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Rockwall accelerates effort to curb water consumption

City officials anticipate Stage 4 limitations by April 1

Officials with the City of Rockwall anticipate the North Texas Municipal Water District will request all of its member and customer water systems enter Stage 4 of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Emergency Response Plan on or before April 1.

City officials made this statement in a Jan. 4 news release.

Under Stage 4, the city will accelerate efforts to reduce water use and urge residents to conserve every drop of water. According to the release, other possible Stage 4 provisions could include the prohibition of commercial and residential landscape watering except foundations and trees may be watered for up to two hours on any day with a hand-held hose, a soaker hose or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.

The NTMWD likely will initiate Stage 4 as a result of the temporary loss of Lake Texoma, which now stands at 22.5 percent of the city's total raw water supply; Lake Lavon holding at 51.25 percent of its capacity; the probability that this month or next the NTMWD's Lake Chapman will be below the elevation where water can be pumped; and drought conditions continue in the North Texas area. These conditions would result in a loss of 40 percent of the city's total water supply, according to the news release.

Record heat and record drought have drained local lakes. Texas experienced its driest 12-month period on record from October 2010 through September 2011. One hundred percent of the state has been designated as experiencing some form of drought, with most counties facing 'exceptional' drought conditions.

As of Dec. 22, Lake Levon was less than 52 percent full, while Lake Chaney was less than 33 percent full. To fill these reservoirs, six to nine inches of rainfall would need to fall in a single month, 9 to 12 inches of rainfall would need to fall over a three-month period or 16 to 20 inches of rain would be needed over the next six months, according to the news release.

Since Lake Texoma represents almost one quarter of the North Texas raw water supply, the NTMWD continues to work with all state and federal agencies involved to safely restore the Texoma water supply while minimizing the transfer of zebra mussels into Lake Lavon and the Trinity River Basin. Although zebra mussels are not harmful to humans and do not contaminate the water, they do attach to pipes that pump water into water treatment facilities causing increased operating and maintenance costs. The district also is working to secure additional water supply from several other sources.

Meeting the NTMWD's water supply during Stage 4 through the efficient use of existing water resources is crucial to meeting the long-term water needs of the district's member cities and customers.

According to the City of Rockwall news release, it is likely that Stage 4 will include some or all of the following provisions:

- prohibition of commercial and residential landscape watering, except foundations and trees may be watered for up to two hours on any day with a hand-held hose, a soaker hose or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system (ET/smart controllers and drip irrigation systems used for landscape irrigation will not be exempt from this requirement);

- prohibition of the irrigation of new landscaping using treated water;
- prohibition of the washing of vehicles except as necessary for health, sanitation or safety reasons;

- prohibition of golf course watering with treated water except for greens and tee boxes (The Shores Country Club uses raw water from the City of Dallas and its watering will not be restricted by the City of Rockwall.);

- prohibition of construction permits for private pools. Pools already permitted may be completed and filled with water. Existing private and public pools may add water to maintain pool levels, but may not be drained or refilled.

The NTMWD imposes a reduction in water to its member cities and customers the same reduction will be handed down to wholesale customers, according to the news release.

Until drought restrictions have been lifted, city officials suggest that local residents avoid plantings that require water to establish and sustain growth.

Additional details of the Stage 4 plan will be provided as plans are finalized, according to the news release.

Contact the City of Rockwall's Conservation Department at 972-772-6435 or via email at waterwasters@rockwall.com. For more information and conservation tips, visit rockwall.com/green.

More information and tips are available on water conservation at wateriq.org and ntmwd.com.

Rockwall County among USDA's disaster areas

Rockwall County is one of 40 Texas counties designated by the USDA as primary natural disaster areas because of losses caused by drought, excessive heat, high winds and wildfires, according to a news release issued last week.

In addition to Rockwall County, other counties include Bexar, Borden, Carson, Crane, Dallas, Dawson, De Witt, Ector, Falls, Fannin, Garza, Grayson, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Kaufman, Kinney, Llano, Martin, Matagorda, Maverick, Matague, Navarro, Nueces, Real, Tarrant, River, Runnels, Tarrant, Terry, Upton, Van Zandt, Ward, Wharton, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Zavala and Zavala.

Texas farmers have experienced severe drought conditions over a long period of time, which has caused major losses to a wide variety of crops such as forage crops, sorghum, corn, oats and wheat," said Tom Vilsack, agriculture secretary. President Obama and I are committed to using the resources at our disposal to reduce the impact of

Betty Ryan Hoaglund, was installed as the new president of the Rockwall Art League at the organization's annual Christmas party in the Hoaglund home. Darlene Dittoe passed the gavel to Hoaglund, whose goal this year is to build upon the organization's growth and seek additional support from local residents and business owners. Hoaglund, a native of Chicago, Ill., is a self-taught artist who began in junior high when she won a national art competition. Recent exhibits include the Chandler's Landing Yacht Club, Yoga on Main, Art N Frame Depot, Downtown McKinney Second Saturdays and Cliques Art Gallery in Dallas. Hoaglund said she hopes to add new members to the RAL, which is open to all area fine artists who work in a variety of creative disciplines and media, including oil, acrylic and watercolor; photography; sculpture; jewelry; and other media. Membership dues are \$35 annually for members who pay by Jan. 31 or \$40 after

that date. The RAL's next meeting will be Jan. 25 when artist Elizabeth Padgett will present a program on poured acrylics. For more details visit rockwallartleague.org or the RAL Facebook page.

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Shanitra Barton and Corey Blackshear of Garland are the parents of the first baby born in 2012 at Lake Pointe Medical Center. Corey Bryland Blackshear arrived at 8:13 a.m. Jan. 3, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces. He was 20 inches long and is the couple's third child. Presenting a basket of gifts to the family on behalf of the Lake Pointe Health Network are Sharon Groves, RN, director of the NICU, and Debbie Moeller, RN, chief nursing officer. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Richard Malak (left) of Chandlers Landing, flies the spinnaker sail on Orion/Hunter31 owned and skippered by his brother Dan Malak (far right) also of Chandlers Landing, as Michael Humphreys of Plano (tan shirt with cap) checks progress against the other boats, in preparation for the first race of 2012. The Founders Series is scheduled to begin this Sunday with Race #1 at 1:00p. Orion is leading the fleet in a downwind spinnaker sail start in light wind. Pictured in hot pursuit are Superman's Cape/Evelyn32, owned and skippered Marshall McKenzie of Garland (blue and red spinnaker), and Cuttin Up/Sonar23/Jeff Willis of Dallas(white spinnaker). Photo courtesy of Dan Malak/Rockwall County News

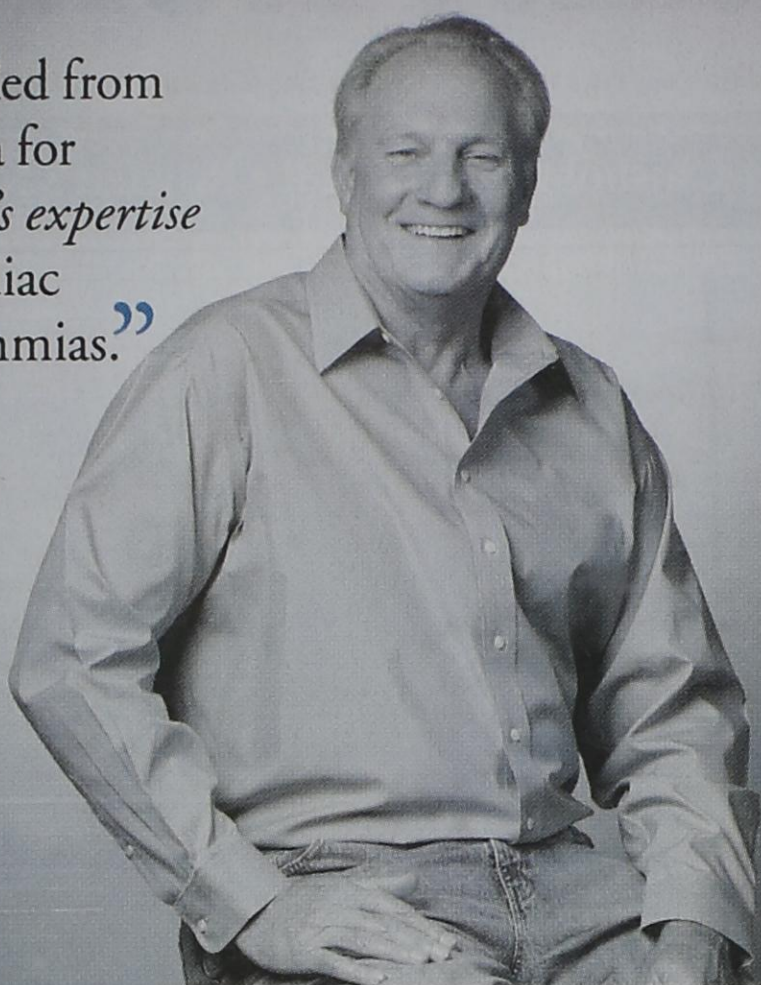


Grace Hartman students and their families participated in the annual Jingle Bells Run, a fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association, during the holiday season. The students raised more than \$6,200. A special appearance by Dallas Mavericks mascot Mavs Man helped kick off the event. Free blood glucose testing also was made available for parents and teachers during the event. Pictured above are just a handful of the many students who participated in the fundraiser. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



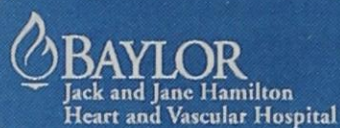
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Deedra Mann's kindergarten class at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary learned about the Cotton Bowl and supporting the Hogs recently. Pictured with their teacher are Typel Carr, wearing the hat and Liam Kimberling, Brooklin Fortner, Madison Snyder, Emma Sullins, Reagan Johnson and Kayla Koelsch.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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SH 66 alignment is subject of Jan. 30 meeting

A public meeting on the “locally preferred” alignment of SH 66 from SH 205 east to the Rockwall city limits at FM 3549 will begin at 6 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Rockwall City Hall.

The city and the design consultants involved in the project will present the proposed alignment and answer questions regarding the layout and the remaining project process according to a news release issued by the city.

Information about the detailed design of the roadway, such as the ultimate grades to which the roadway would be built, is not available at this stage of planning because the project has not been approved for final design, according to the release.

Once the city submits the “locally preferred route” the consultants can complete the preliminary schematic and forward it to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The submission of the city “locally preferred route” to TxDOT is necessary to secure state funding for the roadway improvement project. The news release indicates, however, that no timeline has been linked to when the funding for the project may be available and approved by the state agency.

Anyone with questions on this meeting should contact Chuck Todd, Rockwall city engineer, at 972-771-7746.

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Family serves hearty meal to H-Hands volunteers

A service-committed family continued its December tradition of providing a hearty lunch for volunteers at the annual Helping Hands toy distribution event. Grilled cheese sandwiches, grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, homemade soup, tea cookies, banana bread, pecakes and brownies were served to 140 volunteers. The meal was prepared and served by Darlene Dabney and her husband, Paul, the couple's daughter, Malaya, and Darlene Dabney's cousin, Ivory Oubre, and his wife, Evelyn.

"Paul and I, Ivory, Evelyn and our children support us in every way each year in doing this to honor the wonderful volunteers that we have at Helping Hands," Darlene Dabney said.

Darlene Dabney is a member of the non-profit's board and she serves on the Assistance and Referral subcommittee – the group instrumental in planning the toy drive, an annual event that provided three new toys or gift cards for teens to more than 1,200 local children.

Coming from a large service-minded family of cooks, Darlene Dabney said she knew exactly what was involved with such a big task.

"I'm from southern Louisiana. My family has always cooked together – southern cooking, you know, Creole cooking," she said, describing the Sunday family dinners when everyone showed up, including a lot of children. "You never went without a meal in my family."

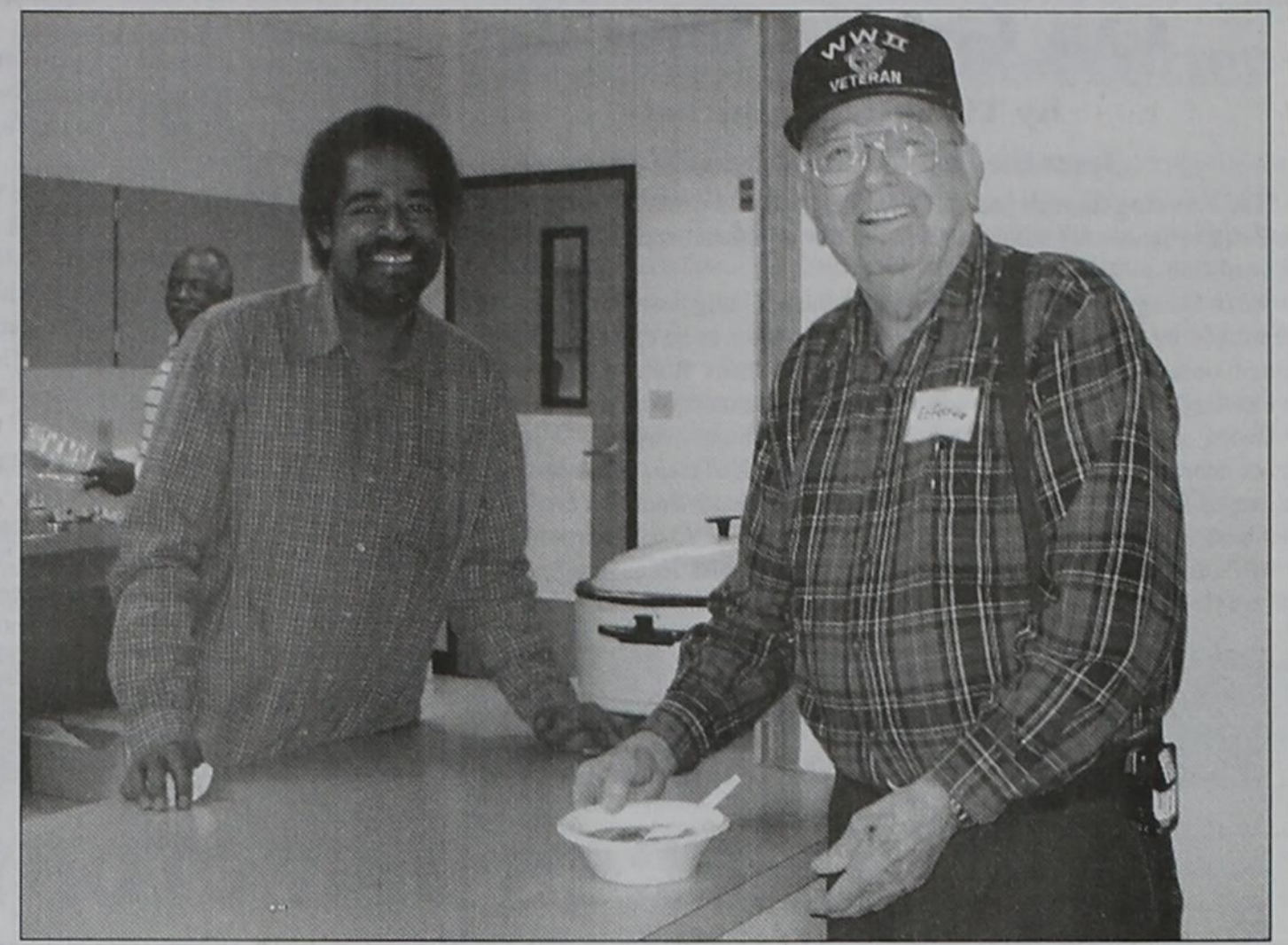
With four brothers and four sisters plus "many, many cousins," Darlene Dabney said she knows how to cook for a crowd. The Rowlett resident now includes her husband's Rockwall family and her cousin's family, including his parents.

"We try to have Sunday dinner whenever we can, and we try to get together as a family whenever we can," she said.

Visiting her Louisiana home for New Year's, Darlene Dabney predicted there would be "lots of gumbo and rice, cabbage, black-eyed peas and lots of seafood."

Darlene Dabney has been a Helping Hands volunteer for several years, said Sherry Hamm, assistance and referral director.

"The Dabney family makes giving to others a priority through all generations," she said. "This is a family that doesn't just talk about serving others; they are always busy doing just that."



Helping Hands volunteer Ed Frazier is shown with a bowl of Ivory's Homemade Soup during the agency's annual toy drive distribution event in December. Members of the Dabney family, including Ivory Oubre, middle, and Paul Dabney, shown at back, assisted in the preparation and service of a meal for toy drive volunteers.

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'Disaster' designation ...

(Continued from Page 1)

these disasters on Texas producers and help to get those affected back on their feet.

Farmers and ranchers in the following counties in Texas also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are Anderson, Andrews, Aransas, Armstrong, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Burnet, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Crockett, Delta, Denton, Donley, Edwards, Ellis, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Garza, Gillespie, Gonzales, Gray, Guadalupe, Hockley, Hopkins, Howard, Hutchinson, Jack, Jackson, Jim Wells, Johnson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kleberg, Lamar, La Salle, Lee, Limestone, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, McCulloch, McLennan, Martin, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mitchell, Moore, Morris, Nolan, Parker, Pecos, Potter, Rains, Randall, Reeves, Roberts, Robertson, San Patricio, San Saba, Scurry, Smith, Taylor, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Val Verde, Webb and Wood.

All counties listed were designated natural disaster areas Jan. 3, making all qualified farm operators in those areas eligible for low interest emergency loans from the USDA's Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers have eight months from the date of declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. Other programs also are available to provide assistance.

For more details, visit disaster.fsa.usda.gov.



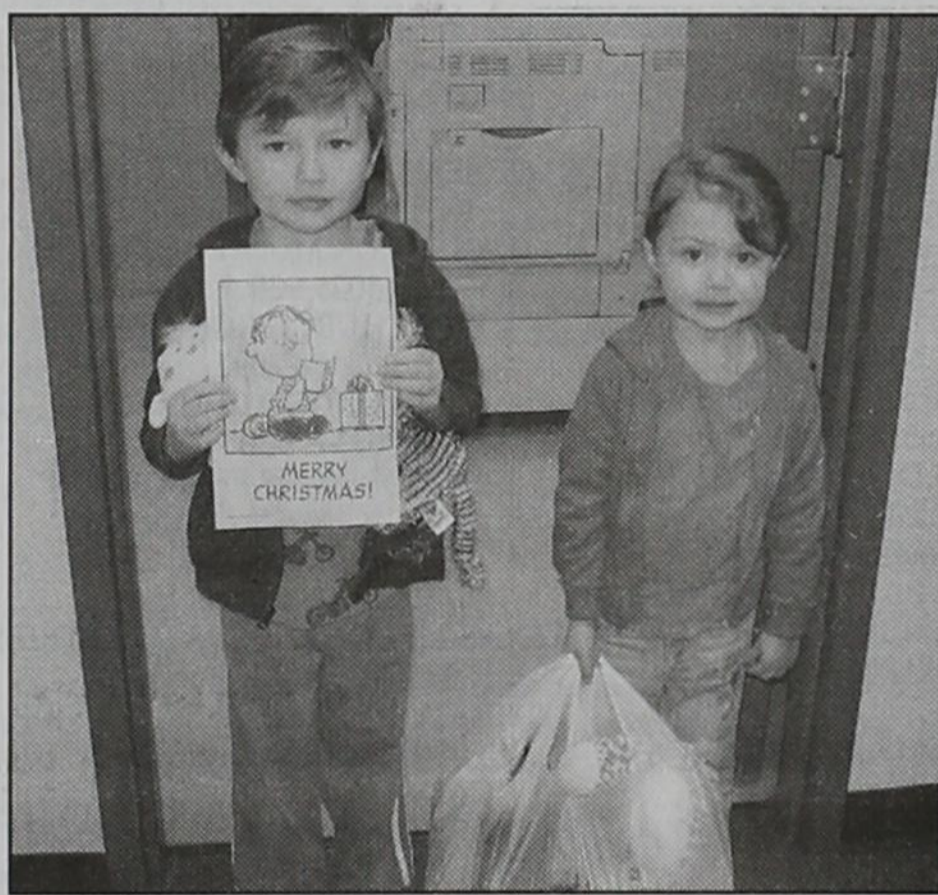
Pictured at front, from the left, are Nebbie Williams fifth grade students Jordan Sam, Sydney Yeager, Natalie Newhouse, Addison Schale, Emily Henry and Ryan Ullom. The students were invited to participate in a halftime speed stacking performance at the Rockwall Yellowjackets varsity girls basketball game on Jan. 6. The elementary school students had been practicing the skill in PE with coach Dawn Patterson.

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Springer Elementary sixth grade student Braeden Dunn, left, and third grade student Mandalyn Middlebrook were awarded certificates as state finalists in the 2011 Texas Alliance for Geography Education's Awareness Week Poster Contest. Each poster was selected to advance to the state level of competition in San Marcos conducted in November.

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Ryan Axum, a kindergarten student at Springer Elementary, and his 3-year-old sister, Kate, made some special donations to Rockwall County Helping Hands before the Christmas holiday. Ryan decided to donate the \$2 left for him by the tooth fairy, but his generosity didn't stop there. He and his sister also donated toys they picked out from their favorites, as well as some they decided weren't being played with very much. Ryan also colored a picture for Helping Hands. "They work up one morning and decided they wanted to do something for kids that didn't have much," said the children's mother, Debra Axum. "It was all them." Debra and her husband, Marc, regularly involve their children in giving, including delivering food to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

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Two locals make SAU President's List

Two Rockwall residents were included on the President's List at Southern Arkansas University for the fall semester, according to a university news release.

Dylan Leverett, a freshman physical education, wellness and leisure major, and Samuel Grinnan, a freshman business administration major, were named to the honor roll.

To be qualified for the President's List, a student must earn all As for the semester.



Indy, a male Australian Shepherd-mix puppy, is about five weeks old. Described as a "pittfire," he loves to play. He and many other animals are available for adoption at Texas Best Choices Non-Profit Animal Rescue in Minnlan. For more details call 214-3505230 or email alliance214@aol.com. Information also is available on Facebook at facebook.com/texasbestchoicesanimalrescue.

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Grace Hartman's Kindness & Compassion Club organized a toy drive to benefit Helping Hands during the month of December. Some of the items collected included art supplies, stuffed animals, balls and dolls. Pictured are Anna Strohmeier, Mackenzie Hiberd, Ryan King, Emily King, Kelsie Brouillette, Shauna Kruuv, Emily Taylor, AnnaClaire Claggett, Hannah Crowell, Maddie Demien, Hallie Brouillette, Mary Tolbert, Clara Towbridge, Lauren Rohrig, Haylie Poncinie and counselor Elizabeth Peters.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Jesus the perfect example to follow

While reading through and studying the death and resurrection of Jesus, it's difficult to ignore his boldness and love toward others along with faithfulness toward God.

After facing two fraudulent trials and Pilate's judgment, Jesus was finally sentenced by democratic vote of the people's voice to be crucified. Before his crucifixion, Jesus was beaten and scourged by many Roman soldiers. Please understand that the scourging was far beyond what most of us can imagine.

Based on a prophecy found in Isaiah 52: 14 Jesus' "visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men." In essence, he was scourged and beaten to the point that even his closest friends and family would not have recognized him. This occurred prior to being led to the cross.

With this in mind, let's return to Luke 23:27-31. As Jesus was led away to be crucified, he saw a large number of people including women who were la-

menting greatly. Jesus turned to them and began to speak by the spirit of God, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children..."

This is absolutely astounding! After facing such horrendous persecution under the power of the Jewish and Roman government leaders, Jesus still had the peaceful frame of mind to be able to encourage and edify others with words of prophecy by the spirit of God.

But it doesn't stop there! After he was nailed to the cross, Jesus prayed for the Roman soldiers who executed him by saying, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). This prayer occurred about the time that the soldiers started casting lots for his clothing.

During the same time of his prayer, the Jewish rulers were "deriding him," and saying things like "he saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God." It also says that the Roman soldiers mocked him in a similar way.

As if this were not enough, one of the malefactors who was crucified with him, also railed on Jesus similar to the rulers by saying, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us."

After the malefactor railed on Jesus, something special happened. The other malefactor rebuked him and said, "Don't you fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds. But this man has done nothing amiss." Next he said to Jesus, "Lord,

remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Look at Jesus' reply, "Verily I say unto you, to day shall you be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). The placement of comas by the King James editors it seem as if Jesus was telling him that it would happen on the same day, crucifixion. By shifting the coma from "thee" to "day", it would more accurately read, "Verily I say unto thee today, shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Even after suffering through two fraudulent mock trials, facing Pilate Herod, being scourged and beaten by the soldiers, being nailed to the post hanging on the post for a good while, Jesus still had the amazing frame of mind and composure to prophecy about the other malefactor. We can be assured the other malefactor will be resurrected with the 144,000 of Israel (Revelation 7:4), and will abide in the new earth (Revelations 21:1) also referred to as paradise.

When we face troubles and tribulations in life, look to the example of our Jesus. Some might say that the tribulation that Jesus suffered was brought on his own actions. Jesus did God's will so that in the end, he would be the sacrifice and purchased price for all of mankind. Jesus did this with the hope of the resurrection.

Likewise our troubles may at times come by our own actions. Some of our troubles can come out of mistakes and poor judgment. Others could be taking good-hearted risks or walking with God out of good and loving his God knows the truth.

As the tears fall from our heavy hearts, be of a good cheer. It is written, even hereunto were you called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving an example, that you should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21-25).

Just as Jesus did before he was arrested, let's pour our hearts out toward in prayer, meekly and humbly letting our requests and desires made known to Him (Luke 22:40-44). When we do so with thankful hearts, "the peace from which surpasses all knowledge absolutely shall guard our hearts and thoughts through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Philippians 4:6-7).

Let's humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and say, "not my will, but let your purpose be accomplished."

Finally, stand up and keep the play alive!

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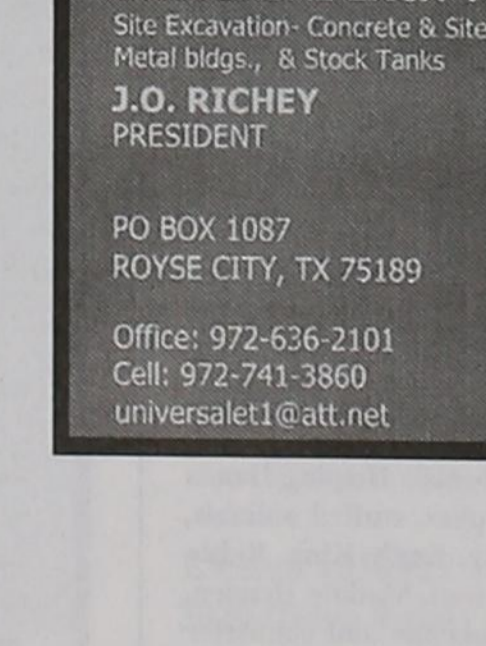
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Hungry Harry

Looking down the future road of the 2012 Hungry Highway and the prospect new food looks great! The highly anticipated burger place on the corner of 205 and 140th, has been recognized as one of the best in the area. We had large influx of Mexican food restaurants open, so many that I had to be someone's else's hand to count.

You know there may be one person in Rockwall that has seen all the changes in the County. She is one person we "foodies" should be thankful for in 2012: Stockburger.

She gets unenviable position of seeing what really happens behind the swinging doors as the health inspector. So the next time you see her give her a big thank you for doing her job.

The first restaurant review of the year goes to Cole Mountain. It has unique atmosphere and feel. It is the same home as a former Barbeque place in Richard's 11th and Cole Mountain is night and day though both are great. Cole Mountain delivers portions and service. The best highlight is its sauce. It is tangy yet, goes smooth. The beef brisket was tender, the ribs were well coated, I really can't remember a better cooked rib. The sausage is also fantastic. The only downside is the price, but, worth the battle for spots.

Atmosphere: Unique,
Service: Great
Food: Fresh, Good
Price: \$\$ Competitive for good barbeque.
Overall: three of four smiles.
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(Editor's Note: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys eating out. The reviewer receives no compensation or benefit from any food establishment.)



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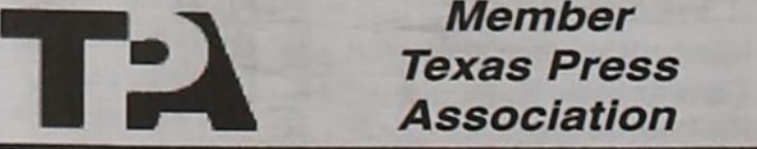


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Raymond Cameron



Services for Raymond Cameron, 92, of Rockwall were conducted at 3 p.m. Jan. 12, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool and Dr. Keith P. Boone officiating. Burial was in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died Jan. 5.

Born Sept. 1, 1919, in Commerce to Raymond and Kate Cameron, he joined the Methodist church in Commerce at a young age. His education began at the age of 5 at East Texas State Teacher's College lab school, from which he graduated at the age of 20 with a bachelor's degree. While in college he met Elizabeth Bell, whom he married Sept. 20, 1942.

During World War II he served as an instructor in the flight engineering school at several U.S. Army air bases. He was a teacher as well as a farmer, and in 1965 joined his brother, Bill, in the real estate and development business. They developed several subdivisions in addition to the Ridge Road Shopping Center at the Cameron Building.

His service to the community included leadership in several organizations. He served as president of the chamber of commerce, school board, Rotary Club and council. The city lake is named in his honor.

He served the First United Methodist Church as a Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years and believed it was his obligation to serve, whether it was at the local, district or conference level. Even though he was not musically inclined, he recognized the need and sought permission to raise funds for a new organ and pipes for the church.

His commitment to his alma mater was evident in several ways, including his service as president of the Ex-Students Association, president of the Foundation Board and service on the Board of Regents for 11 years, including serving as chairman. He was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1983. Upon the opening of the new science building, a room was dedicated in honor of Raymond and Elizabeth Cameron.

The Camerons provided the land for the Amanda Rochell Elementary School in memory of their son, Ronald Brooks Cameron, and his grandmother, Amanda Rochell. He also shared 40 acres of his property with the area Boy Scouts. Each year the couple awarded scholarships to Rockwall and Roysse City students planning to attend Texas A&M University-Commerce.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason, which includes Scottish Rite and Shriners. He was honored by being a 50-year member of Scottish Rite in 2011.

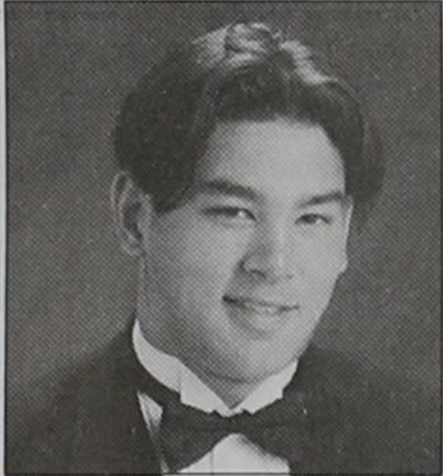
He worked in his wood shop, making toys and vintage cars for his friends. He enjoyed making peach and pear preserves, which he shared with his friends at the annual United Methodist Women's Church Bazaar each November. The Camerons traveled each summer. Highlights of those summer travels included trips to Europe and other countries with Ted and Maurine Cain.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth (Rochell) Cameron; his sister-in-law, Jeanne Cameron; his nieces, Deborah Cook, and her husband, Ed, and Jessica Alexander, and her husband, Collin; his nephews, Don Cameron, and his wife, Ky, Jeff Cameron and his wife, Amy, and Joey Cameron; and a number of great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Ronald Brooks Cameron, who died in 1961 at the age of 14; two brothers, James Cameron and Bill Cameron; a nephew, Rex Cameron; a sister-in-law, Ida Jo Cameron; a niece, Jeanne Cameron Mosley; a great-nephew, Justin Kirk Conway; and a great-great-nephew, Jude Cameron.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall, 75087.

Bryan Eugene Hickman



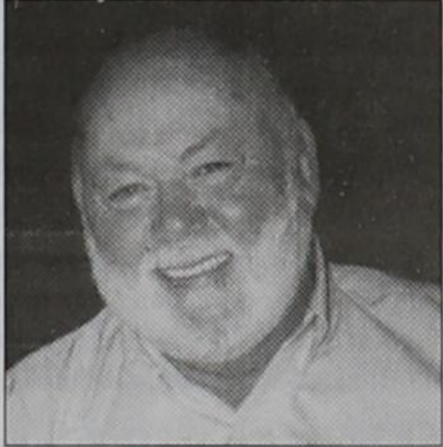
Services for Bryan Eugene Hickman, of Rockwall County were conducted at 11 a.m. Jan. 9, 2012, in the Lake Pointe Church Chapel, 701 E. I-30, in Rockwall. Graveside services were private. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. He died Jan. 3.

Born Jan. 18, 1981, in Dallas, he graduated from North Mesquite High School and received a football scholarship to Kansas State where he earned a degree in business. His passion was football, particularly Kansas State University football.

He enjoyed the camaraderie of the players and coaches with whom he did not always agree, but had the utmost respect and appreciation for. He was played with the National Football League's Cleveland Browns when a knee injury ended his football career. He loved his family, friends and dogs and most of all, God and his savior, Jesus Christ.

Survivors include his father, David Hickman, and his wife, Angela; his mother, Sun Seong, and her husband, Pung; his grandmothers, Jeanne Hickman and Evelyn Yarbrough; his sisters, Kristine Hickman and Monica Lasseter; his brothers, John Hickman, and his wife, Stacy; his aunts and uncles, Chuck Hickman, Cathy Hickman, Eric and Linda Yarbrough and Mark and Carrie Yarbrough; and cousins, James, Andrew, Christopher, Matthew and Joshua Yarbrough.

Dr. Alfred 'Doc' Brazier Nunes



A private celebration of life service for Dr. Alfred "Doc" Brazier Nunes, of Rockwall will be conducted in Massachusetts at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. He died Jan. 8.

Born April 10, 1941, in Beverly, Mass., to Austin Prady Nunes and Louisa Brazier Nunes. He grew up in Beverly and had many happy memories as a teenager who belonged to Sea Scouts, enjoyed water skiing, playing chess and championship waltzing.

Following high school he struck out on his own, moving to Davenport, Iowa, and putting himself through Palmer Chiropractic College where he met the woman he would marry. Following graduation, the couple moved to California where he built successful practices in San Diego and El Cajon. In 1984 they relocated to the Dallas area and built more successful practices, enabling him to retire early.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed traveling, hunting, deep-sea fishing, three-wheeling in the desert, playing cards and his summer home in Gloucester, Mass. He never met a stranger and enjoyed talking to people. He amused his children and grandchildren with his novel way of wrapping Christmas gifts with newspaper and duct tape.

Survivors include his wife, Raejean Nunes of Rockwall; his daughters, Judy Harris, and her husband, Rodney, of Rockwall and Jennifer Nunes of Farmersville; his grandchildren, Erica, Robin and Natalie Harris of Rockwall; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Daniel Nunes; and a brother, Ronald Nunes.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Cub Scouts of America Circle 10 Council Fairview at circle10.org or P.O. Box 5726, Dallas, TX 75235.

Norris included on Dean's List

Casey Norris of Rockwall, a sophomore theater performance major at Freedardman University in Henderson, Tenn., was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, according to a university news release. Inclusion on the Dean's List requires maintaining a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester and full-time status.

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Marge Tollefson



Services for Marge Tollefson, 84, of Dallas, formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 2012, in the Christ Lutheran Church in Dallas with Pastor Tom Robison officiating. Private graveside services were conducted in the Rest Haven Memorial Park, Rockwall, under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. She died Jan. 8.

Born July 20, 1927, in Mt. Tremper, N.Y., to John and Louise Zauner, she was one of six children. She was baptized in the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Queens County, Long Island, N.Y. She worked on her parents' farm in Ulster County, growing vegetables, milking cows, picking berries and nuts and living the life of an all-American farm girl. She and her family moved to Oceanside, Long Island, in 1944 where she began working for Sperry Gyroscope and later worked at the Navy Separation Center in furtherance of the war effort.

She met Robert Dean Tollefson in 1947 while working for Airborne Instruments. The couple married Sept. 2, 1950, and moved with Collins Radio to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1952. In 1961, he was promoted and the family moved to Dallas. Following stops in Huntsville, Ala., and St. Louis, Mo., the couple returned to Texas in 1995.

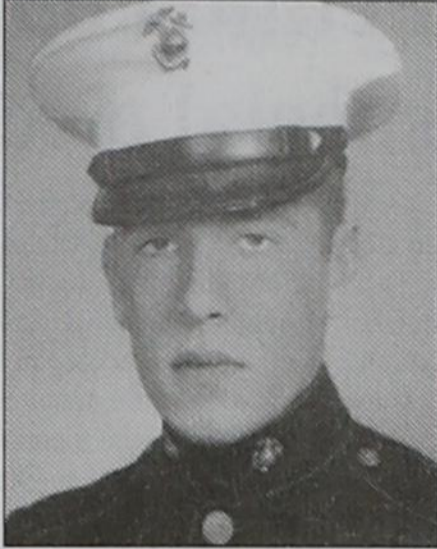
The Tollefsons were married for 47 years until his death in 1997. She enjoyed genealogy, bowling, gardening, world traveling and painting.

Survivors include her son, John Tollefson, and his wife, Bonnie, of Dallas; a daughter, Karen Mauro, and her husband, Joe, of Mills River, N.C.; a sister, Arlene Binney, and her husband, Ed, of Young Harris, Ga.; and three grandchildren, Margaret Tollefson, Dominic Mauro and Ryan Mauro.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Lutheran Church or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Archie Wesley



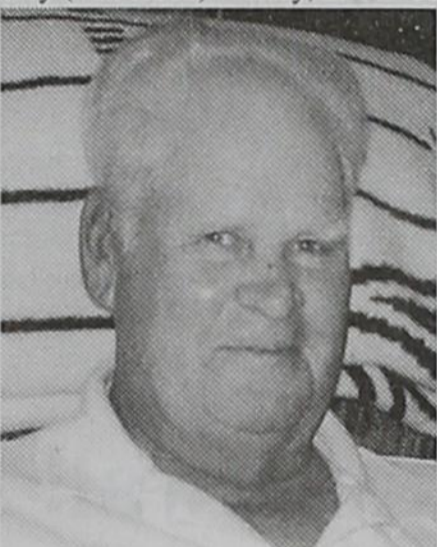
Services for Archie Wesley, 75, of Rockwall, formerly of Liberty, Ky., were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 7, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donahoe officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. He died Jan. 3.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Hugal and Mary (Van Hook) Wesley, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He married Ruthie Daniels on Oct. 5, 1955, and worked at Chappell's Dairy for 17 years. He was known in Casey County, Ky., as "the milkman." He followed his sons to Texas and worked in the drywall business until his retirement in 2006.

Survivors include his daughter, Carmen Wesley of Liberty, Ky.; his sons, Robert Wesley of Rockwall and Jimmy Wesley of Liberty; his sister, Eva June Wilkinson of Los Angeles, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ruthie Wesley; his brothers, Pallas and Bob Wesley; and a sister, Ella Mae Brown.

Vernon Wright



Services for Vernon Wright, 79, of Dallas were conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 7, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Russell Rogers officiating. Graveside services followed at 2:30 p.m. in the Highland Cemetery in Deport. He died Jan. 4.

Born May 5, 1932, in Deport to Benjamin Franklin Wright and Virgie Mary (Hamilton) Wright, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He retired from AT&T after 38 years. He was a Shriner for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Wright of Dallas; his sons, Benny Wright, and his wife, Kathy, of Roysse City, Robin Wright of Little Elm and Bart Wright and his wife, Lisa, of Dallas; his sisters, Henri Cave, and her husband, Tommy, of Houston and Sybil Hanson and her husband, Hud, of Palestine; his grandchildren, Ashton Wright of Tyler, Madeline Wright of Plano and Chase Wright of Roysse City; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Floyd and Lloyd; and one sister, Evelyn.

Rockwall Police Blotter

Jan. 2-9

- Jan. 3 -- Burglary of a habitation, 1500 block Glenwick Drive, 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 2 -- No reports
- Jan. 4 -- Driving while intoxicated, Horizon Road & I-30 North Service Rd, 11:26 p.m.; assault, 2000 block Hwy. 66, 1:45 p.m.; assault, 2900 block Deer Ridge, 4:42 p.m.; driving while intoxicated, 2000 block Summer Lee Drive, 11:23 p.m.
- Jan. 5 -- Driving while intoxicated, 300 block I-30, 2:17 a.m.; delivery of marijuana, 2900 block of Ridge Road, 3:05 p.m.
- Jan. 6 -- Possession of marijuana, 200 block Althea Drive, 8:02 p.m.
- Jan. 7 -- Theft from a vehicle, 1600 block of North Hills Drive, 7 p.m.; assault, 600 block of S. Fannin St., midnight; possession of a controlled substance, 1900 block of S. Goliad St., 2:41 a.m.; possession of marijuana, 500 block of Tubbs Road, 1:41 a.m.; driving while intoxicated, 2000 block of Summer Lee Drive, 12:23 a.m.; public intoxication, 3100 block of Horizon Road, 10:01 p.m.; possession of marijuana, Henry M. Chandler Drive and Ridge Road, 12:22 a.m.
- Jan. 8 -- Burglary of a motor vehicle, 600 block Knollwood Drive, 2 a.m.; theft, 600 block Sunset Hill Drive, 1 a.m.; possession of drug paraphernalia, 1100 block of E. I-30, 4:50 p.m.; driving while intoxicated, 2000 block of Summer Lee Drive, 12:12 a.m.; assault, 600 block of E. I-30, 3:03 a.m.
- Jan. 9 -- Public intoxication, 2300 block of S. Goliad St., 12:06 a.m.

Local students recognized at PJC

Several Rockwall and Roysse City residents were recognized for academic achievement during the fall semester at Paris Junior College, according to a PJC news release.

Students named to the President's List included Leticia Hernandez, Jose Monroy and Cheryl Wright of Roysse City.

Students included on the Dean's List were Laycee Holcomb of Rockwall and Audrey Farfan, Jennifer Lehfeldt, Wesley Porter and Terra Tatum of Roysse City.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours. Those on the Dean's List must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on at least 12 semester hours and have no grade lower than a C.

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Dec. 23-Jan. 5

- Friday, 23 Dec.: Criminal mischief, 500 block Timberhaven Trail; Driving without valid driver's license arrest, Corner of I-30 SSR and FM 2642; Possession/Delivery drug paraphernalia/Driving while license invalid arrest, 1200 block Evergreen Street; Accident, I-30 at the 79-mile marker; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 77-mile marker; Noise disturbance, 1500 block E. I-30; Medical assistance, 200 block Howard Street; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 500 block Welch Road; Alarm, 900 block Brookhaven Drive
- Saturday, 24 Dec.: Medical assistance, 100 block W. Main Street; Criminal trespass, 6000 block FM 2642; Medical assistance, 400 block N. Josephine Street; Welfare check, 1000 block Brookhaven Drive
- Sunday, 25 Dec.: Rockwall Police Department warrants arrest, 400 block E. Main Street; Assault, 500 block Tripp Trail; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 500 block Welch Road; Medical assistance, 1600 block Bob Drive; Accident; Corner of Hwy 66 and FM 551; Suspicious person, Corner of FM 1138 and Hwy 66; Accident, I-30 at the 75-mile marker; Family disturbance; 500 block Tripp Trail; Criminal mischief, 800 block Oak Grove Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 77-mile marker
- Monday, 26 Dec.: Assault, 200 block Singleton Drive; Alarm, 400 block Dyann Drive; Medical assistance, 200 block S. Bell Street; Assault, 100 block W. I-30; Medical assistance, 1800 block Ranch Road
- Tuesday, 27 Dec.: TCIC warrant arrest, 100 block W. Main Street; Possession of drug paraphernalia/Possession of marijuana arrest, I-30 at the 74-mile marker; Suspicious person, 2900 block Mockingbird Street; Welfare check, Corner of FM 548 and I-30; Welfare check, 700 block E. Main Street
- Wednesday, 28 Dec.: Assault, 900 block I-30; Accident, 7700 block Hwy 66; Aggravated robbery, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard; Possession of controlled substance arrest, 1000 block E. I-30; Possession of drug paraphernalia/Possession of marijuana arrest, Corner of I-30 NSR and Industrial Drive; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Medical assistance, 900 block Stedham Street; Noise disturbance, 500 block N. Sorrells Road; Accident, Corner of Hwy 66 and FM 1138
- Thursday, 29 Dec.: Threat, 1400 block Industrial Drive; Suspicious person, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane; Suspicious person, 100 block W. I-30; Suspicious person, Ame Lane
- Friday, 30 Dec.: Driving while intoxicated arrest, 100 block W. I-30; Alarm, 1600 block Meadowlark Lane; Disturbance, 800 block Loganwood Drive; Alarm, 100 block E. I-30; Criminal mischief, Corner of Santo Drive and Pena Drive; Alarm, 2300 block I-30
- Saturday, 31 Dec.: Driving while license invalid arrest, Corner of I-30 NSR and FM 551; Driving without valid driver's license arrest, Corner of I-30 NSR and FM 548; NCIC warrants arrest, I-30 at the 78-mile marker; Reckless driver, W. I-30; Accident, I-30 at the 78-mile marker; Alarm, 2600 block Redwood Street; Threat, 1400 block Englewood Drive; Suspicious person, 200 block Sandy Lane
- Sunday, 1 Jan.: Unauthorized use of motor vehicle/Criminal mischief arrest, 2700 block Redwood Drive; Burglary of habitation/Assault/Engage in organized criminal activity arrests, 800 block Orchid Boulevard; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 500 block Timberhaven Drive; Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 800 block Loganwood Drive
- Monday, 2 Jan.: Accident, 100 block W. I-30; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 79-mile marker; Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 900 block Oakgrove Lane; Disturbance, 200 block Audubon Lane
- Tuesday, 3 Jan.: Burglary of habitation, 900 block Lincoln Drive; Theft, 1300 block Mexia Court; Driving while license invalid arrest, Corner Elm Street and Second Street; Suspicious person, I-30 at the 80-mile marker; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard
- Wednesday, 4 Jan.: Roysse City warrant arrest, 100 block Poetry Road; Alarm, 100 block E. County Line Road; Suspicious person, 200 block Northstar Drive; Medical assistance, 100 block W. Main Street; Accident, Corner of FM 35 and Preston Drive; Suspicious person, 1500 block Hidden Creek Drive; Theft, 100 block W. I-30
- Thursday, 5 Jan.: Medical assistance, 1200 block Texoma Court; Suspicious person, 200 block Ame Lane; Burglary of habitat, 300 block May Street

Rains force delay in Habitat schedule

Rainfall this week delayed the pouring of the foundation for the newest Rockwall Habitat for Humanity build on Ross Street, according to information distributed by the organization earlier this week.

"The schedule called for the new foundation to be poured today, Jan. 10, and we were hoping to be framing this Saturday..." the news release reads, "but it's raining. Since we so badly need the rain, we aren't going to complain. But we do have to delay our start date until... Jan. 21."

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This Week in Heath

RHHS gears up for year's biggest production

by Darcy Rocha

No fewer than 50 Rockwall-Heath High School students are working tirelessly to prepare for next week's debut of the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone."

Under the leadership of theater arts director Kristin Dodgen, cast, crew and orchestra members are preparing for the first curtain to open at 7 p.m. Thursday in the RHHS Performing Arts Center.

"We absolutely cannot do a production at this level and caliber without our parent help and support," said Dodgen. Theatre booster officers along with theatre and choir parents have pitched in, putting together snacks, meals and cast parties, helping the box office and lobby to run smoothly and building sets and prop hunting.

"Special thanks are in order for Carol MacKenzie, Teresca Wenger, Lisa Orozco and Melissa Sanders," said Dodgen.

The show runs Jan. 19, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at the RHHS Performing Arts Center. "The Drowsy Chaperone" is appropriate for the whole family and clocks in a just under two hours, including a 10-minute intermission.

Tickets are available for \$10 at the door or in advance by calling Carla Arias at RHHS at (469) 698-2600.

The show is produced by the RHHS fine arts department under the direction of Dodgen with Constance Groark, RHHS orchestra director, Natalie McCollough, RHHS choir director, and Glenn Bennet, RHHS technical theater instructor.

"One of the best things about theatre arts is the sheer fact that it is collaborative art. We cannot run a good rehearsal or have a good performance if everyone isn't bringing their A-game every time," said Dodgen. "Every student crew member, cast member and pit member is truly essential. I can say we have a lot of hard-working and dedicated students in the program here at Heath. We also have a lot of younger students this year who are incredibly hard-working, intelligent, and show a lot of potential for the coming years."

Dodgen's background in musical theater led her to a degree in theater arts from Ouachita Baptist University, before earning her teaching credentials from Texas A&M. She is now in her fifth year at RHHS. This spirited and dedicated teacher shows a lot of enthusiasm for her students and the work of the entire fine arts department.

"Students who show gratitude and grace are the ones who create the moments of joy and surprise for me. Many students at Heath are very fortunate to have the attention of their coaches and teachers, a vast amount of opportunities for growth, development, learning and fun, and of course parent support," said Dodgen. "When students recognize these things, appreciate all of this and then extend these privileges on to their peers and their community, I am definitely inspired, motivated and thrilled."

The cast includes Colton Carson, Anna Melton, Michael Shipley, Ryan Ford, Marlon Flores, Mel Bailey, Joelle Savage, Amanda Zabolotny, Josh Barreras, Eddie Cornelius, Meredith Bennett, Claire Larsen, Jamie Wenger, Hannah Adley, Leslie Allen, Tori Carney, Annie Gray, Wendy Ekhtor, Kaylee Fritz, Kristen Hanson, Michaela Mathis, Sarah McCulley, Mackenzie Osborn, Danae Pavlakis, Charlotte Schaffalitzky, Lynzi Shaw, Sierra Shepard, Niki Swiercinsky, Jamie Yun, Marlow Amick, Katie Chandler, Ashley Davis, Lena Davidson, Ian Perkins, Haley Price, Chiara Timbone, Nickole Selensky and Victoria Vu. Other student members of the production team include Andrew Orozco, Aislynn Mackenzie and Jackson Currie.

"Mrs. Dodgen is a memorable character everyday," said Orozco, the show's student stage manager and Dodgen's right-hand man during production. "She is just the right amount of crazy to help the theatre department run like clockwork and for everyone involved with the department to have a blast."

During the remainder of the school year, there will be other opportunities to see Dodgen's students perform, including senior directed scenes, duet scenes, a one-act play and a student-written show culminating a year of hard work and learning. All ticketed events are less than \$8. More information about upcoming products can be found at the school's theater arts blog at heathhawkttheatre.blogspot.com.

Darcy Rocha is the Heath community correspondent to the Rockwall County News. To share your news and events about Heath, email her at rcn.darcyrocha@gmail.com or call (214) 771-1035.

Petition opens door for special election in Heath

City of Heath officials have certified a petition submitted Dec. 29 seeking an election on the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption.

The petition, submitted to the city secretary's office, has the required number of qualified voter signatures to place a local option measure on the May 12 election ballot, according to a City of Heath news release.

Upon submission of the required number of signatures, state law requires the city to order a special election. That election should be ordered at the Heath City Council's next regular meeting in February, according to the news release.

County earns efficiency grant from Oncor

Rockwall County recently was awarded \$18,485 in matching grants from Oncor's City Matching Grant Program, according to a news release issued by Oncor.

The award was made to recognize the county for installing energy efficient lighting systems in five county facilities.

"The grant from Oncor was instrumental in completing these energy efficiency projects," said Dennis Bailey, county commissioner. "Energy efficiency is an important part of our future, and we're proud to serve as a positive example for our community."

Grants are awarded for up to 50 percent of the cost of energy efficiency project installations up to a maximum of \$50,000. Grant applications are judged on several criteria, including demonstrated financial need, expected energy savings and the speed with which the project can be completed.

"We're proud of the accomplishments of Rockwall County and thrilled to present this grant check," said Cindy Tayem, Oncor area manager. "This is exactly the type of energy-saving project the City Matching Grant Program was created to encourage."

Rockwall Area CoC announces 2012 board

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce announced its 2012 Board of Directors, including those elected at the Dec. 15 board meeting.

Cindy Tayem, area manager of customer operations for Oncor, will serve as the board chair, supported by Cindy Paris, chief operating officers for Texas Health Presbyterian-Rockwall as chair-elect; Cheryl Dunlop, human resources director for the City of Rockwall, past chair; Lou Johnson, vice president and trust manager for ANB Wealth Management Group/Trust Services, as treasurer; and Bryan Pope, principal, Pope Law Firm, as secretary.

Board members ratified the election of six new seat holder for the coming year, according to a chamber of commerce news release issued this week.

Each of the new board members will serve a three-year term: Leslie Johns, controller, Rest Haven Funeral Homes; Stewart Storms, vice president, commercial lending, American National Bank; Stephen A. Straughan, owner and broker, Straughan Properties LLC and rockwallnow.com; Darby Burk, owner of Rockwall Flower & Design Studio; Nancy Runge, market specialist, Farmers Electric Cooperative; and James Nelson, vice president of business development at Alliance Bank.

Two honorary directors also were ratified to serve single-year terms. They include Troy Reimer, principal at Reimer Legal Services and Lou Johns, ANB Wealth Management Group/Trust Services, vice president and trust manager.

Rounding out the board of directors are the following members: Bill H. owner, My Computer Guy; Eric Evans, CEO, Lake Pointe Health Network; Judy Harris, manager, Ebby Halliday Realtors; Karen Coughlin, manager, Hilton Bella Harbor; Kevin Fowler, president of Rockwall Bancshares Inc.; Liz Beauchamp, manager of public affairs, Atmos Energy Corp.; M. Mishler, president, Mishler Builders Inc.; Randall Noe, principal, Range Noe Auto Group; Rick Filip, president, Filip Insurance Services; and S. Lowrance, Stan Lowrance DDS.

Ex-officio directors include Sheri Franza, president of the Rockwall Economic Development Corp.; Jerry Hogan, Rockwall County judge; Dennis Bailey and Lorie Grinnan, Rockwall County commissioners; Dan Sweet, Rockwall mayor; Bethany Golden, Main Street manager for the City of Rockwall; and Jeff Bailey, superintendent, Rockwall Independent School District.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Library to close for MLK observance

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, according to a library news release.

American Legion Post 117 to meet

The Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117 will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 19 for a brief dinner, followed by the quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center Building next to the pool in Harry Myers Park, 815 Washington St. A special presentation will be made by Joe DeLane, Rockwall County emergency management coordinator, following the meeting. Members and non-member veterans of Rockwall County are urged to attend. For more details visit legionpost117.org; those planning to attend the dinner should RSVP via email at miltonwittig@sbcglobal.net.

Ping Pong tourney set at The Center

A ping-pong tournament for individuals ages 55 and older will be offered at 10 a.m. Jan. 20, Feb. 10 and March 23 at The Center. All levels of play are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded to first place and runner-up winners. Fee to participate is \$5 or \$3 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Wine and dine for Rockwall PAWS

Rockwall PAWS will conduct its annual fundraiser Jan. 21 at Occasions Stone River in Royse City. Tickets cost \$40 per person. The organization helps make affordable spays/neuters available and provides financial assistance when needed, as well as funds the treatment of heartworm-positive shelter dogs and assists with medical expenses for ill or injured animals. For more details on the fundraiser call Cathy at 214-532-4407 or visit rockwallpaws.org.

Cheer 101 classes scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a series of classes, Cheer 101, on Mondays Jan. 23-Feb. 27 at The Center. Open to youngsters ages 4-6, each class will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will teach cheers, chants, jumps while improving self confidence, listening skills and teamwork. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Cheer Level 2 class offered

A cheerleading class for youths ages 7-10 will be offered from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on Mondays Jan. 23-Feb. 27 at The Center. The class will include instruction in cheers, chants and jumps, as well as work on self-confidence, coordination, strength and teamwork. Cost is \$49 for Rockwall residents and \$75 for non-residents. For more details on this Rockwall Parks & Rec sponsored event visit rockwall.com/parks.

Bridge tournament scheduled

A bridge tournament for individuals ages 55 and older will begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 at The Center. The tournament will feature Chicago-style scoring. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Participants must have a partner to play. Prizes will be awarded to the first place and runner-up winners. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Rock through Spring Break

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will once again offer its Rock through Spring Break event for local youths ages 6-12. Explorers will venture to several nature-based destinations such as a state park, zoo, aquarium and more. Space is limited. Participants will be asked to bring a sack lunch, snacks and water each day. Activities will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 16 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost is \$113 or \$75 for Rockwall residents. Visit rockwall.com/parks for more details.

Easter Egg Hunt set March 31 in R'wall

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 31 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Field 1 will be for children up to the age of 2; Field 2 for children ages 5-6; Field 3 for children ages 3-4; and Field 4 for children ages 7-12. The event will be free to the public and will feature prize eggs, a bounce house, games and other activities.

Founders Day Festival set May 19

Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May on the downtown square. The daylong event will feature live entertainment, food and other family-friendly activities. Admission will be free. For more information visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

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| WAR HORSE-A PG13 | X | | X | | 7:00 |
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| CONTRABAND R | 11:30 | 1:55 | 4:20 | | 7:00 |
| WE BOUGHT A ZOO PG | 11:10 | 1:55 | 4:40 | | 7:00 |
| JOYFUL NOISE-A PG13 | 11:25 | 2:00 | 4:35 | | 7:00 |
| JOYFUL NOISE-B PG13 | 12:25 | X | X | | 6:00 X |
| BEAUTY & THE BEAST 3D G | 11:05 | 1:05 | 3:05 | 5:05 | 7:00 |
| BEAUTY & THE BEAST 2D G | 12:05 | 2:05 | 4:05 | 6:05 | X |
| Mission Impossible Ghost Protocol-A PG13 | X | 1:20 | 4:10 | X | 7:00 |
| SHERLOCK HOLMES-A PG13 | 11:05 | 1:50 | 4:45 | X | 7:30 |
| THE SITTER-A R | X | X | X | X | 8:00 |
| THE DARKEST HOUR 3D PG13 | X | X | 3:00 | X | X |
| THE DARKEST HOUR 2D PG13 | X | X | X | X | 8:30 |
| THE DEVIL INSIDE-A R | 11:20 | 1:25 | 3:30 | 5:35 | 7:40 |

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

SPR Packaging, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 81029, which would authorize modification to the flexographic printing plant located at 1480 Justin Road, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas 75087. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011

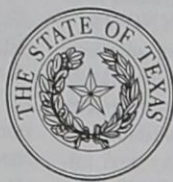
Exhibit C-3

| Data Control Codes | 10 General Fund | 50 Debt Service Fund | 98 Other Governmental Funds | 98 Total Governmental Funds |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| 5700 Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 13,204,376 | \$ 4,156,821 | \$ 1,001,498 | \$ 18,362,695 |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 22,728,227 | 1,016,628 | 262,601 | 24,007,456 |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | - | - | 3,804,033 | 3,804,033 |
| 5020 Total Revenues | \$ 35,932,603 | \$ 5,173,449 | \$ 5,068,132 | \$ 46,174,184 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | \$ 20,077,302 | - | \$ 2,209,734 | \$ 22,287,036 |
| 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services | 567,083 | - | - | 567,083 |
| 0013 Curriculum and Staff Development | 289,609 | - | 22,279 | 311,888 |
| 0021 Instructional Leadership | 302,697 | - | 33,391 | 336,088 |
| 0023 School Leadership | 2,660,787 | - | 9,418 | 2,670,205 |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 1,347,296 | - | 496,920 | 1,844,216 |
| 0033 Health Services | 463,161 | - | - | 463,161 |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | 1,273,863 | - | 7,149 | 1,281,012 |
| 0035 Food Services | - | - | 1,869,601 | 1,869,601 |
| 0036 Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities | 1,452,822 | - | 134,972 | 1,587,794 |
| 0041 General Administration | 1,815,238 | - | 1,460 | 1,816,698 |
| 0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations | 3,956,604 | - | 5,026 | 3,961,630 |
| 0052 Security and Monitoring Services | 181,946 | - | - | 181,946 |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 391,775 | - | 177,327 | 569,102 |
| 0061 Community Services | 319,865 | - | - | 319,865 |
| 0071 Principal on Long-term Debt | 214,165 | 2,510,592 | - | 2,724,757 |
| 0072 Interest on Long-term Debt | 4,188 | 4,243,062 | - | 4,247,250 |
| 0073 Debt Issuance Cost and Fees | - | 70,005 | - | 70,005 |
| 0081 Capital Outlay | - | - | 726,924 | 726,924 |
| 0093 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements | 40,179 | - | - | 40,179 |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | \$ 35,358,580 | \$ 6,823,659 | \$ 5,694,201 | \$ 47,876,440 |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | \$ 574,023 | \$ (1,650,210) | \$ (626,069) | \$ (1,702,256) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| 7913 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Capital Leases) | \$ 524,900 | - | - | \$ 524,900 |
| 7915 Operating Transfers In | - | 643,877 | 8,885 | 652,762 |
| 8911 Operating Transfers Out | (8,885) | - | (643,877) | (652,762) |
| 7080 Net Other Financing Sources (Uses) | \$ 516,015 | \$ 643,877 | \$ (634,992) | \$ 524,900 |
| 1200 Net Changes in Fund Balances | \$ 1,090,038 | \$ (1,006,333) | \$ (1,261,061) | \$ (1,177,356) |
| 0100 Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1) | 5,294,976 | 1,529,436 | 1,451,158 | 8,275,570 |
| 3000 Fund Balances - Ending (August 31) | \$ 6,385,014 | \$ 523,103 | \$ 190,097 | \$ 7,098,214 |

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Legal Notices

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 81029

APPLICATION SPR Packaging, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 81029, which would authorize modification to the lithographic printing plant located at 1480 Justin Road, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas 75087. This link <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.9225&lng=-96.441944&zoom=13&type=r> provides an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.9225&lng=-96.441944&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and organic compounds.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 28, 2011. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth regional office, and the Rockwall County Library, 1215 Yellowjacket Lane, 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 Dallas/Fort Worth regional office of the TCEQ.

The 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 30 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.

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.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of 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. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the 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 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 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 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others 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. 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 permit 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 an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

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 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 Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from SPR Packaging, LLC, 1480 Justin Road, Rockwall, Texas 75087-4886 or by calling Mr. Robert Reece, Technical Services Manager at (469) 402-2159.

Notice Issuance Date: January 6, 2012

Notice of Public Auction of Property to satisfy Landlord's Lien. Auction is at 11:00 a.m. January 24th at American Mini Storage, 660 Justin Road, Rockwall TX 75087. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the auction. Property includes contents of storage units of the following tenants:
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Legal Notices

Royse City ISD Child Find Policy

In accordance with Federal Regulations, Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, Child Find Identification (34CFR section 300.125, 300.451), this is notification that Royse City Independent School District, Located at 810 E. Old Greenville Road, Royse City, TX has a child find system for indentifying, locating and evaluating all children with disabilities, from birth through 21 years of age, residing in the district, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services.

If you have any questions please call the Special Services office at 972-636-9514.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RFP 12-1.30-128 Safety & Security
Release Date - January 13, 2012
Opens January 30, 2012 at 2:00 PM

CSP 12-1.30-129 Technology Hardware, Update 2012
Release Date - January 13, 2012
Opens January 30, 2012 at 2:00 PM

RFP 12-1.30-130 Pest Control Services
Release Date - January 13, 2012
Opens January 30, 2012 at 2:00 PM

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed proposals for safety and security equipment, supplies and services; technology update; and pest control services. Proposal packages may be requested from the Purchasing Office at dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org. The District anticipates award at the February board meeting. The effective date of the program will be from date of award. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on January 30, 2012 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposals should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be opened and identified but not read.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

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1 TXns can play in "Millions" lottery

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6 in "Monahans Sandhills State Park": sand

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8 film actress Lupino

9 TX Chennault was adviser to Chiang

12 perfect

17 sign of a bank with problems? (2 wds.)

19 George W. _____

21 TXism: "slippery as a _____ pig"

22 TX Ginger Rogers birth name

23 TX "Pro _____" produced the first NFL trading cards

28 distort or twist

29 TXism: "feel like I _____ long drop on a short rope"

30 minor TX crime: class C misde _____

31 TXism for an oaf

35 camera lens for close up objects

36 "looks good enough to _____"

42 Ivanhoe (Fannin Co.) was named after _____

44 TX rancher Ellwood, "Barbed Wire King"

46 former Dallas pro soccer team

48 TX has an "_____ highway" program

DOWN

1 novel: "Far from the _____"

2 TX-based Braniff flew to this South American country

3 first skirmish of TX Revolution was in this town

4 this Tommie was Daryl Johnston's backup on '93 & '94 Super Bowl teams

9 Austin FM station

10 TXism: "quick as _____"

11 abbr. for a TX town school system

12 TX Perot started as salesman for _____

13 TX Dennis Quaid was this gunfighter in '94 film "Wyatt Earp"

14 1st female TX Sec. of State, Meharg

15 TXism: "_____ hombre" (mean man)

16 TXism: "_____ sleeping dog lie"

18 Live _____ TX

20 a Ranger who only bats (abbr.)

23 Shirley of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment" (init.)

24 this Myers designed TX capitol (init.)

25 in '02 TAKS test replaced this test

26 cut into something this Chuck was a TX Ranger in "Lone Wolf MQuade"

32 TXism: "bat _____ eyelash (blink)"

33 "ah _____"

34 this Otto directed TX Gene Tierney in '44 film "Laura" (init.)

36 _____ hart, TX

37 early TX sheriff wore _____ star

38 popular Mexico beer

39 TXism: "worthless _____ boot"

40 recorded the video

41 TXism: "_____ high on the hog" (rich)

43 Mr. Einstein (init.)

45 in 2011, pitcher C.J. Wilson left TX for this state (abbr.)

47 get more food

48 MASH actor Alan

55 "_____ Maples State Natural Area"

Legal Notices

**STATE OF TEXAS
CITATION BY PUBLICATION**
THE STATE OF TEXAS
382nd District Court OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS
CAUSE NO: 1-11-614
TO: JAMES D. HIGINBOTHAM, DAWN TERESA HIGINBOTHAM, DIANE LYNN HIGINBOTHAM AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RUBY A. HIGINBOTHAM, DECEASED ADDRESS UNKNOWN
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012 BEFORE 10:00 AM before the Honorable 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on JUNE 9, 2011, A.D., in this case numbered 1-11-614 on the docket of said court, and styled, **ESB MORTGAGE COMPANY vs. JAMES D. HIGINBOTHAM, JOSEPH HIGINBOTHAM, DAWN TERESA HIGINBOTHAM, DENISE S. STAWARTZ, DIANE LYNN HIGINBOTHAM, DONNA LEA WYLIE, DEBRA K. COLE, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RUBY A. HIGINBOTHAM, IN RE: 101 POINT ROYAL DRIVE, ROWLETT, TEXAS 75087.**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: **FORECLOSURE**

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this the 28th day of December, 2011.

KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk
Rockwall County, Texas
1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Ste. 200
Rockwall, Texas 75087
By: AMANDA WEBB, Deputy
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NO. PR 11-92

ESTATE OF THOMAS ALEN BANDY, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THOMAS ALLEN BANDY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of THOMAS ALLEN BANDY, Deceased, were issued on November 9, 2011 in Cause No. PR 11-92 pending in the County Court of Rockwall, County, Texas, to:

CHARLES OLIN BANDY, Independent Executor Estate of THOMAS ALLEN BANDY, Deceased
3313 Bouvier Street, Rowlett, Texas 75088

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner provided by law.

DATED the 10th day of January, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DODGE COUNTY

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
WSBF PROPERTIES, LLC
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Brownsville, WI 53006
Case No.: 11 CV 891
Type of Case: 30404 Plaintiff, vs.

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Theresa, WI 53091,
JEAN JUDD, f/k/a
JEAN M. BURKS
1508 Lorena Drive
Royse City, TX 75189

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
c/o JB Van Hollen
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Madison, WI 53707-7857,

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WAUPUN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC.

TAL, INC.
620 W. Brown Street
Waupun, WI 53963,
UNKNOWN TENANTS
W945 West Bend Road
Theresa, WI 53091,
Defendants.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO EACH PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS A DEFENDANT:

You are hereby notified that plaintiff named above has filed lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after January 2012 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent delivered to the court whose address is 210 West Center Street, Juneau, WI, 53039-1091 and to QUINCY BECKER, SCHUESSLER, CHASE & DEVITT, S.C., 44 North Main Street, Mayville, WI 53050. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you the award of money or other legal relief requested in the complaint, you may lose your right to object anything that is or may be incorporated in the complaint. A judgment enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated at Mayville, Wisconsin, the 4th day of January, 2012.

QUINCY BECKER, SCHUESSLER CHASE & DEVITT, S.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: /s/ Karla Chase
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44 North Main Street
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Telephone: (920) 387-2400

Quincey, Becker, Schuessler Chase & Devitt, S.C. is attempting to collect a debt on our client's behalf and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Judy Sweeney Moss is applying for the petition to gather signatures for a local option liquor election of the City of McLendon-Chisholm Rockwall County, Texas for the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.

The application will be filed with Debbie Sorenson, City Secretary of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas.

Say You Saw It In The County News

Business Counselor Small Business Development Center

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A tale of a true saint

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was originally written to the editor of The Dallas Morning News. It also was submitted to the Rockwall County News by the writer, a Heath resident, to call attention to the kindness a Metroplex-area resident showed to her recently.)

My husband and I just returned from a trip to New Orleans to celebrate our 43rd wedding anniversary. Early Christmas evening we went to a lovely hotel for a very fine dinner. Walking back to our bed & breakfast, about 12 blocks away we decided to stop en route and have an Irish coffee to cap off the night, together with enjoying the creative Christmas color on Bourbon Street.

Half-way back to our B&B I discovered, to my horror, that my shoulder-bag was gone. All of my credentials were in it, but most importantly, a camera with pictures from Thanksgiving in Idaho with our soldier son, Darren, who had just come back from Iraq, were in it.

My husband and I raced to where we had parked our car (outside the French Quarter area) and returned to our dinner and our night-cap places, but to no avail. Two empty-nesters went to bed Christmas night with very glum faces.

Early the next morning we trudged out again, re-tracing our steps and stopping. No luck.

While the grimly driving around we received a call from the woman who manages a sister B&B to the one where we were staying. She said, "You are not going to believe this, but a man staying in your B&B just turned in to me a shoulder bag that he had found late Christmas evening."

It was my bag -- all of the contents were intact, including my camera and irreplaceable photo card.

We then met the man who had found my shoulder bag. He said that when he and his wife were checking in late Christmas evening he spotted something blurry in the median between two very busy streets. After some consideration (14 of scenarios went through his head) he decided to retrieve it. He said he called the credit card company to notify them and get a telephone number for me but got dead-ended. He then decided to bring it to the manager of a sister hotel further down the street the next morning. He had no idea that my husband and I were staying in his B&B. He and his wife came to New Orleans for the Saints football game. They live in the greater Fort Worth area... Texas. His name is Darren, Darren Lackey. He is a saint.

I had my bag with me at both stops early Christmas evening (confirmed). At time did I walk across or go near that median where Darren Lackey found my bag. The area was treed, scruffy with dirt and stones and has heavy traffic going by on both sides at all hours. When retrieved, my bag did not have as much as a speck of dirt on it. Joan Ream, Heath

Opinions A moral distinction

by Richard Schwartzman

A new acquaintance recently asked whether she and I could get along, considering that she's a liberal while I'm libertarian. Her second question focused on Ron Paul, likely the only person she ever heard of associated with libertarian philosophy: "Are all libertarians as conservative as Ron Paul on topics like abortion and gays?"

This is where things can get complicated even when we try to keep them simple. Libertarians are not conservative. We're not liberal, either. We're libertarian.

Even saying we are fiscally conservative and socially liberal - though there's some accuracy to that - can be problematic, because the concepts of conservative and liberal morph into other ideas and connotations that are far from libertarian. Indeed, the morphing is so common that there's really very little difference between the policies of the other two.

Consider the word "conservative." It refers to someone who wants to conserve, to save, to keep things as they are. But what does a conservative want to save? We'd likely be told that the aim is to conserve and save the American way of life. But what does that mean? Does the way of life to be conserved include an imperialistic foreign policy that has the country playing world policeman and maintaining around 1000 military bases in more than forty different countries?

All but one Republican hopeful for that party's 2012 presidential nomination advocates such a policy, but so does President Barack Obama, a liberal Democrat. So did neoconservative Republican George W. Bush before him and liberal Democrat Bill Clinton before him. If Obama and Clinton want what conservatives want, how can we tell the difference? Is there one?

Does "conservative" mean the continued prosecution of the unconstitutional war on drugs? Again, only one of the Republican hopefuls wants to end that war. Liberal Obama wants to maintain it. He's even cracking down on medical-marijuana facilities in states that have legalized cannabis for medicinal use, something he said he wouldn't do.

Conservatives and liberals both like the indefinite detention allowed by the National Defense Authorization Act, and neither have trouble with the president ordering the assassination of U.S. citizens. They are statist, placing

the power of the state over liberty, responsibility, and the Constitution.

Liberals and conservatives both favor welfare, albeit to different recipients. Liberals, for the most part, want so-called entitlements for individuals, while conservatives favor subsidies for businesses. Both, however, play on both sides of that fence, and they love making people dependent on government. They can each play both sides, because they have no philosophical root. Their principles are more like falling leaves floating on the wind, without root, anchor, or rudder.

Libertarians are different. We don't want an interventionist foreign policy that wages war for the sake of nationalism. We don't want a war against our basic civil liberties, whether it's called a war on terrorism or a war on drugs. Both are wars on liberty and responsibility.

We don't play the favoritism game, unless it's simply favoring liberty over force. And that's the ultimate difference. Libertarians place a higher priority on individual liberty and personal responsibility than we place on government power. Neither conservatives nor liberals can make that claim. For them, it's power over principle.

It's that prioritizing between liberty and obedience to authority that sets us apart; that's how we should define ourselves. And that prioritization is based on the moral value of liberty.

Libertarians favor peace at home and abroad, with both stemming from the philosophy of liberty. We respect an adult's right to choose what he puts into his body, just as we respect another country's decision on what type of government to have. We advocate defense of our country's legitimate sovereignty and safety, but we respect the same for other nations. We don't believe in nation building.

We believe in the equality of rights of all individuals, not groups, because only individuals have rights - groups don't. Groups are just bunches of individuals, and rights are not additive.

Libertarians are not simply conservative on some things and liberal on others. So let's not muddy the issue by describing ourselves that way. We are libertarian on all issues. It's a moral distinction.

Richard Schwartzman is managing editor at Chadds Ford Live in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

Rockwall County Sports

Jackets look for turnaround after 2 losses

Rockwall's skid, at the worst time of the season, continued with two district 10-4A boys' basketball losses last week. In the bright side, the Yellowjackets still can do a lot to turn their district on around and head toward the playoffs. With six losses in its last nine overall games, RHS has dropped to 14-7 overall and 1-3 in the district. Though the Jackets are tied for sixth, they're a game behind the three teams tied for third place at 2-2. And they're scheduled to take on one of those teams Friday at Richardson Pearce. After that, they would have a chance at home Tuesday to stop district co-leader Highland Park, perhaps using Rockwall-Heath's blueprint of slowing down the Scots. The following Friday's game would be against Wylie, the district's other 1-3 team. At least two victories in the three games would put the Jackets in the thick of the playoff race. Two or more losses could mean big trouble. The most recent losses were by different means. RHS trailed at Wylie East 16 at halftime Friday, Jan. 6, and lost by that nine-point margin, 51-42. On Tuesday, the Jackets led McKinney North 32-29 at halftime, but a 10 third-quarter advantage propelled the Bulldogs to a 69-59 victory.

In each game, Rockwall's leading scorers were freshmen Austin Grandstaff, with 16 against East and 20 vs. North, and Elijah Thomas, with 16 and 12.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Wylie East | 13 | 12 | 9 | 17 | 51 |
| RHS | 10 | 6 | 8 | 18 | 42 |

Wylie East (7-10, 2-1) – Green 13, Oweyole 12, Kevon Mack 11, Brown 6, Olisa 6, Eric Matthews 2, Keisler 1.
RHS (14-6, 1-2) – Austin Grandstaff 16, Elijah Thomas 12, Wes Davis 8, Prince Giadolor 5, Andrew Hinckley 1.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| McKinney North | 13 | 16 | 21 | 19 | 69 |
| RHS | 16 | 16 | 10 | 17 | 59 |

McKinney North (10-7, 2-2) – Collin Curran 17, Julion Pearre 17, Jola Otubu 15, Alexander Ridley 10, Bryson Brown 8, Alex Pelton 2.
RHS (14-7, 1-3) – Austin Grandstaff 20, Elijah Thomas 16, Wes Davis 9, Jared Ragland 7, Andrew Hinckley 3, Clay Marley 2, Weston Richey 2.

Lady Jackets 1 of 2 left at top of district

By Lary Bump
A week ago, Rockwall was tied for second in District 10-4A girls' basketball. By defeating Wylie East Friday, Jan. 6, the Lady Jackets were in a three-way tie for first place. That set up Tuesday's game at McKinney North, which had lost Friday to Wylie. Rockwall wasn't as easy as these sentences may make it seem, but Rockwall handed RHS its second consecutive loss, 51-44. Now Wylie has an advantage over RHS, because its only loss was to the Lady Pirates. But guess who's coming after the Lady Jackets on their home court Tuesday. After the only relatively easy district games this season – 65-19 over Rockwall-Heath and 67-40 at Wylie East – RHS had difficulty putting away McKinney North.

McDill said, "Alyssa was ready for a big game. She took over the game in key spots, whether it was taking a charge or making blocks. And at key times, she hit shots." Smith is the only Lady Jacket who has scored in double figures in each of the last three games – with 11 against Rockwall-Heath and 20 vs. Wylie East. Lang, averaging 17 points per game, had scored just 15 in the two previous games.

McKinney North's 44 points were the most a district opponent has scored against RHS since Highland Park struck for 54 in the season's opening 10-4A game. Rockwall has allowed barely 38 points per game in the district this season, and in the 11 overall games since the HP contest, no opponent has scored more than 48.

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Thunder crashes on RCA girls

The Rockwall Christian Academy girls' basketball team took a 1-7 overall record into the opening game of last season's TAPPS District 4-2A championship.

In their first game of 2012, after a layoff of more than 3 weeks, the Lady Warriors lost at home Tuesday to the Dallas Thunder 58-10.

The visitors took a 14-0 lead after one quarter. Rockwall Christian scored 8 of its 10 points in the second quarter.

RCA was scheduled to play its first district game Thursday at Christian Heritage School of Longview. The Lady Warriors would return home to play district opponent Greenville Christian School Tuesday.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Dallas Thunder | 14 | 13 | 17 | 14 | 58 |
| RCA | 0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 10 |



Yellowjackets' Elijah Thomas (15) muscled his way up for a shot against Rockwall-Heath during last week's game in Rockwall. The Jackets finished with a 59-53 win.

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Rockwall places 8th in Grapevine wrestling

Daniel Roland won matches against each of 10 opponents, and Andrew Hyde also was undefeated at 8-0 as Rockwall's team won 6 of 10 matches to place eighth among 24 teams at last weekend's Grapevine Duals.

The Yellowjackets defeated Euleless Trinity 43-12, Azle 40-26, Richardson 48-24, Trinity Christian Academy-Addison 55-20, Weatherford 47-19 and Keller 51-24.

Three of RHS' losses were against Flower Mound (59-9); Harrah, Okla. (52-18) and host Grapevine (36-34). The Jackets and Arlington Bowie tied in points, but Bowie was awarded a victory on criteria.

Rockwall County Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons

Friday, Jan. 13 – Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Waxahachie Prep, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Basketball: home vs. McKinney Cornerstone Christian Academy, Forney Sports Center, junior high girls 5 p.m., Junior High White boys 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20 – Junior high basketball: at Greenville Phoenix Charter School, girls 5:30 p.m. and Blue boys 6:30 p.m.
Varsity basketball: home vs. Denton The Selwyn School, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Friday, Jan. 13 – Basketball: home vs. Greenville Phoenix Charter School, boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Middle school basketball: home vs. West Dallas Community School, RISE, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.
Varsity basketball: at Longview Trinity School of Texas, girls 5:30 p.m. and boys 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 19 – Middle school basketball: at Rockwall Christian Academy, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20 – Basketball: home vs. Rockwall Christian Academy, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Basketball: home vs. Greenville Christian School, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20 – Basketball: home vs. Heritage Christian Academy, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, Jan. 13 – Freshman A girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Utey Middle School, 5:30 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV Orange p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Rockwall High School, JV p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
JV girls' soccer: vs. Arlington Sam Houston at North Richland Hills JV Tournament, Birdville ISD Fine Arts/Athletics Complex, 1:45 p.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Plano West at DP Cup, Denison, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: vs. North Crowley at North Richland Hills Tournament, Birdville ISD Fine Arts/Athletics Complex, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 – Varsity wrestling: at Cougar Classic, The Colony, 9 a.m.
JV wrestling: at Azle JV Invitational, 9 a.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Gainesville at DP Cup, Denison, 11:30 a.m.
JV girls' soccer: vs. Hurst L.D. Bell at North Richland Hills JV Tournament, Birdville ISD Fine Arts/Athletics Complex, 11:30 a.m.
JV White boys' basketball: at Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School, 1 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Arlington Sam Houston at North Richland Hills Tournament, Birdville ISD Fine Arts/Athletics Complex, 1:15 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 16 – JV Black basketball: at Plano Clark
Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Boys' soccer: at Little Elm, JV2 4 p.m., JV1 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Varsity tennis: at Wills Point, 4 p.m.
JV girls' soccer: at Allen, 5:15 p.m.
Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, Utey Middle School, 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Highland Park: Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Boys' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, JV Orange 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: home vs. Garland, 6 p.m.
Swimming: with Rockwall-Heath at Highland Park
Wednesday, Jan. 18 – JV White basketball: home vs. Plano Clark, 6 p.m.
Wrestling: at Colleyville Heritage, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 19 – Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Garland Lakeview Centennial at Garland ISD Tournament, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, 1:45 p.m.
JV1 tennis: home vs. Wills Point, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.
JV boys' soccer: vs. Garland at Garland ISD JV Tournament, Rowlett High School, 4:45 p.m.
Gymnastics: at Richardson, Compulsory, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Cedar Park at Round Rock Tournament, Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 20 – JV wrestling: at Titan JV Invitational, Frisco Centennial, 9 a.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Pflugerville at Round Rock Tournament, Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 2 p.m.
Varsity tennis: home vs. Kaufman, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.
JV boys' soccer: vs. Mesquite Poteet at Garland ISD JV Invitational, Rowlett High School, 4:45 p.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Dallas Adamson at Garland ISD Tournament, Williams Stadium, 5:15 p.m.
Freshman A girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Utey Middle School, 5:30 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at Wylie, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV Orange 6 p.m.,

Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21 – Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Austin Westwood at Round Rock Tournament, Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 8 a.m.

Varsity wrestling: at Outback Invitational, Weatherford, 9 a.m.

JV boys' soccer: vs. Richardson Pearce at Garland ISD JV Invitational, Rowlett High School, 9:15 a.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Dallas Jefferson at Garland ISD Tournament, Williams Stadium, 2 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Jan. 13 – Wrestling: at Dual State Championships, Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie East, Rockwall-Heath High School, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Wylie East, Freshman Red 5:30 p.m., JV Red 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: at 8th annual Forney Jackrabbit Kickoff Tournament, Forney High School, vs. Longview 3 p.m. and vs. Lindale 7 p.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Dallas Sunset at Emily Hunter Fish Bowl Tournament, Wilemon Field, Arlington Sam Houston, 7:30 p.m.

JV girls' soccer: at Mesquite JV Tournament

Saturday, Jan. 14 – Varsity wrestling: at Dual State Championships, Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 10 a.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Mansfield Timberview at Emily Hunter Fish Bowl Tournament, Wilemon Field, Arlington Sam Houston, 12:30 p.m.

Powerlifting: at Forney Invitational

Varsity boys' soccer: at 8th annual Forney Jackrabbit Kickoff Tournament, Forney High School

JV girls' soccer: at Mesquite JV Tournament

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Freshman Red girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Utey Middle School, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at West Mesquite, Berry Middle School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Mesquite Horn, Hanby Stadium, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV Red 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Swimming: with Rockwall at Highland Park

Thursday, Jan. 19 – Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Mesquite Poteet at Leopard Challenge Tournament, Field 2, Lovejoy High School, noon

Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Garland at Garland ISD Invitational, Williams Stadium, 3:30 p.m.

Wrestling: home vs. Lovejoy and Fort Worth Dunbar, Senior Night, 5 p.m.

Gymnastics: at Richardson, Compulsory, 6 p.m.

JV boys' soccer: vs. Mesquite at Garland ISD JV Invitational, North Garland High School, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 20 – Boys' soccer: vs. South Garland at Garland ISD Invitational, Williams Stadium, 1:45 p.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Utey Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at McKinney, Freshman Red 5:30 p.m., JV Red 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity wrestling: at Dallas Jesuit Invitational, 6 p.m.

JV boys' soccer: at Garland Naaman Forest in Garland ISD JV Invitational, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21 – JV boys' soccer: vs. North Garland at Garland ISD JV Invitational, Rowlett High School, 8 a.m.

Wrestling: at Dallas Jesuit Invitational, 9 a.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Rowlett at Garland ISD Invitational, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, 12:15 p.m.

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Jan. 13 – Boys' soccer: at 8th annual Forney Jackrabbit Kickoff Tournament, Forney High School, vs. Mesquite Horn 9 a.m. and vs. Lindale 1 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Greenville, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: at Greenville, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Mount Pleasant Tournament

Saturday, Jan. 14 – Boys' soccer: at 8th annual Forney Jackrabbit Kickoff Tournament, Forney High School

Girls' soccer: at Mount Pleasant Tournament

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Texarkana Texas, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19 – Varsity boys' soccer: at West Mesquite Tournament

Friday, Jan. 20 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: at Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Lindale, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: at West Mesquite Tournament

Saturday, Jan. 20 – Varsity boys' soccer: at West Mesquite Tournament

Cain Middle School Mustangs

Friday, Jan. 13 – 7th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Allen Ereckson, 4 p.m.

7th grade girls' C basketball: vs. Wylie Burnett or Wylie McMillan at C Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek Practice Gym, 7:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Wylie Burnett, 4 p.m.

8th grade girls' C basketball: at Williams in C Team Tournament, Main Gym, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14 – 7th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Allen Ereckson, 9 a.m.

7th grade girls' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek, 9 a.m.

8th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Wylie Burnett, 9 a.m.

8th grade girls' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Williams, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 16 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Williams, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – 7th grade girls' basketball: at Williams, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics: at Hurst-Euleless-Bedford, FEW, Levels 5/6/7, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Williams, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' basketball: at Williams, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Utey Middle School Wolves

Friday, Jan. 13 – 7th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Allen Ereckson, 4 p.m.

7th grade girls' C basketball: vs. Allen Ereckson at C Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek Main Gym, 5:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Wylie Burnett, 4 p.m.

8th grade girls' C basketball: vs. Wylie McMillan at C Team Tournament, Williams Main Gym, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14 – 7th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Allen Ereckson, 9 a.m.

7th grade girls' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek, 9 a.m.

8th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Wylie Burnett, 9 a.m.

8th grade girls' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Williams, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 16 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – 7th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19 – 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade girls' basketball: at Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Williams Middle School Wildcats

Friday, Jan. 13 – 8th grade girls' C basketball: home vs. Cain in C Team Tournament, Main Gym, 6:30 p.m.

7th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Allen Ereckson, 4 p.m.

7th grade girls' C basketball: vs. Allen Ford at C Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Main Gym, 6:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Wylie Burnett, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14 – 8th grade girls' C basketball: home for C Team Tournament, 9 a.m.

7th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Allen Ereckson, 9 a.m.

7th grade girls' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek, 9 a.m.

8th grade boys' C basketball: at C Team Tournament, Wylie Burnett, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 16 – 7th grade boys' basketball: at Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19 – 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade girls' basketball: at Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall County Sports

Lady Hawks defeat Highland Park, remain optimistic

Rockwall-Heath remained rolling in the wrong direction while losing to two of District 10-4A's top teams last week.

Wylie quickly dispatched the visiting Lady Hawks in a 64-27 victory Friday, Jan. 6, then Highland Park won Tuesday at RHHS 62-36 to give them their seventh consecutive loss.

Still, Lady Hawks head coach Devin Gabbard remained confident, and not just because Friday's opponent is Wylie East, the other team without a 10-4A win as the district season reaches its midway point.

Hawks top 73-team field at Cy-Fair

Rockwall-Heath's Troy Mercer finished at the top of his 195-pound weight class at last weekend's Cy-Fair Invitational, but it took the efforts of the other Hawks for the team to place first among 73 teams.

Seven other RHHS wrestlers placed among the top eight in the event at the Cypress ISD's Barry Center.

Nakona Brawner (132 pounds), Jacob Glastad (160) and Jay Arnold (heavyweight) each reached the finals and finished second. In fourth place at 138 was Tyler Gaddis. Also for the Hawks, Brady Van Bevers took sixth place and B.K. Sanford was eighth.

RHHS is continuing to compete among the state's best this weekend. The Hawks were one of 16 teams in Texas to qualify for the Dual State Championships, which are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cedar Park Vista Ridge.

Falcons remain in 1st place

The Fulton School continued to dominate its TAPPS District 2-1A boys' basketball opposition last week, winning twice to improve to 5-0 in the district (7-8 overall).

The Falcons' most recent victories were 51-31 over Brownwood Victory Life Academy Friday, Jan. 3, and 60-45 in a tougher test at home Tuesday against Granbury Happy Hill Farm Academy.

Against Happy Hill, Fulton started slowly and led just 15-14 after one quarter. The home team outscored the Warriors 18-9 in the third quarter to take control.

In their district games, the Falcons' average margin of victory has been 54-29.

They will be busy through the end of their district schedule, with 11 games in just 30 days. That stretch was scheduled to begin Thursday at Denton The Selwyn School, the first of three games in six games to complete the first half of district play.

During the 2-1A season's second half, Fulton would play just two home games, with five on the road and the Victory Life rematch again on a neutral court at Waco Parkview Christian.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Happy Hill | 14 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 45 |
| Fulton | 15 | 17 | 18 | 10 | 60 |

HCA girls win Tyler tourney, district opener

The Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team wasn't ready to win the TAPPS District 4-2A championship last year. Still, the young team placed second.

This season could be the Lady Eagles' time. In December, they won two of three games at the Fruitvale tournament. They came back in the new year to sweep three games and win the Dallas Tyler Street Christian Tournament, then followed that up by defeating Greenville Christian School Tuesday in their district opener.

"They're starting to mature," head coach Van Minter said while clutching the Tyler Street trophy.

He's in a good position to know. He coached most of the junior-laden team for two years while the girls were in middle school. Minter then moved up to guide the varsity beginning last year.

"We have one senior (Jenna Geyman) who's new to our team, and Madeline Schroefer is one of our 2 guards. They make us a more well rounded team," the coach said.

Geyman, along with juniors Rachel McMillan and Erika Mendoza, made the All-Tournament team.

Minter said, "There's a lot of quickness on our team, and good aggression. We got in foul trouble fairly quickly last year. This year we can be more aggressive and not foul."

That quickness begins with point guard Mendoza. Her coach said, "Erika went to a camp last summer and worked on her form for shooting. Her speed allows us to get a fast break, and she has an uncanny ability to shield the ball with her body when she shoots a layup from the side."

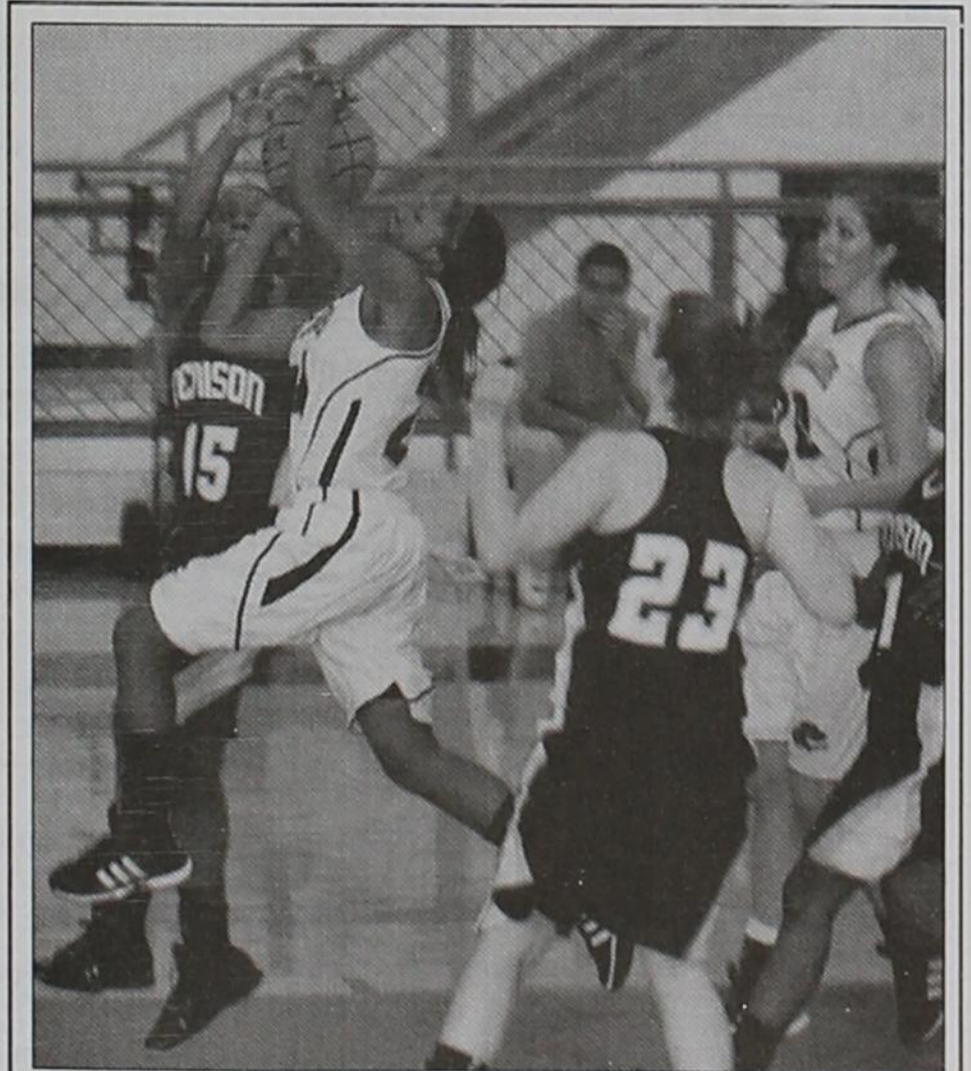
Up front, McMillan and classmates Hailee Johnson, Taylor Powers and Whitney Willis give the Lady Eagles some size.

The combination led to easy victories at Tyler Street. HCA defeated Irving Faustina 58-11 Thursday, Jan. 5, then took down Tyler Street's Blue team 41-22 in the next day's semifinals. Saturday's final game was all but over when the Lady Eagles took a 39-20 halftime lead on the way to a 39-20 victory against Tyler Street White.

At Greenville, HCA had the composure to overcome a 25-19 deficit after three quarters. The Lady Eagles outscored Greenville 13-4 during the final 8 minutes to win 32-29. McMillan was the leading scorer with 12 points; Geyman added seven.

"Last season ended with a bitter taste in our mouth," Minter said. "One goal for this season is to be district champion and move deeper into the playoffs."

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Heritage | 5 | 9 | 5 | 13 | 32 |
| Greenville Christian | 5 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 29 |



Lady Bulldogs' Krystal Pickron (24) drives in the lane for a lay-up shot. A foul was not called on the Denison defender who stopped the shot with a hand over Pickron's hand and ball. Also in the play is Sydnie Erbe (12). Roysse City won 75-59.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

"We're tinkering with some things we put in during the (Christmas) break," he said. "We'll find five kids who are going to work hard. If you don't work hard, there's a chance you might sit."

The break as a whole didn't help RHHS. The Lady Hawks didn't play in a holiday tournament, so they hadn't been in a game since Dec. 20 when they took the court against Rockwall Jan. 3.

Gabbard said, "They came back after Christmas pretty unfocused and uncomfortable with the ball in their hands."

The score after one quarter that night was 17-0. "From a loss, you can learn things," Gabbard said. "That night we learned that if we come out flat, we're not going to be OK."

"We're not going to be the best basketball team a lot of nights. We have a good work ethic, but if we're not playing real smart and not playing with real effort, we're not going to win very many."

Coming away from the Rockwall loss, RHHS met Wylie, the other district co-leader. The Lady Pirates jumped on Rockwall-Heath early for an 18-4 first-quarter lead.

Highland Park, another potential playoff team, led 15-7 after the first quarter, and pulled away from there. Jordan Mitchell led the Lady Hawks (5-14 overall, 0-6 in the district) that night with 15 points. April Brown, who scored a team-high nine against Wylie, had eight at HP.

Hawks suffer twin heartbreaking losses

by Lary Bump

Even more than they believe they soon will start winning, the Rockwall-Heath boys' basketball team must believe in déjà vu.

What else could explain that after losing 48-47 at home to Wylie Friday, Jan. 6, the Hawks would lose a similarly disappointing 48-46 decision Tuesday at Highland Park, among the top 25 in the Texas 4A rankings.

Rockwall-Heath led each game at halftime, and kept them close throughout the second half.

If nothing else, the HP game showed that RHHS had overcome the emotionally draining loss to Wylie. That game featured 17 lead changes - 15 in the second half, the last with 2.4 seconds remaining on Chad Hamilton's drive into the lane for the Pirates' game-winning basket.

Matt Greene, who had made a 3-point shot with 20 seconds to play for the Hawks' last lead, took a shot at the buzzer that hit high on the backboard and bounded back past the basket.

"I thought we deserved to win," said RHHS head coach Brad Waters. "They gave me everything they had. A couple of calls didn't go our way, but they didn't even let that bother them."

The loss four nights later to the Scots dropped the Hawks to 7-14 overall and 0-4 in District 10-4A. At 17-2 and 4-0, HP is tied for first place with McKinney.

Rockwall-Heath now has lost 18 consecutive district games since a 49-48 victory over Rockwall Feb. 16, 2010, in the Hawks' last game of the 2009-10 season. The Yellowjackets, in fact, are the only current 10-4A team RHHS has ever beaten.

The Hawks are coming closer, and they clearly haven't stopped trying. Wylie made five of six field goal attempts in the third quarter, which they closed with a 7-0 run for a 34-28 lead.

RHHS used a press to cause six turnovers and pull into a tie at 39-39 with 3 minutes remaining. That basket and every other score after either changed the team in the lead or tied the score.

Waters said, "The press is something that when we really buy into it, it creates energy."

There was little energy in the RHHS gym during a first half when the teams sleep-walked to a 19-18 lead. That bottled-up energy came out on the court and in the stands during the second half.

Waters said, "We're in the process of changing the nature of Heath basketball. It may not show in the record."

Against Wylie, the Hawks played essentially with their third point guard. Junior Conner Geiser wasn't able to return to the team, and sophomore Cameron Martin had been ill. That gave sophomore Luke Ramirez most of the playing time.

Even as Ramirez was apologizing to his coach for not playing better, Waters said, "Luke has done everything I've asked him to do. The kid is playing as hard as he can play, and his doing really well."

That means Ramirez could help change the program's nature.

Without a star, Christian Nwabuko and Jordan Points were the team's scoring leaders. Nwabuko scored 11 against the Pirates and eight against HP; Points contributed 10 and 8. Nine Hawks scored at Highland Park, but none had more than eight points.

Waters said, "This team has been through so much adversity. That's what makes games like these even harder."

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Rockwall | 10 | 21 | 15 | 13 | 59 |
| RHHS | 20 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 53 |

Rockwall (14-5, 1-1) - Austin Grandstaff 17, Elijah Thomas 16, Jared Ragland 12, Prince Giadolor 6, Wes Davis 4, Clay Marley 2, Weston Richey 2.

RHHS (7-13, 0-2) - Luke Ramirez 17, Matt Greene 12, Christian Nwabuko

Lady Jackets 3 way tie in district...

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Still, McDill could say, "I was real happy with our defense effort, especially in the second half."

"It was a big win for us. We were both 4-1, and McKinney North plays Wylie Friday. One of those teams will pick up another loss."

"I was telling the girls, 'We're guaranteed eight more games this season. That's not a very long time. What are we going to do with those games?'"

The first half of the district schedule would end Friday, with RHS (21-6 overall) playing at home against Richardson Pearce. After that, the 15th-ranked 4A team in the TABC state poll would face Wylie to start the second half.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Rockwall-Heath | 0 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 19 |
| RHS | 17 | 16 | 14 | 18 | 65 |

Rockwall-Heath (5-12, 0-4) - Rylee Maldonado 6, Deandra Maxwell 6, Alexis Fisher 2, Jordan Mitchell 2, Brianna Richardson 2, Brooke Garner 1. RHS (19-6, 3-1) - Paige Turner 15, Kayla Smith 11, Sara Williamson 11, Morghen Day 10, Alyssa Lang 10, Megan Grandy 4, Julia Sealock 3, Ellen Baker 1.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RHS | 22 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 67 |
| Wylie East | 6 | 2 | 16 | 16 | 40 |

RHS (20-6, 4-1) - Kayla Smith 20, Sara Williamson 17, Paige Turner 8, Alyssa Lang 5, Julia Sealock 5, Morghen Day 4, Megan Grandy 3, Kendyl Pirkey 3, Ellen Baker 2.

Wylie East (5-16, 0-5) - Hartegan 29, J. Moore 7, Jones 3, R. Moore 1.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RHS | 15 | 14 | 8 | 14 | 51 |
| McKinney North | 13 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 44 |

RHS (21-6, 5-1) - Alyssa Lang 20, Kayla Smith 11, Paige Turner 8, Morghen Day 6, Ellen Baker 3, Sara Williamson 3.

McKinney North (14-10, 4-2) - Alexis Mason 16, Mikaelha Connor 10, Chanterria Jackson 6, Amy Kleynhans 6, Mawi Berkhadley 2, Danielle Coleman 2, Viona Vranijqi 2.

Gabbard said, "In this district, there's not a whole lot of breaks." One of those breaks could be coming up Friday.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RHHS | 4 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 27 |
| Wylie | 18 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 64 |

RHHS (5-13, 0-5) - April Brown 9, Jillian Granstaff 5, Jordan Mitchell 5, Katie Webster 5, Deandra Maxwell 4, Courtney Klingaman 4, I Edwards 2.

Wylie (12-5, 4-1) - Colby Davis 16, Makaila Jordan 13, Sydnie Whitworth 10, Jocelyn Finch 8, Kennedy Foreman 8, Shae Stewart 7, Taylor Jordan 2.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Highland Park | 15 | 21 | 18 | 8 | 62 |
| RHHS | 7 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 36 |

Highland Park (16-5, 4-2) - Kaitlyn Read 25, Amanda Goodwin 10, Sydney McDaniel 7, Libby Ethington 6, Haylee Anigian-Rios 4, Courtney Klingaman 4, Laura Edwards 2, Alex Reynolds 2, Sarah Werner 2.

RHHS (5-14, 0-6) - Jordan Mitchell 15, April Brown 8, Katie Webster 5, Jillian Granstaff 3, Brooke Garner 2, Kenzie Mammeli 2.

8, Jordan Points 7, Jared Webber 6, Selvin Villeda 3.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Wylie | 12 | 6 | 16 | 14 | 48 |
| RHHS | 11 | 8 | 9 | 19 | 47 |

Wylie (10-10, 1-2) - Jacoby Armstrong 10, Freddy Gibbs 8, Chad Hamilton 7, Ivan Holmes 6, Kameron Kelly 6, Noble Nwachukwu 6, Conner Little 2, Antonio Davis 2.

RHHS (7-13, 0-3) - Christian Nwabuko 11, Jordan Points 10, Matt Greene 9, Jared Webber 9, Selvin Villeda 3, Luke Ramirez 2, Brett Schuster 2, Cameron Martin 1.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RHHS | 15 | 14 | 6 | 11 | 46 |
| Highland Park | 7 | 20 | 11 | 10 | 48 |

RHHS (7-14, 0-4) - Christian Nwabuko 8, Jordan Points 8, Selvin Villeda 8, Cameron Martin 6, Tyler McKay 4, Jared Webber 4, Matt Greene 3, Luke Ramirez 3, Brett Schuster 2.

Highland Park (17-2, 4-0) - David Allen 25, Chase Fletcher 16, David Cahn 4, Grant Miller 2, Andrew Barnes 1.



Hawks' Jordan Points (23) takes a shot under the basket against Yellowjackets' Elijah Thomas (15) during last week's game in Rockwall.

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Warriors split 2 games vs. home school teams

Rockwall Christian Academy began the boys' basketball week playing snail's pace, then took off from there.

After three quarters of their home game against Dallas Home School Athletic Association South on Friday, Jan. 6, the Warriors led just 28-23. That all changed in the fourth quarter, when RCA outscored the Blue Angels 38-23 for a 66-50 victory.

Chris Stephens led Rockwall Christian with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Brett Brinner helped with 14 points, and Taylor Corbin scored 11. John Stanley contributed a team-high three assists.

Home again against the Dallas Thunder, another home school team with its own home, RCA couldn't keep up the fast pace. The Thunder roared to a 22-13 first-quarter lead, stretched it to 41-27 at halftime and put the game away with a 19-4 third quarter. The final score was 71-41.

Warriors head coach Ryan Hankins said the game was close until mid-through the second quarter. "Then they hit a flurry of 3s and took a 14-point lead at halftime."

RCA was playing without Stephens, its leading scorer, who had a bad injury. Hankins said the freshman had hoped to be back for the Warriors' TAPPS District 4-2A opener Thursday at Christian Heritage School in Longview.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| HSAA South | 9 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 50 |
| RCA | 6 | 10 | 12 | 38 | 66 |

Dallas Home School Athletic Association South (3-14) - N/A. RCA (8-8) - Chris Stephens 22, Brett Brinner 14, Taylor Corbin 11, Colton Jones 7, Daniel Rorie 4, John Stanley 4, Alan Thomas 2, Cameron Carroccia 1, Tony Warren 1.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Dallas Thunder | 22 | 19 | 19 | 11 | 71 |
| RCA | 13 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 41 |

Dallas Thunder (10-12) - Josh Parker 27, Logan Keathley 25, Marlon DeLoache 10, Jonathan Holden 3, J.D. Lowrie 2, Rod Lyons 2, Robert Williams 2.

RCA (8-9) - Daniel Rorie 16, Cameron Carroccia 6, Colton Jones 6, Taylor Corbin 4, John Stanley 3, Brett Brinner 2, John Thieman 2, Alan Thomas

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Royse City News

RCISD trustees feted at January 9 board meeting

School board members for the Royse City Independent School District were recognized during this month's regular board meeting as recipients of School Board Recognition Month in Texas. Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, realize their contributions reflect year-round commitment," said Mayor Hancock. Royse City ISD Superintendent, in a news release issued last week. "They selflessly of themselves to ensure decisions directly affecting local schools are made by representatives of this community. In these challenging times, they shoulder difficult choices and shoulder great responsibilities. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of every student enrolled in the district. Our district is enriched by the

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to serve as advocates for our children and the voice of public education," he said.

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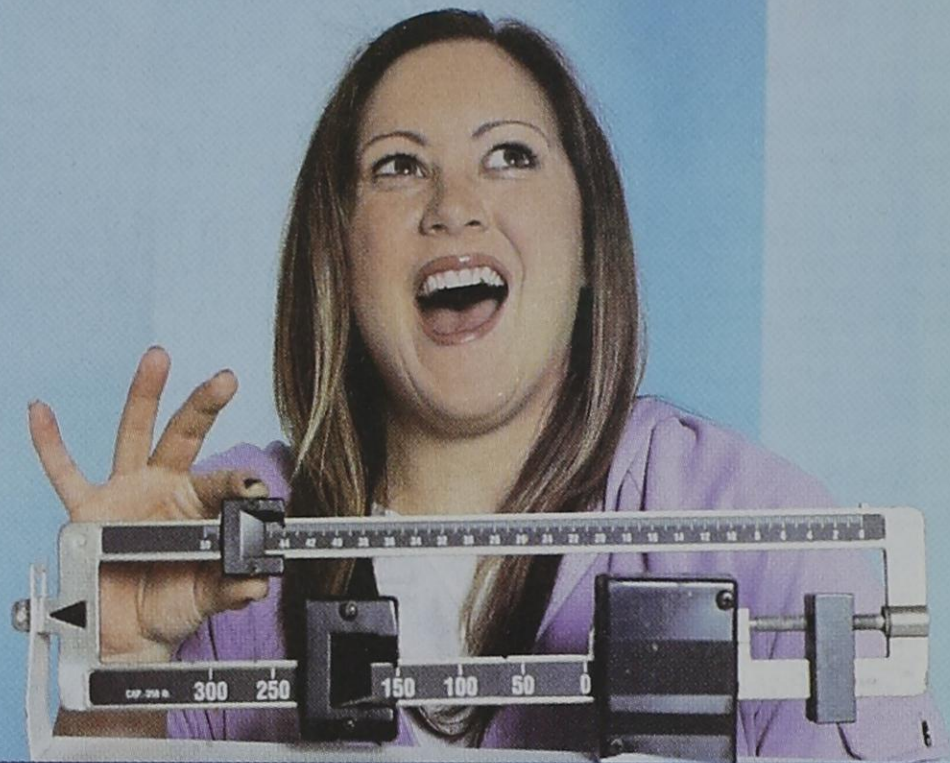
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