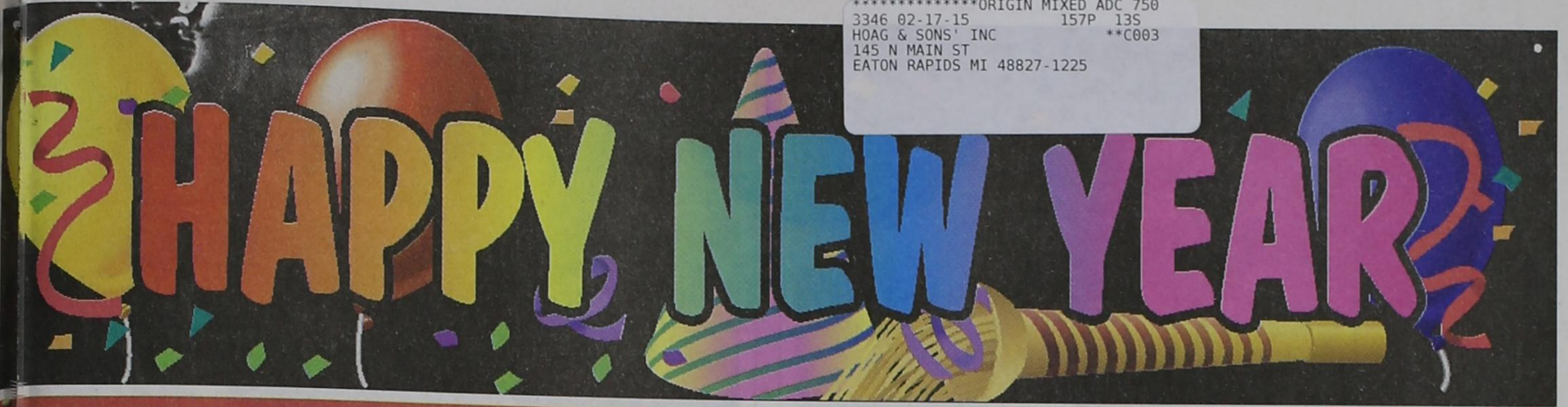


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## Rockwall County Days plans under way

Planning is well under way for the 2013 Rockwall County Days sponsored by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and the 2013 Class of Leadership Rockwall.

The event, which will run Feb. 24-26, will kick off at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 with a welcome reception at the Double Tree Suites by Hilton Austin. Those interested in attending this event, which is being hosted by the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall, should RSVP by Feb. 1 to paula@rockwallchamber.org or 972-771-7333.

The Rockwall County Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at Aranos, 1111 Red River. A fajita and enchilada buffet and cash bar will be set up. Cost will be \$25. Those planning to participate should RSVP and arrange for payment to the chamber by Feb. 1 by calling 972-771-5733.

Happy Hour on the Hill, hosted by the Lake Pointe Medical Center, is scheduled on Feb. 24 prior to the welcome reception and on Feb. 25 prior to the dinner. It will take place in the Presidential Suite of the Doubletree Suites. Complimentary snacks and libations will be served.

A tentative legislative breakfast is planned for Feb. 26 at the Austin Club; the time of the event has yet to be determined. Hosted by Farmers Electric Cooperative and Oncor Electric Delivery, cost will be \$25 per person. Those planning to attend should RSVP and make payment arrangements with the chamber by Feb. 1 at 972-771-7333.

Tours and meetings with elected officials and staff members will be scheduled throughout the day Feb. 25 and the morning of Feb. 26. Participants will receive a schedule upon arrival at the Capitol the first morning. Dress will be business professional (coat and tie required) on Feb. 25 and business casual the following day.

A special room rate is available for booking through Feb. 3 by calling 1-800-222-8733 (reservations) or 512-478-7000; the group rates available under the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce. The number of rooms blocked off for this rate is limited.



## Children play in the Christmas day snow

The Whitherspoon family spend a few minutes of their Christmas day playing in the snow at Harry Myers Park in Rockwall. Shown from left are Camryn, Katelyn, Haley (back) and Nick (front). They are the children of Eric and Tracey Whitherspoon.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



## Grace Hartman students participate in service-learning projects

As winter break fast approached, students at Grace Hartman Elementary participated in various service-learning projects. Grace Jacobson, Stevie Bradbury and Desiree Gray are shown with some of the bags their fourth grade class decorated during the holiday season. Fourth grade students at the school undertook a service-learning project as part of the holidays instead of exchanging gifts. Some students brought books for donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall, while others brought food items for Helping Hands or gloves for distribution at a homeless shelter. Funds donated were used to buy children's gloves that were placed in lunch bags decorated with special notes and pictures. The bags will be distributed at a homeless shelter.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Local students participate in 'Little Hands in the OR'

Middle school students from the Rockwall Independent School District and Dallas Christian Academy recently had the opportunity to spend a day in the life of a medical professional through Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital's Little Hands in the OR program in Rockwall.

In its third year, the program continues to grow in scope and attendance with the ongoing goal to inspire young minds to choose a career in healthcare, especially perioperative services.

For hospital president Cindy Paris, Little Hands in the OR has been a longtime passion. Spending much of her career in the operating room, she knew she wanted to share her experiences with young students as a way to introduce them to possible careers in healthcare.

"It has been a blessing to watch the students' excitement grow throughout the day's activities," Paris said. "I am so very thankful to have the opportunity to share this small part of our world. I am doubly thankful to have many wonderful partners in this hospital who have helped develop this program into a great teaching tool and early recruitment endeavor."

The introduction to the daylong events began with presentations by several physicians. Dr. Kate Makahon and Dr. Jeff Stephens, both Rockwall surgeons, introduced the students to laparoscopic gallbladder surgery, its purpose and how it is performed. Playing an important role in the operating and procedure room is the anesthesiologist. Dr. Marc Brown, an anesthesiologist on staff at Texas Health Rockwall, gave a demonstration on his role and how he keeps patients comfortable throughout the process. Dr. Gary Bonacquisti, a family medicine physician and the hospital's medical director, spoke to the students about the process of how a patient moves from his office with their first complaint to the surgeon's office for further evaluation for possible surgery.

The day involved hands-on, educational activities including a video following a patient's surgical trip through Texas Health Rockwall. Students viewed her experience as she traveled from the admitting process, through a successful gallbladder removal, recovery and her eventual dismissal.

One of the most exciting activities allowed students to visit an operating room in full surgical attire. There they had the opportunity to manipulate actual surgical equipment, attempting to pick up colorful beads and load them on a stick using a laparoscope. They soon learned that it takes skill and practice to learn the technique.

Students also experienced demonstrations of the sterile processing of surgical instruments, as well as surgical hand scrubs and infection control practices that are performed routinely inside the hospital. The infection control department discussed the importance of these responsibilities and the role they play in patient safety. Several hospital supply and equipment vendors participated, including Rockwall EMS, which gave a tour of the ambulance and spoke on the role of an EMS technician. Additionally, the final day coincided with the Great American Smokeout, with students participating in a balloon launch to generate awareness and concern for this important health issue.

Staff members of Texas Health Rockwall were eager to talk about their experiences and passion for their career choices. Both nurses and technicians shared their responsibilities within a "typical day" and spoke about why they chose the path they did in their medical career.

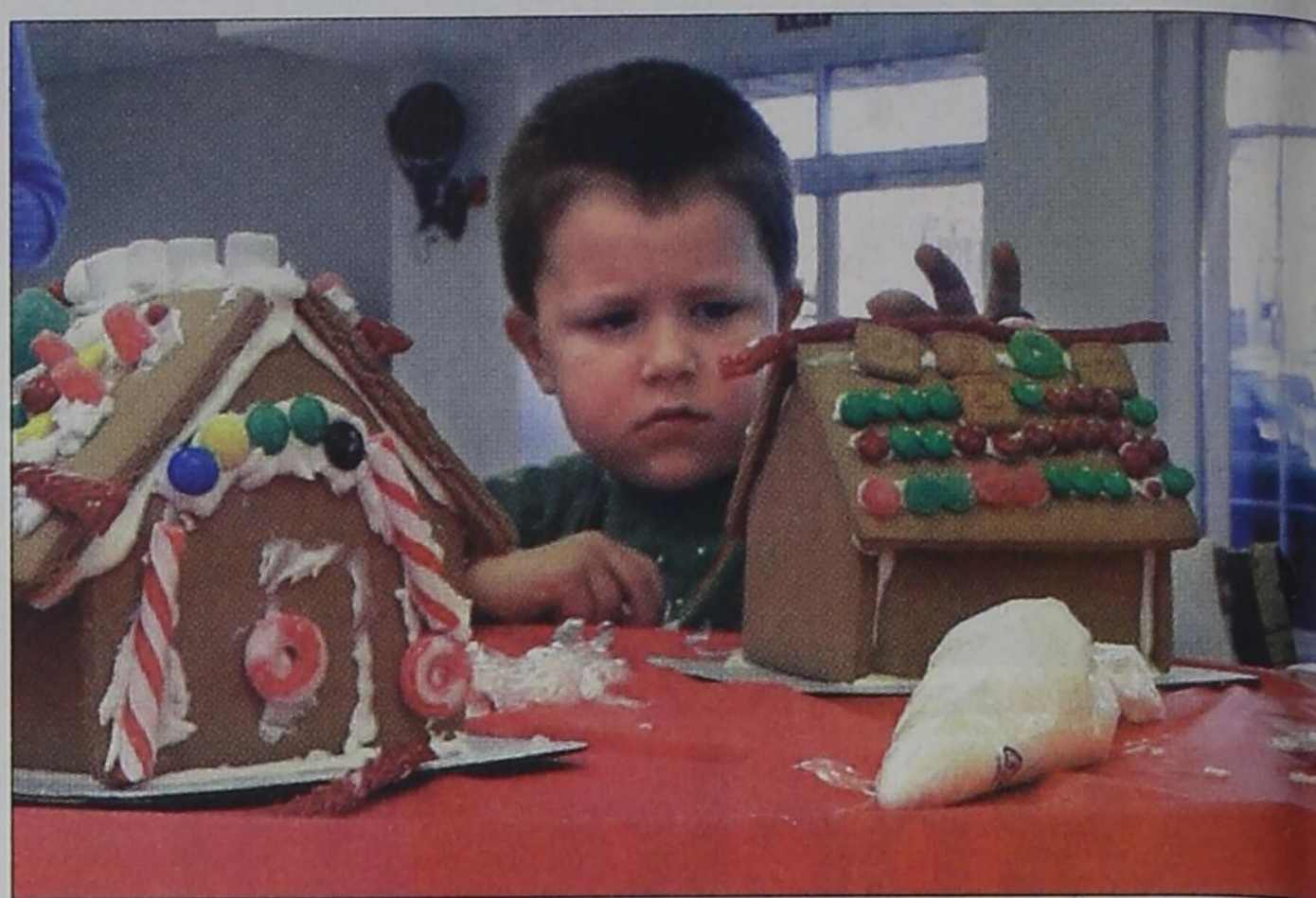
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Christmas day snow powders the holiday decorations on the square in Rockwall.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Luke Mitchell is shown concentrating as he creates a gingerbread house at a recent City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department activity. Local youths gathered to create gingerbread dream houses using candy and cookies.

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Heath Area Terrific Seniors were entertained at their recent Christmas luncheon by members of the Amy Parks choir under the direction of Jan Stonestreet. The event was conducted at the first United Methodist Church in Heath.

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*Happy Birthday Lindsey!!!*

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**Smith, Zolman earn degrees**

Chad Smith and Chelse Zolman both Rockwall residents, were among the 360 graduates who received diplomas at the Hardin University commencement exercises conducted Dec. 15 in Searay, Ark.

Smith received a bachelor's degree in business administration in finance, while Zolman earned a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders, according to a university news release.

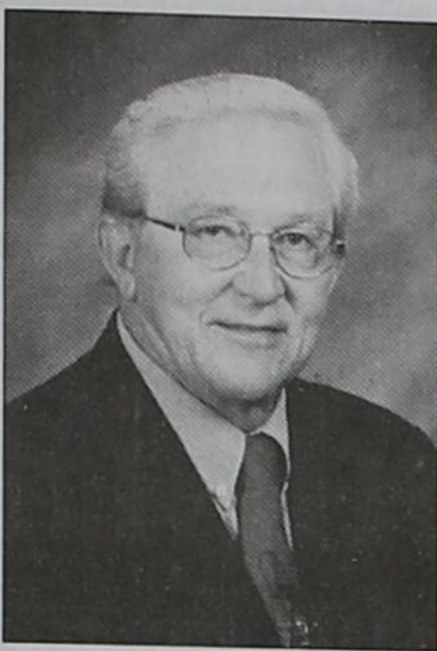
**Gibson makes Dean's List**

Zachary Gibson of Heath, a first-year student in the Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf, made the Dean's List for the fall quarter, according to a news release issued earlier this month.

**There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out fear.**  
1John 4:18

# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Pierce Lynn Blunt



Services for Pierce Lynn Blunt, 71, of Rockwall will be conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 28, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 27.

He died Dec. 23.

Born Jan. 12, 1941, in Bisbee, Ariz., to Pierce and Beulah (Barker) Blunt, he graduated from schools in Bisbee and from El Paso Barber College. He was a master barber for 50 years, having owned shops in the Dallas area and most recently at Hideaway Lake where he lived for 12 years. He could do contemporary styling, as well as an everyday, old-fashioned haircut. He never met a stranger and had a good sense of humor, telling jokes at family reunions as well as at the barbershop.

His wife, Terri, were married for 48 years. He enjoyed travel, cruises and playing golf until he became ill. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plano.

Survivors include his wife, Terri (Wilson) Blunt; his son, Pierce Allen Blunt; his grandchildren, Pierce Conner, Blake Alexander and Abigail Blunt; and their mother, Christy Blunt; and numerous relatives.

His parents, one brother and one sister preceded him in death.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to the Missions Outreach at the First Baptist Church of Plano, 1300 E. 15th St., Plano, TX 75075; PAH Pathways; Caring Voice Coalition; or Odyssey Hospice.

## Delia Castillo Salinas

A memorial service for Delia Castillo Salinas, 67, of Royse City will be conducted in Houston at a later date. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died Dec. 21.

Born March 22, 1945, in Houston, she was a wife, a mother and a grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Orlando C. Salinas Jr. of Royse City; her children, Ray Salinas and his wife, Cinda, of Rockwall and DeAnna Bell and her husband, Billy, of Utah; her grandchildren, Belgarion Anthony Thrower, Zachary Nathan Salinas, Lindsey Marie Salinas, Jake Marshall Salinas and Carson Mitchell Bell; and numerous brothers, sisters and other relatives.

## Talitha Tamar Sharrow



Services for Talitha Tamar Sharrow, 25, of Rowlett, previously of Abilene, were conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 22, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Deacon D. Thomas Sharrow officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Dec. 16 at her home.

Born Sept. 23, 1987, in Abilene to Michael Anthony and Deborah Kay Sharrow, she was a graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene. She lived for her family and friends and brightened the lives of everyone with whom she came in contact. She enjoyed singing, dancing, playing Texas Hold 'em and laughing. She worked in retail sales.

Survivors include her parents, Michael and Debbie Sharrow of Rowlett; her sister, Barbara Maynard Fowler, and her husband, James Fowler, of Rowlett; her grandparents, Ruby Wilkins of Abilene and Donald "Scud" Sharrow of Schenectady, N.Y.; a niece, Madelyn Fowler of Rowlett; a nephews, Braden Fowler of Rowlett; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

## Chuck Visina

Services for Chuck Visina, 58, of Rowlett will be conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 27, 2012, in the Lake Pointe Church Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Dec. 19.

Born Dec. 22, 1953, in Duluth, Minn., to Charles Edward Sr. and Gerry (Vallie) Visina, he attended Southwestern OSU College of Pharmacy in Weatherford, Okla., where he attained his master's degree in pharmacy and was a member of the track team. He was a member of the State Board of Pharmacy in both Texas and Oklahoma, as well as the American Society of Hospital Pharmacy. He served as provost at the UT School of Pharmacy.

He married Jenny Wenter on Feb. 16, 1985, in Oklahoma City. The couple enjoyed a wonderful life together.

He attended Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jenny Visina of Rowlett; his daughters, Kelly Peterson, and her husband, Jim, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kimberly Abernathy of Dallas, Krista Abernathy of Weatherford and Katrina and Kacie Visina of Rowlett; his parents, Chuck and Gerry Visina of Yukon, Okla.; his sisters, Anne Visina of Yukon, Susie Jester and her husband, Gary, of Yukon and Mary Beth McMillan and her husband, Gordon, of Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; his brothers, Timothy Visina of Duluth, Michael Visina and his wife, Stephanie, of Edmond, Okla., and John Visina and his wife, Lynn, of Springfield, Va.; and his grandchildren, Brody Henderson, Kimberly Abernathy and Mackenzie Peterson.

The family has suggested memorial donations may be made to the Lake Pointe Church Children's Ministry, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall, TX 75087 or the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children at tsrhc.org.

# Rockwall County News Briefs

## Early registration for Relay under way

Early registration for the upcoming Relay For Life in Rockwall is already under way. The American Cancer Society's annual event brings together more than 3.5 million individuals each year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and empower individuals to fight back against the disease. Teams pay a \$25 commitment fee to walk in the event and work to raise funds for cancer research. All teams registered by Dec. 31 will be entered in a prize raffle. This year's Relay For Life will begin at 7 p.m. April 26 at Cain Middle School. For more details or to register visit [relayforlife.org/rockwalltx](http://relayforlife.org/rockwalltx) or email Mindy Brence at [relayforliferockwallcounty@gmail.com](mailto:relayforliferockwallcounty@gmail.com).

## Republican Lunch Bunch plans meeting

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 2 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

## Newcomers to meet Jan. 10

The next meeting of the Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends will begin at 10 a.m. Jan. 10 at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Following a brief business meeting, a program will be presented by Ann Cornelius on "History of Famous Tales and Nursery Rhymes." All Rockwall County women - both longtime residents and newcomers - are invited to attend. Reservations must be made by Dec. 31 by calling Sylvia at 972-772-4890 or Marion at 972-722-9896. Cost will be \$19, which will be payable at the door.

## Rockwall's Got Talent auditions set

Auditions for Rockwall's Got Talent will be conducted by appointment only on Jan. 5-6. Semi-finals will begin at 7 p.m. Jan. 11, followed by the finals at 7 p.m. Jan. 18. Registration fee is \$20 per act. Prizes will be \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. For an application visit [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org).

## Local TEA Party meeting slated

The Rockwall County TEA Party will meet from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Well Coffee Lounge, 103 E. Main St., Royse City. The guest speaker will provide a breakdown of "fiscal cliff" negotiations and insight into the future on taxes, entitlements, bigger and growing government and the economic outlook.

# Rockwall County Entertainment

## Wade Bowen to perform Dec. 29

Wade Bowen will perform at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 29 at Southern Junction. For more information, call 972-771-2418 or visit [southernjunctionlive.com](http://southernjunctionlive.com).

## 'Oliver' set at RCP in February

"Oliver" will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse Feb. 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee performances will be at 2 p.m.

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## Royse City library introduces e-book services

The C.F. Goodwin Library in Royse City hosted a Dec. 8 reception to introduce its new e-book service.

Sixty-two people attended the reception.

A drawing was for a Nook Reader, donated by the Friends of the Royse City Library, was conducted. Friends' president Susan Simon and library director Teresa Chiv supervised the drawing as volunteer Brian Hill drew the name of the winner.

Audiobooks and eBooks are available to download from the library's

[websitesroysecity.com/library](http://websitesroysecity.com/library) or library cardholders can check out and download digital media by visiting [netldc.lib.overdrive.com](http://netldc.lib.overdrive.com), according to Chiv. The books can be downloaded to a computer or transferred to a variety of devices, including iPods and e-readers.

For more information regarding the new services, contact the C.F. Goodwin Library, 309 N. Arch St., at 972 635-2772 or at [roysecity.com/library](http://roysecity.com/library).

# Opinions

# The Fight over Right-to-Work

By Sheldon Richman (ff.org)

The right-to-work issue is back. When a state passes a right-to-work law, as Michigan did this month, employers in that state can no longer agree to require workers to pay union fees as a condition of employment. Supporters of right-to-work see it as a way to protect workers from being forced to support unions against their will.

Many opponents of right-to-work counter that the laws let workers free-ride off dues-paying colleagues and reap the benefits of union services. Thus, those opponents claim the laws are intended to weaken unions.

Right-to-work can't be understood without first understanding the Water federal labor-law regime. In 1935 the National Labor Relations Act (or Wagner Act) became law under the New Deal. Among other

things, it decreed that when a majority of workers in a company vote for a union, their employer must bargain with it in good faith and that all workers must support it financially, even those choosing not to join. This law violates free-market principles, including freedom of association, which includes the freedom to abstain from association.

More than a decade later Wagner was amended by the Taft-Hartley Act to ameliorate what many saw as union excesses. Provision 14(b) permits states to pass right-to-work laws, which ban agreements that make paying union fees a condition of employment.

Thus, right-to-work is a creature of the Wagner Act. After World War II, a repeal or a major modification of Wagner might have been possible, but too-clever politicians instead chose to give states the option to enact right-to-work laws. Some Wagner opponents thought this was a serious mistake, because it took pressure off the intrusive national labor-relations regime.

had in mind an end to unannounced walkouts (wildcat strikes), work showdowns, secondary strikes along the supply chain, and sympathy boycotts. These and similar tactics were favored by the Wobblies. The Wagner-Taft-Hartley regime outlawed those actions and imposed federal rules governing union certification through supervised elections, cooling-off periods before strikes, and federal mediation. Labor leaders, despite their hostile rhetoric toward employers, became the enforcers of union contracts to the outrage of labor radicals.

At the time Taft-Hartley was drafted, some advocates of the free market opposed it on principle, because forbidding a particular kind of agreement between an employer and a union violated free-market principles. They argued that the remedy for compulsory unionism was to repeal offending laws like Wagner rather than to pass a new law interfering with freedom of contract.

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But maybe it wasn't a mistake; maybe it was a calculated move to salvage Wagner, albeit with modification. That's a reasonable inference, but to see it, a deeper analysis of Wagner is necessary. That law is typically considered a pro-labor, anti-business law. But it's not so simple. For one thing, radical labor activists, such as the Wobblies (the Industrial Workers of the World) opposed the act. On the other hand, important parts of the big-business elite had long lobbied for a labor law similar (but not identical) to Wagner through the American Association for Labor Legislation. The Wobblies might have had Adam Smith's dictum in mind: "Whenever the legislature attempts to regulate the differences between masters and their workmen, its counsellors are always the masters."

Why would big business want a labor-relations law that interfered with the free market? Big business was no friend of the free market, and some of the business elite was willing to make concessions to labor for industrial peace. By that, they

The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.

Thomas Jefferson

**We must demand a return to the constitutional limited government we inherited from our ancestors ... securing our life, liberty & property**

# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## What kind of life did Jesus have?

During the time of the Gospels, only one man could truly claim to be God's child. A precise understanding of Jesus Christ's life will make all the difference in understanding his identity.

In John 5:26 we see the following, "For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the son to have life in himself." We start with a basic spiritual truth; Jesus Christ's life came from God, the source of all life.

What kind of life did God give to Jesus? Was he an alien being with

a different kind of life from people on earth? These are reasonable questions to ask.

A closer look at the life of mankind in general will help to better understand the life God gave to Jesus Christ.

In the above scripture, the word "life" is the English translation of the Biblical Greek word "zoe." It referred to the state of one who is animate or possessed of vitality. The word "zoe" was also used in the Septuagint to translate the Hebrew word "chai" in Genesis 2:7.

Just as God gave life to the first man Adam, so also did He give life to Jesus Christ. Go to Genesis 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Here we learn that mankind was first formed out of the ground. Mankind is made of the elements of the earth.

Upon completion of this step, God's formation was simply a body with no life in it. Next God put life into that body. It became a living soul. The word "soul" comes from the earliest known Hebrew word "nepesh" which simply meant a living being. This word is used throughout the Old Testament for people and animals that breath air.

Being formed can be observed in all pregnancies. The child is forming while it is inside the womb. When the child comes out of the womb it fulfills God's second step which is to breath in air, which is the essence of the breath of life that God breathed into the first man.

Jesus was conceived in the womb of a woman. He was being formed while in the womb, and when he came out, he breathed in air.

The only difference between the conception of Jesus and the rest of mankind is that God miraculously put life in the egg of Mary. The conception very likely occurred at the point of Luke 1:38 where she

responded with a meek heart, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; I am obedient to thy word."

She would have felt him growing inside of her. At some point in pregnancy, she would have felt his little feet and hands kicking around. What a blessing it must have been for this young woman, knowing she was carrying the Messiah from God.

What was the difference between Jesus and the rest of mankind? Jesus' blood was not passed down from Adam through Joseph, Mary's husband.

Genesis 3:1-19 gives the record of man's disobedience toward God as the results of his action. See verse 19, "...for dust thou art, unto dust shalt thou return." Adam's disobedience brought about a terrible result for all of mankind after him. What happened? See Romans 5: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Adam's sin caused sin nature to enter into his blood. And that corrupted blood passed down from generation to generation even to this day. See how the simplicity of God's rightly divided word everything together so nicely? It just fits together like a hand in a glove.

The living being that God first made continued his soul life by giving life to his children. To this day all of mankind has the same soul that was passed down from Adam. All...with the exception of one man, Jesus' soul life was without sin nature genetically bound within.

Jesus Christ got his life from God, and not from his mother's husband, Joseph. Having been conceived by God, the sin nature from Adam was not in Jesus' blood. He did not partake in the same blood as the rest of mankind.

This tremendous truth can be found in Hebrews 2:14, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

All the offspring from Adam are partakers of both his fleshly blood and his corruptible blood. Jesus Christ had the same fleshly blood that was passed down through his Mom, but did not get Adam's corruptible blood. Why? Because his life began by God in the womb of a beautiful meek young woman.

Jesus wasn't an alien transported down to earth. Nor was he a spirit being like an angel who lived in heaven and transported down to earth. And there is no scriptural support for God transforming Himself into flesh and blood man, similar to the mythological gods of ancient times. The truth is much easier to believe.

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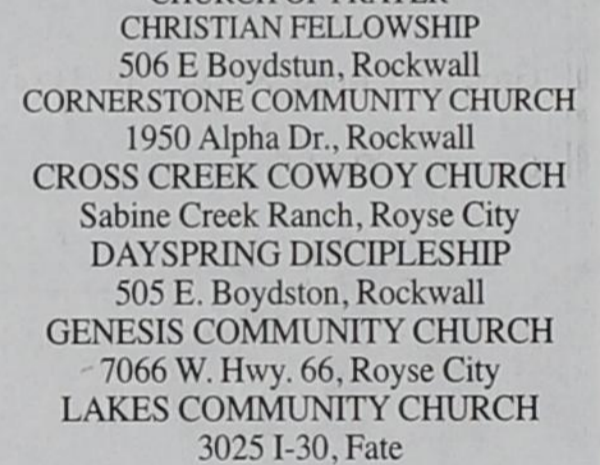
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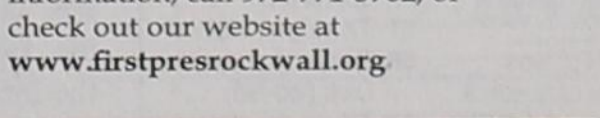
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Suspicious person, 700 block Wood Street  
**Saturday, 15 December:** Four possession of marijuana arrests, 700 block Oak Grove Lane; Driving without driver's license arrest, I-30 eastbound at the 80-mile marker; Obstruction/

Retaliation arrest, 1000 block E. I-30 NSR; Assault/Theft, 500 block N. Houston Street; Alarm, 1100 block Live Oak Street; Accident, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Welfare check, 800 block Kim Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound at the 77a-mile marker; Welfare check, 5700 block S. FM 548; Reckless driver, Area of I-30 SSR and Elm Street; Harassment/Threat, 1000 block E. I-30 SSR; Suspicious person, 500 block Rowdy Drive; Assault, 100 block W. Main Street; Alarm, 3100 block Overstreet Lane; Alarm, 700 block Cooper Lane

**Sunday, 16 December:** Welfare check, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, I-30 at the 83-mile marker; Medical assistance, 600 block Lula Street; Welfare check, 1000 block Pullen Street; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 600 block E. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 300 block S. Houston Street; Medical assistance, 1400 block Laurel Lane; Two disturbances, 3300 block Overstreet Lane; Medical assistance, 700 block Valley Court; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Theft, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Accident, 300 block Panola Court; Suspicious person, Area of Hwy 66; Suspicious person, 600 block Silverleaf Court; Public intoxication arrest, Area of Preston Drive; Medical assistance, 500 block Briar Oaks Drive

**Monday, 17 December:** Suspicious person, 600 block Tripp Trail; Assault, 200 block Gail Lane; Suspicious person, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Accident, Area of E. FM 2642; Suspicious person, 100 block Singleton Drive; Medical assistance, 500 block Timberhaven Trail; Reckless driver, Area of FM 549

**Tuesday, 18 December:** Fire alarm, 700 block FM 2642; Suspicious person, 300 block N. Houston Street; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 500 block E. Main Street; Accident, I-30 westbound at the 77a-mile marker; Medical assistance, 100 block E. County Line Road; Disturbance, 200 block Howard Street; Welfare check, Area of W. FM 548; Suspicious person, 1500 block Trent Drive; Reckless driver, Area of Elm Street; Criminal mischief, 400 block Welch Road; Reckless driver, I-30 in the area of the 73-mile marker; Welfare check, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 100 block E. I-30 SSR

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## Rockwall County Entertainment

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### Side Street Strutters to perform

The Side Street Strutters will present a musical event showcasing the vocal stylings of Meloney Collins beginning at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall. The program, Shiny Stockings, will include an extensive repertoire, colorful costumes, tap dancing and 26 years of musicianship. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

### Robert Post show slated March 18

Rockwall MusicFest will present Robert Post in a one-man variety show at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Post's show is inspired by classic vaudeville and his Italian grandmother, who danced and sang at any family occasion. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

### 42Five performance set May 9

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Candidates may file for a Place on the May 11, 2013 Uniform General Election Day between January 30, 2013 and March 1, 2013.

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

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Persons who wish to vote in the May 11, 2013 election must be registered with the appropriate County-Tax Assessor-Collector no later than April 11, 2013.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Competitive sealed proposals for the Royse City High School Dining Addition - 2013 are being accepted by Royse City Independent School District. Proposers may obtain an electronic copy of the contract documents by contacting the Construction Manager, Gallagher Construction Services, 2600 Technology Drive, Suite 400, Plano, Texas 75074, 972.633.0564, 972.633.0164 Fax. Electronic copies of the contract documents will also be furnished to area plan rooms.

Mailed proposals should be addressed to Royse City Independent School District, PO Box 479, Royse City, TX 75189 and received before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2013. All other proposals shall be sent directly to Royse City Independent School District, Administration Office, 810 Old Greenville Road, Royse City, TX 75189 and received before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Thereafter, at 4:00 p.m., all sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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A pre-proposal conference will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at Royse City High School, 700 South FM 2642; Royse City, TX 75189. Attendance is encouraged by a representative of each firm submitting a proposal. Failure to be represented at this meeting may eliminate a proposer from consideration for work on this project.



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# Lady Jackets stay perfect in district basketball against Tyler Lee

The battle between undefeated District 12-5A girls' basketball teams never really materialized Friday night at Rockwall High School. The host Lady Jackets broke out to a 16-4 first-quarter lead and raced to a 59-28 victory over Tyler Lee. By winning, Rockwall finished the 2012 portion of its district season with a 3-0 record (14-5 overall). The Lady Raiders dropped to 1-1 and 9-11. RHS junior Ellen Baker made six 3-point shots to finish with a game-high 18 points. Working inside, Sara Williamson scored 17. A 17-5 second quarter put the Lady Jackets ahead 33-9 at halftime. They slowed their pace in the second half, but still outscored Lee in each quarter.

Rockwall is competing this weekend at the 32-team McDonald's All-Star Invitational in Bryan and College Station. RHS placed fourth in that event last season. District play will resume Wednesday at North Mesquite – under first-year head coach Kasie Brewer, formerly Rockwall's junior varsity coach and varsity assistant.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Tyler Lee	4	5	9	10	28
RHS	16	17	15	11	59

Tyler Lee – Tree Brooks 13, Emem David 4, Alex Thorne 4, Domin Thomas 4, Dajah Thompson 3. RHS – Ellen Baker 18, Sara Williamson 17, Hannah Hughes 8, Morgan Day 6, Megan Grandy 4, Kaelyn Hutton 2, Alleah Austin 2, Hannah C 2.

# Defense leads Rockwall Christian ladies to 2 wins, lose to Dallas Yavneh

After winning two games during the first week of December, the Rockwall Christian Academy girls' basketball team lost Tuesday, Dec. 11, against Dallas Yavneh Academy 50-43. Against Yavneh, Ashlee Poland popped in a game-high 24 points for RCA. The game at Ovilla was a showcase for Rockwall Christian's Macy Wilson and the home team's Emily Burton. They each scored 38 points, but Burton had more help from her teammates. RCA trailed just 34-25 at halftime. The Lady Warriors defeated Waxahachie Advantage Academy for the second time this season and defeating Greenville Christian School at the Fruitvale Tournament.

On Dec. 4, Rachel Rorie scored a game-high 21 points and the Lady Warriors shut out Waxahachie in both the second and fourth quarters for a 55-13 victory. RCA finished the week Saturday with a 46-13 win over district opponent Greenville at Fruitvale.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	10	13	7	13	43
Yavneh	14	13	9	14	50

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Ovilla Christian	16	18	22	20	76
RCA – Macy Wilson 38, Ashlee Poland 9, Rachel Rorie 4, Laycee Gonzalez 3.					
Ovilla Christian – Emily Burton 38, Rachel Morales 18, Lauren Albright 6, Bailey Case 4, Hannah Oakes 4, Haley Bates 2, Whitney Bond 2, Michelle Bauer 2.					

RCA – Ashlee Poland 24, Macy Wilson 11, Laycee Gonzalez 6, Huts RCA – Dallas Yavneh Academy – Rachel Goodman 26, Talia Klein 17, Alex 2, Lynn 2, Erin Wernick 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	8	24	6	17	55
Waxahachie	2	0	11	0	13

RCA – Rachel Rorie 21, Ashlee Poland 10, Macy Wilson 10, Bjorn Holbake 4, Martinez 2, Miller 2, Ross 2. Waxahachie Advantage Academy – Monday 8, Hart 3, Ballard 2.

# Rockwall Christian Warriors fail to put 2 halves together against Dallas Parish and Canton Lighthouse

Rockwall Christian Academy played a good first half and a good second half in last week's boys' basketball games. Unfortunately for the Warriors, those good halves were in two separate games, and RCA lost both. On Tuesday, Dec. 18, Rockwall Christian outscored Dallas Parish Episcopal 34-24 in the second half. That wasn't nearly enough to overcome Parish's 44-18 halftime lead. Chris Stephens led RCA with 15 points, with Evan Milwee and Daniel Rorie close behind with 14 and 12.

At Fruitvale, sophomore Stephens totaled 63 points (21 per game). He scored a game-high 23 in a 70-49 loss to Dallas St. Mark's School of Texas. Jones helped in that contest with 13 points.

When RCA held off a fourth-quarter rally to defeat Arlington Oakridge, Stephens scored 16 points. Milwee had 16 points and four assists.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	20	17	18	12	67
Lighthouse	16	18	21	22	77

RCA – Chris Stephens 24, Colton Jones 14, John Stanley 5, Evan Milwee 4, Cameron Carroccia 4. Leonard JV – N/A.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	10	9	4	9	32
Celeste	15	4	4	6	29

Two nights later, the Warriors (7-9) led 37-34 at halftime at Canton Lighthouse Christian, and remained tied through three quarters. Lighthouse then outscored RCA 22-12 in the fourth quarter to win 77-67.

RCA – Chris Stephens 15, Evan Milwee 14, Daniel Rorie 12, Colton Jones 8, John Stanley 3. Dallas Parish Episcopal – Michael Murph 20, Preston Klein 12, Davis Plummer 9, Justin Albert 6, Tristan Cooper 6, William LeMasters 5, Ty Bennett 3, Cooper Lyon 3, Quinton Oliver 2, Jonny Wells 2.

RCA – Chris Stephens 14, Colton Jones 9, Cameron Carroccia 7, Rodney Daniels 2. Celeste – N/A.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	9	10	11	15	45
Quinlan Boles	17	14	18	7	56

During the previous weekend, Rockwall Christian had split six games at the Quinlan Boles Tournament. That schedule was made even more difficult because RCA had as few as five players available for its games.

RCA split four games Thursday and Friday in the round-robin portion of the tournament. The top four teams advanced to Saturday's semifinals, where the Warriors lost 61-43 to Ladonia Fannindel. With Stephens ill and John Stanley and Jonathan Joseph missing because of another commitment, Rockwall Christian had just five players against Fannindel. Through three quarters RCA trailed just 41-39, but tired and scored just four fourth-quarter points. Twenty-seven turnovers also hurt the Warriors.

RCA – Colton Jones 15, Chris Stephens 13, John Stanley 11, Cameron Carroccia 4, Rodney Daniels 2. Quinlan Boles – N/A.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Oakridge	15	11	8	20	54
RCA	19	16	15	7	57

RCA had defeated Fort Worth Lake Country Christian 62-56 Dec. 4. Stephens led the Warriors with 25 points. Daniel Rorie had both 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Milwee added 10 points and seven assists.

RCA – Denzel Chukwukelu 22, Cameron Carroccia 17, Colton Jones 14, Evan Milwee 12, Rodney Daniels 4. Leonard JV – N/A.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
RCA	10	14	15	4		43
Fannindel	14	11	16	20		61

Arlington Oakridge – N/A. RCA – Chris Stephens 16, Evan Milwee 11, John Stanley 9, Daniel Rorie 8, Colton Jones 8, Cameron Carroccia 3, Denzel Chukwukelu 2.

A week earlier, RCA had lost its first game the Fruitvale Tournament, but won the next two to take fifth place and finish a 2-2 week.

RCA – Cameron Carroccia 13, Denzel Chukwukelu 12, Evan Milwee 11, Colton Jones 7. Ladonia Fannindel – N/A.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
RCA	13	15	10	9	5	53
Fannindel	14	11	13	10	11	59

Dallas St. Mark's School of Texas – Jack Gordon 13, William Caldwell Justin Harvey 9, Harrison Hewitt 8, Aidan Dewar 7, Carl Dickson 7, Williams 5, Sam Perkins 3, Chris Roach 3, Alexander Tassopoulos 3, Walton 1.

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# Rockwall County Scholastic Sports Schedules

## The Fulton School Falcons

Friday, Dec. 28 – Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian Holiday Classic  
Saturday, Dec. 29 – Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian Holiday Classic  
Friday, Jan. 4 – Boys' basketball: at Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

## Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Friday, Dec. 28 – Varsity boys' basketball: at MCA Roundball Roundup, McKinney Christian Academy  
Varsity girls' basketball: at MCA Roundball Roundup, McKinney Christian Academy  
Friday, Dec. 29 – Varsity boys' basketball: at MCA Roundball Roundup, McKinney Christian Academy  
Varsity girls' basketball: at MCA Roundball Roundup, McKinney Christian Academy  
Friday, Jan. 4 – Basketball: home vs. Gainesville Red River Christian HomeSchool, RISE, JV boys 5 p.m., varsity girls 6:30 p.m. and varsity boys 8 p.m.

## Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Friday, Dec. 28 – Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian Holiday Classic  
Saturday, Dec. 29 – Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian Holiday Classic  
Friday, Jan. 4 – Varsity basketball: at Richardson Canyon Creek Christian Academy, boys and girls 7:30 p.m.

## Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, Dec. 28 – Varsity boys' basketball: vs. Little Elm at Avery Air Invitational, McKinney Boyd High School, 4 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at McDonald's All-Star Invitational Saturday, Dec. 29 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Avery Air Invitational, McKinney Boyd High School

Varsity girls' basketball: at McDonald's All-Star Invitational Tuesday, Jan. 1 – Boys' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Alumni, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 2 – Girls' basketball: at North Mesquite, JV 2 p.m., varsity 3:30 p.m. and Freshman A 5 p.m.  
Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. North Mesquite, Utley Middle School, A 5 p.m. and B 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. North Mesquite, Rockwall High School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 4 – Varsity wrestling: at Cy-Fair ISD Invitational, Barry Center, 3 p.m.

Boys' soccer: scrimmage at Mesquite Poteet, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 5 – Varsity wrestling: at Cy-Fair ISD Invitational, Barry Center, 9 a.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: scrimmage at Waxahachie

## Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Dec. 28 – Varsity boys' basketball: at FiberMax Caprock Classic  
Saturday, Dec. 29 – Varsity boys' basketball: at FiberMax Caprock Classic

Monday, Dec. 31 – Girls' basketball: at Frisco Wakeland, JV Red and freshman 11 a.m. and varsity 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 2 – Boys' basketball: at Longview, freshman 5 p.m., JV Red 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Longview, JV Red 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 4 – Varsity wrestling: at Cy-Fair ISD Invitational, Barry Center, 3 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home scrimmage vs. Garland Lakeview Centennial, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5 – Varsity wrestling: at Cy-Fair ISD Invitational, Barry Center, 9 a.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, Cain Middle School, 1:30 p.m.

# Royse City Police Blotter, Dec. 14-20

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**Wednesday, 19 December:** Assault, 1000 block E. I-30; Theft, 800 block E. I-30; Suspicious person, 500 block Live Oak Street; Suspicious person, 200 block Audobon Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 E. at the 77-mile marker; Suspicious person, 1900 block Ranch Road; Suspicious person, 300 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, Corner of Church Street and Houston Street; Missing person, 2600 block Redwood Street; Accident, 1600 block Colonial Drive; 911 hang up, 900 block Loganwood Drive; Disturbance, 1000 block E. I-30; Suspicious person, 200 block E. Main Street

**Thursday, 20 December:** Alarm, 1300 block Industrial Drive; Alarm, 3000 block E. I-30; Alarm, 1600 block Brandon Drive; Suspicious person, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Alarm, 700 block FM 2642; Reckless driver, Area of I-30 at the 77-mile marker; Alarm, 500 block E. Main Street; Accident, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound at the 73-mile marker

Girls' basketball: at Mesquite Horn, Freshman Red 1:30 p.m., JV 2 p.m. and varsity 3:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, Rockwall-Heath School, JV Red 2 p.m. and varsity 3:30 p.m.

## Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Dec. 28 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Kaufman Holiday Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 29 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Kaufman Holiday Tournament

Monday, Dec. 31 – Boys' basketball: at Princeton, freshman 11:15 a.m. and varsity 2 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 4 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie East, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 8 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie East, JV 5 p.m., varsity 6:30 p.m. and varsity 8 p.m.

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SKYFALL-A	PG13	12:25	X				X
PLAYING FOR KEEPS-A	PG13	11:55	2:20	4:35	X	7:40	9:55
TWILIGHT: BREAKING DAWN 2-A	PG13	11:30	2:05	4:40	X	7:15	10:00
RED DAWN-A	PG13	11:50	2:00	4:10	X	7:35	9:50
WRECK IT RALPH-A-2D	PG	11:45	2:10	X	X	7:10	X
WRECK IT RALPH-A-3D	PG	X	X	4:35	X	X	9:35
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS-2D-A	PG	11:35	1:50	X	X	7:20	X
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS-3D-A	PG	X	X	4:05	X	X	9:40
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The Hobbit: Unexpected Journey-2D-A	PG13	11:30	X	3:00	X	6:30	9:55
The Hobbit: Unexpected Journey-2D-B	PG13	12:30	X	4:00	X	7:30	X
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# Points finishes RHHS early, signs to play at A&M

**By Gary Bump**  
 For the first time in Rockwall-Heath's history, the school hosted a football signing event during December.  
 This is because when Jordan Points signed Wednesday, Dec. 19, to play defensive line at Texas A&M University, he had just one final exam remaining before completing graduation requirements. When he returns to Rockwall-Heath in January, it will be as a first-semester freshman at A&M.  
 By graduating a semester early, Points is eligible to sign ahead of the normal early-February date for football. By beginning classes at A&M, he will be able to use its athletic facilities, participate in spring football practice and familiarize himself with the campus, coaches and other players.  
 He signed in the RHHS library before a crowd of about 50 people — many of them wearing maroon A&M gear. One of them was Jay Arnold, Rockwall-Heath senior defensive lineman who has committed to the university and is expected to sign a letter of intent in February.  
 Points said he decided on A&M a year ago. "I went on Junior Day back in October. Going around campus, I knew that was where I wanted to be." Other colleges that had courted him, such as SMU and West Virginia, didn't have a chance.  
 "I've always been an A&M fan, but once I met the coaches I became one."  
 He said he was encouraged that he might have a chance to play next fall as a freshman.  
 "I said there was a good chance I would not have to redshirt," Points said. "There's not a lot of depth coming back at D-line. I have a lot of stuff to work on, and I have to get a lot stronger."  
 RHHS head coach Mickey Moss said he could see Points playing for a team that's currently ranked ninth in the nation.  
 Moss said, "That's because of the tenacity which he plays, the way he approaches and seriousness with which he approaches it."  
 "He has great size, good hands and what we call good length. He has great technique and very good footwork. He showed that ability in basketball."  
 Points played for the Hawks' varsity basketball team in his sophomore and junior years. He hasn't played this season. Instead, he was preparing to become a high school graduate and a college football player.



Rockwall-Heath Hawks' Jordan Points (center) signs to play football at Texas A&M University. Standing are parents J.D. and Carey Points.

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# Lady Bulldogs Survive Scare from Denison

Royse City 43 Denison 37

After Denison scored to open the 4th quarter, the Yellow Jackets had an eight point lead at 33-25.

It was now desperation time for the Lady Bulldogs. They had to make something happen quickly if they wanted to win the game.

Royse City made an adjustment and switched to a full court trapping press and it worked. The press was the right call because Denison's guards had trouble taking care of the ball. Once Royse City unleashed their press, they caused numerous Denison turnovers which sparked a game winning 18-4 run for the Lady Bulldogs. In the end, Royse City walked away with a 43-37 victory Tuesday, December 18 at Royse City.

With the win, Royse City improves to 12-5 overall and 2-1 in District 13-4A play. Denison falls to 0-3 in District action.

Thanks to that huge fourth quarter spurt, Royse City found a way to win despite not playing well at all.

Royse City trailed at halftime (19-16) and at the end of the 3rd quarter (31-25). The Lady Bulldogs were fighting an uphill battle because they could not stop Denison's Jasmine Ballard. Ballard finished the game with 16 points (all of her points came in the 2nd and 3rd quarters). She scored most of her points by getting in the lane and connecting on short jumpers.

But in the 4th quarter, Royse City's defense finally clamped down on Ballard and by doing that Royse City effectively shut down Denison's offense. Ballard did not score at all in the 4th quarter.

Individually for Royse City, Krystal Pickron led the way offensively with 29 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Royse City	10	6	9	18	43
Denison	8	11	12	6	37

Royse City Scoring Summary: Krystal Pickron 29, Halea McCarroll 5, Lauren Dusek 5, Sydnie Erbe 4.

Denison Scoring Summary: Ballard 16, Cummins 9, Nation 7, Johnson 5.

Other Royse City Lady Bulldog Basketball News

Sherman beat Royse City 71-67 Friday, December 21 in a thrilling game that went into double overtime. The game was played at Sherman.

With the loss, Royse City falls to 12-6 overall and 2-2 in District 13-4A play. Sherman improves its record to 3-1 in District action.

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# CA Warriors' basketball stats ...

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— Chris Stephens 23, Colton Jones 13, Daniel Rorie 7, Evan Milwee 2, Cameron Carroccia 2, John Stanley 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	11	18	12	21	62
Laurel Lake Country	8	13	15	20	56

— Chris Stephens 25, Daniel Rorie 11, Evan Milwee 10, Colton Jones 4, Cameron Carroccia 3.

— Worth Lake Country Christian — N/A.

# Looking back on 2012 ...

A lot of good things happened at Royse City Health & Rehab. And, looking forward to 2013 we hope the new year brings health and happiness to our residents and staff. It is during this time that New Year's Resolutions are made so we ask some of our residents what their New Year's Resolution was or has been in the past.

Win Dillion said hers was always to lose weight. When asked how long she usually kept that resolution she said "until the first really good dinner and that could be as short as one or two days or as long as a week"! A lot of people have that resolution and most of them usually last about that long.

Pat Baker laughed when asked about her New Year's Resolution. She said she never made resolutions because she was hard to improve on! That was a cute response.

Robert Harden took the question seriously. He came to the facility for rehab and his New Year's resolution is to get home with his grandbabies as soon as possible. Mr. Harden, Royse City Health & Rehabilitation will help make that resolution happen!

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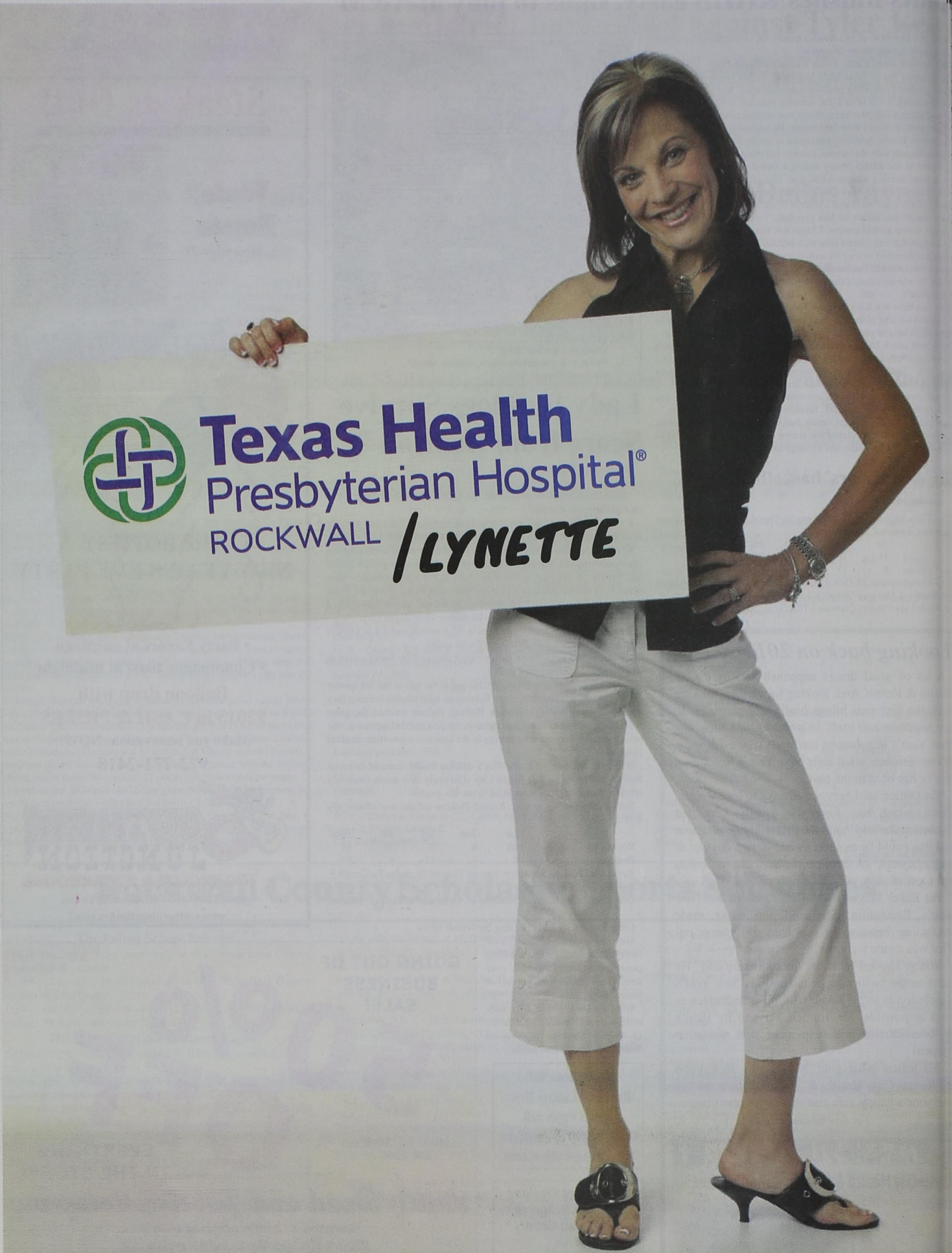
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