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Mary Davis – almost 99 years of thankfulness, blessings

By Jean Coppedge

When the world seems to be at constant war and hate all around us, we still can take time to stop on the many things for which we can and should be thankful. We don't have to have a special day like Thanksgiving to reminisce the many wonderful things that make our lives a living to the fullest extent, thankful for each day.

Mary Davis, former elementary teacher in Royse City, will be 98 on Jan. 2. She has three daughters, one grandson and grandchildren.

Mary Davis said when religion or religion seems to be such of the terroristic going on in our world, she is quick to share that she is thankful for "living in this country of America, to believe in and worship the true God and Creator God."

Mary said she is "thankful for a long life, good health, assurance that she'll have her salvation."

Mary said that she is thankful for her wonderful family and friends who recognize her abilities and go out of their way to help her live a full life.

Every weekday, Mary can be seen at the Royse City Senior Center, socializing with many friends and attending lunch, bingo and other activities there. She has a friend

who waits for her each morning and escorts her safely from the car to her table. When the events are over, he escorts her back to her car.

Until recently, Davis drove to the center every day. But now, one of her daughters brings her each morning.

Teaching school is also one of her fondest memories and times of which she is thankful.

"I taught first grade for 27 years and second grade for seven years. Young children really love their teacher. Once they learn

to write the word love, they give their teachers a lot of notes, telling them how much they love them. One little boy wrote me a note and said, 'I like this school because you work here'. That was so sweet," she said.

Davis was born in 1917 in Whitesboro. She earned her bachelor's degree at South East Teacher's College in Durant, Oklahoma, then went on to earn her master's degree at East Texas State University in Commerce.

After teaching for three years in Lone Oak, she married and began a family. After 12 years, she went back to teaching in Royse City, where she completed 34 years. All 34 years were spent teaching first and second grades, an accomplishment in itself.

"The thing I liked most about teaching was watching the progress they made," she said. "Seeing them learn to read, write and spell was so rewarding, just watching them learn. Everything



Mary Davis, elementary school teacher for 34 years, is pictured here in 2001 at the age of 84. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



is memorable when you work with small children.

"When you are working with little ones, you have to be very careful what you say and do. Back then, we grouped the children in reading groups according to their reading abilities, you know, Blue Birds, Yellow Birds, Red Birds, etc. You think the children don't know what the levels mean but they do. One little girl told a family member, 'I'm the smartest one in the dumbest group,'" Davis laughed out loud, remembering what the little girl had said.

Davis Elementary in Royse City is named after another longtime teacher, Bonnie Faye Davis, now deceased, and Mary. The two teachers were not related.

"I can't go anywhere without running into someone who comes up to me and says 'You were my first (or second) grade teacher.' I may not remember them, since I taught for 34 years, but I don't let them know that. They all think I remember them. Some even say 'You taught my mother' or 'You taught my grandfather'. Wow! Then I know I taught a really long time."

Mary Davis said she wants to express her appreciation to all the people of Royse City for the support she received from the community and for being allowed to love and teach their children. She still has all the letters and notes the children wrote to her.

Don't wait for Thanksgiving Day to try to remember things for which you are grateful. Set aside a moment each day to reflect on the things for which you are thankful. Maybe this heartwarming story about Mary Davis might have brought back some long forgotten old memories that will put a smile on your face and bring warmth to your heart. Being thankful for good health, a rewarding job and devoted family and friends of course is important. But often the smallest things can mean so much. Remembering people like Mary Davis who touched your life in some way, might reflect the person you are today.

Finally, if there is someone who made you a better person through compassion, kindness, or other means, tell them. Often we never know whose life we may have touched, but we do know who touched ours. You will be a happier person for sharing your feelings with them.

The spirit of Thanksgiving through the eyes of the community

By Chris Gilbert

It's that time of year again! The time we spend with family and fellowshiping over a wonderful meal, reflecting on the things we are thankful for. But sometimes we get distracted by the busyness of the season and making sure that Uncle Joey is bringing the meal together and Aunt Susie is bringing her famous yeast rolls, that we forget everyone has the ability to have a Thanksgiving meal. This special article to acknowledge the churches and city groups that have stepped up and out to share with the community the spirit of Thanksgiving!

In the City celebrated the spirit of Thanksgiving by having a "Thanksgiving Drive" for the families of the congregation. The drive, led by Pastor Granger, of Mesquite, and CITC volunteers partnered with the Rowlett Food Bank to collect Thanksgiving meals for the needy families of the church.

The generosity of CITC members, and the other donations, were able to collect enough fixin's to feed 30 families a full Thanksgiving meal. On Sunday November 22, the baskets were distributed after the morning service.

It was a joy to watch as the families arrived to pick up their baskets. The children said it all as they looked in the baskets. The look of humility and appreciation on the faces of the children knowing that it was the love and compassion of God

working through their church family that they were able to have a full Thanksgiving meal.

The Boy's and Girl's club of Northeast Texas, Rockwall County site, held the Family 2 Family Thanksgiving meal event and raffle on Saturday Nov. 21. The purpose of the gathering, which was free for members of the Rockwall community, was to bring families from different backgrounds together with a meal and fellowship.

100 volunteers from all across Rockwall helped run the event and serve the meal to 100 people, including both adults and children. "People from all walks of life enjoyed sitting and having a meal together" said Jenny Kurger, who was in charge of managing the event.

The feeling in the room was welcoming and loving, as community members came together in harmony to share a beautiful meal. The Boy's and Girl's club also partnered with Meals on Wheels and were able to provide 165 meals for local senior citizens who are not able to be with their families this holiday. 300 coats were collected all across Rockwall so that the people who attended the event were able to shop for winter coats that had been generously donated.

30 bikes were raffled off to excited children, and there was also a toy drive where each child was able to leave with a new toy. Methodist Health System came out and offered free health screenings, BMI's, blood pressure reading and flu shots for the families that came to the

function. The event partnered with several churches and community programs that helped make this special time one to remember for the families who attended. Each and every one of these groups put time and effort into training and preparing their volunteers to go above and beyond the call of duty in servant hood.

This is what Thanksgiving is about, spending time not only being grateful for the blessings of this past year, but giving, and not just giving but giving from your heart – knowing that you are giving to the best of your abilities and reaching someone who might not have a family to visit this holiday.

What are we thankful for this season?

Thankful for groups such as these, the ones who are leading the example of what it means to truly share the gift of giving. With out these people Family 2 Family event would not have been possible: Cornerstone Church, Cotton Patch Cade, Cypert Insurance, Dee Evans Group/Ebby Halliday, Expansion Church Faith Community Nursing- Methodist Health System, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Gap – Tanger Outlet Store, Grace Clinic, Helping Hands, Holy Trinity By The Lake, J.E.R. Chilton YMCA at Rockwall, Kohl's, LakePoint Church, Lindsay Mitchell/Ebby Halliday, Meals on Wheels, Metro Design Loft, Mitchell Excavation, Dr. Randall Evans, Rockwall Crossing Orthodontics, Rockwall ISD, Soul Man's BBQ and Women in Need.



A number of many families enjoying the Boys & Girls Club Family 2 Family event are (left to right) Juan, Andrea, Armando, Blanca, Reyna (their mother), Anette and Leslie. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Dec. 1 meeting to focus on Open Space Master Plan

Citizens can review and comment on an Open Space Master Plan for Rockwall County at a community meeting set for Dec. 1 in the Liberty Hall jury room of the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. The meeting will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

The plan was designed as a guide to be used by the county and cities within the county.

RCP seeks director for children's summer show

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is seeking a director for its children's summer musical, "Disney's Mulan Jr."

Auditions are set for April 9, with performances scheduled for June 21-26.

Interested individuals should email rockwallcommunityplayhouse@gmail.com or call 972-722-3399. A small stipend will be provided.

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R'wall city offices to close for holiday
Offices for the City of Rockwall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, according to a news release received earlier this week. Offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, Nov. 30.

Breakfast fundraiser to benefit Masonic Lodge
Proceeds from a Saturday, Nov. 28, breakfast at Applebee's in Rockwall will benefit the East Trinity Masonic Lodge #157. The fundraiser will run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 (menu items not included as part of fundraising purchase).

CASA info sessions set in coming weeks
Informational sessions about CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) have been scheduled. Sessions are set for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, at the Kaufman CASA Office, Wells Fargo Bank building, 2100 S. Washington, Kaufman; 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the First Presbyterian Church, 12433 FM 1641, Forney; or at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Rockwall CASA Office, 108 Kenway, Rockwall. CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge and charged with helping to find the best possible outcomes for abused and/or neglected children in foster care. For more information, contact Lone Star CASA by calling 972-772-5858 or email vickie@lonestarcasa.org.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Charlene Nibarger Dwyer

Graveside services for Charlene Nibarger Dwyer, 85, will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015, in the Laurel Land Memorial Park, 7100 Crowley Rd., Fort Worth.

She died Thursday, Nov. 19. Born April 12, 1930, to Arval and Mamie Nibarger in Richmond, Indiana, she was a longtime employee of the Second National Bank in Richmond. She was a wonderful cook and was particularly well known for her homemade pies and noodles.

In 1947 she married James S. Dwyer. They enjoyed 55 years of marriage and raised three children in Richmond prior to moving to Texas in 1980.

She dedicated her life to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was a member of the Heath Methodist Church, Heath.

Survivors include her sons, Marc Dwyer of Fort Worth and Rex (Amy) Dwyer of Rockwall; a daughter, Susie Reynolds of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Kathryn Niewoehner; her husband; and a son-in-law, Joseph Reynolds.



Ryan Haddad

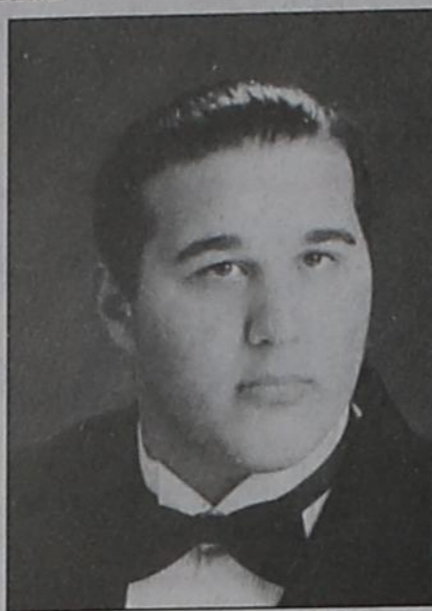
Memorial services for Ryan Haddad, 33, of Roysse City will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, in Roysse City with Pastor Chad Hays officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Nov. 19.

He was born July 3, 1982, in Dallas to Mansour and Deborah Sue (Swain) Haddad.

Survivors include his mother, Deborah Davis, and her husband, Clint, of Roysse City; his father, Mansour Haddad, and his girlfriend, Nassrin Noori, of Dallas; his grandmother, Agnes Swain of St. Genevieve, Missouri; his brother, Sean Haddad, and his wife, Lori, of Roysse City; a niece, Sophia Haddad of Roysse City; his aunts, Christene Hall and Sandra Swain; his uncles, Nathan Swain, Keith Swain, Stephen Swain, Ali Haddad and Massoud Haddad; special friends Marilyn Hilliard, Chris Godinez, Steven Clayton, George Richards and Daniel Glover; and many other friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Arron Jay Haddad, and his grandparents, Marvin Swain and Oscar and Ashy Haddad-Farshi.



Sharon 'Kay' Odom

Memorial services for Sharon "Kay" Odom, 71, of Roysse City will be conducted at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysse City is in charge of arrangements.

She died Friday, Nov. 20, 2015.

Born Sept. 25, 1944, in Carlsbad, New Mexico, to Jack Clyde Odom and Nancy (Vines) Odom, she was self-employed as a bank auditor.

Survivors include her two sons, Justin Green of Roysse City and Waylan Green and his wife, Melody, of Hillsborough, North Carolina; her father, Jack Odom of Whitney; her brother, Jack Odom, wife, Mary, of Arlington; two sisters, Phyllis Fife and her husband, Jimmy, of Cleburne and Gwen Odom of Rockwall; her granddaughters Heather and Scott Stanton and Madison, Peyton and Skyler and her great-grandchildren, Landon and Sloan Stanton.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a brother Odom.



Dennis 'Bennie' Tanner

Private family services for Dennis "Bennie" Tanner, 78, of Rockwall are planned. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Nov. 14.

Born July 21, 1937, in Hill County to Frank Henrietta "Cotton" and Lorena (Whalen) Tanner, he served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked in both residential and commercial construction as a master brick mason. He was a member of the Whataburger Coffee Bunch.

A man of strong Christian faith, he was a loving husband, father and grandfather who put his family needs before his own. He loved his little dogs and talked to them as if they were babies. He was a great storyteller who was known for a few tall tales.

Survivors include his wife, Leann (Heflin) Tanner of Rockwall; his children, Lisa Evans of Tulsa, Amy Hayworth and her husband, Lynn, of Rockwall and Sam Hayworth and his fiancée, Beth Van Alstyne; his siblings, Bacil Tanner, and his wife, Nelda, of Louise Butcher of Arlington and Bonnie Williams and her husband, Glenn, of Kennedale; his grandchildren, Kami and Abbey E. Christian Robinson and Devon Hayworth; a niece, Duchee McCallister, a nephew, Jamie Tanner; and numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jim Tanner; a sister, Allyene Phillips.



Doris Webb

A night of remembrance for Doris Webb, 89, of Roysse City will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Monday, Nov. 23.

Born Feb. 19, 1926, in Dallas to Frederick Richard Voss and Edna Olivia (Dunogán) Voss, she was a loving and caring person and a dedicated wife and homemaker. She loved being a mother and enjoyed working in the ministry as a pastor's wife. She taught music in the church, serving at Emanuel Baptist Church and Irving Fundamental Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son, Steve Webb; her grandchildren, Steven Webb, Christi Thompson, Halee Webb and Ryan; her great-grandchildren, Abbie, Cason, Kiera, Lucas, Isabella, Olivia and a niece, Janet, and her husband, Alan, and their children, Tim, Jacob and Cortney; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Webb, in her parents; and a sister, Louise.



RCP performances of 'Wonderful Life' slated

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will stage "It's a Wonderful Life," a live radio play, Nov. 27, 28 and 29 and Dec. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

"Turn back the clock to the 1940s and set the dial for a double dose of holiday nostalgia," reads the RCP news release. "This version of 'It's a Wonderful Life' harkens back to the golden age of radio and is performed as a live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. Conceived and drawn directly from Frank Capra's classic film, a talented ensemble of actors and clever sound technicians tell the story of George Bailey and the night he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve."

The news release states that the production is a "holiday treat" to be shared with "the entire family."

The production is being directed by Darlene Singleton. Singleton, a founding member of RCP, said she is excited to bring this new version of "It's a Wonderful Life" to the community.

"During the weeks leading up to Christmas it has always been my favorite movie to watch and being asked to direct this classic has been a pleasure, especially since our production has a twist to what the audience might expect to see on stage," she said.

The turnout during auditions was great, Singleton said, and she is pleased to be working with good friends who are regulars on the RCP stage, as well as several newcomers. Each actor portrays a radio personality who, in turn, portrays a character or characters in the original "It's a Wonderful Life" play.

August Gabriel who was last on the RCP stage in "The Foreigner," is playing Jazbo Heywood, who performs as Clarence. Rob Richardson,

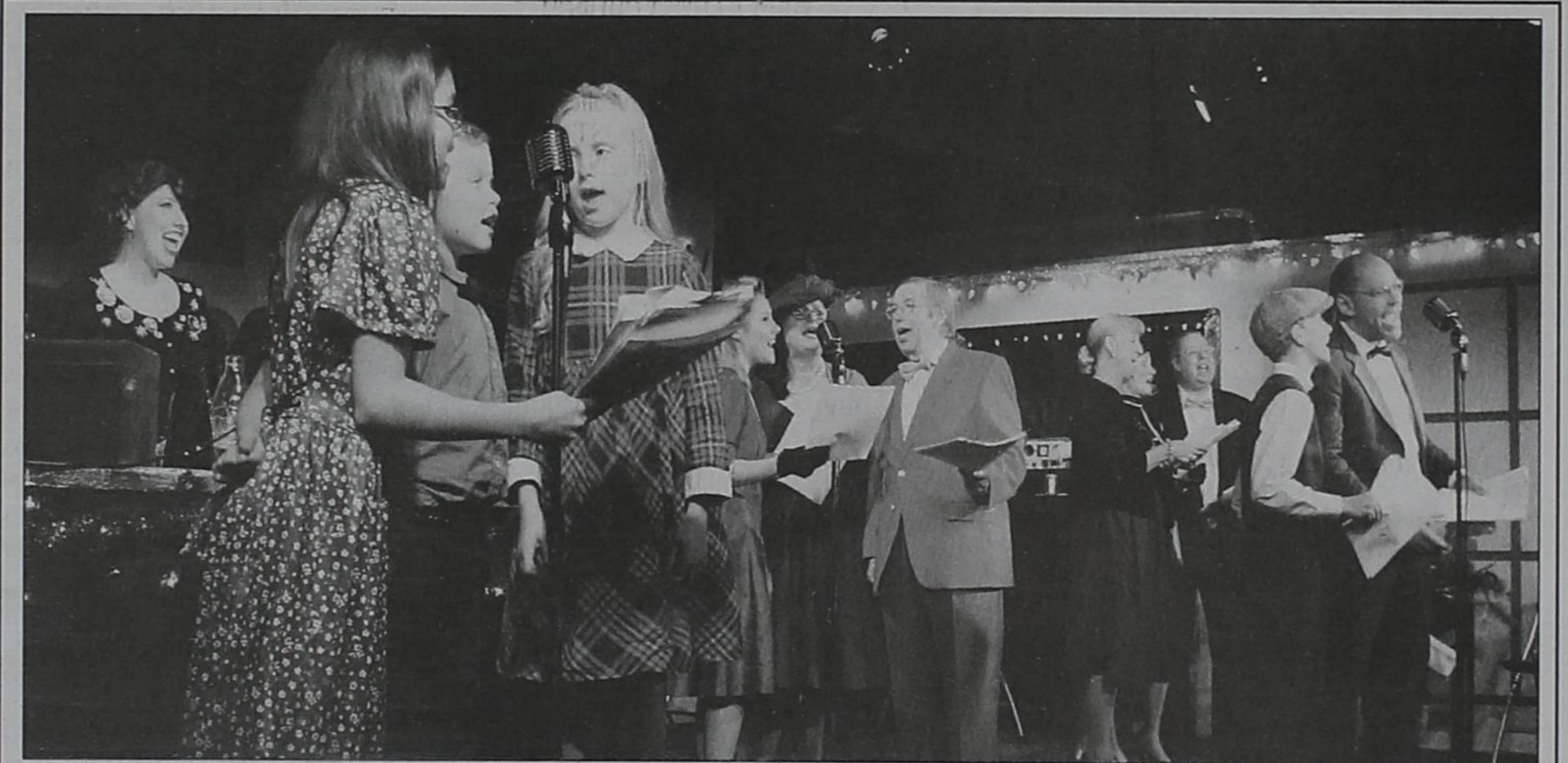
who played the Tin Man in "Wizard of Oz," is portraying Jake Laurents, who performs as George Bailey. Cathryn Harris recently graced the stage in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" and is appearing as Sally Applewhite, who voices Mary Hatch Bailey. Vance Wittie, last seen at RCP in "Romeo & Juliet," is Freddie Filmore, performing various characters including Joseph and Mr. Potter. Audrey Michaels is Lana Sherwood and portrays various characters including Violet Bick. Gerald Fitzgerald is featured as Oliver Reese Johnston and performs as Billy Bailey and Peter Bailey.

Joetta Currie, an amazing local artist who has created some of RCP's most exquisite sets, is voicing various characters including Ruth Bailey and Sadie Vance. Deb Ballard, last seen in "Steel Magnolias," will be Alice Kenworthy, who voices Rose Bailey and Alice Hatch. Stacey Kluttz, who was last seen in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," is Foley Artist Kitty Foley. (A Foley artist is the person who is responsible for all the sound effects in a show.)

Stacey and Fayme Parker, who plays Mitzi Jack, will be using everyday items to create sound effects during the play. For example, Stacey may be crushing Cheerios to simulate the noise feet make as they step through hard-packed snow. Gene Fields, last seen in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," will be performing as stage manager and Binky. Other actors include Holden Magee as Tommy Cook, Bradyn Parmelly as Adam Council, Jilian Schulte as Annie Manner, Caitlyn Harris as Sunshine Smith and Max Watson as Buddy Woods.

Tickets can be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or in the lobby 30 minutes before show time.

The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall.



A scene from rehearsals of the Rockwall Community Playhouse's "It's a Wonderful Life" live radio play is pictured. Shown are Stacey Kluttz, Jilian Schulte, Max Watson, Caitlin Harris, Cathryn Harris, Audrey Michaels, Vance Wittie, Deb Ballard, Joetta Currie, Rob Richardson (foreground), Bradyn Parmelly and August Gabriel. Performances will be Nov. 27, 28 and 29 and Dec. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. Show times will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets can be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or in the RCP lobby 30 minutes before show time.

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 San Antonio AM</p> <p>5 TX Ivory Joe's "Since You Baby"</p> <p>6 TXism: "suit company" (relatives)</p> <p>7 Dallas FM</p> <p>8 TXism: "put _____" (retired)</p> <p>17 San Antonio's "ugly king": Rey</p> <p>18 TXism: "he two-steps to _____" (independent)</p> <p>21 TX Rangers used to train in this state (abbr.)</p> <p>22 Hawaiian ranch once owned by TX heiress Caroline Hunt</p> <p>23 TX Garza, formerly of federal 5th Circuit Court of Appeals</p> <p>24 Ms. Eden to TX Hagman on "I Dream of Jeannie"</p> <p>29 TX Southwest Airlines charge</p> <p>30 TXism: "two _____ in a pod" (alike)</p> <p>31 ex-Cowboy star DT White (init.)</p> <p>32 TXism: "he'd be _____ battle of wits" _____</p> <p>34 Boerne's "_____ Eve" fiber fair</p> <p>35 this Fortas was LBJ's choice for Supreme Court chief justice</p> <p>36 regulating food</p> <p>37 this Mark was UT chancellor in '91</p> <p>38 Christian _____</p>	<p>39 TXism: "talked a _____"</p> <p>41 TXism: "can't _____ a tune in a bucket"</p> <p>42 Dyess _____ Force Base</p> <p>43 TXism: "_____ to"</p> <p>44 Darren Mc _____ starred with TX Audie in "Bullet for a Badman"</p> <p>45 local computer net. (abbr.)</p> <p>46 Russian space station</p> <p>47 food shortage</p> <p>48 SMU golfer Payne Stewart had an _____ heart</p> <p>50 Bulgaria capital</p> <p>51 TXism: "tough as an _____ boot"</p> <p>52 TXism: "sold _____ bill of goods"</p> <p>53 TXism: "got more on his plate than he can _____ grace over"</p>	<p>11 TXism: "clean _____ hound's tooth"</p> <p>12 TXism: "want it _____ bad I could spit"</p> <p>13 woolen suit fabrics</p> <p>14 emasculate?</p> <p>15 Ranger hitter goals</p> <p>16 TXism: "slippery as an _____"</p> <p>19 Southwest jet after take off</p> <p>20 TX reporter Roland who won Pulitzer in 1955</p> <p>22 duration of Cowboy punt (2 wds.)</p> <p>24 dice shape (abbr.)</p> <p>25 TXism: "fits like ugly _____ an ape"</p> <p>26 TXism: "got an overdose of woe"</p> <p>27 TX Tigra reservation dances</p> <p>28 aviator Earhart</p> <p>29 fish propellers</p> <p>30 TX capitol is made of _____ granite</p> <p>33 TXism: "kick the bucket"</p> <p>34 Garland AM</p> <p>35 TXism: "took everything but the _____ my lungs" (robbed)</p> <p>37 family possessions</p> <p>38 TX-born Dwight _____ Eisenhower</p> <p>40 Emory is the seat of this county</p> <p>41 TX-made "The Thief Who _____ to Dinner"</p> <p>44 TXism: "would _____ maggot" (gross)</p> <p>47 h.s. football night</p> <p>49 TXism: "wouldn't hurt _____" (docile dog)</p>
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Free Microsoft Word, Excel classes offered

The Rockwall County Library, through funding provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum & Library Services via a Texas State Library & Archives Commission grant, will offer free classes in Microsoft Word and Excel in 2016.

Three levels of classes are planned in the total of 24 classes. Class size will be limited.

Sign up at the Rockwall County Library's reference desk, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall.

For more details, call 972-204-7700.

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Meeting to focus on Open Space Master Plan

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Free tree transplants available Dec. 2

Trees that would be lost with the development of the SE of East Fork Drive and Highland Drive will be made available to local residents from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2. Representatives of Master Developers-SNB will be at the site to allow residents to access the trees. Interested residents should be prepared with any tools or equipment needed to dig and transport the trees; residents also have the option to hire professional services. Costs associated with the relocation will be the responsibility of the resident; the developer/owner will not be responsible for any damage or injury. For more information, contact Ryan Miller at 972-644-6441.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. The cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennard at 972-636-4034.

Heath Holiday Home Tours offered

The Rockwall-Heath High School Class of 2016 will present Holiday Home Tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4. Eight homes will be featured, sidelined by live entertainment and raffle drawings. For more details, call 972-772-2474.

Pancakes for the Park event slated

Pancakes for the Park & Christmas Bazaar, a benefit for the St. Knostman Memorial Fund, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 5 in the Rockwall-Heath High School cafeteria, 801 L. Dr. Cost will be \$10, which will include two pancakes, two sours/ice cream/coffee and a photo with Santa. The event is being sponsored by the FCCLA, STUCO, AVID, Chain Reaction and the Archery Club, cheerleaders, Culinary Arts, HOSA and orchestra.

Democratic Men's Group to meet Dec. 5

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Rockwall Country Club. For more details, call 972-722-3099.

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Vacant Fate Council seat, applications accepted

City of Fate residents interested in applying for a vacated City Council seat have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, to turn in their applications.

The vacancy is for the Place 5 council position, which will be filled by election in May 2016, according to the city's website.

To be eligible for the position, a candidate must be:

- At least 21 years old;
- A resident of Fate for at least 12 continuous months at the time of application; and
- A qualified voter in the City of Fate.

Council members are expected to attend all council meetings, which are regularly scheduled for 6 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

Council members also serve on a number of subcommittees, commissions and boards.

Meetings take place in the Fate Community Center, 104 S. W.E. Crawford, Fate.

The application is available through the city secretary's office and online at cityoffate.com. Completed applications must be received by the city secretary's office, located at Fate City Hall, 105 E. Fate Main Place, by the deadline noted above.

For more information, contact city secretary Vickey Raduechel at vraduechel@cityoffate.com or 972-771-4601, ext. 103.



Lisa Caillet demonstrates various ideas for decorating Christmas trees for the Friday Study Club, Nov. 20, at the Parish Hall of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Heath. Photo by Ruth Willis/Rockwall County News

Caillet speaks at Friday Study Club

The November meeting of the Friday Study Club was held on Nov. 20 at the Parish Hall of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Heath. Lisa Caillet, introduced guest speaker, Lisa Caillet, from Rockwall. Caillet demonstrated ideas for beautifully decorating a Christmas tree and items for placing around homes for the holidays. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Johnston, President, began the meeting by welcoming new members, Phyllis Fife and Janie Curtis. Caillet acknowledged the attendance of Emeritus members, Phyllis Fife and Jo Leonard. The meeting accepted donations for the Terrell State Hospital Service Council, one of the club's longest ongoing projects. Caillet also announced the location change for the December gift exchange. The meeting was adjourned and co-hostesses, Marylyn Thompson and Sloan Starnes, served refreshments.

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Neighborhood on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Napoli Italian Restaurant, 7 S. Goliad St., Rockwall. Jason Redick, outreach coordinator of the Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, will be the speaker. The group meets at noon on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive members are invited to discuss the future of Texas and Rockwall County are invited to attend.
Open, social media subjects of Dec. 10 program
What Every Parent Should Know: Protecting Your Teen on Social Media will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Rockwall High School library.

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

Neuter Network changes December date
 The Neuter Network's hospital bus will be in Rockwall Dec. 10-30 at Wal-Mart parking lot. Surgeries will be performed at no cost. Packages will be available; watch for specials at www.neuternet.org. Walk-up vaccinations will be offered from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Services are available throughout the Metroplex; free services are offered in select ZIP codes. Be sure dogs and cats are in secure carriers. For an appointment details call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500; spaces fill quickly. Hosted by Rockwall PAWS, a nonprofit that funds the care of heartworm-positive local shelter dogs (rockwallpaws.com).

Input sought on Hazard Mitigation Action Plan
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- Monday, 16 Nov.:** Disturbance, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker; Welfare concern, 1400 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Theft, 400 block W. I-30 NSR; Burglary of a residence, 400 block Pin Oak Lane; Theft, 700 block FM 2642; Welfare concern, 1700 block Sams Circle; Accident, I-30 westbound near the 76-mile marker
- Tuesday, 17 Nov.:** Suspicious vehicle, 400 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious vehicle, 200 block N. Arch Street; Alarm, 2300 block I-30 NSR; Accident, 700 block FM 2642; Accident, I-30 SSR and FM 2642; Welfare concern, I-30 eastbound near the 74-mile marker
- Wednesday, 18 Nov.:** Alarm, 2500 block Circle Lane; Medical assistance, 2800 block Marsha Lane; Theft, 1500 block Trent Drive; Accident, 200 block E. Main Street; Welfare concern, 200 block Santo Drive; 911 hang up, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Suspicious vehicle, 1000 block Pullen Street
- Thursday, 19 Nov.:** Medical assistance, 2500 block Circle Drive; Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 1300 block Evergreen Street; Accident, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Welfare concern, 1300 block Waco Turner Drive; Three noise disturbances, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane; Welfare concern, I-30 eastbound near exit 74; Accident, Area of Westwood Lane and Englewood Drive; Suspicious person, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard and Brookhaven Drive; Medical assistance, 300 block Panola Court

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Beginning on November 19, 2015, the Rockwall Independent School District will accept responses for the category listed above until 2:00 P.M. (CST), Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposal packages are available on the District's website: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information/> or may be requested by email to jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org.

Please note Rockwall ISD will be closed November 23-27, 2015.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

RCP performances of 'Wonderful Life' slated
The Rockwall Community Playhouse will stage "It's a Wonderful Life," a live radio play, Nov. 29 and Dec. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. Family friendly performances will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. The production is being directed by Darlene Singleton. The is located at 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall. For more details or to purchase tickets online, visit rockwallmunityplayhouse.org.

Holiday in the Park plans announced
Plans are underway for the 2015 Heath Holiday in the Park event set for 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 4, at Towne Center Park - rain or shine. The Amy Parks and Dorothy Pullen Elementary cho well as Cain and Rockwall-Heath High performance groups, will provide entertainment. Food truck an outdoor dining area will provide an area for seasonal evening meals. Also planned are a miniature ride, fun activity booths for kids and a holiday photo booth. Complimentary hot cocoa and Christmas cookies will be served by Mrs. Claus and her elves. Santa also will be on hand, so parents should bring their cameras. For more details visit healthx.com.

R'wall to host Dec. 5 Christmas celebration
Downtown Rockwall will host its Hometown Christmas Celebration beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. The Kiwanis Christmas Parade will run from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., followed by pictures of Santa at the Historic Courthouse from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Other activities that will run from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. include a photo booth with props, live entertainment, face painting, bounce house, trackless train rides, an old-fashioned hot dog cart in the plaza, a Find Frosty scavenger hunt, street balloon artists, strolling elves with giveaways and a toy drive benefiting Helping Hands. The tree lighting at City Hall will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Christmas tree lighting set in R'wall
Rockwall's 32nd annual Christmas tree lighting will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, on the lawn at City Hall. Old-fashioned holiday fun and music will be offered. Craft making will take place with Santa's workshop while free cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Santa also will be on hand to make a visit. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Rock wall to be revisited
The history of the rock wall and recent developments about the unique underground structure will be the Dec. 11 program that will be part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown Rockwall house. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 12
Breakfast with Santa, offered by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will be offered on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. at the Rockwall Community Center, 1000 W. Main Street, Rockwall, Texas. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 972-771-1105.

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Opinions

American Government-Civilization-the Devil's will v. God's will

Comparing our past with today and looking at our future

W. Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas
 Following is the definition of GOVERNMENT, CIVILIZATION and DEVIL (Webster's Dictionary)
GOVERNMENT: the group of people who control and make laws for a country, state, etc.
CIVILIZATION: the condition that exists when people have effective ways of organizing a society and care about the welfare of others.
DEVIL: the most powerful spirit of evil in Christianity, Judaism, Islam, etc., who is often represented as the ruler of hell.
 Throughout history, countries and territories, their civilization has been controlled by government without individual freedom of choice or freedom of religion in the United States of America.
 Julius Caesar (100-44 B.C) declared himself dictator for life. He was the first government to rule by his choices and religion. Julius Caesar was one of the greatest military minds in history and laid the foundation for the Roman Empire.
 World War I officially began in 1914, when Germany invaded Poland following many years of economic depression from World War I, and the 1919 Treaty of Versailles that ended the war. World War II began in 1939, when Germany invaded Poland following many years of economic depression from World War I, and the 1919 Treaty of Versailles that ended the war. World War II began in 1932, when the Nazi Party came to power in Germany and Japan invaded China after the Dutch blocked oil exports to Japan.
 There were 2,800 babies born at the Third Reich's first birth clinic in Steinhöring, Germany. Bred for looks, and loyalty and Nazism would be their creed, Hitler their god.

In 1933 Hitler became Chancellor of Germany, Franklin Roosevelt became President of the United States. In 1934, Hitler became Germany's President.

Hitler realized it was important to silence and/or change German Churches.

1937 Hitler started an attack on the Catholic Church arresting priests etc. However, there was never a total shutdown of the Catholic Church in Germany. Hitler signed an agreement with the Pope in 1933, promising not to interfere in political matters. Hitler promised full religious freedom for the Church.

Protestant groups in Germany were merged to form the National Reich Church in 1936. A member of the Nazi party was elected Bishop of the Church. Approximately 400 priests and a number of ministers were arrested and sent to the Dachau concentration camp. Children in Germany were being brought up without a Christian education. Hitler did not abolish the Catholic Church. The majority chose to keep quiet and appeared to be conforming to Nazism. There was an intense fear of the Gestapo.

One notable German Christian pastor was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who not only served in the resistance, but helped establish an underground church during NAZI rule. In 1937, Bonhoeffer wrote "The Cost of Discipleship," which may be found in the libraries of many Christian pastors. He was later imprisoned and executed by the German government.

There are many more examples that can be given from past history of the importance of controlling religious bodies to enforce government laws, regardless of God's Word. There are also many examples of sectarian and religious people seeking to use governments to openly/discreetly control others. An in-depth study of the NAZI movement reveals close financial connections between Hitler and certain internationally powerful people.

Remember that such wars and military endeavors must be financed; and such financiers do not use such financial power with out a bigger purpose.

The founding fathers of America used God's roadmap to change

the freedom of choice and religion, to the individual population forming our government.

As in the birth of our country, so it is today, that each adult citizen has the responsibility to vote for the best candidates that make up our government, the responsibility to step up and run for elected positions, and become appointed government officers. They have a duty and obligation to protect the people by complying with their Oaths of Office and Certificates of Commission even where such compliance is in violation of local elected officials' unlawful ordinances; and by applying the basic principals from God's word.

We need only read the words of our Lord Jesus, in order to understand whether government officers are doing the will of the Devil. Jesus said, "The adversary comes not but to steal, kill, and destroy" (John 10:10).

Our constitution and Bill of Rights give us freedom of individual choice and religion.

The church is the only place we can trust for the whole truth. The leaders who are providing the attendees with God's teaching, must also compare the truth with what is happening in the world. This includes the devil's influence outside of the church.

Satan would like to keep as many people as possible from receiving God's free gift before death. When we except and live by God's free gift we have a better life and help to solve our trials and tribulations. This also gives us hope for eternal life in heaven.

Now that we are in the time of selecting candidates for our government, citizen voters must take serious time to evaluate each candidate. Allow yourself the flexibility to change your mind if the person you like is not your best choice at the time you vote.

My next article "RESTORING AMERICA - WE THE PEOPLE" will be a continuation of this article.

Remind your family and friends to VOTE.

The publisher and writer would welcome your comments regarding these articles.

The really big sugar crystal project

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 My child has experienced the phenomenon. Your child is given an assignment on the first day of class. It is no normal assignment, but requires ongoing work throughout the coming weeks or months. This is the Really Big School Project.
 Really big projects might involve science, geography, math or literature, but they all start out the same: with a worksheet that details the assignment. This includes research requirements, a collection, final format and due date, the latter of which is far off until unexpectedly your child finds him or herself with a due date save for one thing. The assignment worksheet is placed in the kitchen table. This precious and important paper is then tasked to diligently carry home on the first day of school in a crumpled state at the bottom of a backpack or on the floor of the backseat of the minivan until it inexplicably makes its way to the laundry pile. Whether you find it before or after the child is entirely up to luck.
 In addition to procrastination, really big projects often require

poster board and parental participation, which comes after the procrastination threatens a C-minus and parents can no longer ignore the obvious. The work must somehow get done and the assignment becomes a really big family project requiring parental prodding and supervision.

This leads to the thing I like best about really big projects: the amount of learning that takes place. Sometimes the knowledge even rubs off on the student.

We've muddled through our fair share of big projects. My kids have mapped out the entire planet, created a timeline of the history of the world, grown tadpoles, mold and Monarchs (butterflies, not royalty). Our experience with big projects is vaster than the projects themselves. Right now, we are growing sugar crystals. Or, I guess I should say we are attempting the task. We haven't yet had so much as a sprout. I doubt we will.

I should have seen this coming. This isn't my first sugar crystal dog and pony show. I've been through eighth grade science a time or two (or five, but who's counting?) and I've witnessed more than a couple crystal flops. I was tempted to tell my son this a couple of weekends ago as he stirred his sugar water concoction on the stove and chattered about the assignment.

"My teacher said it's easy to grow crystals," he said. "Only one or two in our whole class won't get them."

"Prepare to be part of the minority," I wanted to say out loud. "Failure is most likely in your future." I mouthed the words silently because a good mom never discourages enthusiasm about school projects.

Still, if the glass is half empty you might as well call it like you see it. Over the years I've spent months peering into sugar-water-filled jars looking for any hint of crystals and I've yet to see a single grain. Our formations have been as scarce as an A-plus on a failed science experiment and our inadequacies are crystal clear - to me, at least.

My son, however, remains optimistic. His glass is half-full, albeit not with crystals. And, although his progress may be lacking, he knows it's important to complete the really big project with due diligence - crystals or not. He is photographing his water a few times a week to document the lack of any activity or formations. He is writing notes about his crystal deficiencies. He is holding out - with a hope reserved for 13-year-olds - that his crystals will grow.

And who knows? Maybe they will. I hope they do. I sure do.

Info sessions set in coming weeks

Informational sessions pertaining to the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program have been scheduled in late November and early December, according to an agency news release.

The sessions are set for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, at the Kaufman office, Wells Fargo Bank building, 2100 S. Washington, Rockwall; 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2433 FM 1641, Forney; or at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Rockwall CASA Office, 108 Kenway, Rockwall.

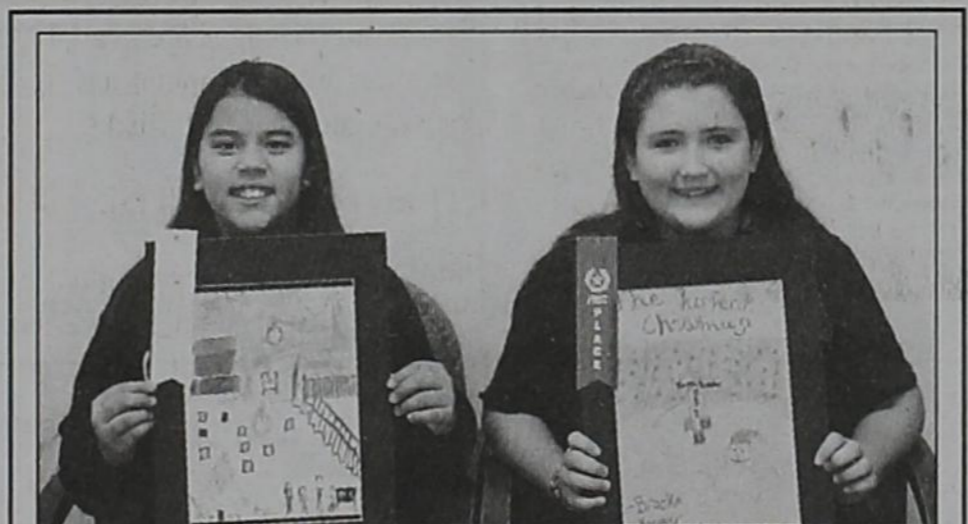
CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge and charged with helping the best possible outcomes for abused and/or neglected children in foster care. It is the goal of the CASA volunteer that each child is in a safe, permanent home in a timely manner, according to the news release.

- Volunteers are required to:
- Complete 30 hours of new volunteer training;
 - Review case records;
 - Research information;
 - Prepare court records;
 - Make recommendations to the court;
 - Advocate in court; and
 - Complete 12 hours of training per year.
- Volunteers need not be a lawyer or social worker; anyone from any profession or educational background is welcome. The program seeks individuals with a desire to help abused children. For more information, contact Lone Star CASA, 108 Kenway, Rockwall, by calling 972-772-5858 or email vickie@lonestarcasa.com.

November Ribbon-cuttings/Grand Openings

- Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce**
 Country Bank & Trust, 2255 Ridge Rd. #150, Rockwall
 Gorgeous, 507 E. Boydston Ave., Unit A, Rockwall
 City Mortgage Corp. of Texas, 3013 Ridge Rd. #102, Rockwall
 Tax Landmark, 2850 Shoreline Trail #100, Rockwall
 Rent Title Rockwall, 2850 Shoreline Trail, Suite 201, Rockwall
 Rent Rentals, 2582 SH 276, Rockwall
- Royse City Chamber of Commerce**
 Form and Function Fitness, 114 E. Main St., Royse City
 Part, 494 West Interstate 30.
 Laneous
 Junk Removal & Hauling, jdogjunkremoval.com, Rockwall

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The first and third place Cullins Lake-Pointe Elementary finalists in the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County's recent art contest, A Picture-Perfect Christmas, are shown above. At left is Karlie Gonzalez, who took third place in the competition, and at right is first place winner Brooke Hoegger. Not shown is second place winner Onyi Ayozie. The winning artwork, created by Gracie Fleming of Amy Parks Heath Elementary, will be depicting in promotions for the Rockwall Christmas Parade 2015. She also will serve as the parade's grand marshal.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Haley Petton, a sixth grade student at Springer Elementary, had her art project selected to go to state for the opportunity to be a Christmas card design sold in stores for the holidays. Her art teacher is Denise Hoover, not pictured.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

English, writing GED tutors sought
 The Rockwall County Library Adult Literacy Program needs English and writing GED tutors from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Training will be provided. Tutors will help with essay writing and extended-response answers. No qualifications are needed except for a willingness to help, patience and a proficiency in English. Classes follow the RISD school schedule (our during holidays, summertime). For more details contact Carol Cease, Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, ccease@rockwallcountytexas.com, or call 972-204-7705.

Texas Health Presbyterian on 'Best Places to Work' list

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall has been included on Modern Healthcare magazine's list of "Best Places to Work in Healthcare."

The annual list, which recognizes 100 outstanding healthcare employers, includes hospitals, medical suppliers, insurers and other healthcare related entities, according to a hospital news release.

"We are most honored that our staff has once again chosen us as a Best Place to Work," said Cindy Paris, RN, FACHE, hospital president. "The sense of teamwork and purpose amongst our staff and physicians in all departments is evident as they care for each other in the same special way they care for our patients. It's our culture, and is what truly makes Texas Health Rockwall a great place to work for all of us."

As part of the evaluation process, employers are required to complete an extensive questionnaire that details company culture, policies, benefits, employee retention rate and financial stability among other factors. In addition to the employer questionnaire, company employees are confidentially surveyed by an outside company to gather individual opinions of hospital leadership, job satisfaction, training, benefits and salary, working environment and overall satisfaction.

The final list of Modern Healthcare's "Best Places to Work in Healthcare" recipients is compiled after a thorough evaluation of the criteria and survey results and in comparison with the other companies under consideration. The results and individual rankings are published in a special supplement to Modern Healthcare magazine following a celebration in Nashville on Oct. 14.

Rockwall County Entertainment

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 8:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 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 or \$11 for Rockwall residents. A limited number of tickets are available; pre-registration is required. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Tickets available for Daddy/Daughter Dance
 A Daddy/Daughter Dance, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & 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 for each additional child). A limited number of tickets are available; pre-registration is required. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

The Yellowjackets wrangle the Rangers to 38-27 win

The Rockwall Yellowjackets secured their win against Jesuit Dallas during the fourth quarter, Friday, Nov. 20, after completing a touchdown and 2-point conversion which pushed them ahead 31-24.

The Jackets (9-3 Overall, 8-0 District 12-6A) answered Jesuit's field goal with quick touchdown strike after holding the Rangers to a 3 and out situation, at their own 1 yard-line. This forced a quick punt allowed the Yellowjackets to start at the Jesuit 16 yard line.

On the second play, Senior Caleb Broach slipped away from tacklers for the winning TD with 1:59 in the game.

Rockwall's defense stopped Jesuit's 4 out of 7 drives during the last 3 quarters, while holding them to 2 field goals and 1 touchdown during the second half.

The Jackets' 416 total offense was balanced between 172 rushing and 244 passing yards by Senior Quarterback Will Reed.

The rushing game was dominated by Broach 21 carries for 166 yards and 3 TDs.

Junior Sam Crawford received the ball 6 times for 122 yards and 2 TDs.

Senior Jake Viquez punted 2 times for 79 yards, highlighted by a fourth quarter punt from the 45 yard line that was downed at the Jesuit 1 yard line.

On defense, Senior James Taylor led with 12 tackles. Senior Chib Ihejiwa had a good night with 5 tackles, 1 assist, 1 sack, and 3 tackles for a loss. Sophomore Korrey Barron logged 4 tackles, 4 assists, 1 sack and 2 tackles for a loss.

With the win, the Yellowjackets will advance to the Region 2 Championship game against Spring (11-1 Overall, 6-1 District 15), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 27, at Waco ISD Stadium.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	7	9	7	15	38
Jesuit	14	0	7	6	27

Hawks finish season with 17-24 loss to Wylie

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks finished their winning season with a 16-24 loss to Wylie, Saturday, Nov. 21, at ATT Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

The Hawks (8-4 Overall, 5-2 District 11-5A), scored the first touchdown with a Junior Quarterback Canaan Smith keeper from Wylie's 6 yard line, after stopping Wylie's first drive of the game.

Rockwall-Heath held the lead until 2:30 to the end of the first half, when Wylie scored for a 16-10 lead.

After the Hawks were forced to punt at the start of the third quarter, Wylie drove the ball from their own 16 yard line to the Hawks' 15 yard line, finishing with a field goal. The Pirates' drive lasted until 2:06 in the 3rd quarter.

During the Hawks' next drive, Wylie's Gesaven McGrue (So) picked a Canaan Smith pass, setting up a quick touchdown and 2 point conversion that put Wylie on top 10-24 with 1:09 left in the 3rd quarter.

During the kickoff, the Hawks experienced a major set-back involving two 15 yard unsportsmanlike penalties, which forced them to start their drive at their own 9 yard line.

Smith led the Hawks from their own 9 yard line to Wylie's 13, where he carried the ball toward the right side goal line, lunged forward while holding the ball out far enough to break the goal line for an exciting TD, and the final score of 17-24.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	10	0	0	7	17
Wylie	6	7	11	0	24



Rockwall Yellowjackets Senior Caleb Broach slips past the Jesuit defense, braking from tackles, with 2 minutes left in the game, pushing the Jackets' lead to 38-27, Friday, Nov. 20, during the UIL Area 6A round playoff game at Tom Kimbrough Stadium in Murphy. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Hawks Junior Quarterback Canaan Smith (8) breaks the goal line with the ball during the middle of the 4th quarter putting Rockwall-Heath within one touchdown from a tie with Wylie, Saturday, Nov. 21, during the UIL Area 5A playoff game at ATT Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Wylie went on to win 17-24. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	24 Child Nutrition Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
5700 Total local and intermediate sources	\$ 72,104,846	\$ 3,259,280	\$ 27,130,748	\$ 15,536	\$ 3,052,712	\$ 105,563,172
5800 State program revenues	40,492,084	27,168	-	-	1,836,785	42,356,037
5900 Federal program revenues	526,879	2,456,549	-	-	3,443,249	6,426,677
5020 Total revenues	113,123,809	5,742,997	27,130,748	15,536	8,332,746	154,345,836
EXPENDITURES						
CURRENT:						
0011 Instruction	65,786,513	-	-	-	5,334,074	71,120,587
0012 Instructional resources and media services	2,585,340	-	-	-	138,768	2,724,108
0013 Curriculum and staff development	2,288,319	-	-	-	231,200	2,519,519
0021 Instructional leadership	1,293,119	-	-	-	81,408	1,374,527
0023 School leadership	6,614,545	-	-	-	93,196	6,707,741
0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	4,285,683	-	-	-	463,039	4,748,722
0032 Social work services	218,734	-	-	-	-	218,734
0033 Health services	1,289,178	-	-	-	51	1,289,229
0034 Student (pupil) transportation	3,401,024	-	-	-	11,381	3,412,405
0035 Food services	-	5,321,734	-	-	26,377	5,348,111
0036 Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	4,078,107	-	-	28,695	1,288,482	5,395,284
0041 General administration	3,610,491	-	-	29,130	3,351	3,642,972
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	10,983,564	-	-	-	29,532	11,013,096
0052 Security and monitoring services	1,329,048	-	-	-	47,550	1,376,598
0053 Data processing services	2,740,076	-	-	-	-	2,740,076
0061 Community services	61,063	-	-	-	118,735	179,798
DEBT SERVICE:						
0071 Debt service - Principal on long-term debt	-	-	11,030,000	-	-	11,030,000
0072 Debt service - Interest on long-term debt	-	-	14,982,666	-	-	14,982,666
0073 Debt service - Bond issuance costs and fees	-	-	1,174,418	-	-	1,174,418
CAPITAL OUTLAY:						
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	1,005,913	-	-	543,618	-	1,549,531
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:						
0093 Payments to member districts of SSA	3,570	10,500	-	-	-	14,070
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	729,845	-	-	-	-	729,845
6030 Total expenditures	112,304,132	5,332,234	27,187,084	601,443	7,867,144	153,292,037
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	819,677	410,763	(56,336)	(585,907)	465,602	1,053,855
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7911 Issuance of bonds	-	-	89,568,204	-	-	89,568,204
7916 Premium on issuance of bonds	-	-	29,538,170	-	-	29,538,170
7915 Transfers in	543,000	-	-	-	2,858	545,858
8911 Transfers out	-	(73,000)	-	-	(72,858)	(145,858)
8940 Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-	(118,113,239)	-	-	(118,113,239)
7080 Total other financing sources (uses)	543,000	(73,000)	993,135	-	(70,000)	1,393,135
1200 Net change in fund balances	1,362,677	337,763	936,799	(585,907)	395,602	2,446,934
0100 Fund balance - July 1 (beginning)	44,144,965	1,515,769	15,542,918	7,775,968	1,832,923	70,812,629
1300 Prior period adjustment	(1,724,959)	-	-	-	-	(1,724,959)
3000 Fund balances - June 30 (ending)	\$ 43,782,683	\$ 1,853,532	\$ 16,479,717	\$ 7,190,061	\$ 2,228,525	\$ 71,534,518