Truman and Vice President Alben W. Barkley March 5, 1909

The H.G.L. club was entertained by Miss Katherine Heath. T had a contest to guess the identities of prominent people of the from their picture. Miss Iva Hickley guessed the greatest num and received a beautiful embroidered pin cushion.

Rockwall County izen Fire **Book Review**

"Beyond Belief" by Josh Hamilton

Review by Chantal Walvoord

Reference Librarian, **Rockwall County Library** "Beyond Belief", a memoir

published by Hachette for young adults, is a cautionary tale every young adult and every parent, for that matter, should read.

Shortly after high school, Josh Hamilton was the number one pick in the 1999 baseball draft. In North Carolina, where he grew up, no one doubted his talent. As a child playing for Little League, he could throw about 50 mph and was a regular

topic of conversation among team scouts. Hamilton was unstop ble; his prospects were golden; and his character, at this time, w above reproach.

Sometime after joining Tampa Bay's Devil Rays, things began go horribly wrong for Hamilton. Frequent injuries and self-do took over. Instead of sliding into bases, Hamilton finds himself ding into full-scale drug addiction-alcohol, cocaine, and, at height of his addiction, crack.

For violation of the Devil Rays' drug policy, Hamilton was s pended from playing baseball for a year. To his credit, Hamilton b mes no one for his fall and emphasizes that his parents have ne been anything but completely supportive.

Hamilton goes through a revolving door of drug rehab clinics, ver finding any solace until, as he tells it, he turns himself over his faith one day at his grandmother's house. Kicking drugs is o half the battle. As the title pointedly states, it is "beyond belief" t Hamilton not only reinstates himself at the minor league level, also moves beyond that back into the major leagues. Hamilton c dits God in his recovery. "It's a God thing," he says in his book.

"Beyond Belief" is a captivating, spiritual and sports memoir Texas Rangers All-Star Outfielder Josh Hamilton. Not too long a memoir writing was thrown into question when "A Million Lil Pieces" author, James Frey, admitted he had fabricated large p tions of his memoir.

Unlike Frey's memoir, Hamilton's story is true-"all stories her are true." Many networks, including ESPN, reported Hamilto struggle with addiction and his phoenix-like return to the sport loves. Hamilton's memoir has also given hope to many. He res larly speaks about his Christianity and his recovery from addiction

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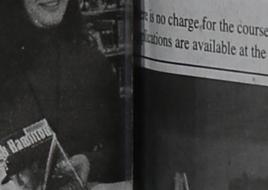
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Rockwall ISD school board trustees were recently on the reg end of some very special thanks offered by the students and if the schools they oversee. In celebration of School Board mition Month, the trustees were presented gifts, meals and special offerings thanking them for their time and dedication

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i Fowler, RISD Executive Director of School/Community ons and Marketing, said the district had 100% school particito help honor the trustees.

special treat, Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath School provided dinner for board members. J.W. Williams e School presented picture coffee mugs with Starbucks coffee, d chocolate, while Maurine Cain Middle School gave each member an Energizer shoulder bag.

elementary schools also showed their appreciation in many Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary gave personalized calendars loward Dobbs Elementary students made personalized gifts ide for each board member. Grace Hartman Elementary aswith the board dinner and made appreciation booklets. Celia Elementary created a poster with the "Top Ten Reasons We

ris Jones Elementary students wrote letters, poems, thank you

by sixth grade art students was presented by Amy Parks Elementary. Students at Virginia Reinhardt Elementary painted colorful personalized bowls. Amanda Rochell Elementary presented a bound book of notes of appreciation and donated a book to the Rockwall County Library in honor of each member of the board.

At Shannon Elementary, students painted and framed 8x10 pictures for the board. Ouida Springer Elementary donated Bluebonnet Award nominated books to the school library in honor of each board member. Nebbie Williams Elementary also donated books to the library in honor of each school board member and gave each a photo of students holding the books. Quest Academy donated books to the Rockwall County Library in honor of each trustee.

Rockwall Superintendent of School Gene Burton said, "Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of all our children."

The members of the Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees are Craig Zurek, Dr. J. David Loftis, Doug Hamilton, Dr. David Jackson, Brad Lamberth, Dr. Stan Lowrance and Mrs. Leigh Plagens.

The KPAWs broadcast team at Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary school made a special effort to learn these names and make them a part of their gift to the board. The students wrote, produced, directed, narrated and edited a DVD entitled, "Helping Others," which is based on the district's theme, The Power of One, and was dedicated

to the board members.

Scenarios were filmed around the school with students depicting acts of kindness, such as defending a friend from bullies, assisting students who were lost or lending a hand to pick up dropped school supplies. The actors in the DVD were named for the board members, bringing a chuckle and smile to the board's faces.

The board also received a special gift created just for them by Robyn Gunderson's second grade class at Dobbs Elementary. The class read a story, "Mr. Zurek and the Big Fish," at Monday's meeting. The rewritten story is based on a book the class read about a little fish that is a leader. Gunderson said each grade in the school was assigned a board member to honor and second grade received Zurek's name, resulting in his personalized story.

Dr. Burton presented each board member with a certificate and big thanks for their tireless efforts on behalf of the families of Rockwall ISD.

He said, " Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their work reflects a year-round commitment. Every day trustees demonstrate strength and dedication as they focus on excellence for their district programs, their teachers, and most importantly, their students. They unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public schools and represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education."

RCC plans Feb. 4 session

The Rockwall Computer Council will conduct its next monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at The Center, located in the Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St.

Karen Mahoney, senior tax adviser at H&R Block, will present the program, which will cover recent federal tax law changes, including the addition of real estate taxes to the standard deduction for nonitemizers, credit for first-time home buyers, how to account for the stimulus payments received in 2008, and mileage rates.

Other topics will include capital gains rates, commonly overlooked itemized deductions and 2009 changes.

Questions will be welcomed.

The RCC is open to anyone interested in computers for the home or office. Members of the community are invited to attend.

For more information call program coordinator Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

Chamber plans Feb. 5 appreciation banquet

The 3rd Annual Rockwall Area Chamber Awards & Appreciation Banquet, open to all members and guests, will be conducted Feb. 5 at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

The event will open with a 6:30 p.m. networking reception, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$45 per person and may be purchased at the chamber or by contacting info@rockwallchamber.org. Seating is limited.

Keynote speaker will be Brian Davis, a sportswriter for the Dallas Morning News since April 2000. Davis covers the Dallas Cowboys after having spent seven years focusing on Big 12 schools, including Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Baylor. He has won individual awards for his work as a national college football writer covering the Bowl Championship Series, in addition to the Final Four and the College World Series. A native of Forney, he graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in broadcast journalism

in 1998. Corporate Business Members of the Year nominees include corporate sponsor nominees Randall Noe, Lake Pointe Medical Center, Kroger, HomeBank@Rockwall, Alliance Bank, Hilton Bella Harbor, American National Bank and Bank of America.

Small Business Member of the Year nominees include Jordan, House Flournoy, LLP, Flip Insurance, Flower Box, Rockwall Flower & Design Studio, East Texas Golf Carts, Blue Canyon Restaurant and Rockwall Injury Rehab.

Also to be awarded will be the Spirit of Rockwall Award, the Board of Directors - Director of the Year and the 2008 Ambassador of the Year Award.

Past board chairmen also will be recognized.

"The past leaders of the chamber made some very good decisions and helped build the foundation that has made the chamber the success it is today," said Sandra Doyle, incoming chairman.

The following chairmen have been identified: Glen Farris, Lou Johnson, Michael Baldwin, Kevin Fowler, Jim Wood, Dan Liane, Michael Buffington, Thomas Haack, Dale Fleming, R.D. Vanderslice, Judy Harris, Rick Allen, Dr. Frank Miller, Andrew Tomalin, Rickard Daiker, Gary Johnson, Joe Williams, Cindy Tayem, Dennis Bailey, Vicki Bradley, Larry Parks, Otis Lowe, Leon Smith and Richard Slaughter. Anyone who served who is not listed should contact the chamber office at 972-771-5733.



The Royse City High School Interact Club held a pet food drive before Christmas to benefit the Royse City Animal Shelter. Pictured are students Kristina Dahmer, Brittany Rogers and Shelby Morgan unloading the food and delivering it to the shelter. Photo courtesy of Jo Nell Mellody

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Essay offers insight into student's view of school board

The theme of Governor Rick Perry's School Board Recognition Month in January is "Celebrating Leadership." Leadership is also one of the qualities listed in the 6 Belief Statements the district utilizes as part of its Power of One program to bring the schools together as one. The statement reads, "We believe sustained success comes from shared leadership and continuous improvement."

Grace Hartman Elementary School fourth grader Jessica Branks wrote an essay called, "Leading," that gave her thoughts on what a school board should do and how they should lead. The essay was read at Monday's school board meeting and all agreed she described the job of a school board trustee perfectly.

Leading

by Jessica Branks

Stephanie Rickert's fourth grade class

To lead is to be chosen to help and be the head of a group or something else like a school. To lead is also to keep things in order, make the plans, help members or someone else, be brave, kind, and trustworthy, and also to be a good example. You are usually the one that stands out and people look up to.

It is an honorable job because if you get it you should know that it means the people really trust you and think you are fit for the job (so work very, very hard!). If you make a plan and some people don't agree, maybe use part of their plan that you agree on and then use part of your plan they agree with. When you lead work hard, do fare (sic), do your responsibility and have fun and make friends. That is what leading is about.



Sixth grade student Rachel Farrow, who took first place in the Nebbie Williams Elementary School Spelling Bee, is shown with Principal Karen Aikman. Farrow will participate in the Rockwall County Spelling Bee on Tuesday.

Rockwall BPA seeks applications

The Rockwall Business Police Academy, an interactive program sponsored by the Rockwall Police Department, is now accepting applications.

The BPA is an educational program designed to raise awareness about commercial- and retail-related crimes and crime preventior strategies. Topics include credit card abuse, check fraud and forgery identity theft, criminal investigations and crime scene preservation the criminal justice system, robbery prevention and survival, patro. and robbery response procedures, shoplifting scams and con games and suspicious persons and situations.

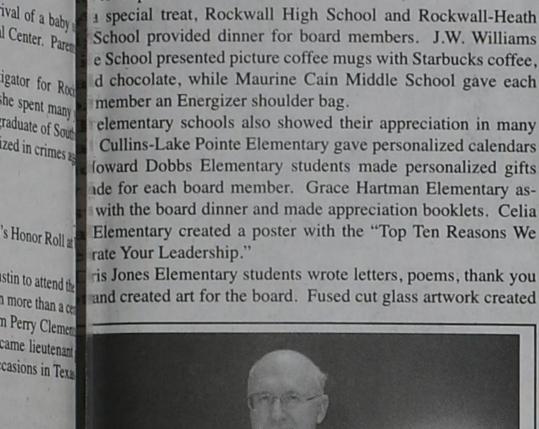
The course is offered free of charge.

Participants must be at least 18 years old and have a "good standing in the community with no previous felony convictions," according to the city's news release.

Classes will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Tuesday beginning Feb. 17 and running through March 31. Classes will take place in the Rockwall Police Department Training Room.

Applications are available at the police department, located at 205 W. Rusk St., and at the Community Services Office, 1113 Ridge

Applications are due Feb. 16. For more information, contact Sgt Andy Villarreal at 972-772-6718.



James Clark, left, a sixth grade student at Rochell Elementary, ently won his school's spelling bee. As winner, Clark will move o compete in the Rockwall County spelling bee in February at Rockwall County Library. Runner-up was Madzia Kochan, th-grade student at Rochell. Also pictured is Marvin Lee, the red language arts department head at Rockwall High School served as announcer at the Rochell spelling contest.

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sored by the Rockwall Fire Department, the classes will take each Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 12 through 3 (no class March 19). Classes will take place at Fire Station

920 Rockwall Parkway. of the topics to be covered during the classes include emerapparatus and equipment; emergency medical operations; spescue operations (demonstration); protective clothing (handsd portable fire extinguishers (hands-on). Participants also will

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e is no charge for the course. ications are available at the fire station and City Hall.

snow and ride with firefighters.



Those who attended the Rockwall Newcomers January meeting entertained by Joy Davis, left, an actress and storyteller, and assistant for the program, Connie Kuester, first vice president program chairman. Davis entertained the group by bringing bry alive through pictures, stories and the recounting of the its surrounding America's Lady Liberty. The group will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 12 at Chandlers Landing with a coffee al, followed by a program, a short business meeting and lunch. fact Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-5569 or Ann Small at 972-1748 before 6 p.m. Feb. 8 to make reservations for the \$16

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last year at Rochell Elementary.

As has been the tradition over the past years, the Leadership Council students served homemade cookies with hot apple cider or hot chocolate to staff members.

has continued to grow into a school wide project over the past 12 years is the annual

The Power of One was evident Giving Tree. It originated with many items that were donated to Kathy Ramanzadeh, a now-retired teacher who encouraged her students to bring a gift for a family in need, rather than a teacher gift during the holiday season. As every year, Rochell families were invited to bring items, such An additional tradition that as mittens, scarves, hats, toiletries and toys to place under the tree in the main office. Students, families and teachers donated

Helping Hands to assist in supporting families in need in our community.

Angelica Fraire, a first grade student at Rochell, won a beautiful bicycle at the Rockwall Christmas Parade and donated it to the Giving Tree in hopes of bringing happiness to another child. When asked what inspired her to share the bike with another little girl, she stated that she already has one bike and wanted to share the new one with someone else.

In order to make a difference, fifth grade students wrote letters and sent numerous boxes filled with necessities and treats to soldiers serving overseas. What began as a small writing project soon snowballed into something much larger as the students were eager to brighten the holidays for those service members who were unable to spend this special time with their loved ones at home.

Fourth grade teacher Christine Unlusoy challenged her students to "pay it forward." She presented each of them with \$1 and asked them to find a way to do a good deed with it. After the New Year, the students wrote about how they put their dollar to good use. Some students donated the money to various organizations, such as their church, homeless shelters or Helping Hands, while others created cards to mail to soldiers or bought small trinkets



Rochell Elementary first grader Angelica Fraire donated a girl's bike to put under the school's day Giving Tree.

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To remind the students to show "The Power of One" and show the community that the Rochell family has accepted Rachel's Challenge to show kindness and compassion, students and staff fence facing the playground.

After such a successful first

tinuing on their road to show "The Power of One" during the spring of 2009. One of the events the entire school always looks forward to is "Pennies for Patients" Feb. 9-27. During this time the students will collect created a sign using cups on the money to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Also, Rochell first graders and their semester, Rochell staff and stu- sixth grade buddies will perform

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George Malchev recognized for translating works to Bulgaria

A local resident was honored earlier this month for his work in translating 1,200 pages of New Life Behavior International cur-

riculum into the Bulgarian lan-

George Malchev, a Bulgarian native and member of the Eastridge Church of Christ in Rockwall, received a certificate of appreciation for his work.

The mission of New Life Sofia where he translated for Behavior, which was established in 1984 by Dr. H.M. Motsinger, is to distribute faith-based behavioral curriculum to individuals who are in prison and to the general population, offering them the opportunity for a better life through a relationship with Malchev spent more than God.

When Malchev was introduced to Dr. Motsinger, Malchev said, "I would like to translate the curing," he said.

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Malchev learned English attending the American C in his hometown, Sofia, in Fifty years after graduating attended the Church of Ch minister, Tom Black.

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Dr. H.M. Motsinger, founder of New Life Behavior Internationa is shown at left, presenting a certificate of appreciation to 88-year old George Malchev, center, who translated 1,200 pages of the curriculum into Bulgarian. Also pictured is church member Bob Carroll, who introduced the two men.

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registration is under way f Association's Spring season. S ths, while Youth Soccer is or s of July 31). Early registration \$25 per family, \$45 youth, \$70 p tular registration period will ru and runs until the teams are or visit rockwallymca.org.

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Bulldogs' Scotty Arterberr gainst JJ Pearce at Royse Cit Staff photo by Tim Burnett

th-quarter rally puts Lady Bulldogs past Pearce

three quarters Friday, the Royse City girls' basketball team played to man got her some energy. She got a couple of easy baskets and hit two (3-6 in District 10-4A, 6-14 overall). Royse City remained in second hadn't recovered from a loss to Rockwall three days before. Richardson Pearce, a team with just six wins all season, the Lady

logs, who have lost just five times, trailed 32-27.

the huddle, head coach Dallas Bookout told his players, "You've ed hard all year. We didn't work that hard to come here and get

rause Pearce was passing the ball out front to use up time and nurse ad against RC's zone defense, Bookout ordered a switch.

e were flat before that. We changed to man-to-man, which we

result was that Royce City outscored the Lady Mustangs 25-6 in burth quarter to take a 52-38 decision.

okout said, "(Pearce) did a good job stopping Raven Alexander in jiddle two quarters. She hit two 3-pointers in the first quarter. Going

more 3s in the fourth quarter."

Alexander and Kellie Wyrick each scored 15 points in the victory. Another spark was sophomore Jennifer Null, who has been promoted are 7-2 and 22-5. permanently from the junior varsity.

JV, then bring them up late. She played about two-thirds of the game and scored seven points."

It was a spark the team needed, he said.

"We were still down from losing to Rockwall. We put a lot of effort and Pearce energy into that game. We played pretty sluggish for three quarters.

"We've tried all year as coaches to tell them that they can't kind of halfway play and then turn on the light switch. They've been able to do Jennifer Null 7, Taylor Howard 4, Taylor Jordan 2. that in the district against everybody but Rockwall."

"Halfway" playing for three quarters was good enough against Pearce 5, Elyssa Aft 4, McKenzie Russell 2.

place with five games to play, two games behind Rockwall (9-0, 19-9). The Lady Bulldogs, whose only two district losses were against RHS,

The varsity home game against Greenville was postponed on both "The plan all along was to have her and one or two more play with the Tuesday and Wednesday because of the area's ice storm. It was rescheduled again for Thursday.

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shoot better," Bulldogs head coach Anthony Howerton said after his Mustangs still had just a four-point advantage with two minutes to play. 's 48-39 loss.

Royse City Bulldogs' schedule

onday, Feb. 2 - 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. ink, White 4:30 p.m., Black 5:30 p.m. and Gold 7 p.m. esday, Feb. 3 - Girls' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, fresh-

sity girls' soccer: home vs. Sulphur Springs, 6 p.m. ys' basketball: at Highland Park, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and var-

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ursday, Feb. 5 - 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs ınk, 5:30 p.m.

day, Feb. 6 - Girls' basketball: home vs. Carrollton Newman 1, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

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The final score isn't indicative of how the game was played. Royse City led midway through the third quarter. Pearce didn't lead by as many as four points until 2 minutes, 18 seconds remained in the third quarter. The ney were better than us offensively. They're a little more athletic and Bulldogs came back within a point at 28-27 in the fourth quarter, and the

However, RC spent most of the fourth quarter in a fouling mode trying to get back the ball and the lead. The Richardson team made 10 of 16 foul shots in the quarter, with its last six points coming from the foul line.

The result was typical of what Howerton has seen during the Bulldogs' first season since moving up to District 10-4A.

Midway through the district schedule, last year's 10-3A champions are just 2-5 (10-12 overall) and in sixth place. Pearce (5-2, 9-14) is third in the district.

"It's a very tough district," Howerton said. "It's an amazing new level of competition. Defensively, they're so much better. They do a better job of blocking out. And I'm really impressed with the coaches at this level.

"I thought the kids battled tonight. They played a very good defensive game against a good offensive team. I think we can play 4A defense, but not yet 4A offense."

RC's offense was better than it had been in a 55-30 loss three nights earlier. Howerton said, "We played really tight offensively at Rockwall.

City within 31-29. And Trey Crutchfield didn't play at all.

Against Pearce, it didn't help that by game's end the Bulldogs were playing shorthanded. Justin Jacobs, who scored all six of his points while keeping his team in the game during the third quarter, had fouled out with 5:34 to play, just after assisting on two baskets that pulled Royse

We wanted to go back to attacking the basket and be more aggressive."

Howerton did not say why Crutchfield was missing, but commented on the role junior center Nick Stone played.

"Nick Stone did a great job defensively. He was guarding one of their best players (Bruce Smith), who scores 21 points a game."

Partly because Stone blocked two shots emphatically, Smith scored just 15 against RC. He was scoreless while the Bulldogs were taking an 8-7 lead after one quarter, and had just seven points entering the fourth quarter. His eight points in the final period included four foul shots.

Royse City took its biggest lead with 2:43 to play in the first half, when Cory Stapleton's 3-point shot made the score 15-10. Pearce's press then kicked in, leading to five points in a 7-0 run in just 44 seconds to put the Mustangs ahead 17-15 at halftime.

"Our ballhandling wasn't very good in that situation," Howerton

The Bulldogs missed a chance to improve their record when their game at Greenville was postponed both Tuesday and Wednesday. RC will host Rockwall-Heath Friday.

3rd Pearce 7 Royse City

Richardson Pearce: Bruce Smith 15, Chris Bowie 15, Cole Holland 6, Brooks Vehslage 3, Zubin Teherani 3, Chase Blakeley 3, Jake Allen 2, Brian Felts 1.

Royse City: Wynn Posey 10, Stephen Edwards 8, Cory Stapleton 6, Justin Jacobs 6, Nick Stone 4, Scotty Arterberry 4, DaJon Avery 1.

Royse City sports continued on page 18

Sports Notes

Special needs open gym Friday

e last Friday of each month is Special Needs Open Gym Night at ISD Education Center gym, located at 1050 Williams St. The gym be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for children with special needs to act with each other and play various activities while their parents as a support group. For more information call the Rockwall Parks creation Department at 972-771-7740.

YMCA soccer registration under way

ly registration is under way for the Rockwall County YMCA er Association's Spring season. Small Fry Soccer is open to 3-yearouths, while Youth Soccer is open to both genders ages four and (as of July 31). Early registration will run through Saturday, cost-25 per family, \$45 youth, \$70 plus \$30 for program membership. regular registration period will run Feb. 1-9; late registration begins 10 and runs until the teams are full. For information call 972-772or visit rockwallymca.org.

Monday yoga classes slated

inday yoga classes for individuals ages 15 and older will be offered 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2-23 and April 6-27 at The Center. Cost ne Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored classes is \$32 for residents, or non-residents. For information call 972-771-7740.

Special needs open gym Feb. 27

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Power voga classes scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor a Vinyasastyle yoga class, Power Yoga, March 2-23 at The Center. Open to indi-

viduals ages 15 and older, the event will run Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Ping pong tourney slated

A ping pong tournament for individuals ages 50 and older, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will begin at 10 a.m. March 20 at The Center. Drinks and snacks will be provided for players. For more information call 972-771-

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2009 Spring Registration **Rockwall Baseball Association**

T-Ball and Coach Pitch League: U - 5 and 6 year-old (T-Ball)

U - 7 and 8 year-old (Coach pitch)

Player Pitch Leagues include:

U - 9 and 10 year-old

U - 11 and 12 year-old

U - 13 and 14 year-old

LOCATION:

Myers Community Center

Time:

Friday - January 30, 6 p.m. -8 p.m. Saturday - January 31, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday - February 6, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday - February 8, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

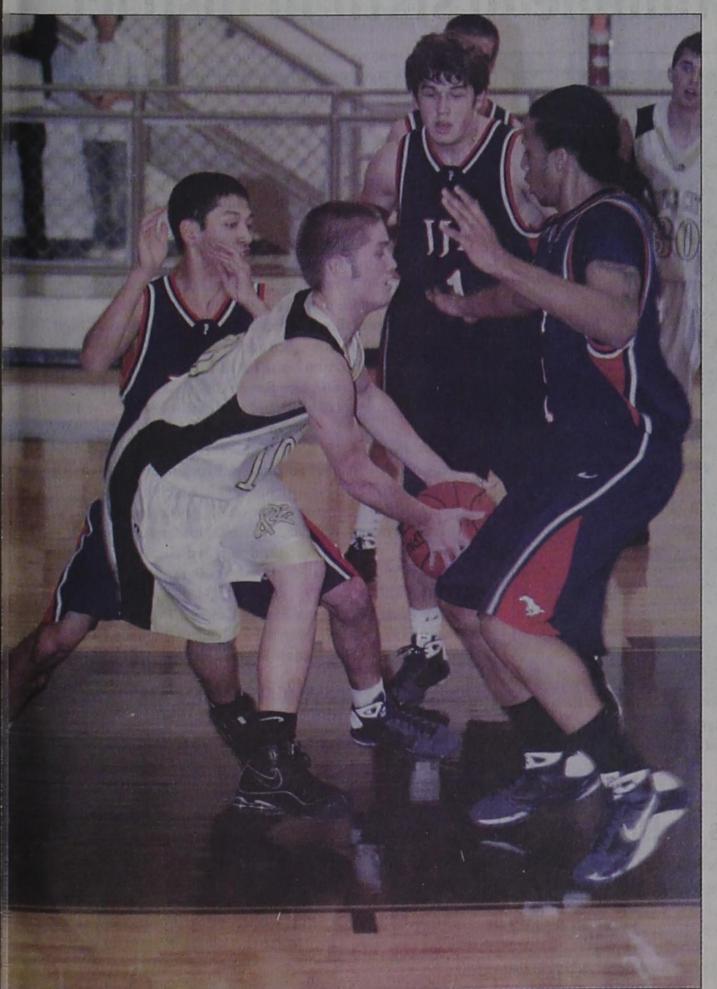
The Rockwall Baseball Association (RBA) provides youth baseball for ages 5 through 14 years, League age for the 2009 spring season is determined by the player's age as of April 30, 2009. Registration forms can be downloaded from Handouts on our web site. Player Registration Form, Player Medical Release Form, and Age Restriction Waiver Request (if applicable).

WWW.rockwallbaseballassociation.com

Email: info@rockwallbaseballassociation.com

P.O. Box 296 Rockwall, TX 75087





Bulldogs' Scotty Arterberry (10) shuffles the ball back to a teammate during last Friday's game against JJ Pearce at Royse City. Assisting at back, right is teammate Nick Stone (30). Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Heath Hawks edge Rockwall Jackets 62-59, ady Jackets 62-59, adv Jacket creep closer to a first-ever playoff berth

by Matt McGillen

Having made up almost all of a 12-point first-half deficit against Rockwall in a crucial District 10-4A Jan. 23 at RHHS in a game that happened to be the first-ever meeting between the two basketball teams, Rockwall-Heath needed someone to step up and make yet another big shot against their new cross-town rival.

Or in this case, rather, someone to step back.

Down by one with 3:30 to play, Chase Nielsen, one of the Hawks' two three-point specialists, took a couple of dribbles back from the high school three-point line in an effort to get clear of his defender, and launched a high, arching attempt that would have been good in high school, college or the NBA.

Money.

Nielsen's bomb gave the Hawks the lead for good, as it turned out, and thanks to the mature-beyond-their-years play of a pair of sophomores and as well as that of a battle-tested veteran, Heath held on for a wild 62-59 win over the Jackets in front of a rowdy jam-packed crowd.

The win, coupled with their 64-61 triumph over Greenville Jan. 20, lifts the Hawks to 4-3 in the district at the half way mark of league play, and into sole possession of fourth place and ever-closer to what would be the first postseason berth in boys basketball in school history.

The Jackets tumbled to a game back of the fourth and final playoff berth at 3-4 and are 10-11 for the year.

"The kids jut rose up and did a great job; we've learned to compete and

Sports Notes

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Special needs open gym March 27

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Junior Olympic Skills contest set

A free national skills competition open to children ages 8-12 will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon March 28 in the RISD Education Center. Rockwall youths can showcase their skills in basketball, soccer, tennis, and track and field, with genders competing separately. Each child must provide a copy of his/her birth certificate for age verification. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department at 972-771-7740.

Blazing Balls golf tourney slated

The Rowlett Women's Club will host the Blazing Balls Charity Golf Tournament from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 30 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Course: Funds raised through the four-person scramble will help provide educational scholarships for women in need. Cost is \$110 per person, \$400 per team, cost includes dinner, snacks, prizes and more. ob Visit rowlettwomensclub.com or e-mail info@rowlettwomensclub.com for more details.

Kayak class set April 25

A kayaking clinic, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon on April 25 at the Hwy. 66 boat ramp. Open to individuals ages 18 and older, the class will be taught by Dave Holl. Cost will be \$60 for Rockwall residents, \$90 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Little Kickers Soccer begins in April

A soccer program designed for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years of age, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run April 27 through June 1. The program is designed to teach age-appropriate drills and skills and will include Monday evening classes and games at Myers Park Field No. 1. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Little Sluggers T-ball program slated

Children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years of age can learn T-ball fundamentals in the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Sluggers program, which runs April 28 through June 2. Classes will run Tuesday evenings at Myers Park Field No. 1. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Disc Golf Weekend slated May 2-3

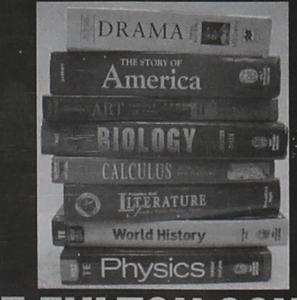
An event being billed as the "World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend" is being planned for May 2-3 in Harry Myers Park. The non-competitive event will be open to all ages and levels - from professionals to firsttime disc golfers. Visit wbdgw.com for more information.

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THE FULTON SCHOOL

Preparing students for college and life. 1623 Laurence Dr. Heath, TX 972-772-4445 thefultonschool.org fight to the end," said second-year Heath coach Justin Morrett. "We are really starting to get a whole lot better. Everyone is learning their roles and seems to be pulling together. Hopefully that will continue."

After Nielsen's bomb put the Hawks (10-13) up 52-50, sophomore Jonathan Fuller scored five of Heath's final 10 points, all from the free throw line, to help keep the Jackets from making a comeback of their

The 6-2 Fuller, in fact, scored all 11 of his points in the game's final quarter, making both his fourth-quarter field goal attempts and 7-of-10 foul shots.

So much for 10th-grade jitters.

The other Heath sophomore, 6-7 Demi Leonard, produced a doubledouble in just the first three quarters, pulling down a game-high 10 rebounds and tying for team-scoring honors with savvy senior Lewis Snowton with 14 points. Snowton connected on 6-of-12 shots, mostly of the turn around jumper variety, while Leonard was 6-for-10.

Leonard sat out the fourth quarter as Morrett opted to go with a little shorter, but perhaps a little faster lineup in the final eight minutes.

"We mainly took him (Leonard) out to give him a break," Morrett said. "But the group we had in there made a little run, so we just kind of rode it to the end. He played great, as did Snowton. Fuller just stepped up in the fourth quarter and everyone else played solid."

Down 61-57 with just 0:20.8 seconds to play, Rockwall pulled to within two, 61-59 on Hunter Jorgenson's layin, calling a time out with 0:11.5

The Jackets quickly fouled point guard Dustin Morrett following the inbounds pass, sending him to the line for two shots with :08.1 to go.

Morrett, who scored 26 points in the Hawks' narrow win over Greenville, missed both free throws, however. But Fuller somehow snared the rebound after the second miss, leaping over the stunned Rockwall players to gather in the carom, and was fouled himself with only:05.8 ticks remaining.

Fuller made only one of two, though, with the Jackets' Luke Wardell coming up with the ball. In the wild scramble for control, the ball went out of bounds and was awarded to the Hawks, much to the angst of the Jackets' coaches, players and fans, with :02.3 on the clock

Snowton was then fouled on the ensuing inbounds pass. With a chance to ice the game, Snowton also came up empty on his two free throws at the :01.7 second mark, with Rockwall's Adam Dingwell collecting the

Dingwell, the Jackets' strong-armed quarterback during the football season, then took one step and launched a last-ditch, three-point shot just before the buzzer that came tantalizingly close to sending the game into overtime, bouncing straight up off the back of the rim at the other end of the court 80 feet away after time had expired.

"When he first threw I thought 'all right', but then as it kept going I could see it was pretty much on line," said Morrett. "You can't get any closer than that without going in. It took my breath away a little bit,"

The Hawks began the second half of their district slate Jan. 27 by hosting first-place Newman Smith (7-0, 23-2), the top-ranked 4A team in the Metroplex, before they travel to Royse City Jan. 30 in a rematch with the Bulldogs (2-5, 10-12). Heath lost to Smith 81-62, but beat Royse City 55-50.

Against Greenville, the Hawks opened up a 43-28 halftime edge before fighting off the Lions in the last two periods. Leonard had 15 points as only other Hawks in double figures.

In the junior varsity game against Rockwall, the Jackets broke away from a 44-all tie with 3:30 to play and went on to win 55-49.

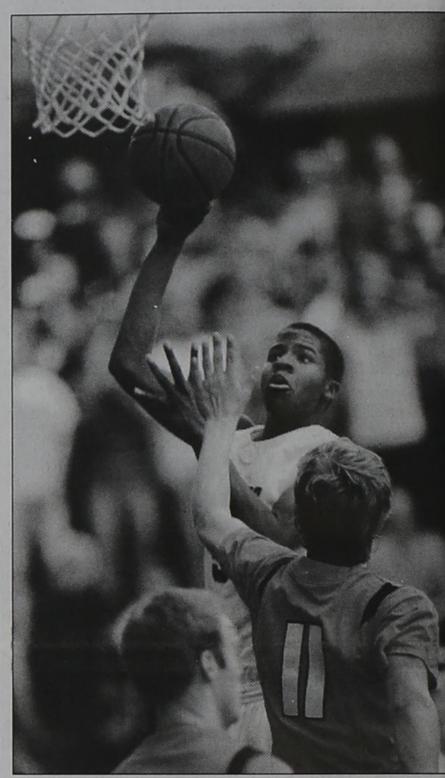
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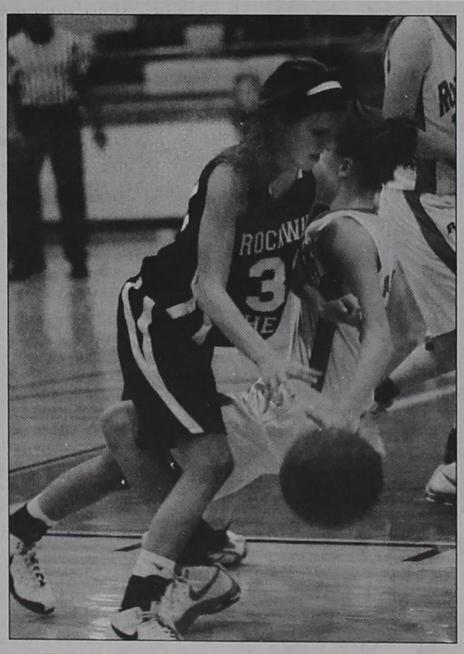
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Heath Hawks' Demi Leonard (5) drives for two points agains the Yellowjackets last Friday in the RHHS gym. Defending against Leonard is Jackets' Hunter Jorgensen (11). Staff photo by Carl McClung

Lady Hawks stumble to Greenville and Rockwall; tumble to sixth in district



Hawks' Lyndsey Renta (33) fights her way to the basket against the Lady Jackets during last Friday's game in the RHS

Staff photo by Roy Heath

Hawks soccer loses to Desoto 2-1

Chase Minter scored with an assist from Samuel Wong, but it wasn't enough as the Rockwall-Heath boys soccer team lost 2-1 to Desoto Jan. 23 at RHHS

The Hawks also lost to West Mesquite 4-0 Jan. 20 to fall to 9-6 for the

Heath traveled to Lake Dallas Jan. 27 before hosting Woodrow Wilson Jan, 30.

Rockwall-Heath sports continued on page 18

Proving to be no match for the top team in District 10-4A, the Rocky Heath Lady Hawks were thrashed by cross-town rival Rockwall 53the RHS gymnasium Jan. 23.

The Lady Jackets, improving to 9-0 in the district with their eighth a row and 14th in their last 15 games, now stand 19-9 for the year. Heath, which also lost to Greenville 59-49 Jan. 20, dropped all out of playoff contention, falling to 3-6 in the district and to 6-15 all and into sixth place in the standings. The top four teams advance

Rockwall, just two seasons removed from a 5A state champions was led by Peyton Adamson's 37 points. Adamson is easily the top so in the Metroplex, averaging 27.9 points per game.

Shanae Lowrance topped Heath with eight points. Against Greenville, Katelyn Morris scored a season high 19 for

Lady Hawks while Lowrance added 13.

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Lady Hawks' soccer 1-2 in McKinney tourney

After being held scoreless in their first two games at the Pat I McKinney ISD tournament Jan. 22-24, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Ha soccer team scored in just the eighth minute against Justin Northwe what would the only goal of the game in 1-0 Heath victory.

The Lady Hawks lost to Frisco 1-0 on a goal in the last four min and 2-0 to host McKinney 2-0 earlier in the tournament and now s 5-4-1 for the season. Brittany Gray picked up her second goal of the season with an a

from Sarah McKimmey to provide all the offense for either team ir win over Northwest. Following the cancellation of the their game against Mesquite I

Jan. 27, the Lady Hawks returns to action Friday at Tyler Lee. The Lady Hawks will play their first home game of the season w

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kwall will have to wait until at least Friday to clinch what has ne a foregone conclusion, a berth in the girls' basketball playoffs

t's because this week's ice storm postponed the Lady Jackets' uled game at Carrollton R.L. Turner twice. The game was reschedard 14, Jonathan F o today (Thursday) at 6 p.m.

1-place Carrollton Newman Smith remains five games behind with five games to play because the Lady Trojans' game against wall-Heath also was postponed.

1-0 in the district, Rockwall has a two-game lead and seems desto finish in first place. rd 15, Chase Nieles Friday, the Lady Jackets dispelled any thought of a letdown by

ng at home over Rockwall-Heath 53-24. d coach Jill McDill was visibly excited after that victory.

worth 16, Shepper said, "We played very well. I was really proud of the kids. They

out fired up and ready to play. fensively, I thought we played great. We pressured the ball and ir transition. We got tips, deflections and steals, and blocked out

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me at halftime, when the advantage was 28-7.

Lady Hawks (3-5, 6-14) shouldn't feel bad or singled out. During six-game winning streak, the Lady Jackets (9-0, 19-9) have held opponents to 37 points per game, less than 10 per quarter.

On the offensive end, junior Peyton Adamson again led the way with 37 points, including four 3-point baskets. That improved her season average to 27.9 points per game. Over the last five games, however, she has averaged 35.2.

None of Rockwall's other players scored more than four points against Rockwall-Heath, but they were contributors.

"Vertashia Dean had seven rebounds," McDill pointed out. "Aimee Coleman came in and played well. She had four rebounds, a steal and four points, and she gave us a little spark all around. Raven (Turner) protected the ball and got the ball to people.

"I feel like all of our girls are filling out their roles."

RHS will be back home Friday for a 7:30 p.m. game against Richardson Pearce (3-6, 6-14). The Lady Jackets began their current winning streak, tying their longest this season, with a 60-28 victory at Pearce Jan. 3.

No new makeup date has been announced for the postponed game

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Yellowjackets' Kyle Sandlin (4) drives the ball down court gainst Hawks' defender Demi Leonard (5) during last Friday's ame in the RHHS gym. Staff photo by Carl McClung

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by Matt McGillen

With Rockwall pretty much needing a miracle to force overtime against Heath in the first-ever meeting of the their boys' basketball teams Jan. 23 at RHHS, the Yellow Jackets almost got it from someone who should know a little bit about frantic finishes: Adam Dingwell.

Dingwell, who has helped produce some stirring comebacks over the last two years for his Rockwall football team, launched the basketball equivalent of a 'Hail Mary' as the buzzer sounded.

As both sides of the packed gym held their collective breaths, Dingwell's last-ditch effort sailed some 80-feet through the air, right on line, but, much to the disappointment of Jacket Nation, just a few inches long, ricocheting straight up off the back six inches of the goal between the rim and the backboard, falling harmlessly back to the court to give the Hawks a thrilling 62-59 win.

The loss drops the Jackets, now 3-4 in the district and 10-11 for the year, into fifth place, a game behind Heath (4-3, 10-13) in the race for the last District 10-4A postseason spot.

Early on, it looked like the Jackets would take the game away from the Hawks, building a 12 point-lead in the second quarter, and, after surrendering all but one point of that, another eight-point bulge inside of two minutes to play in the third period.

But Heath stormed back again, taking the lead for good, 52-50, on senior Chase Nielsen's 25-foot trey at the 3:30 mark of the final period. It was then the Jackets' turn to rally, as they scrambled to get back from being down 58-52 with less than a minute and a half remaining. First, Kyle Sandlin knocked down a pair of foul shots with 1:20 left to cut the margin to 58-54.

Then, following Heath sophomore Jonathan Fuller splitting a pair of free throws, Sandlin weaved his way through heavy traffic for a layin, drawing a foul with :30.9 left.

Sandlin converted the three-point play to pull the Jackets to 59-57. After Heath split not one, but two attempts at the double bonus, Hunter

RHS girls win Longview soccer bracket

by Lary Bump

Rockwell went into last weekend's Chick-Fil-A Lady Lobo Invitational soccer tournament with only one victory this season, but came away with three more wins and the first-place trophy for the Green Bracket. The Lady Jackets, now 4-3-4, defeated Forney 3-0 and Huntsville 5-0 before tying host Longview 1-1. In Saturday's final, RHS defeated Paris North Lamar 2-0.

"It was a fruitful and yet painful weekend," said Rockwall head coach Melissa Garcia.

She explained, "We traveled to Longview with two subs and ended up with one due to illness. We came away pretty bruised and battered, but the girls played well. We are in need of some healing."

To help the undermanned squad heal, Rockwall canceled Tuesday's scheduled varsity game against Rowlett even before the ice storm

The Lady Jackets' next game will be Friday at Mesquite Horn, with the junior varsity scheduled to play at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity at 7 p.m. After that both teams will play at Plano West Tuesday. A week later (Feb. 10), they'll each play their first game in District 10-4A at home against Rockwall-Heath.

At Longview, the RHS varsity recorded three shutouts, bringing its season total to six, and outscored opponents 11-1.

The junior varsity also had a good weekend, finishing fourth in a tournament at Richardson. After defeating Carrollton Creekview 1-0, RHS played to a scoreless tie and lost 1-0 to North Mesquite in a shootout. "They had a great weekend!" Garcia said.

Tuesday's storm canceled the JV team's game at Rowlett.

Boys' soccer team wins twice at McKinney

by Lary Bump

The Rockwall boys' soccer team won two of three games in last weekend's McKinney ISD Pat Lobb Shootout, losing only to host McKinney

It was a costly tournament for the Yellowjackets, however. During Thursday's 1-0 victory over South Garland, freshman midfielder Houston Smith left the game and went to a hospital because of what appeared to be a broken ankle. Head coach Troy Williams said he didn't expect Smith to play again this season.

The Jackets (4-9) had entered that game with just three substitutes. On a positive note, they welcomed Daniel Echevarry back to school and to the team. The senior forward scored two goals as RHS defeated Fort Worth Southwest 5-0 Saturday.

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Lady Jackets' Raven Turner (15) puts strong pressure on Lady Hawks' opponent Macall Smith (21) during last Friday's game in the RHS gym.

Staff photo by Roy Heath

Jorgensen scored on another layup to make it 61-59 with 0:11.5 showing

Forced to foul and hoping for a Heath miss, Rockwall got its wish when Hawks' leading free throw shooter, senior Dustin Morrett, failed to convert either of his attempts in the double bonus, with Rockwall's Luke Wardell apparently gathering in the miss from the second shot.

But in the hectic scramble for the ball, it went out of bounds, with Heath being awarded possession with :02.3 to go, much to the dismay of the Rockwall faithful.

But another foul and another double miss, this time by Heath's Lewis Snowton, gave Dingwell and the Jackets their one last desperate chance.

Sandlin led all scorers with 21 points, including 10 in the wild fourth quarter, while Jorgensen added 14.

Neither team shot particularly well in the first of what figures to be many memorable cross-town battles, now that Rockwall has dropped down from 5A and joined the Hawks in the 4A ranks.

The Jackets connected on only 34 percent (18-for-53) from the field while the Hawks converted on 40 percent (22-for-55). Despite the playoff-like intensity generated by the rivalry game, their were only 14 total turnovers, with the Hawks giving it up just eight times and the Jackets

Dingwell and Jorgensen each collected seven rebounds to lead the

Next up for Rockwall as they open the second half of district play, will be winless RL Turner (0-7, 0-21) at home Jan. 27 followed by a road game against third-place Richardson Pearce (5-2, 9-14) Jan. 30.

The Jackets thumped Turner 53-29 in their first matchup but lost to Pearce 55-54 in their earlier meeting.

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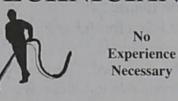
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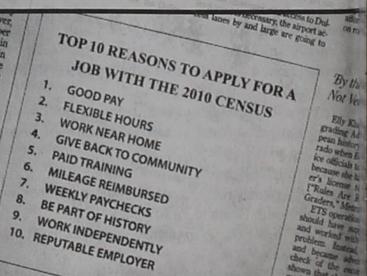
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Cain had a strong night in the net with 13 saves for his eighth win of the season.

The win is the eleventh in a row for the 14-1-0 Jackets, who have

not tasted defeat since October. The Jackets will next face a very strong Plano Senior (11-4-0), who is four for five in recent games, Jan. 29 at the Plano Star Center.

Looming on Feb. 5 is the rematch against Arlington Martin, who gave Rockwall their only loss of the season.

The Rockwall Ice Hockey Club competes in the AT&T Metroplex High School Hockey

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The RFQ materials can be accessed and downloaded from the Rockwall County website: www.RockwallCountyTexas.com/JusticeCenterCMR. If you prefer to receive the RFQ materials in hard copy, please advise.

> John A. Blackwood **Rockwall County Auditor** 101 East Rusk Street #101 Rockwall, Texas 75087 972-204-6050

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The deadline for RFQ submission is Friday, March 13, 2009 @ 5:00 PM Central Time Zone. The submission must be directed to the e-mail address or the ground address referenced above. All submissions received by the referenced deadline will be publicly announced on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 2:00 PM Central Time Zone in the Rockwall County Commissioners Court located in the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse at 101 East Rusk Street in Rockwall, Texas.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, The Vault Self Storage located at 1280 E. Ralph Hall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas 75032 will hold a public auction of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 AM, February 3, 2009, at The Vault Self Storage, 1280 E. Ralph Hall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash only. All successful bidders will remove the contents immediately and leave unit clean. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of the following tenants:

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Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, until the hour of 4:00 PM, Thursday, February 12, 2009, for the following project:

Fire Hydrant Replacement Project- 2009

The project includes the removal and replacement of 26 Fire Hydrant Assemblies using AVK Hydrants or City Approved Equal and miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- Fire Hydrant Replacement Project- 2009.

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

Completion time is 60 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. Depending on bid, a Performance and or Payment Bond will be required. A Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

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

Plans and specifications may be examined and procured at the Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers- 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), at a non-refundable cost of \$20.00, beginning, January 29, 2009.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Royce City I.S.D., on behalf of Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 7 will receive bids for the construction of the OFFSITE SANITARY SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS for the R.C.I.S.D. FATE SCHOOL SITE, located in FATE, TEXAS, Job No. 04022-11, at the office of the ENGINEER FOR THE DISTRICT (Petitt Barraza, LLC), 300 Municipal Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080 (214) 221-9955) until 11:00 a.m. local time on the date of Monday, February 16, 2009, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Any proposals received after the closing time will be returned unopened. The project includes an Offsite Sanitary Sewer Line for the Fate School according to the plans and specifications. A Pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. local time at the office of the ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 300 Municipal Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080). The Pre-bid conference is not mandatory.

Proposals must be accompanied by a cashier's check or a bid bond from a surety company holding a permit in the State of Texas for an amount equal to 2% of the amount bid. The amount of said cashiers check or bond will be forfeited to the OWNER for the amount in event the successful bidder fail or refuse to enter into a contract or furnish bonds as hereafter required within ten (10) days after the date of notice of award.

The successful bidder must furnish a performance bond and payment bond on the forms provided, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract price from a surety company licensed by the State of Texas. Copies of the Contract Documents, Technical Specifications and Plans are available at the office of the ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 300 Municipal Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080, (214) 221-9955). Copies may be secured from the ENGINEER for a \$100.00 nonrefundable fee.

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The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday**, February 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

Z2009-001: Rezone from Agriculture to Light Industrial – 1795 E I-30

Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Kimberly Cullins Collichio and Donna Cullins Pritchard for approval of a zoning change from (Ag) Agricultural district to (LI) Light Industrial district on a 1.025-acre tract known as Part of Lot 1, Block C, Rockwall Commercial Park Phase I, and located at 1795 East Interstate 30, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 54804L003

APPLICATION Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Inc, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 54804L003, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located on the north side of State Highway 66 approximately 1000 feet east of FM 1141, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust and particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 14, 2009. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Fort Worth regional office, and the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1101 Ridge Road, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Fort Worth regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., 11810 State Highway 121, Frisco, Texas 77035 or by calling Mr. Randy Ferraresi, Project Manager at (972) 712-6592.

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Rockwall County Sports

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CMS 7th grade B girls take Sloan Creek tourney, remain undefeat for season

Improving their record to 9-0 for the year, the Cain Middle School seenth grade girls B team won the Sloan Creek Middle School tourname in Lovejoy Jan. 23-24.

After opening the tournament with a 40-6 bashing of Wylie's Coop Middle School, the Lady Mustangs downed Sloan Creek MS 15-5 befindefeating Erecksen MS from Allen 25-14 in the championship game. The Lady Mustangs have two games remaining, Jan. 26 again

Williams MS and Feb. 2 against Curtis MS.
Cain is coached by Laura Lanquist.



Cain Lady Mustangs 7th grade B team winning last weekend's Sloan Creek tournament in Lovejoy are (back row, left to right) Taryn Hopkins, Brianne Lacy, Madi Lemons, Beth Rose, (middle row) Emily Fletcher, Taylor Abbott, Daija Styles, Savanna Stutts, Coach Laura Lanquist, (front row) Jacquelyn Turner, Lauren Archuleta, Jillian Granstaff and Eden Deel. Not pictured is Regina Tillis

Photo courtesy of Coach Laura Lanquist

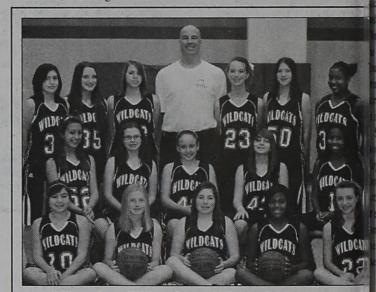
Williams 8th grade C girls take Sloan Creek tourney

Coached by Arthur Latus, the Williams Middle School 8th gragirls basketball C team siezed the district tournament championship Saturday, January 10th at Sloan Creek Junior High.

In the first round, the team defeated Cain Middle School 37-9.

During the semi-finals, Williams took a close 19-18 victory over Al
Ford.

The tournament was topped by a 26-24 championship win over Al Ereckson, finishing Williams' undefeated season.



Williams Lady Wildcats 8th grade C team district champions are (back row, left to right) Jackie Jones, Josey Jagielo, Courtney Palenkas, Čoach Arthur Latus, Hannah Smith, Stephanie Shell, (middle row) Christina Parrish, Mackenzie Blakey, Berkley Talley, Dahlia Rizk, Veneisha Hendricks, (front row) Stormy Herrera, Kaitlyn Basham, Lauren Ham, Jah'ne Cato and Taylor Madle.

Photo courtesy of Emily Laurence

Royse City soccer teams prepare for first district games

by Lary Bum

Royse City's soccer teams have started slowly in their first season part of a district, but both head coaches see progress.

"We've come a long way since our first game. We've improved ever game," said Shelby Henry, who has coached the girls' team to a 2 record in non-district games.

Her team lost twice last week, 5-3 to Princeton and 5-0 Waxahachie.

The boys' team (2-7) also lost Friday to Waxahachie, 7-0.

"I've seen a lot of progress since day one," said boys' coach Ch Lancaster. "Every game I see something we do better.

"I'd say our strength is our senior leadership. We have nine seniors

the team, and that's always helpful."

But, Lancaster added, "This is my first year with the team and our fi

year in a district. We're going to have our struggles."

Some of those struggles are common to any high school team. F

example, the Lady Bulldogs are dealing with players who are acadencally ineligible.

Henry said, "We've lost a couple due to grades. We're working arou

that and getting them into tutorials. We have three weeks to get the back."

By that time, the District 23-4A season will be starting. RC's bo

By that time, the District 23-4A season will be starting. RC's be play their first district game Monday, Feb. 9, at West Mesquite; the gir district opener will be the following night.

An unexpected obstacle struck the Bulldogs when bad weather ca celed their game scheduled for Tuesday.

"That's going to hurt us a little bit because we need every game can get," Lancaster said. "We'll see how we bounce back Friday again Eustace."

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Walter E. Williams

sident Obama was sworn into office placing his hand on Abraham oln's Bible. That is the last Bible I would use to be sworn into office. say, "Why? Didn't Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation free your stors?" It all depends where they were living. Let's examine the ment's text to see why.

resident Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation muary 1, 1863, which reads, "That on the first day of January, in ear of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all ons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, eople whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, be then, thenceforward, and forever free ..." The key phrase is "in llion against the United States" because slaves remained slaves in s not in rebellion.

he Proclamation is specific about the states where slaves were I, to wit: "Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the Parishes of St. ard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James ension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, Orleans, including the City of New Orleans) Mississippi, Alabama, da, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except orty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the ities of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, cess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and smouth), and which excepted parts, are for the present, left precisely this proclamation were not issued."

laves in the excepted Louisiana parishes were not freed because e parishes were not in rebellion. Neither were slaves in West inia. By the way, West Virginia's June 1863 admission as a state, erly a part of Virginia, was a clear violation of the Constitution's ele IV, Section 3, that reads in part "but no new States shall be formed ected within the jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be ed by the Junction of two or more States, or parts of States, without Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of

by then.

The hypocrisy of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation came in for heavy criticism. His Secretary of State William Seward said, "We show our sympathy with slavery by emancipating slaves where we cannot reach them and holding them in bondage where we can set them free." The New York World wrote, "He has proclaimed emancipation only where he has notoriously no power to execute it.

The exemption of the accessible parts of Louisiana, Tennessee, and Virginia renders the proclamation not merely futile, but ridiculous."The London Spectator mocked, "The principle (of the Proclamation) is not that a human being cannot justly own another, but that he cannot own him unless he is loyal to the United States."

Lincoln admitted in a letter to his Treasury Secretary Salmon Chase that his proclamation had no legal justification. Lincoln's motivation for proclamation was the war was going badly for the Union and there was 1 the possibility that England and other European powers, who had recently abolished slavery, might give the Confederacy economic and political aid, but would not do so if the war was seen as a war against slavery. An excellent reference for this period is "The Real Lincoln" by Loyola College of Maryland's economics Professor Thomas DiLorenzo.

President Obama can be forgiven for celebrating the hypocrisy of Abraham Lincoln because the victors of wars write their history and glorify the winners. The recognition that slavery is a despicable institution does not require hero worship of a president who made the largest contribution to the unraveling of our Constitution.

After all when it is settled by brute force that states cannot secede, as they thought they had the right to in 1787, then the federal government can ride roughshod over states and their people's right — in a word make meaningless the Ninth and Tenth Amendments.

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The Peaceful Transfer of Violent Power

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by Sheldon Richman

At the risk of raining on the parade, I suggest that the inaugural festivities are not what they appear. Barack Obama says the pomp and circumstance are not about him but are a celebration of democracy. "For the forty-third time, we will execute the peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next," he said.

He's right, but not quite as he meant it. The peaceful transition from the Bush to the Obama regime is indeed the occasion, but let's focus on exactly what is being transferred. Despite the oratory about hope, change, and renewal, government - as someone, perhaps George Washington, said — "is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force." If that is right - and I contend it is - then in the inauguration we have the irony of a peaceful transfer of something that is anything but peaceful: the legal power to use physical force.

This is something to celebrate?

The question would be fair no matter who succeeded George W. Bush. It's not so much the man but the office that warrants our distrust and (to use Jefferson's term) jealousy. To modify the words of Judge Gideon Tucker: No person's life, liberty, and property are safe as long as the occupant of the White House possesses the powers that are invested in the presidency (and government generally).

The essence of government as we know it is the power to use force against people who have never harmed anyone. The most basic power is the power to tax. Indeed, government could do nothing without it. The power to tax is the legal authority to compel people to surrender their money to the state under penalty of fine, imprisonment, and worse for refusal. Whether or not one thinks this power is good (I don't), one cannot deny that it is based on the threat to commit violence against

Thus, this week we witness the peaceful transfer of the authority to commit legal plunder.

Apologists for government undertake bizarre mental contortions to "But what the heck, Lincoln had much of the Constitution under siege show that we have consented to be taxed. Balderdash, I was never asked to consent, and I'm sure you weren't either. I refuse to accept the nonsensical argument that by not vacating the parcel of land I purchased, I have signaled my "tacit consent" to be plundered and bullied. That implies the government owns the territory it rules and therefore can set the conditions under which it is used. That sounds like feudalism. Are we merely tenants of the governmental landlord?

Built on the power to tax (legally steal) are myriad other powers that entail the threat of violence against peaceful individuals. If you wish to buy things from people outside the jurisdiction claimed by the U.S. government, you may do so only on the terms it permits under its trade laws. If you wish to invite to your home or business someone who lives outside that jurisdiction, again, you can do so only under terms laid down by the government's immigration rules. You are not free to make your own decisions in the matter.

If you don't want your money given to others - say, Wall Street banks, auto companies, welfare recipients, stem-cell researchers, military contractors, the Israeli air force, the Iraqi and Afghan rulers — too bad. You have no say. Correction: you have one impotent vote every four years. That's virtually the same as no say.

If you don't want the armed forces killing people in your name, again, too bad. No one asked you.

If you don't want the Treasury and the Federal Reserve stealing your hard-earned money through deficits and inflation, you may as well shut up. It's going to happen anyway.

This is the power the peaceful transfer of which we celebrate.

We might wonder why inaugurations aren't more sober affairs. Why all the hoopla? The answer is simple. Government is a horrendous and exploitative imposition on most of us. From the rulers' perspective, there is always the danger that we may figure this out and refuse to go along. Hence the need for regular propaganda spectacles to reinforce the myth that we are the government.

The prayers of The Who's Pete Townshend, alas, have not been answered. Most of us are getting fooled again.

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timulus for who?

Congressman Ron Paul

week the House is expected to pass an \$825 billion economic stimulus ge. In reality, this bill is just an escalation of a government-created economic As before, a sense of urgency and impending doom is being used to extract tains of money from Congress with minimal debate. So much for change. s is déjà vu. We are again being promised that its passage will help Dyment, help homeowners, help the environment, etc. These promises are less. This time around especially, Congress should know better than to pass ing of this magnitude without first reading the fine print. There a many red that I have found in this bill.

least \$4 billion is allocated to expanding the police state and the war on drugs gh Byrne grants, which even the Bush administration opposed, and the COPS am, both of which are corrupt and largely ineffective programs.

help Big Brother keep a better eye on us and our children, \$20 billion would wards health information technology, which would create a national system ctronic medical records without adequate privacy protection. These records instead be subject to the misnamed federal "medical privacy" rule, which government and state-favored special interests to see medical records at will. lditional \$250 million is allocated for states to nationalize individual student expanding Federal control of education and eroding privacy

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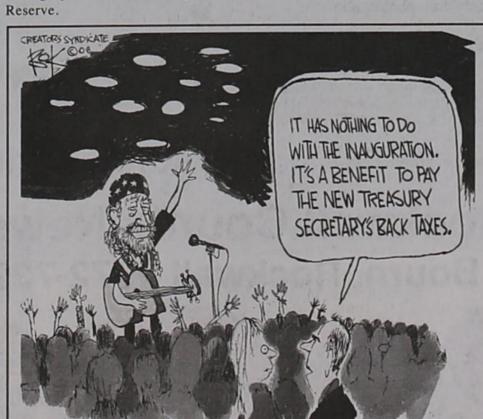
based organizations for social services, which will further insinuate the government into charity and community service. Private charities are much more efficient and effective because they are directly accountable to donors, while public programs tend to get rewarded for failure. With its money, the Federal Government brings its incompetence and its whims, while creating foolish dependence. This

Of course the bill is rife with central planning projects. \$4 billion for job training, much of which will be used to direct workers into "green jobs". \$200 million to "encourage" electric cars, \$2 billion to support US manufacturers of advanced batteries and battery systems, which is yet another function of government I can't find in the Constitution.

Not to mention \$500 million for energy efficient manufacturing demonstration projects, \$70 million for a Technology Innovation Program for "research in potentially revolutionary technologies" in which government, not supply and demand, will pick winners and losers. \$746 million for afterschool snacks, \$6.75 billion for the Department of Commerce, including \$1 billion for a census.

This bill delivers an additional debt burden of \$6,700 to every American man,

There is a lot of stimulus and growth in this bill - that is, of government. Nothing in this bill stimulates the freedom and prosperity of the American people. Politician-directed spending is never as successful as market-driven investment. Instead of passing this bill, Congress should get out of the way by cutting taxes, cutting spending, and reining in the reckless monetary policy of the Federal



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JV and freshman A Lady Jackets stay unbeaten in dis-

by Lary Bump

Before the Lady Jackets varsity routed Rockwall-Heath Friday, Rockwall's freshman A and junior varsity girls already had ripped their into the future. Lady Hawks counterparts.

District 10-4A. What's more, said head coach Jill McDill, the Williams Chelsea Biggs added eight. Middle School 8th grade A team also is undefeated in its district.

Thus, McDill can envision that the Lady Jackets' success will extend

Friday night, Bre Castillo led the JV team with 13 points, followed The freshman team's 43-9 victory and the JV's 59-27 win weren't sur- closely by Brittany Griffin's 12 and Kayla Smith's 11. For the Rockwall prising. Like the varsity, both of those teams are undefeated at 8-0 in freshmen, who are 18-3 overall, Shelby Taylor scored 12 points and

Tuesday's scheduled games for the JV and freshman A teams at Carrollton R.L. Turner were canceled because of the impending ice storm.

RHS mens' soccer...

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put in the game winner during the 56th minute of the victory over South made five saves in the shutout. Garland, and added a goal against Southwest. Rockwall's other goals "Our guys stepped up," Williams said. against the Raiders were by Tapp Hazel and Ben Winkler.

Rector's game winner came when he beat a defender to a loose ball until this season. in front and just to the left of the goal and booted it past goalie Bryan

A high ball would have been stopped. He had a laser on it and he caught win the tournament's Scion Cup. a goal on the short side."

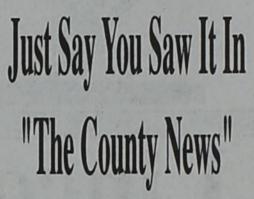
The Jackets had a strong defensive effort against South Garland. They junior varsity playing at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity at 7 p.m.

Also scoring twice in the tournament was midfielder Janson Rector. He thwarted all four of the Colonels' corner kicks. Goalie Joey Hernandez

In that game, RHS was going against the team that Williams coached

He said, "I actually put both teams into the tournament, but I didn't expect we'd be playing in the same bracket. I had some mixed feelings." Williams said, "(Rector) did exactly what he had to do. He kept it low. Last Friday, Rockwall lost 4-0 to McKinney Boyd, which went on to

The Jackets' next game will be Friday at home against Frisco, with the

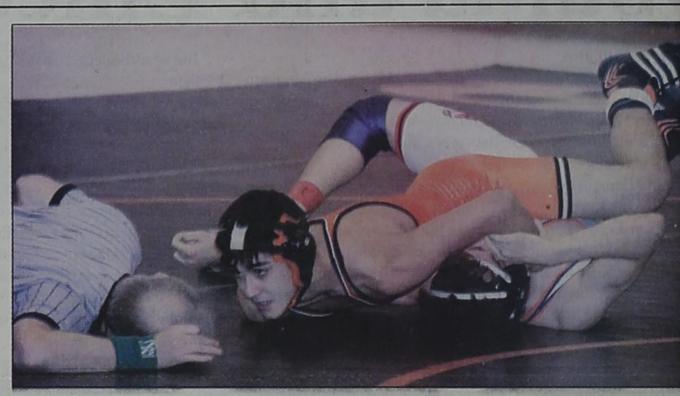




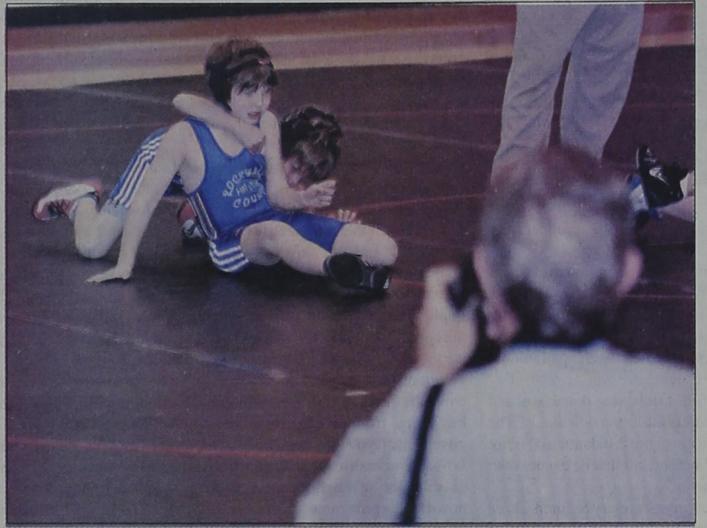
HCA takes on McKinney Christian

Heritage Christian Academy varsity players Megan Trapan (back, left) and Audrey Stalter (center) race down the court in the recent contest with McKinney Christian. The game ender with a loss to McKinney. The varsity next travels to McKinney for a February 6 rematch.

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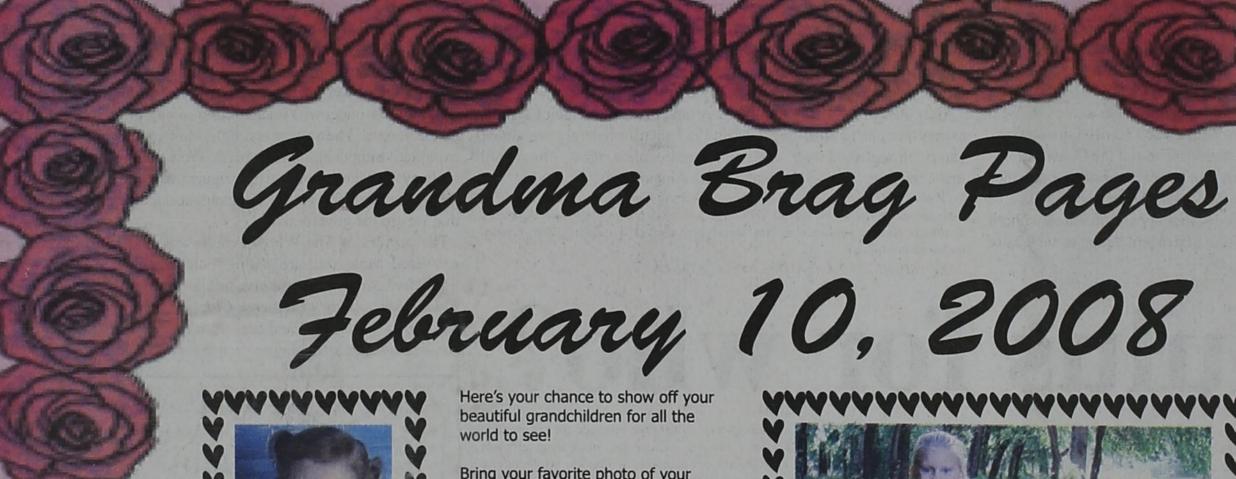


Rockwall High School varsity wrestler Dacoda Hicks pins a Wakeland High School opponent in Undraising the 145 pound weight division during last weekend's RHS tournament. Hicks won by a fall. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Rockwall Mat Club members Nathan Breen (left) and Luke Hollaway demonstrate their skills at the recent Rockwall-Heath High School wrestling tournament. Nathan's father Bob Green snaps photos during the event.

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