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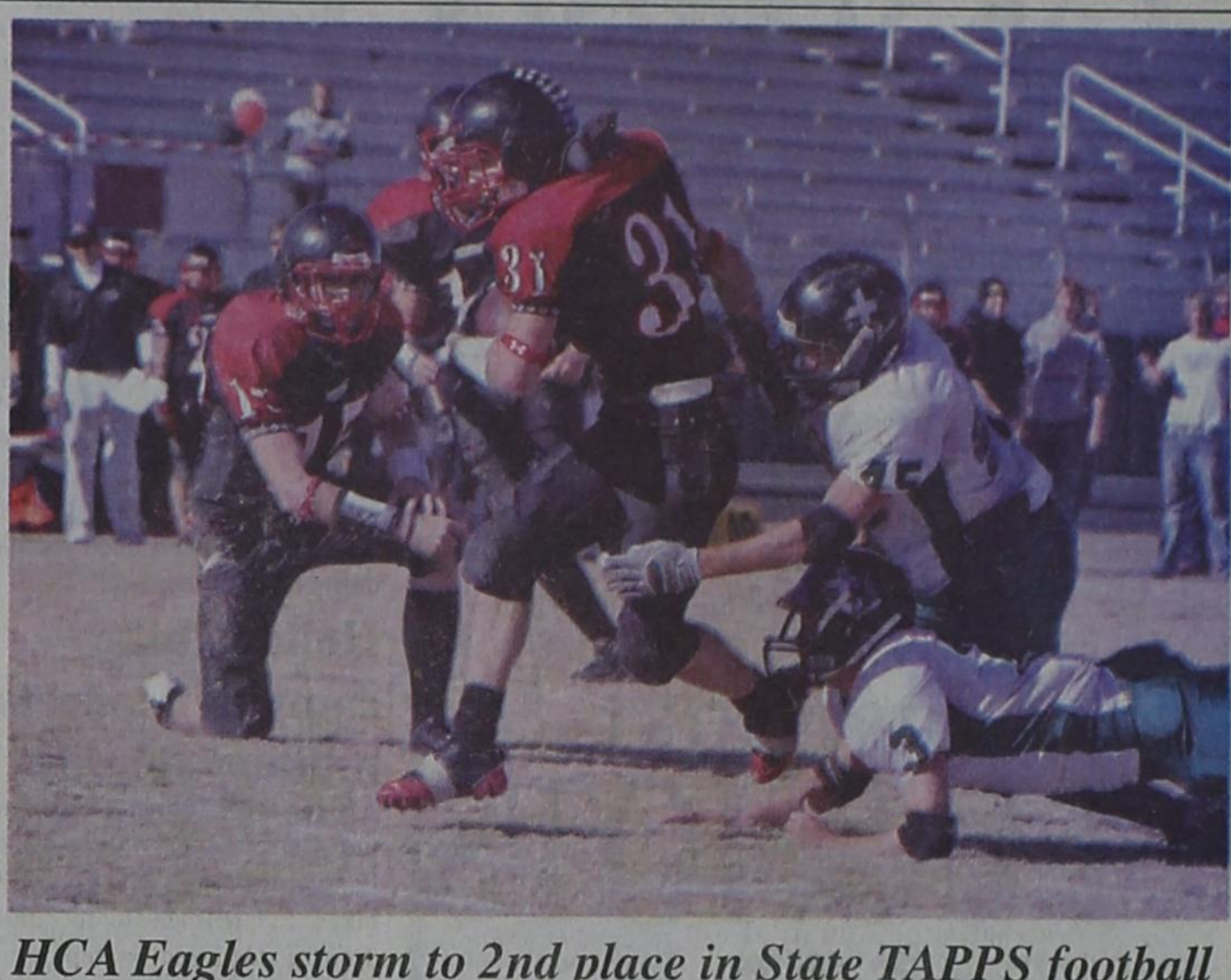
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Hawks finish strong season as Regional Champs

Rockwall-Heath Hawks defenders David James (77) and Zach Salinas (52) take down the Sulphur Springs quarterback during the State Quarterfinal game at Texas Stadium. Sulphur Springs edged the Hawks 52-47. (See details on Page 13.)
Staff photo by Carl McClung



HCA Eagles storm to 2nd place in State TAPPS football

Josh Points (31) of Heritage Christian Academy pushes by Greenville Christian School defenders during last Saturday's State Championship game in Moody, Texas. See related story on page 20.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

News Briefs

NAMI Support Groups to meet

Free NAMI Support Groups – one for those with mental illness (Room 205) and another for their families (Room 206) – will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, 1200 E. Jacket Lane. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-1111.

Lunchbox Series continues Monday

Lunchbox Series 2008, sponsored by the Rockwall Area Chamber and the City of Rockwall, will continue Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the City Council chambers. The human resources-focused program will include updates on state and local laws and good business practices. Catered lunch will be served. Register by Friday by calling the chamber at 972-771-1111.

Spring Fling in December

The City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will host its Spring Registration Fling from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Rockwall Center, 108 E. Washington St. The event is designed to give local residents the opportunity to learn about the department's programs and instructors for such programs as karate, yoga, children's activities and dancing classes. Class demonstrations will be offered beginning at 7:15 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Gift certificates also will be available. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Santa to make library appearances

Santa Claus will be at the Rockwall County Library at 11 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday to visit with children. Holiday gifts will be offered, and children can tackle craft projects.

CCOC membership luncheon is Tuesday

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will have a membership luncheon at noon Tuesday in the Melody Room, 305 N. St. The chamber will present a U.S. flag to the community. All guests will include members of the Royse City High School choir under the direction of Lee Hervey. The luncheon will be catered by Entrees Made Easy. Reservations must be made by Friday to 972-636-5000 (phone); 972-636-0051 (fax); or ccoc@roysecitychamber.com (e-mail).

RISD assisting hurricane-impacted school

Rockwall Independent School District will accept donations through Wednesday to help replace the Anahuac ISD's libraries damaged in September as a result of Hurricane Ike. Donations may be made at any RISD campus office. For information, call 972-771-0605.

ARC blood drive set Dec. 18

City of Heath will conduct an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Community Room at City Hall. Visit givelife.org and use sponsor code 'cityofheath' to make an appointment or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Library announces holiday closing dates

Rockwall County Library will be closed on Dec. 24-25 for Christmas and will re-open at 10 a.m. Dec. 26. The library will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's Day, with plans to be open Jan. 2-3.

Holiday garbage, recycling pick-ups scheduled

City of Rockwall has announced its upcoming holiday garbage and recycling pick-ups. According to the schedule, pick-ups normally scheduled for Dec. 25 will be made on the following day, Dec. 26. The regular Dec. 26 pick-ups will be made on Dec. 27.

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County Commissioners agree to 30 day burn ban

by Kathy Williams

A 30-day burn ban became effective Friday, Dec. 5 for unincorporated areas of Rockwall County, as commissioners convened a special meeting to hear comments on increased fire activity from area fire personnel. High winds and dryer than normal fall conditions have led to an increased number of grass fires over past years, according to Fire Marshall Wesley Roberts.

Roberts first asked for a ban at the Nov. 25 commissioners meeting, but the court voted against the request, asking Roberts to provide them with more data and information on the need for a ban. That same afternoon, a large grass fire burned nearly 200 acres near McLendon-Chisholm, having possibly been sparked by a welder's torch.

Roberts said there were 17 grass fires in the month of November. By December 3, fire personnel had already responded to two grass fires, and as Roberts was communicating with commissioners concerning another meeting, fire fighters were called to a third grass fire on December 4.

The Dec. 4 fire at the intersection of SH 548 and SH 205 in McLendon-Chisholm burned 10 acres and was caused by a power line blowing off an insulator, causing sparks that ignited the dry grass around the power pole. A storage building was damaged, with minor burns to an air conditioner and burns to the building. The fire also burned a tire on a trailer parked nearby.

The Fate and Royse City fire departments were called in to provide mutual aid in fighting the fire.

At the Dec. 5 meeting, commissioners again heard bad news concerning dry conditions and the increased possibility of damaging grass fires.

Commissioner Jerry Wimpee once again spoke out against the burn ban, as he did during the Nov. 25 meeting. He questioned whether the fires would still have occurred with a ban in place. Fire department representatives confirmed that if a burn ban had been in effect on

Nov. 25, outdoor welding would have been prohibited.

Despite the updated statistics and information provided on area conditions, Wimpee was the lone negative vote when commissioners passed the motion by a vote of 3-1 to approve the burn ban.

That afternoon, after the positive vote for the ban, yet another grass fire was reported, this time within the city limits of Rockwall. Fire fighters responded to a fire near the railroad tracks behind Heritage Christian Academy and The


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Becky Pearce of Heath delighted the crowd with a medley of Christmas songs, including Sing a Song of Christmas and Let the Earth Rejoice, at the City of Rockwall Tree Lighting Thursday, Dec. 4 at City Hall Plaza.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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County-wide 'Burn Ban'

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Commons Apartments. Four fire fighters were able to make short work of the blaze, with no damage or injuries reported.

The burn ban includes any activity that has an open flame, including, but not limited to, campfires, trash or brush burning, open bowl-style patio fire pits and outdoor welding or cutting that could produce sparks.

Roberts said if work must be done outside, he "would hope residents would take precautions if they are emitting sparks, by cutting the grass around the work area and having a water source or extinguisher within arms reach."

Roberts said the ban does not include patio chimineas, as the flame is enclosed. He said the ban does not include any activity that does not have an open flame.

The penalty for violating the burn ban can include a citation and fine up to \$500.

The commissioners will reassess the continued need for the burn ban in 30 days.

Holiday bike campaign targets military families

Bikes for Goodness Sake and the Texas Military Forces State Family Program will give 600 bikes and helmets to the children of deployed or deploying soldiers in the Dallas and Fort Worth areas, as well as in other Texas cities.

The mission of BFGS is to provide quality bikes to children in need for the purpose of promoting health and joy for all children in the way only a bicycle can. This year's focus is on donating bikes to children of deploying soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Each base in each city will get bikes and helmets for 50 children.

Each child, ages 3 to 12, will receive a new shop-quality bike, a custom-fitted helmet and a bike safety lesson.

BFGS has partnering bike shops in each city from whom they purchase the bicycles and helmets. These shops are also the distribution venue for the bikes. This year's distributions will be made on Dec. 20.

For a list of participating bike shops, more information or to make a donation visit Bikes4FGS.org or call 512-680-8659.



Rockwall firefighters maneuver through heavy brush Friday, Dec. 5 to reach a grass fire behind railroad tracks behind Heritage Christian Academy and the Rockwall Commons apartments. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Rockwall City Council considers sign issues, youth volunteer program

by Kathy Williams

The Monday, Dec. 1 meeting of the Rockwall City Council found members discussing several issues that, while requiring decisions to be made, collectively show that growth and development continue in Rockwall.

Roger Hamm of Speed Fabricrete in Fort Worth, offered a brief update on the Fire Station #3 and #4 construction projects. He said initial dirt work has begun and utilities are going in. Fencing has been put in place at Fire Station #3, which is adjacent to Springer Elementary School on South SH 205. Hamm said the fencing is necessary to place a safety barrier between the construction site and the school children.

Hamm said the preparation work is progressing on schedule and he will give updates to council members at their regularly scheduled meetings on the first Monday of each month.

Council members discussed a request by Genghis Grill, located on the north side of I-30 at Horizon Road, for an additional pole sign at the location. City ordinances allow for one pole sign up to 40 feet high and 200 square feet per freestanding building.

Council member David Sweet said that Genghis Grill is in a unique position, as it is the only business along the I-30 corridor that shares a building with another business, Starbucks. Starbucks currently has a 30-foot high, 80-square foot sign pole sign. Genghis Grill, under current regulations, would have to share the single pole for its sign, placing it under the Starbucks sign.

The issue at hand, however, is the visibility of the sign due to the downward slope of the land on which the businesses sit — I-30 and the Horizon Road overpass are on an upward slope, partially obscuring the buildings and visually lowering the pole signs almost to ground level, making them more difficult to notice by passing motorists.

Council member Margo Nielson expressed concern if the second pole sign was necessary. "I have tried twice to eat there (at Genghis Grill) and couldn't get in. It's not struggling. I would support the sign if it were struggling, but I question the urgency of the need for a separate sign."

Other council members agreed the slope of the land and poor sign visibility could cause motorists to pass up Rockwall restaurants. Council member Glen Farris motioned to table the topic to allow more time to study the issue. Council passed the motion 7-0.

Council member Matthew Scott introduced a proposal to create a Youth Animal Adoption Center Volunteer Program, de-

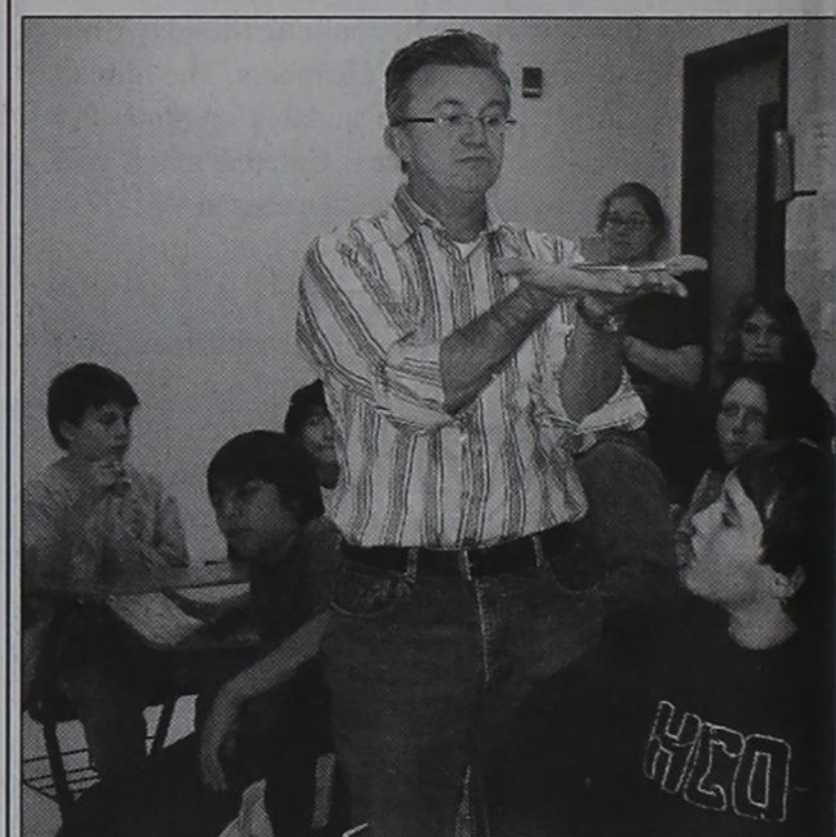
signed to encourage volunteerism in younger children. Scott said his own daughter loves animals and would like to volunteer at the shelter, but current rules state youth volunteers must be at least 16 years old. "If we wait until they are 16, we've waited too long. By then they have other interests," he said.

His proposal would allow children ages 10-15 to volunteer at the shelter as long as they are accompanied by a parent and have signed waivers. He said the younger volunteers would be allowed to do lower-risk chores around the shelter, such as walking the animals, changing food and water dishes which are on swivels and do not require animal contact to fill, and playing with ready-to-adopt animals,

again reducing the risk from less tolerant animals.

Scott said his research found many allow younger volunteers and could serve as a model for creating Rockwall's program. Council member Neilson, with her many years of volunteer supervision, said there are many issues when dealing with children, especially when they are involved in council and animal shelter work out an application to allow a satisfactory volunteer opportunity to be while ensuring their compliance with the rules.

In a vote of 7-0, council approved the motion to create the program.



Johnny Wells from Sulphur Springs (center) prepares for an Instant Challenge training session recently held at Roy Middle School. DI is a global organization that teaches students from kindergarten through college critical and creative thinking and problem solving skills. Wells, the Co-Regional Director of the East Region of Texas DI, was just one of many individuals who helped the 35 teams in attendance prepare for the upcoming Regional Competition at Poteet High School in Mesquite. Photo courtesy of Debbie Smith

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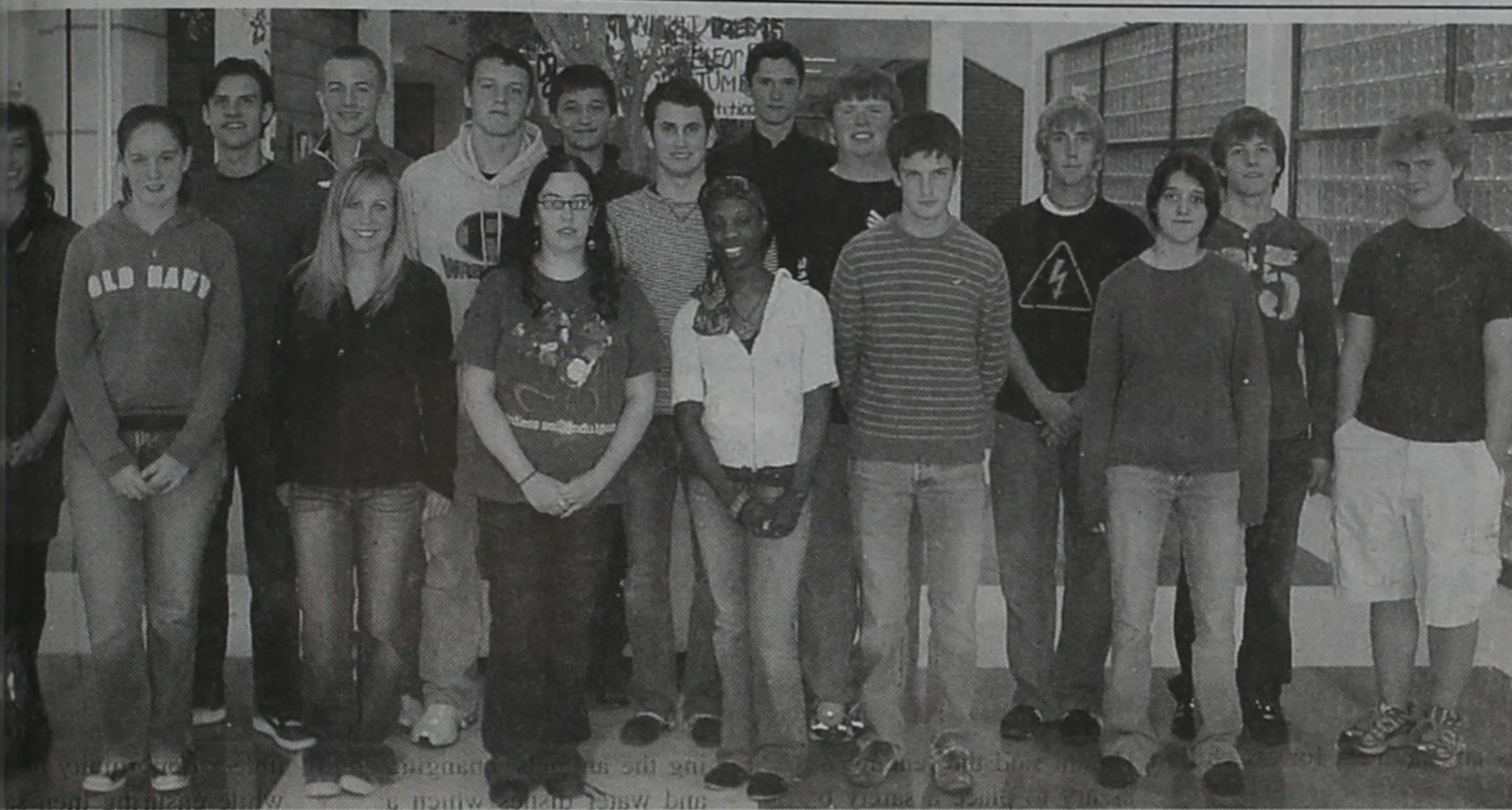
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Rockwall-Heath High School students named AP Scholars are (back row, left to right) Matthew Wilson, Will Fox, Jordan Hill, Rachel Bryant, D.J. Griffin, Lauren Peek, (front row) Emily Sears, Madeline Stone, Irma Fernandez, Sivoravong and Amanda White.
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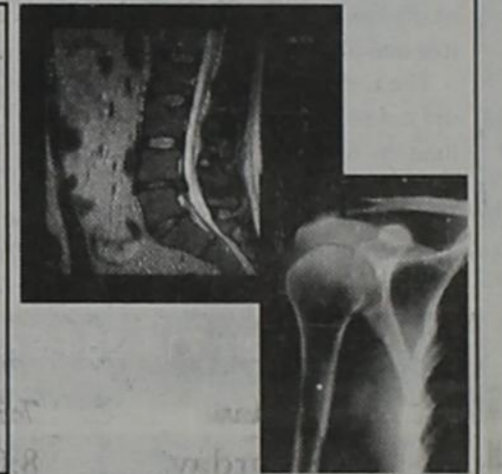


Rockwall High School students selected as AP Scholars are (left to right) Katherine Noel Crane, Allison Bowker, Trevor St. John Gilbert, Vukovic, Patricia Bittle, Russell Ramirez, Leslie Cotsakis, Miguel Chavira, Travis Kasinger, Terrilyn Bradley, Andrew Shell, Greg Pokomy, Michael McBee, Katherine Beckwith, Jonathan Holloway and Travis Kasinger. Not available for the photo were Jolease Darrington and Sarah Williams.
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RISD students Capped as AP Scholars

One high school student from the Rockwall Independent School District earned an Honor Award in recognition of exceptional achievement on AP exams, according to a news release.

The College Board's Advancement Program (AP) provides students an opportunity to take college-level courses in high school. These students earn college credits and advanced placement. The board recognizes several of achievement based on AP performance on AP

AP Scholars earn an average grade of 4 or higher on a scale of 1-5 on all AP Exams. Students with grades of 4 or higher on more than one exam with Distinction earn an average grade of 3.5 or higher on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on five or more exams. Scholars with an average grade of 4 or higher on all AP Exams and grades of 3 or higher on more than one exam complete three or more AP Exams with grades of 4 or higher.

Students included: Elizabeth Fudge and Haisten earned this honor. AP Scholars with Distinction winners - Brandi Brandt, Bryson, Brooke Buchanan, Jeremiah Haisten, Jeremiah Hopper, Andrew Mitchell, Monte Grace Philip, Jessica Stephanie Smetana and

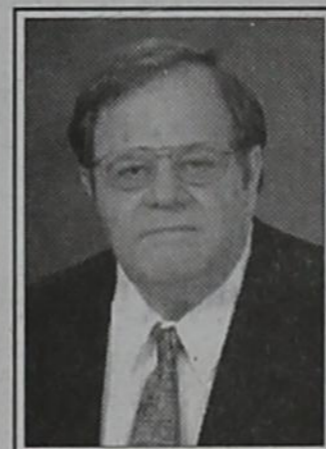
Mark Thurston.

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- Rockwall-Heath High
- Scholars with Honor Award Winners - Irma Fernandez, Jordan Hill, Madeline Stone and Amanda White.
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Internet Mortgages Deception.com?

An increasing number of seemingly astute borrowers are using the Internet to shop for the best mortgage rates. Unfortunately, it is easy to forget that the rates reflected on the "rate monitor" web sites are advertisements, specifically designed to generate leads for the companies who pay fortunes to have their rates listed. The other day, while the most competitive local mortgage companies were quoting 30 year fixed rates at around 6.00% with no points, I received a call from a valued client who had just come to us for financing for the third time. Although she had always been a very loyal client she expressed some concern that the "zero point" rates she found on the Internet went as low as 5.625%.

"What's the deal, Danny? After all these years, and all the customers I've referred to you, why are you trying to rip me off? Everyone has heard the old adage about things that "sound too good to be true" and Internet mortgage rates are no exception. Upon hearing the doubts created by the Internet mortgage advertisements I felt compelled to research the credibility of the rates quoted. I logged onto a mortgage rate monitor website and found a rate of 5.625% and zero points listed by a number of Internet mortgage factories on May 17th. I then proceeded to each lender's individual website as if I was going to apply for a mortgage and acquired quotes for rates and closing costs. I fell out of my lending tree and almost broke my ditech!

The rates were a half to a full percent higher than advertised, the zero points did not pertain to the excessive "lender fees" and there were more disclaimers than the fine print on a new prescription drug advertisement. So why are these companies flooded with business? Why are people willing to pay more and trade in personal service for technology? Would we rather deal with a dropdown click than an uplifting sit with a professional who can help us make the best choices. How did something called a mouse come to wield so much power?

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Cold weather greeted runners in this year's Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School Turkey Trot. Approximately 740 students participated in the annual one-mile run, which is for fun and fitness. Fourth grade students Nicholas Farrington, Asher Cannon and Connor are shown giving their best effort despite the blustery fall morning.
 Photo courtesy of Mary Thacker



Staff Photo by Roy Heath

Rockwall Kiwanis Christmas Parade ushers in Christmas season

The 39th Annual Rockwall Kiwanis Christmas Parade thrilled children and adults downtown last Saturday. The highlight of the parade was the appearance of Santa Claus, marking the official beginning of the Christmas season. At total of 95 dignitaries and parade participants made up this year's parade roster.

Rockwall resident Ronnie Wylie played the part of Santa Claus for the third year.

Awards were presented in five categories with judging by Kiwanis member David Couch, Rockwall City Council member Glen Farris and County Commissioner Laurie Grinnan.

Winners named for the awards were Home Depot, Commercial Entry; Dakota Adventure Princesses, Best Theme; "Sparkles,"

Small Fry (children Rockwall, Mayor's "Crock Hunters," C shall's Award.

News Brief

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be made on Dec. 27. The same type of schedule will be over the New Year's Day holiday.

Tutor training planned at library

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Adult Literacy/ESL Training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 24 at the County Library. Neither teaching experience nor the ability to speak Spanish is necessary. Anyone interested in participating should contact Gloria at 972-204-7705.

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Bill R. Cameron

Bill R. Cameron died December 6, 2008, at his home in Rockwall, TX, at the age of 82. He was born May 3, 1926, in Commerce, TX, to Noah and Kate (Brooks) Cameron. Bill served his country in the Navy during WWII. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce and began his career teaching in Edinburg ISD, later serving as Rockwall Elementary School Principal. He worked for Kraft Foods in Garland, TX before returning to Rockwall to spend the next 44 years. Bill was very active in Lake Pointe Church, The Gideons International, Men's Tuesday Morning Prayer Group and was a stalwart resident of the community. Bill and Ida Jo started business in Rockwall in 1964 opening Cameron Insurance and Real Estate. They were later joined in business by his brother Raymond Cameron to form The Cameron Company, Real Estate and Development. Bill and Raymond are responsible for numerous developments in the Rockwall area including Ridge Road Shopping Center, The Cameron Building and numerous residential developments.



Bill is survived by his wife: Ida Jo Cameron; son: Don Cameron and wife Becky; daughter: Suzanne Mosley and husband Dan; brother: Raymond Cameron and wife Elizabeth, June Cameron and former daughter-in-law, Michele Musser; grandchildren: Rob, Jacob, Jennifer, Chris, Jenni, Katie, Emily and Taylor; great-grandchildren: Hannah, Zebulun, Sarah, Elianna, A.J., Max, Maddie, Cody, Liberty and MacKelvey. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Rex, brother James, nephew Ronny and grandson Kirk.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at Lake Point Church with Dr. Aubrey Patterson and Pastor Steve Stroope officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Robert Charles Dilbeck

Graveside services for Robert Charles Dilbeck, 71, of Farmersville, formerly of Quinlan, were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 3.

Born Aug. 17, 1937, in Munson to Raymond Charles and Eula Fey (Pugh) Dilbeck, he served in the U.S. Air Force and was a plumber.

Survivors include his wife, Patty Dilbeck of Farmersville; his daughters, Stacy De La Garza and her husband, Ron, of Mesquite and Olga Pope and her husband, Chris, of Princeton; his stepsons, Brian Gooch of San Antonio and Mike Gooch of Florida; his sisters, Kathy Hamilton and her husband, James, of Dallas and Linda Jean Headricks of Dallas; his brother, Preston Earl Mixon of Dallas; and his grandchildren, Alex and Joseph De La Garza and Christian Gooch.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Ann Porter.

Faye K. Greenhaw

Services for Faye K. Greenhaw, 64, a longtime resident of Wylie, were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Les Joslin officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Dec. 4.

Born Feb. 24, 1944, in Bryans Mill to Charley and Helen (Payne) Kelley, she was an executive in the hotel housekeeping industry.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Greenhaw of Wylie; her daughter, Tersia Marie Kelley of Wylie; her granddaughter, Ashlee Kelley of Wylie; and an aunt.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Nehi Kelley.

Robert Dain Payton

Services for Robert Dain Payton Jr., 57, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Dec. 4.

Born April 4, 1951, in Tulsa, Okla., to Robert Dain Sr. and Mary (Summerville) Payton, he served in the U.S. Army and was a self-employed consultant.

Survivors include his sons, Robert Dain Payton III and his wife, Amy, of Garland and Joshua

Dain Payton of Rowlett; his daughters, Paige Kelli Buffington and her husband, Michael, of Heath and Samantha Payton of New York, N.Y.; his grandchildren, Emma Rose and Connor Vance Payton and Braeden, Gage and Drake Buffington; and his brother, Dan Ballenger of Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Antone Calley Ruiz

Funeral Mass for Antone Calley Ruiz, 86, of Rockwall was conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 4, 2008, in St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Madera, Calif. Burial followed in the Calvary Cemetery in Madera under the direction of the Smith Manor Grace Chapel.

He died Nov. 27.

Born Oct. 28, 1922, in Omoa Koloa, Kauai, to Lorenzo and Felicitas (Calley) Ruiz, he was a former Madera resident and a member of St. Joachim's Catholic Church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, earning the Victory Medal. He was a member of Local 3 of the Union of Operating Engineers and enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and tractor work.

Survivors include his son, Damon Ruiz and wife, Mary, of Rockwall; one daughter, Adele Ruiz of Madera; a sister, Ida Silva of Sacramento, Calif.; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Paula (Baranca) Ruiz; one daughter, Cynthia Ruiz; his parents; a brother, Emilio Ruiz; and a sister, Aminia Santiago.

Linda Brown Seitz

Services for Linda Brown Seitz, 64, of Rowlett were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, in the Bailey-Ware Funeral Home Chapel in McLean. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery.

She died Nov. 30.

Born Feb. 26, 1944, in Pampa to Herman Maurice and Dorothy Norene (Nichols) Brown, she graduated from Pampa High School in 1962 and married Tommie Seitz in 1966. They lived in Amarillo until 1985 when they moved to Englewood, Colo. They relocated to Rockwall in 1989. She enjoyed working in her yard, oil painting, snow skiing and caring for her dog and best friend, Mika. A Baptist, she was employed as an office manager at IDG in Dallas and formerly served as an airline flight attendant.

Survivors include her mother, Dorothy Brown of Rowlett and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; one son, Bryan; and a brother, Herman Maurice Brown Jr.

Grace Lue Ruth Welborn

Grace Lue Ruth Welborn, age 76 of Rockwall, TX, died December 4, 2008. She was born August 21, 1932, in Dallas, TX, to Joseph Harvey & Katie Mae (Grayson) Stephens. Mrs. Welborn was the owner/operator of a childcare business.

She is survived by her husband: W.L. Welborn of Rockwall, TX; sons: Steve Welborn & wife Judy of Kemp, TX, and Randy Welborn & wife Megan of Rowlett, TX; daughter: Mary Boyd & husband Mike of Waxahachie, TX; grandchildren: Jame, Shawn & wife Kimberly, Shane & girlfriend Nancy, Summer & husband Mikey, Kyle & wife Kim, Coby & girlfriend Esther, Taylor, Taff & girlfriend Jessica, Crue, Mattie, Donald and Anna; great-grandchildren: Christina, Tyler, Bryce, Carter, Dakota and Mason; nieces: Charlene and Paulette; nephew: Paul Daniel; and sister-in-law: Linda Goodman of Dallas, TX. Mrs. Welborn was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings: Joe, David, Elizabeth and Martha Lee.

Graveside services were held 2:00pm, Sunday, December 7, 2008, at Rest Haven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Sunday afternoon at the funeral home from 12:00 to 2:00pm.



Letters to the Editor

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Thank you to fans from Rockwall High, who came out in the playoffs. We were honored to have your support.

Thank you to our parents, booster club and so many who made so much happen.

Personally, my family thanks our church and community who have made our transition to Rockwall-Heath so easy.

Thank you to Dr. Burton, Mark Elam and Tom Maglisco leadership you provide.

We are proud of the success we had this year. I am proud of our players. With this success so early in our school's look forward to many years of football playoffs. I believe in Hawks!

Mickey Moss

Seeking input on legislation

The Government Affairs Committee of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce is preparing its position statement on key items to present to our legislators this session and is a request from the committee regarding the "Measure" and the affect it has had, if any, on your businesses. If you have an opinion please reply back to me and I will compile a summary for their review.

The following is a brief summary of the tax: The new "Tax" required all businesses except sole proprietorships to return this year (2007). Businesses were exempted from tax if their gross receipts were less than \$300,000 a year or tax due was less than \$1,000.

Please let us know how the tax law change affected you if any and share any opinions you may have regarding the change. Margie Hooper, President
Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce

'Christmas For Belize' fundraiser seeks soccer gear for children

Carrie Rich, a sophomore at Rockwall High School, is on her school's volleyball team, but this Christmas she is on a mission to become an ambassador for soccer. Rich has started a team called "Christmas For Belize," to collect used soccer gear to young people in the Central American country.

Decorated collection boxes have been placed in Rockwall, Reinhardt, Grace Hartman, Dobbs and Nebbie Williams Schools and at Lake Pointe Church and Eastridge Church. Donors can drop off outgrown or gently used soccer gear including jerseys and shorts, used shin guards, socks, cleats until Thursday, Dec. 18.

The idea for the project came to Rich after she visited a mission trip with her church, Eastridge Church of Christ, years ago. She said the children there loved to play soccer but they didn't have proper equipment. She observed, "I saw kids play soccer barefoot with balls made of tape and newspaper. Seeing me think of how blessed we are."

"Many families have gear that their kids have outgrown but they've played on in the past. I thought it would be nice if I could collect that clothing and equipment and send it to families in those villages."

Eastridge Church of Christ sponsors a church in the town of approximately 10 miles north of the new capital city of Belize. Carrie's dad, Jeff Rich, said the church is on a secluded hillside surrounded by sugar cane fields. He said a new church building was built for church each Sunday, but some worshippers still come on foot, travelling across rivers, over hills and covering miles to attend church.

Carrie said she and her father were talking some time ago on a mission trip and they talked about the children they saw playing in their bare feet. She said, "A lot of them live in shacks."

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Mary's meek response ... Luke 1:36-37

Continuing with the conception and birth of Jesus Christ, we read Luke 1:36-38. God's messenger, Gabriel came to Mary and delivered the message that she would conceive and give birth to a son. She asked how this would happen considering she had never been with a man yet.

When explaining it to her in more detail he gave more information in Luke 1:36, "And behold thy cousin Elizabeth has also conceived." The word "conceive" is the same word used in verse 31, which is significant because both John and Jesus Christ began to be born in their mothers' wombs after conception.

The only difference was that because God was not a man, He did not need a seed by way of a miracle. It should be noted that in both the father was distinctly independent of the son. Jesus Christ is still God's son. There's no two ways about it.

When we move on to verse 37 where Gabriel made the following declaration, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." As important as these words stand, they have led to great confusion. Imagine the stumbling block a young believer faces after reading Hebrews 11:3, "in which it is impossible for God to lie."

What is the apparent contradiction? In Luke 1:37, the word "nothing" is a bad translation of an earlier known Greek word that meant "void." The word "impossible" came from another word that meant "void of power." When we insert the more accurate translation as follows, "For with God, no word shall be void of power."

God exhorted her to have confidence and trust in God's word. His word is never void of power. What a tremendous truth

for all God's people to learn from.

Finally we come to Mary's humble and meek response, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word." When God gave His word, she had the meekness to believe it and the humility to receive it.

It would have been at that time that Jesus Christ was conceived in her womb. Notice how she already had the humble heart to receive. This says a great deal about her parents. Jesus Christ also learned obedience from his mom and stepfather. We can see this in Matthew 26:39 where he meekly said, "...not as I will, but as you will." God chose only the best to rear His son.

Christmas for Belize ...

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... floors and they don't even have shoes." The idea to collect soccer equipment flourished from that conversation. "My brother plays soccer and has lots of jerseys, and I play volleyball and have a lot of old jerseys, too."

She said it has taken some time to put the project together. "I'm in A.P. (Advanced Placement) classes and I play volleyball, so it's taken a while."

The Rich's will fly to Belize on Tuesday, Dec. 30 with the equipment. They are working with the church there to distribute the gear, but the children do not know it is coming. Mr. Rich said that church has seen a lot of growth lately, with more families joining the congregation. He would like to see those children benefit from the project as well as the children in the surrounding villages.

Carrie said the church is across the street from the town soccer field. "We hope to see lots of YMCA, league shirts and church team jerseys on our next visit," Jeff said. "That will help advertise Rockwall's good will."



Carrie Rich prepares for trip to Belize
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Toys may be donated, but cash contributions also will be accepted. There also will be an Angel Tree decorated with ornaments listing Roysse City families who will receive the toys.

The toy drop-off locations include Texas Leadership Bank, American National Bank, The Roysse City Police Department, Roysse City City Hall, The First United Methodist Church, Trinity Baptist Church, Careers and Dental Assisting, Roysse City ISD (including Anita Scott Elementary, Roysse City High School, Roysse City Middle School, Browning Elementary, Fort Elementary and Davis Elementary).

Nomination forms may be obtained at any toy drop-off location and should be completed and turned into the Roysse City Police Department no later than Monday.

The police department personnel and volunteers will deliver all donated toys on Dec. 20.

Saturday park events to fund scholarship

A Saturday fundraising at Harry Myers Park is designed to help raise money for the Blane Thompson Scholarship Fund.

A 5k and 1-mile fun run through the park will begin at 9 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first- third place women and men running in the

5k, and all race participants will have a chance to win gift certificates from local restaurants.

Food for the runners will be provided by Eddie Deen's Catering, and drinks will be provided by Joe Willy's.

Immediately following the race, there will be face paintings and a bounce house, a live band, booths from area vendors and a silent auction. Items to be auctioned off include autographed Hannah Montana and Oliver dolls and board games from Disney Channel's popular "Hannah Montana" show; movie and video game gift baskets; his and her Calvin Klein; and his and her Vera Wang gift baskets; Baccarat crystal jewelry from Nasr's; and handmade jewelry and a quilt from local artisans.

Also being auctioned off on eBay are four tickets to a live taping of the "Hannah Montana" show. Tickets include pizza before the show and a meet-and-greet with the cast afterwards. This auction item will close on Dec. 14.

All of the proceeds from the fun run and the auction items will go to the scholarship fund.

In March of 2003, during a family skiing trip, Thompson suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of a skiing accident. This year he would have been a senior at Rockwall High School, and his family wants his legacy to live on by awarding a scholarship in his name.

For more information, visit run4blane.org.

City of Rockwall holiday events

The City of Rockwall has coordinated a series of event to help local residents ring in the holiday season.

Santa's Workshop will run from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 13 at The Center, providing youths ages 5 to 10 the opportunity to create goodies that can trim the tree, decorate the home or be added to their jewelry wardrobe. Crafts will range from jingle bell bracelets and Rudolph necklaces to Christmas tree magnets. Cost will be \$20.

On Dec. 18, Lunch with Santa will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rockwall Independent School District Education Center Gym. Children will receive candy canes and have their photos made with St. Nick. Cost will be \$10.

The annual 55 & Better Christmas Lunch will take place Dec. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Center. Participants are asked to bring a potluck dish to share; turkey, ham, brisket and dressing will be provided. The event is free, and the luncheon is sponsored by Bankers Life and Casualty.

For more information, call 972-771-7740.

RHS Choir plans concert December 15, 16

The Rockwall High School Choir will present an opera in one-act, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian-Carlo Menotti, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15-16 in the RHS cafeteria annex.

The entire choir will be featured in the performance, and several of the group's top performers will be showcased in lead roles.

Singing the role of the mother is Mary Bander, a senior selected in June as an Outstanding Soloist at the State UIL Competition in Austin. Singing in the roles of the three kings are Cole Ragsdale, Jason Bias and Scott Shelley. The page will be played by Travis Griswold, and Derek Wetzel and/or Ryan Nguyen, seventh grade students and members of the Williams Middle School Tenor-Bass Choir, will be featured as Amahl.

Featured dancers will be Vicki Hill, Tracie Shippy, Tracey Zurbrick and Nicki Dearick.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the school at 972-771-7339.

Rest Haven 'Tree' event under way

The Rest Haven Funeral Home "Tree of Remembrance" observance will be under way through Dec. 22.

The observance, which offers families a way to recognize personal loss and pay tribute to loved ones, allows area families to stop by one of the Rest Haven locations, personalize a tree ornament and place it on the "Tree of Remembrance" in the foyer of each facility.

Ornaments will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Rockwall and Rowlett locations and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Roysse City Chapel.

Attendance will be free and open to the public. Families are welcome.

For more information call 972-771-8641.

Entertainment Brief

Saturday is Santa's Workshop

Holiday crafts perfect for trimming the tree, decorating or adding to the jewelry wardrobe will be created by youth through 10 at Santa's Workshop. The event will run from noon Saturday at The Center. Crafts will include jingle bell Rudolph necklaces, Christmas tree magnets and more. Cost: \$20.

RC plans Saturday Texas Country Christmas

The Roysse City Chamber's Texas Country Christmas Saturday at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Activities include jingle bell judging is set for 3 p.m. Other activities include a biking contest; story time with Mrs. Claus; a parade; the Christmas lighting; and Santa's arrival. Visit royssecitychamber.com for information.

Community Band plans Saturday concert

The Rockwall Community Band will conduct its 6th Christmas Concert, under the direction of Mike McGill at Phelps, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 in the Rockwall High School gymnasium. Admission will be free. For more information, visit wallcommunityband.org.

RHS Choir plans Monday, Tuesday concert

The Rockwall High School Choir will present "Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera in one-act by Gian-Carlo Menotti at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday in the RHS cafeteria annex. Tickets are now on sale.

RCHS Christmas Concert set Monday

The Roysse City High School Concert Band will present a Christmas Concert in the new high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15.

Lunch with Santa on Dec. 18

Lunch with Santa will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. A photo with St. Nick will be included in the \$10 cost. For more details visit rockwallisd.org or call 972-771-7740.

55 & Better Christmas Lunch planned

The annual 55 & Better Christmas Lunch is set for Dec. 19 at The Center. Participants should bring a potluck to share; turkey, ham, brisket and dressing will be provided. The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event, sponsored by Bankers Life and Casualty, will be free. For more information, call 972-771-7740.

Christmas dinner, play set at FUMC Heath

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host a Christmas dinner and play, "Christmas Even on WUMC," beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the church. Tickets are now on sale.

'Imagine' exhibit at Hilton Bella Harbor

"Imagine... It's Easy If You Try" is an exhibit at the Hilton Bella Harbor Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibit, organized by the Rockwall Artists and the gallery, includes 44 works by local artists. Open to the public and free of charge, the exhibit will run through Jan. 10.

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ACROSS

- Lady Bird's real initials
- woodwind in the Houston Symphony
- catcher's glove
- TXism: "got of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- Tom Landry was an All-Pro cornerback for this team
- TX judge Crier's first TV network
- Coke Co. reservoir
- TXism: "got his spurs tangled" (fell)
- Rock Hudson's character in "Giant"
- TXism: "busier than ___ in a boom town"
- Dale Evans' town
- TXism: "his pall bearers the slip" (recovered)
- TXism: "nip ___ the bud"
- dir. to Houston from Zapata
- Paris, TX has Chili du ___ Cookoff
- TXism: "a sight for ___ eyes"
- Cowboys' announcer Sham Buchanan
- TXism: "has to ___ a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- San Antonio AM 39 TXism: "couldn't ___ less"
- TXism: "useless ___ a sow"

DOWN

- Quanah's tribe
- home of ACU
- TX Kenny sang "Don't Take Your Love ___"
- pier into the Gulf
- TX Duvall's Oyl
- Waco's "The Great TX Raft ___"
- Bobby of film "State Fair" made in Dallas
- actor Jack of "The Texas Wheelers"
- pig sound
- Valley veggie
- Denton's famous outlaw Bass (init.)
- TXism: "in a heap (big problems)"
- students learning gauge
- TX Swayze fights ___
- political party of troops in "Red Dawn" ('84)
- King Ranch manager Kleburg
- in Brewster Co.:
- Egg Mountain head of JFK Warren Commission (init.)
- explosive letters
- "worst case ___"
- ATF lost ___ of surprise in '93 cult raid near Waco
- TXism: "nail his hide to the ___"
- ___ and downs"
- 1st female in TX legislature ('22)
- Rice won this College Bowl in '66
- Quanah Parker's medicine man
- cotton pest
- TXism: "never sign anything by the glow of a ___ light"
- Hill Country Natural ___
- TXism: "worth his weight in oil ___"
- in Bowie Co. on 82
- TX Waylon's ___
- Hearted Woman"
- OPEC oiler
- Austin potted meat festival: "___-cram bug's ear"
- a critique of TX authors (2 wds.)
- A&M All-American Lewis ('90)
- a flag over Texas
- TXism: "___ well once too often"
- Yvonne de ___ starred in film about 46-across
- "___ little joke"
- ___ on" (apply it)
- TXism: "___ as a bug's ear"
- essential ingredient in TX chili

First United Methodist Church Heath details holiday plans

The First United Methodist Church of Heath is organizing a wide variety of holiday-related activities.

An overview of other activities includes:

- Dec. 14 - Chancel Choir Cantata, "Go Tell It," at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Dec. 19 - Christmas dinner and play, "Christmas Eve on WUMC," 6:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Sunday (Nov. 30)
- Dec. 24 - "Home for Christmas" candlelight services, 5 p.m. (geared toward children), 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Full candlelight services with Communion at both.
- Dec. 28 - "Blessing of the Toys," 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services.

Everyone is welcome to participate in these activities, according to church officials.

For additional information, contact the FUMC at 972-771-6732 or visit the church Web site at fumcheath.org.

Rockwall County Religious Life

'Tonight, Heaven Touches Earth'

The First Baptist Church of Heath's Sanctuary Choir will present a holiday music program "Tonight, Heaven Touches Earth" at 6 p.m. on Sunday and their special Christmas Eve service on Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 224 Smirl Drive. The church phone is 972-771-8275.

Celebrate with 'The Splendor of Christmas'

The First Baptist Church's Worship Choir will celebrate with a musical production by the choir and cast on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center. Preschool care provided in the Building.

Special service to remember loved one

Lake Pointe Church will have its annual Service of Remembrance Monday at 7 p.m. This service reflects and remembers the lives of those no longer with us -- with music, testimonies and a message. The service concludes with a candle being lit by a family member as the name of the loved one is read. The service will be in the Student Center and all are welcome. Lake Pointe is located at I-30 in Rockwall.

First Christian sends living Christmas card

The story of the birth of Jesus Christ, presented with action costumes and music, has become an annual tradition at First Christian Church Rockwall. This is their "living Christmas card to the community." It will take about 20 minutes to drive in, park and watch. This free event is a perfect addition to an evening of Christmas lights. The Living Nativity will be presented on Dec. 20-30 minutes, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. First Christian is located at 3375 Ridge Road, 1.4 miles south of I-30. Enter the street just south of the building. Call the church for more information at 972-771-5526.

Joy Lutheran has Christmas celebrations

The public is invited to a free Christmas music concert at Joy Lutheran Church of Rockwall beginning at 7 p.m. on Sunday. The double Trombone Sinfonium, will perform more than a dozen favorites, led by Aubrey Williams, middle school band director at Greenville Independent School District.

Selections will include "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Adoramus Te, Christi," "Joy to the World," "A Spiritual Christmas," "What Child is This," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Manger," "Down by the Riverside," "The First Noel," "Ukrainian Christmas," "Variations on Jingle Bells," "Deeper into the Christmas," "Silent Night" and "Hallelujah Chorus."

The group has performed for 10 years, and membership includes anyone, adult or student, who plays trombone, euphonium or tuba. "We perform three concerts each season—one in the winter, one in the spring and a final one comprised mostly of jazz, rock and roll," Williams said. Anyone interested in joining the group can contact Williams at 903-454-8343.

Members of the group are Nikki Burt, Preston Hill, Rodney Johnson, Werner Kuhlman and Mark Wright playing euphonium; Rommel Cordova, Chester Jenkins and Jess Lotz playing tuba; and Robb Horn on percussion.

"We are delighted to host this concert," said Joy Lutheran president David Eliason. "We greatly appreciate the time and talent of the all-volunteer Trombone Sinfonium and hope to entertain people of all ages. The people of Joy have a strong tradition of community service, and this free concert is one of our ways to give back to our neighbors."

In addition to the Sunday concert the people of Joy invite the public to view a live nativity on Dec. 19 from 5:50 p.m. until 7 p.m. on the lawn of the church. Joy Lutheran is located at 302 N. Goetz, one block north of the Rockwall County Courthouse.

The public also is invited to Joy's children's program at 7 p.m. on Dec. 21 and its Christmas Eve Candlelight Service scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 24.

On Sundays, education classes for all ages begin at 9:15 a.m. with communion at 10:30 a.m. For children four and under with an attendant is available from 9 a.m. until noon.

Heath DPS
Dec. 1-7

- Dec. 1 -- Theft, Heath Crossing; theft, 400 block Wyndemere Boulevard
- Dec. 3 -- 100 block Larry Drive; theft, Sandra Lane
- Dec. 5 -- Theft, 6600 block Horizon Road; theft, Tennis Village Drive
- Dec. 6 -- Burglary, 1600 block Mariah Bay Circle
- Other Service Calls: Animal complaint 1, burg/fire alarm 22, criminal assault/rape 1, drunk/DWI 2, fire call 2, injured/sick person 2, investigation 5, meet complainant 2, minor traffic accident 1, motor/citizen assist 2, reckless driver/DWI 3, suspicious person 5, traffic complaint 1, welfare concern 1

Rockwall County Yesteryears

Compiled by Judy Schneider
From The Archives of the Rockwall County Library

10 Years Ago December 8, 1998

Fulton from Rockwall was a member of the Richardson Rich-Tone Chorus, which won its third consecutive title as Best Barbershop Chorus in the world. Fulton graduated from all High School in 1997; she had been a member of the chorus 10 years and sang as a tenor.

and Sherry Sparks from Rockwall gave birth to a baby boy, on Rae at Lake Pointe Medical Center. Greyson weighed 7 1/2, 5 ounces. He came home to big sister Hunter. Grandparents and Frances Sparks and Charles and Pat Caudle.

20 Years Ago December 13, 1988

Edith and Edith Dawson of Rockwall celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. Lonnie and Edith were married in Garland on December 13, 1938. The Dawson's had one daughter, Nada Angel, and a son, Danny Angel.

people in Rockwall County expressed their holiday wishes, including Barbara Sinclair, "Peace and unity and prosperity and the hope to appreciate peace and prosperity and how to use all three"; Beaty, "I wish all the people a safe and crime free Christmas"; and Sen, "I would wish that everyone would have the opportunity to time with their family."

30 Years Ago December 8, 1978

Bennett, the daughter of Don and Linda Bennett, won the Spotlight of the Week. She had been in drill team for three years and was also crowned Homecoming Princess and was active in the Rockwall Christian Athletes. She loved to snow ski and swim.

Rockwall Christmas Parade was declared the most colorful and the history of Rockwall. There were 40 parade entrants, with participants from area businesses, civic and social organizations, individuals and churches. The parade was sponsored by the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce. Clifford Mills was Santa Claus and the Chamber float.

40 Years Ago December 13, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Springer arrived in Rockwall after being stationed in Germany for the past two and half years.

Rockwall Yellowjacket football players were named as 12-District Players. The list included John Buchanan, HB Offense; Mitchell, Linebacker Defense; Barry McGuffie, Rover Linebacker Defense; Larry King, Tackle, Honorable Mention and Tommy Belew, Honorable Mention.

50 Years Ago December 12, 1958

Henry Zollner of Rockwall was one of sixteen Trinity University students chosen for "Who's Who among American Colleges and Universities." Selections were made from Hilltop Campus in San Antonio.

Klutts had a tonsillectomy at Medical Arts Hospital in Dallas. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Klutts of Rockwall. She returned and recovered very nicely.

60 Years Ago December 10, 1948

Rockwall Yellowjackets football banquet was held in the basement of the Baptist Church. They had a wonderful dinner prepared by the school Homemaking Department, which included tomato juice, pork, cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls and cake. The girls serving for the banquet included Betty Parks, Rose Jones, Mary Beth Preston, Billie Gean Gilbert, Carolyn Payne, and Gray, Georgia Middleton and Peggy Trent.

Burton Tire Company of Rockwall had a Christmas Special including Toy Automobiles for \$.45, Scooters for \$.79, Skates for Children Story Books for \$.09, Schwinn Bicycles for \$38.95 and Radio Radios for \$79.95.

Lake Pointe Medical Center earns honors

Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlett recently was recognized for excellence under the J.D. Power and Associates Distinguished Award Program.

Achieving certification, Lake Pointe Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to service excellence," said Kevin Lieb, senior vice president of provider programs at J.D. Power and Associates, in a news release issued this week. "Only 20 percent of the hospitals in the nation are qualified to achieve this distinction, which places this hospital among the elite group."

The service excellence distinction was determined by surveying recently discharged patients from Lake Pointe Medical Center about their perceptions of their hospital stay and comparing the results to the national benchmark established by the annual J.D. Power and Associates Hospital Service Performance Study.

Telephone-based research conducted among Lake Pointe patients identified on the five key drivers of patient satisfaction with their overall hospital experience. These drivers, identified in the national study, were: staff efficiency; dignity and respect; comfort; information and communication; and emotional support.

Lake Pointe Medical Center exceeded the national benchmark study for overall emergency department and outpatient satisfaction and performance particularly well compared with the national study in treating patients in a speedy and efficient manner. The hospital received notably high ratings among emergency department patients for nurses' performance of regular duties and among outpatients for the speed and efficiency of their primary caregiver and the discharge personnel.

The hospital's emergency department also performed well relative to the national study in the comfort of the experience, particularly the comfort of the patient's wellbeing and the comfort of the registration and waiting rooms. Among outpatients, the hospital received high ratings for the level of emotional support provided.

Both emergency department and outpatient services, nearly three-quarters of Lake Pointe patients indicated they have "more" or "much more" confidence in the hospital after their most recent visit.

This recognition is a result of the dedication of our employees and medical staff to provide the best possible quality of care and highest level of patient satisfaction," said Carolyn Jackson, CEO of Lake Pointe. "Our employees and medical staff truly do make a difference every day in the lives of their patients, and we are honored to receive this award."

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Rockwall County Responders

Rockwall Sheriff's Department Calls (Nov. 28-Dec. 4) - 202

Warrant unit arrests (week of Dec. 1) - 8

Royse City Police Blotter Nov. 21-Dec. 4

- Nov. 21 -- Noise disturbance, 500 block Welch Road; suspicious activity, Circle Lane; suspicious activity, Marsha Lane; noise disturbance, 600 block Rowdy Drive
- Nov. 22 -- Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Alarm, 500 block; alarm, 500 block Rustic Grove Lane; suspicious activity, 3200 block FM 548; medical assistance, 2600 block Redwood Street
- Nov. 23 -- Suspicious activity, 800 block FM 2453; accident, Corner of Elm Street and Lamar Street; suspicious activity, 500 block Ame Lane; suspicious activity, Circle Lane; noise disturbance, 200 block Adams Street; noise disturbance, 600 block Tripp Trail
- Nov. 24 -- Minor accident, 1600 block Birch Street
- Nov. 25 -- Theft, 400 block Ame Lane
- Nov. 26 -- Burglary, 300 block Medina Court
- Nov. 27 -- Suspicious activity, 800 block Loganwood Drive
- Nov. 28 -- Suspicious person, 1500 block Hafner Drive; suspicious activity, 500 block Rowdy Drive; medical assistance, 2600 block Redwood Street; warrant/two possessions of alcohol by minor arrests, corner of Main Street and Elm Street
- Nov. 29 -- Suspicious activity, 900 block I-30; accident, 600 block Elm Street; suspicious activity, 100 block I-30; alarm, 1400 block Evergreen Street; possession of marijuana arrest, 900 block I-30; public intoxication arrest, 800 block I-30
- Nov. 30 -- Alarm, 100 block Josephine Street; Alarm, 100 block I-30; domestic disturbance, 2400 block Skye Lane
- Dec. 1 -- Accident, 600 block Elm Street
- Dec. 2 -- Possession of marijuana arrest, corner of Hutson Drive and Taylor Drive
- Dec. 3 -- Alarm, 100 block Cookston Lane; Criminal mischief, 100 block Singleton Drive; burglary, 700 block Live Oak Street; theft, 1300 block East Main Street; theft, 100 block Cookston Lane
- Dec. 4 -- Possession of marijuana (two pounds) arrest, I-30 at the 81 mile marker.

Rockwall PD Calls for Service Dec. 1-7

- Dec. 1 -- Burglary, 100 block Sierra Pass; criminal assault/rape, 200 block W. Rusk Street; theft, 700 block Monterey Drive; theft, 900 block W. Yellow Jacket Lane
 - Dec. 3 -- Burglary, 700 block Ridge Road West; theft, 500 block IH 30
 - Dec. 4 -- Theft, 700 block IH 30
 - Dec. 5 -- Burglary, 400 block S. Goliad Street; burglary, 700 block W. Rusk Street; criminal assault/rape, 1200 block Calistoga Drive; criminal assault/rape, 1200 block Highland Drive; criminal assault/rape, 3100 block Fontanna Boulevard; criminal assault/rape, 300 block Valley Drive; theft, 2600 block Ridge Road; theft, 900 block IH 30
 - Dec. 6 -- Burglary, 200 block W. Rusk Street; burglary, 2100 block Summer Lee Drive; theft, 300 block Golden Trail; 900 block IH 30
 - Dec. 7 -- Theft, 800 block W. Rusk Street; theft, 7200 block Betty Street
 - Other Service Calls: Abandoned property 7, animal complaints 11, burg/fire/panic, alarm 45, criminal mischief 5, follow-up investigation 1, injured or sick person 21, investigation 14, major traffic accident 1, meet complainant 30, minor disturbance 18, minor traffic accident 30, motorist/citizen assist 21, narcotics 1, open building 5, ordinance violation 9, parking violation 15, reckless driver/DWI 15, shots fired/shooting 1, suicide 1, street hazard 2, suspicious person 50, traffic complaint 3, welfare concern 6
- Rockwall Fire & EMS
Dec. 1-7
- Service Calls: Barns, sheds & outbuildings 1, car fire 1, fire alarm 7, gas/diesel spill 1, grass fire 2, natural gas leak 6, other fire 5, smoke smell/odor 3



Rockwall County Holiday Events

Donate a children's book to the library

The donation of a children's book to the Rockwall County Library is one way to honor a loved one, friend or teacher. A small tree placed on the Children's Service Desk of the library has titles of children's holiday books needed by the library. Choose a paper ornament, which contains a book title and its price, then give the ornament and the corresponding contribution to a Circulation Desk staff member and ask for a donation form. The library will place a bookplate in the book bearing the name of the honoree prescribed.

Santa Claws offer boosts Feral Friends

Area residents can have their pets photographed with Santa Claws from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 20-21 at the Richardson PetSmart, and \$5 of each photo taken will benefit the Feral Friends Community Cat Alliance. For more information e-mail info@feralfriends.org or visit feralfriends.org.

VNA offers Light Up a Life memorials

The Visiting Nurse Association is displaying a Light Up a Life Holiday Tree Memorial through Dec. 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby of the VNA branch office at 2414 W. University Drive, Suite 200, in McKinney or through Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in The Servant's Bookstore & Coffee Bar, 1301 S. Washington St. in Kaufman. A paper dove bearing the name of an honoree can be placed on the tree for a \$10 donation to the VNA Hospice program. Donations will be used to provide hospice services to terminally ill patients in Northeast Texas who lack resources for needed care. For more information about the McKinney campaign contact Connie Williams at 972-562-0140 or williamsc@vnatexas.org. For details about the Kaufman effort, call Beverly Harris at 972-962-7500 or e-mail harrisb@vnatexas.org.

Support Feral Friends' Tree of Hope

The Feral Friends Tree of Hope, decorated with names of adoptable cats and kittens in foster care, will be displayed at the Richardson and Rowlett PetSmarts during Saturday adoption hours (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) through Jan. 3. Supporters can make monetary donations in the Animal Angel's name or purchase a gift of food, litter, toys or beds. For more details e-mail info@feralfriends.org.

Support the library through shopping

Gently used books, videos, CDs and book bags may be purchased at the Rockwall County Library's Book Sale Alcove. All proceeds from these sales benefit the Friends of the Library's project that support the Children's Summer Reading Program.

RC Main Street ornament offered

To boost the development and activities of Main Street in Royse City, the Royse City Main Street program and Graphic Photo Designs have teamed up to offer what organizers hope will be an annual Main Street Holiday Ornament for a \$20 donation. Ornaments are available at the Well Coffee Lounge and Making Memories Gift Shop, both Main Street locations; American National Bank of Royse City; or the RC Chamber of Commerce.

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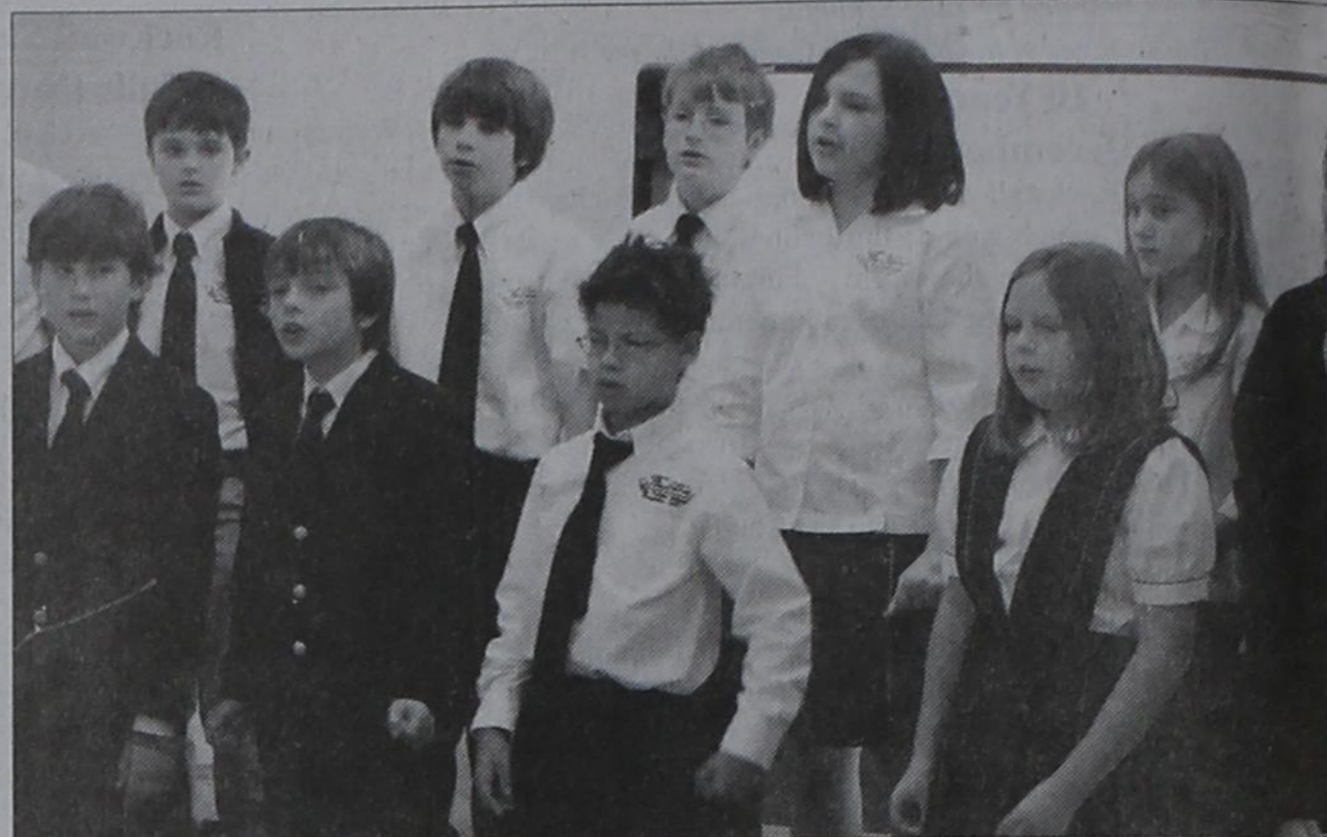
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Fulton Lower School students (left to right) Preston Phillips, Samantha Wang and Kamryn Burns received a lesson in dental health from none other than the Tooth Fairy herself. Ms. Fairy, who during the day is known as dental assistant Cheri Cheairs, wielded a super-size toothbrush to demonstrate proper dental hygiene and read a book about a girl named Dora who gets her teeth cleaned. Cheairs is an assistant for Dr. Jennifer Chou, a Rockwall pediatric dentist. Instead of leaving quarters under their pillows, the Tooth Fairy gave each student a new toothbrush.

Photo courtesy of The Fulton School



Each Thanksgiving, The Fulton School celebrates Grandparent's Day. This year, grandparents traveled from Michigan, California, Kentucky, New York and many other far off places to spend at school with their grandchildren. The students displayed art and academic work, performed skits and folk dances and gave classrooms tours. The Fifth Grade Fulton School Choir (back row left) Grayson Harrell, Tyler Echols, Ian Borgen, Laine Ellison, Maddie Lundell, Isabella Cerrito (first row from left) J.D. Thompson, Will Crutchfield, Josh Roland, Mary Jane Lenamond and M Froelich performed for their visitors.

Photo courtesy of The Fulton School



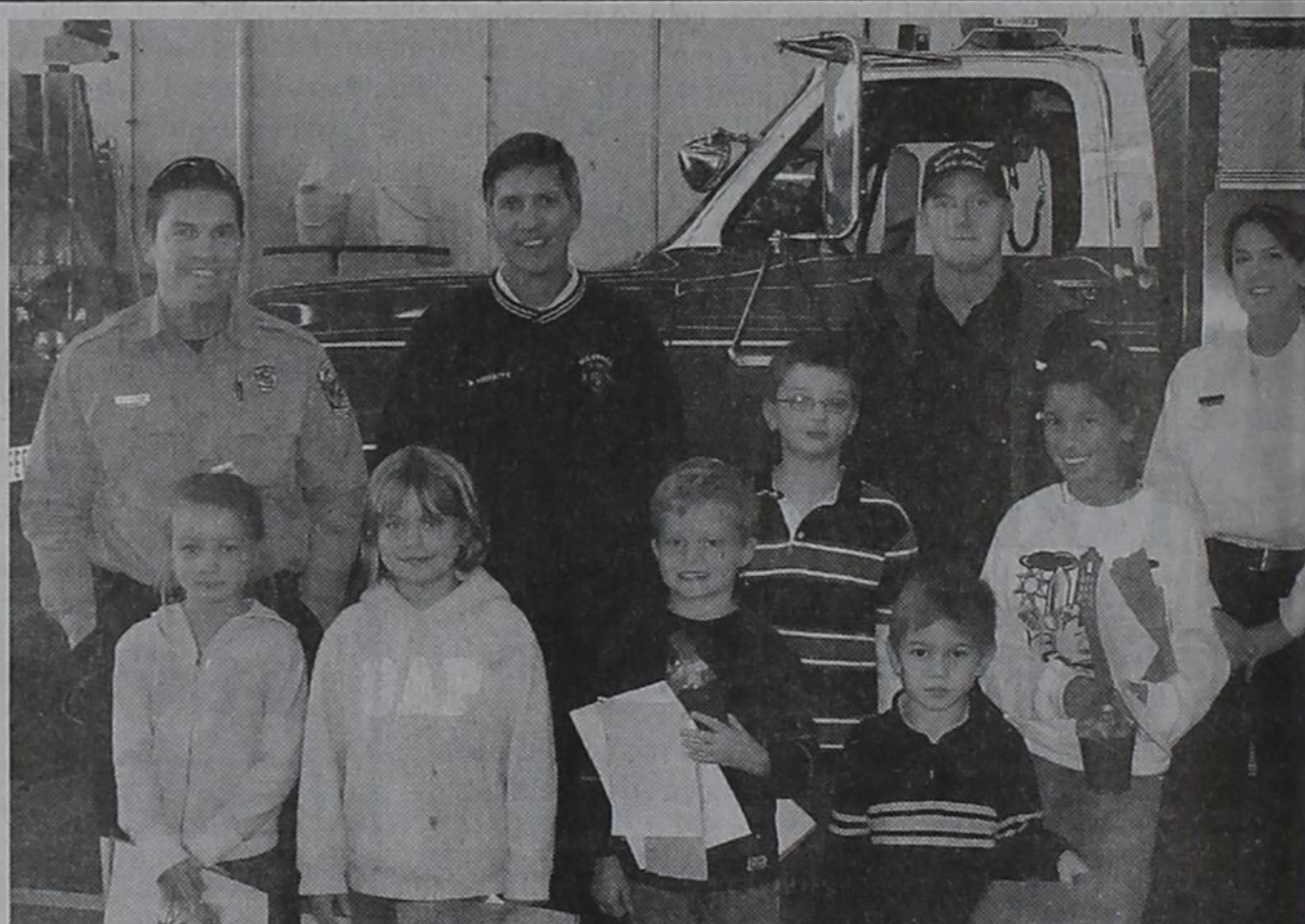
Poetry Community Christian School students in Primer, 1st grade and 2nd grade performed at the school's annual Festival to celebrate the blessings of Thanksgiving. Students dressed as Indians and Pilgrims, performed songs and served a Thanksgiving meal to their parents. Dressed in their holiday finest are (back row from left) Reed Hewitt, Emma Frank, Sam Duncan (front row) Grace Knight and Jade Countryman.

Photo courtesy of PCCS



Grace Hartman Elementary students, staff and family members recently traveled to the Dallas Fort Worth Airport with signs, flags and goody bags to share with troops being deployed. As service personnel left the checkout area and headed for their flights, the crowd wished them well, thank them for their service. Pictured above are students distributing goody bags to service men and women.

Photo Courtesy Grace Hartment Elementary



The KC (Kindness & Compassion) Club of Dobbs Elementary, a division of Rachel's Challenge, recently visited the Downtown Rockwall Fire Department to express its appreciation to firefighters. Pictured with Rockwall firefighters are, from the left, Graci Wilkins, Taylor Yarbrough, Luke Yarbrough, Regan Wilkins, Ryan Manning and Caitlin Cruz. The students delivered thank-you cards and a sampling of "Thanksgiving blessings."



Jonah Beyer (left), a kindergarten student at The Fulton School in Heath, learns about germs from Fulton parent and UT Southwestern Medical Center professor Mark Henkemeyer (right). Henkemeyer brought Petri dishes and conducted experiments with the kindergarten classes to show the difference of hands before washing with soap and hands after washing with soap and stressed the importance of hand washing, especially during cold and flu season.

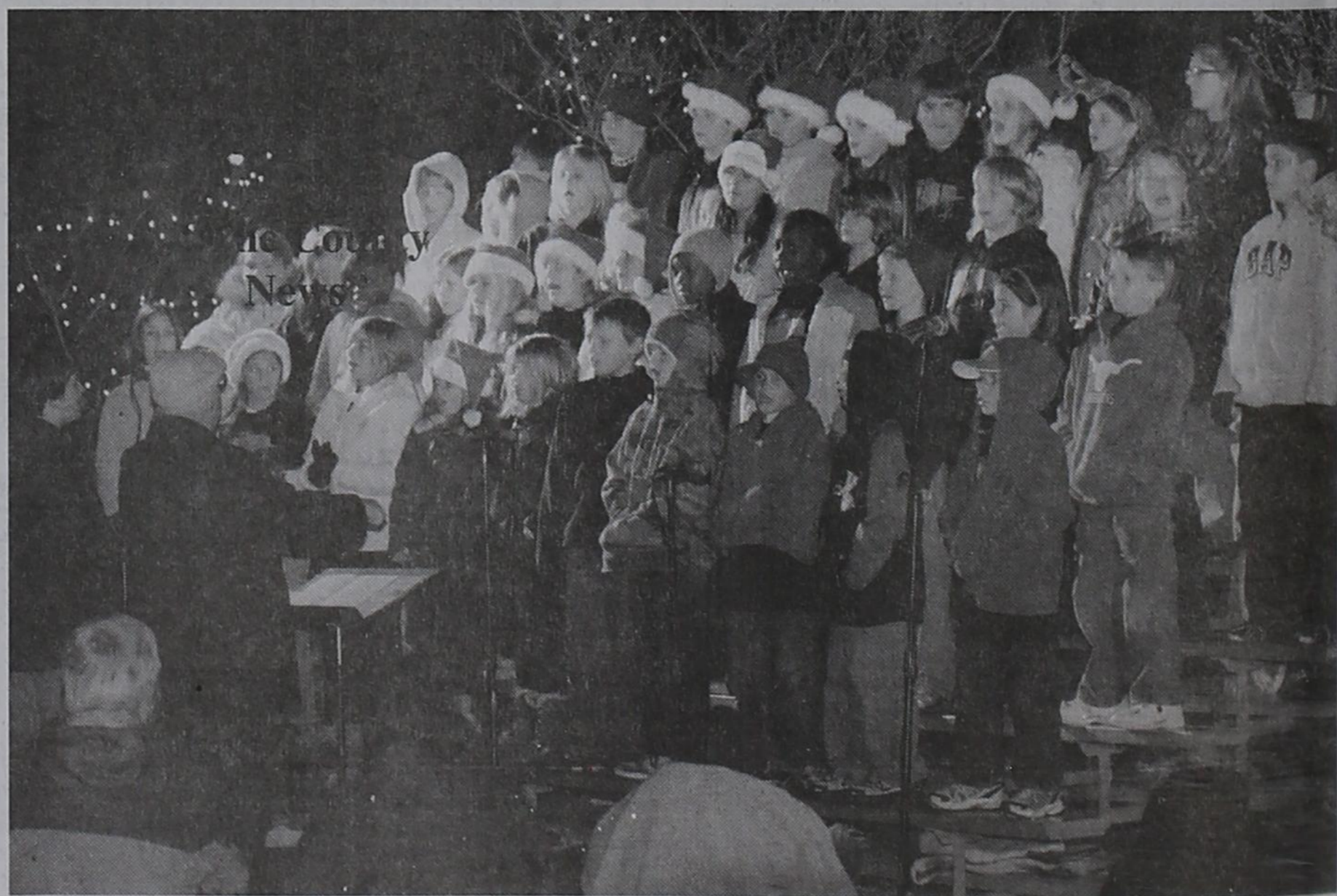
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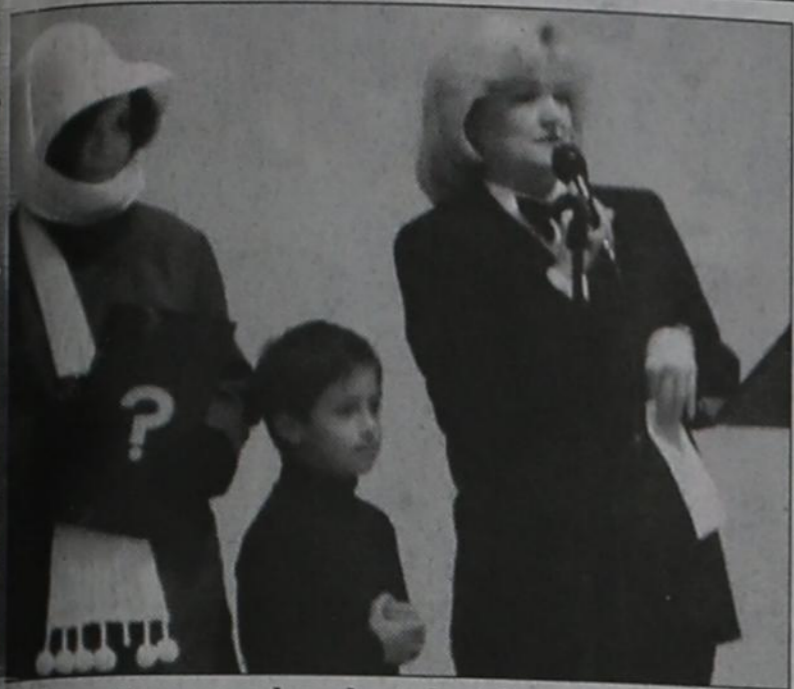
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The Reinhardt Elementary School Choir filled the chilly air with the sounds of Christmas at the City of Rockwall Tree Lighting on Thursday, Dec. 4 on the City Hall Plaza. Under the direction of music teacher Bill Morton, the fourth through sixth grade singers got the crowd in the holiday spirit with their songs 'Jingle All the Way,' a medley called 'Holiday Favorites' and a medley from the music 'December in our Town.'

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Elementary second grade student Oscar Ramirez is as he revealed the identities of a mystery reader, reading Sharon Aultman, left, at the school's sixth annual Mystery Theater assembly. As part of the event a different teacher excerpt of a story during morning announcements by, and students guessed what book was being read and her. Clues were distributed through the librarian and er of the event, Cathy Bolin, shown at right. The event ated with the assembly where all mystery readers showed disguise. Winning students were named and awarded with of the mystery readers' books.



Poetry Community Christian School seventh grade students enjoyed a field trip to the Rockwall Equine Center earlier this month as part of their ongoing literature studies. Pictured are, at front, from the left, Danielle Thompson and Dr. Maria Payne, DVM, and, at back, Anna Quint, Michael Hartsfield and Tanner Dale.



Springer sixth grade student Alyssa MacKenzie recently assisted her father, Craig MacKenzie, in presenting a culturally rich presentation about Scotland. Students learned about Scottish history, geography and culture. Students were amazed with the many Scottish traditions, such as a "properly" dressed Scotsman always sports seven weapons on his person and that Texas' first president, Sam Houston, was a Scottish native.

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new interns recently graduated from Master Gardener training provided by the Texas AgriLife Division of Texas A&M University. Sitting, left to right, are Wilma Chandler, Tracee Williams and a Bickel. Standing, from the left, are Janet Reeves, Carolyn Klemmedson and Pam Campbell.



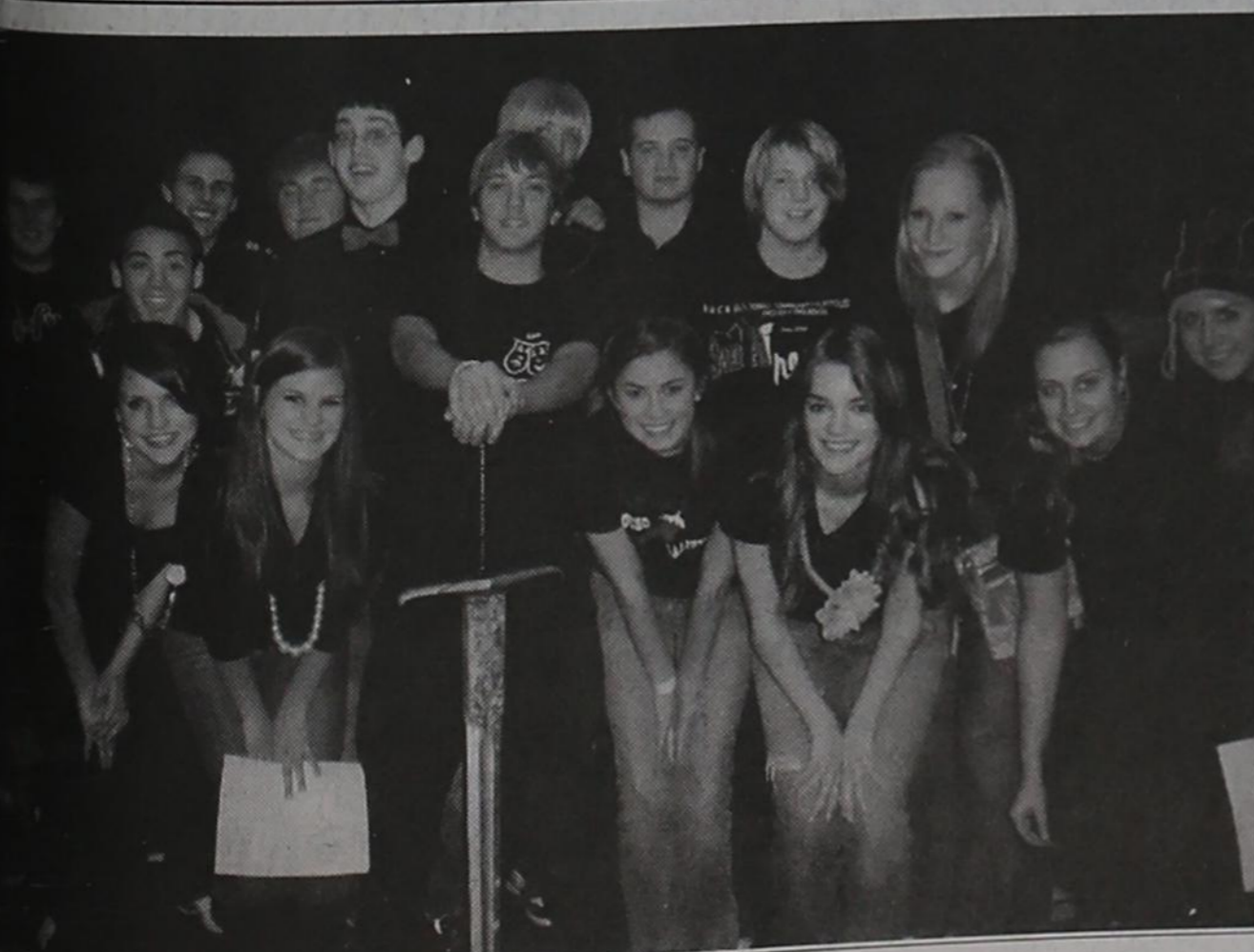
The students in Juli Henderson's first grade class at Sharon Shannon Elementary School created turkeys from different materials as part of a Thanksgiving 'I Am Thankful' project. Classmates (left to right) McKindley Jordan, Hasten Bryant, Daniel York and Nicholas Coulombe show their creations that express their thankfulness this holiday season. Photo courtesy of Ann Knostman



First City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Girls on the Run class recently completed the Hobbler 5K in Richardson. Pictured with GOTR instructors and sisters Rikki and Angie Smith, top row, from the left, middle row, Claire Marroquin, Whitney Gates, Dylan Cooper and Grace Cooper, and, on the front row, Victoria Moreno, Jordan Cooper and Kalley Loveless. Not shown is Kelli Mills. GOTR is a three-month program open to preteens in third, fourth and fifth grades. The goal of the program is to teach participants how to deal with body image, develop self-respect and embrace a healthy lifestyle through running. Classes meet twice weekly and are limited to 15 girls. To sign up for the spring session, call 972-771-7740.



Students braved chilly temperatures Dec. 2 to participate in the cross-country meet conducted in Harry Myers Park. Pictured above are members of the Cain Middle School eighth grade cross-country team that participated in the meet. They include, back row, from the left, Breana Williams, Morgan Sharp, Lauren Haake, Reagan Frosini and Molly Nelson, and, at front, Brittney Baldwin.



new members recently were inducted into the Rockwall-Heath High School International Boy Scouts of America, Troupe 7119. Pictured, front row, are Alex Cass, Rebecca Eddy, Rachel Bryant, Michael Bower, Sara Woodard and Sydney Allen, and back row, Zane Brown, Tyler Russell, Travis McClung, Matt Harris, Evan Brumbelow, Jackson Moore, Seth Hoar, Eric Bressler, Bradley Steinmeyer and Jennie Eilts.



Dobbs Elementary second grade students and teachers recently had help from the "Watch DOG" (Dads of Great Students) of the day, A.J. Soto, in planning an apple tree on campus. The event was part of a yearlong discovery designed around food that highlights specific historical events. The planting of the apple tree denoted the "Go West Young Man" segment based on Johnny Appleseed and his contributions. The students will conclude this portion of the study with a field trip to Harry Myers Park, where they will participate in pioneer games and activities. The study was made possible with a grant received through the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation.

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Workshop will focus on 'open spaces'

Rockwall County, in conjunction with the Trust For Public Land and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, will conduct an Open Space Goal Identification Workshop Dec. 16.

The workshop, open to the general public, will provide an opportunity for area residents to learn about the ongoing Rockwall County Conservation Visioning Project and provide

input for open space goal identification.

Representatives from the County, TPL and the NCTCOG will be on hand to guide the process and answer questions.

Activities to date have included the production of Rockwall County Current Conditions Report, a Land Conservation Funding Option Feasibility Study, Public Opinion Survey and an Open Space Priorities

Report to come.

The findings of this project will provide a foundation for the county's future goal of developing a countywide Open Space Plan, according to a NCTCOG news release.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Rockwall County Public Library, 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane.

RHS hosts career, education fair

More than 50 students from Williams Middle School attended a Career and Technical Education Fair Dec. 4 at Rockwall High School.

Students learned about Family Career and Community Leaders of America, DECA/Association of Marketing Students, Future Farmers of America, RHS Accounting Club, UIL Computer Applications, Desktop Publishing, Business Professionals of America, Robotics Class, Speech and Debate Club, and Media Technology class.

RHS Counseling Department Chairman Teddi Cherry reviewed graduation requirements and scheduling with the WMS students.

RHS students acted as tour guides while taking the students from room to room to see CTE classes in action.

"This gives the students from Williams Middle School an opportunity to get a glimpse of what we offer in the CTE department here at RHS," Michelle Morris, RHS Career and Technical Education Department chairman, said.



That Jolly Old Elf, Santa Claus, flew down from the North Pole to make an appearance at the 39th Annual Rockwall Kiwanis Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 6. Assisted by the Rockwall County Department, Santa, also known as Ronnie Wylie of Rockwall, rode the parade route, waving cheering crowds and officially opening the holiday season.
Staff photo by Roy Heath



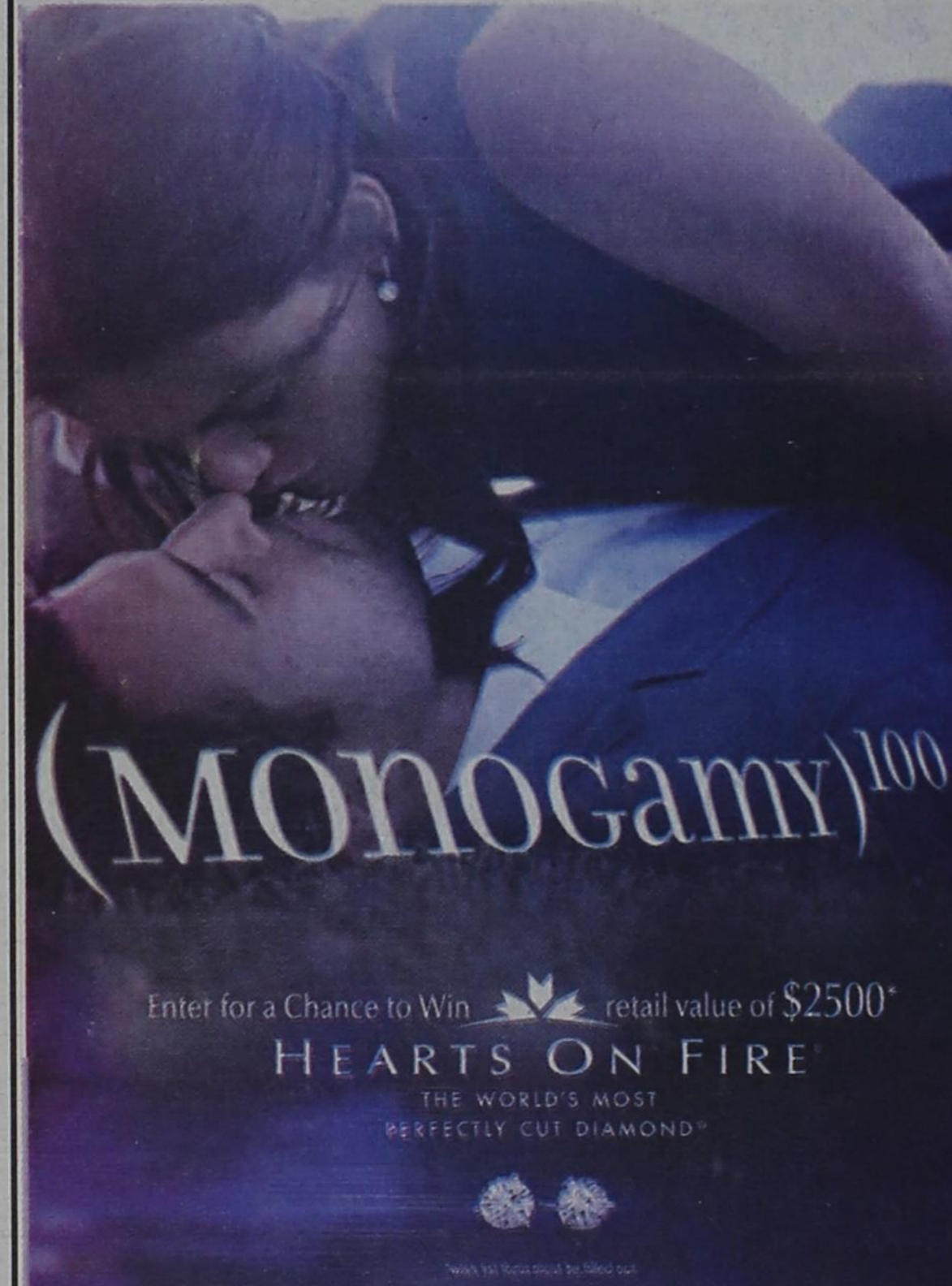
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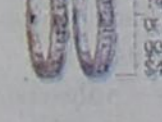
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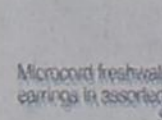


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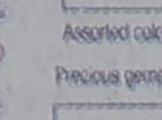


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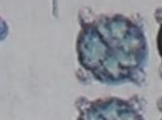
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Hawks finish historic championship season against the Wildcats

By McGillen
 When they were done.
 Rockwall-Heath quarterback Drew Hollingshead's fourth down play off the outstretched fingertips of Everett Gilbert and fell on the turf at Texas Stadium in their 52-47 regional final loss to Sulphur Springs Wildcats Dec. 5, it brought to a sudden and heart-breaking end a remarkable and amazing football season for the Hawks. In their third year of varsity play, the Hawks rolled out to a 13-0 record and a top-ten state ranking. In the way, they won the first District 10-4A championship in the history of the sport, ended perennial powerhouse Highland Parks' seven-year winning streak and powered their way past three playoff opponents to reach the final eight teams in the Class 4A Division II state tournament.
 "It's an incredible year," said Heath coach Mickey Moss. "I've been coaching for a long time and lots of things have to happen to get this far. A lot of things have to fall in place and sometimes you just get really lucky. The truth is only one team (out of 240 Class 4A teams) goes

home happy at the end of the year."
 But a week after being the beneficiary of eight turnovers in a third round win over Ennis, the Hawks (13-1) returned half the favor, fumbling the ball away four times to the Wildcats (12-2), who, led by 2007 All-State quarterback Tyrik Rollison, turned the first three into touchdowns.
 Those uncharacteristic mistakes, coupled with less-than-stellar kickoff coverage, were in the end simply too much to overcome, though the Hawks battled to the game's final second.
 "Everybody is going to have their share of turnovers," said Moss. "For us, those have been pretty rare the last eight games. Other than the first five minutes of the game, we outplayed them for the last 43 minutes. Take away those two touchdowns that scored off our first two fumbles, and it's a probably a different game."
 Down 21-0 before some late-arriving fans had perhaps even settled into their seats, the Hawks rallied all the way back to trail by just four,

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Hawks senior quarterback Drew Hollingshead (12) leads his team through a valiant comeback against Sulphur Springs during last Saturday's UIL Quarterfinals playoff game in Texas Stadium.
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38-34, when Gilbert scored his fourth of five touchdowns on a 7-yard run with 9:04 to play in the third quarter.

The Wildcats, however, behind a pair of touchdown passes from the strong-armed Rollison, scored twice more before the end of the period to take an 18-point lead, 52-40, entering the final 12 minutes.

But as the Hawks have done all year, they mounted yet another rally. Playing without the almost unstoppable Kendial Lawrence, who had rushed for 2,679 yards and scored 46 touchdowns but was out with a shoulder injury suffered in the Ennis victory, Heath needed another offensive hero. Or two.

Up stepped Gilbert and Hollingshead. Hollingshead, who had been steady if unspectacular throughout the season, turned in his finest performance of the year. Having already thrown for two first-half scores, the 6-4 senior lofted a fourth-and-three screen pass to Jesse Irokwe, who turned it into a 45-yard score to pull the Hawks to 52-40 with 10:59 to play.

The two-point conversion failed, but after the Hawks' defense stopped the Wildcats on a fourth-and-one at the Heath 43 with 8:46 left, Hollingshead then led his team on a seven-play, 55-yard drive that ended when he threaded the needle and found Gilbert on a short crossing pattern for a 10-yard TD to cut the lead to 52-47 with 5:13 left.

And when the Hawks' return team, which had allowed the Wildcats to begin their drives on average at about midfield, stuffed Ryan Young at his own 11 on the following kickoff, it looked like the stage was being set for another dramatic Hawk comeback.

Things looked even better, when the Wildcats, facing another fourth-and-one at the Heath 44, committed their only penalty of the game making it a fourth-and-six. Sulphur Springs coach Greg Owens, despite having Rollison, who came into the game with 2,903 passing yards and 31 scores, decided to punt the ball away with 2:49 left in the game.

The Hawk Nation's elation, however, soon turned to anguish. Fielding the kick at his own 10-yard line, Heath's Matt Bielski began to pick and probe his way through the Wildcats' return team, navigating to the Heath 30 before he was stripped of the ball while fighting for extra yardage, for the Hawks' final turnover with 2:43 remaining.

And yet, it still wasn't over. Facing a fourth-and-seven from the Heath 29, the Wildcats opted not to try a 46-yard field goal, with Rollison instead connecting with his favorite target Jace Jackson.

Jackson, who ended the game with 11 catches for 139 yards, was tackled just inches short of a game-clinching first down, however, giving the ball back to the Hawks one more time.

Taking over with just 1:03 on her clock and out of timeouts, Hollingshead hit Cameron Wilson for a 15-yard gain on a second-and-10 to move the ball to the Heath 39.

But four straight incompletions, including a spike to stop the clock, with the last one just slightly behind Gilbert at the Wildcats' 35 yard-line, ended the game and season for the Hawks.

Heath upends Parish Episcopal 60-41 to even record at 4-4.

Combining for eight three-point baskets, Chase Neilson scored 17 points and Dustin Morett 16, as the Rockwall-Heath Hawks downed the Parish Episcopal Panthers 60-51 in a non-district boys basketball game at Parish Episcopal High Scholl Dec. 9.

Evening their record at 4-4 for the year, the Hawks will play next in the Wills Point tournament Dec. 12-13.

Unable to match up with Parish's 6-foot-8 center Javier Carter, the Hawks turned to Neilson and Morrett to bomb away from the outside, with both nailing four treys.

Wiping out an early 7-0 Parish advantage, the Hawks took the lead for good at 27-26 on a Morrett three with 2:42 left in the second quarter, eventually taking a 30-26 halftime edge.

Heath pushed the lead to nine, 37-26, before the Panthers rallied back to trail 40-36 at the end of three.

At that point Neilson drilled a three and had a steal and a layin sandwiched around a pair of free throws by Eric Larsen to open a 50-37 margin with about three minutes left in the contest.

The game then became a Heath parade to the free throw line, with the Hawks hitting 8-of-12 down the stretch before sophomore Demi Leonard, who also reached double figures with 10 points, closed out the scoring with a layin in the game's final seconds.

Carter finished with game highs in points and rebounds with 18 and 10, respectively.

Nielsen topped Heath rebounders with six. Neither team shot well from the field, with the Panthers connecting on just 35 percent (20-of-57) with the Hawks not doing much better, hitting 40 percent (18-for-45).

Heath did take pretty good care of the ball, turning it over just once in the first half on the way to only 12 total, while the Panthers had 21 turnovers.

Heath	11	19	10	20 - 60
Parish	12	14	8	17 - 51

Heath (60) - Chase Nielsen 16, Dustin Morett 15, Demi Leonard 10, Eric Larson 8, Tony Tennison 7, Kyle Whittle 2, Jeremy Casebolt 2.

Parish (51) - Javier Carter 18, Cody Miller 10, Tanner Wells 7, Tanner Sledge 7, Manni Sheikh 4, Tate Sledge 3, Michael Wilson 2.

"We just ran out of time, but it was another great game for us," Moss said. "We came out on the losing end, but it was really a great game. I thought the kids played their best."

Gilbert ended his career with a very Lawrence-esque performance, rushing for 193 yards on 24 carries as well as catching six passes for 98 more. His five touchdowns, which came on runs of 4, 7 and 67 yards as well as 11- and 10-yard receptions, gave him 18 for the year.

Hollingshead finished the game 16-of-24 for 254 yards and a season-high four scores with no interceptions. He ends the year 129-for-189 (68 percent) for 1,827 yards and 12 TDs, with just one pick in 14 games.

"I thought Drew had a great game to end the year," Moss said. Irokwe, a junior, added seven rushes for 36 yards while freshman Dorian Lawry finished with 72 yards on only five carries, including a 58-yard burst in the second quarter that set up Gilbert's second touchdown.

Bielski had six receptions for 96 yards, including a 36-yard TD catch late in the first half. Rollison wound up 25-for-30 for 387 yards and five touchdowns, though he was sacked four times, all in the first half.

"It will be hard not having the seniors (next year), but we have a lot of talented guys coming back," Moss said. "You've got to turn right around with your off season program and start all over again."

Heath	7	21	6	13 - 47
Sulphur Springs	21	17	14	0 - 52

SS - Tyrik Rollison 4 run (Fernando Arellano kick)
 SS - Jace Jackson 16 pass from Rollison (Arellano kick)
 SS - Rollison 1 run (Arellano kick)
 RH - Everett Gilbert 11 pass from Drew Hollingshead (Brad Howes kick)
 RH - Gilbert 4 run (Howes kick)

SS - Arellano 33 FG
 RH - Gilbert 67 run (Arellano kick)
 SS - Shane McQueen 18 pass from Rollison (Arellano kick)
 RH - Matt Bielski 36 pass from Hollingshead (Howes kick)
 SS - Jackson 9 pass from Rollison (Arellano kick)
 RH - Gilbert 6 run (run failed)
 SS - McQueen 62 pass from Rollison (Howes kick)
 SS - Rashad Hall 13 pass from Rollison (Howes kick)
 RH - Jesse Irokwe 45 run (pass failed)
 RH - Gilbert 10 pass from Hollingshead (Howes kick)

	RH	SS
First downs	18	20
Rushes-yards	27-296	36-70
Passing yards	254	387
Passes 16-28-0	25-30-0	
Punts-ave.	4-35.8	4-34.3
Penalties	3-32	1-5
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0

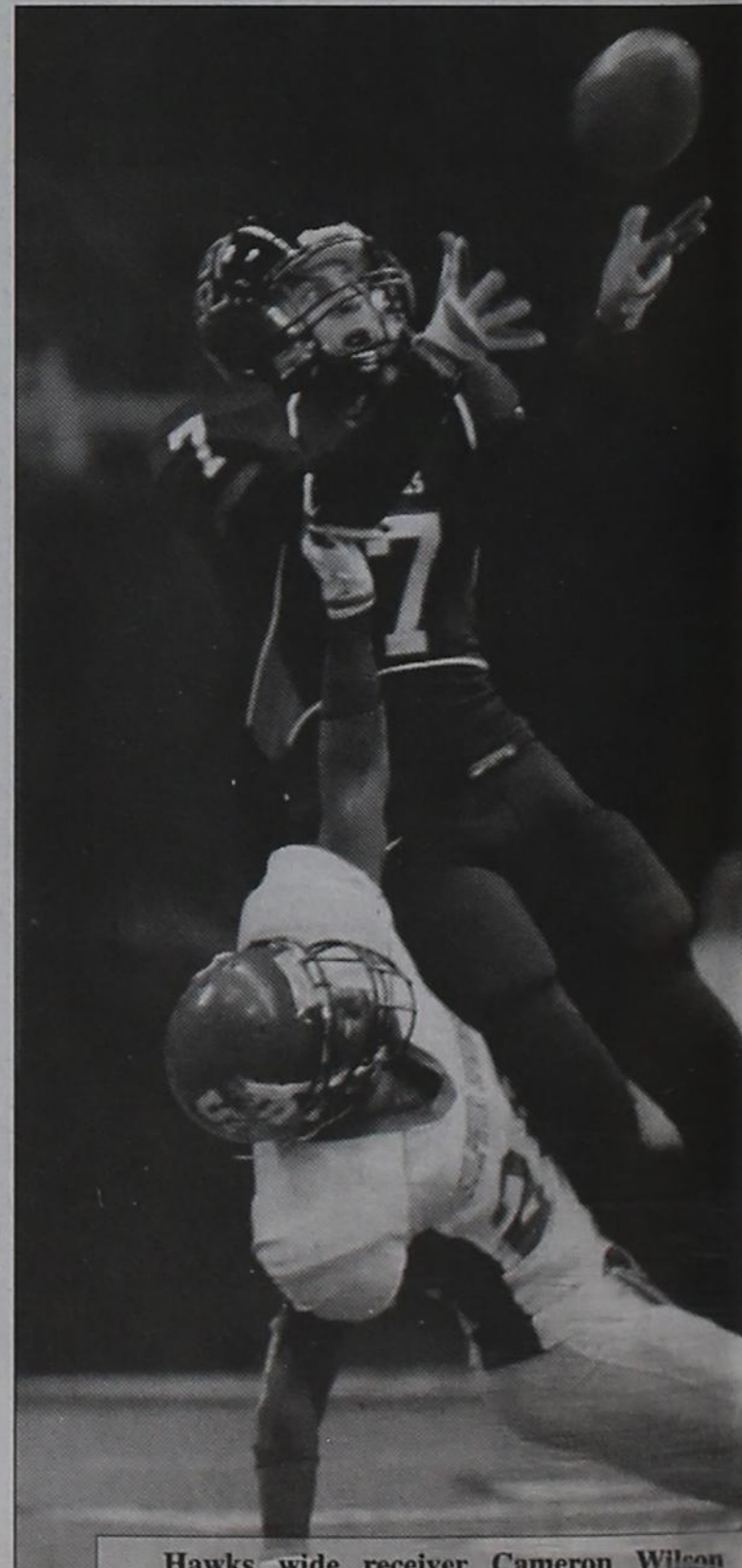
Individual statistics
 Rushing: RH - Gilbert 24-193, Irokwe 7-36, Dorian Lawry 5-58, Hollingshead 1(-)-5. SS - Ryan Young 18-74, Rollison 17(-)-1, Riley 1(-)-1.
 Passing: RH - Hollingshead 16-27-254, Gilbert 0-1-0-0. SS - 25-30-0-387.
 Receiving: RH - Gilbert 9-98, Cameron Wilson 1-15, Irokwe 1-6, Bielski 6-96, SS - Young 2-5, McQueen 3-86, Lemarcus 2-64, Jackson 11-139, Rashad Hall 6-61, Garrett Ferguson 1-



Hawks running back Jesse Irokwe (13) leaves Wildcat defenders on the ground during last Saturday's quarterfinals playoff game against Sulphur Springs in Texas Stadium. Staff photo by Carl McClung



Everett Gilbert (14), Hawks wide receiver, finds a whole with the assistance of the strong offensive line during last Saturday's action-packed quarterfinals playoff game against Sulphur Springs in Texas Stadium. Staff photo by Carl McClung



Hawks wide receiver Cameron Wilson (7) leaps to catch a pass for more yards as Heath took on Sulphur Springs in the UIL Quarterfinals playoff game last Saturday in Texas Stadium. Staff photo by Carl McClung

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Jackets win 4 straight, including Mabank tourney title

By Bump
Rockwall involved in a Shootout, it was good that the jackets had Kyle Sandlin to do the shooting. He led RHS' scoring in each game as the Jackets defeated three high schools to win the 10th annual Clear Creek Lake Shootout on Saturday.

After that, Rockwall capped a 4-0 week Monday at home with a victory over Paris. In that game, which improved the Jackets' record to 5-3, Kyle's younger brother, Blake Sandlin, led the team with 16 points.

The Mabank championship game didn't look like a Rockwall victory. Dallas Madison (6-2) led by as many as 14 points, a 40-30 advantage going into the final eight minutes. Then Kyle Sandlin exploded for 18 points in the fourth quarter as RHS outscored Madison 29-16 to win 59-56.

Rockwall went ahead to stay with 12.9 seconds left. Two foul shots by Kyle Sandlin made the difference. The Trojans fouled Sandlin while he was ringing the ball up court. A Madison player objected to the call, and the referee gave his team's second technical foul of the quarter.

Madison, who already had gone 6-for-6 from the foul line in the fourth quarter, made the two shots for the personal foul and two more for the technical. With the technical, the Jackets also kept possession of the ball. Two seconds later Sandlin dropped in two more foul shots for the win.

In the second quarter, Rockwall had fallen behind 25-11. The Jackets scored eight consecutive points to cut the gap to 25-19 before halftime. Rockwall came back to a 10-point deficit (32-22) at halftime.

"We talked about at halftime in the locker room was keeping our heads down," head coach Alan Simmons said. "We did exactly what the Jackets did while Madison was throwing the ball and complaining about the officials."

Rockwall had 11 turnovers in the first half, but just four in the second half. The Jackets trailed 43-33 with seven minutes to play, but a run that included Kyle Sandlin's first six foul shots turned the game in RHS' favor, 46-43.

Simmons said, "We were opportunistic. We were able to take advantage of their mistakes."

Even though Rockwall gave up 32 points in the first half, Simmons said his team didn't need to make many changes. Eighteen of those points came on 3-pointers by Madison's hot outside shooters.

"We weren't behind because we were playing bad defense. They were just making their shots. We wanted to keep them out of the lane and cut down on their second-chance points."

The Jackets had just six rebounds in the first half, but pulled down eight in the third quarter alone.

Rockwall's first two tournament games contrasted sharply. On Thursday, Dallas A. Maceo Smith took a 20-13 lead after one quarter. The Jackets rallied for a 33-29 halftime lead, and held on to win 57-54. Kyle Sandlin finished with 17 points and Tim Yeager with 16. The next night, RHS roared to a 16-4 first-quarter lead, and built it to 17 points in a 59-42 victory over Dallas Roosevelt. Sandlin and Hunter Jorgensen each scored 16.

Against Paris, the Jackets led for most of the game. Leading 38-33 after three quarters, they broke loose to outscore the Wildcats 18-7 in the fourth quarter. Paris keyed on Kyle Sandlin, who didn't score until reinventing himself to drive for three baskets in the third quarter. Blake Sandlin canned six 3-pointers for 18 points, and Jorgensen added 12.

The important thing in all of those games was that Rockwall finished strong.

RHS will play Fort Worth Nolan Catholic Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Mike Brown Auto Group Tournament in Granbury. The Jackets' second tournament game would be against Cleburne or Arlington Lamar at 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 17, Tim Yeager 16, Adam Dingwell 8, Jarron White 6, Hunter Jorgensen 4, Blake Sandlin 3, Eric Palmer 3.
Smith: Anthony Hollins 15, Anthony Theus 14, Verardo Brown 13, Torry Kirk 8, Dominique Adams 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	16	13	14	16	59
Roosevelt	4	11	14	13	42

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 16, Hunter Jorgensen 16, Jarron White 7, Tim Yeager 6, Blake Sandlin 6, Taylor Oden 4, Adam Dingwell 4.

Roosevelt: DeCamron Kincade 16, Terrence Dellums 9, Carlton Biggers 8, Robbie Samuel 4, Reginald Leffall 2, Dominique Dixon 2, Myron Cbooper 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	11	11	8	29	59
Madison	18	14	8	16	56

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 26, Adam Dingwell 14, Hunter Jorgensen 8, Jarron White 4, Tim Yeager 4, Blake Sandlin 3.

Madison: Tevin Harris 12, Dominique Smith 11, Nick Moore 9, Timothy Flentroy 9, Desmond Flentroy 9, Simeon Brinkley 6.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Paris	8	12	13	7	40
Rockwall	12	12	14	18	56

Paris: Jenkins 13, Rollerson 8, Barr 8, King 7, Martin 2, Battle 2.
Rockwall: Blake Sandlin 18, Hunter Jorgensen 12, Kyle Sandlin 9, Jarron White 8, Tim Yeager 3, Luke Wardell 2, Taylor Oden 2, Carson Brooks 2.

Lady Jackets turn it around with district opener win

By Bump
The difference a week has made! Last week we saw the Lady Jackets on the basketball court at Rockwall High School, they lost to Bishop Lynch to drop their record to an unimpressive 4-6.

Tuesday's 62-50 victory over Roysie City, Rockwall improved to 5-1 after winning four of five games during that week. Better yet, they went to head coach Jill McDill, RHS now is 1-0 where it counts, in the 10-4A play.

"The girls we were starting 0-0 tonight," McDill said. "I thought it was a real good."

The Lady Jackets were 5-7 after losing 53-51 to Flower Mound Friday at the Soto Tournament.

"It was an overtime," McDill said, "but Flower Mound is ranked 20 (14th) in the state 5A. The kids came back in two games to beat South Oak Cliff and Waxahachie, which is a real solid victory we were able to turn it around."

The pre-season losses were almost all to ranked teams (Mesquite 11th in 5A, Bishop Lynch second among large private schools). Winning the pre-season games have a positive effect."

The look Lady Jackets who played against Roysie City were more aggressive, and therefore more aggressive. Or vice versa.

McDill said, "I thought some kids stepped up. Alyssa Lang and Kayla were big contributors, and I thought Raven Turner did well. I thought we ended up doing a real good job, and for the first time with our pressure we were good."

City's 6'2" Kellie Wyrick gave Rockwall some difficulty. Anterhaus and Vertashia Dean both fouled out while guarding the Lady Jackets' superior depth helped them maintain about a 10-point lead in rebounds. Unofficial figures showed Lang with 13 rebounds and Dean with 12 each.

Kimmons each scored 12 points, with Kimmons adding four rebounds, four assists and two steals.

There was also Peyton Adamson, whose 27 points were slightly above her season average. For most of the game, two Lady Bulldogs jumped out on her when she tried to get into position for 3-point shots. Instead, Adamson would drive to the basket and was fouled often that she made 13 of 13 foul shots. During the third quarter, after RHS led 50-34, she was able to hit two 3-pointers.

At Soto, Adamson scored 30 points in a 55-34 romp over Tyler Lee, and Flower Mound, 31 against South Oak Cliff and 18 against Waxahachie. The second-leading scorer in each of those games was Adamson, including 10 and 16 points in Saturday's victories.

The Lady Jackets go on the road - Ridge Road, to be precise - Friday

to Rockwall-Heath for their second 10-4A game. The junior varsity, which defeated Roysie City 61-20, will play at 6 p.m. and the varsity at 7:30 p.m. The freshman teams will meet the Lady Hawks at Cain Middle School beginning at 4:30 p.m.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	6	15	17	17	55
Tyler Lee	6	10	8	10	34

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 30, Jordan Anterhaus 9, Alyssa Lang 8, Kayla Kimmons 4, Raven Turner 2, Vertashia Dean 2.

Tyler Lee: Squirtisha Moore 14, Hayter 6, Washington 4, Brooks 4, Ross 2, Mosley 2, Anderson 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Rockwall	13	12	15	5	6	51
Flower Mound	11	12	8	14	8	53

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 28, Jordan Anterhaus 7, Alyssa Lang 6, Kayla Kimmons 4, Vertashia Dean 4, Raven Turner 2.

Flower Mound: Laura McCoy 17, Mallory Singleton 14, Nicole Smallwood 10, Amy Freet 8, Melissa McDermott 2, Kelly Larson 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	26	21	11	15	73
S. Oak Cliff	2	11	6	5	24

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 31, Jordan Anterhaus 10, Alyssa Lang 9, Vertashia Dean 8, Katy Mueller 6, Kayla Kimmons 4, Raven Turner 3, Aimee Coleman 2.

SOC: Denise Washington 10, Naquinta King 7, Dominique Jones 3, K Marshall 2, Jarrae Dublin 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	14	14	14	9	51
Waxahachie	8	13	15	6	42

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 18, Jordan Anterhaus 16, Alyssa Lang 7, Raven Turner 6, Kayla Kimmons 2, Vertashia Dean 2.

Waxahachie: Amanda Mangan 9, P'Kandra Jordan 9, Briana Jordan 5, Shaquille Davis 5, Brittanya Sterns 4, Chanel Miller 4, Rebecca Chagnon 3, Shelby Molengraaf 2, Kateshia Overton 1.

Claggett wrestles to 180-pound title victory

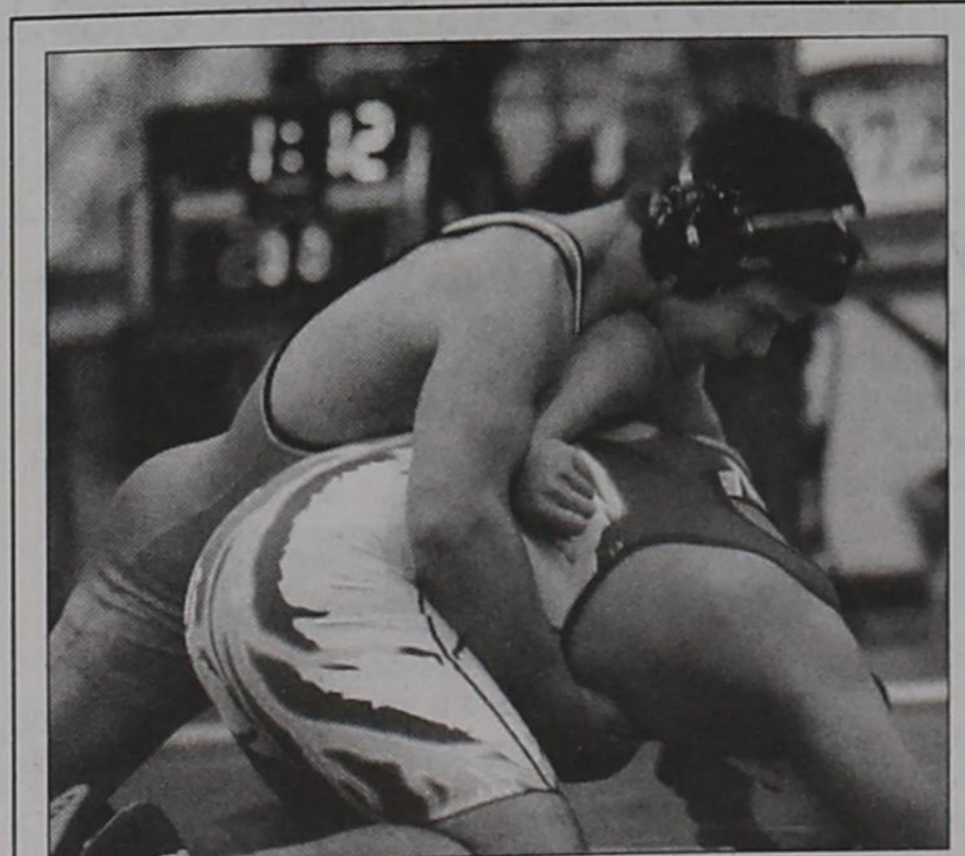
Matt Claggett won the 180-pound weight class to lead Rockwall's effort at the Rockwall Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday. Drawing a first-round bye, Claggett defeated all three of his opponents by fall. In the final match, he pinned Jordan DeMars of tournament champion Dallas St. Mark's.

The event's theme might have been "Two Gyms, Five Mats, No Bumpers." RHS coach Brent Pohorsky and the tournament officials hustled on and off the mats for more than 300 matches on a day that was a delight for lovers of takedowns and reversals.

One of the day's best matches and closest finals, the Yellowjackets' Matt Claggett finished second to Clear Lake's Brad Mason, who took a decision at 152 pounds. After losing in the semifinals to champion Matt of Flower Mound Marcus, Rockwall's Hicks worked his way to take third place. He won four of his five matches.

Claggett won the title over 15 other schools. The Lions totaled 184 points to 149.5 for runner-up Clear Lake, which boasted four individual titles. Rockwall had 79 points; Rockwall-Heath was 16th with 45.

Dallas school won only one individual weight class, by Will Claggett at 215 pounds, but showed depth throughout its lineup. Five finished second in their weight class, two were third and one fourth. St. Mark's dominated the four upper weights, with second-place wrestlers and Jackson in the 180-, 189-, 215- and 285-pound classes.



Matt Claggett wrestles to win first place in the 180-pound weight class during last Saturday's Rockwall Invitational tournament in the RHS gym. Staff photo by Roy Heath



Lady Jackets' Peyton Adamson (22) drives the lane for a basket against the Roysie City Lady Bulldogs during Tuesday's game in the RHS gym. Staff photo by Erin Strahm

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Bulldogs nip Liberty in overtime

Royse City won its second consecutive boys' basketball game, edging Frisco Liberty 59-57 in overtime Tuesday.

The game was close throughout. The Bulldogs (3-5) took a 14-12 lead after the first quarter, and extended it to 26-22 at halftime. Liberty (2-5) edged back within three points after three quarters and tied the score at 51-51 to end regulation play.

Stephen Edwards led RC's scoring with 12 points. Following him closely were Justin Jacobs and Trey Crutchfield with 11 apiece, Wynn Posey with nine and Scotty Arterberry with eight.

The Bulldogs will open play in the Wills Point Tournament Thursday against Ferris (9-0). They'll play at Frisco Wakeland (6-2) Tuesday before returning home for their first game in District 10-4A Friday, Dec. 19, against Greenville (1-8).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Frisco Liberty	12	10	14	15	6	57
Royse City	14	12	13	12	8	59

FL: Kevin Drawe 10, Sadique Thomas 9, Malcolm Hill 9, Andreas Grindborg 8, Triphonie Lewis 6, Dante Dunston 5, Rosco Timberlake 4, Demetrius Wright 3, Cameron Brown 3.

RC: Stephen Edwards 12, Justin Jacobs 11, Trey Crutchfield 11, Wynn Posey 9, Scotty Arterberry 8, Nick Stone 3, Cory Kawesa 3, DaJon Avery 2.

Lady Bulldogs stumble in 2nd quarter at Rockwall

It looked like smooth sailing for the Lady Bulldogs basketball team for the first six minutes of their game at Rockwall Tuesday.

Royce City already had the Lady Jackets in foul trouble. Kellie Wyrick went to the foul line in a one-and-one situation and capped a 6-0 run by making the first free throw.

That put RC ahead 16-11.

Then came a five-minute dry spell when the Lady Bulldogs didn't score at all. Rockwall ran off 13 points in a row for a 24-16 lead. Royce City didn't get within six points the rest of the way, and only a late flurry brought the final margin down to 62-50.

"We had a lot of energy early," said Lady Bulldogs head coach Dallas Bookout. "Rockwall is just a good team. We knew this was going to be the best team we've played so far. You know they're going to make a run at you. We just didn't respond."

The loss in Royse City's first District 10-4A game dropped the team to 11-3 overall.

Bookout said, "We're going to be a good team. To do that, we have to take one of those runs and turn it around. We are inexperienced. We only have two kids who played varsity basketball before this season."

In the early going, the Lady Bulldogs used balanced scoring, with five players combining for those 16 points.

Taylor Howard's five points led the way, but the 6'2" Wyrick was causing the most trouble for Rockwall. Two of the Lady Jackets' post players picked up two quick fouls and eventually fouled out.

But after a Rockwall timeout, the home team began collapsing more players around Wyrick to keep the ball away from her.

In the second quarter, the Lady Jackets outscored Royse City 23-8 to take a 39-24 halftime lead. The Lady Bulldogs had a 42-39 scoring advantage over Rockwall other than that one killer quarter.

Rockwall controlled the ball during that period by out-rebounding Royce City 15-5. For the game, the Lady Jackets had an unofficial rebounding advantage of 49-22.

"Sometimes we struggled blocking out on rebounds," Bookout said. "We knew we'd really have to get after them. When we didn't do that, it showed on the scoreboard."

Wyrick was the Lady Bulldogs' high scorer with 14 points. She also matched that with 14 rebounds and blocked five shots. Tayler Young added 10 points.

Raven Alexander scored nine, but missed the last few minutes. Bookout said she "tweaked" the knee on which she had surgery as a freshman. He didn't indicate that Alexander would miss more playing time.

The Lady Bulldogs went to Rockwall after winning three of four games in the Winstboro Tournament last weekend.

After losing to Mount Vernon 61-50, Royse City came back to defeat new district rival Greenville 58-42, Mount Pleasant 61-50 and Nacogdoches 60-38.

In the Greenville game, the Lady Bulldogs broke loose from a 33-33 tie after three quarters to outscore the Lady Lions 25-9 in the fourth quarter. Alexander was the leading scorer with 19 points. Young had the individual high game with 20 points against Mount Pleasant. Wyrick reached double figures in each game and totaled 53 points (13.3 per game) in the four tournament contests.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	13	14	10	13	50
Mount Vernon	14	16	17	14	61

RC: Tayler Young 16, Kellie Wyrick 11, Raven Alexander 9, Taylor Howard 8, Ashlei Jordan 4, Ariel Freese 2.

MV: Summerlin 19, Deloney 14, Hargraves 11, K. Whitlock 8, C. Whitlock 7, Thomas 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	12	8	13	25	58
Greenville	12	10	11	9	42

RC: Raven Alexander 19, Tayler Young 11, Kellie Wyrick 11, Taylor Howard 10, Taylor Jordan 5, Ariel Freese 2.

Greenville: Carter 25, Franklin 6, Mediano 5, Crow 3, Abbot 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	9	22	12	18	61
Mt. Pleasant	13	5	18	14	50

RC: Tayler Young 20, Kellie Wyrick 12, Ariel Freese 9, Taylor Howard 7, Taylor Jordan 4, Ashlei Jordan 3, Raven Alexander 3, S Shelton 2, Amanda Boudreaux 1.

MP: Destiny Smith 23, Alean Robinson 9, Chastity Morgan 7, Angie Perez 6, J. Allen 5.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	23	15	17	5	60
Nacogdoches	9	11	4	14	38

RC: Kellie Wyrick 19, Raven Alexander 18, Taylor Howard 10, Ariel Freese 6, Tayler Young 3, Taylor Jordan 2, Alysia Null 2.

Nacogdoches: Leedee 22, Y. Stearn 5, D. Stearn 5, Agnew 4, Simon 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	16	8	10	16	50
Rockwall	16	23	13	10	62

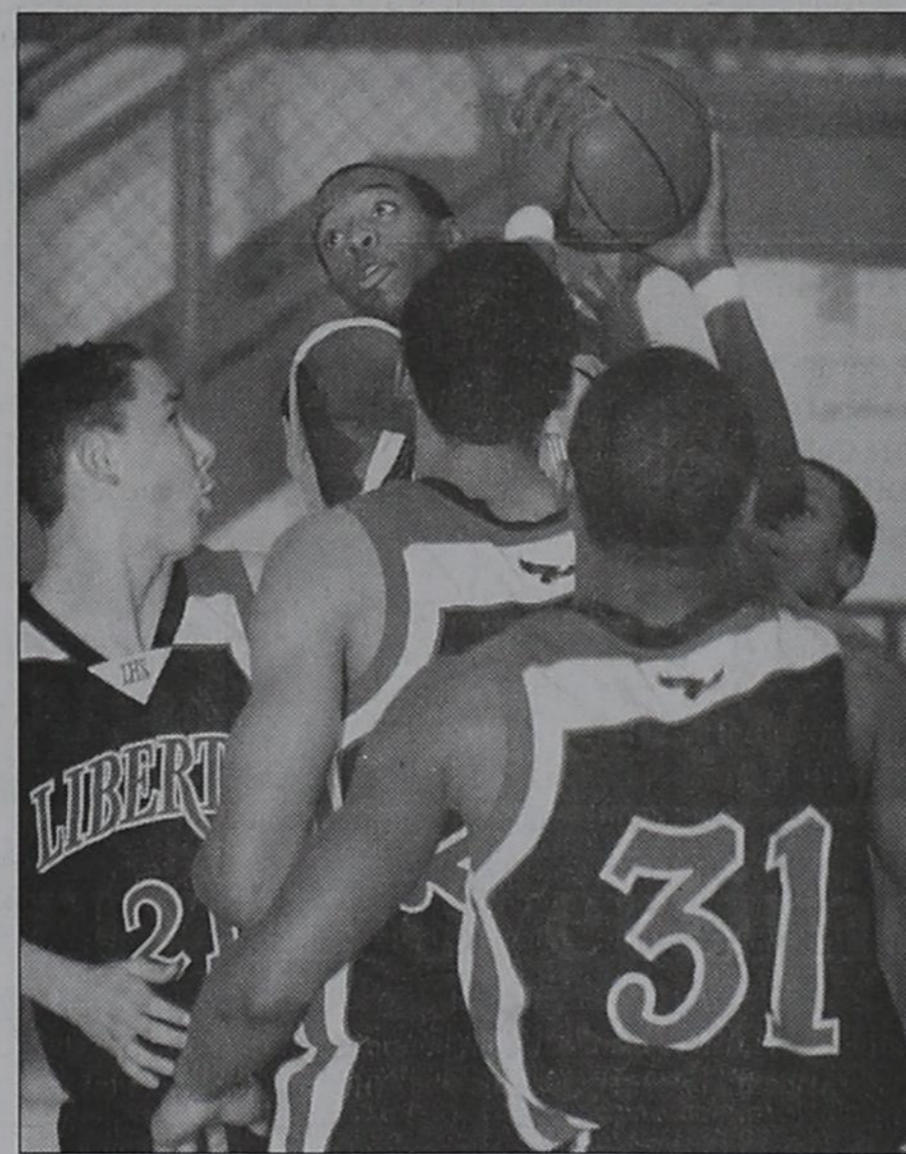
RC: Kellie Wyrick 14, Tayler Young 10, Raven Alexander 9, Taylor Howard 9, Ariel Freese 6, Taylor Jordan 2.

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 27, Kayla Kimmons 12, Alyssa Lang 12, Aimee Coleman 4, Vertashia Dean 3, Raven Turner 2, Jordan Anterhaus 2.



Raven Alexander (25) takes aim for a free throw during Tuesday's game against the Rockwall Lady Jackets in the RHS gym.

Staff photo by Erin Straum



Bulldogs' Trey Crutchfield (23) soars over Frisco Liberty players for a shot during Tuesday's game in the Royse City gym. The Bulldogs won in overtime 59-57.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Williams wins title – over Williams

The Williams Middle School B and C teams had great success in last weekend's tournament at Mesquite Vanston.

Both Rockwall schools were entered in the B tournament bracket. Both won their way into Saturday morning's final game. Williams B took the title by prevailing over runner-up Williams C.

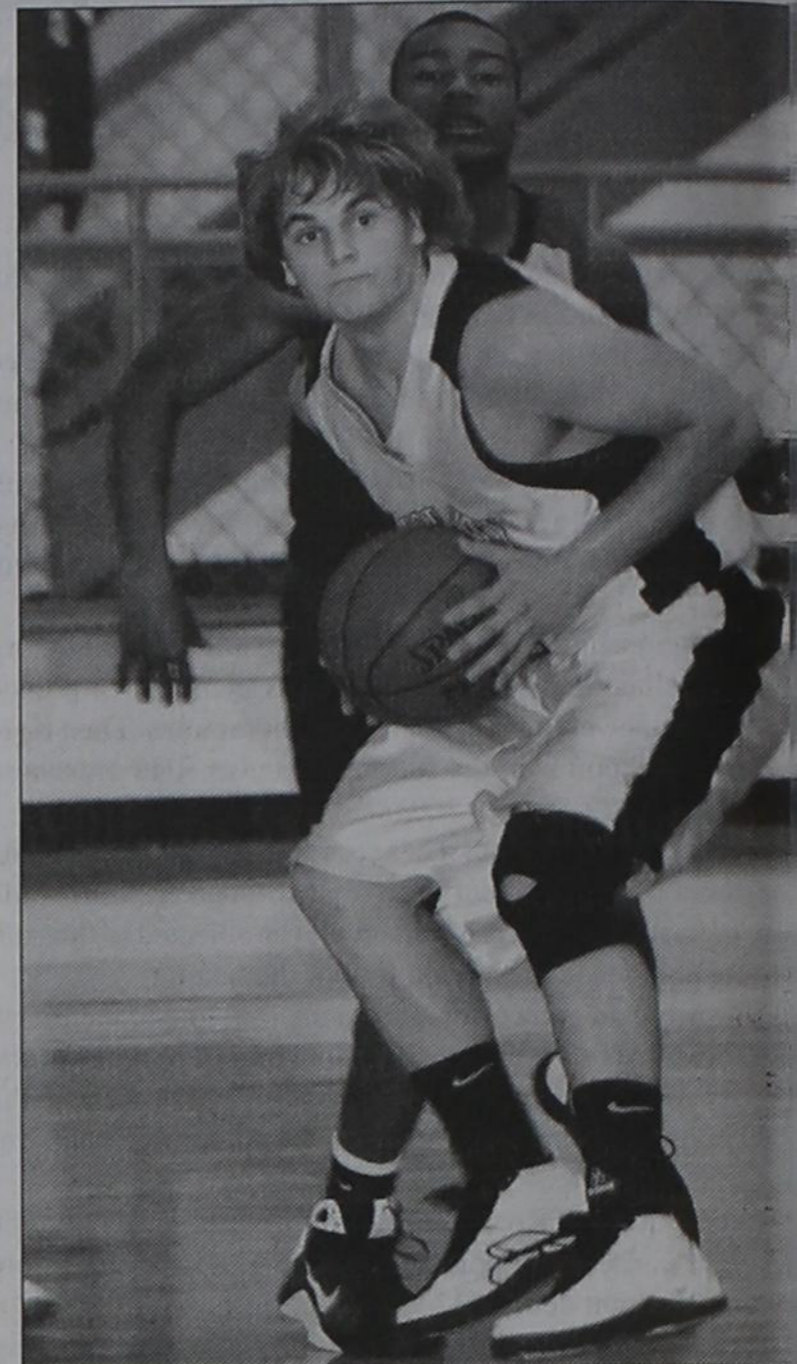
Sports Notes

Jingle Bell Run set Saturday

A family-friendly 5k run/walk and a one-mile run through Harry Myers Park in Rockwall will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday. The Jingle Bell Run for Blane Thompson is designed to raise funds for a Rockwall High student scholarship. Post-race snacks and activities are planned, and race awards will go to the top three adult and student participants. For more details visit run4blane.org. To register go to active.com.

Toy Trot to coincide with RC parade

The Toy Trot campaign, sponsored by Jana's Jym, offers local residents the opportunity to get some exercise and help out with the toy drive sponsored by the Royse City Police Department. Toy Trot participants will run or walk ahead of the Saturday Royse City Christmas parade to pick up toy donations for the toy drive. Toy Trot entry fee is one toy or a monetary gift to the toy drive. To register, visit Jana'sJym.com or call 972-635-0002.



Justin Jacobs (14) of the Bulldogs, slides in for a basket during Tuesday's game against Frisco Liberty in the RCHS gym.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Royse City Bulldogs' schedule this week

Saturday, Dec. 13: Varsity, JV, JV Black and freshman basketball: at Wills Point Tournament

Monday, Dec. 15: 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball: Warren, White 4:30 p.m., Black 5:30 p.m. and Gold 7 p.m. JV Black boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Boys' basketball: at Frisco Wakeland 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19: Girls' basketball: at Greenville, freshman 6 p.m., and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Lang, Walters, Eldridge lead Jackets over Carroll

Ryan Lang, Jono Walters and Sean Eldridge each won individual events to pace the Rockwall boys' swimming team's 10th annual meet against Southlake Carroll Tuesday at the Rockwall YMCA. Lang won the 100-yard butterfly by more than eight seconds. Kyle Killion was third in that race in 1:10.33 and Matt Lang won the 100-yard freestyle in 1:11.86. Ryan Lang also led a 1-2 finish in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:17.99, more than five seconds ahead of teammate Eldridge at 2:23.39.

Walters and Jared Tokuz took the first two places in both 500 freestyles. The winning times were 2:01.77 and 5:35.92.

Eldridge's wins were in the 50 freestyle (25.46) and 100 freestyle (1:07.15). Matt Lang placed second in the backstroke race in 1:10.91.

In all, the Yellowjackets won 10 events. Sean Eldridge was the individual winner with a time of 1:10.91 in the 100-yard freestyle. Rockwall's 200 medley and 200 and 400 free relays also placed.

The RHS girls fell to Southlake Carroll 116-50. Hannah Kreun won the 50-yard freestyle in 28.76, more than two seconds ahead of her seed time. Dominique Cordova, who placed in the 50 freestyle, won the 100 free in 1:03.45. Kreun won the 100 backstroke in 1:09.54. She also finished fourth in the 200 backstroke (2:19.77).

Williams Wildcats' schedule this week

Monday, Dec. 15 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18 – Boys' soccer: at Greenhill, 7th grade 3:30 p.m. and 8th grade 4:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Lovejoy, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 6:30 p.m.

8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Saturday, Dec. 13 – Varsity wrestling: at Lone Star 8 a.m. Mark's, 8 a.m.

JV wrestling: at Plano Invitational, Plano Senior High School 9 a.m.

Varsity boys' basketball: at Mike Brown Auto Group 7 p.m. Granbury

JV White girls' basketball: at Edgewood Tournament

Freshman A and B girls' basketball: at Carrollton Newman Tournament

Monday, Dec. 15 – Girls' basketball: at West Mesquite 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

JV White boys' basketball: at Royse City, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Mesquite 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Carrollton 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, freshman and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity wrestling: at Austin Vista Ridge Duals, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20 – Varsity wrestling: at Austin Vista Ridge Invitational, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 29 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas Tournament

Varsity girls' basketball: at Duncanville Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 30 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas Tournament

Varsity girls' basketball: at Duncanville Tournament

Wednesday, Dec. 31 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas Tournament

Varsity girls' basketball: at Duncanville Tournament

Friday, Jan. 2 – Varsity wrestling: at Grapevine Duals, 9 a.m.

Boys' soccer: home, Alumni scrimmage

Girls' soccer: home, Alumni scrimmage

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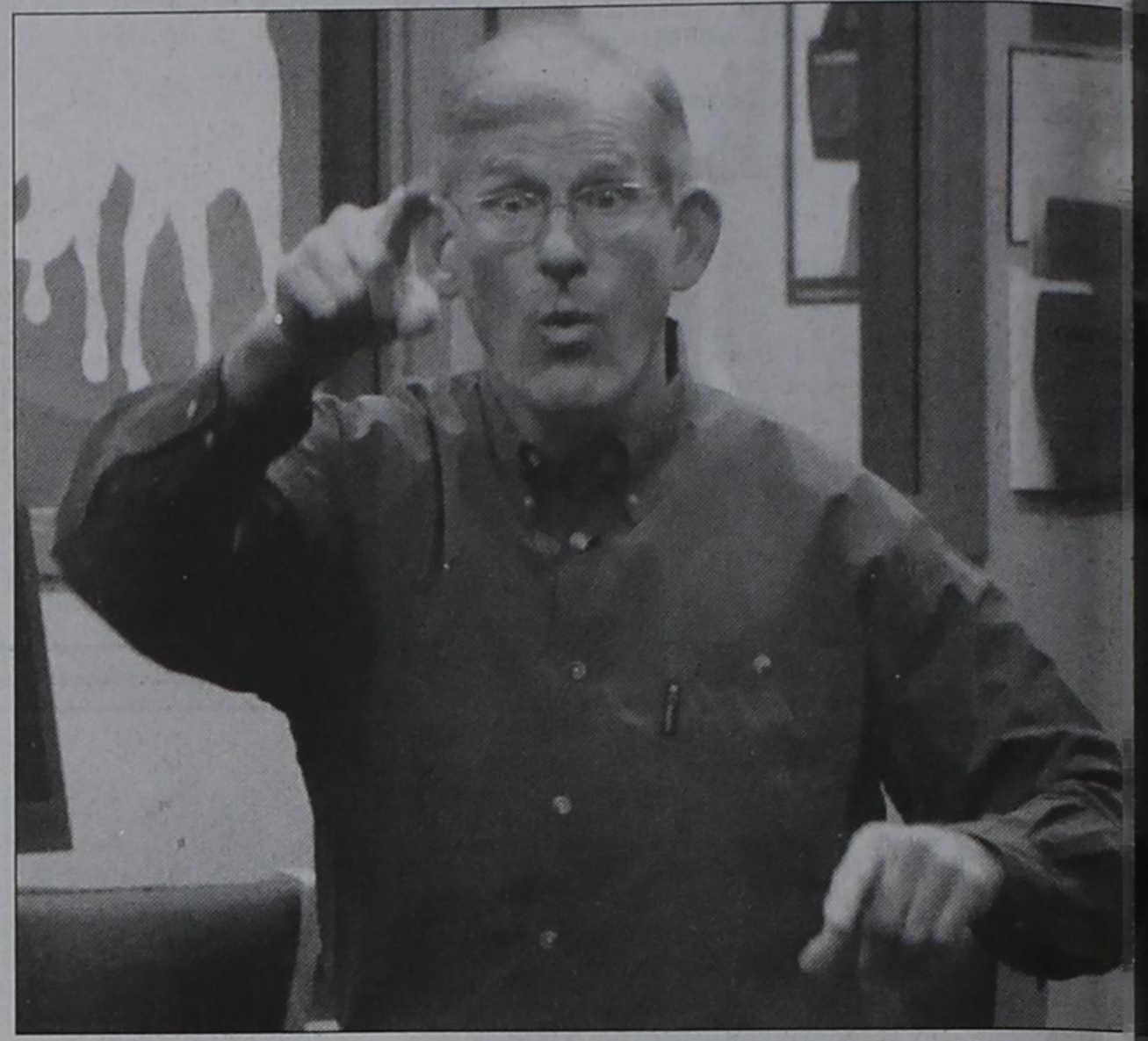
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Joe Hayes, a Santa Fe, N.M., author and storyteller, visited students at Springer Elementary on Dec. 2. Hayes used a blend of Spanish and English to tell different stories to each grade level, and students participated in the storytelling with actions demonstrated by the speaker. Hayes autographed copies of his book and thanked each student with an individual handshake.



Reinhardt Elementary students recently participated in the school's 6th Annual Turkey Trot. Each class had an hour and a half to walk, jog or run as many miles as they could on a one-mile route around the school's neighborhood. Rockwall's Helping Hands received approximately 3,000 cans of food from the Reinhardt students as a result of the Turkey Trot. Pictured at front are Brianna Griffith, Martin and Connor DeShong, and at back, Meagan Wright and William Rapp join the group.

Pullen students visit planetarium

Pullen Elementary students recently had the opportunity to visit the Sky Dome, a portable, inflatable planetarium.

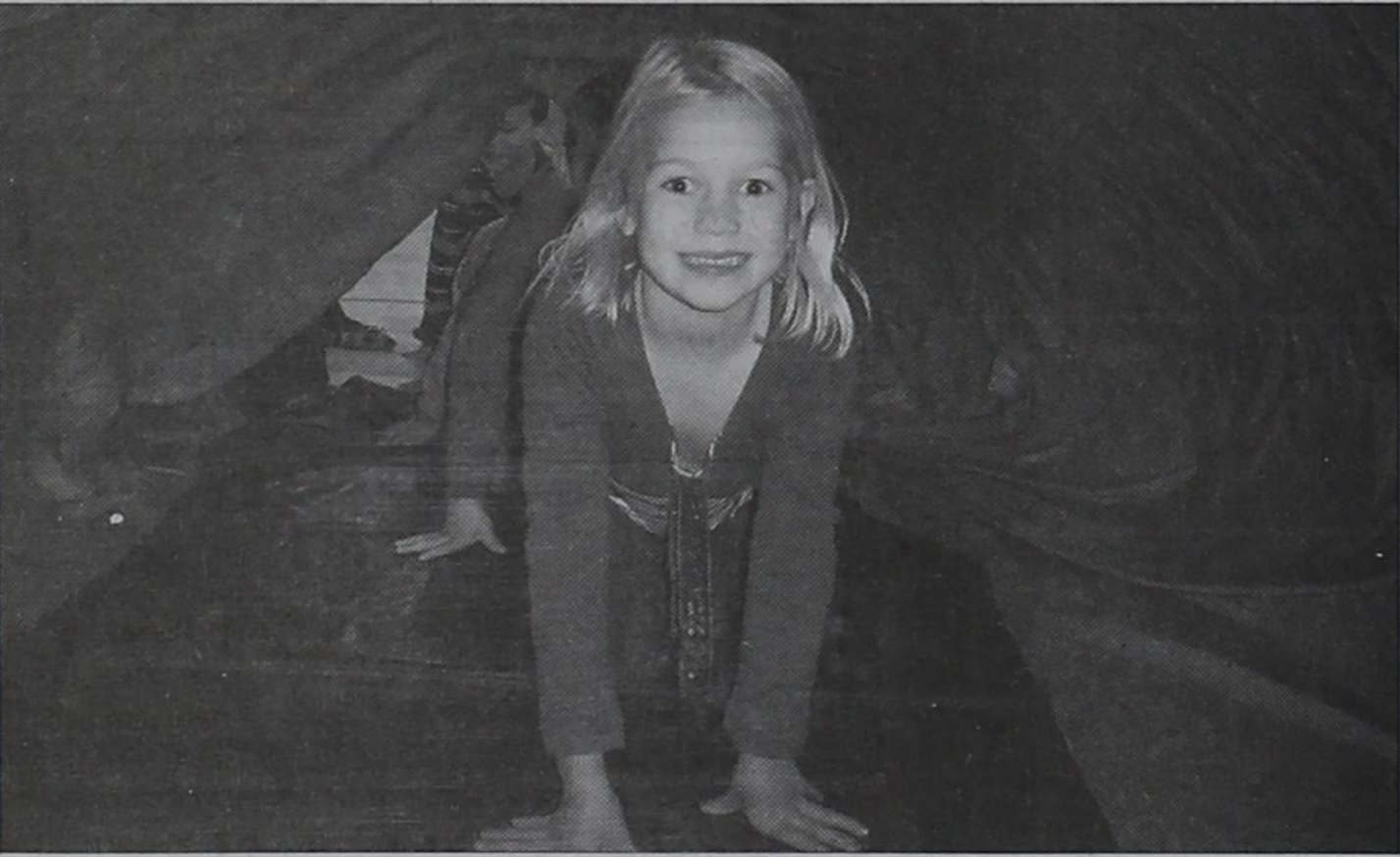
Students were able to observe the stars as they appear at night and learn where to look for the constellations.

"It's a dynamic learning experience to see 120,000 close-ups of the planets and outlines of the constellations," said Denise Navetta, Sky Dome instructor.

The 45-minute tour included lessons on the solar system, planets, season changes and Greek mythological figures.

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Pullen Elementary first grade student Elle Scott recently enjoyed climbing through the tunnel to get inside the Sky Dome, an inflatable planetarium.



Pullen Elementary teachers Michelle Stewart and Darcy Hinds are shown making decorations with students Rylee Stewart, Adrianna DeMaggio and Simon DeMaggio. The art project was one of many activities scheduled as part of the school's Dec. 2 Holiday Family Night, an annual PTA-sponsored event that drew more than 400 participants.



Finishing off the 2008 Fall Sun Series, local sailing enthusiasts take advantage of the wind on Ray Hubbard during the November 23 race #7. "Superman's Cape" (Evelyn 32) (right) is owned by Marshal and Carol McKenzie. On the left is "Hotsy Totsy" (J29), owned by Heiko Mueller. The boat in the center position is held by "Swale" (S2 7.9) owned by Chris Hunke. "Superman" was built by E. Sailboats and is 32 ft. long. "Hotsy" was built by J Boats and is 29 ft long "Swale" was built by Sailboats and is 7.9 meters long, roughly 26 feet. The final race on November 30 was cancelled due to high winds. Racing resumes in mid-January 2009 with the Founders Series on Sunday after the holidays. Photo and information courtesy of Dan Malak

Opinions

The Wizards of Washington

by Sheldon Richman

Remember that scene in The Wizard of Oz when Toto reveals the "great and powerful wizard" as nothing but a homunculus operating an imposing thunder-and-lightning machine? "Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain," he bellows, not knowing enough to quit even when he's exposed.

The government's response to the current economic turmoil reminds me of that scene. We are assured by the awe-inspiring U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve that if we trust them with essential control of the American economy, all will be set right.

Behind the curtain, however, are just a bunch of bureaucrats who couldn't possibly put the economy right because no one can know how to do that. They would be better able to give a cowardly lion courage, a tin man a heart, or a scarecrow a brain.

Sloppy metaphors to the contrary, an economy is not an engine that occasionally needs a mechanic to go under the hood to tune it up. An economy is people pursuing their preferences by engaging in endless varieties of exchanges with others while coordinating disparate plans founded on unspoken expectations.

Amazing orderly process

It's an amazingly orderly process — when it is allowed to operate in peace and without government intervention.

Unfortunately, governments rarely let it operate in peace. Government planning is power, and with only a few exceptions, most people attracted to top government jobs want to wield power.

While they are incapable of fixing an economy — if that means restoring it to its consumer-serving function — they are capable of skewing it to their own purposes.

Government interference with the economic process represents a substitution of political for consumer objectives. In a freely functioning economy — absent government privileges and burdens — entrepreneurs work to arrange the productive process ultimately to satisfy consumers' subjective preferences.

This idea is implicit in the very concepts production, investment, and labor. Their fruits must have value in the eyes of consumers or they are not productive.

Thus when government "creates jobs" or saves companies by taking money from the private sector, it is not truly productive activity. Rather, the government has preempted the economic process, forbidding it to serve consumers so that it can instead serve the objectives of politicians and bureaucrats.

President-elect Obama's chief of staff-designate, Rahm Emanuel, says, "You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. Things that we had postponed for too long, that were long-term, are now immediate and must be dealt with. This crisis provides the opportunity for us to do things that you could not do before."

Big government thrives on crisis

Emanuel here unwittingly affirms Robert Higgs's thesis in *Crisis and Leviathan*: government will use a crisis (real, exaggerated, or imagined) to expand its power. And Emanuel clearly grasps Higgs's corollary: when the crisis subsides, the new powers will not be shed. Some will remain in force; others will be put on the shelf to await the next crisis.

The current financial turmoil is a textbook illustration of Higgs's principle. In just the last few months the Fed and Treasury have engaged in activities they had not dared engage in before, such as bailing out investment banks and insurance companies and buying shares in banks. The precedent has been set. Next time, such activity will be even easier.

None of this will fix the economy. The federal government as of late November had committed more than \$7 trillion to the financial system in loan purchases and guarantees of various sorts. But Treasury borrowing only moves money from point A to point B, while Fed policy creates money out of thin air.

Money out of thin air

Every dollar the Treasury borrows is a dollar the private sector can't invest in consumer-oriented projects, and every dollar the Fed creates distorts the economy by transferring purchasing power from the people to privileged interests. The resulting economy is built on false signals and expectations — which can't be sustained without government support. That is hardly the route to sustainable economic growth.

When you recall that today's economic turmoil is the direct result of earlier distortions from government policies — guarantees to lenders, so-called affordable-housing policies, et cetera — it is clear that ground is being seeded for the next crisis.

At our peril do we pay no attention to those men behind the curtain. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

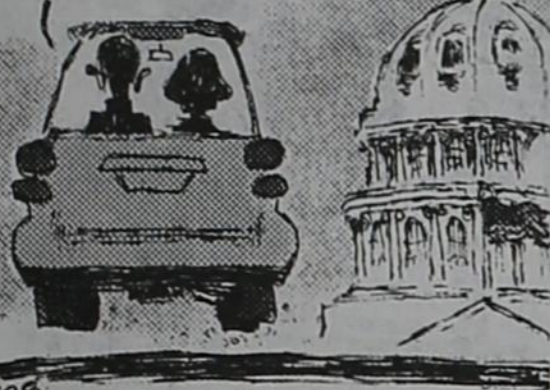
LOOK, I KNOW WE'RE BROKE.



AND WE CAN'T MEET OUR PENSION OBLIGATIONS.



BUT IT'S HUMILIATING TO ARRIVE AT THE CAPITOL IN THIS STUPID LITTLE HYBRID.



SHUT UP AND DRIVE, HARRY.



Ignorance reigns supreme

by E. Williams

About a few civics questions? Name the three branches of government. If you answered the executive, legislative and judicial, you were informed than 50 percent of Americans. The Delaware-based Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) recently released the results of a national survey titled "Our Fading Heritage: Americans Fail a Basic History and Institutions." The survey questions were not simple.

Only 11 percent of survey respondents knew that the phrase "government of the people, by the people, for the people" comes from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Almost 40 percent do not believe the Constitution gives the president the power to pardon. Only 27 percent know the Bill of Rights expressly prohibits Congress from establishing an official religion for the United States. Remarkably, close to 50 percent of Americans believe that Congress shares its foreign policy powers with the United Nations.

Of the total of 33 questions asked, others included: "Who is the current chief of the U.S. military?" "Name two countries that were enemies of the United States during World War II." "Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?" Of the 2,508 nationwide samples of Americans who took the civics literacy test, 71 percent failed; the average score on the test was 49 percent.

Findings about cultural illiteracy and academic incompetence are everywhere. A 1990 Gallup survey for the National Endowment of the Arts, given to a representative sample of 700 college seniors, found that 25 percent did not know that Columbus landed in the Americas before the year 1500; 42 percent could not place the year of the American Revolution in the correct half-century; and 31 percent thought that the atomic bomb was developed during World War II.

A Department of Education survey found that among college

graduates 50 percent of whites and more than 80 percent of blacks couldn't state in writing the argument made in a newspaper column; 56 percent could not calculate the right tip; 57 percent could not figure out how much change they should get back after putting down \$3.00 to pay for a 60-cent bowl of soup and a \$1.95 sandwich, and over 90 percent could not use a calculator to find the cost of carpeting a room. But not to worry. A 1999 survey taken by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni of seniors at the nation's top 55 liberal-arts colleges and universities found that 98 percent could identify rap artist Snoop Dogg and Beavis and Butt-Head, but only 34 percent knew George Washington was the general at the battle of Yorktown.

With limited thinking abilities and knowledge of our heritage, we Americans set ourselves up as easy prey for charlatans, hustlers and quacks. If we don't know the constitutional limits placed on Congress and the White House, politicians can do just about anything they wish to control our lives, from deciding what kind of light bulbs we can use to whether the government can take over our health care system or bailout failing businesses. We just think Congress can do anything upon which they can get a majority vote.

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute has one finding that I find both a bit perplexing but encouraging. Roughly 70 percent of Americans, even those who failed the test, agreed that our history, culture and institutions are important and should be taught to our college students. They might even agree with Thomas Jefferson who warned, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

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Jesus versus atheists

by Bill O'Reilly

At this time for the Christmas season, Washington State Gov. Gregoire has insulted Christians all over the world. Inside the Capitol building in Olympia there is a traditional holiday display with a tree and the Nativity scene; perfectly appropriate since the Christmas holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

This year Gregoire decided to add another item to the display. Alongside the baby Jesus is a giant placard designed by the governor that reads: "There are no gods, no devils, no angels, no heaven and no hell. There is only our natural world. Religion is but myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds."

That's correct. The governor of Washington State has the right to attack on religion to be displayed in her office building as a Christmas presentation.

The producers of "The Twilight Zone" would have rejected this as being too far-fetched. Gregoire's behavior is offensive, insulting to the people of faith and totally incomprehensible.

Do you know what's going on in Washington State?

The city fathers are the public nakedness in city parks and the riding, and in Fremont, a Seattle school board actually had children about the atrocities against the Pilgrims.

In addition, Washington State voters have assisted-suicide legislation, and the state has out free birth control pills, including the morning after pill.

On the quality-of-life front, the streets of Seattle are full of homeless people, but they are not to be out in the rain. The city will issue alcoholics and drug addicts if they are not in it. They can actually get free apartments. Taxpayers, of course, pay the tab.

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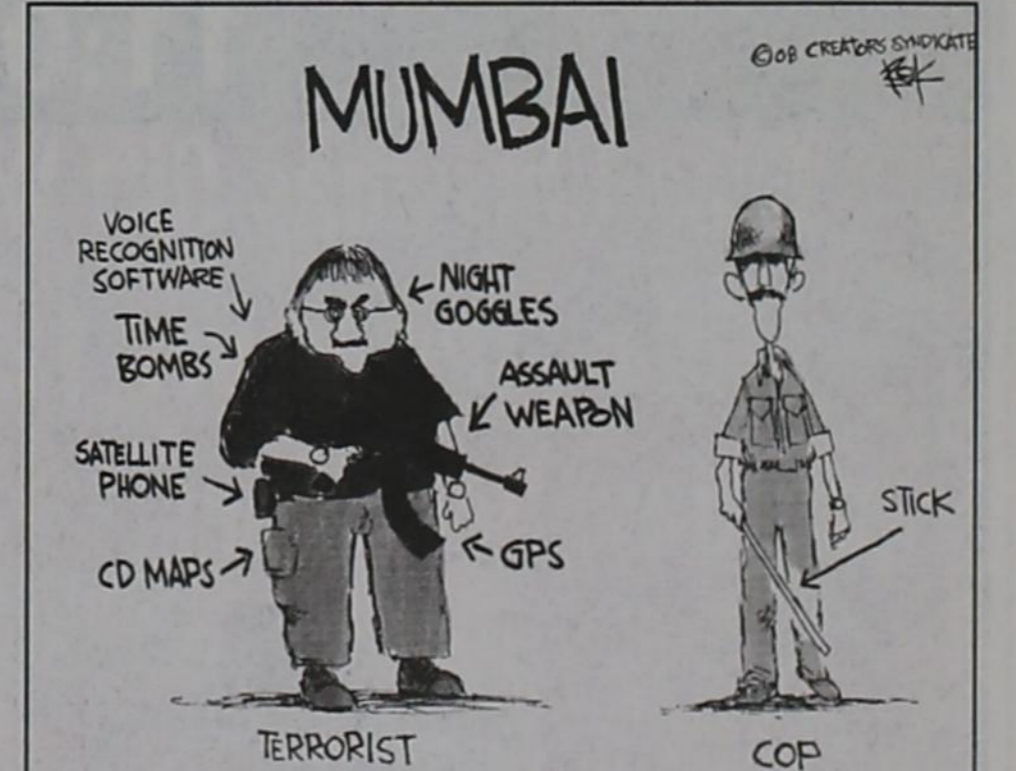
State is fairly conservative. But the big-city population base rules, and far-left zealots are running wild. However, they may have overstepped on this Christmas deal.

I believe that most Americans, even those living in the far-left enclaves, respect uplifting traditions like Christmas, where peace and love is the theme of the great day. Calling religion "enslaving" doesn't exactly fit into the peace and love scenario, does it? Can't we all just get along for a few weeks in December?

The answer to that question is no. Not in Washington State, where the governor believes a few nuts have a legal right to run down the Christmas tradition in the lobby of the Capitol building. At this point there is little left to say except this: Where are the wise men when you need them?

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WE NEED A BETTER ON-BOARD NAVIGATION SYSTEM.



Heritage Christian offers tough competition for state title against rival Greenville Christian

When it came time to choose the most valuable player in the TAPPS Division I six-man football final Saturday, voters couldn't decide.

The score was similarly close for most of the game, but Greenville Christian School pulled away in the fourth quarter to defend its state title decisively. Rockwall's Heritage Christian Academy put up a good fight before losing 72-48 at Bearcat Stadium in Moody.

HCA senior running back Josh Points ran so well, with 29 carries for 242 yards and five touchdowns, that he earned co-MVP honors with Greenville quarterback, Brandon Fauley. He completed 19 of 37 passes for 340 yards and seven TDs, and also led the Greenville Eagles with 72 rushing yards.

HCA's Eagles (11-3) took leads in each of the first three quarters, twice by 16 points, but the northern Eagles came back to tie the game at the end of each of those periods.

Greenville (12-0) didn't lead until the third quarter, when Andrew Wombaker returned a Heritage Christian fumble 42 yards for the touchdown that put GCS ahead 48-40.

Points tied the game with his fifth TD, on a 1-yard run, but the fourth quarter was all Greenville Christian.

Wombaker's recovery for a touchdown was just one of four fumbles the HCA Eagles lost during the game. In contrast, Greenville did not turn the ball over at all.

The game marked a contrast in styles, with HCA gaining more than 300 yards rushing and GCS throwing for more than 300.

That seemed to make it easier for Greenville to come back. After the Rockwall Eagles took first-half leads of 16-0 and 32-16, Fauley merely passed for two touchdowns each time to tie the score. And when Points' 43-yard run for his 36th touchdown this season gave HCA a 40-32 lead

in the third quarter, Fauley bounced back with a 5-yard scoring pass to Nick Nelson.

He was able to spread his passes around. Four Greenville receivers each caught at least three passes for at least 71 yards and a touchdown. Blake Caspari was Fauley's favorite red-zone target, catching three TD passes of no more than 19 yards each.

Indicative of the caliber of play and attention to detail by both coaching staffs was the special teams play. Nelson kicked points after all nine Greenville touchdowns, and HCA's Aaron Mateer converted all six of his kicks. There were none of the kickoff-return touchdowns that can be prevalent in six-man football.

This article includes material contributed by Jeff Mateer.

Individual statistics

Rushing – HCA: Josh Points 29-242, Josh Peschell 5-51, 1-13, Travis Arterburn 2-8, Kevin Prater 2-3; GCS: Brandon 72, Aaron Howell 4-19, Nick Nelson 1-14, Jake Schumann 2 Wombaker 1-1.

Passing – HCA: Zach Read 6-12-0-52, Josh Peschell 1-5-Brandon Fauley 19-37-0-340.

Receiving – HCA: Noah Ward 4-26, Josh Peschell 1-1-McAfee 1-15, Kevin Prater 1-2; GCS: Tanner Barnes 6-99, Blake 5-86, Nick Nelson 3-84, Jake Schumann 5-71.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	16	16	16	0	48
Greenville	16	16	16	24	72

	HCA	Greenville
First downs	13	16
Rushing-yds.	39-317	25-110
Passing-yds.	59	340
Passing	7-17-0	19-37-0
Punts-avg.	3-25.0	2-45.0
Penalties-yds.	3-15	6-70
Fumbles-lost	5-4	0-0

HCA – Josh Points 42 run (Aaron Mateer kick)

HCA – Points 20 run (Mateer kick)

GCS – Jake Schumann 8 pass from Brandon Fauley (Nick Nelson kick)

GCS – Blake Caspari 12 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)

HCA – Zach Read 13 run (Mateer kick)

HCA – Josh Points 54 run (Mateer kick)

GCS – Nelson 54 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)

GCS – Caspari 19 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)

HCA – Points 43 run (Mateer kick)

GCS – Nelson 5 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)

GCS – Andrew Wombaker 42 fumble return (Nelson kick)

HCA – Points 1 run (Mateer kick)

GCS – Caspari 14 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)

GCS – Schumann 1 run (Nelson kick)

GCS – Tanner Barnes 18 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)



HCA's Josh Points (31) leaves Greenville Christian behind while racing to the end zone during last Saturday's State Six-man football championship. Photo by William Crowe



HCA's Noah Ward (5) is blocked from receiving a pass by a Greenville Christian defender during Saturday's TAPPS State Six-man football championship. As a result of the play, Greenville was penalized for pass interference. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



HCA Head Coach Robert Huckabee embraces the team seniors following last Saturday's TAPPS State Championship against Greenville Christian in Moody, Texas. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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