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The annual Royse City Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade drew a large crowd of holiday revelers, including, direct from the North Pole, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Mrs. Claus (left) also known as Carolyn Thurmann, and Santa, Clay Ellis, look on as Merry Zater (right) takes a photo of her granddaughter, Amanda Miller, a fourth grade student from Houston who was visiting family in Royse City, as she hands her holiday wish list to Santa.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

News Briefs

ARC blood drive set today

The City of Heath will conduct an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. today, Dec. 18, at the Community Room at City Hall. Visit givelife.org and use sponsor code 'cityofheath' to make an appointment or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Library announces holiday closing dates

The Rockwall County Library will be closed on Dec. 24-25 for Christmas and will re-open at 10 a.m. Dec. 26. The library also will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's Day, with plans to be open on Jan. 2-3.

Rockwall holiday garbage pick-ups set

The City of Rockwall has announced its upcoming holiday schedule for garbage and recycling pick-ups. According to reports, pick-ups normally scheduled for Dec. 25 will be made the following day, Dec. 26. The regular Dec. 26 pick-ups will be made on Dec. 27. The same type of schedule will be observed over the New Year's Day holiday.

Heath holiday scheduled announced

The City of Heath will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1, according to a press release issued by the municipality. All trash and recyclables will be collected as regularly scheduled during the holiday season. IESI will collect unadorned Christmas trees on the regular trash collection and bulky days; trees must be free of ornaments, lights, tinsel or other decorations and placed at the curb with garbage and recycling bins.

Tutor training planned at library

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Adult Literacy/ESL Program. Training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Rockwall County Library. Neither teaching experience nor the ability to speak Spanish is necessary. Anyone interested in participating should register in the ESL classroom located off the lobby of the new library or contact Gloria at 972-204-7705.

Santa Claws offer boosts Feral Friends

Area residents can have their pets photographed with Santa Claws from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Richardson PetSmart, and \$5 of each photo taken will benefit the Feral Friends Community Cat Alliance. For more information e-mail info@feral-friends.org or visit feral-friends.org.

Donate a children's book to the library

The donation of a children's book to the Rockwall County Library is one way to honor a loved one, friend or teacher. A small tree placed on the Children's Service Desk of the library has titles of children's holiday books needed by the library. Choose a paper ornament, which contains a book title and its price, then give the ornament and the corresponding contribution to a Circulation Desk staff member and ask for a donation form. The library will place a bookplate in the book bearing the name of the honoree prescribed.

VNA offers Light Up a Life memorials

The Visiting Nurse Association is displaying a Light Up a Life Holiday Tree Memorial through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby of the VNA branch office at 2414 W. University Drive, Suite 200, in McKinney or through Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in The Servant's Bookstore & Coffee Bar, 1301 S. Washington St. in Kaufman. A paper dove bearing the name of an honoree can be placed on the tree for a \$10 donation to the VNA Hospice program. Donations will be used to provide hospice services to terminally ill patients in Northeast Texas who lack resources for needed care. For more information about the McKinney campaign contact Connie Williams at

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Commissioners Court Appoints Marcine McCully as new Library Director

Kathy Williams

In a unanimous vote at their Dec. 9 meeting, the Rockwall County Commissioners selected Marcine McCully as the new Rockwall County Library Director. McCully, currently the library's public relations manager, will succeed Kathy Melston, who retires at the end of this year. McCully has been with the library since January

of her business, Commissioners appointed an independent auditor for the County for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2008. The firm of Patillo, Brown and Hill of Waco submitted a bid for a term price of \$31,000 per year for their services. Rockwall County Auditor John Blackwood said that amount would include the cost of any incidental services that may be deemed necessary during the course of an audit, including a single audit. A single audit is required if a county or municipality uses \$500 thousand or more of funds, grants or awards received for its operations.

The commissioners also received a bid from Conway & Company CPAs P.C. for the appointment. Although Conway's bid of \$26,000 per year was lower than that of Patillo, Brown and Hill, the Conway proposal left open the possibility of add-on fees for additional services, including a single audit, which could cause the final bill to exceed the proposed \$26,000 amount.

A supplemental agreement was approved to a work authorization with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation for engineering services on the SH205/IH-30 bypass project for a maximum fee of \$21,450. A change in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) specifications at the SH549/IH-30 overpass modifies the right-of-way requirements and will cause the purchase of the right-of-way to be handled differently than originally planned. County Commissioner David Magness said the changes required by TxDOT are a minor issue and do not affect the design or schedule of the bypass construction project.



Runners of all ages took to the trail at last Saturday's Blane Thompson Memorial/ Scholarship 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run at Harry Myers Park in Rockwall. Funds from the running event and silent auction will be used for scholarships at Rockwall High School. Thompson, who died after a skiing accident in 2003, would have been a senior this year at RHS. In addition, last week's Williams Middle School

Theatre II class production of "Little Women" also raised money for the scholarship fund. The students elected to charge a fee for the normally free production to help support the scholarship program.

Staff photo by Roy Heath

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RCN attorney questions Heath City Council's choice for public notices

The Heath City Council continues to stand by its November 4, 2008 designation of The Dallas Morning News as the city's newspaper of record. Rockwall County News publisher Wesley W. Burnett has challenged that decision based on two essential facts: (1) The Dallas Morning News is unqualified to serve as the city's newspaper of record and (2) the Rockwall County News submitted the lower cost bid for advertising services.

Specifically, Burnett and the newspaper's attorney Don Richards of Lubbock point out that Section 2051.048 of the Texas Government Code states that a municipality's "newspaper of record" must be published in the county in which the political subdivision is located. The Dallas newspaper is published in Dallas County and circulated in Rockwall County, therefore making the daily publication ineligible to serve as Heath's newspaper of record.

Richards, who specializes in media law, said the actions taken by the Heath City Council are "disappointing" from both legal and public perspectives.

"The issues here go to the heart of the council's commitment to the local community," Richards said. "Basically, there's the practical question they need to consider: Is the local city council committed to sending local tax dollars to Dallas or putting local tax dollars back into the local community?"

The council's decision to name The Dallas Morning News as the official newspaper for the City of Heath carries with it several negatives, Richards said.

Violating state law

"First, it of course raises very specific legal concerns, because Texas law plainly states that the Rockwall County News is the clear legal choice. Why would the council intentionally jeopardize the legality of all public notices printed in an unqualified newspaper? Choosing The Dallas Morning News under questionable legal conclusions may put every public notice after November 4 under a legal cloud, thus legally jeopardizing the underlying basis of actions taken by the council which requires public notice," Richards said. "Any action that requires public notice may be subject to an automatic legal challenge because of allegedly improperly published public notice."

Designating the Rockwall County News as the city's 'official' newspaper generates no legal doubts whatsoever, he said.

"But even without the cloud of legal issues, why would the council, as a practical and common sense concern, take such action? Can there really be anyone who thinks the Rockwall County public is better served by notice in the massive Dallas Morning News than in the Rockwall County News?" Richards asked.

People look to local newspaper for local news

"As a practical matter, regardless of whether a local citizen, or an out-of-towner, wants to learn of any local city public issue, will it be better located and quickly found or seen, within the innumerable pages of the fine print of the Dallas metropolitan paper, or in the obvious pages of the Rockwall County News?"

Can there realistically be any question that a member of the public would first look at the Rockwall County News for public notices of the local community, as opposed to the big city newspaper?

Richards emphasized that unless the council does not want local residents to see required public notices, its members would not logically select the Dallas publication as the 'official' newspaper.

"That is a really practical issue that ought to be of concern to a local community seeking to keep tabs on its elected officials' actions," Richards said. "The Texas Public Information Act has a very clearly worded preamble as to why public access to government is so important to Texas citizens. The preamble basically states that the citizens of Texas demand full accountability from their elected officials so that the public can keep control over the government they have created. As such, the people do not give their government the authority to determine what is good and what is not good for the public to know about the affairs of government. Thus, Texas law favors openness at every aspect of government and elected officials' actions. Instead, the Texas Legislature mandated that access laws to government-held information are to be liberally interpreted to give the people the maximum access to public information."

Dallas ad rates five times higher

Also puzzling, Richards said, is why the Heath City Council would choose to publish in the Dallas newspaper when its display advertising rates are greater than those of the local publication by a 5-to-1 difference.

"It is not a matter of a small increase in the city public notice budget, but a dramatically large increase in costs," he said. "Why would the council make such an obvious costly decision?"

To be clear, it should be noted that the Dallas paper technically put in a lower "per word" cost bid than did the Rockwall County News; however, that is not the only factor to be considered, the attorney said. Display, or "boxed" block advertising, is required for many public notices, and "there is a huge disparity in favor of the lower-cost Rockwall newspaper. The end result is that in all likelihood the city's overall annual public notice budget will see a dramatic increase in expense for the taxpayers," Richards said. "Again, we have to ask: Why would the council make such a decision?"

No less important, however, is the statement the council's decision makes to the local community, he said.

Shop at home?

"Local chambers of commerce spend untold dollars every year encouraging local residents to 'shop at home' and not go into the neighboring big city for their purchases," Richards said. "Yet, the local council, by its action, is encouraging exactly the opposite. The council, by choosing the Dallas metropolitan newspaper as the 'official' city newspaper, is encouraging the exact type of behavior that local businesses and chambers of commerce seek to stop."

"The very existence of local business depends wholly on the opposite decision that is being encouraged by the Heath City Council. The city is intentionally sending local tax dollars to Dallas instead of spending local tax dollars locally."

"The city council's decision to publish its notices in a Dallas newspaper just doesn't make any sense, we certainly believe the council has an obligation to its citizens to rescind their November 4 decision and designate the local newspaper as its newspaper of record," Richards concludes.

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Support Feral Friends' Tree of Hope

The Feral Friends Tree of Hope, decorated with adoptable cats and kittens in foster care, will be displayed at Richardson and Rowlett PetSmarts during Saturday hours (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) through Jan. 3. Supporters can make monetary donations in the Animal Angel's name or purchase gift of food, litter, toys or beds. For more details e-mail feralfriends.org.

Support the library through shopping

Gently used books, videos, CDs and book bags may be purchased at the Rockwall County Library's Book Sale. All proceeds from these sales benefit the Friends of the Library project that support the Children's Summer Reading Program.

RC Main Street ornament offered

To boost the development and activities of Main Street in Royse City, the Royse City Main Street program and Photo Designs have teamed up to offer what organizers will be an annual Main Street Holiday Ornament for donation. Ornaments are available at the Well Coffee and Making Memories Gift Shop, both Main Street locations; American National Bank of Royse City; or the RC Chamber of Commerce.



Paulette Burks (left) and Vera Hernandez (right).
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Vera Hernandez honored at retirement reception

Family, co-workers and friends gathered to honor Rockwall County senior clerk Vera Hernandez for her 21 years of service to the County. She spent her first year in the district attorney's office before moving to the county clerk's office, where she worked for the past 21 years.

Hernandez first worked in the county clerk's office under Paulette Burks, until Burks' retirement in 2006. Since then, she has worked for current County Clerk Lisa Constant.

Hernandez's husband, Paul, hosted the luncheon with Twyla Starr, a fellow county clerk employee and friend, to coordinate the event.

Special guests at the reception included Denton County Judge Joe Bridges, Judge Brett Hall, Judge David Rockwell, Rockwall County Judge Chris Florance, Rockwall County Commissioners Jerry Wimpee, Lorie Grinnan and David Grinnan, and former Rockwall Assistant District Attorney and current prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's office Rick Calver.

Members of Hernandez's church also attended, including McMullin, minister of First Christian Church of Rowlett, who offered a word of prayer before the luncheon and Jana Gordon, an elder at the church.

Many other elected officials and fellow County employees stopped in to pay their respects to Hernandez. Rockwall County Clerk Lisa Constant said, "Vera is an exceptional employee who is hardworking, experienced and smart-add a quick sense of humor and a lot of charm and it makes her hard to replace. She is an integral part of this office and will truly be missed."

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Board members must reside within the City of Rockwall.

The Rockwall City Council will consider board appointments at its Jan. 5 meeting; therefore, all applications should be received by Dec. 29.

Applications should be directed to Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary, 385 S. Goliad or by e-mail to kashberry@rockwall.com.

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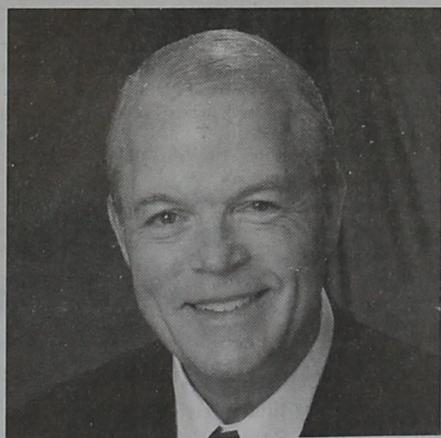
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Members of the Amy Parks Elementary School choirs traveled to NorthPark Mall in Dallas earlier this month where they entertained shoppers going to the Galleria Mall for some ice skating. The group also sang at a Dallas Stars hockey game on Dec. 12 and at Six Flags on Dec. 13. The award-winning choirs are directed by Jan Stonestreet.



Cronin's Arts & Crafts I students at WMS recently made super-sized projects to help teach students proportions and ratios. Students that if all measurements are made correctly, the finished objects will be in perfect proportion. Pictured are, front row, Cassandra Savannah Miller, Julie Dickerson, Cloe Wade, Jamie Pultorak, Isabell Franz and Rose Garret; second row, Kailea Coles, NA'Quelle n, Tiphannie Evans, Dessiree Seidloczek, Brooke David, Robyn Cook and Garrett Grim; third row, Alex Baugh, Nick Lutzel, Kyle Garret Gaylord, Davis Landry, Robert Miller and Austin Hatten; and, back row, Cronin and Caleb Holloway.



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First place winners of the annual Royse City Chamber of Commerce holiday chili cook-off were (left to right) Christine Kiefer for chili with beans, Ana Shew in the cornbread category, Barbara Gray for chili without beans and Lynn Lott in the dessert category. The cooking competition took place Dec. 13 before the Christmas parade and tree lighting.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Lauryn Payne, center, is named the winner of the Royse City Chamber of Commerce Christmas Poster Contest at last Saturday's tree lighting ceremony. Kindergartners from Royse City elementary schools were invited to create posters using this year's theme, Texas Country Christmas. Shown with her mother, is presented her award by Kari Hollifield, Main Street Director for Royse City. Lauryn's art teacher at Fort Elementary School is Mrs. Carmen Slagle.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Cook-off winners named at Royse City Chamber Christmas Event

In honor of this year's holiday theme, Texas Country Christmas, the Royse City Chamber of Commerce hosted a chili cook-off on Dec. 13 before the annual Christmas parade down Main Street.

First place honors were awarded to Christine Kiefer for chili with beans; Barbara Gray for chili without beans; Lynn Lott in the dessert category and Ana Shew for cornbread.

Awards were also given for floats and entries in the evening parade. More than 40 participants were judged in several categories, with winners including:

- Best Use of Theme: Cross-creek Church
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- Most Original: Peggy's Feed
- Best of the Rest: Donald Cline, tractor

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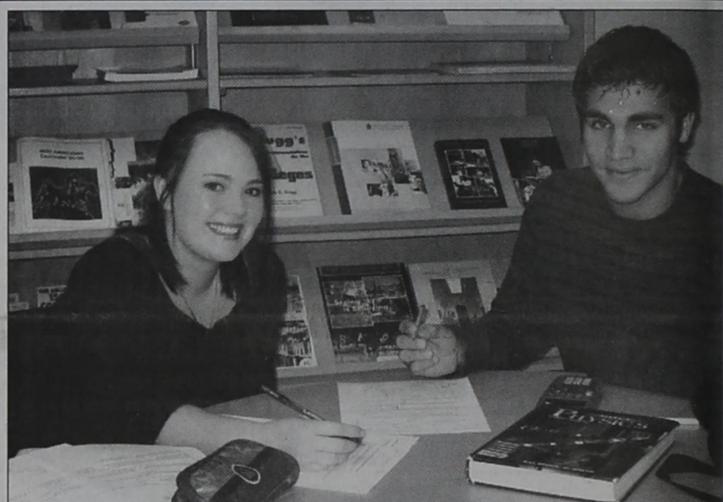
poster contest for Fort Elementary kindergartners using the same theme. The winner, during the evening tree lighting ceremony, was Lauryn Payne, a student at Fort Elementary School.

The choir from the First United Methodist Church of Royse City, under the direction of Joanne, led a sing-along of Christmas songs during the lighting of the city's



The annual Mission HCA Chili Cook-off at Heritage Christian Academy raised approximately \$3,300 to help provide scholarships for the Ghana Mission Team. The competition was fierce and the chili hotter than ever, but in the end, first place was awarded to the team of (left to right) HCA Assistant Headmaster Robert Huckabee, Administrative Assistant Sherry Green and Headmaster Ron Taylor for their Firehouse Chili.

Photo courtesy of Cheryl Read



Catherine Paul and Russell Ramirez are just two of the Rockwall High School Homework Helpers volunteering their time this academic year to assist younger students. A component of the Independent School District's Power of 1 initiative, Homework Helpers is comprised largely of students who volunteer once or twice a week to help younger students with algebra, geometry, Spanish and other subjects. The program is facilitated through the RHS counselor, who maintains a database of interested students, subjects and available times. Students who might benefit from the program are referred to the program by teachers, counselors and principals.

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10 Years Ago
December 15, 1998

Edith Dawson of Rockwall celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple was married in Garland in 1938. Mr. Dawson was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall and Edith was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. Bonacquisti won the International Cinderella Baby title for year old age group at the competition in New Orleans, LA. Competed in two categories, which included judge's interview and performance. Larissa was awarded a \$500 scholarship with a crown, trophy and certificate.

20 Years Ago
December 16, 1988

Gift shops at Goliad Place opened on Sundays from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Gift shops included Lamps Et Cetera, The Pantry, The Stitching Backstreet Boutique, Bicycle Emporium, Cottage Book Shop, Maggie's Shoes, Eloise's, Child Styles, Calico Cupboard and House Restaurant.

Many people attended the groundbreaking for an Olympic-size swimming pool at the YMCA in Rockwall. Guest speakers included Dallas President Ben Casey, Rockwall Mayor Frank Miller and Pressman Ralph Hall.

30 Years Ago
December 15, 1978

Rockwall High School students, Herbert Axe and Bruce Dawson, received \$150 cash scholarship awards from East Texas State Department. Herbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Axe., received the outstanding Freshman/Sophomore Physics Award. Bruce Dawson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Dawson and won the outstanding Junior/Senior Physics Award. Alice Kindel, a 1977 graduate of Rockwall High School, won the Miss Lubbock. She received the award at the Lubbock Memorial Banquet. A sophomore at Texas Tech, Alice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kindel of Rockwall.

40 Years Ago
December 20, 1968

Barbara Coley of Rockwall performed in the Tyler Junior College Band at the Dallas Cowboys-New York Giants game in Yankee Stadium. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Coley of Rockwall. Williams of Rockwall became Branch Manager for Southwest Chemical Company. The company was located at 710 South Street.

50 Years Ago
December 19, 1958

Lawhorn became District Deputy Grand Master for the 118th District in Rockwall County. Mr. Lawhorn's installation was at the Grand Lodge in Waco. Many people attended from Rockwall, including E.A. Payne, J.L. Lofland, Wayne Sealy, Hal Phelps and Jim Wimpee. The Mantle of the New York Yankees presented George May of Rockwall a trophy for Championship of Class "A" All Events Bowling in Dallas. Mr. May shot a 9-game total of 1,941 pins to become the Dallas' bowling champion. Mr. May received his trophy at the Hotel.

60 Years Ago
December 17, 1948

A.L. Atkins built a new home on the lot south of the Williams yard. Rockwall residents knew this as the "Square" Martin lot. The Theater in Rockwall was showing "Champion Old Time with Gene Autry and his horse, Champion, on Friday night and Saturday matinee. Also showing on Monday and Tuesday was, "The Girl with No Name," starring Mark Stevens, Richard Widmark, Lloyd and Barbara Laurence.



The Rockwall Children's Chorus has been busy spreading holiday cheer throughout the community in recent weeks. On Dec. 2 the group, under the direction of Alan Clark, performed Christmas carols in the Rockwall town square. Members of the choir are (top row from left) Kai Robinson, Tara McCoy, Leslie Jaeger, Mallory Cothran, Kenzie Slaten, Caroline Couch (third row) Caroline Slaten, Katie Hyland, Kaylee Chuang, Lucy Ragsdale, Kayla White, Wednesday McKinney (second row) Crysta Janich, Rebecca Maloney, Emily Maxwell, Shelby Jenkins, director Alan Clark (front row) Madison Engle, Anna Kate Slater, Brooke Janich and Destiny Maria.



The Tiger Cubs from Pack 314 visited the Rockwall Nursing Center to bring holiday cheer to the residents. The first graders, their parents and den leaders sang Christmas carols, passed out homemade cards and ornaments and gave Christmas greetings and hugs. Singing at the Center are (back row from left) Trish Provencio, Assistant Den Leader David Provencio, parent Michael Gautreau, (front row) Tiger Cubs Gavin, Matthew, Frankie, D.J. and Garet.

Letters to the Editor

Objects to Williams column

After reading the article by Mr. Williams and his assertions about free trade, protectionism, our manufacturing base, etc. I was a little surprised that he seems to be so oblivious to the disastrous results of over two decades of the free trade at-all-costs policies of the federal government.

Like most economists he seems much more focused on discussing many of the same old historical arguments for free trade but does not address the fact that over the past 20 years we've lost millions of factory jobs as well as millions more support jobs (engineering, accounting, management, etc.) and whole industries to foreign competition that in some cases is government subsidized, utilizes child and prison labor plus have lax safety / health standards.

In fact, the poster child for such behavior is Communist China which has been guilty of selling tainted, poisonous food and drug products to this country that has caused numerous cases of death and illness among many Americans and their pets. In fact, one of the more reprehensible byproducts of the FDA's failure to adequately inspect food and drugs from China resulted in the deaths of over 80 people who ingested Chinese made contaminated ingredients for the blood thinning drug known as heparin. Curiously enough, this very issue never seemed to make it to the forefront during any of the seemingly unending presidential debates, is it any wonder why?

Also, during this 'heyday' of free trade we've seen our country go from being the largest creditor nation in the world to being the largest debtor nation by far, which by all accounts could come to head soon because more and more of the traditional purchasers of our debt are getting increasingly skittish about buying more of our paper. Additionally, despite what we were told by the NAFTA cheerleaders, we've seen a huge increase in illegal immigration and all the costly problems associated with it such as welfare style services, education, healthcare and incarceration expenses to the tune of tens of billions on a yearly basis. Furthermore, debt at the personal, corporate and fedgov levels has exploded to unimaginable levels which in part is due to the lack of wealth creating opportunities that are now located in other areas of the world, never to come back.

The fact of the matter is we were sold a bill of goods that has hollowed out our economy and in my estimation has caused government policies that have been very detrimental to the current and future financial health of the country, something that somehow continues to escape the great thinkers in academia and the mainstream media who still see no problem with our trade policy.

A good idea might be to have economists like Mr. Williams broaden their perspective by leaving the ivory tower and create a start-up company, try to meet a payroll while competing in the real world marketplace without any government assistance against other foreign competitors. I'm sure they would gain some valuable insight by doing so. If that isn't feasible, maybe they'll understand when China starts exporting economists, professors and other professionals willing to work for more than half of what their American counterparts are being paid.

Wayne Clow (wlcetexas@yahoo.com)

Rockwall County Responders

Royse City Police Blotter Dec. 5-11

- Dec. 5 -- Medical assistance, 100 block College Street; suspicious person, 100 block I-30; medical assistance, 1500 block Redman Drive; assault, 600 block Loganwood Drive; theft, 800 block Old Greenville Road
- Dec. 6 -- Alarm, 100 block Cookston Lane; criminal mischief, 1200 block Whispering Glen; suspicious activity, 700 block FM 2642; accident, 600 block FM 2642; noise disturbance, Medina Court; suspicious activity, 200 block Shepherd Lane; accident, S. Hickory Hill Road; noise disturbance, 300 block Texoma Street
- Dec. 7 -- Suspicious activity, 800 block Oak Grove Lane; alarm, 6700 block I-30; public intoxication/no driver's license arrest, 200 block I-30
- Dec. 8 -- Criminal mischief, 200 block Rustic Grove Lane
- Dec. 9 -- Theft, 1000 block I-30; theft, 200 block Lynn Street; controlled substance/driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 at the 80 mile marker; welfare check, 1300 block E. Main Street
- Dec. 10 -- Theft, 600 block Love Lane; reckless driver, I-30 at the 80 mile marker; theft, 1400

block FM 1777; theft, 1300 block E. Main Street

- Dec. 11 -- Suspicious person, I-30 at the 78 mile marker; suspicious activity, Creek Drive; medical assistance, 3000 block Spencer Circle; suspicious activity, 1500 block Trent Drive.

Sheriff's Department

Calls (Dec. 5-12) - 220
Warrant unit arrests (week of Dec. 8) - 5

Rockwall PD Calls for Service Dec. 8-14

- Dec. 8: Burglary, 1200 block IH 30; Theft, 1500 block IH 30; Theft, 2900 block Oak Drive.
- Dec. 9: Theft, 2000 block South Goliad Street; Theft, 900 block IH 30; Theft, 200 block West Rusk; Theft, 1400 block South Goliad Street.
- Dec. 10: 900 West Yellow Jacket Lane.
- Dec. 11: 900 IH 30; Theft, 900 West Yellow Jacket Lane; Theft 900 block IH 30; Theft, 600 block FM 552; Theft, 800 block IH 30; Theft, 900 block IH 30.
- Dec. 12: Theft, 800 block Elgin Court; Theft, 2900 Ridge Road; Theft, 1900 block Murfield Avenue.
- Dec. 13: Burglary, 2200 block Field Crest Drive.

- Dec. 14: Burglary, 800 block IH 30; Theft, 100 block Southwood Drive; Theft, 3100 block Market Center.

Other calls for service: Abandoned property 1, Animal complaint 11, Burg/fire/alarm 65, Criminal Assault 2, Criminal Mischief 8, Drunk/DWI 4, Fight 1, Fire Alarm 1, Fire Call 1, Follow up investigation 12, Forgery 3, Injured or sick person 32, Investigation 24, Major traffic accident 1, Meet complainant 32, Minor disturbance 9, Minor traffic accident 33, Missing person 2, Motorist/citizen assist 23, Open building 5, Ordinance/parking violation 21, Reckless driver/poss. DWI16, Street hazard 7, Suicide 1, Suspicious person 51, Traffic complaint 5, Welfare concern 8.

Rockwall Fire EMS Dec. 8-14

Calls for service: Barn/shed/outbuilding 1, Car fire 2, Fire alarm 9, Grass fire 2, Injured or sick person 1, Major traffic accident 1, Motor vehicle accident/rescue 1, Other fire not classified 1, Smoke smell/odor 2, Wires down 1.

Heath DPS Dec. 8-14

- Dec. 9: Theft, 6600 block Horizon Road.
 - Dec. 11: Burglary, 13 Kenton Court.
- Other calls for service: Burglary/panic alarm 13, Criminal mischief, Fire call 3, Injured or sick person 5, Major traffic accident 1, Meet complainant 6, Assist citizen 1, Ordinance violation 1, Shots fired/shooting 1, Street blockage 1, Suspicious person 9, Welfare concern 2.



7-year-old Bailey is this week's Feral Friends Community Cat Pet of the Week. The green-eyed, black-and-white female kitten at heart, good with other cats and doesn't mind dogs. She is a bit shy initially, but warms up. It's not known how well she would get along with children, but probably would do OK with children. She is not a finicky eater and doesn't mind traveling carrier for car trips. The alliance has adoptions from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday at the PetSmart in Rowlett. For more information visit feralfriends.org.

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Chisholm Baptist Choir offers holiday cantata

Rockwall Nursing Home residents had the true meaning of Christmas delivered to them by a group celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ with their voices.

On Dec. 7, members of the Chisholm Baptist Church choir performed their Christmas cantata, "Noel - A Night of Everlasting Love."

The visit to the nursing home was the group's second time to share the musical show. Their first performance this year was on Dec. 3 at the annual Christmas tree lighting at McClendon Chisholm's City Hall.

The Chisholm Baptist Church choir will give its third production at 6 p.m. Sunday at its church home, six miles I-30 on Hwy 205.

The church's children's Christmas program, "The Story of Christmas" will be performed during the Sunday morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 21. The evening service will be a candlelight service.

For more information visit chisholmbaptistchurch.org or contact the pastor, Rocky Weatherford, at 214-674-8826.

Amy Parks students send gifts to soldiers

Third grade students at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary have been busy working hard to support U.S. troops.

In lieu of the traditional student gift book exchange, the third grade class is participating in the service project "Gifts from the Homefront" to raise money to purchase gift certificates for soldiers serving the U.S.

Students were asked to bring the money they would spend on a book exchange for a classmate and instead contribute it towards buying gift certificates for deployed service members through "Gifts from the Homefront," which works with the American Red Cross to ensure that the certificates make it to the service members who need

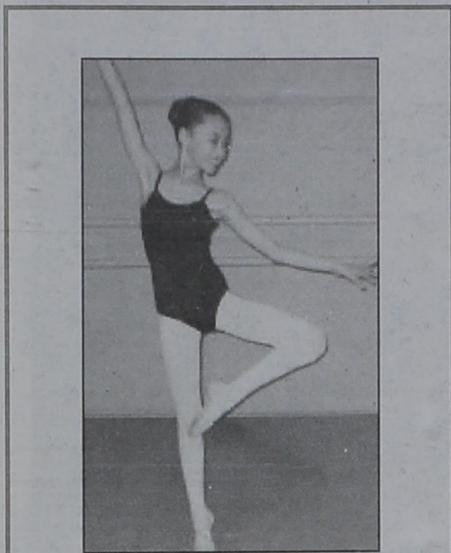
them most. The cards may be used anywhere on base to what is needed or desired.

But many students are raising extra money through selling hot chocolate, candy canes, mistletoe and bake sales also are asking friends and family members for donations.

In 2007, the third grade class raised more than \$2,400. The goal is to surpass that level.

At 1:30 p.m. Friday, two members of the armed forces served in Iraq will be at the school to visit with the third graders. The public is invited to join in the special program.

For more information, contact Suzanne Brooke at suzannebrooke.com or 972-658-0729.



Fulton School sixth grade student Morgan Froelich will perform with the Dallas Metropolitan Ballet at McFarlin Auditorium on the Southern Methodist University campus in the ballet "The Night Before Christmas" this month. She is an apprentice in the ballet company and has been dancing classical ballet for seven years.



Students at Lakeland Academy, a ranch Montessori school in Union Valley near Royse City, recently provided Christmas stockings to Boles Children's Home. Pictured are students (standing from left) Miranda, Alex, Kali, Hannah, Cullen, (seated) Gregory and Madison with the stockings.



Enjoying a traditional Christmas hot dog at last Saturday's Royse City Chamber of Commerce holiday chili cook-off, these girls wait to hear the winners of the cooking competition and prepare for the evening parade and the arrival of Santa Claus to officially open the holiday season. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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The Lakeside Civic Chorus hosted its annual holiday concert, "Sing We Now of Christmas," earlier this month at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. For the evening's performance, the chorus was accompanied by Ken Frerichs, as well as a 12-piece orchestra. The program

featured hymns such as "Ave Maria," "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" and "Silent Night." The Rockwall Children's Choir shared the stage during the song "All is Well" and was featured in a performance of "Jesus Child." The audition-only chorus, directed by David Bush, is celebrating 25th year.

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Men students deliver gifts to nursing home

Members of Pullen Elementary's student council and honor choir visited the Rockwall Nursing Center and Summer Ridge living facility to deliver gifts and entertain the residents. Musical director, Laci Strickland, led the honor choir in a holiday favorites while student council members distributed packages to residents.

Principal Renee Demianovich, who oversees the student community endeavors, said she considers such visits an important part of her students' educational experience. "It is important for our students to take an active part in addressing the needs of our community," she said. "We want them to see they have the ability to make a difference."

The group collected food in November to benefit area families. This year they are collecting toys to benefit area children. "We have adopted Helping Hands in Rockwall as one of our community service projects this year," said Demianovich. "Our students are encouraged to be active in helping their community and are always looking for ways to help others."



Pullen Student Council members recently visited with Rockwall Nursing Center residents. Pictured from the left are Ramis Adnan, Lakeland Smartt, Kellie Hogue, Mikki Westmoreland, Taylor Smith, Gracen Kahler, Alia Miller and Shey Scroggins.

How's-Feet Chronicles

By Baker

Medicated Frosty Footsie

A weapon of mass destruction. It's called Mentha Foot and it can probably bring an entire nation to its knees. Locally, it's produced by Jackson at Greyhound speeds, pulling the retractable handle from my hand and recoiling until it slammed into his chest. I found him outside Tulsa.

I'm not sure if it was the peppermint oil, the menthol, the methyl salicylate, or the Isochillytootsylene in the tingling foot powder that made me run around the house checking for open windows in hot (so to speak) pursuit of the draft that was freezing and forming ice crystals on my eyelashes (I had put contact lenses in my eyes with my "lotioned" fingers after I had the Mentha Foot on my feet). After checking every window, crack and crevice, it dawned on me that the Mentha Foot was like Mama's Mentholatum was to my sinus cavities. I smeared the icy stuff over our chests and inside our nostrils. I had a cold. When I breathed, it felt like I inhaled all the silverware from the silverware drawer. To keep us from freezing, she wrapped a hot stove lid in a towel and placed it under us to keep us warm. To this day, I have the name of the stove burner imprinted on my ankle.

Practices employed by Mama were standard. A mustard plaster was put on a new pain for the old one (when removed violently it dragged along enough skin to make your liver visible for a week). There were mysterious therapeutic virtues in food like garlic and onions—which at least kept away people, sick or well. I remember wearing garlic necklaces or little sacks of camphor crystals around my neck to ward off disease. Classrooms smelled like cedar to keep clear of germs, the family used a sanitary cup from the store. Small red radishes, a natural source of central heat, helped keep us warm over a cold winter. (It was rumored that Thomas Edison got the idea for the incandescent lamp from his mother's radishes.) The stronger the medicine, the better it was. We were forced to swallow stuff that today would be labeled "For External Use Only." If a little was good for you, more was better. If one neighbor took a medicine and recovered, everybody took it—and got sick.

Mentha Foot is so soothing that it's nearly worth the agony of a cold. After several applications, though, I have determined that mentha cream would be more comforting during the months of June, July and August. Throughout wintertime, however, my top "must-have" for braving Mentha Foot are footed pajamas.

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Pictured above are Fulton students who recently made icosahedrons as part of their class. Shown from the left are Brian Tiffie, Stewart Draheim, Mark Jones, Tim Borgen, Kendall Johnson, Brett Steffan, Austin Reid, Tyler Johnson, Whitney Vaughn and Hassan Rabah. In geometry, an icosahedron is any polyhedron having 20 sides.

Photo courtesy of The Fulton School



Heath residents Steve and Marlene Clark (at left) attended a Forbes Magazine-sponsored event Dec. 3 at the Amara Sanctuary Resort in Singapore where Jinpan International received Forbes' Best Under a Billion Award recognizing the Top 200 Asian companies. Steve Clark serves as director and audit committee chairman of Jinpan, a manufacturer of high-tech cast resin transformers used in electrical infrastructure, manufacturing and wind power applications. Forbes began its award selection process with more than 15,000 Asian companies, but selected the Top 200 based on ROI and other criteria. Pictured above with the local couple at the event are (center) former Commissioner of the National Football League and guest speaker Paul Tagliabue and (right) Mark Barclay, director of Sentosa Corporation.

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The Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse rides through the downtown square to help kick off the 39th Annual Rockwall Kiwanis Christmas Parade. The Posse, which is made up of volunteers, is a staple at parades, ceremonies and community events around county, also providing assistance to the Sheriff when dealing with animal calls and safety at high school football games and school events.

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The Rockwall High School Choir performs Christmas favorites at the Harbor's holiday music program last Saturday, Dec. 13. Under the direction of Karen Thomas, RHS director of choral music, the group performed Sing We Now of Christmas, Carol of the Bells, Silent Night, A Holiday Wish, and Christmas Lullaby. The performance featured five soloists, including Trevor St. John-Gilbert, Baylor Josh Miller, Nicki Dearick and Lizzy Eidson. Accompanist for the choir was Ken Frerichs.

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Taking time off from judging the chili cook-off at the Royse City Chamber of Commerce holiday event last Saturday, Dec. 13, Eric Elder (center) enjoys time with his sons and fellow Dallas Cowboys fans, Grayson and Gage. Mom Dena Elder, behind the camera, also assisted with the cook-off.

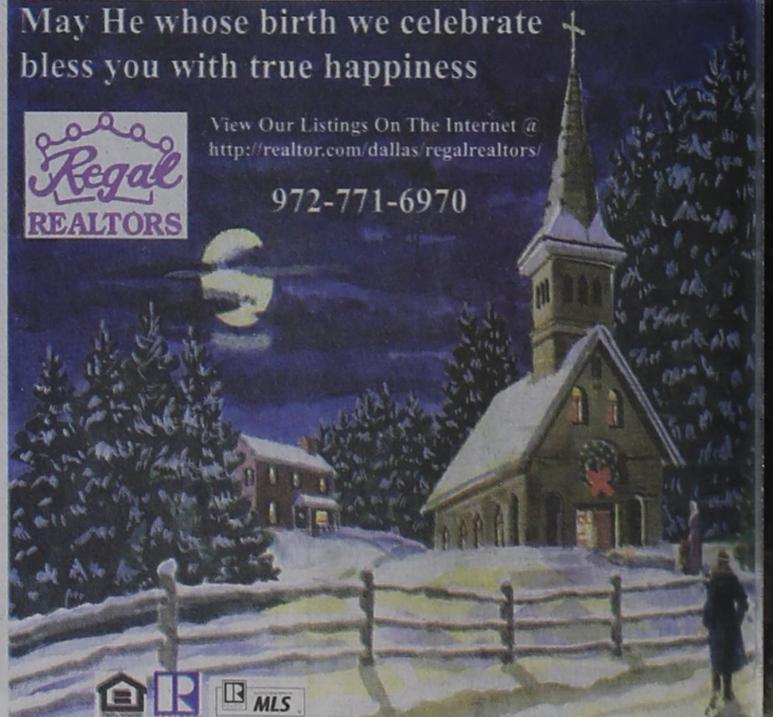
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Rockwall County Sports



Rockwall Christian Academy TAPPS Regional Champion team members and coaches are (back row, left to right) Coach Steve Farquhar, Rick Farquhar, Head Coach Robert Clyde, Michael Uvere, Ryan Lee, John Edwards, Sherman Peoples, Jordan Ogle, Matt Ogle, Coach Caleb Palmer, Coach Ryan Hankins, (middle row) Joey Rousset, Aaron Eastin, Cody Wallace, Rowland Hickman, Ryan Harned, Randy Castenada, Elijah Ruiz, (front row) Eric Wright and Michael Barnard. Photo courtesy of Rockwall Christian Academy

Rockwall Christian saves successful season

by Lary Bump

When the 2008 football season began, Rockwall Christian Academy wasn't even sure it would have enough players to field a team. Twenty-one players answered the call, and took the Warriors to a Tapps 2A-Division IV regional championship and the state semifinals.

Playing a difficult schedule, Rockwall Christian finished the regular season 5-5 overall and 2-2 in its district. The district losses were to the two teams, Frisco Legacy Christian and Richardson Canyon Creek Christian, that played for the state championship.

Head coach Robert Clyde said, "We had an outstanding season because of an incredible group of young men. What they lacked in numbers they made up for with heart. We had a blessed season."

"Throughout the entire season from start to finish, this team played for the glory of the Lord. This team accomplished so much this year. The future is bright for these young men."

The Warriors won two playoff games before losing in the semifinals to Frisco Legacy Christian to finish 7-6.

Xavier VanZant gained nearly 1,000 yards and scored 15 touchdowns rushing. He led the team overall with 21 TDs and 128 points. Justin Ogle caught almost 1,000 yards' worth of passes good for 14 touchdowns. Quarterback Gus Renaud led the Warriors by throwing for 27 touchdowns.



The Heritage Christian Academy football team, TAPPS State Championship runners-up, are (back row, left to right) Coach Brad Salter, Josh Points, Travis Arterburn, Josh Peschell, Aaron Gehorst, Asa Burke, Zach Read, Spencer McAfee, Kevin Prater, Sam Prater, Coach Butch Jones, Coach Griffey, Noah Ward, Coach Josh Huckabee, Head Coach Robert Huckabee, Trainer Tony

Nogueras, (front row) Coach Chris Read, Chase Graham, Cameron Westmoreland, Colton Read, Aaron Mateer, Josh Money, Caleb Cathey, Joe McConnell, Stephen Salter and Austin Pettit. Photo by William Crowe

A football players earn TAPPS honors

Bump
Heritage Christian Academy fell just short of the TAPPS Division I championship, and received many awards for its efforts.

Five players were All-State first team performers, and those five were chosen to play in the Private School 6 Man All-Star Saturday at Temple Central Texas Christian.

On, six players were first-team selections on the All-District TAPPS I District II. Three others were named to the second team received honorable mention.

Peschell and Kevin Prater were first-team All-State on both offense. Peschell played tight end and linebacker, and Prater played utility back and defensive lineman. Quarterback Zach Read, running back Josh Points and safety Noah Ward also received first-team honors.

Head Coach Robert Huckabee talked about the seniors: "This year our seniors has played in and won more games than any class in our school's history. They are 49-6 during their high school career. They played in three State Championship games and won the state title in 2006. They have received many All-State honors. We will really miss them. More importantly, they are fine men who are excellent students and leaders on our campus."

Peschell, Points, Prater, Read and Ward also went to the All-Star game.

On the All-District team, Peschell was the Defensive MVP and Sam Prater the Sportsman of the Year.

The first-team choices were Peschell at tight end and linebacker, Prater at utility back and defensive lineman, Ward at center and safety, Read at quarterback and Points at running back.

On the second team were Spencer McAfee at tight end and defensive lineman, Points at linebacker and Read at cornerback.

Honorable mention went to McAfee at safety, wide receiver Micah Griffey, kicker Aaron Mateer and defensive lineman Travis Arterburn.

Huckabee also reflected on the state championship game loss to Greenville Christian.

He said, "This was a difficult loss because we had a great game plan that the team was executing very well. It certainly hurt that we lost our quarterback (Read) to an injury in the first half, but the rest of the team stepped up and played well the rest of the game."

"Turnovers are always critical in a very close game, and this one (tied entering the fourth quarter) was no exception."

"We have had many great games with Greenville in the past, and we knew this one would be a tough battle as well."

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The Rockwall Youth Sports Association, led by Stan Veasley, traveled to Las Vegas over the Thanksgiving holiday and won the National Pigskin Tournament. The tournament hosted 150 teams from all over the US! Pictured here are the 11-12 year old champs from Rockwall, TX. This team is the reigning national championship team for 2 consecutive years!
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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Jackets stretch winning streak to 5 games

by Lary Bump

The first game in Rockwall's new rivalry was all but over at halftime, but the Lady Jackets barely got started in the first half before rallied to win their second basketball game during the last week.

The two victories gave RHS a five-game winning streak and improved its record to 10-7 overall and 2-0 in District 10-4A.

Friday night's first meeting with Rockwall-Heath was close for one quarter, with Rockwall leading 15-13. Then RHS outscored the Lady Hawks 16-2 in the second quarter for a 31-15 lead that only grew bigger as Rockwall won 64-36.

Peyton Adamson led the Lady Jackets with 26 points, a smidge below her season average. But this time, she had help. Jordan Anterhaus with 12 points and Vertashia Dean with nine scored inside, and point guard Raven Turner added eight with her style of driving to the basket.

Anterhaus in particular impressed head coach Jill McDill, who said, "In the Heath game, Jordan went to the basket and was able to score. She has always been a good defensive player, but we need her to score."

Rockwall's defense also was important. "You know our goal is to hold our opponents under 40 points. Any time we do that, we're pleased," McDill said.

At West Mesquite Monday, the Lady Jackets barely held the Lady Wranglers under 40 in the first half of what McDill called "the craziest game I've ever been in."

West Mesquite took a 20-11 lead after the first quarter and maintained that advantage at halftime, 35-26.

McDill said, "They were hitting everything. At halftime, I told the team, 'We haven't done anything right and we're still only down by nine.'"

She also challenged the captains - Adamson, Anterhaus and Kayla Kimmons - to lead the team in the second half.

They did just that. With the Lady Wranglers using a box-and-one defense to try to stop Adamson, that left Kimmons open for 3-point shots. Rockwall had been missing an outside-shooting complement to Adamson, but Kimmons made three 3-pointers in the third quarter to help the Lady Jackets pull within three points, 49-46. Anterhaus added seven points.

Kimmons' success caused West Mesquite to loosen its defense around

Adamson in the fourth quarter, and she scored 16 of her game-high 31 points then as Rockwall won going away 70-62.

In what McDill called "a breakout performance," Kimmons scored 15 points and added seven assists, three rebounds and four steals. Anterhaus again finished with 12 points.

The coach added, "I'm really proud of our kids, especially the second-half effort. West Mesquite is a really good team. They went to the regional semifinals last year."

The final game before the holiday break will be at home Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Carrollton R.L. Turner (6-5 overall, 0-2 in the district). The Lady Jackets and Carrollton Newman Smith are the only teams still unbeaten in 10-4A play.

McDill said, "One of our goals was that we wanted to be 3-0 in the district heading into the break."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	15	16	15	18	64
Rockwall-Heath	13	2	9	12	36

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 26, Jordan Anterhaus 12, Vertashia Dean 9, Raven Turner 8, Aimee Coleman 4, Kayla Kimmons 3, Katy Mueller 2.

Rockwall-Heath: Shanae Lowrance 12, Lyndsey Renta 11, Meredith Deere 6, Katelyn Morris 3, Brianna Richardson 2, Sidney Horton 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	11	15	20	24	70
W. Mesquite	20	15	14	13	62

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 31, Kayla Kimmons 15, Jordan Anterhaus 12, Vertashia Dean 5, Alyssa Lang 4, Katy Mueller 3.

West Mesquite: J'Tierra Brown 15, Re'nikia Meshack 12, Desiree' Johnson 12, Latericka Anderson 9, Jalisa Mitchell 8, Dominique Taylor



Alyssa Lang (32), with the Lady Jackets, reaches to rebound the ball during last Friday's game against the Lady Hawks' Lyndsey Renta (33) during last Friday's game at the Cain Middle School gym. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Jackets drop 2 at Mike Brown Auto Group tournament

by Lary Bump

The Rockwall High School boys' basketball team was on a roll a week ago.

They came away from their victory over Paris, on the heels of winning the Clear Creek Lake Shootout in Mabank, talking about winning the Mike Brown Auto Group Tournament in Granbury. A 20-point victory over Fort Worth Nolan Thursday, led by Kyle Sandlin's 31 points, did nothing to curb Rockwall's enthusiasm.

Arlington Lamar ended RHS' dream by swatting the Yellowjackets 57-33 in the second round Friday morning. Then Crowley knocked Rockwall out of the tournament with a 49-45 victory. Lamar reached the tournament final before losing to host Granbury.

The Jackets didn't have a chance to get back on the winning track because Tuesday's bad weather canceled their scheduled home game against Mesquite Horn.

So Rockwall will take a 6-5 overall record into its first District 10-4A game Friday at Carrollton R.L. Turner. The Lions were one of the few teams to play Tuesday, when they lost to Grapevine to fall to 0-13.

Turner hasn't scored more than 57 points in a game this season; the Jackets have allowed more than 57 only once. But don't think RHS coach Alan Simmons already is counting the game in the win column.

He said, "Everybody starts 0-0 right now. We need to take care of one game at a time. Hopefully, the games we've played will pay off now."

So far, the Jackets have shown great improvement since last year, when they opened the season 3-11. Their success has come primarily through their tenacious, stingy defense.

Even at Granbury that defense was evident. However, Rockwall's offense disappeared against Lamar and Crowley.

"We took good shots but we couldn't score," Simmons said. "Kyle Sandlin had zero field goals against Lamar. He just couldn't put it in the basket, and when your leading scorer does that you're in trouble."

The Jackets didn't score as many as 10 points in any quarter against the Vikings. The next day, RHS managed 10 points in the first quarter, but totaled just eight in the second and third quarters. By the time Rockwall regrouped to score 27 fourth-quarter points, it was too late.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Ft. Worth Nolan	11	10	9	15	45
Rockwall	16	10	17	22	65

Nolan: Ryan Ledet 17, Alden Daldock 10, Eckelbarger 8, Fred LaGrove 4, Trevor Barth 3, Smith 1.

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 31, Blake Sandlin 10, Hunter Jorgensen 10, Richard Grady 4, Tim Yeager 2, Jarron White 2, Taylor Oden 2, Eric Palmer 1, Adam Dingwell 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Arlington Lamar	13	16	17	11	57
Rockwall	8	9	9	7	33

Lamar: Richard Raymond 17, Gary McCalister 12, Cannon 12, Taylor Wilkerson 6, Micah Pointer 6, JaVon Collins 2, Tony Malone 1.

Rockwall: Hunter Jorgensen 10, Luke Wardell 5, Jarron White 4, Kyle Sandlin 3, Blake Sandlin 3, Richard Grady 3, Tim Yeager 2, Dingwell 2, Josh Barlow 1.

Crowley 49, Rockwall 45 (final)

Rockwall Yellowjackets schedule

Saturday, Dec. 20 - Varsity wrestling: at Austin State Invitational, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 29 - Varsity girls' basketball: at Sandra Meadows Basketball Tournament, Duncanville, Blue Gym; vs. Waxahatchie Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament, Irving

Tuesday, Dec. 30 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament

Varsity girls' basketball: at Sandra Meadows Varsity Basketball Tournament, Duncanville

Wednesday, Dec. 31 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament

Varsity girls' basketball: at Sandra Meadows Varsity Basketball Tournament, Duncanville

Friday, Jan. 2 - Varsity wrestling: at Grapevine Duals, Grapevine

Boys' soccer: home, Alumni scrimmage

Girls' soccer: home, Alumni scrimmage

RHS wrestlers 6th at Lone Star Duals

Rockwall's wrestling team warmed up for the weekend's Lone Star Duals by taking a decisive 47-24 victory Thursday night at McKinney.

The Yellowjackets got on an early roll, with Nich Hyde pinning his opponent, Josh Holloway winning by forfeit and Chester Howell taking a technical fall with a 15-0 decision.

RHS put the match away by pinning four consecutive Lions in the upper weights - by Zach Everett, Dacoda Hicks, Matt Rowland and B. Devereaux.

With Matt Claggett winning all six of his matches, the Jackets finished sixth among 16 teams at the Lone Star Duals at Dallas St. Mark's.

Rockwall won three of its first four matches. First the Jackets beat Plano East 46-28. After losing to the host school 55-27, Rockwall defeated Frisco Wakeland 40-28 and edged The Woodlands 43-42. Then RHS fell to Arlington Martin 53-19 and Grapevine 55-12.

In addition to Claggett's perfect record, leading the Jackets were Hicks at 3-0, Sims Hazel 5-1 and Rowland and Howell, both 4-2.

3 RHS JV wrestlers take Plano titles

Evan Martinez, Tyler Wright and Jodh Smith all placed first for Rockwall's wrestlers in last weekend's Plano JV Tournament.

Seven other junior Jackets placed among the top four. Thorn Pettigrew and Micheal Basinger finished second, Dylan Milhausen and Austin Farris were third and Matt Durst, Micheal McKnight and Charlie Hawkins placed fourth.

Martinez, Wright and Hawkins were among six junior varsity wrestlers who won matches Thursday at McKinney. Other Yellowjackets who won were Baylor Black, Jack Barnett and Josiah Shipp.

Royse City Bulldogs' schedule

Monday, Dec. 29: Varsity boys' basketball: at Kaufman Holiday Tournament, Kaufman Junior High, vs. Kemp 2 p.m. and vs. Forney, 6:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 30: Varsity boys' basketball: at Kaufman Holiday Tournament, Kaufman Junior High, vs. Brownsboro, 12:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Varsity boys' basketball: at Kaufman Holiday Tournament

Varsity girls' basketball: at Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament

Bulldogs split 4 games leading up to district

by Lary Bump

Even in a week abbreviated by Tuesday's ice storm, the Roysie City boys' basketball team managed to play four games and win two of those.

Before the storm canceled the non-district game scheduled for Thursday against Frisco Wakeland, the Bulldogs (5-6 overall) played in the Wills Point Tournament over the weekend.

They drew a tough first-round opponent in Ferris, which defeated RC 63-54 on the way to reaching the tournament's final game before losing to Addison Trinity Christian.

Ferris took control for a 35-22 halftime lead, but the Bulldogs battled back to move within six points, 53-47, entering the fourth quarter. Wynn Posey scored 13 points to lead the balanced attack that typified Roysie City's play throughout the tournament.

Following a 75-58 victory over Athens, the Bulldogs lost to Kaufman 70-58. In that game, RC's rally didn't come until the fourth quarter, when it was too late to overcome a 56-38 deficit after three quarters. Posey scored 17 points against Kaufman.

The Bulldogs won their final game in the tournament over Commerce 60-48, with Trey Crutchfield scoring a team-high 14 points.

That tournament turned out to be the final warm-up for the Bulldogs' first game in District 10-4A. They'll play at home at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Greenville, which lost its first five games this season.

However, RC head coach Anthony Howerton said, "They are much improved from last season."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	11	11	25	7	54
Ferris	14	21	18	10	63

Royse City: Wynn Posey 13, DaJon Avery 11, Scotty Arterberry 6, Stephen Edwards 6, Trey Crutchfield 6, Justin Jacobs 6, Stephen Edwards 6, Trey Crutchfield 6, N. Ferris: Jeremy Masterson 21, Tevin Richard 13, Paul Casey Leamon 9, Tanner Bodine 6, James Hopkins 2, Nick Royse City 75, Athens 58 (final)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	10	12	16	20	58
Kaufman	14	18	24	14	70

Royse City: Wynn Posey 17, DaJon Avery 8, Stephen Arterberry 6, Trey Crutchfield 6, Justin Jacobs 4, Cory Kawesa 2, Cory Stapleton 2.

Kaufman: D. Miles 15, Wood 14, Wells 13, Wrenn 12, Green 6, Turner 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	17	14	11	18	60
Commerce	15	13	10	10	48

Royse City: Trey Crutchfield 14, Wynn Posey 13, DaJon Avery 8, Stephen Arterberry 8, Stephen Edwards 7, Justin Jacobs 4, Cory Kawesa 2.

Commerce: Nelson 13, Smith 11, Henley 10, Brown 6, Heath 2.

Royse City Lady Bulldogs pounce on Pearce 51-44

by Lary Bump

The challenges continue for Roysie City in its first season of District 10-4A girls' basketball.

Friday's game will be at Greenville, whose Lady Lions are 1-1 in the district with a victory over Rockwall-Heath and a five-point overtime loss at Highland Park.

RC also is 1-1 in the district, and 12-4 overall. The Lady Bulldogs bounced back from a loss at Rockwall in their opening district game with a strong performance to defeat Richardson Pearce (1-1) last Friday 51-44.

Raven Alexander led Roysie City with 19 points. RC took an 11-3 lead after the first quarter and held the advantage the rest of the way. Its defense contained Pearce's 6'5" Corrie Forcier, holding her to 14 points.

The Lady Bulldogs already have defeated Greenville this season, 58-42 in the Great East Texas Shootout at Winnsboro. Alexander also scored 19 points in that game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	3	16	14	11	44
Royse City	11	14	16	10	51

Richardson Pearce: Corrie Forcier 14, Haley Marstel Gerber 6, Megan Siebert 5, McKenzie Russell 4, Elyssa Alexander 3, Raven Alexander 19, Tayler Young 9, Kellie Wyring Howard 7, Ariel Freese 7.

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The deadline for RFQ submission is Friday, January 9, 2009 @ 5:00 PM Central Time Zone. The submission must be directed to the e-mail address or the ground address referenced above. All submissions received by the referenced deadline will be publicly opened and the names read aloud on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 2:00 PM Central Time Zone in the Rockwall County Commissioners Court located in the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse at 101 East Rusk Street in Rockwall, Texas.

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The Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders participated in the Amy Parks Elementary School Sweets with Santa program. Shown presenting the toys and goodies collected to Mr. and Mrs. Claus are (left to right) Paige Richerson, Sarah Moseley, McKelvey Moore, Caylee Lott, Kaleigh Loeffler, Morgan Rupe, Lauren Hartnet and Hawks mascot Johnathan Romo.
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Rockwall-Heath High School Cheerleaders provide valuable assistance to wide variety of community and civic organizations

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Rockwall-Heath Cheerleader Booster Club Publicity Chair

The Rockwall-Heath Cheerleaders community service program, "Heath Hawks Have a Heart," is designed to provide the cheerleaders with volunteer opportunities in the Rockwall-Heath Community. The cheerleaders pick and chose from events depending on their individual schedules.

The cheerleaders have logged countless hours volunteering for events such as Habitat for Humanity, Johnathan's Place, Cancer Cut-A-Thon, Aspasians Art Fair, Rockwall ISD Special Education Dance, Rockin' The Docks, Relay For Life, Vacation Bible School, Fulton Academy, Angel League Baseball, RHHS Fish Camp, American Cancer Society, Mission Arlington, Helping Hands, Big Brothers & Sisters, Terrell State

Hospital, YMCA, Summer Ridge Retirement Center, Patriot Paws and more.

The RHHS Cheerleaders Spirit Committee Chair Dana Howell and the Community Service Chair Marsha McKenna collaborated and planned three community service events during the pep rally/football season this year. For the first, "Cage the Bearcats," RHHS students were asked to donate a teddy bear at the pep rally and game against the Sherman Bearcats. The Rockwall-Heath students donated more than 200 bears which were donated to Jonathan's Place.

The second event was a toy drive at the Rockwall-Heath vs. Rockwall football game. Booster Club 1st Vice President Stacy Loeffler coordinated the event. Fans were asked to donate a toy on their way into the game. The toys collected were donated at the Sweets with Santa event held at Amy Parks Elementary School. The money raised at the toy drive was used to purchase a Wii game system for the Garland Autistic Center.

The final community service/spirit collaboration was a fundraiser for the troops in Iraq. The fundraiser was planned to coincide with the Hawks Playoff Games. The event took place behind Chick-fil-A. Cars drove through a spirit-filled line of cheerleaders and cheer parents. Cars donating items for the troops were given a Hawks car flag and the cheerleaders, drill team and Hawk Guard decorated their cars for the playoff game the following day. More than \$1,200 was collected, along with numerous items for the troops. The money was used to purchase additional items needed by the troops.

The cheerleaders 40 holiday care packages troops. The Community Committee collected nearly 400 packages from the Rockwall community. The packages were boxed with love and goodies and included items such as socks, candy, toothbrushes, Febreze and more. Handwritten cards were included, along with Christmas ornaments.

Also during the holiday the cheerleaders attended the Amy Parks Elementary School with Santa event, the and JV cheerleaders each a family and the Freshman leaders purchased items for the Angel Tree at Walmart.

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Opinions

Gun Control: Protecting Terrorists and Despots

by Congressman Ron Paul

Tragically, over the Thanksgiving holiday, the world was reminded how evil and cruel people can be. According to emerging accounts of the events in India, about a dozen well-armed and devastatingly well-trained terrorists laid siege on the city of Mumbai, killing almost two hundred people, and terrorizing thousands.

Regardless of the reasons, the indiscriminate shooting on masses of unarmed and defenseless people is chilling and reprehensible. How were these terrorists able to continue so long, relatively unchallenged, killing so many?

India's gun laws are her business, of course. However, once the shock of these events and the initial reaction of fear passes, Americans should take away a valuable lesson about real homeland security and gun control from this tragedy.

Gun control advocates tell us that removing guns from society makes us safer. If that were the case why do the worst shootings happen in gun free zones, like schools? And while accidents do happen, aggressive, terroristic shootings like this are unheard of at gun and knife shows, or military bases. It bears repeating that an armed society truly is a polite society.

The fact is that firearm technology exists. It cannot be uninvented. As long as there is metalworking and welding capability, it matters not what gun laws are imposed upon law-abiding people. Those that wish to have guns, and disregard the law, will have guns. Gun control makes violence safer and more effective for the aggressive, whether the aggressor is a terrorist or a government.

History shows us that another tragedy of gun laws is genocide. Hitler, for example, knew well that in order to enact his "final solution," disarmament was a necessary precursor.

While it is not always the case that an unarmed populace WILL be killed by their government, if a government is going to kill its own people, it MUST disarm them first so they cannot fight back. Disarmament must happen at a time when overall trust in government is high, and under the guise of safety for the people, or perhaps the children. Knowing that any government, no matter how idealistically started, can become despotic, the Founding Fathers enabled the future freedom of Americans by enacting the second amendment.

In our own country, we should be ever vigilant against any attempts to disarm the people, especially in this economic downturn. I expect violent crime to rise sharply in the coming days, and as states and municipalities are even more financially strained, the police will be even less able or willing to respond to crime.

In many areas, local police could become more and more absorbed with revenue generating activities, like minor traffic violations and the asset forfeiture opportunities of non-violent drug offenses.

Your safety has always, ultimately been your own responsibility, but never more so than now. People have a natural right to defend themselves. Governments that take that away from their people should be highly suspect

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Bailouts and bankruptcy

Walter E. Williams

Not allow Congress and members of the bailout parade panic us by allowing them to do things, as was done in the 1930s, that would turn a mild economic downturn into a true calamity. Right now the three auto companies, and their unions, are asking Congress for a \$100 billion bailout to avoid bankruptcy. Let's think about that a bit. What happens when a company goes bankrupt? One thing that does not happen is their productive assets go poof and disappear into thin air. In other words, if GM goes bankrupt, the assembly lines, robots, tools and other tools don't evaporate. What bankruptcy means is that those assets change. People who think they can manage assets better purchase them.

Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, where the control of its operations are subject to the oversight and jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, gives companies a chance to reorganize. The court can permit a sale or partial relief from the company's debts and its labor union contracts.

One part of the problem is the Big Three's cozy relationship with the United Auto Workers union (UAW). GM has a \$73 hourly wage cost plus benefits and overtime. Toyota has five major assembly plants in the U.S. Its hourly wage cost plus benefits is \$48. It doesn't take much intelligence to figure out which company will be at a competitive advantage. Then there's the "jobs bank" feature of the UAW that where workers who are laid off workers get 95 percent of their pay and all their benefits. Right now there's a two-year limit but most workers could stay in the "jobs bank" forever unless they are laid off two job offers within 50 miles of their factory. At one time UAW membership exceeded 7,000 "workers." GM, Ford and Chrysler have problems that range from poor corporate management and mismanagement, not to mention costly government regulations.

Key vital marketplace signals are the profits that come with success

and the losses that come with failure. When these two signals are not allowed to freely function, markets operate less efficiently. To be successful a business must take in enough revenue not only to cover wages, rents and interest but profits as well. In order to accomplish that feat executives must not only satisfy customers but they must do it in a manner that efficiently utilizes all of their resources. If they fail to cover costs, it means that resources are not being used efficiently and/or consumers don't value the good being produced relative to some other alternative. When a firm routinely fails to turn a profit, there are bankruptcy pressures. The firm's resources, workers, building and capital become available to someone else who might put them to better use. When government steps in with a bailout, it enables executives to continue mismanaging resources.

How much congressional involvement do we want with the Big Three auto companies? I'd say none. Congressmen and federal bureaucrats, including those at the Federal Reserve Board, don't know anymore about the automobile business than they know about the banking and financial businesses that they've turned into a mess. Just look at the idiotic focus of congressmen when the three auto company chief executives appeared before them. They questioned whether the executives should have driven to Congress rather than flown in on corporate jets. They focused on executive pay, which is a tiny fraction of costs compared to \$73 hourly compensation to 250,000 autoworkers. The belief that Congress poses the major threat to our liberty and well-being is why the founders gave them limited enumerated powers. To our detriment, today's Americans have given them unlimited powers.

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Person of the year...

Bill O'Reilly

Bill O'Reilly is the time of year when media types begin bloviating about the person who has most impacted the country in 2008. Well, there's no drama this time around because of Barack Obama's amazing achievement. But there are other folks who have influenced us greatly. Please consider the following list:

Senator Barney Frank/Sen. Chris Dodd/ Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox:

These three were given the charge to watch the financial system in order to make sure Wall Street greed-heads and other pernicious forces did not hurt the folks. So tell me, how did they do?

Frank, a former Republican congressman himself, simply did nothing, allowing bad mortgages to be traded like sports cards as he fiddled in his Washington office.

Frank and Dodd, as finance chairmen in the House and Senate respectively, actually promoted irresponsible mortgages in the name of "consumer protection" — the liberal concept of giving people stuff if they can't pay for it. Dodd also took a sweetheart mortgage from since-failed Citicorp Worldwide Financial, which saved him close to \$100,000. And Frank said Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were in "good shape going forward," just weeks before both government entities collapsed.

Let's say these three had quite an impact in 2008.

Gov. Palin: The governor of Alaska completely upstaged John McCain and, depending on your political point of view, was either a breath of fresh air or the ruination of the Republican Party. Either way, she had a huge impact.

Sen. Ted Stevens and Gov. Rod Blagojevich: These two proved once again that political corruption knows no party. The Republican Stevens and Democratic Blagojevich should now get their own reality show entitled "Scamming with the Pols."

Especially like the governor speaking on the phone about getting the job of delivering Obama's senate seat, all the while knowing he was under investigation by the feds. Even O.J. Simpson wasn't that dumb. Maybe I'm overstating.

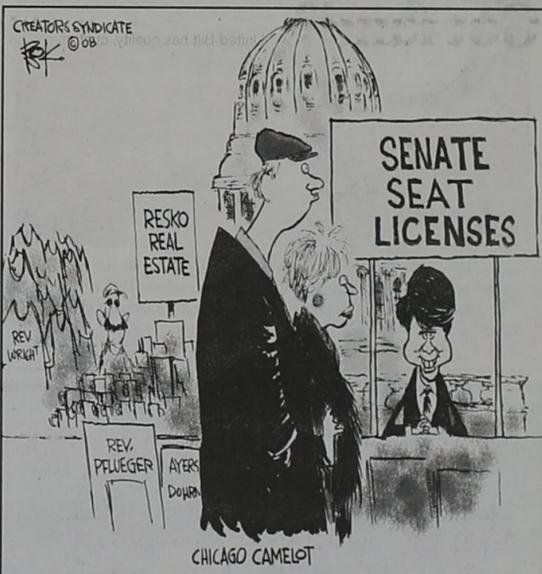
On the positive side, Hillary Clinton and John McCain both ran successful campaigns against President-elect Obama, and that helped to decide a new direction.

Michael Phelps and the U.S. Olympic Team performed with class and grace at the Beijing Olympics. When Phelps hits the water, the impact is amazing. Above all this year, the U.S. military has had a major impact on the world. Overcoming enormous obstacles to bring

a measure of stability to the beleaguered people of Iraq, our forces have performed brilliantly. And, along with NATO troops, American troops continue to protect the Afghan people from the horrors of the Taliban.

These brave, unselfish men and women proved once again in 2008 that America is a noble nation. Their impact and sacrifice should be positioned in the forefront of any "person of the year" exposition.

Bloviating aside, that's the truth.



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Hawks fall to Sulphur Springs in overtime

by Matt McGillen

Despite shooting just 31 percent from the field, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks pushed Sulphur Springs to overtime before falling to the Wildcats 68-62 in a non-district game Dec. 15 at Rockwall Heath High School.

Having overcome a four-point Wildcat lead in the fourth quarter to take a 57-54 lead with under two minutes to go, the Hawks turned the ball over twice leading to three Sulphur Springs points that ended regulation with the score 57-all.

The Wildcats quickly jumped to five point edge in the extra period, 62-57, and the Hawks never got closer than four the rest of the way, as they fell to 4-6 for the year.

Heath trailed just 30-28 at the break, thanks to Dustin Morrett's 19 first half points. The 6-0 senior hit 7-of-10 shots including five threes. His hot hand all but deserted him in the second half, though, as he scored just one point, and missed all 11 of his field goal attempts in the last two quarters.

T.J. Tennison took up the slack in the second half, as he scored 11 of his 13 points in the second half to keep the Hawks close. He also had a

team-high six rebounds.

The Wildcats, who help keep Heath in the game with 27 turnovers, shot 42 percent from field (21-of-50) compared to the Hawks making just 22-of-71 attempts.

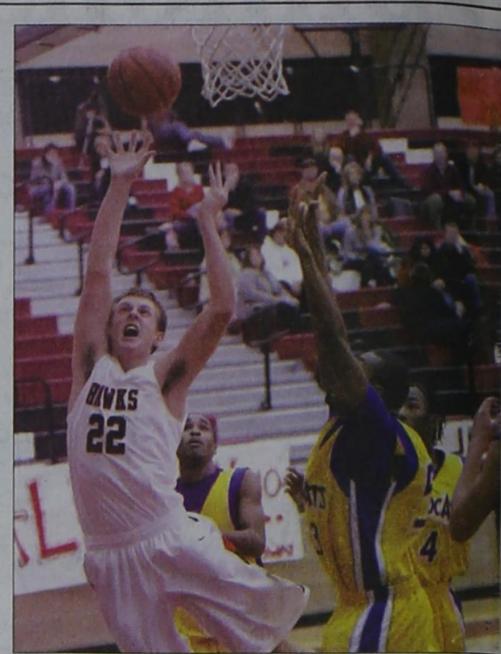
Heath had only 11 turnovers, but shot just 28 percent from the field in the second half (11-for-39).

The Hawks open District 10-4A play on the road against 13-1 Carrollton Newman Smith Dec. 19.

Sulphur	10	20	15	12	11-68
Heath	14	13	16	5	5-62

Sulphur (68) – Davis 26, Frasier 11, Jonathan Lee 10, Williams 8, Miller 7, Jordan Lee 6.

Heath (62) – Dustin Morett 20, Tony Tennison 13, Cameron McClung 7, Eric Larson 7, Chase Nielsen 5, Andrew Twedell 4, Demi Leonard 4, Preston Wynn 2.



Hawks' Andrew Twedell (22) reaches high for two points during Monday's game against Sulphur Springs in Heath. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Lady Hawks drop to Lady Jackets, Aly Coughlin injures knee

by Matt McGillen

Already playing without their starting point guard, the Rockwall-Heath lady Hawks not only got thumped by the Rockwall Lady Jackets 64-36, but lost two more players along the way in their District 10-4A home opener at RHHS Dec. 12.

Coupled with their 54-47 loss to Greenville Dec. 9 the lady Hawks fell to 0-2 in district an to 2-8 for the year.

"It wasn't one of our better games," said Heath coach Donna Walker. "We just didn't step up and play like we should. Rockwall played really well."

Playing without point guard Aly Coughlin, who is out with a dislocated knee, the Lady Hawks lost two other players during the course of the game as Brooke Eddy went down with a sprained ankle and Sidney Horton to a back spasm, perhaps caused by a recent car accident.

In a very scary moment late in the game, Horton tumbled to the floor in great pain, unable to get up. As a precautionary measure she was immobilized and taken from the gym on a stretcher. Tests showed no serious damage, however, she has still not returned to practice, according to Walker.

After staying within striking distance of the Lady Jackets in the first quarter the Lady Hawks managed just Lyndsey Renta's layin with 1:33 left in the half to trail 31-15 at the break.

Unable to handle Rockwall's press, Heath turned the ball over 25 times leading to several easy baskets for the Lady Jackets.

Rockwall's Peyton Adamson led all scorers with 26 points, including a 6-for-7 effort from the foul line. As a team the Lady Jackets were 24-for-28 from the charity stripe.

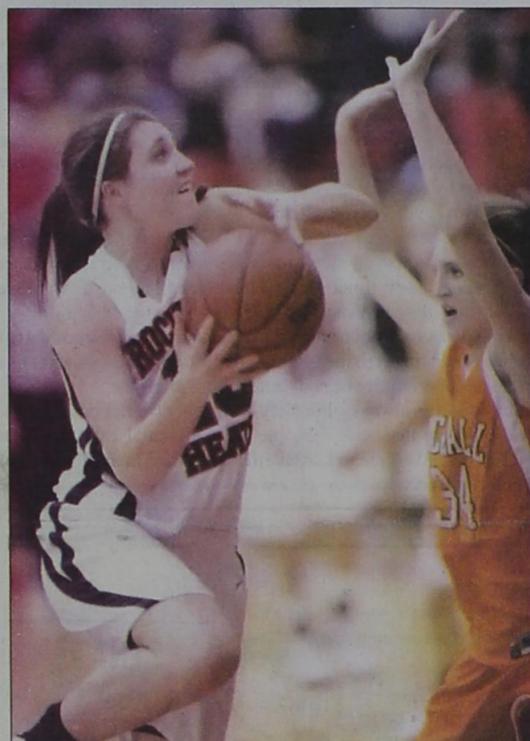
Shanae Lowrance topped Heath with 12 points, while Renta added 11. "Hopefully we can regroup," said Walker. "If we can just get everyone healthy and keep them healthy that would be helpful."

The Lady Hawks host Carrollton Newman Smith, which is just 5-12 overall but 2-0 in district.

Rockwall	15	16	15	18-64
Heath	13	2	8	8-36

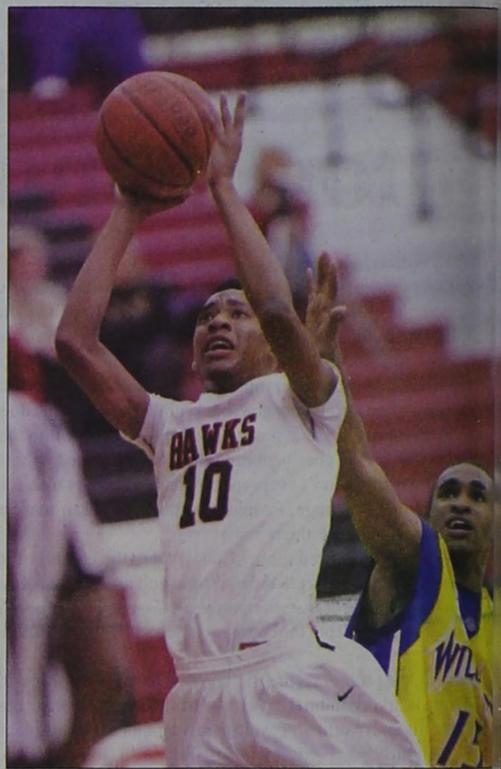
Rock (64) – Peyton Adamson 26, Jordan Anterhaus 12, Vertashia Dean 9, Raven Turner 8, Aimee Coleman 4, Kayla Kimmons 3, Katy Mueller 2.

Heath (36) – Shanae Lowrance 12, Lyndsey Renta 11, Meredith Deere 6, Katelyn Morris 3, Brianna Richardson 2, Sidney Horton 2.



Lady Hawks' Shanae Lowrance (10) drives in for a lay-up shot as RHHS took on the RHS Lady Jackets last Friday in Heath. Defending in the play is Lady Jackets' Jordan Anterhaus (34).

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Tony Tennison (10) leaps for a Hawks basket during Monday's intense game against Sulphur Springs in Heath. Staff photo by Carl McClung

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