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RISD Superintendent retiring in May

Gene Burton, superintendent for the Rockwall Independent School District, will retire at the conclusion of the current school year, according to a news release issued by the district late Monday.

During Monday's RISD Board of Trustees meeting, board members accepted the superintendent's resignation, which will be effective in June.

"It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve the employees and families of Rockwall ISD," Burton said in the release. "The staff, the parents and the community as a whole have always given me unyielding support and I am forever grateful for all those who have worked side-by-side with me to help provide meaningful learning opportunities for children."

Burton has served as superintendent for the RISD since May 2001. As superintendent of Rockwall schools, Burton oversaw the execution of the 2001 bond program, which totaled \$139,165,000 and included the construction of Rockwall-Heath High; guided the development of the first elementary school Rachel's Challenge program in Rockwall, U.S.; participated in the development of the RISD Education Foundation; and provided oversight for the development and implementation of the 2006 and 2007 bond programs that provided for various changes, including an aquatic center, a new middle school, a new football stadium, two new performing arts facilities and other additions at both high schools.

Burton also has used his expertise to help direct the future of all public school students. He recently participated with 34 colleagues – all superintendents from throughout the state – in seven unifying sessions that produced a report, "Creating a New Vision for Public Education in Texas." The document is designed to serve as a "framework for conversation about a preferred course for 21st Century education," according to the news release.

"Under Dr. Burton's leadership our school district has grown and developed to where it is today -- one of the most respected and admired districts in Texas," said RISD Board of Trustees president Craig Zurek. "RISD is now a standard bearer in education, in the safety and health of our students and staff, in fiscal responsibility, and in teaching our children the value of care and compassion. Thanks in great part to his vision and oversight, our schools give every child who attends an opportunity to access an education that will prepare them to be leaders in the 21st century. Dr. Burton will be missed for all that he and his vast skills have brought to our schools, to our children, and to our community."

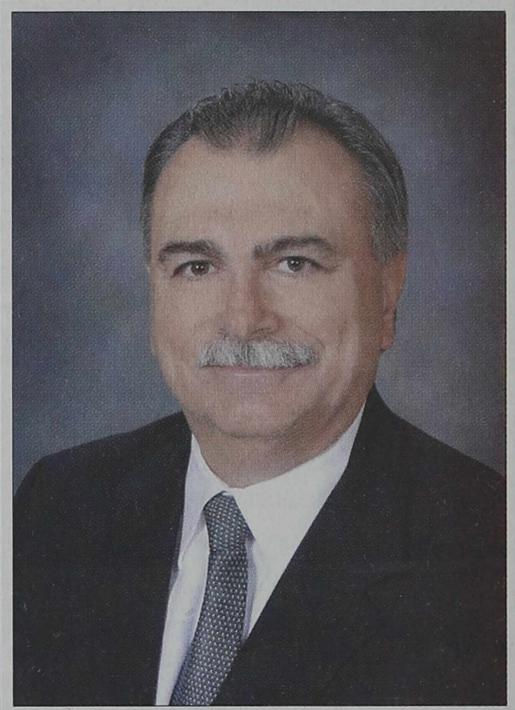
Burton began his career in the district in July 1994 as assistant superintendent for business operations. He was promoted to deputy superintendent prior to assuming his current post.

Prior to serving the RISD, he was a teacher, coach and principal in the Italy Independent School District, a teacher and coach in the Waxahachie Independent School District and superintendent of the Frost and Giddings school districts.

The RISD Board of Trustees is expected to begin the process of finding a new superintendent of schools immediately.

"We will post the open position as soon as possible," said Zurek. "The Board will then begin the process of finding the person who will take on the responsibility of leading our school district into the future. We expect to be able to name our intended replacement for Dr. Burton as early as February so that our next superintendent of schools will have the opportunity to be on staff as early as mid-March."

Burton has no specific plans following his retirement, the news release stated, but he plans to spend time with his wife, Julie, who recently retired as director of personnel for the Highland Park Independent School District, and his daughter and son-in-law, Cecilia and Jesse, and their daughter, Liliana Faith.



Gene Burton

Rockwall County News Briefs

Reservations due today for Newcomers event

Lunch reservations are due today for the Feb. 11 luncheon meeting of the Rockwall Newcomers Club at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Entertainment for the event, which will begin at 10 a.m., will be provided by the Dallas Banjo Band. For reservations, call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-5569.

'Nunsense' tickets available

Tickets to the Rockwall Community Playhouse's 'Nunsense' are on sale. Performances are set for Feb. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, and 21.

HCA to stage 'Modern Millie'

The Heritage Christian Academy Theatre Department will present the Broadway musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday in the HCA Multipurpose Room. Tickets cost \$5 for students, \$7 for adults; seating is limited. For tickets call 972-772-3003.

Daddy/Daughter Dance is Saturday

The 12th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at Hilton Bella Harbor. Cost is \$45 per resident couple (\$10 per additional child), \$67 per non-resident couple (\$10 per additional child). Admission will be limited. To register call 972-771-7740.

Monday is voter registration deadline

Deadline to register to vote in the March 2 primary election is Monday. Applications to register may be downloaded at rockwallcountytx.com or picked up at the Rockwall County Elections Office at most post offices, libraries and high schools. Mail completed applications to 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, 75087.

Deadline nears for singing valentines

The Rockwall Children's Chorus is selling singing valentines for February. Valentines will be delivered Feb. 12 or 13. Each valentine includes three songs, a bag of homemade cookies and a card. Contact Lori at lori-ullom@sbcglobal.net or call 972-722-8187 or 789-2888 to place an order. Deadline for orders is Monday.

Art students' work on display at library

Mathy Finn's art students from Amy Parks Elementary will have their artwork on display for the month of February at the Rockwall County Library.

Basic computing skills workshops set

Workshop on basic computing skills will be offered Feb. 3-5, 10-12 and Feb. 17-19 at the Rockwall County Library. Each one-day workshop will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the upstairs technology lab. Each participant must have a valid library card. Registration may be completed at the upstairs Reference desk.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. Reservations required for this informal social gathering open to area Republicans. For details call Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-3634.

RCC plans Wednesday meeting

The Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington. Kaaren Mahoney, senior tax adviser at H&R Block, will present a program on 2009 tax law changes. Anyone interested in computers is invited to attend. Call Joe Conrad, 972-771-8529 for more details.

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"Grandma Brag Pages" deadline February 5

The annual Rockwall County News "Grandma Brag Pages" special edition will be published Friday, February 12, with a Friday, February 5 deadline for photo submission. Just in time for Valentine's Day, the special edition features photos of grandchildren with their names and names of grandparents in full color.

Three sizes are offered: \$30, \$50 and \$90. High resolution images with informaton should be sent by email to rcn.news@yahoo.com, by mail to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or to the office at 107 E. Bourn Ave.



Pictured are members of The Fulton School's first junior cheerleaders group at a middle school girls' basketball game last month. Shown at top, from the left, are Katie Crawford and Tuti Huertas. At bottom are Sydney Griffith, Rachel Eaton and Alexis Verbeke. Junior cheerleaders are students in grades kindergarten through third grade.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Vintage baseball game set for April 18

Rockwall County Historical Foundation board members Carolyn Francisco, Les Gray and Cliff Cardwell are shown reliving a few memories of past baseball games as the board makes plans for an April 18 vintage baseball fundraiser. The event will feature teams who will play in uniforms and by rules from an earlier era, as well as a band that will play tunes in keeping with the time when baseball was an all-American sport. Research indicates that several local communities, including Heath, Royse City and Rockwall, had baseball teams and sponsored Sunday tournaments every spring. Watch the Rockwall County News for more details on the special event.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

"Bye Bye Birdie" under way at RHHS

Rockwall Heath High School Fine Arts Department is proud to present "Bye Bye Birdie" in performances tonight, Saturday and Sunday in Rockwall-Heath's new Performing Arts Center.

A satire set in 1958, "Bye Bye Birdie" is story is loosely based on a rock and roll music legend Conrad Birdie and his "One Last Kiss" of fame and glory before he leaves for the war.

The show boasts a large cast of

principals and a 20-member chorus, including Evan Brumbelow (Albert Peterson), Andee Aulbaugh (Rose Alvarez), Brittany Wenger (Ursula Merkle), Alex Cass (Kim MacAfee), Kelly Moses (Doris MacAfee), Graham DeFranco (Harry MacAfee), Carson Aulbaugh (Randolph MacAfee), Rachel Hilton (Mae Peterson), Evan Scallan (Conrad Birdie), Dalton Irwin (Hugo Peabody), Makynzie Stevens (Nancy),

Meredith Magee (Helen), Taylor Frazee (Penelope), Tyler Russell (Adult Chorus), Zane Brown (Mayor), Danielle Muniz (Mayor's Wife) and Jennie Eilts (Mrs. Merkle).

Also, Sydney Allen (Gloria Rasputin), Michael Shipley (Mr. Johnson), David Darnell (Maude), Laura Vanamburgh (Adult Chorus), Clayton Patrick (Adult Chorus), Meredith Bennett (Margie), Lacy Abercrombie

(Deborah Sue), DJ Sommers (Harvey Johnson), Hannah Kennedy (Alice), Jesse Kizewski (Freddie), Dallas Frasier (Karl), Bradley Steinmeyer (Adult Chorus), Sierra Shepard (Suzie), Kristen Hanson (Teen Chorus), Amanda Zabolotny (Teen Chorus), Holley Noe (Teen Chorus), Tori Bryant (Teen and Adult Chorus), Mariam Khan (Adult Chorus), Melanie Tomic (Adult Chorus), Katie Rohlf (Adult Chorus) and Gwenlyn Boley (Adult Chorus).

Performances begin at 7 pm today and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Carla Arias, 469-698-2661, in the front office. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst visits Rockwall Feb. 3

Rockwall County Coffee Conservatives will host a February 3 meeting at the Rockwall County Library with Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and State Senator Bob Duell as special guests. The meeting begins at 5 p.m., question and answer time is scheduled.



Matt Hosey and Amy Latham

Latham, Hosey to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Latham of Celina and Mr. and Mrs. Robert of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement and approval of their daughter, Amy Latham, to Matt Hosey, son of Mrs. Mrs. Hosey of San Antonio.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Allen High School, Texas University and UTD. She is employed at a branch of Humana.

The prospective bridegroom, a Baylor University graduate, is a pharmaceutical representative for Dey Laboratories.

A March 13, 2010, wedding in McKinney is planned.

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Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

"It was a miracle"

That's the way Linda Jefferson describes her near-death experience in Galveston with her 81 year old mother. On the weekend trip to Galveston, Linda woke up the day after arriving with severe back pains. "I couldn't move, the pain was excruciating." She was admitted to University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston Hospital where she was diagnosed with kidney failure. While in ICU, hospital staff informed her mother about the seriousness of Linda's condition, not expecting her to live.

"I remained in a semi-conscious state for several days," Linda explained. "I was still in pain and couldn't walk or do anything for myself." After 10 days she was ready to be released from the hospital, with recommendations to

seek help in a rehabilitation facility to help her regain strength and be able to walk again. "I wanted to be close to home, so I told them to take me to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda said. I was unable to make the trip back by car, so it was a seven hour ambulance ride to Royse City.

"I was at an all time low," she added, "but in a few days I slowly came out of that state, because the staff was so attentive and caring. They literally saved my life! I couldn't do anything by myself upon arrival, but every day got just a little bit better. They just kept encouraging me."

Linda is at home now, and returns to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center once a week as a volunteer. "I made some good friends there," she said, "and I enjoy calling bingo, it's a wonderful outing for me and I get to see my friends again."

"If you need special attention, I can tell you that you'll get the very best personal care at Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda concluded.



Linda Jefferson with Cherise Wright, O.T. (left) and Pam Ragsdill, P.T. (right)

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Members of the Catholic Mothers Council meeting recently are (left to right) Darcy Rocha, Jenni Carrell, Jane Seifer, CMC president Katrina Tate, Natalie Lahlouh, Monica Mercado, Miner Coleman, Alicia Amundson and Julie Aldridge. The council meets February 3 to hear from the North Texas Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

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Ballroom Dancing classes offered

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer Ballroom Dancing on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 3-24, March 3-31 and April 7-28 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 18 and older, will be taught by Margaret Kochan. Cost is \$48 for Rockwall residents, \$72 for non-residents.

Cardio Ballroom classes set

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer Ballroom Dancing on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Feb. 3-24, March 3-31 and April 7-28 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 18 and older, classes will be taught by Margaret Kochan. Cost is \$32 for Rockwall residents, \$48 for non-residents.

'Done to Death' offered at RHS

RHS Theatre Arts Department will offer the mystery comedy "Done to Death" in performances set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4, 5 and 6 and Feb. 6-7 in the school's Main Stage Theatre. Admission will be \$5 at the door.

FOL general meeting set

Friends of the Library will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 9 in the Rockwall County Library's Community Room. Laura Duty of the Dallas Arboretum will present "Diamonds in Dallas." Lunch will be provided by Bob Overholt; cost will be \$15. Reservations required. Feb. 5; call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

DAR plans next meeting

Rock Wall Chapter DAR will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 6 in the East Church of Christ, 485 N. FM 549, Rockwall. Member Judy Williams will present the program, "The Building of Tammasee."

RCP auditions set Feb. 6

Rockwall Community Playhouse will conduct auditions for "Boys Next Door" beginning at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at the theater. Auditions are set for March 26, 27, 28 and April 2, 3 and 4.

Teen Game Night set at library

Rockwall County Library's February Teen Game Night is set for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will feature games, music and prizes.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch trip planned

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will travel to Kaufman on Feb. 12 to dine at the Especially For You Tea Room. For more details call 771-7740.

Mental Illness Support Meeting

NAMI free support groups, one for those with a mental illness and one for their families in B Bldg., will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 13 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E Yellow Jacket Lane in Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee at 972-412-6030 for more information.

Seniors 'net surfing class offered

Class on Internet surfing will be offered to individuals ages 50 and older from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 12 and 15 at The Center. Learn to use search engines, e-mail, social networking sites and group addresses. Cost will be \$50 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. For details call 972-771-7740.

Brown Bag Series returns Feb. 12

First lecture in the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Series, "The Almost True History of Royse City," will be presented by local historian and performer Annie Cornelius at noon on Feb. 12 in the Historic Courthouse. Lectures are free and family friendly.

Library closed for President's Day

Rockwall County Library will be closed on Feb. 15 for President's Day and will reopen at 10 a.m. Feb. 16.

Intro to Computers class slated

Introduction to Computers class open to individuals ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 16 and 18 at The Center. Cost will be \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Learn ARC first aid, CPR and AED

Class teaching American Red Cross first aid, CPR and use of an Automated External Defibrillator will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 20 at The Center. The course is open to individuals ages 15 and older and also will teach care for children and infants in emergency situations. Cost is \$90 for Rockwall residents, \$135 for non-residents.

Wii Afternoon set at the library

Afternoon for Teens will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Rockwall County Library.

TA&M Singing Cadets to perform Feb. 20

"Voice of Aggieland," the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets, will perform at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the RHHS Performing Arts Center. Ryan Day, a Rockwall 2008 graduate, is a member of the group. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. For ticket information contact Vickie Day at vday95@gmail.com or at 972-463-7740.

Pop in and Study Night scheduled

Rockwall County Library's Pop in and Study Night for teens will run from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Feb. 23. Students should bring their homework; popcorn will be provided. Look for the library's teens on Twitter and Facebook or call 972-204-7700.

Kid's Game Night set Feb. 26

Kid's Game Night, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be open for children ages 3 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 26 in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Age-appropriate activities are planned, and snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents.

Parent & Me Storytime scheduled

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Parent & Me Storytime, for children ages 1 through 3 and their parents, will run from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Mondays, March 1 through April 5, in the Myers Community Center. Stories and activities are planned.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch trip planned

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will travel to Dallas March 12 to visit the Baker's Bakery. For more details call 972-771-7740.

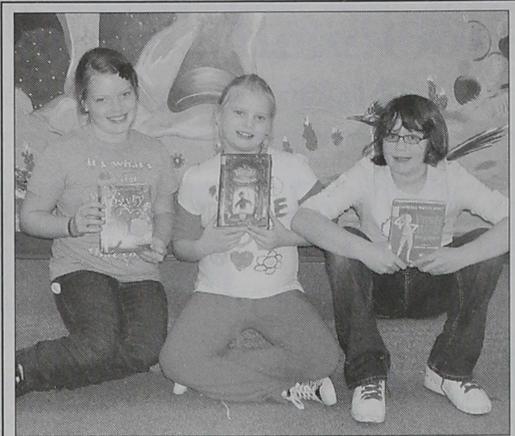
'Rock through Spring Break'

Week's worth of field trips, Rock through Spring Break, will be held March 15-19 through the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Children ages 6-12 are eligible to participate and will meet at the RISD Ed. Center gym at 8 a.m. daily. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Cost is \$75 for Rockwall residents, \$113 for non-residents.



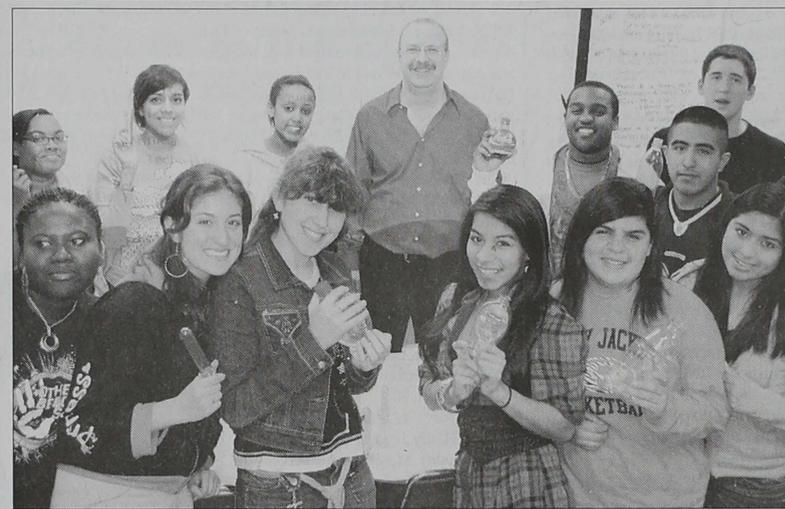
Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary principal Corey White is shown skating with a student, Julia Fuqua, at the annual PTA Skate Night on Jan. 14.

Photo courtesy of Dennis & Laura Hamann/Rockwall County News



Jacqueline Mote, Rebekah Allen and Nicole Wohnsiedler recently were recognized as the Cullins Lake-Pointe Elementary Bluebonnet Readers. Each of the honorees read all 20 of the Bluebonnet Award nominees. The Texas Bluebonnet Award is voted on by students in grades three through six throughout the state. To vote, a student must have read at least five of the 20 books nominated.

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Speaker Blane Adams is shown with members of Anna Campbell's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) class at Rockwall High School. The class is designed to prepare high school students for college through intensive tutoring, study skills, field trips and guest speakers. Students pictured include, at front, Frances Kabbah, Libby Gracia, Stephanie Tamez, Anna Hernandez, Monique Alvarado and Diana Rivera. Shown on the second row are Nia McCullough, Wendy Carrillo, Meme Hultuagersh, the speaker, Darian Mosely, Juan Rios and Michael Campbell.

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March 8 is deadline for RISD board filing

Deadline for filing for a place as a candidate in the May 8 Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees election is 5 p.m. March 8. Filing will begin Feb. 8.

According to a district news release, two three-year terms will be on the ballot, including the Place 4 position presently held by Doug Hamilton and the Place 5 slot currently held by Dr. David Loftis.

Candidate application packets may be obtained from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays in the superintendent's office at the RISD Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

For more details, call 972-771-0605.

More than 300 participate in FUMC's 'Great Days of Service'

The First United Methodist Church of Rockwall's "Great Days of Service" campaign drew more than 300 participants despite inclement weather.

Volunteers of all ages helped with more than two dozen service projects undertaken Jan. 15-17.

"Our goal was to connect as many people as possible to as many missions as possible," said event chairman Susan Gallander, "and the turnout was amazing."

Mission activities included the donation of more than 600 pairs of new and gently worn shoes to Crossroads Community Service, an urban outreach of FUMC of Dallas; the delivery of 233 "birthday blessing" cards created for children at the Methodist Children's Home, Waco; and the creation of 321 "busy bags" for hospitalized children.

Other missions included:

- More than 80 blankets handmade through Project Linus, a national organization designed to help provide security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or in need;
- Seven carloads of food collected and stocked for Rockwall County Helping Hands;
- Two bathrooms remodeled at the Helping Hands Health Center;
- Clean-up of local parks thanks to 40 volunteers;
- More than 20 loaves of bread baked and delivered to church members and homebound individuals
- Two closets cleaned and organized at One Man's Treasure, which provides clothing for ex-offenders, enabling them to adopt positive self-images as they attempt to find employment;
- Time spent with residents of area senior living centers, with more than 40 volunteers spending time playing Bingo, singing and enjoying craft-making activities;

- Mulching of the area around the church thanks to help from a dozen volunteers;
 - The collection of hundreds of toiletry items to be distributed to women who have faced domestic abuse situations;
 - More than 200 troops welcomed home with 300 treat bags at the DFW Airport;
 - More than 120 square feet of tile installed at the Pregnancy Resource Center;
 - Hundreds of books moved and sorted at the Wesley Rankin Community Center, Dallas;
 - 20 Habitat for Humanity volunteers assisted on a build in Royse City;
 - Rockwall firefighters were fed lunch;
 - Five new counselors were trained for Society of St. Stephen, which assists those in need in Rockwall County;
 - Helped serve breakfast to hundreds of homeless individuals at Stewpot in Dallas;
 - Sang to residents of Senior Care at Lake Pointe;
 - Substitute drivers volunteered to deliver for Meals on Wheels.
- "As the Great Days of Service gained momentum, it quickly went from good to great," said FUMC Rockwall senior pastor Joe Pool. "I have never witnessed a church respond to a call to help, serve, be a part, lend a hand and serve others as I have with this effort. Whenever we serve, we realize that we are a part of changing the lives of others in the name of Christ, but inevitably, is it we who are changed and it's great."
- The dates already have been set for next year's Great Days of Service campaign. For more information on the event, contact Susan Gallander at 972-722-8907.



Toby Bailey, Evelyn Weber, Paul Hamm, Evelyn Harrill, Maria and Brendan O'Connor and Donna Mussetter of the First United Methodist Rockwall are pictured sorting food collected during the church's recent Great Days of Service campaign. Helping Hands was one of the nonprofits that benefited from their work. Project volunteers renovated two bathrooms at the Health Center of Helping Hands while others collected seven carloads of food for the agency's Food Pantry and then stocked pantry shelves.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Lucille F. Bateman

Services for Lucille F. Bateman, 93, of Rockwall will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.



She died Sunday, Jan. 24. Born July 5, 1916, in Stamps, Ark., to James Henry and Julia (Tinnell) Force, she served in the Special Services at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana during World War II, coordinating celebrity entertainers and USO shows. She retired from the accounting department of the City of Shreveport. She was a Christian and a member of the Eastern Star and the First United Methodist Church of Shreveport.

Survivors include her daughter, Julia Halliburton, and her husband, John, of Rockwall; one son, James Bateman, and his wife, Bernadine, of Parker, Colo.; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

Ben Blythe

Services for Ben Blythe, 53, a lifetime resident of Rockwall, were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Monday, Jan. 25. Born July 26, 1956, in Commerce, he worked as a construction project manager for Hoegger and Associates. He enjoyed hunting and barbecuing and loved his family. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Regina Blythe, and his mother, Tommie Blythe, both of Rockwall; one son, Brandon Blythe, and his wife, Melissa, and their children, Brittany, Brooke, Blake and Brett, of Wylie; one daughter, Christie Check, and her husband, David, and their children, Kyle, Hayden, Gage and Libby, and one sister, Lisa Manning, all of Rockwall; his brothers-in-law, Dennis Cameron and his wife, Kim, and Howard Cameron and his wife, Mitzi, and his parents-in-law, Janice and Loyd Cameron, all of Mt. Pleasant; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Joe Blythe.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Area V Memorial Program, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356-0089 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Betty Jean Ellington

Mass for Betty Jean Ellington, 59, of Rockwall will be at 2 p.m. today, Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 1305 Damascus Road, Rockwall, with the Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Coerver officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died Jan. 19. Born Jan. 24, 1950, in Seminole, Okla., to Nicholas and Vivian (Wood) Baker, she was an operator with the railroad system and a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, George Ellington of Rockwall; her sons, August Ellington and his wife, Kelly, of Garland, Seth Ellington and his fiancée, Kyla Laughlin, of Garland, Kyle Ellington of Denver, Colo., and Justin Ellington of Rockwall; her sisters, Ann Stubbs and her husband, J.N., of Denison, Janice Cuevas and her husband, John, of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Carol Sue Weed and her husband, John, of Duncanville; her brother, Nick Baker of Norman, Okla.; and her grandchildren, Keaton, Connor and Preston.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Lillian.

Joyce Huber

Services for Joyce Huber, 70, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, in the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church with the Rev. Peter R. Getz officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Jan. 20 following a brief illness with ovarian cancer.

Born Feb. 10, 1939, in Plymouth, Mich., to Arden and Polly (Ewers) Sackett, she was a registered nurse and a member of the Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church in Heath where she sang in the choir. She was an active member of the Vine & Branches Prayer Group, the Episcopal Church Women, the Rockwall Newcomers Club and TOPS. She loved all music, especially country music, and enjoyed dancing, traveling with her husband of 49 years, fishing, golfing, singing, playing cards and board games, working puzzles and playing with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Huber of Rockwall; her daughter, Jill Nowell, and her husband, Mike, of Dallas; her son, Rick Huber, and his wife, Jennifer, of Montgomery; her grandchildren, Zachary, Marrison and Aaron Nowell and Madeline and Jonathan Huber; her siblings, Louise Davis and her husband, Jim, of Waterford, Mich., Leonard Sackett and his wife, Joanne, of Royal Oak, Mich., Amy Atwell and her husband, Rick, of Canton, Mich., and Ray Sackett and his wife, Gayle, of Novi, Mich.; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Harold Gene Meloling

Services for Harold Gene Meloling, 78, of Mesquite, formerly of Roysie City, were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Rocky Weatherford officiating.

He died Jan. 20. Born Nov. 4, 1931, in Liverpool, N.Y., to Henry Jay and Flora Catherine (MacDonald) Meloling, he served in the U.S. Air Force and made his living as an airplane mechanic. He was a member of the Chisholm Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dottie Meloling of Mesquite; his daughter, Sharon K. Holt and her husband, David, of Greenville; a nephew, Buz Meloling and his wife, Karen A., of Rowlett; his sons, Larry Ragsdale of Campbell and Doug Ragsdale and his wife, Stephanie, of Corinth; his

grandchildren, Daniel, Andrew, Kathi, Jeff, Cariann, Dewaine, Daley, Lizzy; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Uvonne Meloling; a daughter, Charlotte Meloling; and his brothers, Henry J. Jr. and Larry Meloling.

Raymond William Schwertner

Services for Raymond William Schwertner, 93, of Rockwall were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22, 2010, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church with the Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Coerver officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Jan. 19.

Born April 26, 1916, in Miles to Edward Jr. and Veruna (Jasek) Schwertner, he was a farmer in Rowena and Wall and retired from operating heavy equipment for Tom Green County Road Maintenance. He was a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church and was a 3rd Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lake Council 9337. He was a past member of the Elks Lodge in San Angelo.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Melva (Block) Schwertner of Rockwall; one son, Ray D. Schwertner, and his wife, Sheila, of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Jared Schwertner, and his wife, Tara, of Rockwall; dan Schwertner of Dallas and Lacy Schwertner of Rockwall; a great-grandchild, Ethan Schwertner, and another on the way; his siblings, C.J. Schwertner, and his wife, Marie, of Winters, Leo Schwertner of Lake Charles, La., Dorothy Rohmfeld of Olfen, Jerline Bartells and her husband, E. of Hereford and Mona Bryan and her husband, Truett, of Lubbock; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Jenise Schwertner, in 1968; and siblings Alfred, Oscar and Benjamin Schwertner, and both Jost and Willie Mae Niehues.



Churches to offer free concert Feb.

The Rockwall area United Methodist Churches will host a free concert beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at the First United Methodist Church, 12 Yellow Jacket Lane in Rockwall.

The Connections Band will perform the "Super Hits of the '70s" in a family friendly show that will benefit Nothing But Nets, a United Nations malaria campaign.

An offering will be collected for Nothing But Nets. Musical sets will include classics from Fleetwood Mac, Stevie Wonder, Steve Miller and Earth, Wind & Fire. Also included will be ballads Harry Chapin ("Cats in the Hat") and rock music from Steely Dan ("Gotta Get This One") in the Years").

More than 25 musicians, including full bass and strings, will provide music.

To date, Connections has raised more than \$85,000 for charities. For information about the Connections Band, formed by a group of Methodist pastors, visit connectionsband.net.

For more details about Nothing But Nets, visit nothingbutnets.net.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

God's big jump start for the ministry...Acts 2:5-16

Such a joy to dive into God's word and share it with others! Whether we are new in the word, or experienced teachers of the word, here to heal our hearts and help us to better understand the spiritual of life. God's word speaks gently to our hearts with His love and through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Earlier we looked at examples in Acts of believers who received the Holy Ghost in the context of speaking in tongues. Why did God give the disciples a vision of burning cloven tongues? Could be that God thought it was very important for them to start speaking in tongues?

As Christ told them about speaking in tongues earlier (Mark 16:17), before his ascension, he told them that the Holy Ghost would come upon them after receiving power (Acts 1:8). After the disciples were filled with the spirit, God gave them a vision of cloven tongues. Three different records have different apostles ministering the Holy Ghost to others. In every account, the result was that they "received the Holy Ghost" (see Acts 1:7, 10:43 & 47, 11:15 and 19:2 & 6). God might be trying to tell us something.

In Acts 2, after the disciples stopped speaking in tongues for the first time, everybody else in the temple expressed marvel and amazement over what they just heard. This was largely because they heard "them speak in their own languages the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:5-11). Verse 12 says they were all amazed, and with doubt asked each other what it meant. They understood what they heard, but didn't understand why it happened. Before I continue, it is important to understand something. The fact that they understood them was a miraculous phenomenon that was not guarded to happen again. We learn from 1 Corinthians chapter 14 that speaking in tongues is meant for the spiritual edification of the one speaking and others. God had a very special reason for this initial miracle. The word of what happened spread like wildfire. God sure knew how to get started!

Everybody else in the temple were amazed. Others mocked and accused them of being drunk (Acts 2:13). Even after hearing the wonderful works of God in their own individual languages, some of them still mocked the apostles.

Next, Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and said, "You men of Israel, and all that live at Jerusalem, be this known to you, and hearken to my words, for they are not drunk considering it is only the third hour of the day but this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." (Acts 2:14-16). Peter was about to explain to the others the significance and meaning of what they saw and heard.

That a fantastic jump-start for the ministry of reconciliation! According to Acts 2:1-4, the spirit of God poured out into the world for the first and last time. All the disciples would have been filled with holy spirit because they were believing with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead (see also Romans 10:9-10). The words "unto righteousness" in Romans 10:9-10 refer to being filled with holy spirit.

After they were filled with holy spirit, God gave a vision of burning cloven tongues that sat upon each of them. This vision was their cue to start speaking in tongues. Remember that they were already taught about speaking in tongues by Jesus before his ascension to heaven.

While speaking in tongues, all the other people in the Temple understood them in their own languages. This utterly astounded them largely because they knew the disciples were not highly educated people trained in different languages. Plus, they heard the wonderful works of God being spoken. It was huge! Keep in mind that the Temple worship probably followed ancient Jewish traditions and procedures. The events of Acts 2 shook everything up and in essence, launched the beginning of the Administration (the period) known as the Grace of God. It also brought to an end the Administration.

Many of the people in the Temple accused the disciples of being influenced by drunkenness.

After Peter stood up and began to explain the meaning of what they saw and heard, his words are found in Acts 2:17-21. The incident was so dynamic that Peter was built-up and strengthened so as to stand up and speak his truth boldly before everyone in the Temple, including the powerful rulers.

Next week we will look at Peter's bold response.

Congregational meeting at Joy Lutheran set Sunday

Members of Joy Lutheran Church of Rockwall will gather for a congregational meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday.

"We have two regular congregational meetings each year - one in January and one in June," said Sue Steffen, church president. "At the January meeting we will approve a budget for 2010, elect lay voting members to the synodical assembly, elect a nominating committee for 2011 officers and council members and conduct any other business brought to the floor by voting members."

Officers and new council members will be elected at the church's June meeting, Steffen said.

Joy Lutheran is a small, family-oriented, 13-year-old church located one block north of the Rockwall County Courthouse, 302 N. Goliad. Education classes for all ages begin at 9:15 a.m. Sundays; worship with communion begins at 10:30 a.m.

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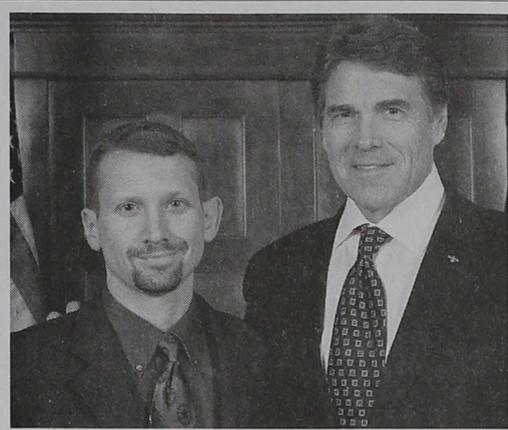
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The Republican Party of Texas named Mark Russo of Rockwall, left, winner of the Volunteer of the Year award for Senate District 2 at an awards ceremony conducted recently in Austin. The RPT recognizes one volunteer from each senatorial district and auxiliary organization at the biennial event. Recipients are individuals who have helped accomplish Republican victories over the past two years. Gov. Rick Perry, pictured above with Russo, gave the keynote address at the event.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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What do they say the stand for?

The Rockwall Conservative asked common questions of all Rockwall County GOP Primary candidates, those running for county government and GOP positions. Questions covered Republican Party involvement, fiscal responsibility and constituent accessibility. Answers are unedited and posted without prejudice. (Visit the link below) to review each candidate's perspective on community leadership, fiscal responsibility and his/her economic outlook. Avail yourself of easy contact information to communicate with them and view their photographs: rockwallconservative.com/rockwall-county-gop-primary-candidates/ John White

Brenda Zielke files as candidate for county GOP chair

Brenda Zielke, 2010 president of the Rockwall County Republican Women, has announced her candidacy for chairman of the Rockwall County Republican Party.

Zielke is active in the Rockwall County GOP, having served in various leadership roles. She is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women, the Texas Federation of Republican Women, the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club and the Rockwall County Young Republicans.

Her Rockwall County GOP experience includes serving as either a delegate or alternate delegate to the 2004, 2006 and 2008 county and state conventions. She attended the 2004 Republican National Convention and was the 2008 national elector for Congressional District 4 in the National Electoral College. She has volunteered for local registration drives, block walks and various GOP rallies. Additionally, she attends and participates in numerous district-wide events in support of local, state and national candidates.

Zielke is currently in her second term as RCRW president. In 2008 while leading the organization, the club experienced record growth in membership, fundraising and community impact through its scholarship program and special events.

'Done to Death' set next week at RHS

Rockwall High School's Theatre Arts Department will present the mystery comedy "Done to Death" in performances set Feb. 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the school's Main Stage Theatre.

Shows are set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4, 5 and 6 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 6-7.

The show focuses on once-famous mystery writers as they apply their individual methods to solving various murders. They include a couple who write sophisticated murders, a young author of the James Bond school, a retired writer of the hard-hitting method and an aging queen of the logical murder. A parody of "every mystery plot, hero and villain created in the past 50 years" is packed into the show.

Cast members include Hannah Walker, Blake Hollowell, Mary White, Jack Eidson, James Hoover, Roy Samra, Kyla Motley, Isaac Niems, Alex Calderon, Katy Peterson, Lorenne Tellia, Dejana Neskovic, Rachael Teague, Gustavo Rodriguez, Alex Johnson, Olivia Britton, Shannon Krikorian, Kaiti Ahmann and Taylor Davis.

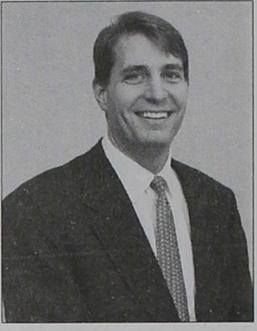
Crew members are Brittany Kindred, Rachel Teague, Bryan Oliveira, Jack Eidson, Garrett Jones, Caitlin Conley, Shelby Butler, Elisa Calderon, David Hobbs, Krystal Warren, Whitney Caldwell, Laura Barker and Jessica Beckwith.

Director is Becky Henderson. Admission will cost \$8 at the door.

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Peterson is president, CEO of Whitmore

Jeff Peterson recently was named president and chief executive officer of The Whitmore Manufacturing Co., according to a news release received earlier this month.



Prior to joining Whitmore, Peterson oversaw various aspects of Capital Southwest, serving as valuation manager, chief compliance officer and secretary. Additionally, as a member of the investment team, he originated and oversaw a number of the investments of Capital Southwest.

He remains an officer of Capital Southwest Corp., the principal shareholder of the Rockwall-based company since 1979, and will continue to serve on the board of directors of seven of its portfolio company holdings.

He replaces Ray Schwertner who, following 20 years at Whitmore, has moved on to Capital Southwest in Dallas.

Peterson's previous experience includes roles as both an investment banker, advising clients on capital raising and merger and acquisition activities, and as a commercial banker, assisting corporate clients with debt financing needs.

Peterson holds a master's degree in business administration with distinction from Cornell University and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas.

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'Boys' audition set Feb. 6

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's auditions for its next production, "The Boys Next Door," will begin at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at 609 Rusk St.

The play is a "poignant and heartwarming comedy about four mentally challenged men living in a group home, supervised by an overworked social worker."

Five men and two women are needed for the cast, which will be directed by Aimee Thibodeaux.

For more details, call 972-722-3399 or visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

As GOP chair, Zielke said she will reach out to all of Rockwall County to keep the Republican base strong.

"Rockwall County has some of the most passionate, hard-working Republicans in the country," she said. "However, we must strengthen our outreach to young voters, including high school and college students, and utilize the technology available to promote and educate the GOP."

Zielke said she will apply a team approach to accomplishing these goals. "A team approach leads to positive results," she said.

Zielke and her husband, Howard, have two children and two grandsons. The family's focuses include work, school, church, music and outdoor sporting activities.

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In Our Opinion

The Far Left Down for the Count

by Bill O'Reilly

More than anything else, it was the foolishness of the far left that harpooned Martha Coakley in Massachusetts. Independents broke big for Scott Brown, and his own internal polling showed that national security issues like civilian trials for al-Qaida thugs and the president's seemingly soft approach on terrorism in general helped Brown to a smashing victory.

President Obama, of course, is a big loser along with Coakley. His trip to Massachusetts last Sunday was gutsy, but foolish in hindsight. Voters in a very liberal state simply rejected his request to elect another liberal. The president lost face and power and has to know it.

Now, Obamacare is in great jeopardy, cap and trade is dead, tax increases will not happen and liberal policies across the board are on the run. All of this is the fault of the far left, a group led by Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid and a number of radical journalists. Brown should send these people fruit baskets.

As Obama acknowledged on Wednesday, the same voter dissatisfaction that swept him into office gave Brown a Senate seat. But why are voters so disenchanted after only one year of the Obama administration? The short answer is: ideology.

With the exception of Afghanistan and firing drones at terrorists, Obama has governed far to the left. He is allowing the Democratic Congress to spend a record amount of money, and that may lead the USA into bankruptcy. He is trying to engineer a government takeover of the health care industry. He is affording heinous terrorists captured overseas full constitutional rights. He is attempting to tax corporations and wealthy Americans any way he can.

In addition, he entertains uber-left guys like George Soros at the White House. He gives radical unions like the SEIU tax breaks while most other unions don't get them. He fails to criticize Pelosi and Reid when they hide their health care negotiations from C-SPAN, even though candidate Obama openly promised such negotiations would be public. If this isn't far-left governance, I'm Hugo Chavez.

And do you know what? Independent-minded Americans don't like it.

Just look at the polls. Twenty percent of Americans describe themselves as liberal. So you figure the far left is less than half of that. In addition, radical-left media outlets like MSNBC and Air America are failing. Yeah, Al Franken won in Minnesota, but that was an anomaly. Today, he'd lose big.

If Obama wants to avoid the fate of Jimmy Carter, he must move quickly to the center. He must get tougher on terrorism, rethink the health care deal so Americans can understand it, and stimulate the economy with targeted tax cuts, not massive government spending.

With his power waning quickly, Obama has no time to lose.

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Quotes from his 1994 speech at the National Archives:

You may wonder about progressive tax rates. How are such rates possible when the Constitution commands uniformity in taxation? That issue faced the Court at the turn of the century in an inheritance tax case to raise funds for the Spanish-American War. The Court felt that for inheritance purposes you could have graduated rates based on one's relationship, like children as opposed to strangers or cousins. But the Court also noted that in other areas, such discrimination could not stand. That was what lawyers call dicta - side comments that are not really part of the issues.

But in that case, one Justice spoke out strongly against any tax that was deliberately and intentionally made unequal: Progressive rates violated the command of uniformity and equality in the Constitution. This Justice, David Brewer, is hardly known, even by scholars. In my book you will find his picture. The story behind that picture is interesting.

When I called the Curator of the Supreme Court for his picture, they first said, no problem. But after checking their archives, they had never had a request for his picture and all they had was an extremely old negative that had never been developed. So I had them develop it, and there in my book is the only picture of this remarkable justice who stood up for uniformity and equality in taxation.

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We need diversity

by Walter E. Williams

It's not at all uncommon to watch a college basketball game and see that 90 to 100 percent of the players are black. According to the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport report titled "The 2008 Racial and Gender Report Card," the percentage of black male basketball players in Division I was an all-time high at 60.4 percent. It was 45.9 percent in football and 6.0 percent in baseball.

Diversity is worse in professional sports. In the National Basketball Association, almost 82 percent of the players are people of color, higher than last year's 80 percent. This is the highest percentage of players of color since the 1994-1995 season. The percentage of black players increased to 77 percent from last year's 76 percent mark. The percentage of Latinos remained constant at 3 percent. Football diversity is not much better. During the 2008 NFL season, the percentage of white players remained constant at 31 percent while the percentage of black players increased slightly from 66 to 67 percent. Casual observation shows that most sports lack sex diversity. Segregation by sex is the rule rather than the exception.

One can understand the absence of concern for diversity in professional sports; they are in it just for the money. But one is left flummoxed by the lack of sports diversity in college sports. After all, you can't listen to any college president or provost speak for more than five minutes before the word "diversity" drops from his lips. Colleges take diversity seriously and they spend tens of millions of dollars on it. Juilliard School has a director of diversity and inclusion; MIT has a manager of diversity recruitment; Toledo University, an associate dean for diversity; Harvard, Texas A&M, California at Berkeley, Virginia and many others boast of officers, deans, vice presidents and perhaps ministers of diversity. But, in what appears to be the height of deviousness and deceit, these diversity-driven administrators allow sports, the most visible part of the college, to be the least diverse and least inclusive.

Let's look at George Mason University, where I've taught in its distinguished Economics Department for 29 years. According to

university race/ethnic statistics, its campus consists of: 7 percent blacks, 7 percent Hispanics, 12 percent Asians, 43 percent white miscellaneous others. If there were true basketball diversity, we see at least two white players, and one each Asian, Hispanic and on the starting five. I don't watch GMU basketball, and have no idea whether our starting five looks like America, but I'd bet the rent that our Office of Equity and Diversity has failed at producing basketball diversity.

You say, "Williams, the reason blacks dominate basketball and football is that they are better than whites." Careful! That's an attitude that will win you a charge of racism. It differs little from suggesting that the reason why not many blacks are nuclear physicists is because they are not as good as whites. It should be remembered that diversity creed holds that we are all equal and would be proportionately represented by race in all activities but for the fact of discrimination and oppression.

Basketball, football and nuclear physics aren't the only areas of lives sorely lacking diversity and proportional representation. American men are struck by lightning six times as often as American women are about 54 percent of the labor force but suffer more than 90 percent of job-related deaths. Cervical cancer rates are five times higher among Vietnamese women in the U.S. than among white women. Pima County, Arizona has the highest diabetes rates in the world. Prostate cancer is nearly twice as common among black men as white men. Half of all Mexican wives are married in their teens while only 10 percent of Japanese wives are married that early.

These and many other statistics about racial differences suggest that there will be full employment for people in the diversity business for decades to come.

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Pictured above are individuals who attended a November and December series of classes, Love and Logic, conducted by the Rockwall ISD to help parents enhance communication and promote healthy parenting skills. Conducted at the Lake Rockwall Estates Community Center and the RISD Administration/Education Center, the classes included food donated by David Balli of Chiloso's. More than 80 parents attended. For more details about the classes, call 972-772-2073.

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Pictured above are a handful of the Fall 2009 Innovative Teaching Grant recipients recognized by the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Inc. at its January board of directors meeting. Seated are Karen Jacobi, Donna Chambers, Meredith King, Joyse Horton, Tracy Harmon and Angela Horn. Standing are Meghann Holzbauer, Laura Mejia, Denise Hoover, Joann Dickerson, Kimberly McGovern, Nancy Doudney, Chelsea Worrell and Paige White. Fourteen grants were awarded to 9 teachers on 11 campuses, recognizing creativity and innovation in the classroom. As a group, recipients were awarded more than \$20,000 to be used in the classrooms. Applications for the spring grants are due Feb. 1.

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Shown above are a portion of the teachers who received Fall 2009 Innovative Teaching Grants from the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation. Pictured are, seated, Jo Kelly, Sue Guzman, Lisa Cosello, Jay Fisher, Colleen Kosterman and Jean Laswell. Standing are Denise Lohmiller, Lynne Milner, Katy Hill, Ann Knostman, Jennifer Doss, Kay Orr and Katy Ruff. Not pictured are Michael Anderson, Melody Baker, Mark Berglund, Kasie Brewer, Maeschelle Cefalu, Carol Cruz, Sarah Eberle, Alan Engle, Susan Gardner, Lindsey Gilbreath, Jaimee Granberry, Denise Hammond, Kelli Henderson, Kody Hergert, Jillian Le, Kelly Moore, Patrick Parmer, Anthony Ramos, Leslie Reese, Heather Ross, Katie Tanner and Billy Tipps. Deadline for applications for the spring grants is Feb. 1.

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Six honored at Texas State

Six area residents were named to the Fall 2009 Dean's List at Texas State University-San Marcos, according to a news release received last week.

Brittany Cox, Synthia Louise De los Angeles, Samantha A. Shaw, Taylor Clamp and Lauren M. Stiegelmar of Rockwall and Taylor N. Watson of Royse City were among students named to the honor roll.

To be named to the Dean's List at Texas State, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

Two tapped at Tarleton

Two Rockwall residents were selected for honors at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, following the fall semester, according to a news release received this week.

Julie Woods and Christine Perkins are included on the Distinguished Student list for the semester. Students on the list include freshmen and sophomores who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio and no grade lower than a C and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 grade point ratio with no grade lower than a C. Students must be in good standing at the university.



Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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King, Clark team up for Helping Hands fundraiser

Lydia King and Kylie Clark, pictured above, teamed up with another friend, Caleigh Demien to ask neighbors to pledge money or make donations to their Dec. 14 after-school fitness fundraiser. Their efforts generated \$1,248 and two bags of toys donated to Helping Hands.

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FOL general meeting set Feb. 9 at library

The Rockwall County Friends of the Library will conduct their meeting at 11 a.m. Feb. 9 in the Rockwall County Library's Conference Room.

The program, Diamonds in Dallas, will be presented by Laura I the Dallas Arboretum. Duty received a membership to the arboretum birthday gift and enjoys the beauty of the ever-changing gardens. She classes and picks up planting ideas for her yard there and volunteer member of the arboretum's speaker's bureau. She also is a docent DeGolyer House and a program officer for the Carl B. and Florence Foundation of Dallas. She enjoys playing golf with her husband, the country and spending time with the couple's dog, Red.

Lunch will be catered by Bob Overholt at a cost of \$15. Reservations be made by 5 p.m. Feb. 5 by contacting Leigh Plagens, 972-771-3cplagens65@aol.com.

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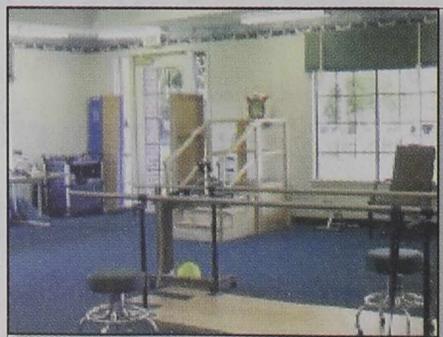
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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Jackets survive at RHHS, clinch playoff berth

Lary Bump
 The game was set for an upset. Rockwall-Heath, playing at home and trailing first-place Rockwall by only one point in the District 10-4A girls' basketball standings, pulled within three points in the fourth quarter. Lady Hawks' Lyndsey Renta was covering RHS scoring leader Peyton Adams on ... well, like a hawk. Adams, who had scored 24 points of the Lady Jackets' 39 points in the first quarter, barely had the ball in the fourth and didn't score again until she fouled shots with 21 seconds to play. The problem for Rockwall, which has become more than a one-man band. Coleman and Vertashia Dean alternated setting each other up for baskets. Castille also scored, to restore a six-point lead at 47-41. The game Rockwall-Heath to cut the lead to 47-44. With a minute and two

seconds to play, the Lady Hawks fouled Kayla Smith, who had only one point and had missed one of her two free throws to that point. She made both ends of a one-and-one opportunity to give the Lady Jackets breathing room.

At the other end of the floor, Smith grabbed a rebound. She again was fouled and made both shots of a one and one. The 51-44 lead with 34 seconds remaining put away a game Rockwall ended up winning 54-48. RHS made seven of eight foul shots down the stretch.

"Kayla Smith, those four foul shots were huge," said Rockwall head coach Jill McDill, who claimed, "I'm getting a few more gray hairs."

"With Alyssa (Lang) being (fouled) out and them all over Peyton, we needed that. Vertashia made shots. She went to the basket and stepped in and played good defense."

RHHS upsets Hawks, then takes hard loss

Rockwall's uphill climb toward basketball playoff berth got steeper Tuesday when the Jackets' comeback fell short at Carrollton R.L. Turner. The Jackets were on a high Friday, when they rallied at home to defeat Rockwall-Heath 45-42 for their consecutive District 10-4A

win in the first half of the schedule.

Beating one team the Jackets didn't defeat the first time around - Friday opponent Richardson Pearce, district leader Carrollton Newman Smith, Greenville and Highland Park fit that description - would give Rockwall six wins. And that assumes that RHS could defeat Rockwall-Heath and Roysie City again in an evenly matched district.

Because Greenville and HP already have won five, it's more likely that the Jackets would have to win over two teams that defeated them the first time.

"We warned our kids after they were so emotionally high Friday that they can't have a letdown against R.L. Turner. It was close in the end, but they may have wanted it more to get their first win in two years in the district," Simmons said.

"We had a one-point lead but they scored with under 30 seconds left. We missed a shot, and then we had to foul them. They just outplayed us."

Rockwall held the Lions' lead-

ing scorer, Travis Cleghorn, to nine points, but center David Hernandez scored 18.

Simmons said, "It was not for a lack of playing defense against him. He got loose a couple of times against our press, and he made some good shots. He was 8-for-9 from the floor."

Against Rockwall-Heath, the Jackets had held Hawks big man Demi Leonard to two points. Three Jackets had big games inside - Adam Dingwell led the team with nine points, five assists and two steals, and grabbed six rebounds; Wesley Cox had team highs of nine rebounds and four blocked shots, and Micah Griffey scored six points and blocked a shot.

Simmons said, "We played really well against Heath. We were down nine points with a little less than three minutes left, but executed really well down the stretch and made some free throws."

"The loss to Turner took away everything we did Friday night. We laid an egg. We shot 30 per cent and had 24 turnovers. That's the story."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	8	10	16	8	42
RHS	7	9	9	20	45

Friday, Jan. 22

Rockwall-Heath (10-14, 3-4): Jonathan Fuller 10, Todd Franza 6, Zachary Morett 5, Preston Wynn 4, Aaron Gladney 4, Jordan Points 4, Conner Geiser 4, Anthony Haake 3, Demi Leonard 2.

Rockwall (8-14, 3-4): Adam Dingwell 9, Wesley Davis 7, Hunter Jorgensen 13, Luke Wardell 6, Micah Griffey 6, Taylor Oden 5, Blake Sandlin 2, Griffin Fraser 2, Nathaniel Robinson 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	8	7	11	11	37
Turner	12	5	12	10	39

Tuesday

Rockwall (8-15, 3-5): Hunter Jorgensen 13, Luke Wardell 10, Adam Dingwell 6, Wesley Davis 4, Taylor Oden 2, Griffin Fraser 2.

Carrollton R.L. Turner (6-16, 1-7): David Hernandez 18, Travis Cleghorn 9, Lucas Amann 6, Larence Davis 4, Cody Holmes 2.

crashed down Tuesday at Carrollton R.L. Turner, when a comeback attempt fell short in a 39-37 loss that marked the first district win for the Lions this season, and it kept Rockwall tied with Rockwall-Heath in the fifth place.

In six district games remaining, Rockwall is two games behind Greenville and Highland Park, which are in third place with 5-3 district records. Four teams from 10-4A will play playoffs.

RHS head coach Alan Adams said, "It didn't knock us out, but it was a pretty big blow. It means we got to pick up a game we didn't



Yellowjackets' Wes Davis (12) jumps to stop a shot by Hawks' Aaron Gladney (21). Also in the play teammate Taylor Oden (23).
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HCA girls lose twice

Lary Bump
 Heritage Christian Academy lost two girls' basketball games - 45-30 to Greenville Christian Monday and 52-4 at McKinney Christian Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Before HCA even took a shot, McKinney Christian had an 11-0 lead.

The Lady Mustangs (16-5 overall) didn't stop there. They held HCA scoreless until more than halfway into the second quarter. Rachel McMillan's foul shot just 3 minutes, 23 seconds before halftime cut McKinney's lead to 28-1.

That advantage reached 38-1 at halftime. The Lady Eagles settled down, handled MCA's pressure better and outscored the home team by a modest 3-2 margin in the third quarter.

Heritage held the Lady Mustangs scoreless for more than five minutes while McMillan scored another foul shot with 2:42 remaining in the third quarter and on a jump shot from inside the lane seven seconds before the quarter ended.

In the fourth quarter, McKinney Christian again dominated, outscoring the Lady Eagles 12-0 for a 52-4 victory in a TAPPS District 4-2A game.

Megan Trapani was HCA's defensive leader with six steals - four in the second half when the Lady Eagles shored up their defense.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	0	1	3	0	4
MCA	24	14	2	12	52

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Heritage Christian Academy: Rachel McMillan 4.

McKinney Christian Academy: Aly Collins 10, Emily Crombar 9, Kaitlynn McAdams 8, Taylor Brock 6, Kayli Bollinger 6, Natalie Lemieux 5, Ellie Kimball 2, Priscilla Melton 2, Sidney Thompson 2, Ellen Taylor 2.

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall Yellowjackets' wrestlers keep achieving

A tournament championship, fourth- and 14th-place finishes in prestigious major events and two other dual-match victories have Rockwall's wrestlers peaking as they prepare to host the District 19-4A tournament.

The Cougar Classic championship Saturday, Jan. 16, came down to the last individual match, Rockwall's Grant Baker against an opponent from Lewisville.

The final match was tied, so whichever wrestler won would give his team a victory and the tournament title. When Baker fell behind, it appeared that Lewisville would win. But he rallied to win his match 10-9 and give the Yellowjackets a 41-38 victory.

The final was the only close match among RHS' four victories in the event at The Colony. Five Rockwall wrestlers — Cody Jonas, Nick Hyde, Chester Howell, Evan Martinez and Robert Hinton — won all four of their matches. Eight others finished 3-1: Baker, Brad Devereaux, Josh Holloway, Ian Stewart, Austin Farris, Dylan Devereaux, Daniel Lambeth and Caleb Michell.

The Jackets opened the tournament with a 74-12 victory over Coppell,

then reached the final by defeating The Colony 42-21 and Keller 64-18.

They returned home Thursday, Jan. 21, to defeat Quinlan Ford 60-30 and Rockwall-Heath 47-36 in district matches. Winning twice for Rockwall were Jonas (103 pounds), Brad Devereaux (112), Howell (130), Martinez (135), Stewart (140), Oscar Carreon (152), Dylan Devereaux (160) and Hinton (285).

That set up the Jackets to compete in the Titan Invitational at Frisco Centennial. Four RHS wrestlers placed first, helping Rockwall to fourth place among 17 teams. Six of their teammates finished second, five were third and two placed fourth.

Hinton won his weight class and some state-wide recognition. InsideTexasWrestling.com has named him a "wrestler to watch" among the 285-pounders.

On Jan. 9, Rockwall had finished 14th among 65 teams at the Cy-Fair Invitational. Dylan Devereaux led the way, finishing second in his weight class. The other top Jackets were Howell, fourth; Brad Devereaux, sixth, and Josh Holloway, eighth.

"It was a great experience for the

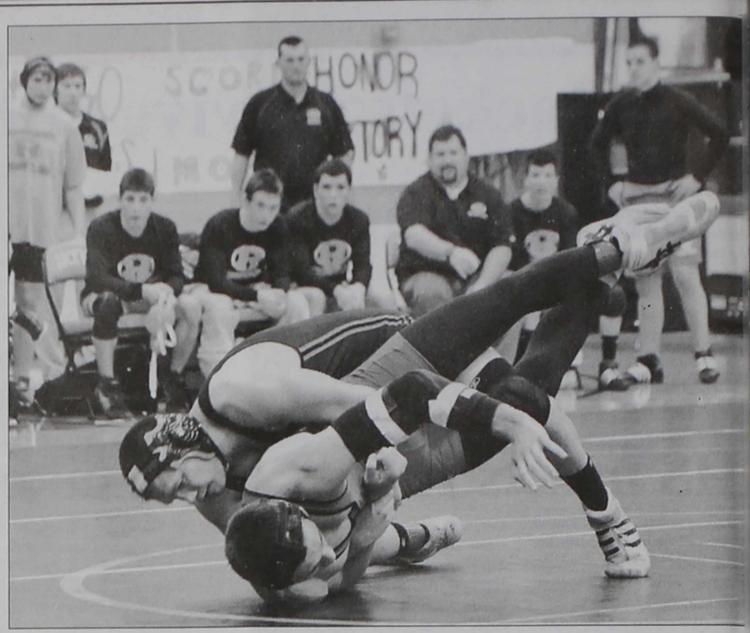
kids. They wrestled in a 10,000-seat arena with 12 mats going at the same time," said RHS head coach Brent Pohorsky.

Rockwall's junior varsity took seven individual championships at the Azle JV Invitational Jan. 16. Placing first were Carter Smith, Zach Guzzardo, John Hernandez, J.D. Miramontes, Carreon, Jacob Stewart and Jose Estrada. Michael McKnight finished second. Fourth in their weight class were Caleb Jost, Jerry Olivarez, Barron Black, Zach Kea, Rilee Fisher and Josh Harris.

Against Quinlan Ford, McKnight, Harris and Tyler Wells won matches. Rockwall's winners against the Hawks were Stewart, Kea, Fisher, Hernandez and Daniel Roland.

The varsity and JV teams will compete Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m., in the Lake Highlands Quad meet against the host team, South Grand Prairie and Plano. The following Saturday, Feb. 6, Rockwall will host the district meet at 9 a.m.

Includes information provided by Fred Stewart.



Dylan Devereaux (160 lb.) muscled a Forney wrestler to the floor. Currently 29-5, Devereaux won by pin.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Tailspin puts Lady Bulldogs in playoff jeopardy

It wasn't a big deal when the Roysse City girls' basketball team lost at Rockwall Tuesday, Jan. 19, even though the Lady Bulldogs were outscored 38-8 in the second half of the 72-30 defeat.

At that point, RC still had a 5-3 record in District 10-4A, good for third place.

But then came a 50-44 upset loss at home to Richardson Pearce, just 3-6 in the district at the time. Following that was Tuesday's 60-54 loss at Greenville.

Suddenly, Roysse City and Greenville are tied for fourth place in 10-4A at 5-5. With four teams making the playoffs, just two from among the Lady Bulldogs, Lady Lions and Highland Park (third at 6-4) will make the postseason.

The most distressing was the loss to Pearce, which resulted from a poor start and another bad finish. The Lady Mustangs ran to an 18-5 lead after the first quarter. RC restored order by outscoring Pearce 28-11 over the next two quarters for a 33-29 lead, but the

Lady Mustangs came back for a 21-11 fourth-quarter advantage to pull off the upset.

Maci Newton led Roysse City with 14 points. Tayler Young added 13.

At Greenville, the loss was less surprising but equally damaging. RC had won at home just 40-39 on Dec. 18. It was a case of another bad start; the Lady Lions led 39-25 at halftime, and Roysse City couldn't catch up. Young scored a team-high 16 points.

The loss to Rockwall illustrated the Lady Bulldogs' up-and-down nature. They showed they can stop RHS' high-scoring Peyton Adamson as well as anyone can.

That game again began in promising fashion. In the 10-4A opener, defending-champion Rockwall finally shook off the stubborn Lady Bulldogs to win 59-41.

This time, the state's third-ranked 4A team led just 17-14 after one quarter. Playing at home, the Lady Jackets stretched their lead to 34-22, still not too bad, at halftime. Young had 12 points at that point for RC.

Young was a highlight, finishing with 18 points — but with just six as the Lady Bulldogs totaled eight second-half points.

Young's 18 points were just two fewer than Adamson scored. She entered the game averaging better than 29 points per game. Her two games against RC, with 13 and 20, were two of her five lowest-scoring games this season.

While relatively shutting down Adamson, Roysse City suffered great damage from Lang, who had averaged 11.4 points and 9.2 rebounds per game. Her 19 points at Rockwall gave her 46 in two wins over the Lady Bulldogs, and she dominated the boards with 12 rebounds.

Before taking on the district leaders, Roysse City romped Friday, Jan. 15, at Carrollton R.L. Turner. RC crushed the Lady Lions 75-34. Young scored 28 points and Ariel Freese added 14. The schedule doesn't get much easier for RC. The Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to host second-place Rockwall-Heath (8-2) Friday, then travel to Highland Park for what could be a crucial contest Tuesday.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	27	17	21	10 75
Turner	10	8	6	10 34

Friday, Jan. 15
Roysse City (14-10, 5-2): Tayler Young 28, Ariel Freese 14, Ashlei Jordan 9, Sarah Shelton 7, Jennifer Null 4, Krystal Pickron 4, Maci Newton 4, Amber Burke 3, Taylor Jordan 2.

Carrollton R.L. Turner (12-10, 0-7): Ashley Munoz 12, Briseida Escobedo 9, Melissa Carrillo 6, Denise Garcia 2, Angela Thompson 2, Carea 2, Lucero Garcia 1.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	18	8	3	21 50
RCHS	5	16	12	11 44

Friday, Jan. 22
Richardson Pearce: Kathryn Kimell 17, Hannah Smith 10, Jessie Martin 8, Cara Tolmas 5, McKenzie Russell 4, Anna Gerber 3, Victoria Kennedy 2, Sara Witcraft 1.

Roysse City (14-12, 5-4): Maci Newton 14, Tayler Young 13, Ashanti Johnson 6, Krystal Pickron 5, Ariel Freese 4, Ashlei Jordan 2.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	8	17	16	13 54
G'ville	16	23	8	13 60

Tuesday
Roysse City (14-13, 5-5): Tayler Young 16, Ashlei Jordan 9, Taylor Jordan 8, Maci Newton 8, Ariel Freese 7, Ashanti Johnson 4, Jennifer Null 2.

Greenville (14-10, 5-5): Olivia Carter 24, Maddy Crabtree 17, Mackenzie Cooper 9, Shanterra Riley 4, LaBrandi Mayberry 4, Sha'kia Whetstone 2.

Lady Jackets win 2, lose 2 in tournaments

The Rockwall girls' soccer team followed up a very good tournament at Round Rock Jan. 15 and 16 by being shut out in three games in another tourney last weekend.

In Colleyville Heritage's Allison Horn Memorial Tournament, the Lady Jackets played very good defense in scoreless ties against Allen and Flower Mound Marcus Thursday, Jan. 21. Then they lost 3-0 the next day to Fort Worth Nolan Catholic (11-2).

Rockwall (4-2-3) had won two games, tied another and lost only once in the Round Rock varsity girls' soccer tournament.

Head coach Melissa Garcia said,

Williams places 2nd and 3rd in girls' district basketball

The Williams Middle School girls' C basketball teams both won two of three games in last weekend's district tournament at Lovejoy Sloan Creek Middle School.

In both cases, the Lady Wildcats lost to Cain, which won both tournaments.

Williams' eighth graders edged Allen Ereckson in their first tourna-

"We played a brand-new game of soccer, one where we are the aggressors! We are not exactly big, but something this weekend we stepped up to the challenge and decided not to get pushed around."

The Lady Jackets stepped up the most in their third game. After tying Pflugerville 1-1, then losing 3-1 to Round Rock McNeil, RHS went into Saturday morning's game against Abilene Cooper needing to win at least 3-0 to advance from pool play.

Rockwall's 4-0 victory enabled the Lady Jackets to play another game, and they defeated Round Rock 1-0.

The game against McNeil was

played in what Garcia described as "pouring rain and gusty winds, while being cold." McNeil went to win the tournament, allowing one other goal.

"The girls came together as a team and really put on a great show," Garcia said. "Saturday morning girls had only one goal, and that was to advance out of pool play."

Returning home, RHS 1 Carrollton Creekview Tuesday 19. The Lady Jackets won 2-0. Emily Weller scoring both goals. Lady Jackets are scheduled to Mesquite Horn Friday at 7:15 p.m. Rockwall High School.

would be among the eight teams in the quarterfinals. Burnett won but then lost 20-7 to Williams. Lady Wildcats followed that up with a 14-9 victory over Allen Ereckson after falling behind 3-0.

Cain then defeated Williams for the championship. That led to Lady Wildcats as runners-up.

RCA wins 9th in a row, stays perfect in district

The Rockwall Heritage Academy express kept rolling Tuesday when the Warriors defeated Heritage Christian Academy 85-36.

The victory was the ninth in a row for RCA (18-5 overall), stretching their TAPPS District 4-2A record to 6-0 with two games remaining.

Rockwall Christian also defeated Sherman Texoma Christian 69-58 on Friday, Jan. 15, and Greenville Christian 75-55 Friday, Jan. 22, in district games.

Against Texoma, The Warriors' ironman starting five continued to excel, and received help from reserves Eric Wright and Aaron Eastin against Texoma.

Stephan Turner led RCA with 21 points, eight assists and five steals. Charlie Wilson pitched in with 20 points. Elvis Below, averaging a double-double this season, combined 12 points with 11 rebounds. Sherman Peoples was the Warriors' leader on the boards with 13 rebounds.

Playing at home against Greenville, Turner had a triple-double — 17 points, 10 assists, 10 steals. Below led the Warriors with 21 points and 16 rebounds. Wilson added 11 points, and Eastin and Daniel Rorie scored eight points each off the bench. Peoples pulled down 11 rebounds.

Remaining on the regular-season district schedule are games Friday against McKinney Christian and Tuesday at Texoma. RCA is virtually assured one of the district's three berths in the TAPPS 2A playoffs.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Texoma	9	14	18	17 58
RCA	21	13	15	20 69

Friday, Jan. 15
Sherman Texoma Christian: N/A
Rockwall Christian (16-5, 4-0): Stephan Turner 21, Charlie Wilson 20, Elvis Below 12, Raymon Stewart 6, Eric Wright 5, Sherman Peoples 3, Aaron Eastin 2.

Rockwall County High school schedule

Fulton School Falcons
Friday, Jan. 29 — Boys' basketball: home vs. Duncanville ChristWay, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 2 — Boys' basketball: home vs. Poetry Community Chr, 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles
Tuesday, Feb. 2 — Varsity girls' basketball: at Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn, 6 p.m.
Varsity boys' basketball: at Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn, 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors
Friday, Jan. 29 — Varsity girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 2 — Varsity boys' basketball: at Sherman Texoma Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Yellowjackets
Friday, Jan. 29 — Varsity tennis: home vs. Kaufman, Chandlers Landing and Tennis Club, 3:45 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Mesquite Horn, Rockwall High School, JV 5:30 and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Dallas Hillcrest, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

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Maci Newton (34) drives for Lady Bulldogs' 2 points against J.J. Pearce. Taylor Jordan (23) and Jennifer Null (11) follow behind to assist.

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- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 9, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 8, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

- Z2010-001: 2620 White Rd - Proposed Zoning Change from AG to SF-E/4.0**
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Steve Himmelreich for approval of a change in zoning from (Ag) Agricultural district to (SF-E/4.0) Single Family Estate district on a 8-acre tract located at 2620 White Road and currently described as Tract 7-5, Abstract 207, E Teal Survey.
- P2010-002: 315 Rolling Meadows - Proposed SUP - Accessory Structure**
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Brent Hamman for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for an accessory building not meeting the exterior materials requirements on his property located at 315 Rolling Meadows, being a 4.02-acre tract known as Lot 7, Rolling Meadows Estates Addition and zoned (SF-E/4.0) Single Family Estate district.
- All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions.**

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For further information contact Rhonda Wasson, rwasson@rockwallisd.org, Debra Lee, dlee@rockwallisd.org or Becky Peurifoy, rpeurifoy@rockwallisd.org or by calling 972-771-0605.

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Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary upon the Estate of WILLIE R. MEALEY, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of January, 2010, by the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to SHERMA ANN PEARMAN within the time prescribed by law. My address is 4695 S. Versailles, Dallas, Texas 75209.

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Issued this the 12th day of January, 2010
Glenda Denton
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Rockwall County

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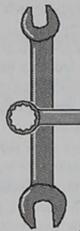
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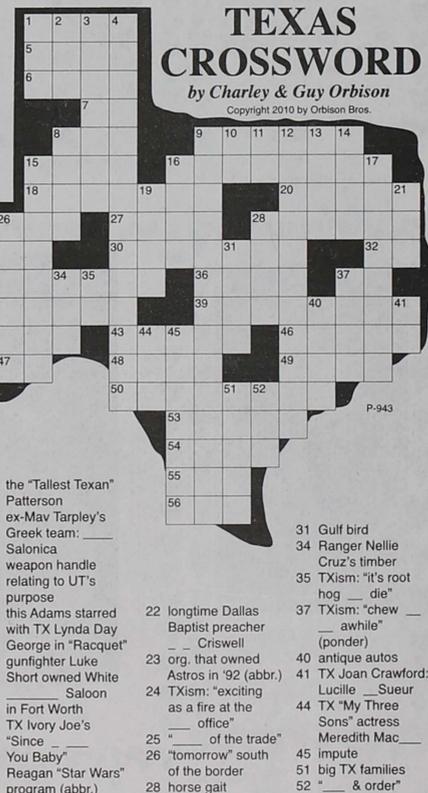
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