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## Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce names honorees at annual banquet



Larry Parks, center, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce's annual awards and member appreciation banquet conducted Jan. 12 at Allure restaurant. Pictured with Parks is Margie Hooper, retired president of the Rockwall Chamber, at left, and Cheryl Dunlop, past chairman of the board.

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More than 180 members and guests gathered at Allure Restaurant Jan. 12 for the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce annual awards and member appreciation banquet.

Dana Macalik, chamber president, recognized outgoing board members and introduced the 2012 Board of Directors. She also introduced outgoing chairman Cheryl Dunlop, who gave an overview of the chamber's activities in 2011 and introduced incoming chairman Cindy Tayem.

Tayem presented a few of the key points of the chamber's business plan and noted that the primary focus of this year's chamber is member retention. The key objective is to strengthen branding and endorse the benefits that partnership with the chamber brings to participating businesses, she said.

Chamber ambassadors Stephen Straughan and Sheila Hair gave an overview of the new Chamber Ambassador Program.

Dunlop presented the following awards:

- Chamber Partner Appreciation Award – City of Rockwall
- Small Business Partner of the Year – Ebby Halliday Realtors
- Large Business Partner of the Year – Hilton Bella Harbor
- Spirit of Rockwall – Stephen Straughan, Straughan Properties, LLC
- Ambassador of the Year – Stephen Straughan
- Director of the Year – Cindy Tayem, Oncor Electric

A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Larry Parks, American National Bank, for his longtime commitment to the chamber and the community as a whole.

## Rockwall Council eyes \$40 million in capital improvements

Interim city manager Rick Crowley presented four potential bond election projects at the first city council meeting of the year for (1/10/12) Rockwall, with more than \$40 million in capital improvements, ranging from streets to downtown infrastructure to parks facilities.

The items were tabled for continued discussion, with some alterations made during their initial presentation at the Jan. 3 City Council meeting. The initial proposal, said mayor pro tem Mark Russo, will see many changes as it undergoes discussion and consideration through the next few agendas.

"I did make a recommendation to pull the sprinkler system out of the downtown project," said Russo, who felt the expense shouldn't be incurred by taxpayers. "I understand the importance of fire protection, but we don't do that for anyone else in the city."

The fire sprinklers were only a part of \$10 million in downtown improvements, in addition to \$2 million for a Heritage Park project and more than \$12 million for streets construction and reconstruction. Topping the streets projects in cost, the proposed athletic complex project totaled more than \$18 million in fields, features and amenities, to answer the many demands of athletics-oriented citizens who packed a council meeting last fall.

According to a budget report issued to council at the meeting, Rockwall revenues show a sales tax increase by 6.77 percent for the month of September, as compared to the same month a year ago. This increase, said budget director Mary Smith, reflected the increase across the state. The same report also showed negative impact from recent drought-related restrictions that resulted in a 10.99 percent drop in water sales.

"We are in a very down economy," said councilwoman Michelle Smith, who did not want to comment yet on supporting any particular bond proposition. "I don't think a whole lot has changed since September. We want to be responsible as we think about how to do this.... This is still a depressed economy, and we have people jobless and losing their homes."

City council member Mark Russo also expressed concern about pushing the bond propositions too prematurely, saying he wasn't sure about the timing of discretionary spending, and agreeing with Smith that upcoming primary elections in April may lessen the impact of voter attention and turnout for a bond election in May.

"At the state and federal level, it looks like we are coming out financially, but I'm hesitant to say where we are at right now," said Russo. "Downtown is important, but the only vital one right now is roads. If you wait too long on that I think you could hurt the city."

"Council has to be careful," said Mayor David Sweet. "We're not in a discussion about whether or not the people of Rockwall get the opportunity to vote. I truly respect the position we are in, but when you have an opportunity to hear from the voter, it's important to walk through it and ask the people what they want to do. They get to tell us what they want for their city."

A summary of the proposed capital improvement plans, which council will continue to consider and discuss at upcoming meetings, follows:

### Downtown Improvement – Total \$9.6 million

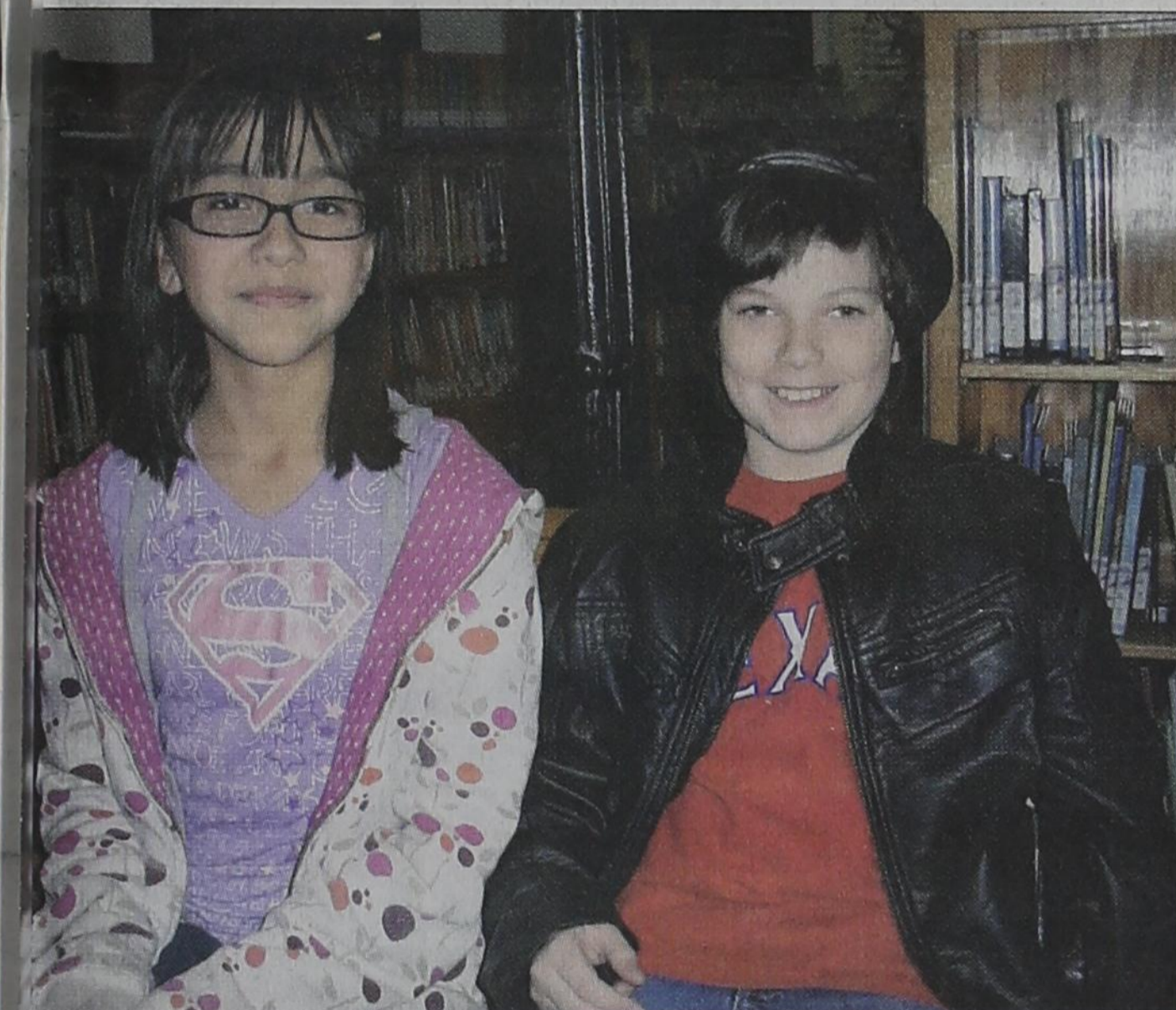
This project involves reconstruction of several sections of streets, including San Jacinto, Kaufman and Interurban. It also encompasses the reconstruction of "core downtown" sidewalks and construction of connecting sidewalks and parking lots within the project. Other amenities such as additional street parking, landscaping, lighting and street furniture are included. Special enhancements for Washington from Goliad to Fannin are proposed, as is a new San Jacinto Court pedestrian mall. Anticipating increased traffic and foot-traffic, the plan originally included installation of water sprinklers for fire protection, but the funding of this item has been removed from consideration.

### Heritage Park – Total \$2.6 million

This project will involve uncovering the original "rock wall" on the Canup property, and comprises roughly 6.2 acres in land acquisition. The Heritage Park plan includes a restroom/storage facility, open play area and encasement of the rock wall in clear HVAC-controlled signage, as well as a parking area with bus turnaround.

Athletic Complex – Total \$18 million

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Lana Rivera, left, won her school's spelling bee, with Graeson Lynskey earning a second-place finish. Rivera will represent Dobbs at the Rockwall County spelling bee on Feb. 7. Lynskey will serve as alternate. Both are fifth grade students at Dobbs.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Animal experts say eagles not a real threat

by Jana Edwards

Reports of bald eagles posing a danger to small pets in the Rockwall area are "bogus," according to local animal experts and authorities.

"We do have eagles," said Brad Griggs, director of parks for the City of Rockwall, "but I haven't heard of any being a threat to pets or anything."

Griggs said he isn't sure how many bald eagles are currently in the area, but they usually nest locally during the winter. While he acknowledged an eagle is certainly capable of carrying off a very small pet, the city, like any individual, is prohibited from taking any action.

"They are protected," said Griggs, "so there is not a whole lot we can do."

Sharon Lewis of Rockwall Paws said such reports come in spurts, but she was not aware of any actual attacks on pets in the area.

Cliff Shackelford, a bird biologist for Texas Parks & Wildlife, said he was surprised to hear residents were alarmed by the bald eagles.

"They are here to stay and people should enjoy them, not be afraid of them.... That's our national bird," he said.

He is unsure how many were in the Lake Ray Hubbard area, he said, but he is certain they were numerous this time of year because of a big influx from the north when the lakes start to freeze.

Contrary to urban legends, said Shackelford, eagles do not attack children and rarely bother small animals. They prefer fish.

Shackelford and Griggs both pointed out that there are many other far more likely everyday threats to small pets, particularly other dogs. If any threat from area is from wildlife, the most likely culprits would be the great horned owl for very, very small pets or the coyote, for nothing larger than a small dog or cat.

"We do see coyote attacks on small dogs and cats they have killed, and a few large dogs, just injured," said Dr. Dan Walker of Lakeside Veterinary Clinic. Walker said he was not aware of any confirmed reports involving cougars or eagles, but he had treated probably seven animals for coyote attacks in the past 11 years.

In any rural area, Walker said, owners should not let small animals and cats run loose, as they are certainly susceptible to attacks by coyotes. He often has heard coyotes at night around his Buffalo Creek neighborhood, so he believes that particular threat, though not highly probable, is somewhat significant.

The biggest concern, he said, in agreement with Rockwall Animal Services as well as Texas Parks & Wildlife department, is the chance of contracting communicable diseases when they run loose. The most likely danger to your small pet, said experts, is being attacked by a larger dog or hit by a car.



Pictured is a bald eagle sighted January 15, 2007, and photographed by Rockwall resident David Crutchfield, who provided them to the City of Rockwall at the time.

"At first, I thought it was an Osprey or some other large fishing bird," said Crutchfield, who witnessed the eagle catching waterfowl near his home in Chandlers Landing. "Another glance told me it was something much more special. It was a Bald Eagle!"

Photo by David Crutchfield/Rockwall County News





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## Ashley Stewart, Brian Riordan wed in garden ceremony

Ashley Elizabeth Stewart and Brian Patrick Riordan were united in marriage on Oct. 29, 2011, in the garden of The Aldredge House in Dallas with Pastor Philip Pedroza officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Stewart of Celina. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Riordan of Heath.

The bride was presented in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. Serving as maid of honor was the bride's sister, Elizabeth Stewart of Celina. Bridesmaids were Mrs. David B. Stewart of Palmyra, Penn., sister-in-law of the bride; Renae Burell of Frisco; Denise Burell of Frisco; and Mrs. Thomas Ferry of Plano. Sydney Riordan, the groom's niece, served as junior bridesmaid.

Flower girls for the ceremony were Eve Stewart of Palmyra, the bride's niece, and Hannah Riordan and Audrey Riordan of Frisco, the groom's nieces.

Ring bearer was Tripp Michael McCoy of Frisco, the bride's son.

Best men were Rodrick Riordan of Frisco and Blake Riordan of Dallas, the groom's brothers. Groomsmen were Charles (Chip) Boyd of Westlake, John (Bo) Durham of Kaufman and Clinton McCutchin of Dallas.

Serving as ushers were Charles Reed and Russell Hubbard, both of Dallas.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Celina High School. She graduated with honors from Baylor University in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in public relations. She is employed as an international commercial underwriter for Travelers Insurance.

The bridegroom is a 1991 graduate of Rockwall High School. He graduated from Baylor University in 1996 with bachelor's degrees in finance and insurance. He serves as chief financial officer for McCutchin Petroleum.

The couple is at home in Frisco with son, Tripp.



Ashley Stewart and Brian Riordan

## Arms of Hope ribbon cutting set Saturday

Arms of Hope, a nonprofit Christian organization formed as a result of consolidation of the Boles Children's Home and Medina Children's Home will celebrate a ribbon cutting and dedication at 10 a.m. Jan. 21 at the Boles Children's Home in Quinlan.

The ceremony will mark the opening of the newest Together Program, Hope Haven Family Living Homes.

For more information about the ceremony or the facility, visit armsofhope.org.

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Mary-Kate Davis, Rockwall High senior and varsity cheerleader, also was cheerleader throughout grades 7 through 9. She has won All-American every year she has cheered and recently tried out to serve as a NCA staff member for the summer months. She said her favorite part of cheering is the competition and the feeling of accomplishment attained as part of working toward a common goal with other squad members. When she's not cheering, she enjoys reading, painting, knitting and social media. She serves on the Student Council and yearbook staff and is working toward completing 100 hours of community service. She attends Lakepointe Church with her parents, Chris and Sonya Davis, and plans to attend college and major in graphic design. She hopes to be a collegiate cheerleader as well.

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### Rockwall City Council

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The athletic project includes 11 acres of land acquisition featuring nine baseball fields, three youth softball fields and two synthetic turf fields to be used for clinical practices, games and special needs uses. As proposed, the complex would include many amenities such as playgrounds, a large pavilion and concession facilities.

#### Street CIP - Total: \$12.6 million

The street project includes the addition of an on-ramp from the westbound I-30 service road, west of FM 740, and the reversal of two I-30 ramps, east of SH 205. In total, it proposes constructing left-turn lanes on Boydston at Goliad and on SH 66 at Caruth Lane, plus the reconstruction of Boydston between Goliad and Clark. The project also proposes reconstruction of County Line Road from FM 3097 to end at Lake Rockwall Estates. Finally, it would fund the city's participation in two TXDOT projects: FM3549/I-30 interchange and the reconstruction of FM 3097, from FM 740 to Tubbs.

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Lucile Tate with her son Garvin Tate

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Lucile Tate

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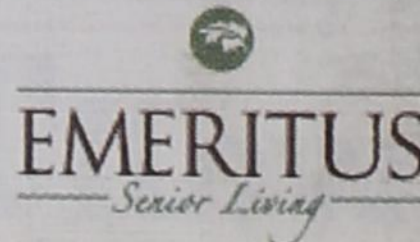
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## Rockwall mayor urges attendance at upcoming public meetings

Jana Edwards

City of Rockwall officials weigh economic conditions against proposed projects involving everything from road improvements to new park facilities, as Mayor David Sweet issued an appeal to citizens to take the opportunity to be at upcoming public meetings.

The first date, Jan. 30, will be a public meeting to hear concerns and comments on the "locally preferred" realignment of SH 66 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a work session — also an open meeting — on the city's comprehensive plan at 4 p.m.

The city decided to do this as a city, to allow those affected to take a look at the project early in the process," said Sweet regarding the SH 66 realignment, which has a "huge time frame."

The project itself is a distant reality, he said, with no immediate funding available. Sweet said he has received a number of comments from individuals concerned about the impact of the realignment and feels the city would best be served by giving its citizens a public venue to express them.

At the Jan. 30 meeting, the council will have the opportunity to go down and walk through the various proposals, said Sweet. The depth of the details of the presentations will offer a thorough picture of everything involved, and the best opportunity for the public to become familiar with the project to expect.

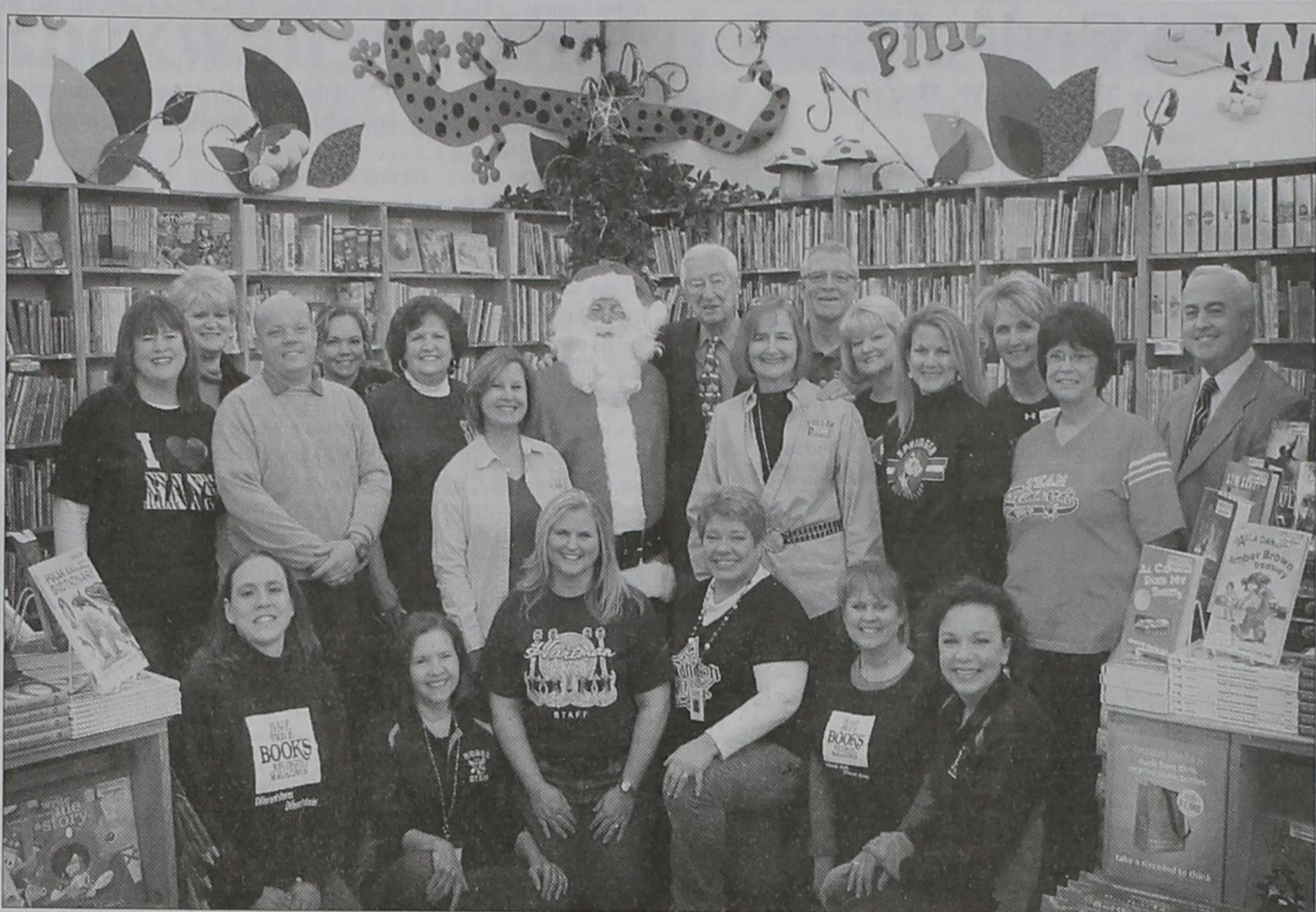
According to a memo from interim city manager Rick Crowley to the city council, they do not need to take action on either item at the Jan. 30 meeting, as both items will be placed on February meeting agendas as action items for consideration.

The city's comprehensive plan is available online at [rockwall.com/planning/zoningchanges.asp](http://rockwall.com/planning/zoningchanges.asp).

At the Jan. 3 council meeting, staff presented a draft of the capital improvement plan to council members, who then asked for more time to consider the proposals. The item will be brought back for the Feb. 6 council meeting, where Sweet said he hopes the public will take advantage of the forum to voice their final opinions on the CIP, before council puts it to a vote.

"They will make a decision that night," said Sweet, expressing concern about council members' stand on a few of the items. "I truly respect the position we're in, economically, but council's role is to hear the voters. Each council member will have to make their determination... based on that open mind."

The draft copy of the plan is available for viewing at [rockwalltexasonline.com](http://rockwalltexasonline.com).



A local retailer recently donated more than 12,000 books to the Rockwall ISD. Half Price Books made the donation before Christmas. Pictured at front, from the left, are Norma Terrell, Tina Hughes, Jo Kelly and Mary Kirkpatrick; second row, Susan Sisto, Mayor David Sweet, Janis Summers, Kathy Jones, Rhonda Martin, Rachael Taylor and Beverly Mummy; and, at back, Rhonda Wasson, Nicole Redmond, Santa, Congressman Ralph Hall, Cliff Sevier, Cathy Bolin, Becky Fierson and Superintendent Jeff Bailey. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

# Rockwall shelter shatters adoption record in 2011

## More than 1,100 animals found new homes

In late November, when Sky, a black-and-white female canine, was adopted at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center's shelter, it marked the end of a four-month wait for a new home. It also boosted the shelter's total number of adoptions for 2011, which officials report hit an all-time high.

A total of 1,163 pets were adopted from the Rockwall shelter last year, according to a news release issued last week. The shelter's previous best year was in 2009 when 729 adoptions had been recorded. Last year's adoption total shattered that number.

The jump in animal adoptions was part of a community-wide effort that followed an August vote by the Rockwall City Council to set a goal of 90 percent or more "live outcomes" at the open-admission municipal shelter, according to the news release. As a result, the shelter registered a 96 percent or better "live outcome" rate during four of the last five months — the rate dropped to 85 percent in September thanks to a viral outbreak at the city facility.

The shelter posted live outcomes of 98 percent in December, according to reports. A small percentage of animals housed at the shelter must be euthanized each month because of advanced illness or extreme aggression.

Following the August council vote, the community began lending its support. The Petco store joined in the effort by installing a new cattery in late August and now is one of the leaders in its district for pet adoptions. Dr. Keith Webb at Pet Doctor joined forces with the nonprofit organization Rockwall Pets to help sick and injured pets. That effort relied heavily on foster families to house the pets until the animals were healthy and ready for adoption.

Local businesses — pet-boarding facilities and veterinary offices — housed

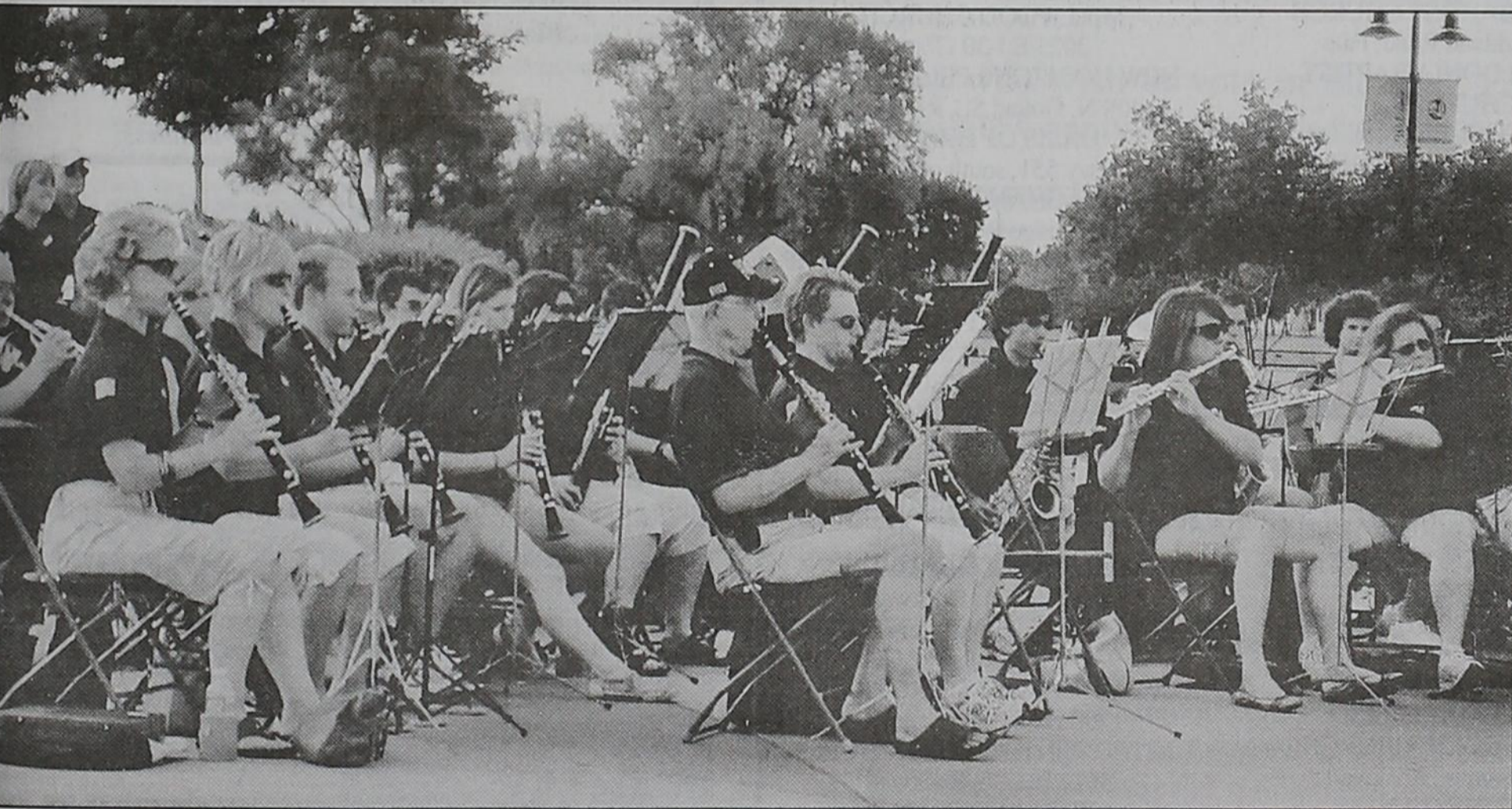
Rockwall shelter pets during the busiest months to help ease overcrowding. Gina King at the Ponderosa Pet Resort began providing obedience training and housing for one dog to help make him more adoptable.

The growing effort is being funded solely through donated funds. Rockwall Pets estimates that more than \$60,000 was injected into the community's economy during the last four months of 2011 as part of the pro-adoption effort.

For more information about pets available for adoption, visit [rockwallpets.com/adopt/html](http://rockwallpets.com/adopt/html), [facebook.com/rockwallpets](http://facebook.com/rockwallpets) on Facebook or [twitter.com/rockwallpets](http://twitter.com/rockwallpets) on Twitter.



Sky, pictured above with members of her new adopted family, the Killians, was just one of the more than 1,163 animals adopted from the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center shelter during 2011. Last year was a record-breaking adoption year for the shelter, which shattered its previous record year by 60 percent more adoptions. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



## Rockwall Community Band opens 2012 spring season

The Rockwall Community Band began its spring season Jan. 16, and area musicians are invited to participate.

Woodwind, brass and percussion players are needed for this all-volunteer group. There are no auditions. The primary emphasis is to provide a fun, social environment for musicians to practice and perform in the community.

The band formed in February 2002 with Mike McGill as its director. Over the years, the band has attracted people from all over the area, ranging in age from 15 to 81. An assistant director, Lewis Phelps, was added several years ago.

Annual concerts include a Christmas performance, a spring concert and a patriotic performance scheduled around July 4.

Membership to the band is open to anyone interested. Rehearsals run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Monday in the Rockwall High band hall at 901 W. Yellow Jacket Lane. More details can be found on the band's website.

## Habitat to kick off work at new site

The kickoff day for the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity's newest build site will be Jan. 21.

The site is located at 304 E. Ross St. in Rockwall. Volunteers will be working to frame exterior walls on the initial workday. Anyone with prior Habitat experience or construction experience, as well as new volunteers, are welcome to participate.

Supplies volunteers should bring include closed-toe shoes, gloves, safety glasses, tape measure, pencil, utility knife and hammer. A limited supply of community tools will be on hand to supplement what volunteers cannot bring. Start time will be 8 a.m. Paperwork and training will be completed on site. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to participate.

## Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



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Do you wonder how cavities actually form? Tooth decay begins with harmful bacteria in the mouth that feed on sugars and carbohydrates. If poor oral hygiene allows these bacteria to continue to grow without interference, the acid they produce (as a by-product of metabolizing sugar) can demineralize (dissolve) tooth enamel. Ordinarily, this process happens slowly, giving the body time to replenish (remineralize) the enamel. However, when populations of bacteria outpace the body's ability to rebuild enamel, the first stage of tooth decay (dental caries) results, appearing as a spot discernable only to the dentist or on an x-ray. The dentist may stop this decay process by applying fluoride, but once the decay has penetrated the tooth enamel, a cavity forms.

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Perfect Love...

In John 10:10b, Jesus Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This abundance of life is to this day available for anybody. God made it perfectly simple. He showed us in Romans 10:9-10 how to be filled with holy spirit. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." According to verse 9, believing God raised Jesus Christ from the dead is unto righteousness. This is one of 2 conditions unto salvation. The first record of these 2 conditions being fulfilled is found in Acts 2:4 where it says, "And they were all filled with holy spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Believing is the key that opens the door for the more abundant life promised in John 10:10b. Our ability to believe God for this life is direct-

ly related to the believing of Jesus Christ. See Romans 3:22, "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe..."

Only one man ever had the authority to be God's purchased price for all of mankind. That was Jesus Christ the son of God. And this man willfully gave his own life with the joy of knowing that His Daddy would not let him down.

Jesus told the Jews "...He that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone..." (John 8:28).

Through a right dividing of the Gospels, we can see more perfectly that God never left Jesus Christ alone. Jesus trusted his Daddy to be with him all the way through his death. And God did not let him down. He raised him from the dead, and gave him a new glorious body. He made him to sit at His own right hand of all authority. He gave him a name that is greater than any other name on earth.

In order to tap into this more than abundant life, we must walk with confidence and trust that God is with us where ever we go. Just as God did not forsake Jesus Christ, so also will He not forsake us. For our joy is that we are risen with Christ Jesus (Colossians 3:1).

It's written, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear (1John 4:18). This is the perfect love of God that casts out fear.

This perfect love is directly tied with being born of God, "Beloved, we love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God" (1John 4:7).

The word "love" is translated from the earlier known Greek word "phileo," and is distinguished from brotherly love and the unique love between a man and woman.

Brotherly love is from the Greek word "philadelphia" and involves reciprocating give-and-take interactions and is seen in all cultures and societies. God teaches the body of Christ to show brotherly love within the church.

The intimate and sensual love between a man and woman is translated from the Greek word "eros." This kind of unique relationship is also found in all cultures and societies. In the church, this kind of relationship does not exclude brotherly love and agape love.

God's word teaches us that agape love is the highest priority as saints continue grow in the spirit, "And now abides faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (1Corinthians 13:13). The word "charity" is translated from the Greek word agape. Reading through chapter 13, it is seen that the other spiritual matters of life are also important in life, but that agape love is of utmost importance.

People who are receiving agape love are truly seeing God's love through our Lord Jesus, and through the believing Christian who is walking with that love. Jesus showed God's love throughout his ministry, even to the point of allowing himself to be scourged and murdered for the joyful hope that God would raise him from the dead. God not only raised him from the dead, but agape love over all in earth and in heaven.

In the name of Jesus Christ who is seated at God's right hand of power and authority, Christians have the authority to demonstrate God's love in their personal lives.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and His son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1John 4:10-11).

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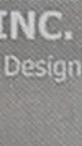
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# Rockwall County Obituaries

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## SFC Mark Devan Deconcini

Celebration of life service for SFC Devan Deconcini, 41, of Rockwall was conducted at 6 p.m. Jan. 21, 2012, at home at 1412 Hickory Creek Lane, Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



He was born May 22, 1970, in Durant, Okla., served in the U.S. Army and remained in the Rowlett VFW. He earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

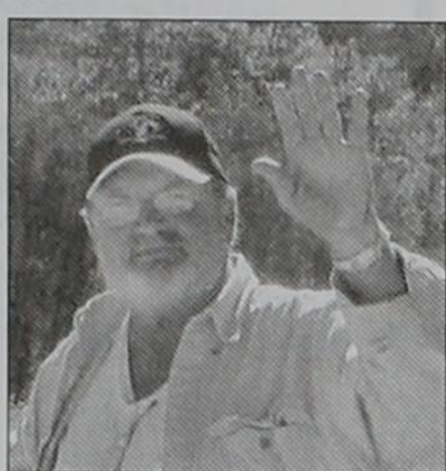
Survivors include his sister, Amy Clinton, and her husband, Cody, and niece, La, of Keller and his best friends, John, Michael and Trey.

German Rottweiler, Happy, preceded him in death.

His family has suggested memorials may be made to the VFW Post 8790, Rowlett, TX 75088.

## Bobbie DeWitt

Services for Bobby DeWitt, 60, of Rowlett were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 19, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Hoyer officiating. Burial followed in Rest Haven Memorial Park.



He was born Nov. 10, 1951, in Dallas to Art Burns DeWitt Jr. and Peggy Marie (Krich) DeWitt. He was a master technician and owner/operator of R.B. DeWitt in Rowlett since 1981. His most treasured achievement was attaining his life dream of becoming Captain Bob.

Survivors include his wife, Linda DeWitt of Rowlett; his children, Lindy Hitt and her husband, Jeff, of Fate, Laurie Hermes and her husband, Karl, of Rowlett, and Jody Ross and her husband, Jody, of Rockwall, Robby DeWitt and his wife, Mary of Rowlett, Stacy Word and her husband, John, of Forney and Chris Word of Forney; his sister, Cathy Mayhall of Garland; and his grandchildren, Jordan, Garret, Claire, Kade, Ellie, Macy, Brendon and Cooper.

His parents preceded him in death.

## Aubrey Homer Turner

Memorial service for Aubrey Homer Turner, 83, of Denton was conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 14, 2012, in the Denton Bible Church in Denton with Senior Pastor Nelson officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He was born March 1, 1928, in Mt. Vernon, Texas, to Homer and Myrtis (Talley) Turner. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Flying was his passion and he was a pilot for Braniff Airlines, for which he flew for 31 years. He was gentle and outgoing and enjoying laughing. He always had a joke to share. He also enjoyed automobile and stamp collecting. He was a member of the Denton Bible Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lee Turner of Denton; his daughters, Sheryl Houser and her husband, Gerald, of Rockwall and Nancy Tomlinson and her husband, Gerald, of Boca Raton, Fla.; his stepchildren, James Scott and Rene Scott and her husband, Terry Hilliard; his sister, Lorita Turner; his grandchildren, Lyndsey S. Hilliard and Weston Hilliard; and his nieces, Kay Nolan and her husband, Earl, and Linda Gail White.

His parents and his brothers, Loyd and Lowell, preceded him in death. His family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 10008, New York, NY 10008-0780 or at michaeljfox.org.

## Leonor S. Perez

Services for Leonor S. Perez, 65, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 19, 2012, in the Templo Emmanuel de Rockwall in Royse City with Pastor Sergio Romulo officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Home under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She was born April 11, 1946, in Hargill to Marcos Solis and Maria Del Socorro (Gamez), was a homemaker and a member of Templo Emmanuel de Rockwall. Survivors include her husband, Fermin Perez of Rockwall; her children, Irma Guevara and her husband, Ofelio, of Rockwall, Fermin Perez Jr. and his wife, Nolviva Perez, of Bonita Springs, Fla., Jaime Perez and his wife, Irma, of Brownsville, Gilberto Perez and his wife, Juanita, of Rockwall and Leticia Perez of Rockwall; three brothers and two sisters, all of Brownsville; 20 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Her father and one daughter, Yolanda Guevara, preceded her in death.

# Rockwall election deadlines outlined

Feb. 6 is the first day candidates may file to run for office in the City of Rockwall May 12 general election, according to a city news release.

The election will fill three open positions in Places 2, 4 and 6 on the Rockwall City Council.

Council members Cliff Sevier, Place 4, and Margo Nielsen, Place 6, each has served the number of terms allowed under the city charter; therefore, neither is eligible to see re-election to his or her post. Council member Mark Russo, who represents Place 2, is eligible to seek an additional two-year term.

The last day for filing for a place on the ballot is March 5. The deadline is 5 p.m.

Informational packets are available from the city secretary's office on the third floor of City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St. Paperwork also must be filed at this location. Candidate packets also may be requested on the city secretary's website at rockwall.com/citysecretary.

The Rockwall County elections administrator will oversee the city election. Additional information is available at rockwallcountytexas.com/elections.

Early voting in the election will run from April 30 to May 8 at the Rockwall County Elections Office located on the downtown square at 107 E. Kaufman.

Election day voting will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 12 at Utley Middle School.

Applications for ballots by mail must be requested from and mailed to the Rockwall County Elections Administrators Office, Attn.: Glenda Denton, 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087. Applications must be received no later than the end of the business day on May 4.

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# Voter registration card delivery delayed

Redistricting has delayed the delivery of voter registration cards, according to elections administrator Glenda Denton.

The delay is "until further notice," Denton said.

"This is not a local issue," Denton said in an email issued last week.

"All Texas counties have been put on hold with regards to the issuance of the cards. The last notification from the secretary of state indicated that cards may be allowed to be issued by Feb. 13, 2012. This is subject to change based on the federal court rulings regarding the redistricting issue.

"As soon as we are given the OK to issue the cards, we will work hard to get the cards issued as soon as possible," Denton said.

## Texas Crossword Puzzle (Page 6)

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## NOTICE

Three positions on the Royse City Independent School District Board of Trustees are subject to election on the General Uniform Election Day of May 12, 2012. Those places are: Place 3, Place 4, and Place 5. Each Place is for a full three year term.

Candidates may file for a Place on the May 12, 2012 Uniform General Election Day between February 4, 2012 and March 5, 2012.

Packets containing the documents needed to file for office are available on the above dates during regular business hours at the Ernest Epps Education Service Center, 810 Old Greenville Road, Royse City, Texas.

Candidate Qualifications are:

- a. U.S. citizen
- b. 18 years or old at the start date of the term of service
- c. A qualified voter in the district
- d. A resident of the district for 6 months before filing deadline
- e. A resident of the state for 12 months before the filing deadline (or 12 months before the day of the election, in the case of a write-in candidate.)

Persons who wish to vote in the May 12, 2012 election must be registered with the appropriate County-Tax Assessor-Collector no later than April 12, 2012.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to §42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Rockwall County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. §1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Rockwall County, Texas.

County Clerk - Rockwall

## AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

De conformidad con § 42.035, Código Electoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Rockwall, Texas, este documento proporciona la notificación de cambios en los límites del Condado de política adoptadas por la Corte de Comisionados, y como precleared por el Departamento de Justicia el día 9 de januar, 2012.

Las personas interesadas pueden revisar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del secretario del condado durante las horas regulares de trabajo.

Los cambios en los precinctos electorales del condado fueron necesarias por la redistribución de los distritos del Condado de la Corte de Comisionados de conformidad con la Constitución de los Estados Unidos y 42 USC § 1973; también conocida como la Ley de Derechos Electorales, tras la publicación de los datos del censo 2010. Los cambios en los precinctos electorales del condado fueron diseñados para lograr un equilibrio numérico entre los cuatro distritos electorales comisionados judiciales, y para asegurar los derechos de voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado de Rockwall, Texas.

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# Rockwall County Entertainment

## 'Drowsy Chaperone' set at RHHS

The Rockwall Heath High School Fine Arts Department will present "The Drowsy Chaperone" in performances set for 7 p.m. Jan. 20-21 and 2 p.m. Jan. 22 at the RHHS Performing Arts Center, 801 Laurence Drive in Heath. Tickets will be available for \$10 at the door or in advance by calling Carla Arias at 469-2600. Ticket inquiries also may be emailed to carla.arias@rockwallisd.org. General admission tickets will be available each performance. The box office opens one hour before each show.

## Big Hat Bingo Bash slated Jan. 27

Tickets are now available for the Rockwall Women's League Big Hat Bingo Bash set to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Dallas Athletics Club, 111 Dallas Athletic Club Drive, in Dallas. The fundraising event will include a silent auction, bingo and prizes. Funds generated will be distributed to more than 35 charitable organizations in Rockwall County and scholarships to students at Rockwall and Royse City high schools. To purchase tickets visit rockwallwomensleague.org, email ballchair@rockwallwomensleague.org or call 469-757-1636.

## Daddy/Daughter Dance tix available

Tickets to the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance, sponsored by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department, are now available. The date of the event has been changed - it will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 28. Registration will be limited, so those interested in participating are encouraged to register early. Tickets per father/daughter couple cost \$45 for Rockwall residents and \$50 for non-residents; cost for each additional child is \$10.

## Locals named to OBU honors lists

Several local residents were named to the honors lists at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., for the fall 2011 semester, according to news releases issued this week.

Named to the President's List were Sarah McKimney and Jacob Way of Rockwall, Sophie DeMuth, Arthur Johnson, Katy Krikorian and Jordan Miller of Rockwall and Holly Williams of Rowlett.

To be named to the President's List, a student must compile a 4.0 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Dean's List honorees included Kathryn Coffey of Royse City and Barongerger, Joyann Jackson, Ashley Pinales, Rachel Spencer, Kelsey Stawasz and Hannah West of Rockwall.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must attain at least a 3.5 grade point average, be classified as full-time and carry a minimum of 12 semester hours.

# This Week in Heath

## 'Drowsy Chaperone' scheduled Jan. 20-22 at RHHS

The Rockwall-Heath High School Fine Arts Department will present "The Drowsy Chaperone" in performances set for 7 p.m. Jan. 20-21 and 2 p.m. Jan. 22 at the RHHS Performing Arts Center, 801 Laurence Drive in Heath.

The show runs approximately 90 minutes without an intermission. The cast and crew is comprised of more than 50 high school students from RHHS.

The play begins with a lonely, quirky gentleman known throughout the evening simply as Man in Chair. Through hilarious and heartfelt narration, Man in Chair takes his audience on a tour through his favorite musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone." The play-within-a-play unfolds in his homely apartment and the audience is drawn into an uproarious comedy celebrating the golden age of musical theatre.

The cast includes Colton Carson, Anna Melton, Michael Shipley, Ryan Ford, Marlon Flores, Mel Bailey, Joelle Savage, Amanda Zabolotny, Josh Barreras, Eddie Cornelius, Meredith Bennett, Claire Larsen, Jamie Wenger and Hannah Adley, Leslie Allen, Tori Carney, Annie Gray, Wendy Ekhtor, Kaylee Fritz, Kristen Hanson, Michaela Mathis, Sarah McCulley, Mackenzie Osborn, Danae Pavlakis, Charlotte Schaffalitzky, Lynzi Shaw, Sierra Shepard, Niki Swiercinsky, Jamie Yun, Marlow Amick, Katie Chandler, Ashley Davis, Lena Davidson, Ian Perkins, Haley Perkin, Chiara Timbone, Nickole Selensky and Victoria Vu as ensemble.

The show is produced by the RHHS Fine Arts Department under the direction of Kristin Dodgen, with set design by Glenn Bennett, choral direction by Natalie McCollough, orchestra director Constance Groark and stage manager Andrew Orozco. Other student members of the production team include Aislynn Mackenzie as assistant stage manager and Jackson Currie as assistant TD.

Tickets will be available for \$10 at the door or in advance by calling Carla Arias at 469-698-2600. Ticket inquiries also may be emailed to carla.arias@rockwallisd.org. General admission tickets will be available each performance. The box office will open one hour before each show.

## CERT training slated Feb. 4, 11

Two consecutive training sessions for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) formed with the EastTex Regional Program, which covers Rockwall County, southeast Collin County and has a volunteer response presence in the Kaufman County area, will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 at the Fate Fire Station.

The course will be taught by certified FEMA instructors and deliver hands-on indoor and outdoor activities.

The CERT program teaches emergency preparedness and basic disaster response techniques that will prepare citizen volunteers to take an active role in providing support for family and neighbors, according to a news release from the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department.

The CRI program is being merged into the CERT program, which should allow an efficient allocation of limited resources, according to the news release.

Volunteers to the program must attend both Saturday training sessions; however, a volunteer does not have to join the CERT team to remain or become a CRI volunteer.

For more information regarding the volunteer opportunities or upcoming training, call the sheriff's department at 972-204-7080.

# McLendon-Chisolm council OKs appointments, seeks more volunteers

by Darcy Rocha

The Jan. 10 meeting of the McLendon-Chisolm City Council was the first of 2012, and with such came appointments to the city's volunteer Board of Adjustments and Planning & Zoning Commission.

Applications for the volunteer positions had been made available on the city's website, but garnered no new applicants.

Three members of the Board of Adjustments were unanimously re-appointed by council. Citizens Wally Williamson, Frank Fite and Bob Johnston will again serve the city on this board.

Also unanimously re-appointed by council are Planning & Zoning Commissioners Jerry Packer, Brian McKinney and Rhonda Davis.

Each committee is still in need of one alternate member. Alternates will sit in for members who are not present, but are encouraged to attend all meetings to stay abreast of important issues. Interested citizens can contact city hall for more information.

According to the city's website, the Board of Adjustments authorizes requests for variances from the zoning ordinance when it is not contrary to the public interest. They meet only when needed, and only met twice in 2011.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is responsible for reviewing the city's master plan and the comprehensive zoning ordinance, and to analyze matters that affect the development of the city. Members work closely with the city planner to guide the direction of city development. The commission meets the first Thursday of each month, but only if there are items to discuss.

Code enforcement issues were also discussed, including a home on Fairfield whose property has fallen into disrepair. A representative from the neighborhood's HOA was on hand to voice his concerns on behalf of the HOA that the property is unsafe.

"Our homeowners have concerns, as well as I do. We've been working with Dave for probably a year and half, and it's getting to a boiling point with a couple of the neighbors now," said Lance Wheeler. "We've got to try to do something to clean it up. There's trash around the yard, they've taken bags of trash and left it out there. They're entering and exiting over the top of a broken wooden fence to their property. We have young kids running around the neighborhood and if somebody gets in that backyard it would be horrible."

The city has sent several letters over time and some issues have been corrected while some have not. The most recent letter of 30-day notice to comply was sent Dec. 19, after which a 10-day letter to comply could be issued followed by a citation. The neighbors have come together in the past to help clean up the property, but it has fallen back into poor condition.

"We've done everything. We just want it cleaned up," said Wheeler.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Hatfield shared in the concern and requested that an item be added to the council's next agenda to discuss how the city can best address this and similar ongoing code enforcement issues.

"I certainly don't want to be sitting here wondering what we could do if there's loss of life. I think this is a paramount situation here that we need to address and we need to address quickly," said Hatfield.

"Sounds like what's been described is potentially a health, safety, welfare issue so I agree with Steve..." council member Patrick Short said. "I think something needs to be done, not necessarily for this situation but for every situation that might arise."

On a lighter note, before adjourning Mayor Gary Moody said, delighted to say that our convenient store and Sonic is now open. I've received positive responses from many. I think it's a very nice looking building business to be in our area and I'm proud that they are there."

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National Charity League members from the Lone Star Chapter's Class of 2015 volunteered their time to help at the City of Heath's Dec. 2 tree lighting ceremony. The young women, pictured above with Santa, helped serve refreshments and assisted with miniature train rides. Pictured from the left with St. Nick are Ashlyn Hohenshelt, Caitlin Hudecek, Riley Adams, Annika Smith, Sydney Mike-Mayer, Macy Hatfield, Hannah Adley, MacKenzie Osborn, Breagan Adams, Lyric Brown, Abby Childers, Madi Young and Grace Fowler. The girls are freshmen at Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath high schools. The National Charity League is an organization for girls in grades 7-12 and their mothers. The organization is designed to foster the mother/daughter relationship through community service, cultural activities and leadership opportunities.

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## Rockwall County News Briefs

### TEA Party to meet Saturday

The Rockwall County TEA Party will meet from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jan. 21 at the Well Coffee Lounge, 103 E. Main St. in Royse City. Insurance specialist John Stacy will lay out in layman's terms the purpose of insurance, the role of the government and what can be done to preserve and improve America's healthcare system.

### Wine, dine for Rockwall PAWS

Rockwall PAWS will conduct its annual fundraiser Jan. 21 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Tickets cost \$40 per person. The organization helps make affordable spays/neuters available and provides financial assistance when needed, as well as funds the treatment of heartworm-positive shelter dogs and assists with medical expenses for ill or injured animals. For more details on the fundraiser call Cathy at 214-532-4407 or visit rockwallpaws.org.

### Cheer 101 classes scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a series of classes, Cheer 101, on Mondays Jan. 23-Feb. 27 at The Center. Open to youngsters ages 4-6, each class will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will teach cheers, chants and jumps while improving self-confidence, listening skills and teamwork. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Cheer Level 2 class offered

A cheerleading class for youths ages 7-10 will be offered from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on Mondays Jan. 23-Feb. 27 at The Center. The class will include instruction in cheers, chants and jumps, as well as work on self-confidence, coordination, strength and teamwork. Cost is \$49 for Rockwall residents and \$75 for non-residents. For more details on this Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored event visit rockwall.com/parks.

### Bridge tournament scheduled

A bridge tournament for individuals ages 55 and older will begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 at The Center. The tournament will feature Chicago-style scoring. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Participants must have a partner to play. Prizes will be awarded to the first place and runner-up winners. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

### Rock through Spring Break

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will once again offer its Rock through Spring Break event for local youths ages 6-12. Explorers will venture to several nature-based destinations such as a state park, zoo, aquarium and more. Space is limited. Participants will be asked to bring a sack lunch, snack and water each day. Activities will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 12-16 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost is \$113 or \$75 for Rockwall residents. Visit rockwall.com/parks for more details.

### Easter Egg Hunt set March 31 in R'wall

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 31 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Field 1 will be for children up to the age of 2; Field 2 for children ages 3-6; Field 3 for children ages 3-4; and Field 4 for children ages 7-12. The event will be free to the public and will feature prize eggs, a bounce house, games and other activities.

### Founders Day Festival set May 19

Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 19 on the downtown square. The daylong event will feature live entertainment, food and other family-friendly activities. Admission will be free. For more information visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

## Rockwall Police Blotter

- Jan. 2-9
- Jan. 2
- Burglary habitation, 1500 block Glenwick Dr., 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 3
- No reports
- Jan. 4
- Driving while intoxicated, Horizon Rd and I-30 N. Service Rd., 11:26 p.m.
- Assault, 2000 block Hwy. 66, 1:45 p.m.
- Assault, 2900 block Deer Ridge, 4:42 p.m.
- Driving while intoxicated, 2000 block Summer Lee Dr., 11:23 p.m.
- Jan. 5
- Driving while intoxicated, 300 block I-30, 2:17 a.m.
- Delivery of marijuana, 2900 block Ridge Rd., 3:05 p.m.
- Jan. 6
- Possession marijuana, 200 block Althea Dr., 8:02 p.m.
- Jan. 7
- Theft from vehicle, 1600 block North Hills Dr., 7:00 p.m.
- Assault, 600 block S. Fannin St., midnight
- Possession of controlled substance, 1900 block S. Goliad St., 2:41 a.m.
- Possession of marijuana, 500 block Tubbs Rd., 1:41 a.m.
- Driving while intoxicated, 2000 block Summer Lee Dr., 12:23 a.m.
- Public intoxication, 3100 block Horizon Rd., 10:01 p.m.
- Possession of marijuana, Henry M. Chandler Dr. and Ridge Rd., 12:22 a.m.
- Jan. 8
- Burglary of a motor vehicle, 600 block Knollwood Dr., 2 a.m.
- Theft, 600 block Sunset Hill Dr., 1 a.m.
- Possession of drug paraphernalia, 1100 block E. I-30, 4:50 p.m.
- Driving while intoxicated, 2000 block Summer Lee Dr., 12:12 a.m.
- Assault, 600 block E. I-30, 3:03 a.m.
- Jan. 9
- Public intoxication, 2300 block S. Goliad St., 12:06 a.m.
- 46 this Kessler was a '91 Rocket 1st rounder
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- 49 UT's Darrell Royal was coach of this CFL team
- 52 Dallas public TV station
- 53 TXism: "got knocked down a peg \_\_ two"
- 54 TXism: "table graze"
- 55 in Montgomery Co. off 59
- 58 TXism: "hitched in a double harness" (wed)
- 59 "women's \_\_" movement
- 60 TX "Racehorse" Haynes charge format
- 61 "to \_\_ is human"
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- 1 in Hill Co. on 81
- 2 "Big D"
- 3 type of pine tree grown in so. TX
- 4 TXism: "tame as \_\_ dog"
- 9 TX Bob Bullock went to TX Tech on the \_\_ Bill
- 10 TXism: "your hair stand on end" (scary)
- 11 this continent gets half of TX mohair
- 12 book ('92): "Texas \_\_ War"
- 13 TXism: "finished out \_\_" (lost)
- 14 "it was \_\_ mistake"
- 15 TXism: "a stepper"
- 17 TX Janis had drug \_\_ problem
- 22 TX singer Kenny (init.)
- 23 Guadalupe Peak or Pine Top (abbr.)
- 24 TX Lynda Bird married this Robb (init.)
- 25 skirt edge
- 26 Father's Day honoree (2 wds.)
- 27 TX tree or town
- 28 Rice RB Dickie who was tackled from the bench in '54 Cotton Bowl
- 29 Astro pitcher toss
- 31 paddle
- 32 TXism: "a windy"
- 37 \_\_-Cola
- 38 TX Rangers sports-caster Nadel (init.)
- 39 TXism for a kind of a wasp (2 wds.)
- 41 enlisted officer (abbr.)
- 42 Kermit, TX was named after the of Teddy Roosevelt
- 48 worry
- 50 state of TX Rangl Twins foe (abbr.)
- 51 TXism: "six of half a dozen of the other"
- 56 TX Ranger film: "Lone McQuade" ('83)
- 57 TX judge Cathern who became a TV personality

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# Rockwall County Sports Schedules

## The Fulton School Falcons

Jan. 20 – Junior high basketball: at Greenville Phoenix Charter girls 5:30 p.m. and Blue boys 6:30 p.m.  
 Varsity basketball: home vs. Denton The Selwyn School, Forney Sports 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 – Basketball: at McKinney Cornerstone Christian, junior girls 5 p.m., Junior High White boys 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 26 – Junior high basketball: at Greenville Phoenix Charter, boys 6 p.m. and Blue boys 6 p.m.  
 Varsity boys' basketball: at Waxahachie Prep, 6:30 p.m.

## Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Jan. 20 – Basketball: home vs. Rockwall Christian Academy, RISE, girls 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 23 – Middle school basketball: at DeSoto Canterbury Episcopal, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 – Basketball: at Christian Heritage School of Longview, girls 5 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 26 – Middle school basketball: at Greenville Christian, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.  
 Jan. 27 – Basketball: home vs. Greenville Christian School, RISE, girls 5 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

## Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Jan. 20 – Basketball: home vs. Heritage Christian Academy, JV girls 3:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 – Varsity basketball: home vs. Longview Trinity School, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 27 – Basketball: at Dallas Thunder, JV boys 5:30 p.m., varsity girls 3:30 p.m., varsity boys 8 p.m.

## Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Jan. 20 – JV wrestling: at Titan JV Invitational, Frisco Centennial, girls' soccer: vs. Pflugerville at Round Rock Tournament, Kelly Athletic Complex, 2 p.m.  
 Varsity tennis: home vs. Kaufman, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.  
 JV boys' soccer: vs. Mesquite Poteet at Garland ISD JV Invitational, North High School, 4:45 p.m.  
 Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Dallas Adamson at Garland ISD Tournament, Williams Stadium, 5:15 p.m.  
 Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Utley Middle School, 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 21 – Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Austin Westwood at Round Rock Tournament, Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 8 a.m.  
 Varsity powerlifting: at Roysie City Powerlifting Invitational, Roysie City Middle School, 8:30 a.m.  
 Varsity wrestling: at Outback Invitational, Weatherford, 9 a.m.  
 JV boys' soccer: vs. Richardson Pearce at Garland ISD JV Invitational, North High School, 9:15 a.m.  
 Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Dallas Jefferson at Garland ISD Tournament, Williams Stadium, 2 p.m.  
 Jan. 23 – JV White boys' basketball: at McKinney Boyd, 6 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 – JV1 tennis: at Arlington Lamar JV Tournament, 8 a.m.  
 Boys' soccer: home vs. Mesquite Horn, Rockwall High School, JV 5:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.  
 Boys' soccer: home vs. Mesquite Horn, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Girls' basketball: at McKinney, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV Orange 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Varsity tennis: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.

JV powerlifting: home vs. Garland Naaman Forest  
 Thursday, Jan. 26 – Gymnastics: home vs. Highland Park and Bryan Rudder, noon  
 Varsity boys' soccer: at North Forney Tournament, vs. Frisco Heritage 1 p.m. and vs. Dallas Molina, 5:30 p.m.  
 Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Mesquite at Carrollton Creekview Mustang Stampede, Standridge Stadium, 5:30 p.m.  
 Wrestling: at Highland Park, 6 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 27 – Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Rowlett at North Forney Tournament, 11 a.m.  
 Diving: home for District 13-4A Championships, Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center, noon  
 JV girls' soccer: at McKinney Boyd, 5:15 p.m.  
 Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.  
 Freshman girls' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, Cain Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.  
 Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Lake Highlands at Carrollton Creekview Mustang Stampede, Standridge Stadium, 5:30 p.m.  
 Boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Rockwall High School, JV Orange 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Girls' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Jan. 28 – Swimming: home for District 13-4A Championships, Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center, 9 a.m.  
 JV wrestling: home for Rockwall JV Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Carrollton Creekview at Mustang Stampede, Standridge Stadium, noon  
 Varsity boys' soccer: at North Forney Tournament  
 Varsity powerlifting: at Sulphur Springs Powerlifting Meet

## Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Jan. 20 – Boys' soccer: vs. South Garland at Garland ISD Invitational, Williams Stadium, 1:45 p.m.  
 Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.  
 Girls' basketball: at McKinney, Freshman Red 5:30 p.m., JV Red 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Varsity wrestling: at Dallas Jesuit Invitational, 6 p.m.  
 JV boys' soccer: at Garland Naaman Forest in Garland ISD JV Invitational, 6:30 p.m.  
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Leopard Challenge, Lovejoy High School  
 Saturday, Jan. 21 – JV boys' soccer: vs. North Garland at Garland ISD Invitational, Rowlett High School, 8 a.m.  
 Varsity powerlifting: at Roysie City Powerlifting Invitational, Roysie City Middle School, 8:30 a.m.  
 Wrestling: at Dallas Jesuit Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Rowlett at Garland ISD Invitational, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, 12:15 p.m.  
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Leopard Challenge, Lovejoy High School  
 Monday, Jan. 23 – JV Black girls' basketball: home vs. Allen, 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 24 – Boys' basketball: home vs. McKinney North, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Boys' soccer: home vs. Mesquite Poteet, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
 Girls' basketball: at McKinney North, Freshman Red 5:30 p.m., JV Red 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Girls' soccer: at Frisco Wakeland, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 6:45 p.m.  
 Varsity tennis: home vs. Mesquite Poteet  
 Wednesday, Jan. 25 – JV powerlifting: home vs. South Garland  
 Thursday, Jan. 26 – Wrestling: at Plano, 6 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 27 – Diving: home for District 13-4A Championships, Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center, noon  
 Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall, Cain Middle School, Red 5:30 p.m. and Black 7 p.m.  
 Girls' soccer: home vs. Highland Park, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
 Freshman boys' basketball: at Rockwall, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV Red 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Boys' basketball: at Rockwall, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 JV tennis: at Fair Oaks JV Tournament, Fair Oaks Tennis Center  
 Saturday, Jan. 28 – Swimming: home for District 13-4A Championships, RISD Aquatic Center, 9 a.m.  
 Varsity powerlifting: at Sulphur Springs Powerlifting Meet

## Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Jan. 20 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Boys' basketball: at Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Girls' soccer: at Lindale, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.  
 Varsity boys' soccer: at West Mesquite Tournament  
 Saturday, Jan. 21 – Varsity boys' soccer: at West Mesquite Tournament  
 Monday, Jan. 23 – Girls' soccer: at Greenville, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 24 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Texarkana Texas, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Boys' basketball: at Texarkana Texas, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Boys' soccer: at Greenville, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 27 – Boys' soccer: home vs. Paris North Lamar, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

## Cain Middle School Mustangs

Monday, Jan. 23 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Utley, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 7th grade girls' basketball: at Utley, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 24 – Gymnastics: home vs. Garland Brandenburg, Levels 5/6, 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, Jan. 26 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Utley, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 8th grade boys' basketball: at Utley, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 27 – 7th grade B boys' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Allen Ereckson, 4 p.m.  
 7th grade B girls' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek, 4 p.m.  
 8th grade B boys' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Wylie Cooper, 4 p.m.  
 8th grade B girls' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Williams, 4 p.m.  
 Saturday, Jan. 28 – 7th grade B boys' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Allen Ereckson, 8 a.m.  
 7th grade B girls' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek, 8 a.m.  
 8th grade B boys' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Wylie Cooper, 8 a.m.  
 8th grade B girls' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Williams, 8 a.m.

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# Opinions

## Be careful what you wish for

By Richard Schwartzman

President Romney's recent comment about how he would repeal Obamacare if elected president was almost laughable. After all, Romney was the man who brought the same type of mandatory health coverage to Massachusetts when he was that state's governor.

Government healthcare has been a political issue for generations, and it has accelerated during the Clinton years, when it was called "Hillarycare." But Mitt delivered Romneycare.

Whatever whose name is on the alleged care, it's government controlled, and it's a problem for at least two reasons: the practical and the constitutional. Let's look at the practical first. Universal healthcare will be anything but what its advocates say it will be. The idea is reminiscent of George Orwell's Animal Farm, where, after the animals held their successful revolution for equality and overthrew the farmer, some animals became more equal than others and said they were deserving of special privileges and luxuries.

It was former U.S. Representative Joe Sestak who led me to make the analogy. Let me first say that I truly respect the man and his thirty-one-year career. I've had the opportunity on a number of occasions to interview him and even have personal conversations. I like him, but I disagree with him. During his first campaign for Congress in 2006, he explained that he

became strongly aware of a need for government healthcare while his young daughter was being treated for cancer. She received excellent care and, he said, he couldn't imagine how other families managed without the ability to pay for such wonderful treatment.

Well, let's face it. Mr. Sestak was then Rear Admiral Sestak. You bet his daughter got good care. It's called RHIP: rank hath its privileges.

For confirmation, I'll offer my own personal experience with government-provided healthcare. As an eight-year-old, I went to visit relatives in New Orleans. I had a bicycle accident and cut my leg from knee to ankle. My uncle was a commander in the navy and he got me to the emergency room at the naval base, where I received prompt and excellent treatment. All that I was left with was a scar and an entertaining story to tell.

Jump ahead twelve years. At that point I was a twenty-year-old Air Force enlisted man who got sick one day while stationed at Westover Air Force Base. I had to go to sick call three times before the doctor ever put a stethoscope to my chest. When he did, he immediately admitted me to the hospital with pneumonia.

Would an officer's relative have had to wait three days for a doctor to perform such a basic check? Would a senator's relative? In private practice, listening to a patient's heart and lungs would be routine.

Universal healthcare is supposed to make care accessible for all, regardless of income or social status. But just like the animals in Animal Farm, whenever there is political influence, some people will become more equal than others — and there is political influence in anything and everything the government does.

Beyond that fact, there is the question of whether government healthcare is even constitutional. Most politicians really don't care about that. The contemporary proof of that carelessness comes from an exchange between U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, D-SC, and Judge Andrew Napolitano during the 2009 discussions over Obamacare.

According to Napolitano, the judge asked Clyburn where in the Constitution Congress is granted the authority to get involved in healthcare. The congressman responded saying that most of what they do in D.C. has nothing to do with the Constitution.

So what's next? The country is waiting for the Supreme Court to drop its shoe regarding federally mandated healthcare in the form of the Affordable Care Act. The single most controversial aspect of the bill is the individual mandate, the requirement that everyone buy some form of health insurance.

How anyone can read Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution and say that the federal government has the power to force such a thing is beyond reason. It goes back to Clyburn's comments about Congress doing things that have nothing to do with the Constitution, even though the oath of office is to preserve, protect, and defend that document.

The court will hear arguments for and against the mandate and make a ruling later this year. One can only wonder at this point what the high court will decide. It's a scary thought.

Getting the government involved in the health of society and its citizens creates a dangerous situation. The promise of equal access to medical care beyond what the free market can deliver is a lie and a smokescreen. There was a time — 1927 in *Buck v. Bell* — when the court even ruled that forced sterilization of undesirable people was constitutional. How's that for government health care?

Richard Schwartzman is managing editor at *Chadds Ford Live* in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

# Opposing Imperialism Is Not Isolationism

By Sheldon Richman

When pundits and rival politicians call Ron Paul an "isolationist," they lead the American people — and they know it.

They know it? How could they not? Ron Paul is for unilateral, unconditional free trade. He believes any American should be perfectly free to buy from and sell to any person in the world. In that sense — the laissez-faire sense — he favors globalization, which, applied consistently, would require a worldwide free market. He's such a strong advocate of free trade that he objects to the world's governments, led by the U.S. government, setting international bureaucracies, such as the World Trade Organization, to manage trade. He thinks trade should be a totally private matter. That's a hard classical-liberal, or libertarian, position.

So why is Paul repeatedly called an isolationist?

Apparently in today's political world, being an isolationist means opposing the U.S. government's policing the rest of the world through invasion, occupation, and war — that is, militarism. The word "isolationist" always suggested a fear of foreigners, and no doubt those who apply the word to Paul want to cash in on that sense. So we are left with the daffy notion that Ron Paul is a xenophobic, head-in-the-sand isolationist precisely because he prefers peaceful trade with foreigners rather than invasion, occupation, and demolition of their countries.

If that's what it means to be an isolationist, count me as one too.

It's easy to understand why this inappropriate label is stuck on Paul.

Establishment conservatives and progressives are terrified by him and desperately want him to go away. They're terrified because he has done the worst thing imaginable: he has held up a mirror and reminded them of what they are.

He has shown establishment conservatives and even so-called Republican moderates (such as Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman) that they are, and long have been, apologists for empire and therefore betrayers of the republican (small-r) ideals they say they embrace. When Paul condemns past, present, and future aggressive wars (such as the one being planned for Iran); when he calls for closing America's 900 military installations in over 40 countries and removing America's troops from 130 countries; when he advocates an end to all economic and military aid to foreign governments (including Israel's); and when he opposes wholesale violation of the Bill of Rights (see the PATRIOT Act and the National Defense Authorization Act), he is saying to his Republican rivals, You have helped destroy individual liberty by shamefully supporting the U.S. global empire, which brutalizes foreign populations, fosters an exploitative military-industrial complex, violates civil liberties, and burdens the American people with obscene debt, taxation, and Federal Reserve monetary manipulation.

That charge must be hard to take from a fellow Republican. So his rivals strike back in the way they know best: they smear Paul. The thought of a staunch antiwar, pro-Bill of Rights candidate running against Barack Obama scares the daylight out of them, because they know only one way to run against a Democrat: accuse him of being an appeaser and a socialist.

This is absurd, however, because Obama is neither. He has steadfastly carried on the empire's program of global militarism and corporatism. If you doubt it, look at his foreign-policy record and the long list of Wall Street people who advise him and give him money.

Which brings us to the progressives. If you think establishment conservatives are scared of Ron Paul, imagine how Obama and his supporters must feel. Can you imagine their having to run against a staunch antiwar, pro-Bill of Rights opponent? This is the same Obama who has maintained Guantanamo, launched more deadly drone attacks than George W. Bush, signed into law the authority to detain individuals indefinitely without charge or trial, claimed he may kill even American citizens without due process, cracked down harshly on whistle-blowers, protected torturers from legal consequences, invoked state secrets to quash lawsuits by torture victims, and on and on.

Most progressives live in a fantasy world where they are champions of peace, tolerance, and the rule of law, when in fact they support — and refuse to criticize — a man who has mimicked George W. Bush in virtually every way.

How can they tolerate a man — Ron Paul — who reminds them of that?

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## Rockwall County Sports Schedule

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### Utley Middle School Wolves

Monday, Jan. 23 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
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 8th grade girls' basketball: at Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 27 – 7th grade B boys' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Allen Erickson, 4 p.m.  
 7th grade B girls' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek, 4 p.m.  
 8th grade B boys' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Wylie Cooper, 4 p.m.  
 8th grade B girls' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Williams, 4 p.m.  
 Saturday, Jan. 28 – 7th grade B boys' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Allen Erickson, 8 a.m.  
 7th grade B girls' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek, 8 a.m.  
 8th grade B boys' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Wylie Cooper, 8 a.m.  
 8th grade B girls' basketball: at B Team Tournament, Williams, 8 a.m.

### Williams Middle School Wildcats

Monday, Jan. 23 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 7th grade girls' basketball: at Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 24 – Gymnastics: at Hurst-Euless-Bedford, FEW, Levels 5/6, 5:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, Jan. 26 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
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## Rockwall County Sports Note

### RBA spring registration slated

Spring registration for the Rockwall Baseball Association will run through Feb. 1. The spring baseball season begins the week of March 5. To register visit [rockwallbaseballassociation.com](http://rockwallbaseballassociation.com) or call 972-772-6324 for details.

### Adult softball registration set

The TAAF/USSSA slow-pitch adult softball league will feature divisions formed by level of ability. Divisions will include co-ed recreational Mondays and men's D on Wednesdays. The season will include eight games with the top four teams will have a final night of playoffs to determine division winners. This season also will feature a pick-up team category individual registrations. Games will be played at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Registration deadline is Feb. 21; play begins the week of Feb. 26. Team fee is \$349; individual pick-up team fee is \$35 per person. For more details visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

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lowing the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

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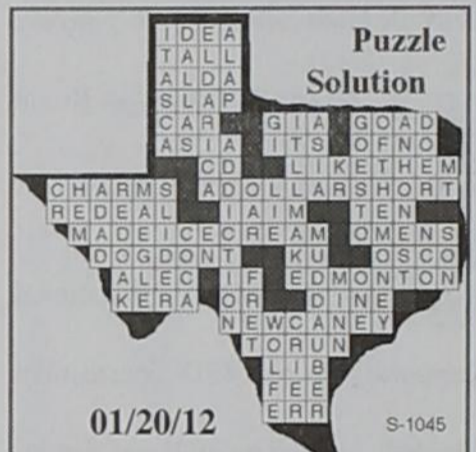
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# Rockwall County Sports

## First-place Fulton improves to 8-0 against Cornerstone

The first of The Fulton School's three boys' basketball games last Friday, Fulton head coach Josh Johnson said, "We're playing on another level." The third of those victories, Johnson said, "We struggled a little bit. Defense was stagnant, no movement." Fulton's play may have been inconsistent, but their results in TAPPS District 10-4A haven't been. Fulton's victories - 51-26 at Denton The Selwyn School Thursday,

Jan. 12; 61-42 the next night at Forney Sports Center over Waxahachie Prep, and 62-39, again at Forney, over McKinney Cornerstone Christian Academy Tuesday - enabled them to finish the first half of their district season in first place with an 8-0 record.

Overall, Fulton has won five consecutive games to improve its record to 10-8.

The leading individuals have been Brenden Williams, Tanner Treadway and Jaston Reese.

Williams, the team's high scorer with 12 points per game, scored 12 against Selwyn and a team-high 17 vs. Waxahachie. Treadway is averaging 11 points per game. Reese was a top performer in all three games last week - scoring 14 points at Selwyn and contributing double-doubles against Waxahachie (15 points, 11 rebounds) and Cornerstone (15 and 12).

The Falcons responded to a wakeup call from their coach Tuesday. After building an 11-point lead in the second quarter, they saw the home team hit a 3-point shot to pull within four at 19-15.

Johnson said, "I took out four starters and had the second unit finish the half."

When that group helped Fulton increase its lead, the same players started the second half.

"When the first unit got back in, they helped us pull away. When they were on the bench, they were clapping and cheering on their teammates," the coach said.

Johnson indicated that a strong non-district schedule has helped the Falcons prepare for their district game. They have outscored their opponents by an average margin of 54-32, reaching their highest offensive point totals in the two most recent games. The closest was a 52-43 home win over Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy.

The coach expects a rougher ride through the second half of the district schedule.

He said, "With Tyler Street and (Granbury) Happy Hill, we'll have our hands full."



Fulton School Falcons' sophomore Brenden Williams (20) drives down court after a turn-over against Waxahachie Prep during last Friday's game in Forney. In play at back are Jaston Reese (4) and Tim Borgen (14).  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## After losing 7 straight, Lady Hawks win twice

by Lary Bump  
The Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball players were apprehensive a week ago.

"They told me they didn't want to end up like the boys' team," said head coach Devin Gabbard, referring to the Hawks' 0-14 District 10-4A record last season.

Yet the Lady Hawks entered their Friday, Jan. 13, game at Wylie East with the very real prospect of finishing the first half of their district season 0-7.

"It had been weighing on them," Gabbard said. "They just needed to gain confidence."

When he called time out after a 7-0 Lady Raiders run had wiped out RHHS' six-point lead and put East ahead 37-36 with 5 minutes to play, the coach urged his players to adopt positive thinking.

That might not have been easy for a team that had made just 20 per cent of its shots (8-for-40) during the first three quarters.

But those shots didn't matter when Jordan Mitchell lined up a 3-point shot and made it to tie the game 43-43 with 2 minutes, 27 seconds remaining. Or about a minute later when freshman Katie Webster hit another 3-pointer for a 46-43 lead.

On the same Friday the 13th when the RHHS boys ended their 18-game district losing streak, the Lady Hawks ended their seven-game skid dating back to last season. The final score was 48-43.

Mitchell scored 10 of her 14 points in the fourth quarter, and Webster had 5 of her team-high 15.

It helped Rockwall-Heath that the Lady Raiders' Emily Hartegan fouled out. She was the game's high scorer with 19 points, even though she didn't play much because she was in foul trouble after putting in 13 points to help Wylie East to a 24-13 midway through the second quarter.

The Lady Hawks' press helped them get back in the game by scoring the last eight points before halftime to pull within 24-21.

If winning is contagious, the Lady Hawks may have caught it.

RHHS trailed 27-21 at halftime Tuesday night at home, but took the lead by outscoring Pearce 19-7 in the third quarter and went on to win 56-50.

Mitchell was the high scorer with 23 points for Rockwall-Heath (7-14 overall, 2-6 in the district).

## Lady Hawks snap district losing streak at 18

Rockwall-Heath's 18-game losing streak in District 10-4A is over. The Lady Hawks, who hadn't won a district game since a 49-48 victory over Wylie East Feb. 16, 2010, outscored Wylie East 18-3 in the second quarter and won on a relatively easy 55-41 win Friday, Jan. 13. Both of those victories were at home.

Against East, RHHS continued to play good defense, holding their third consecutive opponent under 50 points. The Raiders scored just 11 in the first half when Rockwall-Heath broke to a 27-11 lead.

The Hawks had more than enough offense to win. Christian Nwabuko led the team with 14 points, and Matt Greene added 11.

Consecutive 10-4A losses number 17 and 18 had been heartbreakers, 48-47 at home against Wylie and 48-46 at district leader Highland Park.

RHHS' defense wasn't as strong Tuesday at Richardson Pearce, where the Mustangs ran to a 32-20 halftime lead. Pearce's offense was almost as effective in the second half, leading to a 61-54 victory.

Nwabuko again was the high scorer for RHHS (8-15 overall, 1-5 in the district 10-4A), with 18 points. Selvin Villeda and Jordan Points, the only current Hawk who had played (as a freshman) in the February 2010 victory over Rockwall, each scored 12 for the Hawks.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Wylie East	8	3	15	15	41
RHHS	9	18	14	14	55

Wylie East (7-12, 2-3) - Jones 11, Oweyole 9, Marcell Ateman 6, Brown 6, Green 3, Eric Matthews 3, Kevon Mack 2, Olisa 1.

RHHS (8-14, 1-4) - Christian Nwabuko 14, Matt Greene 11, Cameron Martin 7, Tyler McKay 6, Jordan Points 6, Jared Webber 6, Luke Ramirez 3, Selvin Villeda 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	11	9	14	20	54
Pearce	18	14	9	20	61

RHHS (8-15, 1-5) - Christian Nwabuko 18, Jordan Points 12, Selvin Villeda 12, Cameron Martin 5, Tyler McKay 4, Matt Greene 3.

Richardson Pearce (12-9, 3-3) - Darius Revels 24, Corey Coleman 15, Sam Bell 6, Cameron O'Reilly 5, Kyle Parker 3, Luke Buckner 2, Danny Gutman 2, Brad Hulme 2, Trey Powell 2.



Christain Nwabuko (4) drives up for a Hawks' basket against Wylie East during last Friday's game in Heath. The Hawks won 55-41.  
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## Victory over Ferris highlights Hawks' week

Rockwall-Heath lost its first four boys' soccer games before defeating Ferris 4-1 Saturday in the Forney Jackrabbit Kickoff Tournament.

The Hawks lost two games on both Thursday, Jan. 12, and Friday.

In Thursday's games, RHHS lost 4-1 to Sulphur Springs and 2-1 to Mesquite Horn, with Tyler Stevens scoring both goals that day.

On Friday, Longview defeated Rockwall-Heath 6-1 and Lindale downed the Hawks 4-0.

Rockwall-Heath lost at home Tuesday night to West Mesquite 4-1. Hayden Moore scored the only goal for RHHS (1-5). The Wranglers improved to 5-0-2.

## It's win 2, lose 2 for Lady Hawks

Rockwall-Heath broke even during its first week of girls' soccer games, winning two and losing two.

The week began Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Emily Hunter Tournament at Arlington Sam Houston High School.

The Lady Hawks lost that day to Arlington Bowie 2-0. On Friday, RHHS defeated Dallas Sunset 4-1. Saturday brought a tough 2-1 loss to Mansfield Timberview.

Still playing on the road Tuesday, Rockwall-Heath handed Mesquite Horn a 3-0 loss, its first this season. Cori Kelly, Megan Cook and Lindsay Gardner scored for RHHS (2-2). The Lady Jaguars' record fell to 3-1.

## RCA rolls to win 1st 2 district games

Rockwall Christian Academy took off in its first two TAPPS District 4-2A boys' basketball games this season.

The Warriors (10-9 overall) whipped Christian Heritage School of Longview on the road 68-31 Friday, Jan. 13, and returned home Tuesday for a 79-39 victory over Greenville Christian School.

Those wins set up an early district showdown Friday against Heritage Christian Academy, the only other team with a 2-0 record, at the Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo.

Against Christian Heritage, RCA had played without its injured scoring leader, Chris Stephens. That mattered little, because Colton Jones broke loose for 19 points, Daniel Rorie added 17 and Taylor Corbin contributed 14.

Rorie (13 rebounds) and Corbin (12) controlled the backboards. Rorie also had five steals, and Alan Thomas passed for six assists.

When Stephens returned against GCS, it was if he hadn't missed any time. He scored a game-high 23 points. Rorie and Jones continued to shine, with 20 and 13 points. The Warriors had the game wrapped up by halftime, when they led 56-17.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	27	14	16	11	68
Christian Heritage	3	10	11	7	31

RCA (9-9, 1-0) - Colton Jones 19, Daniel Rorie 17, Taylor Corbin 14, Brett Brinner 6, Alan Thomas 4, Cameron Carroccia 3, Matt Thieman 3, Jonas Poland 2.

Christian Heritage School of Longview - N/A.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Greenville Christian	8	9	8	14	39
RCA	23	33	17	6	79

Greenville Christian School - N/A.

RCA (10-9, 2-0) - Chris Stephens 23, Daniel Rorie 20, Colton Jones 13, Taylor Corbin 6, Brett Brinner 5, Alan Thomas 4, Cameron Carroccia 2, Jonas Poland 2, Tony Warren 2, Matt Thieman 2.



Lady Eagles' Erika Mendoza (22) passes the ball to Whitney Willis (24) during last Friday's game against Greenville Phoenix Charter School in Rockwall. Assisting is Rachel McMillan (12).  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Sports Notes

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**Little Kickers Soccer scheduled**  
Little Kickers soccer for children ages 3.5 to 6 years of age will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays April 16-May 21 at the Harry Myers Park Ball Fields. Participants will learn soccer skills in a fun interactive team environment. Registration fee is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

**Little Sluggers T-ball season set**  
The Little Sluggers T-ball season will run from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays April 17-May 22 at the Harry Myers Park Ball Fields. Participants ages 3.5 to 6 years of age will be split into team where they will learn the fundamentals of throwing, fielding, hitting and base running. Registration is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

**Little Dribblers season planned**  
Youngsters ages 3.5 to 6 can learn to dribble, pass and shoot through the Little Dribblers upcoming season. Activities and games will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays April 19-May 24 at The Park at Hickory Ridge. Cost is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

## The Best County Sports Coverage!

# Rockwall County Sports

## Jackets win The Colony Cougar Classic wrestling tournament

Rockwall was so shorthanded entering The Colony Cougar Classic Varsity Tournament that the Yellowjackets called up three junior varsity wrestlers to fill out their lineup.

The competitors who remained, including the JV performers, did so well that RHS won the tournament with 160 points to 139 for runner-up Lewisville.

Ten Jackets placed among the top five in their weight class, with John Hernandez (170 pounds), Daniel Roland (182) and Rilee Fisher (195) taking first place.

Carter Smith at 113 pounds and Collin Hill at 220 reached the finals, but finished second.

"It helps to have five in the finals," said RHS head coach Brent Pohorsky.

The tournament marked a watershed in what was supposed to be a rebuilding season for the Jackets, who suffered heavy losses to graduates after last season.

Pohorsky said, "That's why we've wrestled so many duals, to guarantee matches that they wouldn't get in individual tournaments. We had 25 wrestlers in varsity matches this year."

In those frequent dual matches – most recently a 45-24 Senior JV victory over Plano East Thursday, Jan. 12 – Rockwall has won 19 and lost 10. "I'm pleasantly surprised that we won 19 duals," Pohorsky said.

In that match, as well as at The Colony the next two days, RHS without Andrew Hyde, who was sick; Tyler Wells, still recovering from a concussion; Cade Goss, with a knee injury, and Cody Jonas, who had a dislocated elbow.

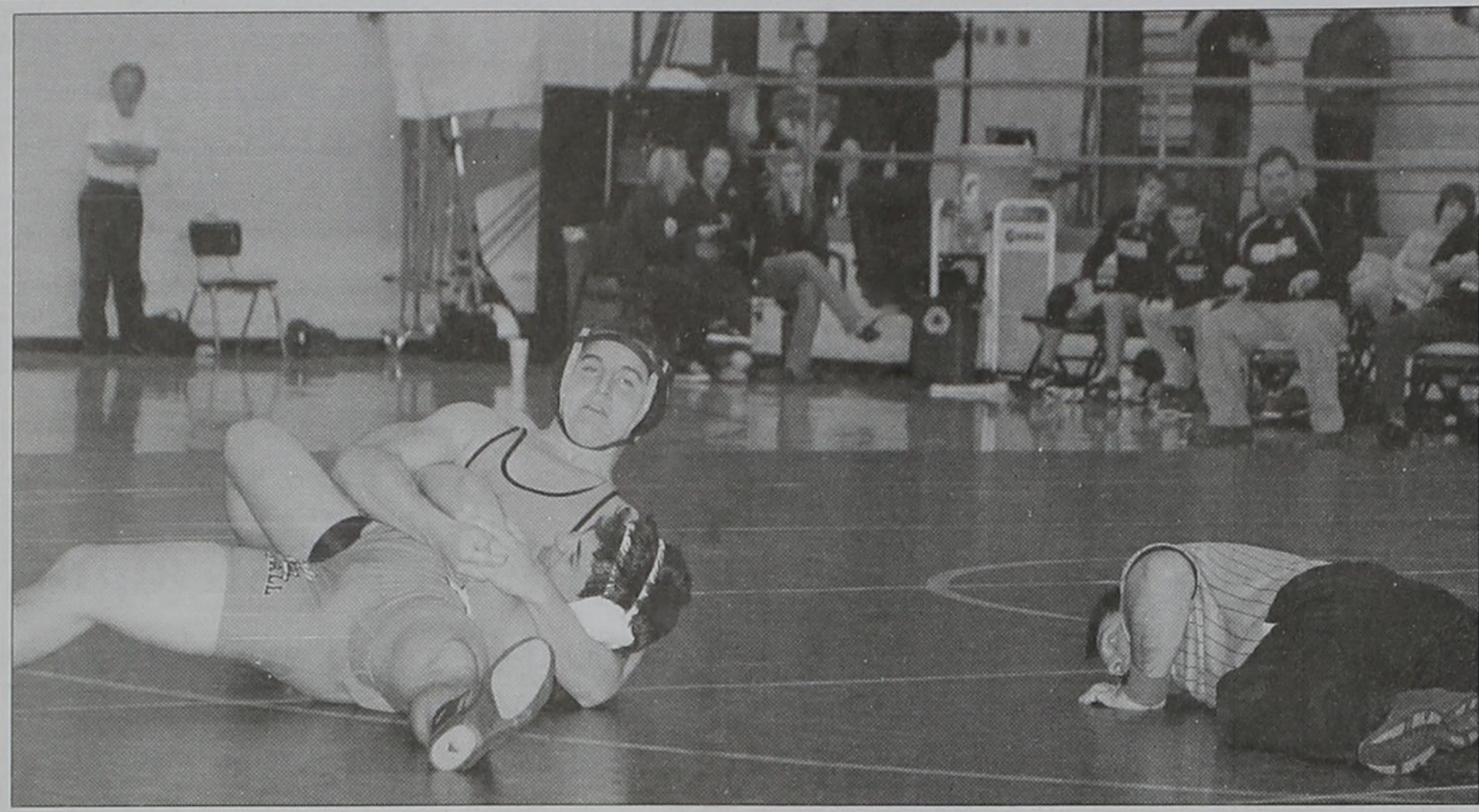
Pohorsky said Jonas should be back in time to wrestle in the district championships, and Hyde should return soon.

At The Colony, freshman Garrett Miller placed third at 160, and Andrew Tamez was fourth at 145. Finishing fifth were Zach Peterson (106), and Smetana (132) and Jacob Molengraf (285).

Despite losing some wrestlers to the varsity, the Rockwall JV had 13 placed, including four champions, at the Cougar Classic JV Tournament. In first place were Jonathan Molengraf (106), Alex Gonzales (145), Francisco Solis (170) and Dante Thomas (182). Finishing second were Anthony Guzman (120), Drew Troxler (126), Ty Thomas (170) and James Campbell (220).

Justin Tazuin (120), Tim Irons (145) and Austin Hatten (285) placed third. Josh Weaver (285) was fourth, and Matt Holland (160) finished fifth.

Winning by fall against Plano East were Smith, Tamez, Roland, Fisher and Marcus Hess (126).



Rockwall Yellowjackets' Daniel Roland pins Plano East's Manny Houlemont in the 182 pound class of last Thursday's wrestling match in Rockwall.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Yellowjackets stop Pearce, fall to Highland Park rally

by Lary Bump

Rockwall appeared Tuesday night to be on the way to its second consecutive victory and an upset of undefeated District 10-4A boys' basketball leader Highland Park.

Four days after rallying to win 54-51 at Richardson Pearce, the Yellowjackets trailed HP only once, by one point, during the first three quarters.

The lead was 42-38 when Elijah Thomas made a three-point play with 1 minute, 26 seconds remaining in the third quarter. As they had in each of the first two quarters, the Scots pulled within a point at the buzzer.

This time, Chase Fletcher made a three-point play and put in a rebound to give HP its biggest lead, 46-42. After RHS' Austin Grandstaff made a foul shot, the Scots went on another run of seven consecutive points for a 53-43 advantage.

Highland Park had shot just 36 per cent (16-for-45) from the field during the first three quarters. It helped that in a combination defense, Avery Knutson and Andrew Hinckley guarded high-scoring Scot David Allen man to man and held him to 10 points over the first three quarters.

RHS head coach Alan Simmons said, "Andrew and Avery did a great job defensively. They did exactly what we asked of them."

In the final period, the Scots hit 63 per cent (5-for-8) and when the Jackets fouled to try to catch up, HP made 10 of 13 foul shots.

"It got away from us. In the fourth quarter, they outscored us 20-6," Simmons said.

"Early, when they were in a 1-3-1 (zone), we did a great job executing our offense. Late against their man (defense), we didn't execute as well. That has a lot to do with them," he added.

HP (19-2 overall, 6-0 in the district, ranked 11th in the state) didn't turn the ball over at all in the fourth quarter, and just six times in the game (compared to Rockwall's 13).

## Defense helps HCA win twice

Heritage Christian Academy used its defense to win both of its boys' basketball games last week.

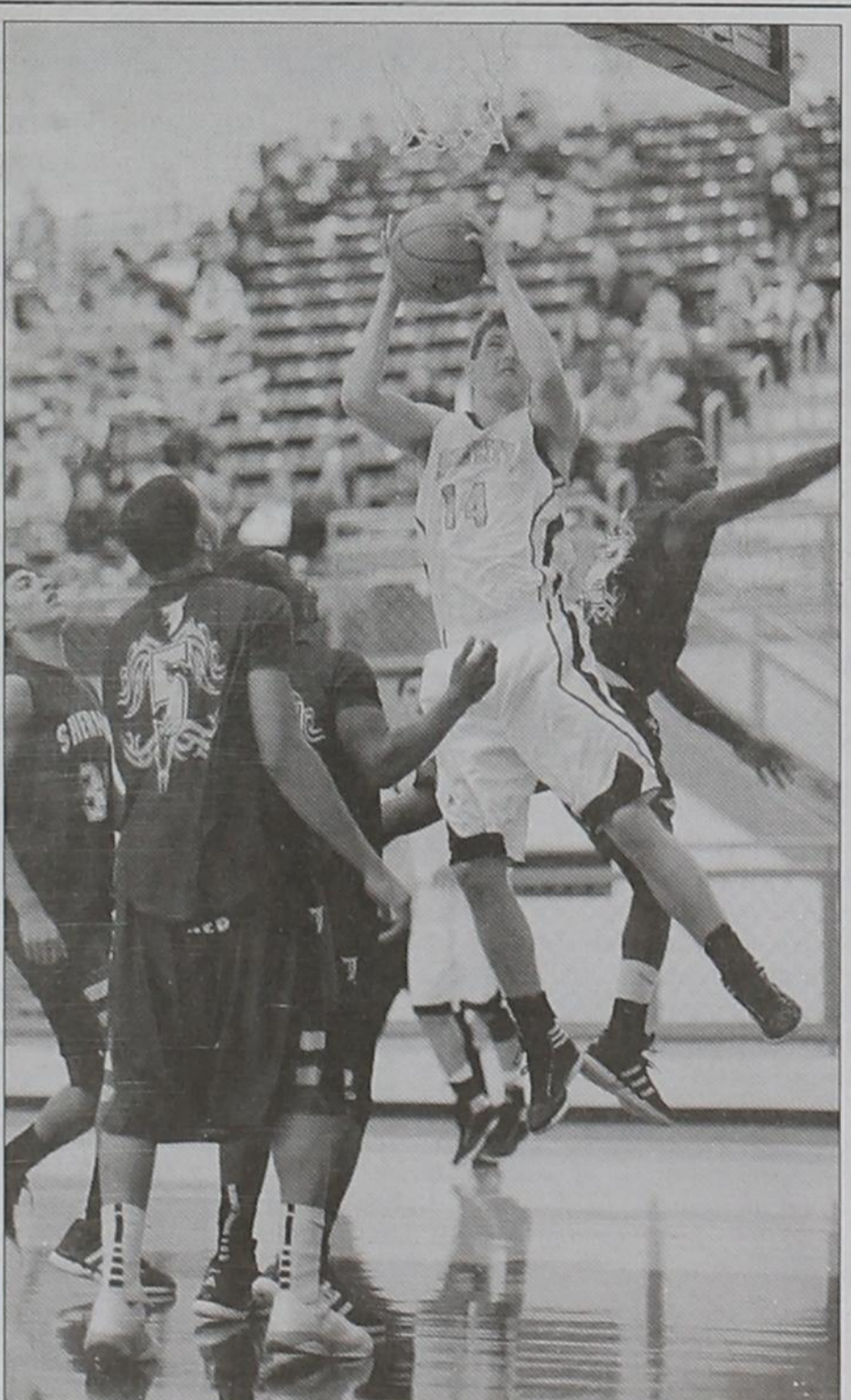
HCA (6-7 overall) will take a 2-0 TAPPS District 4-2A record into Friday's home game against Rockwall Christian Academy (10-9, 2-0) at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo.

In their non-district home game against Greenville Phoenix Charter Friday, Jan. 13, the Eagles led just 17-13 after the first quarter. Then they held the FireBirds to 14 points over the final three quarters and won 57-27.

On Tuesday, the defense did its part for the whole game, but HCA trailed 24-18 after three quarters at Longview Trinity School of Texas. Again the Eagles' defense stiffened, allowing just four fourth-quarter points while Heritage Christian scored 12 to pull out a 30-28 victory.

Eric Tamez led the Eagles with eight points in their third consecutive win overall.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Phoenix Charter	13	6	5	3	27
Heritage	17	8	10	22	57



Bulldogs' Matt Stone (14) soars for a shot under the basket against Sherman during the game on Tuesday, January 10 in Sherman. Roys City won 63-56.

Photo by Pat Corl/Rockwall County News

Against the zone, the Jackets (15-8, 2-4) had been able to throw the ball in high to big men Thomas and Wes Davis, who combined for 24 points. Later, the Scots pressured the ball in the guards' hands and made it difficult to pass the ball in to Thomas or Davis, who were being closely guarded man to man anyway.

RHS had a chance to pull even at 3-3 in the district. That certainly looked possible when the Jackets led 28-18 during the second quarter.

Davis finished with 15 points and Jared Ragland had 10 for Rockwall. The poor finish contrasted with the Pearce game, when RHS trailed 43-39 after three quarters and outscored the Mustangs 15-8 in the fourth.

Austin Grandstaff scored a game-high 23 points, and Davis added 10 for the Jackets.

Fourth-year Jackets coach Simmons pointed out, "That was the first time we've won there since I've been here."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	15	12	12	15	54
Pearce	17	14	12	8	51

RHS (15-7, 2-3) – Austin Grandstaff 23, Wes Davis 10, Jared Ragland 6, Clay Marley 4, Elijah Thomas 4, Avery Knutson 3, Prince Giadolor 2, Zach Rhodes 2.

Richardson Pearce (11-9, 2-3) – Darius Revels 16, Corey Coleman 13, Danny Gutman 9, Luke Buckner 5, Cameron O'Reilly 4, Sam Bell 3, Brad Hulme 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highland Park	14	15	12	20	61
RHS	15	15	12	6	48

Highland Park (19-2, 6-0) – Chase Fletcher 18, David Allen 16, Derek Cahn 12, Andrew Barnes 7, Matt Frschilla 5, Andrew Vaughan 3.

RHS (15-8, 2-4) – Wes Davis 15, Jared Ragland 10, Elijah Thomas 9, Austin Grandstaff 8, Andrew Hinckley 2, Avery Knutson 2, Clay Marley 2.

## Yellowjackets take Buffalo Wild Wing Championship

Rockwall dominated its first five boys' soccer games this season, taking the Buffalo Wild Wing Championship Trophy by winning four games at a weekend tournament in Denison and defeating Little Elm Tuesday.

In four of the games, the Yellowjackets scored at least five goals. But according to head coach Troy Williams, they were dominant even in their 2-0 victory over Plano West Friday, Jan. 13, at Denison.

"Against Plano West, we held most of the possession of the ball. I don't think we had too many clear shooting opportunities in that game."

RHS had plenty of opportunities in their other games – a 6-1 win over Paris Thursday; twin 6-0 victories Saturday over Gainesville and from Denison for the championship, and 5-1 at Little Elm.

Possession is the name of the Jackets' game.

Williams said, "We like to play possession. The seniors this year came to Rockwall the same year I did, so they know the possession style of play. They're taking shots from all over the place. We're scoring on shots, headers and free kicks. They did a great job."

The Jackets have outscored their in-season opponents by a 25-2 margin. Including their three scrimmages, won by a combined score of 15-1, Williams said Trei Rodriguez has totaled 10 goals, Taylor Freeman eight and Connor Danahy seven.

Rodriguez scored three goals at Little Elm, with Danahy and Micah Day adding one apiece.

"Our defense is really strong," Williams said. "(Sweeper) Brian Martinez is a general on the field. We have speed and strength. Our goalies, Jeff Conklin and Mitch Watkins, have played about half of each game and we've only given up three goals."

"The key is we have such good chemistry and all work together well. We have 15 seniors."

Williams said, "We don't want to get ahead of ourselves," but he also said that in this weekend's Garland ISD Tournament against Garland Lakeview Centennial, Dallas Adamson and Dallas Jefferson. "We'll face the style of soccer we'd see in the first round of the playoffs."

## Lady Jackets take 1st place with 46-40 win over Wylie

The Rockwall girls' basketball team figured it would go into Friday night home game against Wylie needing to win to break a first-place tie in District 10-4A.

That particular scenario won't happen. While RHS was improving district record to 7-1 with a 46-40 victory Tuesday at Highland Park, Lady Pirates were losing 56-47 to McKinney. The defeat knocked Wylie to second place with a 6-2 record.

Even so, the situation is precisely the same for the Lady Jackets as if it still were in a tie. They must win, or fall into second place.

That's because Wylie already has defeated Rockwall once this season. The Lady Pirates win again, tying the teams at 7-2, they again would have head-to-head tiebreaker over RHS.

However, a victory Friday would boost the Lady Jackets' lead to games with just five district contests remaining.

Rockwall (23-6 overall) moved ahead in the district race with its second close decision over greatly improved HP, which has defeated Wylie three other 10-4A teams this season.

The Lady Scots pulled with two points at 34-32 after three quarters but RHS outscored them 12-8 over the final eight minutes. Leading Lady Jackets' scoring were seniors Paige Turner and Alyssa Lang with points apiece. The victory was Rockwall's fifth in a row overall, and sixth consecutive district win.

On Friday, Jan. 13, Lang had a dominating game at home against Richardson Pearce. She scored 13 points, grabbed 20 rebounds and blocked eight shots in a 54-30 victory. Ellen Baker also scored 13 on Friday the 11 and Sara Williamson contributed 10 points.

Against HP, Rockwall led just 34-32 after three quarters but slowly pulled away over the final 8 minutes. Paige Turner was the Lady Jackets' scoring leader with 13 points. Alyssa Lang added 11 for RHS (23-6 overall, 7-2 the district).

Rockwall is ranked 14th among the state's 4A teams by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	6	5	12	7	30
RHS	15	16	10	13	54

Richardson Pearce (13-11, 3-4) – Cara Tolmes 10, Hannah Smith 6, Cayla Delatour 5, Sarah Portney 5, Paige Tuttle 4.

RHS (22-6, 6-1) – Ellen Baker 13, Alyssa Lang 13, Sara Williamson 10, Kayla Smith 9, Morghen Day 5, Megan Grandy 2, Paige Turner 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	10	15	9	12	46
Highland Park	10	10	12	8	40

RHS (23-6, 7-1) – Paige Turner 13, Alyssa Lang 11, Morghen Day 8, Sara Williamson 8, Kayla Smith 4, Ellen Baker 2.

Highland Park (16-7, 4-4) – Kaitlyn Read 14, Courtney Klingaman 11, Libby Ethington 6, Amanda Goodwin 4, Sydney McDaniel 4, Alex Reynolds 4.

## Lady Jackets take title at North Richland tournament

Rockwall's varsity girls' soccer team won the championship at the season-opening North Richland Hills Tournament relatively easily.

The junior varsity had to work overtime in the final game, but also won first-place trophy in the North Richland Hills JV division.

The Lady Jackets' varsity swept three games between Thursday, Jan. 12 and Saturday. They defeated Richland 4-2, North Crowley 2-1 and Dallas Jefferson 2-0 in the competition at the Birdville ISD Fine Arts/Athletic Complex.

In the JV tournament, Rockwall reached Saturday's semifinals by defeating Fort Worth Christian, Arlington Sam Houston and Hurst L.D. Bell, all defeating Arlington Lamar 5-0, the junior Lady Jackets won the final game in a shootout 4-3.

Said RHS head coach Melissa Garcia, "With Kendall Whitfield in goal she came up big in the overtime dribble-up penalty shots. Saving four off of Kendall led her team to victory!"

"The Lady Jackets rocked Richland Hills this weekend! (Assistant Coach) Andrew Mertens and I couldn't have been more proud of our 2 teams this weekend."

Returning home against Garland Tuesday night, the varsity improved district record to 4-0 by winning 1-0 on Vicky King's second-half goal.



Roys City Lady Bulldogs' volleyball team members recognized during December's RCISD meeting are (left to right) Brandi Hahn (Team Manager), Celine Mendoza (2nd Team All District), Brenna Cole (Libero of the Year), Schelly Stone (2nd Team All District), Tori Green (2nd Team All District), Sarah VerHagan (1st Team All District) and Autumn Quinn (Team Member). The team was also recognized for their undefeated season finish as District Champions under the direction of Head Coach Robyn Hill. Also participating in the recognition ceremony is with Women's Athletics Director Dallas Bookout (left).

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# Royse City News

## Royse City Police Blotter

6-12  
 day, 6 Jan.: Public intoxication arrest, 7100 block S. FM 35; Alarm, 1600 block FM 35; Medical assistance, 500 block Ame Lane; Welfare check, 1600 block Orchid Boulevard; Disturbance, Area of FM 35  
 Saturday, 7 Jan.: Assault, 1600 block Meadowlark Lane; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Alarm, 500 block Hwy. 66; Reckless driver, Area of FM 35; Suspicious person, Area of Lost Valley Drive; Welfare check, Corner of N. on Street and Charles Street; Suspicious person, 600 block Tripp Trail  
 Sunday, 8 Jan.: Driving while license invalid arrest, 1200 block E. I-30; Suspicious person/Possession of identifying information, 400 block Cookston  
 Suspicious person, 1200 block Hwy. 66; Accident, I-30 at the 77-mile marker; Alarm, 1700 block Ranch Road

Monday, 9 Jan.: Hunt County warrants arrest, I-30 at the 74-mile marker; Criminal mischief, 200 block Rowdy Drive; Disturbance, 900 block Loganwood Drive; Noise disturbance, 1100 block Falcon Court  
 Tuesday, 10 Jan.: Assault, 2700 block Marsha Lane; Medical assistance, 300 block E. I-30; Assault, 2700 block Marsha Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 74-mile marker  
 Wednesday, 11 Jan.: Burglary of a building, 200 block Howard Street; Alarm, 200 block N. Sorrells Road; Alarm, 1400 block Eagle Point; Disturbance, 600 block Cemetery Street; Accident, 100 block E. Main Street; Suspicious person, Area of Joe Bailey Street  
 Thursday, 12 Jan.: Medical assistance, 1400 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Alarm, 400 block S. Elm Street; Disturbance, 900 block E. I-30; Medical assistance, 1700 block Kelly Lane; Reckless driver, E. I-30

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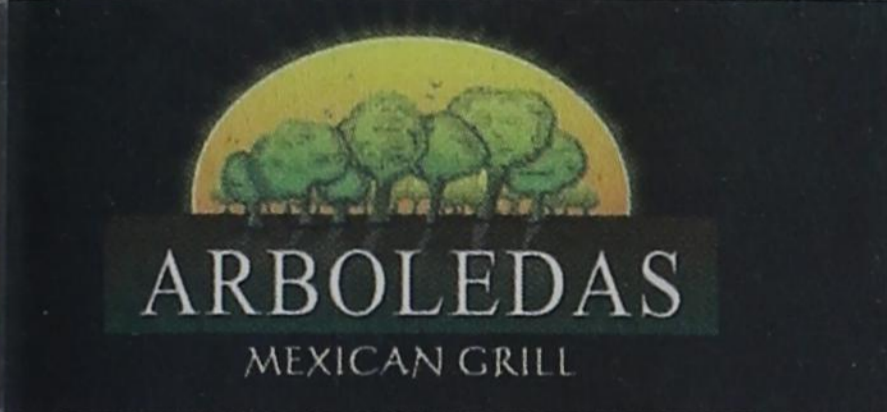
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Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members celebrated the recent grand opening ceremony for Bullet Wraps, located at 1203 Beta Court, Suite.



The KC Club at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary recently participated in Holiday Boxes for the Homeless, an effort that saw students collect items for the homeless. The items were placed in shoeboxes and wrapped for distribution. Pictured are KC Club participants Cady Johnson and Mackenzie Peterson, both third grade students.

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## Three locals earn degrees from Baylor

Three area residents were among the more than 700 graduates who received degrees during fall commencement exercises at Baylor University, according to a university news release.

Leah Danielle Lowry of Rockwall earned a bachelor's degree in nursing, Tanner Wayne Rottman earned a bachelor's degree in film and digital media and Lucas Shane Buckels of Royse City received a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

Commencement exercises were conducted Dec. 17 in the Ferrell Center on the Baylor campus.

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