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Burton tapped as City of Heath's Employee of the Year

The City of Heath recently honored several of its employees for outstanding performances in 2013, including detective Brian Burton who was honored as Employee of the Year. Brian has demonstrated exemplary service to the citizens of Heath by joining us in 2003," said Ed Thatcher, city manager, in a news release last week. "He has fulfilled many key roles and responsibilities in the Department of Public Safety, including community outreach, and now is serving as a detective." In addition to being recognized as the city's Employee of the Year, Brian also was honored with a 10-year Service Award and received a Certificate of Merit for his contributions to the DPS earlier in the year. Three City of Heath staff members also were feted as departmental employees of the Year, including Norma Duncan, Administrative

Services; Francisco Gonzalez, Public Works; and officer Michael Weems, DPS.

"An important part of what makes Heath a premiere hometown is the quality and caliber of the city employees like Brian, Norma, Francisco and Michael," Thatcher said. "From our professional DPS officers who are triple-certified as police officers, firefighters and EMTs, to our tireless Public Works staff, there is a shared commitment throughout City Hall to provide the best services to our citizens."

Other city employees recognized for their tenure of service included Renee Kelly, DPS, and Scott Trammell, DPS, each lauded for 15 years of service, and Dee Brumit, DPS, who was honored for 10 years of service.



The City of Heath recently recognized employees for outstanding contributions in 2013. Pictured from the left are detective Brian Burton, Employee of the Year; Norma Duncan Administrative Services Employee of the Year; Francisco Gonzalez, Public Works Employee of the Year.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Earning City of Heath Department of Public Safety Employee Michael Weems. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary celebrated retiring sixth grade teacher Lalene Morrison in December, marking her 21 years of service to students and their families. Morrison retired in December. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Museum in Royse City is topic of ongoing controversy

By Millie Jean Coppedge

If you want to get a conversation going in Royse City, just mention a museum. It seems to be the topic of conversation these days with a variety of opinions.

At the Dec. 10 Royse City Council meeting, a heated conversation erupted between Robby McMillan and the city council when under Item 1 on the agenda it was brought up regarding an open position on the former Robinson Historical Museum and the issue of replacing members on the board.

At this point, Councilman James Branch asked, "Just what does the museum board do?"

Robby McMillan, who was in the audience, said, "To be honest, we're beating a dead horse. If we could get some help from the city, we could bring the museum alive and make it an attraction for our town. It is a nice museum with a lot of really good items for people to see. It just really needs to be promoted. How many of you here tonight have ever been to the museum?"

Hands all over the room went into the air.

"Why is it a dying horse?" Branch asked.

"Because the museum board doesn't have any responsibility," the mayor said. "At one time the board had some authority, but no longer. They aren't allowed to do anything."

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Does Royse City have a museum or not? And if there is a museum, what is its name? You would be surprised how many people say they don't know. If they do think there might be one, they probably don't know where it is, thus they have never been there. What is all the controversy over the museum all about?

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

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Girl Scout cookie sales underway

The Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas cookie sales will run through Feb. 17. For the first time Girl Scouts have cookies in-hand allowing them to sell, deliver and collect money in one easy step. Cookie flavors include the world-famous Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Dulce de Leche, Thank U Berry Munch and Savannah Smiles. Each box costs \$4. Customers can find the nearest cookie booths by downloading the Cookie Locator app available for iPhone or Android by dialing **GSCOOKIES.

Local CASA volunteer info session set

Lone Star CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers are needed, and a local information session about the organization and its volunteers is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at the CASA Rockwall Office, 108 Kenway. Volunteers assist in securing safe, permanent homes for abused and/or neglected children. Volunteers from all cultures, professions and educational backgrounds are needed. For details call 972-772-5858 or email vickie@lonestarcasa.org.

American Legion Post 117 to meet

The Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post 117 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 in the Civic Center (next to the pool) at Harry Myers Park, 815 E. Washington St., Rockwall. A brief

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MILLIE JEAN COPPEDGE
Reminiscing
Royse City

Remembering the Baby Ann Sandwich Shop

by Millie Jean Coppedge

In the last century, businesses have come and gone in Royse City. Often someone will bring to mind the ice cream shop, one of the many cotton gins that kept the economy going, the hotel that contained a restaurant and bakery and made sure everyone always had something to eat whether they could pay or not, several car dealers or the movie house where one might have courted in his early days.

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, Laura Ruth (Shook) Rutherford was the owner and operator of the Baby Ann Sandwich Shop, depicted in the top photo.

At first the sandwich shop offered the basic menu of sandwiches and cold Coca-Cola as is advertised on the signage of the building in the photo.

According to Florelle Burk, when asked if she remembered the shop, she said, "Oh, yea. The shop was located where the Car Quest Automotive now sets.

"They started out serving just sandwiches, but Laura was such a cook that the shop eventually served complete meals," Burk said.

In the 1937 photo below, Laura Ruth holds her daughter, Elizabeth Ann, for whom the sandwich shop was named. The taller lady in photo is unidentified. Small independently owned grocery stores sandwich shops were the foundations of many small towns when main thoroughfare went directly through the downtown area.

In the 1960s and 1970s, with the interstate's bypassing the downtown areas and with the development of the larger chain restaurants and supermarkets, the old mom-and-pop stores died out. It is not known when Baby Ann's went out of business.

The information and photos for this article were courtesy contributed from Deloris Cross Ballard, the Zaner Robinson Historical Museum in Royse City and "Images of America-Royse City" written by Stodghill Fowler.

Rumbley to speak at FUMC Jan. 30

Retired university speech professor and popular Dallas-area speaker Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley will speak on "Dallas Sacred Spaces" beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane.

Rumbley's presentation will be part of the church's Wesley Arts speaker series.

Rumbley holds a Ph.D. in communications from the University of North Texas and served as professor of speech and theater at Dallas Baptist University for 12 years and as a single adult minister at the First Baptist Church in Dallas for seven years. She also appeared on the stage at the Dallas Summer Musicals and at Casa Mañana in Fort Worth. Today she is on the speaking circuit and enjoys research various topics.

A brief question-and-answer session will follow Rumbley's remarks. The event will be open to the public. Admission will cost \$5, which will be payable at the door. Complimentary childcare will be provided with advance reservation: 972-771-5500.



Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley

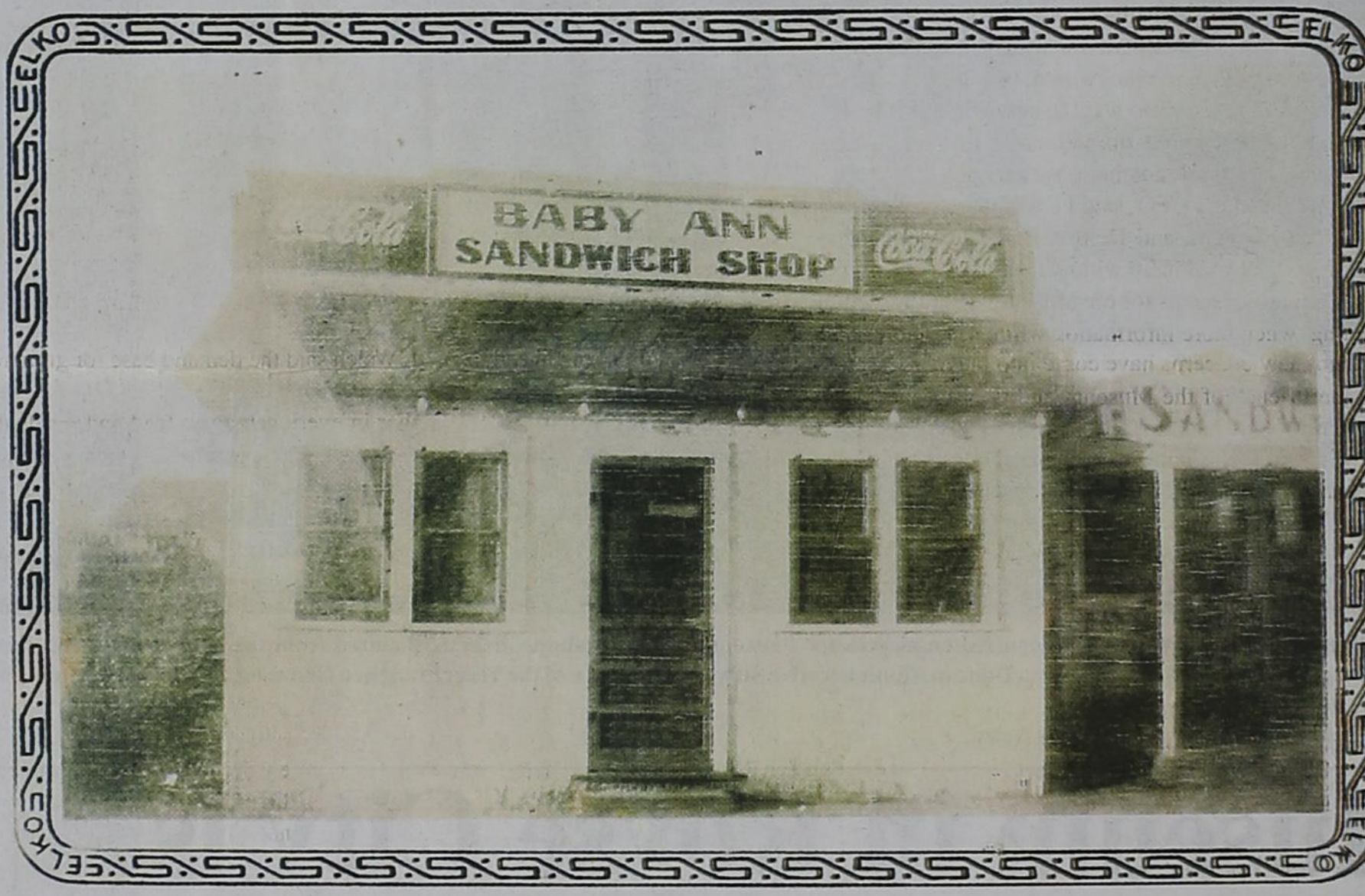
RISD trustees plan closed-door session

Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District will meet in executive session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9 in the Rockwall ISD Administration/Education Center, Room 202.

According to the agenda published by the district, trustees will meet behind closed doors as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074. That section of the government code allows an executive session in order for trustees "to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employees, specifically to conduct and discuss the evaluation of the superintendent."



In the late 1930s and early 1940s, Laura Ruth (Shook) Rutherford was the owner and operator of the Baby Ann Sandwich Shop in Royse City. The child she is holding is Baby Ann. The lady to the right is unidentified. Courtesy photos/Rockwall County News



Search underway for next Teen, Miss, Mrs. Rockwall

The search is on and applications are now being accepted for the titles of Miss Teen Rockwall, Miss Rockwall and Mrs. Rockwall International 2014.

These women will represent their area at the Texas International Pageant at the Granville Arts Center in the Dallas area March 14-16.

"The Texas International system is something that dads and husbands can be proud of their daughters and wives participating in," said Rachel Hedstrom, director of Texas International and former Mrs. Texas International 2012. "This is the kind of system that

rewards women for who they are and what they want for themselves and their families."

No previous pageant experience is necessary and there is no talent or swimsuit division.

Married women compete in interview, fitness wear and evening gown, where they are escorted by

their husbands on stage.

Teen and miss contestants compete in interview, fitness wear and evening gown, as well as "fashion," a category devoted to showing off their own personal style in an age-appropriate outfit of their choosing.

"It's all about celebrating women as they truly are and showing level of confidence as they speak on stage," said Hedstrom.

Mrs. Rockwall applicants must be married and between the ages of 21 and 56 as of July 1, 2014.

Miss applicants must be unmarried and between the ages of 19 and 30, and teen applicants must be unmarried and between the ages of 13 and 18 as of July 1, 2014.

The women selected as Miss Teen Rockwall, Miss Rockwall and Mrs. Rockwall will serve as ambassadors from the Rockwall area with an official title sash. Other area titles are available.

The women crowned as Miss Teen Texas International, Miss Texas International and Mrs. Texas International 2014 each will receive a prize package valued at the thousands of dollars and opportunity to represent Texas at the 2014 Mrs. International Miss International or Miss Texas International Pageant in Florida in July.

Mrs. Texas International 2013 Michelle Berndt is the mother of two and a fourth-generation breast cancer survivor who was crowned while wearing a wig, a result of her chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She has spoken at the southwest and in the me



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Mercier DeCuir (left) with her daughter Shannon DeCuir

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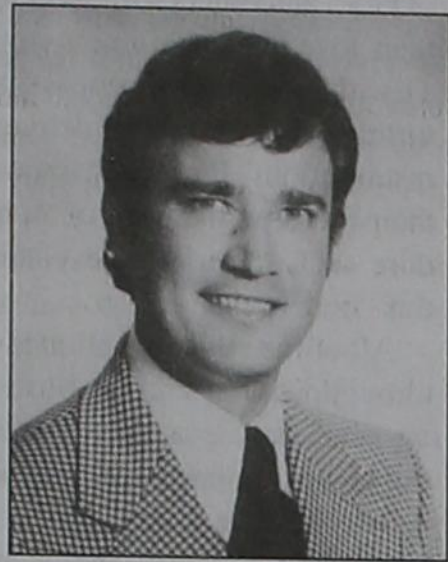
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Tom O. Dean

Services for Tom O. Dean, 72, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 2, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel, the Rev. Dick Sisk officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



He died Dec. 30, 2013. Born Jan. 21, 1941, in Jones County, Texas, he and Trudy (Smith) Dean, nee Effaitha Broach in 1962 and worked in banking and investments until his retirement. He was an avid golfer and good father who enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Effaitha Broach Dean, his son, Greg Dean, his daughter, Terri Brinkley, all of Rockwall; a sister, Linda Mason Mills Point; his brothers, Bill Dean of Wills Point and Bobby Dean of Rockwall; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepmother, Jimmie Dean.

Homer D. 'Toogie' Pierce

Funeral services for Homer D. "Toogie" Pierce, 92, of Roysse City were conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 10, 2014, in the Rest Haven Memorial Home, Rockwall, with Calvin Beach, Harry Bell and Chad Hayes officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 9 at the funeral home. He died Jan. 6.

He was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Roysse City to Josiah Homer Pierce and Bertha (Lerson) Pierce, he was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Roysse City. He was retired from National Cash Register.

Survivors include his daughter, Linda Wilson, and her husband, Jerry of Roysse City; his son, Jerry Bob Pierce, and his wife, Nelda, of Rockwall; his brother, Bob Pierce, and his wife, Sandra, of Roysse City; his grandchildren, Stacey and Craig Kaiser, Shelley and Jason Holloway Kasey and Parker Wilson; his great-grandson, Nicholas Kaiser; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pattie, in 2009; his parents; and his mother, Pauline Noel.

Paula Mullins Talley

Services for Paula Mullins Talley were conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 2, 2014, in the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.



She died Dec. 27, 2013, at Baylor Hospital, surrounded by family and friends.

Born Nov. 10, 1942, to James Roy and Pauline Mullins of Dallas, she graduated from W.W. Samuell High School and attended East Texas State University. She was a devoted wife to her husband, Clyde, for 51 years and mother to her three sons, whom she cherished and adored. She was a member of many organizations including the Rockwall Women's League and the Rockwall Literary Guild, as well as a founding member of AMICA.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde Talley; her sons, Doug Talley, and his wife, Suzanne, Chris Talley and his wife, Shannon, and Craig Talley and his wife, Jamie; four grandchildren; her sister, Beth McClung, and her husband, Ray; a brother-in-law, Jerry Lynn; a sister-in-law, Barbara Talley; and many nieces and great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Texas' 2014 commodity outlook hinges on rainfall, demand

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists recently provided 2014 projections for major commodities produced in Texas, with many pointing to past drought conditions as a key factor in making or breaking a crop.

The Plains region of Texas and part of South Texas were dealt a severe blow in 2013 with drought conditions. However, AgriLife Extension economists say if positive weather patterns develop and lead to periods of timely rainfall, there's reason for optimism for the 2014 crop year. Livestock markets are also projected to continue to show strength, particularly beef cattle, as inventory levels have yet to recover from lows not seen since the 1950s.

Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains marketing economist in College Station, said 2013 brought record supplies of corn and wheat, but demand remains strong.

"With another year of good growing conditions, look for lower prices," he said. "But given the strong demand base, look for higher prices on any production concerns."

Cattle prices are projected to remain strong in 2014 due to lack of supply.

Welch said U.S. farmers produced a record corn crop in 2013 of 14 billion bushels.

"In the current marketing year, supply is outpacing demand, resulting in estimated carryover stocks of 1.8 billion bushels," he said. "This is twice the level of carryover stocks after the drought reduced crop in 2012. In response to this build-up in stocks, the season average farm price for corn is estimated at \$4.40 per bushel, down from \$6.89 last year."

Looking ahead to 2014, Welch said the demand base for grain remains strong.

"Use estimates are higher in every category: feed and residual, food, seed, and industrial and exports. The question is whether farmers will switch corn acreage to alternative crops now that prices are near, or in some cases, below the cost of production."

Meanwhile, cotton prices will be determined by a variety of factors, said Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton economist, College Station.

"The outlook for cotton prices will be determined by a combination of planting and growing conditions for the 2014 new crop, and how much cotton China uses from out of their massive government reserves," he said. "If China maintains their reserves at their current levels, cotton prices in Texas may range from the upper 60s to mid-70s (cents per pound). If China were to start auctioning off large amounts of their reserves, then Chinese mills would not have to import as much cotton, leaving more surpluses of cotton in the U.S. that would lower prices another five to 10 cents."

Grain demand in 2014 is expected to remain strong, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.

The following are summaries from AgriLife Extension economists in districts across Texas regions:

Plains region, William J. Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San Angelo, West Central-District 7:

Outlook on Grains: "I am expecting a small increase in wheat acres planted for harvest in 2014. We had some timely showers in the early fall and producers took advantage of that. Grain and cotton price expectations are down for the coming year. If rainfall patterns return to something closer to normal, I think we will see more interest in cotton. For 2014, that will come at the expense of grain sorghum acres, as wheat is already in."

Outlook on Cotton: "For 2014 there is a mix of factors affecting cotton. The huge stocks being held in China will likely temper any short-term price increases. Prices have been relatively strong, considering the level of global stocks we have. But as long as those stocks are effectively out of the market channel, the market should maintain current levels in the mid to high \$70s range. That price uncertainty and some timely fall rains likely increased fall planting of wheat, some at the expense of cotton acres. Any increase of planted cotton next spring will be at the expense of what few grain sorghum acres we have out here."

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Rockwall County Entertainment

RHHS to stage 'Grease'

Rockwall-Heath High School will present the musical "Grease" Jan. 11 at the Performing Arts Center, 801 Laurence, in Heath. Tickets are available at the box office; cost is \$10 for students, \$12 for general mission. Heath's mayor, Lorne Liechty, and Rockwall's mayor, David Sweet, will make special cameos.

Wine, Dine for Rockwall PAWS

An evening of "FUNdraising" for Rockwall PAWS is scheduled to begin 6 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall. The Fourth Annual Wine and Dine will include dinner, wine, a gift card tree raffle, silent and live auctions, a cash raffle and dessert. Tickets cost \$50. Send a check to Rockwall PAWS, P.O. Box 44, Rockwall, TX 75087. For details call Cathy at 214-532-4407 or email cathy.bedssole@heartoftexasahs.com. RSVPs are due prior to Jan. 20.

Daddy/Daughter Dance tickets available

Tickets to the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, are on sale at The Center. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 25 at The Hilton Bella Harbor. Cost is \$69 per daddy/daughter couple or \$45 for Rockwall residents; each additional child will cost \$15. Ticket availability is limited and pre-registration required. For details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

Senior Citizen Prom scheduled Jan. 26

A Senior Citizen Prom will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Ruth Cherry Intermediate School cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. The event will be sponsored by the Thoughtful Thinking Things of the RCISD Destination Imagination program.

Chocolate Indulgence to benefit WIN

Chocolate Indulgence, a fundraiser benefiting Women in Need, will run from 7:20 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Allure Restaurant on Lake Ray Hubbard. The event will include an evening of handcrafted chocolate, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, dancing and live entertainment. For more details contact Beth Handschuch at beth@insurancelawdallas.com or Jeanie Swanson at jssminutemanpress@geusnet.com.

'The Foreigner' to be staged in February

"The Foreigner," directed by Felicia Sykes, will be staged on the Rockwall Community Playhouse stage Feb. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23. The comedy is set in a rural Georgia fishing lodge where things go "uproariously awry for the bad guys and the good guys emerge triumphant," according to a theater news release. Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

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dinner will open the gathering, followed by the quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. Interested members and all Rockwall County veterans are invited. Email gallen65@sbcglobal.net to RSVP.

Indoor seed-starting workshop slated

The 2014 Master Gardener Class will offer Back to Basics: How to Start Seeds Indoors from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Rockwall County Extension Office, East 915 Whitmore St., Suite B. Starting transplants from seeds is a good way to get a head start on the growing season. Class will be limited to 20 participants. A minimum number of participants must be paid and pre-registered by 5 p.m. Jan. 15 or the class will be cancelled and money refunded. Cost is \$15. Pre-register by mail or in person at the Rockwall office. More details and a registration form may be found at rockmga.org.

Voter ID Information Session

A Voter ID Information Session will be held January 20, 7-8:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Community Center 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about the New Voter ID Law. Deputy Voter Registrars will be on hand to assist newcomers to Rockwall to Register to Vote. Those who have moved within the County will be able to update their voter registration cards. Judith Matherne, Democratic Party County Chair will conduct the session.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule detailed

Upcoming dates for the monthly Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle have been released: Jan. 23, Feb. 20, March 20 and April 24. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 6:30 p.m. Prices are reasonable and assistance is available through Rockwall PAWS. Dogs should be in non-slip collars and cats in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 or email info@spayneuternet.org; hablemos Español.

'Steel Magnolias' audition scheduled

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's staging of "Steel Magnolias," which will be performed in March and April, will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at the playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk. The show has six female roles. Auditioners will be asked to perform cold readings from the script and must be prepared to use a southern accent. A prepared comedic monologue of 1-2 minutes would be helpful, but is not mandatory. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Auditions planned for 'Forever Plaid'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "Forever Plaid," which will be staged in May, will take place at 1 p.m. March 29 and at 7 p.m. March 30 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

'Godspell' auditions set June 7, 8

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Teen Theater production of "Godspell," which will be staged in July and August, will begin at 1 p.m. June 7 and 8 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Teen, Miss, Mrs. Rockwall ...

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about her campaign against cancer and has been featured in a documentary about her mission.

Miss Texas International 2013 Samantha Riddle is an advocate for heart disease awareness and has lobbied the Texas State Legislature, working closely with the American Heart Association and serving a number of nonprofit causes for which she frequently makes appearances.

Miss Teen Texas International 2013 Kylie Boyd is a student at Texas Tech University, where she is also a barrel racer. She has led the Polar Bear Plunge at Sea World of Texas and has shot for National Geographic magazine, in which she will be featured later this year.

"The International system allows women to be at their best and to chase their dreams," said Hedstrom. "It's not about fitting into an unrealistic norm; it's about helping these women get to that next level and do something meaningful and fulfilling. Competing is about investing in who they are, not trying to be someone they are not. In that, these girls find success."

To learn more about the pageant or the reigning titleholders, visit mrstexasinternational.com, mistexasinternational.com or missteentexasinternational.com. To request an application contact Rachel Hedstrom at texasinternationalpageant@gmail.com.

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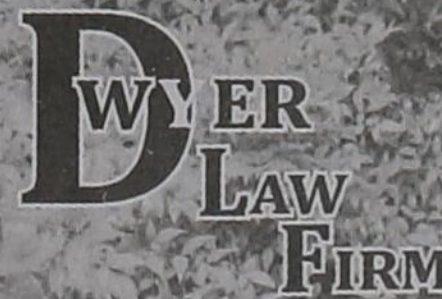
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Your labor is not in vain in the Lord Jesus ...

On the day of Christ the saying will come to pass, "Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54, Isaiah 25:8 and Hosea 13:14). When that time arrives, all born-again saints will be drawn up into the clouds to live forever with our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Paul finishes the subject with, "O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin. And the strength of sin is the law" (1 Corinthians 15:55-56). Death will have no more stinging power and God's born-again children will no longer be bound in the graves of the dead.

"But thanks to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (verse 57). This is not about our own victory, but about the victory from God in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We can be thankful to God in heaven for this victory through Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (verses 57-58). The word "therefore" in essence is saying, considering all that you've learned before, this is

what I have to say. Verse 58 basically teaches how knowledge of the future event applies to our everyday lives now.

The day of Christ is the event that God wants His children to guard in their hearts and keep right in front of their mental eyes. God likens it to a track race. Runners are steadfastly unmoving as they strive for the finish line. It says in 1 Corinthians 9:24, "Don't you know that they which run in a race run all, but one receives the prize? So run, that you may obtain."

Just as runners focus on the finish line, we patiently run with the day of Christ before our mental eyes. We have this exhortation in Hebrews 12:1, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

God's word is filled with stories of His faithful witnesses throughout history. As we run the race, let's fill our minds with those stories and toss off every piece of mental and emotional weight that holds us down, along with the burdens that go with sin consciousness, and run with patience the spiritual race that is set before us.

Along with the great example of our Lord Jesus, we have another example in King David. Unlike Jesus, David made some major mistakes in his life. Yet, unlike his predecessor King Saul, David turned his heart back to God, confessed his errors and continued to press forward in life. Similar to our Lord Jesus, David faced powerful adversaries who spoke evil of him because of his love, and even sought

to kill him. Jesus, no doubt, knew the stories and psalms of very well.

Hebrews chapter 11 describes many Old Testament believers of whom prevailed in different situations by the mighty power of God, and others suffered greatly. None of them were swayed by their love and faithfulness toward God. Verses 35-40 closes chapter 11 with examples of people who suffered. It says "...and others tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a resurrection." It goes on to describe a number of examples. Keep their focus on the hope of "a better resurrection" helped them endure such suffering. Revelations provides more information on this "better resurrection."

All of the above mentioned situations are addressed in Psalm throughout God's word. Most people may never experience the same degree as they did. But even on a smaller scale, the race can be very painful and destructive.

We can learn from the great examples of God's servants in the David refused to kill Saul when it was in his hands to do so. He the meek heart to greatly mourn Saul's death even after all his sufferings. Acts 2:25-28 includes a record of Peter quoting King David "For David spoke concerning him, 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved."

After being beaten and scourged with nail laden whips over and over again until he was beyond recognition; after facing mock trials with false witnesses and accusations; after being nailed to a wooden post and held up for all to see and rail on him; our Jesus still had the meek and loving heart to forgive them. Jesus loved them to do all these horrible things with the confidence that the Father would raise him from the dead. And God did not forsake but made him alive again.

We have a loving and powerfully compassionate God in heaven who is so gracious and merciful, and who is our perfect comfort. Moreover, God gave us something better than what the Old Testament saints had. Our Lord Jesus sits at God's right hand in heaven in little Rose cradled close to a beautiful mind, to be our intercessor, spiritual legal advocate. With love, God has our Lord Jesus clothed him in heaven, and has given him all authority as His son.

As we continue to serve God; plant and water spiritual seeds personally grow, our labor is not in vain. With that in mind, we patiently run the race with our mental eyes focused on the finish line the day of Christ, which is set before us.

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Date, Time, and Place of the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will take place beginning at or after 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at City Hall, 1248 S. Highway 205, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, 75032.

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APPLICATION NOTICE

HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION/REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Rockwall County HOME Program provides help to eligible homeowners within the «Boundries»County Limits for home reconstruction or rehabilitation. A **program information sheet is available at the Rockwall Housing Development Corporation.** Applications will be taken January 21, 2014 at 9:30 am at Rockwall Housing Development Corporation. Applications will only be taken on this date unless there is further notice. If you are physically unable to attend the intake, please call Caley at 512-420-0303 ext. 306 to make other arrangements. Please bring the following.

1) **Proof of 6 months income or SS/SSI letter and/or any other benefits received**

ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS BY FAMILY SIZE

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
\$28,380	\$32,400	\$36,480	\$40,500	\$43,740	\$46,980	\$50,220	\$53,460

2) **Homeownership:** Warranty deed or other proof. Statement of Location for Manufactured Homes - NO CONTRACT FOR DEED. 3) **Tax receipts** verifying ALL property taxes paid 4) **Proof of Occupancy:** Driver's license or photo I.D.s for all household members 18 and up and voter's registration or utility bill showing the property address and the homeowner's name 5) **Social Security Card** for all household members 6) Six months of bank statements.

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

1/9/2014

TDHCA
221 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
512-475-0430

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 1/28/2014, TDHCA will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of up to \$4,700,000 of funds through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as HOME Reservation System Program, under Reservation #2012-0047. The Rockwall Housing Development Corporation proposes two projects - 1) Housing Rehabilitation Assistance under Set-Aside #1001842, to provide assistance to reconstruct or rehabilitate 1 to 50 homes (if funding becomes available) for households located within the Rockwall Housing Development Corporation service area. For rehabilitation projects, no more than \$40,000 in hard costs will be allocated for each project site. For reconstruction projects, no more than \$85,000 in hard costs will be allocated for each project site. Reconstructed homes will be between 888 and 1200 square feet and will have two to three bedrooms and up to two bathrooms. The homes will have an asphalt composite roof, low E aluminum windows, and insulated metal doors. The homes will be ADA accessible and meet model energy efficiency codes. The environmental review has been tiered to allow for the analysis to be completed on a geographic area to address environmental impacts that may or may not occur on a typical site within the area and 2) Home Buyer Assistance under Set-Aside #1001843, to provide down payment assistance from \$1,000 to \$20,000, each to qualified families to purchase homes in Rockwall County. Assistance shall be provided for 1 to 100 homes (if funding becomes available). Sales priced limits for houses in this program cannot exceed \$146,000 for existing homes and \$195,000 for newly constructed homes. Houses must be appraised and pass State of Texas Minimum Construction Code and HUD inspection. No HUD houses or 203(K) loans allowed. The environmental review has been tiered to allow for the analysis to be completed on a geographic area to address environmental impacts that may or may not occur on a typical site within the area. Once specific addresses are known, historical significance and location with respect to the 100-year floodplain, noise sources, and hazardous waste sites shall be determined.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TDHCA has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at TDHCA, 221 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78711, the Rockwall Housing Development Corporation Office, 787 Hail Drive, Rockwall, TX 75032, or GrantWorks, Inc., 2201 Northland Dr, Austin, TX 78756 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to TDHCA. All comments received by 1/24/2014 will be considered by TDHCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDHCA certifies to HUD that Brenda Hull, in her capacity as Director of Program Services consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Rockwall Housing Development Corporation to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its approval of request for release of funds and TDHCA certification received by 2/12/2014 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of TDHCA approved by HUD (b) TDHCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Fort Worth Regional Office at 801 Cherry Street, Unit #45 - Suite 2500, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: Brenda Hull, Director, Program Services, TDHCA

The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press. Thomas Jefferson

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)

BY VIRTUE OF A EXECUTION issued out of the 382nd DISTRICT Court of ROCKWALL County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 1-05-211. On the 26th day of NOVEMBER A.D. 2013, styled: WEINGARTEN REALTY INVESTORS vs. W. BART DAVENPORT D FREEDOM WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, to me, as CIVIL DEPUTY directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 17th day of DECEMBER A.D. 2013 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday in FEBRUARY A.D. 2014, it being the day of said month, at 1111 YELLOWJACKET LN, ROCKWALL TX of said ROCKWALL County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had on the 17th day of DECEMBER A.D. 2013, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property:

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PROPERTY ID 27965
GEO ID 3362-000C-0008-00-0R
ADDRESS 103 INDEPENDENCE LN ROCKWALL TX 75032.

Said property is levied on as the property of WILLIAM AND ANNE DAVENPORT and will be sold to satisfy the judgment.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 17 day of DECEMBER A.D. 2013.

HAROLD EAVENSON
ROCKWALL County, Texas
By: A. Kinsey #521

Royse City museum under scrutiny ..

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According to the Wysk Company Profile for the Zaner Robinson Historical Museum Corporation, the business name registration was filed on July 16, 2007, and recorded as Certificate of Termination -- Inactive Date as of March 8, 2012.

According to the Royse City official website, the building at 124 Arch St. is on the National Register of Historical Places. The designation was approved in 1994. It also states that the museum "depicts life on the Blackland Prairie from early settlers through the boom years (1920-1960)," but now goes even further back in time and also more up-to-date/recent items.

The building was built in 1925 and was at one time the fire station on one side and the city hall on the other. In 2008 it became the home of the museum. The upstairs of the building remains the Masonic Lodge facility.

In the August 2011, the Royse City newsletter of the City of Royse City, then-City Manager Bill Shipp wrote about the Royse City Museum, giving the dates and times it was open and noting that Annie Cornelius was the museum curator at the time. He distinctly put Royse City Museum at the top of the page.

Then on Feb. 13, 2012, Ship sent a letter to Baley, Barney Jones, McMillan and Smith, c.c. Stegall and Cornelius, regarding "Service to the Zaner Robinson Historical Museum." In part, the letter said, "The city and the museum are able

to do so much more through and with you, our volunteers. Your special interest in the history of Royse City and the preservation of that history through the museum is deeply appreciated. The dissolution of the museum corporation does not reflect a desire to change the operations of the museum, but to better align the museum similar to the alignment of other city departments. Annie's position will not change. I hope to propose to council the formation of a Museum Advisory Board. Staff will work on the formulation of the bard for presentation to council over the next few months. Upon formation, City Council would appoint members to the board. I hope you will consider service on this board. The new structure takes away the unnecessary structure of the cooperation, but I anticipate little or no change in the operation of the museum."

Some citizens seem to remember that it went before the Royse City Council to change the name of the museum from Zaner Robinson Historical Museum to simply the Royse City Museum.

"It never went before the city council," said Stegall. So how, when and who took down the Zaner Robinson Historical Museum sign and put up the Royse City Museum sign, which as of Jan. 6 was still up at the museum? No one seen to want to or will answer questions; instead, questions are met with a run-around. The subject is changed or the person being queried responds

that he or she doesn't know. Stegall said the 501c3 status which is through the state allows the museum to raise money and not have to pay as long as it is for county's was abandoned in 2011.

Deloris Ballard, chair of the museum, said that approximately 958 people visited the museum in 2013. Five years ago, the average number of visitors to the museum was about 100 people a month, which has grown to more than 55 a month. Visitor numbers are increasing steadily, but with promotion and advertisement, the museum really see growth, Ballard said. "People just don't know where here. If we made up pamphlets and left them at the motels, restaurants and other places in town, not only visitors but people who live here would know town had a museum," Ballard said.

The 2013-2014 edition of the Royse City, Texas, Chamber of Commerce Directory lists the museum as the Royse City Museum, not the Zaner Robinson Historical Museum. "The Zaner sign is going up as soon as we can get it," Stegall said on Dec. 6. "It does not meet our sign ordinance ordinance does not allow banners and that sign is a banner, sign. Also, only the city council can change the name of a building not the advisory board."

It should be noted that the

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Texas' 2014 commodity outlook ..

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Outlook on Livestock markets: "I expect to see further contraction of the sheep numbers in 2014. Lackluster prices for three-quarters of the year (2013) and spotty precipitation led to additional reduction of the West Central Texas ewe flock. Prices have improved considerably in the fourth quarter, but many producers had likely sold their lamb crop by then. Rangelands will need additional, above-average rainfall and time to recover from the effects of this prolonged drought. While I am not expecting to see a large reduction of ewe numbers in 2014, I am not expecting to see any significant growth either. Beef cattle numbers may show minimal increases in 2014. Discussions with county agents and producers indicate that some expansion/reinvestment is being considered. Very strong calf and feeder prices, bolstered by a sharp drop in corn prices, have producers wanting to expand."

2014 General Outlook for Region (weather, yields, other factors): "Soil and range conditions are varied across the region depending on the track of several large storms in 2013. It has remained pretty dry north and south of that track which moves diagonally (southwest to northeast) across the state. Even those areas that did receive the timely rains have not replaced any subsoil moisture. We did produce

some cotton, grain and forage in 2013, but only because of the timeliness of the rains. It will not take much of an extended dry period in 2014 to push the area back into some level of drought category."

South Texas: Rob Hogan, associate professor and AgriLife Extension economist, Uvalde, District-10 (plus a portion of District 6 lying along the Rio Grande):

Outlook on livestock markets: "(With regards to prices) beef looks like higher than last year and higher next year than this year. Although the year started out rather droughty, we started getting rains late summer in both District 6 and District 10 and the grass grew like crazy. The calves look like they should be coming off at a good weaning weight for the year and we are going into the winter with good subsoil moisture, so we should have some good grass next spring."

2014 General Outlook for Region (weather, yields, other factors): "If we continue getting rains through the winter and into spring, it could really be a good year in 2014. I believe that most producers believe that also."

North Texas: Blake Bennett, associate professor and AgriLife Extension, District 4-Northeast Texas:

Outlook on grains: "Wheat is

off to a good start in northern Texas. We had good soil moisture for planting, and appear to come through the most recent cold spell without much damage. If we can get timely spring rains we are looking at another year above-average yields ranging from the 60 to 70 bushel range. It is also looking to be sitting well with yields coming in at 75 bushels compared to a term average of 60 to 65. Producers are looking good for early rains providing good grazing to winter pastures. This provides a good base for cattle production to be able to make it through winter months with lower feed costs."

Stan Bevers, professor and AgriLife Extension economist, Rolling Plains, District 3-Ventura: "The Rolling Plains, the predominant grain wheat. Wheat planting began in September, which is concerning for our stocker cattle operation. Wheat for grain planting is not this month. The Rolling Plains received above-average rainfall for July 2013. This helped the month, but September through December has once again been below average. So, for those planted early, wheat is reasonable holding on. For those who planted later, wheat is struggling. Moving forward, it all depends on

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Opinions

Saudi anger has many faces ...

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Kulangara Bhadrakumar
PaulInstitute.org

It is exactly where the move in the US Congress to declassify the JICI report assumes special significance. Is it a matter of strategic importance on the part of the Congress (and the Administration) or is it a case of coincidence that the White House made available the 28 pages of the JICI report for the perusal of two Congressmen on a strictly confidential basis at this point when the Appeals Court was all set to pass on the possible culpability of the Saudi government in the 9/11 attack?

Conversely, what happens indeed if in the light of these developments, the Saudis who want to sue the Saudi government insist on invoking the JICI report as evidence? We are entering a dark labyrinth. The final analysis, however, the ball, as Americans would say, lies in the Saudi court. It is entirely up to the Obama administration to respond to congressional resolution urging the JICI's declassification if it is passed in the House and the Senate.

There lies the rub. It is a well-known fact that unlike his three immediate predecessors in the Oval Office – George Herbert Walker Bush, William Jefferson Clinton and George Walker Bush – Barack Obama is not a "hands-on" president when it comes to US-Saudi relations. Here is a president, who, as New York Times wrote a couple of months ago in the context of Syria, "rarely voiced strong opinions at senior staff meetings..." (whose) body language was telling; he appeared impatient or disengaged while listening to the debate, often scrolling through messages on his Blackberry or slouching while chewing gum."

It is, that may be an uncharitable partisan criticism by the Times' op-ed columnist, because Obama certainly does comprehend the gravity of the crisis but then, he also factors in the limits to the US' ability to influence the emergent Middle Eastern hotspots. Besides, as former US ambassador to NATO and the Director of Middle East Policy in the US National Security Council during the Jimmy Carter administration Robert Hunter wrote recently, the US has some specific interests to pursue in the current Middle Eastern situation, and, therefore, a strategy regarding partners and allies in the Persian Gulf needs to be beyond the fixation with military instruments and focus more on promoting US engagement and commitment in non-military terms."

While, coming back to the JICI report, public pressure is building for the 9/11 Families United for Justice Against Terrorism, an activist group comprising the attack victims, and neither the White House nor the Congressmen can be impervious to an emotive issue such as this, which is an indelible mark on the nation's psyche. The media reports are ecstatic the families of the victims of the 9/11 attack already await the Appeals Court verdict. The father of a 25-year old young

man who was killed in the North Tower of the World Trade Center told the ABC News, "Christmas has come early to the 9/11 families. We're going to have our day in court."

To be sure, the lawsuit, if it succeeds, could mean the Saudi government and members of the royal family serving on charities that financed al-Qaeda operations paying compensation to the tune of tens or even hundreds of billions of dollars. Once the legal juggernaut starts moving, which is shortly, it is anybody's guess where it could end up.

What makes the whole matter highly explosive is that the Saudi ambassador to the US at the time of the 9/11 attack was none other than Bandar bin Sultan, presently Riyadh's spy chief. Furthermore, Bandar is also alleged to have personally prevailed upon Bush Jr. to grant special permission by the White House (at a time when all air traffic was grounded all over the US) to whisk out of the US post-haste in a chartered plane from Kentucky a group of 144 persons, including several members of the bin Laden family, so that they wouldn't be prescreened, interviewed or in any manner debriefed on the 9/11 attack. After the flight, FBI officials have been cited as ruling that these people who were whisked out of the US by Bandar (thanks to Bush's personal intervention) were "people of interest."

Indeed, the curious part is that Bandar today also happens to be the key person charioting the Saudi project to overthrow the legitimate government of President Bashar Al-Assad in Syria. Put differently, Bandar, who may be called to witness in the US trial court in the 9/11 lawsuit, is the very same Bandar who on the operational side threatens to torpedo the best laid plans of the Obama administration to find a political settlement to the Syrian question at the Geneva 2 conference.

Interestingly, to digress for a moment, the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings (which Obama handpicked recently as the forum from where to make some major policy remarks on the US' engagement with Iran) just brought out an exhaustive study authored by a Middle East expert Elizabeth Dickinson titled "PLAYING WITH FIRE: Why Private Gulf Financing for Syria's Extremist Rebels Risks Igniting Sectarian Conflict at Home." The analysis paper focuses on how Kuwait has "emerged as a financing and organizational hub for charities and individuals supporting Syria's myriad rebel groups." It assesses that "Gulf donors have contributed to the ideological and strategic alignment of today's rebel groups [in Syria], in which extremists have the military upper-hand."

What emerges – and, perhaps, what Bandar needs to take note seriously – is that Washington is closely monitoring the support for extremist jihadi groups operating in Syria by the Gulf Arab petrodollar states and their so-called "charities." The paper says, "The US Treasury is aware of this activity and has expressed concern about this flow of private financing."

At this point, into the simmering cauldron, we may add yet another potent ingredient – namely, the internal power struggle within the Saudi

regime, with Bandar becoming the target of rare criticism in the Saudi press.

The well-connected Saudi writer and journalist Jamal Kashoggi wrote in the establishment daily Al Hayat recently in a thinly veiled attack on Bandar, "It would be a mistake to defy the power of history with the illusion that the powerful can forge deals and plan the future away from the peoples whose divisions and lack of experience with democracy enabled local, regional and international forces to abuse them. Yet, these peoples continue to be in a state of liquidity and rage. They know what they want but they are confused about how to achieve it. What is certain is that they will not wait for a knight mounted on a white horse to lead them toward a new shining dawn. The one-man era is over."

Kashoggi couldn't have written like this except with the reasonable certainty that what he wrote needed to be written.

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 Email rcn.news@yahoo.com
 Mail to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087

Congressman Sam Johnson of North Texas who spent nearly 7 years as a Prisoner of War (POW) in Vietnam became rightfully outraged when the Air Force Academy removed the requirement for including the words 'so help me God' when swearing a military oath to our nation. As a result, he has introduced H.R. 3416, a bill that would require congressional approval prior to making any change to Oaths of Office.

In support of the bill he has written the following: "It was not only my experience, but that of my fellow POW's, veterans, and those currently in harm's way that make 'so help me God' vital to the oath. I urge my colleagues to join this effort to protect the legacy of freedom of religion."

Representative Ralph Hall should be urged to co-sponsor this patriotic bill to demonstrate his support in defense of keeping "so help me God" in military oaths.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jacqueline Strickland
 Rockwall, Texas

Tree limb disposal services offered by Royse City

Millie Jean Coppedge

Residents of Royse City who have debris created by the recent ice storm, the City of Royse City will accept tree limbs through a planned disposal/burn event.

The effort was sent out Jan. 3 in customers' monthly water bills by the City of Royse City.

Tree limbs for the disposal/burn event will be accepted through Saturday at the 200 block of Dean Drive in Royse City. Dean Drive is located to the right of State Highway 66, past North Erby Campbell Boulevard and across the street from the power substation.

Each individual dropping have limbs must have identification and bring a current water bill with their current address on it.

The tree limbs will be accepted only from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Rockwall ISD plans Jan. 13 work session

The Board of Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 13 in the RISD Administration/Education Center, 4600, in Rockwall. A board work session is planned, according to the meeting's agenda.

Board members may go into a closed-door session as per the provisions of the Texas Government Code. They will reconvene into a public session at 7:30 p.m.

Various informational reports will be delivered, including one relating to board recognition by Sheri Fowler, chief information officer, and information on the district's energy management program by David Hoff.

Present agenda items include an investment and financial report; personnel resignations and employment; approval of the proposals to telephone landline transport, broadband transport, Internet access and cellular service in accordance with RFPs; approval of proposals to provide priority one web-hosting service based on specifications of 15 minutes from the Dec. 16 meeting; and budget amendments.

The board also will receive the 2012-2013 Texas Academic Performance Report; consider approval of the Texas Association of School Board Manual Update 98 on second and final reading; hear a report from HB 5 Foundation Program; consider approval of the 2014-2015 school year calendar; consider approval of the order of election for the 2014-2015 RISD board of trustee election; and receive the superintendent's



Although Royse City has worked to remove debris created by the recent ice storm, more help is being offered to clear the neighborhoods of stacks of tree limbs. Tree limbs will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday at the 200 block of Dean Drive in Royse City.
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ACROSS

- TXism: "nuff" (4)
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- TXism: "hull" (4)
- TXism: "charge" (4)
- TXism: "hell with a bucket of water" (fearless) (10)
- TXism: "apt call letters for a Red River radio station?" (4)
- TXism: "about" (4)
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- TXism: "mad as" (4)
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- TXism: "your barn" (4)
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- TXism: "drunkard" (4)
- TXism: "take a look" (4)
- TXism: "Livingston is seat of this county" (4)
- TXism: "series of items" (4)
- TXism: "Mickey Gilley sang 'I've Said It Again'" (4)
- TXism: "an Astro messed up" (4)
- TXism: "Aransas Pass festival: 'Shrimpo'" (4)
- TXism: "Billy the" (4)
- TXism: "ex-Cowboy RB (init.)" (4)
- TXism: "silent film? (2 wds.)" (4)
- TXism: "lower" (4)
- TXism: "a snake's navel" (4)
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- in the winter, you can see one at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge (2 wds.) (4)
- title for TXns Phyllis George & Shirley Cothran: "Miss" (4)
- in Wichita, Co. on hwy. 370 (4)
- this Cowboy Pearson caught the "Hail Mary" (4)
- many TXns fought in Southeast (4)
- major Dallas artery ending with "way" (4)
- golf peg (4)
- citrus drink (4)
- TXism: "hell bent" (determined) (4)
- "The Ranger" (4)
- Denton's 940 code (4)
- UT famed formation: "bone" (4)
- Switzerland tourist resort town (4)
- NASA event in Space Shuttle era (4)
- TXism: "the rodeo" (4)
- TXism: "over" (finished) (4)
- TX singer Henley (init.) (4)
- TX president: "Bush" (2001-09) (4)

Girl Scouts cookie sales begin Friday

The Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas will launch its annual cookie program on Friday.

Sales will run through Feb. 17, which includes individual and booth sales. For the first time Girl Scouts will have cookies in-hand allowing them to sell, deliver and collect money in one easy step.

Cookie flavors include the world-famous Thin Mints,

Tagalongs, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Dulce de Leche, Thank U Berry Munch and Savannah Smiles. Each box costs \$4.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps Girl Scouts in grades kindergarten through 12th grade develop five key skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics. Girl Scouts also

have the opportunity to earn the new Mary Kay Entrepreneurship patch, designed to inspire the next generation of female leaders through the cookie program.

Customers can find the nearest cookie booths by downloading the Cookie Locator app available for iPhone or Android by dialing **GSCOOKIE.

Wine, dine at Jan. 25 Rockwall PAWS benefit

The Fourth Annual Wine & Dine for Rockwall PAWS will begin at 6 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club, 2600 Champions Drive, in Rockwall.

Each person attending the event will enjoy dinner at Nineteen, a glass of wine, a gift card tree raffle, silent and live auctions, a cash bar and dessert by Tiers by Tista.

Tickets cost \$50 each.

Rockwall PAWS is a nonprofit agency that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive dogs at CCHS at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center and Royse City Shelter; provides monetary assistance when needed to help with spays/neuters through the Spay/Neuter Network monthly shuttle; and assists with ill or injured animals.

To purchase tickets, send a check to Rockwall PAWS, P.O. Box 44, Rockwall, TX 75087. RSVPs should be received prior to Jan. 20.

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Fulton launches 2014 season with multiple wins

by Lary Bump

The Fulton School was ready Saturday for its first boys' basketball matchup against Heritage Christian Academy.

Having lost a late lead and a game in overtime Friday, the Falcons came out quickly against HCA and withstood a third-quarter surge for a 59-32 victory over the Eagles. With it, Fulton took seventh place in the eight-team Mustang Roundup at McKinney Christian Academy.

Each Rockwall County team lost a first-round game Thursday, Dec. 26, against a team that advanced to the championship game.

Heritage Christian (2-8) hung in against host MCA before losing 54-39. Fulton (4-3) ran into a buzz saw that was Dallas Christian HomeSchool Athletes of North Texas, which pulled steadily away for a 70-41 victory. CHANT improved to 13-8 by winning.

On Friday, the Falcons led Dallas Home School Athletic Association South after the first quarter, trailed by four points at halftime and took a 55-49 lead into the final quarter. With 5 minutes, 44 seconds to play, Fulton's Brenden Williams made a free throw for its biggest lead at 58-41.

The lead was still four points, 62-58, until HSAA scored with 38 seconds to play. The Blue Angels regained control of the ball and worked it inside for a game-tying basket with 2.4 seconds left, with a foul shot that could have won the game. But it missed, Williams grabbed the rebound and the game went to overtime.

HSAA (6-6) scored the first seven points in overtime to complete and 11-0 run, and won 70-63.

"When you play two freshmen and two sophomores, you've got to live with that," Falcons head coach Josh Johnson said. "We didn't take care of the ball."

Fulton was more careful the ball Saturday against HCA. The Falcons used runs of 6, 6, 12 and 5 consecutive points to take a 21-point lead at 31-10 less than a minute before halftime.

From that point, the Eagles started their own 17-4 run that cut the deficit to 35-27 with 2:34 left in the third quarter. Williams then hit a 3-point shot to start Fulton to nine points in a row to end the quarter.

"I feel we should have been in (the consolation final)," Johnson said. "I still think we were the second-best team in this tournament."

Williams was recognized as a prime-time player, making the All-Tournament team. In the three games, he totaled 80 points, 38 rebounds, 11 blocked shots, seven steals and two assists. He led the Falcons with 23 points, nine rebounds and four blocks against CHANT; 16 rebounds, four steals and four blocks against HSAA, and 35 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks vs. HCA.

Other leaders for Fulton were Todd Treadway with four assists against both CHANT and HSAA and five against the Eagles, Hayden Leverett with three steals against CHANT and Max Mitchell with four steals vs. Heritage Christian.

After their loss to McKinney Christian, the Eagles fell behind early Friday and lost 52-27 to Abundant Life from North Little Rock, Ark. HCA's Ben Migneault scored 10 points off the bench to earn a start Saturday.

Against Fulton, Eli Cates started the Eagles' rally with its first six points. Wyatt French's basket brought them within eight points.

Will McEvoy led HCA with 10 points, despite missing time because he was in foul trouble. French had a team-high four steals.

Rockwall Christian Academy had a big win Friday in the first round of the fourth annual Lake Country Classic at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian. The Warriors downed Denton Calvary 66-57 behind 30 points by Evan Milwee and 25 by Ryan Gafford.

RCA fell to 7-4 later that day with a 69-49 loss to Rio Vista. Warriors were scheduled to play Arlington The Flint Academy in one of two consolation games Saturday.

Before the tournament, Rockwall Christian had defeated the Denton Thunder junior varsity 75-35 Dec. 19.

Early games in 2014 will include Fulton hosting Dallas A-Plus Academy Friday, Mineral Wells Community Christian Saturday, Wylie Prep Monday and Dallas Westwood Tuesday at Forney Sports Center. Westwood was the Falcons' first district opponent. They'll host a 10-team tournament at FSC Jan. 9-11.

HCA will begin its district play with a home game at Rockwall Christian Sports Expo Friday against Greenville Christian School. The Eagles will be home against McKinney Christian Tuesday, at Dallas Tyler Christian Academy Thursday and home vs. Longview Christian Friday, Jan. 10.

Rockwall Christian's schedule won't resume until Jan. 10 at Greenville Christian.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage	7	10	10	12	39
MC	10	17	13	14	54

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage	7	4	9	7	27
Abundant Life	12	18	12	10	52

Heritage - Ben Migneault 10, Will McEvoy 6, Ethan Burton 4, P. Smallley 3, Eli Cates 2, Dobbs 2.

North Little Rock Abundant Life - N/A

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Fulton	15	8	6	20	41
CHANT	21	12	15	22	70

Fulton - Brenden Williams 23, Max Mitchell 9, Tyler Treadway 4, Geiger 3, Todd Treadway 2.

Dallas Christian Homeschool Athletes of North Texas - Cole 22, Efram Jackson 13, Kasey Fink 8, Jacob DeLaCruz 7, Sam Brin Devontae Jones 6, Jalyn Helms 6, Corey Joss 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT
Fulton	12	23	20	7	1
HSAA South	11	28	10	13	8

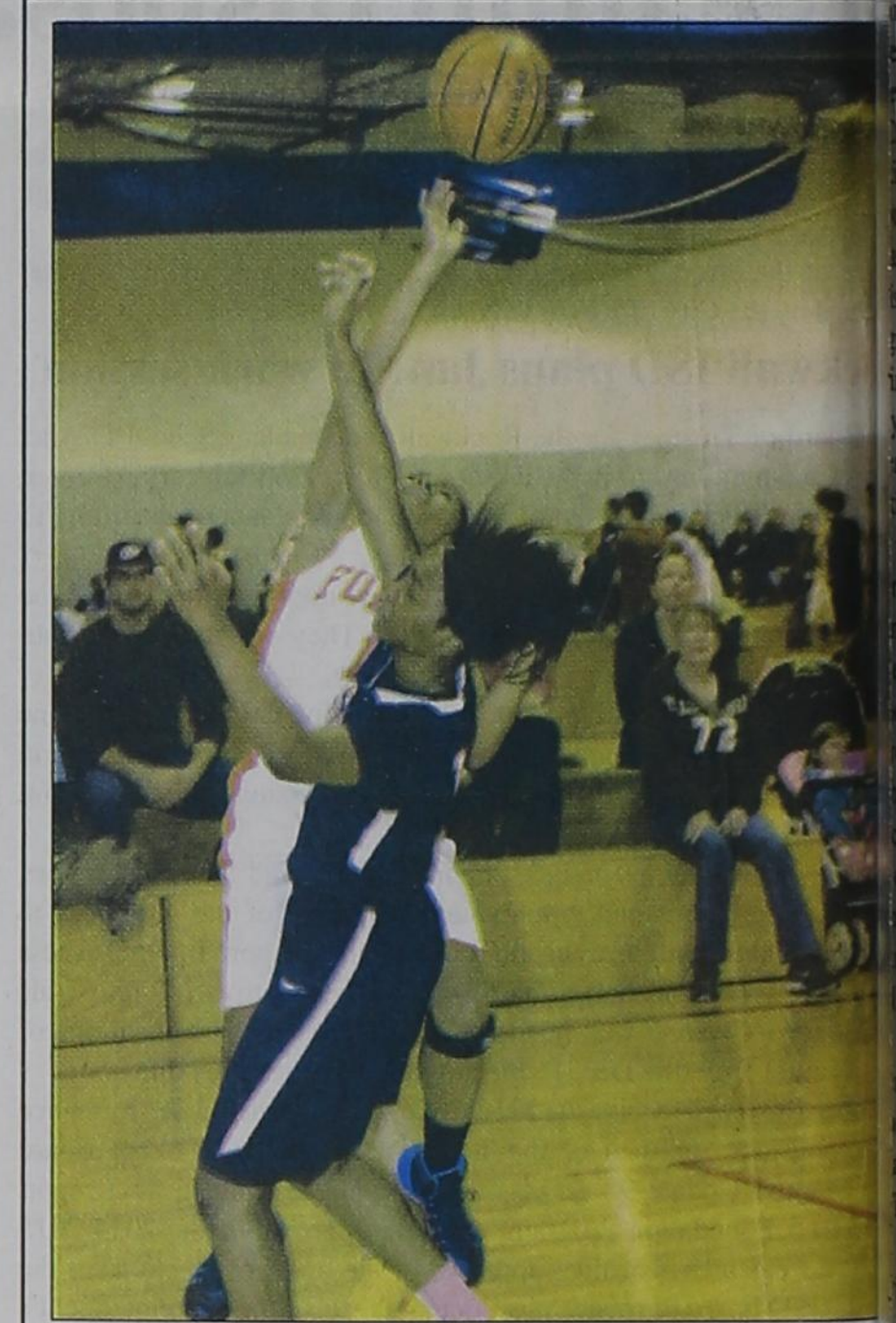
Fulton - Brenden Williams 22, Todd Treadway 17, Brian Geiger 5, Max Mitchell 5, Tyler Treadway 4.

Dallas Home School Athletic Association South - Luke Garner 25, Beltran 15, Germany Williams 9, Matthew Jackson 8, Landon El Garrett Greene 4, Dallin Thomson 2, N/A 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Fulton	16	15	13	15	59
Heritage	6	8	13	5	32

Fulton - Brenden Williams 35, Brian Geiger 8, Max Mitchell 7, Treadway 6, Tyler Treadway 2, Hayden Leverett 1.

Heritage - Will McEvoy 10, Ethan Burton 7, Eli Cates 6, Ben Migneault 3, Dobbs 3, Wyatt French 2, Brendan Schroepfer 1.



Fulton Lady Eagles' Freshman Jazmine Norman pushes for a basket Friday January 3 against Dallas HSAA in Forney. The Lady Falcons fell to HSAA 75-33.

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RCA, Eagles come back from break

Both Rockwall Christian Academy and Heritage Christian Academy will be well rested for their scheduled district-opening basketball game Friday night.

The RCA girls (0-5) hadn't played since before Christmas. The Warriors and both HCA teams last played Saturday, Dec. 28.

RCA would play at Greenville Christian School, and Heritage Christian at the Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo against Longview Christian Heritage Christian Academy's boys are 2-8 and the Lady Eagles 4-8 going into the district schedule.

District play continues Tuesday, with RCA visiting the Eagles at Rockwall Christian on Friday, Jan. 17, the Warriors will be at Longview Christian Heritage Christian Academy and HCA at Tyler East Texas Christian for more district games.

Each night, the girls' games are scheduled for 6 p.m., with the boys' games at 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian placed eighth in the 16-team fourth annual Lake Country Classic at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian.

After winning their first-round game, the Warriors lost to event tournament runner-up Rio Vista in Friday's quarterfinals. On Saturday, RCA (7-6) fell short against Arlington Flint Academy 62-55 and Greenville Christian Academy 48-27.

Against Flint, the Warriors led 36-33 at halftime but were outscored 19 in the second half.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	18	18	9	10	55
Flint	15	18	15	14	62

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