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Rockwall HS alumnus inducted into SHSU Hall of Honor

Rockwall High School alumnus, Jennie Sewell of Wheaton, Illinois, was inducted into the Sam Houston State University women's track and field Hall of Honor, Friday Nov. 13, 2015 during a dinner held at the Student Center. Sewell was introduced to the SHSU Bearkat fans on Sat. Nov. 14 during the football game. Sewell was a member of the 2002 Rockwall High School Class of 2002 graduate who was recognized as a seven Southland Conference pole vault championships, four indoor and three outdoor titles. She earned All-American honors as a result of her fifth place finish at the 2007 World Championships. She was also voted Southland Conference "Field Performer" at the 2007 indoor championships. The special honors ceremony were Sewell's parents Wanda Sewell, of Fate, and brother Lance with his wife and their children Jordan and Joshua, of St. Paul, Texas. Sewell is a SHSU alumnus inducted into the Hall of Honor, during the ceremony were Roshunda Betts, Wayne Daigle and Shayla Teague.



Rockwall HS alumnus Jennie Sewell (left) is joined by family during the Sam Houston State University Hall of Honor induction ceremony, Fri. Nov. 13, 2015. Shown from left are Miss Sewell, parents Johnny Sewell and Wanda Sewell (of Fate), Lance Sewell (Brother) with wife Jennifer (of St. Paul, Texas) and their children Jordan and Joshua.
Photo by Brian Blalock (Sam Houston State University)/Rockwall County News

Texas Water Development Board issues loans to Tarrant Regional Water District

On Tuesday Dec. 8, 2015 press release, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) closed on loans providing financial assistance in the amount of \$440 million from the State Water Finance Fund for Texas (SWIFT) program.

The loans will go to the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), which serves the counties of Jack, Wise, Parker, Tarrant, Johnson, Ellis, Henderson, Kaufman, Freestone, Denton, Dallas, Collin, and Rockwall. The loans will be used for the acquisition, design, and construction of a water supply project. The project anticipates a savings of approximately \$58 million over the life of the project by using SWIFT.

The project is a continuation of TRWD and Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) working for several years on an integrated water project called the Integrated Pipeline Project (IPL).

The project will allow the two water providers to meet growing water demand through a joint regional approach. The assistance provided through the IPL is complete, it is estimated to provide an additional 100 million gallons per day to the two providers. The project is on schedule for the 2016 funding cycle of the SWIFT program and will be completed by December 1, 2015.

Applications will be due until February 5, 2016, to submit a preliminary, two-page application. Applications may be submitted via TWDB's new online portal.

University Graduates

Rogers earns SOSU degree

Rockwall is among the 328 students at Southern Oklahoma State University students who will receive their diplomas on the Weatherford campus, according to a university press release. Rogers is completing a bachelor's degree in management.

Lang named nominee for WBCA Good Works Team

Rice University forward Alyssa Lang, a Rockwall native, recently was announced as a nominee for the 2016 Allstate WBCA Good Works Team, one of the top off-the-court honors in women's college basketball.

Those recognized represent a select group of women's college basketball student athletes with remarkable community service achievements, according to a news release.

Lang's community contributions include:

- Traveling on a mission trip to Haiti with her school's FCA club where she served in local orphanage feeding centers to provide care and food for those in need;
- Volunteering at the Nehemiah Center as a basketball coach for middle school girls, teaching them fundamentals and various drills that enhance their understanding of the game; and

• Giving her time to interact with young patients at the Texas Children's Hospital and assisting in its annual reunion.

A final roster of 10 award recipients – five players from Division I and five from Divisions II, III and the NAIA – will be announced in February, according to the news release.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Newcomers & Friends plan Dec. 10 luncheon

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends will observe their monthly luncheon meeting on Dec. 10 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Participants will win prizes playing Christmas trivia and by bidding on raffle items. To learn more or make a luncheon meeting reservation call Barbara at 972-771-1057 or Cathy at 942-400-9934. Visit newcomersrock.com for more information.

Adopt a WIN Angel by Dec. 11

The Women in Need Angel Giving Tree Campaign is currently underway. Through this effort, area residents can help provide a special holiday for victims of domestic violence and their children by visiting a local participating location, adopting a WIN angel and returning angel tree gifts by Dec. 11. Rockwall County locations include the Legend Salon, 2861 Ridge Rd., Suite 117, Rockwall and Simply Kate, 210 E. Rusk St., Rockwall. For more information, call 903-455-4612 or 972-772-3000.

ARC plans Dec. 12 blood drive

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive in Rockwall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Lowe's on North Steger Town Drive. To make an appointment to donate, download the free Red Cross blood donor app from the app store, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can use the app to access their donor cards and view vital signs from previous donations. Visit redcrossblood.org to learn more about donating or hosting a blood drive.

RARTA plans Dec. 14 meeting

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet on Monday, Dec. 14, at the Rockwall ISD Administration Building, 1050 Williams, in the Board Room, #600. The Cain Middle School choir will perform holiday music and members are reminded to bring books for the organization's book drive. The meeting will begin at 1:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served beginning at 1:15 p.m.

Spay/Neuter Network changes December date

The Spay/Neuter Network's hospital bus will be in Rockwall Dec. 18 in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Surgeries will be performed on site. Walk-up vaccinations will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Services are available throughout the Metroplex; free spay/neuter services are offered in select ZIP codes. Be sure dogs cannot slip collars and cats are in secure carriers. For an appointment or more details call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500. Posted by Rockwall PAWS, a nonprofit that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive local shelter dogs (rockwallpaws.com, rockwallpaws@att.net).

Christmas tree drop-off site offered

City of Rockwall residents can drop off live Christmas trees at the Tuttle Sports Complex parking lot, 1550 Airport Rd., Dec. 26 through Jan. 11. All ornaments, lights and stands should be removed from trees prior to drop-off. Drop-offs from commercial operations will not be allowed.

Input sought on Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Rockwall County is seeking public input on a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan being developed to address natural hazards that affect the county. FEMA defines mitigation as "sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property (Continued on Page 2)

Rockwall ISD trustees to meet

Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, in the RISD Administration/

Education Center, Room 600, located at 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

The first hours of the meeting will include a reception for the 2015 Bond Committee and 2015 Political Action Committee, according to the meeting's agenda.

At 6:30 p.m., trustees will go into executive session to deliberate a "potential site for a school generally located in Heath," according to the agenda. The board will reconvene in public session at 7:30 p.m.

The open portion of the meeting will include informational reports; approval of consent agenda items; investment and financial reports; and personnel issues. Other items will include a review of the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school calendars; consideration of approval of the site for elementary school number 14; consideration of budget amendments, including \$2.475 million for technology purchases; consideration of architect contracts for elementary school number 14, the College and Career Academy and the Dobbs Elementary School replacement; authorization of a tax resale of property; discussion of board continuing education credit; approval of the meeting date for the regular January board meeting; and the superintendent's report.

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Seven new Lone Star CASA volunteers were sworn in by 382 District Judge Brett Hall on Monday, Nov. 23. Shown from the left are CASA board members Leanne Day and Leanna Son; volunteer Suzzan Owen; Hall; and volunteers Sherrill Greene, Sylvia Morton and Michael Rasmussen. CASA volunteer training consists of 30 hours of instruction, court observation and field trips to CPS and children's emergency shelter sites. An informational meeting about volunteer training will be conducted Dec. 4 in Rockwall. For more details visit lonestarcasa.org or call 972-772-5858.
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Olivia wins Best of Show
National art contest

High School senior Maria Oliva won Best of Show 3D National Young Marine Artists Search contest hosted by the American Society of Marine Artists.

Oliva's winning sculpture, Vandentoom II, was constructed from clay and represents sea vegetation, according to information on the Rockwall Independent School District website.

Oliva is 500 from the American Society of Marine Artists and is a member of the Rockwall Art League in recognition of her national art all four years at RHS and is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as serving on the organization's advisory board.

Oliva has been a fan of this newspaper, be sure to shop with our advertisers, and tell 'em you saw it in the County News!

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Salvation ... Call on the name of the Lord, Part 1

Acts chapter 2 is an accounting of the beginning of the true church, spiritually established according to the will of God. It marked the beginning of the Administration of the grace of God, which continues to this day.

Prior to the account of Acts 2:1-4, the disciples were hiding in an upper room, in fear of the Jewish leaders. They were also waiting for "the promise from the Father," as instructed by our Lord Jesus before he ascended up into the clouds.

There was one unique element to the event; according to Acts 2:11, they spoke in the languages of the different people who were also in the place at the same time. This was a one-time miracle that was clearly designed to grab everyone's attention, jump-start the ministry of reconciliation. This was significant to the others because the 12 apostles were Galileans and known by all to be unlearned. They were not highly educated people who knew multiple languages.

Thus, all the people in the room had no choice but to glorify God in heaven, and they went out to spread the word of what occurred. According to Acts 2:7, "They were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, 'Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue [language], wherein we were born? ... We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.'"

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They asked within themselves what this meant, and some accused them of being drunk.

Peter stood up with the other apostles and began to explain, by the spirit of God, the meaning of what they witnessed. He said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel ..." (Acts 2:16).

This marked the beginning of the times when any person could be filled with holy spirit, making it available to prophesy and see visions by the spirit of God. It's important to understand that the capacity to prophesy and see visions by the spirit of God is directly related to being filled with holy spirit. Prior to that time, only certain called people were anointed with holy spirit and prophesied. But the spiritual conditions changed, making it available for anyone to be filled with the holy spirit.

Romans 10:9-10 provides additional information. With the heart people believe that God raised Jesus from the dead unto righteousness. The word righteousness basically refers to the spiritual state that exists when people are filled with holy spirit.

After quoting Joel's references to end times events, Peter finished with something extremely important, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21).

This study will compare the uses of "call on the name of the Lord" and "confess or declare the Lord Jesus" in the context salvation. The verses will include Acts 2:21, Acts 9:21, Romans 10:9-15, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 1 Cor. 12:2-3, 1 Cor. 14:14-15.

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Psalm 150:6

"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10: 9-10

"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."
Proverbs 18:7

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;"
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Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 12

Breakfast with Santa, offered by the Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department, will be offered from 8:35 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12. The Center. Pancakes, sausage and orange juice will be served and holiday-related activities will be provided. Santa will be on hand for the picture-perfect moment. Cost will be \$17 for Rockwall residents. A limited number of tickets are available. Pre-registration is required. For more details visit rockwallparks.com.

RC plans Lighted Christmas Parade

Royse City's Lighted Christmas Parade will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, according to the RC Mayor's Facebook page. The parade for this year's event is Story Christmas. For more information contact Paula Morris at 972-4846 or email paula.morris@roysecity.com.

Gingerbread house-building event slated

The Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department will host a gingerbread house-building event from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the Center. Participants will bring their own gingerbread house and a bag of candy to share and decorate with. The event will be open to children ages 3-12. Tickets will be \$25 or \$17 for Rockwall residents.

Live nativity planned Dec. 20 at FCC Rockwall

The First Christian Church of Rockwall will re-enact the Christmas nativity story for the public from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. Children will be given the opportunity to interact with the animals at the scene, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the church building. The church is located at 1300 Ridge Rd., about 1.4 miles south of I-30; enter from W. Road and follow the signs to the parking area.

Reindeer food, cookie-making event planned

An event where reindeer food will be made and cookies will be decorated in preparation for Santa's visit from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at The Center. The event will be open to children ages 2-8. Participants will be \$17 or \$11 for Rockwall residents. The event will be organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department.

Tickets available for Daddy/Daughter Dance

A Daddy/Daughter Dance sponsored by the Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Each participating girl will receive a flower at the end of the evening. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$99 or \$65 for Rockwall residents (\$25 each additional child). A limited number of tickets are available. Pre-registration is required. For more details visit rockwallparks.com.

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Opinions

Why the CIA has confessed to a cover-up in the JFK assassination

Continued from the Thurs. Dec. 3, 2015 edition)
Hornberger
Freedom Foundation

ould the CIA suddenly confess to a "benign" cover-up assassination? Yes, it's true: one possibility is that it decided to come clean on the JFK assassination. But is that? The more likely explanation is that the CIA was to the lower crime in order to hide the higher crime, just as the Frank Olson case. One knows, the defenders of the lone-nut theory of the JFK assassination have always loved to hurl the "conspiracy theorist" epithet. Those who reject the lone-nut theory. What they are saying when they hurl that epithet is this: that such people come up with a theory that the CIA and the military killed Kennedy. Would they come up with such a theory? The common explanation is that such people simply cannot accept the fact that a great man. Or that people translate their dislike for a president into a theory that the government killed one of the presidents in U.S. history.

But the lone-nut theorists are missing an important point, a point that the CIA is well aware of — that assassination researchers, over a period of several decades, have, over time, compiled and synthesized a mountain of powerful and convincing circumstantial evidence indicating that the national-security state assassinated Kennedy in a regime-change operation intended to protect "national security," an operation that was no different in principle from the CIA's other regime-change operations, including through assassination, during the Cold War.

Thus, it's not mere theorizing that assassination researchers have been engaged in. For decades, they have been the compiling, marshaling, and analyzing large amounts of circumstantial evidence, much of which was deliberately kept secret by the U.S. national-security establishment for decades, and much of which was only released in the 1990s — 30 years after the assassination — and over the resistance of the military and the CIA and even the Secret Service, which intentionally destroyed many of its JFK-related records after the JFK Records Act was enacted and in direct violation of the Act. Why would they do that?

Keep in mind that the Warren Commission ordered that much of its evidence be kept secret for 75 years. Ask yourself: If a president had been murdered by a lone nut, would it really be necessary to keep the evidence in the case secret for 75 years? And consider this cryptic response from Earl Warren, the head of the Commission, when asked if the Commission's evidence would ever be made public: "Yes, there will come a time. But it might not be in your lifetime. I am not referring to anything especially, but there may be some things that would involve security. This would be preserved but not made public."

Really? Why is that? Wasn't it just a lone nut murder? Then, consider the fact that the House Select Committee, which reinvestigated the assassination in the 1970s owing to widespread skepticism of the Warren Report, itself ordered that much of its evidence be kept secret for 50 years.

Why? What does a lone-nut murder have to do with secrecy and "national security?"

Consider just some of the circumstantial evidence that only came out years after the assassination, much of which is detailed in my two ebooks: *The Kennedy Autopsy* and *Regime Change: The JFK Assassination*.

The Dallas physicians said that Kennedy had a big blow-out wound in the back of his head. That would denote an exit wound, which means that JFK was shot in the head from the front. Oswald was situated in the rear.

For example, in a lecture by Dr. Robert McClelland, who was one of the treating physicians at Parkland Hospital, he states that the president had a big wound in the back of his head, which would denote an exit wound, which would mean that JFK was shot from the front (lecture may be found in youtube.com)

Dr. Charles Crenshaw, another treating physician, stated the same thing (see interview in youtube.com).

But the official autopsy photographs, which were supposed to be kept secret for 75 years, show the back of JFK's head to be intact. That is, no big exit hole.

Immediately after the assassination, two of the Dallas treating physicians, Dr. Malcolm Perry and Dr. Kemp Clark, held a press conference, during which Perry repeatedly stated that Kennedy had been struck in the throat by a shot fired from the front.

The Secret Service forcibly removed the president's body from Parkland Hospital in order to prevent an autopsy from being conducted by the Dallas Medical Examiner, and, in the process, threatened to kill anyone who interfered with their forcible removal of the body. They also stated that they were under orders to get the body out of Parkland immediately. Who was the most likely person to have issued those orders?

The president's body was taken to President Lyndon Johnson's plane, which was waiting for it at Dallas Love Field. The body was delivered later that evening to a military facility in Maryland for an autopsy.

After the House Select Committee Hearings in the 1970s, several Navy enlisted men came forward and disclosed that the president's body had been secretly brought into the Bethesda Naval Medical Center morgue about 1 1/2 hours before the official start of the autopsy.

This was confirmed by an official written report soon after the assassination by a Marine Sergeant named Roger Boyajian, which stated that the president's body was brought into the morgue at 6:35 p.m. (in addition to being brought into the morgue again at 8 p.m.). That report didn't become public until the 1990s. Here's a copy of the Sgt. Boyajian's official report.

This was further confirmed by a written report by the Washington, D.C., funeral home, Gawler's Funeral Home, which handled the president's funeral.

(Continued in the Thurs. Dec. 17, 2015 edition)

Fire Department fundraiser a bad idea

Jean Coppedge

Monday, Dec. 7, about an hour after dark at roughly 6:15 p.m., I rang my doorbell, knocked at the door, rang the doorbell and knocked again.

I answered my door unless I can see through the peephole or know that it is someone I know, and I never answer after

I looked out the peephole, a saw a man I did not know who was wearing a bright yellow vest with writing on it that I could not read and a clipboard and something on his head. The thought came to mind that possibly there was a problem with the water

something similar. Looking out, I could see no vehicles on my driveway. I finally left, I hurriedly called a neighbor and asked if he had indeed come to their door collecting money, \$30 to be used for the proceeds to go toward the Royse City Fire Department

phase of fans, which would help pull the smoke and heat out of the building structure. The money was for the sales of portraits, holiday pictures.

A neighbor said the man showed no identification relating to the fire department, no permit and had a flimsy badge on with the name on his vest. He could have been anyone out collecting money saying it was for the fire department. On the clipboard was a photo that anyone could produce, showing the photo information fundraiser said he could not give a receipt for the money, give it to him.

I remembered a newspaper story about a couple weeks ago, that the fire department was hiring a company as a fundraiser to go door to door, collecting money for the fans.

I was over thinking then that this was a bad idea. I was going to let him know that I thought this was a bad idea, a very bad idea to do. But in a few days, I got busy and had forgotten

about it and did not follow up on my gut feelings.

I tried to contact someone who could give me some advice on what was going on and what I could do. I called the Rockwall Sheriff's Department as they are the ones who take the calls for after-hours situations or emergencies. I explained to the dispatcher, who said anyone going door to door is supposed to have a permit to do so, and they probably did, but that she would send a patrol car to my neighborhood and try to locate him to check for his permit.

In a moment after I hung up from her, I received a phone call from someone in law enforcement that I had emailed quickly after the man left my door and just told him to "Call me now." I explained the situation, and he said that the fire department had hired the company to raise funds for the fans. I explained to the officer that I thought this was a very bad idea, sending fundraisers door to door, and an even worse idea of them doing it at night. I explained that for the safety of the man himself, it was a bad idea.

Then to my shock I was told the permit allows the fundraisers to work door to door until 8 p.m. Yes, at night.

In today's world of crime, fear and evil, we discourage our children in school that when they are selling candy, cookies, etc., not to go door to door as it is no longer safe. So why would someone representing the city, the fire department, send out people going door to door, not only collecting money and asking for cash, but do it at night?

There are many more effective and safe ways to raise money, such as organizing a car wash.

With all the terrorist happenings going on in our country, even hitting as close to home as Dallas, why would our fire department make such a poor decision? Citizens are living in fear, and a knock on the door after dark can only add to that fear.

I could have used more sophisticated language in writing this opinion piece, but a bad idea is simply a bad idea.

Christmas Tree

Walter

of our simple woodland giant and a mad celebration ensues — for everyone but the tree. At this point, the overt abuse ends, but the suffering continues as the tree is left to die a slow and tortuous death, the immediacy of which is postponed by daily doses of water administered in quantities just large enough to keep it alive — but barely.

In the coming days, bright and festive boxes and bags are placed at the tree's base. The tree, in its weakened and fragile state goes out on a limb and hopes perhaps the gifts are for him. Reality hits when the family descends upon the living room suddenly one morning and tears the colorful wrapping from the packages. Not one gift is left for the tree and in a final act of torture, the family drinks eggnog and forgets to give the evergreen any water that day.

The tree, sapped of any energy and overcome with despair, begins dropping its needles. In response, the family (usually dad or mom) drags the tree out to the backyard where it sits until February or March when, in a blaze of glory, it is burned in a bonfire while the children roast marshmallows over its flames.

'Tis the season of joy — unless you are an evergreen. Then, it's a season of torment and terrible treatment of trees. You probably never thought of it that way. But I bet you would — if you were a

Hospital recognized for quality of care

Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall was recognized for excellence in areas of quality of care as well as engagement strategies, according to a hospital news release.

Several leading organizations, whose goals are to improve patient outcomes and experience, ranked the hospital to the top of their list.

Health Rockwall's dedication to patient safety was recognized by the Leapfrog Group with the award for the Fall 2015 Hospital Safety Score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from preventable medical errors, injuries and infections.

The Joint Commission, which functions as the accreditation agency for hospitals, named Health Rockwall as a Top Performer for Key Quality Measures for its accountability in treatment conditions, including heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, venous thromboembolism, and perinatal care.

The hospital also was included as a 2015 Guardian of Excellence Award winner by Press Ganey for achieving the 95th percentile for physician engagement. Physician engagement is cited as an important part of the caring process, according to the release.

The hospital has received this award annually since 2013.

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Yellowjackets force Lake Travis to earn State Quarterfinals 24-45 win

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Rockwall High School Yellowjackets' State Championship bid ended with a 24-45 loss to undefeated Lake Travis of Austin, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at Kyle Field in College Station.

Rockwall dominated with 538 total yards, compared to the Cavaliers 413 yards.

Both teams were pretty close in passing yards with 247 for Rockwall and 241 for Lake Travis. But Rockwall won the rushing game with 291 yards, over LT's 172 yards.

The Yellowjackets (Overall 10-4, District 7-0), were hit with 5 Lake Travis TDs for a 35-10 deficit at the end of the first half.

With the score 3-20 going into the second quarter, Reed led the Jackets through a drive finishing with a Caleb Broach (Sr) TD run, reducing Lake Travis' lead to 10-21.

The Cavaliers recovered the Yellowjackets' inside kick starting on Rockwall's 39 yard line, and on 2 & 7 struck for their 4th TD and a 2-point conversion, for a 10-28 lead.

On the first play after Rockwall's 3-out situation, the Jackets forced a fumble that was recovered by Senior Tamba Juana.

Broach ran the ball from the 35 to the 14 YL, but the Jackets were unable to punch the ball in for a score.

Lake Travis answered with a Maleek Barkley (Jr) run from their 31 to Rockwall's 1 YL, setting up a TD pass from Cavalier's QB Charlie Brewer (Jr) to wide receiver Mac Humble (Jr). With the score at 10-35, the Yellowjackets drove the ball from their 40 to the 9 YL to finish the first half. During this drive, Crawford took off from the 49 all the way to the 26 YL. Broach followed with a dash to the 9 YL.

The Yellowjackets made some adjustments that resulted in adding 14 more points on the board, and holding the Cavaliers to only 10 points.

The 3rd quarter was nearly scoreless until the Yellowjackets drove from their 20 to the LT 3 YL when Broach took the snap and ran in for the TD, making it 17-35 with the Point After, and 1:05 on the clock.

The Cavaliers recovered another Yellowjackets inside kick, that was followed by a Brewer pass to Barkley from the 46 YL for a TD and 17-42 lead.

Again, Rockwall ran the next drive with precision. After taking LT's kickoff to the Jackets 24 YL, Broach later ran the ball from their 30 to the Cavaliers' 8 YL, and then punched the ball in for a TD from the 1 YL, pushing the score to 23-42.

With the Yellowjackets next inside kick, LT recovered the ball and started on Rockwall's 41 YL. But the Jackets defense forced the Cavaliers to fizzle out in the red zone and settle for a Field Goal for the final score.

During one drive during the 1st half, while the Jackets were in the red zone, confusion appeared to arise when the Lake Travis marching band continued to play music until the end of the drive.

Positioned in the end zone bleachers, the band repeatedly looped through the same piece while the Jackets were attempting to score. The continuous loud music appeared to drown out Senior Quarterback Will Reed's voice from being heard by the offensive line.

Reed made many attempts to yell signals toward the line, and even clapped at certain points, while showing signs of frustration.

The game officials penalized the Yellowjackets two times for delay of game.

Upon further inquiry, UIL Media Coordinator Kate Hector responded to the Rockwall County News stating, "this rule is enforced by the officials in the contest. If the officials feel the bands are being a distraction to the game to the point that the schools cannot hear their signals, they request the bands to refrain from playing in that manner."

Following the game, Head Coach Rodney Webb expressed gratitude in the Rockwall team for their performance and poise throughout the game.

"Our players walked off the field on Saturday with their heads held high," said Head Coach Rodney Webb.

"I'm so proud of the way our seniors led the team this year they have certainly set the bar high for future Jacket football players," concluded the coach.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	3	7	7	7	24
LTHS	21	14	7	3	45

Team Stats

	RHS	LT
Total plays	84	46
Rushing	291	172
Passing	247	241
3rd down conv.	18	
4th down conv.	4	

Individual

Passing
RHS - Reed 16 completed of 31 for 247 yards, 2 Interceptions.
LT - Brewer, 14 of 18 for 241 yards, 4 TDs.

Rushing
RHS - Broach, 34 carries for 245 yards and 2 TDs; Reed, 13 for 100 yards and 1 TD; Sam Crawford (Jr), 5 for 11.

LT - Santiago Villegas, 13 for 63; Barkley, 9 for 77, 1 TD; Brewer, 3 for 32, 1 TD.

Receiving
RHS - Crawford, 6 for 116, 51 Longest; Cameron Crayton (Sr), 4 for 49; Jake Hvyll (Sr) 3 for 28; Broach, 4 for 33; Luke Termin (Sr), 2 for 21.

LT - Cade Brewer (Jr), 4 for 117, 1 TD; Barkley, 5 for 101, 1 TD; Carson Pepe (Jr), 2 for 15; Humble, 3 for 8, 1 TD.

Defense
RHS - A.J. Blacknall (Jr), 7 Tackles, 3 Assists, 2 Caused Fumbles; James Taylor (Sr) 6 T, 1 CF; Chib Iheidiwa (Sr), 5 T, 1 A; Blake Hester (So), 5 T; Termin, 3 T, 2 A, 1 Tackle For Loss; Cole Talley (Sr), 3 T, 1 A; Jacob Mirez (Sr), 1 T, 2 A; Walker Knight (Sr) 1 T, 1 A; Alan Hester (So), 1 T, 1 A; Chris Wilson (Jr) 1 T; Juanah, 1 T; Korrey Barrow (Sr), 1 T; Kenneth Tobias (Sr), 1 T; Adam Solis (Sr), 1 T; Tyler Saathoff (Sr), 1 T.

LT (stand outs) - Austin Hiller (Jr), 9 T, 1 A, 2 Interceptions; Estrada (Jr), 8 T, 7 A, 2 TFL; Jayden Hutchings (Sr), 7 T, 3 A, 1 TFL; Sack.

Kickoffs
RHS - Cole Talley (So), 3 for 138, 60 Longest, 1 Touch Back; Luke Poppen (Fr), 2 for 20.

LT - Cameron Dicker (So), 8 for 339, 65 L.

Kickoff returns
RHS - Reid Rakow (Jr), 4 for 34, 12 L; Broach, 1 for 20.

LT - Hudson Fife (Sr), 2 for 106, 53 L.

Punts
RHS - Jake Viquez (Sr), 2 for 86 yards, 44 L, 2 within the 20 YL.
LT - Fife, 2 for 55; Brewer, 1 for 26.

Punt returns
LT - Fife, 1 for 33.

Kicking
RHS - Viquez, 3 PAT of 3, 1 FG of 2, 35 L, 6 Points.
LT - Cameron Dicker (So), 6 PAT of 6, 1 FG of 1, 9 points.



At right, Yellowjackets Senior Full Back, Luke Termin (11), sets up to block Lake Travis Junior Aidon Estrada (17) as Senior Caleb Broach (27) threatens to break away for a gain, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, during the UIL State Quarterfinals playoff game at Kyle Field in College Station. Photo by Bill Carter (Bill Carter Photography)/Rockwall County News

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