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Rockwall County welcomes first babies of the 2011 New Year



Rylee Joleen Page, pictured above with her parents, Brandi and Dwayne Page of Quinlan, was the first baby born at Lake Pointe Medical Center in 2011. The infant was born at 9:26 a.m. Jan. 1 and weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces. She was 18 inches long at birth. Pictured with the Pages and their daughter are, at left, Fran Evans, RN-C, LPMC, and Dawn Phillips, RN-C, director of women's services at the hospital.
Photo courtesy of LPMC/Rockwall County News



Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall welcomed its first baby of the 2011 New Year on Monday, Jan. 3, with the arrival of Camden Dennis Holmes. Camden, shown above with his parents, Dennis and Candace Holmes of Forney, arrived at 3:55 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches. Helping to celebrate Camden's birth day were Texas Health employees (left to right) Sandra Crocker, ORT; Evelyn Laka, RN-C, Director, Maternal Child Services; and Carrie Tarkington, RN.
Photo by Wesley Burnett/Rockwall County News

City of Rockwall initiates new recycling program, services and fees change

by Patricia Nolan Butts

Rockwall will step up its commitment to citywide recycling with the use of wheeled, 96-gallon curbside recycling carts as the result of a 5-1-1 city council vote Monday night.

A newly-proposed waste agreement with Republic Services calls for residential garbage pickup to drop from twice weekly to once weekly, for recycling pickup every other week and for the sanitation service rate to increase \$1.36 per month.

Commercial and industrial sanitation rates will increase 5 percent under the plan.

One lidded recycle cart will be provided per household. If requested, a second recycle cart will be delivered. No sorting of recyclables is required for the "single stream" carts, which hold all allowed recyclables together. The carts replace current smaller bins that residents carry to curb or alley.

The City of Rockwall also will provide each household with one 96-gallon rolling cart for garbage. Additional garbage carts may be requested at a cost of \$7 per month.

The dissenting vote on the council came from David Sweet, who saw the move as "an increase in rates and a decrease in service," he said.

Although encouraged to see survey results showing that 63 percent of residents recycle, he said, "There's no room at my house to store one cart, let alone two."

Councilmember Mark Russo, who was absent during Republic's presentation to council, abstained from voting. He and Glen Farris serve on the coun-

cil's Green Subcommittee and have had several meetings with Republic about changes to recycling services.

"There is no question that recycling is important for now and for the future," Farris said. "I think it's the right thing to do."

He made the motion to direct city staff to develop a plan of action to implement the new recycling program.

Councilmember Matthew Scott said although he doesn't currently recycle, he is willing for his household to do so. With recyclables out of the garbage volume, he said, a 96-gallon container picked up once per week should be sufficient for his family of five.

The cost of the carts will be paid by the \$1.36 monthly rate increase, although the more than 1,000 customers now renting carts from the city for \$3.50 per month actually will realize a savings.

The proposed recycling is not mandatory, but Republic requested the city deliver each household a recycle cart and ask residents to try the program for 120 days.

The current timetable calls for May delivery of the carts to Rockwall residents.

Brenda Lalonde, municipal marketing manager for Republic, told council they have recorded "at least a 50 percent increase in recycling in every city" where they have utilized the single-stream carts. That increase was without the incentives offered through RecycleBank, she said.

By registering and participating in the RecycleBank program, Rockwall residents may earn points to spend at local and national retailers or to donate to

local schools, explained Reid Donaldson, who made the presentation to city council. A household can earn up to \$20 per month, according to Republic's studies.

Based on results from other cities, he said, "A single household can donate \$150 per year to the school of their choice by doing nothing more than setting out their recyclables each week."

Donaldson explained that RFID chips in the handles of the carts track recycling participation by address. The city has not yet committed to whether RecycleBank total tonnage points will be distributed to residents by pickup route or citywide.

Registered residents are awarded points, which can be viewed and awarded by phone or computer. The website also shows other ways to earn RecycleBank points and provides a cost-free means to recycle "e-waste" such as cell phones and other electronics. The site also enables registrants to "track their environmental footprint," Donaldson said.

He noted to council that use of the carts prevents trash and recyclables from

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A new year brought with it new leadership to Rockwall County as U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall led the Jan. 1 swearing-in of recently elected county officials. Shown at the ceremony conducted at the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse are (left to right) County Clerk Shelly Miller, returning County Commissioner (Pct. 4) David Magness, incoming County Judge Jerry Hogan, returning District Clerk Kay MacDaniel, incoming County Treasurer David Peek, returning County Commissioner (Pct. 2) Lorie Grinnan, incoming Justice of the Peace Nancy Beaty (Pcts. 2&3) and Justice of the Peace (Pct. 1) Jack James.
Photo by Ken Szolosi/Rockwall County News



Rockwall City Councilmember Margo Nielsen test drives the new "single stream" 96-gallon wheeled carts to be used for citywide recycling this spring. Reid Donaldson of Republic Services, the city's current waste services vendor, presented the new recycling plan, which was passed 5-1-1 at Monday's council meeting.
Photo by Patricia Nolan Butts/Rockwall County News



Mark Poindexter recognized by Heath for military service

U.S. Coast Guard Reservist Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark "Andrew" Poindexter II was welcomed home from active military duty Dec. 21 by members of the Heath City Council.

Poindexter is an officer with the Heath Department of Public Safety and son of Rockwall Fire Chief Mark Poindexter, a former Heath police officer. He recently completed his nine-month deployment to JTF Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

During his tour of duty, Poindexter received multiple awards, including a Commandant's Letter of Commendation, Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation, Coast Guard Unit Commendation Award, Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Coast Guard Overseas Ribbon w/Mobilization Device, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Coast Guard Rifle Expert Medal and Coast Guard Pistol Expert Medal.

After accepting the city's recognition, Poindexter presented numerous awards to the council and staff. These awards came from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The City of Heath, council members, City Manager Ed Thatcher and Heath DPS Chief Terry Garrett and his officers all received the ESGR's Patriot Award, which recognizes employers who support a strong National Guard and Reserve force. Garrett and the DPS also received the Above and Beyond Award, given to employers whose support exceeds legal requirements in granting leave and providing support for military duty by employees.

"I am privileged to work for the City of Heath and thankful for the friends and family in my life," Poindexter said in a news release issued by the city. "All the steps different people took to help out while I was away made climbing the mountain of being deployed that much easier."

Poindexter said Garrett was supportive prior to his deployment, and fellow DPS officers covered his shifts while he was away and helped take care of

repairs and maintenance at his home. "I never imagined that so many things could break while I was away," Poindexter said, "but the guys took care of everything."

Council members amended staffing policies that secured Poindexter's position and salary while he was away. These policies remain in place should other employees face military deployment.

"We gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of many sacrifices that have been and continue to be made today by our armed forces," Mayor John Ratcliffe said in the city's news release. "It is both a privilege and a duty to support brave officers such as Officer Poindexter and the other men and women from our hometown who have left the safety and comfort of home to serve and protect America."



The City of Heath recently recognized U.S. Coast Guard Reservist Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark "Andrew" Poindexter II, who is also an officer with the Heath DPS, following his deployment to JTF Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. City officials and Poindexter family members, from the left, include Rockwall Fire Chief Mark Poindexter, the honoree's father; Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe; Heath DPS Chief Terry Garrett; Christa Poindexter, the honoree's wife; Poindexter and his son, Trey; Zach Poindexter, the honoree's brother; and the honoree's mother, Pollyanna Frazier of Laguna Vista.

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"A family atmosphere"

That's the way Theresa Toohey describes her rehabilitation experiences at Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center following back surgery earlier this year.

"I was worried about being in a nursing home environment," she recalls. "But Royse City Health & Rehab is a true family atmosphere, just made for quick recovery. I was out of my brace in 17 days and have already returned home successfully after rehab. Theresa's surgery was performed by Dr. Mike-Meyers at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall. "I was so pleased with my care at the hospital," she adds. "Everyone is really there for you!"

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Rockwall recycling

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being accessed by animals or blown by the wind into neighboring areas and therefore "improves community aesthetics."

Clear signage on both types of carts will inform residents what materials may not be put into them. City-registered handicapped pickup will continue to be offered.

In other council action, the meeting approved 5-1 (Sweet and Russo absent) to continue to help fund operations of Kaufman Area Rural Transportation (KART), now rebranded as STAR Transit. STAR provides work-related, medical and sheltering transportation for the elderly, poor or handicapped in the city and Rockwall County.

According to a report from STAR manager Omega Hawkins, 175 of the rides provided in 2010 by the service were for city of Rockwall residents. Six hundred-forty were for county residents. The city agreed to fund \$20,000 of STAR's budget. The county was asked for \$10,000.

STAR operates 40 vehicles, five of which are new gas-electric hybrids received in mid-2010 as part of a pilot program.

Council members Glen Sevier and Margo Nielsen commended STAR on a job well done.

"You partner with us so well," Nielsen said. "You never turn down."

However, Mayor Bill Cecil expressed some "distress" that, considering the city's weighted contribution to STAR's budget, the council nomination to STAR's board of directors was not accepted.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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Finally, Custom Homes for Empty Nesters in Heath!!

Caruth Builders has recently completed two custom homes on small lots in The Enclave at Buffalo Creek Golf Club. These golf course homes along the 3rd fairway are specifically designed for affluent "empty nesters". The majority of the rooms are on the main level. However, the architects have placed a game room and a couple of extra bedrooms on the second level.

The design criteria was specifically to target that market who have raised their children, but want to comfortably accommodate their children, grandchildren and guests when they come for long visits. The floor plans have been designed to specifically attract mature affluent adults who want to downsize in the Rockwall/Heath Area.

The market research determined that there are many homeowners who have raised their children in the Rockwall area in a large single family home. Those kids have now left for college or have families of their own. Couples wake up one day and realize that they have a large home to maintain, a huge lawn to mow and seldom is there anyone using it.

However, they love the Rockwall area and are not interested in condominium or townhome living. There is still a desire to have a small yard and to have a garage. Most importantly is the desire to still have a home with enough room that the extended family can still gather for holidays and long weekends. The homes in this secluded area of Buffalo Creek are targeted specifically to this market.

Jinksie Patton, the representative for the builder said "I have been a Realtor® in the Rockwall market since 1976. Many of the young professional families that I sold homes to during the early and mid 80's have been serving throughout the years in our community in many roles like YMCA coaches, park board members and volunteering at school functions.

They are active in our areas churches and civic organizations. They loved raising their family here. They don't want to move to a condominium in Dallas, but they do want a smaller home and smaller lot in a nice custom community.

These homes built by Caruth Builders in Buffalo Creek feature kitchens with granite counter tops and custom cabinets. The master suites are spacious with beautiful views. One of the homes features a large formal dining room and the other has a more casual dining room.

The game rooms are large enough to accommodate family and friends, but are not overwhelming. There is enough of a yard that you would not classify these as a town home, but you can certainly maintain the yard in a short amount of time per week."

By Buffalo Creek standards, these homes are modestly priced. The homes are priced from \$339,000 to 379,900. The homes are located at 1725 Weiskopf Drive and 1834 Morrish Lane. Jinksie's phone number is 214-477-5217 and 972-771-5253 to schedule a tour.

The homes will be open this weekend from 1pm to 5pm. Buffalo Creek Golf Course was designed by PGA legend, Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish. The course has been host to several major tournaments including the final qualifying site of the US Open. The community also has a private tennis club, children's playground, native wilderness area and swim complex.



The Rockwall County Library's Reading for Adults tutors and U.S. Representative Ralph Hall were on hand to congratulate the area's newest U.S. citizens recently. Hall presented each with an American flag. Pictured, from the left, are Carmen Pellinghelli from Mexico; tutors Jane Jordan and Kathy Melston; Sudha Patel from India; Hall; Irene Hernandez from Mexico; and Bebe Bodenhamer, tutor. Not pictured are Firouzeh Banan from Iran, Martina Egar from Nigeria and Glenda Salazar from El Salvador. The library's tutoring classes helped each of the new citizens prepare for their citizenship exams. The program also offers GED preparatory classes and ESL classes to help individuals learn to speak, read and write in English. The next round of classes will begin Jan. 10. Registration is currently under way in the library's literacy area. Call 972-204-7705 for more details.
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Habitat's upcoming efforts to focus on home's interior

The next two Saturday workdays on the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity home will focus on work to be completed inside the structure. According to a news release issued Tuesday, work efforts scheduled include the installation of interior doors and trim. Start time on each workday is 8:30 a.m. For an up-to-the-minute update on any late changes or in the event of inclement weather, visit rockwallhabitat.orgspot.com.

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1725 Weiskopf - A large master suite and family room are featured in this Buffalo Creek home backing up to a greenbelt with lots of trees



1834 Morrish Lane - This golf course home is priced at \$339,000 along the beautiful rolling 3rd fairway of Buffalo Creek.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Linda Kay Benoit

Services for Linda Kay Benoit, 62, were conducted at 11 a.m. Jan. 1, 2011, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Dec. 28, 2010, in Dallas. She was born July 2, 1948, in Elgin.

Survivors include her husband, Steve; a daughter, Leah; her sons, Terry, Jason and Daniel; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her stepfather, Willie; her sisters, Dianne and Carol; and her brothers, Gene, David and Bobby.

The family has suggested in lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.



Charles 'Bill' Bray

Services for Charles "Bill" Bray, 78, of Roysse City were conducted at 2

p.m. Dec. 30, 2010, in the First United Methodist Church in Roysse City with the Rev. Ann Willet officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Memorial Gardens in Terrell. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 27.

Born May 22, 1932, in Beaver, Penn., to Charles Herman Bray and Helen Mary (Brown) Bray, he served as a specialist in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Korea, as well as in the Naval Reserves. He worked as a wastewater technician for the City of Garland. He was founder of the Union Valley Volunteer Fire Department and served as its treasurer. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Roysse City and its choir.

Survivors include his wife, Stella L. Bray, of Roysse City; his sons, Hugh Bray, and his wife, Rose, of Richardson and John Bray and his wife, Alivsha, of Rowlett; his daughter, Stella Conrad, and her husband, Will, of Bentonville, Ark.; his sister, Barbara Dickersin, and her husband, Dick, of Boston, Mass.; and his grandchildren, Kelley, Hana and Ian.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Union Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

John E. Dupuy

Services for John E. Dupuy, 74, of White Settlement, formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 11 a.m. Jan. 4, 2011, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall with Pastor Ben Disney officiating. A memorial service followed at 2 p.m. at the Arborlawn United Methodist Church, 5001 Briarhaven Road, in Fort Worth. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 30.

Born Jan. 25, 1936, in New Iberia, La., to Jacob Louis and Florence (Morvant) Dupuy, he was a 1955 graduate of New Iberia High School. He attended the Arborlawn United Methodist Church in Fort Worth and previously attended the Southwest Assembly of God in Waxahachie. He was a member of the Sons of American Revolution and Confederate Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Dupuy, of White Settlement; his daughters, Trenea Hobbs, and her husband, Ronnie, of Springtown, Sandra Green and her husband, Jon, of Weatherford and Sharon Scarbrough and her husband, Bill, of Justin; her grandchildren, Rachel, Tiffany, Julia and Sara; and her great-grandchildren, Kazdon, Tristin and Arieonah.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James and Jake; and a sister, Margaret.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to the Arborlawn United Methodist Church building fund.

Roxann Zarrin Ghassemi

Services for Roxann "Roxy-Poxy" Zarrin Ghassemi, 25, of Roysse City were conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 31, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Deacon Joe Perez officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Dec. 29.

Born April 27, 1985, in Lafayette, La., to Farhad and Syble (Gardner) Ghassemi, she had earned her RDA

and was one class shy of completing her dental assistant degree. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, shopping and having fun.

Survivors include her mother, Syble Gardner of Roysse City; her father, Dr. Farhad Ghassemi of Houston; her stepmother, Amy Garcia of Houston; her grandmother, Zarrin Ghassemi of Orange County, Calif.; her step-grandmother, Lupe Garcia of Midland; her brothers, Ramean Ghassemi of Houston and Kevin Ghassemi and his fiancé, Calli Gillis, of Amarillo; a large extended family; her boyfriend, John Thompson of Forney; and her cat, Pepper.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dr. Ahmad Ghassemi; Arthur and Syble Gardner; her step-grandfather, Al Garcia; and an uncle, Mark Gardner.

Jesse Wayne 'Red' Klutts

Services for Jesse Wayne "Red" Klutts, 81, of Mesquite were conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 31, 2010, in the LaPrada Drive Church of Christ with Geri Hanley officiating. Burial followed at 12:45 p.m. at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 28.

Born June 30, 1929, in Rockwall County to Jesse Right and Vera E. (Vaughn) Klutts, he was a member of the LaPrada Drive Church of Christ. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and married Be Baxter on Oct. 27, 1951.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Klutts of Mesquite; his daughter, Susan Klutts of Garland; his brother, Sammy Klutts of Greenville; his grandchildren, Curtis Klutts and Jennifer Pearson of Rockwall and Chris Klutts of Dallas; and his great-grandchildren, Sky Klutts and Rian and Rafe Pearson.

He was preceded in death by one son, Kenton Klutts, and a sister, Lili Gene McDonald.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Cherlyan Bullard Seibert

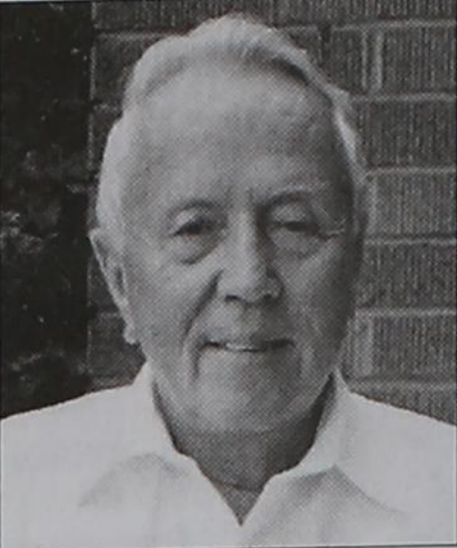
A memorial service for Cherlyan Bullard Seibert, 63, of Rockwall will be conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 8, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Dec. 29, 2010.

Born Dec. 25, 1947, in Grand Saline to Leon and Bobbie Lee (Tadlock) Gowin, she was operations manager for the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include her husband, Pete Seibert of Rockwall; her children, Christy Abbott and her husband, Ben, of Dallas, Sheley Edwards and her husband, Michael, of Mesquite, Justin Seibert and his wife, Brittany, of Rockwall and Jeremy Seibert and his wife, Monica, of Corsicana; her sister, Lynne Briggs of Tyler; her grandchildren, Bode and Sadie Edwards and Chloe and J.T. Seibert; and her nephews, Damon Briggs of Tyler and Damon Briggs and his wife, Jaime, and daughter, Adalyn, of Tyler.

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The Rockwall Police Department is accepting applications for the Rockwall Citizens Police Academy, an interactive program that educates individuals about the roles of the department and increases community awareness and crime prevention strategies.

Topics to be covered include Recruitment & Hiring, Criminal Investigation Division, Crimes Against Persons, Crime Scene Investigation, Criminal Justice System, Identity Crimes, Sex Offenders & Registration, Firearms/Less Lethal, Police Crime Prevention Programs, Special Weapons & Tactics, K9 Operations, Traffic Enforcement and Accident Investigations.

The event also will include a day at the firing range, where participants will be given the opportunity to shoot a departmental weapon under supervision of a firearms instructor and range master, and a trip to the county jail for a tour.

Cost is \$20, which includes notebooks and a box of ammunition for the firing range.

The academy is open to all citizens interested in participating. Individuals must be at least 18 years old and be in good standing in the community, with no previous felony convictions.

Classes will be conducted at the City of Rockwall Animal Services Building, 1825 Airport Road.

Classes will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays Feb. 8 through May 10.

Applications are available at the RPD, 205 W. Rusk St., and the RPD Community Services Office, 1113 Ridge Road. Applications must be received at either of these locations by Feb. 1.

For more information contact Sgt. Jeff Walsh, 972-772-6704.



Sisters Emily and Kristen Taylor, students at Grace Hartman Elementary, wanted to help meet some of the needs of homeless people during the holiday season, so they came up with the Backpack Project. The school collected 100 backpacks donated by Walmart stores in Rockwall and Rowlett, and inside each backpack was a blanket, hat, gloves, toiletries and snacks. Gideon Bible International also donated 100 Bibles to place inside the backpacks. Pictured from the left are Becky Reidling, Grace Hartman principal; Joe Rivera of the Rowlett Walmart; Coleman Taylor, Walmart market manager; LaGrande Birth, Rowlett Walmart manager; Carol Shaikh, Rockwall Walmart manager; Michael Stua assistant principal; Susan Cox, teacher; Emily Taylor; and Kristen Taylor.

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If you have any questions please call the Special Services office at 972-636-9514.

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City of ROCKWALL

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- 1) Replacement of Air Conditioning Units at City Buildings
- Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 2:00 p.m., January 21, 2011 in the City Hall Council

Chambers, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Bidders must submit with their bids a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the maximum amount bid, payable without recourse to the City of ROCKWALL from a reliable Surety Company as guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guarantee forms provided within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of award.

The successful Bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds

each in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract price from an approved Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as Surety and be acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the City.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding local conditions

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Bid documents are available at the Purchasing Office located in Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087. For additional information you may contact the Purchasing Office at 972-771-7700.

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Adding Two County Precinct Constables

When the Rockwall County Commissioners Court receives the new census, they will be looking at splitting the precinct lines and possibly adding more justices of the peace and two constables. Currently I (am) constable Randy Earl Parks, Precincts 1 and 4. When

the lines are split I will have Precinct 4 and that will be the precinct I will be running for re-election in - the Fate/Royse City area. The election will be run in year 2012 for 2013.

If I can be of help to you in any way, please contact my office: 972-204-7240.

Randy Earl Parks

Rockwall PAWS Wine and Dine set for Jan. 22

Rockwall PAWS will have its first ever Wine and Dine for Rockwall PAWS fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Mansions of Rockwall, 1470 S. John King Boulevard. Deadline to RSVP is Jan. 14. Individual tickets for the fundraising event are \$35, Corporate Table of six is

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\$250. Tickets include dinner, wine tasting, and silent auction. Checks should be mailed to Rockwall PAWS, P.O. Box 44, Rockwall, Tx., 75087. For more information, contact Kellye Robertson at 214-771-4066. Rockwall PAWS is a local non-profit organization that works to place adoptable animals in loving homes.

Jan. 11 Fundraiser to benefit Rockwall Habitat

Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Carino's Italian Restaurant to receive 10% of sales at the Rockwall restaurant on Jan. 11. Patrons must complete a voucher provided by the restaurant for Habitat to receive the funds. For more information or to print a voucher, visit www.rockwallhabitat.org.

Opinions

Time to rein in federal spending

by Laurence M. Vance

The debate in Congress over the extension of the Bush tax cuts has secured the issue of government spending. After all, it is because members of Congress love to spend money that isn't theirs that we need an income tax to begin with.

Government spending is out of control. The federal budget is fast approaching \$4 trillion. The budget deficit is over a trillion dollars. The national debt will soon top \$14 trillion, as it rises by billions of dollars each day.

This crisis is not just because the Democrats are in power. Under Bush presidency for eight years and a mostly Republican Congress, six of those years a \$150 billion surplus in 2001 turned into a \$1 trillion deficit in 2008. The federal budget increased by over \$1 trillion. The national debt doubled. And during the last six years of the Clinton presidency, it was the Republicans that controlled both the House and Senate.

The fact that the Republicans recently regained control of the Congress won't mean anything when it comes to reining in government spending since in their "Pledge to America" the Republicans promise to "protect our entitlement programs for seniors and future generations" and only call for a reduction in government spending to the level it was during the Bush presidency.

All the statist proposals in the Democratic and Republican parties to rein in government spending are nothing more than band-aids: baseline budgeting, a Balanced Budget Amendment, automatic across-the-board spending cuts, sunset provisions, spending increases limited to the rate of inflation, spending caps based on GDP, deficit reduction targets, budget enforcement rules, elimination of earmarks, deficit commissions, elimination of unnecessary spending, temporary freezes in certain categories of spending, rollbacks to some previous level, non-binding public voting on spending cuts, and, of course, cutting waste, fraud, and abuse.

The only way to rein in government spending is by the wholesale elimination of departments, agencies, commissions, administrations, corporations, councils, boards, and bureaus with all of their programs and personnel.

Of the sixteen executive branch Cabinet-level departments, a limited Constitutional case could be made only for the departments of State, Treasury, Justice, and Defense. Any legitimate operations of the Departments of Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs could be subsumed under the Department of Defense. This means that the functions and bureaucracies of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, and Transportation should be eliminated in their entirety. The original four departments (Justice, State, Treasury, and War) might conceivably serve some useful purpose - but only if they were scaled down considerably, and especially the Defense Department, which spends most of its budget on empire and offense.

Next to go would have to be the alphabet soup of government agencies like the SEC, DEA, FEMA, FTC, FCC, OSHA, EPA, BATF, NASA, FDA, EEOC, LSC, TVA, NEA, FHA, NEH, CPB, SBA, NIH, NLRB, USAID, and NTSB.

This means no more funding for income redistribution schemes like Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, SCHIP, food stamps, WIC, TANF, housing subsidies, foreign aid, refundable tax credits, Head Start, the National School Lunch Program, unemployment benefits, and farm subsidies.

This also means no more funding for science, education, medical research, or climate change.

Oh, and there should be no office of surgeon general or drug czar, AIDS czar, or faith-based czar.

In other words, strictly limit government spending to only what is constitutionally authorized - just like James Madison, Grover Cleveland, and Davy Crockett believed.

When Congress appropriated \$15,000 to assist some French refugees, Congressman Madison objected, saying: "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents."

President Cleveland vetoed a bill passed by Congress to provide financial assistance to farmers suffering from a drought. In his veto message Cleveland stated:

I can find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution, and I do not believe that the power and duty of the general government ought to be extended to the relief of individual suffering which is in no manner properly related to the public service or benefit. A prevalent tendency to disregard the limited mission of this power and duty should, I think, be steadfastly resisted, to the end that the lesson should be constantly enforced that, though the people support the government, the government should not support the people.

And Congressman Crockett responded to a congressional attempt to help the widow of a naval officer:

I will not go into an argument to prove that Congress has no power to appropriate this money as an act of charity. Every member upon this floor knows it. We have the right, as individuals, to give away as much of our own money as we please in charity; but as members of Congress we have no right so to appropriate a dollar of the public money.

Just a cursory reading of article I, section 8, of the Constitution, where the powers of Congress are enumerated, is enough to see that Madison, Cleveland, and Crockett hold the solution to the problem and every member of Congress that defends the welfare/warfare state - that is, every member of Congress except Ron Paul - is part of the problem.

Government spending must be reined in, by dismantling the illegitimate functions of the federal government. It is possible, it is necessary, and it is time.

Laurence M. Vance is a free-lance writer in Pensacola, Florida. He is the author of *The Revolution That Wasn't*. Visit his website: www.vancepublications.com.

Government has the right to our property?

by Ron Paul

George Orwell warned us about the use of "meaningless words" in politics, words that are endlessly repeated by sloganeering politicians all they have no meaning at all. Meaningless words certainly were on display during last week's congressional debate over the latest tax bill.

Over and over again we heard trite, empty phrases like "tax cuts for the wealthiest 2%," "tax giveaways," "tax earmarks," and "borrowing money to give to millionaires." Time and time again the same falsehoods were presented as fact, and reported as such by a credulous media. But all of these clichés about taxes are based on the presumption that government has a right to all of your income, and so government "gives" something when it allows you to keep a portion of that income. To our mind, tax cuts represent a "cost" to government.

After all, they argue, money that really ought to go to the most noble of purposes -- wealth redistribution via taxation -- is being kept by greedy people and corporations who just don't want to pay their fair share.

Far too many Americans truly believe that tax cuts represent a government giveaway, indistinguishable from an outright subsidy or entitlement payment. To combat this mindset, we need to be clear with our language.

A subsidy, properly understood, occurs when government takes tax dollars and gives them to favored individuals, companies, or industries. A tax cut, by contrast, simply means government takes less from an individual, company, or industry. When government takes less from you, it has not given you anything; it merely has harmed you less. This is the critical distinction that has been lost in the endless, tired debate about tax policy.

Of course the bill passed last week did contain some actual spending, mostly in the form of an extension of unemployment benefits for another 13 months. The total spending in the bill amounted to about \$60 billion. But the tax savings in the bill, meaning the amount of money that will remain in the hands of taxpayers rather than being sent to Washington, is approximately \$850 billion. So while a clean tax bill certainly would have been preferable, the tax relief it contains is significant. It means \$850 billion will be spent, saved, or invested by American citizens rather than being sent into the black hole known as the federal treasury.

The media, however, dutifully reported that opposition to the bill came from concerned members of Congress who felt the \$850 billion "cost" of the bill was too high, and would add too much to the deficit. As always, they could not distinguish between government giving and government

taking away. The American people already pay plenty in federal taxes; the deficit is the result of a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

Had the bill not passed, millions of Americans would have seen their paychecks shrink in January due to increased tax withholding. That is the plain and simple truth, and that is why I voted for the bill.

When is it okay to steal?

God said, "Thou Shalt Not Steal" He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, except to help the poor."

He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, unless government needs more money."

He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, but it's okay if stealing helps feed the homeless."

He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, other than to take from those who have and give it to those who have not."

God's word is solid, complete, simple and profound ... there are no "exceptions" to his commandment:

Thou Shalt Not Steal!
Stealing: Taking property without the owner's permission.
Taxation: Taking property without the owner's permission.

Those who claim to follow God's Commandments can not justify or support taxation.

A pledge to Rockwall County citizens

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a guest column provided as a public service to Rockwall County News readers.)

by Jerry H Hogan

On Jan. 1 I had the honor of being sworn in as Rockwall County judge. For those of you who voted for me, thank you. For those of you who didn't, it is now my task to convince you that I will represent all of the citizens of Rockwall County as we continue to grow and expand our county where we live.

Rockwall County, on a percentage basis, is the third fastest growing county in the United States and is the fourth wealthiest county in Texas, based upon median household income, and the 44th wealthiest county in the United States.

In 1960, the population of our county was about 6,000 people. Thirty years later in 1990 it was 26,000. Today our county is approaching 80,000 with a projected growth to 250,000 by the year 2030.

Our citizens live in the towns of Rowlett, Rockwall, Heath, McLendon-Visholm, Fate and Royse City. With the economic slowdown we saw last year, most of the growth in the county was flat, but even with the slow growth, Fate, for example, grew at an 18 percent rate.

Our educational system at the primary and secondary levels is the envy of many in our state. Our ability to get into the Metroplex continues

to get easier as the extension of the George Bush Highway is rapidly nearing completion, Dart is expanding into Rowlett and the bridges for both Route 66 and I-30 have been completed for several years. Expansion of roads within the county remains one of the main tasks as we move forward.

One issue which I have been asked about in the county is, "What are you going to do about the new courthouse being built after the voters twice voted not to build it in its current location?"

As you may know, in May of 2008, the Commissioners Court voted to issue tax notes and build the courthouse adjacent to I-30. Today that courthouse is rapidly being built. About 90 percent of the total move-in price of \$37.2 million has been committed, the exterior of the building has been framed out, materials are arriving daily and scheduled completion for the building is this fall with its dedication ceremony already being planned.

I was against this courthouse being built on its current location; not because we didn't need a new one, but because the process by which it was approved, in my opinion, was wrong. Fortunately, however, "Clocks don't run backwards." It is now time to move on and quit complaining about a decision we didn't all agree with.

We did need a new courthouse. We now are getting one, and my task going forward is to insure the courthouse is built economically and is

fully utilized on Day 1 when it is opened for business this Fall. I know this was, and is, an emotional issue for many, but let's just get over it and concentrate on our future as we move forward. Rest assured, I will do everything I can to make sure something like this does not happen again.

One of the things I talked about when campaigning was getting our citizens involved with our county. If you are interested in volunteering for anything, please send me an e-mail and let me know what you would like to do along with your experience level in that area -- anything from working on a committee to planning the dedication of the new courthouse to helping get a speaker for the dedication of the Veterans Memorial to helping with space planning or any other area. Maybe you are good at financial forecasting or development of organizational structures. Please let me know.

I will be communicating with you through a monthly column and through e-mail. If you would like to provide me your e-mail address, please send it to jerry@jerryhhogan.com or jhogan@rockwallcountytexas.com My office phone is 972-204-6000.

We live in a great place with a great future. Thank you again for placing me in a position where I can help lead us forward. Now it's time for all of us to produce.

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Rockwall County Sports

A hidden gem: holiday high school tournaments

By Lary Bump
We've just passed one of the best times for sports in Texas. Certainly, this past week has marked the year's least recognized or appreciated major sports events: high school holiday basketball tournaments.

Go around the Metroplex during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day and you can find a number of venues, small high school gyms and arenas seating thousands, with basketballs bouncing almost from daybreak to well into the evening.

Go to the airport and you can see teams that have flown in from other states — even other countries — for the competition here.

It's not a come-lately thing either. The Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Invitational Tournament, which this year included the Rockwall-Heath boys among its 64 teams, is in its 71st year. Duncanville's Sandra Meadows Classic — where Rockwall joined girls' teams from across Texas as well as Arkansas, Maryland and Alaska — has been going on for more than half a century.

Seven Rockwall County teams took part in these holiday festivities. In addition to the RHHS and RHS girls, Roysie City's girls took part in a quaint setting at the Kaufman Tournament.

The Roysie City boys were part of Plano's Avery Air Invitational, whose field included a team from Australia. Other Rockwall County boys' teams in action were Rockwall, at the Pirate/Wrangler Classic in Mesquite; Rockwall-Heath, at the Tommy Thomas Cougar Classic in The Colony, and Rockwall Christian, at the Arlington Oakridge Invitational.

The first players among the seven local teams to take the court were the Rockwall-Heath girls. Their 10:30 a.m. matchup Monday was against powerful Dallas Lincoln, and it earned the Lady Hawks a quick trip to the consolation bracket for another game that afternoon.

Both of those games were at Cobb Field House at Fair Park. It's an aging, dimly lit arena with wooden-bench seating, which gives it an air of history and a feel of being lived in. A hard-core group of parents and friends waited out the time between the two games to support the Lady Hawks.

Over at Mesquite Potet's more modern gym, Rockwall and West Mesquite's boys tipped off a few minutes before the scheduled noon start. The game literally went down to the wire. Despite one of their best efforts this season, the Yellowjackets lost on a last-second basket. They were supported by a cheering section at least as big as that for the hometown team.

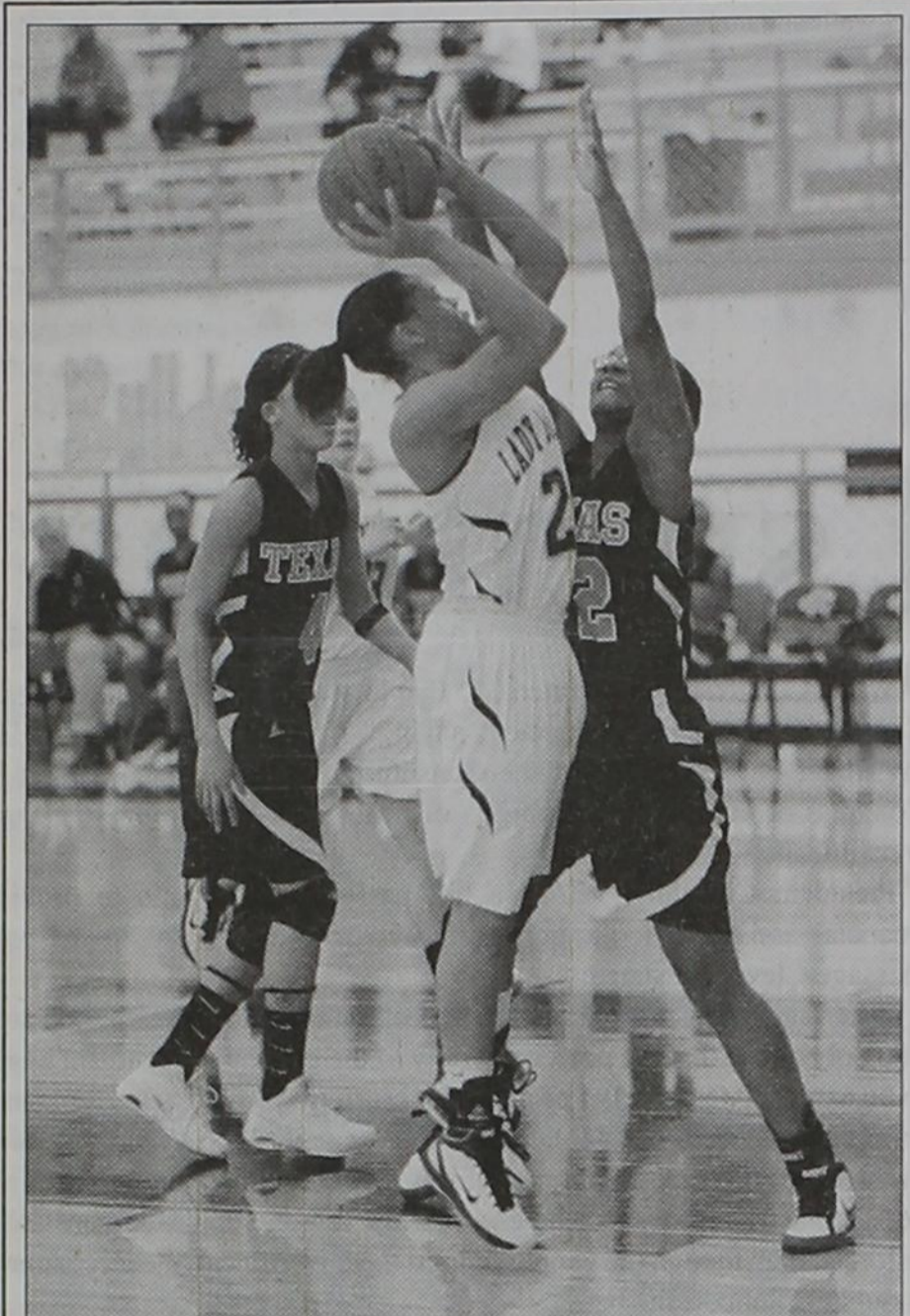
Between that game and the Lady Hawks' 3 p.m. start, you would have had time to slip over to Ellis Davis Field House — a much larger, much newer and fancier DISD facility — to see some of the boys' bracket in the Coca-Cola Tournament.

You would have seen two of that tournament's less glamorous teams, Dallas Conrad and El Paso Austin, but you would have seen some of the big players the tournament always seems to draw. Conrad featured the 6-foot-6 Damion Clemens and 6-5 Kadavion Henderson, and Austin had 6-6 sophomore Oliver Guerrero.

Four years ago at Ellis Davis Field House, Rockwall held its own for half of its game against Mesquite Horn and 6-7 Quincy Acy, who's now starring for nationally ranked Baylor.

Part of these tournaments' allure is that you don't really know what you might see. For example, while waiting in the stands for the Rockwall-Heath boys' 7 p.m. second game Monday at The Colony, you could have seen the preceding game end with a shot from midcourt for a one-point victory.

Just four of our county's teams played Monday. They were all back in action Tuesday, along with the Rockwall and Roysie City girls and RCA boys, for more excitement and more memories.



Dezaray Gardner puts up a shot for the Lady Hawks during last week's game against Texas High. Gardner scored 15 points in the game.

Photo by Pat Corl/Rockwall County News



Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (32) stretches for a shot under the basket last week, against McKinney.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

McKinney rallies, hands Lady Jackets first 10-4A loss

If Rockwall is going to win its fourth district girls' basketball championship in five years, it will have to work much harder this season.

McKinney served that notice to the Lady Jackets Tuesday, Dec. 21, when the Lionettes rallied for a 39-35 victory at RHS.

Rockwall had won its first 30 District 10-4A games after moving to that district for the 2008-09 season. Since 2006-07, when they were in District 10-5A on the way to a state championship, the Lady Jackets are 57-2 in district play.

Aundrea Gordon led McKinney (10-6 overall, 3-0 in the district with 19 points. RHS led 28-23 after three quarters, but the Lionettes outscored the Lady Jackets 16-7 in the final eight minutes.

RHS (14-4, 2-1) had won 10 consecutive games and moved up to ninth in the TABC state 4A rankings before the McKinney game.

The Lionettes held Rockwall's season high scorer, center Alyssa Lang, to seven points. Paige Turner was Lady Jackets' leading scorer with eight.

In last season's playoffs, McKinney had led RHS by four points at halftime in a completely different type of game. Rockwall rallied to win that one 86-75.

The Lady Jackets had another tough matchup Tuesday in the first round of Duncanville's Sandra Meadows Classic when they faced Euless Trinity (14-5 overall).

McKinney (10-6, 3-0) — Aundrea Gordon 19, Breana Smalls 8, Kimi

Frazier 6, Nelson 3, Nicole Quincy 3.
RHS (14-4, 2-1) — Paige Turner 8, Alyssa Lang 7, Mary Hinton 6, Mariah Roof 5, Morghen Day 4, Kayla Smith 3, Hannah Hughes 2.

Do yourself a favor. Save this column for next year as a reminder to get yourself out to some of these tournament games.

Hawks struggle in 3 losses

By Lary Bump

The 10-4 start to this season seemed far away to Rockwall-Heath boys' basketball head coach Justin Morett after two losses Monday in the Tommy Thomas Cougar Classic at The Colony High School.

Neither final margin at The Colony was close. The Hawks were tied 18-18 at halftime against Belton, but the Tigers ran in the second half to a 53-37 victory. RHHS first game in the consolation bracket wasn't even that good. McAllen Memorial broke to a 43-20 halftime lead, which it extended to a 68-43 final margin.

Those losses came on the heels of a loss in Rockwall-Heath's first District 10 game this season, 46-36 to McKinney Tuesday, Dec. 21. In that game, the Hawks 19-18 at halftime, but the Bulldogs took control in the third quarter.

Even coming within 25-23 in the second half against Memorial wasn't a consolation to Morett, who had seen his team lose its four most recent games.

"It's a matter of putting four quarters together," he said. "We've got to find our energy. We've got to make basketball fun again. We're not blocking out, taking charge. We talk about doing the little things that make a big difference."

"I'm excited about our possibilities, but I told the team I'm tired of talking about potential."

It also was little consolation that RHHS was losing to good teams. McKinney North won its 11th game behind 18 points from Antonio Arnold. For Belton, Jacob Whitman poured in 24 points. McAllen Memorial scored 20 fast-break points.

Of the tournament opponents, Morett said, "Belton had some quickness, and a kid who could really shoot. McAllen outthrustled us. They are quick."

"It's just a matter of getting back to cover the floor. When they lay it up on you a couple of times, you should catch on, but we didn't."

No Hawk scored more than nine points against either McKinney or Belton. Jordan Points led RHHS with 12 points against the Mustangs.

Morett said, "We've got to go back to what 10 games for us and start playing basketball."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
North	9	9	15	13	46
RHHS	9	10	10	7	36

McKinney North (11-4, 1-0) — Antonio Arnold 18, Ryan Creel 11, Connor Pierre 6, Alexander Ridley 6, Kendrick Woods 3, Alex Pelton 2.

Rockwall-Heath (10-6, 0-1) — John Taylor 7, Warren Matlock 6, Zachary Morett 6, Landon Duhon 5, Jonathan Fuller 5, Todd Franza 3, Christian Nwabuko 2, Jordan Points 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Belton	5	13	19	16	53
RHHS	8	10	12	7	37

Belton (7-8) — Jacob Whitman 24, Adrian Henderson 6, Darius White, Trey Rose 5, Louis Stagers 5, Danaj Washington 5, Mills 2.

RHHS (10-7) — Todd Franza 9, Conner Geiser 9, Jonathan Fuller, Jeramey Anderson 2, Landon Duhon 2, Jordan Points 2, Kyle Turner, Warren Matlock 1, Tyler McKay 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Memorial	19	24	11	14	68
RHHS	11	9	11	12	43

McAllen Memorial (N/A) — Gonzales 16, Reyna 16, Regalado 14, Martin 8, Adame 7, Singh 7.

RHHS (10-8) — Jordan Points 12, Christian Nwabuko 7, John Taylor, Landon Duhon 5, Todd Franza 5, Jonathan Fuller 2, Conner Geiser 2, Warren Matlock 2, Tyler McKay 2.

Lady Hawks wake up vs. Smith

By Lary Bump

It was just six days between games for the Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball team, but it might have seemed like six months.

"Five head coach Devin Gabbard said Monday after the Lady Hawks salvaged a consolation-round game at the 71st annual Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Invitational Tournament.

"In one day, they forgot how to play basketball. In two days, they forgot how to be athletes."

It wasn't as if Rockwall-Heath was coming off a stellar performance. The Lady Hawks entered their holiday break after dropping a home game at McKinney North 57-26 on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Monday's first-round opponent Cobb Field House was Dallas Lincoln 21st in the TABC's state 4A ranking. The Lady Hawks took a 20-2 first-quarter lead on the way to routing RHHS 76-29.

Gabbard said, "We then played had five days off and then played state-ranked team. They had five girls who could play with anyone. After that, the Lady Hawks took Dallas A. Maceo Smith, which had girls. That's all, just six girls suited for the Lady Falcons.

Smith tried to control the ball and clear the floor for Cierra Johnson's drive to the basket. The slow pace combined with sloppy play, accounted for an 11-7 halftime score, with RHHS leading.

Barely three minutes into the second half, Smith took a 13-12 lead Johnson's basket inside.

That lead lasted just 25 seconds, until Brooke Eddy drove for a basket and put the Lady Hawks back ahead. Eddy then stole the ball twice within the minute to score two more baskets.

By the time the third quarter ended, Jordan Mitchell and Aly Coughlin also scored off steals for a 23-16 lead.

Gabbard said, "We made adjustments and were able to get it done. Brooke got us going. Sometimes as soon as a player does it, the others see that they can do it too."

"Aly and Jordan also hit out-of-the-jumpers, which was good because we hadn't been hitting those shots. Coughlin's team-high 10 points included two 3-point shots; Mitchell made one 3-pointer.

McKinney North's Aundrea Gamble had outscored Rockwall-Heath with 30 points of her own. The Lady Hawks trailed 32-12 at halftime, and improved just slightly in the second half. Eddy was their high scorer with seven points. Brianna Richardson led RHHS again with just eight points.

RHHS (6-11, 1-2) — Brooke Eddy, Brianna Richardson 6, Jordan Mitchell 5, McKenzie White 3, April Brown, Aly Coughlin 2, Kenzie Mammeli 1.

McKinney North (10-6, 3-0) — Aundrea Gamble 30, Alexis Mason, Theresa Mendoza 6, Rachel Thomas, Danielle Coleman 4, Maui Berkhald 2.



Landon Duhon (10) puts up a shot for the Hawks during last week's game against McKinney North.

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6 Austin's "Flora _____" in Zilker Botanical Garden

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18 TXism: "got Romeo blood in his veins"

21 TX electronics co. (abbr.)

22 TXism: "spinning like a weather _____ in a whirlwind"

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37 TX Mac Davis film: "North Dallas _____"

34 TXism: "let 'em rip!"

35 TXism: "it'll take _____ healer to fix it"

36 TXism: "don't get your shorts in a _____"

39 TX Leon Jaworski replaced this Watergate prosecutor _____

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44 TXism: "use it _____ it!"

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3 TXism for "How are you?" _____

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14 ex-Cowboy star Emmitt (init.) _____

15 the man who fired 39-across (init.) _____

17 TXism: "that _____ fancy"

19 TX Clint Black's "_____ Man"

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25 TXism: "couldn't fight his way out _____ spider's web"

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28 TXism: "_____ loop roper" (poor cowboy)

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31 TXism: "a bucker _____ a snorter" (mean)

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47 Alamo commander Travis (init.) _____

49 TXism: "if he bought a cemetery, people would _____ dying" (unlucky)

51 Davis Cup winner in Dallas in '65 _____

52 TXism: "he's got a _____ trigger temper"

57 TX Dennis Quaid starred with this Starr in "Caveman" word bread dough _____

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Rockwall County Sports

With game on the line, Jackets' foul shots sink RHHS

Varsity Bump
As usual, the Rockwall vs. Rockwall-Heath boys' basketball team was nip and tuck. The third quarter's first eight scores all changed which team was leading — two that score, plus six lead changes. The status changed during the latter half of that quarter. After Collin Schmucker or a basket to put RHS ahead 29-28 with 4 minutes, 24 seconds remaining, the Jackets' Wesley Davis scored on a rebound and Landon Knight hit a 3-point shot for a 34-28 advantage. Visiting Hawks came back to trail by only one point after Landon Duhon hit a fourth-quarter 3-pointer, and were within three at 43-40 when Warren Matlock monster dunk with 2:24 to play. At that point, however, RHHS had to foul, and Rockwall made 10 of 13 foul shots to wrap up a 53-46 victory. "I had to hit some free throws," said Jackets head coach Alan Simmons. "We got a lot of them from one kid who got hot." That was Jared Ragland, who was 8-for-10 and scored 10 of his team-high 13 points in the fourth quarter. Knight and Knight (who finished with 11 points) each hit a 3-pointer during the quarter's final minute, helping RHS to a 14-5 lead. The Jackets stretched that to

11 points when Tanner Humm put in a rebound 30 seconds into the second quarter. The lead didn't hold up. Rockwall-Heath then went on a 15-4 run to tie the game at 20-20 3:29 before halftime. Griffin Fraser (11 points) made a foul shot that held up for a 21-20 halftime lead, setting up the seesaw third quarter and the foul-shooting fourth. Rockwall didn't make just foul shots in the second half. The Jackets made 10 of 16 field goal attempts (63 per cent) after halftime. Simmons said, "A couple of times in the first half, there were possessions when we didn't know what to do, so we just shot the ball. For most of the game we were able to work inside out and get good perimeter shots. "I felt we focused and prepared for this game better than we did in the past. "I just told (Hawks head coach Justin Morett) that I hate this game because we're such good friends that it's hard to feel good when we win against them. Obviously, we do want to win." Before the cross-town game, the Jackets had won one of three games in the Pirate/Wrangler Classic at Mesquite Poteet High School. On Tuesday, Dec. 28, RHS defeated the Mesquite Poteet junior varsity 52-22 behind 13 points from Knight and 11 by Daunte Crawford. In the next day's consolation final, Bishop Dunne defeated Rockwall 55-47. Blake Sandlin led the Jackets with 18 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	18	5	19	10	52
Poteet JV	8	4	4	6	22

RHS (8-9) — Landon Knight 13, Daunte Crawford 11, Griffin Fraser 8, Wesley Davis 7, Weston Richey 4, Collin Schmucker 4, Clay Marley 3, Austin Cristales 2.
Mesquite Poteet JV (N/A) — Meek 6, N. Gaines 4, Walton 4, J. Swader 3, Cunningham 2, Sessions 2, D. Guidry 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Bishop Dunne	15	14	13	13	55
RHS	10	9	9	19	47

Bishop Dunne (10-6) — Mario Starghill 18, Wayne Placide 15, Jordan Pitre 9, Daymond Gardner 7, Larry Johnson Jr. 2, Braelon Roberts 2.
RHS (8-10) — Blake Sandlin 18, Landon Knight 9, Weston Richey 6, Wesley Davis 5, Clay Marley 5, Daunte Crawford 2, Griffin Fraser 2.

	RHHS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	5	15	11	15	46	
RHS	14	7	13	19	53	

RHHS (11-10, 0-2) — Warren Matlock 14, Landon Duhon 9, Conner Geiser 9, Jordan Points 5, Jeramey Anderson 3, Zachary Morett 3, Todd Franza 2, Jonathan Fuller 1.
RHS (9-10, 1-1) — Jared Ragland 13, Griffin Fraser 11, Landon Knight 11, Wesley Davis 9, Collin Schmucker 4, Blake Sandlin 3, Tanner Humm 2.

One good quarter not enough for Hawks at Rockwall

Varsity Bump
Rockwall-Heath head coach Justin Morett probably wanted to bottle his team's quarter Tuesday night at Rockwall. The Hawks had turned the ball over six times and trailed 14-5 after the first eight minutes. They then outscored RHS 15-7 in the second quarter to move within a point at 21-20. Rockwall-Heath had no turnovers in the quarter. In the second half the Yellowjackets out-rebounded RHHS 18-6 and outscored the visitors 32-26 for a 53-46 victory. "I was getting some decent looks. We played hard and did a good job. They did what we asked them to do. There were some kids who stepped up and played hard," Morett said. He nodded to Warren Matlock, who scored a game-high 14 points and teamed with Jordan Points to make it difficult for RHS center Wesley Davis to score. In the end, the Jackets connected from outside.

Morett said, "Griffin Frasier hit some big shots, and they did a good job finding him. Landon Duhon was hitting for us, and we did a good job finding him." Matlock had led the second-quarter surge with seven points, but it was Duhon who kept the Hawks in the game until RHHS resorted to fouling and Rockwall made 10 foul shots. RHS had a 36-31 lead before Duhon hit two 3-point shots to pull the Hawks within a point at 38-37. Before the loss to Rockwall, the Hawks had a five-game losing streak culminating in a 60-40 loss to Carrollton Newman Smith Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Tommy Thomas Cougar Classic at The Colony. RHHS had opened the season with a 26-point victory (58-32) over Newman Smith. In the second meeting, four Trojans who didn't play or score in the first game combined for 32 points — 19 by David Lewis. Jonathan Fuller led Rockwall-Heath with nine. That streak ended the next day, when the Hawks held off South Garland for a 43-37 victory. Seven RHHS players scored between four and eight points, with Matlock and Points tied for high-scoring honors with eight each.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	8	9	9	14	40
Newman Smith	17	13	8	22	60

RHHS (10-9) — Jonathan Fuller 9, Jeramey Anderson 6, Todd Franza 6, Landon Duhon 4, Zachary Morett 4, Warren Matlock 3, Tyler McKay 2, Christian Nwabuko 2, Jordan Points 2, John Taylor 2.
Carrollton Newman Smith (6-10) — David Lewis 19, Darion Brown 11, Edward Williams 10, Lobel 7, Chris Scaife 7, Walter Rickett 4, Tripp Abbott 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	9	15	10	9	43
South Garland	5	10	13	9	37

RHHS (11-9) — Warren Matlock 8, Jordan Points 8, Jonathan Fuller 7, Conner Geiser 6, Jeramey Anderson 5, Christian Nwabuko 5, Tyler McKay 4.
South Garland (5-11) — Marvell Green 16, Josh Garrett 7, Rashad Mays 6, Jajuan Howard 5, Randall Jeffers 3.
For the Rockwall-Heath at Rockwall box score, see the Yellowjackets' game story.

Rockwall's Luke Termin Picked For Youth All-American Bowl

The American Games, Football University and Eastbay are proud to announce Luke Termin, a 7th-grader from Rockwall, Texas, has been selected to play in the 11 Eastbay Youth All-American Bowl taking place in San Antonio, Texas, on Sunday, January 9, 2011, at the Alamodome. Termin will play middle linebacker and fullback for the West team in the 8th-grade, eight-limit game. The Utley Middle School student also plays football for the Rockwall Hawks. Termin is one of the nation's top 7th and 8th graders against one another in an all-star format. The Eastbay Youth All-American Bowl brings together the top youth talent in the nation. This year, the bowl returns to the Alamodome in San Antonio on Sunday, January 9, 2011, and will once again be webcasted live on www.footballuniversity.org and www.allamericangames.tv. The Eastbay Youth All-American Bowl consists of three East vs. West all-star games, one for the top 40 7th graders with a 175-pound limit, one for the top 40 8th graders with a 185-pound limit and a third game featuring the top 40 8th graders with no weight limit. New this year will be a fourth game—the USA-Canada Youth

Rockwall County Sports Schedule

- The Fulton School Falcons**
Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Boys' basketball: at Dallas Lakehill Prep, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — Boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney Cornerstone Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14 — Boys' basketball: at Denton Selwyn, 6 p.m.
- Heritage Christian Academy Eagles**
Monday, Jan. 10 — Basketball: at Greenville Christian, middle school girls 5 p.m., middle school boys 6 p.m. and JV boys 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Basketball: at Greenville Christian, varsity girls 6 p.m., and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — Basketball: home vs. Dallas A+ Academy, RISE, middle school girls 5 p.m., middle school boys 6 p.m. and JV boys 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14 — Basketball: home vs. Red River Home School, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
- Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors**
Monday, Jan. 10 — Middle school girls' basketball: home vs. Dallas HSAA, B 5 p.m. and A 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — Middle school basketball: home vs. DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal, girls 4 p.m. and boys 5 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14 — Basketball: home vs. Christian Heritage School of Longview, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
- Rockwall High School Yellowjackets**
Friday, Jan. 7 — Varsity wrestling: at Cy-Fair Invitational, Berry Center, 3 p.m.
Boys' soccer: scrimmage at Denton Guyer, JV2 4:30 p.m., JV1 6 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie East, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
Girls' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Mesquite Horn, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Freshman girls' basketball: at Wylie East, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
Boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie East, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Wylie East, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 8 — Varsity wrestling: at Cy-Fair Invitational, Berry Center, 9 a.m.
Boys' soccer: at scrimmage vs. Frisco Wakeland, Sachse and Frisco Centennial, noon
Monday, Jan. 10 — JV II boys' basketball: home vs. Plano Williams, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney North, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
Boys' soccer: home scrimmage vs. The Colony, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at McKinney North, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' soccer: scrimmage at Waxahachie, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Varsity girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney North, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — JV boys' soccer: vs. Plano John Paul II at Dr. Pepper Cup, Center Street Sherman, 5 p.m.
Wrestling: home vs. Colleyville Heritage, 6 p.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Paris North Lamar at Dr. Pepper Cup, Center Street, Sherman, 7 p.m.
JV girls' soccer: at Hebron Tournament
Friday, Jan. 14 — Varsity boys' soccer: at Sherman for Dr. Pepper Cup, Bearcat Stadium, 5 p.m.
Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
JV boys' soccer: vs. Garland Lakeview Centennial at Dr. Pepper Cup, Center Street, Sherman, 7 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: at Carrollton Creekview Tournament
JV girls' soccer: at Hebron Tournament
Saturday, Jan. 15 — Wrestling: at Cougar Duals, The Colony, 9 a.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Denison for Dr. Pepper Cup, Bearcat Stadium, 10:30 a.m.
JV boys' soccer: vs. Paris at Dr. Pepper Cup, Center Street, Sherman, 12:30 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: at Carrollton Creekview Tournament
JV girls' soccer: at Hebron Tournament
- Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks**
Friday, Jan. 7 — Varsity wrestling: at Cy-Fair Invitational, Berry Center, 3 p.m.
Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Cain Middle School, Red 5:30 p.m. and Black 7 p.m.
Girls' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Mesquite, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at Wylie, 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. Wylie, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 8 — Varsity wrestling: at Cy-Fair Invitational, Berry Center, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, Cain Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
Boys' soccer: scrimmage at Sachse, varsity 5:30 p.m. and JV 7 p.m.
Girls' soccer: scrimmage at Garland Naaman Forest, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Boys' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Highland Park, Freshman Red 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — Wrestling: home vs. Prosper and Carrollton R.L. Turner, 6 p.m.
Gymnastics: home vs. Highland Park, Compulsory, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: at Forney Tournament
- Varsity girls' soccer: at Emily Hunter Tournament, Arlington
JV boys' soccer: at Carrollton R.L. Turner Tournament
JV girls' soccer: at Mesquite JV Tournament
Friday, Jan. 14 — Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie East, Cain Middle School, Red 5:30 p.m. and Black 7 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at Wylie East, 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. Wylie East, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: at Forney Tournament
Varsity girls' soccer: at Emily Hunter Tournament, Arlington
JV boys' soccer: at Carrollton R.L. Turner Tournament
JV girls' soccer: at Mesquite JV Tournament
Saturday, Jan. 15 — Wrestling: at Sommerstein Classic, Bishop Dunne, 10 a.m.
Swimming: at Rockwall Time Trial, RISD Aquatic Center, 5 p.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: at Forney Tournament
Varsity girls' soccer: at Emily Hunter Tournament, Arlington
JV boys' soccer: at Carrollton R.L. Turner Tournament
JV girls' soccer: at Mesquite JV Tournament
- Royse City Bulldogs**
Friday, Jan. 7 — Boys' basketball: home vs. Denison, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Denison, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Dallas Hillcrest, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 10 — Girls' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Texarkana Texas, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Girls' basketball: home vs. Sherman, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at Sherman, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Boys' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Commerce, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — Middle school boys' basketball: home vs. Terrell, 4:30 p.m.
Middle school girls' basketball: at Terrell, 5:30 p.m.
Boys' soccer: at Forney Tournament
Girls' soccer: at Mount Pleasant Tournament
Friday, Jan. 14 — Boys' basketball: home vs. Greenville, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Greenville, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Cain Middle School Mustangs
Monday, Jan. 10 — 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie McMillan, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
7th grade girls' basketball: at Wylie McMillan, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Gymnastics: home vs. Utley, Level 4, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie McMillan, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
8th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie McMillan, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14 — 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
8th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Williams
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7th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek
Saturday, Jan. 15 — 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
8th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Williams
7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
7th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Utley
- Utley Middle School Wolves**
Monday, Jan. 10 — 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Erickson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
7th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Erickson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Gymnastics: at Cain, Compulsory, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Erickson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
8th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Erickson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14 — 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
8th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Williams
7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
7th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek
Saturday, Jan. 15 — 7th grade girls' basketball: home for C Tournament
8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
8th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Williams
7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
- Williams Middle School Wildcats**
Monday, Jan. 10 — 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
7th grade boys' basketball: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
8th grade girls' basketball: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14 — 8th grade girls' basketball: home for C Tournament
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At the recent All-American Game "signing party" are (left to right) Stan Veasley, RYSA coach; Luke Termin, Driphus "DJ" Jackson, Cedar Hill High School quarterback and Cedric Cromer, RYSA coach.

Lady Hawks basketball ...

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Dallas Lincoln (11-2) — Camesha Turner 19, Jade Colbert 12, Katora Criner 10, Mitchell 9, Breanna Hayden 8, Alisha Washington 7, Kelsey Criner 6, Rikell Wright 4, Gjetaoia Richardson 1.
RHS (6-12) — Brianna Richardson 8, Brooke Eddy 6, McKenzie White 4, Kaitlyn Melon 3, Aly Coughlin 3, Jordan Mitchell 3, Willette Rankin 2.
RHS (7-12) — Aly Coughlin 10, Jordan Mitchell 9, Brooke Eddy 8, Brianna Hardson 6, Willette Rankin 5, McKenzie White 1.
Dallas A. Maceo Smith (2-9) — Cierra Mitchell 11, Jaylynn Alton 7, Mariah Ross

Rockwall County Sports Notes

- Youth Soccer registration under way**
Early registration for the YMCA Youth Soccer program will run through Jan. 31. Games 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 girls 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 \$10 on Feb. 1. Financial assistance is available. Registration must be done by parent/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 info 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 girls, men's church, co-red and church co-rec. USSSA rules will apply. For more info contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

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Lady Bulldogs stretch winning streak to 6 games

The current question in Royse City is whether the girls' basketball team or its top scorer, Krystal Pickron, has been hotter on the court.

RC swept four games to win the Kaufman Holiday Tournament during the week after Christmas, then opened the 2011 portion of its season by defeating Prosper 55-42.

Those victories extended the Lady Bulldogs' winning streak to six games. At Kaufman Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 28-30, Royse City won two games easily, and had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to win the other two.

However, there have been constants in RC's game.

The Lady Bulldogs have allowed no more than 42 points in any game during the streak, and Pickron has led the offense. She was the team's high scorer with 12 points in a 46-29 victory over Forney, 12 more in a come-from-behind 47-38 win over Terrell, 10 as Royse City rallied to defeat North Forney 40-34 and 24 against Prosper.

In the tournament final, a 52-32 rout of host Kaufman, RC's defense dominated. The Lady Bulldogs used a press to go ahead 24-17 at halftime and to hold the Lady Lions without a field goal in the third quarter.

Royse City (2-1 in District 13-4A) returns to district play Friday at Denison.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	6	13	15	12	46
Forney	3	2	14	10	29

RCHS (10-9) – Krystal Pickron 12, Sydnie Erbe 7, Dezaray Gardner 7,

Jennifer Null 7, Nina Gaines 6, Lauren Dusek 4, Taylor Jordan 3. Forney (4-14) – Jamie Wilson 8, Naolecia Harvey 7, Jasmine Freaney 4, Kierra Jones 4, Brittany Davis 2, Darien Jackson 2, Lauren Whitehead 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	9	4	11	23	47
Terrell	2	11	16	9	38

RCHS (11-9) – Krystal Pickron 12, Nina Gaines 11, Dezaray Gardner 7, Colleen Moore 7, Sydnie Erbe 5, Taylor Jordan 5.

Terrell (9-6) – Kelcee Derrick 14, Tonisha Dean 11, Tiara White 10, Cortney Hubbard 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	11	10	7	12	40
North Forney	11	9	10	4	34

RCHS (12-9) – Krystal Pickron 10, Nina Gaines 9, Dezaray Gardner 9, Taylor Jordan 6, Sydnie Erbe 3, Lauren Dusek 2, Jennifer Null 1.

North Forney (12-6) – Brittney Norris 15, LaQuencia Dorsey 10, Brianna Polk 7, Kaderia Dolls 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	8	16	16	12	52
Kaufman	4	13	5	10	32

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	6	18	8	23	55
Prosper	9	9	11	13	42

RCHS (14-9) – Krystal Pickron 24, Sydnie Erbe 12, Dezaray Gardner 7, Nina Gaines 4, Jennifer Null 4, Taylor Jordan 3, Lauren Dusek 1.

Prosper (6-15) – Kayla Wang 12, Megan Cleary 10, Morgan Thompson 10, Kyla Spencer 6, Natalie Lemley 2.

Busy schedule leads to Lady Jackets' win over RHHS

By Lary Bump

After its holiday "break," the Rockwall girls' basketball team might have been happy to return to classes Thursday.

It wasn't the quality of their time off from school so much as the limited quantity of time off for the Lady Jackets.

In an eight-day period, they played six games. The 4-2 record in those games dropped RHS (18-6 overall) to 14th in the TABC state 4A poll, but the team masked some good play by the Lady Jackets.

They won three of five games in the 32-team 60th annual Sandra Meigs Classic at Duncanville, reaching the consolation final before losing 52-42 to Fort Worth Texas Home Educators Sports Association.

Returning to district play Tuesday, Rockwall took a 40-30 victory by host Rockwall-Heath.

In that defensive struggle, the Lady Hawks held down RHS' top two scorers, Alyssa Lang and Hannah Hughes, but guard Kayla Quarter broke loose in the fourth quarter. Rockwall-Heath tried to catch up in the fourth quarter, but Lady Jackets' foul shots iced the game.

Rockwall had opened play at Duncanville a week earlier. The Lady Jackets stayed with 5A Eules Trinity for seven minutes, but the Lady Trojans' Paige Weaver then made two 3-point shots for a 19-13 lead going into the second quarter.

That defensive lapse and 59 per cent (13-for-22) foul shooting contributed to RHS' 53-40 loss that snapped a 10-game winning streak.

Those areas have been strengths for Rockwall most of this season.

Lady Jackets head coach Jill McDill said, "We left number 10 (Weaver) three times in the first half, and she went 3-for-3. Our free throw percentage was terrible, and I think our shooting percentage as well."

From the field, Rockwall was just 12-for-45 (27 per cent).

Still, McDill pointed out, "It was a seven-point game (with 6 minutes, 30 seconds to play), and Paige Turner got a steal but we missed a shot. We had possessions there where we didn't score."

In that game, Hughes scored 16 points and Lang had 10.

The Lady Jackets then won three games; Hughes scored 17 points and had 15 in a 58-43 victory over Bellaire; they added 21 and 20 points in a rout of Tyler Lee, and Lang (15 points) and Turner (10) led a 45-29 defeat over Denton Ryan.

In the consolation final, THESA used 3-point shooting to win. McKenna Jefferson's 28 points included three 3-pointers, and Melody Wilson had 15. Weaver then made two 3-point shots for a 19-13 lead going into the second quarter. Rockwall with 15.

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Hawks' Warren Matlock (32) stretches for a shot under the basket, as Rockwall defender Collin Schmucker (10) stands ready for a rebound.

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RHHS Lady Hawks McKenzie White (23) drives past RHS Lady Jackets Paige Turner (25) during the recent cross-town rivalry.

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Alyssa Lang (32) takes a shot for a Lady Jackets' basket over Lady Hawks' Aly Coughlin (13). Assisting in the play are Lady Hawks Brianna Richardson (21) and McKenzie White (23).


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Dorris Jones Elementary third graders board the Polar Express

Third grade students from Dorris Jones Elementary School assisted the Rockwall County Library with its December Polar Express Extravaganza. Under the direction of Jones' art teacher Cindy Mosby, all third grade students made pictures for the library's Polar Express windows. Pictured are Brenna and Andrew Mulligan standing beside the Polar Express.

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Lady Jackets wrap up win over Lady Hawks

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RHS now is playing without junior Mary Hinton, who won't return this season after her second shoulder surgery. Senior Caitlin White has returned from a wrist injury to add size up front, and Ellen Baker has been promoted from the junior varsity to add an outside-shooting threat.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	13	5	14	8	40
Trin	19	8	17	9	53

RHS (14-5) – Hannah Hughes 16, Alyssa Lang 10, Kayla Smith 7, Ellen Baker 3, Paige Turner 2, Morghen Day 2.

Eulless Trinity (15-5) – Nikki Moody 15, Tori Henderson 14, Shay

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Weaver	11	7	12	14	45
Tarrant	4	9	10	7	29

RHS (17-5) – Alyssa Lang 15, Paige Turner 10, Hannah Hughes 8, Kayla Smith 5, Ellen Baker 3, Mariah Roof 2, Morghen Day 2.

Denton Ryan (10-9) – Teana Ogden 16, Deborah Holcomb 4, Danielle Richardson 4, Paige Knight 2, Rasheeba Walker 2, Halee Clark 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	11	7	11	13	42
THES14	15	17	6	52	

RHS (17-6) – Alyssa Lang 15, Hannah Hughes 9, Mariah Roof 8, Paige Turner 5, Ellen Baker 3, Kayla Smith 2.

Fort Worth Texas Home Educators' Sports Association (27-9) – Moriah Jefferson 28, Melody Wilson 13, Tiarra Wilson 7, Jessie Ramos 2, Lindsey Battiste 2.

For the Rockwall at Rockwall-Heath

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	12	7	12	14	45
Ryan	3	9	10	7	29

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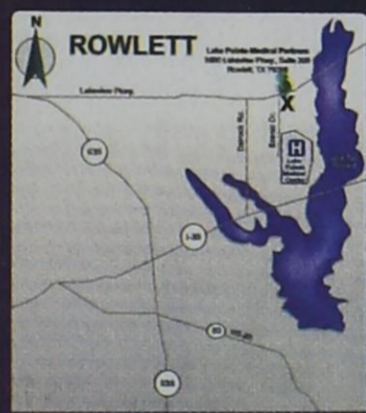


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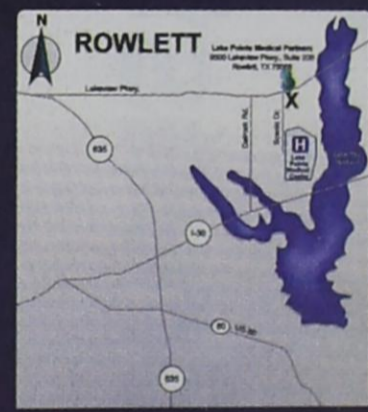


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