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Heath city council grants replat to Fulton School

by **Millie Williams**
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A request to replat by The Fulton School was approved by the Heath City Council on Tuesday, November 18, during the regular council meeting.

Currently, the lot situated at 1623 Laurence Drive, located at the southwest corner of FM 740 and FM 1140 west of the new CVS store, is zoned as single-family residential.

In 2005, a final plat for the Fulton Addition was approved. Shortly thereafter, the school acquired certain adjacent parcels of land.

In 2008, the final plat was amended to incorporate the additional parcels, one of which consisted of 1.546 acre tract on the northeast corner of the campus. In 2009, the amendment was further amended, and the applicant would like to subdivide the lot to recreate the former 1.546 acre tract, stating that the school does not intend to use the property in any other facilities.

The requisite public hearing notice for the revised application was published and 30 notices were mailed to properties situated within 200 feet of the applicant's property. Two notices were received in favor of the replat and no notices were received in opposition to the request.

Heath Planning & Zoning Commission chairperson John Main recommended the request for approval with the conditions set in the final plat. Main said the draining issues, including water from the lot to property draining and flooding onto neighboring properties could be taken care of between property owners. The council passed the replat unanimously with the conditions made in 2008.

RHS places 11 freshmen in 9th Grade All-Region Band

Trials for the Region 3 9th Grade All-Region Band were conducted at Rockwall-Heath High School, and Rockwall High placed 11 students in the honors band, the third largest number of the 22 schools competing.

Members include Johanna Pang, second chair, clarinet; David Rester, first chair, clarinet; Allison Radcliff, 13th chair, clarinet; Justin Dower, fourth chair, bass clarinet; Aren Moore, third chair, also sax; Caleb Dodson, first alternate, also sax; and Riley Stewart, second chair, tenor sax.

Also on the team are Eric Bray, second chair, trumpet; Brendan Murphree, trumpet; Tanner Jordan, sixth alternate, horn; Nicholas Arce, eighth chair, trombone; Tanner Croom, sixth alternate, trombone; Shem Ray, sixth chair, tuba; Nick Messick, second chair, percussion; and James Matthews, third chair, percussion, according to a news release from the school.

The council was also presented with a zoning change from agricultural to planned development zoning for single family residential use consisting of 95 residential plots between FM 549 and Rabbit Ridge Road. The development has an average lot size of 0.89 acres.

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Rockwall High School placed 11 freshmen in the Region 3 9th Grade All-Region Band. Of the 22 schools competing, RHS had the third largest group of students tapped for the regional honors. Pictured at back are Nicholas Collings, Tanner Croom, Hunter Jordan, Brenden Murphree and Eric Bray. Shown on the next row are Nick Messick, James Matthews and Shem Ray. Pictured on the second row are Riley Stewart, Aren Moore, Caleb Dodson and Justin Dower. At front are Allison Radcliff, Johanna Pang and David Rester.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Fate Council discusses locations for new city hall, school building

by **Millie Jean Coppedge**

The Fate City Council meeting of Monday, Nov. 17, began with the welcoming of the new city secretary, Vickey Raduechel.

The former city secretary, Jean Dwinell, left her position to take one closer to her home.

There were no speakers during the Citizens Comment portion of the meeting, a time allotted for citizens to speak on issues not posted on the agenda.

Two of the items on the agenda involved a site selected for the new Fate City Hall, as well as a discussion about one for a future school in Fate that will be a part of the Roysse City Independent School District.

Patrick Sessions, managing partner of the Southstar Woodcreek Developer, spoke to the council regarding the plans for the Woodcreek Planned Unit.

An ordinance was passed unanimously by the city council to "amend the Woodcreek Planned Unit Development District by modifying permitted lot sizes and adding design and development standards for single-family residential uses on land generally located north of Old Town Fate and at the southeast corner of I-30 and Blackland Road."

New retail construction in RC set to begin next month

by **Millie Jean Coppedge**

The City Council of Roysse City met Tuesday, Nov. 11, with an announcement from City Manager Carl Alsbrook about the construction of a new Wal-Mart.

Construction is scheduled to begin Dec. 12, he said, and everything with the Erby Campbell project is going well and on time.

Another announcement was that the North Sorrells Road rehab has been completed. This measure came about as the result of requests from many of the residents who live on the road, who came before the city council and pleaded that the road be repaired or completely redone. They noted how difficult it was to travel the road. One homeowner, who has a horse business, told the council she was losing business simply because her customers could not get their trucks and trailers down the road to reach her location.

The council discussed regulations pertaining to political signs being placed near voting facilities for early voting and on election days. The present ordinance states that no signs may be placed within 100 feet of any facility being used for voting.

No action was taken on the matter, but the issue will be revisited at another time.

The council voted to join the Keep Texas Beautiful coalition, which involves planting flowers and adopting methods to keep the environment clean and beautiful. An as-yet-unnamed member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be directed to be the coordinator for the Keep Texas Beautiful Campaign.

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Sessions told the council there are 1,500 units already completed with 3,500 left to complete. They expect to build 350 units a year, which will take about 10 years to complete.

A Donation Special Warranty Deed for the property in which the Woodcreek Unit Development Division, the new city hall site and

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This month the Aspasians once again provided Thanksgiving baskets for the Rainbow Room of Rockwall County. Thirty-two families were provided Thanksgiving baskets full of items needed to make Thanksgiving feasts. Each family also was given a gift card to purchase a turkey to complete the meal. At the November Aspasians meeting, Bobby Chesher with the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services and Dorothy Burris from the Rockwall Rainbow Room, assisted with club members and shared about the Rainbow Room mission. Pictured are the Aspasians members with their Thanksgiving baskets, from left, Erika Stephens, Margie Chung, Holly Pullen, Heather Baker, Neely Holland and Kristi Scott.

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Lone Star CASA tapped to receive \$5,000 grant

The Texas Bar Foundation has granted \$5,000 to Lone Star CASA (Appointed Special Advocates), which serves children of Rockwall and Kaufman counties, to assist the program in providing data relating to advocacy of the abused and neglected children involved in the systems of the two-county program area.

Reporting and reporting this information is essential to the continued operation of the organization and is used as the basis for reporting about the year, according to a CASA news release.

Lone Star CASA is appreciative of the Texas Bar Foundation for the grant, which will assist the program in purchasing, installing and updating staff on updated CASA software and facilitate the collection and analysis of data related to volunteer advocates working with abused and neglected children, according to the release.

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$15 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the largest charitably-funded bar foundation.



Fate's new city secretary, Vickey Raduechel, officially was welcomed by Mayor Lorne Megyesi at the Nov. 17 Fate City Council meeting.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

MOW Holiday Hunger campaign underway

The 2014 Holiday Hunger campaign, Nourish Rockwall Seniors, is underway. A project of the Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County, the project has been created to help feed seniors in Rockwall County. A \$32 donation will feed a senior citizen for a week. Visit rockwallmealsonwheels.org/donate/ to make a donation.

Garbage, recycling collection schedule modified

Republic Waste will modify its collection schedule in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal garbage and recycling scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 27, will be pushed back one day to Friday, Nov. 28; customers scheduled for Friday, Nov. 28, services will be pushed back to Saturday, Nov. 29. Contact the City of Rockwall utilities department at 972-771-7736 for more information.

MOW to benefit from Hilton T'giving brunch

A portion of the proceeds from the Thanksgiving Champagne Brunch served from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Bella Harbor Ballroom of the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront, 2055 Summer Lee Dr. in Rockwall, will benefit the Meals on Wheels of Rockwall County. Cost will be \$55 for adults, \$42 for seniors and \$24 for children (ages 5 and under will eat free of charge); tax and gratuity will be added, and a 20 percent gratuity will be added to parties of six or more. For reservations call 214-771-3700, ext. 5329, or email teresa.hickock@hilton.com.

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Thanksgiving memories built on family traditions



MILLIE JEAN COPPEDGE
Reminiscing
Royse City

by Millie Jean Coppedge

As a child growing up on a farm, a two-mile walk from town, life was so simple. We were poor, but didn't know it. My immediate family consisted of my brother, who was four years younger than I was, Mother and Daddy.

We grew or raised almost everything we ate and even sold some of it on a roadside stand in front of our house on the dusty, red-dirt road, for extra cash. We grew about any vegetable one can think of and canned or dried them so they would last through the winter and until then next crop harvest. We also grew cotton and peanuts.

Pigs, chickens and a couple of cows provided the milk, butter, eggs and meat we needed.

Jake, the old plow mule, worked his strong back to plow the fields for planting. Before we got Jake, Daddy plowed the fields with a hand-pushed plow. It was backbreaking work.

Weeks before Thanksgiving, much hustling and bustling filled the kitchen. Mother, Daddy, Bruce and I shelled and roasted the peanuts, cracking and shelling the pecans and walnuts, readying them for special holiday cookies, candies, cakes and pies.

Bruce and I never liked fruitcake, the kind with all the super-sweet, gooey, sticky candied fruits, but Mother said we had to eat it anyway.

It was my job to cut the candied fruit into small pieces. I put in pineapple, cherries, raisins, figs, dates, walnuts, pecans, crushed graham crackers, spices and something that was green and minty. I never knew what it was. All of these ingredients were dumped into the well-used, white, chipped porcelain dishpan and hand mixed until everything blended and began to stick together. Then the ingredients were divided, molded into shape, wrapped and stored in the back of the icebox (yes, it was an icebox, not a refrigerator).

The fruitcakes were usually made several weeks before Thanksgiving or

Christmas so they could set up and the flavor would blend throughout the cake. Some people poured brandy or other alcohol over their fruit cakes, but we didn't. None of our family partook of alcoholic beverages.

Every Thanksgiving was spent at my grandparent's house. All the aunts, uncles, cousins, other family members and friends arrived early, with everyone bringing a different assortment of food according to the menu that had been determined in advance by Aunt Bonnie. The entire day was filled with laughter, singing, reminiscing, food, food and more food.

I still can hear the voices of my grandparents that I cherished so very much. Granddaddy's steel-blue eyes sparkled when he laughed, as his tiny teeth, worn down by constantly clenching a pipe between them, were very evident, which made his smile even sweeter.

Grandmother stood at the kitchen table as she put together her famous banana pudding made from country fresh eggs, butter and milk, all produced on their farm.

There were usually 50-70 people there for the holiday. Heaven forbid it should rain, because as everyone filled their plates from the huge dinner table, kids and adults alike filled the front and back porch, then spilled out into the yard to eat under the trees. All the desserts and any food that there wasn't room for on the dinner table were in the back bedroom on sawhorses, topped with pieces of plywood.

The kids and men were fed first, then when everyone was finished eating, the women sat down to eat so they could eat in peace and not have to get up and wait on others. This was a special time when the women could talk and enjoy just being together.

As I married and moved away, the tradition continued. All of the family and friends continued to return every Thanksgiving. There were pallets all over the house, and if the weather wasn't too cold, some slept on pallets on the front and back porches. The four-room house was quite compact.

As the different family members died, the tradition continued. It no longer was grandchildren who made up the youth, but great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

The last time I remember us all being together, Granddaddy was very ill, but we didn't realize how ill he was. We just thought he was really tired. A few months later, in 1982, he died of kidney failure.

With Granddaddy gone, Grandmother went down fast. She lived far out in the country, all alone. She came down ill and died of lung cancer in 1985.

This is not meant to be a sad story. It just portrays how when the families were all young, the traditions began that burned memories into

the minds and hearts of all of the family.

The kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and other family members see each other much anymore, as the most heart-tugging reasons for all getting together are gone -- Grandmother and Granddaddy and an old home place.

But when some of us do get together, the conversation immediately goes to something like, "Remember when Grandmother made that banana pudding in the dishpan and still there wasn't enough to go around mainly because many got such a big helping the first time around?"

Although our lives have changed, the memories of going to Grandmother and Granddaddy's farm on Thanksgiving remains and clear. The smell of the banana pudding, the thought of the sweet tobacco in Granddaddy's pipe, the gospel song "I'll Fly A" and other precious memories transport us back to such a special time in our lives.

Some of the things I am so grateful every Thanksgiving are memories. I pray the day never comes when I no longer can remember Grandmother or Granddaddy, the farm or the love that was shared all and still lives in our hearts.

But to this day, I still cannot stand the smell or thought of fruitcake.



The grandparents of Millie Jean Coppedge are pictured above on a Thanksgiving Day. This was the last photo taken of the couple together.

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It's like rubbing salt into the wound



Brittany Williams

Musings of a
20-something ...

by Brittany Williams

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This Thanksgiving will be both a chance for redemption and a chance to set the bar not so high.

I guess I have some explaining to do, huh?

Last year, was the year of the salty pie catastrophe. Thanks Pinterest.

Salted Caramel Brownie Pie. Looked easy enough. Sounded even better.

Then Brittany went and made a royal mistake. She used coarse salt.

Before you ask, no I didn't test it before. I needed a little bit of quality control, but alas, I had none.

So Thursday comes around and Santa has graced us with his presence at the Macy's Thanksgiving parade; the smoked turkey has been devoured; all that's left of my uncle's famous sweet potatoes are a sliver of almonds and maybe a chunk of brown sugar; most of us have a pie shaped hole in our stomach.

In my defense, Pinterest didn't tell me what kind of salt to use. Or not use in this case. "It was like licking a piece of rock salt" or "If I eat anymore, I might get dehydrated" or, my favorite, brownie part was good".

Thankfully (pun intended), there were other pie options.

This year will be better. Fingers crossed.

As dangerous as it may be, I went to Pinterest again.

No-Bake Peanut Butter Pie.

How great is that "No-Bake" part? Makes me happy. One less step to avoid messing up. No wafer undercooking it or burning down the house.

I figured with the eight jars in our cabinet that our family probably likes peanut butter more than the average peanut butter eater. So, why not?

So, that's going to be that. I'll let you know how that goes in my next column. Or if you're just itching to know what happened, e-mail me. My inbox needs some excitement occasionally.

Aside from that though, this year will be different from past years.

I have been invited to join a new family in their partaking of the Thanksgiving holiday.

I'm pretty sure they don't really know what they're getting into with me, but we won't tell them just yet.

I have to eat way too much for not just one, but two meals.

It begins a new tradition for me.

I can't show them ALL of my cooking skills right off the bat, even though there's not really all that much to show.

We'll start with a dessert. Maybe a second peanut butter pie? Pumpkin cheesecake dip? Rice Krispie Treats (just to clarify they're rice krispie treats that look like turkey legs, not turkey legs that taste like rice krispie treats)?



Enjoying an evening of Bountiful Blessings (from left) Michelle Rives, Resident Jackie Pietzsch, Jann Caldwell and Ashley Caldwell.



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We're down to the final bid and I haven't made a decision. I guess it's more Pinterest for me. The lesson in all of this? If the recipe doesn't specify which kind of salt, don't use coarse salt, with the stuff out of the shaker.

Rockwall's Got Talent audition show dates set

The sixth annual Rockwall's Talent, a local talent show, will be underway in just a few weeks.

Auditions will take place at the Rockwall Family School theater, 901 Yellow Jacket Road, Rockwall, on Feb. 14.

Registration cost \$20 per performer with a registration deadline of Jan. 31.

The semi-finals will be held on Feb. 27, with finals set for March 6.

Tickets cost \$10 and will go on sale Feb. 1.

Rules and audition application can be found online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, founded in 1995 and located in a small building on Rusk Street that formerly was a church. The theater has an entertaining season of musicals, comedies, children's plays, and a visit from Santa.

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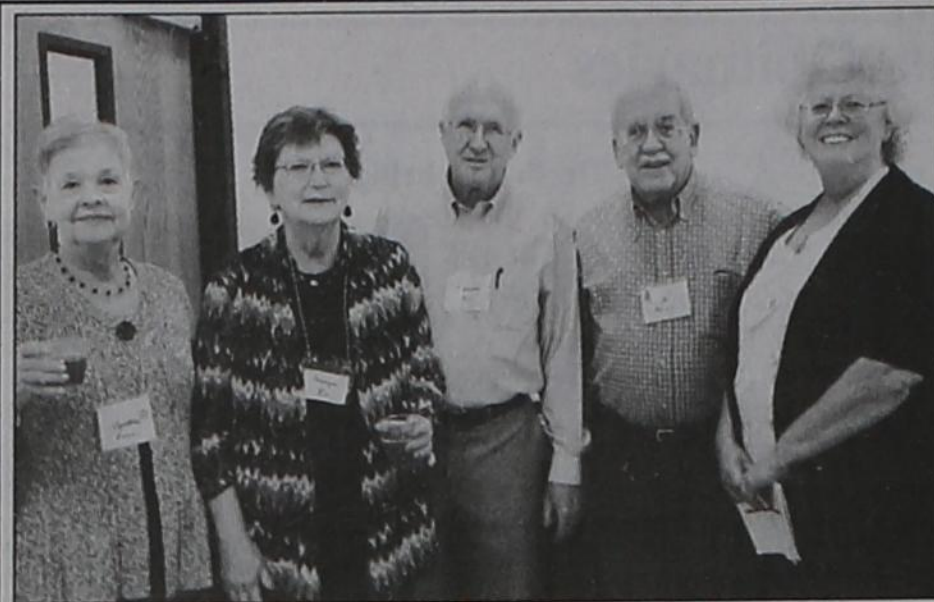
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Editor,
 After reading the first two articles under the Opinions heading in your Thursday newspaper of November 20, 2014, I was primed to read the third and final dissertation, "The last supper." Although I was expecting to become enlightened in Christian theology, my expectations were quickly dashed when the second paragraph began, "Supper has been a mainstay at my house for as long as I can remember."

I was thoroughly entertained when pouring over Jill Porter's article which explained in entertaining fashion the importance of 'suppering' and how her old-fashioned ideas of its importance can be supported by erudite publications; (which reminds me of the out-of-date retort, "Don't confuse me with the facts.")

Mrs. Porter rehearsed her duties to her children and commented, "Food provides calories and comfort...and triggers memories.... There's just something inherently good about food and memories and lingering around the table with the people you love..." I say AMEN to this and remind you to have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Sincerely,
 Jacqueline Frank Strickland



The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association met Nov. 10 and Dale Howard, legislative co-chair for Region X, spoke about the upcoming 84th Legislative Session in Austin. The session will be important to TRTA members because of healthcare and pension benefits. Pictured above are hostesses Cynthia Owens, Georgia Lee, Marvin Lee, Mike Mizell and Johanna Ash.

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 Colossians 3:15

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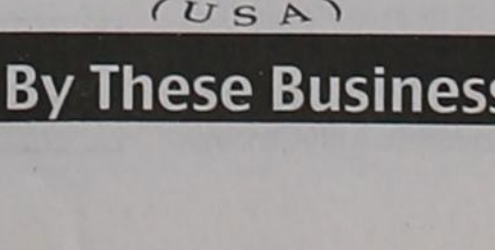
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Earlier this month the North Texas Crime Commission conducted its third annual Congressional reception on Capitol Hill. The reception honored Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) and the Texas Congressional Delegation. David Dean, North Texas Crime Commission Chairman, and Mark Culpepper, Rockwall County District Attorney, presented member Rep. Hall's staff with a resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Legislative Committee of the NTCC in Rockwall County on October 14, 2014. Also in attendance were Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eaves and wife, Marsha, and others affiliated with the organization.

The resolution recognizes and honors Rep. Hall's lifetime of leadership and service in the United States Navy as an aircraft carrier pilot, Rockwall County judge, as a Texas state senator and as U.S. representative for the Fourth Congressional District and "for his positive contributions to the North Texas Region, which reach deep and wide after decades of service."

The resolution also commends Rep. Hall for his service as the Deputy Texas Congressional Delegation, as chairman of the Science, Space & Technology Committee and as a member of the Energy & Commerce Committee, all of which "positioned him to contribute positively to the economic strength and growth of the United States of America, the State of Texas, and the North Texas region."

Rockwall County Entertainment

RCP to stage 'Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will present performance "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays Nov. 28-Dec. 14. Two 7:30 p.m. performances have been added on Dec. 4 and 11. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and adults 62 and older. To purchase tickets, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Heath Holiday in the Park set Dec. 5

The 2014 Heath Holiday in the Park will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Towne Centre Park behind City Hall at 200 Laurence Drive. Presented by the city's Special Events Board, the event will include students choirs from Amy Parks and Dorothy Pullen Elementary, a dinner in a new Winter Village, which will feature food trucks, an indoor dining area and children's activity booths; a miniature train and complimentary hot cocoa and Christmas cookies home-baked by National Charity League and Rockwall Women's League and served by Mrs. Claus and the elves; and Santa's grand arrival. Parents should bring their cameras. For more details visit heathtx.com.

Rockwall holiday celebrated slated

The City of Rockwall, the Kiwanis, the Downtown Merchants Association and Friends of Downtown will team up for a daylong event in downtown Rockwall Dec. 6. The 45th Annual Christmas Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Theme will be Hometown Christmas-Rock Texas Style. Call 972-722-6001 for more details. Carolers, train refreshments and Mr. and Mrs. Claus will take place throughout the downtown. The 31st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will run from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall. Free cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided, as well as live holiday music and a visit from Santa. Carriage rides will be offered from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Children's Chorus plans Christmas Concert

The Rockwall Children's Chorus, a community chorus comprised of area children in grades 2 through 8, will offer its annual Christmas Concert beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. Music will include favorites, both traditional and contemporary, performed in English, Hebrew and Latin. Admission will be free; a reception will follow. For details contact Cathy Knoff at 214-535-7811 or visit rockwallchildrenschorus.com.

RGHS students plan holiday performances

Roys City High School's theater arts department is planning its 10th performance of the current school year. The story revolves around Christmas-time in Fayro, Texas, and the Futrelle sisters are not in the mood; however, they find a way to pull together and present a Christmas program that their community will never forget. Shows will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 11-12, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Dec. 14. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$3 for students/children; tickets may be purchased at the performances at the RGHS auditorium.

Brown Bag Lecture Series to revisit rock wall

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 12 at the historic courthouse in Rockwall. The topic will re-examine the history of the rock wall and developments since The History Channel's "America Unearthed" episode aired. Admission will be free and open to the public. For details contact Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

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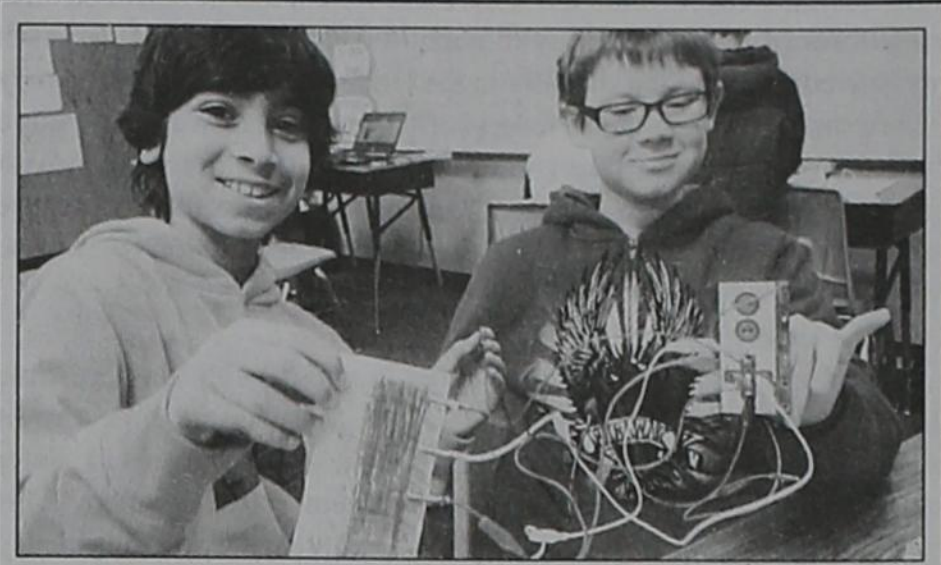
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Hartman Elementary's YAC organizes H-Hands food drive

The students of Grace Hartman Elementary's Youth Advisory Council recently coordinated a school-wide food drive to benefit the local Helping Hands agency.

Elizabeth Trowbridge, coach, and cafeteria manager Vicki Dorgelo, with guidance of the YAC leaders, helped the students gather food donations that filled eight shopping cards.

YAC students participating included Ashley Minor, Jayden Bumbalow, Ella Bumbalow, Kaylee Davis, Johnathon Pang, Holden Blackwell, Jaque Ghormley, Emilee Lyons, Jamal Wiley, Sophia Sanchez and Cailee Gibbs.



Students in David Liechty's fifth grade science class at Springer Elementary recently completed a week-long study on the practical application of circuits using mini circuit boards, or MakeyMakeys, that connect via USB to classroom computers. Each day students worked in pairs to gain in-depth experience by covering topics such as conductivity, insulators, input and output, and series and parallel circuits. Pictured above are Ameer Abu-Ziyadeh and Chris Trevino. Students will have the opportunities to showcase their computer programs and interactive circuit demonstrations this year at the upcoming Rockwall ISD Digital Media Fair.

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A poster contest was sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star of Royse City for Red Ribbon Week at Ruth Cherry Intermediate School. Participants were to create posters that reflected the Don't Do Drugs message. The winners, pictured from the left, were Alyssa Axtell, third place; Maika Rauch, first place; Tracy Roman, second place; Makenna Rambo, fifth place; and Tyler Roper, fourth place. Each of the winners received a prize.

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Rockwall High School Stingerettes are pictured with WFAA-TV news anchor Shelly Slater, whom they met following a Nov. 6 performance at the Victory Plaza. The Orange Wave Band and the Stingerettes performed prior to the Dallas Stars game.

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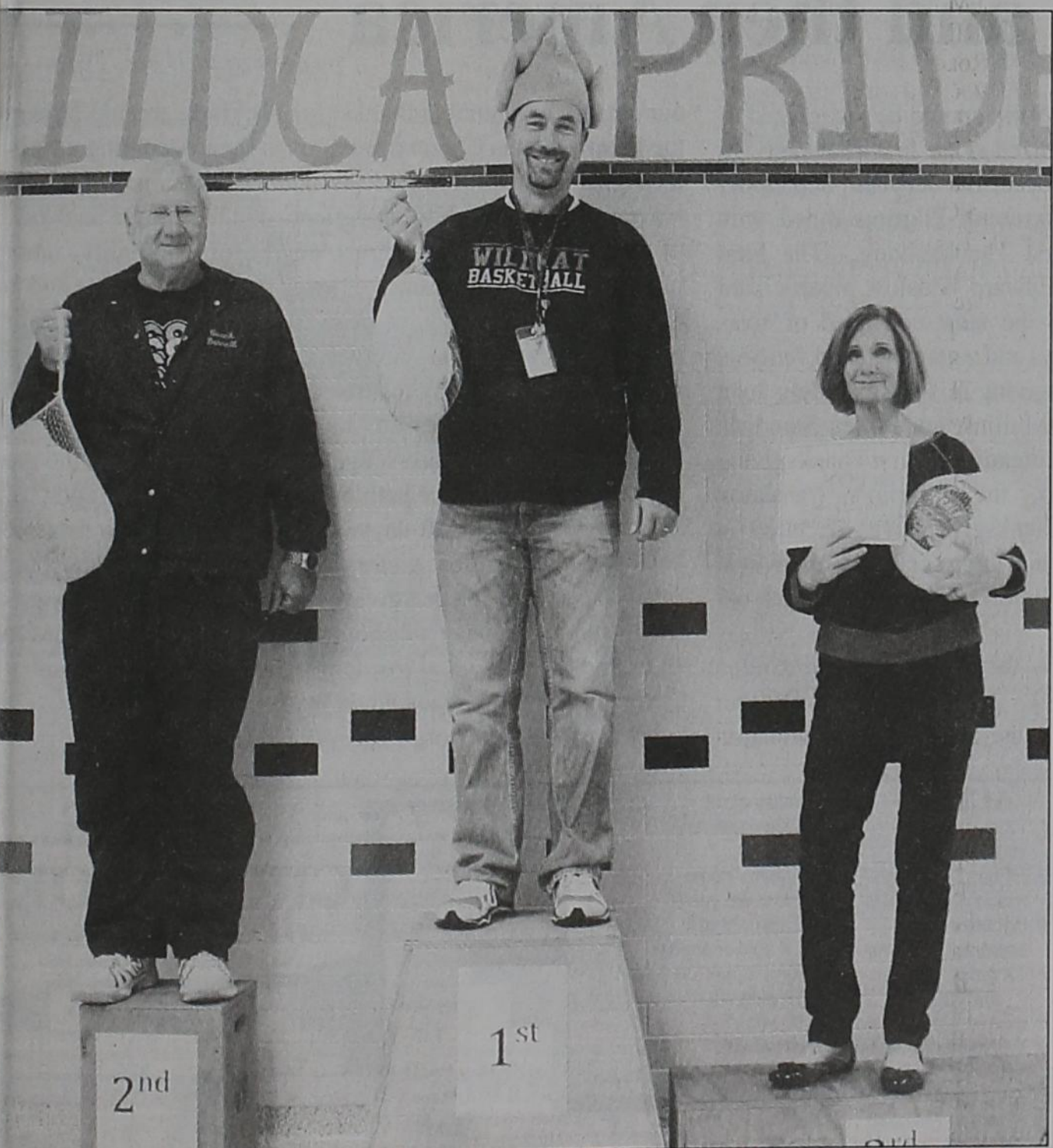
The Principal's 200 Club winners for November at Ouida Springer Elementary are, at back, from the left, Sophie Bryant, Michael Knight, Katrina Cypert, Jazmine Dotson and Brad Helmer, principal, and, at front, Gerardo Herrera, Chelsey Ponce, Macey Butler, Quintavian Davis and Eunice Orellana. The Principal's 200 Club is a positive behavior support system that rewards students for exhibiting their best behavior. Each student "caught" doing so is given a golden ticket to be redeemed in the office for a spot on the club's bingo board. When a row fills up, all of the students in the row win a mystery motivator. The goal is to increase positive behavior and celebrate that good choices students are making.

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Rockwall-Heath High School drama students performed "An Evening of Culture," a comedic version of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" written by Mark Landon Smith, at the Texas Thespian Society Festival at the Omni Hotel in downtown Dallas Nov. 22. Senior Kenzie Osborne directed the production, and RHHS teachers Glenn Bennett and Lauren Patterson chaperoned the cast. Pictured above, from the left, are Sam Seldon, Marlow Amick, Anne-Marie Thacker, Hailee Gregory, Micah Brooks, Nickole Selensky, Chad Pflieger and Janie Yun.

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The faculty and staff of Williams Middle School conducted their first Turkey Bowl during the Nov. lunch periods. Students enjoyed watching their teachers bowl with frozen turkeys, competing for the honor of Turkey Bowl Champ. Top winners, pictured above, were Kim Knisley, third place; David Arnell, second; and Scott Gill, first place.

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Rockwall Chamber Welcomes Z Constructors

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting and ground breaking ceremony for Z Constructors.

Z Constructors, established in 2008, is located at 11886 Greenville Ave., Ste 122 D. Dallas, TX.

Z Constructors is a local and national commercial general contracting company providing ground up and interior construction services to the medical, office, retail, and restaurant sectors of the industry. The two principals are Matt Zahm (resident of Heath, TX) and Seth Williams (resident of Grapevine, TX), who lead 20 strong and well skilled employees through this flourishing economy and construction demand.

Z Constructors is very excited to have started its first project in the city of Rockwall located across from the Dickey's restaurant on Ridge Road, and they look forward to more opportunities. Key relationships and a good client base is how companies grow and survive. With that they welcome people respective to the industry or possible new clients to feel free to stop by their office or call at 972-682-1435. Also, please check out their website at zconstructors.com.

Submitted by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.

Hurry Home tied to online effort to fuel pet adoptions

Hurry Home Active Rescue Dogs of Royse City has joined thousands of animal welfare organizations across North America that list homeless pets on Petfinder, the online leader in responsible pet adoptions.

Petfinder, the largest database of adoptable animals on the Internet, has been committed to animal welfare rescue organizations dedicated to the cause since its founding in 1996, according to a Hurry Home news release. Approximately 14,000 rescues and shelters leverage Petfinder's website, Petfinder.com, and mobile to connect homeless pets with prospective pet adopters.

When a pet is adopted, a potential adopter simply enters his or her search criteria and a list is returned that ranks the pet by proximity to the location entered. Adoptions are carried out by the animal placement group that is caring for the pet selected, following its policies.

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Opinions

Playing with constitutional fire

by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

Earlier this week, President Obama made it clear that he will soon offer some form of limited amnesty to about five million foreign nationals who are currently living illegally in the United States. He will do so by issuing an executive order to federal officials who oversee immigration directing them to undertake a course of action that, if complied with individually by all persons whom he designates as eligible, will cause the federal government to remove the threat of deportation from those who meet the standards he will lay down.

Can he legally do that?

To address that question, we need to start with the principle that a presidential action may be lawful at the same time that it is unconstitutional. The president has the legal power to defer deportations. The power is called prosecutorial discretion. This is a power traditionally recognized as inherent in the presidency that enables him to defer or modify all federal law enforcement.

The theory is that the president needs the ability to allocate resources as the changing times, emergent events and public needs may require. Thus, he can, for example, defer prosecuting bank robbers and aggressively pursue drug dealers. That wouldn't mean that all bank robbers would go free; it would mean that either state prosecutors would pursue them, or they'd wait for trials until the drug kingpins were caught and convicted. But he could set some free if he wished.

The check on the exercise of prosecutorial discretion is gross abuse, which is typically demonstrated by either improper executive motive or effective nullification of law. I don't know what the president's motive is. If it is political, I suspect his efforts will backfire. He cannot grant citizenship or the right to vote.

If his motive is humanitarian or moral, I understand him. Under the natural law, people have the right to travel and live wherever they wish. The existence of our natural rights is not conditioned upon the place where our mothers were at the times of our births. And from a free market and historical perspective, immigrants have enhanced the economy as they move up the demographic ladder.

But the president's behavior has serious constitutional dimensions that go far beyond the motives in his heart, and his oath is to the Constitution, not to his heart.

If the president nullifies deportations on such a grand scale that the effect is the nullification of federal laws, then he has violated his oath "faithfully" to execute his presidential obligations. The Framers required that every president swear to do his job "faithfully" to serve as a reminder to him that his job requires fidelity to the enforcement of laws with which he may disagree. The American people, Congress and the courts need to know we have a president who will enforce the laws, whether he agrees with them in his heart or not. Without presidential fidelity to the rule of law, we have a king, not a president.

By conferring temporary legal status upon foreign nationals who have not achieved it under the law, providing they meet criteria that he will establish, the president affects huge numbers of persons and produces a result that is the opposite of what the law requires. Can the president's exercise of his prosecutorial discretion constitutionally nullify a federal statute? No. Can the president's exercise of his prosecutorial discretion effectively rewrite a federal statute? No.

It is unconstitutional for the president to nullify federal law. It is unconstitutional for him to refuse to enforce laws that affect millions of persons and billions of dollars. It is unconstitutional for him to refuse

to enforce laws merely because he disagrees with them -- particularly laws that pre-existed his presidential oaths. And it is unconstitutional for him to rewrite laws, even if he is doing so to make them more just.

Every president since Dwight D. Eisenhower has deferred some deportations. President Reagan deferred deportations for about 100,000 families of foreign nationals in 1987 under his reading of congressionally authorized 1986 amnesty law, and President George H.W. Bush did so in 1990 for about 350,000 foreign nationals under reading of the same law. Each of these was based on a principled presidential reading of the words and purposes of a federal statute. Obama does not purport to read and interpret the current immigration law; rather, he effectively rewrites it.

What can Congress do? Congress can pass legislation to invalidate Obama's executive actions. Yet even if it did so and overrode his veto, it has no assurances that Obama would be bound by the legislation. He refuses to enforce the plain language of well-established and never judicially altered federal statutes. What assurances does Congress have that he would follow any new statutes that he has vetoed and that regulate his behavior?

Is the blanket refusal to enforce federal laws that profoundly affect five million persons -- and in the process severely straining the social services of all 50 states -- an impeachable offense? The president is playing with constitutional fire, impeachment is the only constitutional remedy available, and it takes 25 months of a constitutional conflagration that he has ignited.

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Control Freaks

by John Stossel

Control freaks want to run your life. They call themselves "public servants."

But whether student council president, environmental bureaucrat or member of Congress, most believe they know how to run your life better than you do.

I admit I was once guilty of this kind of thinking. As a young consumer reporter, I researched what doctors said was bad for us and what products might harm us. Then I demanded that the state pass rules to protect us from those things.

The concept of individual freedom was not yet on my radar screen. I apologize. I was ignorant and arrogant.

But at least I had no real power. I couldn't force consumers to avoid unhealthy things or pay for certain kinds of health care. I couldn't force any business to stop selling something. Only government can do that. Only government can use force.

Sadly, government is filled with people just as ignorant and arrogant as I was.

Economist Matthew Mitchell of the Mercatus Center likes to point out that governments impose regulations without acknowledging that the new rules will have unintended consequences.

Bans on smoking in restaurants and bars is one of the control freaks' favorite campaigns. "A recent University of Wisconsin study," Mitchell says on my show this week, "found that in those areas where they

introduced bans on smoking, you saw an increase in accidents related to alcohol. The theory is that people drive longer distances in order to find bars that either have outside seating or are outside the jurisdiction."

I selfishly like smoking bans. I don't like breathing others' smoke. But the majority of us shouldn't force our preferences on the minority, even if they do things that are dangerous. Smokers ought to be allowed to smoke in some bars, if the bar owners allow it. But today in about half the states, no one may smoke in any bar.

It's totalitarianism from the health police. If secondhand smoke were dangerous enough to threaten non-smokers, the control freaks would have a point, but it isn't. It barely has any detectable health effect at all.

Rule-makers always want more. At first, they just asked for bans on TV's cigarette ads. Then they demanded no-smoking sections in restaurants. Then bans in airplanes, schools, workplaces, entire restaurants. Then bars, too. Now sometimes even apartments and outdoor spaces.

Can't smokers have some places?

So far, smokers just ... take it. But maybe that's changing. The town of Westminster, Massachusetts, recently held hearings on whether to ban the sale of tobacco products altogether, and 500 angry people showed up.

One said, "I find smoking one of the most disgusting habits anybody could possibly do. On top of that, I find this proposal to be even more of a disgusting thing." Good for him.

Mitchell warns that, "we are accustomed to thinking about federal government and federal overreach. But a lot of the most intrusive regulations happen at the local level," as in Westminster.

In Fort Lauderdale, Florida, police charged two pastors and a 90-year-old volunteer with giving food to poor people in public. Florida declares it illegal to give away food in an outdoor location without providing public toilets. The restrictions were instated in the name of "public health and safety."

In New Jersey, churches were forced to stop offering Thanksgiving dinners to poor people because they didn't have "properly licensed commercial kitchens."

A court threw out a soft drink ban imposed on my city, New York by then-mayor Bloomberg, but my new control-freak mayor, Bill Blasio, plans to reinstate the ban.

The rules-keeping coming. Another New York regulation, banning trans fats in restaurants, led to stringent bans on which foods people were allowed to eat. "I'd think the poor have bigger problems than trans fats."

Their biggest problem is the same one we all have: too much government.

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History – Thanksgiving before and then America

by Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas

This article is my opinion as provided by my research. Definition of THANKSGIVING DAY – Webster Dictionary

A day appointed for giving thanks for divine goodness: as a) the fourth Thursday in November observed as a legal holiday in the United States

b) the second Monday in October observed as a legal holiday in Canada

First Known Use of THANKSGIVING DAY 1674

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U.S. holiday. It originated in the autumn of 1621 when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited neighboring Indians to join the Pilgrims for a three-day festival of recreation and feasting in gratitude to God for the bounty of the season. The standard Thanksgiving meal of turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie nor the family orientation of the day, reflected the Plymouth event, however. Proclaimed a national holiday in 1863, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November (though it was moved back one week in 1939 to 1941 to extend the Christmas shopping season). Canada adopted Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1879; since 1957 it has been celebrated on the second Monday in October.

Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.

The roots of the American concept of Thanksgiving can be traced back to Europe. The Separatists who came over on the Mayflower, and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays—days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.

American History of Thanksgiving

The ship, Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England on September 6, 1620, bound for the 'New World'. The Mayflower was a small ship crowded with men, women and children, plus the sailors on board. Aboard ship there were passengers made up of 'separatists', who called themselves the "Saints", and others, whom the separatists called the "Strangers". When land was sighted in November following 66 days of a rough voyage, a meeting was held and an agreement of truce was worked out. It was called the Mayflower Compact. The agreement guaranteed equality among the members of the two groups. They merged together to be recognized as the "Pilgrims." They elected John Carver as their first governor of what now is known as Massachusetts (name from Algonquian Indians Language – meaning Great Mountain Place). Many Americans think of the Pilgrims celebrating the first Thanksgiving in America with the Indians. Some claim that other

Thanksgiving gathering in the New World should be recognized as first. The date that is typically recognized as the first Thanksgiving is not precisely known though it occurred between September 21 and November 9, 1621. The Plymouth Pilgrims dined with the Wampanoag Indians for the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving lasted for three days. Edward Winslow, a participant in the first Thanksgiving, indicated the feast consisted of corn, barley, and fowl including wild turkeys and waterfowl, and venison. 52 Pilgrims attended the first Thanksgiving in 1621 including John Alden, William Bradford, Priscilla Mullins, and Miles Standish. Approximately 50 Native Americans attended the first Thanksgiving including Massasoit and Squanto, the Pilgrim's translator. The first national celebration of Thanksgiving was declared in 1775 by the Continental Congress. This was to celebrate the win at Saratoga during the American Revolution. However, this was not an annual event.

Thanksgiving Day Proclamation By the President of the United States of America October 3rd, 1789 As President, on October 3rd, 1789, George Washington stated the following proclamation

and created the first Thanksgiving Day designated by the national government of the United States of America: "Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him

our sincere and humble thanks, for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation, the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

In 1863, two national days of Thanksgiving were declared: one celebrated the Union victory at the Battle of Gettysburg. The other began the Thanksgiving holiday we still celebrate today. Thanksgiving is a day we should thank God for all he does for each of us and the individual freedom we still have in our country.

My articles can be viewed on my book website www.isthereagod7.org under ARTICLES.

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1 TXism: "___ in your own juice"

5 TXism: "___ and watch" (observe)

6 flightless birds on some TX farms

7 TX group: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"

8 ex-Astro mgr. Howe

9 TX Neiman-Marcus has "His ___ X-mas gifts"

15 Eldorado FM radio

16 TX Nolan Ryan held opponents to many ___ innings

19 TXism: "packed like cows in ___"

21 "Texas" became the term for a steamboat captain's ___

22 ex-Astro pitcher (1990-93)

27 TXism: "___-loop man" (good cowboy)

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24 TX Mickey Gilley's "A Headache Tomorrow ___ Heartache Tonight"

25 San Jacinto loser: ___ Anna

26 Bayless book ('93): "The ___ Story of the Dallas Cowboys' Season on the Edge"

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ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REAL ESTATE SERVICES
RFQ 15-01-179

The Rockwall Independent School District will accept qualification statements for the category listed above until 2:00 P.M. (CST), Monday, December 15, 2014, at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Solicitation documents are available on the District's website: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information/> or may be requested by email to jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org. Responses must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Director of Purchasing and be marked with the proposal name and number. The Board of Trustees 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.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 9, 2014** and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 15, 2014** to consider the following item(s). Both hearings will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas.

Z2014-034: Proposed Specific Use Permit – 1530 E. IH-30

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Zack Amick of Gordon Rockwall Investments, LLC on behalf of Keith Young for the approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a new car dealership on a 4.922-acre tract of land identified as Tract 4-02 of the N. M. Ballard Survey, Abstract No. 24, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Light Industrial (LI) District, situated within the IH-30 Corridor Overlay (IH-30 OV) District, addressed as 1530 E. IH-30, and take any action necessary.

Z2014-035: Proposed Zoning Change – E. Fork Road & N. Lakeshore Drive

Discuss and consider a request by Chris & Jill Blasé for the approval of a zoning change from Planned Development District 3 (PD-3) to a Single Family 10 (SF-10) District for a one (1) acre portion of land located within Tract 11-3 being a 13.3-acre tract of land situated within the A. Hanna Survey, Abstract No. 98, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, being zoned Planned Development District 3 (PD-3) for Commercial (C) District land uses, situated east of the intersection of East Fork Road and North Lakeshore Drive, and take any action necessary.

MIS2014-017: Special Request – 808 Sam Houston

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Michael Clark for the approval of a special request to construct a four-plex residential dwelling unit on a 0.23-acre parcel of land currently identified as the eastern 1/2 of Lot 3, Block K, Sanger Brothers Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single Family 7 (SF-7) District, situated within the Southside Residential Neighborhood Overlay (SRO) District, addressed as 808 Sam Houston Street, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. Additional information on all current development cases can be found on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/PlanningDevCases.asp>

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Rockwall's Got Talent ...

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teen shows each year. Since the auditorium seats just 84 audience members, the experience is intimate. After each performance, everyone is invited to the stage to visit with the actors.

For the past 20 years, the plays have been chosen to suit the small venue. In 2006, RCP launched a capital campaign, and with the help of the community, recently paid off the note on a tract of land they purchased for a new theater complex. Plans are underway to develop a roomier building on Airport Road. The structure will be large enough to seat 300 people and to store props, sets and costumes. There will be plenty of space for parking, and the facility will allow more flexibility in the type of production that can be staged.

One way the board envisioned to raise money for the project is to showcase the best of the town's performers in a competition with cash

prizes of \$1000, \$500, and \$250 donated by local businesses. The goal of Rockwall's Got Talent is not only to raise money, but also to shine a light on the gifted population of Rockwall and the surrounding area.

Rockwall's Got Talent's 2012 winner, Amber Carrington, said she had a great time during the process.

"It was very cool to meet everyone in the competition," she said. "I was honored to win, because I've lived in Rockwall since I was in fourth grade and loved representing my city with what I love to do."

Gary Freedman, the voice of Rockwall, is an enthusiastic supporter of Rockwall's Got Talent and often serves as emcee of the show.

"It is exciting, as well as rewarding to help inspire talented people," Freedman said. "I believe RCP helps instill in them a greater belief in themselves and what they are capable of."

The show is truly a community event, because like the television show "Dancing with the Stars," at Rockwall's Got Talent, each audience member votes for his or her favorite act. Then audience votes are combined and considered as one Judge Vote and added to the other judges' scores.

Fall sailing features Malak, Mackenzie and Jones

Dan Malak, Marshall Mackenzie and Mike Jones led the way in fall sailing races on Lake Ray Hubbard.

In the Fall Sunday Afternoon Series, Malak won three of the six most recent races aboard "Orion."

Marshall Mackenzie placed first with "Superman's Cape" in two races, and George Conklin's "Audacity" was the winner once.

Malak and Mackenzie split first-place finishes in the A Fleet of the four Fall Wednesday Night Series races. Jones continued to dominate the B Fleet in "Wings," winning three times before Keelan Manuel brought "Joint Venture" home first in the final race Oct. 29.

Poor weather canceled the Sunday Afternoon race scheduled for Nov. 16.

In Race 8 Nov. 9, Mackenzie placed first, with Malak second and Kathy Kuipers third in "Rij Jik of Jik Ik."

Race 7 on Nov. 2 went to Malak's "Orion," with Roy Kuipers and "Three Sheets" second.

Malak and Conklin placed 1-2 in Race 6 Oct. 26.

In Race 5 Oct. 19, Conklin and "Audacity" sailed home first, with Malak's "Orion" second.

The winner and runner-up in Races 3 and 4, Oct. 5 and 12, were the same by in reverse order - Malak first in the earlier race with Mackenzie

taking second in "Superman's Cape, and Mackenzie ahead of Malak Oct. 12.

The A Fleet in Wednesday Race 8 on Oct. 29 went to Malak and "Orion." Kathy Kuipers and "Rij Jik of Jik Ik" placed second, with Chris Nelms third on "Silver Wings" and Conklin fourth with "Audacity."

The top three finishers in Race 7 Oct. 22 were Malak, Conklin and Nelms.

The Oct. 15 racing was canceled because of a lack of wind.

The Race 6 order of finish Oct. 8 was Mackenzie first in "Superman's Cape," Kathy Kuipers second with "Rij Jik of Jik Ik," Conklin and "Audacity" third and Malak fourth aboard "Orion."

In Race 5 Oct. 1, Mackenzie placed first, Malak second and Kathy Kuipers third.

In the B Fleet Oct. 29, Manuel finished ahead of David Lawson's "Respite" in second place and "Wind Song" third.

Jones was first and "Wind Song" second on Oct. 22.

The top two Oct. 15 were Jones in "Wings" and Manuel second with "Joint Venture."

Jones placed first on Oct. 1 with Bill Mansfield coming in second aboard "Bruce Lee."

Rockwall County News Brief

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RISD trustees plan Dec. 1 work session

The trustees of the Rockwall Independent School District will for a 6:30 p.m. work session on Dec. 1 in the RISD Administration Education Center, Room 600, at 1050 Williams St., Rockwall. Agenda items include a grade alignment survey and debt capacity for future programs.

Community meeting set on emergency preparedness

Rockwall County Emergency Management and the Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will host a community meeting on emergency preparedness beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at St. Matthias Catholic Church, 116 Kenway St., Rockwall. Community Emergency Response Team members, who have been trained to recognize, respond to and recover from major emergencies, will be on hand, as will ham radio operators. Anyone interested in encouraged to attend to learn steps that can be taken to safeguard themselves and their families.

Hearing set on potential playground for disabled

The City of Rockwall Parks & Rec board is seeking input on a playground that will cater to individuals with disabilities. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. Citizens are asked to provide input regarding the design and construction of an inclusive playground to be located at Yellowjacket Park. The objective of the playground project is to evaluate and select playground amenities intended to enhance the playground experience for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

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Royse City city council ...

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and Recreation added Becknell Park to the plan. The park, dedicated to Don Becknell, a citizen of Royse City, and needs complete with playground equipment, benches and other park environment beautification.

Alsbrook reported that the Halloween Bash on Main Street was successful and more people attended this year than ever have.

The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main St.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
439th District Court OF
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Data Control Codes		10	24	50	60	98
		General Fund	Child Nutrition Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
5700	Total local and intermediate sources	\$ 65,486,278	\$ 3,126,693	\$ 25,810,097	\$ 9,345	\$ 2,954,152
5800	State program revenues	42,439,005	27,408	-	-	407,903
5900	Federal program revenues	601,284	2,491,514	-	-	3,292,585
5020	Total revenues	108,526,567	5,645,615	25,810,097	9,345	6,654,640
EXPENDITURES						
CURRENT:						
0011	Instruction	63,828,173	-	-	894,450	3,830,830
0012	Instructional resources and media services	2,472,424	-	-	118,535	120,196
0013	Curriculum and staff development	2,038,632	-	-	-	248,797
0021	Instructional leadership	1,191,726	-	-	-	78,691
0023	School leadership	6,257,865	-	-	136,032	116,724
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	4,105,815	-	-	3,940	415,058
0032	Social work services	201,758	-	-	-	-
0033	Health services	1,240,197	-	-	10,601	-
0034	Student (pupil) transportation	4,016,262	-	-	-	-
0035	Food services	-	5,168,937	-	82,077	24,520
0036	Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	3,667,860	-	-	-	1,184,210
0041	General administration	3,283,909	-	-	16,582	2,326
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	11,741,238	-	-	8,368	11,658
0052	Security and monitoring services	1,218,325	-	-	25,538	44,886
0053	Data processing services	2,169,557	-	-	-	-
0061	Community services	81,948	-	-	-	143,333
DEBT SERVICE:						
0071	Debt service - Principal on long-term debt	-	-	10,869,998	-	-
0072	Debt service - Interest on long-term debt	-	-	15,723,826	-	-
0073	Debt service - Bond issuance costs and fees	-	-	181,206	-	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY:						
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	75,695	-	-	2,757,017	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:						
0093	Payments to member districts of SSA	6,375	10,500	-	-	-
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	676,270	-	-	-	-
6030	Total expenditures	108,274,029	5,179,437	26,775,030	4,053,140	6,221,229
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	252,538	466,178	(964,933)	(4,043,795)	433,411
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) :						
7912	Proceeds from sale of assets	166,743	-	-	-	166,743
7915	Transfers in	543,000	-	-	212,641	65,197
8911	Transfers out	(244,438)	(73,000)	-	-	(103,400)
7919	Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	691,529	691,529
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)	465,305	(73,000)	-	904,170	(38,203)
1200	Net change in fund balances	717,843	393,178	(964,933)	(3,139,625)	395,208
0100	Fund balance - July 1 (beginning)	43,427,122	1,122,591	16,507,851	10,915,593	73,410,872
3000	Fund balances - June 30 (ending)	\$ 44,144,965	\$ 1,515,769	\$ 15,542,918	\$ 7,775,968	\$ 70,812,543

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Factor: Castille leads Jackets to Area win over Dallas Jesuit

By Van Garrett

Without running back Chris Warren, who was out of the game with a concussion, the Yellowjackets needed a boost in Saturday's Area rematch against Dallas Jesuit. Xavier Castille was the answer, accounting for 100 yards and four touchdowns, along with two interceptions on the field in Rockwall's 48-27 win over the Rangers at Wylie Stadium. The fans showed up in full force on the rainy Saturday, vastly outnumbering the Jesuit home-side seats.

In the first half, Rockwall (12-0) trailed 20-19 at halftime, but came back after the break to outscore Jesuit (8-4) 28-7 in the final two quarters. With the victory, Rockwall avenged last year's playoff loss to the Rangers.

In the first half, Castille scored on a 45-yard reception and a 34-yard punt. He put Rockwall ahead for good in the third quarter with a 76-yard run and then a 69-yard run. Xavier totaled seven catches for 172 yards and two touchdowns and 135 yards rushing on seven carries and two touchdowns.

Termin also hauled in a 22-yard pass at the end of the first quarter to give Rockwall a 13-10 lead. Castille's second touchdown

put the Jackets up 19-10 before Jesuit scored 10 straight. Jesuit quarterback and UCF commit Bo Schneider passed for 469 yards and three touchdowns, but tossed three interceptions after throwing just five the entire season prior to Saturday.

The Rangers scored on passes of 32 and 74 yards along with field goals of 33 and 25 yards in the first half to take a one-point advantage into the break. In between Castille's two third-down scores, Schneider threw his third touchdown pass, a 17-yard throw to Charlie Eikenberg.

In the final quarter, Caleb Broach ran for 19 yards, and Reed met Ty Thomas for a two-point conversion. AJ Blacknall capped the Yellowjacket's scoring with a one-yard run for the 48-27 final score. The Jackets have now scored 48 points or more in nine straight games.

Rockwall advances to play Spring Westfield (10-2) Saturday, Nov. 29 at Georgetown ISD Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 2 p.m. Rockwall will be the home team.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	13	6	14	15	48
Jesuit	10	10	7	0	27

	Rockwall	Jesuit
1st Downs	23	30
Rushes-Yds	46-381	21-62
Comp-Att-Int	10-18-0	29-52-3
Passing Yds	211	469
Total Yds	592	531
Penalties-Yds	7-78	4-50
Punts-Avg.	3-36.67	2-38
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0

Passing - RHS: Will Reed 10-18-211-3TD; JHS: Bo Schneider 29-52-469-3TD-3INT Receiving- RHS: Xavier Castille 7-172-2TD, Luke Termin 1-22-TD, Jay Galloway 1-11, Zach Dennis 1-6 Rushing - RHS: Xavier Castille 7-135-2TD, AJ Blacknall 5-110-TD, Tamba Juanah 26-109, Caleb Broach 4-34-TD



Rockwall Yellowjackets fans do not let a little moisture in the air stop them from cheering on their football team during the Area round playoff game, Sat. Nov. 22, against Dallas Jesuit at Wylie Stadium. Photo by Bill Carter (billcarterphotography.zenfolio.com)/Rockwall County News



Yellowjackets Xavier Castille (2) carries the ball for a gain behind the blocking of Luke Termin (11), Donik Smajli (51), Armani Broussard (77) and Will Morris (71), during the Area round playoff game, Sat. Nov. 22, against Dallas Jesuit at Wylie Stadium. Photo by Bill Carter (billcarterphotography.zenfolio.com)/Rockwall County News



Seven Rockwall-Heath student-athletes committed to Division I colleges to play at the next level Nov. 12. Pictured - baseball: Tyler Pinkston (Stephen F. Austin), Tyler Ivey (Texas A&M), Clayton Rasbeary (Stephen F. Austin); basketball: Katie Webster (Long Beach State); volleyball: Haley Coleman (Stephen F. Austin), Jessica Nwabuko (Central Florida) Aniah Philo (Louisville). Webster is the first ever RHHS female athlete to sign to play collegiate basketball. Photo by Kenzie Woessner, RHHS senior/Rockwall County News



Ten Rockwall Yellowjacket student-athletes signed college letters of intent Wednesday, Nov. 12. Back row: Emily Drewery (Track and Field, Dallas Baptist), Austin Grandstaff (basketball, Ohio State), Shayne Nance (baseball, Dallas Baptist), Andrew Hyde (wrestling, Lyon College), Raena Eldridge (swimming, Texas A&M), Sara Williamson (basketball, Abilene Christian); bottom row: Kayla Vandergriff (softball, Texas A&M Commerce), Bailey Wallace (softball, Angelo State), Haley Baker (softball, Belmont), Peyton Mills (softball, Harding) Photo by Ryan Garrett/Rockwall County News

Poe, Turck named 1st-team All-District

Rose City senior Eilish Poe and sophomore Allie Turck have been named to the All-District 12-5A softball first team. Poe was one of the Lady Bulldogs' top hitters. Turck was a around contributor for RC, placing fifth with a 6-8 batting record. Poe is receiving All-District recognition were junior Taylor Gilchrist second team; junior Taylor Meany and freshman Cameron Weary, honorable mention, and Xenia Jones, Academic All-District.

Heritage Christian defeats Carrollton Christian

Heritage Christian Academy basketball team won its opening game easily, defeating Carrollton Christian Academy 65-45, Friday at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo. The scheduled girls' game between the schools was canceled because CCA didn't have enough players available to field a team. The Eagles and Lady Eagles (1-0) are scheduled for their home doubleheader Friday against Dallas Lakehill Tuesday at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo. The girls would play 7 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 p.m. After that, the HCA girls and boys would play Friday, Dec. 5 at Rockwall.

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Defense, running game keep Hawks soaring in playoff

by Ryan Garrett

For the second straight week, Rockwall-Heath put together an overall dominating performance, defeating the Wylie Pirates 44-6 during Friday's 5A Division I Area playoff game at Plano's John Clark Stadium.

Jordan Hoy continued where he left off from the week before, rushing

for 200 yards and four touchdowns, while the Hawks defense maintained constant pressure on Wylie quarterback Carson Cook with eight sacks. Heath's Wyatt Leath accounted for four sacks, while Josh Scott, Denzel Chukwukelu and Eric Hurst added sacks of their own.

Cook — the Pirates' season rushing leader with over 1,300 yards — was

held to just 24 yards on the ground. He also threw interceptions to Shalabi and Quinten Wooten in the first half.

After punting on their first drive, Rockwall-Heath (10-2) scored five consecutive possessions to put the Hawks on top at halftime. With 3:04 in the first, Shalabi knocked in a 22-yard field goal to start scoring, and after a short punt put them at the Wylie 41, the Hawks a touchdown on a Tyler McCalister three-yard run to end the first period.

Heath added three rushing touchdowns in the second — Tyler McCalister ran for one yard, and Hoy had scoring runs of 15 and 11. After the break, Jordan added the Hawk's final two scored with a 31-run up the middle and then a 23-yard burst with 14 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Wylie (8-4) was unable to get much of anything done until Heath's second string took full control in the fourth. They put together a scoring drive that ended with a one-yard pass to Kollier Knight, but missed a two-point conversion.

The Pirates followed with an onside kick, which they recovered, but Hawk defense forced a turnover on downs at their own nine-yard line, refusing to allow another score, allowing Heath to run out the clock for the 44-6 victory.

Rockwall-Heath will face John Tyler (11-2) at Noon Friday at Baylor University's McLane Stadium in the regional semifinals. The Hawks defeated Mansfield Summit 44-27 last week in Rockwall.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rockwall-Heath	10	20	14	0	44
Wylie	0	0	0	6	6

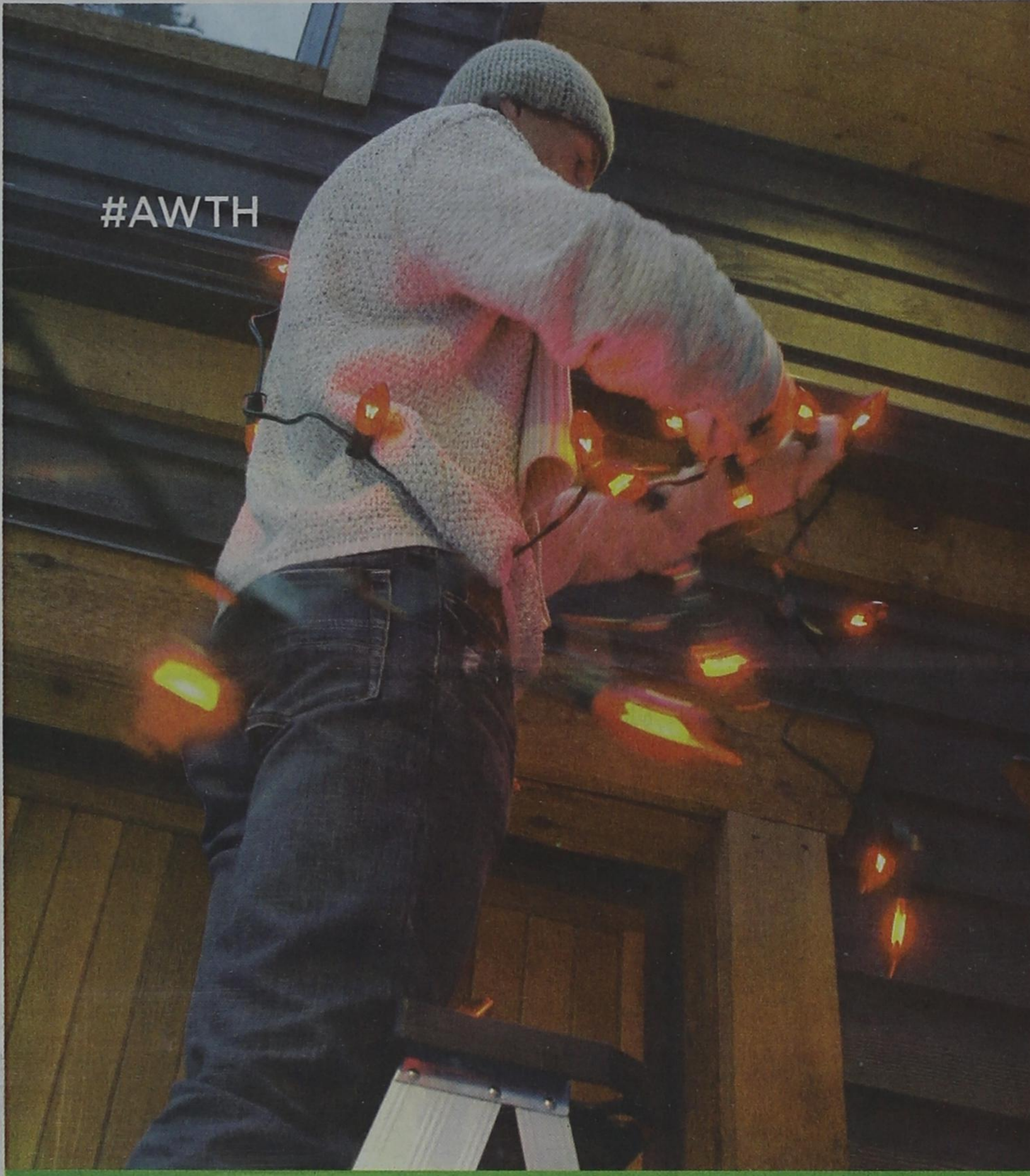
	Heath	Wylie
1st Downs	19	20
Rushes-Yds	50-348	30-71
Comp-Att-Int	6-14-0	21-41-2
Passing Yds	75	239
Total Yds	423	310
Penalties-Yds	9-80	4-45
Punts-Avg.	5-43	6-31.67
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0

Passing — RHHS: Jordan Hoy 6-14-75; WHS: Carson Cook 21-41-239-TD-2INT Receiving — RHHS: Chase Peterson 2-29, De Elliott 2-29, Grant Buckholt 1-14, Caanan Smith 1-3 Rushing — RHHS: Jordan Hoy 16-200-4TD, Tyler McCalister 19-117-TD, Stephen Nagel 24, Tanner McCalister 3-8-TD



Denzel Chukwukelu (56) and Josh Scott (45) bear down on Wylie Quarterback Carson Cook (9) for a sack, last Friday Nov. 21 during the Area round playoff game at John Clark Stadium in Plano.

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Lady Bulldogs defeat Denison

The Roysie City boys' and girls' basketball teams both had good starts each of two games last week, but came away with only one victory by Lady Bulldogs.

The girls outscored Denison 13-3 in the second quarter for a 2-halftime lead Tuesday, Nov. 18. RC held on to pull out a 49-47 win over the road.

In the Lady Bulldogs' home opener Friday, Melissa led just 17-14 the first quarter and 34-28 at halftime. But the visitors exploded for second-half points to win 80-45.

Roysie City's boys led at halftime in both of their games, but came empty.

In their season opener at Tyler John Tyler Nov. 18, the Bulldogs led 19 at halftime, but Tyler's big second half dropped RC 50-39.

The home opener was a thriller, but Princeton rallied to win 66-6 overtime.

Led by Joseph Steffen, who scored 25 points, and DeVante Alexander who had 21, the Bulldogs led 27-23 after the first half and 49-44 after two quarters. But Princeton came back to tie the game 58-58 to send the game into overtime for the heartbreaking one-point loss.

The Roysie City girls were scheduled to play four games and the boys had three games Monday and Tuesday at Emory Rains' Thanksgiving Off tournament.

The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs are hosting the Roysie City Tournament Thursday-Saturday. The girls also have a game at Rains at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS boys	13	10	9	7	39
John Tyler	7	12	16	15	50

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Princeton	13	10	21	14	8	66
RCHS boys	14	13	22	9	7	65

Princeton — James Briggs 18, Nathan Cofield 10, Price 10, Leye Oyala 8, Rockman 5, Brandon Mendoza 4, Jordan 3, Riley Portillo 3, Sean Steffen 2, Delane Thomas 2, Jacob Necktonick 1.

RCHS — Joseph Steffen 25, DeVante Alexander 21, Matt Briceno 9, Yelverton 4, Cooper Abdo 2, Avery Cowley 2, Derek Haumpy 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS girls	13	13	8	15	49
Denison	13	3	15	16	47

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Melissa	17	17	24	22	80
RCHS	14	14	6	11	45

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RHHS students plan Dec. 5 Tour of Homes

The Rockwall-Heath Class of 2015 will host the annual Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 5. The tour will include Heath-area homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and may be purchased at Heath Hair, Roma's, Bella's House, the chamber and at front of the high school. Tickets will cost \$20 at the door. Email RHHS_Tour_of_Homes@yahoo.com for more details.

Hometown Christmas Celebration set downtown

The Hometown Christmas Celebration in downtown Rockwall will kick off at 9 a.m. Dec. 6 with the annual Christmas parade. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., activities will include a toy drive benefiting Helping Hands, photo booth (bring your camera), coffee, strolling carolers, and strolling with giveaways. Find Frosty will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa Mrs. Claus will be at the downtown courthouse from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Other activities also are planned. The tree lighting at City Hall will begin at 6 p.m., followed by carriage rides from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Rockwall Christmas Parade plans told

Planning is currently underway for the 45th Annual Christmas Parade beginning at 9 a.m. Dec. 6 in downtown Rockwall. This year's parade sponsored by the Kiwanis and the City of Rockwall, will follow a route thanks to ongoing road construction. The route will begin at U Middle School, proceed north on Townsend Road, then west on Boydston north on Fannin and east on Rusk, ending near Dobbs Elementary. Entry still are being accepted; visit rockwallkiwanis.org or call 972-722-6000.

ARC Blood Drive planned

An American Red Cross blood drive will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Lowe's, 851 N. Steger Town Dr., Rockwall. All blood types needed. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of ID required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. To donate, download the ARC donor app, visit redcrossblood.org call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.