

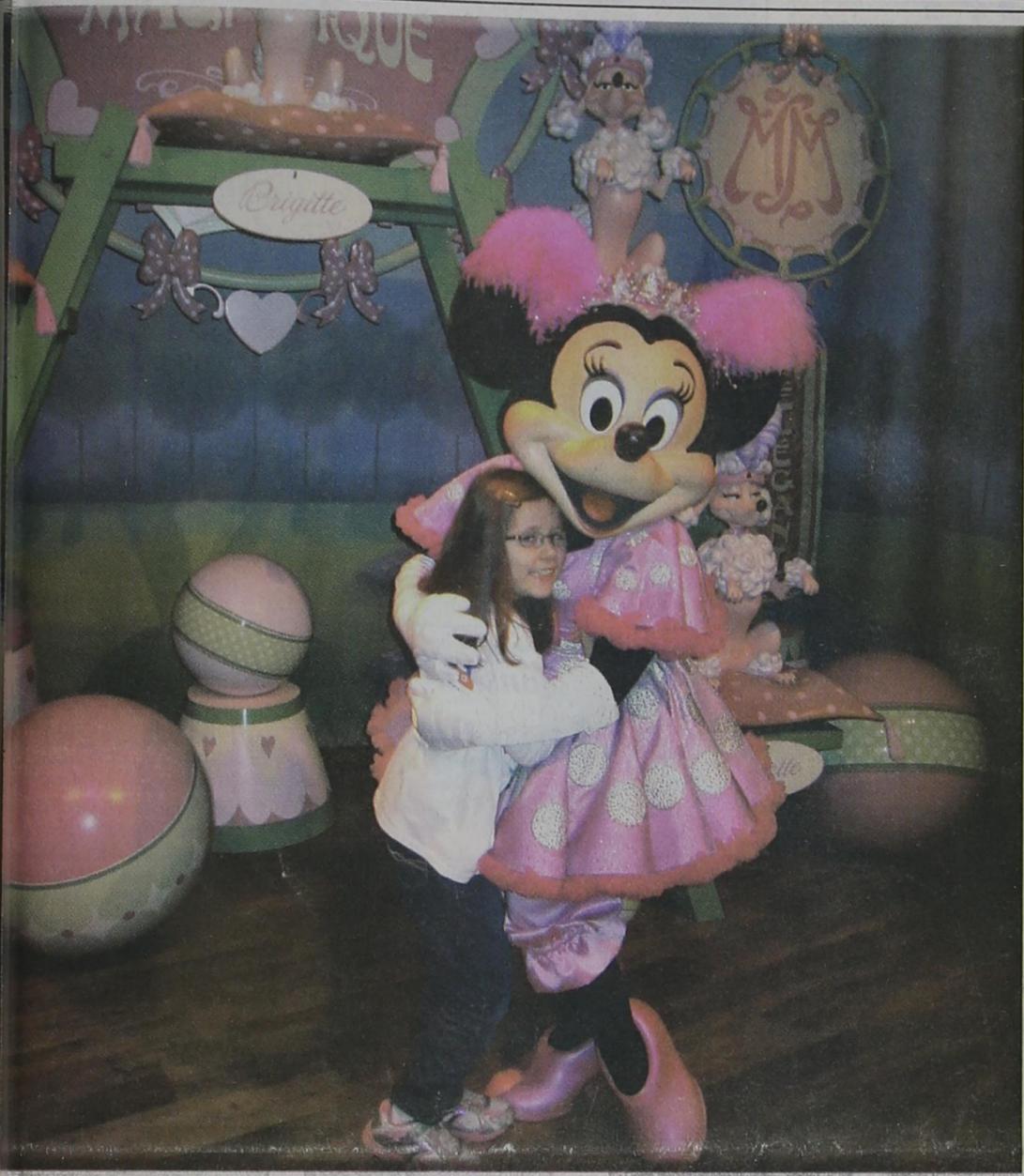


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Victoria Harris, a third grade student at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary, is shown here on a recent trip to Disneyworld. She is one of 52 special needs children and their families chosen to attend the 2012 Kidd's Kids trip, sponsored by the Kidd Kraddick in the Morning radio show.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall City Council approves purchase of new Security, police cars

By Jodi Smith

The City of Rockwall has purchased \$222,976 in emergency vehicles for the Rockwall Police Department. At their meeting last week, the Rockwall City Council voted to purchase four Chevy Tahoes and four Ford Taurus Interceptors for use by the Rockwall Police Department. The cars will replace some currently in use, said Rockwall Assistant

City Manager Brad Griggs.

Griggs also said that a new security camera system was voted in by the council to replace the old system at city facilities. Tyco Integrated Security will install the new system for \$164,872, to be paid from the Technology Replacement Fund and monies allocated to the renovation of new Municipal Court Building and the remodel of the existing police department.

In other business, the board approved Specific Use Permits for a Seattle's Best Coffee with drive-thru and a Quik-Trip gas station to be built in Rockwall. The former would be at the local Wal-Mart Supercenter, while the latter would be constructed at the Rockwall Shopping Center.

"The permits are zoning changes that represent the first step in the building of these businesses," Griggs explained.



The Rockwall County Library's Reading for Adults program was awarded a \$3,000 Texas Reads grant in October. Accepting the award above is Gloria Bishop, adult literacy coordinator, and Marcine McCulley, library director. The grant is designed to boost GED preparation, English language acquisition and U.S. citizenship preparation. The library's RFA program, which almost 300 adult students from 52 countries, provides free educational support in all three areas. The program is based primarily in the library with the First United Methodist Church providing classroom space. The RFA program offers morning and evening classes throughout the year. For more details on class schedules or to volunteer as a tutor, call 972-204-7705 or click on the Adult Literacy Center tab on the library's website.

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Chandler's Landing Fall Sunday Series, Race #9, November 18, starting at 1:00p. The race was an out and back course from Chandler's Landing to the Sunnyside corner of the lake for 8.5nm with winds S13. The gusty south winds made the return to Chandler's an exhilarating downwind run, allowing the colorful spinnakers to be flown in all three photos.

The blue/green spinnaker boat is Soap Opera/Hobie33 owned and sailed by Scott Self of Chandler's Landing and would finish second in the race. The white spinnaker boat is Geronimo(described earlier) and would finish third.

Information provided by Dan Malak.

Photo by Dawn Nelson on board Orion/Rockwall County News



Girl Scout Troop 7412 recently dropped in to play bingo at the Summer Ridge Assisted Living facility in Rockwall. While there, the girls met Katherine Strain, who was part of the first Girl Scout troop in Rockwall back in the 1930s. Pictured above with Strain are Sophia Duncan, Corissa Perez, Sydnie Covington, Emma Fantini, Lizzie Simmons, Landyne Olive, Makenlie Goodwin, Leah Shrage, Caroline Robbins, Kaylie Byington, Natalie Ullrich and Becca Byington.

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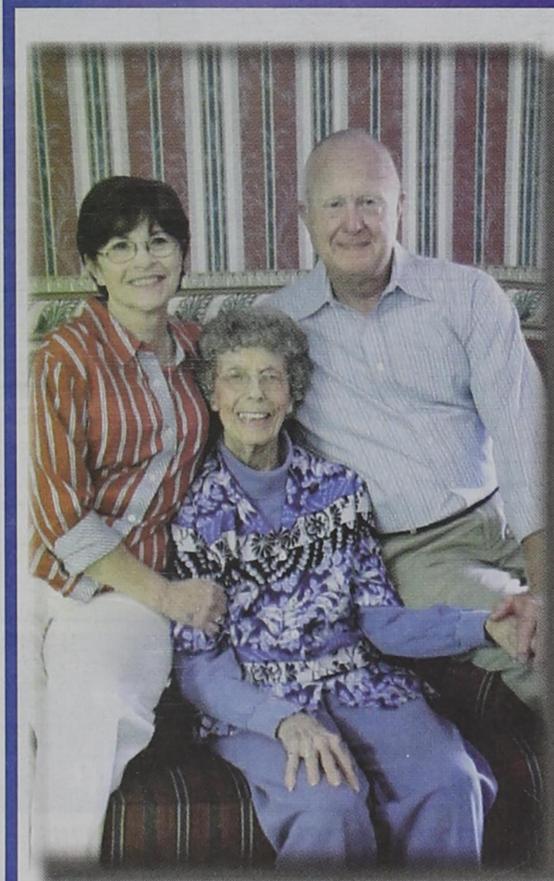


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Maxine Harber with her son Les and his wife Karylle Harber.

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Pictured are members of Girl Scout Troop 2864 celebrating the Girl Scouts' 100th birthday at First Baptist Church of Royse City's food pantry. The girls brought "presents" to the birthday party which helped stock the food pantry's shelves. They topped off the evening's activity with cupcakes. Pictured are Kalyn Hall, Kyla Kirby, Toni Redfern, Kylee Moore, Baylee Moore, Gabi Andri, Olivia Morin, Sierra Harrison and Nova Ford. For more information about the Girl Scouts visit gsnetx.org.

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Vonseth Adams with her daughter Cynthia Womack

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Away in Manger.

If you look under the bright stars in the East (east of Ridge Road, that is!) on the night of December 16th, you will find Mary, baby Jesus and the entire town of Bethlehem gathered for a nativity scene.

For the 7th year, members of the First Christian Church of Royse City will present their gift to the community in reenacting the Christmas Nativity story to the public. On Sunday, December 16th, a costume pageant of all ages will perform a 30-minute, followed by a caroling session led by the choir. Children will also have a chance to pet any animals in the scene, which includes a donkey and llama. About 100 participants take part in the action storytelling, which lasts from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

"We also are continuing our tradition of inviting the community inside the church for a hot chocolate and a collection of nativity story figurines," stated FCC pastor Mark Inman. The event is now a holiday tradition at Royse City. In bringing the community a free, friendly activity and a reminder of the reason for the season, members see the event as another way to serve as disciples of Christ.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Royse City is located at 3375 Ridge Road, 1.4 miles south of I-30. For more information, you may call the church at 972-771-5526.

2012 Annual Rockwall Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade

Sat, Dec 1 starting at 9am. Parade runs from Caruth to heading south, then to south of I-30. What does Christmas look like through the eyes of a child? This year's parade will be inspired by the inner child in everyone. The parade begins at 9am. Get there early to get a first row view of the action.

Daddy Daughter Dance Tickets on Sale Dec 1

Mon, Dec 3 from 8am - 10am at The Center. Polish off those dancing shoes and start looking for a daddy daughter dance almost here. Get your tickets to this sell out event and be a part of the highlight of your little girl's year. Fee: \$69 / \$45 (Discount Resident Couple Fee) \$15 each additional child

Royse City News

Royse City Animal Shelter plans fundraiser

Millie Jean Coppedge

During the Nov. 13 Royse City council meeting, Kellye Robertson, the city's animal shelter coordinator, was recognized by several council and city staff members for her accomplishments at the facility. Future fundraising events are and will be conducted to raise money for the shelter's needs. The facility has the space available of 11 kennels for dogs and six for cats. A successful Bark-A-Que was conducted at Richards Smokehouse on Nov. 17 to help raise money for the special needs of the shelter animals. Lunch was available, with donations going to the shelter. Many vendors were on site, as well as several of the dogs from the shelter. An event called Eagles for Beagles Charity Golf Tournament will be conducted at the Stone River Club in Royse City.

Bow-Wow Meow Bingo takes place at the Well Coffee Lounge in downtown Royse City at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Visit the business' website for more information. Proceeds from the bingo games help the animal shelter with the animals' medical needs.

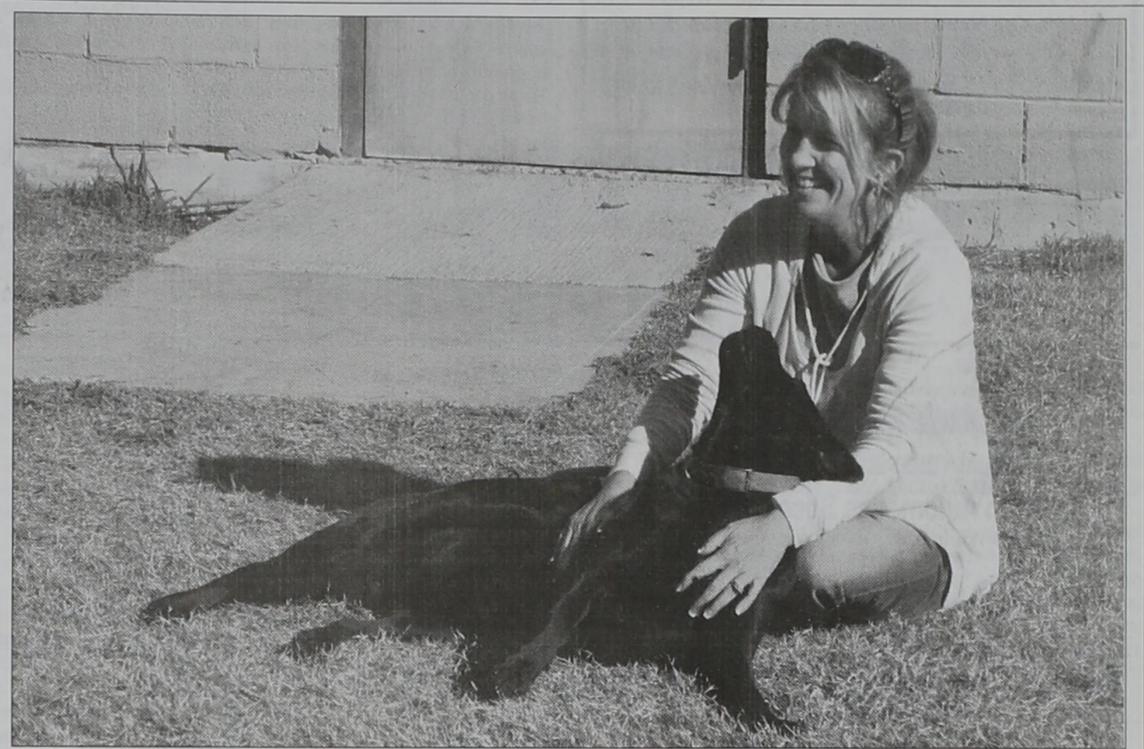
Woof Stock will take place on the second Saturday in March. Robertson asks that people who want to help with the needs of the shelter attend the upcoming fundraising events, donate money to the Country Friends Veterinary Clinic in Royse City where the medical needs of the animals in the shelter are administered or donate money to the spay/neuter clinic at the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project.

For further information on the shelter or the process of adopting a dog or cat, contact Robertson at 972-998-6116 or email kellyerobertson@hotmail.com.



Riley Winters, a first grade student in Michelle Hudgeons' class at Fort Elementary, enjoys reading in her pajamas. The entire school observed Pajama Day in honor of Ethan McCormick, a first grade student who died Nov. 5. Each student wore his or her pajamas to school donated a dollar, and all money raised went to an account at Texas Leadership Bank to help the McCormick family.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Kellye Robertson, Royse City Animal Shelter coordinator, is shown taking time out to play with one of the dogs available for adoption.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Royse City Police Blotter

Nov. 16-22

Friday, 16 November: Suspicious person, 200 block W. I-30; Burglary of vehicle, 400 block W. Gail Lane; Burglary of vehicle, 400 block W. Main Street; Criminal mischief, 800 block Meadowdale; Burglary of vehicle, 400 block Bell Street; Suspicious person, 400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious vehicle, Area of N. Main Street and Hwy 66; Medical assistance, 800 block W. Church Street; Suspicious vehicle, Area of City Lake Park; Burglary of vehicle, 400 block E. I-30; Burglary of vehicle, 800 block N. Houston Street; Saturday, 17 November: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Pullen Street; Medical assistance, 500 block New Street; Suspicious person, 400 block W. I-30; Mesquite Police Department warrants arrest, Corner Main Street and Dean Drive; Sunday, 18 November: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block E. I-30; Disturbance, 2300 block I-30; Disturbance, 1100 block N. Houston Street; Medical assistance, 700 block Brookhaven Drive; Criminal mischief, 400 block Loganwood Drive; Monday, 19 November: Reckless driver, Area of I-30 at the 78-mile marker; Suspicious person, Corner of FM 2642 and I-30; Alarm, 1400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Reckless driver, Area between Hwy 66 and FM 551; Open container/Driving while license invalid arrest, E. Main Street at the 78-mile marker; Tuesday, 20 November: Suspicious vehicle, Corner of Charles Street and West Creek Drive; Alarm, 100 block E. I-30; Suspicious person, 400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Accident, Corner of Elm Street and I-30; Accident, 100 block W. I-30; Reckless driver, Area E. I-30; Suspicious person, 1400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Possession of Marijuana/Controlled substance arrest, Area of Lakes Drive and FM 551; Accident, 100 block E. I-30; Wednesday, 21 November: Disturbance, 1600 block Kelly Lane; Disturbance, 300 block Texoma Court; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Disturbance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Fire, 1000 block E. I-30; Disturbance, 200 block N. Houston Street; Criminal mischief, 200 block E. Main Street; Medical assistance, 1100 block Falcon Court; Reckless driver, Area of E. I-30; Disturbance, 3400 block Taylor Drive; Disorderly conduct, 1600 block of Kelly Lane; Driving while license invalid/Failed to display inspection arrest, 200 block S. Josephine Street; Thursday, 22 November: Disturbance, 300 block W. Lamar Street; Alarm, 300 block Cookston Lane; Accident, Corner of I-30 SSR and I-30; Driving while intoxicated arrest, 2400 block W. I-30; Grand larceny/Irving Police Department warrants arrest, 200 block W. Main Street.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Our Lord Jesus teaches his disciples to receive holy spirit

During our Lord's first meeting with his chosen disciples, he showed them his wounded hands and side. Once assured of his identity they became very happy to see him.

Sometime later, "He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Ghost'" (John 20:22).

This verse appears to say that Jesus blew out air and caused them to receive the Holy Ghost. There seems to be a serious contradiction between

the above verse and Acts 1:5, 8 and 2:4.

According to Acts 1:4-5 Jesus told his disciples to not leave Jerusalem and to wait for the promise, "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost soon." Later in verse eight, part of his response to his disciples' question was, "but you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

If Jesus caused his disciples to receive the Holy Ghost earlier, then why did he afterward tell them to wait for the promise? This is a discrepancy that deserves our undivided attention.

Return to John 20:22. A look at the translations reveals a different picture. The word "on" is translated from the earlier known Greek word "en" which meant the same thing as our English word "in."

A scriptural word study of "receive" in the context of "the Holy Ghost" reveals something amazing. It was translated from the earlier Greek word "lambano" which meant to lay hold of or seize unto something. The same word is also used in Acts 1:8, "...you shall receive power..."

The disciples fulfilled his words on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2:4, "And they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave the utterance." We can safely conclude that this was the first record of people receiving the Holy Ghost.

In the record of John 20:22 our Lord Jesus was teaching his disciples what to do in the future, as well as giving the meaning. He would have also taught them about being filled with holy spirit and speaking in tongues. In Acts 1:4-5 we find Jesus instructing his disciples to wait for the promise and that they would receive power from on high.

He no doubt taught them that after holy spirit would be poured out into the world, they would immediately be filled with holy spirit upon their

next intake of air. Hence we see his demonstration of breathing in. We understand from Romans 10:9-10 that to be filled with holy spirit directly related to believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. It is the same thing as being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. It is also referred to as cleansed or washed by the blood of Jesus Christ. See also 1 John 1:7 & 9 and Revelation 1:5.

A further study of the Greek word "lambano" will show that to "receive the Holy Ghost" is directly related to speaking in tongues, and is distinguished from being filled with holy spirit. This topic will be covered in greater detail following our series on the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord.

With an accurate understanding of Jesus' words in John 20:22, there is no contradiction with Acts 1:4-5. Jesus gave his disciples instructions about receiving the holy ghost. Just before he ascended into the heavens he instructed them to "wait for the promise," and that they would receive "power."

Alas, on the day of Pentecost, the spirit of God was poured out into the world, and Jesus' disciples were the first people to fulfill his instructions to receive the holy ghost which is power from on high.

Partnership nets 200 coats for local youth

More than 200 elementary school students in Rockwall have new coats thanks to a partnership between the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club and Old Navy.

On Nov. 10, students and their families were invited to the local strip pick out new coats. Students also were treated to face painting and balloons while doughnuts and drinks were served.

The Rotarians began its Coats for Kids project eight years ago by providing coats to students at Dobbs Elementary. The program has expanded each year and now serves nine elementary schools.

This was the first year the club has partnered with the local business to host a distribution event at a store.

"Our club members look forward to this event every year," said Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club president Juan Tomasino. "When the opportunity arose to partner with Old Navy to provide the children with a true shopping experience, we jumped at it."

"On behalf of Rockwall ISD, we greatly appreciate the support of our students," said Debbie Smothermon, assistant superintendent of administrative services for the school district.

Additional support for the project was provided by the Rockwall Press Association and the Rockwall Rotary Club.

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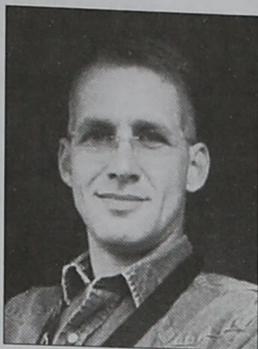
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Cory Lynn Carlile



Memorial service for Cory Lynn Carlile, 41, of Rowlett will be conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 1, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. He died Nov. 23. Born Feb. 2, 1971, in Norfolk, Neb., he was a technician with Exterran, a gas company in Fort Worth. He was a Baptist. Survivors include his wife, Karen Carlile; his children, Cheyanne, Cheridan and Casrliile, all of Briscoe, Va.; his mother, Diann Smith; his stepfather, Willard Wade; and his twin brother, Corbett Carlile.

Ludmila Edith Cross



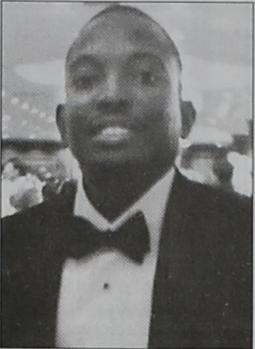
Services for Ludmila Edith Cross, 95, of Waco were conducted at 2 p.m. Nov. 25, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow at a later date in the Kissy Road Cemetery in Freetown Sierra Leone, Africa. The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the services. He died Nov. 21. Born May 2, 1916, in Africa, he graduated from Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland and Texas A&M University, where he received his bachelor's degree in environmental service and a master's degree in public health. He was the CEO of Gentlebloke and donated a portion of the profits to Operation Homefront. He was a member of the Transformation Anglican Church. Survivors include his mother, Nanette Thomas; his sister, Minella Thomas; his brother, Joseph Thomas; his second mother, Jennifer Barbknecht; a cousin, Samuel Koroma; and his dog, Charlie Thomas.

Debby Keetle



A memorial service for Debby Keetle, 54, of Josephine was conducted at 2 p.m. Nov. 23, 2012, in the Ridgeview Church in Rockwall with Pastor Matt Geisinger officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. She died Nov. 19. Born Nov. 22, 1957, in Germany to Samuel and Doris (Wynn) Lowe, she was a loving mother and a great friend. She was Christian and a member of the Ridgeview Church in Rockwall. Survivors include her daughter, Nikki Villarreal; a grandson, Jeremiah Villarreal; her mother and stepfather, Doris and Floyd Rich; and her brothers and sisters, Cecelia Smith, James Lowe, Charles Lowe, LaRenna Davis, Rebecca Randall, Jayne Anderson, James Kelso and Michael Kelso.

Ambrose Thomas



Services for Ambrose Thomas, 26, of Garland will be conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 4, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Father Don McLane officiating. Burial will follow at a later date in the Kissy Road Cemetery in Freetown Sierra Leone, Africa. The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the services. He died Nov. 21. Born May 2, 1986, in Africa, he graduated from Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland and Texas A&M University, where he received his bachelor's degree in environmental service and a master's degree in public health. He was the CEO of Gentlebloke and donated a portion of the profits to Operation Homefront. He was a member of the Transformation Anglican Church. Survivors include his mother, Nanette Thomas; his sister, Minella Thomas; his brother, Joseph Thomas; his second mother, Jennifer Barbknecht; a cousin, Samuel Koroma; and his dog, Charlie Thomas.

Russell Whittaker Jr.

A visitation for Russell Whittaker Jr., 66, of Rockwall was conducted from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 23, 2012, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died Nov. 19. Born Jan. 30, 1946, in East Stroudsburg, Penn., to Russell Sr. and Myra (Clark) Whittaker, he graduated from East Stroudsburg High School in 1964 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1964-1965. He served honorably in the Vietnam Conflict from 1966-1967. He retired from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in 2005 where he worked in assets and marketing. He had served as vice president and president of the Bossier City, La., Kiwanis Club, as well as vice president of the Milford, Delaware, Jaycees. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5951 in Bossier City. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Kay (Prestridge) Whittaker of Rockwall; his daughter, Shannon Lois Hudson of Crowley; his grandchildren, Jacob Hendler, Holly L. Whittaker and Jeffery Andrew Davidson; a stepson, Jeffery Doyan Davidson; and a brother, Robert Whittaker. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Thomas and Billy Whittaker.

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Rotarians conducting coat drive

The Rockwall Rotary Club has teamed up with local businesses to create Project Warmth, a campaign to collect new or gently used coats, sweaters, scarves and gloves to assist those in need. Items collected will be donated to local charities. For more information about donation sites or how to help, contact Stephen Straughan at 214-676-9635 or email stephen@straughanproperties.com.

Heath Holiday Home Tour slated

The Heath Holiday Home Tour, sponsored by the RHHS Class of 2013, will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30. Live entertainment and prize drawings will be featured along with the self-guided tours of two country-side homes, two homes in the upscale neighborhood of Buffalo Creek and The Hills of Buffalo Creek, and a lakefront home. Tickets will cost \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; tickets may be purchased at RHHS or the Rockwall Area Chamber. Tickets also are available by calling Holly Ford at 972-672-4823 or Liz Beauchamp at 214-543-2723.

Christmas Market event seeks vendors

Downtown Rockwall's Old Town Christmas Market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 1 on San Jacinto Court, between East Washington and East Rusk streets. Market organizers are seeking vendors with unique, well-made or innovative wares; 10'x10' spaces are available at a cost of \$50 apiece (canopy, tables and chairs not included). The Market will sideline the annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade. Applications and general information are available at mainstreet.rockwall.com or by calling Rockwall Main Street at 972-772-6400.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 5 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

Angels Among Us breakfast event slated

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Rockwall County will host the 2nd Annual Angels Among Us Breakfast Celebration from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Hilton Dallas Rockwall Lakefront. Local celebrity emcee Billy Quinton will entertain the crowd and introduce honorees. Live and silent auctions, which will include trips, electronics, restaurant gift cards, autographed sports memorabilia and jewelry, are planned. Individual tickets cost \$45 each, couples' tickets cost \$80. The 2012 BGC Youth of the Year winner will be recognized. For more information or to purchase tickets visit bgcrockwall.com and click on Events or call Misti Potter at 972-722-2462.

Newcomers plan Christmas social, program

The Rockwall County Newcomers and Friends will host a combined Christmas social and special program for their Dec. 13 meeting at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Club members will decorate tables with holiday themes, and prizes will be awarded for the best-decorated tables. A luncheon will follow a brief meeting. All Rockwall County women are invited to join. Advance reservations are required by Dec. 3 and may be made by calling Sylvia at 972-722-4890 or Marion at 972-722-9896; cost will be \$19 and payable at the door.

Angels Among Us Breakfast slated

The 2nd Annual Angels Among Us Breakfast Celebration, hosted by the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, will run from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Hilton. The event will include the announcement of the club's Rockwall County Youth of the Year winner. Philanthropic leaders and corporations also will be recognized. For more information or to help sponsor the event, call Misti Potter at 972-722-2462 or email misty7@verizon.net.

Helping Hands Festival of Trees now under way

The 2012 Helping Hands Festival of trees, which now is under way, will help usher in the season with a display of beautiful Christmas trees at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

Trees will be on display and guests can shop the special Censible Thrift Store at the Hilton on Friday until 9:30 p.m.

Tickets to the Festival of the Trees dinner/auction on Friday also are available. Participants can bid on any of the trees decorated by local businesses and organizations. Proceeds from the event will benefit Helping Hands.

Also, the event will serve as a collection point for new, unwrapped toys or gift cards for distribution by Helping Hands. Last year Helping Hands provided at least three new toys for each child of Rockwall families in need.

For more details visit rockwallhelpinghands.com or call 972-771-HELP.

Rockwall Police Department introduces new website

The Rockwall Police Department has introduced a new website and will use social media to help keep the public up to date, according to a news release issued earlier this month.

With the increased use of social media, it has become crucial for law enforcement agencies to develop new ways of staying in touch with the communities they serve.

"The Rockwall Police Department is dedicated to keeping the open lines of communication with the community in order to continue promoting success through community partnerships," according to the news release. To achieve this goal, the department has updated and relocated its website to rockwallpolice.org, with features that will allow users to obtain public information by utilizing social media plug-ins -- Facebook, crime alerts, MYPD and Rockwall County Crime Stoppers. The website was launched Nov. 19.

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City Hall tree lighting set in R'wall

The annual Christmas tree lighting event at Rockwall City Hall is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 29. This will mark the 29th annual event conducted on the lawn of the municipal building. Santa's workshop will be open for craftmaking, and free cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Live music also will be offered as St. Nick stops in for an early visit.

Holiday in the Park planned in Heath

The City of Heath will host its annual Holiday in the Park beginning at 6 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Towne Center Park Pavilion behind City Hall, 200 Laurence. Area residents are invited to participate in the lighting of the community Christmas tree, the sounds of the Amy Parks-Heath Honor and Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary choirs and complimentary hot chocolate, wassail and cookies. Santa will make his seasonal debut, and rides on the miniature Christmas train will be offered. Canned food donations for Rockwall Helping Hands will be accepted. For more details call City Hall at 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com.

Christmas parade set in downtown Rockwall

The 43rd Annual Christmas Parade in downtown Rockwall will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 1. Theme for this year's event is Through the Eyes of a Child.

Brunch with St. Nick planned

The Catholic Mothers Council of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church will host Brunch with St. Nicholas from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 1. The annual event will include a breakfast taco buffet, pictures with Santa, a dress-up nativity scene, arts and crafts, games and prizes, and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event will benefit ministries and projects that serve women and children. Tickets cost \$8 per person with a maximum of \$28 per family. The church is located at 1305 Damascus Road, Rockwall, behind Heritage Christian Academy. For more details call 972-743-2729.

Aaron Watson concert slated

Aaron Watson will perform at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Southern Junction. For more information, call 972-771-2418 or visit southernjunctionlive.com.

Daddy/Daughter Dance ticket available Dec. 3

Ticket sales to the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance at The Hilton Bella Harbor begin Dec. 3 at The Center. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 26. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are limited; pre-registration is required. Cost is \$69 for non-Rockwall residents, \$45 for Rockwall residents. Each additional child is \$15. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Breakfast with Santa set at The Center

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department has organized this year's Breakfast with Santa event to run from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to noon on Dec. 8 at The Center. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and candy canes will be served, and activities will be provided. Parents are urged to bring their cameras to capture these special holiday moments. Pre-registration is required and seating will be limited. Cost is \$15 per non-Rockwall resident, \$9 for Rockwall residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

'Oliver' auditions slated

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's auditions for "Oliver," which will be staged in February, are set for 1 p.m. Dec. 15-16. Individuals ages 6 to 99 are invited to audition; be prepared to sing 16 bars of a song and have a prepared one-minute monologue (accompanist will be provided) and cold readings from a script will be required.

Wade Bowen to perform Dec. 29

Wade Bowen will perform at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 29 at Southern Junction. For more information, call 972-771-2418 or visit southernjunctionlive.com.

Side Street Strutters to perform

The Side Street Strutters will present a musical event showcasing the vocal stylings of Meloney Collins beginning at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall. The program, Shiny Stockings, will include an extensive repertoire, colorful costumes, tap dancing and 26 years of musicianship. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

Robert Post show slated March 18

Rockwall MusicFest will present Robert Post in a one-man variety show at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Post's show is inspired by classic vaudeville and his Italian grandmother, who danced and sang at any family occasion. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

42Five performance set May 9

Five male voices comprise 42Five, which will offer up its form of entertainment singing tunes from the '60s to today, including "Don't Stop Believing," "Don't Stop Me Now" and "Joy to the World," beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 9 at the RHS Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.



The Rockwall Soroptimists participated in this year's Make A Difference Day by providing two portable planter boxes for enjoyment of residents of Reese Manor. The boxes, made by Jerry Gillispie, were given to the residents at a recent luncheon hosted by club members. The Soroptimists will continue to supply seeds for planting in the boxes. Pictured are Emily Shrum, Vicki Neel, Sel Walker, Kathryn Hall and Pat Anderson.

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Texas Music Education Association 9th grade All-Region Band auditions for Region 3 took place Nov. 10, and 11 Rockwall High School students were selected for the 9th Grade All-Region Band. Pictured at top, from the left, are Christina Pinkerton, fl. Kai Robinson, French horn; Forrest Croom, French horn alternate; Marina Conner, French horn alternate; Marina Conner, French horn alternate; and Haley Ray, flute. At bottom are Nathan Mathura, trumpet; Cody Sachse, trumpet; Noah House, tuba alternate; and Kyle Ziegler, bass clarinet. Not pictured are Noahie Valk and Wyatt Wilson, tenor sax. The students will participate in a two-band clinic followed by a 7 p.m. concert on Jan. 18 at Forney High School. The concert will include 9th grade and high school all-region bands. The public is invited to attend.

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Advent season at First United Methodist Church, Heath under way

The First United Methodist Church of Heath is beginning its advent schedule with new offerings of study and growth and programs that expand services to the community.

A weekly Advent Study began at 6 p.m. Nov. 28 and will run through Jan. 2. The study this year, "Christmas is Not Your Birthday," is being led by pastor Dean Libby. A sign-up sheet for the class is available at the Welcome Center in the church foyer; cost is \$15 to cover the cost of supplies.

The church's annual Christmas dinner offering at Terrell State Hospital is set for Dec. 1. Also, the children's Christmas party, which will be conducted at a private home, and the traditional hanging of the greens activity will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 2. At the 11 a.m. worship service the children will present their annual concert. On Dec. 9 the FUMC Chancel

Choir and orchestra will perform "O Emmanuel!" at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Home for Christmas activities begin at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24 with the children's party for Jesus. The 7 p.m. and 11 a.m. services will be candlelit and communion will be served.

Childcare is provided for all events except the 11 p.m. Christmas service.

For more information contact the church office at 140 Smirl Drive, Heath, 972-771-6732 or visit fumcheath.org.

Eldridge takes second in travel writing contest

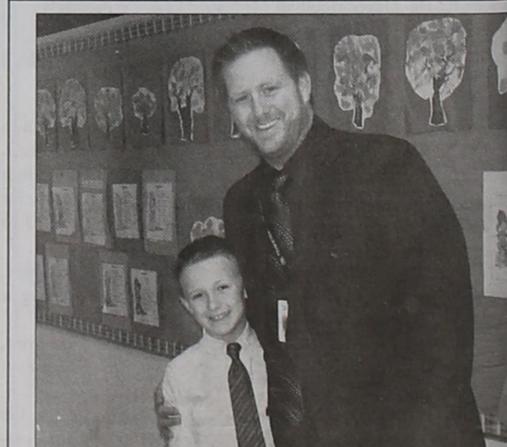
Nathan Eldridge of Rockwall captured a second place finish the sixth annual Family Travel Forum Teen Travel Writing & Photography Scholarship competition, which was co-sponsored by the Society of American Travel Writers.

According to a SATW news release, the annual contest encourages teens to share their travel experiences in photos and words.

"Travel is a fundamental part of any well-rounded education and cultural immersion, and the Teen Travel Writing contest helps promote these important goals among young people," said Lillian Africano, SATW president. "We are honored to partner again with FTF to celebrate teen travel writers and their future as travel journalists and photographers."

Eldridge won \$500 for his second-place win in the contest, which attracted 6,300 applicants.

Winning essays and photos are posted on SATW's website at satw.org and on the FTF site at myfamilytravels.com.



Michael Stuart, Dobbs' assistant principal, and his son, James Stuart, a second grade student, are shown dressed for such as part of the school's recent College Week activities. Students participating in the event were asked to dress to represent their career dreams.

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Kindergarten students at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe recently celebrated the 50th day of school by dressing up in 1950s clothing. The school day ended with a sock hop. Pictured above are the school's kindergarten teachers, from the left, Tanya Hunt, Debbie Schmucker and Joann Alvarez.

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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A tribute to brave U.S. citizens

tribute to the brave United States citizens and first responders to "A World That Will Live in Infamy." On an early summer morning at 8:51 EST a fully fueled and loaded Boeing 747 jetliner departed La Guardia Air Field at or about 8:15 a.m. On September 11, 2001, hijackers, with box cutters as their weapons, made a forced entry into the cockpit and commandeered the aircraft. A struggle for control surely ensued. The terrorists successfully in command of the aircraft proceeded to World Trade Center Tower #7 and flew into the building at approximately 400 knots. The impact was surely instant and deadly. The Boeing 747 departed approximately 8:20 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. from La Guardia and was commandeered by Al Qaida hijackers in the same way: forced entry into the cockpit, overpowered pilots with mace or choked them with a piano wire, sat down and landed and made a head-first impact on World Trade Center #2 approximately at the midpoint of the building. With such an impact the steel I-beams and the integrity of said buildings was heated, bent and hot by jet fuel it started melting iron, rivets, welds, gussets, insulation, carpet, insulation, electrical, etc. Both buildings collapsed onto the Manhattan Ground Zero. The third Boeing 747 fully fueled plane headed for the U.S. Capitol and White House, brave men and women overpowered terrorists and landed in time before doom was to befall Washington, D.C. The heroes said "let's roll," "air speak" and nosedived at 300 to 350 mph into a farm field in Shanksville, Penn. The fourth Boeing 747 fully fueled and loaded 747 leaving Boston's Logan Air Field, was overtaken by terrorist Al Qaida and evaded F-16 fighters that patrol that airspace over the D.C. area and did a barrel roll and nosed first, parallel with the ground approximately eight miles above the ground, into the first floor of our Pentagon, home of the Department of Defense, Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine top brass and command. Many brave souls were lost to a horrific fire and explosion. Never forget this day in our great history of the United States of America may God help us remember. Remember the victims, their families, the first responders, the City of Rockwall and how resilient these citizens were to clean up the aftermath, sadness and depression that they endured. May they forever be remembered by our creator, God. Not to the story: 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudi Arabians, as was Osama bin Laden, who drew us into a cultural and religious war over 11 years now and can never be won by any country or UN force. All the history of Afghanistan; no country or warlord has ever defeated the Afghan people or its armies of terrorists, Mujahideen, Al Qaeda, the Muslim Brotherhood or the Taliban. Robertson, Rockwall

Objecting to statement about Reagan

EDITOR'S NOTE: The letter below was written Nov. 18 to a Dallas Morning News columnist and submitted to the Rockwall County News publication.)
Steve Blow: Enjoyed your column today, but your facts on Reagan are

wrong that the debt went up because the taxes went down.

I was in Washington attending a speech by Reagan to NFIB members (National Federation of Independent Business). Tip O'Neil, speaker of the House at the time, presided over an all-Democratic House. I'm not sure of the Senate. O'Neil promised to cut \$3 of spending for each \$1 of tax cuts. The tax cuts worked creating millions of jobs, but the Congress just kept on spending just like today.

Our problem today is that the Congress fails to adhere to the Constitution and the people are too ignorant to even know about limited government and the restrictions placed on Congress as to what they can spend money on. See Article 1, Section 8, U.S. Constitution. For example there is nothing in the Constitution about FEMA, food stamps, welfare, market access funds for corporations etc., etc., ad nauseam., public broadcasting, legal services, National Endowment for the Arts, Amtrak, Energy Star, International Fund for Ireland, McDonald Corp., Boston University.

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Where does the money go?

by Jerry Hogan

As citizens, we are concerned that our national debt has exceeded \$16,000,000,000,000 with all projections showing us to very quickly go even higher. To most of us, this number is just simply too big for us to really understand what it means. What type of spending has brought us to this number; it is hard to imagine.

We don't have debt close to that magnitude here in Rockwall County and we do understand where our money is spent and why it is spent in the various areas. Look at the breakdown of the Rockwall County budget for fiscal year 2013 (FY 2013) that runs from Oct. 1, 2012 through Sept. 30, 2013.

First the revenue. The main source of revenue for the county budget comes from the property tax that we all pay on our homes and our businesses. Eighty-three percent of our budget comes from this one single source. Added to this is monies collected for the various fees and fines that individuals must pay for everything from getting a marriage license to paying for a speeding ticket. Some grant money is provided and some income comes from mixed beverage tax (\$225,000). Total revenue budgeted for FY 2013 including all sources is \$30,790,762.

The first expense that comes out of the budget is the repayment of our principal and interest on our debt. The county total debt is \$104,290,045. Of this, \$69,920,000 is the principal with the remainder being the interest on the principal. Our debt service payment for FY 2013 is \$5,352,807. Some \$1,789,000 of this is repayment for the road bonds which have been sold and for which you see so much road construction either ongoing now or scheduled for start of construction. The remainder of this is for payment for the library (\$873,323), the new courthouse (\$1,666,406) and other miscellaneous projects such as the purchase of the government services building on Whitmore Street.

After the debt payment is made, \$25,437,955 remains to run the county for a year. Back when we were seeing 10 to 15 percent growth in the county population each year and the building industry was booming, the revenue each year saw pretty impressive growth. Unfortunately, however, with the economic slowdown we have seen for the last three years, our growth has slowed to about 1 percent for FY 2013. This has resulted in an increase of only \$312,818 in our revenue for this year over last year.

Fifty-six percent of the total revenue of the county is used to pay the salary and benefits for the 267 full and 22 part time employees of the county. Salaries for county employees are not high; they generally significantly lag the salaries paid to like positions in cities and the commercial business world. A clerk, for example, in the county makes about \$28,000, a deputy sheriff about \$50,000, the county judge makes \$79,860 and most of the other elected officials make between \$63,888 and \$68,147. Each employee does have medical insurance, which is a significant benefit, and the county does have a retirement plan. Twenty-two employees of the county do not participate in the medical insurance plan, thus saving that expense. Sixteen employees are

currently retired from the county. Their retirement pay is generally around \$20,000 per year. There has not been a pay raise for county employees for the last five years. Some elected officials have never received a pay raise. After the money is allocated for the personnel costs and the debt service payments, about \$8.5 million remains to operate all of the functions of the county for the year. Yes, I understand. If you reduce the number of employees you provide either more money to operate the County or you reduce the budget required. However, as the county continues to grow, the demand for service grows accordingly. Since almost all of the county employees are involved in some form of delivering service, even though carefully watched and debated, the overall employee level is pretty close to being what it should be for the county to continue to be prepared as our population grows to that number of over 200,000 in 18 more years.

Here are examples of how the remaining \$8.5 million is used: \$125,000 to pay citizen jurors, \$270,000 for building maintenance, \$250,000 to pay for our portion of the Centralized Appraisal District operation, \$135,000 to clean our buildings, \$420,000 to court appointed attorneys for indigent criminal defendants who cannot afford to hire their own, \$285,000 for gasoline and oil for vehicles, \$500,000 for inmate medical care, \$250,000 for inmate food, \$330,000 for insurance, \$50,000 for books for the library (the county spends about \$1,000,000 a year for the operation of the library plus another \$873,000 a year for debt service for the library), \$130,000 for postage, \$165,000 for supplies, \$133,000 for telephone communications, \$535,000 for utilities, \$300,000 for fire coverage in the unincorporated areas of the county, \$245,000 for public safety outside the area of the sheriff's department, \$100,000 for autopsy services, \$100,000 for Helping Hands and Meals on Wheels, \$36,000 for rent of the elections office, \$223,000 for a Harbor TIF, \$55,000 for uniforms, \$500,000 for maintenance agreements, \$24,000 to run the elections, \$135,000 for travel and training, and many smaller but important functions that must be done to provide the service to the citizens of Rockwall County.

The county is in good fiscal shape. We have a reserve fund of about \$16 million. This is an emergency fund that would be used in a major disaster/contingency. Our fiscal policy on the size of the reserve fund is for it to be between 4 to 6 months of our expenditure rate from the general fund. The size of the reserve should thus be in the range of \$8.5 to \$12.7 million. We exceed our goal and this was favorably viewed by both Moody's and Standard & Poor's Bond rating service where in October of this year they again rated the county at AA for our bond sales.

There are a lot of numbers in this article. But they are important and hopefully after reading you will see where your tax dollars go to support the county operations here in Rockwall County. The county is really an extension of our state government with its total focus on providing services to our citizens. Your help and suggestions are always welcome and needed.

Jerry Hogan is the county judge of Rockwall County. He can be reached at jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033.

Opinions

THE GIF: The Virtues of Competition

Sheldon Richman

Director of Freedom Foundation (fff.org)
When I discussed reasons to esteem the free market last week, I meticulously left out any reference to competition. That might have seemed odd, but I did it because the subject deserves its own treatment. Differing attitudes about market competition divide people needlessly. Appreciation of what competition makes possible could prepare the ground for a convergence between libertarians and those we might call "liberalists," that is, those who value individual liberty but don't yet see the market as its natural home. I won't say much here about the strictly economic functions of competition - its role, for example, in driving down prices and driving up the quality of goods and services. Competition among employers is also important for maximizing workers' bargaining clout. This is why earlier liberal libertarians, like Benjamin R. Tucker and his cohorts, objected to government limits on competition, including banking restrictions. State-mandated monopoly is the enemy of freedom and prosperity.

Besides these aspects, F.A. Hayek added to our appreciation of competition when he elaborated its role in the expansion of knowledge. In "Competition as a Discovery Procedure," Hayek wrote,

Competition is important only because and insofar as its outcomes are unpredictable and on the whole different from those that anyone would have been able to consciously strive for...

Which goods are scarce, however, or which things are goods, or how scarce or valuable they are, is precisely one of the conditions that competition should discover: in each case it is the preliminary outcomes of the market process that inform individuals where it is worthwhile to search. (PDF)

Thus the competitive process - wherein anyone is free to offer goods and services to potential buyers who in turn are free to decline and look elsewhere - discloses information we would not otherwise obtain. That process is indispensable to human welfare because crucial knowledge about people's preferences, talents, and resources is widely dispersed and thus lies beyond anyone's direct access in its entirety. Moreover, important information is forged only through encounters with unanticipated market alternatives. Hayek was understandably frustrated by theories of competition "in which all essential conditions are assumed to be known - a state that theory curiously designates as perfect competition, even though the opportunity for the activity we call competition no longer exists."

While people of varying ideological persuasions might readily concede these benefits, there nonetheless remains what I think of as an aesthetic objection to free-wheeling rivalry among sellers in the market. Because competition entails winners and losers, in some people's eyes it appears less humane than its supposed opposite: cooperation. But competition and cooperation are not as different as they may appear. Observe: I enter a bazaar with a multitude of vendors. I spot two who are selling shoes. I would like a new pair of shoes and can buy from only one of the vendors. The two, then, are competing - but competing to do what? Competing to cooperate with me, of course.

Competition, then, is the natural offspring of cooperation and freedom. Divorcing freedom from cooperation would mean mandatory

cooperation. I don't know about you, but I don't like the sound of that.

It is also odd that some folks who are wary of monopoly don't welcome competition as the only alternative. It is odder still that some who dislike private monopoly are accepting of government monopoly, such as single-payer health care or, more generally, state socialism. I see no reason to think that government monopoly would be better than private monopoly. History certainly gives us no reason to think so.

At any rate, we need not choose between forms of monopoly, because we can have competition if we want it. All we need do is keep government out of all economic activity. Monopoly is not a market phenomenon, but rather the product of government privilege, which, like all government activity, is rooted in force. And we all know who has a comparative advantage in procuring favors from government. Hint: It's not average working people.

I raise these issues hoping that advocates of freed markets may engage in fruitful conversation with those who long for liberty but have an aversion to competitive markets. Such a conversation has a precedent in America's past. The libertarians associated with the old market-anarchist Liberty magazine (1881-1908) actively engaged other opponents of the reigning statism on these matters. For example, in 1888 one W.T. Horn asked in the pages of the magazine "whether is competition or co-operation the truest expression of that mutual trust and fraternal good-will which alone can replace present forms of authority, usages and customs as the social bond of union?" He continued,

The answer seems obvious enough. Competition, if it means anything at all, means war, and, so far from tending to enhance the growth of mutual confidence, must generate division and hostility among men. If egoistic liberty demands competition as its necessary corollary, every man becomes a social Ishmael. The state of veiled warfare thus implied where underhand cunning takes the place of open force is doubtless not without its attractions to many minds, but to propose mutual confidence as its regulative principle has all the appearance of making a declaration of war in terms of peace. No, surely credit and mutual confidence, with everything thereby implied, rightly belong to an order of things where unity and good-fellowship characterize all human relations, and would flourish best where co-operation finds its complete expression, - viz., in Communism.

To which editor Benjamin R. Tucker responded, The supposition that competition means war rests upon old notions and false phrases that have been long current, but are rapidly passing into the limbo of exploded fallacies. Competition means war only when it is in some way restricted, either in scope or intensity, - that is, when it is not perfectly free competition; for then its benefits are won by one class at the expense of another, instead of by all at the expense of nature's forces. When universal and unrestricted, competition means the most perfect peace and the truest co-operation; for then it becomes simply a test of forces resulting in their most advantageous utilization.... Where freedom prevails, competition and co-operation are identical.

Could anyone seriously think that two vendors at a bazaar are engaging in warfare? Two shops on the street? Two companies? On the contrary, in a freed market devoid of privilege their rivalry serves consumers and sharpens their own skills. At worst, one vendor may learn she is not cut out for the work, leading her into another occupation for which she has a comparative advantage. Thus we see the efficiency and discovery roles of cooperation-via-competition in action.

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 2 "___ you blink" (small town)
 3 weather producer: "Sweet Thang"
 4 former call letters of Arkansas's KTKK
 5 TX "ley Cothran": Miss America in '75
 6 TX Buddy Hickerson: "Quigmans" comic appears in this British newspaper
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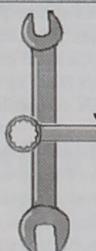
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Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Hallie Fleming for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a retail use in conjunction with a photography studio within Planned Development District 50 (PD-50), specifically at 507 North Goliad, being Lot 1, Block A, Artventures Studio Addition, City of Rockwall, Texas, 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 can be found on all current Zoning cases on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/ZoningChanges.asp>

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

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In the chain of human events the birthday of the nation is dissolubly linked with the day of the Savior. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precept of Christianity.

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 Junior Year: 1st Team All District and Academic All District
 Senior Year: 1st Team All District and Academic All District
 Kyla is the daughter of Michelle Booker. Coach Booker is the head softball coach at Royse City High School.



Royse City High School senior, Kyla Simmons (sitting), signs a letter of intent to play softball for Abilene Christian University. Standing are Simmons' parents Michelle Booker and Ken Simmons.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall High School Beats Royse City 68-34

The Rockwall Lady Jackets beat Royse 68-34 in girls' basketball action Monday, November 19. The game was played at Royse City High School.

With the loss, Royse City falls to 4-3 overall on the season.

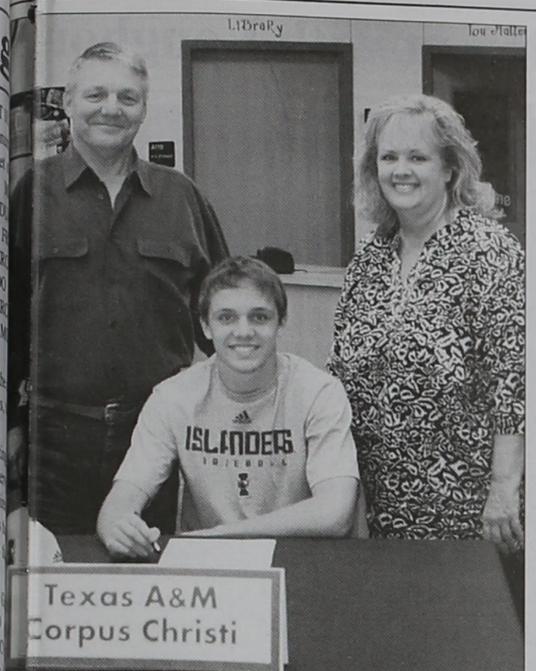
Krystal Pickron was the only Lady Bulldog who scored in double figures in the game with 15 points.

Rockwall's Ellen Baker was the game's high scorer as she ripped the nets for 25 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Royse City	9	7	5	13	34
Rockwall	21	15	19	13	68

Royse City Scoring: Krystal Pickron 15 points, Keri Collins 9, Lauren Dusek 8, Janai Williams 2.

Rockwall Scoring Summary: Baker 25, Day 13, Hughes 10, Williamson 8, Grandy 6, Clark 4, Hutton 2.



Jordan signs letter of intent with Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Royse City High School senior, Jared Jordan (sitting), signs a letter of intent to play baseball at Texas A&M Corpus Christi. Standing at back are Jordan's parents Barry and Lisa Jordan.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Mistakes, top-ranked Knights wear down Fulton Falcons

Early on half of football, The Fulton School stood almost toe to toe with the state's top-ranked team in TAPPS 6-Man I.

The Falcons mistakes helped ND take a lead, and Wichita Falls Notre Dame Christian School went on to wear down Fulton for a not-as-easy-as-it-seems 58-8 victory at Miller Stadium in Mineral Wells.

The loss in an Area playoff game finished Fulton's season at 9-3. Notre Dame improved to 10-0.

The game was scoreless for nearly 8 minutes, until ND quarterback Otto threw a short pass to 6-foot-2, 260-pound center Hunter Treadway, who ran over Falcons tacklers until reaching the end zone for a 55-yard touchdown. That came three plays after Otto had intercepted a pass at ND's 6 yard line.

The fumble ended the Falcons' next possession, but they escaped by driving the Knights at Fulton's 8 on fourth down. From there, the No. 5 Falcons drove to their only touchdown.

On that play, Todd Treadway fumbled as he approached the goal line, but teammate Ryan Stockton recovered the ball in the end zone. Treadway's conversion kick tied the score 8-8 with 7 minutes, 48 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

Notre Dame then began warming up its running game to score two touchdowns for a 24-8 lead with 5:12 remaining.

The Falcons then had the ball at their 37 with a chance to go into halftime with a lead by just a touchdown. Instead, Quintero batted and intercepted a pass to set up Wes Brinkman's second touchdown on a 1-yard run.

With just 1:41 left until halftime, Fulton drove again. Treadway's 18-yard run moved the ball in to ND's 1. Two plays gained nothing, then a delay of game penalty moved the ball back to the 6 with 2 seconds remaining. The Falcons failed when Treadway's pass sailed over Hayden Leverett's head in the end zone, with the Knights leading 30-8.

"When we got stopped late in the second quarter, that turned it around," Fulton head coach Josh Johnson said. "We had a chance to go in behind the 1 with the ball coming out of the gate." Instead, the second half lasted just 9:56.

Fulton lost the ball on downs on its first possession. Two plays later, Brinkman scored on a 41-yard run. Another interception set up Cody McElroy's 28-yard touchdown run. Next possession: 44-yard TD for McElroy. The Falcons then drove into the red zone, but a fourth-down pass to the end zone eluded Stockton, who appeared to lose the ball in the sun.

Five plays (and two 15-yard penalties) later, McElroy crashed over the goal line from a yard away for his fourth touchdown and the 58-8 margin that ended the game under six-man football's 45-point mercy rule.

"I'm proud of them for not quitting," Johnson said of his team. "I called a timeout and told them we needed that stop, and it took a (five)-play drive to get it."

"Turnovers are a part of football. The team that makes the least mistakes usually wins. They capitalized on offense on our mistakes."

"We got beat by probably the best team. It's too bad we drew them in the second round."

Brinkman, McElroy and Treadway all ran for more than 100 yards. But in the second half, the ND pair totaled 165 yards and Treadway had just 26.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final
Fulton	0	8	0	8
Notre Dame	8	22	28	58

Notre Dame - Hunter Quintero 45 pass from Danny Otto (Wes Brinkman kick)
 Fulton - Ryan Stockton recovered fumble in end zone (Todd Treadway kick)
 Notre Dame - Brinkman 35 run (Brinkman kick)
 Notre Dame - Cody McElroy 38 run (Brinkman kick)
 Notre Dame - Brinkman 1 run (kick wide right)
 Notre Dame - Brinkman 41 run (kick wide left)
 Notre Dame - McElroy 28 run (Brinkman kick)
 Notre Dame - McElroy 44 run (Brinkman kick)
 Notre Dame - McElroy 12 run

	Fulton	Notre Dame
1st downs	6	12
Rushes-yds.	18-147	22-291
Comp-Att-Int	11-26-3	4-9-0
Passing yds.	108	69
Total yds.	255	360
Penalties-yds.	4-50	2-10
Punts-avg.	0-0.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0

Rockwall County high school varsity results, Nov. 18-26

- Boys' basketball**
 Dallas Christian HomeSchool Association of North Texas 43, Rockwall Christian Academy 41, OT
 Dallas Triple-A Academy 65, Rockwall 52
 Garland 58, Rockwall-Heath 51
 McKinney North 84, Rockwall-Heath 81, 3 OT
 Rockwall 59, Texarkana Pleasant Grove 57
 Royse City 65, Wills Point 43
- Girls' basketball**
 Richardson 56, Rockwall-Heath 42
 Rockwall 68, Royse City 34
 Rockwall 68, Lovejoy 47
 Rockwall-Heath 48, Mesquite Poteet 47
- Football**
 Geneva School of Boerne 56, Heritage Christian Academy 32
 Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic School 58, Fulton 8
- Wrestling**
 Rockwall 44, Dallas Jesuit 21
 Rockwall 45, Richardson Pearce 30

Rockwall County Scholastic Sports Schedules

- The Fulton School Falcons**
 Thursday, Dec. 6 - Boys' basketball: vs. Sulphur Springs Christian Educators at Miller Grove Tournament, 3:15 p.m.
Heritage Christian Academy Eagles
 Friday, Nov. 30 - JV boys' basketball: home vs. Dallas Academy, RISE, 8Q.m.
 Varsity basketball: home vs. Arlington Fellowship Academy, girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 4 - Basketball: at Dallas Thunder, Terrell First Baptist Church, JV boys 5 p.m., varsity girls 6:30 p.m. and varsity boys 8 p.m.
 Middle school basketball: at Arlington Fellowship Academy, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 6 - Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
 Friday, Dec. 7 - Middle school basketball: at Greenville Christian, girls and boys 6 p.m.
 Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 8 - Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors
 Friday, Nov. 30 - Boys' and girls' basketball: at Wolfe City, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 4 - Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 6 - Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Trinity Valley Tournament
 Friday, Dec. 7 - Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Trinity Valley Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 8 - Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Trinity Valley Tournament
 Varsity basketball: at Fruitvale Tournament
Rockwall High School Yellowjackets
 Friday, Nov. 30 - JV wrestling: home for Rockwall JV Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Royse City Varsity Tournament
 Varsity girls' basketball: at Girls Curtis Culwell Invitational Basketball Tournament, Sachse High School
 Saturday and JV White boys' basketball: at Royse City JV Tournament
 Varsity girls' basketball: at Royse City JV Tournament
 Freshman A and B boys' basketball: at Royse City Freshman Tournament, PE Gym
 Freshman A and B girls' basketball: at Dallas Skyline Freshman Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 1 - Varsity wrestling: home for Rockwall Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Royse City Varsity Tournament
 Varsity girls' basketball: at Girls Curtis Culwell Invitational Basketball Tournament
 Saturday and JV White boys' basketball: at Royse City JV Tournament
 Varsity girls' basketball: at Royse City JV Tournament
 Freshman A and B boys' basketball: at Royse City Freshman Tournament, PE Gym

- Freshman A and B girls' basketball: at Dallas Skyline Freshman Tournament
 Tuesday, Dec. 4 - Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Sachse, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Rowlett, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: home vs. Sachse, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 5 - Girls' gymnastics: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, FEW, Compulsory
 Thursday, Dec. 6 - Boys' gymnastics: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, FEW, Compulsory, 5:30 p.m.
 Wrestling: home vs. McKinney, 6 p.m.
 Freshman A and B girls' basketball: at Carrollton Newman Smith Tournament
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Austin Tournament
 Friday, Dec. 7 - Girls' basketball: home vs. Sachse, Freshman A 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Austin Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 8 - Varsity wrestling: at Frisco Wakeland Dual Tournament, 9 a.m.
 JV wrestling: at Hebron JV Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Swimming: home vs. Texarkana Texas, Richardson Pearce and Ursuline Academy of Dallas, Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center, noon
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Austin Tournament
 Freshman A and B girls' basketball: at Carrollton Newman Smith Tournament
Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks
 Friday, Nov. 30 - JV wrestling: at Rockwall JV Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
 Varsity wrestling: home vs. Coppell, Houston Westside and Weatherford, 5 p.m.
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Royse City Varsity Tournament
 Varsity girls' basketball: at Royse City Varsity Tournament
 JV Red and White boys' basketball: at Royse City JV Tournament
 JV Red girls' basketball: at Royse City JV Tournament
 Freshman boys' basketball: at Royse City Freshman Tournament, PE Gym
 Saturday, Dec. 1 - Wrestling: at Thanksgiving Throwdown, Frisco Liberty, 9 a.m.
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Royse City Varsity Tournament
 Varsity girls' basketball: at Royse City Varsity Tournament
 JV Red and White boys' basketball: at Royse City JV Tournament
 JV Red girls' basketball: at Royse City JV Tournament
 Freshman boys' basketball: at Royse City Freshman Tournament, PE Gym
 Tuesday, Dec. 4 - Girls' basketball: at West Mesquite, JV Red and Freshman Red 5:30 p.m.
 JV Black girls' basketball: at Plano Vines, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 5 - Varsity girls' gymnastics: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, FEW
 Thursday, Dec. 6 - Varsity boys' basketball: vs. Frisco Liberty at Forney Varsity Tournament, North Forney High School, 1:30 p.m.
 JV Red and White boys' basketball: at Forney JV Tournament

- Freshman boys' basketball: at Forney Freshman Tournament
 Varsity boys' gymnastics: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, FEW
 Friday, Dec. 7 - Girls' basketball: at Garland, JV Red and Freshman Red 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
 JV Black girls' basketball: at Plano Jasper, 6 p.m.
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Forney Varsity Tournament
 JV Red and White boys' basketball: at Forney JV Tournament
 Freshman boys' basketball: at Forney Freshman Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 8 - Varsity wrestling: at Frisco Wakeland Dual Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Forney Varsity Tournament
 JV Red and White boys' basketball: at Forney JV Tournament
 Freshman boys' basketball: at Forney Freshman Tournament
 JV wrestling: at Hebron JV Invitational, 9 a.m.
Royse City Bulldogs
 Friday, Nov. 30 - Varsity boys' basketball: home for Royse City Varsity Tournament
 Varsity girls' basketball: home for Royse City Varsity Tournament
 JV boys' basketball: home for Royse City JV Tournament
 JV girls' basketball: home for Royse City JV Tournament
 Freshman boys' basketball: home for Royse City Freshman Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 1 - Varsity boys' basketball: home for Royse City Varsity Tournament
 Varsity girls' basketball: home for Royse City Varsity Tournament
 JV boys' basketball: home for Royse City JV Tournament
 JV girls' basketball: home for Royse City JV Tournament
 Freshman boys' basketball: home for Royse City Freshman Tournament
Cain Middle School Mustangs
 Monday, Dec. 3 - 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 6 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Utley Middle School Wolves
 Monday, Dec. 3 - 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 6 - 8th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade girls' basketball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Williams Middle School Wildcats
 Monday, Dec. 3 - 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 6 - 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath Hawks' Boswell signs letter of intent with Longhorn

When Bret Boswell signed his letter of intent to play baseball at the University of Texas on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Rockwall-Heath, the scene was familiar.

A year earlier, teammate Jake Thompson had signed a letter of intent with TCU. Thompson came back to support Boswell, who played shortstop alongside him when the Hawks won last season's 4A state championship. Thompson returned not as a Horned Frog but as a professional player in the Detroit Tigers organization.

It's possible that Boswell, like Thompson, could be drafted by a Major League Baseball team next year. If an MLB offer came his way, Boswell said, "I would consider it."

For now, though, he's committed to the Longhorns.

"It has been my dream since I began playing baseball in kindergarten. I always liked the Horns since I've been growing up. About my sophomore year and the summer after, I started getting looks and realized I could get a shot at it."

Boswell said he considered Arkansas, Baylor and TCU, but was sold on Texas after visiting the Austin campus. For now, he also has responsibility for helping the Hawks into the 5A playoffs next spring.

He said, "Last year was amazing. That's something that doesn't happen very often. This year will be tough, but I think we'll be able to do pretty well."

In his fourth year as a Hawks starter, Boswell will also be preparing himself for college and possibly pro baseball. "I'll be working at getting better every day to make sure I'm ready."

RHHS head coach Greg Harvey said, "It's hard to say whether Bret would be drafted like Jake was, but he definitely has the skill level to be able to play baseball for a long time. For him to sign with the University of Texas, a powerhouse for years and years, speaks well for him."

"He's an excellent fielding shortstop. There are not many better than him anywhere. He's beginning to hit the ball with some power. He has great speed and a good arm. He's one of the guys we'll be leaning on heavily."

Hawks athletic director Mickey Moss also spoke highly of Boswell. "One of the things that's most important is how he treats other people. You know Bret is going to be polite and make you feel welcome."

RHS' Wheeler to play volleyball at Texas A&M in Commerce

Lindsey Wheeler made it official Wednesday, Nov. 14, when she signed a letter of intent to play volleyball beginning next fall at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Beginning her senior year at Rockwall, she already had verbally committed to A&M-Commerce. Then she went out and proved to Lady Lions head coach Craig Case that she was ready for NCAA Division II volleyball.

She said, "I wanted to impress the coach, and show him he needed me on his team. We had a good season, and I personally did too."

As a middle blocker for the Lady Jackets, Wheeler was a first-team All-District 12-5A selection. She helped RHS place second in the district and advance to the Area playoffs before losing to Rockwall's long-time nemesis, Richardson Pearce.

RHS head coach Damon Wilson said, "She's a 3-year starter. She really worked hard and had a huge year as a senior. We're really proud of her."

"Lindsey was an outstanding middle blocker for our team, and provided leadership and energy on the floor that will be tough to replace. I think she will have a great career at A&M-Commerce. Whatever position she plays in college, I know she will be successful."

Wheeler said there's still more work to do. She visited the Commerce campus last year, and spent time playing volleyball this summer with some of the Lady Lions.

"I'm going to work on getting faster to be more prepared to block and hit. When I played with those girls I learned the college game is a lot faster-paced."

Her visit to A&M-Commerce convinced her. "I love the school, the team, the coach, the volleyball."

It's also important to her that it's not far away. "I very glad it's close because my family can see me."

Her parents and grandparents Dr. John and Paulette Weddle were at her signing ceremony and no doubt will show up at Commerce games.



Rockwall-Heath baseball player, Bret Boswell (front), signs to play with University of Texas. Celebrating with Boswell are family members (back row left to right) Trent Yarbrough (brother), Amy Boswell (mother), Adrienne Boswell (sister) and Bob Boswell (father).
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Hot-shooting Lady Jackets win twice

by Lary Bump

The Rockwall girls went into their Thanksgiving break with a four-game winning streak that included consecutive victories over Roysie City and Lovejoy on consecutive days, Nov. 19 and 20.

RHS shot very well in those two games, especially from 3-point range. In the Lady Jackets' 68-34 victory at City, Ellen Baker made 8 of 12 3-pointers, Morghen Day put in three of five and Hannah Hughes hit on two. The next night, Baker made six long-range shots (for a total of 14 in two games), Day connected on two and Hughes had one.

Rockwall outscored Lovejoy in every quarter at RHS, but it was the third quarter that made the biggest difference in a 68-47 win.

The Lady Jackets had taken the lead for good on Baker's third 3-pointer for a 9-7 lead barely 3 minutes into the game, and stretched the advantage to 33-25 at halftime.

Coming out of halftime, RHS quickly stretched the advantage to 39-25 with a 6-0 that included four points by Megan Grandy and four on fast breaks. Lovejoy scored a basket to break that streak, but Rockwall came back with a 10-0 run for a 49-27 advantage with 3 minutes, 45 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Day hit a 3-pointer assisted on two other baskets during that time.

"We did a great job in the second half, particularly the third quarter," said Lady Jackets head coach Jill I. "We got things going the way we wanted. In the first half, we gave up stuff we didn't want to. We played defensively."

Rockwall's defense forced four turnovers, and the offense made 8 of 13 field goal attempts.

Baker finished the game with 21 points. Sara Williamson had 15. Point guard Day scored 14 and had 10 rebounds. Grandy added a team-high eight rebounds to her five points, and Hughes had an all-around game of nine points, steals and three assists.

RHS had started out hot against Roysie City, taking a 21-9 lead. Baker scored 25 points, Hughes added 12 and Williamson contributed 11.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lovejoy	12	13	8	14	47
RHS	15	18	18	17	68

Lovejoy - Shani Rainey 19, Cassie Conarty 6, Sarah Langs 6, Samantha Odom 5, Lindy Leggett 4, Rachel Paige Eberhart 2, Stefanie Lewerenz 2.

RHS - Ellen Baker 21, Sara Williamson 15, Morghen Day 14, Hannah Hughes 9, Megan Grandy 5, Cassie Williamson 2, Jade Spencer 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	21	15	19	13	68
Roysie City	9	7	5	13	34

RHS - Ellen Baker 25, Hannah Hughes 12, Morghen Day 11, Sara Williamson 8, Megan Grandy 6, Hannah Hughes 4, Kaelyn Hutton 2.

Roysie City - Krystal Pickron 15, Collins 9, Lauren Dusek 8, Janai Williams 2.



Rockwall High School athletes signing with colleges are (left to right) Phil Gill, lacrosse, Adams State University; Morghen Day, girls' basketball, Sam Houston State University; Lindsey Wheeler, volleyball, Texas A&M University-Commerce, and Kendall Coleman, baseball, University of Iowa.
Photo courtesy of Rockwall High School/Rockwall County News

Jennings selected for water polo development camp

Thirteen-year-old Bryan Jennings of the Rockwall Water Polo Club has been selected to participate in the 2012 USA Water Polo Olympic Development Holiday Camp Dec. 13-17 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jennings was selected from among 12-14-year-old players in the Southwest Division - which includes Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana as well as Texas.

This is the third consecutive year that a Rockwall Water Polo Club player has been selected for the ODP Holiday Camp.

Said club president Jim Hummingbird, "We are extremely proud to have Bryan representing our club at this camp. It is special to have these kids work out in the same pool our water polo Olympians practiced in."

Some of the Southwest Division's best players will be participating in three practices beginning Sunday at the Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center. In a 2-day selection session, the division will select players to participate in next spring's East-West Regional tournaments against teams representing the United States' other division.

Rockwall head coach Andres Rodriguez will coach the Southwest Division's 9th and 10th grade boys.

The USA National Team coaches will use the spring tournament as the selection process for spots on the National Teams.

Hummingbird said, "We have had three of our players in the National Team Selection Camp over the last 2 years. I feel it only appropriate that this program has found its way to Rockwall. It is nice to be rewarded for our kids' successes."

Malak 1st in Sunday sailing

In the next-to-last race in Fall Sunday Series sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard, Dan Malak won in "Orion," topping a field of nine boats Nov. 18.

Placing second in the Sunday Series' Race 9 was Scott Self aboard "Soap Opera." Other top finishers were David Carter, third in "Geronimo"; Kathy Kuipers, fourth in "Rij Jik of Jik Ik," and Roy Kuipers, fifth in "Three Sheets."

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Rockwall ISD athletes signing letters of intent

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the first day high school athletes were allowed to sign letters of intent to receive scholarships to play for college teams, the following Rockwall ISD student/athletes signed.

Rockwall High School
NCAA Division I
Kendall Coleman, baseball, University of Iowa, Iowa City
Morghen Day, girls' basketball, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville
NCAA Division II
Phil Gill, lacrosse, Adams State University, Alamosa, Colo.
Lindsey Wheeler, volleyball, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Rockwall-Heath High School
Bret Boswell, baseball, University of Texas, Austin

Lady Hawks split another pair

Rockwall-Heath remained at .500 by splitting two girls' basketball games last week.

The Lady Hawks lost Monday, Nov. 19, to Richardson 56-42, but came back to edge Mesquite Poteet 48-42 next night.

At Poteet, RHHS (4-4) overcame a 23-21 halftime deficit by outscoring the Lady Pirates 17-12 in the third quarter for a 38-35 advantage. The Lady Hawks then held off the Poteet in the fourth quarter.

Jordan Mitchell led RHHS with 17 points. Katie Webster added 15 and Eden Deel scored a season-high 10.

The Lady Hawks weren't really in the Richardson game after falling behind 13-2 in the first quarter. They played on relatively even terms thereafter, but that was too late for Rockwall-Heath. Mitchell scored a game-high 20 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	11	10	17	10	48
Poteet	11	12	12	12	47

RHHS - Jordan Mitchell 17, Katie Webster 15, Eden Deel 10, Jessica Nwabuko 3, Sophie Keith 2, Callum 1.

Mesquite Poteet - Shyari Cheatham 9, Kyla Nelson 9, Raehgan Shaw 7, Kelsey Stewart 7, Brooke Bush 6, Brianna Loewen 5, De'Lauren Boykin 2, Andrea Dyer 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS 2	11	13	16	42	
Richardson	13	13	12	18	56

RHHS - Jordan Mitchell 20, Katie Webster 8, Geneva Johnson 4, Caroline McCallum 4, Veronica Vinson 4, Jacquelyn Turner 2.

Richardson - McElroy 19, Azyhuna Evans 11, Nautica Grant 10, Courtney Ginigeme 7, Branch 5, De'K Chatman 4.

RHS wrestlers win Ranger Rumble title

Rockwall's wrestling team started its season strong.

The Yellowjackets took first place in the Ranger Rumble Invitational at Frisco Lone Star Nov. 17, with individual champions.

Three days later, RHS defeated Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School 44-21 and Richardson Pearce 45-30.

Even the junior varsity had success, with three individual champions at the Rockwall-Heath Junior Varsity Invitational Nov. 16.

At Lone Star, Andrew Hyde (120 pounds), Cody Jonas (132), Daniel Roland (195), Rilee Fisher (220) and Clark (285) won their weight classes to help the Jackets overcome second-place Frisco. Zach Peterson, Jonathan Jonas (126), Austin Tamez (160) and Garrett Miller (170) all placed second. Finishing third were Dalton Smith (113) and Dalton Miller (152), and Jonathan Molengraf (120) was fourth.

Hyde, both Cody and Jonathan Jonas, Roland, Clark, Tamez, Ty Thomas (182) and Jose Estrada (220) also won in both the Jesuit and Pearce matches. Roland won by forfeit because neither team put up an opponent opposite of Rockwall's most experienced wrestlers. Tamez won at 160 pounds against Jesuit and at 170 vs. Pearce, by victory by fall in each match.

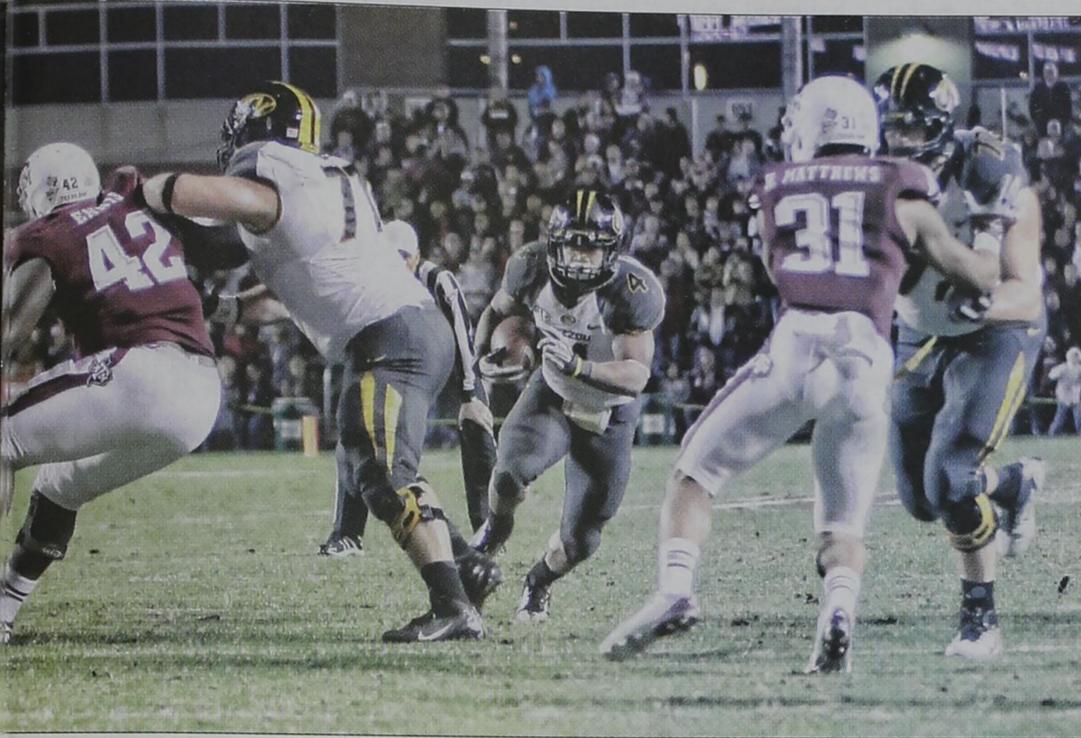
RHS' champions in the Heath JV tournament were Matt Roland, Fernando Olivarez and Ty Hammond. The second place were John Guthrie, Josh Hernandez, Chib Ibeddiwa, Justin McCloskey and Armani Broussard. Warren finished third, and Durham Pearson and Louis Vega were fourth.

The JV wrestlers won 11 of 18 matches against Jesuit and Pearce. Winning a match without losing that night were Matt Roland, Vega, Molengraf, Anthony Gudino, Dante Thomas, Ty Hammond, Christian Allen and Chris Reardon.

Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens. While the people are virtuous, they cannot be subdued, but when once they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.
Samuel Adams

Rockwall County Sports

Lawrence finishes as Missouri's No. 10 rusher



Rockwall-Heath 2009 graduate Kendial Lawrence carries the ball 16 times for 87 yards and one touchdown for Missouri, Saturday November 24, during the game at Texas A&M University's Kyle Field in College Station.
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Kendial Lawrence, a 2009 Rockwall-Heath graduate, completed his career at the University of Missouri as the 10th-leading rusher in Tigers history.

In MU's 59-29 loss Saturday at Texas A&M, Lawrence carried 16 times for 87 yards and a touchdown, his 12th this season and the 21st of his career. The yardage total put him over 1,000 yards for the season at 1,025 and advanced his career rushing total to 2,232 yards.

The team's leading rusher in 2012 averaged 5.1 yards on his 200 carries. Lawrence also caught 18 passes for 114 yards. His best game this year was in a 51-48 victory Nov. 10 at Tennessee, when he ran for 153 yards and two touchdowns.

After that game, Missouri lost its final two contests to finish 5-7 and out of contention to play in a bowl game.



Happy Birthday Whitney!!!

Mom, Dad, Cailee, Lindsey, Alyssa, Michael, Anighus
Nana and Pappy, Tim, James and Gail

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Turnovers take Heritage Christian out of playoffs

Heritage Christian Academy gave Geneva School of Boerne six extra possessions by fumbling the ball away six times. As a result, undefeated Geneva (12-0) scored three more touchdowns to take a 16-32 Area playoff victory Saturday at Bulldog Field in Zephyr. When Geneva had the ball, HCA had difficulty stopping Christian Lipe, who ran for 184 yards and two touchdowns and passed for two additional

The Eagles finished their season 9-3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage	8	8	8	8	32
Geneva	16	8	16	16	56



Andrew Wood (34) of the Heritage Christian Academy celebrates as Evan Pettit (4) scores a touchdown against the Geneva School of Boerne. Looking on are team mates Jake Edge (10) and Garrett Blankenship (19). The Geneva School of Boerne went on to win 56 - 32.
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Rockwall Christian loses to CHSA in overtime

Rockwall Christian Academy rallied to send its game against Dallas Christian Home School Association of North Texas into overtime, but fell short during the extra period in a 43-41 loss Tuesday, Nov. 20. The loss dropped RCA's record to 1-1.

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CHSA	3	12	12	10	6	43
RCA	6	4	13	14	4	41

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3:00 pm - Holiday Story Time Reading With Rockwall Mayor David Sweet at Luna De Noche

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