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Royse City ISD braces for state cuts

by Patricia Nolan Butts

Royse City ISD superintendent Andy Hancock has predicted "tough times ahead" for the district resulting from a projected Texas budget shortfall of nearly \$28 billion. Education expenditures make up forty per cent of the state budget, he told trustees at the Jan. 10 meeting, and 60 per cent of RCISD's budget comes from the state.

Having passed the Tax Ratification Election in the fall will help RCISD, Hancock said, but not "as much or for as long as we hoped" with the "huge cuts" that are coming.

"It all depends on what happens in the legislative session," Hancock said. He anticipates that a special session may be called to deal with the education budget.

Places 1 and 2 on the school board, currently held by Bobby Summers and Jerry Richardson, are coming up for election. An order for the May 14 general election will be issued at the February meeting.

The first day to file for a place on the ballot is Feb. 12. However, because that is a Saturday, filing day moves to the next business day, which is Monday, Feb. 14.

March 14 is the deadline for filing for a place on the RCISD ballot.

The board approved the extension of superintendent Randy Hancock's contract by one year. Hancock had a four-year contract through 2014.

Hancock announced the retirement of Fraya Fisk, superintendent's secretary, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Trustees also approved the hiring of Jerett Lyday as teacher of fifth and sixth grade social studies.

Students who had hoped to applaud the contributions of the Royse City ISD board had to take a snow pass instead. January is the district's School Board Recognition Month, but a Jan. 9 snowfall shut down Royse City ISD Jan. 10.

While trustees met Jan. 10 to conduct district business, students and teachers were encouraged to stay home and off icy roads. Trustees

instead saw a display of student art praising board accomplishments.

The board announced the selection of two RCISD principals for the Texas Education Agency's newly-created leadership program for new principals. Shanna Brown, principal of Harry Herndon Intermediate School and Cynthia Pense, principal of Davis Elementary School, came through "an extensive interview process", said Hancock, to be a part of the Catalyst program.

Trustees voted to create a new district policy regarding the naming of school facilities, and are hammering out the provisions for a future vote. In the policy, petitions for a name will be excluded from consideration by the naming committee, a list of finalists will be narrowed to five, and no more than two pages of supporting documents will be accepted for each nominee.

The March board meeting was moved from March 14 to March 7 because of spring break and budget amendments.

Jo Nell Mellody reported to the board that the Royse City ISD Education Foundation's 2010 annual campaign raised \$87,813.15.

"This was a little short of our goal, but our directors feel it was a great effort in our current economic climate", she said.

She noted that the foundation is recruiting six new directors to fill places of directors Royce Swiney and Calvin Gilliland, who have completed terms, as well as for four resignations from David Raglin, Jamie Gamez, Dr. Michelle Munn and Subrena Hurd.

The nominating committee meets in January and the foundation will hold its recruitment luncheon in February.

The board also learned from Mellody that the district's "Top Dog" selections will be made in February. The "Top Dogs" represent "the best of Royse City High", she said, and are nominated based on their achievements in academics, extra-curriculars, and leadership. The Royse

City ISD Education Foundation and Royse City High School will host the Second Annual Top Dog Spectacular on April 12 to celebrate the students' accomplishments.

Top Dogs are asked to choose an RCISD teacher or coach at any grade level who was influential in their success, and those educators are also recognized at the Top Dog Spectacular in the spring.

RCISD Teacher of the Year nominations begin in February, as well. The district is planning for the first time to recognize a food service employee of the year. Winners of these awards are announced at the district's Employee Recognition Program and are honored with gift cards donated by area businesses.

Technology director Theo McDonald reported to the board that his department with six technicians completed 2,415 work orders from Aug. 1, 2010 to Jan. 1, 2011. His update on classroom technology stated that interactive boards are in 50 per cent of RCISD classrooms.

Most of the 3,400 computers in use are owned by the district, but about 244 computers are leased. The department is saving money by changing internet providers but is also increasing its bandwidth, McDonald told trustees.

McDonald is also investigating a pilot called 1 to 1, which will supply a mobile device for every student and teacher at two campuses. Laptops or tablets are first choice, he said, but because of the cost the district would have the option of e-readers to replace text books.

"From what we are hearing in education, textbooks are moving away from paper hard copies to electronic books. TEA already has a fairly large list of e-textbooks that can be adopted in place of the paper books," McDonald said.

"We are just looking forward to the future and what will best serve our students," according to McDonald.

An enrollment update showed a district enrollment of 4540 students, indicating a growth rate of 4.6 per cent.



City of Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe (left) and Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher (right) congratulate Sgt. Scott Trammell with the Heath Department of Public Safety as Employee of the Year for the City of Heath at Monday's city council meeting. Also honored as employees of the year were Tara Plexico from Administration, Larry Dunham with Public Works and Public Safety Officer Lance Ludtke with the Police Department. Tyler Young, also with Heath DPS, received Special Recognition. Thatcher said, "Each year the department heads look at their employees for recognition. It's not that they've saved somebody's life, but these are people who come every day and they're here in the trenches and they do the work and they have a great attitude. We've had to tighten our belts in the last couple of years and these guys have taken more on and kept smiling. We really do appreciate them."

Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



City of Heath employees Tara Plexico and Larry Dunham (center) are congratulated by Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe (left) and Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher (right) as employees of the year at Monday's city council meeting. Two other employees also received the honor, including Public Safety Officer Lance Ludtke with the Police Department and Sgt. Scott Trammell from the Heath Department of Public Safety. Plexico works in Administration and Dunham is with Public Works. Tyler Young, also with Heath DPS, received Special Recognition. Ratcliffe said, "I want to thank these employees on behalf of the City Council. We've had a couple years where we haven't been in a position to give raises but from what we see at city council and from what we hear from the community, it's not adversely affected either the performance or morale of our staff. That's a credit to the entire city staff."

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Several Poetry Community Christian School students recently competed in the Association of Christian Schools International District Math Olympics. Students qualifying for the event score in the top 25 percent range of scores in the region. Pictured at front are Alisha Williams, Michael Harrell, Elisabeth Barbee, Joshua Glancy, Laura Foreman, Shelby Blake and Jesse Mitchell. At back are Maddie Broshous, Mackenzie Buhr, Elizabeth Huddleston, Dakota Jones, Jay Trischitti and Grayson Frank. Not pictured is Jared Stibbe. Advancing to the Feb. 25 area-level competition in Richardson will be Foreman, Stibbe, Glancy and Harrell.

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City Council candidate filing begins Feb. 12

The first day to file for the May 14 City of Rockwall General Election is Feb. 12. City Council places 1, 3 and 5 and the mayor's seat will be on the ballot.

Council members David Sweet (Place 1) and Glen Farris (Place 3) are eligible to run for re-election. Sweet has announced he will run for mayor, and Farris has indicated he will seek re-election to his current position, according to a city news release issued last week.

Mayor Bill Cecil and Council Member Matt Scott (Place 5) both have served the allowable number of terms under the City Charter and are ineligible to run in their current positions.

The last day for candidates to file for a place on the ballot is 5 p.m. March 14.

Application packets are available from and paperwork must be filed with the city secretary's office on the third floor of City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St.

The city election will be administered by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator, and election information will be available on the county's website at rockwallcounty-texas.com/elections.

Early voting will take place at the Rockwall County Elections office on the downtown square at 107 E. Kaufman starting May 2 and running through May 10.

Applications for ballots by mail must be requested from and mailed to the Rockwall County Elections Administrators Office, Attn: Glenda Denton, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087. Applications must be received no later than the close of business on May 6.



RISD uses grant funding for school health training

Rockwall Independent School District elementary school PE teachers and cafeteria managers attended a Jan. 4 training to learn more about coordinated school health.

Rockwall ISD uses the Coordinated Approach to Child Health curriculum in its elementary schools. The program's primary focus is to build an alliance between the school, home and community advocates to teach children and families how to be healthy for a lifetime.

Through the program, students learn about the dangers of cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity.

The training was sponsored by a grant received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The grant was made to the Rockwall ISD School Health Advisory Council in recognition of its efforts to support health education.

All Texas school districts are required to implement a coordinated school health program in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. The Texas

Department of State Health Services defines coordinated school health as a "systemic approach of advancing student academic performance by promoting, practicing and coordinating school health education and services for the benefit and well-being of students in establishing healthy behaviors designed to last their lifetime."

Snowdy named to Dean's List

Joshua W. Snowdy of Forney was among 524 cadets named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Virginia Military Institute, according to a news release from the college.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a cadet must have a term grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, with no grade below a C.

Snowdy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darren S. Snowdy, is a freshman civil engineering major.

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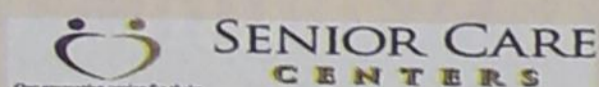
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Rockwall High freshman Becca Rakow, pictured above, recently competed in the American Quarter Horse Association Chisholm Challenge Show, winning first place in Western English Hunt Seat Equitation, second in Showmanship and fourth in Trail. In the Chisholm Challenge events, she took first place in English Equitation, earning 44 of a possible 45 points, first place in Trail and third place in Showmanship.

Here she is pictured in the English Equitation competition on her horse, Haley.

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Michelle Chesna Miller receives Masters



Tom and Vicky Chesna of Rockwall are proud to announce that Michelle Chesna Miller, Rockwall High School Class of 2001, has received her Masters degree with a grade point of 4.0 from Texas Woman's University in Denton. Michelle earned her Bachelors degree from SMU in 2005 after being awarded the President's Scholarship which included study abroad in Oxford, England. She is continuing work towards her Doctorate and plans to teach at the university level. Congratulations Michelle for all your hard work.

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FUMC morning Bible study to begin Jan. 26

The spring session of the First United Methodist Church of Heath Wednesday morning Bible study will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 26. Participants will study Beth Moore's "To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul." "To Live is Christ" offers insight into the life of the apostle Paul, tracing his story from childhood to martyrdom. Claiming his faith as one of the benchmarks of the New Testament, Moore writes, "I have accepted many of Paul's words as a personal challenge. I want to know Christ has become my plea. To live is Christ and to die is gain has become my hope. And to borrow his words once more, 'Not that I have already obtained all this... but I press on.'" The group will meet weekly in the church parlor. Childcare will be provided. Anyone interested in participating should call the FUMC at 972-771-6732, drop by 140 Smirl Drive in Heath or visit heath.org. Books will be distributed during the first meeting; cost will be \$19.

News Briefs

RC library has tax forms

The C.F. Goodwin Library in Royse City will provide federal tax forms beginning this month. The most commonly used forms and instructions will be available in paperback or online free of charge.

Kids Game Night offered

Kids Game Night, coordinated by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 21 at The Center. Open to children ages of 3 to 8, the event will be an evening of organized activities, games, arts and crafts and more. Cost is \$20 per resident child, \$30 per non-Rockwall resident. For details call 972-771-7740.

Flu shot clinic set Jan. 22

The Health Center of Helping Hands, 102 S. First St., will conduct a walk-in flu shot clinic from 8:30 a.m. until noon Jan. 22. Cost will be \$10 per shot. Flu vaccine still will be available at the Health Center until March, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$20. Drop in or call 972-772-7744 for an appointment.

Highsteppers Dance Clinic

The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers will host a dance clinic from 9:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 22 in the RHHS gymnasium. Check-in will be at 9 a.m. The event will be open to girls in kindergarten through ninth grade; participants will be separated into age groups. Cost is \$25. For more details call Amber Creamer at 469-8204 or e-mail danceclinic10@aol.com.

Father/baby story time

A Man in the Moon Storytime, a language play program for adult male caregivers and babies up to 12 months of age, will be offered for fathers and their babies beginning at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at the Rockwall County Library. Each program will include 30 minutes of activities. For more details call 972-204-7740 or e-mail damilmer@rockwallcountytexas.com.

Library to host teen activities

The Rockwall County Library will host a teen movie night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25. Free popcorn and soft drinks will be served to students in grades 7 to 12. Call 972-204-7700 or visit the library's blog at rocklibteens.blogspot.com for more details.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's 11th annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 28 at The Hilton at The Harbor. Cost will be \$45 for Rockwall couples, \$10 per additional child, and \$68 for non-resident couples, \$10 per additional child. Price includes a photo by a professional photographer; snacks and beverages will be provided. Spots are limited. Call 972-771-7740 for more details.

Tractor collection on display in RC

Ernest Baley's tractor collection will be on display throughout the month of January at the Z Museum in Royse City. The museum is open

from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Scheduled tours are offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To schedule a tour call 972-635-7438. For more details visit roysecitymuseum.com.

Support group set in Forney

As part of the Lake Pointe Medical Center's ongoing support program, Living Well with Cancer, Dr. Stephanie Shisler, OB/GYN, will lead an interactive discussion regarding breast cancer and hormone replacement therapy beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Lake Pointe Imaging Center, 763 E. State Hwy. 80, Suite 120, in Forney. Those planning to attend should RSVP to Barbara Quest at 469-698-7824.

Diabetic Support Group

Endocrinologist Dr. Sumana Gangi will lead an interactive discussion, Using Your Glucometer-Learn the Who, What, When, Where and Why of Glucose Testing, beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Lake Pointe Medical Center Café, 6800 Scenic Drive, Rowlett. Assistance also will be provided to those who need help calibrating or using their personal machines. Those planning to attend should RSVP at 972-412-3380, ext. 2628.

FOL to meet for book review

The Friends of the Library will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 at the library for a book review entitled "Teddy Roosevelt" by Ken Frehill. The Cake Factory will serve lunch at noon. Reservations required; e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

Builder Models for Sale in Royse City



Many of the custom homes in Hidden Creek feature beautiful stone and brick exteriors. This builder model at 1205 Northwood has been reduced from \$179,900 to \$147,900.

Caruth Builders is closing out their 2010 model homes in Hidden Creek Estates in Royse City.

The first model home located at 1205 Northwood has approx 1700 square feet of living area and has a 2 car garage. The home was originally priced at \$179,900, but has been reduced to \$147,900 for a quick sale. The house has 3 bedrooms with two bathrooms. The family room is large and has a beautiful gas fireplace with full mantle and custom trim. The dining room is large and open to allow plenty of space for entertaining and family gatherings.

The kitchen features custom built oak cabinets, upgraded hardware, smudge proof stainless appliances, gas range, stone-look counters and breakfast bar. The custom cabinets throughout the home were built by the same cabinet maker who is renowned for his custom cabinets in many of the million dollar homes throughout the Dallas area.

The master suite is luxurious with walk in closets, dressing area and separate tiled shower and soaking tub. The split bedroom arrangement also has comfortably sized secondary bedrooms.

The covered patio is perfect for those evening cookouts, the fenced back yard has a full automatic sprinkler system, sod, gutters plus an oversized rear drive.



This spacious builder model at 1620 Woodlawn features 2334 sq. ft. and has been reduced from \$240,000 to \$209,900 just in time for the spring market.

Another model home with close out pricing is located at 1620 Woodlawn in Hidden Creek Estates. It has 2334 square feet of living space with a 2 car garage and covered patio. It has three bedrooms with a study that can easily be utilized as a 4th bedroom. Both the family room and dining room are expansive. The kitchen has many upgrades including tall custom cabinets, exquisite granite counter tops, tumbled stone backsplash, gas range, stainless appliances and tiled floor. A large breakfast bar opens to the family room.

Many of the walls have upgraded designer texturing plus tall ceilings. The master suite is spectacular and similar in size to custom homes that cost twice as much and easily accommodates large pieces of furniture. The luxurious master bath has a separate garden tub and shower plus a linen closet. Two of the secondary bedrooms feature a decorative ledge and one of the bedrooms also features a window seat.

This beautiful home at 1620 Woodlawn has been reduced from \$240,000 to \$209,900. This home also has a full landscape package, gutters and automatic sprinkler system. The exterior is a beautiful combination of custom stone and brick.

Hidden Creek Estates is the premier master planned community in Royse City. It features a large community pool and clubhouse. Lighted tennis courts are part of the club complex. A fenced children's playground is a gathering place for moms and small children. The teenagers and families enjoy the sand volleyball court. Soccer fields are located along the tree lined creek. A fishing pond is located near the clubhouse and a wonderful place for Dad to take the kids after work or on a Saturday afternoon.

The Homeowners Board of Directors and the management team work diligently together to create the most family friendly neighborhood imaginable. Special events are offered throughout the year. Weekly gatherings for game night, Bible study, and summer volleyball leagues are the norm. Annual events like the Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th festivities, October Halloween carnival and the Christmas festival are enjoyed by the residents of all ages.

Christina Reeves, the Director of the community said, "Not only do I work here, my husband Greg and our children live here. We previously lived in the Dallas area and I was working here at Hidden Creek. Once I experienced the wonderful sense of community here in Royse City, we made the decision to move to Hidden Creek. We absolutely love it! Our teenage daughter spends lots of time at the pool with her friends. Our son is thriving in the Royse City School District and has made a lot of friends quickly. The teachers in the school system genuinely care about the kids and you can see the positive difference it makes."

The model homes will be open this weekend from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment by calling Louretta or Christina at 972-636-9300 or e-mail Christina@whittledevelopmentinc.com.

Approximately 200 families already call Hidden Creek home. There are still many lots available for building including large cul-de-sac lots, sites backing up to creeks and ponds, and oversized lots. Call 972-636-9300 or e-mail Christina@whittledevelopmentinc.com for lot information.

Rob Whittle, the developer of Hidden Creek Estates said, "Hidden Creek is one of the most beautiful, secluded, tree covered communities you will ever see. However, all of those trees and creeks and seclusion make it tough to find the first time you visit. You don't necessarily need a compass and map, but you need to follow the directions closely to find the community. When we first started the community I thought our motto should be, "Hidden Creek - Hard to find, but worth the search."

When so many families started buying in the community our sales team changed it to "Hidden Creek - where families thrive." Whittle said, "As it turned out, both slogans are appropriate. Families do absolutely love the community and take advantage of all of the fabulous amenities. And it is still really hard to find nestled behind all of those majestic tree lines, creeks and ponds."

To visit Hidden Creek Estates, take I-30 east to the Royse City exit FM 548. Turn left and go to Main Street (St Hwy 66). Turn right and continue east approx 1 mile to FM 1777. Turn left on FM 1777 about 400 yards to the entrance of Hidden Creek Estates.

For more information about Hidden Creek Estates visit <http://www.whittledevelopmentinc.com/hidden.html>



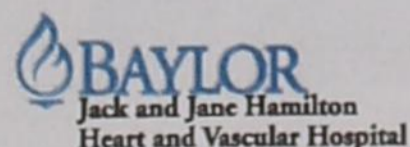
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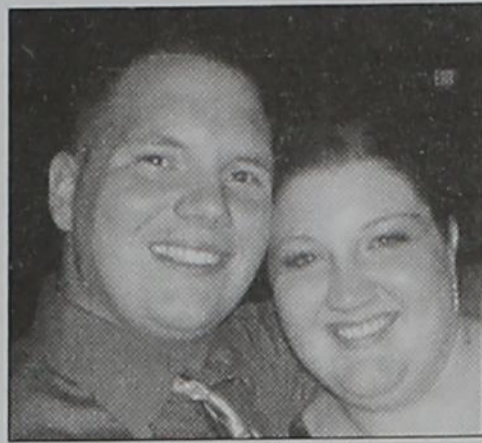
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Rockwall County Obituaries

James Betterton Laci Strickland Betterton

Services for James Betterton, 23, and his wife, Laci Strickland Betterton, 25, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 13, 2011, in the Forest Home Baptist Church in Kilgore with the Rev. Brian Nutt and the Rev. Veronica Greenead officiating. Burial followed in the Danville Cemetery. A memorial service was conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Kavanaugh Methodist Church in Greenville. The Rader Funeral Home in Kilgore was in charge of arrangements.



The couple died as a result of an automobile accident near Greenville Jan. 9.

He was born Feb. 2, 1987, in Midland and attended Kilgore public schools, graduating in 2005. In 2009 he earned a degree in music education from Texas A&M Commerce. He was employed as an elementary school music teacher at Freeman Elementary in Garland. A godly man who made church part of

his life, he was happy and a stranger to no one. He enjoyed music and golf, children and teaching.

She was born Sept. 9, 1985, in Nacogdoches to J.W. and Judy Strickland. She earned Harmony public schools and graduated in 2004. She received a degree in music education in 2008 from Texas A&M Commerce and was employed as an elementary school music teacher at Pullen Elementary in Rockwall. Her love of music began at the age of 5 when she sang with her grandfather at church on Sunday evenings, continuing through her high school choir and band involvement and through college. She was a happy, godly woman who enjoyed animals, traveling, cooking, hiking and camping.

Together the couple served as music ministers at Westview United Methodist Church in Greenville.

His survivors include his parents, Danny and Susan Richter of Kilgore; his grandparents, Don and Lorraine Hahne of Hemphill; his aunts and uncles, David and Renate Cruce of Gilmer and Anthony and Tasha Richter of Midland; and two aunts, Shari Douglas of Midland and Sharon Franklin of Kilgore.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Billy and Kay Richter, and James T. Cruce.

Her survivors include her parents, J.W. and Judy Strickland of Mineola; one brother, Jimmy Strickland of Granbury; a sister, Dianna Daniel of Henderson; her nephews, James Michael Strickland of Granbury and Lance Daniel of Henderson; and her aunts and uncles, Donna and Hugh Fraser of Houston and Tommy and Sharon Vardeman of Holly Lake.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Joe Vardeman, Finay Vardeman, James Wylie Strickland Sr. and Lula Bell Strickland.

Both were survived by many other family members.

Online condolences may be made at raderfuneralhome.com.

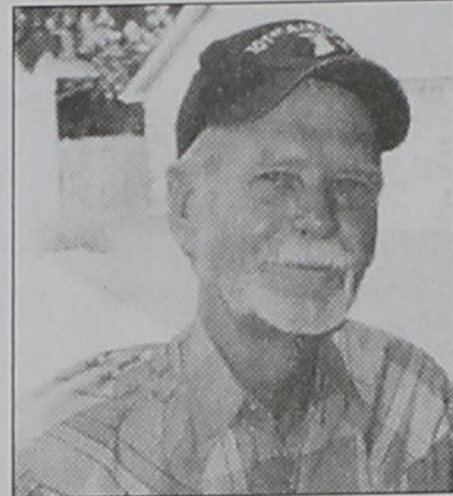
Larry Odell Bice

Services for Larry Odell Bice, 64, of Heath will be conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 21, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Danny Howe officiating.

He died Jan. 17. Born Aug. 2, 1946, in Tulia to Louis Odell Bice and Laura Carolyn (McMahan) Bice, he served in the 101st Airborne of the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was a plumbing pro at Lowe's in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Bice of Heath; his sons, Larry Don Bice and his wife, Ginny, and David Lynn Bice; his grandson, Christian Taylor Bice; his sister, Lynda Robinson; his brothers, Johnny Bice and his wife, Barbara, and Jimmy Bice and his wife, Sheila; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Louis Bice.



Patricia Gallagher

Services for Patricia Ann "Pat" Gallagher, 64, a lifetime resident of Bonham, were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 14, 2011, in the Wise Funeral Home in Bonham. Burial followed in the Arledge Ridge Cemetery.

She died Jan. 11 at the Wilson N. Jones Medical Center in Sherman.

Born Nov. 22, 1946, in Bonham to Claude Douglas Landers and Dorothy Lee Kirkpatrick Landers, she graduated from Bonham High School and was a secretary for VPG. She served as a Camp Fire Girls leader and assistant in the Fannin County Fair Pageants. She was president of the Residence Council at Brentwood Nursing Home in Denison and enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was married to Jeff Gallagher for 43 years and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Traci Kinkade and her husband, Michael of Bonham and Nicole Crowell and her husband, Mike, of Rockwall; mother, Dorothy Lee Crowell of Bonham; one brother, Ronnie Landers, his wife, Robbie, of Bonham; a sister, Claudia Prince and her husband, R. O. of McKinney; and her grandchildren, Clay Crowell, Daylon Kinkade, Taylor Crowell, Saigely Kinkade and Bella Crowell.

She was preceded in death by her father and one grandson, Michael D. Kinkade Jr.

Pallbearers were Nathan Landers, Lauren Binkley, Bob Gallagher, J. Cano, Jeff Kinkade, Mickey Hamby, Justin Green and Mike Keene. Honorary pallbearers were David Kinkade, Mike Kinkade, Mike Crowell, Clay Crowell and Daylon Kinkade.

Online condolences may be made at wisefuneralhome.com.

Maria M. Timischi

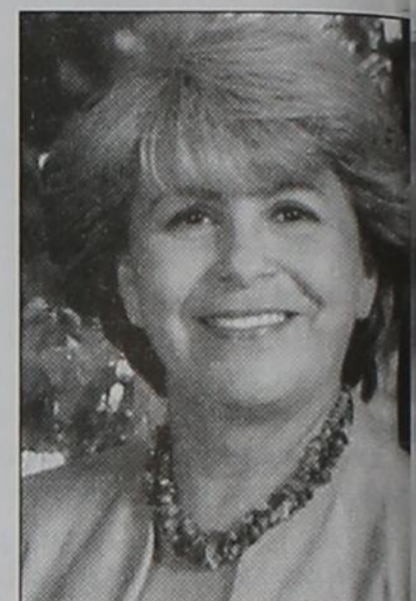
Services for Maria M. Timischi, 63, of Garland were conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 15, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Deacon Joe Perez officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Jan. 10.

Born Aug. 20, 1947, in Mexico to Arturo Garcia and Yarcia (Torreblanca) Garcia, she was a first grade teacher at Annie Webb Blanton Elementary in Dallas and enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling, gardening and decorating. She was a member of Lake Pointe Church and enjoyed spending time with her church family and in Bible study.

Survivors include her brothers, Arturo Garcia and his wife, Lucia, and children, Hugo Rene Garcia, his wife, Inez, and their children, Dagoberto (Cia), his wife, Angelica, and their children, and Miguel Angel Garcia, all in Mexico; her sisters, Maria Garcia and husband, Alex Peral, of Grand Prairie and Maria Isabel Garcia and her daughter of Mexico; her nephews, Ismael and his wife, Christina, and children and Alberto, a large extended family, and Christopher Peral of San Diego, Calif.; a large extended family and her dogs, Dolly and Princess.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Adrian; and sister, Soledad Garcia.



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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Church is at home...

Take some time to let God's word teach us about the church. The word church came from the earlier known Greek word *ekklesia* which is referred to as an assembly of people and must be understood according to context. According to Acts 19, a church was spontaneously convened by Paul after the apostle Paul had spent many days teaching the Gospel of Christ. Two of Paul's companions, Gaius and Aristarchus were captured and taken into a theatre or stadium. According to verse 32, "the assembly was not dissolved." The word assembly comes from the exact same Greek word *ekklesia*. Based on the context, this church was not an assembly of believers.

Churches exist any place where believers meet for fellowship. At the time the church ultimately exists and lives in the homes of believers. Chapter 16 includes a long salutation to a number of Christian believers. Paul starts with Phoebe who was considered a servant of the church in Achaia. Next he greets Priscilla and Aquila and the church in their home in Rome (16:3-5). He salutes them who are of the household of Arstobulus (16:15), and them of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord (16:11). Paul writes with, "The churches of Christ salute you."

Paul starts his letter to the Corinthians with, "Unto the church of God which is in Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, and that in every place call upon the name of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:2). In this same letter Paul relayed, "Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house." (1 Corinthians 16:19).

In Paul's letter to the Colossian believers he writes, "Salute the brethren in which are in Aodicea and Nymphas, and the church which is in their house" (Colossians 4:15). He writes to Timothy saying, "For an man knows not how to rule his household, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (1 Timothy 3:5). If a man does not make sure that God's love is living in the overall of his family and home, then how can he spiritually take care of the church of God in his home?

Paul salutes the church in Philemon's home, "Paul...and Timothy greet our brother Philemon...and to the church in your house" (Philemon 1:2). If we applied Paul's letter to Timothy, we could say if Philemon did not know how to rule his own household then how could he possibly take care of the church of God in his home?

Imagine going to church in a member's home. The small group meets together in the living room singing songs, praying and listening to a teaching. Afterward, some members around and share stories of how God has been working in their lives during the week. Maybe somebody ministering during this sweet time of fellowship. Or somebody sits at the dinner table after the

organized meeting and listens as a stronger believer opens up the word more personally. It is possible...it is very much possible. When more churches start in the homes, there is less of a tendency to rely on members and membership loyalties. People are less likely to talk as if the place that they fellowship in is "the church." The focus turns to true ministering and spiritual growth in learning and applying God's rightly divided word at a family and community level.

Families who are not running open church fellowships, can still plan and implement internal family fellowships. They can be scheduled according to each family's individual time frames. Doing something every evening is recommended. But it could occur any number of times during a week. Internal church fellowships could include singing some songs, a short teaching, and prayer time.

When people are encouraged to open their eyes and see the bigger spiritual picture concerning what the church is. It is in essence the body of Christian believers who have believed with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, unto being filled with holy spirit (See also Acts 2:4 and Romans 10:9-10) that's that simple. It's also referred to as the body of Christ (See also 1 Corinthians 12:12-31).

Corinthians 4:16 offers a good picture of the church, "From whom the whole body is built together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Based on all the salutations in the different letters, the context is clearly the cities, towns, communities, and homes.

When we see the church the way God designed it, suddenly we are free to go out in the city and meet Christians in different churches. And we can do so without feeling any obligation to commit our loyalties to one church or another. We can start to see how the body of Christians in our city and related households, are meant to be part of the "whole body joined together."

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 18, construction is scheduled to begin on the left turn lane at Ralph Hall and Hazen Roads (FM-3097).

The construction of the left turn lane will allow the installation of a left turn arrow at the intersection for traffic on Ralph Hall turning onto Hazen Road.

The project is scheduled to take four weeks. Traffic on Ralph Hall will be reduced to one lane within the construction zone between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Please expect delays.

Questions are directed to Jim Williams, City of Rockwall Construction Inspector, at 214-543-3255 or Jim Williams, City of Rockwall Project Manager, at 972-771-7746.

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Larry Parks and Sheri Starkey-Parks are shown helping to stock shelves at the food pantry at Helping Hands. The couple joined one of 30 groups from Rockwall's First United Methodist Church that worked on service projects as part of the Great Days of Service weekend.

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Several Rockwall High graduates visited the high school earlier this month to answer students' questions and give the graduates an opportunity to share about their college experiences. Shown from the left are Kaitlin Akard, a student at Texas A&M University at College Station; Nikki Flores, a student at the University of Texas at Austin; Jenni Cullins, a student at the University of Mississippi; and Ugo Nkalari, a student at Ouachita Baptist University.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Filmmaker visits RHS, RHHS classes

Award-winning independent documentary filmmaker Larry Cappetto was in Rockwall Jan. 12 and 13 to present his "Lest They Be Forgotten School Presentation" to both Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath high schools.

Cappetto spent a day at each school speaking to history and social studies classes.

Cappetto sees a need to honor individuals who have served their country. His film series has been featured on public television, including the PBS family. He also has appeared

on the "CBS Evening News," FOX television and MSNBC. He also has been featured on Canadian National Television.

"Our young people today need to learn of the sacrifices that have gone before them so they can gain a better appreciation for all veterans and the freedoms that we share," Cappetto said, according to a news release issued by RHS.

"Cappetto's search for those surviving veterans has been relentless," said Wyatt Andrews, CBS national news correspondent.

To see the "CBS Evening News" story on Cappetto, go to veteranshistory.org/cbs.wmv.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on January 7, 2011, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on June 30, 2010, adjusted for known and measureable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$353 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 12.6% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$2,809.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to annualize the rate increase from Oncor's last base rate case, to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Advanced Metering Cost Recovery Factor, Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and Rate Case Expense surcharge, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS) and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) adjustments approved or pending after June 30, 2010. If the approved or pending TCOS and TCRF adjustments are excluded from the adjustments to test-year revenues (and thus included in proposed base rates), the total base rate increase over adjusted test-year revenues is approximately \$441 million, or approximately a 16.2% increase over adjusted

test-year revenues of \$2,720.6 million. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested a February 14, 2011 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 38929, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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Read to Succeed gets boost at Fate school

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Read to Succeed is a free educational program sponsored by Six Flags Over Texas to inspire students in grades kindergarten through sixth to engage in recreational reading. Students who complete 360 minutes of recreational, non-school-related reading are eligible to earn a free admission ticket to a participating Six Flags theme park. Teachers whose classes participate and complete the program also are eligible to earn a free ticket.

Forms must be turned in by Feb. 25. As a result of the skit performances, students will be allowed to add additional time to their reading log sheets.

A Bedtime Stories session also is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 as part of Read to Succeed.

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Royse City News

Royse City council prepares for growth

by Patricia Nolan Butts

The Royse City council will take up at their Feb. 8 meeting options for a westbound SH 66 route through when that highway is eventually widened to six lanes. Future plans call for widening from two to six lanes the section from SH 205 in Rockwall to CR 1777 in Royse City. However, the highway would have to narrow to four lanes and split to be able to pass through Royse City's central business district.

The council tabled the matter at the Jan. 10 meeting so that council members could further investigate community impact before directing engineers to draw plans for westbound SH 66. Eastbound traffic would remain on Main Street. Burton and Church Streets, which both run parallel to Main, are under consideration for the westbound lanes.

Widening SH 66 is a future project not yet funded. The route agreed on by the city council will help shape the plan.

Also in anticipation of future growth, the council moved Royse City closer to 2,800 potential new homes by giving the nod to a development agreement with Bearpen Creek, LLP. Bearpen will seek the aid of State Senator Bob Deuell and Representative Dan Flynn to have the plan presented as a bill to the current Texas legislative session, proposing creation of a municipal utility district (MUD) within the city limits of Royse City.

Creating a district will allow Bearpen to levy district taxes to pay for streets

and water and sewer lines on their 962 acres southeast of the high school. The city's agreement with Bearpen calls for completion of infrastructure for 100 homes within five years.

Once the development has MUD designation, it will agree to annexation of that acreage currently in the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and not in the city limits, and the city will acquire the right to sell water in the area.

Members also agreed with the city of Josephine for the transfer of a water line and water sale rights for about a dozen customers on the east side of CR 1777. Pursuant to that action, they voted to expend \$34,898 to bore CR 1777 to tie in to the Josephine line and also to connect with a line to the Keralah Addition. This will give the city water service capability for the entire west side of CR 1777 in the future, according to city manager Bill Shipp.

Council okayed the voluntary annexation into Royse City ETJ of property belonging to George Crenshaw on the south side of the city.

The council approved changes to the city's investment policy, gaining more flexibility for moving funds from one investment pool to another as conditions change while maintaining compliance with the Public Funds and Investment Act.

The council nominated Kari Hollifield, Royse City's Main Street director, to be the city's representative to the governor's inauguration Jan. 18.

Council members also amended the Code of Ordinances to waive bond

requirements for door-to-door sales by insurance and realtor agencies, which must already meet licensing requirements from the state. The policy gives the city manager some discretion in waiving bonds for certain types of businesses.

The council welcomed new employees Curtis Donovan as Public Works Supervisor, Trish Forrest in Accounts Payable, and Javier Gonzalez in Parks Maintenance department.

Two positions open on RCISD trustee board

Two positions on the Royse City Independent School District Board of Trustees are subject to election during the May 14 general election. Open positions are Places 1 and 2, both full three-year terms.

To be qualified as a candidate, an individual must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old or older at the start date of the term of service and a qualified voter in the school district. The individual also must have been a resident of school district for six months prior to the filing deadline and a Texas resident for 12 months prior to the filing deadline (or 12 months before the day of election in the case of a write-in candidate).

Candidates may file for a place on the ballot between Feb. 14 and March 14.

Packets containing information needed for filing are available during the above time period during regular business hours at the Royse City Education Service Center, 810 Old Greenville Road, in Royse City.

Individuals who wish to vote in the May 14 election must be registered with the appropriate county tax assessor/collector by April 14.

Royse City Police Blotter

Jan. 7-13

• Friday, 7 January: Medical assistance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Welfare check, 1400 block Circle Lane; Accident, 3400 block FM 1777

• Saturday, 8 January: Suspicious activity, 2800 block Mockingbird Street; Suspicious vehicle, 1700 block FM 2642; Suspicious activity, 2 block I-30 NSR; Possession of firearm by a felon/Theft arrest, Poetry Reading; Driving while license invalid w/no insurance arrest, 500 block Timberha Trail

• Sunday, 9 January: Accident, 1200 block E. I-30; Public intoxication arrest, 900 block Loganwood Drive; Driving while license invalid/Possession of dangerous drug arrest, 100 block E. I-30

• Monday, 10 January: Suspicious person, 600 block Cockerell; Public intoxication arrest, I-30 at the 79 mile marker; Driving while intoxicated arrest, I-30 at the 79 mile marker; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 800 block Brookhaven Drive; Burglary of a habitat, 300 block N. Houston Street

• Tuesday, 11 January: Medical assistance, 100 block Texoma Street; Burglary of a habitat/motor vehicle, 500 block Love Lane

• Wednesday, 12 January: Alarm, 1200 block Chase Court; Alarm, 1 block Industrial Drive; Consumption/Possession of alcoholic beverage, block FM 2642

• Thursday, 13 January: Alarm, 1600 block Lorena Drive; Welfare check, 200 block Ame Lane; Noise disturbance, 300 Panola Court.

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The Rockwall-Heath High School Fine Arts Department presentation "SEUSSICAL" continues at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22 and 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, at the RHHS Performing Arts Center.

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'Beauty and the Beast' offered by Rockwall HS students

The Rockwall High School Fine Arts Department will offer performance of the Disney musical "Beauty and the Beast" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3, 4 and 2 p.m. Feb. 6 in the RHHS Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive.

Cast members include Emily Ragsdale (Belle), David Hobbs (Beast), J.R. Eydson (Gaston), Isaac Niemi (Cogsworth), Blake Hollowell (Lumiere), Roy Samra (LeFou), Lizzy Eidson (Mrs. Potts), Katie Edsall (Madrone), De La Bouche, Katy Peterson (Babette), Alex Johnson (Maurice), Ty Rush (D'Arque), Cooper Neill (Chip), Aly Brown, Nicki Dearick, Taylor Davis, Whitnee Bomkamp (Silly Girls), Shelby Butler, Giovanna Florenzo, Kaylea Hanes, Sarah Walters, Haley Welch, Elisha White, Titus Brown, James Hoover, Joseph Niemi, Bryan Oliviera, Adam Simonich, Dr. Mitchell, Sean Taylor, Alex Dennard, Kat Besadesky, Amber Britton, Oli Britton, Elise Calderon, Chelsea Day, Catherine Dorsey, Caitlin Foltz, Rose Garrett, Nicole Green, Stormy Herrera, Josey Jagielo, Amy Meyers, Caroline Munden, Jenni Owens, Jessica Saucedo, Maddie Teague, Lily Tolton, Abbey Joo, Kristina Krydler, Bri Loren, Jessica McCormack, Ly Matson, Mady Townsend, Knestel Warren, Mary White, Alyssa Wickha, Regan Purnell, Kennedy Purnell, Lucy Ragsdale and Riley Eidson (villagers, etc.).

Crew members are Lorene Tellia and Dejana Neskovic (assistant director/stage manager); Kaiti Ahmann, Paige Roberts, Caitlin Conley (lighting); Sebastian Hernandez (sound); Jessica Beckwith, Hannah Jelic, Hannah Kreun, Kyla Motley (backstage).

Production staffers include Becky Henderson, director; Karen Thomchornal, musical director; Stacia Woodlan, dance choreographer; and Mitchell, fight choreographer.

Reserved seats cost \$15 and may be purchased from Marget Mayo in the RHS Counseling Center at 469-698-7213 or mmayo@rockwallisd.org.

General admission tickets cost \$12 and may be purchased either from Mayo or at any of the following businesses: American National Bank (main branch, express or north branch); Curves for Women, Rockwall; Eyes Texas; Groovy's; Half-Price Books, Rockwall; Merle Norman Cosmetics; Rockwall; The Music Shop at Rockwall; Rockwall Area Chamber; Rockwall ISD Administration Office; Rockwall Super Drugstore; Sabrina's; Tea Traditions; Willis Fine Jewelry; and Horizon Car Wash.

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The band Building Towers took to the stage at last Saturday's Royse City High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes get-together at The Well in downtown Royse City. The standing-room-only crowd of parents, students, friends, teachers and Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley heard four Christian bands made up of Royse City High School students and testimonies from some in attendance. Building Towers members are Keiffer Gilbert, Austin Davidson, Garrett Cox and Cameron Whitney. Other bands were Band With No Name, with members Kyle Geyman, Eric Tamez, Kelsie Rogers, Paul Geyman and Garrett Blankenship; All for Him, with members Hannah Walker, Bree Walker, Tim Gilliland and Apryl Irvin; and the Overcast Band, with members Kelsie Rogers, Kendal Rogers and Kolton Rogers. The RCHS FCA is sponsored by RCHS Coach Brooke Barbee.

Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

USO dinner, dance show set Feb. 4, 5 at Heath school

The Starlight Dingers of Amy Parks-Heath Elementary are preparing for their annual USO Dinner Dance and Show for 7 p.m. Feb. 4 and 5 in the Maurine Cain Middle School cafeteria.

This year's performance will pay tribute to veterans of the Desert Storm conflict.

The choir will present music from the Desert Storm era, along with DJs who will play the top hits from 1989 to 1992.

Dinner will be catered by a Rockwall restaurant, with choir members serv-

ing as waiters and waitresses.

The students have spent several weeks studying Desert Storm in preparation for their USO tribute.

Jan Stonestreet, music director from the school, will serve as the show's director.

A limited number of tickets are available to the public at a cost of \$15 apiece. For reservations call Beth Migneault at 214-769-1489 or e-mail ticket requests to migfamily@earthlink.net.

Jones students donate teddy bears to THPR emergency room

For the second year, students at Jones Elementary School in Rockwall showed that they have big hearts when they donated 215 teddy bears to the emergency room at Texas Health Presbyterian Rockwall Hospital this past holiday season.

The teddy bears will be given to children when they are brought into the emergency room to help calm and distract them during a stressful situation.

The collection drive was also a contest for the students. The class that donated the most bears would win a pajama and pizza party.

Two classes tied for the most bears and spent Friday, Jan. 14 lounging in their jammies and enjoying a lunch of pizza, fruit and juice. Mrs. Brandy Hutchings first grade class and Mrs. Christy Strother's second grade class each donated 25 teddy bears to THPR. Jones Elementary School Principal Angela Marellus said the children "just love this event. They love doing something for other children."

On hand from THPR to thank the students for their generosity were THPR Emergency Room Director Tami Hawkins, RN; emergency room nurse Melody Knapps, RN; and Nikki Mutschler, THPR Director of Marketing.

Hawkins told the students that the teddy bears would be used to help children just like them.

"When children come in to the emergency room and they are hurt or sick, they are scared. We are strangers to them. The bears help calm them down. You've made a big difference," she said.

Hawkins said 215 is a lot of teddy bears, but the ER goes through them quickly and there is always a need for more bears.

"We go through them pretty quickly," she said. "We see a lot of young children and it makes a huge difference to a child that is hurt."

To organize a teddy bear drive for the THPR emergency room or other department at the hospital, contact Nikki Mutschler at 469-698-1518.



Students from Mrs. Christy Strother's second grade class and Mrs. Brandy Hutchings' first grade class at Jones Elementary School in Rockwall donated the most teddy bears to the Texas Health Presbyterian Rockwall Hospital emergency room during a school-wide contest in December and won a pajama/pizza party for their generosity. Each class donated 25 teddy bears, with the entire school donating a total of 215 bears. The bears will be given to hurt and sick children when they are brought to the THPR emergency room. Joining the students for the Friday, Jan. 14 party were (left to right at back) THPR emergency room nurse Melody Knapps, RN; Jennifer McQuiddy, Jones PTA Sunshine Chair and event coordinator and a THPR nurse; second grade teacher Christy Strother; first grade teacher Brandy Hutchings; Jones Elementary Principal Angela Marellus; and THPR Emergency Room Director Tami Hawkins, RN.

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Opinions

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

Mentoring is worth every minute

I first met Chuck (not his real name) when he was several weeks into the grade at Dobbs Elementary School. After several years of hesitation, reservations, a measure of uncertainty and no special skills, I had to be a mentor - whatever that was. Chuck would be my first "n" and I would be his first mentor.

Though Chuck is a sharp kid with lots of smarts and intellectually capable, he was failing one subject and grades in other subjects were marginal. He was rated unsatisfactory in his work habits. At home Chuck's parent mom reported that he was neglecting his chores and was often repetitive.

Recently, at about the mid-point of his sixth grade, Chuck has A's in all subjects but one and a B in that one. He has been advanced to the Pre-AP class. His work habits are rated excellent. And no recent negative reports from home. Sounds too good to be true and I'm sure there will be bumps in the road ahead. But change happens, and sometimes for the better.

What did I do? Nothing really. I just show up on schedule and try to show enough respect and concern to let Chuck know in advance when I will be there. We talk about what is going well and sometimes what might be better. Occasionally he has a bit of schoolwork and we always put that mostly I just watch - offering a bit of help occasionally. We work together to solve riddles and puzzles.

It is truly a pleasurable time I spend with this kid. It all happened because of the mentoring program. Sans that, I would never have known Chuck and he might still be performing marginally. It would be a terrible waste. At this point in my limited experience as a mentor, I'm not sure who gets the greater blessing - the mentor or the mentee. But somehow it seems to come together - sometimes magically.

There are presently 34 mentors serving at Dobbs Elementary and the district counselor tells me that they could easily use double that number. It is an opportunity to help some kid achieve his or her potential and build their self-esteem are there.

If you want to give yourself a really good treat, sign up and participate in the mentoring program. The ratio of rewards to time invested is higher than you'll ever dream.

Shirley Buie, Rotary mentor

EDITOR'S NOTE: January is National Mentoring Month. The Rotary District is currently in its 13th year of mentoring with the Rockwall Independent District. Although there are more than 100 mentors district-wide, more mentors are needed for the spring.

Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign launched

In the following weeks and months there will be a new "light" shed on

Rockwall and its residents. Women In Need has launched the Rockwall County Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign. This campaign will be most visible through a billboard on the service road of Interstate 30 and Horizon Road and will also include 15-second public service announcements prior to previews at the Harbor 12 Cinema.

This campaign has been created to increase the communities' awareness and knowledge about domestic violence and where to get help. The HHSC estimates that 1,130,164 Texas women were battered in 2008. (latest available statistics). As our community grows, so will the need for an infrastructure that will support and maintain free assistance for victims of family violence.

The second phase of this campaign will involve posters and palm cards and our website which will emphasize that everyone has the right to a healthy relationship, which will be located in supermarkets, pharmacies, hospitals, banks, schools and local businesses.

The third phase of this campaign will involve education programs for local schools, churches and businesses where facilitators will come in and present programs that encourage healthy relationships.

Finally, Women In Need will be planning a spring fundraiser in 2011 to raise money in an effort to continue to provide FREE services to clients in our community.

For more information about our free services or to get help please contact Women In Need-Rockwall 972-772-3000 or womeninneedtx.com

If you or your business would like to partner with Women In Need-Rockwall in our efforts to continue providing free services please contact Cheryl Weaver at 972-772-3000 or win.rockwall@gmail.com. Women In Need-Rockwall would love your support as a donor, sponsor or allowing us to be a beneficiary of your organization.

Cheryl Weaver, Community Education Coordinator, Women In Need-Rockwall (win.rockwall@gmail.com)

What about those double-line stripes?

Have you noticed the activity that our fine Rockwall Police Department has devoted to capturing the notorious violators of the double-white line when exiting Interstate 30 to Horizon Road and exiting the Interstate 30 at Wal-Mart?

Interesting how the undercover work of these officers to capture these acts of violations of the law works. Clever how they can quickly follow these predators into the Wal-Mart parking lot with lights flashing and siren on. Impressive how they hide in the Culpepper restaurant customer parking lot behind the cedar trees, scaring customers away in order to pursue these aggressive acts.

Guess that has to do with all the special training for terrorists and such that we taxpayers foot the cost for, but a common layman wouldn't know about. However, this is not to be critical of our fine police department. After all, if one is capable of crossing a double-white line, who knows what else they could do? They might even catch an illegal immigrant.

Lord forbid that anyone would suggest that the DOT intentionally set these extra-long double lines up that allow little room to move to their exit for after complaints to the DOT engineer that said the lines were OK, apparently they now agree for they have shortened the double lines at the Horizon Road exit now, but the Wal-Mart exit still needs attention.

Such a pity to think of the lost revenue, the extra time the justice of the peace will have, but worse yet if they remove the double-white lines this places a hardship on the officers for they will have to come up with another

clever way to get their quotas for the day. Now I must tell you that the use of the word quota is offensive and no longer correct. The new word is activities for the day required for evaluation.

The gesture of this letter is that if in fact the Rockwall Police Department is in fact a servant of the people that should be dedicated to the safety and welfare of the population then when an instance such as this, where multiple violations occur, a red flag or an alert of some nature should call attention to the areas involved and search for a safer way for the traffic to flow. There should be no problem for the DOT and police department to work together. If in fact you are dedicated to the safety of the general public as you should be, then the solution to the problem is not to raise revenue but to resolve the problem. Don't lose sight that you are a servant of the people and protector of their well-being and paid for with tax revenue from the property owners.

Here's a suggestion: How about devoting some attention to the out-of-state traffic - Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Michigan, New York, just to name a few that have little to no regard for our speed limits.

You won't have to hide to catch these violators.
Charles Godwin, Heath

A case of trash cans gone wild

The City of Rockwall officials' recent 5-1-1 decision to accept a waste agreement with Republic Services calls for residential garbage pickup to drop twice-weekly service to once weekly, for recycling pickup every other week and for the sanitation rate to increase \$1.36 per month. This is not acceptable.

It does seem that we are getting "less for more" as quoted by Councilperson David Sweet in the RCN page one article of January 7. Sweet also expressed concern for storage of the containers at his home saying "I had no room to store one cart, let alone two." Sweet's vote was the only dissenting one on the council.

This is the real concern. If you go to any area that has these containers in place, you will notice that they create a real eyesore. Residents have no place to store these oversized containers so they choose to leave them at the curb or alley for days after pick up and often, from one pickup day until the next. If they moved them, since the containers are so large the residents must leave them outside in side yard areas, place on front porches, or on the driveway outside the garage door on front and rear-entry garages or other areas not to obstruct parking of vehicles in their garages. They are easily seen from the street no matter where they are stored.

In my area, we do not have alleys so front pickup is our only option. Some residents fail to bring in their containers for days or at times from week to week. Storage and the unsightly appearance they give our neighborhoods is real. Are there ordinances and enforcement in place to correct this? Is the city prepared to educate and follow up on these problems? Are there smaller containers available?

I thought we were presented a survey about this on two separate occasions and we, as residents rejected it! Why are we being forced to accept something that we know is only good for Republic Services no matter what they tell us? This is not good for Rockwall and the many beautification efforts that have been made!

Concerned about the trash (... containers) at City Hall,
Gill Henson, Rockwall

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Our national motto: "In God We Trust"

Andrew Leonie

Are you sure you can say the Pledge of Allegiance by heart and don't stumble when you recite the phrase, "...one nation, under God..." But, do you know what our national motto is?

Forty-two members of Congress sent a letter to President Barack Obama two weeks ago chiding him for giving false information in his recent speech in Jakarta, Indonesia. In that speech Obama lauded the histories of Indonesia and America saying, "It is a story written into our national DNA. In the United States, our motto is 'E pluribus unum' - out of many, one. Our nations show that hundreds of millions who hold different beliefs can be united in freedom under one flag."

The only problem is, that as the congressmen pointed out, 'E pluribus unum' is not our national motto. By act of Congress and signed by President Eisenhower, "In God We Trust" was officially established as our national motto in 1956. But this phrase has been used as our national motto and placed on all our currency and coins since 1864. It also is referenced in our national anthem in the last stanza: "And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'"

But I'll bet you knew that. And I'll bet that you also know that in the United States we have 50 states, not 57, as our elite Harvard-educated president wrongly contended during his campaign.

It's enough to make you wonder: Is this president just ignorant or worse?

Back in 1782 'E pluribus unum' was approved as a component of the national great seal of the United States as a reference to the joining together of the 13 colonies into a single united nation. It was also approved for placement on our money where it still appears as part of the great seal.

In their letter to Obama, the congressmen also pointed out that on at least three occasions last fall he cited the Declaration of Independence phrase "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights," but failed to mention the word "creator" as the source of our rights. They said that, "Omitting the word 'creator' once was a mistake, but twice establishes a pattern.... By misrepresenting things as foundational as the Declaration of Independence and our national motto,

you are not only doing a disservice to the people you represent, you are casting aside an integral part of the American society."

If Obama and his secularizing minions succeed in purging the freedom of religion (noticeably not the freedom from religion) from our nations foundation, we will not only lose a fundamental characteristic of our national self-definition but will also begin a process of disintegration of all our rights and freedoms leading to a total destruction of our basis for national existence.

Yes, I believe it is that serious and significant. And I applaud the courage of our congressmen who sent that letter to the current president.

It was another president, born 100 years ago this year, Ronald Reagan, who warned us that, "If we ever forget that we're one nation under God then we will be a nation gone under."

Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived with his family in Rockwall County for over twenty years. The views expressed are his own.

Government Spies on Americans

Sheldon Richman

Most Americans seem detached from the U.S. government's military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, and elsewhere. U.S. forces not only engage in wanton killing and harsh treatment of prisoners, but also surveillance and other intelligence activities that might appall the American people if they were used at home.

Well, guess what: "Technologies and techniques honed for use on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan have migrated into the hands of law enforcement agencies in America?" writes the Washington Post in its continuing series, "Top Secret America."

The Post reports: "Nine years after the terrorist attacks of 2001, the United States is assembling a vast domestic intelligence apparatus to collect information on Americans, using the FBI, local police, state homeland security agencies and military criminal investigators."

The system, by far the largest and most technologically sophisticated in the nation's history, collects, stores and analyzes information about thousands of U.S. citizens and residents, many of whom have not been accused of any wrongdoing.

The government's goal is to have every state and local law enforcement agency in the country feed information to Washington to buttress the work of the FBI, which is in charge of terrorism investigations in the United States.

Had to say, this article has gotten little attention. Is it a matter of so little importance? Governments at all levels are united in a campaign to spy on Americans, gathering, analyzing, and storing data without probable cause and hardly anyone seems to care.

Have Americans become so docile that they roll over for anything rationalized as necessary in the "war on terror"? If so, they have abandoned the greatest virtues of early generations: suspicion of power. They might as well stop talking about liberty and individualism because it just a lot of

empty words now.

The Post reports, "The FBI is building a database with the names and certain personal information, such as employment history, of thousands of U.S. citizens and residents whom a local police officer or a fellow citizen believed to be acting suspiciously. It is accessible to an increasing number of local law enforcement and military criminal investigators, increasing concerns that it could somehow end up in the public domain." (Emphasis added.)

That sounds too much like what goes on under totalitarian regimes, in which the government keeps tabs on the population, encouraging everyone to spy on everyone else and provide tips on suspicious activity. How many people will end up in the database because someone who dislikes them reported them to the authorities? The Homeland Security Department's "See Something, Say Something" campaign is truly frightening. Do we want to be a nation of informants?

Don't think this has anything to do with "terrorism." The high volume of information flowing into the government's computers will actually render law-enforcement agencies less able to detect real threats. Indiscriminate gathering of data makes us less, not more, safe.

We shouldn't be so naive as to think these new data-gathering powers won't be used even when the authorities know there is no threat. The Post says that "state reports have sometimes inappropriately reported on lawful meetings." That should surprise no one. Give government the power to spy on bad guys, and it will spy on anyone it feels like. Betting against that is like betting the sun won't come up tomorrow.

Of course, government officials say only real threats are the target of surveillance. Notice that the war party was wrong when it said that "fighting them over there" would mean we won't have to "fight them over here." In fact, fighting over there is what brought the threat here. But now we're told that home-grown "terrorism" is the new big danger. There is

much reason for skepticism: The alleged plots exposed by the FBI seem to have been hatched by the FBI's own informants. If the FBI has to furnish a "suspect" with phony explosives before arresting him, what threat was really involved? Such cases should sicken every American. Government agents should not be giving security tests to individuals and arresting them if they fail.

But apparently in this age of the "war on terror" anything goes. Does anybody care?

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

From the American Declaration of Independence:

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

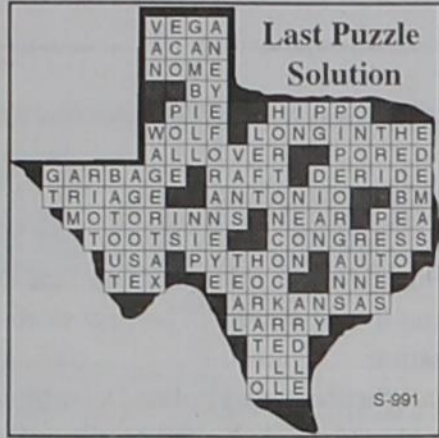
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

Warning:

Elected and appointed government officials ignoring or violating our constitutionally guaranteed rights do so at the risk of being removed from office.

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Preschool Clubhouse events begin Feb. 16



The City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Preschool Clubhouse program will begin Feb. 16. Preschool Clubhouse is a parent-child program open to parents and their children ages 2 to 5.

Fifteen classes featuring developmentally appropriate activities such as music, art, nature, sports, story times and physical activity are offered.

Parents may select one of two enrollment options: a five-session punch card,

which allows participants to select any five of the sessions, or the full 15-session enrollment.

Scheduled activities, all of which begin at 10 a.m., include:

- Story Time, Feb. 16
- Puppet Theatre, Feb. 21
- Art Zone, Feb. 28
- Story Time, March 2
- Musical Minds, March 7
- Little Chefs, March 14
- Story Time, March 16

- Krafty Kids, March 21
- Li'l Nature Explorers, March 28
- Story Time, March 30
- Kids Safety Day, April 1
- Sports Sampler, April 11
- Story Time, April 13
- Animal Exploration, April 18
- Biome House Extravaganza, April 25

Cost for the five-session punch card is \$50 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. Cost for all session is \$80 for

residents, \$120 for non-residents.

For more information on the program or to register, call 972-771-7740, go by

The Center, 108 E. Washington, or in the registration form located in the city's Fun Guide publication.

Locals receive Baylor degree

Several local residents were among the 800 graduates who received degrees during fall commencement exercises on the Baylor University campus in December. New degree holders included Elizabeth Caitlin Brewer of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in biology; Oscar Antonio Perales of Royse City, master's degree in education, curriculum and instruction; and Heath residents Rachael Ann Eddy, a bachelor's degree in arts, communication sciences and disorders, and Joshua James Luxa, bachelor's degree in neuroscience.

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TO: STEPHEN ANTHONY WARREN, ADDRESS UNKNOWN

CAUSE NO. 1-03-498
GREETINGS:
"YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. THE PETITION TO MODIFY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, was filed in the 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, on JANUARY 11, 2011, against STEPHEN ANTHONY WARREN, numbered 1-03-498, and entitled IN THE INTEREST OF SAVANNAH GRACE WARREN AND AMELIA FAITH WARREN, CHILDREN. The date and place of birth of the child (children) who is (are) the subject of this suit: SAVANNAH GRACE WARREN, 02/19/2001, DALLAS, TEXAS, AMELIA FAITH WARREN, 04/26/2002, DALLAS, TEXAS. The Court has the authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the

child's (children) adoption. Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Rockwall, Texas, this 11th day of January, 2011.
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in a grocery or convenience store. For the County of Rockwall, City of Rockwall, Texas, by Glenda Denton, the Rockwall County Elections Administrator.

Notice of Intent to Apply for Petition

Karl Butler is applying to gather signatures for the local option election TABC #9 "The legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants, food and beverage certificate holders only." Beer, wine and distilled spirits only in a restaurant, for the County of Rockwall, City of Rockwall, Texas, that will be filed with Glenda Denton, the Rockwall County Elections Administrator.

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Notice of Intent to Apply for Petition

Karl Butler is applying to gather signatures for the local option election TABC #3 "The legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only." Beer, malt liquor and wine

Help Wanted

Head Teller - Rockwall bank; looking for experienced head teller with supervisory experience, knowledgeable of BSA and security regulations; submit resume to Lakeside National Bank, ATTN: Bill, PO Box 9, Rockwall TX 75087 or email bforbus@LNBrockwall.com

Part-time telephone/clerical support at Rockwall bank; 10:00-2:00 M-F; requires good customer service skills; email resume to bforbus@lnbrockwall.com or mail to LNB, PO Box 9, Rockwall TX 75087.

in Middle School B Team points during the game by Carl McClung/R...

Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, February 4, 2011, until the hour of 3:30 PM, for the following project:

Squabble Creek to Buffalo Creek Wastewater Basin Transfer - Section IV

The project includes approximately: 8,520 LF 30" PVC WW Force Main by Open Cut, 527 LF 30" PVC WW Force Main by Open Cut With Concrete Encasement and Cement Stabilized Backfill, 319 LF 30" PVC WW Force Main by Other Than Open Cut w/No Encasement, 317 LF 30" PVC WW Force Main by Other Than Open Cut w/Steel Encasement, 2 Sewage Air and Vacuum Valve Assemblies, 24,207 SY Grass Sod, 24,207 SY Hydromulch Seeding and other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked: **Squabble Creek to Buffalo Creek Wastewater Basin Transfer - Section IV.**

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 150 Calendar Days, NO DAYS EXCEPTED. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

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Rockwall County Sports

HCA wins district opener

Heritage Christian Academy lost two of three games in last weekend's Crusader Classic at Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy, but may have found their game.

The progress the Eagles showed in the second half of Saturday's game carried over as they won their district opener Tuesday at Greenville Christian School 57-36.

At Tyler Street, HCA had lost 48-40 to Dallas Academy in the first round Thursday, Jan. 6, then defeated the Tyler Street junior varsity 57-43 the next day to advance to Saturday's consolation final against Lucas Christian Academy.

Lucas led 12-10 after the first quarter, but dominated the second quarter. The Warriors scored that quarter's final eight points to go ahead 39-22 at halftime.

The Eagles' press paid dividends in the second half. They took advantage of seven turnovers to outscore Lucas 20-7 in the third quarter to reduce the deficit to 46-42.

HCA made it all the way back when Garrett Blankenship hit a 3-point shot for a 55-54 lead with a minute and 56 seconds remaining. His foul shot put the Eagles back ahead 57-56 with a foul shot with 43 seconds to play, but the Warriors ran off the final five points to win 61-57.

Heritage Christian head coach Don McEvoy said, "It took us a while to get our legs under us after taking 3 weeks off for finals and the holidays and a mission trip. In the second half, we finally got back to playing the way we were before the break."

The Eagles' leaders against Lucas were Aaron Mateer with 16 points, nine rebounds and five assists; Andrew Waters with 11 points and two blocked shots, and Quincy Terrell and Preston Smalley with three assists apiece.

Waters scored 21 points and Terrell added 10 at Greenville. HCA (6-5 overall, 1-0 in the district) broke away from a 13-11 first-quarter lead to go ahead 29-16 at halftime, and continued to build that lead.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	14	10	15	18	57
Tyler St. JV	4	11	11	17	43

HCA (5-4) – Andrew Waters 20, Preston Smalley 10, Quincy Terrell 8, Eric Tamez 6, Asa Burke 4, Cameron Westmoreland 3, Garrett Blankenship 2, Aaron Mateer 2, Nathan Mateer 2.

Tyler Street Christian JV (N/A) – Titus Hunt 23, Marvin Taylor 9, Meech Bolton 6, Zach Barnietos 3, Okown Osul 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	10	12	20	15	57
Lucas	12	27	7	15	61

HCA (5-5) – Aaron Mateer 16, Andrew Waters 11, Quincy Terrell 9, Garrett Blankenship 8, Preston Smalley 6, Asa Burke 5, Nathan Mateer 2.

Lucas Christian (N/A, 0-1) – Jordan Brooks 20, Andrew Wombaker 7, Will Martens 4, Net Vargas 3, Jake Brooks 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	13	16	14	14	57
Greenville	11	5	9	11	36

HCA (6-5, 1-0) – Andrew Waters 21, Quincy Terrell 10, Aaron Mateer 8, Caleb Cathey 5, Asa Burke 4, Preston Smalley 4, Garrett Blankenship 3, Nathan Mateer 2.

Greenville Christian (N/A, 0-1) – Jordan Brooks 20, Andrew Wombaker 7, Will Martens 4, Net Vargas 3, Jake Brooks 2.

Lady Warriors defeat Lucas

The Rockwall Christian Academy girls' basketball team won 33-23 at Lucas Christian Academy Thursday, Jan. 6.

The Lady Warriors led 12-8 after the first quarter, and Lucas didn't catch up. RCA held the home team to a single point in the fourth quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	12	7	8	6	33
Lucas	8	6	8	1	23

RHHS loses twice with up-and-down offense

Rockwall-Heath played its best offensive game in weeks, but the Lady Hawks' usually reliable defense couldn't stop Wylie's taller basketball team Friday, Jan. 7.

The Lady Pirates out-rebounded RHHS and took 31 foul shots to the Lady Hawks' 12 in a 56-41 victory.

Sparkling Rockwall-Heath's rejuvenated offense were Aly Coughlin and Brooke Eddy with 11 points apiece.

The Lady Hawks' offense stalled again Tuesday in the first half of a 48-34 loss at Highland Park.

They scored just two points in the first quarter and trailed at halftime 31-9. RHHS' 25-17 scoring advantage in the second half was hardly enough for the Lady Hawks to catch up.

"There seemed to be a lid on the basket," said Rockwall-Heath head coach Devin Gabbard. "We missed a lot of layups and easy baskets. We didn't match their intensity in the first half. The second half we came out to play and had cut the lead to eight with 6 minutes to play, but just ran out of energy."

Coughlin had a team-high 12 points against the Lady Scots.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Wylie	12	12	17	15	56
RHHS	10	8	12	11	41

Wylie (12-10, 3-2) – Mary Fisayo 14, Makaila Jordan 14, Colby Davis 13, Sydney Whitworth 10, Jo. Finch 2, S. Stewart 2, Kayla Walton 1.

RHHS (7-15, 1-4) – Aly Coughlin 11, Brooke Eddy 11, Brianna Richardson 8, Jordan Mitchell 5, McKenzie White 4, Willette Rankin 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	2	7	13	12	34
Highland Park	12	19	12	5	48

RHHS (7-16, 1-5) – Aly Coughlin 12, Brooke Eddy 9, McKenzie White 4, April Brown 2, Brittany Huggett 2, Kenzie Mammeli 2, Jordan Mitchell 2, Willette Rankin 1.

Highland Park (10-10, 3-3) – Kaitlyn Reed 12, Haylee Anigian-Rios 9, Amanda Goodwin 6, Sydney McDaniel 6, Libby Ethington 4, Courtney Klingaman 4, Savannah Taylor 3, Alex Reynolds 2, Savannah Smart 2.

Fulton sets another record for wins

The big year for The Fulton School's athletic teams continues.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, the Falcons defeated McKinney Cornerstone Christian Academy 53-31 for their seventh boys' basketball victory this season. That broke the Fulton season record of six. The Falcons' football team also set a season record with five wins last fall. That team and the first-year middle school girls' volleyball team both qualified for the playoffs.

After the TAPPS District 2-1A win over Cornerstone, the Falcons defeated two other district opponents, Denton The Selwyn School 55-34 on Friday and Irving StoneGate Christian Academy 72-26 Tuesday, to stretch their winning streak to three games. Fulton's defense held Selwyn to 27 per cent field goal shooting, including 0-for-8 on 3-point shots.

The win over StoneGate improved Fulton's overall record to 9-3 (7-1 in the district). Tim Borgen led the Falcons with 21 points, and had help from Harrison Cleek's 18 and Dylan Leverett's 17.

Before the winning streak, Fulton had lost a non-district game against Dallas Lakehill Prep Jan. 11.

Fulton faces a tough test in a district game at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy at the Forney Sports Center.



Conner Geiser (11) drives in for a Hawks' basket during Tuesday's game against J.J. Pearce. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

RHS' chilled soccer players to open season

Coming off a successful, but abbreviated, series of scrimmages, the Rockwall High School soccer teams begin their weekend in tournaments.

The RHS boys will play first, with a 7 p.m. game Thursday against Paris North Lamar in the Dr. Pepper Cup at the Center Street field in Sherman. The Rockwall girls' first game will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Sachse at the Carrollton Creekview Tournament.

Both RHS teams had scrimmages canceled Tuesday because of snow and cold weather.

The Yellowjackets' varsity and junior varsity boys won four of five scrimmages. Against Dallas Conrad, the varsity won 1-0, with Matt Bonfante scoring on an assist from Kyle Crawford. For the JV team, Grant Norris scored the only goal, with Michael Dawe assisting, in a 2-1 loss.

Against Denton Guyer, the Jackets' varsity had another shutout, with Crawford and Tapp Hazel scoring in a 2-0 victory. Rockwall fielded two junior varsity teams, playing without any substitutes, and both teams won. The JV1 team won 3-0 with Jordan Ackerson scoring two goals and Jeff Immon one, and Mitch Watkins recording the shutout. Brandon Wooten and Cooper Feste scored in JV2's 2-1 victory.

The Lady Jackets teams had three wins and a tie to show for their four scrimmages. The junior varsity defeated both Richland Monday and Mesquite Horn Friday. RHS' varsity defeated Horn 1-0 after tying Richland 1-1. Shelby Soldat scored against Horn, and Nicole Salom vs. Richland. Both opponents are 5A schools.

Rockwall made the deepest advance into the 4A playoffs in its history last year, and are looking forward to another successful season.

Bulldogs, Gomez score big wins

The Roysse City boys' basketball team took its first District 13-4A victory Friday, Jan. 7, winning at home 45-41 over Denison.

George Gomez, the Bulldogs' second-highest scorer in that game with eight points, had scored a larger victory. He was chosen for a \$7,500 scholarship from the Avery Air Invitational holiday tournament.

One player from each school was awarded a far more modest scholarship, with one player selected to win the major scholarship. The tournament committee chose Gomez.

The difference in RC's game against the Yellowjackets turned out to be the Bulldogs' 8-4 second-quarter advantage. The teams played even over the other three periods. Trey Bowers led the 'Dawgs with 13 points.

Roysse City, which moved to 13-4A this season, improved to 1-2 in the district.

That record fell to 1-3 Tuesday when Sherman rallied to win a see-saw game 68-64 over the Bulldogs.

Playing at home, the Bearcats took an 18-14 lead after the first quarter, and stretched it to 36-25 at halftime. RC exploded to outscore Sherman 25-10 in the third quarter to go ahead 50-46, but the 'Cats came back for a 22-14 fourth-quarter advantage.

Bowers and David Frye each scored 17 points for Roysse City, with Matt Stone adding 12.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Denison	11	4	12	14	41
RCHS	12	8	11	14	45

Denison (N/A) – Daniel Batey 15, Austin Ross 8, James Smith 8, Mark Love 6, Clifton Jackson 3, John Bassett 1.

Roysse City (9-10, 1-2) – Trey Bowers 13, George Gomez 8, David Frye 8, Jamie Briceño 6, Matt Stone 6, Alex Williams 2, Bryan Wyrick 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	11	14	25	14	64
Sherman	18	10	22	68	

RCHS (9-11, 1-3) – Trey Bowers 17, David Frye 17, Matt Stone 12, Bryan Wyrick 7, George Gomez 6, Alex Williams 3, Michael Webb 2.

Sherman (8-14, 2-2) – Quinn Hayden 26, Dane Osterman 19, Deandre Dorsey 11, Andrew Hightower 5, Griffin Papaila 5, Tory Minor 2.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Youth Soccer registration under way

Early registration for the YMCA Youth Soccer program will run through Jan. 31. Practices begin Feb. 21; games start March 5 and will run for eight weeks. Small-Fry Soccer, for 3-year-olds, will play/practice each Wednesday beginning March 23. All players in Youth and Small-Fry will receive participation medals at the end of the season. Cost is \$30 for a family member, \$75 for activity member; fees increase by \$15 on Feb. 1. Financial assistance is available. Registration must be done by parent or guardian in person at the YMC, 1210 N. Goliad. For more information visit rockwallymca.org.

Baseball sign-ups ongoing

The Rockwall Baseball Association is taking online sign-ups. Walk-up registration will be Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. To register or for more details visit rockwallbaseballassociation.com.

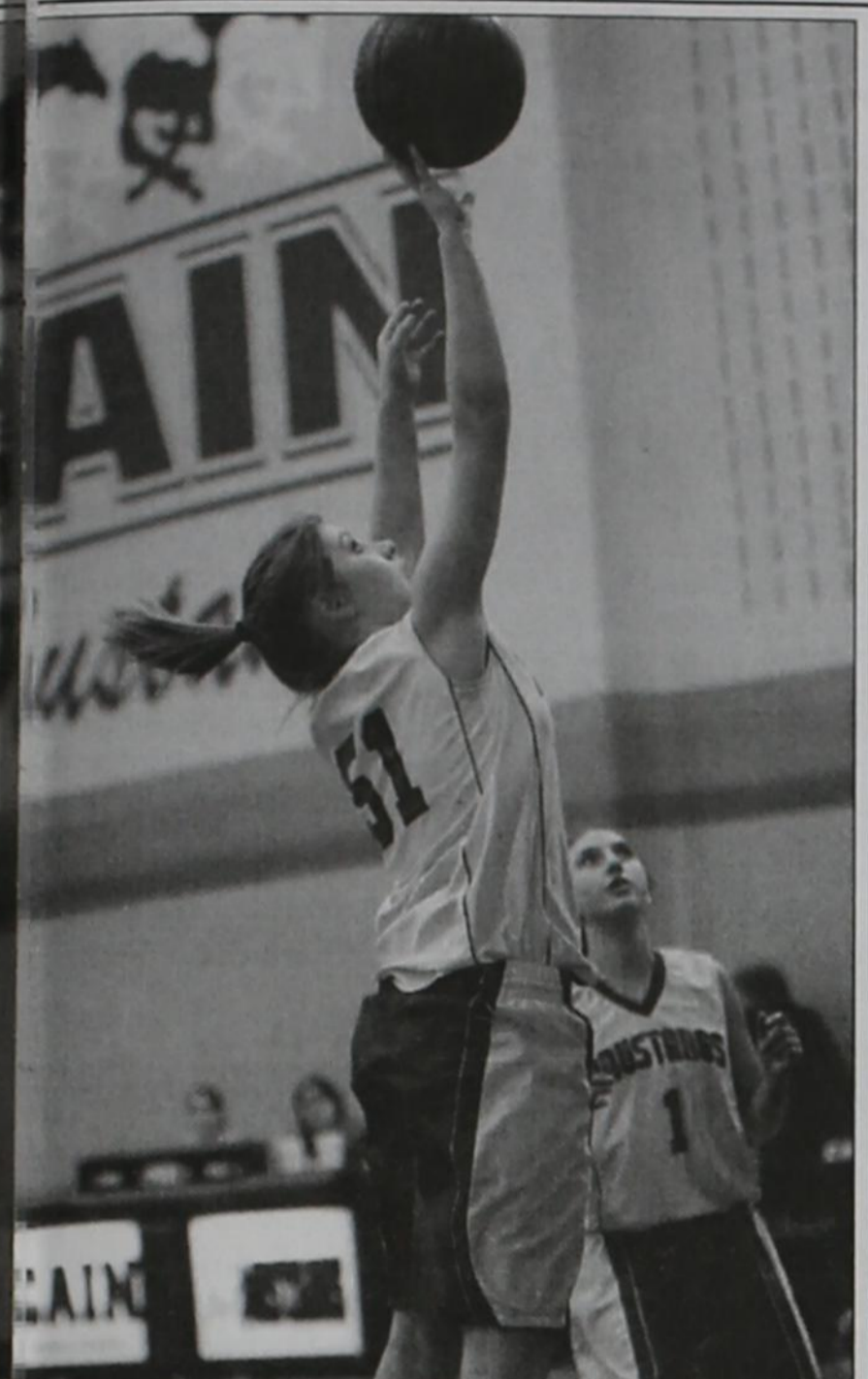
Softball registration under way

Sign-ups for the Rockwall Girls Softball Association will run through Feb. 28. To register, visit rockwallgirlssoftball.com or call 972-841-2939 for more details.

Softball tourney slated Feb. 19

The Texas 6 Shooter Softball Tournament, a six-game guarantee tourney, will take place Feb. 19 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Divisions offered will include men's, men's church, co-red and church co-red. USSSA rules will apply. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

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Rockwall Middle School B Team's Kylie McClung puts up two of her 15 points during the game against McMillan MS. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



Wante Crawford (30) jumps for a Yellow Jackets' basket against J.J. Pearce. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

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3 _____ town in Texas or Alaska

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9 _____ tooth" (aging)

10 TXism: "_____ but the shouting"

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13 TX college student

14 _____ spring event: "River _____ Race"

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18 _____ TX Mandrell (init.)

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2 "echo" south of the border

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4 TX rancher Norris '81 film (4 wds.)

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7 _____ built

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21 TXism: "costs an _____ and a leg"

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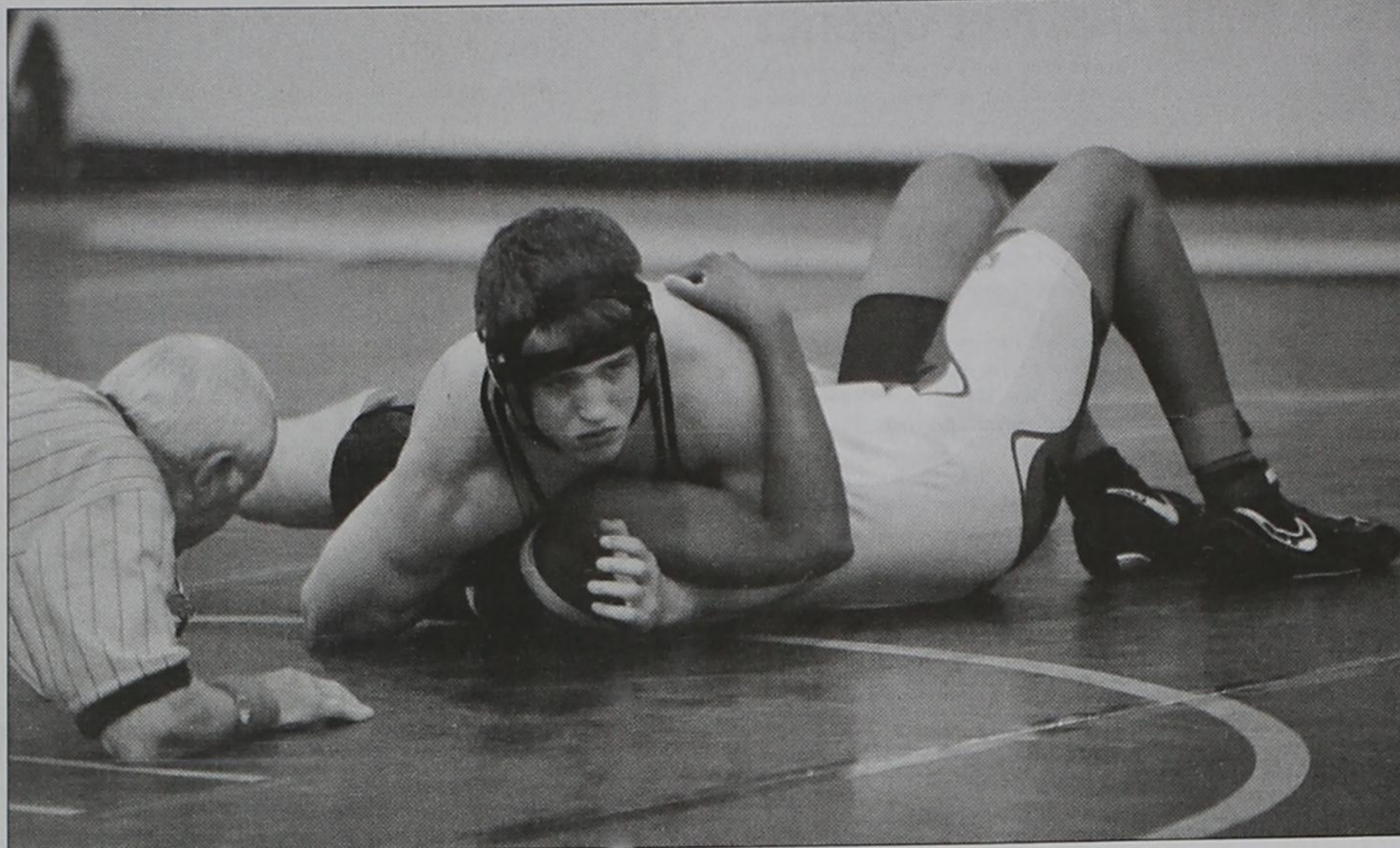
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33 TXism: "loose as _____"

34 _____ artist: H.S. Mc _____

35 _____ Rangers beat this team in '10 ALCS

Rockwall County Sports



Yellow Jackets' Junior, Michael Basinger, wins by fall in the 171lb class, against a Colleyville wrestler, last week at Rockwall.
Photo by Bill Carter/Rockwall County News

Eagles unbeaten in district before RCA showdown

One rally fell short, but the next was successful as the Heritage Christian Academy boys' basketball team split two games last week. More important, the victory was in a TAPPS District 4-2A game, leaving Eagles undefeated (2-0) in the district and tied with Rockwall Christian Academy for first place in the district. The Eagles will host RCA Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo.

On Friday, Jan. 14, the visiting Gainesville Red River Christian Home School defeated a 49-36 lead after three quarters. HCA came back to outscore the Raiders 15-11 in the fourth quarter, but that wasn't enough in a 60-51 loss.

The Eagles' defense couldn't stop Red River's Colby Norman, who scored a game-high 30 points. Quincy Terrell led Heritage with 20 points and 11 rebounds, and tied for the team lead with two assists and a steal. Andrew Waters had 10 points for HCA.

Tuesday's opponent, the Longview Trinity School of Texas, also led after the quarters. However, that was a slim 36-35 lead, and Heritage Christian was able to come back for a 44-22 victory.

Andrew Waters paced the Eagles with a game-high 23 points.

Gainesville Red River Chr.	1-0	0-0
Rockwall Heritage Christian	6-6	1-0

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Red River	10	12	14	16	60
HCA	14	14	15	15	51

Gainesville Red River Christian Home School (11-4) – Colby Norman 30, Daniel Hoffman 12, Trent Harvey 6, Andrew Flowers 4, Alec Hilliard 4, Jo Jo Wingo 4.

HCA (6-6) – Quincy Terrell 20, Andrew Waters 10, Preston Smalley 8, Nathaniel Mateer 6, Aaron Mateer 4, Eric Tamez 2, Asa Burke 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Trinity	13	8	15	6	42
HCA	14	8	13	9	44

Longview Trinity School of Texas (N/A) – Smith Houston 14, Joe Caruso 8, Rahman Mohammed 8, Rassoull Mohammed 8, Bret Levy 2.

HCA (7-6, 2-0) – Andrew Waters 23, Quincy Terrell 8, Caleb Cathey 5, Eric Tamez 4, Garrett Blankenship 2, Aaron Mateer 2.

Warriors on 6-game roll, win 1st 2 in district

Rockwall Christian Academy started slowly when it opened TAPPS District 4-2A boys' basketball play, but came away with victories in its first two district games.

The Warriors won all three of their games last week to stretch their overall winning streak to six games. After beginning the season 3-9, they're now 9-9.

On Friday, Jan. 14, visiting Christian Heritage School of Longview took 22-13 first-quarter lead over RCA. The Warriors pulled within two points at halftime, 36-34, but took off in the second half to win 72-60.

Grant Jensen led Rockwall Christian with 27 points. Raymon Stewart added 22 and Carl Clewis had 12.

The next day, the Warriors again started slowly in a non-district game against the Dallas Home School Athletic Association South. The game at RCA was a 19-19 after the first quarter, but Rockwall Christian went ahead 37-28 at halftime and went on to win 77-57.

Stewart scored 22 points, Clewis 17, Jensen 13 and Aaron Eastin 12 in Warriors' second victory over HSAA this month.

RCA returned to district play Tuesday at Greenville Christian. The Warriors were in control throughout their 62-36 victory. Jensen scored 20 points and Stewart added 12. Rockwall Christian and Heritage Christian Academy are tied for first place in the district.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Christian Heritage	22	14	10	14	60
RCA	13	21	24	14	72

Christian Heritage School of Longview (N/A, 0-1) – Godsey 23, Jones 12, Gamble 10, Nelson 8, Shaw 2, Upchurch 2.

RCA (7-9, 1-0) – Grant Jensen 27, Raymon Stewart 22, Carl Clewis 12, Aaron Eastin 9, Eric Wright 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HSAA	19	9	12	17	57
RCA	19	18	30	10	77

Dallas Home School Athletic Association South (N/A) – Cooper Kelemen 17, Nathan Price 17, Sage Del Sol 6, Stephen Zimmerman 4, Matthew Tadyszak 3, Daniel Price 2, Dedin Williams 2.

RCA (8-9) – Raymon Stewart 22, Carl Clewis 17, Grant Jensen 13, Aaron Eastin 12, Justo Garcia 5, Daniel Rorie 3, Eric Wright 3, Joey Rousset 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	18	17	12	15	62
Greenville Christian	6	6	11	13	36

RCA (9-9, 2-0) – Grant Jensen 20, Raymon Stewart 12, Daniel Rorie 7, Aaron Eastin 6, Colton Jones 6, Eric Wright 3, Carl Clewis 2, Justo Garcia 2, Justo Robison 2, Joey Rousset 2.

Greenville Christian School (N/A, 0-2) – Kelton Pitts 20, T. Barnes 6, Joel Henderson 3, A.J. Uland 3, Jake Brooks 2, Andrew Wombaker 2.

Lady Hawks win twice, pull closer to playoff position

By Lary Bump

After winning only one of its first six District 10-4A games, the Rockwall Lady Hawks did that with offense. In their nine victories, not one of their opponents scored more than 38 points. However, in just two of those wins did they score more than the 40 points they put on the board in a 40-20 home victory over Wylie East Friday, Jan. 14.

Even in that game points didn't come easily for RHHS, which has scored 4 or more points in just seven of its 25 games.

Unofficially, Rockwall-Heath held the Lady Raiders to 25 per cent field goal shooting (9-for-36), but the Lady Hawks' shooting was even colder: 11-for-50 or 21 per cent.

"We can play defense; we just can't score," said RHHS head coach Devin Gabbard. "And when you're playing a team that's not real good, the longer you leave them in the game, the more they think they have a chance to win."

Rockwall-Heath never trailed in the game. The Lady Hawks scored the first seven points, and stretched their lead to 24-14 midway through the third quarter. Then East's Maya Minter scored 8 of her game-high 13 points to pull her team within two points, 26-24, entering the fourth quarter.

The Lady Raiders had chances to tie the score, but RHHS went on a 9-0 run to begin the fourth quarter. The home team had made just 6 of 14 foul shots in the first three quarters, and missed six more in the last eight minutes. The Lady Hawks also made 10 foul shots down the stretch.

Gabbard said, "Free-throw shooting is something we've focused on."

Brianna Richardson led RHHS with 10 points. Her seven rebounds also tied for the team lead with Brooke Eddy, who also stole the ball three times and blocked two shots.

Gabbard also singled out sophomore Jordan Mitchell, who scored all six of her points in the first half. "She was a key for us in the first half, but she ran out of gas in the second half. She hurt her ankle last week."

On Tuesday, for the second time in a row, the Lady Hawks pulled off a comeback victory to defeat Richardson Park. After trailing 18-13 at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Hawks rallied to win 56-40. Eddy led Rockwall-Heath with 14 points and 11 rebounds. She also pulled RHHS to 3-5 in District 10-4A, behind fourth-place Wylie East.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	11	8	11	8	38
Rockwall-Heath	14	4	7	8	33

Rockwall-Heath (9-16, 3-5) – Brooke Eddy 14, Brianna Richardson 10, Maya Minter 8, Jordan Mitchell 6, Elizabeth Backlund 4.

Rockwall County Sports Schedule

The Fulton School Falcons

Friday, Jan. 21 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – Boys' basketball: at Brownwood Victory Life Academy, 6 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Friday, Jan. 21 – Middle school basketball: home vs. Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.

Varsity basketball: home vs. Rockwall Christian Academy, RISE, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – Boys' varsity basketball: at Christian Heritage School of Longview, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 – Varsity basketball: home vs. Greenville Christian School, RISE, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Friday, Jan. 21 – Varsity basketball: at Heritage Christian Academy, RISE, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 24 – Middle school basketball: at DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal School, girls' B 4 p.m., boys' B 5 p.m., girls' A 6 p.m. and boys' A 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – Basketball: at Longview Trinity School of Texas, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27 – Middle school basketball: home vs. Sherman Texoma Christian School, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 – Basketball: at Dallas Thunder, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, Jan. 21 – Varsity girls' soccer: vs. JV wrestling: at Round Rock Girls' Tournament, Dragon Stadium, at Round Rock 10 a.m. and vs. Dripping Springs, 6 p.m.

JV boys' soccer: vs. Mesquite Poteet at Garland ISD Tournament, Garland Naaman Forest, 11:30 a.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Mesquite Poteet at Garland ISD Tournament, Williams Stadium, 1:15 p.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Wylie, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22 – Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Richardson Pearce at Garland Invitational, Williams Stadium, 8 a.m.

JV boys' soccer: vs. Richardson Pearce at Garland Invitational, Rowlett, 8 a.m.

Varsity wrestling: at Titan Invitational, Garland Lakeview Centennial, 9 a.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Highland Park at Round Rock Girls' Tournament, Dragon Stadium, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – JV tennis: at Lamar Viking Invitational, Arlington Lamar, 9 a.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Little Elm, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Longview, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at McKinney, Freshman A 5:30, JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 – Varsity tennis: home vs. Kaufman, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27 – Gymnastics: home vs. Highland Park, Bryan and Hurst L.D. Bell, noon

Wrestling: home vs. Highland Park, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 – Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Wylie East, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, Cain Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Wylie East, Wylie High School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29 – Swimming: home for District 13-4A meet, Rockwall Aquatic Center

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Jan. 21 – JV boys' soccer: at Garland Naaman Forest in Garland Invitational, 1:15 p.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Garland Naaman Forest at Garland Invitational, Williams Stadium, 3 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Burleson Centennial, Freshman Black 5 p.m. and JV Black 6:30 p.m.

Freshman Red girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Cain Middle School, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: at McKinney, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling: at Dallas Jesuit Invitational, 6 p.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: at Lovejoy Tournament

Saturday, Jan. 22 – Wrestling: at Dallas Jesuit Invitational, 9 a.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: vs. North Garland at Garland Invitational, Williams Stadium, 10 a.m.

JV boys' soccer: vs. North Garland at Garland Invitational, Sachse, 10 a.m.

Varsity powerlifting: at Royse City Meet

Varsity girls' soccer: at Lovejoy Tournament

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – Freshman Red girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney North, Cain Middle School, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. West Mesquite, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Mesquite Poteet, Mesquite Memorial Stadium, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney North, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity boys' basketball: at McKinney North, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 – JV powerlifting: home vs. Royse City

Thursday, Jan. 27 – Wrestling: home vs. Plano, Senior Night, 6 p.m.

Gymnastics: Optionals at Saginaw, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 – Girls' basketball: at Rockwall, JV Black 4:30 p.m., JV Red 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall, Cain Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Royse City, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Rockwall, Utley Middle School, Red 5:30 p.m. and Black 7 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Royse City, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 29 – Swimming: home for District 13-4A meet, Rockwall Aquatic Center

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Jan. 21 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Lindale, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – Varsity girls' soccer: home vs. South Garland, 4 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. Texarkana Texas, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Texarkana Texas, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Dallas Conrad, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27 – Middle school girls' basketball: home vs. Greenville 4:30 p.m.

Middle school girls' basketball: at Greenville, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 – Girls' soccer: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Rockwall-Heath, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Middle school boys' basketball: 7th and 8th grade at A and B tournaments

Middle school girls' basketball: 7th and 8th grade at A and B tournaments

Saturday, Jan. 29 – Middle school boys' basketball: 7th and 8th grade at A and B tournaments

Middle school girls' basketball: 7th and 8th grade at A and B tournaments

Cain Middle School Mustangs

Monday, Jan. 24 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Utley, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade girls' basketball: at Utley, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics: Levels 5/6 with Williams and Keller ISD at Utley, Rockwall High School, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Utley, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' basketball: at Utley, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 – 8th grade boys' basketball: at B Tournament, Wylie McMillan

8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Williams

7th grade boys' basketball: at B Tournament, at Wylie Cooper

7th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Utley

Utley Middle School Wolves

Monday, Jan. 24 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade boys' basketball: at Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics: Levels 5/6 home vs. Cain, Williams and Keller ISD, Rockwall High School, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27 – 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade girls' basketball: at Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 – 8th grade boys' basketball: at B Tournament, Wylie McMillan

8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Williams

7th grade boys' basketball: at B Tournament, at Wylie Cooper

7th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Utley

Williams Middle School Wildcats

Monday, Jan. 24 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics: Levels 5/6 with Cain and Keller ISD at Utley, Rockwall High School, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27 – 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade girls' basketball: at Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home for B Tournament

8th grade boys' basketball: at B Tournament, Wylie McMillan

7th grade boys' basketball: at B Tournament, at Wylie Cooper

7th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek

Friday, Jan. 28 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home for B Tournament

8th grade boys' basketball: at B Tournament, Wylie McMillan

7th grade boys' basketball: at B Tournament, at Wylie Cooper

7th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Utley

Rockwall County Sports

Lady Jackets turn up offense in 2 wins

Rockwall has built a top-notch girls' basketball program on a rock-solid defense. After some anxious weeks this season, the Lady Jackets' offense also has come to life. They have scored 60 or more points in each of their last four games to stretch their current winning streak to five games.

During the past week, they have defeated District 10-4A rivals Richardson 68-28 and Highland Park 64-15.

RHS was dependent on 6-foot-1 center Alyssa Lang for much of its scoring early this season. Lang scored 19 points at Pearce Friday, Jan. 12 at home vs. HP Tuesday.

The difference was that three other Lady Jackets averaged more than 10 points per game in those two contests: Hannah Hughes 14.0 and Paige Turner and Kayla Smith both 12.0. They all averaged between 11 and 13 points during the winning streak.

Rockwall's defense hasn't disappeared. RHS has allowed barely 30 points per game during the streak, owing their season defensive average to 38.1.

The combination of play at both ends of the court has helped the Lady Jackets to a 22-6 overall record, 7-1 in District 10-4A. Rockwall is tied for first in the district lead with McKinney, which will be RHS' opponent on the road Tuesday. The Lionettes rallied to win 35-33 at Rockwall the first time the teams met this season.

Against Pearce, Lang had 19 points and 10 rebounds, about two more than her season average. Turner contributed 10 points. The Lady Jackets held a 34-20 scoring advantage in each half. A season-high nine players scored for Rockwall.

The game against Highland Park didn't start out even that well for the visitors. RHS took a 20-2 first-quarter lead on the way to a 37-17 halftime margin over the Lady Scots.

Tuesday's game, Hughes was the leader with 19 points, followed by Turner with 16, Turner with 13 and Lang with 12.

Rockwall's junior varsity and freshman A teams also defeated both opponents to improve to 21-1 and 8-0. Key player Pirkey scored 14 points in the district-leading JV's 46-30 victory over HP. The freshmen, tied for first in the 7-1 district record, won over Pearce 40-13 and defeated Highland Park 38-30 with Alleah Austin scoring 12 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
vs. Pearce	17	17	13	21	68
vs. HP	7	4	10	28	

(21-6, 6-1) - Alyssa Lang 19, Paige Turner 11, Hannah Hughes 9, Kayla Smith 8, Morghen Day 7, Lacey Smith 5, Mariah Roof 5, Lacie LaRock 3, Ellen Ball 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
vs. Highland Park	2	15	8	10	35
vs. HP	20	17	14	13	64

(10-12, 3-5) - Kaitlyn Read 8, Haylee Anigian-Rios 7, Libby Elkington 7, Savannah Taylor 5, Savannah Smartt 4, Sydney McDaniel 2, Alex Reynolds 2.

(22-6, 7-1) - Hannah Hughes 19, Kayla Smith 16, Paige Turner 13, Alyssa Lang 12, Morghen Day 3, Mariah Roof 1.

Lady Hawks basketball

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second half. She hurt her ankle in the first half at Highland Park, and hasn't practiced all week."

Tuesday, for the second time this season the Lady Hawks rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Richardson Pearce. The Lady Mustangs led 27-25 after three quarters at home, but RHHS rallied to outscore Pearce 13-9 in the final eight minutes to win 38-24. Eddy led Rockwall-Heath with 15 points. The Lady Hawks won back-to-back games for the first time since three-game winning streak through Dec. 4. The latest was a 35-24 win at RHHS at 3-5 in District 10-4A, tied with Highland Park for fifth place and a game behind fourth-place Wylie. The district's top four teams will make the playoffs.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
vs. Highland Park	8	6	10	5	29
vs. HP	11	8	7	14	40

(6-18, 1-6) - Maya Minter 13, Emily Hartegan 7, Lucy Williams 4, Kylene Davidson 3, Brittany Higgins 2.

(8-16, 2-5) - Brianna Richardson 10, Brooke Eddy 9, Jordan Mitchell 9, McKenzie White 6, Aly Coughlin 4, Kailey Peters 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
vs. HP	4	7	13	38	
vs. Pearce	8	12	9	36	

(9-16, 3-5) - Brooke Eddy 15, Willette Rankin 6, McKenzie White 6, Jordan Mitchell 4, Brianna Richardson 4, Aly Coughlin 3.

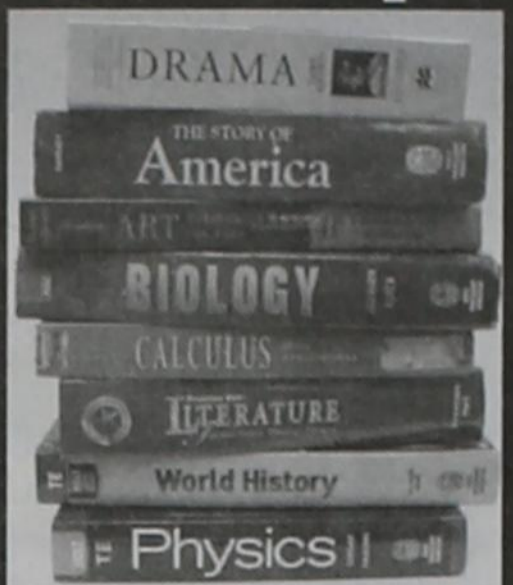
(4-21, 1-7) - Cara Tolmas 15, Anna Gerber 6, Hannah Smith 6, Jones 4, Elizabeth Bach 2, Emma Tiedemann 2, Victoria Kennedy 1.



Lady Jackets' Paige Turner (25) carves up Highland Park with one of many successful drives in the key during Tuesday night's game at Highland Park.
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Herb Wilson and art teacher Marona Hewitt are pictured with some of Wilson's paintings at the Chambrell Retirement Center in Garland. Wilson has been painting for a year following enrollment in art classes at Chambrell. Hewitt teaches in her Rockwall studio, as well as in two other retirement centers.
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Rockwall artist Joe Hewitt is shown presenting a painting of the Dallas County courthouse as looked in 1895 to Susan Wojs, office manager of the Old Red Museum earlier this month. The museum is housed in the former courthouse building. Hewitt has done 10 paintings of the building. Eight of the paintings hang in the All Civil Courts building.
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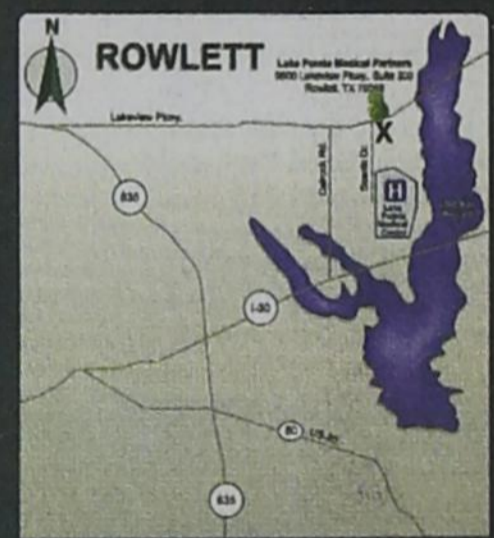
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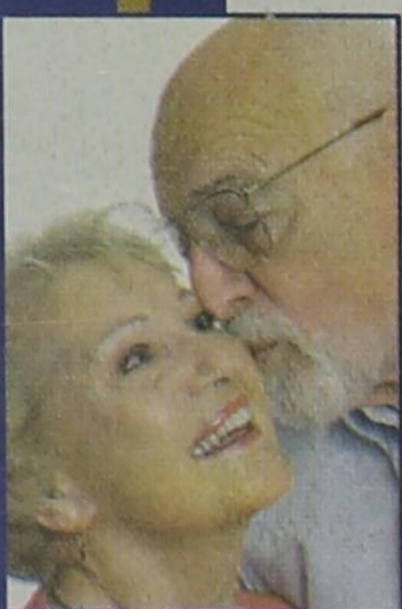
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Rockwall Council considering enhanced recycling program

Rockwall City Council members are considering a change aimed at enhancing the city's recycling service in accordance with the Environmental Subcommittee and "green" initiatives.

Allied Waste Services, the city's waste collection contractor, presented the proposed program at the Jan. 3 council meeting. When implemented in other cities, the program has increased residential recycling by two to three times, according to a city news release.

The program includes providing each customer with two 95-gallon polycarts as a part of their regular service. One polycart is designated for recyclables and the other for household garbage.

Currently, residents are responsible for providing their own bags or cans for garbage while an 18-gallon recycling bin is provided by Allied.

The new program would not change the current bulk collection service.

According to Finance Director Mary Smith, many residents have expressed frustration with the current recycling bins because they are too small and lack lids. More than 1,000 households already have opted to pay an additional monthly fee to rent a 95-gallon polycart for regular garbage, according to a city news release.

Under the terms of the proposed program, each household also would have the opportunity to register online for "Recycle Bank." This recycling incentive program allows residents to earn points by recycling. Residents can then redeem their accumulated points in the form of certificates for savings at various local stores and restaurants as well as online shopping.

Under the terms of this program, customers could earn discounts totaling up to \$20 per month to offset some of their monthly collection costs. As an option, customers could choose to donate their points to local charities or the school of their choice.

Residents still would receive twice monthly unlimited bulk and brush collection. Recycling containers would be emptied biweekly and household garbage would be collected on a weekly basis.

A minimal fee increase of just over one dollar a month will fund the program, according to the city news release.

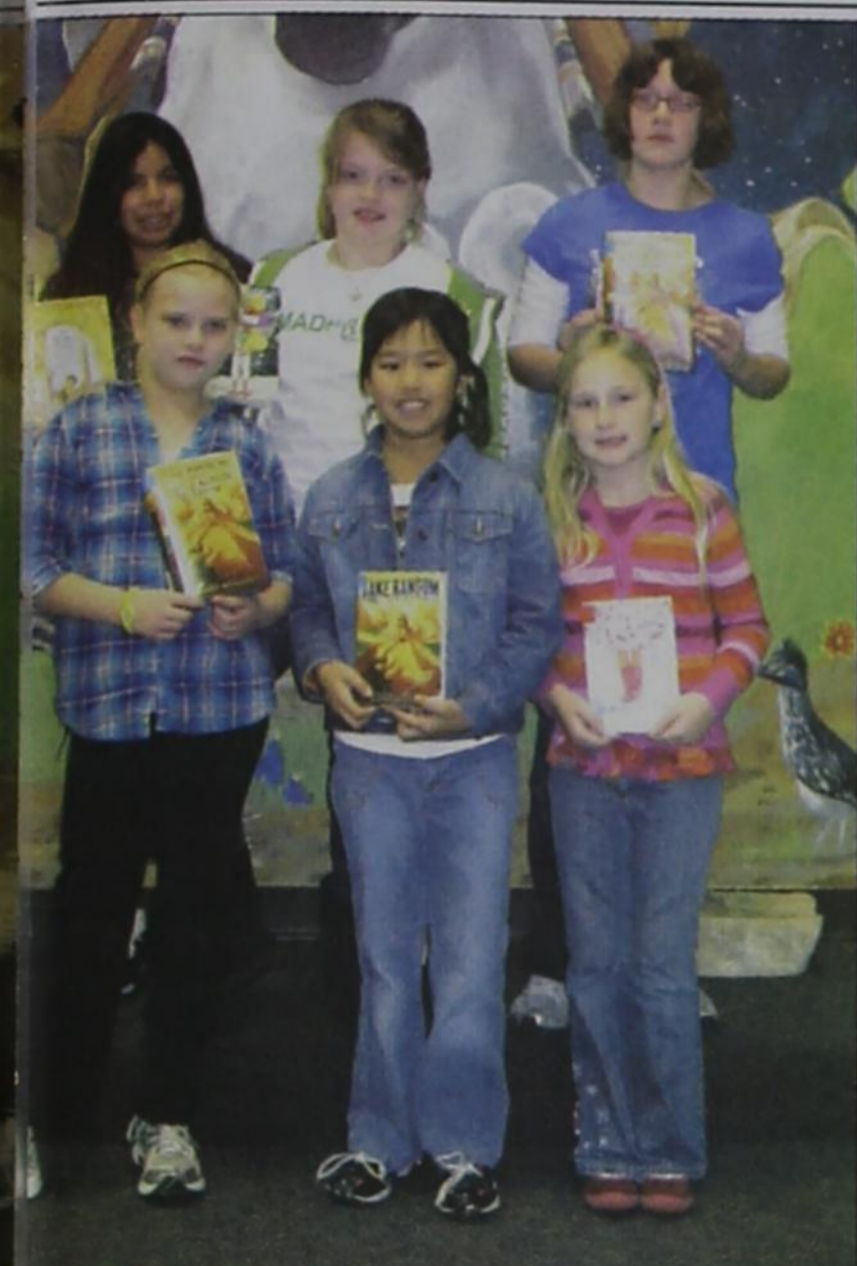
This program was recommended by the council's Environmental Subcommittee as part of an effort to motivate people to recycle and engage the community in environmental activities.

The current rate of \$14.39 monthly would increase to \$15.75 with the proposed program. This increase covers the capital costs to provide the polycarts

and the automated trucks.

The current garbage rates have been in place since January 2009.

For additional information about the program being considered, call 972-771-7736.



The Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary students pictured above completed the Bluebonnet Challenge for 2010-2011. Students in grades three through six are required to read a minimum of five of the 20 Texas Bluebonnet Award nominee books in order to win the award. Pictured at the top, from the left, are Breonna Samano, Jacqueline Mote and Neve Wahnstedler and, at front, Rebekah Allen, Justina Lee and Beth Hamann. Each of the girls read all 20 nominees in order to participate in the award vote. The Texas Bluebonnet Award program is offered by the Texas Library Association. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Elizabeth Brown of Girl Scout Troop 1926 assisted in delivering the food collected last month for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. The girls and their leaders also helped put the food on pantry shelves. Helping Hands is a nonprofit critical assistance agency serving Rockwall County. For more information call 972-771-HELP. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Norris named to Dean's List

City Norris of Rockwall, a freshman mass media major at Freed-Hamman University, has been singled out for recognition for academic achievement during the 2010 fall semester.

Norris was named to the Dean's List, which requires maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.40 for the semester and full-time status, according to the university.



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