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The City of Rockwall threw the switch on the holiday season at City Hall last Thursday, Dec. 2, at an annual tree lighting festivities. Among the participants were the Mini Glee Club and Musical Theater class from CK Studio in Rockwall, which is based at Heritage Christian Academy and counts several of the school's students among its members. Seen here leading the crowd in a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells and Santa Claus is Coming to Town, are (Front Row) Harley Jackson, Grace Hicks, Anna Hueston,

Gracie Walsh, Madison Singh, Maddy Grimes, Trinity Crider, Emma Calmes and Aiden Crider, (Second Row) McKenzie Daniel, Isabella Schmuckle and Cassidy Lary, and (those not seen) Bella Fenoglio, Ryne Walsh and Lauren Crook. The group is under the instruction of Lee Ann Whittington.
Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Rockwall ISD Education Foundation awards more than \$22,000 in Innovative Teaching Grants for fall semester

Cindy Benefield
Rockwall ISD Education Foundation, Inc.

Each semester the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation, Inc. invites Rockwall ISD teachers to write Innovative Teaching Grants to fund classroom projects that might otherwise be impossible due to budgetary constraints.

Surprising the teachers with giant checks and balloons on Nov. 2 and members of RISD administration, Education Foundation Board of Directors, PTA and other community partners including AMICA and Rockwall Preschool Association, arrived at each campus in a yellow school bus full of enthusiasm and excitement.

For Fall Semester 2010, the Education Foundation funded 14 grants to 51 teachers at 10 campuses, totaling \$22,421.87 and affecting more than 2,400 Rockwall ISD students.

The projects addressed a wide range of subjects and targeted both elementary and secondary students. Projects included "Lunar Rock and Roll," "Voices of the Alamo," "It's Raining, It's Pouring and Water We're Storing," each promising a creative and engaging learning experience for all students involved.

Among those awarded were teachers Rebecca Collins, Lisa Grandy, Kelli Knight, Kay Orr and Jovona Schmidt from Celia Hays Elementary School, and Judy Alvarenga, Fran Oelands, Kerri Knight, Elisa Rodriguez, Chris Tenney and

Paige White from Ouida Springer Elementary School, \$2,319.20; Sylvia Fernandez, Maria Holmberg, Angela Stenbridge and Paige White from Dorris A. Jones Elementary School, \$1,612.65; Linda Alexander, Kathy Mantha, Ashley Menefee, Emily Moss, Lisa Orozco, Paige White, Susan Wilder, Dorris A. Jones Elementary School, \$1,772.66; Dolly De La Garza, Jay Fisher, Christi

Gates, Pam Johnson, Susan Segura, Elena Straight and Cindy Waltrip from Howard Dobbs Elementary School, \$313.33; Julie Byrnes and Emily Carlton from Ouida Springer Elementary School, \$1,663.24; Katy Hill from Sharon Shannon Elementary School, \$967.79; Sandra Phillips from Sharon Shannon Elementary School, \$885.80; Jennifer Doss, Adrienne Hergert, Jane Hurt and Sherrie

Lofland from Virginia Reinhardt Elementary School, \$984.30; Jennifer Doss from Virginia Reinhardt Elementary School, \$932.78; Michael Barineau, Jennifer Givens, Ursula Rakow and Tresa Thornton from J. W. Williams Middle School, \$852.53; Rikki Smith and Mary Winkler from Maurine Cain Middle School, and Jeff Chandler, Ann Knostman and Susan Vogel from Rockwall-

Heath High School, \$4,990.59; Jean Laswell from Rockwall-Heath High School, \$643.00; Ann Knostman and Jean Laswell from Rockwall-Heath High School, \$3,484.00; and Nancy Doudney, Rockwall High School, \$1,000.

Additionally, more than \$24,000 was awarded to 57 teachers in Spring Semester 2010.

The Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-

exempt public corporation created to enhance education in the Rockwall ISD through fostering creative and innovative approaches to education with private grants and community involvement.

To learn more about support of the Foundation, visit the website at www.risdeducationfoundationinc.com.



Presentation of Rockwall ISD Education Foundation grants for Fall Semester 2010 took place in November at Rockwall-Heath High School. Shown at the presentation are (left to right) Charlotte Baune from RISDEF Community Partner AMICA, Rockwall-Heath HS Principal Tom Maglisceau, RHHS teacher recipients Ann Knostman, Matt Redmond, Susan Vogel, D. Lynn Ward, Jeff Chandler and Jolynne Tranberg from AMICA. Teacher recipients from Cain Middle School, Rikki Smith and Mary Winkler, are not pictured.
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Teachers at Virginia Reinhardt Elementary School in Rockwall received grants from the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation in November to help support special projects in their classrooms. At the presentation at the school were (left to right) Jane Hurt, Kayleen Lavene, Jessica Gundelman and Betty Sauer from RISDEF Community Partner Rockwall Preschool Association and Reinhardt teacher recipients Jennifer Doss and Sherrie Loftis. Fellow teacher and recipient Adrienne Hergert is not pictured.
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Local Brownie Troop 3393 recent donated Build-a-Bears to Lake Pointe Medical Center. Troop members utilized their fundraising dollars to purchase the bears to be given to children admitted to the healthcare facility. Pictured from the left are, front row, Carissa Heimer and Kylie McWilliams; second row, Fiona Willbanks, Sydney Heimer and Zoe South; third row, Ann Smetana, RN, Nancy Turley, RN, Van Winters, PCT/staffing coordinator, and Terry Pothier, RN.

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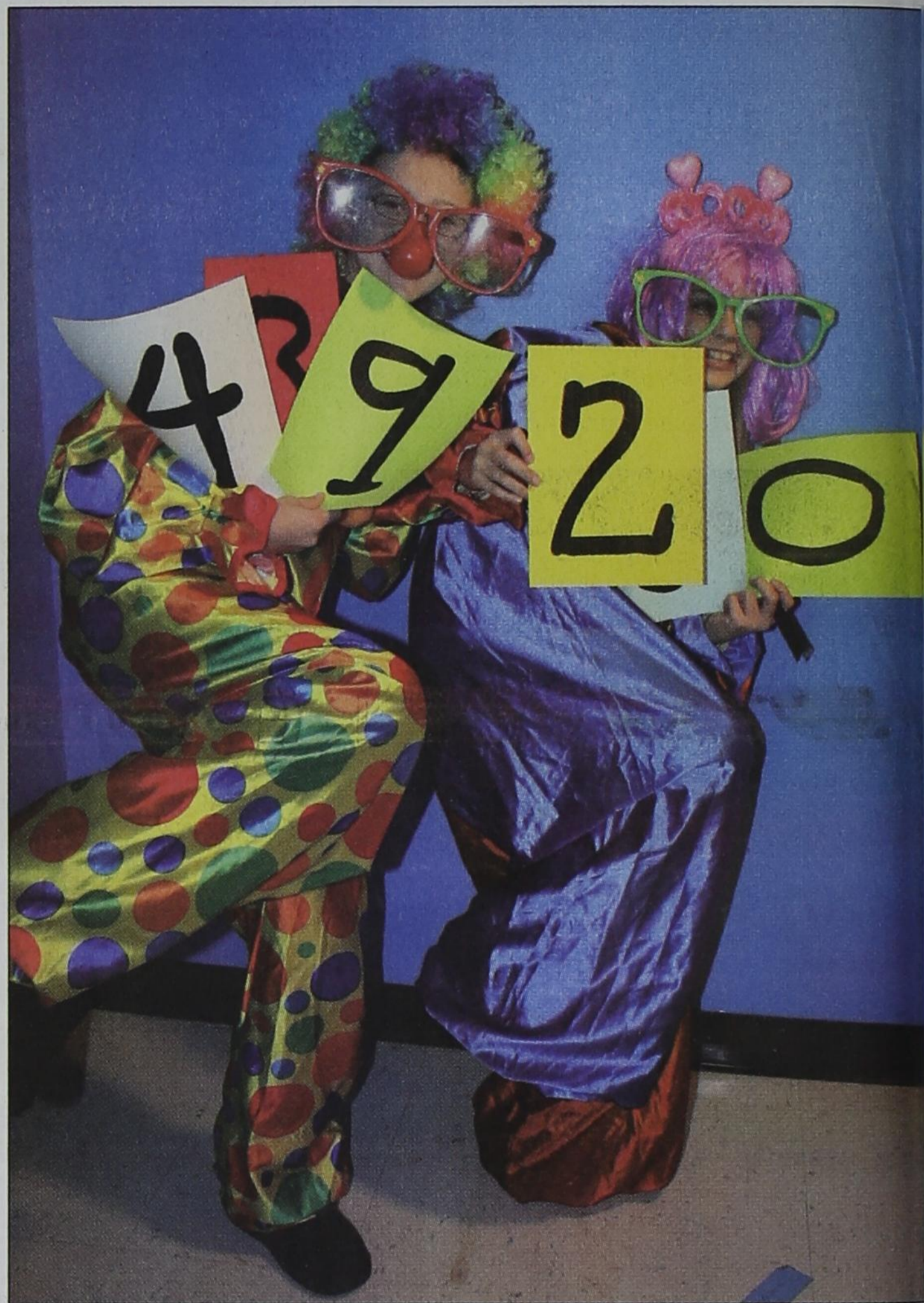
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Several homes in Heath opened their doors to the public for the annual Heath Tour of Homes, a fundraising event for the senior class at Rockwall-Heath High School. The five homes were decorated in their holiday finest and the public was invited to enjoy the splendor and get ideas for their own Christmas decorating. Local businesses donate items that were raffled at each house. Participating in a live nativity at one of the homes on the tour were Rockwall-Heath HS students (top from left) Rylie Mike-Mayer and Lauren Hartnett, (bottom from left) Tyler Wood, Morgan Rupe, Zachavelli Zielinski, Will Antes and Chad Blankenship.

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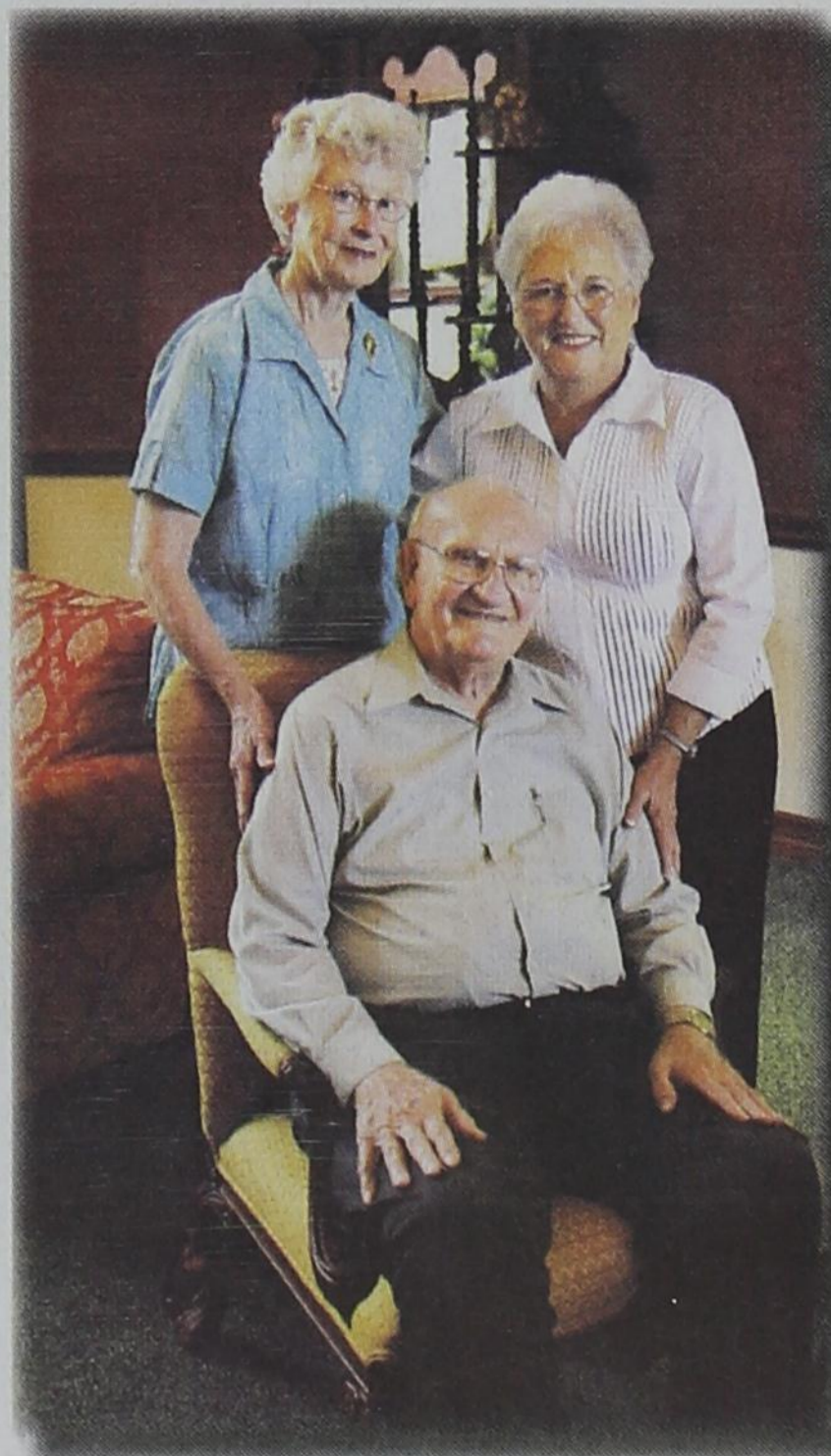
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Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles and niece Carolyn Bryan

Grace Hartman Elementary sixth grade students Shelby White and Kylee Clark are pictured as part of Mad Math Minutes, a campaign designed to help encourage younger students to enjoy learning their math facts. Each Friday the two don costumes and take part in the school's morning broadcast on the Eagle News Network to perform different multiplication facts to different tunes.

Photo courtesy of Christy Wendt/Rockwall County News

Registration under way for Blane's Run

Registration for Blane's Run which will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 1 at Harry Myers Park in Rockwall, under way. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for students. The event, which is conducted in memory of Blane Thompson, will include a 5K walk run and a one-mile fun run. Funds raised will be used for a pair of scholarships given to RHS and RHHS seniors. For more details to register, visit run4blane.org.

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Colvin, Allen announce New Year's Day wedding

Rebecca Susan Colvin and Jonah Stephen Allen have announced their wedding and approaching marriage. The bride-elect, the daughter of Clark Colvin of Roysse City and Jeanie of Rockwall, is a 2003 graduate of Rockwall High School and a graduate of Texas A&M University-Commerce. Her talents lie in the performing arts. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Terry and Cindi Allen of Rockwall. A 1998 graduate of Rockwall High, he graduated from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2003 and was a cross-country and long-distance runner. He is currently employed with the Roysse City Independent School District. She is currently an arts teacher for the middle school and he works as a coach. The couple has planned a 5 p.m. Jan. 1, 2011, wedding ceremony at their church, Our Savior Lutheran Church of Rockwall. A reception will follow.



Rebecca Susan Colvin, Jonah Stephen Allen

Rice, Latham plan April 16 marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Rice of Houston are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jessica Kelly Rice of Rockwall, Texas, to Ryan Jean Latham of Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Latham of Dallas. The bride-elect, a graduate of Woodlands High School, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas. She is employed with Lord, Bissell & Liddell LLP. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Rockwall High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University. He is owner of NriShop. The April 16, 2011, wedding at the Highland Park United Methodist Church is planned.



Ryan Jean Latham, Jessica Kelly Rice

Children's Christmas Pageant Held Sunday at FaithBridge

FaithBridge Church will present a Children's Christmas Pageant, "A Song of the Shepherd," Sunday. The performance will be a presentation about the birth of Jesus from a shepherd's perspective. The presentation will take place as part of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. FaithBridge Church meets at Celia Hays Elementary on Tannerson Drive in Rockwall. For more details visit faithbridgechurch.net.

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Estrada Family announces birth of son, Trey

Al and Amy Estrada of Caddo Mills are proud to announce the birth of their son, Trey Estrada, on Aug. 27, 2010, at Lake Pointe Medical Center. The infant weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 1/4 inches long at birth. He was welcomed home by his sisters, Emma and Evelyn. Grandparents are Don and Cathy Wallace of Rockwall and Al and Janis Estrada of Sugar Land. Aunts and uncles include Amie and Donny Wallace and Alton and Shannon Estrada.



Emma and Evelyn Estrada with new brother, Trey

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Church plans live nativity Dec. 19

Members of the First Christian Church Rockwall will present a living nativity from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 19. A costumed cast of about 40 individuals of all ages will perform, followed by a group caroling session led by the church choir. Children also will be given an opportunity to pet animals from the nativity scene, including sheep, goats, a donkey and a llama. Performances will take place approximately every 20 to 30 minutes. "Our living nativity addresses that deep and unspoken need that we have to physically ground ourselves in something that is spiritually meaningful," said Mark Irons, FCC pastor. "That's especially true in this time of virtual realities when less and less is touchable." This marks the fifth year the church has hosted a live nativity scene. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Road, 1.4 miles south of I-30 across from Chandler's Landing (enter from White Road and follow signs to parking areas). For more details, contact the church office at 972-771-5526.

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Open house set for restoration project

The public is invited to attend an open house Tuesday celebrating the Cooperative Window Restoration Project for a National Historic Building in downtown Royse City. The event, which will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., will take place at 124 S. Arch St. Hosts will be the Royse City Main Street, Masonic Lodge No. 663 and Eastern Star. Refreshments will be served. For more details, e-mail khollifield@roysecity.com.



In early October of 2010, I fell with my bicycle and broke my hip. After surgery and a stay in the hospital, I was given the option of going to the rehab of my choice. Because it was close to my home, I chose Royse City Health and Rehabilitation Center for my therapy.

I want people to know that I am delighted with the care given me while I was a guest there. Every worker, every nurse and every therapist in that center are genuinely delightful people. The staff began immediately learning my likes and dislikes; then they worked diligently to please.

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Students from Tracie Williams' second grade class at Vernon Elementary recently made cards for Plummer Elementary, a school in the Cedar Hill ISD that was broken into and vandalized a few weeks ago. As part of Rachel's Challenge, the local students wrote messages of encouragement to the Plummer students and staff members. Pictured with some of the cards are, at front, from the left, Quetzally Gouveia, Jordan Jackson, Lauren Carlson, Gwyneth Sancher and Chyenne Frith; second row, Isabella Brothers, Jenna Kovar, Claire Bennett, Justin Stacy, Haley Goodman, Madelyn Nix, Noah Bennett and Sheyenne Dixon; and, at back, Lauria Anne Ferguson, Cecilia Gachua, Blake Gonzalez, Blake Buhman, Zack Doyle, Peyton Phillips, Williams and Michael Carroll.

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Royse City Police Report

Nov. 26-Dec. 2

• Friday, 26 November: Alarm, 700 block Cooper Lane; Possession of marijuana arrest, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street

RC police, firefighters need help in toy drive

The Royse City Police and Fire Departments have teamed up for their annual Christmas Toy Drive.

The departments have fielded almost 200 children's names to be served by this year's event.

Local residents can drop off toys at any Royse City Independent School District campus, Texas Leadership Bank, American National Bank, Careers in Dental Assisting, RC City Hall, State Farm and the police department.

Additionally, cash donations will be accepted for the purchase of toys and other requested items.

The Thanksgiving food drive organized by firefighters and police served 88 families and helped fill both local food pantries, according to a report in the city e-newsletter.

• Saturday, 27 November: Alarm, 2300 block I-30 NSR; Noise disturbance, 400 block Peterson Street; Suspicious activity, 2800 block Mockingbird Street; Driving while license invalid arrest, 500 block Sorrells Road

• Sunday, 28 November: Reckless driver, I-30 at the 76 mile marker; Possession of marijuana arrest, I-30 at the 79 mile marker; Assault, 2700 block Spencer Circle

• Monday, 29 November: Medical assistance, 3100 block Sp Street; Suspicious person, 800 block Meadowdale Lane; Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block Trent Drive; Alarm, 100 block W. I-30; Suspicious person, 300 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Noise disturbance, block E. Church Street; Assault, 1500 block Redman Drive; Assault, 800 block FM 2453; No drivers license/insurance, 900 block E. NSR; Medical assistance, 300 block Northstar Drive

• Tuesday, 30 November: Medical assistance, 300 block E. NSR; Alarm, 3200 block Overstreet Lane; Alarm, 400 block S. Street; Suspicious person, 2500 block FM 35; Suspicious activity, 600 block FM 548

• Thursday, 2 December: Alarm, 300 block Briaroaks Drive; Possession of controlled substance arrest, 500 block E. County Road; Disorderly conduct, 1300 block E. Main Street

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Bells on Main Street set Saturday in RC

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Following the theme of "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," the event will include the following activities:

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 - 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. – Photos with Santa, Royse City Fire Department
 - 5:30 p.m. – Christmas tree lighting, Old Jail Park
 - 5:30 p.m.-6 p.m. – Performance by the singing group Green, including Christmas carols
 - 6 p.m. – Lighted Christmas parade
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Dorothy A. Crawford

Services for Dorothy A. Crawford, 76, of Terrell were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Steve Leatherwood officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She was born July 9, 1934, in Wylie to John Les and Bertha Jane (Eaves) Sperling. She was a homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and often made and embroidered pillows for them.

Survivors include her children, George Don Crawford and his wife, Cherie, of Scurry; Belinda Schnorrbusch of Terrell and Gary Crawford of Commerce; her brother, Roy Sperling and his wife, Mildred, of Midland; her sister, Nita Nickels of Rowlett; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; an infant daughter, Robin Sue; and one granddaughter, Cheyenne Hope.

Beth Vance

Services for Beth Vance, 77, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. Jones Chapel, in Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swafford officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She was born June 3, 1933, in Hillsboro to Paul F. and Nora (Ross) Henderson. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Ruth Sunday School Class. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, John Vance of Rockwall; her children, Teresa Norvell and her husband, Monty, of Rockwall and Jan Crawford and her husband, Pat, of Roysse City; her sisters, Emily Springer and her husband, James, and Evelyn Crouch and her husband, James, all of Terrell; her grandchildren, Chad Hill of Rockwall, Amy Payton of Coppell, Jenny and Keri Crawford of Roysse City and Curt and Amber Crawford of Roysse City; and her great-grandchildren, Kylie Crawford of Roysse City and Emma and Connor Payton of Coppell.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Gary Marshall Vance.



Kerry Weakley

A memorial service for Kerry Weakley, 44, of Burleson, formerly of Rockwall, was conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Nov. 30.

Born May 17, 1966, in Dallas to Charles Lewis Weakley and Betty Ellen (Evans) Weakley, he attended Rockwall High School. He enjoyed fishing and was employed as a driver in the trucking industry.

Survivors include his father, Charles Weakley, and his mother, Thressa Weakley, both of Rockwall; his sisters, Cheryl Mix, Rosemarie Sturgill, Ruth Kerry and Christine Sowers; his brother, Darion Weakley and Chester Sams; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts and uncles; and his girlfriend, Sandy Stevenson.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.



Work continues at Habitat house

Sheetrock work will continue Saturday at the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity's current project site, 803 Peter's Colony.

Also on the agenda for Saturday is installation of WonderBoard in the shower and caulking in preparation for painting.

Work will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For up-to-the-minute information on last-minute schedule changes or in the event of inclement weather, visit rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle slated Dec. 16

The low-cost spay/neuter shuttle, sponsored by Rockwall PAWS and KCAAP, will depart at 7:30 a.m. Dec. 16 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot.

The shuttle will return at 6:30 p.m. after pets have been spayed/neutered. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call 1-972-472-3500. Spanish-speaking assistance is available.

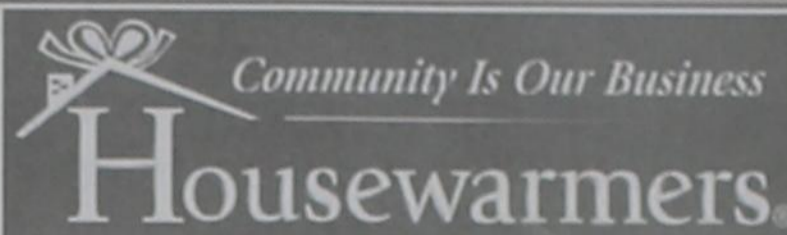
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Revelations chapter 13...the beast

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People may find it difficult to read through all the analogies, death and destruction found in Revelations. Sometimes, I personally feel sad and nervous while reading it. There is nothing wrong with feeling these things. Revelations is packed with hard information to digest and follow. When we come across something difficult to understand, it's best to make a note of it for future studies, and let it be.

Revelations chapter 13 reveals what may be a powerful ruling system over the world under the control of a powerfully deceptive religious system. Their combined power will come from the devil who is also referred to as the "dragon." This ruling system will have power from the devil to make war with God's saints.

Please note that the "saints" will not include the 144,000 of Israel. The 144,000 of Israel show up later during the seven seals period. They will be marked and protected by God Himself through an angel.

The above mentioned system is referred to as "the beast." It refers to two different "beast" systems, the second of which will arise to deceive many into worshipping the first beast, and assisting in the murder of God's saints. There's no way to sugar-coat this. One beast system will deceive many through mighty miracles into worshipping the other beast.

It says that those who do not worship the beast will be killed. Everyone else will be marked. I can't tell if the location of the mark on the forehead or right hand is figurative or literal. But something will be done to separate out those who do not worship the beast.

Revelations 13:17 provides interesting details, "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." This information is often used as proof that we are currently living in the Revelations period of time. To the best of my understanding, the above-mentioned conditions are currently in the early development stages. This is evidenced by the amazing similarities.

The United States of America has pretty much established a similar system through the limitations connected with the Social Security number. The number has already been in use as a general identification number and is required for basic livelihood. All banks require the number in order to maintain accounts. The Federal Government has embedded the number into driver licenses. A high percentage of companies now require the number before considering potential employees.

Only a very small number of people have successfully resisted their number and they must live on a cash only basis. They must know how to defend themselves in the courts when governments try to punish them for driving without a drivers license. At this time, it is still remotely possible to live without a Social Security number. But according to Revelations chapter 13, there will be a time in the future when it will be impossible to buy or sell without worshipping the beast.

Please understand that Christians having a Social Security number today are not considered to be worshipping the "beast" in God's eyes. We are living in the age of the grace of God, and not in the Revelations period. I see no reason to believe that this number is the same as the mark of the beast. At the same time, we do not have to get excited about and rally around the current system, which has ungodly limitations similar to the mark of the beast.

The information found in Revelations helps us to see what God wants to save us from. And He is so gracious and loving and patient and merciful toward us.

In the midst of the world, God's word of love, life and salvation sits like a gem. It's up to people to individually believe the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, just as they easily believe that a chair will hold them up without thinking twice about it. And when they start praying with the spirit of God (1 Corinthians 14:15) they are sealed with the Holy Ghost unto salvation from the dark and wrath-filled Revelations period.

God revealed the problem, a way out and the final solution.

Cain MS faculty, students to host charity bball game Dec. 17

Sports and philanthropy will combine as Cain Middle School's students and faculty members face off in the First Annual Student vs. Faculty Basketball Game.

Tip-off is at 2:45 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17 at the school gym.

A canned food item or \$1 do-

nation will be taken to enter the game. All proceeds from the game will benefit Rockwall Helping Hands and the Kaufman Emergency Children's Shelter this holiday season.

For more information about the event, contact Cain MS Counselor Katie Duran at 469-698-7328.

Cain Middle School is located at 6620 FM 3097 in Rockwall.



Alicia Allison, an eighth grade student at J.W. Williams Middle School, recently earned first place in the sixth annual Thanksgiving Square Expressions Competition for her poem entitled "Dear Mother Nature." The theme for this year's contest was designed to encourage students to express their thankfulness for our planet. Alicia received a \$100 prize and a certificate. Winning entries will be displayed at Thanksgiving Square until the end of the year.

Photo courtesy of Michala Nail/Rockwall County News

King Blvd. design concept could guide city's growth

A design concept for the John King Boulevard corridor, recently adopted by the Rockwall City Council, could serve as a model for future city roadways, according to a news release from the city.

The guideline plan provides direction on how such features as landscaping, bridge enhancements and wall features could improve John King Boulevard based on the city's Comprehensive Plan, development standards and development approvals.

"A side benefit of the plan is that elements of this design concept are flexible enough to be used to meet identity and enhancement needs throughout the city -- along other roadway corridors, entries, hike and bike trails such," said Robert LaCroix, the city's planning director.

The plan also will provide direction to developers designing the street frontage of properties.

"A developer could adopt some of the design for property adjacent to property, or maybe as part of their required landscaping or tree mitigation," LaCroix said in a news release issued last week.

The enhancement guidelines for the boulevard include suggestions for trail rest stops -- benches and drinking fountains -- and entry features and sidewalks for median enhancement.

The "guiding concepts" put strong emphasis on the visual impact of existing landscaping with guidelines on enhancing those landscape types along with a palette of forms and material to be used for the corridor, according to the release.

In order for the plan to be implemented, LaCroix said the following must occur:

The Comprehensive Plan must be amended to include the Master Transportation Plan into the amended Thoroughfare Plan;

The Subdivision Ordinance must be amended to include requirements for trails and sidewalks; and

The Unified Development Code must be amended to adopt the guidelines as an appendix to the 205 Bypass Overlay District.

John King Boulevard is a city-initiated, funded and constructed roadway named for a former city council member. It was designed to provide traffic relief to SH 205 that goes through downtown and to provide access and structure for developing properties on the east side of the city.

Kahler holiday display schedule announced

The annual Kahler Christmas display, which features lights and music, now is available for viewing at 2001 T. Glen in Rockwall.

Hours for this year's display will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and on Fridays and Saturdays from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Jamie Kahler advised he would place a sign in the yard to inform visitors about the display and to request donations. This year, cash donations will be accepted for the OI (Osteogenesis Imperfecta) or "brittle bone disease" Foundation. Canned good donations also will be accepted on behalf of the Rockwall Boys & Girls Club.



"Rockwall Then and Now," a canvas piece created by award-winning artist Richard Sturdevant debuted at the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Celebration in February. The photographic collage of still-life images depicts the city's rich history and dynamic growth. Purchased by Kim and Calvin Wallen at the Celebration's live auction, the one-of-a-kind piece now is available on titled, numbered and signed limited-edition prints, 18"x 24" in size, through the Education Foundation. Pictured above with the image are Kim Wallen and Gene Burton, retired RISD superintendent. Cost for each print is \$100 and proceeds will benefit the Dr. Gene Burton Endowment Fund. To purchase a print, contact Cindy Benefield at 469-698-7094 or at cbenefield@rockwallisd.org.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Tri-County Choral Society sets concert

The Tri-County Choral Society will host a winter program at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Roysse City Middle School on Hwy. 66 in Roysse City. Tickets are \$5 at the door, with children ages 5 and under admitted free of charge. Tickets are also available at The Well or from any TCCS member. During the concert, the society will present a check to the Roysse City Police Department for the Toys for Tots.

Stingerette Recycle Day planned

The RHS Stingerettes will host a Recycle Day from 8 a.m. to noon Dec. 11 at the RHS parking lot (baseball fields). Acceptable items will include books, shoes, hats, books, DVDs, CDs, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, video games, computers, monitors, printers, cell phones and other items. For a complete list visit stingerettes.com. This will be a drive-through event, and help will be on hand to help unload items.

Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 11

Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 11 at The Center. Doughnuts and orange juice will be served; several activities are planned. Open to children ages 5 and under. Cost will be \$10 per Rockwall resident, \$15 for non-residents. Call 972-771-7740 for details or to register.

Community Band plans Holiday Concert

The Rockwall Community Band will present its free Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the RHS Performing Arts Center at Utley, near the football stadium. The 50-piece band will perform new arrangements of traditional Christmas and holiday pieces. The hour-long concert will conclude with refreshments served in the lobby.

FOL Christmas Luncheon scheduled

The 7th annual December Lunch Basket, a fundraiser sponsored by Friends of the Library, is set for Dec. 14 at The Center. The event will open at 11 a.m. for participants to view tables; lunch will begin at noon. This event always sells out, so early reservations are suggested: 972-771-8976. Reservations are needed to decorate and display holiday table settings; for more details call Nell Wellborn, 972-722-3084.

Spay/neuter shuttle slated Dec. 16

A low-cost spay/neuter shuttle, sponsored by Rockwall PAWS and CAP, will depart at 7:30 a.m. Dec. 16 from the southeast corner of the Wal-Mart parking lot. The shuttle will return at 6:30 p.m. after pets have been spayed/neutered. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call 1-972-472-3500. Spanish-speaking assistance is available. For more details call Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354.

'Oz' set Dec. 16-18 at RCHS Theatre

The Roysse City Theatre Company will offer performances of its adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz" Dec. 16, 17 and 18 in the RCHS Theatre, 700 E. 642. "Oz" performances are set for 7 p.m. Dec. 16-17 and 3 p.m. Dec. 18. Admission will cost \$2 for children/students and \$3 for adults; a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Gift items needed for CPS children

Ma Hunt is again asking area residents to give new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages, gift cards and new children's clothing (any size) for distribution by the Rockwall County Child Protective Services. Items will be delivered to children placed in CPS custody on Dec. 17. Call Hunt at 972-240-9696 to arrange for pick up or drop off. For more details search for Rockwall CPS Toy Drive on Facebook.

Santa's Workshop set Dec. 18

Santa's Workshop holiday craft session is set for 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 18 at The Center. Jingle bell bracelets, Rudolph necklaces and Christmas tree ornaments are among items to be crafted. Open to ages 5-10, the class will cost \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details call Rockwall Parks & Rec Center at 972-771-7740.



Pictured are the chefs of Nona's Café (Two), which catered the Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving meal for 150 senior citizens. From the left are Gary McAllister, Laurie Holguin, Margie VerHagen, Shequie (Nona) Kaba, Janice Enloe, David Beaulieu, Pat Henson, Robert Glover, Bill Michalenko and Gaz Kaba. The meal was sponsored by Dr. Les Sandknop, not pictured. Photo courtesy Meals on Wheels/Rockwall County News

Live nativity set at FCC Rockwall

First Christian Church Rockwall will host a live nativity from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Performances will take place about every 20 to 30 minutes, followed by a group caroling session and time for children from the audience to pet animals from the nativity scene. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Road; enter from White Road and follow signs to parking areas. For more details call 972-771-5526.

Food drive to benefit B&GC

A food drive benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall will run through Dec. 20. Donations may be dropped off at the Rockwall Yellow Jacket Barber Shop, 2006 S. Goliad (next to Joe Willy's). For more details call 214-771-0450.

Raffle to benefit Meals on Wheels

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging Meals on Wheels program will raffle off a 42-inch LG 1080p LCD television on Dec. 21. Tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20. Proceeds will benefit the local Meals on Wheels program, which feeds homebound elderly and disabled individuals in Rockwall, Roysse City, Heath and Fate. For tickets call 972-771-9514.

RC offices to close for holiday

The municipal offices of Roysse City will be closed Dec. 24 and 27 and Dec. 31 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Highsteppers plan Dance Clinic

The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers will host a dance clinic from 9:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 22 in the RHHS gym. Check-in will be at 9 a.m. The event will be open to girls in kindergarten through ninth grade; participants will be separated into age groups to learn dance steps. Cost is \$25. Only participants registering prior to Dec. 31 are guaranteed a T-shirt. For more details call Amber Creamer at 469-338-8204 or e-mail danceclinic10@gmail.com.

Daddy/Daughter Dance planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at The Hilton at The Harbor. Cost will be \$45 for Rockwall couples, \$67 for non-resident couples. Tickets will go on sale Dec. 1. Call 972-771-7740 for more details.

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Opinions

TSA intrusion is one price of empire

by Sheldon Richman

How gratifying to see Americans increasingly angry at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for using offensive full-body scans and frisks in its latest production of what security expert Bruce Schneier calls "security theater."

The government would have us believe these measures are safe and effective, but its record for veracity is, to put it mildly, disgraceful. Meanwhile Schneier, an independent voice who makes it his business to check this stuff out, doesn't believe the scanners would have caught the would-be underwear bomber: "The guys who make the machines have said, 'We wouldn't have caught that.'" Maybe a full frisk indistinguishable from a sexual assault would have found the potential explosive, but that wouldn't have caught the guy in Saudi Arabia who tried to hide one in a body cavity. Is the TSA going to introduce cavity searches next?

Let's remember that the TSA has been incompetent from the beginning. No one can name a single plot it thwarted, but over the years we have seen many stories of TSA inspectors failing tests announced in advance. We can be sure that countless forbidden items carried by innocents have passed through security. One person unknowingly carried a full 9mm pistol magazine through security in a carryon bag. While some TSA agents are missing contraband they are supposed

to be looking for, others have pilfered things from people's checked luggage. Flying is anything but secure; the main problem, however, is not terrorism.

So let's hope the anti-TSA anger builds, but let's also be aware of the risks. I'm referring to the risk from right-wingers, such as Ann Coulter and Charles Krauthammer. The conservative critics of body scans and frisks have not hidden their agenda. They've made clear their hope that joining the civil libertarians might get them what they have long wanted: ethnic, national, and religious profiling of airline passengers. Why frisk a grandma from Minnesota or a child from Vermont, they say, when "we know" whom to target?

Here's how Coulter put it: "Is there any question that we'd be looking for Swedes if the 9/11 terrorists, the shoe bomber, the diaper bomber and the printer cartridge bomber had all been Swedish?... Only because the terrorists are Muslims do we pretend not to notice who keeps trying to blow up our planes.... Swarthly foreigners stand out like a sore thumb in an airport. The American domestic flying population is remarkably homogeneous. An airport is not a Sears department store."

And Krauthammer: "[The] entire apparatus of the security line is a national homage to political correctness.... The only reason we continue to do this is that people are too cowed to even question the absurd taboo against profiling — when the profile of the airline attacker is narrow, concrete, uniquely definable and universally known. So instead of

seeking out terrorists, we seek out tubes of gel in stroller pouches."

I concede there is surface logic here. The profile of those who wish us harm is fairly narrow, although profiling would undoubtedly prompt a revision in tactics. But in a way, the profile is even more narrow than Coulter and Krauthammer would care to admit. At the top of the list of likely attackers are people with ties to countries the U.S. military and CIA are currently brutalizing with drone-launched Hellfire missiles, cluster bombs, and assassination teams. All the would-be bombers fit that profile, and when they have spoken in court they have said they wanted revenge for America's war on their people. Even the Nigerian-born underwear bomber, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, spent time in Yemen, where the U.S. government conducts a bombing campaign. (By the way, Abdulmutallab, a black man, doesn't look like an Arab. Would the profilers have netted him? The authorities were alerted by his father, and he still got through.)

If the truest profile marker is a link to a Muslim country that the U.S. empire is occupying or bombing, that indicates there's a better way than profiling to secure American lives: Dismantle the empire. It's worth a try.

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

War on Christmas?

by Andrew Leonie

"Mmmm...Eh...Sea...sons Greetings", is what the "Sales Associate" said to my wife and me as we did some Christmas shopping here in Rockwall. It sounded like "Messy" to us, and it was. "And a Merry Christmas to you!" I heartily responded. The Associate blushed slightly, shrugged and also then replied with, "Merry Christmas!" Thank goodness this is not the typical situation in Rockwall. But across the state in Dallas it is far more common, particularly in the larger chain stores. As you probably know, all across the country recently there has been a growing effort to replace "Christmas" with politically correct terms such as "Seasons Greetings", "Happy Holidays", and "Winter Festival". Gone are the Christmas parties, Christmas lights, Christmas trees and by "winter breaks". To me saying "holiday" and meaning "Christmas" is like saying "dead president" and meaning Ronald Reagan. All technically correct but the significance is lost. Why has the word "Christmas" become a dirty word, not to be mentioned in public?

Last year even in Washington DC our 'National Christmas Tree' lighting ceremony was renamed the 'Holiday Tree' lighting ceremony. Some schools and cities have even decided that red and green lights

and decorations have an unacceptable association with Christmas and need to be replaced by white lights. (personally, my wife decorates with white lights because of style). Here in Rockwall we still have a very well attended annual "Christmas Parade" and "Christmas Tree" lighting ceremony. In Dallas where I work, they still have the wonderful annual Adolphus Christmas parade through downtown. But gone are the days when a crèche or nativity scene would be placed in front of schools or government buildings. Is it right that the 'reason for the season' has become an embarrassment?

My longest and best friend is Jewish and still likes to poke me with the reminder that Jesus was also Jewish. My wife and I still wish "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Hanukkah" to most of our friends. We receive Christmas cards and greetings from both our Jewish and other or non-believing friends. I have yet to actually meet anyone who is so deeply offended by the word "Christmas". Just who are these politically correct multi-cultural police who are waging war on Christmas and steering our traditional Christmas observances away from their roots?

It is essentially the secular Left "thought leaders" in media and elsewhere who have been able to convince so many in our country that all religion must be banished from public view — except of course, so-called art that denigrates religion, especially Christianity. Their goal is

to transform America into a completely secular nation that is hostile to any and all faiths. Their view is that any and all religion is not only ignorant but also dangerous. Their view is that instead of churches or synagogues, the all powerful government should provide all instruction and opportunities for moral and civic responsibility. This view of America is the complete opposite of what our founders envisioned.

Delaware Senate candidate Christine O'Donnell was recently mocked by the "main stream" press during her election campaign, for pointing out (accurately) that the phrase "separation of church and state" does not appear in the U.S. Constitution. Our founders wrote the First Amendment to forbid Congress both from establishing a national church and from prohibiting freedom of religion. For almost 200 years America thrived as a religiously diverse and tolerant country. I think that is a pretty good track record of respect for each others faith. I am going to continue to wish people "Merry Christmas". If someone wishes me "Happy Hanukkah" or "Happy Eid", I am not in the least offended. I will wish them back in kind and hopefully not stumble and wish them a "messy holiday"

Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived with his family in Rockwall County for over 20 years. The views expressed are his own.

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Legal Notices

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Full or Part-time
Full or part-time daycare staff needed. Must be 18 years or older with high school diploma or GED. We will train. 972-772-0011.

Experienced Family Law paralegal for Rockwall firm. Submit resumes to: Rockwallparalegal@hotmail.com

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Legal Notices

CITY OF FATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Fate will hold a Public Hearing to consider amending their water, wastewater, and roadway impact fee Ordinance on January 17, 2011 at 7:00 P.M., in the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford. Any member of the public has the right to appear at the hearing and present evidence for or against the Ordinance amendments. For detailed information regarding this issue, please contact City Manager Vicki Mikel at the City Hall, located at 105 E. Fate Main Place, at (972) 771-4601.
Jean Dwinell, TRMC
City Secretary
City of Fate

Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THE COURT REPORTER FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2011
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ROCKWALL
Notice is hereby given that the District Judge of the 439th Judicial District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on

the 22nd day of December 2010, in the 439th District Courtroom located in the Rockwall County Government Center at 1101 Ridge Road in Rockwall, Texas.

The purpose of this public hearing is:
1. To receive public comment on the proposed annual compensation for the Court Reporter.
2. To set the annual compensation for the Court Reporter. Written comments received prior to the public hearing will become part of the hearing record. The public is invited to attend and make comment. Signed this 7th day of December 2010.

BY ORDER OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE
Honorable David Rakow, District Judge
439th Judicial District Court
Rockwall County, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS County Court At Law (district) OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

CAUSE NO: 1-10-1229
TO: CHRIS FISCHER ADDRESS UNKNOWN
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable County Court At Law (district) of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road, Suite 209, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on FRIDAY, 14TH OF JANUARY, 2011 BEFORE 10:00 AM before the Honorable County Court At Law (district)

of Rockwall County, Texas at Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, filed in said Court on OCTOBER 29, 2010, A.D., in this case numbered 1-10-1229 on the docket said court, and styled, WILLI UNDERWOOD vs. CHRIS FISCHER, INDIVIDUALLY AND WITH INDIVIDUALLY, LLC.

A brief statement of the nature of suit is as follows, to-wit: BREACH OF CONTRACT (CCL)
The officer executing this writ is promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the dates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this the 3rd day of December 2010.
KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk
Rockwall County, Texas
1101 Ridge Road, Ste. 209
Rockwall, Texas 75087
By: Amanda Webb, Deputy
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Legal Notice REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Request for Qualifications ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES RFQ 11-1.7-118

Proposals received until 2:00 PM January 7, 2011

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving qualification statements for the annual financial audit services. RFQ documents may be requested by email to dmaconnald@rockwallisd.org. The District anticipates award at the February board meeting. Qualification statements should be received in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the RFQ number and name. RFQ's will be received until 2:00 PM on January 7, 2011 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

The Board of Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

Legal Notice REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Request for Proposal THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR - VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS RFP 11-1.14-120

Proposals received until 2:00 PM January 14, 2011

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving proposals for third party administrator and voluntary employee benefits products/services. RFP documents may be requested by email to dmaconnald@rockwallisd.org. The District anticipates award at the February board meeting. Proposals should be received in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the RFP number and name. RFP's will be received until 2:00 PM on January 14, 2011 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to the Mayor and Council of the City of Fate, Texas will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 105 E. Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas, 75132 until **10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011**, for the purpose of furnishing plant, labor, materials and equipment and the performance of all work required in the construction of **PUMP STATION #2 IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1** at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud and retained by the City Manager for tabulation, checking and evaluation.

The project consists of the construction of a 13 MGD pump station and 2 MG ground storage tank along with all associated appurtenances. The project is located in the City of Fate, Texas.

BIDS shall be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank bid form furnished. Any bid proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened. Sealed envelopes shall be marked "**PUMP STATION #2 IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 - DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011**."

Bid security in the form of Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other negotiable instrument in the amount of 5% of the greatest amount bid must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute bonds and insurance as outlined in the specifications and Instructions to Bidders.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS and contract documents may be examined without charge at the office of the City Secretary, Fate, Texas. Copies of such instruments may be obtained from the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 105 E. Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas, 75132 upon a non-refundable deposit of **\$100.00** per set. Please direct project questions to Anthony Samarripas with Kimley-Horn (972) 770-1300.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2010 at 104 South W.E. Crawford, Fate, Texas 75132.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids. No bid may be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after date on which bids are opened.

CITY OF FATE, TEXAS

By Vicki Mikel
City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 5, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 101 EAST RUSK STREET, CITY OF ROCKWALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

Pursuant to Article 258.0020(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Rockwall County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2011 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest has been available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the Historic Courthouse, during business hours, commencing October 1, 2010.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on January 5th, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rockwall County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title, or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at anytime before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.

NOTE: THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT COMPLIES WITH A.D.A. REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC MEETING AND YOU HAVE A DISABILITY THAT REQUIRES SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE MEETING, PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT (972) 204-6000.

COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. Notice of Public Hearing

Community Service Inc. (CSI) announces that a public hearing will be held to receive comments on 2011 Budget, National Performance Indicators, Community Needs Assessment and Community Revitalization Projects.

The public hearing will be held at **1:00 P.M. on Monday, December 20, 2010** at the **Royse City Housing Authority**, 305 North Houston Street, Royse City, Texas. At the hearing a representative from CSI will provide descriptions of the Community Services Block Grant Program and the proposed use of the funds for program year 2011.

Service area includes Anderson, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Henderson, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall and Van Zandt Counties.

Hearing Date: Monday, December 20, 2010
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.
Place: Royse City Housing Authority
305 North Houston Street
Royse City, Texas

Public and low-income individuals are encouraged to participate in the hearing process.

Written and oral comments received will be used to finalize the performance measures/activities for program year ending December 31, 2011. Written comments must be received by December 24, 2010.

Individuals who require special accommodations including auxiliary aids or services to participate in this meeting should contact Pauletta Hines at 1 800 831-9929 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting so that appropriate coordination arrangements can be made.

Faxes to: 903-875-3708

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, until the hour of **3:30 PM, Friday, December 17, 2010** for the following project:

I.H.-30 Water Line Relocation-Townsend Drive to F.M. 549

The project includes: the construction and installation of approximately 4,700 feet of 16-inch PVC water line, 86 feet of connected water lines ranging in size from 6-inch to 12-inch, 306 feet of 26-inch steel casing for open cut and bore, trench safety, nine 6-inch to 12-inch gate valves, seven 16-inch butterfly valves, service taps and lines, water meters, fire hydrants, pavement removal and replacement, erosion control, traffic control, 2 project signs and other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked **I.H.-30 Water Line Relocation - Townsend Drive to F.M. 549**.

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

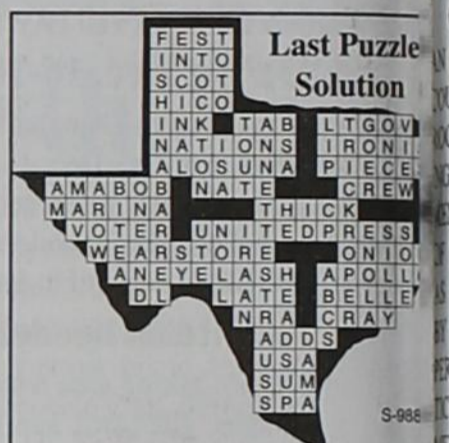
Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **150 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

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

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

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Rockwall Engineering Office located in the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers - 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, AECOM USA Group, Inc., 17300 Dallas Pkwy., Suite 1010, Dallas, Texas (phone numbers - 972-735-3000/fax 972-735-3001), at a non-refundable cost of \$50.00 beginning December 3, 2010. Only those bids received from contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the City of Rockwall/AECOM, and are listed on the City's list of plan holders, will be opened at the bid opening for consideration.

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Rockwall County Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons

Dec. 11 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas Tyler Street Christian, 2 p.m.
 Dec. 14 – Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Brownwood Victory, Forney Center, 6 p.m.
 Dec. 17 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Granbury Happy Hill Farm Academy, 6 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Dec. 10 – Basketball: home vs. Poetry Community Christian, middle school girls' basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
 Dec. 11 – Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
 Dec. 17 – Basketball: home vs. Arlington Fellowship Academy, middle school boys' basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament and varsity boys' basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Dec. 10 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Trinity Valley Tournament
 Dec. 11 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Trinity Valley Tournament
 Dec. 13 – Middle school basketball: home vs. Greenville Christian, girls B 5 boys 6 p.m. and girls A 7 p.m.
 Dec. 16 – Basketball: varsity boys and girls at Grand Saline Tournament
 Dec. 17 – Basketball: varsity boys and girls at Grand Saline Tournament
 Dec. 18 – Basketball: varsity boys and girls at Grand Saline Tournament

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Dec. 10 – JV Wrestling: at Dallas St. Mark's School of Texas JV Tournament, basketball: at Highland Park, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 11 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Mike Brown Auto Tournament, Granbury, Texas, at TISCA 4A Invitational, Frisco Natatorium
 Dec. 11 – Varsity wrestling: at Lone Star Duals, Dallas St. Mark's School of Texas, 9 a.m.
 Dec. 11 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Mike Brown Auto Tournament, Granbury
 Dec. 11 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Carrollton Newman Smith Tournament
 Dec. 13 – Girls' basketball: at Lindale, Freshman A 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 13 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Burleson Centennial, Freshman B 6 p.m. and JV White 7:30 p.m.

JV II boys' basketball: at Lovejoy, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Boys' basketball: at Southlake Carroll, Freshman A 5 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 6:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 17 – JV wrestling: at Dallas St. Mark's School of Texas Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Lovejoy, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:30 p.m. and varsity 8 p.m.
 Varsity wrestling: at Hill-Country Duals, Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 5 p.m.
 Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 18 – at Hill Country Duals, Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 9:30 a.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Dec. 10 – JV wrestling: at Taylor Webb Classic, Plano Senior High School, noon
 Freshman Red girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Cain Middle School, 5:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Gymnastics: home for Compulsories vs. Round Rock and Richardson ISD, 6 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman A at Wills Point Tournament
 Swimming: at TISCA 4A Invitational, Frisco Natatorium
 Saturday, Dec. 11 – Varsity wrestling: at Lone Star Duals, Dallas St. Mark's School of Texas, 9 a.m.
 Boys' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman A at Wills Point Tournament
 JV Black and Freshman Black girls' basketball: at Crandall Tournament
 Monday, Dec. 13 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Sulphur Springs, Freshman A 5 p.m., JV 6:30 p.m. and varsity 8 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 17 – Boys' basketball: at North Mesquite, Freshman A 5 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Wrestling: at Hill Country Duals, Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 5 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at McKinney, Freshman Red 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 18 – at Hill Country Duals, Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 10 a.m.
 JV Black and Freshman Black girls' basketball: at Crandall Tournament, noon

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Dec. 10 – Varsity girls' basketball: home vs. Mesquite, 6 p.m.
 7th grade girls' basketball: home for A and B tournaments
 8th grade girls' basketball: at A and B tournaments
 Boys' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman at Wills Point Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 11 – Boys' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman at Wills Point Tournament
 8th grade boys' basketball: at A and B tournaments
 7th grade boys' basketball: at A and B tournaments
 Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Wills Point, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 16 – Middle school girls' basketball: home vs. Forney Warren, 4:30 p.m.
 Middle school boys' basketball: at Forney Warren, 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 17 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Cain Middle School Mustangs

Monday, Dec. 13 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade girls' basketball: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 16 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade boys' basketball: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Utley Middle School Wolves

Monday, Dec. 13 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 16 – 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Williams Middle School Wildcats
 Monday, Dec. 13 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade girls' basketball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 16 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

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Legal Notices

CITY OF ROCKWALL

ORDINANCE NO. 10-32

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (ORD. NO. 04-38) OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL HEREOFOR AMENDED AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PERMISSIBLE USES, AND ARTICLE V, DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE

NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 /s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
 /s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
 1st Reading: 11-01-10
 2nd Reading: 12-06-10
CITY OF ROCKWALL
ORDINANCE NO. 10-33
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 05-50 AND 06-22 AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CHAPTER 18 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE II TEEN CURFEW TO PROVIDE FOR UPDATED TEEN CURFEW PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN ENFORCEMENT PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT LESS THAN FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) AND NOT MORE THAN FIVE

HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SUNSET PROVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LOGAL GOVERNMENT CODE 370.002; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 /s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
 /s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
 1st Reading: 11-15-10
 2nd Reading: 12-06-10
CITY OF ROCKWALL
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Rockwall County Sports

Jackets sweep 2 gymnastics opponents

Bradley Meyer won four events plus the all-around competition as the Rockwall boys' gymnastics team defeated Rockwall-Heath and Keller Fossil Ridge Thursday, Nov. 18, at RHS.

Meyer won the floor exercise, rings, parallel bars and high bar; finished second to teammate Jeremy Scott on the pommel horse, and was fifth in the vault.

The Yellowjackets finished with 170.3 points to 164.2 for RHHS and 114 for Fossil Ridge.

RHS' Craig Brannon and Zach Bennett tied for third place all-around. Brannon was second on the parallel bars, third in the rings, fourth on the high bar, fifth on the horse and seventh in the vault. Bennett was second on the floor, third on the horse, sixth in the vault and seventh in the rings, vault and high bar.

Scott was second on the high bar, fourth on the vault and seventh in the rings. Michael Weidman also had a second place, in the floor exercise. By finishing sixth on the pommel horse and parallel bars, he also was fifth overall.

Payton Larman was eighth all-around, with fourth place in the rings and fifth on the high bar.

Jackets head coach Cameron Sweny said, "The guys had a good meet."

Young Lady Hawks open with gymnastics win

Senior Jade Bowerman won the all-around competition and three individual events to lead the Rockwall-Heath girls' gymnastics team to victory in its first meet this season.

Bowerman missed a perfect all-around score of 40.00 by just .85 point. Her 39.15 included first place in the vault (9.90), uneven bars (9.80) and floor exercise (9.70) and was a close second on the balance beam at 9.75.

The Lady Hawks defeated Rockwall and the Keller ISD team in a triangular meet Thursday, Nov. 18, at Rockwall High School. The team score of 114.75 was the highest RHHS ever has received in a season-opening meet.

Freshman Carolyn Sherwin was second all-around at 38.50, built with second-place finishes in the vault (9.8) and bars (9.75), and third on the floor (9.6).

Other leading scorers for the Lady Hawks were sophomore Ashlee Reese, fifth all-around (37.050) as well as in the vault (9.65) and bars (9.45), and freshman Jacquelyn Dougherty, eighth all-around (36.90) and tied with Reese for fifth in the vault (9.65).

The RHHS boys finished second behind Rockwall.

Royse City escapes to win 1 of 3

In the first two boys' basketball games this season, Royse City managed to win close decisions.

The Bulldogs didn't stay undefeated long. Instead they lost their third game Monday, Nov. 22, at Rockwall 55-41.

That was the Dawgs' first road game this season. They returned home the next afternoon and returned to their close-winning ways by defeating Forney 43-40.

Fast-forward a week to Tuesday. RC played at home against undefeated Frisco Liberty, but the game wasn't close. The Redhawks went home with a 50-37 win.

Win or lose, Royse City has had games of a similar tempo. In the five games, no team has scored fewer than 37 points and none has scored more than 55.

The week's highlight was the victory over Forney, which also was playing on short rest after a home loss to Rockwall-Heath.

Both teams at times looked tired. Forney opened with an 11-7 first-quarter lead, but in a game that was close throughout, the Bulldogs won on the strength of a 16-8 second-quarter advantage.

The Jackrabbits trailed by four points at halftime and by three after three quarters, then tied the game on a 3-point shot 48 seconds into the final period. Game-high scorer David Frye (14 points) came back with a 3-pointer for Royse City.

Three times after that Forney pulled within a point, the last at 41-40 with 2 minutes, 1 second remaining. Trey Bowers missed a foul shot, then made both ends of a 1-and-1 for a 43-40 lead that held up as the final score when the Rabbits missed a last-second 3-point attempt.

For the Royse City-Rockwall box score, see the Yellowjackets' game story.

Forney (1-3) - Derrick Fain 12, Coty Wright 8, Patric Youngman 8, Grant Shaw 5, Julius Jackson 3, Eric Bean 2, Zach Thompson 2.

Royse City (3-1) - David Frye 14, George Gomez 12, Brian Wyrick 9, Joseph Beck 3, Trey Bowers 3, Jamie Briceño 1, Matt Stone 1.

Liberty (9-7) - Dante Dunston 10, Anfon Chuah 9, Justen Overstreet 8, Sam Vincent 8, Cole Babcock 7.

RCHS (3-2) - David Frye 11, George Gomez 9, Trey Bowers 8, Joseph Beck 5, Alex Williams 3, C.J. Wanton 1.

Lady Hawks hold off HSAA

The Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball team showed improvement during an eight-game stretch when they played three games.

That began with a home game against Richardson, during which the Lady Hawks took a 15-4 first-quarter lead. RHHS wasn't able to overcome that deficit, pulling within six points at halftime but losing 44-34.

At the end of those eight days, the Lady Hawks were again at home and again trailed by 11 points (13-3) after one quarter. They took the lead with an 18-5 third quarter and held off the Dallas Home School Athletic Association to win 42-38.

Rockwall-Heath had begun the stretch that straddled the Thanksgiving holiday with two games in two nights. The Lady Hawks also fell behind after one quarter Tuesday, Nov. 23, but by just five points. The game at Prestonwood Christian Academy was tied 41-41 after three quarters, but Prestonwood pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 61-49 victory.

No RHHS player scored in double figures against Richardson. The next night, Jordan Mitchell scored 19 points and Aly Coughlin added 13. In the victory over HSAA, Brooke Eddy's 11 points and Coughlin's 10 led the Lady Hawks.

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams are playing in this weekend's Royse City tournament. RHHS' varsity teams both were scheduled to play Emory Rains in Thursday's opening round.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Richardson	15	4	12	13	44
RHHS	4	9	9	12	34

Richardson (4-3) - Farrin Bell 25, Valerie Smith 9, La'Tisha Hearne 6, BreAnna Averette 2, Kelly Reno 2.

RHHS (1-6) - Jordan Mitchell 19, Aly Coughlin 13, Brooke Eddy 4, Jordan Mitchell 4, McKenzie White 4, Willette Rankin 3, Brianna Richardson 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	11	13	17	8	49
Prestonwood	16	6	19	20	61

RHHS (1-7) - Jordan Mitchell 19, Aly Coughlin 13, Brianna Richardson 8, Brooke Eddy 6, McKenzie White 2, Willette Rankin 1.

Prestonwood (7-4) - Mackenzie McNamara 16, Katie Staiger 16, Kaleigh Maack 15, Taylor Cash 8, Ashley Brown 4, Shelby Cole 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HSAA	14	8	5	11	38
RHSS3	12	18	9	42	

HSAA (5-3) - Sarah Bowen 18, Jacqueline Thorman 9, Christian Dowdle 7, A.J. Goudy 4.

RHHS (2-7) - Brooke Eddy 11, Aly Coughlin 10, Jordan Mitchell 7, Willette Rankin 4, Brianna Richardson 4, McKenzie White 3, Brittany Huggett 2, Kailey Peters 1.

Jackets sweep to title in Eules Trinity Duals

Five Rockwall wrestlers won all five of their matches Saturday to lead the Yellowjackets to five victories and the championship of the Eules Trinity Duals.

Dylan Devereaux pinned all five of his opponents at 171 pounds. Other undefeated Jackets were Cody Jonas at 119 pounds, Josh Holloway at 135, Grant Baker at 152 and Robert Hinton at 285.

RHS was so dominant that it scored at least 54 points in each dual match and won each by at least 28 points.

The Jackets' run began with a 63-12 rout of McKinney Boyd. After that, RHS defeated Argyle Liberty Christian 60-30, Flower Mound Marcus 54-25, host Eules Trinity 56-28 and Arlington Sam Houston 63-14.

Rockwall's depth extended to four other wrestlers who won four of their five matches: Nick Hyde (125 pounds), Zach Guzzardo (130), Tyler Wells (140) and Collin Hill (215).

The Jackets competed Tuesday in a dual match at Dallas Jesuit, to help them prepare for their Rockwall "Rumble at the Rock" Invitational Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4. The junior varsity competition would be Friday, with the varsity teams in action Saturday.

Jackets warm up for Invitational with win

The last seven wrestlers for Rockwall won by merely walking across the mat at Dallas Jesuit Tuesday, Nov. 23.

The first Yellowjacket didn't have to work much harder in a match he won with a pin in 38 seconds.

In between RHS had quite a battle on its hands.

The Jackets and Rangers were tied 20-20 after eight matches before Jesuit ran out of eligible wrestlers for the higher weight classes. Then began the series of walkovers that gave Rockwall its sixth consecutive dual-match victory by a misleading final score of 62-20.

RHS head coach Brent Pohorsky was very pleased with the team's first wrestler, Zach Peterson, at 92 pounds, and the last who actually wrestled, Josh Holloway. He won his match in 1 minute, 49 seconds.

"Zach finally got somebody his size so he could wrestle," Pohorsky pointed out.

He wasn't so excited about losing four of the other six contested matches. "It all goes back to bad work habits in practice. That's what I told the team after the match."

In particular, the coach mentioned the match of captain Nick Hyde. He had an 11-4 lead after two periods and still was ahead 11-6 when his opponent from Jesuit pinned Hyde just 31 seconds before the end.

This weekend, the Jackets will host the Rockwall Invitational, with junior varsity competition Friday and varsity wrestlers on the mats Saturday to determine individual weight-class winners.

Jackets win first by beating Royse City

Could it be that the Rockwall players who also contributed for the Yellowjackets' football team are rounding into basketball shape?

Wesley Davis (14 points) and Landon Knight (9), less than two weeks off the gridiron, combined for 23 of their points in a 55-41 victory over Royse City Monday, Nov. 22. They shot a combined 9-for-11 from the field and had three steals apiece. Davis, with eight rebounds, and Griffin Fraser, with eight, combined to control the boards.

It also didn't hurt that Blake Sandlin, who doesn't play football, illuminated the RHS gym with a game-high 17 points.

As a result, Rockwall (1-2) won for the first time this season and handed the Bulldogs their first loss.

It helped that RHS wasn't playing from behind for most of the game. The Jackets burst to a 16-9 lead after one quarter. Even though the advantage dwindled to two points (24-22) at halftime, Rockwall bounced back to outscore Royse City handily in each of the final two quarters.

RHS was scheduled to open play in this weekend's tournament at Royse City by playing Sulphur Springs Thursday.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	9	13	5	14	41
RHS	16	8	10	21	55

Royse City (2-1) - Trey Bowers 9, Matt Stone 9, David Frye 8, George Gomez 7, Bryan Wyrick 6, Gabriel Ramirez 2.

RHS (1-2) - Blake Sandlin 17, Wesley Davis 14, Landon Knight 9, Griffin Fraser 7, Jared Ragland 2, Collin Schmucker 2.

Lady Jackets run away with win

The slow starts followed by fast finishes that gave Rockwall victories in its most recent girls' basketball games made it appear that head coach Jill McMillan had been firm in addressing the team at halftime.

After each game, McMillan confirmed that she had strong words at halftime both Monday, Nov. 22, at Royse City and a week later in a home victory at Carrollton Creekview.

She said, "My blood pressure went up quite a bit at halftime. At both games just told them we've got to go out and play with consistency for four quarters. The final scores of 52-31 and 70-30 belied the way the Lady Jackets performed both nights. They led just 19-17 at halftime in Royse City. Against Creekview, RHS' shooting while taking a 28-18 halftime lead looked good only in comparison with the 6-for-31 start against RC.

The Lady Jackets recovered Monday by scoring the first 18 points in the second half. That compared favorably with an 11-0 run over just 96 seconds in the third quarter against the Lady Bulldogs that broke open a close, 29-25 margin to a 40-25 lead Royse City couldn't overcome.

Those spurts had two common factors. All eight of Rockwall's active varsity players contributed, ending their dependence on junior center Alyssa Lang. A pressing defense picked up considerably, turning takeaways into points. RHS had halftime leads totaling just 12 points but outscored the two opponents by 29 and 29 points in the second halves.

Lang still totaled team highs of 23 points and 15 rebounds against Royse City and 27 points with 15 boards vs. the Lady Mustangs. Those figures were a whole lot different from Lang's season averages. She scored 10 consecutive points to build Rockwall's lead to 19-4 early in the second quarter Monday.

McMillan said, "I was interested in seeing how we would respond, and we regrouped really well."

A spark at Royse City was sophomore point guard Morghen Day, who supplemented her five points with unofficial totals of five assists, six steals and rebound.

Against Creekview, Lang had 19 of RHS' 28 first-half points. In the second half, sophomore Hannah Hughes had 8 of her 11 points and junior Kayla Spivey scored 7 of her 10.

The Lady Jackets take a 6-3 record into this weekend's Garland Tournament. They were scheduled to play their first tournament game Thursday against South Garland.

For the box score from the Royse City game, see the Lady Bulldogs' game story.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Creekview	4	14	6	6	30
RCHS	15	13	22	20	70

Carrollton Creekview (2-9) - Brittany Adams 10, Jessi Perez 9, Andrea Brantley 6, Yasmin Ruiz 4, Isabel Meijering 1.

RHS (6-3) - Alyssa Lang 27, Hannah Hughes 11, Kayla Smith 10, Paige Turner 8, Morghen Day 5, Mariah Roof 4, Mary Hinton 3, Lacey Smith 2.

It's win one, lose one for Hawks

Rockwall-Heath went into its most recent week of boys' basketball with a record, and came out the back end at .500 after splitting two games.

In an up-and-down game Monday, Nov. 22, the Hawks (2-2) outscored Forney 40-8 in the first and fourth quarters, and trailed 27-10 during the middle of the game. RHS led 22-3 after the first quarter, but needed its 18-5 cushion in the final period for a 50-35 victory after the Jackrabbits had pulled within two points 32-30.

Conner Geiser scored a game-high 23 points to lead Rockwall-Heath.

Also playing at home Tuesday, the Hawks played Lake Highlands virtually even in the first half before the visitors pulled away to a 71-54 victory by outscoring RHHS 36-20 in the second half.

Geiser again led the Hawks, with 17 points, and received scoring help from Warren Matlock's 12 points and Jordan Points' 10.

The team's up-and-down nature and tendency to have a bad quarter or two in each game has been a concern for RHHS head coach Justin Morett since opening game.

The Hawks faced a challenge in their opening-round matchup for the weekend's Royse City Tournament. RHHS was scheduled to play Cedar Rapids (6-0) in Thursday's first round.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Forney	3	11	16	5	35
RHHS	22	8	2	18	50

Forney - Derrick Fain 10, Patric Youngman 8, Zach Thompson 6, Julius Jackson 4, Coty Wright 4, Cardarius Brewer 2, Malcolm Fields 1.

RHHS - Conner Geiser 23, Todd Franza 9, Tyler McKay 5, Jonathan Fuller Zachary Morett 3, Warren Matlock 2, Christian Nwabuko 2, Jordan Points 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lake Highlands	19	16	22	14	71
RHHS	19	15	8	12	54

Lake Highlands (5-2) - Taylor Stell 25, Trey Bingham 14, James Preston Tony Pikes 7, James Lonergan 6, David Harris 4, Andy Faris 1, Travis Hornst 1, Nath Welty 1.

RHHS - Conner Geiser 17, Warren Matlock 12, Jordan Points 10, Zachary Morett 6, Jeramey Anderson 3, Christian Nwabuko 3, Brett Schuster 3.

Rockwall pulls away from Royse City

In one game, Royse City was close in the first half but opponent Rockwall pulled away to win 52-31.

In the Lady Bulldogs' other recent game eight days later, on Tuesday, they behind early and played better in the second half but dropped a 54-50 decision at Emory Rains.

The bottom line was two losses for RC.

After the loss to Rockwall, Royse City head coach Dallas Bookout noted, "One of their players was 15-for-16 at the foul line and our team was 4-for-10. You can't win like that, especially against a good team and as well coached as they are."

That one player was the Lady Jackets' 6-foot-1 center, Alyssa Lang, whose points were right about her season average.

Bookout said, "We were trying to keep Alyssa in check. That second quarter was as good as we've been defensively. We were moving and getting our hands on the ball."

RC outscored Rockwall 8-4 in that quarter to pull within 19-17 at halftime. Then the Lady Jackets ran away to a 22-11 third-quarter advantage that increased the deficit to 41-28.

"The third quarter let us down," Bookout said, "and the foul shooting. We've been shooting 100 a day, and still we end up with that. We'll keep working."

The Lady Bulldogs' varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams all will be playing at home this weekend in the Royse City tournament. The varsity and teams both were scheduled to play the Dallas Home School Athletic Association in Thursday's first round; the freshmen were to go against Farmersville.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	15	4	22	11	52
RCHS	9	8	11	3	31

Rockwall (5-3) - Alyssa Lang 23, Hannah Hughes 18, Morghen Day 5, Mariah Roof 4, Lacey Smith 2, Paige Turner 2.

RCHS (3-5) - Taylor Jordan 6, Halea McCarroll 6, Dezary Gardner 5, Krystal Pickron 5, Sydnie Erbe 4, Jennifer Null 3, Nina Gaines 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	9	13	9	19	50
Rains	17	11	14	12	54

RCHS (3-6) - Taylor Jordan 14, Dezary Gardner 12, Sydnie Erbe 8, Nina Gaines 7, Jennifer Null 5, Krystal Pickron 4.

Emory Rains (4-1) - Breanna Spigner 23, Cassidy Maxvill 12, Klara Bradshaw 8, Taylor Maxvill 4, Sarah Kate Grider 3, Courtney Anderson 2, Whitney Greer 2.

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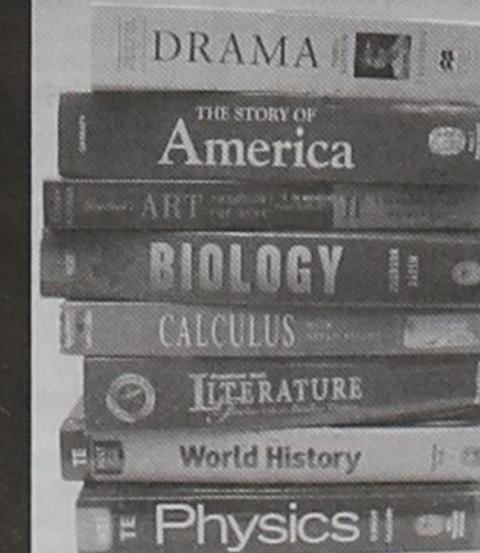
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Hawks' Conner Geiser (11) takes aim for two points against Vista Ridge during last weekend's Royse City tournament.
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Lady Hawks' Brianna Richardson (2) keeps control of the ball against an Emory Rains defender during last weekend's Royse City tournament.
Photo by Pat Corll/Rockwall County News



Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (32) targets the basket for two points against Lovejoy.
Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

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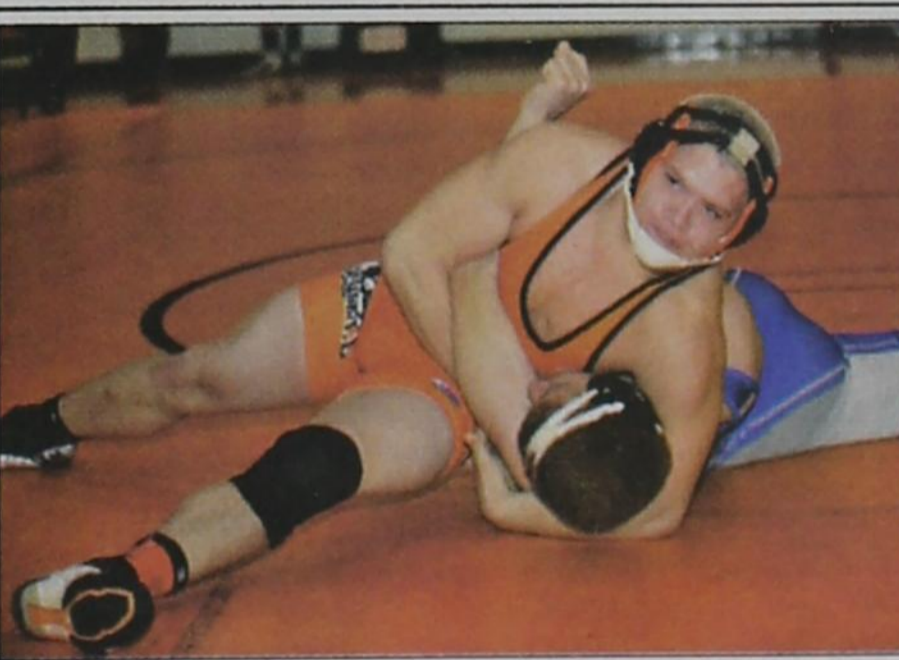
Lady Bulldogs' softball pitcher Alicia Pille (center) signed a letter of intent to play for the University of Kansas at Lawrence. Sharing the special event with Pille are her family (left to right) Sheley, Dean, Alicia, Angela, and Austin.
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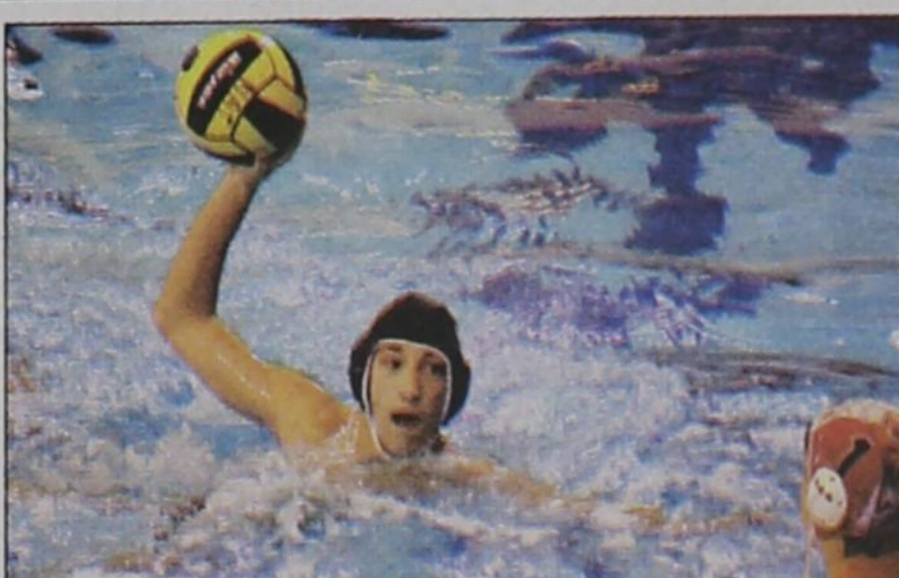
Lady Bulldogs' Dezaray Gardner drives in for two points during last weekend's Royse City tournament. Also in the play is Jennifer Null.
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Yellowjackets' Wes Davis (12) drives in for a shot against Paris.
Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News



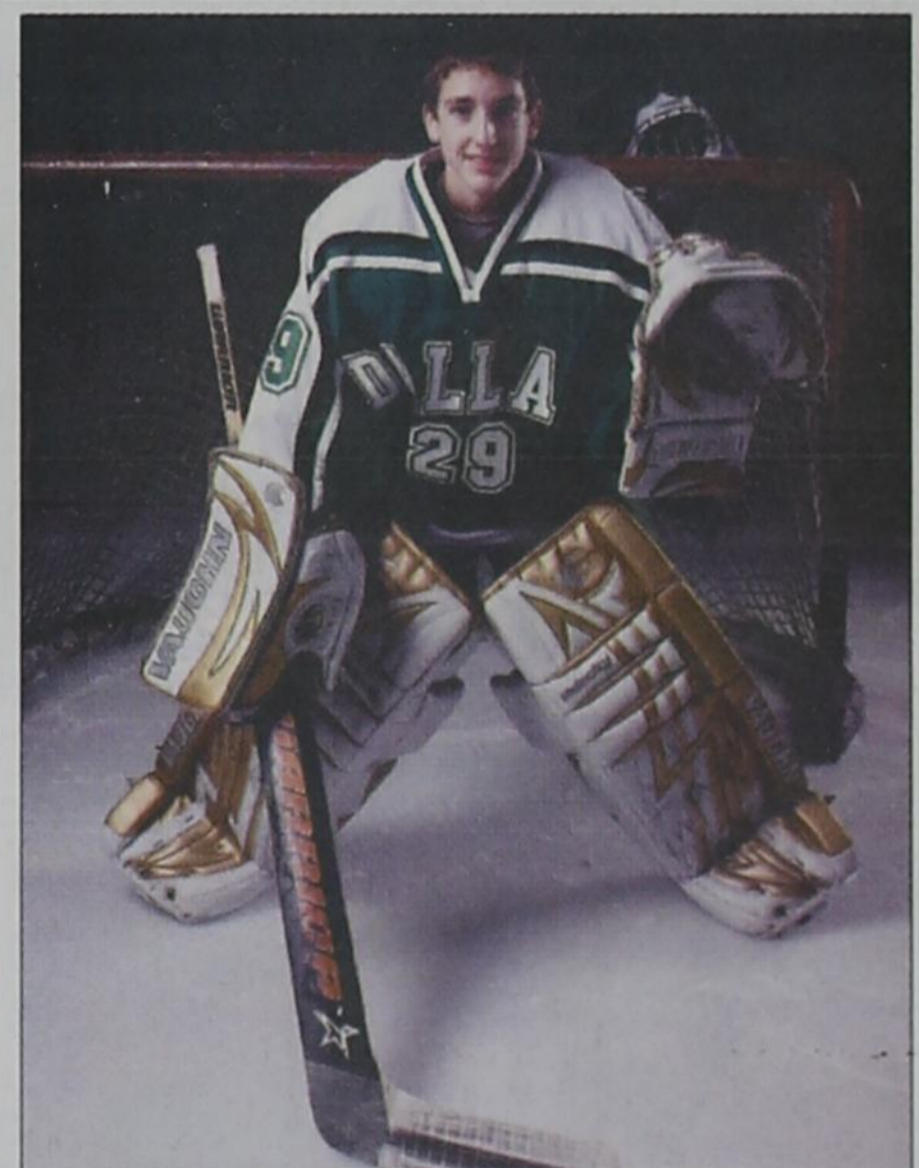
Rockwall senior Dylan Devereaux wins by fall and ultimately takes first place in 171lb class during last Saturday's wrestling tournament at the RHS gym.
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Rockwall's Evan Scown looks to shoot past the Houston goalie during the recent 2010 USA Water Polo 14 & Under Champions Cup tournament held November 12-14 in Houston.
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Bulldogs' Bryan Wyrick (31) takes a shot under the basket against R.L. Turner during last weekend's Royse City tournament. Assisting in the play is Matt Stone (14).
Photo by Pat Corll/Rockwall County News



Cole Burack, goalie for the Dallas Stars Elite hockey team, had a successful road trip to Los Angeles, California. Over the weekend Nov. 19-21, his first game was played to a 3-3 tie with the Los Angeles Kings. His second game was won by the Stars 3-2 over the Colorado Thunderbirds. They travel to Philadelphia, Pa., Kansas City, Mo., then back to Philadelphia in December. In January, they play in Chicago, Ill. and Madison, Wisc. The team closes out the season in Dallas on February 19-21, 2011. Cole is a Junior at Rockwall High School, the son of Mr and Mrs Mark Burack.
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County Holiday Events

Holiday spirit is in the air and Rockwall County is lit up like a, well, like a Christmas Tree as homes, businesses and local governments put on their best decorations of the season. Shown here is just a sampling of tree lighting festivities and the Rockwall Kiwanis parade that took place last Saturday, Dec. 4. More events are planned this Saturday in Royse City. Details are provided in this issue of the Rockwall County News.



Christina Prothro, an eighth grade student at Utley Middle School in Heath, was among performers at the Rockwall tree lighting ceremony conducted last week. Above, Prothro is pictured singing "Zat You, Santa Claus?" She is the daughter of Lance and Rhonda Prothro and granddaughter of Alyse and Norman Prothro, all of Heath.

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Girl Scout Troop 1401 received the Small Fry Award at the Saturday, Dec. 4 Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County annual Christmas Parade on the Historic Downtown Square in Rockwall.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall YMCA Adventure Guides provided music for the season as they rode in the Saturday, Dec. 4 Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County annual Christmas Parade through the Historic Downtown Square in Rockwall.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall High School Cheerleaders and Mascot, Jennifer Owens, brought some of that good ol' Jacket Spirit to the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County annual Christmas Parade last Saturday, Dec. 4 on the Historic Downtown Square in Rockwall.

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The Amy Parks-Heath Elementary Honor Choir, led by director Jan Stonestreet, participated in the Heath Holiday in the Park event on Dec. 3. Mayor John Ratcliffe served as host of the event, which kicked off with the flipping of the switch to light the Christmas tree and lighted vignettes placed throughout Towne Center Park behind City Hall. At the close of the choir's performance, all alumni choir members in the audience joined the current choir members for a performance of "Super Santa."

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Doris Cullins Lakepointe Elementary's PTA hosted a Nov. 16 chili cook-off. PTA president Sharon Phillips and Cory White, principal, are shown enjoying a bowl of chili.

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Next week, members of the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club, the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club and Interact students from Rockwall High, will deliver more than 200 coats to needy students in all 12 Risd elementary schools. Pictured from the left with some of the coats are Windy Carrullo, Interact Club president; Libby Garcia; Karen Straughan, Rockwall Breakfast Rotary; Patty Ballesteros; Sandy Peters, Breakfast Rotary; Analise Paredis; Naomi Ruiz; and Carl Jackson, Breakfast Rotary.

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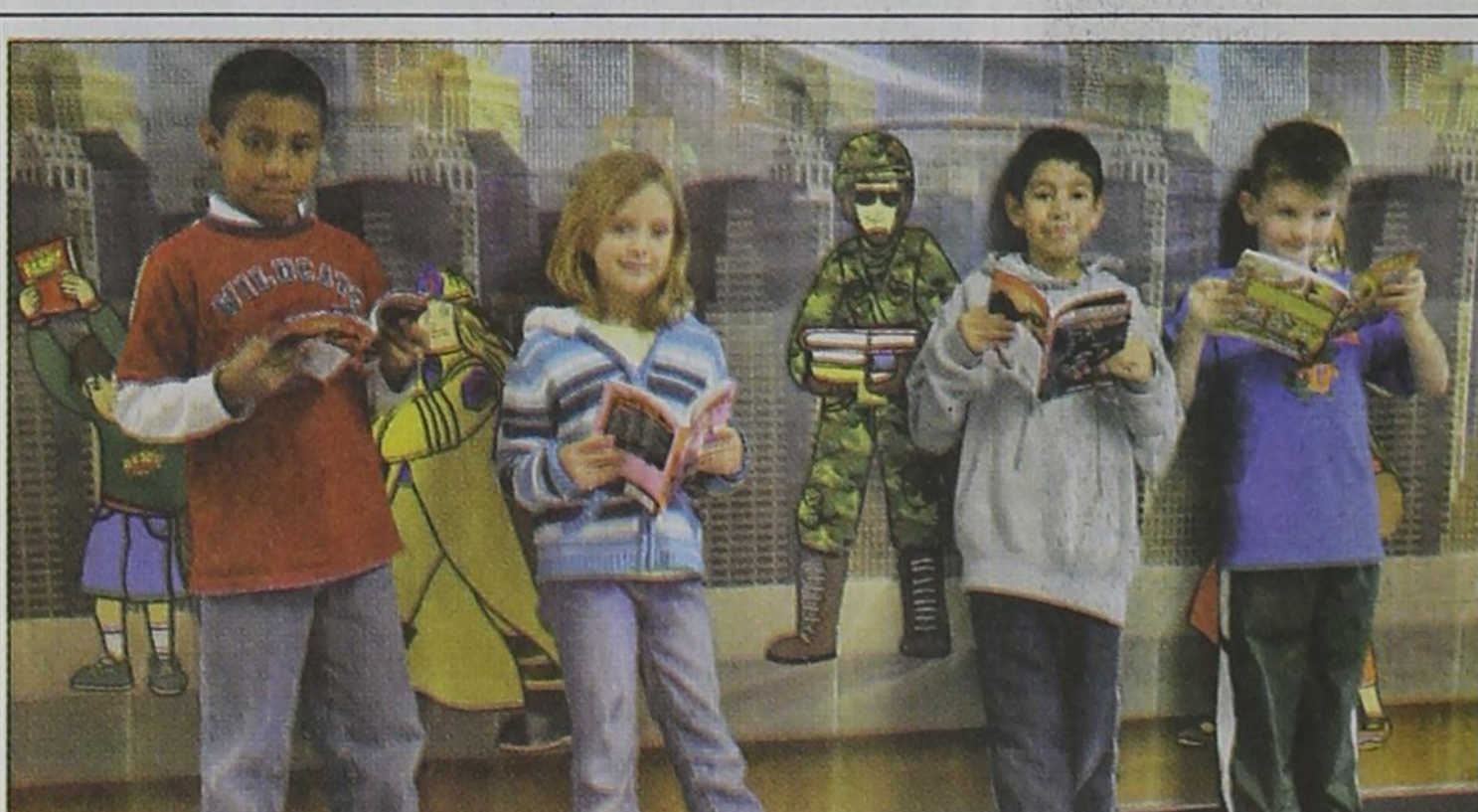
Dobbs fifth grade students are shown learning how to build an electrical circuit by watching science teacher Carol Cruz. Pictured from the left are Andrea Flores, Morgan Naylor and Cruz.

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Christi Foster's downtown Rockwall retail store, located at 110 E. Rusk St., is one of several local businesses signed up to serve as a toy collection site for the Helping Hands' annual toy drive. Above, Foster and Helping Hands volunteer Angel Bowles discuss the collection effort. Last year, more than 1,000 local children each received three new toys thanks to donations made by area residents. To help the agency continue its work in this area, donate a new, unwrapped toy or gift card for teens by Dec. 15. For more details, call 972-771-HELP.

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These Dobbs Elementary students recently enjoyed their favorite titles at the school's book fair. Pictured from the left are Jose Chabolla, Emma Parr, Ivan Paredes and Ruston Whitus. Conducted twice each school year, the fair is sponsored by Scholastic Book Fairs.

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Lake Pointe Medical Center coordinating Adopt a Soldier project

Lake Pointe Medical Center and Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale have partnered to host Adopt a Soldier for the Holidays, a project designed to provide holiday care packages for actively deployed U.S. military personnel.

Adopt a Soldier collection boxes are set up throughout the LPMC, and employees, area residents and other businesses are encouraged to participate in the effort. Participation can be accomplished in one of the following ways:

- When local businesses, adopt soldiers who are friends or family members of employees and coordinate with the LPMC for mailing;
- Beginning at 1 p.m. on Dec. 10, volunteers will be needed to check and pack boxes, fill out address labels, tape boxes, etc.;
- Donation of monetary contributions. For those interested in contributing cash instead of buying items or filling boxes, donations will be accepted. Donations will help cover the cost of shipping boxes (\$12.50 apiece).
- Approved items requested by military troops include baby wipes, waterless soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, sunblock, aloe vera, deodorant, eye drops, saline spray/drops, tissues, toilet paper, Q-Tips, dis-

posable razors, baby powder, foot powder, chap stick, insect repellent with DEET, writing paper, envelopes, pens, handheld games and puzzles, DVDs and CDs.

Also, chips (Doritos, Pringles, corn and potato snacks), dips (bean dip, nacho cheese), trail mix, butter toffee popcorn, crackers, cookies, power bars, cereal, dried fruit, nuts, pudding, Jell-O, soups in 15-oz. plastic containers, lasagna, ravioli, spaghetti, mac & cheese, chili, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, noodles and chicken (all in 7- to 15-oz. plastic containers), chicken, turkey, salmon and tuna (all in 7-oz. easy-open packages), individual serving drink mixes (Crystal Light, Kool-Aid, Country Time, Smuckers, Capri Sun), gum, Lifesavers and hard candy.

LPMC will have extra boxes to fill for anyone who would like to stop by and get a box. Boxes also may be picked up at the post office. Boxes

are free, but shipping cost is \$12.50 when mailed to an APO or FPO. Boxes should be delivered to LPMC opened, not sealed, since the center will be responsible for the items inside (unless the donor fills out the shipping label accounting for all contents). Boxes to be used will be large priority flat-rate boxes, 12"x12"x5 1/2"; weight limit 70 pounds.

To participate or for more information contact Bobby Montgomery at 972-412-3380, ext. 2239, or e-mail robertr.montgomery@tenethealth.com.



Margaret Pinkerton, Carol Burnaman and Shayna Pinkerton from the Mayflower Society recently presented a program about the journey on the Mayflower and the life of the Pilgrims. The presentation was made to fifth grade students at Reinhardt Elementary.



Lake Pointe Medical Center and Texas Regional Medical Center at Sunnyvale are partnering to host Adopt a Soldier for the Holidays. Through the campaign, actively deployed soldiers will be sent care packages for the holidays. Donation boxes have been set up throughout the LPMC, and volunteers will begin packing and addressing boxes Friday. Pictured from the left with some of the items already donated are Josiah De La Garza, associate administrator for Lake Pointe Health Network; Dave Olmstead, chief human resources officer, LPHN; Bryan Forry, LPHN CFO; Betty Baber Kinsey, chief compliance officer for the network; Jeff Patterson, LPHN COO; and J. Eric Evans, LPHN CEO. For more information, contact Bobby Montgomery at 972-412-3380, ext. 2239 or e-mail robertr.montgomery@tenethealth.com.

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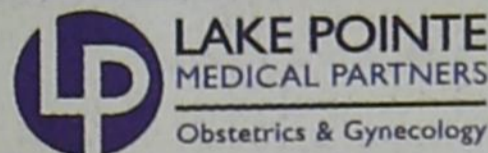
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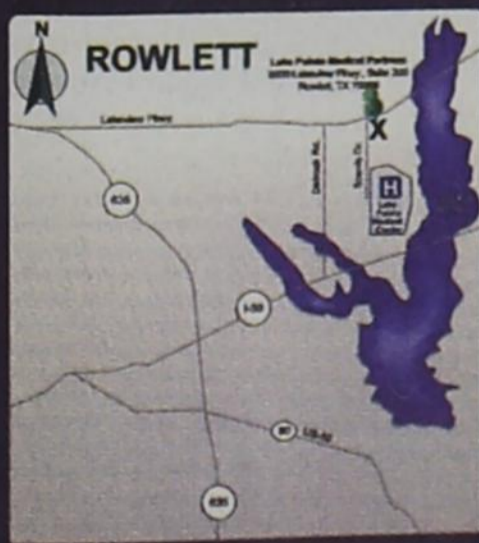


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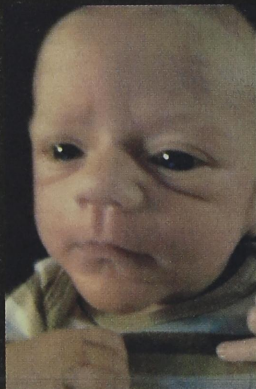
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