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Middle School band students pictured above participated in tryouts for the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association Allon Nov. 16. This group competed against more than 900 other middle school students in the region for positions in the four nds. Those selected will perform at 4 p.m. Jan. 11 at the North Forney High School auditorium, 6170 N. Mason Blvd., in

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## students earn chairs in All-Region Band

100l will be well represented when the 2013 Texas Smithers, Samantha Bullock and Travis Irizarry association All-Region Band performs at 4 p.m. Jan.

al band students earned chairs in the four All-Region s a result of tryouts that took place Nov. 16. Local with more than 900 other middle school band students bands.

1-Region recognition include:

Joyce Christensen, David Schmittinger, Yeinsleen Uc,

1 Saniyya Rahman 1 - Diego Acosta

- Yu-Wen Hsu, Isaac Brown, Nautica Hawkins, Abby

Alto sax – Kyle Sherrod

Horn – Clay Johnson, Haleigh Schlenhuber

• Trumpet - Michael Jarrett, Andrew Fields, Ryan Stanford, Matthew White and Ben Killian

• Trombone - Dawson Ward, Bryan Ham, Justin Duncan and Jake Mishler

Euphonium – Matthew Fitzgerald and Jacob Wood

Tuba – Bernie Fay and Karissa Smith

The All-Region concerts are scheduled to take place at the North Forney High School auditorium, which is located at 6170 N. Mason Blvd., Forney.

# vse City ISD recognizes O, longtime educator

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FO for the Royse City Independent School District, was resolution during the Dec. 9 board meeting for having to the district and 26 years in public education.

noted that he "was able to maintain a structurally that resulted in exceptional bond ratings, provided p according to government regulations, board policies al practices, was instrumental in developing internal nerships and working relationships with local, state, to ensure adequate funding and support for educational ider his leadership, RCISD has received the Superior ie Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, attaining

clamation stated that "under the leadership of Jimmy eceived the Gold Leadership Circle Award from the mptroller's Office."

Board of Trustees selected David Carter to replace Carter comes from the Greenville Independent School

served as chief financial officer. Action Item XII-C, associate superintendent Jeff Webb the importance of the District Emergency Operations eam was listed, he said, and the manual explains each bilities so that in the event of a crisis, everyone would and what to do. For instance, if a shooter were in the ie would know his or her responsibility. Webb said he ilysis complete soon. The motion passed unanimously. er, principal of Miss May Vernon Elementary, and

Student Council presented their November fundraising

and order to the school district. He thanked them for their service. In closing the meeting, each board member gave their sentiments to Jimmy Butler during his time of service. The next school board meeting will be Jan. 13.

program before the board and those in attendance. Their fundraiser was

school-wide and consisted of selling feathers for the class turkeys. The

council raised \$1,529, which was used to buy toys and donate to the

Christi Watts, librarian for Royse City High School, was awarded

Trustee Eric Fort spoke to the junior high and high school principals in

the audience, thanking them and saying that they had brought structure

the 21st Century Learning Award presented to her by Zach Snow,

Royse City Police Department toy drive.

instructional technology coordinator for RCISD.

## Griggs earns TAAF President's Award

Brad Griggs, assistant city manager and parks and recreation director for the City of Rockwall, recently received the President's Award from the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation, according to a city news release.

The award recognizes Griggs' work as a TAAF member. Griggs served as the organization's president from 2003-2005, is a former member of the executive board and has volunteered for numerous committees in his more than 20 years with the group.

Mayor David Sweet surprised Griggs with the award at the Rockwall City Council's Dec. 2 meeting.

Jeff Goodman, the TAAF's current president, was on hand to present

the award. "The award caught me totally by surprise," Griggs said. "I appreciate the recognition from President Jeff Goodman, and I applaud the work he has done for TAAF."

The TAAF is a nonprofit organization established in 1925 to promote, organize and conduct amateur athletics in the state.



Brad Griggs, assistant city manager for the City of Rockwall and parks and recreation director, recently received the President's Award from the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation. The award recognizes Griggs' work for the group as a member and former president. Griggs has been a TAAF member, having served on several committees and the executive board, for more than 20 years. He is pictured above with current TAAF president, Jeff Goodman.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Heath city council unanimously votes to keep tower

by Brittany Williams

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After much voiced resistance from a Heath residents, the 120 foot monopole located on Smirl Drive, will remain after a unanimous vote

The tower, requested by ERS Telecom Properties, will bring more cell coverage to AT&T and Sprint customers.

Circumstances surrounding the tower and its installation have not been the norm, however.

The notifications mailed incorrectly stated the location of the proposed tower as parcel 26-07 instead of 26-11. As a result of this clerical error, a single residence near the tower's construction was not notified.

A resident informed the staff that an error was made on the notifications that were mailed out to residents within the required radius and after consulting with the city attorney, work was halted and new notices were sent to the correct residences that referenced the correct tract location, Kim Dobbs, Director of Community & Economic Development said.

After appearing at two public hearings at previous council meetings and having the tower approved, on September 16, ERS received a cease and desist letter and were informed to stop all construction on the tower.

"We have everything done on the tower, it's ready for the carriers to put their equipment on it," Steve Woody of ERS said. "The tower is built exactly where we said we would build it, exactly how we said we were going to build it. Nothing's changed."

The current city ordinance for special use permit for towers requires that they be set at a distance equal to the height of the tower from any offsite residential structure. The location of the tower in question is over 700 feet away from an off site residential structure.

The tower was constructed on the tract that was approved by council

ERS has invested \$150,000 in the tower.

"Customers drive this, because people demand the coverage," Woody said. "If it weren't for these towers, people wouldn't have coverage and as we know, it's a great demand in our world today and people demand good coverage."

Location of the tower was another issue brought up by many.

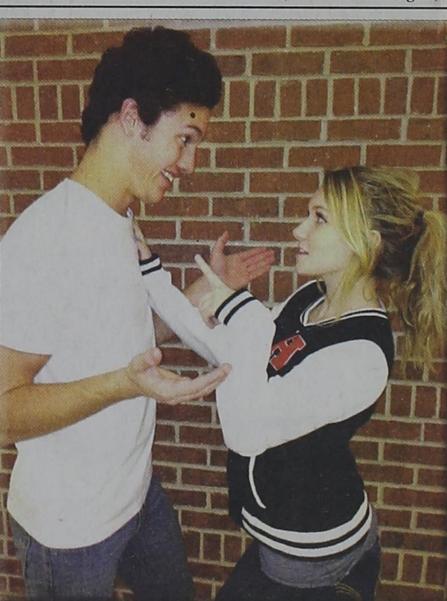
Not only is the tower in the middle of a residential area, it can also be seen from a large area of the city.

In the packed council chambers, where it was standing room only, residents came in droves to have their say.

"It's an eyesore. It's in the middle of a residential area. Those properties are nosediving in value," resident Joan Ream said.

Ream also brought up health issues that the tower might bring and questioned if it had been evaluated.

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Rockwall-Heath High students Matthew Crumpley and Jade Keath are shown rehearsing for their parts as Danny and Sandy in the school's Drama Club production of "Grease" running Jan. 9-11 at the RHHS Performing Arts Center. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets are available through RHHS drama students or at the box office prior to the show.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## **Rockwall County News Briefs**

Library to close for holidays

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday and Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Day. Rockwall's Got Talent auditions set

Auditions for the upcoming Rockwall's Got Talent event will be conducted Jan. 11-12 in the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk. Registration costs \$20 per act; deadline is Dec. 30. Semi-finals are set for Jan. 17, with finals on Jan. 24. Tickets to the finals will cost \$10 each and go on sale Jan. 13. Rules and audition applications are available at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Auditions set at RCP for 'Foreigner'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's rendition of "The

Foreigner," which will be performed. Feb. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23, will take place at 1 p.m. Dec. 14 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse. org.

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Butler, left, chief financial officer for the Independent School District, was presented a honoring his years of service "expressing profound in for outstanding service." Superintendent Kevin resented the resolution, accompanied by board ulie Stutts.

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The annual Victorian Christmas on Main Street Luncheon and Benefit, which took place Dec. 4, drew more than 140 attendants. Entertainment was furnished by the Royse City High School Choir, and a ticket gift auction and live dessert auction were conducted. Proceeds will benefit the Main Street Program, which funds downtown decorations for holidays, banners and all other Main Street-related events. Pictured from left to right nearest to the camera are Nora Bryant, Keri Hollifield, Charles Houk and Dena Elder.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

#### Wilson named Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year

Caroline Wilson, a Rockwall High freshman, recently was named the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County 2013-2014 Youth of the Year. A seven-year member of the club, she is a leader and serves as a positive role model for younger girls, according to a club news release. After losing her best friend to suicide, she asked to lead the club's SMART Girls program, which focuses on empowerment, selfimage, appropriate behaviors and making good choices. She served as a junior staff member throughout the summer and is president of the teen Leadership Keystone Club. Wilson will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Brennen Teel Scholarship Fund and a \$500 scholarship from Summit Financial as a result of her award. She also will compete for the North Texas Youth of the Year in February.

Courtesy photo/ Rockwall County News



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## City of Heath faces opposition over cell

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Many others voiced very strong opposition to the tower and its

placement. Mayor Lorne Liechty compared the issue to the opposition the council saw when the water tower near Amy Parks Elementary.

"Everyone wants cell coverage, but they don't want a tower," Liechty said.

said he understood the concerns, but would like to see a review of

Council Member Barry Brooks

that we get a lot of people that get worked up after the fact and I want to point out that our agendas are

posted whether you get notice that something is happening within 200 feet of your home that is going to

> affect you," Brooks said. The council unanimously voted

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## Rockwall hospital receives Guardian of Excellence

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall has been named a 2013 Guardian of Excellence Award winner by Press Ganey Associates Inc.

The Guardian of Excellence Award recognizes top-performing facilities that consistently achieved the 95th percentile of performance in Physician Engagement.

The Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award is a health care industry symbol of achievement. Fewer than 5 percent of all Press Ganey clients reach this threshold and maintain it for the one year reporting period, according to a news release from the hospital. Press Ganey partners with more than 10,000 health care facilities, including more than half of all U.S. hospitals, to measure and improve the patient experience.

"Texas Health Rockwall was founded upon our physicians' desire to bring hometown healthcare to this community," says Cindy Paris, hospital "Through president. these physicians' caring leadership and intense involvement in strategic planning we've accomplished

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many successes to assure that we safely and consistently address the healthcare needs of our community. This award recognizes their exemplary involvement which has led to the implementation of many key processes to ensure the best care possible for our patients."

"We are proud to partner with Texas Health Rockwall," said Patrick T. Ryan, CEO of

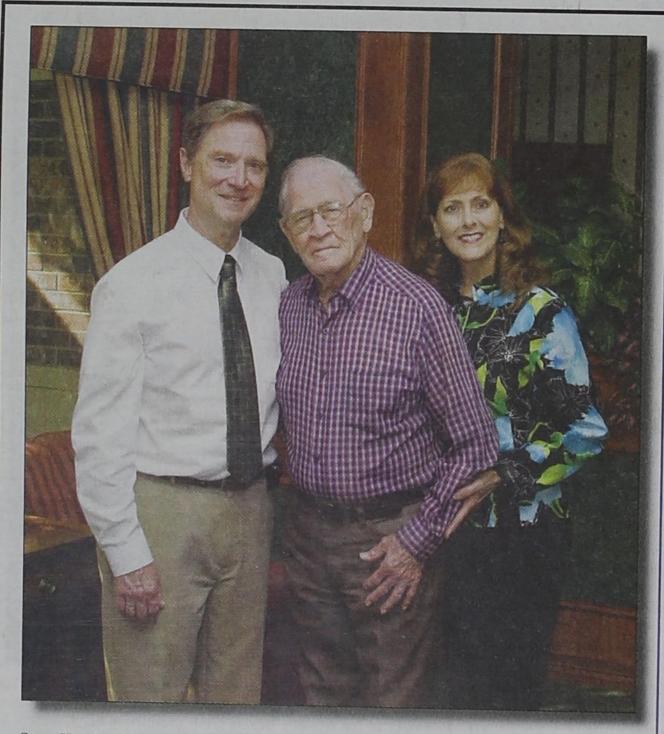
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patients."



Marissa Dusek, daughter of Kent and Miche of Royse City, won first place in Austin at the Con Debate at the Capital Building on Dec. 5. Dusek is al junior and went with her debate team, the Royse City Team. There were a variety of topics such as sta testing, whether or not to legalize gambling in the Uni and whether or not to cut military spending. The first place was the gavel she is holding in the photo. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

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Steve Karbowski (center) with his son, Dr. Steve Karbowski Jr. and wife Barbara Karbowski.

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## Talent au set Jan.1 Auditions for Rox |=

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Talent are scheduled 12 at the Rockwall Playhouse, 609 Rockwall. The show will be conducted 17, followed by the fi Jan. 24.

Tickets to the available Jan. 13 and each.

This year's event fifth year of Rock Talent, which was the of the Rockwall Playhouse's Board The community talent fundraiser for the p offers cash prizes of and \$250 donated by Bank, Emergency Room and Homes respectively.

Last year's talent sho won by Amber Camp went on to compete of television show "The member of Adam Levi Carrington was a semithe show and has since Nashville, where she wa

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## **Rockwall County Obituaries**

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Stephen Epp

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Harry B. Hulse

larry B. Hulse, 94, of to be conducted at 11 13, in the Rest Haven Rockwall Chapel with y Greenawalt and the an officiating. Burial 1:30 p.m. in the DFW tery, 2000 Mountain in Dallas.

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or several companies, including Lionel Trains and the . He joined the U.S. Navy in June 1944 and served on ne Pacific Theater. During his military service he saw Korea and Houston, where he met the woman who would

ischarged from the military, he returned to Connecticut. 17, he married Fralick Williamson in Houston. The couple cticut and New Jersey before moving to Lockport, N.Y., ed for the Upson Co. as a plant chemist and quality control mained with Upson until his retirement in 1982. He was

clude his son, Randy Hulse, and his wife, Phyllis, of randchildren, Casey Hulse of Garland and Chance Hulse , Michelle, of Dallas; three nephews; and two nieces. 11s brother and his wife preceded him in death.

**Don Hutchison** 

Don Hutchison, 59, of conducted at 5 p.m. , in the Rest Haven 1e-Rockwall Chapel k Donaho officiating. ices with full military ing a 21-gun salute, d at 1 p.m. Dec. 18 in Memorial Park.

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, 1954, in Flint, Mich., (Stiff) Hutchison, he J.S. Army and retired of honorable service.

hed a roofing company, where he employed friends and er worked as a Realtor. His fatherly and grandfatherly love and was shown through his actions of love and support,

and cheering on his girls and grandchildren. clude his wife of 39 years, Bork Suk Hutchison, and tasha Michelle Miller, and her husband, Jason, and avenport and her husband, Randall, all of Rockwall; his to whom he will always be 'Poopaw,' Ethan Davenport, Jacob Miller, Madison Davenport and Madilyn Davenport; ndra Winslow, Debra Galant and her husband, Rick, and d her husband, David; his brother, Dennis Kennelly, and a; his mother-in-law, Young Cha Park; and his nieces and stine, Erica, Jamie, Jenny, Jeremy, Andrea and Patrick. eded in death by his mother; a brother, Clyde Hutchison; a Osborne; and his grandparents, Dorothy and Ralph Stiff.

James A. McDonald

A memorial service for James A. McDonald, 94, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 23, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. He died Dec. 9.

Born July 3, 1919, in York, Penn., to Alexander and Elizabeth (Durham) McDonald, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and his Aviation Badge. He worked as a painter.

Survivors include his sister, Jean Grissinger; his daughters, Cheryl Lewis, and her husband, Bill, of Edinburg, Lynn Taylor and her husband, Edwin, of Rockwall and Jennifer Podor and her husband, David, of Lenexa, Kansas; his grandchildren, Kimberly (Lewis) Burgess and her husband, Adam, Catherine Lewis, Rachel Podor and Bryan Podor and his wife, Francien; his great-grandchildren, Jackson, Skye, Benjamin, Jonathan and Katherine; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 43 years, Dorothy McDonald; and his brothers, Billy and Robert McDonald.

Susie Standard

Services for Susie Standard, 55, of Rowlett were conducted at 1 p.m. Dec. 17, 2013, in the First Baptist Church Rockwall, M.L. Jones Chapel, with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Private burial services followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Dec. 13. Born Sept. 21, 1958, in Dallas to Wilton and Ruby (Toon) Smith, she was a computer operator for U.T.

Southwest. She was a loving mother. Survivors include her husband, Danny Standard; her daughter, Lindsey Standard; her father, Wilton Smith; her brother, Tim Smith; her uncle, Jack Toon, and his wife, Jan; and her aunt, Patsy Toon.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruby Smith, and her sister. Sharon Gouret.

R.G. Vernon

Services for R.G. (Papaw) Vernon. 76, a lifetime resident of Rockwall. will be conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 20, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 19 at the funeral

He died Dec. 14.

Born July 23, 1937, in Rockwall to Robert Earl and Jo Clara (Deaton) Vernon, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a

retired police officer with the Dallas Police Department and also worked

with the Dallas Sheriff's Department. Survivors include his son, Bob, and his wife, Tiffaney, of Rockwall and three grandchildren, Jake, Addy and Kayson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tincy.

**Chris Williams** Services for Chris Williams, 26, of Royse City were conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 16, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. He died Dec. 11 in Andrews.

Born Dec. 20, 1986, in Stamford to Rick and Isabel (Ramirez) Williams, he graduated from Royse City High School in 2005 and attended McMurry University and Abilene Christian University. He joined the U.S. Air Force on Aug. 5, 2008. He worked as a roughneck for Patterson Drilling in New Mexico.

Survivors include his parents, Rick and Isabel Williams of Royse

City; his son, John Malone Aquatero of Nevada, Texas; his brother, Cody Williams, and his wife, Carley, of Greenville; his grandmother, Andrea Ramirez of Abilene; his niece, Caidence Williams of Greenville; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and his dog, Knuckle Head.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Luis Ramirez and Robert and Elizabeth Williams.

**Rockwall County Entertainment** 

RHHS to stage "Grease"

Rockwall-Heath High School will present the musical "Grease" Jan. 9-11 at the Performing Arts Center, 801 Laurence, in Heath. Tickets are available at the box office; cost is \$10 for students, \$12 for general admission. Heath's mayor, Lorne Liechty, and Rockwall's mayor, David Sweet, will make special cameos.

Daddy/Daughter Dance tix available

Tickets to the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, are on sale at The Center. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 25 at The Hilton Bella Harbor. Cost will be \$69 per daddy/daughter couple or \$45 for Rockwall residents; each additional child will cost \$15. Tickets will be limited and preregistration is required. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

## TA system undergoes upgrade

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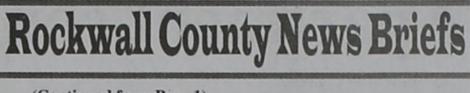
period, the system is unable to process any online, telephone transactions at its Customer Service Centers, ACE Cash

Express locations and Regional TollTag Partner locations. All tolls and transactions will be processed beginning Dec. 26.

Customers with ZipCash invoice due dates during the closure will not be assessed late or administrative fees if the invoice is paid on Dec. 26, according to the release.

For more information, contact the Customer Service Center at 972-818-6882.

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'Steel Magnolias' audition slated

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's staging of "Steel Magnolias," which will be performed in March and April, will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at the playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Auditions set for 'Forever Plaid'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "Forever Plaid," which will be staged in May, will take place at 1 p.m. March 29 and at 7 p.m. March 30 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

'Godspell' auditions set June 7, 8

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Teen Theater production of "Godspell," which will be staged in July and August, will begin at 1 p.m. June 7 and 8 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

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## **Ask Dr. Danette**

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



RINGING ENDORSEMENT

Tinnitus is the medical term for noise or ringing in the ears that affects about one in five people. While there is currently no cure for the distracting buzzing sound that seems to emanate from within, tinnitus sufferers often turn to hearing professionals for help. New research suggests that the dentist may also help treat tinnitus. Tooth-grinding (bruxism) and chewing gum may be potential tinnitus triggers due to a connection between the centers of the brain that control the muscles for chewing and those connected to the auditory system. Moreover, other research shows a link in the severity of jaw pain from temporomandibular disorder and that of tinnitus. In light of these findings, a custom-fit night guard may help stop the ringing.

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P.S. Mouth guards worn at night not only help prevent teeth from grinding together, they also help maintain the jaws in their proper alignment, which can avert temporomandibular disorder.

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## Apartment complex may be built in Royse C

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Casey Bump of Bonner Carrington gave a presentation to the Royse City City Council at the last meeting in its first step toward building a new complex in the city. The project again was the topic of discussion at the Dec. 10 meeting.

The council was assured that the apartments are not Section 8 government apartments or low-income apartment housing, with Bump saying that the attraction for Carrington is that the builders will receive tax credits for building affordable housing.



The City Council of Royse City listened as they learn more about the possibility of a large apartment complex that may be built in the city. Bonner Carrington, a company that designs, builds and maintains apartment complexes, is looking into the possibility of building in the city. Shown above are Mayor Jerrell Baily, Council members Matt Wheatley and James

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Bonner Carrington is a company that designs, constructs and maintains quality apartment homes, according to Bump.

Carl Alsabrook, city manager, Larry Lott, executive director of the Royse City Community Development Cooperation, along with council members Tom Crowley and Clay Ellis made a trip to Cedar Park and Georgetown last week to check out two of the apartment complexes built by Carrington. The complexes visited are models of the buildings that are being considered for Royse City.

The team reported to the council that both complexes were clean and well kept and residents were proud and pleased with their complex. Crowley added that the apartments have quarterly inspections, which makes sure they are maintained properly.

"I'll be pretty happy if they build here," Ellis said.

All of the city council voted to proceed with the paperwork toward admitting the complex to build in Royse City. At this time, no property has been considered or selected for the project.

The city council voted unanimously "for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a restaurant without alcohol sales to be located at 117 E. Main Street" (Dominos Pizza) and "for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a restaurant with alcohol sales to be located at 107 E. IH-30" (Charlie's Old Fashioned Burgers).

Carl Alsabrook told the council that in September the issue was brought up regarding hiring a high school student for 10 hours a week to assist Brenda Craft, the city secretary. He said maybe there would be some way the student could get class credit also. The motion passed unanimously.

Royse City Board appointees by the city council were as follows: Main Street Board-Mary Johnson, Larry Lott, Bobby Gladu, Parks

Board-Xavier Cortez, Michael Huggins, Frank Nemeth, Harvey

Lossier, Council Liaison Janet Nichol, RISD Ex-One and the nominee from James Branch to be noted at Shelter Board-Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Lyndsey Weaver of Jackson, Alan Potter, Jamie Torrez, and Mary John Zoning Board-Phillip Haggard, Wayne Johnson, v. Russell Flanigan, and Economic Development of Houk, Dena Elder, Bobby Gladu.

Under Business Item #15 it was brought up that it Position for Place 6, which expires Dec. 31, 2011 Councilman James Branch spoke up and asked, "Justa seum board do?"

Robby McMillan chimed in from his seat in the an "To be honest, we're beating a dead horse," he said some help from the city, we could bring the museum an attraction for our town. It is a nice museum with all items for people to see. It just really needs to be promote you here tonight have ever been to the museum?"

Hands all over the room went into the air.

"Why is it a dying horse?" Branch asked. "Because the museum board doesn't have any re

"The city needs to get someone who would work advertise the museum," McMillan said.

Joe Stegall, city financial officer, said Herldine Rad museum and he would talk to her and Deloris Ballard museum, and see if they have any ideas.

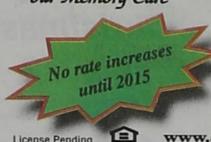
Jacob Wetzel, a new city employee, was elected as a

All city council members were present at the meeting The next meeting will be Jan. 14.

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## Rockwall's Got Talent audition

to recently perform at the Grand Ole Opry.

"It was very cool to meet everyone in the competition," she said in a news release issued by "I was honored to win, because I've lived in Rockwall since I was in the fourth grade and love my city with what I love to do.

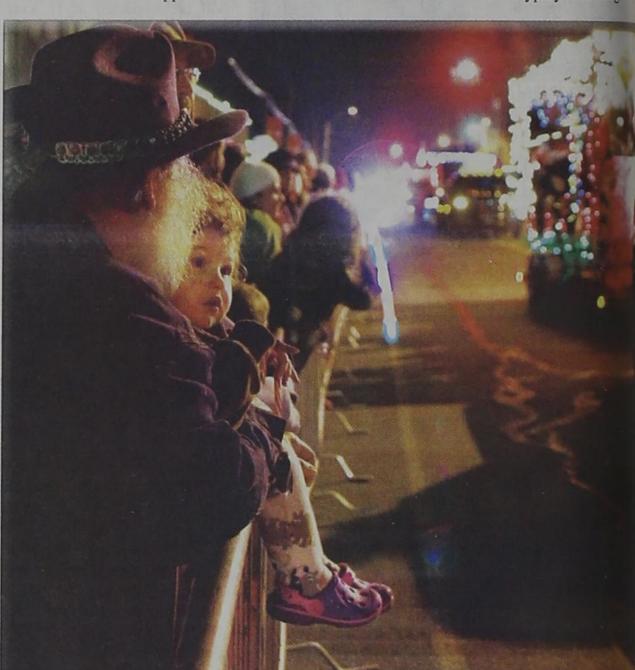
Carrington said the best thing about participating in the talent show was that it gave her the pursue singing professionally.

Laryssa Bonacquisiti wowed the judges and audience during the 2010 Rockwall's Got Talen triloquist talents. She went on to become Miss Dallas Outstanding Teen 2012 and appeared me Vegas ventriloquist Terry Fator.

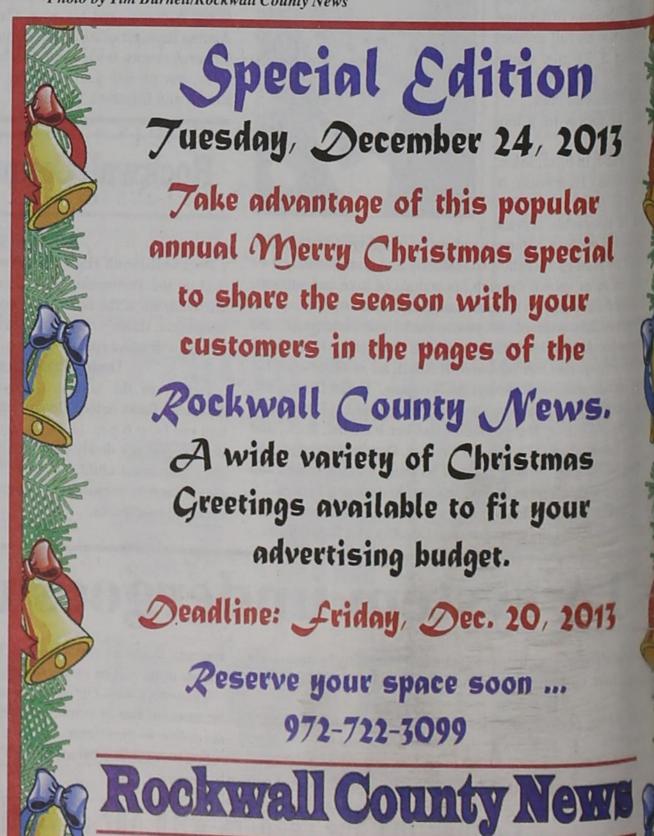
The show is a community event, allowing audience members to vote for their favorite acts. combined and considered as a single judge vote and added to the other judges' scores.

"It is exciting for the audience members since their votes county," said Darlene Singleto house board members. "So attending the event to support your favorite person is important." Registration for auditions will run through Dec. 30. Cost is \$20 per act.

Rules and audition applications can be found online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.



Kenzie O'Bannon (2 years) enjoys the sights and sounds of the Royse City Christmas paradi Great Grandfather Nolan Merryman Saturday December 14 on Main Street. Kenzie was also her sister Angel (3 years) and Great Grandmother Audrey Merryman. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



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## n God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett Rightly dividing God's word ... who was Joseph the son of Jacob?

During this time that people are thinking more about the birth of Jesus Christ, we will take a moment to rightly divide God's word on certain events surrounding Jesus' birth.

There is some division over the identity of Joseph mentioned in Matthew's geneology of Jesus.

It is commonly believed that this Joseph was the husband of Mary, as was indicated in the King James Bible translation.

God's word is mathematically exact and scientifically precise. If this is the geneology of Jesus, and if God was and still is truly Jesus' Father, then Joseph the Mary's father Joseph. But when

son of Jacob would not be Jesus'

The problem is found in the use of the word "husband."

The earliest known ancient Greek texts used a word that had multiple meanings according to its context.

Here the word would have referred to Joseph as the man over the house where Mary was

When we consider that God was Jesus' Father, it logically stands to reason that Joseph the son of Jacob was Mary's father. There is no other mention of

we consider Mary's faithful believing of God's word that was spoken by the mouth of His messenger angel, we can be assured that her father and mother both walked with meek and humble hearts toward God.

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If God provided the geneology of Jesus through His servant Matthew, then it was none other than a geneology, and therfore, Joseph would have absolutely been Mary's father.



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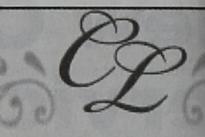
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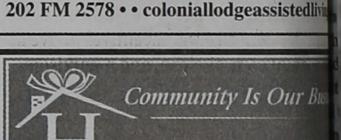
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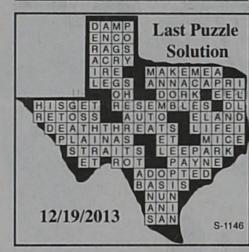
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The Commissioners Court of Rockwall County, Texas, pursuant to §222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code, hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing and Intent to Consider Creation of one or more County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone, (CETRZ) to be held on the 3rd day of January, 2014, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse, to receive public comment on the following topics:

Whether or not to create one or more County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ), as authorized by law, to promote one or more infrastructure projects to be located within the County to be funded by the CERTZ. Additional information on this topic may be found on the Texas Department of Transportation website: http://www.roadsfortexasenergy. com under the "Legislation" tab.

The potential boundaries and requirements of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ), as authorized §222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code.

Individuals wishing to participate in the public hearing by either oral or written testimony will be asked to complete a Speaker's Form to be provided at the meeting. Oral testimony should be limited to three (3) minutes in the interest of time and to permit maximum participation by others. Rules of Decorum will apply.

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#### Glenn Avenue Utility Rehabilitation

The project consists of: removal and replacement of approximately 646 SY 8" concrete pavement, removal and replacement of 524 SY asphalt pavement with new 8" concrete pavement, installation of 1894 LF 8" waterline and associated services, 1494 LF 8" sanitary sewer main and associated services, two curb inlets and 289 LF RCP storm sewer (21 to 27"). and all appurtenant work necessary to complete construction of the project.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- Glenn Avenue Utility Rehabilitation.

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Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 120 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year, 10%) is required for this project.

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

Specifications may be examined at the Rockwall Engineering Office located in Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone- 972-771-7746/fax- 972-771-7748) and procured from the office of the Design Engineer, VERDUNITY, Inc., located at 17000 Preston Road, Suite 110, Dallas, TX 75248 (phone 214-425-6720), for a nonrefundable cost of \$75, beginning Monday, December 16, 2013.

Only those bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the Design Engineer, VERDUNITY, Inc., and are listed on the Engineer's List of Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

# Opinions

## Is NATO's Trojan Horse riding toward the 'Ukraine Spri

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Ukrainian citizens have rallied in the bitter cold at Independence Square in Kiev to demand a better economic future and to protest President Viktor Yanukovych's failure to sign an economic agreement with the EU. But while the draft of the EU "Association Agreement" is being sold as an economic boon for Ukrainian citizens, in reality it appears to be NATO's

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Trojan Horse: a massive expansion of NATO's military position in the region. What's more, the Agreement occurs under the cover of nebulous economic promises for a beset population hungering for better wages.

In a country where the average monthly minimum wage stands at about \$150 USD, it's not hard to understand why Ukrainians are in the streets. They do not want to be in Russia's orbit, nor do they want to be pawns

of NATO.

But is the plight of Ukrainians being exploited to usher in a new military agreement under the guise of economic reform?

For NATO, the goal is expansion. The prize is access to a country that shares a 1,426-mile border with Russia. The geopolitical map would be dramatically reshaped by the Agreement, with Ukraine serving as the new front for Western missile defense at the doorstep of Russia. Should the U.S. nuclear deal with Iran fall apart, Ukraine could be employed in larger regional disputes, too.

As an EU deal appears imminent, few people are asking questions about NATO's role in the deal, which was meant to facilitate jobs and trade. Economic conditions in Ukraine are dire: \$15 billion in IMF loans suspended, danger of default and a zero growth forecast.

While NATO is not specifically mentioned in the draft of the "Association Agreement," the proposal, which was posted online (and translated to English here) by the Ukrainian cabinet in August, pledges convergence of foreign

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The draft of the Agreement's preamble links Ukp convergence of positions on bilateral, regional and and of mutual interest" including the Common Forest Policy (CFSP) of the European Union and the Com-Defence Policy (CSDP) -- which underscores the mil

Since 22 of 28 members of the EU have NATO me little doubt that Ukraine is being drawn into the broad mi with EU nations.

If the EU Agreement is ratified, Ukraine will inevib percentage of its GDP for military purposes, steening from social programs and job opportunities. In 2012 budget already increased 30 percent -- to \$2 billia comparatively low 1.1 percent of GDP. NATO member least 2 percent of GDP on defense.

NATO members are also under pressure to contribu of their GDP to military expenditures. "It is time to me percent rule," says the Center for Strategic and Interna The former U.S. Ambassador to NATO, Ivo Daalder remarks in June, 2013, described the sentiment:

The gap between American and European contribution is widening to an unsustainable level. Something must be need to be reversed.

When military spending goes up, domestic spending winners are unlikely to be the people of Ukraine, but in of Lockheed-Martin, Northrop Grumman, Boeing interests. The Ukrainians didn't go to Independence & NATO. Yet NATO's benefit is clear. Less clear is whether receive key economic benefits they seek.

To wit, the preamble to the Agreement is hazy on their visa-free travel for citizens of Ukraine, a crucial incent workers seeking better jobs. The draft of the Agreement for the visa issue to be introduced "in due course." It als nations could block the movement of self-employed Un job markets.

For Greece, Spain and others, EU membership hasn't shining economic savior. The return of austerity policie Naomi Klein's warning about the perils of disaster ca instability opens the door for exploitation from outside For the protesters in Kiev, standing tall for democration

opportunity, there's suddenly a new worry: Disaster Mil may be pro-EU, but are the EU and NATO pro-Ukrain Dennis J. Kucinich is a former 16-year member two-time U.S. presidential candidate. He is on the Ro

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The American people refuse to accept the truth that the politicians in this country continue to protect its citizent deleterious effects of Obamacare while exempting

their own chosen friends from compelled participation "The peoples' government is made for the people. people, and answerable to the people." Yet, Politician vote themselves largesse from the coffers of the taxpe one stands on guard as recently proven in the seven

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"A word to the wise is sufficient," so in passing, a lend Ted Cruz and John Cornyn along with Represental may bring better results than a call to 1-800 MEDICAR

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in an 85-43 rout of Wylie Preparatory Academy. s (0-4) lost another close game Friday to Canyon chardson team led 15-10 before RCA's Rachel Rorie rs in a minute and 21 seconds for a 19-15 lead. The head to stay at 23-22 in the third quarter.

coach Rob Vaughn called "the game of her life," pointers and scored 34 of Rockwall Christian's 36 ed all 46 of the Lady Warriors' points in their first

The RCA boys and girls were scheduled to play The Fulton School Tuesday. Poetry Community Christian School canceled a girls' game scheduled for Monday. The Warriors have a home game scheduled Thursday against the Dallas Thunder, and will travel to Fort Worth Lake Country Christian School for the fourth annual Lake Country Classic Dec. 27 and 28.

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RCA - Ryan Gafford 20, Rodney Daniels 15, Jonathan Joseph 9, Evan Milwee 8, Jamison Lee 3.

## Williams leads Fulton past Lakewood

The Fulton School boys' basketball game evened its record at 1-1 Friday with a 68-37 victory at Dallas Lakewood Presbyterian School.

The Falcons led 18-7 after the first quarter, and outscored the home team in each quarter. Senior Branden Williams scored a game-high 26 points for Fulton. With senior Hayden Leverett in Houston to practice for the All-Star football game, Brian Geiger stepped into the lineup and scored a career-high 19 points.

An ice storm a week earlier disrupted the Falcons' schedule. Games for both the boys and girls against Wylie Preparatory Academy were canceled Friday, Dec. 6, and the boys' game scheduled for Dec. 10 against Denton Selwyn also was wiped out. The girls are 1-0 this season.

Fulton's boys and girls both were scheduled to play Rockwall Christian Academy Tuesday, Dec. 17. The boys are hosting Poetry Community Christian School Friday at 6 p.m. at Forney Sports Center, and are entered in the MCA Roundup at McKinney Christian Academy Dec. 26-28.

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Fulton - Brenden Williams 26, Brian Geiger 19, Todd Treadway 10, Ian Borgen 4, Max Mitchell 4, Sunny Patel 3, Tyler Treadway 2. Lakewood - N/A.

## tage Christian girls, boys win in busy schedule

E Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team

ree games. on their first game of the season Friday over Dallas

ne Fruitvale tournament. bened the week Tuesday, Dec. 10, with a 30-27 home hunder White. The visitors led 15-14 at halftime, but by outscoring the Thunder 10-3 in the third quarter. ale tournament, Heritage Christian lost Friday to the

is season Monday with an 86-17 loss at Campbell. dy Eagles head coach Van Minter said of the perennial

sity and Winnsboro, then came back to defeat A-Plus

1A public-school power. "We're a young team and we're still working on coming together as a team."

The Thunder White team also defeated the HCA boys Dec. 10, taking a 23-11 first-quarter lead on the way to a 66-39 victory. At Fruitvale, the Eagles led 20-8 after one quarter, but A-Plus struck back to within 2 points at halftime. Heritage Christian had a 22-17 second-half advantage to win 44-37.

Both HCA teams are scheduled to play at Greenville Phoenix Charter School Friday, with the girls tipping off at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30. The Eagles and Lady Eagles also would play in the MCA Roundup at McKinney Christian Academy Dec. 26-28.

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Thunder	23	17	12	14	66
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Heritage boys	20	2	12	10	44
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Thunder	7	8	3	9	27
Heritage girls	6	8	10	6	30



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t-pitch softball skills clinic scheduled

pitch Softball Skills Clinic, sponsored by the City of & Rec Department, will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. uttle Athletic Complex, 1550 Airport Rd. Participants mentals of softball with former USA Olympic and UT or Hoagland and RHHS softball players and coaches. ceive lunch and softballs autographed by Taylor. Each ball glove, softball bat and batting helmet. Cost will all residents and \$95 for non-residents. Registration e in the Feb. 25-26 clinic instructed by the RHHS s. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.

Rockwall Lady Jackets Sara Williamson (11) puts pressure on Lady Hawks Katie Webster (23) Friday December 13 in Rockwall. The Lady Jackets won 69-45. Ready to assist at left is Lady Jackets' Hannah

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