

# Rockwall County News

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## Eric Williams found guilty of capital murder

by Millie Jean Coppedge  
The verdict of capital murder was the finding the jury returned Dec. 4 in a Rockwall County courtroom against Eric Williams, a former Kaufman County justice of the peace who also had a law degree. The sentencing phase began Monday, Dec. 8, and could take as long or longer as the trial, according to reports. The prosecution will ask for a life penalty.

The sentencing phase was ongoing as this week's Rockwall County News went to press. Authorities believe the motive for the killings was that in 2012, Williams was convicted by then-District Attorney Mark Hasse for stealing computer equipment from the county. He was sentenced to two years' probation and lost his position as justice of the peace and his license to practice law.

On the fourth day of the trial began, State District Judge Mike Snipes warned the court that there would be no outbursts in the courtroom. He said any outburst would result in a mistrial.

Williams, 47, was on trial for the capital murder of his wife, Cynthia McLelland, within the same trial for committing burglary, and the murder of her brother. The "burglary" was related to the earlier conviction for stealing computer equipment.

Cynthia McLelland was shot eight times and her brother was shot 16 times. The couple lived near

The prosecuting attorney for the state was Bill Hasse, and the assistant prosecutor was Toby Shook. The attorney for the defense was Matthey Seymour.

At the trial began, speculation was that the trial would last a month or more; however, it was over by the fourth day.

Williams was accused of murdering Hasse, 57, in the early morning hours of 2013. Then in the early morning hours the morning before Easter Sunday, on March 30, 2013, he was accused of gunning down and killing Mike McLelland, 65, and his wife, Cynthia, 65, in their home.

The fast-moving trial included 28 witnesses and a team of experts in the area of firearms, forensic, fingerprinting examiner specialist, home security surveillance specialists, FBI agents trained in processing violent crime scenes, photo analysis, Crime Stoppers officials, a FBI Terrorism Force specialist, a special agent with the ATF

(now a current CIA investigative agent from Washington, D.C.), a U.S. postal inspector, an experienced trace evidence examiner and many other experts.

In his opening statement, Wirskey described the gruesome, bloody scene law enforcement officials found in the home. He went into specific details about how each victim was murdered and that they had still been in bed when the assailant came to their door at 6:40 a.m. He said that by the end of the week, he would prove that Williams killed Cynthia McLelland as she opened the door, then hunted Mike McLelland down and murdered him. Mike McLelland still had his glasses on when his

body was found. He appeared he was coming to the aid of his wife after hearing the gunshots.

Wirskey, Shook and the rest of the prosecuting team were able to prove the exact time the couple was killed because of their house security system. It showed the time during the night when they were asleep, when the system showed no movement in the house. At exactly 6:40 a.m., it showed the front screen door opening and the regular door opening, then movement in the house. The system then showed when there was no more movement in the house.

The prosecuting team eventually proved that 20 shots were fired in the house in a little more than two minutes. It was alleged that Williams wore a bulletproof vest and a sheriff's badge during the commission of the crime; and his now-estranged wife accompanied him in the car. She will be tried at a later date on capital murder charges, according to authorities.

The prosecutors had emails and a variety of evidence that showed Williams had given cash to a friend to pay for a year's rent on a storage facility, Unit #18, at Gibson's Self-Storage in Seagoville.

Bart Williams testified that the defendant gave him cash, and wanted him to rent a storage facility for one year. The witness explained that the defendant did not want to rent the unit himself because of a felony record. He also testified that the defendant wanted to use the storage unit for his in-laws furniture.

The witness clarified that he was not related to the defendant.

The prosecutor questioned the storage facility owner, Larry Mathis, who described the locations of the various video cameras on businesses near the storage facility, that recorded two cars being driven in and out of the facility at different times.

Mathis also testified about calling the police because a white Crown Victoria was parked outside of the same storage unit for a period of time.

He further explained that the police told him the car was not stolen and they could not do anything about it. He said that not long after speaking with the police, the car was not seen parked outside of the unit any longer.

Evidence was presented suggesting that on Feb. 13, 2013, Williams looked on Craigslist for a white 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, a car he eventually bought from



Eric Williams (center) enters the courtroom in the Rockwall County Courthouse during day 3 of the capital murder trial that began Dec. 1. Jurors returned a verdict of guilty of capital murder at 12:08 p.m. Dec. 4. At left is Defense Attorney Matthew Seymour.  
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The Royse City ISD Board of Trustees and the City Council for Royse City conducted a joint meeting at the Epps Education Center, Tuesday, Dec. 2. Entertainment was presented by the Royse City High School choir. The school board president, Julie Stutts, and Mayor Jerrell Baley gave a welcoming message, and Larry Lott, the executive director of community development, and city manager Carl Alsbrook presented an update of the residential and commercial development for Royse City. They briefly talked about an open-air theater that will be built in The Meadows and updated progression on the Erby Campbell Project. Superintendent Kevin Worthy discussed the RCISD Strategic Plan. Assistant superintendent Kenny Kaye Hudson and Julia Robinson, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, gave information on the accountability system. Associate superintendent Jeff Webb discussed the accountability system enrollment and demographic. The meeting involved a sharing of plans and projections for the future of Royse City.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall-Heath High School National Honor Society, with the help of community member Carla Bosteder, completed its service project this year by decorating nearly 200 Christmas and holiday cards to be sent to active-duty military all over the world. These cards were shipped to Japan, many Middle Eastern countries and bases throughout the U.S. Pictured are, at top, from the left, Taylor Mead, Serenity Gary, Reace Cano-Garcia, Bailey Hierholzer, Emily Mastronardi, Dalton Tasset, Shyann Pisano and Kelli Kariampuzha; middle row, Clay Crawford, Pamela Xool, Sara Glynn-Green, Maxine Okwah and Blessing Okwuolisa; and at front, Lindsay Gardner, Haneen Abusaad, Morgan Hines and Leah Perry. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## 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.

### Nonprofit plans parade, open house

Jake E's Riding Round Up Horse Therapy & Healing Center, 10626 FM 429, is planning a Christmas parade and open house Dec. 13. The open house will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Christmas goodies, hot chocolate and face painting are planned. The parades, featuring nativity characters and Jake E's Riders, are set for noon and 2 p.m. For more information about the nonprofit agency in Kaufman, visit [jakeEsRR.org](http://jakeEsRR.org).

### HCA shoe drive underway through Christmas

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).

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# Local DAR members stay busy during holiday season

Members of the Rock Wall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have been busy in recent weeks.

The chapter, spearheaded by committee member Marilyn King, serves veterans during the Christmas season by hosting a yearly shopping opportunity at the Veterans Hospital in Bonham. Many of the veterans hospitalized there do not have the opportunity to shop for gifts and mail them to loved ones. This year the local DAR chapter served almost 200 veterans in four days at the hospital, assisting them with gift selections and mailing.

The Rock Wall Chapter DAR also joined with the local East Fork-Trinity Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, or SARS, to promote patriotism and provide historical information at the City of Rockwall's Christmas parade. The DARS and SARS wore authentic period clothing.

Following the parade, the DAR members met for a luncheon and meeting in the home of member Mary Harrison. Carol Skoglund, treasurer, and Joy Greenwalt, librarian/public relations representative, received the True Bearings Award for chapter service from the Rock Wall Chapter Texas Society, NSDAR. The awards were presented by regent Mindy Lovell.

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Carol Skoglund (left), treasurer for the Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, received the True Bearings Award recently. Mindy Lovell, regent, made the award presentation recognizing Skoglund's service to the chapter.

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Joy Greenwalt (left), librarian/public relations representative for the Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was one of two DAR members to receive the True Bearings Award recently. Regent Mindy Lovell is shown making the presentation.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Kaufman County capital murder trial ...

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a prior police officer, to use in the murders. Captain Fred Alingelbert testified about the Craigslist matter.

Williams allegedly used name "Alex Knight" as an alias to purchase the car, and the title was found during the search of the storage unit.

The previous owner of the car testified that he didn't have the title at the time of the purchase transaction with "Alex Knight."

He further testified that the same "Alex Knight" handed him \$1500 in cash.

The jury saw video recordings of what appeared to be William's dark-colored Ford SUV driving into the storage unit facility, a white Crown Victoria leaving only a few minutes before the massacre of the McLellands, then returning to the unit before his SUV left again. Evidence showed the car was hidden in the storage unit. Surveillance cameras from several businesses around the storage unit picked up on the two vehicles leaving and returning from the storage unit.

No video recordings from the storage unit's surveillance cameras were shown to the jury. The video recordings that were shown to the jury did not show clear images of the people in the automobiles. The license plates were also not visible in the recordings.

When the video showed the Crown Victoria pulling out of the storage facility, Wirskey lowered his voice and said, "The McLellands only had 20 minutes to live at this time."

Later in the investigation, when a search warrant was issued for Williams' home and the storage unit, officials opened the door to the unit and found the Crown Victoria and other evidence -- assault rifles, a Desert Eagle .44-magnum pistol, ammunition, blue foot covers and more. Investigators also found a bullet-proof vest and Sheriff's badge that were allegedly worn by Williams while committing the murder.

The son-in-law of the McLellands testified that on the day of the murders, he and his parents had been trying to call his in-laws all day

but got no answer. At about 4 p.m., they drove over to check on McLellands and found them dead. The scene quickly became a mass investigation scene, with FBI officials called in.

Testimony showed that when Cynthia McLelland went to the front door, she was defenseless and knew what was coming, but could do nothing to stop it.

After the murders, Williams allegedly emailed an acquaintance on January 4, asked him to lunch. Scott Hunt testified that they served together in the Texas State Guard, but were not friends. He explained that the lunch meeting with Williams seemed strained and it eventually got around to the reason Williams wanted to see him. Williams asked "If I had an upper (the top part of an assault rifle) could you make never sees the light of day?"

Prosecutors produced the emails in court. The acquaintance said he feared Williams might be contemplating hurting himself. He connected his actions to the murders of the McLellands. He later declined to help Williams conceal the upper part of the weapon.

Captain Brian Beaver, of Kaufman County Crime Stoppers, testified about other internet activity.

Williams allegedly confessed to the crime in the Crime Stoppers website.

Beaver explained that on March 31, 2013 at 9:57 p.m., Crime Stoppers received an email with the message, "Do we have your attention? The next day, April 1, Crime Stoppers responded with, "You hit our attention." Captain Beaver explained that further communication convinced him that it was a credible tip, and that it was from Williams.

The prosecutor presented evidence found in Williams' house suggesting that a Crime Stoppers Code number was written on a yellow sticky note. The number was "W695-197."

The various email communications and internet activity related to the case were investigated from the computers that were found in Williams' house.

On Dec. 4, 2013, a DPS dive and recovery team from New Braunfels found a bag in the water off the Hwy. 175 bridge containing Williams' battered cell phone, along with other unnamed items. Officials had gotten a tip that Williams frequently conducted target practice under the bridge, so the dive team was brought in to search the murky waters Lake Tawakoni.

Evidence continued to mount. The defense did not give an open statement, cross-examine witnesses or produce any witnesses. Defense did give a closing statement, saying that his client did not commit the murders.

Shook gave the first part of the prosecution's closing summation, told the jury that Williams "had become an efficient and ruthless kill machine" once he entered the house.

Seymour, the head defense attorney, gave a short final summation saying, "Mr. Williams did not kill the McLellands. Everything Shook told you about the murders is a fantasy. There was not a single eyewitness to the murders, not a hair or any other personal evidence that connected Williams to the scene. There was no motive and no evidence. There was nothing but pure circumstantial evidence."

Wirskey's closing summation described what Cynthia McLelland must have gone through before a bullet in her brain ended her life. He said the incident was no fantasy. Two people are dead.

"If not Eric Williams, then who?" Wirskey said. "If Mr. Williams didn't kill the McLellands, then who did?"

Addressing the jury about the trail of evidence left by the assault rifle, Shook exclaimed, "This was the dumbest - stupidist mistake in the history of homicide."

The judge told the jurors they had to believe beyond a reasonable doubt that Williams killed the couple in order to find him guilty of a capital crime.

About 90 minutes later, the jury came back with the verdict.

## Hierholzer inducted into honor society

Ashton Hierholzer of Heath was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Hierholzer is pursuing a degree in biochemistry at Oklahoma State University, according to a news release from the honor society.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors with at least 72 semester hours are eligible for membership in the organization.

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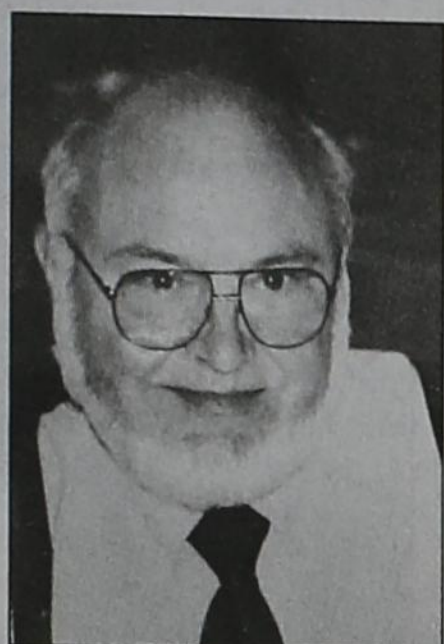
#### Carla Anderson



Services for Carla Anderson, a resident of Rockwall, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 11, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial will follow in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery.

She died unexpectedly from heart complications on the morning of Dec. 9. Born in Dallas Oct. 23, 1963, she was a loving and beloved mother, daughter, sister and friend. Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Anderson of Rockwall and Wanda Jayroe of Rockwall; her son, Aaron Goss of Rockwall; her sisters, Sandy Cole of Tucson, Arizona, and Sheryl Sykes and her husband, Stan, of Florence, Mississippi; her brother, John Anderson, and his wife, Leah, of San Marcos, Jim Jayroe of Rockwall, John Jayroe and his wife, Cathy, of Commerce and Rodger Jayroe and his wife, Marilyn, of Dallas; her nieces, Ali Cole, Tori Cole and Samantha Anderson; her nephews, Garrett Anderson, Justin Perrette and Brian Perrette; and a great-nephew, Clayton Perrette. She was preceded in death by her sister, Tashia Jayroe, and her father, Pete Jayroe.

#### Lester Brodeur



The family of Lester Brodeur, 75, of Rockwall will conduct a memorial service in his honor in the spring on Martha's Vineyard Island, where he and his wife enjoyed their first years of marriage.

He died Dec. 5, 2014. The Rest Haven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Born Jan. 28, 1939, in Brooklyn, New York, to Lester and Kathleen (Dockey) Bullene, he was the eldest of six children and grew up in a poor rural area. He became the breadwinner for his mother, his sisters and mother at the age of 19. At the age of 10, he held three jobs to support the family. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1956 at the age of 17 after dropping out of school to work full-time for his family. A routine military intelligence test revealed that he possessed a genius-level IQ, which prompted the Coast Guard to send him to a three-month electronics school program in Groton, Connecticut, in which he excelled.

At 17, he married Kate Greene and was placed in charge of a LORAN (long-range aid to navigation) transmitter station on Martha's Vineyard which was the cost of Massachusetts. Following his honorable discharge from military in 1959, he began work as an electronic engineer's technician in the Boston area and attended college at night after work for the next seven years. He earned two bachelor's degrees on the GI Bill from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, one in mathematics and the other in aerospace engineering. That launched his passion in electronics and computers, and soon he became a renowned inventor.

While still in his early 20s, he received his first patent for what became television remote control. Soon afterward, NASA selected him to create a transmitter that was powerful, small and light-weight enough to transmit the voices and images of the Apollo spacecraft astronauts back to earth. On July 20, 1969, after sailing with his family on the New England coast, he ducked in from the rain in the seacoast community of Wells Hole, Massachusetts, to watch and listen as Neil Armstrong spoke through his transmission system back to millions on earth: "That's one small step for man, one large leap for mankind."

He was gifted in aerospace, computer technology, guidance systems, microchip engineering, medical inventions and applied science. A list of his most important inventions includes the Air Force One guidance system, the automatic LORAN-C device (used as the primary navigation system for planes and ships until GPS), the F4 and F16 missile countermeasures systems, Crypto Endorsement and Black Ops programs for the U.S. military (with the highest government security clearance), the Reagan Administration's Star Wars systems, many of the current smart home devices and NASA's Space Shuttle Interstellar Guidance System which navigates stars rather than the earth to navigate).

During the 1980s, he dedicated himself to advancing medical and humanitarian science. Among his contributions is the now universally used fetal heart monitor (monitoring an in-vitro infant's heart), as well as the first inventions for Siemens Magnetic Resonance Imaging Device, M.R.I. Additionally, he combined his love for mathematics with his passion for computer technology to invent the electrical waveform generator, the first device used to translate mathematical formulas into a visual displayed waveform on a screen.

He also broke through barriers in physics and science that had far-reaching effects. Breaking what was considered to be the physical barrier to high-speed fax and Internet transmissions, he presented a creative way to utilize Nyquist's Law in physics. High-speed transmissions soon utilize his patent throughout the 1990s as a building block in the high-speed world of wireless transmission utilized today. Similarly, in the 1990s, difficulties in AC to DC conversion prevented advancements in laptops and cell phones. His invention to solve this problem is the small tube attached to laptop power cords. He also invented countless microchips now used in high-speed computers, jet guidance systems, countermeasures and other devices. He was the inventor of the blood laser, a high-speed laser used in military and civilian fields. He held 35 U.S. patents and dozens of foreign patents.

In 1976, at the age of 37, he was nominated by his peers for the Nobel Prize in science for his Loran-C invention.

In the mid-1980s, Dartmouth University tapped him as an adjunct professor at its Thayer Graduate School of Engineering. From the 1980s through 2001, he was asked by the U.S. government to design the highly complex and confidential guidance and cloaking systems for high-speed jets for the Air Force One and to negotiate the defense system and missile deals with Bahrain and other Middle Eastern nations.

As a worker, he rose to the positions of chief scientist of Lockheed Martin (Corp.) and principal senior engineer at BAE Systems. According to his fellow engineers, his greatest gift was his friendly, down-to-earth nature. He retired in 2001. At his retirement ceremony, a colleague, with whom he had assisted in the invention of the first video game, "Pong," reviewed his life - from poverty to becoming the chief scientist of one of the largest engineering firms in the world - and described him as "powerful, creative and very rare."

He was a dedicated husband and father, an avid sailor and pilot, world traveler and a man who loved life.

#### Bertrand Elwood 'Eddie' Burnett



A private graveside service for Bertrand Elwood "Eddie" Burnett, 97, of Garland was conducted in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 2, 2014. Born Sept. 1, 1917, in Hunt County to Frank and Emma Polk Burnett, he attended East Texas University in Commerce and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a first lieutenant who was awarded the American Defense Medal, as well as the European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal with two Bronze Service stars. A longtime resident of Garland, he attended Westminster Presbyterian Church in Garland for many years.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and beautiful singing voice. He enjoyed bird-watching and fishing and had a great love for family and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Helen Chapman Burnett, two sons, three daughters and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

#### Lucille Curtis



Services for Lucille Curtis of Nevada, Texas, were conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 8, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Nevada Cemetery.

She died Dec. 5 on her 97th birthday.

She was born in Wylie to Clarence and Leona (Coffee) Parr. She loved her family and friends and will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her daughter, Beverly Stewart, and her husband, Jim, of Heath; her grandchildren, Julie Moore of Houston, Jamie Hawks of Bridgeport and Tiffany Cuban of Dallas; her great-grandchildren, Loren Moore, Alexis, Alyssa and Jake Cuban and Noah Hawks; her sisters-in-law, Lee Milliren of Dallas and Bobbie Curtis of Humble; a niece, Marcella Milliren; a nephew, Curt Curtis; special family friends John, Patty, Kamber and Kylie Yeager; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norris Curtis, and four brothers.

#### Norman Eudy



Norman Eudy died Dec. 5, 2014. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Born July 22, 1949, to Graham Vivian Eudy and Ida Pinkie Graham in Dallas, he was an avid hunter and fisherman and an automobile mechanic for 40 years.

He will be greatly missed as a brother, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his sister, Oma Dell Martin; his brothers, Eldon and Gary Eudy; and three children, Danny, Keith and Staci Eudy.

#### Haley Oldfield



Services for Haley Oldfield, 23, of Rowlett were conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 9, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Charles Wilson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Dec. 3.

Born Sept. 24, 1991, in Dallas to Gary and Tammy (Mills) Oldfield, she developed a strong love for cats as a very young child and loved going to the beach. She always was the first to greet someone with a smile and a kiss and commanded any room she entered. She was adventurous and once tried a science experiment at home that almost set fire to the family's house. When she was younger, she enjoyed sneaking out at night to sit on the roof with friends and talk the night away. She was an artist who has forever left her mark with many family members and friends for whom she inked beautiful tattoos.

She loved her family and adored her baby sister, whom she said was her best friend. She helped teach her older sister how to drive a stick shift. She was mischievous and often showed up in clothing that her brother thought he had misplaced. She loved her 4-year-old son, Levi, and took pride in helping him learn new things. She found great pleasure in watching him show others what he learned or figured out on his own.

Survivors include her parents, Tammy and Gary Oldfield; her son, Levi Neyland; her grandparents, Diane and Steve Mills, Patty Cummings and Keith and Shawne Oldfield; her great-grandparents, Shirley Mills Hemby, Curtis and Darlene Smallwood, Alton Oldfield and his wife, Nita, and Jimmy Peoples; her siblings, Amberly Oldfield Saathoff and her husband, Garrett, Bailey Oldfield and Tyler Cooper; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and her cats, Toby and Taegan.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Randy Cummings.

#### John 'Jack' Pines



A memorial service for John "Jack" Pines, 76, of Rockwall was conducted at 2 p.m. Nov. 30, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating.

He died Nov. 27 of heart failure.

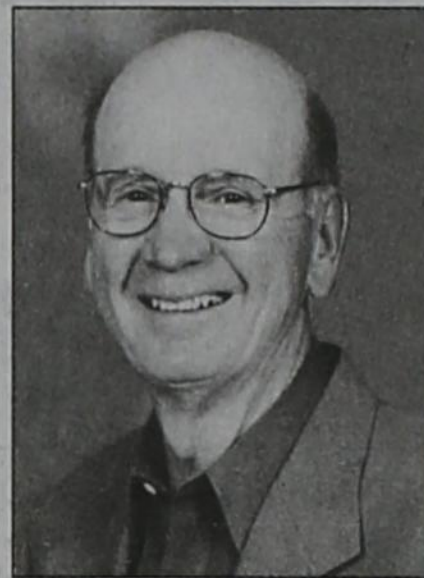
Born Feb. 8, 1938, in Zanesville, Ohio, to Edward and Beatrice (McFerren) Pines, he served in the U.S. Navy for four years. He was a member of the Lake Side Village golf community and a supporter of the Food Pantry at Helping Hands. For the past 10 years he and his wife, Sally, could be found stocking shelves and filling orders for those in need.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Sally (Rose) Pines; his sons, Tod Pines and his wife, Kerry, and Trent Pines and husband, Ken Erdmann; his grandchildren, Tyler Christian Pines, Quaid Jackson Pines, Kaiden Archer Pines, Finnley Crosby Pines, Ashleigh Nicole Erdmann and Lindsay Marie Erdmann; his great-granddaughter, Paiton Marie Broda; and a sister, Vicki Sue Schmid.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Kenny Dodson; and his best friends, Pugsley and Pugster.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Food Pantry at Rockwall County Helping Hands, 950 Williams Campus, Rockwall, TX 75087 or rockwallhelpinghands.com.

#### Harold D. Whitfield



Services for Harold D. Whitfield, 87, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Dec. 3.

Born Nov. 5, 1927, in Wingate to Ernest Elmer and Ruby (Condra) Whitfield, he served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from Southern Methodist University. He was the central district sales manager and wrote the training manual for district managers at the Todd Division of the Burroughs Corp. Following his retirement at the age of 62, he became a volunteer of 20 years with the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, where he was a member.

Survivors include his wife, Dee (Newman) Whitfield of Rockwall; his children, Greg Whitfield, and his wife, Joan Benson, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Cindy Rogers and her husband, Robert, of Nevada, Texas; his grandchildren, Jessica Whitfield and Cynthia Trifilio; his sisters, Coca Kimbrough and Tina Howard; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dan Whitfield, in 2012.

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#### 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 and politics. Open-minded, progressive men who are concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are encouraged to attend. This month's guest speaker will be Michael Handley, political director for the Collin County Democratic Party.

### Rockwall County Entertainment

#### Tickets available for Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Rockwall Parks & Rec department is planning its annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, which will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Tickets, which will cost \$55 per resident couple, are on sale at The Center. Pre-registration is required.

#### RHS Band/Choir Winter Concert set Dec. 11

The Rockwall High School Band/Choir Winter Concert will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Performing Arts Center at Utley, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall.

#### Scott Elementary Choir plans holiday concert

The Scott Elementary Choir will perform its Christmas Concert beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the school gym. The public is invited to attend.

#### RCHS students plan holiday performances

Royse City High School's theater arts department is planning its second performance of the current school year. The story revolves around Christmas-time in Fayro, Texas, and the Futrelle sisters are not in the mood; however, they find a way to pull together and present a Christmas program that their community will never forget. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11-12, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Dec. 14. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students/children; tickets may be purchased at the door at performances at the RCHS auditorium.

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State of Texas v. Carlos Edu Flores-Valdez  
Court: 439th District Court  
Cause Number: 2-14-500  
Date Filed: 10/15/2014  
Sexually Assault Child  
2nd Degree Felony

State of Texas v. Stephen Kristopher Shaw  
Court: 382nd  
Cause Number: 2-14-550  
Date Filed: 11/12/2014  
09/05/2014 Aggravated Robbery  
1st Degree Felony  
Bail: \$125,000.00

State of Texas v. Jose David Mata  
Court: 382nd  
Cause Number: 2-14-545  
Date Filed: 11/12/2014  
08/20/2014 Aggravated Sexual Assault Child  
1st Degree Felony  
Bail: \$200,000.00

State of Texas v. John Patrick McClung  
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09/30/2014 Assault Bodily Injury To Elderly Family Violence  
3rd Degree Felony  
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Jack Key (right) meets his new friend, Constable Randy Parks, at the Rockwall County News office in Rockwall. The two men built a close friendship after Parks assisted emergency personnel in treating Key for diabetic shock while traveling on Highway 276 east of FM 548. See related story in the Thursday Dec. 4, 2014 edition of Rockwall County News by Millie Fean Coppedge. Key made plans to share lunch with his birthday with Parks.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

# Nielsen is guest speaker for Friday Study Club

The Friday Study Club conducted its Nov. 21 meeting in the Rockwall County Library.

Club president June Frawley presided over the business meeting. Barbara Wardlaw, Civics and Health Committee chairman, reported that the committee would accept donations to be delivered this week to Terrell State Hospital.

Support of the hospital is one of the club's longstanding projects. Margo Nielsen, executive director of Rockwall Helping Hands, was guest speaker. Nielsen shared some of her experiences at Helping Hands the past 25 years, which began with a small building and three employees

## Habitat seeks office, board volunteers

Rockwall Habitat for Humanity is in need of assistance outside of the volunteers required to build its houses.

The nonprofit is in need of an office manager, a volunteer coordinator, a financial treasurer and a construction director who can handle material procurement.

The organization also needs those willing to step forward and provide breakfast and lunch meals for build volunteers, as well as bottled water that can be provided on the build site.

Habitat's current build site is located at 309 Emma Jane at the corner of Emma Jane and Davy Crockett (behind the Sonic at Ridge Road and Goliad).

For more information, visit [rockwallhabitat.org](http://rockwallhabitat.org).

and grew to the 2004 purchase of the Lakeside Church of Christ at 950 Williams Street.

In January of 2005, after major remodeling, Helping Hands moved onto the site. It is the main social service provider for Rockwall County residents.

The Centsible Thrift Store and Boutique of Helping Hands provide significant portion of the annual revenue for the agency.

The Health Center of Helping Hands provides low-cost primary health services to Rockwall County underserved and remains in the Rockwall Service Center.

In the fall of 2006 Helping Hands celebrated 30 years of Making a Difference, helping others in Rockwall County and it continues to do so.

Following the meeting, co-hostesses Mary Vervalin and Betty Moon served refreshments.



Margo Nielsen, executive director of Rockwall County Helping Hands, was guest speaker for the Nov. 21 meeting of the Friday Study Club. She shared with club members a few of her many memories from her 25 years with the agency.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Mary Vervalin, left, and Betty Moon served as co-hostesses for the Nov. 21 meeting of the Friday Study Club. The group met in the Rockwall County Library.

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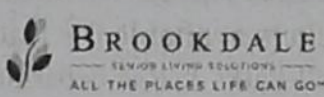
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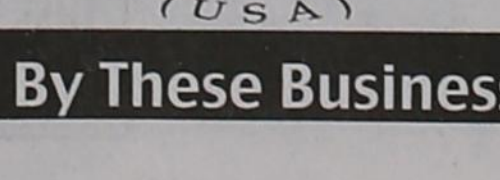
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judgment may be taken against you.  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 2015 AT 10:00 A.M. before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on NOVEMBER 19, 2014, A.D., in this case numbered 8-14-1 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS vs. \$20,150.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FORFEITURE & SEIZURE PROP/MONEY

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this the 19th day of November, 2014.  
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## Legal Notices

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## Rockwall County Entertainment

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### Brown Bag Lecture Series to revisit rock wall

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 12 at the historic courthouse in Rockwall. The topic will re-examine the history of the rock wall and developments since The History Channel's "America Unearthed" episode aired. Admission will be free and open to the public. For details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

### Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 13

Breakfast with Santa will run from 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Dec. 13 at The Center in Rockwall. The event will include breakfast with Santa Claus, plus some one-on-one time to talk to him about that Christmas wish list. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and candy canes will be served. Parents are urged to bring their cameras. Ticket availability will be limited and pre-registration with the city's Parks & Rec department is required. Cost will be \$9 per plate for Rockwall residents.

### Herndon Choir plans Dec. 16 concert

The Herndon Choir will host its holiday concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in the school cafeteria. Students' families are invited to attend.  
Fourth grade Parent Program set at Scott  
The fourth grade classes at Scott Elementary will present their Parent Program beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 in the school gym.

### Gingerbread house-building event slated

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a gingerbread house-building event from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at The Center. The event will be open to children ages 3-12. Participants will build their own gingerbread holiday dream houses; each participant should bring a bag of candy to share with friends. Resident fee will be \$15.

### Reindeer Food & Santa's Cookie Decorating set

Children ages 2-8 are invited to attend the Reindeer Food & Santa's Cookie Decorating event set for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at The Center. Participants will make reindeer food and decorate Christmas-themed cookies to leave for Santa. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$9 per person. The event is being hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec department.

### RSM Puttin' on the Ritz event set Dec. 31

Rockwall Summer Musicals will host a New Year's Eve gala, Puttin' on the Ritz, on Dec. 31 at the Woodcreek Clubhouse, 100 Woodcreek Blvd., Rockwall. The event will cost \$100 per person and include a chef-prepared tenderloin dinner with two complimentary spirits; performances by RSM performers; a silent auction; dancing; a photo booth; and a midnight champagne toast. Cocktail service will begin at 7:30 p.m., with dinner to follow at 8 p.m. Seating will be limited to the first 92. Purchase tickets at [rockwallsummermusicals.org](http://rockwallsummermusicals.org).

## Area News Briefs

### MADD plans Dec. 11 candlelight vigil

The North Texas Affiliate of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or MADD, will host its annual candlelight vigil of remembrance and hope beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the DoubleTree Dallas/Richardson Hotel, 1981 N. Central Expressway, Richardson. The vigil will serve to honor the memory of those lost or injured as a result of drunken or drugged driving. The event will be free and open to the public. For more details, visit [madd.org](http://madd.org).

### Wreath-laying ceremony set at DFW Nat'l Cemetery

The Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery will host Wreaths Across America, a holiday wreath-laying ceremony designed to honor and remember the nation's veterans, beginning at 10:50 a.m. Dec. 13. The Civil Air Patrol, veterans service organizations and area residents will coordinate the event to honor vets of each military branch, the Merchant Marine, POWs and MIAs. CAP members, military service representatives, veterans and their families are invited to attend. The cemetery is located at 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas.

### White House holiday is focus of Bush Center exhibit

The George W. Bush Presidential Center, 2943 SMU Boulevard in Dallas, is debuting All Creatures Great and Small: Christmas at the White House 2002. Open to the public through Jan. 13, the exhibition will give visitors a look at the White House holiday celebrations of 2002. For more details visit <http://www.bushcenter.org/plan-your-visit/special-exhibits>.

## Rockwall ISD trustees plan Dec. 15 meeting

The Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in the RISD Administration/Education Center, Room 600, located at 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

The agenda shows that following the meeting's call to order, trustees will go into executive session to consider personnel matters. Trustees will reconvene in public session at 7:30 p.m.

Various information reports and a consent agenda full of routine items will be received and considered.

Following the recognition of guests, the board will consider approval of membership for the district's Bond Planning Committee; review the 2015-2016 school-year calendar; receive a report on revenue projections related to the budget for the upcoming school year; and consider approval of new courses/sunset courses for the 2015-2016 school year.

Also listed on the agenda is a discussion of continuing education credit for trustees; consideration of 2015 legislative priorities; setting of the meeting date for the January board meeting; and the superintendent's report.

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# Opinions

## What's Rule of Law?

by Walter E. Williams

President Barack Obama said just before the recent Ferguson, Missouri, riots, "First and foremost, we are a nation built on the rule of law." Most Americans have little or no inkling of what "rule of law" means. Many think it means obedience to whatever laws legislatures enact. That's a vision that has led to human tragedy down through the ages. Historically, it sanctioned the divine right of kings, whereby a monarch was subject to no earthly authority, deriving his right to rule directly from the will of God. More recently, it's a vision that included the Nuremberg laws, which led to the genocide of European Jews, and the brutal laws of the regimes of Josef Stalin and Mao Zedong, which led to tens of millions of murders.

Let's ask ourselves what the characteristics of laws in a free society should be. Let's think about baseball rules (laws) as a way to approach this. Some players, through no fault of their own, hit fewer home runs than others. In order to create baseball justice, or what's sometimes called a level playing field, how about a rule requiring pitchers to throw easier pitches to poorer home run hitters? Alternatively, we could make a rule that what would be a double for a power hitter is a home run for someone who doesn't hit many homers.

Some pitchers aren't so good as others. How about allowing those pitchers to stand closer to home plate? Better yet, we could rule their

first two pitches as strikes, regardless of whether they are or not. In the interest of baseball justice, we might make special rules for some players and not for others. That would level the playing field between old players and young players, black players and white players and fast runners and slow runners. Umpires would become arbiters of baseball justice.

You say, "Williams, you can't be serious! Can you imagine all the chaos that would ensue: players lobbying umpires, umpires deciding who gets what favor, and lawsuits -- not to mention violence?" You're absolutely right. The reason baseball games end peaceably -- with players and team owners satisfied with the process, whether they win or lose -- is that baseball rules (law) are applied equally to all players. They're fixed, and umpires don't make up rules as they go along. In other words, baseball rules meet the test of "abstractness." They envision no particular game outcome in terms of winners and losers. The rules that govern baseball simply create a framework in which the game is played.

Laws or rules in a free society should have similar characteristics; there should be "rule of law." Rule of law means that laws are certain and known in advance. Laws envision no particular outcome except that of allowing people to peaceably pursue their own objectives. Finally, and most importantly, laws are

equally applied to everyone, including government officials.

Sir Henry Sumner Maine, probably the greatest legal historian of the 19th century, wrote, "The movement of the progressive societies has hitherto been a movement from Status to Contract." In non-progressive societies, the rule of law is absent. Laws are not general. They're applied according to a person's status or group membership. There's rule not by law, but by privilege, the Latin term for private law.

Let's look at our country and ask whether we live under rule of law. Just about every law that Congress enacts violates the requirements for rule of law. How do we determine violations of rule of law? It's easy. See whether the law applies to particular Americans, as opposed to all Americans. See whether the law exempts public officials from its application. See whether the law is known in advance. See whether the law takes action against a person who has taken no aggressive action against another. If one conducts such a test, he will conclude that it is virtually impossible to find a single act of Congress that adheres to the principles of the rule of law. The supreme tragedy of America is that Americans do not want rule of law.

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## Ferguson

by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

The city of Ferguson, Mo., is now burned into our consciousness in a way that few other places are. In my youth, the race riots in Newark, Detroit and Los Angeles marked turning points in my own and in the public's awareness of the problems of a black underclass that perceives itself as being so unfairly governed by a white power structure that it resorted to violence.

Those disturbances also revealed the difficulties of hardworking black families trying to make decent lives for themselves by endeavoring to leave the inner cities and, as basketball player-turned-philosopher Charles Barkley stated, the opportunities of inner city "scumbags" willing to steal and pillage and incite for some temporary material or political gain.

We saw this again in Los Angeles during the Rodney King affair, in which a jury in a state prosecution acquitted two white cops of savagely beating an unarmed black man, and the mobs rioted. Thereafter, the same cops were charged with federal crimes based on the same facts and were convicted by a federal court.

As bad as it was for those cops to have beaten King, it was worse for the government to violate the prohibition on double jeopardy by using the legal fiction of federal jurisdiction and federal prosecution as being so distinct from what the State of California had tried and failed to do that the second trial did not constitute a constitutionally prohibited repeated attempt to convict. It did.

Fast-forward to Ferguson, and we see the toxic mixture of a black underclass and a white power structure and the corrupt advantages that people on the make and people on the take can exploit from it.

In Ferguson, the law enforcement case is far more straightforward than the racial complexities. A white cop put 10 bullets into the body of an unarmed black youth with whom he was wrestling for control of his gun. The cop succeeded in wresting the gun from the youth and

then proceeded to kill him. Once the cop had control of the gun and the youth had been immobilized, all additional gun firing is criminal. That the youth was the aggressor does not diminish the cop's obvious criminal overuse of deadly force.

The grand jury -- whose job is merely to certify that the state has enough evidence to justify the charges it seeks to present against a given defendant -- was subjected to the type of evidence that only trial juries hear, including a soliloquy from the cop himself and all the exculpatory evidence the prosecutor could find.

Prosecutors often loathe and sometimes even hide exculpatory evidence, but this county prosecutor must have been afraid to seek an indictment, and so he shrewdly manipulated this grand jury out of its role of determining whether the state had probable cause to try the cop and into the role of a trial jury, which is to judge whether the state has proved guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

If the feds now come along and indict the cop on federal charges, they would be correcting the error and perversion of the grand jury. This would not be double jeopardy as in the King case, because the cop in Ferguson has never been charged on the basis of the facts in this case.

Would we even know of this case if both the cop and the youth had been of the same race?

Probably not.

The long and unhappy history of race relations in America now has another fiery chapter with more tragedy. The tragedy is the result of the governmental use of race as a basis for decision-making. When cops are hired because they are white, when police suspect criminal behavior on the part of youth because the youth is black and then act on those suspicions, when a predominantly black populace feels -- however accurately or inaccurately -- that it is being treated unfairly by the government and the government fails to address this perception, when hucksters and scumbags who are drawn to these

conflagrations use racial vulnerability to rob and pillage and are and destroy, and when the sides are arrayed along racial lines, the government has failed to protect the liberty and property of the people it was hired to protect.

The failure in Ferguson is across the board. From a city government whose police force makes its minority populace feel vulnerable and defends an unnecessary public killing by one of its cops, to a county prosecutor afraid to take responsibility for a proper prosecution, to a governor missing in action, to a president who sounds like he wants to federalize police, we have an out-of-control stewpot boiling over into a wave of destruction.

The police need to be strong enough to protect life, liberty and property, and vulnerable enough to tolerate all political opinions, those filled with ignorance and hate. The militarization of local police -- perfected during the past two presidential administrations, which have given local cops military surplus intended to be used on enemy armies in foreign lands -- if uncorrected, will lead to a police state. A police state is one in which the government's paramount concern is for its own safety, and not for the lives, liberties and properties of those it has sworn to protect.

Are the police our servants or our masters? Can the mobs in the streets express political opinions without harming innocents? Can the government be dedicated to preserving the personal liberties -- the right to be oneself -- of even the most vulnerable among us? Can we use the tragedy of Ferguson to achieve a freed-generated nonracial consensus on all this? If we fail to address this maturely, I fear that more Ferguson's will soon be upon us.

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## Sleeping through the night

by Jill Pertler

Slices of Life

"Good news, she slept through the night."

My husband shared this information in a hushed tone at 6:00 this morning and we gave each other a silent high-five. No need to wake anyone at that early hour, especially our daughter, who had her wisdom teeth surgically removed the day before.

I'd had a fitful night, worrying about swelling, bleeding, dry sockets and mouth pain that might cause our daughter to lose sleep. I'm sure my husband experienced something similar. Such is the fodder of parenthood. We've been doing this for over two decades and I've come to understand this is only the start of it all.

Once you are a parent you'll always be a parent. The job has no end

date. You can't quit, resign or retire. Not that you'd want to. Of course you wouldn't want to. But sometimes the situation feels immense -- to experience a love so vast and in some ways so one-sided.

Of course our kids love us in return. But they love us like kids are supposed to love parents. We love them in a different way. As only a parent can. It's how things are. How they were meant to be.

Most days, most times, most moments, I am so grateful I've been given the gift, the privilege, the honor of being a mother. It fills me with joy unlike any other.

But then there are those times, those instants, those seconds, when the weight and the pain of it all seems awfully great -- to love someone so much it hurts. Caring for another person like a parent cares for a child leaves you vulnerable in a way you never imagined.

It's scary sometimes, living with that vulnerability day in, day out. Not for weeks or months, but for a lifetime.

It's something no one admits. Something no one tells you. Something you don't often even dare tell yourself because your weakness and susceptibility could make you seem selfish or ungrateful for the gift you've been given. Thinking about it -- acknowledging it -- makes it more real and more raw.

When they come to us as tiny babies -- so vulnerable and dependent -- their world becomes ours and their needs become almost more important than our own. When they hurt, we hurt. When they smile, we smile. When they sleep through the night, we breathe a sigh of relief. We worry and fret because there is no shortage of things that could go wrong.

Their vulnerability creates ours.

A new parent might believe the situation is temporary or at the very least will change as her children grow and become more independent. And it's true; the situation does change. In some ways it multiplies.

Kids grow up and the distance between you -- both physically and psychologically -- increases. You're no longer needed to kiss away boo boos or help a toddler get back to sleep after a bad dream. It is as simple or as easy as that anymore. And while you might not with them every minute or every day, you never quite lose sight of their state of being and whether they are happy or hurting, succeeding or struggling, at peace or at war and everything in between. Two decades ago, we brought a pink bundle home with us from the hospital and watched her chest rise and fall in the relaxed cadence of a baby's sleep. Back then we looked forward to the milestone of having her sleep through the night.

This morning my husband and I shared a tender parenting moment when we realized she had.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author. You can read more and follow her column on the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

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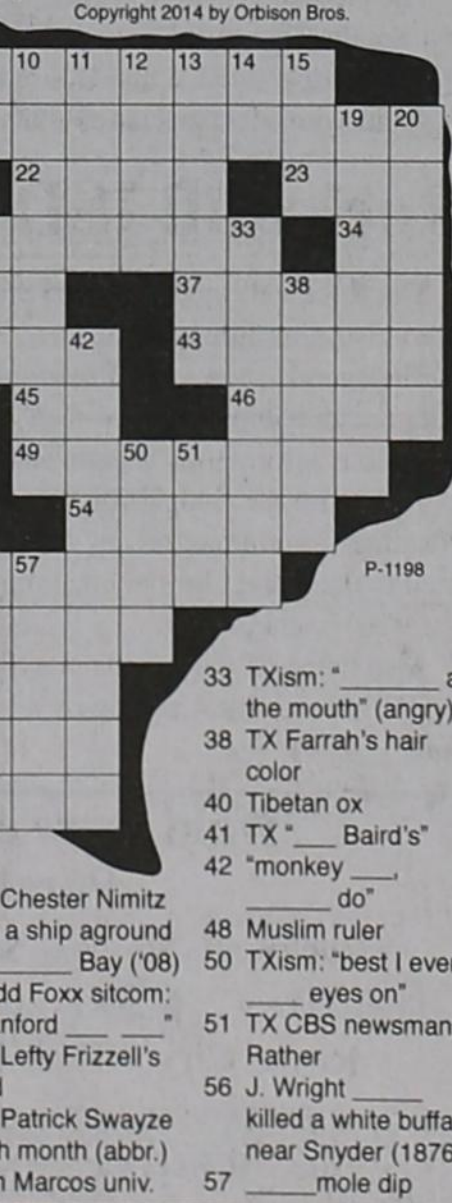
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- 9 where Rangers play the Blue Jays in Canada (2 wds.)
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- 43 this Field started in TX-based "Places in the Heart"
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- 45 boot width
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- 49 speedy Eric who played for Astros (1989-92)
- 52 former gov., Richards
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- 3 Lufkin is the seat of this county
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- 19 Christmas festival: "Boar's Head and \_\_\_"
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### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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TWC's over-expanding enforcement of the Unemployment Compensation Act is in direct violation of:

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The act of forcing any business and natural person to purchase any kind of insurance for others, who render services, constitutes "impairing obligation of contracts."

One exception are Federal Instrumentalities engaged in statutory "employment" on the soil of Texas.

See Tx. Labor Code Section 201.101 & 26 U.S.C. 3306 (c) (g) and (j)(1 & 2).

Apply the definitions in (j) to the definitions in (c) and (g).

# Lady Bulldogs produce 4-1 week in basketball action

**By Bump**  
 The Roysse City girls won four of five games during a week that included a lot of basketballs bouncing around the RCHS gyms. The week began and ended with the Lady Bulldogs defeating Emory for their second of those victories gave RC the Silver Bracket trophy from the Craig Bowers Invitational Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs started well, defeating Sulphur Springs 72-36 for their fourth win in a row, but then lost their final three games of the tournament. In the first game of the week, at Rains Tuesday, Dec. 2, the Lady Bulldogs pulled away from a 34-32 lead after three quarters to win 43-32. Three days later, Alexis Wanton led RC with 18 points and eight rebounds in a 72-22 win over Nevada Community. Emily Pratt contributed 10 points and a team-high four steals. The Bulldogs lost 56-36 to Prosper in pool play, Roysse City swept its bracket by defeating Forney 54-30 and Rains 58-34. The Lady Bulldogs trailed Rains at halftime 22-15, but blew the game open in a 21-2 third quarter. RC boys, Joseph Steffen scored in double figures in all four games, averaging 13 points per game. The Bulldogs scored five points in a row to stretch a narrow 9-7 lead to 12-7 at Sulphur Springs, and the Bulldogs weren't threatened thereafter. Roysse City with 17 points and four assists. Derek Haumpy added 10 points and Jared Richardson had 10. The Lady Bulldogs trailed Rains at halftime 22-15, but blew the game open in a 21-2 third quarter. RC boys, Joseph Steffen scored in double figures in all four games, averaging 13 points per game. The Bulldogs scored five points in a row to stretch a narrow 9-7 lead to 12-7 at Sulphur Springs, and the Bulldogs weren't threatened thereafter. Roysse City with 17 points and four assists. Derek Haumpy added 10 points and Jared Richardson had 10. The Lady Bulldogs trailed Rains at halftime 22-15, but blew the game open in a 21-2 third quarter. RC boys, Joseph Steffen scored in double figures in all four games, averaging 13 points per game. The Bulldogs scored five points in a row to stretch a narrow 9-7 lead to 12-7 at Sulphur Springs, and the Bulldogs weren't threatened thereafter. Roysse City with 17 points and four assists. Derek Haumpy added 10 points and Jared Richardson had 10.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Sulphur Springs	9	3	10	14	36
RCHS boys	16	20	24	12	72

Sulphur Springs – Cain 16, Dugan 9, Dunn 5, Hall 4, Buck 2.  
 RCHS – Joseph Steffen 17, Derek Haumpy 12, Jared Richardson 10, DeVante Alexander 9, Matthew Briceno 8, Omar Redic 8, Cooper Abdo 3, Ben Yelverton 3, David Tijerina 2.

Lindale 63 – Jordan Gray 28, Greeshill 11, Ridge 9, Jackson 6, Cooper 4, Fry 4, Bullen 1.  
 RCHS boys 55 – Matthew Briceno 12, Joseph Steffen 11, Cooper Abdo 8, DeVante Alexander 8, Derek Haumpy 7, Omar Redic 6, Jared Richardson 3.

North Mesquite 59 – Markus Alonzo 24, Christian Mansfield 9, Dante Howell 8, Tobias Brown 6, Ja'Quez Gooch 6, Desmond Edwards 4, Chris Henderson 2.  
 RCHS 50 – DeVante Alexander 14, Joseph Steffen 13, Ben Yelverton 8, Jared Richardson 5, Avery Cooley 4, Cooper Abdo 2, Matthew Briceno 2, Omar Redic 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
John Tyler	19	6	19	9	53
RCHS boys	9	13	2	11	35

Tyler John Tyler – Jacob Owens-Bush 17, Patrick Williams 14, Ja'Khari Lewis 11, J'Michael Jasper 6, Tavian Teal 5.  
 RCHS – Joseph Steffen 11, Matthew Briceno 10, DeVante Alexander 6, Avery Cooley 4, Jared Richardson 2, Cooper Abdo 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS girls	14	13	7	9	43
Emory Rains	12	7	13	2	34

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Community	3	4	4	11	22
RCHS girls	20	24	21	6	71

Nevada Community – N/A.  
 RCHS – Alexis Wanton 18, Emily Pratt 10, Belle Munoz 8, Morgan Sumrow 7, Daryn McMinn 6, Melanie Sumrow 5, Emma Fortier 5, Breanna Cooley 4, Jamie Williams 2, Sara Collins 2, Jasmine Escobedo 2, Sanford 2.

Forney 30 – Davis 8, Bri Maddox 6, Skyler Valdens 5, Jones 3, Courtney 2, Gabler 2, Hamsher 2, Eryn Johnson 1, Kennedy 1.  
 RCHS 54 – Daryn McMinn 15, Alexis Wanton 14, Emily Pratt 7, Melanie Sumrow 7, Sanford 5, Jasmine Escobedo 3, Morgan Sumrow 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Emory Rains	10	12	2	10	34
RCHS girls	7	8	21	22	58

## Rockwall volleyball earns several 11-6A All-District honors

**By Ryan Garrett**  
 The District Co-Champion Rockwall Lady Jackets recently picked up a number of All-District post-season honors after finishing the 2014 season with an overall record of 25-16 along with an appearance in the UIL Playoffs. Rockwall's district co-champion, Rowlett, also earned several selections. Junior Chaney Garcia was selected as the Defensive Most Valuable Player, Bayleigh Scott, a sophomore, took Blocker of the Year and junior Hannah Adams was named Setter of the Year. Seniors Kelsey Gaertner and Chloe Phillips earned selections to the 11-6A First Team. Juniors Rose Njoku and Rachel Merkel were added to the second team, while Michaela Windahl and Tara McCoy earned honorable mention. The Yellowjacket also added three Academic All-District selections, including Rachel Merkel, Tara McCoy and Kelsey Gaertner.

## Lady Jackets claim Bishop Lynch title

**By Ryan Garrett**  
 The Rockwall Lady Jackets basketball team took home the Bishop Lynch Tournament championship trophy after defeating Greenhill 71-44 Saturday, December 6. The Jackets (9-3) went 3-0 in the three-day tournament. Rockwall led 31-26 at the half after a competitive first half; but with a big defensive effort by Krystal Contreras to shut down Greenhill's top player, Rockwall outscored the Hornets 40-18 in the final two periods to finish the game. Senior Sara Williams was named tournament Most Valuable Player as she scored 28 points in the championship game and led the team in assists and steals. Mandi McMillian added 12 points with seven rebounds. Jayley Ramirez and Rachel Farrow put up nine points each. Farrow was also nominated to the all-tournament team. The Lady Jackets opened tournament play Thursday with a 56-38 win over Ursuline. Farrow led all scoring with five three-pointers for 15 points. Williamson had 9 points with nine assists and six rebounds, Contreras added 10 points and five rebounds, while McMillian had seven points and 10 rebounds. The Lady Jackets moved into the championship game after defeating Woodrow Wilson 66-35 in the semi-final in a strong team effort. Farrow continued her shooting streak by hitting seven three-pointers, and sophomore Madison Wheeler had 15 points. Sara Williamson chipped in eight points, six rebounds and eight assists, while Cathryn Deshong grabbed 15 rebounds to advance Rockwall to the championship game. Rockwall carried their momentum from the weekend to Tuesday's home game against Mesquite Potet, and will open District 11-6A play Friday on the road at North Garland for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

## 3 games for Fulton Falcons in next week

The Fulton School is scheduled to play three games, including two at home, in the week leading up to the holiday recess. The Falcons would host Dallas Christian Academy at noon Saturday and the Melissa Christian Homeschool Athletes of North Texas junior varsity Tuesday evening at Forney Sports Center. Their final game in the 2014 portion of the schedule is set for Friday at Longview Christian School. Fulton was scheduled to play at Irving StoneGate Christian Academy Tuesday.

**MacKenzie wins sailing race**  
 Marshall MacKenzie sailed "Superman's Cape" to victory Nov. 23 in Race 9 of the Fall Sunday Afternoon Series on Lake Ray Hubbard. Roy Kuipers placed second aboard "Three Sheets."

## Lady Hawks volleyball honored with top UIL All-District selections

**By Ryan Garrett**  
 Following an impressive season that included a perfect 14-0 district record and an overall record of 37-7 for their third-straight District Championship, along with Bi-District and Area Championships, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks varsity volleyball team was honored with 12-5A All-District post-season selections. Aniah Philo was chosen as the 12-5A Most Valuable Player and Maggie Younger was named Coach of the Year. Megan Coleman was selected as the district's Outstanding Attacker, Nwabuko, Outstanding Blocker, and junior Megan Lohmiller earned Outstanding Libero.

Lady Hawks named to the All-District first team included juniors Alex Nolan, Brooke Birleson and Grace Howell, while senior Kirstin Pruitt was added to the second team. Rockwall-Heath also had five players earn Honorable Mention distinctions – seniors Maggie Edwards and Ashlyn Hohenshelt, junior Elizabeth Rak, sophomore Lorin McNeil and freshmen Berkley Adams. Two Lady Hawks were also named to the 5A All-Area Volleyball listings. Aniah Philo was selected to the third team while Haley Coleman earned all-area honorable mention.

## Rockwall-Heath Hawks basketball takes Gene Messer Shootout title

**By Ryan Garrett**  
 The Rockwall-Heath Hawks boys basketball team handed Lubbock one of its biggest losses of the season in the Gene Messer tournament championship game with a 90-51 victory Saturday, December 6. The Hawks went 4-0 in the 20th annual Gene Messer Shootout, a tournament that featured a 16-team field from schools across the state of Texas, including the Lubbock, El Paso and Dallas-Fort Worth area. The Hawks' consistent ball handling helped them build a 30-9 lead at the end of the first period, 56-24 at the half. Leading the Hawks, senior Tyler Zivney put up 24 points, sophomore Kelden Pruitt added 13

and junior Bryan Knostman tallied 11 as they shut down any attempt by Estacado (4-4) at a rally. In a team effort, Tyler Zivney and Jeremiah Sandidge had 10 points, Cameron Talley added seven, and Grant Buckholt scored five. Jordan Childs put up three, Nathen Stover and Maison Abmas chipped in two points each and Wyatt Owenby scored one. Rockwall-Heath (7-0) began tournament play Thursday with an 85-37 blowout over El Paso Irvin. In Friday's second round, the Hawks downed Wichita Falls Rider 88-43. The Hawks advanced to play tournament host Wolfforth Frenship in the semi-finals Friday night, defeating the Tigers 74-65 to advance to the finals. The Hawks took on Rowlett Tuesday, and will host Wylie Friday night. Tipoff is set for 7:30 in the RHHS gymnasium.

## HCA boys, girls split 2 games each

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams from Heritage Christian Academy defeated Dallas Lakehill Prep, but lost to Campbell last week. The girls' and boys' finished the evening with a 58-50 victory over Campbell Friday, the Lady Eagles trailed by just four points at halftime before falling 57-27. "We played pretty well against Campbell," girls' head coach Van

Minter said. "They blew us out last year by 50 points. Cold shooting and silly mistakes let them get the lead in the second half." He said several Lady Eagles have been fighting respiratory illness. Campbell's boys also won by 30 points over HCA, 74-44. Both Heritage Christian teams were scheduled to open their district season Tuesday at Irving The Highlands School. Their second district games would be Friday at The Covenant School of Dallas, and HCA would travel to Garland Christian Academy Monday.

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Cailey Ross is shown in her costume for the Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary first grade performance of "The Animals' Thanksgiving." Each student researched an animal and its habitat and portrayed it during the performance.

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Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary first grade teacher Joanna Alvarez is shown applying makeup to student Victoria Gonzalez in preparation for the annual performance of "The Animals' Thanksgiving." Each student researched his or her animal and its habitat as part of a study about animal habitats. During the performance, the students sang "Super Turkey," and each told what he or she was thankful for this holiday season.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Two-year-old Benjamin Dildy gets a kick out of touching a real fire truck during the Royse City Open House on Saturday, Dec. 6. His dad, Jeremy, seems to enjoy Benjamin's excitement as much as he is. Fire Chief Ricky Bell said more than 225 people attended the event, which included free hot dogs, an appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog, a fire truck bounce house and slide, a tour of the fire house and fire safety demonstrations. The event ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Residents and guests gathered in the Rockwall square Saturday afternoon for a day filled with Santa, shopping and Christmas cheer. Throughout the day, carolers in vintage clothing spread holiday cheer; there were "strolling elves" with giveaways, a photo booth complete with props for pictures for your holiday cards and a toy drive benefiting Helping Hands, complete with bikes donated by local retailers.

Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News



Members of the organization "Daughters of our Living Lord and Saviour" (D.O.L.L.S.) hand out treats for children and adults, Saturday Dec. 6, during the Rockwall Christmas parade. The organization won the Best Theme Award.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Members of the Amy Parks choir, pictured above, serenaded the crowd of about 1,000 area residents who attended the City of Heath's annual Holiday in the Park event last week. Even a sudden rain shower didn't dampen the participants' enthusiasm for the event, which included live performances by the Amy Parks and Pullen Elementary School honor choirs, the Rockwall-Heath High jazz band and the Infinity pop choir; activity booths, including a mobile art studio where participants made snow; hot chocolate and home-baked Christmas cookies; and several popular Dallas-area food trucks.

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The City of Rockwall began the month of December with its version of a little Christmas spirit. The Sat. Dec. 6 Christmas lighting ceremony included music by the Rockwall Children's Chorus, Rockwall ISD choirs and the smooth jazz Christmas music. After the tree lighting and music performances, children played games while others simply enjoyed the decorated grounds.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall Children's Chorus performs festive Christmas music during the Sat. Dec. 6 City of Rockwall Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at the City Hall building facing Goliad Street. The group is directed by Alan Clark, Minister of Music and Arts at First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

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is at J.W. Williams Middle School, claimed the seventh year, as well as the 2013-14 school year, on Dec. 5. The church is located at 1000 S. Rockwall Road in Rockwall. The church marks the 10th year of Williams' service to school officials. Williams' assignments, according to the school board, include the sixth grade.

The Williams Middle School Center. Special honor recipients include Tori St. John-Gibson and Tori St. John-Gibson. Photo by Rockwall County News.

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staff reports by Millie Jean Coppedge. Editor's NOTE: The following is a summary of the Eric Williams trial. Due to time constraints, any other news items will be reported in next week's Rockwall County News. The main topic of discussion was the trial of Eric Williams, a former Kaufman County judge, who was found guilty of the 2013 death of Cynara Williams, a 47-year-old woman. Williams' husband, Mike, was put on two years of probation to practice law.

Linda Bush, an attorney with the law firm of Bush, Hasse, Kaufman County, was named as the attorney after he was gunned down in a drive-by shooting. Photo by Gary Lindsley/Rockwall County News.

Health Council will meet on Dec. 18 at 200 Laureate Blvd. in Rockwall. The council is considering action regarding the proposed development to provide a county public library. Other action items are included on the agenda.