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Rockwall approves special election for charter amendments

Timothy W. Burnett
 City of Rockwall met for its regular council meeting, Monday, at the city hall.
 The 4 p.m. meeting included a work session with the park board regarding board direction and priorities. No action was taken.
 The council went into executive session to secretly discuss:
 • A legal claim related to the case of TF-Harbor LLC v. City of Rockwall, Texas and Rockwall Rental Properties L.P.
 • According to the federal court records, TF-Harbor appealed the court's decision to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.
 • The 6 p.m. meeting began by proclaiming Constable Randy Earl Parks: Having Recognition Day. Parks was recognized along with Jack and his dog, Tattoo.
 • On Wednesday morning, Nov. 19, Key experienced a diabetic shock while traveling west on Highway 276, east of the FM 548 intersection.
 • It was said that Key's green van was seen weaving from side to side while traveling approximately 100 mph. After engaging his emergency brake, Key eventually came to a stop and was treated by EMS for diabetic shock. Key said he went unconscious soon after, feeling dizzy and while driving, and remembered nothing else until waking in the ambulance.
 • The Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Kindred attempted to keep Key alert until the EMS arrived.
 • While on the scene, in the ambulance, Key flat-lined and was revived by EMTs.
 • Mayor, Pruitt read a proclamation for the 20th anniversary of the Rockwall Community Playhouse.

The proclamation recognized a "small group of locals" who responded in 1995 to an article by Janet Resetar that was "posted in the local newspaper," inviting people to start a community theater.

Pruitt finished by reading a proclamation recognizing 2015 as the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta of King John that was granted in 1215 A.D. "to halt the barren's rebellion and restore their allegiance to his throne." The proclamation expressed the influence of the Magna Carta on the current federal, state and local levels, including such constitutionally established rights as the right to due process of law, and representative form of government.

There were no public comments during the open forum.

The city council unanimously passed the consent agenda. City secretary Kristy Ashberry provided the second reading of Ordinances Z2014-037, Z2014-038 and Z2014-039.

The council approved authorization of the city manager Rick Crowley to enter into a contract extension with Clean Harbors to manage Household Hazardous Wasted Collection Day on April 18.

The council also approved the first amendment to the RCH Water Supply Corp. wholesale water contract; a resolution "calling a general election to be held on May 9, 2015, in the City of Rockwall for the purpose of electing a mayor and city council members for Places 1, 3, and 5, each for two-year terms, and a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election for the purpose of filing a one-year unexpired term associated with City Council, Place 2."

The council held a public hearing for input related to proposed amendments to the city charter.

Sol Villasana, of White & Wiggins, LLP, stated that the city council act on the Charter Review Commission's unanimous recommendation to "review minority voter participation within the City, and determine whether the City's Charter Section 3.01 (providing for the election of council members through the present at-large system) violates the Voting Rights Act."

In the action items, the city secretary provided the first reading of ordinance Z2014-040. Prior to a motion, the council members discussed the ordinance and inquired about the Spring Hill Suites hotel that was planned for the southeast



Rockwall citizen/attorney, Sol Villasana, addresses the Rockwall City Council about the importance of bringing the city charter section 3.01 into compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

corner of the intersection of the IH-30 frontage road and Lakefront Trail. Council member Lewis asked about the "shelf-life" of the hotel. Speaker, Cameron Slown of FC Cuny Corporation answered there would be a "20-year franchise agreement with Marriott."

Mike Townsend moved to approve the ordinance with the stipulation that the ballroom space would be increased to 3650 square feet. The ordinance was unanimously approved.

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Royse City appoints Flanigan to Open Space Committee

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Although the City Council of Royse City meeting was a short one on Tuesday night, Jan. 27, everyone seemed in a good mood as Janet McPherson, executive director of development and community services, addressed the council.

The first item on the agenda was the appointment of Russell Flanigan by the Royse City Council to the Rockwall County Open Space Master Plan Steering Committee. He also serves on the Royse City Planning and Zoning Development Commission and is vice-president of the Sunrise Meadows Homeowners Association.

"I was appointed to the committee because I expressed a concern for being on the committee. I care a lot about our community and Rockwall County and want to see more space for our kids and families to enjoy the outside in such places as parks, and walking and bike trails. I don't want us to look around one day and realize that we have totally built out our community, with no place to build nice parks and outdoor recreations," Flanigan said.

"The committee would like to see a bike trail built that would go from Royse City to Rockwall. It would be about a 45-minute bike ride and would be a place where families could enjoy spending time together," Flanigan said. "We also need to start now in preserving our water and making sure our drinking water is clean. There is a lot to be done and we need to begin planning how we will go about accomplishing these goals."

The committee would talk to people in the county and let citizens know what their goals are, he said. Committee members would talk to farmers or those located in agriculture zones and see if they might donate some space for either parks or the trails.

According to the brochure updated in 2014 by the Rockwall County Open Space Alliance, "Conserving trails and open space is an incredible investment in the community that produces important cultural, environmental and economic benefits. Parks reduce crime, promote fitness and outdoor activities."

The brochure states, "The plan for green infrastructure would mean that Rockwall County would have an opportunity to better coordinate land conservation efforts, creating one country-wide vision for open-space planning and ensuring that parks, open spaces, greenways and trails connect across municipal boundaries."

Flanigan said that as the committee sets permanent dates for meeting and planning, the community will hear more about their efforts.

In the final updates for the council meeting, City Manager Carl Alsabrook said the groundbreaking on Tuesday, Jan. 27, for the new Wal-Mart went well. The store is going to be open around October.

Alsabrook reminded everyone about Winter Wonderland 2015 in downtown Royse City set for Saturday, Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be kids' games and activities, face painting, seasonal vendors, a slide jump, bungee jump, train ride and giant snow hill.

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Hall to host Town Hall Tour

Sen. Bob Hall will host a Town Hall Tour Feb. 7 at three area locations: from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., Rockwall; 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the La Prada Church of Christ, 2724 La Prada Drive, Mesquite; and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 805 Big Rock, Canton. RSVP to drinda.randall@senate.state.tx.us.

Democratic Men plan Feb. 7 luncheon

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon Feb. 7 at La Taqueria del Tio Mon, 105 Kenway Rd., Rockwall. The group meets at

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Stingerettes take wins at regional competition

The Rockwall High School Stingerette dance team recently competed in their first regional competition and earned several awards.
 The Stingerettes won the Team Sweepstakes Award, scoring above a 92 on all routines entered. The team also won the Judges Award, Best Overall Team Novelty, Best Team Lyrical and Best Team Modern. On its Modern routine, the team scored 100s across the board from each judge, a feat that never has been accomplished.
 The team also won Best Creativity for each dance in which it competed and Grand Champions for the overall competition.

Kazie Mcknight won Kick Master Champion for the best high kicks in the contest.

The Stingerette Elite dance team, the ShowStoppers, also competed, bringing home Best Elite Lyrical, Best Elite Open Routine and Best Elite Contemporary. The Elite team also won Best Team Technique and Grand Champion of the Elite category.

The Stingerette officers also competed and were equally as successful, bringing home Best Technique Officer Group, Officer Circle of Champions, Sweepstakes and Judges Awards and Best Officer Jazz, Best Officer Open Routine and Best Officer Lyrical Routine.

In the solo competition for varsity, both Emma Cox and Riley Eidson were selected as finalists, with Eidson bringing home the varsity winner title and Cox earning first runner-up.

The junior varsity squad also competed, winning Best Novelty, Best Pom Routine and Best Modern.

The JV officers also competed, winning Best Officer Jazz, Best Officer Lyrical and the Judges Award.

JV team members also participated in solo competitions where Tatum Graham and Brooke Peterson both were solo finalists. Graham won the JV solo division and Peterson was first runner-up.



Junior varsity Stingerettes team members participated in solo competitions at a recent regional contest where Tatum Graham and Brooke Peterson both were solo finalists. Graham won the JV solo division and Peterson was first runner-up.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Stingerettes Emma Cox and Riley Eidson were selected as finalists in the recent regional competition, with Eidson bringing home the varsity winner title and Cox earning first runner-up.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

RSM meeting slated Feb. 9

Preparations for the Rockwall Summer Musicals 2015 season are in full swing and local residents are invited to get involved.

The organization's next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at the American National Bank building, 2865 Ridge Rd., Rockwall. Potential volunteers are encouraged to attend.

The RSM Guild is a membership group of musical theater enthusiasts and supporters who volunteer throughout the year to support RSM productions, cultivate public interest, grow audiences and conduct events that provide financial support.

Anyone interested in making the RSM's fifth season a success should attend the meeting or email eileend@flash.net.

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Bulldogs fan honored for dedication

Kerry Mantooh (right), of Royse City, is honored by RCHS Head Coach David Petroff (left) during the Thurs. Jan. 15, 2015 Football Awards Ceremony at the school cafeteria, for 25 years of dedication to the Bulldogs football team. Mantooh faithfully offered sideline assistance at nearly all games.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



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Rockwall County Obituaries

Jean Adams

A memorial service for Jean Adams, 90, of Garland will be conducted at 2 p.m. Feb. 7, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Donnie and Ronnie Strible officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Feb. 1 in Dallas.

Born July 3, 1924, in Henderson to Barney and Cora Allie (Beard) Jimmerson, she was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, rarely missing the opportunity to attend a gathering. She was quick-witted and possessed a spunky, but sweet personality. One never knew what would come out of her mouth, but she could be counted on to make everyone laugh. She always found something offbeat and funny to say. She enjoyed making people smile.

Her strong Christian faith was important to her, and she was a proud longtime member of the Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Garland.

Survivors include her children, Judy and Wayne Sledge of Dallas, Jan and Jack Medrano of Haulsville and Michael and Christi Adams of Farmersville; her grandchildren, Jeff, Jason, Denise, Chris, Hayley and Joey; 10 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Paul, in 1980.

Martha Jean Baker

Services for Martha Jean Baker, 85, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. Feb. 7, 2015, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. Jones Chapel, 610 S. Goliad, Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 6 at the funeral home.

She died Jan. 31.

Born June 27, 1929, in Candler, North Carolina, to Reginald and Jessie Alicia (Young) Morgan, she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and worked for 16 years with the Dallas Independent School District as a teacher's aide. A 20-year resident of Rockwall, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall where she was a member of the choir.

Survivors include her children, Jerry Baker, and his wife, Chris, Rick Baker and his wife, Doris, Angela Garcia and her husband, Joe, and Mike Baker and his wife, Jayne; her grandchildren, Nicholas Garcia, and his wife, Taylor, Brianna Baker, Patrick Garcia and Gabrielle Garcia; and two nieces, Margie Dean and Nancy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy J. Baker.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Missions Program at the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

'Romeo & Juliet' set at RCP

"Romeo & Juliet" will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse Feb. 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees will start at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399. Tickets also may be purchased at the box office 30 minutes prior to the start of any performance.

Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.

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- West TX Reservoir: "O.H. _____"
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- TX Wraylon was once a DJ on this Lubbock FM station
- TX Perot started this co. in 1962
- book Margaret Hunt Hill wrote about H.L. Hunt (2 wds.)
- this Ryan is pres. of Houston Astros
- inactive lifestyle
- TX Bob Wills: "Take _____ Back to Tulsa"
- TXism: "just two whoops _____ holler away"
- "Texas _____" (oil)
- ancient Greek poet
- TXism: "mad enough to _____"
- this Robb married LBJ's daughter, Lynda (init.)
- distinctive aspect of a cowboy hat
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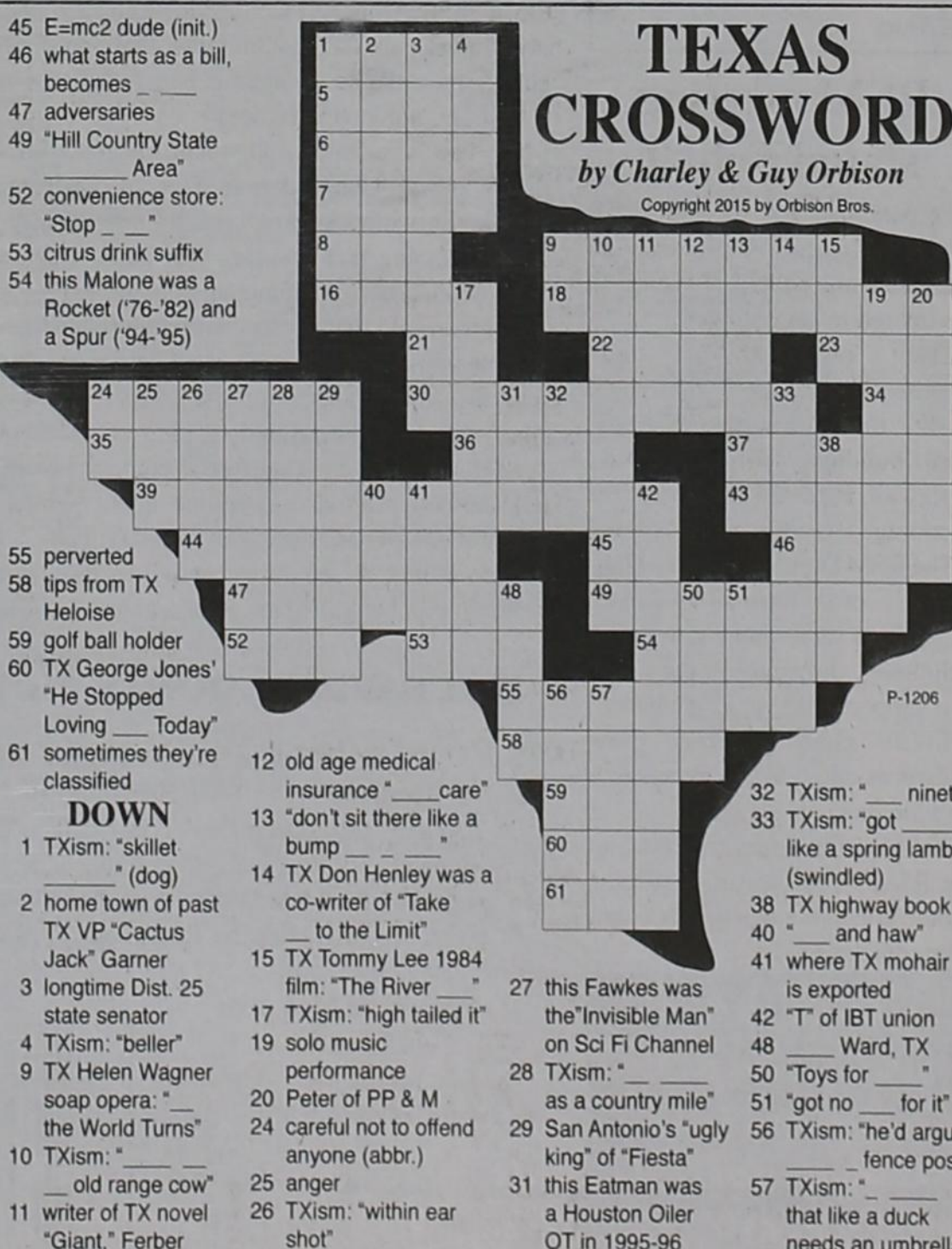
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- "don't sit there like a bump _____"
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- TX Tommy Lee 1984 film: "The River _____"
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- solo music performance
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- writer of TX novel "Giant," Ferber
- TXism: "skillet _____" (dog)
- home town of past TX VP "Cactus Jack" Garner
- longtime Dist. 25 state senator
- TXism: "beller"
- TX Helen Wagner soap opera: "_____ the World Turns"
- TXism: "_____ old range cow"
- writer of TX novel "Giant," Ferber

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Ima Corrine Gray

Services for Ima Corrine Gray were conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 30, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery.

She died Jan. 27.

Born Feb. 11, 1917, in Union Valley in Hunt County to William Arvid and Alice Jane (Finley) Monk, she married Paul Inez Gray on June 24, 1939. They were married 59 years before his death in 1998.

She gave her heart to the Lord in 1930 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Royse City. She was a devoted Christian, loving mother and grandmother and a major influence in the lives of her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Gerald Gray of Royse City, Kenneth Gray and his wife, Linda, of Winnsboro, Dean Gray and his wife, Barbara, of Greenville and Lynda Gray Finley and her husband, Wayne, of Paris, Texas; her grandchildren, Deana Gray West and her husband, John, James Gray, Angie Gray Middleton and her husband, Ken, Talaura Finley Martin and her husband, Steven, Michael Gray and his wife, Threase, Jason Gray and his wife, Christi, and Kellie Gray Jones; her great-grandchildren, Justin, DeNae, Richard, Mia, Maci, Josh, Brittney, Zachary, Kayla, Gentry and Emily; her great-great-grandchildren, Autumn, Eli, Averi, Carter and Kinlyn; her sister, Minnie Lenora Hancock of Garland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a great-grandchild, Caris Nichole Caraway; her brothers, Joe Monk, and his wife, Ola, Elzie Monk and his wife, Thelma, Willis Monk and his wife, Sarah, John Monk and his wife, Zeffa, and an infant brother, Everett; and her sisters, Erlean Sherrill and her husband, Henry, and her twin, Ina Hargis, and her husband, Franchard.

Mabel Ellen Harper

Services for Mabel Ellen Harper, 91, a longtime Royse City resident, were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 30, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. George McCain officiating. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery.

She died Jan. 27.

Born June 19, 1923, in Wichita Falls to Claborn and Mabel Elizabeth (Bowen) Royle, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Royse City and the Royse City Chapter of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed sewing and yard work and participating in the social activities at the Senior Center.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda Joyce Leal, and her husband, Gil, of Lewisville, Carol Ann Harper of Royse City and Judy Lee Lewis and her husband, Earl, of Roanoke; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Harper; a brother, J.C. Royle; and her parents.



Muriel Kathryn Osborne

Services for Muriel Kathryn Osborne, 90, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Feb. 4, 2015, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with the Rev. Alan Clark officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Jan. 28.

Born Oct. 17, 1924, in Kim, Colorado, to Claude W. and Annie K. (Humphrey) Ogden, she was a registered nurse, volunteering for the Red Cross and the Navy Relief Fund. As a military wife, she moved all over the U.S. with her husband, Captain Henry "Ozzie" Osborne, USNRET, and was a lifelong club member, joining the choir at every church she and her husband attended throughout his career. In 1973, she began singing at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall.

She was a member of the Junior Service League, Friends of the Library and numerous bridge and tennis clubs. A talented dancer, she tap-danced at the State Fair of Texas and proudly performed a hula dance returning astronauts in Hawaii.

Survivors include her daughters, Kathy Lasseigne, and her husband, Harris, of New Braunfels and Henri Osborne Smith and Zelma Osborne both of Rockwall; a brother, Charles Ogden and his wife, Linda, of Coppell; four granddaughters, Anne Lasseigne Tiedt and her husband, Ryan, Janera Smith, Marcie Lasseigne and Amie Swanson and her husband, Michael Spelman; three great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Tiedt, Matthew Tiedt and Henry Spelman; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sister, June Barziza; and three brothers, Wallace "Bo," Claude "B.B." and Jess Ogden.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the FUMC Music Program or the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 16th Floor, 110 East 42nd St., New York, New York 10011.

Charles Weldon Wilson

Services for Charles Weldon Wilson, 76, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Feb. 4, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donahoe officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Jan. 31.

Born March 2, 1938, in Greenville to Jennings Weldon and Nora Jeanette (Hodge) Wilson, he was the owner/operator of Wilson Plumbing and Chuck's Groceries & Bait. He later worked as health coordinator in Rockwall County, a position from which he retired. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his children, Terry Renae Wells, and her husband, Bobby, Charles Weldon Wilson Jr. and Rodney Keith Wilson, all of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Dustin Michael Roan, Rodney Keith Wells Jr. and Brennan Lee Wilson; his great-grandchildren, Shaylee Jean a Sidnee Jean Roan; his brother, Kenneth Wilson, and his wife, Patti, Plano; his sister, Linda Sustaite, and her husband, Jerry, of Emory; a numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Joel Wilson.



The Cullins Lake-Pointe Elementary third and fifth grade students pictured above are those who read a minimum of five of the Texas Bluebonnet Award-nominated books. Pictured from the left are, at bottom, Mia Ivanovsky, Blessing Esene, Lillian Stark and Camden Harsell. At top are Logan Kropp, Allyson Verret, Deborah Esene Clara Williamson, Keviah Ealy, MacKenzie Cheesebrough and Brighton Riley. The students attended a Bluebonnet bingo voting party where they voted for their favorite books.

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Locals earn Baylor honors

Eleven local residents were among the more than 3,200 Baylor University students named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the 2014 fall semester, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Halley Elizabeth Platz and James Stuart Smartt of Heath and Anabel Glynn Burke, Cathleen Cheyenne Conrad, Connor J. Mackin, Nathan S. Mateer, De'Andra Christine Maxwell, Taylor Ashlyn Neely, Patrick Sam Ntchobo, Andrea Cecilia Pujol and Michael Brock Sterry of Rockwall.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Rockwall city council ...

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Other items addressed by the council included:

- Request by Dub Doupbrate on behalf of D.R. Horton for approval of an alternative tree mitigation plan for Phase IV of the Lakeview Summit Subdivision. Passed unanimously.
- Resolution commending the Regional Transportation Council and Texas Department of Transportation's responsiveness to the city's concerns regarding the Blacklands Corridor toll road. It was explained that TxDOT's decision to remove the toll road plan was in response to the area cities' resolutions.
- Authorizing the city manager to execute the Contract for Election Services between the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County Elections Administrator and the Rockwall Independent School District. Passed unanimously.
- Recommendation from the City Council's Hotel Tax Subcommittee related to a funding request for the Rockwall Rubber Duck Regatta and a new Memorial Day event. The Rubber Duck Regatta's request totaled \$32,200 and includes the fees charged by the city to use the harbor. Representatives of the VFW local retired service members, Lee Gilbert and Gary Bunch, asked to partner with the city to organize a Memorial Day concert event. The city agreed to be responsible for logistics support. The event is estimated to cost about \$5,000 for setup, sound, performer fees and other associated costs. The city is asking for hotel tax support for the event.

Following announcements, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. [Publisher's note: All people affected by actions of the City may periodically monitor the Rockwall County News to determine whether the City's procedures related to publication of each required notice were in compliance with state law, including Texas Gov. Code Section 2051.049, 2051.044, and 2051.048(b)].

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noon on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive and concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are invited to participate. This month's guest speaker will be Ed Robisheaux, co-author of "Swing County," the story of turning Loudoun County, Virginia, blue.

Auditions for 'Mousetrap'

Auditions for Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap" at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 Rusk, Rockwall, will be at

1 p.m. Feb. 7 and 7 p.m. Feb. 8. Visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org for more details or call 972-722-3399.

RARTA meeting planned

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Feb. 9 at the Rockwall ISD Administration Building, 10 Williams, Room 800. The Rev. J. Hewitt, local author of numerous books, will be the guest speaker. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.; participants are urged to come at 1:15 for refreshments.

RCP plans children's acting workshop

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, will host an acting workshop from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday beginning Feb. 9. Open to children in grades 1-5, the workshop will be offered at a cost of \$150; full and/or partial scholarships are available. Performances of "The Velveteen Rabbit" are set for p.m. April 17 and 2 p.m. April 18. A second mini-production, "The Absolutely Insidious and Utterly Terrifying Truth About C. Hair," for students in grade 6-8 will be offered at the same time on Thursdays beginning Feb. 11. Performances will be at 7 p.m. April 18 and 2 p.m. April 19. For more details call 972-722-3399.

Children's Chorus offers singing valentines

The Rockwall Children's Chorus is offering singing valentines to be delivered from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 13 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 14. Choristers will visit valentine recipients in the Rockwall area delivering sweet songs, cookies and a card with a personalized message for a cost of \$25. Orders must be received by Feb. 9. For more details, contact Cathy Knott at 214-535-7811 or cathyknoff@yahoo.com.

Tanner to perform at Feb. 10 FOL meeting

ave Tanner, morning show host for AM-AM, will be the featured performer the Feb. 10 Friends of the Rockwall County Library meeting.



Dave Tanner

anner, a singer and pianist, will sing love Songs." His resume includes a wide range of hits. Tanner acted in eight films, including Oscar-winning "The Trip to Bountiful," worked as part of more than 300 radio television commercials. Children know as Farmer Dooley on "Barney the Dinosaur." He also was a researcher for the Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story" radio program.

In his 44 years as a full-time entertainer, Tanner has performed for the U.S. presidents, five Texas governors and leaders of business and industry from four continents. A native of Gainesville, he makes his home in Irving with his wife, Gina.

Prior to Tanner's program will be a brief business meeting. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year; nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election.

The group works to promote the interest and welfare of the library and profits from its fundraising events supplement the county library budget, paying for special children's programming, adult literacy programs, subscriptions and other items.

Friends of the Rockwall County Library meets six times a year and meetings, with the exception of the Christmas event, are conducted in the Community Room of the library. Meetings begin at 11 a.m. and visitors are invited; however, reservations are required. Reservations for the upcoming meeting must be received by Feb. 3 (this also is the final day to cancel prior reservations). For reservations, email cplagens65@rockwallcountynews.com or call 972-771-8976.



Springer Elementary first grade teacher Wendy Rathje, pictured above with her class, recently received a grant from Toyota of Rockwall. The grant, Bouncing Bodies, Busy Minds, will provide balls for students to sit on while working in class. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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by Timothy W. Burnett

Guard your heart ... peace from God

Jesus taught an important principle toward understanding mankind in general. Mark chapter 7 includes an explanation about why it is a high priority to guard the heart. He said "that which comes out of the man, defiles the man."

He finished by emphasizing that out of the heart of mankind proceeds a whole list of life issues that are not God's will. The list includes issues that are difficult to even think about.

How can God's beloved saints guard their hearts? "Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

It basically says that prayer and specific requests with thankful hearts toward God results in peace from God which surpasses all mental understanding, absolutely shall keep or guard the mind and inner depths of the mind.

But this cannot work without the Lord Jesus, the living Messiah and first-born son of God. Is it not said that all people are born with sin nature in their genetics? Yet, through Jesus Christ people can be healed and cleansed from the inside, and are no longer seen as defiled sinners in God's eyes.

This true freedom makes all the difference in guarding the heart.

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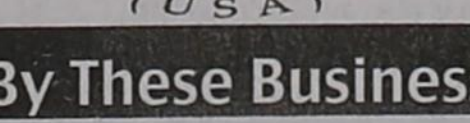
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Amber Adams, a senior at Rockwall High, has been named one of more than 3,900 candidates in the 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, according to a U.S. Department of Education news release. She was selected from the nearly 3.4 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools this year. Selection is based on academic and artistic achievement, leadership, character and community and school activity involvement. The final selection of Presidential Scholars will be announced in May. Pictured congratulating Adams, who is the daughter of Brian and Paula Adams, is Courtney Gober, RHS principal. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Opinions

Immigration Handbook for Congressional Republicans

by Phyllis Schlafly

Republicans in 2014 won the biggest majority in Congress they've had since the 1930s, so the grassroots expect them to deliver the fruits of victory. The best guide for action is the "Immigration Handbook for the New Republican Majority" by Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL), issued a couple of weeks ago.

Sessions' report asks the fundamental question: "What sense does it make to continue legally importing millions of low-wage workers to fill jobs while sustaining millions of current residents on welfare?" Republicans can't win in 2016 without tapping into that unrepresented American constituency.

President Obama has issued orders granting work permits to five million illegal aliens, along with Social Security, Medicare and free tax credits, all of which take jobs and benefits from struggling Americans. Obama simply ignored or voided existing immigration laws in order to implement his own policies by measures that Congress has repeatedly and explicitly rejected.

Obama knew very well that he was directly opposing the wishes of the big majority of Americans. Polls were unequivocal; more than 3 in 4 voters cited immigration as an important factor in their 2014 vote; they opposed his plans for amnesty and demanded that U.S. workers be given priority for jobs.

Obama admitted several times that only an emperor could issue such edicts. Nevertheless we are now living under imperial decrees that defy the will of the people, the Constitution that

Obama swore an oath to obey, and the laws that Congress passed.

Congressional Republicans seem to have forgotten that they won the last election because they promised to defeat Obama's amnesty. Obama seems to have forgotten that he promised on Feb. 21, 2013, "I'm not the emperor of the United States. My job is to execute laws that are passed."

Sen. Sessions' Handbook declares emphatically that Congress has the power to stop Obama's amnesty by denying funds for its implementation. The U.S. House has already passed a bill that would do this and forwarded it to the Senate.

There are many other bills that Congress should pass to checkmate Obama's imperial, unauthorized and illegal actions to give preference to illegal aliens rather than to American citizens regarding jobs and taxpayer-paid benefits.

Here are a few examples of laws Congress should immediately pass: Require all employers to use E-Verify, end catch-and-release, enforce mandatory repatriation for unaccompanied alien minors (instead of loading them into our public schools), end asylum forgeries (remember: the Boston bombers were dishonest asylum seekers, yet were admitted and given welfare handouts), and stop giving generous welfare to illegal aliens. Any immigration "reform" that fails to include these elements will create a slush fund for the Obama administration to resettle illegals throughout the U.S.

work and claim benefits in the United States at American expense."

Meanwhile, two more states have joined the coalition of states (now totaling 26) that are suing over Obama's executive actions on immigration. This lawsuit was filed by Greg Abbott, then-Texas attorney general and now governor of Texas.

The Sessions Handbook quotes U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services union president Kenneth Palinkas as warning us: "The 9/11 hijackers got into the U.S. on visas and now, 13 years later, we have around 5 million immigrants in the United States who overstayed their visas, many from high-risk regions in the Middle East." Congress should protect Americans from some of these problems by suspending visas to countries with high overstay rates or those that won't accept back their own criminals.

The Sessions Handbook makes another scary point that is not generally known. "Each year, the U.S. admits one million largely lesser-skilled permanent immigrants to the United States, who receive green cards, lifetime work authorization, all federal benefits, access to most federal welfare and the ability to apply for citizenship and vote."

And here's the kicker. "From 2000 to 2014, when 14 million new permanent legal immigrants were admitted to the U.S. in addition to the illegal immigration flow, all net employment gains went to immigrant workers. The total number of working-age U.S.-born Americans without jobs now stands at 58 million."

Sen. Sessions' Handbook ends with a couple of important questions: "Should American immigration laws serve the just interests of our country and our citizens? And do those citizens have the right to expect and demand that the laws passed by their elected representatives be enforced? If we believe the answers to these questions are yes, then we have no choice but to fight, and to win."

Phyllis Schlafly is a lawyer, conservative political analyst and author of two new books just published last year: "Who Killed the American Family" (WND) and the 50th Anniversary edition of "A Choice Not An Echo" (Regnery), available at eagleforum.org, amazon, and usual sources. She can be contacted by e-mail at phyllis@eagleforum.org. COPYRIGHT 2015 CREATORS.COM

Updated Property Tax Information For Rockwall County

New and updated property tax information has been compiled by the Rockwall Central Appraisal District to assist taxpayers. This property tax information covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals.

Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws. You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you.

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, and spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, beginning in 2009, and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

Property Tax Exemptions - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units, ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the "freepoint" exemption, store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days, construct, install or acquire pollution control property, own and operate energy storage systems, or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

Rendering Taxable Property - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming. **Rockwall CAD has mailed the 2015 rendition forms to all current properties of record. These are due back no later than April 15th.** There is a 10% penalty for failing to render.

Appraisal Notices - Each year taxpayers will receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the upcoming year.

Property Taxpayer Remedies - This Comptroller publication provided at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/pdf/96-295.pdf> explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

Homestead Exemptions - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

Productivity Appraisal - Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land if qualified. They may apply to their local appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market. **Please see our website for updated qualification guidelines and rollback information.**

Residence Homestead Tax Deferral - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication - In appraisal districts located in counties of more than 200,000 in population or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

Protesting Property Appraisal Values - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact the Rockwall Central Appraisal District

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www.rockwallcad.com
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Information is also available on the
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Obama's attitude toward immigration was summed up by his former Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Sandweg: "If you're a run-of-the-mill immigrant here illegally, your odds of getting deported are close to zero." Sen. Session commented, "anyone in the world who manages to get into the interior of the United States -- by any means, including overstaying a visa -- is free to live,

America at its Tipping Point was presented at First Baptist Wylie

by Kenneth Shores

Cornerstone Prison Ministries hosted speaker Dr. Gary Frazier Thurs. Jan. 22, 2015 at First Baptist Wylie. As a former pastor, conference speaker and author concerning Bible Prophecy and Current Events, Frazier has appeared on the History Channel, TLC channel, numerous TV and radio programs and featured in a Vanity Fair magazine article. He has authored a number of books and DVD's plus speaks nationwide.

The evening began with the Wylie Boy Scouts posting the colors, followed by a John Wayne video Pledge alliance and Martin Sheen video introducing Lee Greenwood "God Bless the U.S.A."

Frazier presented "America at the Tipping Point" from his research and book by the same name. He spoke about America is at its tipping point and how Americans are now gasping for their last breath. He asked everyone to pray for all Americans instead of America.

Frazier paraphrased from his book, "America at the Tipping Point," from Former Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm, who spoke in 2009 concerning how America will be destroyed.

He listed eight Methods for the Destruction of America Turning into a multi-lingual nation and by-cultural.

- Making all cultures think they are all equal.
- Making America diverse rather than equal.
- Would make our fastest growing group, the demographic group the least educated.
- Different religions
- Dual citizenship mostly engaged in hating each other and not united.
- All subjects off limits, paralyze thinking making it impossible to enforce immigration laws
- Censor a book that exposes the plan to destroy America.

Frazier continued with decisions that have changed America. He opined that America has to go away as a world power; America started to deteriorate in 1925. The Supreme Court became the ruler of America and the teachings of God were thrown out of the classroom; Evolution is a Satanic religion; in 1963 God was thrown out of America; in 1973 Abortion was legalized; the last 42 years, there have been 57 million abortions in America; 1977 America accepted the gay movement.

He explained that Americans are not doomed, just America, and people need to pray for Americans instead of God saving America.

Frazier encouraged his audience with Ephesians 6:16-20 and 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 which says to put on the armor of God. He said to find out what is stopping our loved ones from coming to God; ask God to help you find out what is stopping them from coming to God, and what is the strong hold that stops them. Then pray to God "In the name of Jesus you tear down the strong hold."

Frazier finished the event by asking the attendees to form in small groups to pray for families, friends and fellow Americans.

The event ended with a brief summarization by Chaplain Al Gibbons, of the Cornerstone Prison Ministries. The prison ministries started when he made his first visit to a Texas prison, then realized this was God's calling for him. Since then the ministry has grown to twenty Texas prisons and 82 Mexican prisons in eight Mexican States. Gibbons said that last year, the ministry was blessed with leading over 100,000 inmates to give their lives over to Jesus.

Dr. Frazier's website www.garyfrazier.com contains a free download of his book "America at its Tipping Point."

Message about local representative government

The below message was delivered by Rockwall citizen, Sol Villasana, Mon. Feb. 2, 2015, during the City of Rockwall council meeting public hearing for the city charter amendment propositions.

Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor Po Tem, Honorable Members of the City Council:

My name is Sol Villasana. I reside at 809 Village green Drive, Rockwall, Texas.

Just last month, we celebrated the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. And this year we are reminded by the Oscar-nominated "Selma" of one, important aspect of Dr. King's great body of work: voting rights. Fifty years ago, Dr. King began a series of marches in Selma for the preservation and extension of the right to vote. In response to those marches and the violence sanctioned by southern elected officials against minority voters, President Lyndon Johnson of Texas signed into law the Voting Rights Act of 1965, forever changing how we conduct elections. That was fifty years ago, and while over the years the Voting Rights Act has been amended and interpreted by various courts, the Act's basic protection of minority groups' right to full participation in the election process remains intact.

The City of Rockwall's system of at-large elections for its city council members is against the trend of other Texas cities with growing minority populations, a trend which favors single member districts. There are several good reasons for this change, not the least of which is the fact that at-large districts provide minorities with, to quote the federal court sitting at Dallas, "less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice." *Benavidez v. Irving Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 690 F. Supp. 451, 456, n.7, (N.D. Tex. 2010). At-large elections have again and again been proven to dilute minority voting strength in violation of the Voting Rights Act.

So as to respond to the spirit, if not the letter of the Voting Rights Act, the City Council should vote to approve the Charter Review Commission's January 7, 2015, unanimous recommendation to the Council to review minority voter participation within the City, and determine whether the City's Charter Section 3.01 (providing for the election of council members through the present at-large system) violates the Voting Rights Act.

By acting now, the City will anticipate and positively respond to this mounting concern, and demonstrate its openness to the full political participation of its growing, minority population.

Thank you.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF TONJA M. BRIDGES, DECEASED

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c/o Ryan Randall Attorney at Law 8401 N. Central Expwy. #210 Dallas, Texas 75225 before suits upon same are barred by the Statute of Limitations, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 28th day of January, 2015. JAMES F. BRIDGES, Independent Executor of the Estate of Tonja M. Bridges, Deceased, Cause No. PR15-04; In the County Court of Rockwall County, Texas

A public hearing regarding the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR) for Royse City Independent School District will take place in conjunction with the regularly scheduled February meeting of the Board of Trustees. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 9, 2015, at the Ernest Epps Education Center located at 810 Old Greenville Road in Royse City. The purpose of the TAPR hearing will be to allow for public discussion of the TAPR district and campus reports. Copies of these reports will be available for public review at each school building and the administration office. This release is tendered to and in compliance with Texas Education Code (TEC) requirements to provide notice of the hearing by means of local media.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE ADDENDUM

Rockwall County Request for Proposal #15-12-004

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The deadline for submissions has been amended to Monday, April 6th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. CST.

Lisa Constant Wylie
Rockwall County Auditor

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Royse City basketball teams both split two games

by Lary Bump

The Royse City girls' basketball team could have to knock off District 12-5A's top two teams to reach the playoffs.

RC's boys improved to 2-7 in the district Friday with their second victory in three games, 69-58 over Mesquite Poteet. Joseph Steffen led the Bulldogs with 21 points.

The Lady Bulldogs had a chance Tuesday to move into a three-way tie for the fourth and final playoff berth with Forney and North Forney.

While RC (5-6 in the district) was scheduled to play at Terrell (0-11), North Forney (6-5) would be taking on first-place West Mesquite (10-1) and Forney would play second-place Rockwall-Heath (9-2).

But after that, Royse City would finish the regular season at home at 7 p.m. Friday against RHHS and at West Mesquite Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Last week, the Lady Bulldogs won at South Garland 73-29 on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and lost at home to third-place Poteet 50-34 Friday.

The Poteet game was one of extreme streaks.

The Lady Pirates scored the first eight points, and after RC scored three, added another 6-0 run for a 14-3 lead after the first quarter.

Royse City roared back with eight consecutive points to pull within 14-11, but Poteet then went on a 20-0 run over the next 9 1/2 minutes before the Lady Bulldogs' Emily Sanford made a free throw.

RC was hampered by limited playing time for scoring and rebounding

leader Alexis Wanton. She didn't play in the second quarter after committing three first-quarter fouls, and left with her fourth foul just 45 seconds into the third quarter.

In addition, Poteet played tight defense on Belle Munoz to hold her scoreless.

The Bulldogs had opened the week Tuesday with a 53-30 loss at home against South Garland. Steffen scored 11 points.

After three back-and-forth quarters Friday, Poteet had a 47-44 lead over RC. Then the Bulldogs outscored the Pirates 25-11 in the fourth period. Steffen again led the way with a game-high 21 points. Omar Redic added 16, and Matt Briceno scored 10.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
South Garland	13	11	12	17	53
RCHS boys	5	6	11	8	30

South Garland – Savian Coleman 12, Malcolm Lewis 8, Giovanni Flores 8, Zarious Moffett 6, Jerminic Smith 6, Billy Gilmore 6, Marcus Nelson 4, Tony Murrillo 3.

RCHS – Joseph Steffen 11, Ben Yelverton 6, Omar Redic 4, Avery Cowley 3, Matt Briceno 2, DeVante Alexander 2, Jared Richardson 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS boys	17	16	11	25	69
Poteet	17	19	20	11	58

RCHS – Joseph Steffen 21, Omar Redic 16, Matt Briceno 10, Daniel Tijerina 8, Zion Leach 6, Avery Cowley 4, Ben Yelverton 4.

Mesquite Poteet – Tyler Lopes 12, Tracey Jones 11, Jacob Donahue 10, Andrew Anugwom 9, Jonathan Below 6, Jonathan Parker 5, Malik Stearns 4, Walter Dawn 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Poteet	14	14	10	12	50
RCHS girls	3	8	9	14	34

Mesquite Poteet – Kyla Nelson 12, Savannah Doty 12, Victoria George 8, Jada Jennings 6, Ke'Ambria Richard 5, Clarisol Del Campo 4, Noemy Perez 2, Sydney White 1.

RCHS – Melanie Sumrow 14, Emily Pratt 6, Morgan Sumrow 6, Alexis Wanton 3, Jasmine Escobedo 2, Daryn McMinn 2, Emily Sanford 1.

Falcons' win streak reaches 8 games

The Fulton School boys' basketball team clinched a playoff berth by winning two games last week to stretch its winning streak to eight games.

The Falcons (9-3 overall, 8-1 in TAPPS District 3-1A) edged Nacogdoches Regents Academy 44-40 Tuesday, Jan. 27, and won at Longview Christian School 38-26 on Friday.

With three district games remaining, Fulton is guaranteed one of the district's three playoff berths because the Falcons have a four-game lead over fourth-place Dallas International School.

To clinch a fourth consecutive district championship, Fulton could have to win all three games.

The Falcons were scheduled to play Dallas International Tuesday. Then they would have the toughest challenge Friday at second-place Waxahachie Preparatory Academy (11-10, 7-1). The final regular-season game is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Dallas The Westwood School.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Fulton	12	4	15	7	38
Longview	5	3	4	14	26

RC girls win 1st 2 district matches

The Royse City girls' soccer team won its first 5A district match, shutting out South Garland 3-0 on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Garland Naaman Forest.

The Lady Bulldogs (6-1 overall) also defeated Mesquite Poteet 1-0 in a shootout at RCISD Stadium Friday for their sixth consecutive shutout.

Through two games, RC was tied for second place in the district with Rockwall-Heath. The Lady Hawks also have one regulation victory and one shootout win, for three points. Forney, which won its first two district games in regulation time, was first with 6 points.

Royse City was scheduled to play at RHHS (5-3-2) Tuesday. The Lady Bulldogs would play Terrell at home at 7:15 p.m. Friday and at North Forney Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Kristyn Daniels scored two goals against South Garland, giving her six in a span of four matches. Riley Sutton had RC's other goal.

The Lady Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 20-5 this season.

The Royse City boys (3-7-1) lost their first two district matches to the only 12-5A teams with two victories in regulation time. South Garland defeated the Bulldogs 2-0 Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Poteet topped RC 4-1 for the Pirates' 20th consecutive district win.

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Lady Bulldogs point guard Belle Munoz maneuvers through Mesquite Poteet traffic for a pass, last Fri. January 30 at the RCHS gym in Royse City.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Heritage Christian Lady Eagles in fight for playoff berth

Heritage Christian Academy's chances to reach the TAPPS 3A playoffs could be decided in the next week.

HCA (12-8 overall, 7-5 in TAPPS District 3-3A) lost two games last week to fall into a fourth-place tie in the district with Red Oak Ovilla Christian School.

The Lady Eagles' final three district games are scheduled for Friday against Dallas First Baptist Academy, third in the district at 8-4; Tuesday, Feb. 10, against Ovilla, and Friday, Feb. 13, vs. Dallas Lutheran School, sixth at 6-7.

On a positive note, HCA's final four games, beginning with Tuesday's against Yavneh Academy of Dallas, were scheduled at home at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo. The girls' games are at 6 p.m., and the boys' at 7.

The Lady Eagles fell behind early in both a 59-34 loss at McKinney Christian Academy Tuesday, Jan. 27, and a 44-31 defeat at Trinity Christian Academy-Cedar Hill Saturday.

McKinney and TCA were 1-2 in the district standings.

The Lady Eagles trailed MCA 15-7 after the first quarter and 36-10 at halftime. Hannah Wilks scored 24 points for the Lady Mustangs. TCA built up a 19-5 lead in the first quarter.

HCA's boys lost at McKinney Christian 55-44, and at first-place TCA 92-19. Brendan Schroepfer scored 15 points and Christian Pettit added 11 for Heritage Christian (5-16, 1-11) against MCA.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA girls	7	3	12	12	34
McKinney	15	21	11	12	59

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA girls	5	11	9	6	31
TCA-CH	19	8	9	8	44



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