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Heath plans new water tower

Anna Matejka

Heath City Council designated land behind the Fulton School site of a new water tower at its first December meeting. Residents of Hillview Drive voiced concern about the site's proximity to their neighborhood. Residents have maintained a vigilance at council meetings since becoming aware the water tower was planned in September. Initially, residents objected to a plan to swap the city-owned land behind the Fulton School with school-owned land on the edge of property closer to Hillview. Council members and city staff pledged to keep Hillview residents

informed of the progress on the tower construction and may offer improvements to Hillview Drive such as fire hydrants along with the water tower project.

Plans for the tower are expected to be completed by May with construction completed by May 2011.

"This is one of the best times in a lot of years to do a project," city manager Ed Thatcher said. "Contractors are looking for work and material costs are lower."

It will be 1.5 million-gallon capacity tower, similar in size to the City of Rockwall tower near FM 549 and FM 276. The current Heath water tower has a .5 million-gallon capacity.

According to Thatcher, plans to construct a water tower on the site, which currently houses ground storage tanks, have been in the making for several years. The council has been working under deadline with its water provider, the City of Rockwall, to secure its own water storage by October 2010.

Republicans dominate early local candidate filings

by Wes Burnett

According to the Rockwall County Elections Office, only Republican Party candidates have filed in the March 2, 2010 primary elections. Filing opened December 4 and continues through January 4, 2010.

Four candidates have filed for the Republican Party primary election for County Judge: incumbent Chris Florance, Jerry Hogan, Kevin Fowler and Ken Jones.

Other contested offices in the local Republican Party primary include County Clerk candidates David Sweet and Shelli Miller; Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 & 3 incumbent Larry Holloway and Nancy Beaty and Justice of the Peace Precinct incumbent David Karr and Jack James.

Other Republican Party candidates are District Attorney incumbent Kenda Culpepper, for Treasurer David Peek, Commissioner Precinct 4 incumbent David Magness, Commissioner Precinct 2 incumbent Lori Grinnan and District Clerk incumbent Kay McDaniel.

Congressman Ralph Hall also filed for reelection on the uncontested Republican Party ballot.

Phase 2 of construction project set to begin

The construction of Phase 2 of the Squabble Creek Wastewater Basin Transfer Project will begin this month, extending from North Lakeshore Drive, west of State Highway 205 and down Quail Run Road to just west of FM 1141.

Work will begin on Quail Run Road near SH-205. Quail Run Road will become one way from Memorial Drive to FM 1141, accessible to local traffic only during certain phases of construction. Access will be maintained to residential driveways. Residents will be sent construction updates.

The project includes a 30-inch forcemain, a 12-inch waterline and concrete paving on Quail Run Road from Memorial Drive to John King Boulevard, according to a news release issued by the city.

For more information about this project, call Jim Raines, construction inspector for the City of Rockwall, at 214-543-3255 or Kathleen Lappen, project manager, at 972-771-7746.

H1N1 vaccine offered at Helping Hands

Helping Hands has a supply of H1N1 vaccine for any Rockwall County resident who wants to be vaccinated.

There is no cost for the vaccine; however, a \$10 administrative fee will be assessed.

A sliding scale is available to individuals who cannot afford the administrative fee.

To make an appointment or for more information, call the Health Center of Helping Hands at 972-772-8194.

'Best Christmas Pageant Ever' wraps Sunday at RCP

Final performances of the Rockwall Community Playhouse's "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" are scheduled for this weekend.

Performances are set for 8 p.m. today and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is a comedic tale of a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant complete with the "most inventively awful kids in history."

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for adults ages 62 and older, students and children.

Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399.

Light show will benefit H-Hands Food Pantry

Pam and Don Sarlow know the fear of living without health insurance coverage. The Rockwall couple was in that situation three years ago.

Fortunately, they found the Health Center of Helping Hands where quality, low-cost health insurance is available to everyone – regardless of income.

"They were so good to me," said Pam Sarlow, who decided this Christmas the holiday light show synchronized to music at their home would be a good way to get donations of money and food for the critical assistance non-profit agency. "I just said, 'Let's do something for Helping Hands.' With so many people losing their jobs, I thought this would be a good way to help. I know shelves in the Food Pantry are hard to keep stocked."

At the Sarlow home, located at 3842 Pinebluff Lane in the Timber Creek edition at State Highway 276 and FM-549, a barrel in the yard is for non-perishable food donations and a lockbox is there for money – and it all goes to Helping Hands.

This year is even better than last year's big show thanks to Pam Sarlow's sons. There are now more than 30,000 lights.

"They love to decorate," Pam Sarlow said. "They even helped the neighbors with their lights."

On Saturday and Dec. 19, Santa Don Sarlow will be out front from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. so youths can have their photos taken with the jolly man in the red suit. (Continued on Page 2)



Winners from Saturday's annual Kiwanis Club holiday parade have been named. Honored as Kiwanian of the Year was Nicole Bowen. Grace Culp served as grand marshal for the event. Float awards went to Graves Lawn & Landscape, Grand Marshal Award; Rangers ICA Adventure Guides, Best Theme Award; Rockwall County Master Gardeners, Mayor's Award; Girl Scout Troop 9870, Small Fry Award; and Milestone Electric, Corporate Award.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Members of the Amy Parks-Heath Elementary Honor Choir were among participants in the Heath Holiday in the Park celebration conducted Dec. 4. At the close of their performance, the choir traditionally invites all alumni choir members from the audience to join current members in singing "Super Santa."

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club partnered with Meals on Wheels recently to underwrite and deliver Thanksgiving meals to 120 elderly and disabled Rockwall County residents. The meal, prepared by Richard's BBQ, was made possible by a Rotary Community grant awarded to the Rockwall County Committee on Aging in June. This effort was especially important to Meals on Wheels as its kitchen is closed on Thanksgiving and seven other holidays. Drivers, pictured above, delivered meals late in the afternoon on Nov. 25. Also pictured is Margie VerHagen, executive director for Meals on Wheels.

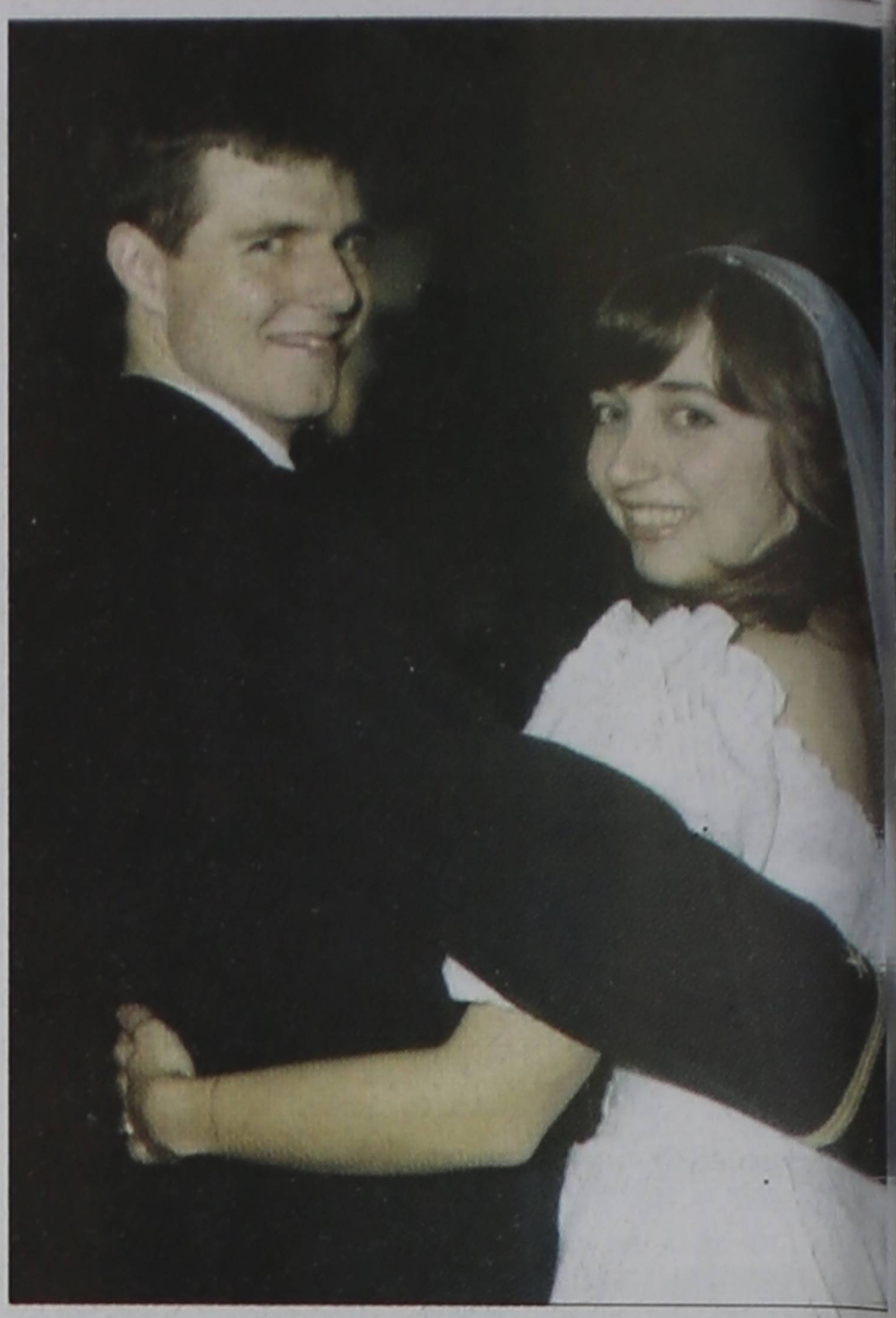
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Jerry and Denise Fudge celebrate 25th wedding anniversary

Jerry and Denise Fudge of Rockwall will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this month. Denise Blair and Jerry Fudge met at Rice University in math club. They were engaged on Valentine's Day 1984 and married on Dec. 16 in Richardson. Following a brief honeymoon in Colorado, they resided in Idaho falls. The couple lived

in Maine and Connecticut prior to returning to Texas. Today, Denise Fudge can be found working at the local library, while Jerry Fudge is often seen jogging around Harry Myers Park.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Fudge/Rockwall County News



Jerry and Denise Fudge

Rockwall's Got Talent' audition workshop set for Saturday

The audition workshop for the upcoming "Rockwall's Got Talent" event sponsored by the Rockwall Community Playhouse is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the playhouse. "Rockwall's Got

Talent" will mark the 15th anniversary of the RCP. Open to individuals ages 5 to 100-plus, registration forms are available on the RCP Web site. Qualification auditions will be Jan. 3 and 10

by appointment. Semifinals for the competition will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 15, followed by the finals at 7 p.m. Jan. 16. Audience votes will count for the semifinals and

finals. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunity-playhouse.org.

Jelic's 'Dirty Old Hat' has holiday message

Rockwall resident Molly Jelic's book, "The Dirty Old Hat," offers a seasonal tale of a child who makes a unique find on Christmas Eve: Santa's hat.

For Jelic, the hat symbolizes the gift of giving and is proof of "the magical existence of Santa Claus," according to a news release about her book.

"I wish I could have found his hat," Jelic said in the release.

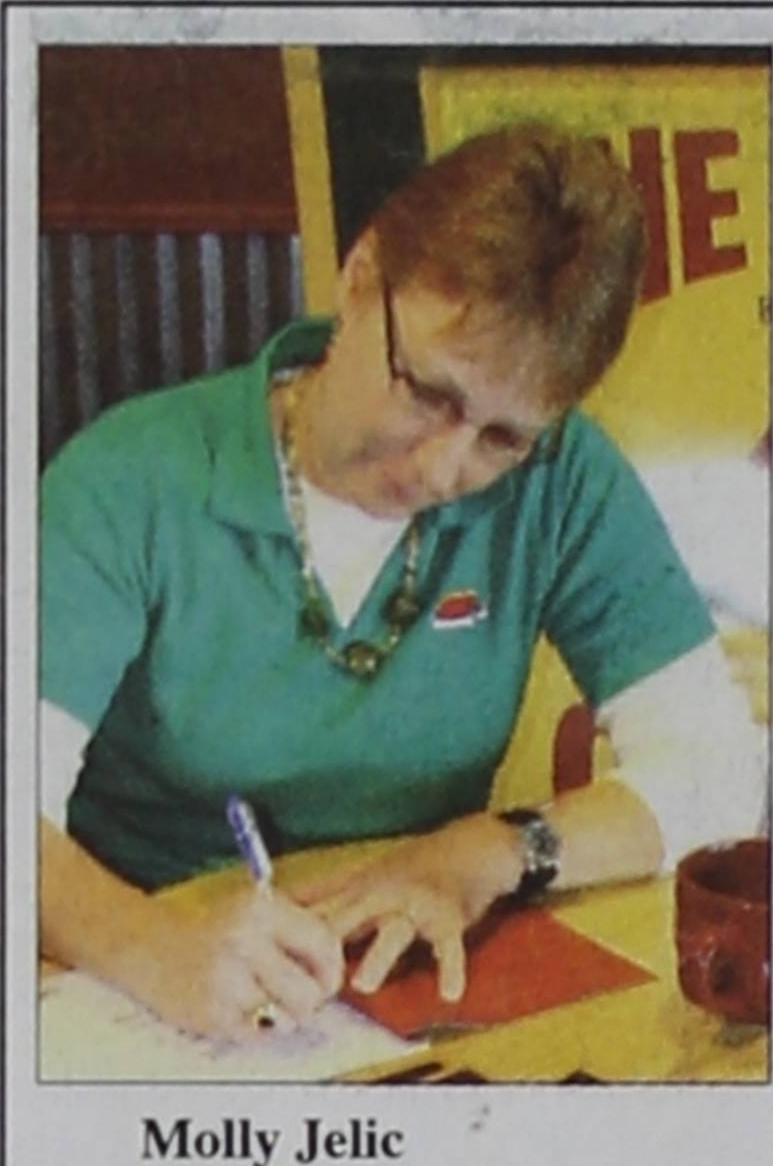
Readers of all ages will find her book captivating, she said, as the child who finds the hat must decide who its rightful owner is and whether or not to give it back.

"Children and adults alike need to be grateful for any gift that is given," she said, "especially when it is given from the heart."

Jelic's story was initially scribbled on the back of a grocery receipt four weeks before a Christmas past. It was a lifelong dream of her to become a published author.

Jelic holds a journalism degree from Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash., and has worked bookkeeping jobs and in accounts payable for an aerospace company. Today she resides in Rockwall with her husband, three children, two dogs, two parakeets and several fish.

"The Dirty Old Hat" is available locally at Roma's Books Juvanew MedSpa, Texas Traditions and Ladybug Scrubs. It also is available on amazon.com. A book trailer is available on YouTube using the keywords Dirty Old Hat or Molly Jelic.



Molly Jelic



Bronwyn Hill, daughter of Max and Dorinda Hill of Rowlett, is a 2006 Rockwall High School graduate, recently named 2009 Homecoming Queen at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. A senior, she is majoring in biology and public relations and has been accepted to the HSU graduate school where she plans to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy. Shown escorting Hill is homecoming king, Regan Dixon, a senior management major from Arlington.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Nebbie kindergarten student Michael Williams is pictured above with his mother, Elizabeth Williams, at the kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast. The event was conducted Nov. 20 at the school.

Photo courtesy of Jessica Greenawald/Rockwall County News

Christmas Wish event set Monday

Radio station KLTU-FM will once again offer its Christmas Wish event this holiday season.

Chick-fil-A will host the Monday event, which offers local residents a chance to help grant holiday wishes for struggling families.

The first 94 customers who attend the event will receive a Chick-fil-A chicken biscuit. Participants need not make a purchase to attend military or drive-through to make a donation.

Radio station representatives will be on hand from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the day of the event.

Flu Shots at Helping Hands

(Continued from Page 1)

It is rewarding to have clients or Health Center patients request to help the agency, said Helping Hands executive director M. Nielsen.

"We thank the Sarlows so much for doing this," she said. "Our client list has grown more than 40 percent this year due to the economic climate. We can't help everyone that needs it, but we always try to provide people in need with nutritious food to help offset their expenses. This is such a generous community, and we are especially thankful for that at this time of year."

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Plans being finalized for FOL Christmas Luncheon

Plans are being finalized for the 7th Annual Christmas Luncheon, an event coordinated by Friends of the Library volunteers. "It's a wonderful way to get ideas for your own holiday tables," said Kathleen Evans, who has attended each of the last six events. "The creative tables, the camaraderie and wonderful food and the festive atmosphere make it one of the highlights of my Christmas season."

Nell Welborn, who chairs the event's planning committee, started the event in 2003. She said the luncheon could not be conducted without the hostesses who create table settings and centerpieces for more than 25 tables each year, as well as the assistance of Pal Calhoun, hostess recruiter, and Leigh Plagens, who handles reservations.

The trio begins work on the luncheon in July or August of each year and meets each November with the volunteer committee to ensure all jobs are covered. Since its inception, the luncheon has been catered by Rockwall chef Jose Molina. The Rockwall Women's League donates home-baked desserts. This year's event is sponsored by Alliance Bank, Community Bank, Lake Pointe Medical Center and Rockwall Oral and Facial Surgery.



Friends of the Library Christmas Luncheon Committee members have been working to organize this year's event. Pictured above are, on the front row from the left, Pat Calhoun; Darlene Bealmer, FOL president; Nell Welborn, committee chair; Becky Cecil; Linda Garrett; and Jane Buie. Standing are Anne Rauh, Kaaren Mahoney, Susan Egan, Kathleen Broze and Elizabeth Reese. Not pictured are Kelly Evans, Pat Hansen, Dori Hillman, Pat Moore and Jerry Luecke.
Photo Courtesy/Rockwall County News



Nebbie Williams Elementary students participated in their annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser on Oct. 30. The day kicked off with a student-led parade, with families lining the streets to cheer on their children. At the end of the parade, students took a walk on the "red carpet," and some of them struck poses in boas and sunglasses before flashing cameras. For the remainder of the day, students were "hollywood stars in Nebbiewood," moving from one studio to the next with a star's schedule: fitness, friends and fun. Funds raised as a result of the event will be used for special programs for students and educational tools for teachers.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



A handful of Heritage Christian Academy students recently visited the LeTourneau University campus in Longview. Pictured are Aaron Dorman, Lauren Pettit, Jeanna Huckabee, Jordan Miller, Monica Whitmire, Josh Kimmis and Sam Prater, who currently participate in dual credit courses through the university. During their visits, students attended college classes, participated in campus tours, dined in the college cafeteria and participated in chapel services.
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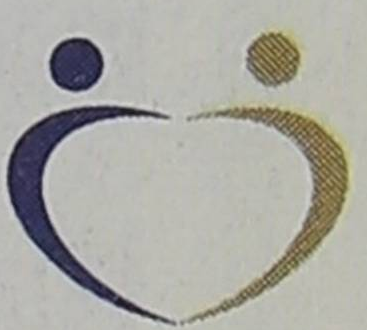


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Live Nativity offered tonight, Saturday

"A Night in Bethlehem," a live Nativity scene complete with animals, costumes, narration and singing, will be performed at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. today and Saturday at Chisholm Baptist Church, 1388 S. Hwy. 205. Refreshments will be offered in the church vestibule following each presentation. Performances will be offered at no cost and are open to the public.

Toys for Tots Event Saturday

A special event to support the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pizza Getti in the Rockwall Village Shopping Center (561 East I-30). There is no entry fee, visitors are requested to bring an unwrapped toy for the benefit. The event includes classic cars, dirt cars, monster trucks, race boats and race cars with trophies for best of show. The Lone Star Youth Football League will attend. Donations are encouraged, no checks accepted.

RHHS group offers children's program

The RHHS Theatre Department will offer a children's show, "Perkin and the Pastrycook," in support of The Rainbow Room in Rockwall at 7 p.m. today in the RHHS Black Box. Tickets cost \$5 or \$2 with a toy donation, with all toys collecting going to the Rainbow Room.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch traveling to McKinney
 The Out-to-Lunch Bunch event for seniors ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at The Pantry in McKinney. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents; cost covers transportation only. For details on this Rockwall Parks & Rec Department program, visit rockwall.com/parks.

'Cocoa and Carols' set today in RC

The Tri-County Choral Society will present its first "Cocoa and Carols" event beginning at 7:30 p.m. today in the Melody Room of City Hall, Roysse City. Admission will be free. For more details contact Amy McLeroy at 469-723-3021 or Annie Cornelius at 972-816-9626.

Snake Encounters planned at BGC

Snake Encounters will be offered from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today at the Boys and Girls Club next to Dobbs Elementary. Open to the community, the event will offer comedy, education, magic tricks and snakes. Admission will be \$5; have a photo made with a giant boa constrictor for \$3.

Have breakfast with Santa Saturday

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host Breakfast with Santa beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday in the RISD Education Center gym. Doughnuts and orange juice will be served, and activities are planned. Cost will be \$10 for Rockwall residents; \$15 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

RC parade, market set for Saturday

The Roysse City Bells of Main Street Parade & Market is set for Saturday. The Melody Room will be open for viewing entries in the Bells on Main Street coloring contest. Vendors and children's rides will begin at noon. The illuminated parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. Call 972-636-5000 for more details.

NAMI meetings scheduled

A pair of free NAMI support group meetings — one for individuals with mental illness in Room 121 and another for their families in Room 123, B Building — will take place from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 2300 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield, 972-412-6030, for info.

Santa's elves to provide parents' day out

The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall will host a Parents' Day Out Saturday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dinner will be provided, and "Santa's elves" will be the caretakers. Cost will be \$20 per child, \$10 for each additional child (BGCR member children/siblings \$15, \$10 for each additional child).

Community Band offers Christmas Concert

The Rockwall Community Band will host its 9th annual Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday in the RHS auditorium. Admission will be free; no tickets required. Founded in 2001, the band is comprised of volunteer musicians of all ages representing a wide variety of occupations and professions. Memberships is open to anyone; rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Mondays. For more details visit therockwallcommunityband.org.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

Huge tax burden for property owners

Property tax season is here. Look at your tax statement; you are city tax, county tax and school tax. The total is easily \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year (\$416 to \$500 a month) on the median home value range of \$200,000 to \$240,000.

Think you own your home free and clear? Think again. No matter how much happens to your income, you must pay your rent (property taxes). If property will be confiscated and sold to settle your property taxes. The period to bring your tax account up to date is short. You must pay penalties and lawyer fees after a short grace period.

Your property taxes are indexed to go up about 5 percent per year, to increasing tax rates and the appraisal district. For new homeowners means that their property tax payment will be four times their last payment on a 30-year conventional loan.

The tax payments sneak up on you. (Paying \$500 per month means \$2,000 per month in 30 years when you retire.)

Elections are coming up early spring of 2010. Protect your future by voting only candidates who are willing to freeze the tax rate. Ask the question.

The Rockwall County Republican chairman is directed by the State Republican Party to ask all candidates a list of questions. One of the questions is on taxes in general. The results will be made public to anyone requesting information from the County Republican chairman. Filing to run for office begins now through Jan 1 (972-772-9195).

The Rockwall County Texas Tea Party will also ask the candidates questions, focusing on their positions on property tax rates. Their responses will be made publicly available in newspapers, electronically and by direct mail to the Texas Tea Party (John White 972-771-3514) or Nicholas Kreekon 214-502-2502).

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The Fulton School

Hall plans to seek re-election

Congressman Ralph Hall has filed to seek re-election as U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Texas.

"These are difficult times for all Americans," Hall said in a news release last week. "Folks in my district in Northeast Texas are very concerned about the direction of our country. If Republicans stay together in mid-term elections could produce leaders who will promote sound economic policies and get our economy growing again."

"In the 111th Congress, I voted against all of the government bailout, the mammoth health care bill, and the cap and tax energy bill, and committed to standing in the way of further tax increases and government takeover of private businesses," he said. "Spending is out of control unless we work toward a balanced budget, our children and grandchildren will be left with an unsustainable debt that will cripple prosperity for generations to come."

As the ranking Republican of the Committee on Science and Technology and a longtime member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce has continued to push for innovation and global competitiveness, a space program, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and an energy policy that promotes free market principles and America's dependence on foreign oil.

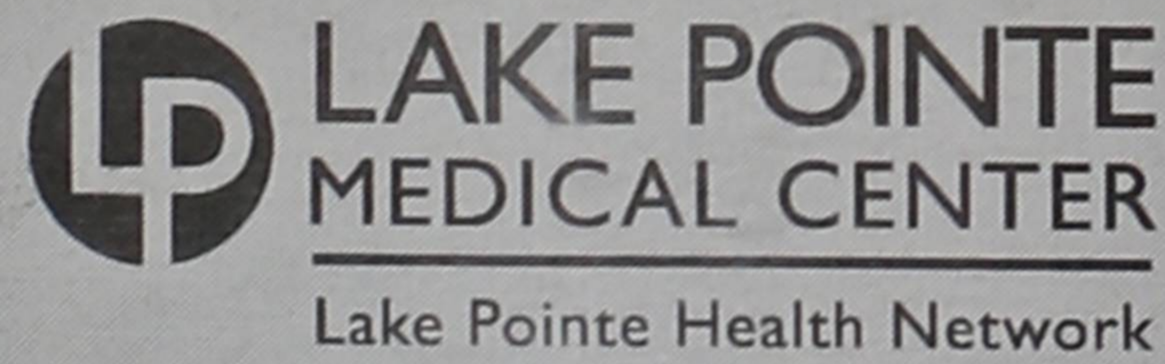
"We have worked hard developing clean coal technology, ultra-drilling technology, research and development in alternative fuels, and exploration that is friendlier to the environment," Hall said. "Using technologies would increase America's energy independence, create paying jobs and help bolster the economy."

"As the dean of the House, I have seniority on the right committee in Texas, and I want to use my experience and influence on behalf of the citizens of the Fourth District. I have strong support from the folks in North Texas, and I will continue to work hard on their behalf."

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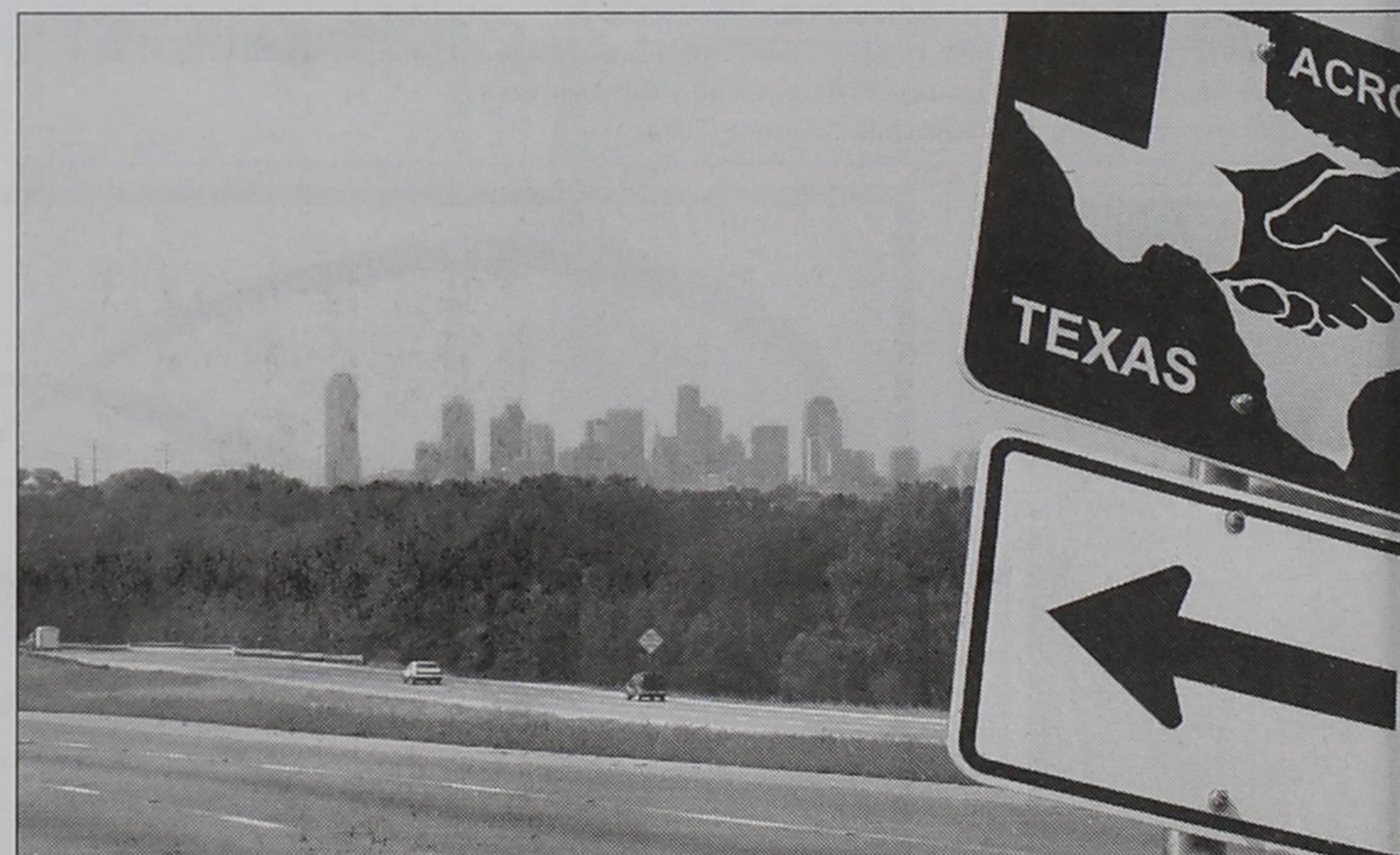
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Robertis, a debut novelist, has an impressive family saga spanning four generations—from her grandmother's immigration to Uruguay to her father's immigration to America. This atmospheric and richly detailed novel, readers learn about the rise and fall of Uruguay's ecosystem and its subsequent impact on one family.

Ignacio escapes poverty in Italy to find employment in Montevideo, the urging of his Grandfather. His Grandfather entreated Ignacio to "build something useful" in Uruguay. Ignacio accomplishes this by building the family home, but becomes the haven that one generation after another, despite harboring deep secrets from his father—keeping secrets destroys each member of the Pajarita family. Ignacio remains attached to his beloved wife, and finding useful things with one's hands is a recurring theme in this novel.

When Pajarita returns to her village, she took a small part with her—the beginnings of a global business in Montevideo. Her secrets save her family from ruin when Ignacio abruptly returns the family (returning a year later). Pajarita's daughter, also makes "useful things" in a not in the sense that Ignacio does.

"You cannot eat a poem," Ignacio declares and sends her to his shoe store to learn a trade. This decision will have disastrous consequences for both Eva and Ignacio. Despite Ignacio's belief that poems are useless, Eva's poems have real consequences—exile to Argentina and the disintegration of her marriage.

Uruguay's economy crumbles. Eva's daughter, Salome, becomes secretly attached to the Tupas. She sleeps with rifles under her mattress and becomes involved in more and more dangerous activities. The Tupas, an underground guerrilla movement, want to help the displaced Uruguayans who have lost their homes, but they commit crimes in the name of the cause. Everything is changing. Salome thinks, even the Beatle gave a song about Revolution. She pays a heavy price for her love—torture and more than a decade in prison. The love of her life, another Tupas, abandons her and flees to Mexico. Eva blames herself for Salome's sorrow, saying, "I failed you."

"Invisible Mountain" has recently been selected as one of Booklist's "Ten" first novels of 2009. Although this novel has a backdrop of Uruguayan politics and turmoil, it is really about a struggle to repair lives that have been unnaturally torn. Despite tragic events, the novel ends on a hopeful note, as the mother, daughter, and granddaughter unite in the home that Ignacio built all those years ago. Family members might not agree on politics, but they can drink maté and eat empanadas together. They can forgive and love each other.

TU tourney nets toys for Marine effort

Residents of Chandlers Landing Rockwall Tennis Unlimited members contributed to the U.S. Marines' 2009 Toys for Tots Foundation through a tennis tournament and a month-long toy drive. Hundreds of toys were collected, and more items donated this year than in any previous year of the tournament, according to organizers. Nearly 30 players donated toys for their entry fees in the men's and women's round-robin doubles. The winning team for the men's division was Greg Adams and Craig Jody Edwards and Patrick Jody Edwards took home silver medals. David Rollings and Ben Gelling took bronze. The women's division medals were hotly contested, with Debra Gonzales and Kim Gonzales taking first place. The teams of Tracy Rollins and Marina Gelling and Sherry Jody Edwards and Karen Stonecipher tied for second place.



The Rockwall Noon Lions Club recently recognized Eagle Scout Austin Winstel for his service project. Winstel, shown at center, constructed permanent wooden eyeglass collection boxes to be placed in locations throughout Rockwall for local residents to use to donate eyeglasses to the Lions ongoing Recycle for Sight program. Pictured with Winstel, from the left, are James Nelson, Sherry Hamm, Joyce Gracy, Larry Jost, Winstel, Meagan Sienty, Nancy Runge and John Poer. For more details on the club or its Recycle for Sight program, visit rockwallnoonlions.com. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Florance to seek re-election as County Judge

Rockwall County Judge Chris Florance announced last week he plans to seek re-election.

"Since I was elected to lead this county, we have achieved what many have said could not be accomplished without a tax increase," he said in a news release. "I brought 30 years of business culture and experience to Rockwall County government. Having presided over three county budgets, the county has not raised taxes except when the citizens voted to raise taxes 2 1/2 cents for our new library under the previous administration. Today, Rockwall County is recognized as the fastest growing county in the state and one of the fastest growing in the nation."

"The nation's eyes are watching the smallest county in Texas grow at a phenomenal rate. We have been declared by a national magazine to be one of the finest places in the country to raise a family. With unprecedented growth comes both rewards and challenges. Many years ago the State of Texas shut down our courthouse on the square because it was not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. As a stop-gap measure, Rockwall County purchased an office building to house our court system. We went from sharing a district judge with neighboring counties to having our own district judge, our own county court-at-law judge and soon, to ease the growing pressure, will have an additional district judge. Recently the state issued a warning for our overcrowded, unsafe and non-compliant court facility. We are now in the process of constructing a courthouse as a replacement," Florance said in the release.

"It takes courage to do what's

right and the Commissioners Court understands that the safety of our citizens is of the utmost importance. We will not sacrifice our citizens' safety," he said.

Florance said another challenge facing the county has been created by the state's financial concerns.

"The Texas Department of Transportation has all but abandoned state roads within our county; however, having a seat on the Regional Transportation Council board, RTC has allowed us to negotiate with state officials to keep construction on our roads moving forward in spite of financial constraints," he said.

"During the last Legislative session I was honored to testify and represent not only Rockwall County but other area Counties before several Senate Committees. One involved a bill that regionalized the Dallas Parkland Hospital system to include the taxation of our county, which would place an unfair burden on our citizens for the healthcare of Dallas residents. The bill was defeated which will save Rockwall County taxpayers millions. Additionally, I testified at the request of our judiciary for the state to fund an additional district court, which is so badly needed."

Florance said his goal as county judge is to continue this sort of business culture in the future to allow growth, not taxes, to continue an upward swing.

"By continued participation on state boards, I will continue to fight against state-mandated taxes on our county," he said. "The smallest attention to financial details and sound fiscal policies has garnered Rockwall County one of the highest bond ratings among counties in the state."

"It has been an honor for me to be

the first person each morning to turn on the lights at the courthouse on the square and attend to the business of this county. As this county has grown from a 27,000 population to 80,000 in the last 10 years, we need leaders who will work full time to meet the unbelievable demands of growth. We need our representatives to look forward to a county that will double in size within the next 10 years. It has truly been an honor to have served the people of Rockwall County. My door is always open, so please drop in and let me answer your questions personally. I respectfully request your vote in the upcoming March Primary election so we can keep Rockwall County moving forward."



Cops for Kids Toy Drive, golf tourney slated

The Rockwall Police Department will once again host its Christmas toy drive for needy Rockwall County children. As part of this effort, the department is teaming up with the Shores Country Club for the Cops for Kids Golf Tournament, an 18-hole, four-person scramble set to observe an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on Dec. 12 at the country club. Entry fee is \$35 per person plus cart, plus an unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more. The fee includes green fee, range balls, breakfast, lunch, prizes and more. Sponsorships also are available. For more information or to sign up for the tournament or a sponsorship, call the country club at 972-771-0301.

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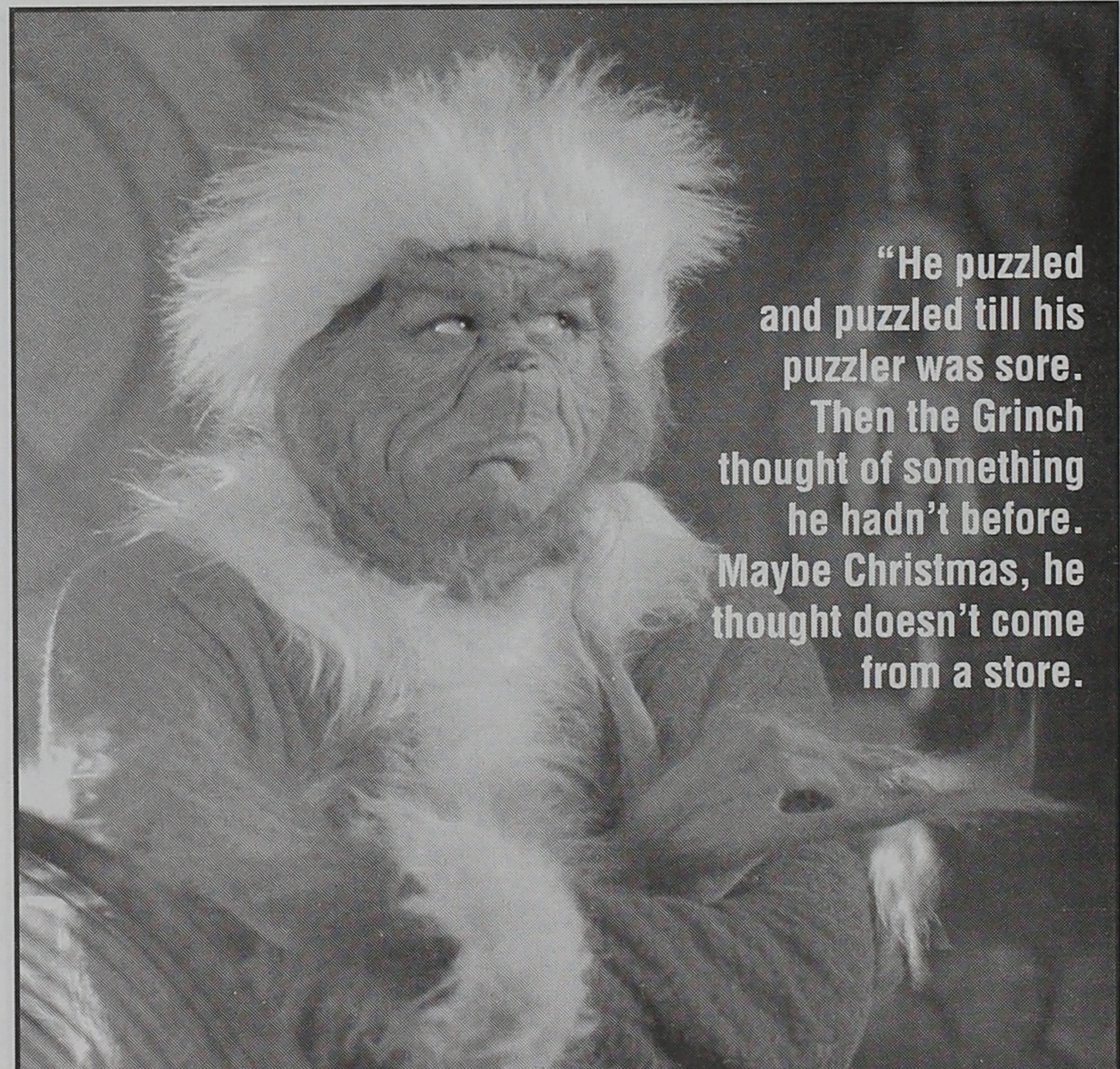
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RTU accepting membership applications

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited, an approved USTA Community Tennis Association, is accepting membership applications for 2010. RTU offers a complete tennis program for all ages. In accordance with new USTA Quick-start lessons, members can begin as early as 4 years old. RTU members can participate in USTA, TCD, metro teams, leagues, mixers, tournaments, clinics, camps, homeschool tennis, junior team tennis, and group and private lessons. Yearly membership fees are \$20 for juniors, \$40 for adults and \$60 for families. For further details contact Kim McKenzie at mckenziekv@att.net; Sue Peterson at sue.peterson@charter.net; or visit rockwalltennisunlimited.com.

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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks' Lawry named Sophomore of the Year

Rockwall-Heath running back Dorian Lawry was named the All-District 10-4A Offensive Sophomore of the Year, and four other Hawks earned first-team All-District honors.

Sharing time with senior Jesse Irokwe, who received All-District Honorable Mention, Lawry gained 972 yards in 147 carries (a 6.6-yard average) and ran

for 13 touchdowns. RHHS completed a 7-4 season with a Bi-District playoff loss to Frisco Liberty.

The Hawks' first-team selections were seniors Cameron Wilson at wide receiver, Austin Woods on the offensive line, Zach Salinas at defensive tackle and David Tanner at defensive end. Wilson led Rockwall-Heath with seven receiving touchdowns and 42 catches, good for 616 yards.

Six other seniors made second team All-District, including Kevin I at both quarterback and punter. The other second-team selections were receiver Ryan Peterson, offensive lineman Alex Young, cornerback A Villa, safety Drew Baxter and inside linebacker Justin Powers.

Arredondo, Smith head Royse City Bulldogs' UIL All-District picks

J.R. Arredondo and Kris Smith are the best reasons for Royse City football fans to have hope for the future.

Phillips. He and Arredondo would give RC stability at the critical defensive position of linebacker.

Yellow Jackets' Broach unanimous All-District pick

Rockwall junior Josh Broach, who led District 10-4A in rushing, was a unanimous selection on the All-District first team.

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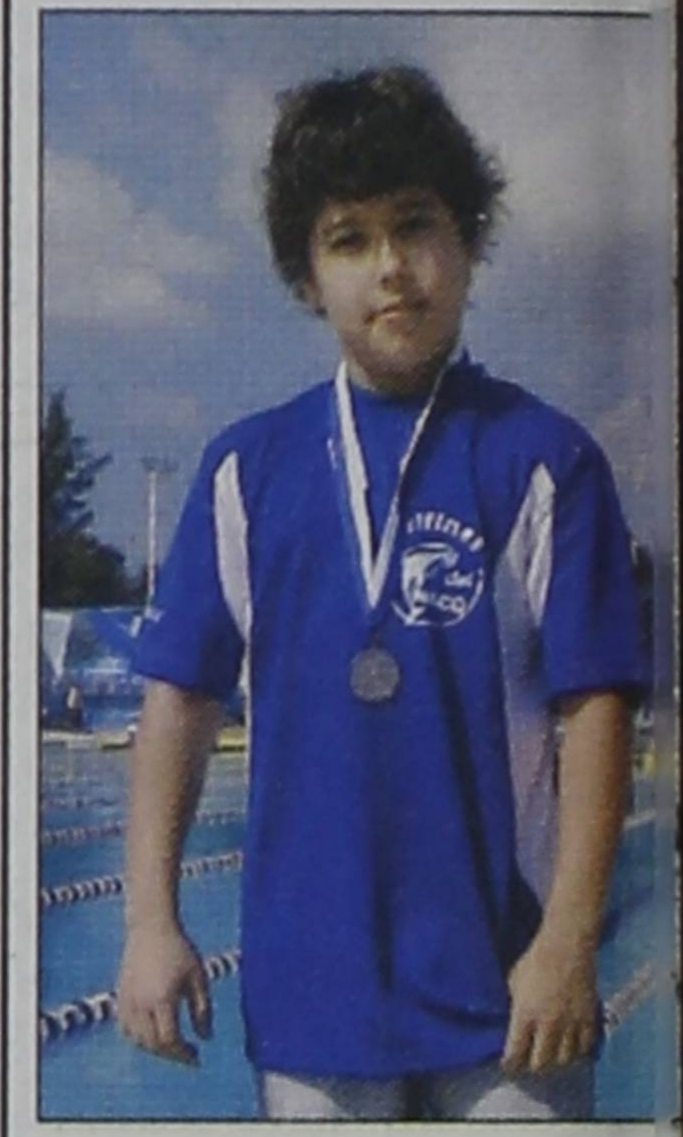
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Rodriguez wins gold, silver in Dominican Republic

Alex Rodriguez of Rockwall won an individual silver medal and a relay gold, and placed seventh overall in the 10-year-old boys division at a FINA-sanctioned swim meet Nov. 26-29 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Rodriguez, now 11, won his gold medal as part of the Club Naco Dolphins' winning 200-meter medley relay team. He also placed second in the 50-meter breaststroke with a AA qualifying time of 40.81 seconds.



Rockwall's Alex Rodriguez proudly displays the silver medal he won the 50-meter breaststroke at an international meet in the Dominican Republic.

The Celia Hayes Elementary School student competed in seven events. He was on the fourth-place 200 freestyle relay team, and finished fifth in the 50 backstroke in 38.09. His other events were the 200 individual medley, ninth in 2 minutes, 58.06 seconds; 50 free, 14th in

33.30, and 100 free, 19th in 1:15.73. In Rockwall, he competes for the Junior Racers under coach Tommy Sacco. Rodriguez's father, Andres Rodriguez, coaches the Rockwall Trident's water polo team. Alex's grandmother, Maritza Creus, is the Dolphins' director and also the Dominican National Team's head coach.

High school/middle school schedule

Fulton Falcons
Friday, Dec. 11 - Boys' basketball: home vs. Tyler Street Christian, RISE, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11 - Varsity boys' and girls' basketball: at Fruitvale Tournament
Middle school boys' and girls' basketball: home vs. Poetry Community Christian, games at 5, 6 and 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12 - Varsity boys' and girls' basketball: at Fruitvale Tournament
Monday, Dec. 14 - Varsity basketball: at Athens Prep, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Cumby, 7:30 p.m.
Rockwall Christian Warriors
Friday, Dec. 11 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Garland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Red Oak Life, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Grand Saline Tournament
Rockwall Yellowjackets
Friday, Dec. 11 - JV wrestling: at Lone Star Duals, St. Mark's, 8 a.m.

Tennis: at Rockwall-Heath Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Utley Middle School, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Gymnastics: at Heath Compulsory, Rockwall-Heath, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity boys' basketball: at Mike Brown Auto Tournament, Granbury
Swimming: at 4A TISCA meet, Frisco Natatorium
Saturday, Dec. 12 - Varsity wrestling: at Lone Star Duals, St. Mark's, 8 a.m.
Varsity boys' basketball: at Mike Brown Auto Tournament, Granbury
Freshman A and B girls' basketball: at Carrollton Newman Smith Tournament
Swimming: at 4A TISCA meet, Frisco Natatorium
Monday, Dec. 14 - Girls' basketball: home vs. West Mesquite, freshman 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Boys' basketball: at Mesquite Horn, freshman 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17 - Gymnastics: home for Trinity Compulsory p.m.
Rockwall-Heath Hawks
Friday, Dec. 11 - Tennis: at Rockwall-Heath Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
JV wrestling: at Taylor Classic, Plano, noon
Girls' basketball: at Rockwall, 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Freshman girls' basketball: at Rockwall, Utley Middle School, 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
Gymnastics: Compulsory, vs. Rockwall and Richardson p.m.
Varsity, JV and freshman boys' basketball: at Wills Point Tournament
Swimming: at 4A TISCA Frisco Natatorium
Saturday, Dec. 12 - Varsity wrestling: at Lone Star Duals, St. Mark's, 8 a.m.
Swimming: at 4A TISCA Frisco Natatorium
Monday, Dec. 14 - Boys' basketball: at Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Royle City Bulldogs
Friday, Dec. 11 - Girls' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, JV freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Varsity, JV and freshman boys' basketball: at Wills Point Tournament
Saturday, Dec. 12 - Varsity and freshman boys' basketball: at Wills Point Tournament
Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Boys' basketball: at Frisco Wakeland, freshman 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Quinlan, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Cain Mustangs
Monday, Dec. 14 - 7th grade soccer: at Utley, Wilkerson-Sa Memorial Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
Utley Wolves
Monday, Dec. 14 - 7th grade soccer: home vs. Cain, Wilkerson-Sa Memorial Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
Williams Wildcats
Monday, Dec. 14 - Boys' soccer: at Lovejoy, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall takes district opener; Hawks, West Mesquite next

by Lary Bump

Rockwall's Lady Jackets found out something about themselves Tuesday night. They can win, to use head coach Jill McDill's words, without Peyton Adamson "playing out of her mind."

A stubborn Roysse City defense held Adamson to 13 points – 16 below her average. Up stepped sophomore center Alyssa Lang, with 27 points and 10 rebounds, to lead visiting RHS to a 59-41 victory.

The good thing about that was that even Lang wasn't playing out of her mind.

"She's averaging a double-double (points and rebounds per game)," McDill said. "I thought she played just incredible inside. She got a lot of offensive rebounds, scored when we got the ball in there and made 9 of 10 free throws."

"We've been talking to her all this year about stepping up. That was big for us. It helps us as a team."

And it was a team performance, not just a two-woman show. Aimee Coleman, in the lineup mostly because of her defense, scored 10 points, matching her season high. Kayla Smith was largely responsible for getting the ball in to Lang.

There were times when Roysse City's guards must have thought the entire team was waiting for them just across the mid-court line. That's because two-three-sometimes even four Lady Jackets were there to trap the ball-handler and prevent passes toward the basket where RC players were open. Lang even stepped out at times, making it virtually impossible for the Lady Bulldogs to pass over her long arms.

McDill said, "A number of people got steals and deflections. The steals and transition gave us some easy baskets."

"The trap, we've been trying that on and off. It got us some turnovers, and we didn't give up too much. We held them to 41 points. That's right at our goal."

Rockwall's leader, with three steals? Peyton Adamson.

The Lady Jackets were coming off a weekend when they won three of four games in the Garland ISD Coca-Cola Tournament. After easy victories against North Garland and Sachse, West Mesquite defeated RHS 49-40.

"I didn't think we played very well," McDill said of the game against the

Lady Wranglers. "It was a gut check to see how we could play against a good team, Arlington Seguin. They were ranked No. 10 in RA at the beginning of the season."

"The girls just played with so much intensity." That intensity led to a 32-3 lead after the first quarter, and an 80-49 final score. For the second time this season, Adamson broke her own Rockwall scoring record – with 48 points.

The entire team might have a difficult team scoring 48 points in either of the next two games – at home against 10-4A rival Rockwall-Heath (1-0 in the district, 9-3 overall) Friday and West Mesquite (12-3) again Monday.

"If we play well, hopefully we can beat them. They're really, really good. They're No. 3 in the state in 4A."

Winning wouldn't be a stretch. The Lady Jackets are ranked eighth.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	24	14	12	16	66
N.GHS	5	11	5	10	32

North Garland (1-7): Shatoya Medford 10, Samari Osborne 7, Keara Blair 7, Cindy Hernandez 3, Lametria Sewell 2, Jenna Dorsett 2.

Rockwall (10-2): Peyton Adamson 20, Alyssa Lang 14, Vertashia Dean 8, Bre Castillo 6, Kayla Smith 5, Shelby Schueneman 4, Aimee Coleman 4, Mary Hinton 2, Brittany Griffin 2, Morghen Day 1.

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RHS	10	12	19	9	50
Sachse	8	6	3	10	27

Rockwall (11-2): Peyton Adamson 28, Vertashia Dean 10, Aimee Coleman 3, Alyssa Lang 2, Mary Hinton 2, Brittany Griffin 2, Morghen Day 2, Shelby Schueneman 1.

Sachse (5-4): Candice Followwell 8, Tiandra Williams 6, Robin Williams 4, Jasmine Miller 4, Vanicia Winn 3, Christina Scott 2.

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W. MHS	13	16	6	14	49
RHS	7	9	7	17	40

West Mesquite (12-1): Re'nikia Meshack 13, J'Tierra Brown 12, Sha'Georgia Williams 8, Dominique Taylor 8, Claudia Price 6, Desiree' Johnson 2.

Rockwall (11-3): Peyton Adamson 22, Vertashia Dean 12, Alyssa Lang 5, Mary Hinton 1.

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Seguin	3	21	9	16	49
RHS	32	13	19	16	80

Arlington Seguin (3-6): Demoneyca Spivey 17, Veronica Azubuike 8, Jemimah Stratford 6, Crystal Robinson 6, Takiyah Langford 5, Alexa Brackens 3, Dwanisha Tate 2, Paige Criss 2.

Rockwall (12-3): Peyton Adamson 48, Alyssa Lang 12, Aimee Coleman 10, Mary Hinton 3, Kayla Smith 2, Shelby Schueneman 2, Brittany Griffin



Lady Jackets' freshman Mary Hinton (10) draws a foul against Lady Bulldogs' defender Ashanti Johnson (32) during Tuesday's game at Roysse City. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Defense helps Lady Hawks win 4 of 5

Lary Bump
In the Rockwall-Heath crowd yells, "Dee-fense!" the Lady Hawks listen.

They have held seven of their last eight opponents to fewer than 40 points. You wouldn't have to be a mind reader to know which of those games was RHHS' only loss in those games.

But, this season Rockwall-Heath has won the nine games when it did no more than 41 points, and lost all three when opponents have to 46 or more. No team has as many as 60 points in an RHHS game this season – not even the Lady Hawks, and therein lies a potential problem.

Rockwall's sporadic offense can be a problem. That has been apparent during the last week, when Rockwall-Heath won three of four games at the Roysse Hoop Fest Tournament despite not scoring more than 42 points in any of the contests.

The trend continued big-time in Tuesday night's District 10-4A opener at Greenville. The Lady Hawks held the visitors to 23 points, but the total the team has allowed this season, including 0 – a big, fat goose in the second quarter.

RHHS' offense was rolling, scoring 23 points in the first quarter and 29-6 at halftime. Then came the third quarter. The Lady Lions allowed 11 points, and Rockwall-Heath... 0.

The Lady Hawks regrouped to score Greenville 13-6 in the second quarter, finishing a defensive masterpiece despite an offense that was less than an artistic success.

Shanae Lowrance had one of her best games this season, leading RHHS with 22 points. Supporting her effort were Katelyn Morris and Shanae Lowrance with 11 points each.

Lowrance had been the Lady Hawks' leading scorer in each of their tournament games, with a total of 18 in a 55-30 loss to host Willsboro.

The 5'11" senior forward has been the first player in Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball history to sign a letter of intent for a college scholarship. She agreed to play during the next season at NCAA Division II St. Edward's University in Austin.

Lowrance has been a first-team All-District player in each of her first three seasons for the Lady Hawks. Lowrance led all 4A players in the complex in rebounds during her senior and sophomore years, and this season was the second-leading rebounder in District 10-4A.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
W. MHS	10	6	5	11	32
North Garland	8	7	10	5	30

Rockwall-Heath (6-2): Shanae Lowrance 10, Katelyn Morris 6,



Shanae Lowrance

McKenzie White 4, Aly Coughlin 4, Macall Smith 3, Lyndsey Renta 3, Brooke Eddy 2.

Bullard (4-2): Christina Hatten 11, Minta Spears 9, Ally Covalt 4, Heather Camp 2, Ashley Ricci 2, Kayla Welling 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	6	4	7	13	30
Winn	11	15	18	11	55

Rockwall-Heath (6-3): Shanae Lowrance 18, Lyndsey Renta 4, Brianna Richardson 3, Brooke Eddy 3, McKenzie White 2.

Winnboro (7-0): Brea Draper 16, Brittany Carter 12, Amber Langhoff 11, Alex Langhoff 9, Kasi Geraci 4, Deana Knight 2, Holly Stone 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	6	16	13	3	38
Mt. Vernon	10	12	8	2	32

Rockwall-Heath (7-3): Shanae Lowrance 9, Macall Smith 7, McKenzie White 6, Aly Coughlin 5, Willette Rankin 4, Brianna Richardson 3, Katelyn Morris 2, Brooke Eddy 2.

Mount Vernon: Deloney 13, Summerlin 11, Thames 7, Drabble 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	13	8	9	12	42
Allen	9	17	8	5	39

Rockwall-Heath (8-3): Shanae Lowrance 16, Katelyn Morris 12, Willette Rankin 4, Macall Smith 3, McKenzie White 2, Lyndsey Renta 2, Brooke Eddy 2, Aly Coughlin 1.

Allen (6-8): Katy Coughran 9, Kaylin Clayton 8, Tia Frazier 7, Taylor Briscoe 6, Mikayla McCarthy 5, Alex Moss 2, April Kindle 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	20	9	0	13	42
Greenville	6	0	11	6	23

Greenville (0-1, 8-4): Olivia Carter 13, Sha'kia Whetstone 4, Jessica Franklin 2, Maddy Crabtree 2, Ashley Abbott 2.

Rockwall-Heath (1-0, 9-3): Brooke Eddy 12, Katelyn Morris 11, Shanae Lowrance 11, Brianna Richardson 4, Aly Coughlin 4.



Lady Hawks' Deimling, Combs sign National Letters of Intent

Rockwall-Heath softball players (seated left to right) Sarah Deimling and Victoria Combs signed National Letters of Intent to play softball in the school library on November 11, 2009 at 8:15 am. Combs signed with Delta State University and Deimling signed with Paris Junior College. Parents of players are (back row left to right) Scott and Kelley Deimling, Leah and Ken Combs. Photo courtesy of Leah Combs/Rockwall County News



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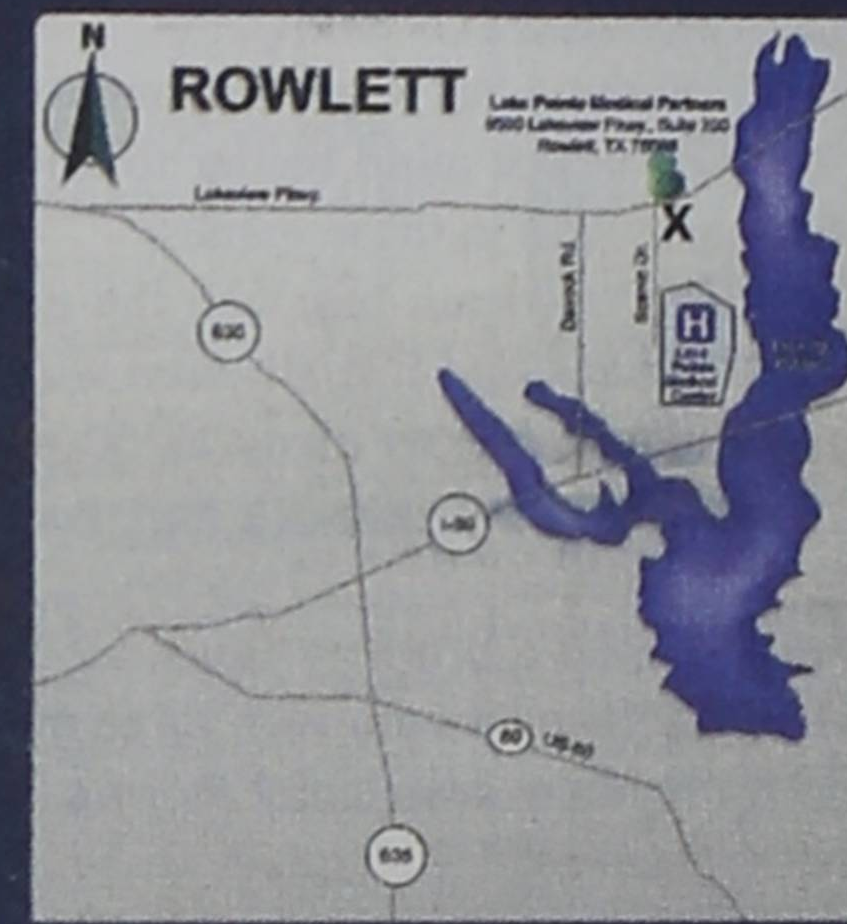
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

More than conquerors...not super-human. Jesus Christ's ministry on earth, he was the true high priest prophet who could walk by authority from God his Father. The were made to see, palsied were healed, lepers were cleansed much more. Then he did the greatest thing any friend can do. He gave his life for the sin nature in all of mankind. Jesus have called upon his Father to rescue him with thousands of angels. But instead he patiently endured the scourging and crucifixion.

What resulted from this sacrifice and resurrection was something that was spiritually powerful. It became available for people to be filled with the holy spirit and to receive the gift of the holy ghost. A whole new spiritual administration began, called the age of the grace of God. There is so much to learn about this new administration. And the information for that lesson is found in the Acts and Epistles.

According to Romans 8:37, God's children are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. The context is seen in verse 35: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Nothing can separate us from God's love that was given through His son Jesus Christ. The above situations pretty much cover every challenging area of life. In all these areas we are not...I repeat...not...counted as sheep killed all the day long (Romans 8:36)!

It does not make us super-humans. Luke 17:11-19, we learn a beautiful lesson that should quicken our things in proper spiritual perspective. While on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus was confronted by ten men who were afflicted with leprosy. They cried out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He replied, "Go show yourselves to the priest." As they left, the one who was left also. They were completely cleansed. Then one of the men came back after noticing what happened, and glorified God. He fell on his face to the ground and thanked God in front of God's son Jesus Christ.

We noticed that only one returned to glorify God, and told the others to stand up and go his way knowing that his believing had healed him whole. Of the ten, only one had the heart to delay his glorification for a moment to glorify God in prayer before Jesus Christ. The rest was that he was made whole. All ten may have been healed of their leprosy, but only one was made whole. He had a humble thankful heart for God's powerful ability to heal him through Jesus Christ. The others did not remember to thank and glorify God for what was done. But that one man understood his personal weakness and fully recognized God's power through Jesus Christ.

What a great lesson for us as we learn to be God's beloved children during this age of God's grace.

Last Puzzle Solution

Rockwall County Obituaries

Mary Beyette

Services for Mary Beyette, 98, of Royse City were conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 3, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Donny Forson officiating. She died Nov. 30.

Born Feb. 16, 1911, in Dallas, she was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall. She enjoyed playing bridge on Mondays at the Rockwall Senior Center and on Thursdays at La Madeleine. She also was a participating member of the Rave Reviews Book Club at the Rockwall County Library.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Hall and her husband, Armand, of Royse City; her grandchildren, Gene Hall and his wife, Beth, of Riversville, Conn., Karen Romo of The Colony and Cara, Robert and Biff Beyette, all of Indiana; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eugene Beyette; and one son, Robert Beyette.

Anna Bowen

Services for Anna Bowen, 92, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. She died Sunday, Dec. 6.

Born Jan. 23, 1917, in Fate to John and Virginia (Harper) Crawford, she was a wife, mother and homemaker. She and her husband were worthy Matron and Patron of Easter Star in their early married years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include her daughter, Pat Hairston and her husband, David, of Rockwall; her son, Horace Bowen Jr. and his wife, Judi, of Dallas; her grandchildren, Lauri Trammell and her husband, Kyle, Tony Hairston and his wife, Elizabeth, and John Hairston and his wife, Amy; and her great-grandchildren, Taylor Trammell and Megan, Mason, Alex, Jack and Ella Hairston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace Bowen; five brothers; and four sisters.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be directed to the building funds of the First United Methodist Church.

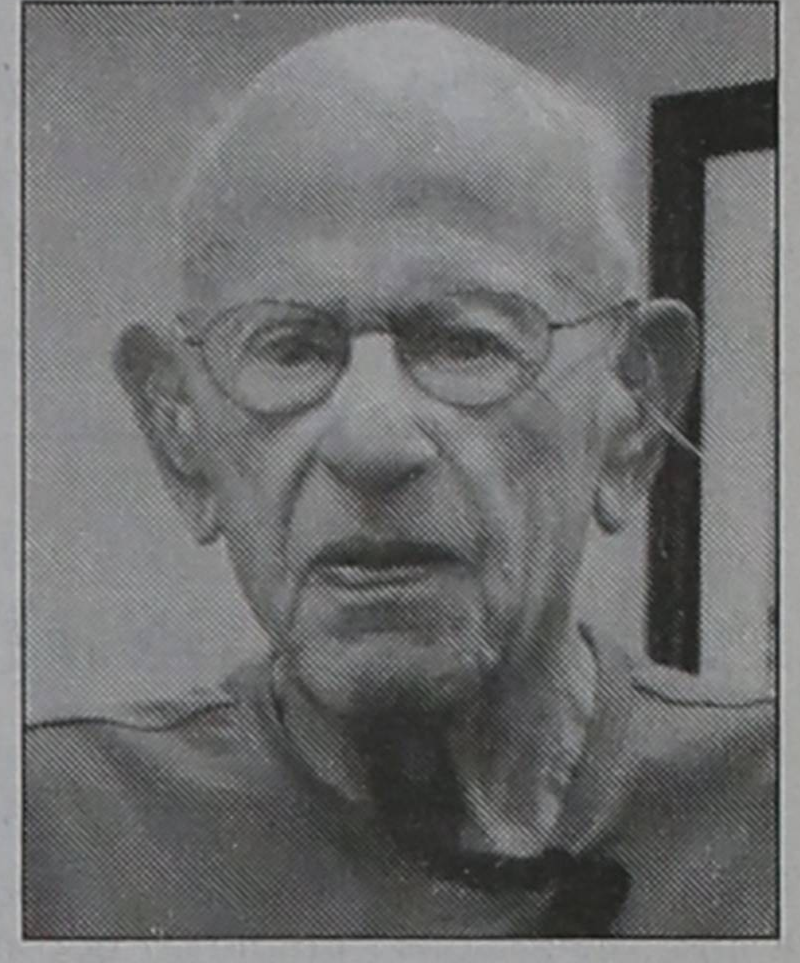
Howard R. "Bob" Charles

Services for Howard R. "Bob" Charles, 90, of Rockwall were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Stan Scott officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. He died Dec. 3.

Born Aug. 6, 1919, in Picher, Okla., to Spurgeon and Vennie (Welker)

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Charles, he served in the U.S. Marines and was a magazine editor until his retirement. A talented and entertaining writer, he published two books, "Last Man Out" and "Surviving Vennie." He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall and the Lost Battalion organization.

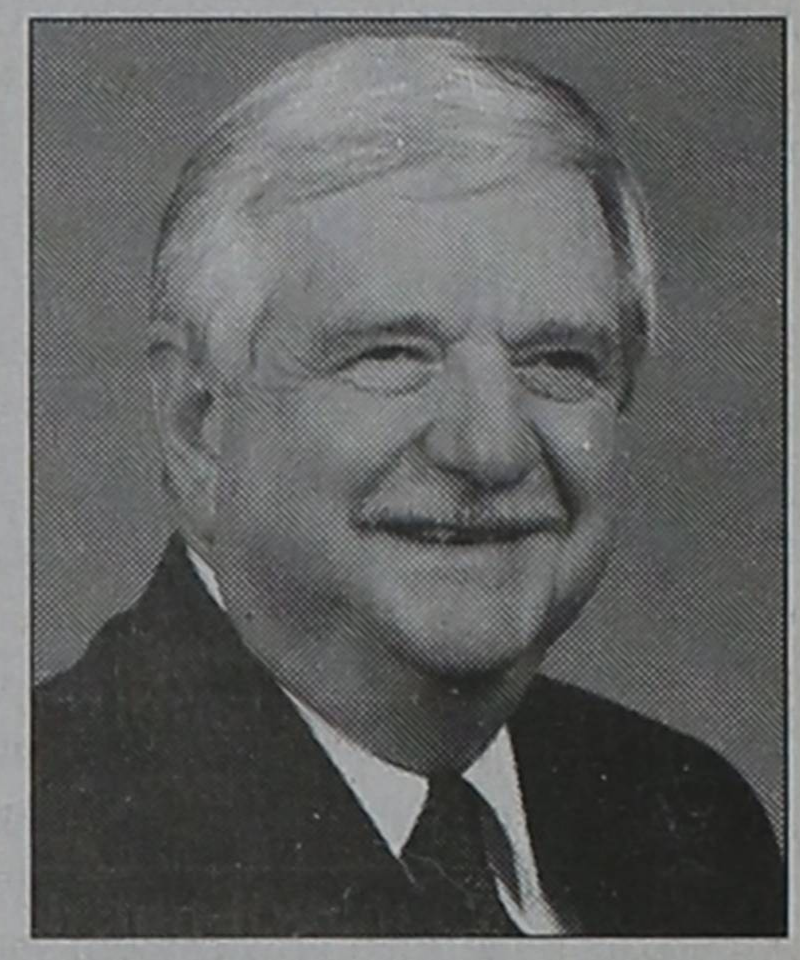


Survivors include one son, Dana Charles and his wife, Kathleen of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Marsha Shrader and her husband, Jeff, of Amarillo and Susan Green and her husband, Kyle, of Rockwall; seven grandchildren, Liz, Katherine, Jeffrey, Ben, Amanda, Sam and Emily; and one great-grandchild, Anna.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Margaret; and two brothers, Kermit and Mike.

Paul Wayne Rimmer

Services for Paul Wayne Rimmer, 77, were conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, in the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died Dec. 2 following a battle with leukemia.

Born in Dallas Oct. 8, 1932, he was a third-generation Dallasite, attending school at Mount Auburn and J.L. Long. He graduated from Crozier Tech in 1950 and attended Southern Methodist University after serving in the Navy Air Corps as an aviation electrician 3rd class. He retired from Mobil Oil after working there as an auditor for 41 years.

A deacon, he taught Sunday school at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas before moving to Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall where he served on a missions construction team and counting committee. He had a heart for missions and supported multiple ministries.

He enjoyed baseball and played for many years until breaking his ankle while sliding into base. He coached youth baseball and softball teams in the White Rock Churches Athletic Association and was an avid Texas Rangers fan. The joy in "Pepaw's" life was his family.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Barbara Cook Rimmer; his daughter, Marsha Lynn Stroope and her husband, Steve; his son, J. Duane Rimmer and his wife, Alexia; his granddaughters, Rachel Ortiz and her husband, Scott, Lydia Randall and her husband, Mason, Adrienne Rimmer, Elyse Rimmer and Meredith Rimmer; his great-grandchildren, Jax Ortiz, Maleah Ortiz, Austen Ortiz and Boone Randall; his sister, Mary Louise Trull; his sisters-in-law, Wanda Rimmer and Judi Campbell and her husband, Dick; and numerous other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis Rimmer and Julian Greer Rimmer, and his brother, Milton "Buddy" Rimmer.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested contributions be made to Lake Pointe Church, c/o The Paul Rimmer World Missions Fund.

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Proverbs 18:7

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In Our Opinion

Kill the Insurance Mandate

by Sheldon Richman

If Congress manages to pass a health-insurance bill in the next few weeks, it will undoubtedly require every person to have medical coverage or pay a fine. If someone's employer doesn't offer a policy, he will be obligated to buy one for himself no matter how expensive. (Subsidies will be available to lower- and middle-income people.)

Coverage is not likely to be cheap because the bill that President Obama signs will also undoubtedly mandate that "basic" coverage contain far more than coverage for bankruptcy-threatening catastrophic illness. It will also include a large variety of elective and preventive services that are actually inappropriate for insurance, since they are discretionary. The day of high-deductible, low-cost insurance will be gone. Congress and the president will decree that you must have Cadillac coverage even if a Ford suits your needs and your budget better.

Everyone who believes he lives in a free country should be asking himself, By what authority do the Congress and the president force me to buy insurance?

That this question is hardly discussed is an ominous sign. The public discussion about so-called health-care reform has focused almost entirely on whether the government should compete with private insurers through a "public option." Abortion financing and the impact on the budget deficit have also gotten their share of attention.

But nearly everyone takes for granted the government's authority to force us to buy medical insurance. How does that square with the traditional American belief that government should leave you alone unless you commit a crime against person or property? Where does compulsory health insurance fit into that principle?

I imagine that most people think that the government doesn't even need specific grounds to exert that power. If a majority of Congress and the president in their wisdom think we need insurance, then they can compel us to buy it - or so the implicit reasoning seems to go.

But that shouldn't be good enough for a country whose founding document speaks of inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, not to mention the right of revolution.

Even the Congressional Budget Office calls the mandate "unprecedented," adding, "The government has never required people to buy any good or service as a condition of lawful residence in the United States."

So why aren't we all asking, "By what authority?"

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's 2,074-page bill tries to answer that question. It states that health insurance is interstate commerce, which Congress has the power to regulate under the Constitution's Commerce Clause. The first question that should arise is that even if you grant that government may regulate interstate commerce, what does forcing consumers to buy insurance have to do with regulation? The bill states that the mandate is necessary because the insurance market won't work effectively without it. And why not? Because the same bill also compels insurance companies to cover everyone essentially at the same price regardless of health status. If the sick and the healthy must be charged the same premium and healthy people choose to opt out of insurance, then premiums to the remaining sick policyholders will be higher than otherwise. Therefore, the healthy must be forbidden to opt out. Hence the mandate.

Notice the circularity: The mandate is necessary to protect the insurance market from the high premiums caused by the bill containing the mandate. And by what authority are insurers compelled to cover everyone at the same price? The Commerce Clause, of course. However you construe that clause, it is twisted logic for the government to burden interstate commerce through price controls, then impose a mandate on consumers to fix the problems the burden created. (By the way, if health insurance is interstate commerce, why does the federal government stop insurers from selling across state lines?)

Government intervention begets more intervention. When politicians forbid insurers to charge customers according to risk, that is not real insurance. It's welfare, requiring forced participation by those who would opt out if free to do so. Congress and Obama are about to violate the rights of Americans in an attempt to avoid the mess they know they are about to make. But they forgot something:

Free societies don't have mandates.

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Have Yourself a Godless Little Christmas

by Bill O'Reilly

Once again we are in the Christmas season, and the coal-in-your-stocking crowd is back at it. This year the American Humanist Association is putting up bus ads in selected cities that say: "No God? No Problem! Be Good for Goodness' Sake." The picture accompanying the text shows a group of young people wearing Santa hats. Ho, ho, ho.

The virulently anti-God group "Freedom from Religion" has launched a second front. It is celebrating Christmas in Las Vegas with ads that say: "Yes, Virginia, there is no God."

Nice.

The question is: Why bother? Why spend money at Christmastime to spread dubious will among men?

The reason, I believe, is that atheists are jealous of the Yuletide season. While Christians have Jesus and Jews have the prophets, nonbelievers have Bill Maher. There are no Christmas carols for atheists, no pagan displays of largesse like Santa Claus. In fact, for the nonbeliever, Christmas is just a day off, a time to consider that Mardi Gras is fewer than two months away.

But there is a serious side to this, and the American "Humanists" should listen up. Christmas is a joyous time for children, the big upside of celebrating the birth of Jesus. Why, then, do people who want to "be good" spend money denigrating a beautiful day? Could it be that the humanists are not really interested in good at all?

The head Humanist, Roy Speckhardt, says the anti-God signs are worthy because they send a message that atheists shouldn't be vilified as immoral. Well, old Roy needs to wise up. The signs actually create resentment and hostility toward atheists. Here's a bulletin: Many parents don't want their children to see bus signs proclaiming that God is a big hoax. That message may be constitutionally protected, but it is not going to engender much good will among believers.

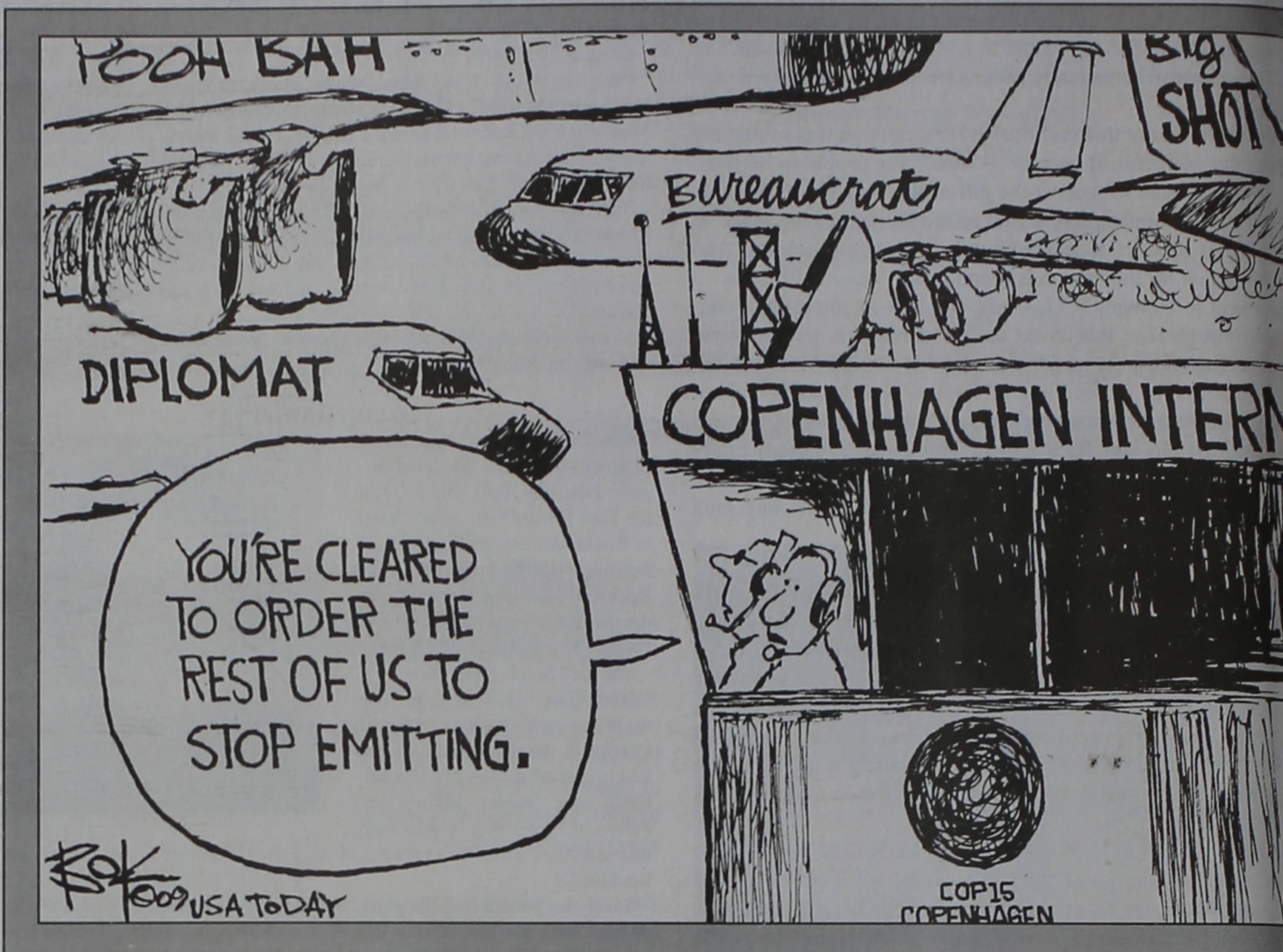
Of course, Speckhardt knows that and is being disingenuous with the "just looking out for atheists" posture. What many nonbelievers enjoy doing is mocking those who embrace theology. I guess that makes some atheists feel better, because there is no other reason to run down Christmas. It is a happy day for most human beings.

The latest Rasmussen poll on the season says that 72 percent of Americans like saying "Merry Christmas," while just 22 percent prefer the greeting "Happy Holidays." So the evidence suggests that despite the ACLU, atheist groups and a politically correct media, Christmas is actually gaining in relevance and, perhaps, reverence.

Most folks know a good thing when they see it, and the converse is true, as well. They know these anti-God signs at Christmastime are dumb and unnecessary. Isn't that right, Virginia?

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We've been had

by Walter E. Williams

Last year, my column "Global Warming Rope-A-Dope" (12/24/08) started out: "Americans have been rope-a-doped into believing that global warming is going to destroy the planet. Scientists who have been skeptical about manmade global warming have been called traitors or handmaidens of big oil." New evidence proves that climatologists and environmental policy advocates have not only fed us lies, engaged in scientific and academic fraud but committed criminal acts as well.

Last month, Russian computer hackers obtained thousands of e-mails from the Climate Research Unit (CRU) at the University of East Anglia (UEA) in England. CRU has the world's largest temperature data set. In collaboration with scientists around the world, including the U.S., its research and mathematical models form the basis of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) 2007 global warming report.

The e-mails involved communication among climate researchers and policy advocates around the world who brazenly discuss both the destruction and hiding of data that does not support their global-warming claims. They discuss criminally deleting data rather than comply with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. There's also discussion of faking data for journals such as *Nature*, conspiring to keep opposing science out of peer-reviewed journals (which they controlled the editorial boards), and using statistical "tricks" to hide the cooling period of the last 10 years. One e-mail said, "The fact is we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment and it is a travesty that we can't." Another said, "it would be nice to try to 'contain' the putative 'MWP'; even if we don't yet have a hemispheric mean reconstruction available that far back." MWP refers to the Medieval Warm Period (800 A.D. to 1300 A.D.) when the Earth was much warmer than it is now. This bothers the global warmers because they can't blame the temperature increase a thousand years ago on SUVs, coal-burning power plants, incandescent bulbs and 60-inch TV screens.

Editors of professional journals, who were willing to publish articles that disagreed with the warmers, were forced to resign -- as was in the cases of

editors at *Climate Research and Geophysical Research Letters*. A flagrant example of suppression is found in CRU director Phil Jones', letter to Pennsylvania State University's Michael E. Mann that questions when the work of academics who question the link between human activities and global warming deserve to make it into the IPCC report, which represents the environmental extremist's view on climate science. Jones writes, "I see either of these papers being in the next IPCC report. Kevin and I will keep them out somehow -- even if we have to redefine what the peer-reviewed literature is!"

The fact of the matter is an increasing amount of climate research suggests a possibility of global cooling. Geologist Dr. Don J. Easterbrook, Emeritus Professor at Western Washington University, says, "Recent solar changes suggest that it could be fairly severe, perhaps more like the 1880 to 1910 cool cycle than the more moderate 1945-1977 cool cycle. A more dramatic cooling, similar to that during the Dalton and Maunder minimums, could plunge the Earth into another Little Ice Age, but only time will tell if that's likely." Geologist Dr. David Gee, chairman of the science committee of the 2008 International Geological Congress, currently at Uppsala University in Sweden asks, "For how many years must the planet cool before we begin to understand that the planet is not warming?"

Last year's column closed with my speculation that if ever "the permafrost returns to northern U.S., as far south as New Jersey as it once did, it's inconceivable that Congress, caught in the grip of global warming zealots, would keep all the laws on the books they wrote in the name of fighting global warming. Personally, I would not put it past them to write more." This is confirmed by the Obama administration's climate czar, Carol Browner, who, despite dishonesty, fraud and criminality, says she considers the science on global warming settled.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.
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Royse City News

Contributed by Erin Strahm

During the Thanksgiving holiday Greg and Erin Strahm enjoyed the company of their daughters Skyler who has been attending college at Oklahoma Baptist University, and Sydney a freshman at Royse City High School.

Because I teach and Greg coaches, we have "adopted" many children along the way, including Josh McKinney who came home for a visit from Stephen F. Austin University.

Our good friends, The Young Family also came over (Terry, Carol, Ty and Talyer). Our two families have come together since 1990 and are basically all like family.

We enjoyed good food through the Thanksgiving Day, watched the Cowboys and the Texas v. Texas A&M games and played cards. That night, the teenagers and children went to a late movie.

The day was described very relaxing.

[Editor's note: We encourage our readers to submit family news to share with the community.]

Outnumbered Lady Bulldogs put up a fight against Rockwall

by Lary Bump

Royse City won a battle of attrition but lost the war in a 59-41 defeat at home Tuesday night against Rockwall.

With just eight players available, the Lady Bulldogs opened their District 10-4A season against RHS and scoring machine Peyton Adamson, who entered the game averaging just under 30 points per game.

RC (6-7 overall) shut down Adamson almost as well as any team has this season, limiting her to 13 points, but 6'0" sophomore center Alyssa Lang proved too much inside. She scored a season-high 27 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Ten of Lang's points came in the fourth quarter, helping the Jackets stop a Royse City surge that had sliced a 19-point lead down to nine with 3 minutes, 55 seconds to play. Lang scored points during a 10-0 Rockwall run that put the game away.

"We're not proud and happy that we lost," said RC head Dallas Bookout, "but it makes you really proud of the kids that they played."

"We're down two starters. You hate it, but you've still got to do it."

Guard Ashley Jordan is out, probably until Jan. 2, because of a shoulder injury. Forward Ariel Freese didn't play because she was ineligible. She will be back for Friday's game at Richardson Pear Bookout said, "Tonight, hopefully, we took a step in a positive direction. We were making them work to get it."

"We switched up zones a little bit, but mainly we wanted to make sure everybody knows where (Adamson's) at."

The zone defenses were stretched out to prevent Adamson from having good 3-point shots. She was second in the nation in 3-point shooting two years ago as a sophomore.

The downside was leaving Lang open inside. "We knew that she could play. She did a great job."

The Lady Bulldogs stayed close for 13 minutes. Talyer Young led them with 18 points, gave RC its open lead, 3-0, 54 seconds into the game. Royse City twice tied the game in the first quarter, pulled within three points at the end of the quarter on Young's 3-point shot.

It was a three-point game again when Ashanti Johnson's foul made the score 21-18 with 3:05 remaining in the first half. Lang made four foul shots then keyed a 7-0 run to end the half.

One thing worse than having just eight players is having six which is what Royse City had for last weekend's Winnsboro Festival Tournament. Taylor Jordan also was out because of a 102-degree fever.

The Lady Bulldogs lost their opening game at Winnsboro to John Tyler, but came back to win two of their final three games there.

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



Lady Bulldogs' Maci Newton (34) defends against Lady Jackets' Peyton Adamson (22) during Tuesday's game at Royse City.

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Royse City Bulldogs' offense wakes up too late at Cross Timbers Tourne

Royse City didn't score much, and in two games not enough, at last weekend's Cross Timbers Tournament at Stephenville.

Tuesday night, out of necessity, the Bulldogs turned on their offensive power and almost came away with a victory at Frisco Liberty.

The Redhawks came out smoking to take a 25-6 lead after the first quarter.

At that point, RC decided to fight fire with fire, trying to outscore Liberty over the final three quarters to win the game. The plan almost worked. The Redhawks didn't blink, but their eyelids fluttered, as Royse City's rally fell short in an 81-75 loss.

RC outscored Liberty 24-20 in the second quarter, 21-15 in the third to move within nine points at 60-51 and 24-21 in the fourth.

Pierre Hayden was the Bulldogs' leading scorer. He had help from two players who hadn't been scoring a lot in earlier games. Dajon Avery had 14 points and George Gomez added 11.

Royse City lost two of three games at Stephenville, where the Bulldogs didn't score more than 54 points in any game.

They also fell behind early in the first game of the round-robin tournament. Temple, which entered the contest with a 3-0 record, took an 18-8 first-quarter lead and stretched it to 37-18 at halftime on the way to a 57-41 victory.

The Bulldogs then defeated host Stephenville 54-40. In that game, it was Royse City getting the early jump, leading 15-9 after the first quarter and 34-22 at halftime. A balanced attack paid off. Trey Crutchfield led four players in double figures with 12 points. Cory Stapleton added 11 and Hayden and Nick Stone had 10 each.

After trailing Hutto 42-24 at halftime, RC threw a scare into Hippos by outscoring them 20-5 in the third quarter to pull up 47-44. The Bulldogs couldn't sustain the rally, and lost 70-54.

RC has another tournament this weekend, at Wills Point. Bulldogs' varsity, JV and freshman teams all opened the tournament Thursday morning against Ferris. For the sub-varsity games, the plan was to play Rockwall-Heath Thursday night. There also was possibility that the Royse City and R-H varsities could meet in a view of District 10-4A play.

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RC	15	19	11	9	54
SHS	9	13	12	6	40

Royse City (3-3): Trey Crutchfield 12, Cory Stapleton 11, Stone 10, Pierre Hayden 10, Bryan Wyrick 6, Matt Stone 4, D. Avery 1.

Stephenville: N/A

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RC	10	14	20	10	54
Hutto	16	26	5	23	70

Royse City (3-4): Trey Crutchfield 15, Pierre Hayden 14, Stone 8, Dajon Avery 6, Bryan Wyrick 4, Cory Stapleton 3, P. Rodriguez 2, George Gomez 2.

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RCHS	6	24	21	24	75
Liberty	25	20	15	21	81
Royse City (3-5): P.					

Hayden 28, Dajon Avery George Gomez 11, Nick Stone Trey Crutchfield 7, Bryan W. 4, Cory Stapleton 2.

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7 TXism: "swamp ____" (rice)
8 corn kernel holder
9 Gov. Pease (init.) (1853-57, 1867-69)
12 Anwar who signed "Camp David Accords"
17 TXism: "tame as ____"
19 Charles Goodnight bought early "JA Ranch" land for 75-cents
21 popular baked Italian dish
22 Spanish gov. of TX in 1808: ____
23 Maria de Salcedo another TX word for "ranch"
28 snow slider rarely seen in TX
29 6-time Cowboy "Pro Bowler," Newton TX birth town of actor McConaughey & Dale Evans
31 TX Willie's "Farm ____" was in '90
35 lump of earth
36 at Ft. Sam Houston: "Brooke ____" Center"
42 96-inches (2 wds.) of bowling strips
46 TXism: "head and ____" above"
48 TXism: "hard as dodging ____" a wedding"
49 near Terlingua: "Hen ____ Mountain"
50 Maverick Dirk Nowitzki shooting percentage, e.g. ____
51 on TX flag, white should fly ____
52 "marrin'" words
53 TX-born Debbie film: "Singin' in the ____" recently
56 this Sandra was "Tammy" and "Gidget"
57 "Texas, our Texas, ____" hail the mighty state"
58 TX Tejano band: "Little Joe ____ Familia"
DOWN
1 TXism: "naked ____"
2 in Wood Co. on 69 Sid's ex-wife who got large TX divorce settlement in '88
3 "The Razor's ____"
4 TXism: "I ____ that like an armadillo needs an interstate"
9 TX Tierney '46 film: "The Raptor's ____"
10 Canton, TX: "First ____"
11 pro TX golfers org.
12 TX-born journalist Donaldson
13 TXism: "sank like ____"
14 TX-raised "Laura" actor Andrews
15 TXism: "bellered like ____" bull"
16 the TX state ____ is pecan
18 amigo
20 ____ Campo, TX
23 "mi casa es ____ casa"
24 Mexican resort city, for short
25 event at Texas Motor Speedway
26 Waxahachie is seat of this county
27 TXism: "if he was ____ wouldn't wag his own tail" (lazy)
32 TX Orbison tune: "____ Hurlin"
33 ____ Leon, TX
34 TXism: "____ have to get better to die"
36 Oilers old league
37 team of ex-Ranger Francisco Cordero
38 TXism: "Sunday go to ____" clothes"
39 plants in TX arid areas
40 TXism: "never sign anything in the glow of ____" light"
41 TX-born Steve Martin film: "____ of Faith"
43 ____ o' war
45 ____ Jo, TX
47 in Chambers Co. on state hwy. 124
48 this Calhoun was in "Pure Country" with TX George Strait
55 TX Ginger Rogers' mother

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