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Webelos Scout Connor King of Cub Scout Pack 939 takes his turn crossing the monkey bridge at last Saturday's Scout Day at Harry W. Winters Park. Several Boy Scout troops and Sea Scouts from Ship 1000 from the Gray Owl District, which includes Rockwall, Rowlett, Heath, Fate and Garland, banded together to host the event to give Cub Scouts a chance to visit troops as they prepare to bridge from Cubs to Boy Scouts in the spring. Each troop offered the Cubs the opportunity to participate in an activity they will learn at the higher level, from rock climbing, fire building, fishing, using ropes and knots to build structures such as the monkey bridge, to building chariots for racing. The monkey bridge was built and hosted by Rockwall's Troop 690. Keeping a close eye on the Cubs were Troop 690 member Travis McClure (center in hat) and adult leader Brad Rigler (right in red jacket).

Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

## Initial Rockwall ISD budget work shows \$900,000 shortfall for next school year

Members of the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session Nov. 8 to begin planning for the next fiscal year budget. Without legislative action, the district could be operating as far as \$900,000 in the red.

District director finance Mike Singleton said that even rolling this year's budget forward without an increase in tax rate, if there is no student growth and the maturation of debt would give the district a surplus of about \$50,000 -- but it isn't that simple. Conservatively, the district must expect inflation of about 10 percent in medical insurance, 5 percent in fuel expenses and about 2 percent across the board, which would put the school district \$900,000 in the red.

One way the district can increase revenue and has increased revenue in the past is through growth in the student population, but current demographic projections show an expectation of only 85 added students next year.

Additional income from that little growth would be a wash, offset by the cost of staffing if the district maintains its current staffing ratios, he said.

On top of these other challenges, without any legislative action, the district will lose \$3.9 million in stimulus funds granted by the federal government in February 2009.

As it is, the district may be hedging its bets into late into the coming state legislative session and planning for the worst-case scenario.

"It used to be that funding for public education was sacred in Texas," Singleton said. "It looks like now that might not be the case."

To balance the budget, the district may have to consider deep cuts in staffing, as the salaries of most of the staff at Utley is paid with those stimulus funds.

The district also will need to consider cutting elective programs.

## Fulton School wins robotics contest, advances to regionals at University of North Texas

Fulton School's robotics team earned the 2010 Texas A&M Commerce Lion's Pride BEST Trophy Oct. 30 in Commerce after scoring the most points during the robotics contest.

The team also earned the right to advance to the regional competition in Denton.

Twelve Fulton high school students participated in all facets of the BEST robotic build during a six-week period.

As part of the BEST program, participants from all 700 competing schools receive the same supplies to design a robot for a specific task. This year's task involved moving gadgets and gizmos from an assembly line to a sorting area

in a given amount of time and to determine which items were defective.

Team members also were asked to compile an engineering process notebook, design a team T-shirt, create a marketing presentation, be interviewed about their robot program and set up a display table at the competition site.

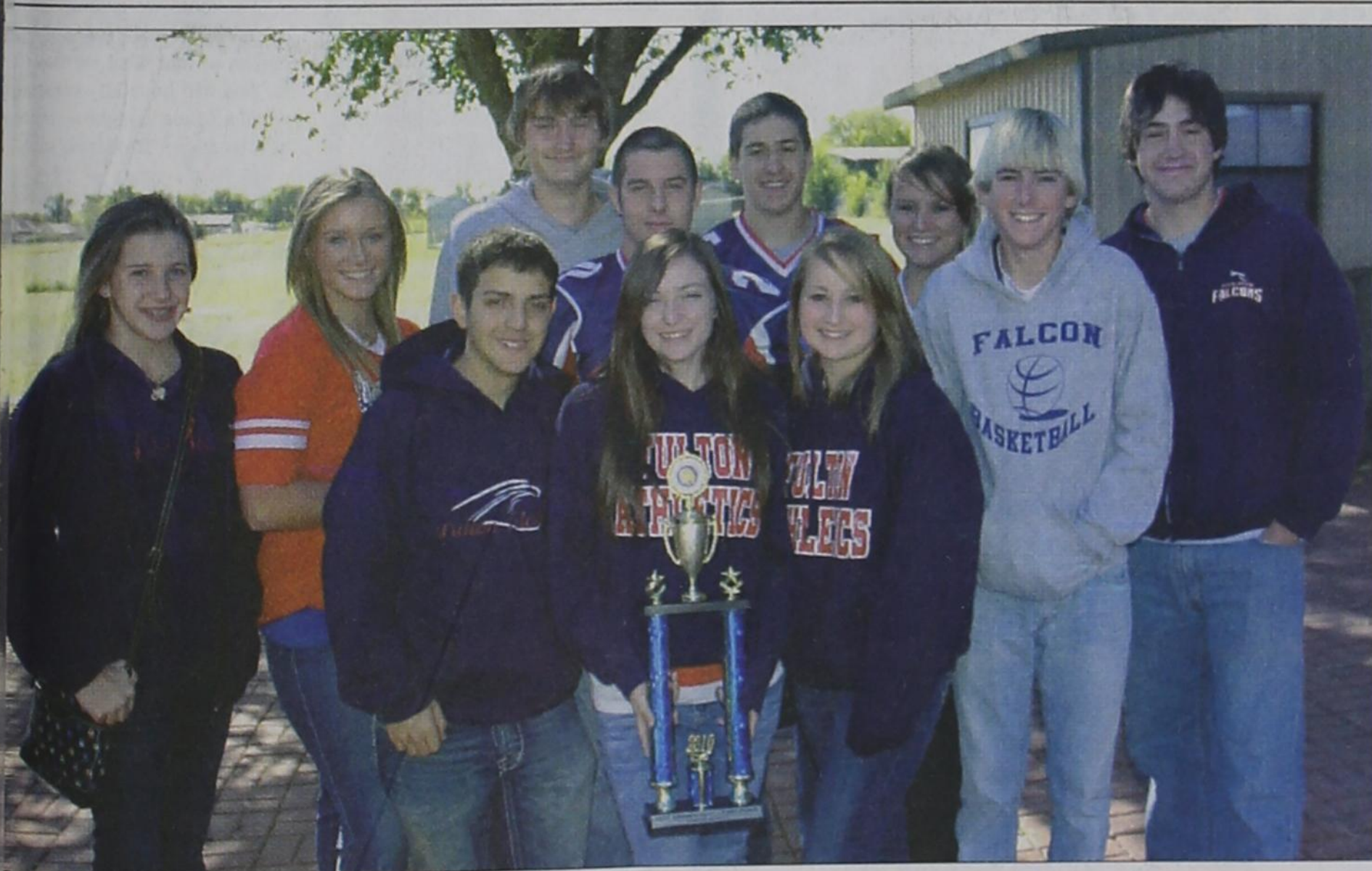
The school's robotics team president is senior Tyler Johnson. Junior Tim Borgen serves as vice president. Both officers were members of last year's inaugural robot team.

Other team members include Kendall Johnson and Brett Steffen, seniors, and underclassmen Quinn Ellison, Eric Palmerduca, Harrison Cleek, Abby Wilson, LuLu Wilson, Hayden Leverett, Danielle Cohen and Jada Codwell.

The team's engineering mentor is Tony Schneemann of Heath. Fulton faculty sponsor/coach is Cheryl Farrens.

This marks the second year for the Fulton upper school BEST (Boosting Engineering Science and Technology) robotics program and the first for the middle and upper school SeaSearch ROV robotics program.

The robotic team's next meet will be the Texas BEST regional event at the University of North Texas in Denton.



The Fulton School's robotics team won the 2010 Texas A&M Commerce Lion's Pride BEST Trophy Oct. 30. The team scored the most points during the competition to capture the trophy and earned the right to advance to the regional competition. Pictured at front, from the left, are Danielle Cohen, LuLu Wilson, Eric Palmerduca, Quinn Ellison, Taylor Hale, Stewart Drahem and Kendall Johnson. At back are Tim Borgen, Brett Steffen, Tyler Johnson and Abby Wilson.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## McLendon-Chisholm Council members approve annexation of Davis property

At their Nov. 9 meeting, members of the McLendon-Chisholm City Council approved the annexation of the Davis property and heard from planning and zoning on a proposal to increase minimum residence size within the city.

The Davis property annexation is made of two tracks, one parcel being 158.2 acres and the other being 1.93 acres formerly within the City of Rockwall extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Davis petitions some months ago to have his property annexed into McLendon-Chisholm, as half is property and the roads accessing his property are within the city extraterritorial jurisdiction.

On the matter of minimum square footage for single-family dwellings, planning and zoning took up the question or whether that minimum square footage should be increased from 2,300 square feet to 2,500 square feet.

According to city manager Dave Butler, the commission discussed the motivations behind such a change over two sessions and chose not to make a recommendation to increase.

McLendon-Chisholm leads its neighbors in this requirement with Heath allowing minimums of 1,800 square feet, Fate allowing 1,000 square feet and Rockwall allowing 1,700 square feet.

Larger home size requirements increase the value of homes, but close opportunities for those who need or would like to live in smaller spaces.

The council also is trying to set dates for its annual Christmas tree lighting and city holiday party. The tree lighting is planned for Dec. 8.

## FM 740 drainage improvements under way

Construction on drainage improvements within the western parkway of FM 740 (Ridge Road) began Tuesday between the railroad crossing and Becky Lane.

According to a City of Rockwall news release, the contractor is installing a trench drain system, area inlets and slotted drains across existing driveways. There also will be a swale built adjacent to the sidewalk to help prevent sur-

face drainage from flowing onto the roadway.

The project is projected to take four weeks.

Southbound FM 740 will be reduced to one lane within the construction zone between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays.

For more details, contact John Cranson, the city's construction inspector, at 214-543-3952.

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# Electrical work needed for Habitat work to progress

The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity is awaiting the installation of electrical wiring in the house being built at 803 Peter's Colony.

of the electrical wiring and then city registration in order for us to be able to work this weekend," the organization's newsletter read this week. "We will need to send out a Friday update

to advise if we can proceed." Roof work has been completed. Pending inspection, the installation of insulation and sheet rock could begin this week.

If work can be done Saturday, it will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For up-to-the-minute information on late changes to the weekly plan or in the event of inclement weather, visit [rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com](http://rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com).

## Registration under way for Rockwall holiday parade

The Kiwanis Club's 41st Annual Rockwall Christmas Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 4.

Theme for this year is "Our Favorite Christmas Song."

The route will begin at the west end of Caruth Lane (near the YMCA), proceed south on SH 205 to Kaufman (by the 7-11), then east on Kaufman to Clark Street, ending at Dobbs Elementary.

Registration will be limited to 100 organizations. To register, visit [rockwallkiwanis.org](http://rockwallkiwanis.org) or call 972-722-6001.

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Winners of recent fishing derby hosted by the City of Rockwall included Brandon Gan, Rainey Pe Erica Lawson, Kylie Connally, Dylan Brand and Alex Paiz. The annual event was conducted at H Myers Park.

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Rockwall High School students toured the KXAS-TV studios in Fort Worth on Nov. 5, getting close-up looks at the newsroom, control room and studio areas. Students watched weather personality Jennifer Lopez and traffic personality Tammy Dombek do on-air segments during their morning shifts. Pictured are the two NBC television personalities at center, surrounded by the RHS audio/video production students.

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## City of Fate to promote economic development at ICSE conference

Fate city Mayor Bill Broderick, members of the city's economic development board and city staff will be attending the ICSE next week, taking the first steps to position the city for future development.

Broderick said several landowners

have submitted paperwork to the city expressing their interest in offering their property for development.

The convention, which will take place at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, will give the city the opportunity to meet representatives from all kinds of business, from restaurants to "big box" stores.

"The conference is a means to put up our exhibit booth along with other cities and promote our city," Broderick said. "We get to promote our city and show what is available. We will be interviewed by potential businesses that are looking for tax incentives, rebates and economic incentives to come here."

The city also plans to attend the

Texas Municipal League convention in Houston next year with the same goal in mind, to promote the I-30 corridor as a primary location for development.

Broderick said that even though the economic climate right now "not the best, this is our first opportunity to sell our city. We need to take the first step so we are well positioned when the economy improves, businesses are ready to build."

"The more we attend these conventions, the more people recognize us and what we have to offer and will hopefully remember when it's time to make a choice on new location," Broderick said.

## KC Club pens letters to thank U.S. veterans

Members of the KC Club at Dorris A. Jones Elementary recently penned letters to soldiers serving the U.S.

The letters were forwarded to three veterans hospitals to show the students' appreciation of the dedication and sacrifice made by the troops.

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## Hanna Haley, Eric Gibson wed Nov. 13 in Forney

Hutch and Terri Haley of Lubbock announce the marriage of their daughter, Hanna Haley, to Eric Gibson of Forney.

The wedding took place on Nov. 13 in Forney at the home of the groom's parents, Mike and Terrie Gibson.

The bride's father officiated the ceremony.

Heather Lierman, sister of the bride, was Matron of Honor.

The father of the groom was Best Man.

The bride is a 2010 graduate of Abilene Christian University. She received a degree in Family Studies.

The groom is a 2009 graduate of Abilene Christian University with a degree in Business.

Following a honeymoon in the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Rockwall.



Theri Fowler, pictured above, presented the program at the member Brown Bag Lecture sponsored by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. The subject of the lecture was the rock wall covered in several locations throughout the county. Fowler has presented this program several times, adding to it each time with new information and artifacts. This month she showed a video brought a "serpent's head" fossil. The debate continues as to whether the wall is man-made or a natural formation. In addition to the program, officers for the upcoming year were elected and the new officers will be installed in January. The December lecture, "Headlines Highlights," will take place at noon on Dec. 10 at the Historic Courthouse.

Photo courtesy of Leigh Plagens/Rockwall County News



Mrs. Eric (Hanna) Gibson

## Registration under way for RHHS Highsteppers January Dance Clinic

Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers Drill Team is offering classes, ages Kindergarten-9th grade, the opportunity to be an Honorary Highstepper for a day at the team's Dance Clinic in January 2011.

Participants will be divided into appropriate groups where they will learn new and exciting dance moves.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing that is conducive to dance and to bring a water bottle. A light lunch and juice will be provided.

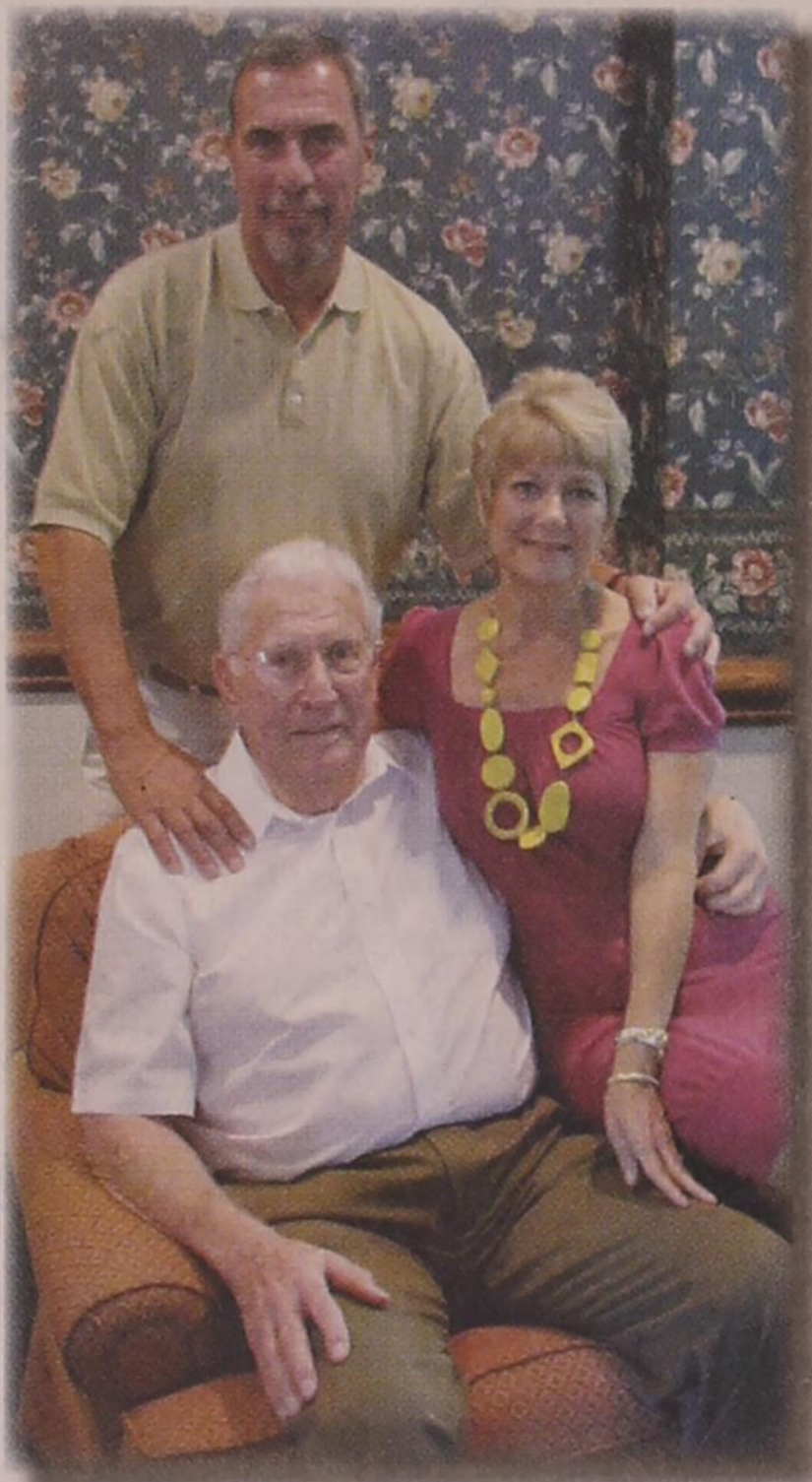
In addition to spending time with the Highsteppers, each girl will receive an Honorary Highsteppers t-shirt.

Participants must be registered before December 31 to secure their spot. If a student registers but does not attend the event, the t-shirt will not be provided.

The clinic will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, in the Rockwall-Heath High School gym. Check-in time begins at 9 a.m.

The cost of the clinic is \$25.

For more information about the clinic or to register, contact the Highsteppers booster club parent coordinator, Cremer at 469-338-8204.



Ed Crump with his son and daughter-in-law Al and Erika Crump.

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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Fred Fulton Fralick

Services for Fred Fulton Fralick, 62, were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor B.E. Stanley officiating.

He died Nov. 12.  
Born Aug. 12, 1948, to Ike and Mary Jo Fralick in Pendleton, Oregon, he graduated from W.W. Samuell High School in 1966 and joined the Local 100 Plumbers & Pipefitters Union with his father. When he was not working, he enjoyed spending time with friends and family, whether it was on a tropical vacation with friends, an afternoon



ride on a John Deere ATV with his grandchildren or an early morning Harley ride with his wife.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Patty, of Roysse City; his mother, Mary Joe of Garland; his sister, Carole Miller of Garland; his daughter, Shelly Bigam of Dallas; his son, Brad Fralick and his wife, Tiffany, of Amarillo; his daughter, Ashley Smith and her husband, Johnnie, of Rowlett; his son, Corey Fralick of Dallas; six grandchildren, Hayden, Jordan, Brydan, Madison, Conisler and a grandson expected in February 2011; three great-grandchildren, Ava Maire, Aiden and Dallas of Oregon; lifelong friends Bud Fowlkes and Donnie Peoples of Roysse City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His father, Ike Fralick, preceded him in death.  
The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Aline Nix Kindle

Services for Aline Nix Kindle, 77, of Rockwall will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 1305 Damascus Road, Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died Nov. 12, 1933, in Dallas to Clarence and Zelma Viola (Boatman) Nix, she was director of the Mother's Day Out program at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, where she also was a member.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth Kindle of Denton; her daughter, Kathy Niezgoda and her husband, Frank, of Rockwall; and her grandchildren, James Scheil-Kindle, Justin Niezgoda and Jenny Niezgoda.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Kindle.  
The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the church for its Mother's Day Out program.

## James B. 'Jim' Matthews

Services for James B. 'Jim' Matthews, 60, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Daniel Prescott officiating.

He died Nov. 12.

Born April 4, 1950, in Newton, Mass., to Gerald and Charlotte (Boisvert) Matthews, he was a commercial real estate consultant and a member of Rotary Club and TMA, local and national. He married Carol Butler Oct. 19,

2002, and earned his bachelor's degree from Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., in 1972 and his law degree from the University of Miami, Florida, in 1974. He started his own business, Prime Location, in 1983. He was a published author and was a regular speaker for the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Turnaround Management Association and the International Conference of Shopping Centers.

In 2003, the TMA honored him with its Outstanding Individual Contribution Award.

His nonprofit activities included Rotary Club of Preston Center in Dallas (president, 1993-94); TMA (Dallas Chapter president, 1995 and 2002 and TMA National Board (member, 1995-2005 and vice president of chapters, 2001-2003). In 2005 he co-sponsored a group for small businesses recoveries following the Hurricane Katrina disaster in New Orleans.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Matthews of Rowlett; one son, Greg thews of Dallas; his father, Gerald Matthews of Plainville, Mass.; his children, Cathy Hanson and her husband, Charles Matthews, Michael, E. Andy, Jack and Emily; his sisters, Charlotte McMahon, Maryclaire, Quin Ann-Marie McCarthy; his brothers, Michael and Daniel Matthews; 14 nieces and nephews; and 19 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, as well as one brother, Gera Matthews Jr., in 1993.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



## Lonnie J. Rupe

Services for Lonnie J. Rupe of Garland were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, at the Hurst's Fielder Baker Chapel in Farmersville with Rev. John Foster officiating. Burial followed in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

He died Nov. 12 at his home.

Born Feb. 23, 1931, in Rockwall to William (Bill) Rupe and Mabel M. Rupe, he married Barbara Baker Jan. 12, 1951, in Farmersville. A member of the First Baptist Church in Garland, he was retired from the Beech Nut Co. where he served as a sales representative. He also had worked for S.O.S. vice Center in Dallas. He was a 1948 Rockwall High School graduate and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife of Garland; two children, Phillip Rupe and wife, Margie, of Arlington and Nancy Thorne and her husband, Farner Richardson; one sister, Inez Smith of Rockwall; three grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and three nieces.

He was preceded in death by one brother, W.L. Rupe.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested contributions be made to Friendship House at the First Baptist Church, 801 W. Ave. D, Garland 75040.

To sign the guest book or leave online condolences, visit [hurstfielderb.com](http://hurstfielderb.com).

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Revelations chapter 12

Revelations 8:13 refers to the last three angels of the seventh seal as three. The end of the first and start of the second is found in Revelations 14-15. The third woe is also the seventh angel of the seventh seal. The seventh angel (third woe) is summed up as the wrath of God and "the dead that they should be judged," and for God's servants the saints and the saints and all who reverence God should be rewarded right (Revelations 11:18). It will also be the time that God will "destroy which destroy the earth."

The opening part of the seventh angel is the opening of the "Temple of God". It says in verse 19, "And there was seen in His Temple the ark of the covenant. And there were lightnings, and voices, and thundering, and an earthquake, and great hail."

Revelations chapter 12 seems to mark a subject matter break to an event number of Biblical scholars determined to have occurred on the day of Jesus' birth. Not unlike most of Revelations, this chapter is packed with symbolism. The "woman" would refer to Israel.

In his book "Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed," Victor Wierwille gathered numerous scholarly research related to celestial events in the stars and that the information found in Revelations 12:1-2 perfectly describe positions of certain celestial bodies at the time of Jesus' birth. I tested this with a number of different online star maps. Each map showed the same picture. After pinpointing Jesus' birth to the year 3 B.C. I found that September 11 of 3 B.C., "this configuration of the sun moon in the constellation Virgo was observable in Palestine between 6:18 p.m. and 7:39 p.m.)."

Did they see from Palestine? The constellation Virgo was partially on the horizon. The sun was also on the horizon, bathing Virgo. The star just under the feet of Virgo. It should be noted that the Magi were the only people to recognize the celestial event. Revelations 12:1-2 is a perfect example of God's word written in the stars!

In chapter 12 on, we find references to past and future events. For example the reference to the "red dragon" being cast to the earth would match the Testament accounts of God's most beautiful angel, Lucifer, being the earth with his host of devil spirits. Ezekiel chapter 28 provides information about this.

The Prince of Tyrus was used to symbolize God's most beautiful angel was Lucifer. Starting in verse 11, it begins to reveal more clearly who is talking about. Verse 11 refers to him as being "full of beauty." Verse 13 refers to him as being in the "garden of Eden of God." Recall in Genesis the story of the serpent deceiving Eve. Lucifer was the "anointed cherub" responsible for protectively covering the earth. According to verse 17, he was perfect in his ways from the day he was created."

The fact that the devil was already on the earth during the time of Adam is strongly suggested that he was the reason the earth later became without form and void" after it was first created by God.

Revelations 12:13-17 describes the battle between the dragon and the woman. The whole scene can be summed up in the Old Testament as a long list of major events designed to destroy the "woman" who was carrying the genetic seed that would ultimately give birth to the Messiah our Lord. In verse 14, the "wings of a great eagle" figuratively refers only to God Himself who delivered them from destruction many times. Verse 15 refers to the great flood during Noah's time which would have wiped out any chance of passing down the genetic seed of Christ Jesus, if not for God's gracious and the favor Noah found in Him.

Next week we will look at the "two witnesses" of Revelations chapter 11, chapters 13-14.

# Obituaries

## Martha Jean (White) Travis

Services for Martha Jean (White) Travis, 80, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Nov. 9 at her home. Born June 28, 1930, in Honey Grove to John and Hazel White, she graduated from Denison High in 1947 and received a bachelor's degree from North Texas State University in Denton in 1951. She married Alan D. Travis in 1969. She enjoyed a 43-year career in the retail business as a buyer of ladies sportswear, retiring in 1995 from Foley's in Houston. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall since 1972 and was active in her Bible study class.

Survivors include her husband, Alan Travis of Rockwall and her children, Suzy Travis and her life partner, Scotty Shutter, of Rockwall, Alan W. Travis and his wife, Rebecca, of Wills Point, Leslie Barnes of Carrollton and Melinda Kimmons and her life partner, Tommy Kimmons, of Rockwall.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the building fund at the First Baptist Church, 610 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087.

## Luanna Unruh

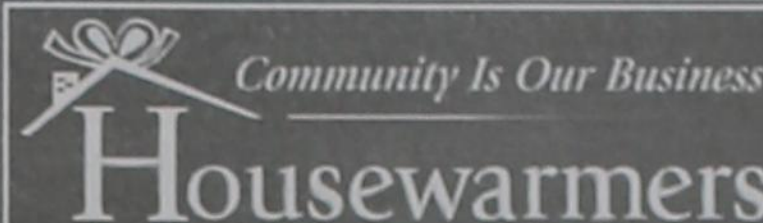
Services for Luanna Unruh, 69, of Rockwall were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, in the Faith Lutheran Church with the Rev. James Woelmer officiating. A 5:15 p.m. sunset graveside service was conducted in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall.

She died Nov. 13. Born Dec. 15, 1940, in Enid, Okla., to Ernest and Lydia (Eggers) Harland, she was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Plano. She and her husband, Cecil, were married July 21, 1957, in Fairmont, Okla. They co-owned Cecil Unruh Properties Inc., for which she was controller. Survivors include her husband, Cecil Unruh of Rockwall; her daughter, Tamara Harris and her husband, James, of Dallas; her grandchildren, Brandon, Preston and Halston Harris; and her great-grandchild, Leighton Harris.

Her parents and a sister, Idaline Harland, preceded her in death.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to the Faith Lutheran School of Plano.

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Chase Crayne, Alec Lawson, Luke Hernandez and Connor Ivanovsky, pictured at front, were just a few of the Cullins Lake Intermediate second grade students who participated in water safety exercises last week at the Aquatic Center in Rockwall.

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ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT					
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES					
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS					
TEN MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2010					
Data Control Codes	10	50	60	98	
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 60,172,911	\$ 24,370,141	\$ 33,201	\$ 4,870,290	\$ 89,446,543
5800 State Program Revenues	37,493,679	-	8,004	545,386	38,047,069
5900 Federal Program Revenues	486,273	-	-	10,367,956	10,854,229
<b>5020 Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 98,152,863</b>	<b>\$ 24,370,141</b>	<b>\$ 41,205</b>	<b>\$ 15,783,632</b>	<b>\$ 138,347,841</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	\$ 56,659,684	\$ -	\$ 1,939,159	\$ 6,842,670	\$ 65,441,513
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,978,444	-	91,367	103,978	3,173,789
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	1,489,979	-	-	507,462	1,997,441
0021 Instructional Leadership	821,077	-	-	72,974	894,051
0023 School Leadership	5,979,381	-	37,141	45,683	6,062,205
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	2,333,233	-	-	1,960,079	4,293,312
0032 Social Work Services	57	-	-	66,908	66,965
0033 Health Services	1,082,431	-	(347)	218	1,082,302
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	3,158,559	-	365	-	3,158,924
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	4,935,292	4,935,292
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	3,192,185	-	87,599	1,108,606	4,388,390
0041 General Administration	3,743,302	-	197,049	4,005	3,944,356
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	10,627,785	-	11,740	1,500	10,641,025
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	664,788	-	-	44,185	708,973
0053 Data Processing Services	1,436,041	-	949,646	-	2,385,687
0061 Community Services	203,913	-	-	72,978	276,891
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	505,000	9,230,000	-	-	9,735,000
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	25,231	7,196,494	-	-	7,221,725
0073 Debt Issuance Cost and Fees	350	853,683	-	-	854,033
0081 Capital Outlay	-	-	6,293,622	-	6,293,622
0093 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	-	-	-	46,313	46,313
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	648,135	-	-	-	648,135
<b>6030 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 95,549,575</b>	<b>\$ 17,280,177</b>	<b>\$ 9,607,341</b>	<b>\$ 15,812,851</b>	<b>\$ 138,249,944</b>
<b>1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,603,288</b>	<b>\$ 7,089,964</b>	<b>\$ (9,566,136)</b>	<b>\$ (29,219)</b>	<b>\$ 97,897</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)</b>					
7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,500,000	\$ -	\$ 15,500,000
7915 Operating Transfers In	533,792	-	160,125	-	693,917
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	803,809	-	-	803,809
8911 Operating Transfers Out	-	-	(160,125)	(533,792)	(693,917)
<b>7080 Net Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ 533,792</b>	<b>\$ 803,809</b>	<b>\$ 15,500,000</b>	<b>\$ (533,792)</b>	<b>\$ 16,303,809</b>
<b>SPECIAL ITEM:</b>					
8912 Special Item (Use)	\$ (25,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25,000)
<b>1200 Net Changes in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,112,080</b>	<b>\$ 7,893,773</b>	<b>\$ 5,933,864</b>	<b>\$ (563,011)</b>	<b>\$ 16,376,706</b>
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1)	28,137,959	5,056,509	11,235,007	1,478,777	45,908,252
<b>3000 Fund Balances - Ending (June 30)</b>	<b>\$ 31,250,039</b>	<b>\$ 12,950,282</b>	<b>\$ 17,168,871</b>	<b>\$ 915,766</b>	<b>\$ 62,284,958</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



# Senior Spotlight



**Claire Tommey**

Claire has been a member of the Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team for three years and is the Senior Chaplin. She is also a member of the school's PALS organization.

After graduation, she plans to attend Texas Tech University to study for a degree in Nursing.

Claire's parents are Terry and Carol Tommy.



**Kayla Hall**

Kayla is an All American Varsity cheerleader at Rockwall-Heath High School. She has been involved in competitive cheerleading since first grade and was an 8th grade cheerleader for Cain Middle School. She has cheered at RHHS for four years.

Kayla is on staff of the RHHS school newspaper and yearbook, is an active member and board member of National Charity League, Academic Booster Club having received the Chevron Award the last four years, participates in FCCLA, and dedicates many hours to coaching young girls cheerleading through Heath Hawks Community Athletics.

After graduation Kayla intends on cheering at the collegiate level. She will major in Journalism with plans to cross over into Fashion.



**Amanda Bull**

Amanda has been a member of the Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team for three years and is head JVI.

She is also involved in Academic booster Club, Crimestoppers, ASL Club and National Technical Honor Society.

After graduation, Amanda plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in Mathematical Education.

Her parents are Carol and Alan Bull.



**Lauren Hartnett**

Head Cheerleader Lauren Hartnett is a fourth year cheerleader at Rockwall-Heath High School, is Head Cheerleader this year. She is a four year All-American Nominee and was chosen All American her

senior year.

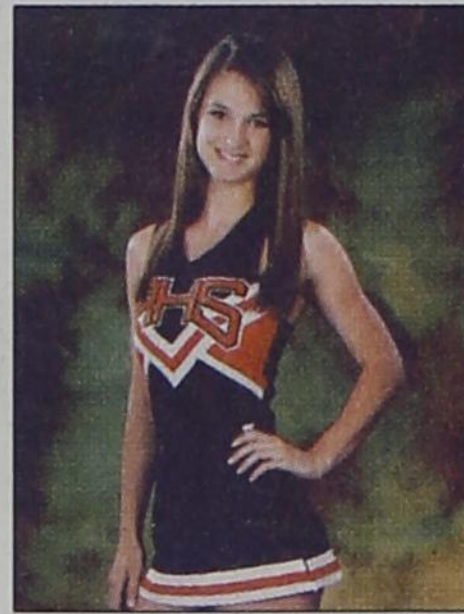
She received the Academic Booster Club Award for four years and received the Lantern of Knowledge three years.

Lauren is a member of Freshman Forthcoming Princess and was nominated for Junior Homecoming Princess.

She is involved in D-FY-It, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FCCLA, Rachel's Challenge, is an editor for the school yearbook, was junior class historian and is the Class of 2011 social chair.

Lauren was also selected to be part of Shattered Dreams 2010 alcohol prevention program.

Lauren is a member of Lake Pointe Church. She plans to attend college to pursue a career in fashion design and merchandising.



**Kaitlyn McGuire**

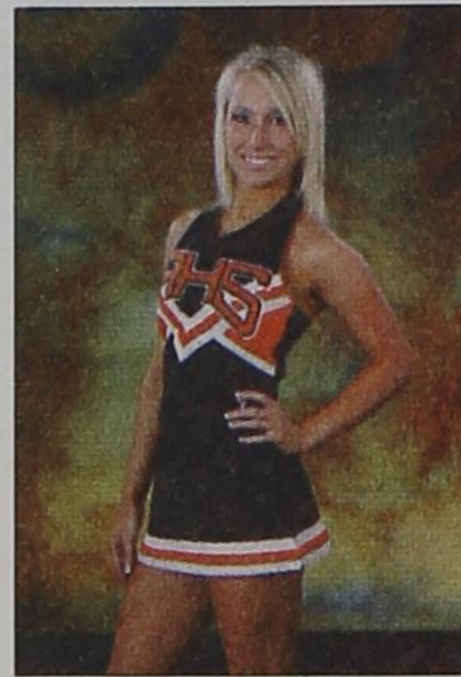
Kaitlyn is a Senior at Rockwall High School and has cheered for five years. She is Head Varsity Cheerleader this year and served as captain her sophomore year. She was chosen an All American Cheerleader her sophomore and senior years. This year she received an NCA Staff Invitation to help conduct cheer camps.

Kaitlyn is a member of National Honor Society, D-Fy-It, SAFE Club, Academic Booster Club, Young Life, Friends of Rachel Club, and National Charity League, where she has held numerous officer positions including President.

Kaitlyn hopes to attend Texas A&M University in Visualization next year majoring in Visualization.

Kaitlyn attends Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church where she is an altar server.

She is the daughter of Mike and Eva Beth McGuire.



**Allegra Melton**

Allegra is a senior at Rockwall High School and has cheered for five years. She is a four time All American nominee and was selected All-American her Junior and Senior years. She also received a NCA Staff Invitation.

Allegra is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and is an Academic Booster Club Lantern recipient. She is a member of Student Council, D-FY-IT, Friends of Rachel and Key Club. She annually volunteers for Relay for Life and has assisted with the NCA Stunt Clinic, Patriot Paws, and RHS Girl's Cheer Camps.

Allegra attends Lake Pointe Church and participates in Young Life. Allegra's favorite memories of cheerleading are the Friday night football games, the annual RHS Cheerleading Show 'Cabaret,' and spending time with her friends. Allegra will attend Texas A&M University at College Station following graduation.

She is the daughter of Noelle and Bryan Gilton and Tommy Melton.

## Tickets available to local GOP holiday celebration

The 2010 Rockwall County GOP Christmas Party will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 10 at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, in Roysse City. Tickets cost \$40 per person. Seating will be limited, and only a few tickets remain, according to a news release issued over the weekend.

For more details contact John White at 972-771-3514. To purchase tickets, call the GOP Headquarters at 972-772-9195.

## Work under way on Chandler Drive to make way for storm sewer drains

Work in the north two lanes of Henry M. Chandler Drive began Nov. 11.

The FM 740 contractor began saw-cutting the pavement in the north two lanes of the roadway in preparation of concrete pavement removal. The pavement is being removed for the installation of a large diameter storm sewer pipe within the two lanes.

The Texas Department of Transportation is scheduled to close the north two lanes and make the south two lanes accommodate two-way traffic beginning Nov. 15, weather permitting, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

Once the storm sewer pipe is installed, the roadway will be reconstructed. The entire project is expected to take approximately five weeks.

For more details, contact Kerry Lively, TXDOT contact manager, at 214-893-0289 or Chuck Todd, Rockwall city engineer, at 972-771-7746.

## City of Fate Tree Lighting set Dec. 3

The City of Fate Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 3 at Old City Park in Fate. Santa will be on hand to take holiday wish requests and the Chamber of Commerce will have hot chocolate. Festivities also include Christmas carols and entertainment by two elementary school choirs. The Fate Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the annual event.

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The Rockwall County Master Gardeners have a limited number of spring bulbs for sale. The bulbs are ready for planting now. Cost is \$10 for a set of 10. Call 972-204-7660 for information on available varieties or for more details.

## RC police, firemen plan food drive

Anyone interested in contributing to the RC Police and Departments-sponsored Thanksgiving Food Drive should make contributions in time for the Nov. 23 distribution. Needed items include canned soups, canned sweet potatoes, gravy packets, dry cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, canned tomatoes, stuffing, pumpkin pie mix, pie shells or cash to chase turkeys. Drop off items at Texas Leadership Bank, American National Bank, the RC Police Department, RC City Hall, First United Methodist Church, Careers & Dental Assisting and State Farm Insurance.

## Livin' Outloud classes planned

Livin' Outloud Arts will host Beats Performing Arts classes in drum, guitar, flag and rifle, recycled beats percussion, and guitar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 at Utley Middle School. Three two-hour sessions will be available. Students in grades kindergarten through 12th will be eligible; will be \$15 for one session, \$25 for two or \$30 for participation in all three sessions. To register visit [livinoutloudarts.com](http://livinoutloudarts.com).

## RHS drill team plans dance clinic

The RHS Stingerettes drill team will sponsor its fourth annual Holiday Dance Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Williams Middle School gym. Contact Amy Wiggins, [amy.wiggins@mycomputerguy.com](mailto:amy.wiggins@mycomputerguy.com), for more information.

## RC city offices to close for T'giving

The municipal office of Roysse City will be closed Nov. 25-26 for Thanksgiving holiday.

## C.F. Goodwin Library holiday plans set

The C.F. Goodwin Library in Roysse City will be closed Nov. 25-28 in observance of Thanksgiving. At 6 p.m. Nov. 30, the library will host a Holiday Card Making session, where participants can learn how to make cards and envelopes for the holidays. All materials will be supplied.

## RCC plans Dec. 1 meeting

The Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 Washington St., Rockwall. Jim Rossini, a Dallas Morning News staff writer, will be the featured speaker, covering topics related to the iPad, Samsung Tablet, Apple Kindle and MacBooks, streaming to the TV via Internet using Apple TV and Google TV, Mac OS X, PC and 3D TV and smart phones. A Q&A session will follow. The organization is open to any interested person.

## Tree lighting planned in Rockwall

Festivities surrounding the 27th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Rockwall will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at City Hall. Live entertainment, a crafts workshop, cookies and coffee and visits with St. Nick are planned.

## RPA meeting slated Dec. 3

The December meeting of the Rockwall Preschool Association is set for 9 a.m. Dec. 3 at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, Rockwall. A children's holiday party is planned. Membership is open to all Rockwall area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten; new members are welcome at any time. For more details visit [rockwallpreschoolassociation.com](http://rockwallpreschoolassociation.com).

## Heath plans Holiday Tour of Homes

The Class of 2011 at Rockwall-Heath High will host the second annual Heath Holiday Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3. Five homes will be open for touring. Tickets cost \$15 and may be purchased at the RHHS front desk, American National Bank, Bella's House on Main Square, Heath Salon & Spa and at the Rockwall Area Chamber. Tickets also will be available at each home on the day of the event at a cost of \$15. All proceeds will benefit the senior class prom and after-party. For ticket details, contact Liz Beauchamp at 214-543-2723 or Laurie Lagerberg at 214-796-9561.

## The Center to host Holiday Luncheon

The Center will be the site of a free Holiday Luncheon for individuals ages 50 and older. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the event is set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 3. Turkey and ham will be furnished but each participant is asked to bring a pot luck dish to share. For more details call 972-771-7740.

## Heath Holiday in the Park slated

The City of Heath will host its annual Holiday in the Park event beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Towne Center Park Pavilion behind City Hall. The route will begin at the west end of Caruth Lane, proceed south on 205 to Kaufman, then east on Kaufman to Clark Street, ending at Dolan. Registration will be limited to 100 organizations. To register, visit [rockwallkiwanis.org](http://rockwallkiwanis.org) or call 972-722-6001.

## Christmas parade set Dec. 4

The Kiwanis Club's 41st Annual Rockwall Christmas Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 4. Theme for this year is "Our Favorite Christmas Songs." The route will begin at the west end of Caruth Lane, proceed south on 205 to Kaufman, then east on Kaufman to Clark Street, ending at Dolan. Registration will be limited to 100 organizations. To register, visit [rockwallkiwanis.org](http://rockwallkiwanis.org) or call 972-722-6001.

## Old Town Christmas Market planned

An Old Town Christmas Market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4 in downtown Rockwall on San Jacinto Street. Following the 41st Annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade, enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and warm spiced cider provided by El Coyote Rojo and Friends of Downtown. Many vendors will offer stained glass items, gift cards, soaps, hand-turned wood works, watercolors by area artists and other items. Homemade pies, jams, salsas and jams and jellies also will be available. Interested vendors should visit [mainstreetrockwall.com](http://mainstreetrockwall.com).

## Brunch with St. Nicholas set

The Catholic Mothers Council of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church will host its annual Brunch with St. Nicholas from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 4. Chiloso Mexican Bistro will cater the event, which will include children's craft activities, games, prizes and photos of Santa and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the parish children's ministries. Tickets will cost \$7/person (maximum of \$28/family) at the door. For more details call 214-771-1035.

## Historic Home Tour planned

Old Town Rockwall's Candy Cane 2010 Historic Home Tour will run from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 4. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Cost will be \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Rockwall Veterinary Hospital, Groovy's and Texas Traditions. Proceeds will benefit the RHS Senior Class. For more details call 972-771-9557 or visit [rhs2011.com](http://rhs2011.com).

## Gingerbread House Making class offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a Gingerbread House Making class for youths ages 5-12 on Dec. 8 at The Center. The event will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost will be \$15 for Rockwall residents, \$23 for non-residents; participants are asked to bring a bag of candy to share as part of the house decorating. For more details call 972-771-7740.

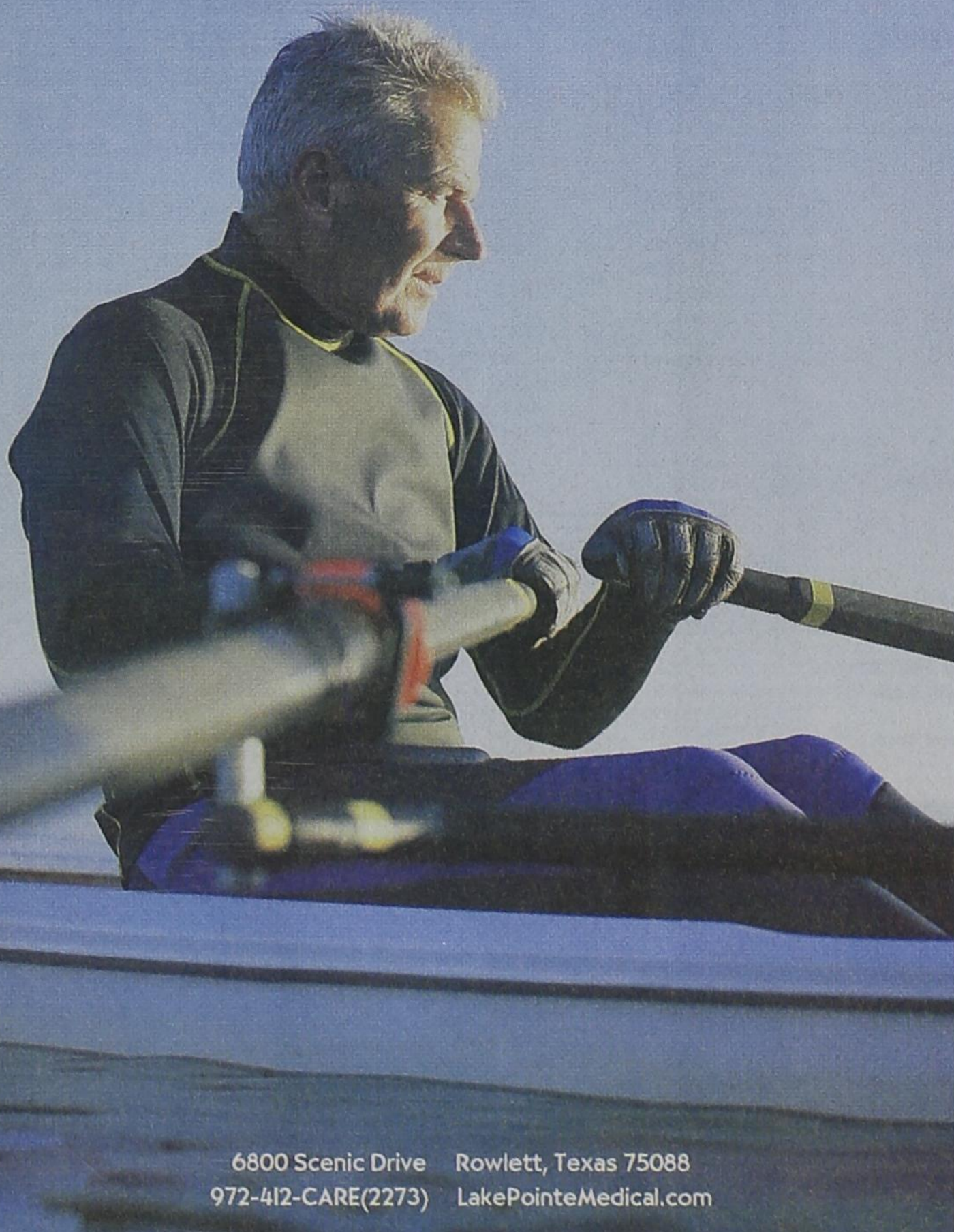
## RHS band needs vendors for bazaar

The Rockwall High School Orange Wave Band will host another bazaar at the school on Dec. 11. Organizers are looking for interested vendors. The show will take place inside the school building so weather will not be a problem. For more details call Liz Tarter, 972-772-1846.

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# Royse City News



Downtown Royse City was awash in red, white and blue to commemorate Memorial Day on Nov. 11. Schools and businesses took time to remember the price of freedom and thank veterans from past and present conflicts for helping to defend those freedoms.  
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

## Royse City ISD trustees accept \$38,379.35 check from RCISD Education Foundation

by Patricia Nolan Butts

The Royse City Independent School District board of trustees unanimously at the Nov. 8 meeting to accept a \$38,379.35 check from the City ISD Education Foundation.

The money will fund 16 grants to district classrooms. Scott Muckenstern, foundation president, told the board when presenting the check, "Last year we had more money than we had appropriate and written grants. This year we had 30 grants submitted and we had more money and well-written grants than we had money."

"Good problem to have," he said. "Hopefully through our continuing fundraising programs we will be able to award even more grant money."

The grants span all RCISD campuses and fund such diverse projects as the Royse City Independent School District, iPods for reading and iPods for science skills. New classroom uses for technology was a dominant theme in the grant applications and awards.

Muckenstern commended RCISD employees and teachers for more than \$30,000 to the foundation's \$100,000 fundraising goal. Current fundraising stands at more than \$74,000, he said, and urged the committee to help meet the goal by the campaign's end Dec. 3.

High school choir members performed for the board two patriotic songs they had prepared for a Veterans Day program. David Dodd, high school principal, noted that the RCHS choir will perform with the Lakeside Chorus Dec. 6.

Dodd also highlighted other accomplishments at the high school campus. He reported 13 Career and Technology Education (CATE) classes now offered for college credit through an agreement with Collin County Community College District. CATE courses include, among others, animation, information management and culinary arts.

The high school also offers a number of courses for dual high school/college credit in core academic subjects, Dodd said.

He also reported a growing use of technology in classes such as IB where students use computers for research, media presentations, and literary discussion boards.

Calculus students, as well, find help through technology by accessing internet-posted lesson plans for absences and for review, and even to schedule school work using cell phones. Interior design students have using new software to design their own apartments.

Technology has new applications in science as students interact with classroom lessons on Smartboards, Dodd said. The science department has added new lessons for the state-required fourth science, including geology and earth and space science. Astronomy students use telescopes for night viewing of stars and several planets.

Dodd reported that 20 students in Business Professionals of America gathered dress clothing for a local giveaway, while child development students are awaiting word of a grant for several imitation babies that electronically track students' parenting skills.

Future Farmers of America students exhibited and placed at the State Fair. Dodd told the board, and are currently working the visitor concessions at football games to raise money for the Collins County Stock Show.

Jere Craighead, middle school principal gave the RCISD board a report from his campus. With a current student population of 694, the RCMS has an average daily attendance is more than 97 percent, which he credits to "creating an atmosphere of learning that makes it worthwhile for students to be here."

He also noted to the board that seventh grade Pre-AP classes have 40 students and eighth grade Pre-AP classes have 435. Nearly 500 students are involved in various athletic programs, 126 are in theatre and nearly 50 in the middle school offers Algebra 1, Spanish 1 and Principles of Agriculture for high school credit, he said.

53 students took the PSAT test this year, Craighead said, more than in any of the previous two years combined. Co-curricular activities include Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Fellowship Christian Athletes, yearbook and soccer, chess, art and drama clubs.

Ben Setliff, principal of RCISD's Academy, Bulldog Academy Discipline Alternative Education Program (DAEP), reported on the success of referred students are having in those programs. At the Academy, "second high school," Setliff called it) the motto is "You can do it; we can help." At risk students, referred by the high school are identified as those who have potential but are not meeting it in the setting they're in, he said.

Academy students work with two teachers and at computer stations either morning or afternoon sessions to make up credits needed for graduation. Many find they are "really good at this style of learning and experience success for the first time," he said.

A student last year came in to the academy with one half of one credit and graduated at the end of the year.

"It's extraordinary to see a student develop such a love of learning that they don't want to go to lunch or take a break. They stayed all day in the four hours, and knocked out 22 credits in one year," Setliff said.

The program goal is 1.5 credits per month. "For nine and a half months that's a lot of hard work."

Students are particularly enthused about grant-funded electronic materials used in classes.

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## Royse City seeking accord with BHP on water service, possible land trade

Royse City manager Bill Shipp received approval from city council at its Nov. 9 meeting to pursue an agreement with BHP Water Supply Corporation involving water service rights in some current and potential future city limits.

Royse City is seeking the right to provide water service (that is, the water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, or CCN) in sizeable amounts of undeveloped land in Royse City limits which fall under BHP's CCN.

BHP, which purchases water wholesale from Royse City to serve some customers in Royse City, would like to be able to purchase water directly from the North Texas Municipal Water District, but needs a contact or falls point to tie into the main water supply. The point they are interested in takes on Royse City land south of I-30 on FM 548.

The entities are discussing a mutually beneficial agreement possibly involving the exchange of some of that Royse City land for CCN in undeveloped land, particularly east of current city limits.

"We have the legal right to serve our water customers in Royse City limits, but if they fall under a rural water corporation's CCN, we have to pay fair value to the corporation. And water districts like BHP may have to pay us for water to serve their customers here," Shipp said. BHP is about halfway through their five-year water purchase agreement with Royse City.

"This is a continual issue where cities are growing into what was previously rural area served by rural water supply corporations. So we're working on something that we trust will be favorable to both parties," he said.

Shipp will then bring proposals back to the Royse City council for consideration and a vote.

## Turkey Tracks set in Royse City

A Turkey Tracks walk will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 20 at the Royse City Police Department parking lot. The walk will go through the Heritage District. Entry fee is two cans of food for the Helping Hands food bank. The first 50 who register will receive free T-shirts; only on-site registration is planned.

## RCN seeking news from Royse City

Royse City readers are encouraged to send news items and photographs of local events, community, and civic organizations and churches for inclusion in the Rockwall County News.

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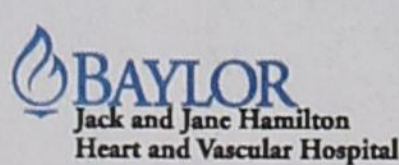
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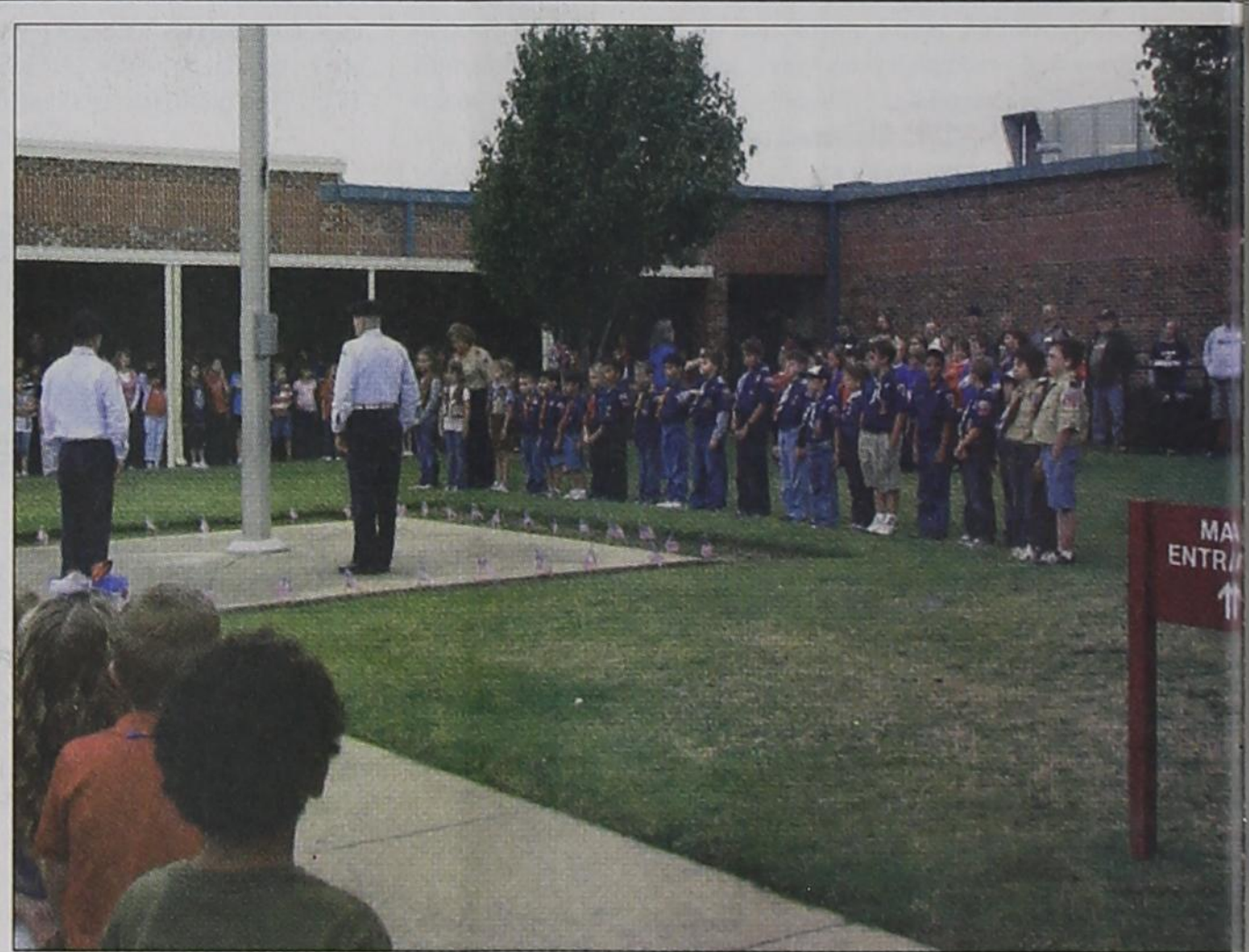
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Students, faculty, staff, family members and honored guests put their hands over their hearts to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the Davis Elementary School Veteran's Day activities in Royse City on Thursday, Nov. 11. Members of the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard raised the flag, with the assistance of Girls Scouts from Troop 8977 and Cub Scouts from Pack 312. The Honor Guard also presented school Principal Cynthia Pense with a new United States flag for the school. The school invited family members of the students, who are currently serving or who have served in the military in the past, to be invited guests at the ceremony and to join their student at a special breakfast after the activities.  
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



# Rockwall County Sports

## HCA Eagles blast Amarillo Holy Cross 54-7 for Area Championship

Heritage Christian Academy's first playoff football game of this season was to be just half a game.

The Eagles may need that rest going into Saturday's Regional playoff game against Bulverde Bracken Christian School.

Coming off a 54-7 Area playoff victory last Saturday over Amarillo Holy Cross. The game ended at halftime because of six-man football's mercy rule.

Heritage Christian (9-2) now must face Bracken, which "45ed" Bryan Academy Saturday. The Eagles will be facing six-man football.com's #1 TAPPS 6-Man I team at 1 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium in Moody, Texas.

At Holy Cross at Vernon Northside, HCA used touchdowns from different players to build its overwhelming halftime lead.

Travis Arterburn, Austin Pettit, Joe McConnell and Aaron Mateer, and junior Caleb Cathey, each ran for a touchdown. Senior Mateer and sophomore Andrew Wood each caught a scoring pass.

Sharing time at quarterback Nathan Mateer, who has recovered from a hand injury, Pettit completed all four of the passes he threw and led the Eagles with 92 yards in just six carries. Cathey added 75 yards in 10 carries.

In addition to his touchdown, Aaron Mateer scored 12 points with six 2-point conversion kicks.

	1st	2nd	Final
HCA	24	30	54
Holy Cross	7	0	7

HCA - Travis Arterburn 3 run (Aaron Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Austin Pettit 22 run (A. Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Caleb Cathey 16 run (A. Mateer kick)  
 AHC - Jordan Sapien 4 run (pass conversion)  
 HCA - Joe McConnell 3 run (A. Mateer kick)  
 HCA - A. Mateer 9 pass from A. Pettit (A. Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Andrew Wood 13 pass from A. Pettit (A. Mateer kick)  
 HCA - Aaron Wegehörst 8 run (kick failed)

### Individual statistics

Passing - HCA: Nathan Mateer 3-4-0-84, Austin Pettit 4-4-0-37; Amarillo Holy Cross: Jordan Webb 5-13-1-19.

	HCA	Holy Cross
1st Downs	16	3
Rushes-yds.	20-206	21-51
Comp-Att-Int	7-8-0	5-13-1
Passing yds.	121	19
Total yds.	327	70
Punts-avg.	0-0	2-38.5
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yds.	3-21	0-0



Eagles' Caleb Cathey (22) takes advantage of good blocking while carrying the ball for more yards during last week's playoff game against Amarillo Holy Cross. Assisting in the play are teammates Quincey Terrell (33), Austin Pettit (14), Asa Burke (17) and Stephen Salter (13). HCA advances to meet Bulverde Bracken Christian Saturday at 1 p.m. at Moody High School for the Regional playoff game.

Photo by Debra Webb/Rockwall County News

## Eagles face Bulverde Bracken in Regional playoff Saturday

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles vs. Bulverde Bracken Christian School Warriors

Where: Bearcat Stadium, Moody  
 When: 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20  
 What: TAPPS 6-Man I Regional playoff game  
 Series: None were reported.

Records: The Eagles needed just half a game to defeat Amarillo Holy Cross by six-man football's 45-point mercy rule, 54-7, at Vernon Northside Saturday. That victory boosted Heritage Christian's overall record this season to 9-2. Also on Saturday, Bracken improved to 11-0 with a 48-0 victory over Bryan Allen Academy.

What to expect: To win, Heritage Christian probably will have to outscore an opponent that has posted at least 46 points in every game. Only Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, with 62, has scored more than 32 against the Warriors this season.

Sixmanfootball.com's top-ranked TAPPS 6-Man I team has outscored its opponents 701-242. That's an offense scoring nearly 64 points per game while the defense allows 21. HCA's average margin has been 48-15.

Leading the Eagles' attack recently have been the running of Caleb Cathey and the passing of Austin Pettit to Asa Burke.

Both teams have dominated their competition. HCA has won seven games by the mercy rule; the Warriors also have five mercy-rule wins, five of those shutouts. Bracken has won over tougher competition, with a 6-0 record against TAPPS 6-Man I playoff teams. Four of those are among the eight teams still in the playoffs. The Eagles are 3-2 against playoff teams. Of those, just the two teams that defeated Heritage still are in the playoffs.

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## CISD Education Foundation

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We have kids who had never read a book. At the end of the year they had 10 or 11. It's technology. It's cool. They love it," he said. Students may move up from the Discipline Alternative Education Program (EP) into the Academy, Setliff said, "For many, this is the turning point in their lives."

Marie Lowry of the ESL-Bilingual programs, presented to board members copies of their recently-completed handbook. The project aligns English language proficiency standards to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as a reference guide for teaching ESL students in the district.

Following campus reports, superintendent Randy Hancock reported on attendance at the meeting of Texas school superintendents with the state education commissioner. Forecasts for 2011-2012 are not optimistic for school financing, he said.

Projections are for as much as a \$28 billion deficit statewide, and 40 percent of the Texas budget is education," Jackson said. "Because we need the TRE, we'll be better off than most folks. But we won't know in December or January what the effect of the cuts on our school district will be."

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Lady Hawks' rally falls short

**By Lary Bump**  
 Rockwall-Heath led early and rallied late, but West Mesquite dominated the middle portion to win the opening girls' basketball game for both teams Tuesday night at West Mesquite.  
 The result was a 64-51 loss for the Lady Hawks. They also lost three players who fouled out, and two – Brooke Eddy and Brianna Richardson – left the court because of back injuries.  
 RHHS head coach Devin Gabbard said he expected both players to be ready for the Lady Hawks' next game, Tuesday at Mesquite Potet.  
 Against West Mesquite, Rockwall-Heath led by as many as five points, when Eddy hit a 3-point shot for a 10-5 lead 3 1/2 minutes into the game.  
 From that point, the Lady Wranglers went on two 7-0 runs for a 21-14 lead three minutes into the second quarter. With RHHS making only one of seven field goal attempts and turning the ball over 13 times in the quarter, the home team took a 32-21 halftime lead.  
 That margin ballooned to 21 points, 51-30, during the first minute of the fourth quarter, but five minutes later the Lady Hawks had the deficit down to nine points.  
 Eddy finished with a team-high 12 points.  
 Gabbard said, "We played hard. We made some young, inexperienced turnovers. We do well seeing mistakes and correcting them. If nothing else, we got better tonight."  

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	14	7	9	21	51
West Mesquite	15	17	18	14	64

 Rockwall-Heath (0-1) – Brooke Eddy 12, Aly Coughlin 9, McKenzie White 8, Jordan Mitchell 6, Kailey Peters 6, Brianna Richardson 5, Kenzie Mammeli 4, Willette Rankin 1.  
 West Mesquite (1-0) – Desiree' Johnson 17, Sha'Georgia Williams 17, Jasmine Dumas 15, Kierra Davis 7, Braquel Chester 4, Dominique Taylor 3, LaTe Pugh 1.

## Young Jackets learn lesson, defeat Garland

The Rockwall girls' basketball team entered last weekend's Dr. Pepper Chisholm Trail Classic with just one active senior player. The Lady Jackets returned home with none.  
 Round Rock the team's youth, RHHS was able to win two of four games at the tournament in Belton. After defeating Round Rock Stony Point 42-32 on Thursday, Nov. 11, the Lady Jackets were outclassed in more than just school years the next day against Houston Westbury Christian.  
 The Wildcats not only have four seniors, but also have players who are closer to playing in college than in middle school. Guard Amber Orange is one of two Westbury players who already have committed to NCAA Division I universities (in her case, powerful Stanford). In addition, college scouts already have attended Westbury practices to see 6-foot-4 freshman center Brianna Turner.  
 Orange scored 26 points and Turner had nine to help the Wildcats defeat Rockwall 61-40. The Lady Jackets then lost 45-42 to Harker Heights. During that game, RHS senior Caitlin White suffered a wrist injury that sent her to the sidelines with fellow injured senior Bre Castille. Rockwall head coach Jill McDill said White is expected to miss four weeks.  
 "We played Harker Heights an hour and a half after we lost to Westbury," the coach said. "We should have won. In the second quarter, Caitlin got hurt, and that threw our focus off. I wish we could play them again."  
 The Lady Jackets completed their tournament play Saturday with a 60-44 victory over Temple.  
 "They're a good 5A team. In the fourth quarter, we held them to one point," McDill said.  
 Against Temple, junior Alyssa Lang scored 24 points and sophomore Hannah Hughes added 18. That sent Lang, who had equaled Stony Point's team scoring with her 32 points, into Tuesday's game at Garland averaging 22 points and 13 rebounds per game. Hughes was averaging 11 points a game, McDill said.  
 At Garland, the Lady Owls jumped to a 16-7 in the first quarter.  
 RHS' defense came through again as it had in the Temple game.  
 McDill said, "Garland came out so fired up. It didn't seem like they could miss a shot. We settled down after that and held them to 17 points for the rest of the game."  
 Meanwhile, the offense caught up for a 44-33 victory. Again Lang (18 points, 14 rebounds) and Hughes (10 points) led the way.  
 McDill said in the losses at Belton, "Some of it was just growing up. We just want to keep getting better once we get to district. We've given each player one little thing to get better at this week."  

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Stony Point	10	11	5	6	32
RHS	12	13	7	10	42

 Round Rock Stony Point (0-2) – Cymone Jeffries 11, Kiana Rowland 8, Miranda Simpson 8, Rachel Owens 2, Brianna Rowland 2, Zoe Banks 1.  
 RHS (2-0) – Alyssa Lang 32, Morghen Day 2, Hannah Hughes 2, Kayla Smith 2, Paige Turner 2, Caitlin White 2.  

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	10	12	10	8	40
Westbury	17	14	15	15	61

 Houston Westbury Christian (3-0) – Amber Orange 26, Fallon Ellis 11, Sylvana Okde 11, Brianna Turner 9, Nicole Caputo 2, Julianna Rosolino 1, Imani Smith 1.  
 RHS (2-1)  
 Rockwall 60, Temple 44  
 Temple (2-3) – R. Johnson 17, Chapel 8, Ortiz 5, Brown 4, Chaney 4, Jones 4, Underwood 2.  
 RHS (3-2) – Alyssa Lang 24, Hannah Hughes 18, Kayla Smith 5, Morghen Day 2, Paige Turner 4, Mary Hinton 3, Lacey Smith 2.  

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	7	12	13	12	44
Garland	16	5	9	3	33

 RHS (4-2) – Alyssa Lang 18, Hannah Hughes 10, Morghen Day 6, Lacey Smith 4, Kayla Smith 3, Mariah Roof 2, Paige Turner 1.  
 Garland (1-2) – Gabrielle Wilkins 11, Vera Ekpo 8, Kynadi Johnson 8, Rebecca Kolawole 4, Shantoria Taylor 4.

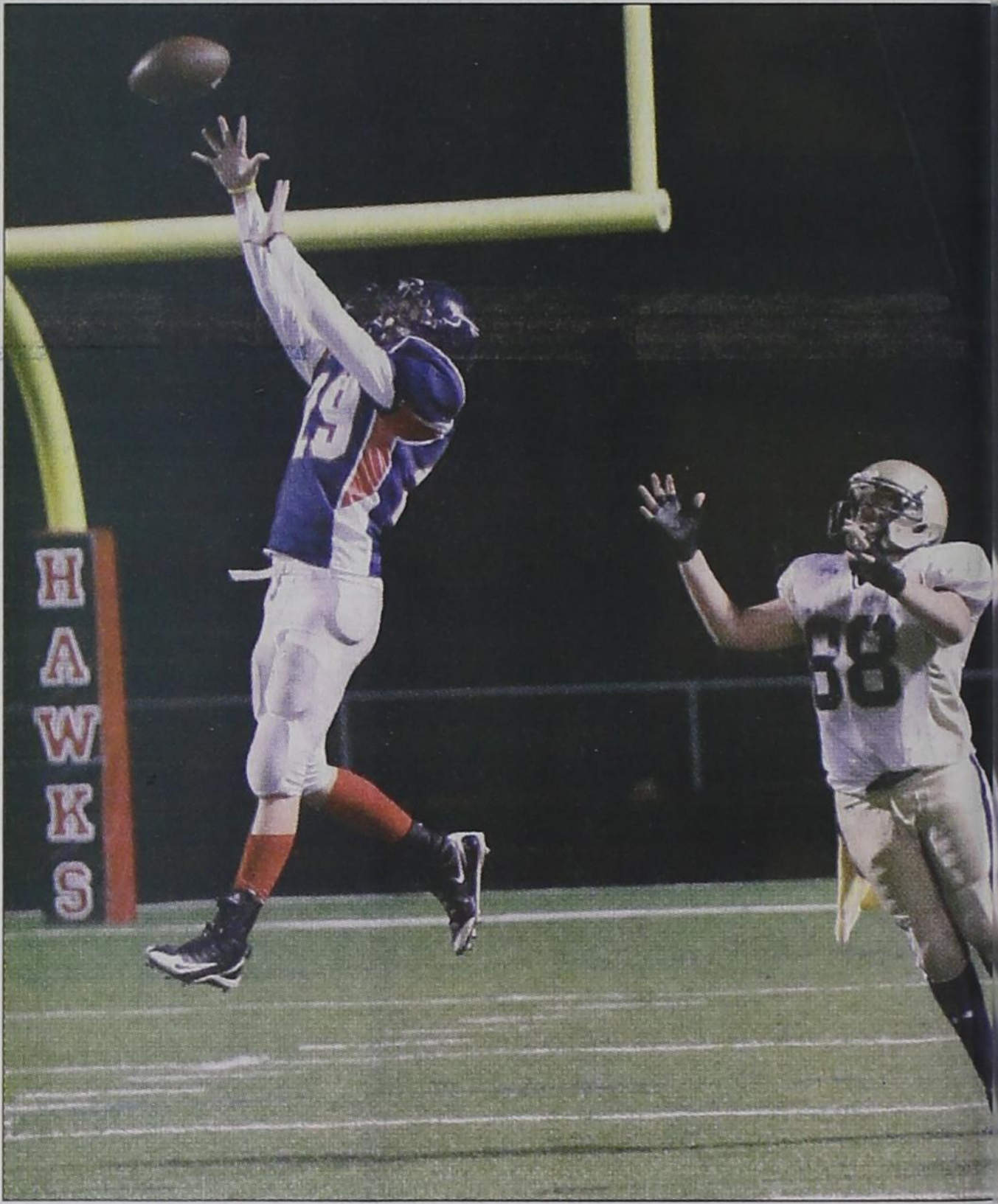
## Lady Bulldogs rebound to defeat Cleburne

Royse City gained valuable experience against tough competition in last weekend's Frisco ISD Tournament.  
 The Lady Bulldogs then returned home and used those lessons to take out frustrations on visiting Cleburne for a 60-44 girls' basketball victory Tuesday night.  
 For the week, RC won two games and lost three to even its season record at 3-3.  
 At Frisco Thursday, Nov. 11, the Lady Bulldogs met perennial TAPPS 5A state champion Bishop Lynch, which took a 24-2 first-quarter lead that proved to be enough to win the game 55-23. Royse City's high scorer was Krystal Pickron with seven points.  
 RC came back Friday to defeat Lake Dallas 40-33, but then lost to Frisco Heritage 53-44.  
 Saturday's opponent was 5A McKinney Boyd. The Lady Bulldogs played the Lady Broncos just about even in the second half, when Boyd had a 19-18 advantage. However, a 35-11 first half did in Royse City. Sydnie Erbe's eight points led RC.  
 Back home against Cleburne, it was Royse City with a big halftime lead (34-20). From there, the Lady Bulldogs

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Fulton School's Dylan Leverett (29) makes a dash for more Falcon yards during last week's A playoff game against Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic at Heath High School. With the 73-48 to Notre Dame, the Falcons finished their season with a record 5-6 season.  
 Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



Fulton School's Dylan Leverett (29) reaches for an interception against Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic during last week's Area playoff game at Heath.  
 Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall High School



Bulldogs' Taylor Corbin (8) takes aim for a pass against Whitehouse with the blocking support of Royse City's offensive line during last Friday's Bi-District playoff game at Lindale.  
 Photo by Hannah Palmer/Rockwall County News



Baylor Black (24) rushes for more Yellowjackets' yards against Carrollton Newman Smith last Friday at Pizza Hut Park.  
 Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News



## Rockwall County College signings

The early signing period for college letters of intent opened today, four athletes from Rockwall County high schools signed commitments.

- Rockwall High School
- Kenzie Hedges, gymnastics, Kentucky
- Loren Kelley, volleyball, St. Edward's
- Rockwall-Heath High School
- Tori Whittern, softball, Texas Wesleyan
- Rockwall City High School
- Blake Sandlin, softball, Kansas

## RHS rally falls short

The Rockwall boys' basketball team turned up its tempo to fast and furious Friday night. The rally wasn't too fast or too furious, or at least fast or furious enough. The Yellowjackets exploded for 26 points in the final eight minutes, but the Tigers retrieved their missed foul shot in the final seconds to preserve a 59-56 victory.

In addition to RHS' own 12-for-16 shooting from the field, missed free throws played a big role in Rockwall's fourth-quarter comeback. The Yellowjackets' biggest deficit was the 14-point bulge to begin the fourth quarter. In 49 seconds, they had it down to 10 on baskets by Collin Schmucker and Jared Ragland.

It was a 5-point game (54-49) when Schmucker took a pass from Tanner Terrell to score inside with 1 minute, 14 seconds to play. However, Terrell built the lead back to nine points at 58-49 before RHS' defense fouled the Tigers began to pay off. They missed four of their five foul shots while Jackets co-captain Blake Sandlin was scoring Rockwall's final seven points.

Last of those was a 3-point shot with 5.1 seconds left. The hope when Terrell's Tavian Henderson went to the foul line for the final two free throws was that somehow Henderson could miss both shots, and the Jackets could get the ball to Sandlin or someone for a desperation layup. Only the first part of that scenario played out.

Rockwall had spent the entire game trying to catch up. Terrell scored the game-winning points. It took until the second quarter, when Schmucker entered the contest for the first time, for the Jackets to move within two points at 44-42 on Schmucker's third basket of the quarter.

Terrell finished with a game-high 18 points. Griffin Fraser, who led the team with six rebounds, scored 11. Sandlin, who scored just three points in his first 31 minutes, finished with 10.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Terrell	15	14	15	15	59
Schmucker	7	16	7	26	56

Terrell (1-0) – Tavian Henderson 17, DeMarcus Ayers 14, Michael White 10, Milton Daniels 9, Jherrod Stiggers 6, Devante Turner 4.  
 Schmucker (0-1) – Collin Schmucker 18, Griffin Fraser 11, Blake Sandlin 10, Terrell Humm 6, Jared Ragland 4, Wesley Davis 3, Daunte Crawford 2, Tavian Knutson 2.

## RHS runs over Newman Smith

Rockwall rolled over Newman Smith 44-22 in a non-district game last season, when Rockwall-Heath was fifth in the district. When the Trojans arrived at RHHS Tuesday night, this time as a non-district opponent from District 9-4A, it seemed reasonable that Newman Smith could win again.

The first quarter didn't dispel that notion, even though the Hawks took a 11-10 lead. After that, though, it was no contest. Rockwall-Heath came away with a 58-32 victory in the opening game for the season.

The Hawks soared to a 32-19 halftime lead, and there was no doubt after outscoring the Trojans 12-3 in the third quarter to go ahead 44-22. Newman Smith's key players from last season graduated. It's also a new team for RHHS this season.

Even Hawks scored in the game, with Warren Matlock's 13 points leading the way. Returning senior Jonathan Fuller added 10.

RHS will visit another former 10-4A opponent Friday when the Hawks travel to Royse City, which moved to District 13-4A during this year's re-division.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Newman Smith	10	9	3	10	32
RHS	11	21	12	14	58

Rockwall Newman Smith (0-1) – Chris Scaife 13, Higginbotham 7, and Williams 4, Luis Lara 3, Brown 2, Cole 2, Johnson 1.  
 RHS (1-0) – Warren Matlock 13, Jonathan Fuller 10, Christian Nwabuko 7, Ramey Anderson 5, Conner Geiser 5, Todd Franza 4, Jordan Points 4, Gary Morett 3, Landon Duhon 2, Tyler McKay 2, Brett Schuster 2.

## Jackets 9th in state cross country finals

Rockwall used its first trip to the state cross country championships to finish ninth Saturday over a 3-mile course at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

One of just 12 teams across the state to qualify for the 4A race, RHS totaled 221 points. Champion Cedar Park had 48. The Yellowjackets' district 10-4A title was won by Highland Park, which won both the District 10-4A and Region II titles – placed sixth with 168.

The Jackets' leading runner was junior Thorne Pettigrew, who finished in 16 minutes, 48.15 seconds. Other Rockwall scorers were senior Ryan Grinnan, 36th in 16:52.97; sophomore Matt Hearn, 37th in 16:54.40; and Joel Gibbs, 49th in 17:07.70, and senior Derrick Yuen, 67th in 16:65. Freshman Robbie Harmon and junior Antonio Harvey also competed for RHS.

The individual champion was Will Antkowiak from Brenham, whose time of 15:07.56 was more than 7 seconds ahead of the second-place runner.

## Royse City Lady Bulldogs ...

(Continued from Page 10)

Rockwall was able to sail home with a 60-44 victory. Pickron scored a team-high 18 points, only one more than Dezary Gardner's 17.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	2	3	11	7	23
Bishop Lynch	24	8	13	10	55

RCHS (1-1) – Krystal Pickron 7, Jennifer Null 6, Dezary Gardner 4, Nina Simmons 2, Kyla Simmons 2, Tayler Young 2.

Bishop Lynch (2-0) – Alex Green 15, Kayla Alexander 7, Annie Bourne 7, Amber Fleet 7, Alexis Aguirre 6, Leah Wildman 5, Alexa Rowan 3, Helena Beghi 3, Blair Bryce 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
McKinney Boyd	15	20	9	10	54
RCHS	5	6	5	13	29

McKinney Boyd (3-3) – Kiana Evans 19, Micaela Gonzalez 8, Kathryn James 8, Julia Hendrieth 6, Lydia Livaich 4, Rochelle Vazquez 4, Marmaine Celestine 3, Janelle Eberly 2.

RCHS (2-3) – Sydney Erbe 8, Dezary Gardner 6, Krystal Pickron 6, Jennifer Null 5, Dusek 2, Halea McCarroll 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cleburne	9	11	18	6	44
RCHS	20	14	17	9	60

Cleburne (1-2) – Bria McCullough 10, Jessie Richardson 8, Courtney Hancock 7, Jasmine Boston 6, Bailey Hafford 4, Lacy Steinbaugh 4, Hillary King 2, Megan Sues 2, Haley VanTungein 1.

RCHS (3-3) – Krystal Pickron 18, Dezary Gardner 17, Nina Gaines 7, Jennifer Null 6, Taylor Jordan 5, Sydney Erbe 5, Halea McCarroll 3.



Lady Jackets' Kenzie Hedges signed with the University of Kentucky gymnastics team last Wednesday. Sharing the event with Hedges are (back row left to right) Coach Stephanie Tyson, Lesley Hedges (aunt), Victor Hedges (grandfather), Vickey Hedges (grandmother), Judy Ballenger (grandmother), Ken Ballenger (grandfather), Sue Parks, (front row) Tori Hedges (sister), Coach Denise Hedges (mother), Kenzie Hedges and Darrin Hedges (father).

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Lady Jackets' Loren Kelley signed last Wednesday to play volleyball for St. Edwards University. Participating in the signing event are (back row left to right) Coaches Heather Klinkerman, Tosha Ridgeway, Damon Wilson, (front row) Katie Kelly (sister), Sara Kelly (mother), Loren Kelly and Jim Kelly (father).

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## Royse City rallies to win opener over Conrad

Royse City trailed Dallas Conrad 38-33 after three quarters, but roared back to outscore the Chargers 21-12 in the final eight minutes for a 54-50 boys' basketball victory.

Tuesday's non-district game at Royse City was the season opener for both teams.

Conrad had outscored the Bulldogs 19-12 and 13-12 in the first two quarters for a 32-24 halftime lead. RC came back for a 9-6 third-quarter advantage, and pushed that advantage in the fourth quarter.

George Gomez led a balanced offense with 12 points. Nine Bulldogs scored in the game, with five players putting in 6 or more points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Conrad	19	13	6	12	50
RCHS	12	12	9	21	54

Dallas Conrad (0-1) – Jeremy Williams 16, Winslow Lampley 11, Damien Clemons 8, Kyle Brown 6, Jordan Franklin 3, Mayang Zuka 3, Jermaine Johnson 2, Montego Germany 1.

RCHS (1-0) – George Gomez 12, David Frye 9, Matt Stone 8, Bryan Wyrick 7, Alex Williams 6, Juan Cunningham 4, Diquan Avery 3, Joseph Beck 3, Trey Bowers 2.

## Hungry Harry

### Hungry Harry: Tough Decisions in Hungry Times

Have you ever had a hunger for a specific type of food but realized there is an abundance of choices in that kind of restaurant? Hungry Harry had a hankering for Mexican food then realized that the Rockwall County area has well over 25 really good choices. Rockwall offers high quality choices of Mexican restaurants and it causes a tougher decision than Election Day.

What is a hungry stomach to do? It chooses the newest addition in Luna De Noche.

Luna De Noche is located in the Harbor next to Gloria's, overlooking beautiful Lake Ray Hubbard. That alone makes it hard to decide whether to dine inside or outside.

You are greeted warmly by smiling friendly people. Complimentary chips and salsa are then brought to the table, salsa that may be the best I have ever had. It is definitely worth the price of admission.

Since "choice" seemed to be the ongoing theme for the night I ordered the Jalapeno Popper Platter, which offers different kinds of jalapeno poppers. Although tasty, the platter only has one of each flavor popper, which can cause problems if you were to share with a table full of friends.

The plate presentation was colorful yet simple.

The menu is a simple one that is moderately priced and has the staples of any Mexican cuisine. The house specialty is Sour Cream Enchiladas, which was my decision for dinner. Service was prompt and the food was good. The portions were filling enough that I did not have room to "choose" dessert.

The overall experience at Luna De Noche was very good and deserving of a return visit.

The big issue in choosing a Mexican food restaurant is not one that is the fault of Luna De Noche but one that the competition in Rockwall is so fierce. With two more competitors announced to be coming to Rockwall, the selection will only grow wider. However, with that said, consider it a new worthy competitor in the mix.

Atmosphere: Professional, but casual  
 Service: Good  
 Food: Good  
 The salsa is a draw.  
 Price: Fair  
 Overall: Three out of four smiles  
 Location: The Harbor in Rockwall  
 (Editor's Note: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys eating out. The writer receives no compensation or benefit from any food establishment.)

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## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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### RHHS cheerleaders say "Thank You!"

Thank you, Rockwall-Heath Experts! The RHHS cheerleaders blanket drive, sponsored by Sleep Experts, was a success.

The event was organized by Rochell Eddy, RHHS Cheer Community Service chair.

The Genesis Women's Shelter received over 700 blankets donated by the parents/students and faculty from Rockwall-Heath, Amy Parks, Pullen, Jones, Springer, Shannon, Cain, Utley and Fulton Academy.

Thank you for helping us unite the community and show others that Heath Hawks have a heart!

Krissy Edwards  
RHHS Cheer Publicity chair

### Computer hacking lesson

My cell phone began ringing at 7:15 a.m. as I was driving my children to school.

The first call was from the music director of our church who told me that my e-mail account had been hacked. As soon as I hung up the phone, it rang again and continued to ring with call after call from concerned friends. Each had received an e-mail that was sent by someone claiming to be me, begging them to send money to an e-mail account to help pay for plane fare back from England.

The writer of the e-mail explained in great detail that my purse had been stolen, but that the embassy would allow me to travel back to the United States without my passport if only I could collect enough money for my ticket.

Like many people, I had accumulated hundreds of contacts in my computer's address book. There were addresses for: family members, fellow church members, board members, PTO chairmen, charities, newspaper editors, mayors, even Congressman Hall. I shuddered to think of each and every one of these people receiving a plea from "me" to ask for money. I worried about the members of my congregation who might immediately wish to help me without considering the possibility that this could be a hoax.

My devious hacker had realized that people might try to communicate with me before sending money and had deleted all my e-mail addresses.

After receiving over 20 calls in 20 minutes from good friends, casual acquaintances and concerned family, each warning me to: change my password, close my e-mail account or have my computer "scrubbed."

I drove over to the local electronics store to get the Nerd Herd to fix me up. I was greeted by a very enthusiastic technician, who with great glee proceeded to give me an outlandish estimate to rid my computer of the many viruses he was certain were lurking within, to supply me with pricey additional security software and to back up all my previously stored information. Greatly offended at being scammed for the second time that day, I practically flew from the store.

Upon arriving home, I called my husband at work and begged him to con-

fer with his company's computer specialist. Luckily, his analyst's password wasn't as dire as the nerd's. He helped me change my password and assured me that I wouldn't have to set up a new e-mail account. Reassured, I pulled me back to return to a sedate rhythm as I hung up the phone. Moments later, though, I was redialing the analyst's number when I realized I hadn't received any e-mails all day.

Hadn't suggested that I contact AT&T Customer Service who discovered my clever hacker had created two new e-mail accounts — one in my name and one in her own name, or alias. She was currently re-routing all accounts to another e-mail account. After deleting the hacker's created accounts, I faced the daunting task of locating and re-entering some addresses that had been lost.

What did I learn from this experience? (1) It is really inconvenient for your e-mail account hacked, but it's a sure-fire way to get your loved ones and family to give you a call. (2) Hackers are really clever. (3) Don't believe everything you read on the Internet. (4) Learn to use your Internet provider's customer service department. (5) Computers are great but it sure is nice to speak to a real person on the phone when you're jam.

Mary Thacker

### A plan for congressional leaders

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Senator Kay Ivey, Representative John Comyn and Representative Ralph Hall.)

- Recommended Congressional Reform Acts:
1. Term Limits 12 years only
  2. No Tenure / No pension.
  3. Congress (past, present and future) participate in Social Security. All funds in the Congressional retirement fund move to the Social Security system immediately.
  4. Congress can purchase their own retirement plan.
  5. Congress can no longer vote themselves a pay raise. Any pay raise be addressed by a committee of citizens to over see this system.

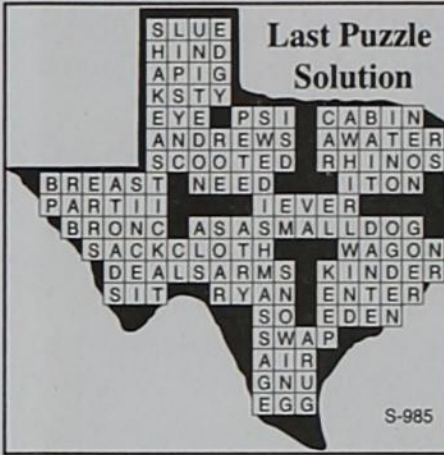
6. Congress loses their political health care system and participate in the same health care system as the people.

7. Congress must equally abide by all laws they impose on the people.

8. All contracts with past and present Congressmen are void effective 11/11/11.

Thanks for reading and commenting.

Respectfully yours,  
Arthur W. Hendon, Rockwall



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# Opinions

## Why I choose not to fly ...

by Wesley W. Burnett

Call me crazy, call me nuts, call me silly, call me paranoid, poke fun at me or call me by other demeaning "put-downs," it makes no difference. I will not surrender my liberty in order to "get there sooner, faster or more safely." In fact, I have not traveled anywhere other than by personal transportation means (roadways) since a class reunion trip to Brownsville in 1999 (40th for those of you wondering).

Family and friends frequently ask me, "What's wrong with you? You can get to Arizona (that's where our daughter and her family live) so much more conveniently and less costly than spending two days on the road."

It's not about the money, it's not about the time. It's not about safety. It's about liberty.

A little history

I served almost 12 years in the U.S. Air Force, and during that time flew in a wide variety of aircraft (not as a flight crew member, I was a public affairs officer). Except for the discomfort of sinus irritation on descent, flying was exciting and enjoyable. Through the years I have flown commercial numerous times, without incident. I have no fear of flying.

In September 2001 my wife was visiting in Mesa, Arizona, having flown from Lubbock to Phoenix. Her return flight was postponed, and her favorite airline (Southwest) informed her there was no certainty as to when she might be able to return home.

I realized that the days of certainty about travel were definitely over. Go there, but recognize you might be stranded. As soon as I could wrap up publishing duties at The Post Dispatch, I took off in our van for Mesa. A few months later Pat scheduled another visit, and I drove her to the Lubbock airport. As usual, we turned into the parking lot, but instead of leisurely reaching out to get the parking lot ticket from the automated machine, we were met with armed, uniformed military men, who "checked" us over before allowing us into the parking lot.

Then we got her bags out and strolled to the departure gate ... armed military checked us at the door and there were more fully armed military personnel parading up and down the hallways with AK-47s. After going through the baggage inspection, we went toward the waiting area, where we usually went together, calmly waiting for Pat to board the plane.

"You can't go in there," the armed, uniformed officer emphasized as we

walked toward the entrance to the departing concourse. "Only ticketed passengers allowed past this point." Okay, we said our goodbyes, I tried very hard to hide my disgust at the ridiculous reaction to an incident in New York City.

It was then that I began to realize that liberty is a very fragile concept. Especially when armed military stand between a wife and a husband sharing a few moments before the plane departs. After getting approval from the military guards, I drove off from the airport ... and I could not help but remember the pre-war films of Europeans suffering from the same tyranny not so many years ago. When an AK-47 separates husbands and wives, children and parents, it is a rude awakening.

In the following years, the "security" was increased at every departure ... I will remember the day I watched the ticketed people taking off their shoes at the security check. At that time there was an X-Ray machine that screened carry-on material and passengers. Each trip the "security" became more and more invasive ... I couldn't help but think, "Americans have become like sheep."

"Why don't you fly?"

My response, "I will consider flying when airline companies treat me as a valued customer, not as a suspected terrorist." I absolutely refuse to spend one thin dime with a company that allows its customers to be subjected to such demeaning treatment.

This week the internet and television news has been buzzing about a fellow who would not allow government security agents to conduct what can only be described as obscene, demeaning, sexual harassment. Now, finally, at least a few Americans are becoming outraged.

Sadly, a handful of terrorists have achieved one of their goals: imposition of tyranny on innocent Americans. And worse, the tyranny is from our own government. As I have written many times over the years, government always exceeds its original authority. Now Americans are asking an important question: Is "safety" more important than liberty?"

I avoid entering a building where I am considered and suspected of being a criminal just by the act of going from one place to another. Unfortunately, conducting lawful business in many of our government buildings now requires similar "check points," subjecting law-abiding citizens to the same suspicious scrutiny that started at our airports. Where will this insanity lead us?

Although elected officials express their support for our constitutionally

guaranteed rights, I see no real effort to enforce those rights ... especially the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Read it. In Texas, there are statutes which specifically deny the use of the Fourth Amendment as a defense against the state. Where were the defenders of liberty among them when those statutes were approved by the legislature?

Like the unlawful searches and seizures on our highways, some about 100 miles from the Mexican border, Texas has joined the "safety" hysteria. Pay attention the next time you head south or west, or take a return trip to the Rio Grande Valley, El Paso or New Mexico. On that trip we made we were stopped by armed guards and dog-sniffing about 75 miles east of El Paso. "Are you U.S. citizens?" "Where are you going?" Where have you been?"

I want to know, who authorized those armed guards to stop all of us and detain American citizens? Are we without Fourth Amendment protection any longer? What if the armed guard doesn't accept your answer as truthful? How can you prove where you've been and who you're going? How do you prove you are a U.S. citizen?

Now I am and look like an Anglo ... so I get treated a bit more gently than those with darker skin. Imagine the inquisition our dark-skinned citizens endure. Border Patrol is for the border, not for travelers from one state to another. Maybe if the Border Patrol actually patrolled the border, instead of our internal highways, we wouldn't have such a huge "illegal" immigration problem.

The unlawful highway check points are a stark example of my belief that defending liberty starts at home. Our legislature can put an end to this tyranny. I pray our elected and appointed government agents will inspire to trust the people with their liberty, and defend us against the tyranny of government abuses of our constitutional rights. That debate begins right here in Texas.

In the meantime, I will reconsider airline travel when airlines become more to their senses and return to the tried and true successful business practices of treating their customers as valued individuals, not suspected terrorists.

Remember this ... had even one flight attendant or crew member armed on the airplanes which were hijacked in September 2001, it would have been a completely different outcome for America. Terrorists are cowards, they do not target well armed people.

# Outline of Top 10 legislative items ...

by Andrew Leoni

With all due respect to our excellent Congressman Ralph Hall, re-elected by a wide margin in the recent November election, I want to outline a Top 10 list of suggested legislative agenda items for our Republican Congress.

We have all heard how this historic election of such a large number of Republicans was a repudiation of the "progressive" direction of Barack Obama. We heard President Obama assert that this was primarily due to a failure of the American people to adequately understand all that he was doing for us. We even heard him say that he would be willing to work with the Republicans in Congress, "if" they had any ideas. I don't know about you, but I find this arrogance insulting. I know of lots of ideas the Republicans have put forward. All these bills may not pass and probably would be vetoed.

But, here are my Top 10 suggested legislative agenda items:

- Number One on the list is to repeal ObamaCare. But the reforms that should be made include, medical insurance portability, cross state-

line insurance sales and coverage, and full tax deductibility for medical insurance premiums.

- Number Two is to abolish TARP and return all undistributed stimulus money to the national treasury.
- Number Three, mandate an across the board 10% budget reduction in every federal agency and department, except for Defense. This would balance our budget.
- Number Four, require a sunset for all new and existing agencies and regulations, as is required in Texas and many other states, requiring periodic review and positive congressional action for reauthorization.
- Number Five, phase out Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, and divest all assets acquired during the financial crisis.
- Number Six, repeal the Clinton era Community Reinvestment Act which required mortgage lenders to loan money to otherwise unqualified home buyers.
- Number Seven, abolish government interference in the bankruptcy process, with market price supports and production quotas and regulatory

intervention in housing, automotive and financial markets.

- Number Eight, take all entitlements off autopilot and subject them to the normal budgetary approval process.
- Number Nine, modify the National Labor Relations Act to restore real freedom of choice to workers to join or not join a union and not compelled to join.
- Number Ten, eliminate all pork-barrel legislation.

And this is just a start at repairing the existing damage done by the Democrats in federal government and especially the Obama administration. We haven't even begun to address other crucial matters such as immigration and border security, tax-reform and present social security, not to mention the softer matters such as eliminating government support for NPR. Ideas? Republicans are brimming with ideas. The question is just whether the president is listening, but are all the Republicans just listening?

Andrew Leoni is a lawyer who has lived in Rockwall County for 20 years with his family. The views expressed are his own.



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#### Ralph Hall Left Turn Lane Improvements

The project includes 268 LF Saw-cut and Remove 6-inch Concrete Curb, 65 SY Removal of concrete Pavement, 220 SY 10-inch 4200 PSI Concrete Pavement, 235 SF Median Pavers /concrete Base, Pavement Markings, and other miscellaneous items.

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Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **30 Calendar Days, NO DAYS EXCEPTED**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

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

Plans and specifications may be examined and procured at the City of Rockwall Engineering Department located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748) at a non-refundable cost of \$25.00, beginning May 18, 2010. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the City of Rockwall, and are listed on the City's List of Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

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**ACROSS**

- sweetheart of mythical TX "Pecos Bill"; "\_\_\_-Foot Sue"
- TXism: "crooked as a dog's \_\_\_ leg"
- TXism: "sour enough to pucker \_\_\_"
- radio station for a pig farmer or eye doctor?
- TX Nick Stahl film: "\_\_\_ of God" ('97)
- a "Tex" was artist for comic "\_\_\_Force"
- John Neely Bryan replica in Dealy Plaza
- town & county were named for 1st man to die in TX revolution
- TXism: "slick as \_\_\_ melon seed"
- TXism: "boot \_\_\_" (danced)
- big nose-horned critters, for short
- a type of cancer treated by Houston's MD Anderson
- TX Kenny Rogers' "I Don't \_\_\_ You"
- TXism: "put \_\_\_ the back burner"
- TX-born Martin film: "Father of the Bride"
- TXism: "beats anything \_\_\_ saw"
- wild horse, for short
- TXism: "cautious \_\_\_ a big bone"
- penitent apparel
- cattle drive item: chuck \_\_\_
- sells guns (2 wds.)
- TX George H. phrase: "\_\_\_ gentler nation"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a spell"
- TX pitching legend Nolan go into
- TXism: "it's \_\_\_ humid my upper lip is mildeewing"
- in Concho Co. on 83 exchange or trade
- Randolph \_\_\_ Force Base near San Antonio
- wildebeest
- TXism: "\_\_\_ sucking dog"

**DOWN**

- TXism: "more than you can \_\_\_ at"
- TX Ashlee Simpson performed this way on "Saturday Night Live" in '04 (2 wds.)
- TX "MUSCLE": "Mayors \_\_\_ Safety, Crime and Law Enforcement"
- tense or irritable
- TX Masteron who directed "The Trip to Bountiful"
- popular body rub using long, flowing strokes (2 wds.)
- abbr. for school system in TX towns
- TX-born Jennifer Garner film: "Dude, Where's My \_\_\_?"
- TXism: "spinning like a weather vane in \_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a line" (fish)
- TX JoBeth film: "\_\_\_ the Fire" ('05)
- bar light
- landmark TX case: "\_\_\_ v. Wade" ('73)
- "Roger the Dodger" QB (init.)
- co. that spilled oil into the Gulf in 2010
- family of proteins
- makes mistakes
- fly high
- "it's worth \_\_\_"
- Michael of "Arizona Raiders" with TX Audie Murphy
- UT has collection of \_\_\_ Nash's life
- "Big Tex" observer: fair-\_\_\_
- symbol for swimming pool chemical
- TX Nolan (init.)
- flakes falling
- TXism: "\_\_\_ it under your hat"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ rat" (toddlers)

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**2010 Holiday Schedule**

- **Wednesday, Nov. 24**  
(Deadline Friday, Nov. 19)
- **Thursday, Dec. 23**  
(Deadline Monday, Dec. 20)
- **Thursday, Dec. 30**  
(Deadline Monday, Dec. 27)

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Pictured above are the Williams Middle School students who were tapped for the All-Region Band following recent tryouts. Shown at front, from the left, are Emily Smith, Anna Hoang, Troy Bruner, Katelynn Sauerwein and Nathan Mathura; second row, Rachel Merkel, Meris Wagner, Anna Cooper, Natalie Pang and Shelby Smith; third row, Keon Simpson, Jacob Baas, Byron Linares, Alexandra Patterson and Forrest Croom; and fourth row, Casey Scarborough and Cody Sachse. Not pictured is Brooke Edsall. Merkel and Baas were named first chair in their respective sections.

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## Food drive to benefit Rockwall area Boys and Girls Club

A food drive benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall will run through Dec. 20. Donations may be dropped off at the Rockwall Yellow Jacket Barber Shop, 2006 S. Goliad (next to Joe Will). For more details call 214-771-0450.

## Holiday home tour planned in Terrell

Six homes will be included on this year's Christmas in a Small Town holiday home tour set from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in Terrell.

Homes on the tour include a newly restored 18-room Colonial Revival/Prairie Style, a late Victorian and two Tudor Revivals.

Sideline the home tours will be a Christmas boutique with one-of-a-kind jewelry, women's accessories, handmade baby clothes and baked goods. Also, local artists have produced original works for the tour and will offer Christmas cards, Christmas cards and ornaments.

For more details, visit [sscofterrell.com/draft2.aspx](http://sscofterrell.com/draft2.aspx).



Rowlett Mayor John Harper and Todd Gottel, mayor pro-tem, recently took time to speak to second grade students at Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary. The men discussed their roles in local government, which is currently the students' topic of study.

Photo courtesy of Kristie Leavell/Rockwall County News



Lake Pointe Medical Center recently received the Champions of Health Award in the Healthcare Category presented by the Health Industry Council to recognize organizations that promote wellness programs for their employees throughout the Metroplex. Pictured on the left at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, where the award ceremony took place, are J. Eric Evans, CEO, Lake Pointe Health Network; Kristen Guerra, Imaging Services; Jennifer Erback, Imaging Services; Fran Evans, RN (at front); Libby Garrett, RN; Linda Bonon, Patient Access; and Dave Olmstead, chief Human Resources officer. The award considered several criteria, including leadership support, wellness program outcomes, individual activities and program plans.

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Students in grades one through five at Reinhardt Elementary participate in enrichment classes each week, getting the opportunity to practice problem-solving creatively and learn vital team-building skills. Pictured above are Lauren Clinkenbeard, Bailey Payne, Connor King, Logan Claborn, Bradley Stovall, Liam Belew and Baylea Allen. Students have been completing team-building activities, brainstorming games and creative problem-solving missions. Older students will begin problem-based learning in the second session, requiring them to resolve real problems in the school and world. Creative problem-solving skills help prepare students for life beyond the classroom.

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Ralph M. Hall, congressman for the Fourth District, presented a program on "A View from the Hill" at the Rock Wall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution's annual National Defense Luncheon on Nov. 6. Pictured above with Hall is Carolyn Duckworth, DAR regent. Open to any woman ages 18 or older regardless of race, religion or ethnic background who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, the DAR is a nonprofit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to preserving American history, securing the country's future through better education and promoting patriotism. To learn more about DAR, contact Duckworth at 972-772-0752.

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Nebbie Williams Elementary students participated in the school's annual Walk-a-Thon fundraiser Oct. 29. The event kicked off with a morning parade led by the Rockwall Fire Department engine. Also participating were members of the RHS Stingerettes, boys basketball team and drum line. Families lined the streets and cheered students on as they prepared for the day. Activities throughout the day included hula hoop, limbo, volleyball and scooters. All funds raised through the event benefit the school and are used for special programs for students and educational tools for teachers.

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The Rockwall ISD after-school care program, ROCK, collected more than 1,500 cans of soup for Helping Hands of Rockwall. Pictured above with just a few of the cans are ROCK students Josh, Anna, Julia and Jordan Hunter. The can drive was part of SLANT 45, a community outreach effort sponsored by the upcoming Super Bowl XLV to be conducted early next year in North Texas. Participating RISD campuses included Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe, Amy Parks-Heath, Sharon Shannon, Celia Hays, Grace Hartman and Dorothy Smith Pullen elementary schools. The cans were delivered to Helping Hands on Oct. 21, National After School Recognition Day.

Photo courtesy of Rockwall ISD/Rockwall County News





Several members of the Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleading squad were recognized at the Senior Presentation prior to the final RHHS football game of the season. Senior cheerleaders include Allie Lincoln, Ashley Fladland, Rebecca Eddy, Lauren Hartnett, Morgan Iles, Lauren Statham, Kayla Hall and Katelyn Brown.

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Edona Smajli, a fourth grade student at Reinhardt Elementary, created the winning drawing for the 41st Annual Rockwall Christmas Parade poster contest. Theme for the contest is "My Favorite Christmas Song," and Smajli's favorite song is "Frosty the Snowman." Look for her artwork in posters advertising the Dec. 4 parade sponsored by the Kiwanis.

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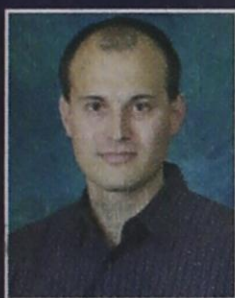
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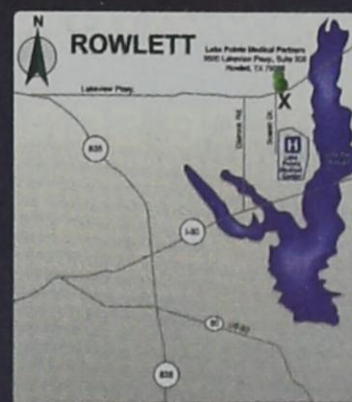
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