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## Williams Middle School students claim UIL championship

Students at J.W. Williams Middle School, in their final competition year, claimed the seventh and eighth grade academic UIL championship, as well as the overall UIL championship title for the 2014-15 school year, on Dec. 5 at a competition conducted at the First Methodist Church in Rockwall. This marks the 10th year WMS students have swept the competition, according to school officials. Accomplishments, according to a school news release, include:

- Calculator Applications – Kate Watkins, first place, Brennan Manning, third place, and Ethan Jolley, fourth place
- Dictionary Skills – Lauren Knotts, second place, Max Abramsky, third place, and Keil Pauga, fourth place
- Editorial Writing – Dean Blackwell, first place, Addison Schale, second, and Emily Henry, third place
- Impromptu Speaking – Ryan Szafrain, first place, Lian Collins, second, and Jason Dupre, fourth place
- Listening – Samuel Williamson, first place, Jenna Wells, second, and Sarah Phillips, third place
- Maps, Graphs & Charts – Ryan Wang, first place, Sarah Collins,

- fourth place, and Ben Hampton, sixth place
- Mathematics – Kayleigh Randolph, first place, Brennan Manning, second place, and Michael Taylor, fourth place
- Modern Oratory – Lauren Dobbs, first place, and Jocelyn Peraza, third place
- Number Sense – Brennan Manning, first place, Kyleigh Randolph, second place, and Shawn Conlon, fourth place
- Oral Reading – Ashlynn White, first place, Sydney Yeager, second place, and Sarah Sisto, fourth place
- Ready Writing – Catherine Beaudin, third place, and Bethany Miracle, sixth place
- Science – Preston Gage, second place, Anna Slater, third, and Caitlyn Echols, sixth place
- Social Studies – Grant Geisler, second place, and Kate Watkins, sixth place
- Spelling – Nick Russo, second place, Sarah Jackson, third place, and Bennett Flores, fourth place
- Seventh Grade
- Art – Amerika Embers, third, Katelyn Self, fifth place, and Britney Sanchez, sixth place
- Calculator Applications – Eden Kim, first place, and Noah Ferguson, second place
- Dictionary Skills – Madeleine Hunt, first place, Cheyenne Smith, second place, and Matilda Squire, third place
- Editorial Writing – Matthew Barlow, first place, Brooke Lacey, second place, and Joseph Schaefer, third place
- Impromptu Speaking – Courtney Murphey, first place, Haley McGee, second place, and Jacob Perdue, third place
- Listening – Madeleine Hunt, first place, Muthoni Kamau, second place, and Celia Straight, sixth place
- Maps, Graphs & Charts – Ben Vazquez, second place, and Muthoni Kamau, fifth place
- Mathematics – Eden Kim, first place, Karya Venugopalan, second place, and Desiree DeHart, third place
- Modern Oratory – Caleb Gregory, first place, and John Jones, second place
- Number Sense – Bryce Sweeny, first place, Muthoni Kamau, second place, and Celia Straight, third place
- Oral Reading – Shelby Wright, second place, Hayes Hill, third place, and Susie Wilson, fifth place
- Ready Writing – André Daniel, first place, Isabel Carrillo, second place, and Abbey Graves, third place
- Science – Britney Sanchez, first place, Megan Woolly, second place, and Tommy Bechter, third place
- Social Studies – Eric Roca, first place, Matthew Barlow, second place, and Valerie Borland, sixth place
- Spelling – André Daniel, first place, and Connor Stasiak, second place.



The Williams Middle School UIL one-act play cast, pictured above, took second place in a Dec. 12 competition at the Heath Performing Arts Center. Special honors went to Kenedy Matthews, who was named Best Actress, Kyleigh Randolph, Best Technician, and Debon Kalsa and Tori St. John-Gilbert, named members of the All-Star Cast. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Sentencing phase of Williams trial continues in Rockwall

Staff reports by Millie Jean Coppedge and George Dellos  
EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an overview of the sentencing phase of the Eric Williams trial. Because of production- and press-time constraints, any other court proceedings from this week will be reported in next week's Rockwall County News.)  
The Eric Williams trial was in its last phase Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Rockwall. The main topic of discussion in the sentencing phase was the defendant's estranged wife, Kim Williams, who had yet to testify. Eric Williams, a former Kaufman County justice of the peace and former judge, was found guilty of capital murder Dec. 4 in the Rockwall County courthouse. The 47-year-old was found responsible for the 2010, 2013, death of Cynthia McLelland, 65, and the murder of her 66-year-old husband, Mike McLelland, in the couple's home near Rockwall. Eric Williams also stands accused of murdering Assistant District Attorney Mark Hasse, 57, in January of 2013. Authorities speculate that the motive for the killings was rooted in a 2012 incident in which Eric Williams was convicted by then-District Attorney Mike McLelland and Hasse of stealing computer equipment from Kaufman County. As a result of being found guilty of theft, Williams was put on two years' probation and lost his JP position and license to practice law.

The sentencing portion of the capital murder trial began Dec. 8. On Tuesday, Dec. 15, two distant relatives of Kim Williams were called to the stand to talk about her behavior during the time of the murders. Heather Jones, Eric Williams' former niece, lived with the Williams in the summers of 2003 and 2004 and testified that Kim Williams "... wore the pants in the relationship." Jones also said Eric Williams "... kept to himself the whole time we were there... we didn't see much of Eric." Describing Eric Williams as the provider for the family during that time, she testified that Kim Williams had an online job on eBay. Kim Williams, Jones said, was "all about her money."  
The second witness called to the stand was Andrea Jones, Heather Jones' sister. Her testimony was similar to her sister's, describing Kim Williams as money-hungry and Eric Williams as being absent most of her stay at the Williams' household.  
Kathy Adams, an acquaintance of Eric Williams, said of her friend, "He has always tried to help .... He is a good person. ... All of us have

a breaking point. You never know what yours is going to be .... What happened is horrible, but there is still part of him inside that is good and it's savable and it's useful and I think given the opportunity he would take that it wouldn't make up for what happened, but it would be a chance to start to pay back what's owed."  
Prosecutor Bill Wirsky addressed Adams in cross-examination. "Do you know what a psychopath is? A person that appears very normal that has no conscious and that does evil, kills three people -- that's what a psychopath is," Wirsky said. "Do you think Eric Williams is a psychopath?"  
"I know he has a conscience," Adams said, "and I know that he has a regard for human beings, so no if that's the definition of a psychopath I don't think that's Eric Williams."  
Jessie Williams, Eric Williams' mother, gave a 90-minute plea for her son's life via a video deposition. Jessie Williams, unable to testify in court because of cancer, recorded her testimony Nov. 22.  
"I would certainly hope to say he hadn't done anything wrong but I cannot say that at this point, I don't think he has done everything though," Jessie Williams said on the video, her voice and body language expressing her sadness, "but are you really going to be serving any purpose by taking his life?"

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## Rockwall County News Briefs

### MOW Holiday Hunger campaign underway

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

### HCA shoe drive underway

The Heritage Christian Academy Class of 2016 is conducting a shoe (any size, any condition) collection drive through Christmas to raise funds to benefit microenterprise ventures in developing nations and to keep shoes out of local landfills. All donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain and grow business opportunities that feed, clothe and house families. Used shoes may be dropped off at the school, which is located at 1408 S. Goliad, Rockwall. For more details contact Beth Cathey, 972-571-8644, or email [bethcathey1@me.com](mailto:bethcathey1@me.com).

### County library to close for holidays

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Dec. 25-27 for the Christmas holiday and Jan. 1 for New Year's Day, according to a recent news release.

### Christmas tree drop-off set in R' wall

City of Rockwall residents can drop off their live Christmas trees at the parking lot of the Tuttle Sports Complex, 1550 Airport Road, beginning Dec. 26. The drop-off will remain open until Jan. 11. All ornaments, lights and stands should be removed from the trees prior to drop off.

### Democratic Men plan Jan. 3 meeting

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon meeting beginning at noon Jan. 3 at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 2002 S. Goliad St., Rockwall. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national current events.

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Linda Bush, an attorney who tried to save the life of mortally wounded Kaufman County Assistant District Attorney Mark Hasse after he was gunned down on Jan. 31, 2013, points to a map. Special prosecutor Toby Shook looks on. Photo by Gary Lindsley (Courtesy of The Terrell Tribune)/Rockwall County News

## Heath Council plans Dec. 18 special meeting

The Heath City Council will meet in special session beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at 200 Laurence Drive, Heath. According to the posted council agenda, the city officials will discuss and consider action regarding an interlocal agreement with Rockwall County to provide a county public radio system. Other action items are included on the agenda.



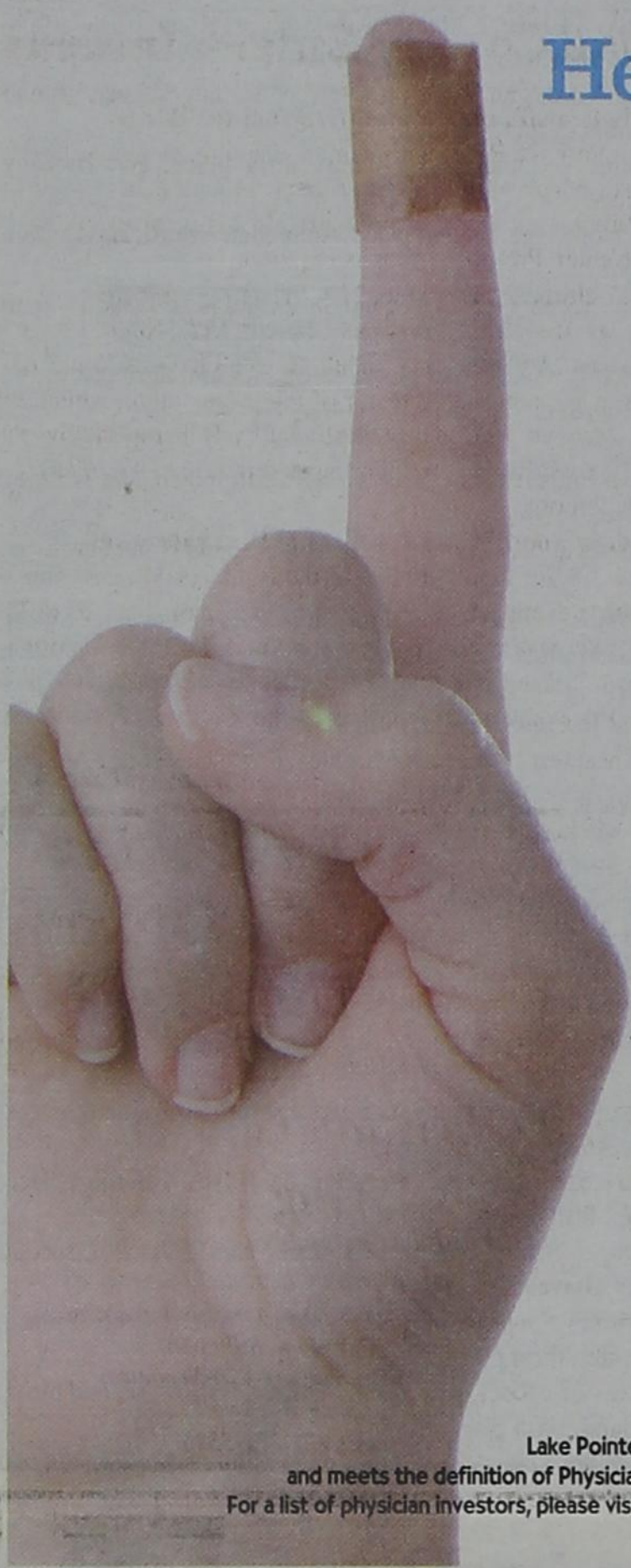
The Meals on Wheels of Roysie City needs help during this Christmas season. Pictured above is Lyndie Kimbell with a giving tree located in Lyndie's Boutique, 122 E. Main Street. To participate, pick a card from the tree to make a donation of \$32 to feed a senior citizen for a week, \$128 for a month or \$1,536 for a year.

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## City of Heath, representatives named in U.S. district court lawsuit

The City of Heath and two of its representatives have been named defendants in a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. The suit was filed under Title 42, U.S. Code 1983 Civil Action for Deprivation of Rights.

Terry Garrett, director of the city's Department of Public Safety, and Lorne Liechty, mayor of Heath, are named individually in the lawsuit filed by Joan Ream, a Heath resident, according to the lawsuit. Ream claims the defendants, during a Sept. 9 council meeting, witnessed and/or used excessive force during an incident that resulted in the 82-year-old being ejected from the public gathering, according to the filing. She maintains the incident caused her physical injury and mental anguish and violated her constitutional right to freedom of speech.

During the council session, which was scheduled to include a public hearing and comments regarding proposed zoning changes within the municipality, Ream maintains that several residents had allowed to speak when prior to the vote on the proposed rezoning the mayor commented on "certain aspects related to the rezoning," according to the lawsuit. Concerned that the mayor's comments were not permitted in accordance with meeting rules, Ream raised her hand and asked the city attorney to call a point of order.

In response, the mayor "banged his gavel and directed Terry Garrett, director of public safety of the City of Heath, to remove Mrs. Ream from the hearing," according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit describes, in detail, Mrs. Ream's description of how Terry Garrett used force against her, resulting in injuries to herself.

The lawsuit labels the incident as an "unreasonable seizure of person" that violated Ream's right to be free from a "proper or conscious assessment of danger." Ream had no weapons, made no threat and did not resist the mayoral order that she leave the meeting, according to the lawsuit.

"There was no conduct on the part of Mrs. Ream that in any way justified Director Garrett's use of force against her," the lawsuit states.

The filing also maintains that the mayor and City Council members present witnessed the episode and none objected to Garrett's actions.

Ream is seeking actual and compensatory damages, attorney fees and related expenses, and punitive damages, according to the lawsuit.

According to court records, on Thursday Dec. 11, 2014, the court issued "Summons in a Civil Action" to the City of Heath, "Terry Garrett, in his individual capacity," and "Lorne Liechty, in his individual capacity." The summons states that the Defendants must "answer to the attached complaint" within 30 days after service of the summons.

## Rockwall's Got Talent auditions show dates set

Auditions The sixth annual Rockwall's Got Talent, a talent show, will take place at the Rockwall School theater, 901 Yellow Springs Road, Rockwall, on Feb. 14.

Registration cost \$20 per person. Registration deadline is Jan. 27.

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

Tickets cost \$10 and will be available starting Feb. 1.

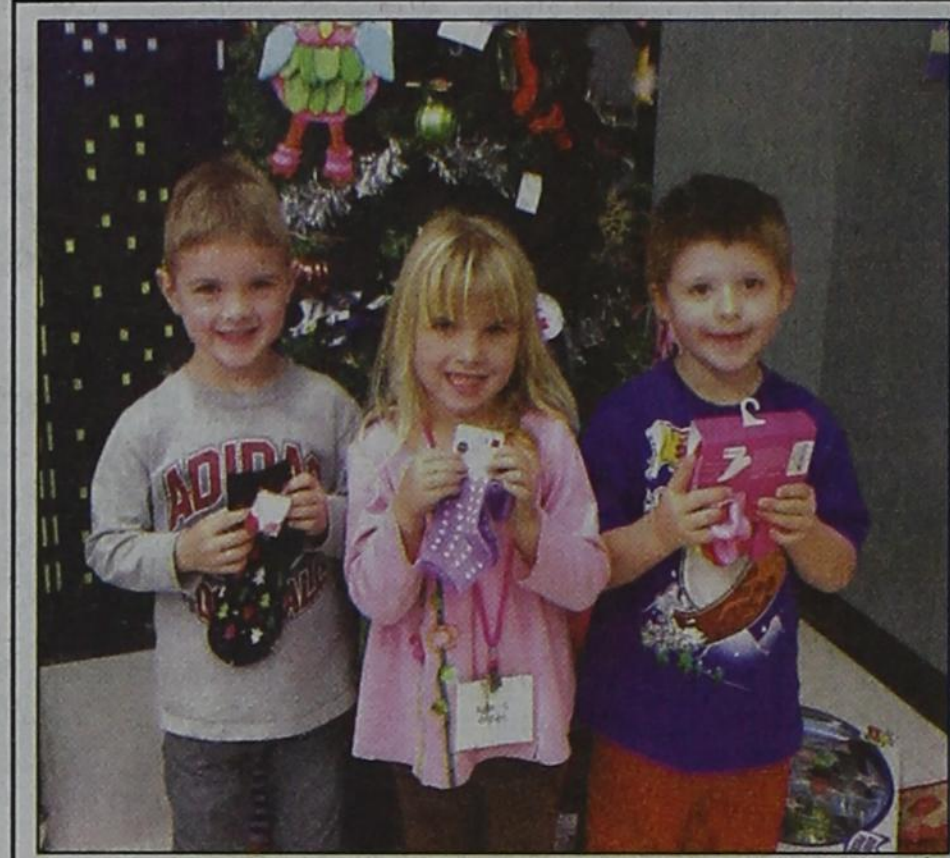
Rules and audition application forms can be found online at [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org).

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, founded in 1991, is located in a small building on Rusk Street, that formerly was used as a church. The theater has an entertaining season of musicals, comedies, children's plays and teen shows each year. Since 2006, the auditorium seats just 84 audience members, the experience is intimate. After each performance everyone is invited to the stage to visit with the actors.

For the past 20 years, the theater has been chosen to suit the needs of the community. In 2006, RCP launched a capital campaign, and with the help of the community, repaid off the note on a tract of land they purchased for a new building and a mask approach.

Plans are underway to develop a roomier building on Airport Road. The structure will be large enough to seat 300 people and to accommodate props, sets and costumes. The facility will allow for a wide range of production flexibility in the type of production that can be staged.

One way the board envisions to raise money for the project is to showcase the best of the performers in a competition. Cash prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$250 donated by local businesses. The goal of Rockwall's Got Talent is not only to raise money, but also to shine a light on the population of Rockwall and the surrounding area.



Students in Kerri Knight's kindergarten class joined in Springer Elementary's annual holiday community service project, donating socks, mittens, hats and toys to give to needy individuals during the holiday season. Pictured above are a handful of the project's participants - Lyrik Taylor, Kylie Taylor and Keltan Dickson.

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Evelyn Burkett (right) and her Daughter Kathy Bass

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### The response to persecution ...

Before the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Paul, many Christians were facing great persecution.

Acts 8:1 says, "And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad ..."

Even after "devout" men buried Stephen and lamented his death, Saul continued to make havock of the church. He fervently sought out the church of God, entered into their houses, and committed both men and women to prison.

This was the same Saul who later was called to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ.

This account provides a beautiful example of how Christians today can respond to persecution and attacks. The circumstances may not be the same in the United States of America. At least it would not be as obvious considering the strict protections of people's freedom to believe and worship God in heaven.

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"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). They joyfully announced the message that God in heaven raised His son Jesus, the Messiah, from dead.

## Bailey tapped as new Helping Hands director

Rockwall native Jon Bailey has been selected as the new executive director for Rockwall County Helping Hands.

Bailey's appointment was made Dec. 6 by board members for the organization.

Bailey currently serves as director of sales and marketing for TrendHR, a locally based human resource outsourcing agency.

He also serves as an elected member of the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees, is past president of the Rockwall Rotary Club and a member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

"The Board of Directors of Helping Hands engaged an executive search consultant, who performed a nationwide search for the right person to lead Helping Hands into the future," said Lorne Liechty, board chairman, in a news release from the agency. "After considering many qualified candidates, we were very excited to hire Jon Bailey for this position. His extensive ties to Rockwall County are a great advantage to fulfilling our mission to provide vital, essential



Jon Bailey

services to people in our local community. We believe that his experience and talents will help us accomplish our mission of providing these essential services to our neighbors throughout Rockwall County."

Bailey succeeds Margo Nielson, longtime Helping Hands executive director, who will retire in February.

"I'm delighted that the board chose Jon to lead the agency," Nielson said in the news release. "I know that he will bring a fresh perspective and energy to Helping Hands as the agency continues to serve Rockwall residents by providing essential services and vital health care."

Bailey grew up in Rockwall and graduated from Rockwall High School in 1992 and Texas A&M-Commerce in 1997. He will assume his new position on Jan. 1.

For more details about Helping Hands and its services, visit [rockwallhelpinghands.com](http://rockwallhelpinghands.com).

### Heath church schedules Dec. 18 Christmas cantata

The Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church will offer "A Christmas Cantata: The Winter Rose" beginning at 3 p.m. Dec. 21.

The performance will feature the Holy Trinity Choir under the direction of Maurice Thompson. Orchestrated by Roberta Pavlov, the cantata will be narrated by Marilyn Ford.

Choir members include Judy Blom, Kathy Eubank-Turner, Sherry Fullington, Madeleine Hiester, Zoe Holmes, Mary Izak, Lori V. Laura Weeks, Al Clark, Al Haller, Ryan Haller, Patrick Harden, T. Hiester, Herb Moltzan and Brinn Morgan. Paul Fullington will provide a flute accompaniment.

The church is located at 1524 Smirl Drive in Heath. For more information, call 972-771-8242 or email [infor@htbl.com](mailto:infor@htbl.com).

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# Opinions

## History – Reality of Miracles

FROM HISTORY Vol 33 PT2

Comparing our past with today and looking at our future

by Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas

This miracle I personally experienced through God's plan. I call it the MIRACLE OF FAITH.

After Thanksgiving 2007 my wife and I departed on a 5 day Carnival cruise to celebrate 51 years of marriage.

On the third morning around 4:30 AM, my wife woke me up in a loud voice, complaining, she was hurting. I got up immediately and I noticed her breathing wasn't regular.

I called the emergency medical number and told the nurse to get up to our room immediately this is an emergency. I helped my wife to the bathroom. I opened the outside door to our room and saw that the nurse had just arrived with her emergency bags. The nurse quickly open the bathroom door, turned to her phone on her right shoulder telling the people on the other end to immediately come to our room that she need help.

As the nurse was saying this, my wife said "My heart is racing and fell over. The doctor and medial team arrived immediately. Finally after exhausting every possible way to revive my wife, the doctor came over to me with tearful eyes, saying that there was nothing more they could do. As a former Surgical Technician this meant a lot to me.

The doctor and I spent much time together during the next three days

on our return to Galveston. I also spent time making phone calls and visiting with the doctor, staff and other passengers for the next three days on our journey back to Galveston.

When alone in my room, I would think about my wife and times together. I would also start to question myself "what more could I have done." I would then turn to the Lord in prayer asking for help and then think about what Jesus went through during his life on earth. God gave me peace beyond all understanding. When we arrived in Galveston the doctor called me in to say his last goodbyes and I thanked him for all that he did and for his friendship.

As my daughter was driving me home while passing through Conroe Texas, I suddenly remembered the last words the doctor said to me. To paraphrase "with faith like yours I want some and I'm going to get some". The doctor was from India. What an honor for God to use me to speak to this doctor. I then also recalled other people on board the ship remarking about my faith and how they encouraged me to keep strong in my faith. This part of my life truly was God at work through the miracles of life, which only God can do.

This is one of many stories that have resulted after telling of The Miracle of Faith. I advertised my wife's car for sale and a lady probably in her thirties came to look at the car. After I started to show her the car

she told me about how she needed a car. She continued on about so problems, when tears appeared from her eyes, then asked about my wife. I told her that my wife had gone to be with the Lord, but God took her tragedy and made it into a miracle, which I call the Miracle of Faith. I asked me to explain and I told her the story. As I told the story she began to cry. After I finished she wrapped her arms around me, hugging me and thanking me for giving her faith to continue on living. She told me to come to look at a car, but didn't care about living anymore and now I have the faith and strength to go forward with her life. After several hugs and kisses on the cheeks, she left with a smile on her face, not even thinking about the car. What a great feeling it gave me to know that my wife lives on through the Miracle of Faith. The full story is told in my book "Is There A God? Is He Real?"

My articles can be viewed on my book website [www.isthereagod7.org](http://www.isthereagod7.org) under ARTICLES.

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## Feds Banish Sex Stereotypes in Classrooms

by Phyllis Schlafly

The Obama administration is now trying to outlaw single-sex classrooms, a practice that has been growing as parents and teachers see its good results. The Obama administration is discouraging that option in conformity with demands by the feminists who believe in the interchangeability of the genders and insist that schools forbid any deviation from their peculiar belief that there is no difference between male and female.

The Minnesota State High School League, which controls policy for all extracurricular activities in all schools, public and private, voted 18 to 1 to outlaw recognition of all sex differences in high-school sports. The new policy, adopted Dec. 4, allows students the choice to play on either boys' or girls' teams if they claim transgender status.

Obviously, the school didn't clear this radical new policy with parents. A group of parents opposed to this agenda ran an ad in the Minneapolis Star Tribune stating "A male wants to shower beside your 14-year-old daughter. Are you okay with that?"

Under this new policy, there can be no recognition of sex differences in high school sports, on the field or in locker rooms or bathrooms or hotel rooms. Minnesotans sent more than 10,000 protest emails to the State High School League, but their protests were overruled.

The National Federation of State High School Associations published language to "guide" organizations that may have to respond to parents' complaints. This national explanation reads: "It is important for policymakers to understand that transgender girls (who were assigned a male gender at birth) are not boys. Their consistent and affirmed gender identity as girls is as deep-seated as the gender identity of non-transgender girls."

This nonsense comes out of a belief that schools and sports should

ignore obvious anatomical differences because children supposedly become a boy or a girl only after they are old enough to decide which gender they choose to be. This sets up an authority for the child that conflicts with parental authority and probably emanates from the controversial judicial fiat once enunciated by the Ninth Circuit that parents' rights stop at the threshold of the school door.

The perpetrators of this nonsense try to convey the impression that they are merely fine-tuning the rules of Title IX, but that is not true. Title IX was written to support equal opportunities for girls in schools and colleges, but allowing boys to play on girls' sport teams certainly does not promote that goal, nor was it ever intended.

Meanwhile, the Obama administration has moved to suppress the effort by a few public schools to experiment with single-sex classrooms. The senior counsel of the National Women's Law Center criticized single-sex classrooms because they supposedly rely on "sex stereotypes" that assume boys and girls respond to different methods of teaching.

The terrible sin that precipitated the lawsuits was that the boys were assigned to read a story about hunting and dogs, while the girls' classes were assigned a love story. "Stereotyping" has become an epithet like "racist" to silence opposition.

The ACLU filed some 10 administrative complaints against stereotyping with the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights against schools in Florida, Wisconsin, Idaho and Texas. The ACLU sued schools in Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky and West Virginia in 2009 and 2012.

The ACLU sent a letter to the Gloucester County, Virginia, School Board urging it to reject the policy that would limit school restrooms and locker rooms to "the corresponding biological genders." On

Dec. 9, the Board voted to retain boys' and girls' restrooms, but allow transgender students to use "an alternative private facility" but the ACLU rejected that compromise and says it will sue.

Time Magazine reported scientific studies that show that girls' and boys' brains are "hardwired" differently and support the view that separating the genders will improve learning. These studies suggest that "girls learn better in emotionally supportive, collaborative groups and may not be as good at grasping abstract mathematical concepts, while boys thrive in competitive environments and tend to struggle with reading and math."

Principal Skyles Calhoun of Woodbridge Middle School in Virginia, has been so successful in using different teaching styles for boys and girls that grades and test scores for both have soared. He will now be in violation of new rules, and that will kill a good thing that has produced wonderful results.

There is nothing compulsory about the single-sex option. Woodbridge School offers parents a choice for their children's education, and requires them to answer 33 questions so the schools can be sure that the parents really want the single-sex classroom and are not worried about stereotyping.

Meanwhile, the feminists have renewed their drive to put the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. Constitution. Since the operative word in ERA is "sex" and not "women," judges would probably rule that ERA would put their transgender sex nonsense into the U.S. Constitution.

Phyllis Schlafly is a lawyer, conservative political analyst and author of two new books just published this year: "Who Killed the American Family" (WND) and the 50th Anniversary edition of "A Choice of An Echo" (Regnery), available at [eagleforum.org](http://eagleforum.org), amazon, and other sources. She can be contacted by e-mail at [phyllis@eagleforum.org](mailto:phyllis@eagleforum.org). COPYRIGHT 2014 CREATORS.COM

## Rockwall County Sports

### Heritage Christian Lady Eagles open district season with 2 wins

by Lary Bump

Defense carried the Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team to victories in their first two TAPPS District 3-3A games.

Then the offense shut down late in Monday's non-district game, when Garland Christian Academy rallied at home to defeat the Lady Eagles 45-43.

The game at GCA ended with Heritage Christian's Madeline Schroeffer intentionally missing the second of two free throws and grabbing the rebound but being unable to make a shot as time expired.

The Lady Eagles led most of the game until Garland Christian took a 44-40 lead with a 10-0 fourth-quarter run.

"We were our own worst enemy," HCA head coach Van Minter said. "We were making unnecessary mistakes with our passing, and rushing the offense."

Those factors contributed to 23 turnovers and 31 percent shooting from the field.

The HCA boys lost their first two district games, and also fell at Garland Christian 65-47 after the Swordsmen broke open the game with a 16-0 second-quarter run.

"They're young," HCA head coach Don McEvoy said of his team. "We give up a 4-minute stretch every game. We played them even after that."

GCA relied heavily on former players at Rockwall Christian Academy.

"We would have won by 40 if we had played just Garland Christian," McEvoy said.

He had a point. Former Warriors Ryan Gafford (19), Rodney Daniels (18) and Evan Milwee (12) accounted for 49 of the GCA boys' 65 points.

Christian Pettit scored 17 points and took down nine rebounds for Heritage Christian. Brendan Schroeffer had 14 points.

For the Lady Swords, former RCA All-District performer Rachel Rorie tied Holliann Burnett for the team lead with 15 points. Rorie beat the Lady Eagles' press for a layup that gave GCA a 44-40 lead with 38 seconds to play.

After that, Garland Christian missed three of four free throws, and HCA's Schroeffer made three in a row until the intentional miss.

Schroeffer led the Lady Eagles (4-2 overall, 2-0 in the district) with 18 points, 19 rebounds, six steals and four assists.

In the first two district girls' games, HCA won at Irving The Highlands School 31-25 on Tuesday, Dec. 9, and at The Covenant School of Dallas 44-12 Friday.

"Last year, we played a 2-3 zone most of the year," Minter said. "With Madeline back this year we've increased our speed, so all we've done is man to man. That has disrupted quite a few teams."

"Against Garland Christian, we didn't get over if someone beat the defense. That meant we got in foul trouble or gave up an easy basket."

GCA had 24 free throws to the Lady Eagles' 12. The home team was just 2 for 14 until the fourth quarter, when the Lady Swords made 6 of 10.

The HCA boys (2-4, 0-2) lost at The Highlands 75-64 and at The Covenant 51-32.

Heritage Christian is scheduled to return to district play Friday at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo against McKinney Christian Academy. The girls would play at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA girls	15	10	10	8	43
Garland Christian	12	9	12	12	45

HCA – Madeline Schroeffer 18, Mollie Howard 9, Grace Dillahunty 8, Haley Minter 4, Emily Benton 4.

Garland Christian Academy – Holliann Burnett 15, Rachel Rorie 15, Hailee Burnett 7, Cara Holomshok 4, Katie Kloepper 3, Monika Pletcher 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA boys	4	12	9	7	32
The Covenant	13	7	22	9	51

HCA – Christian Pettit 12, Brendan Schroeffer 8, Brendan Cockroft 3, Lawson Hobbs 3, Josh Henson 2, Jarrod Anderson 2.

The Covenant School of Dallas – N/A

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA boys	12	11	10	14	47
Garland Christian	7	25	15	18	65

HCA – Christian Pettit 17, Brendan Schroeffer 14, Brendan Cockroft 6, Lawson Hobbs 3, Josh Henson 3, Jarrod Anderson 2, Dan Rochester 1, Kenneth Fleetwood 1.

Garland Christian Academy – Ryan Gafford 19, Rodney Daniels 12, Noah Strange 6, Justin Jones 4, Shane Teague 2, Brian Heidelberg 2, Nanidi Masali 2.

### Hawks gymnastics wins home meet over Richardson ISD

by Ryan Garrett

The Hawk boys and girls gymnastics teams defeated teams from Richardson and Birdville Thursday, December 11 at the Rockwall-Heath High School gym. The Lady Hawks topped Haltom, Richland and Birdville high schools with an overall team score of 111.10, while the Heath boys downed Richland 161.00 to 130.40.

Morgan Hines led the Heath girls with a 37.25 first-place all-around score after taking first on bars (9.50) and tied for first on beam. Darion Mellom took third place in the all-around competition (36.75) with third-place finishes also on vault (9.30) and on beam (9.20).

Rebekah Malone tied for second on bars (9.40) and tied for fifth on vault (9.10) and floor (9.20) to take sixth place in all-around with a score of 35.70.

In the boys' competition, Caleb Becker took second place all-around (47.20) with a second-place on vault (9.60), third on parallel bars (8.30) and fourth on horizontal bars (8.20).

The Hawks swept sixth- through ninth-place to help them earn the top spot in the meet. Jonathan Smith took sixth all-around (35.90) with first-place on floor (9.40) and second on horizontal bars (8.50). Diego Acosta took first place on pommel horse (9.80) and second on rings (9.0) and parallel bars (8.50) for seventh place all-around (35.7).

Quinten Loya took eighth all-around (35.40) and placed first on vault (9.80), while Cameron Clover placed first on parallel bars (9.0) with ninth place all-around (34.9). Matthew Duckworth took first on rings (9.30) with 11th all-around (27.4).

### Royse City Bulldogs split 6 games in busy week

While the Royse City boys' basketball team was busy with six games last week, the RC girls were winning their only game.

The Bulldogs went to Sulphur Springs Tuesday for their second victory this season against the Wildcats, and then won two of five games at the Great East Texas Shootout in Brownsboro to complete the 3-3 week.

The Lady Bulldogs played only on Friday against Wylie East, and survived for a 47-45 victory. Royse City now has won five of its last six games.

Emily Pratt led the Lady Bulldogs with 12 points, with Melanie Sumrow adding 11. They led 37-30 after three quarters and held on after Wylie East outscored RC 15-10 in the fourth.

Royse City's girls were scheduled to play their first District 12-5A game Tuesday at Forney, and then host North Forney Friday in another district game at 7:30 p.m. Their next game after that would be at South Garland Jan. 2.

The RC boys had defeated Sulphur Springs Thursday, Dec. 4, at their Craig Bowers Invitational Tournament. SS made a game of it at home before losing 49-45.

At Brownsboro, the Bulldogs drew Tyler All Saints Episcopal as their first opponent Thursday, Dec. 11. After three quarters, All Saints led 47-34. From there, the Tyler team outscored Royse City 30-15 in the fourth quarter and went on to win the tournament.

On Friday, RC defeated Van 64-39 but lost to Palestine 53-43. Again

the fourth quarter was a problem, as the Pirates outscored the Bulldogs 17-8 to pull away from a one-point lead.

Royse City again defeated Van on Saturday, 55-52, before losing Shootout shootout to Gladewater 86-74.

The RC boys were scheduled to host Greenville Tuesday, and to host the 2014 portion of their schedule Friday at Lovejoy. District 12-5A play would begin Jan. 2 at South Garland.

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RCHS boys	12	12	10	15	49
All Saints	19	18	10	30	77

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RCHS boys	6	18	11	8	43
Palestine	13	11	12	17	53

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Wylie East	10	12	8	15	45
RCHS girls	14	14	9	10	47

Wylie East – Breanna Stephens 24, Shelli Thigpen 8, Morgan Lee Priscilla Murphy 4, Maegan Lee 2, Daria Jefferson 1.

RCHS – Emily Pratt 12, Melanie Sumrow 11, Morgan Sumrow Daryn McMinn 7, Alexis Wanton 4, Belle Munoz 3, Sarah Collins 2.

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# Lady Jackets trounce North Garland in district opener

by Ian Garrett  
 The Rockwall Lady Jackets opened District 11-6A play with a 70-32 victory over North Garland Friday, December 12 on the road. Rockwall (11-3, 1-0) jumped to an early lead, only allowing six points in the first period and took a 40-15 lead at halftime. In the final two periods, the Jackets let off the gas a bit, as they scored 17 in the third and 13 in the fourth while only giving up 17 second-half points to the Raiders (3-5, 0-1). Senior Sara Williamson led Rockwall with 25 points, four assists and three steals, while senior Mandi McMillian had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the double-double. Madison Wheeler, a sophomore, contributed 11 points and four rebounds, and sophomore Cathryn Deshong put up eight points. Deshong also added nine rebounds, including five offensive. After taking Tuesday off, the Lady Jackets will host Lakeview Centennial Friday, December 19 as they continue district play. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. The Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks (5-5) were off this past Friday, but returned to action Tuesday as they begin play in district 12-5A, hosting Mesquite Potet (6-6). Heath travels to Terrell tomorrow with a 7 p.m.



Lady Jackets Soph. Cathryn Deshong stops a North Garland player from a shot last Friday Dec. 12 at Garland. Teammates contributing to shutting down the Lady Raiders' game are (from left) Haley Hicks (44), Mya Culiver (22), Madison Wheeler (42) and Nicole Smith (3). Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

# Rockwall-Heath remains unbeaten, wins Forney Classic title

by Ian Garrett  
 The Hawks boys varsity basketball team continued their undefeated season start as they went 4-0 at the Forney ISD Winter Classic tournament last Thursday through Saturday at Forney High School. The Rockwall Yellowjackets also competed in the three-day tournament. Heath (12-0) defeated Tyler Lee 74-64 in the championship game on Saturday, December 13 to cap off a streak of nine games in ten days. Heath jumped out to a 20-13 lead in the first period, but Lee took a 32-30 lead into halftime. Tyler Zivney and Jackson Zivney led the Hawks with 19 and 18 points respectively as the RHHS outscored the Red Raiders 44-21 in the second half for the championship win. A scoring in a big team effort for the Hawks was Jeremiah Sandidge with 13, Cameron Talley with 11, Kelen Pruitt (8), Colton Rashbrook (3) and Nathen Stover (2). The Hawks opened tournament play with a 71-51 win over Coppell and then a 70-38 thrashing of Garland. Heath then defeated North Forney 76-41 to advance to the championship game against Lee. The Yellowjackets (2-8) began the weekend with a 58-27 loss to Tyler Lee, and then lost a tight battle with North Forney 56-54. Against the Falcons, Ohio State commit Austin Grandstaff led the Jackets with 26 points. Cameron Schmucker added 12 points and Joseph Williams put up eight. Rockwall ended tournament play with a 66-50 loss to Coppell, as Grandstaff again led with 28 points. The Hawks and Jackets both return to action tomorrow night — Heath will host Wylie at the RHHS gym while Rockwall hosts Coppell at RHS. Both games are set for 7:30.

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# Hawks wrestling takes first place in Raider Invitational

by Ian Garrett  
 The Rockwall-Heath varsity wrestling team was named Champion of the Wylie East Raider Invitational held Saturday, December 13 in Wylie. Nine of the ten Hawks competing finished in the top four, including five earning individual championships. Individual champions included Caleb Palomar (106 pounds), Zarik Anderson (120 pounds), Kacob Makelke (120 pounds), Alan Bellah (132 pounds) and Zacc Marek (220 pounds). As for Heath, Zach Dobbins took second in the 195-pound class and Jordan Erebia placed third in 145 pounds. Nathan Curry (160 pounds) and Nick Rose (138 pounds) both placed fourth.

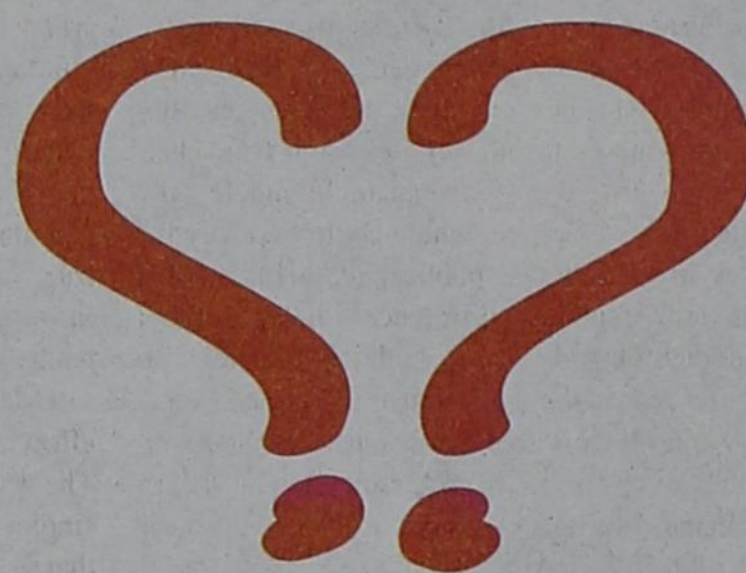
The junior varsity team was equally impressive with 12 of the 13 competitors placing in the top four and six earning individual championships! JV champions include Dyrus Tolliver, JT Herrscher, Josh Roland, Alyck Hodge, Jordan Noble and Jonathan Hullett. On Thursday, December 11, the Hawks competed in their first two District Duals in District 9-5A. In a hard-fought battle, Rockwall-Heath came away with a 2-0 record in district after defeating Wylie 42-33 and Lancaster 63-12. Heath will compete in the round-robin District Dual throughout the year to crown a champion. Teams in District 9-5A are Wylie, Wylie East, Lovejoy, McKinney North, McKinney and Lancaster.



Rockwall-Heath's Zacc Marek (top) bears down on McKinney's Hayden Lyle for a pin and the championship in the 220lb division, last Sat. Dec. 13, during the Wylie East Raider Invitational. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

# Falcons drop 2 close games in TAPPS

The Fulton School lost two close basketball games last week, then lost another that wasn't close. The Falcons opened their TAPPS District 3-1A season Tuesday at Irving StoneGate Academy with a 45-39 defeat. They then lost Friday to the Melissa Christian Homeschool Athletes of North Texas junior varsity 42-41. On Saturday, Fulton traveled to play powerful Dallas Christian Academy, which won 81-27. The Falcons (1-3 overall, 0-1 in the district) had won their opening game Nov. 20 at Greenville Christian School 35-21. Fulton is scheduled to finish the 2014 portion of its schedule with its first home game, a district contest against Longview Christian School at 6 p.m. at Forney Sports Center. The Falcons' next game after that would be another TAPPS 3-1A game Jan. 6 at Dallas International School.



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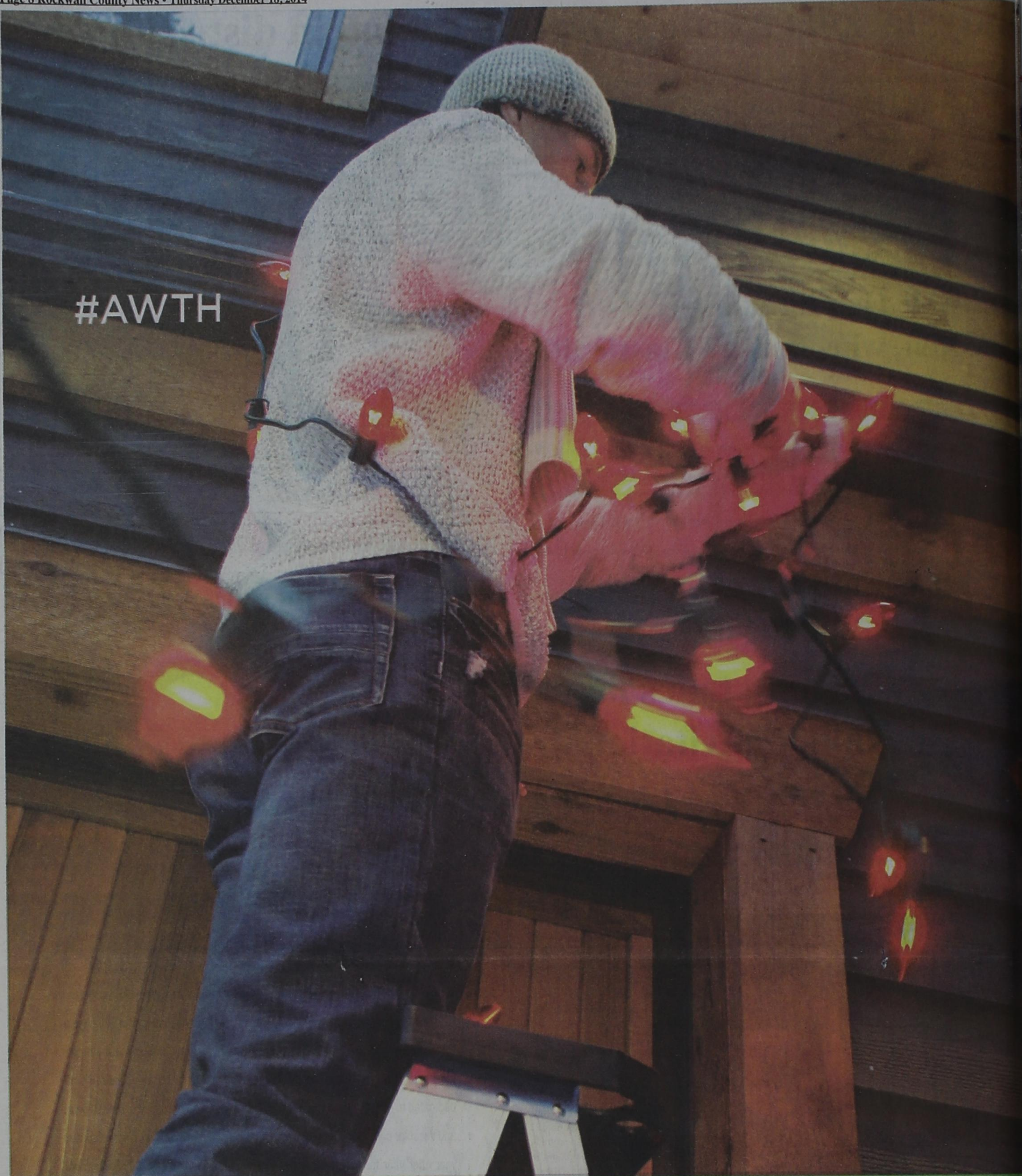
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