

# Rockwall County News

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## Commissioners Court studies questions about proposed new courthouse building

**Anna Matejka**

Should there be a pond on the site of the proposed new Rockwall courthouse? Or should there not? This is a question under discussion by commissioners at their first December workshop.

The proposed new courthouse would face the library on Yellow Lane with its back to the Super 8 Motel on Interstate 30. The retaining pond, which would provide drainage to the site, would be located at I-30 and Townsend Drive or else closer to the center of the lot.

The total size of the lot is less than 30 acres. The plan is to pay for the pond with \$30 million in tax notes sold in May 2008. The pond would be about half an acre and cost about \$100,000 in either location. It is possible some other drainage system(s) could be used instead of a retaining pond. Exact methods or costs of other methods have not yet been estimated.

More questions: Will the pond be nearer to the structure or in the lower land near the southeast corner of the lot? Will there be a road or a driveway accessing Townsend to either side of the space where the pond might be? Would there be a driveway or only a right turn? Will the county do better to plan to best preserve the ten acres on the northwest side for possible sale that could happen 20 to 30 years in the future? And, would the property be more valuable to future

owners with the pond in the corner or to the left? With a drive or a road? With a right turn?

Does anyone care about any of the school facilities across the street?

And, what if we build an annex? a parking garage? Ten or 15 or 25 years in the future?

Commissioners had no definitive answers.

Commissioners were to conduct a special session on Dec. 16 to consider approving site plans. The special session was scheduled at the request of Commissioner Lorie Grinnan who was concerned that the public may be less able to participate at the commission's regular meeting set for the week of Christmas.

## Quabble Creek project will close portion of road

Quabble Run Road is closed to through traffic from Hays Road to John Boulevard because of waterline construction included as part of the Quabble Creek Wastewater Basin Transfer Phase 2 Project, according to a news release from the City of Rockwall.

Though traffic is being detoured down Hays Road. Access is being maintained for local residents.

Road closure will be until further notice. Anyone with questions regarding this project should contact Jim Lappen, City of Rockwall construction inspector, at 214-543-3255 or Jim Lappen, the city's project manager, at 972-771-7746.

## RISD staff studies

### 10-11 school calendar

An update on the draft for next year's school calendar already on their agenda, Rockwall Independent School District staff and members reviewed the legal restrictions, academic goals and considerations that go into making it.

According to staff, with the restriction that the first day of school be before the fourth Monday in August, the district has to make choices about holiday days in the fall semester.

Currently, the calendar is designed with 80 instructional days in the fall and 95 in the spring, with faculty adjusting curriculum to maintain a balance.

"All about education and there's an awful lot to be said for getting finals done before Christmas," board president Craig Zurek said.

The current draft of the 2010-2011 school calendar has school starting on Aug. 23 and a three-day break at Thanksgiving again next year. Students would have a full three-and-a-half week break from Oct. 20 to Jan. 5 between semesters.

In constructing the calendar, the district takes into account statutory requirements for the number of instructional days, teacher work and professional development days along with the start-day date.

It also considers the calendars of 18 other comparable school districts, the calendars of local colleges, the state testing calendar and the regional educational agency resource center calendar.

Input from community members as well as campus staffers and representatives is also heavily considered. The document is still a work in progress and is on its third draft.

## Heath City Council considers partnership in golf, yacht club project

**Jo Anna Matejka**

The City of Heath will explore creating a public/private partnership with developers of the Heath Golf and Yacht Club project.

Council members designated city manager Ed Thatcher and Councilman Lorne Liechty to partner with the Economic Development Corporation and financial and legal advisors to explore the potential of using a Tax Increment Reinvestment zone or Municipal Management District to fund the installation of infrastructure for the development.

The council approved the concept plan for the development in January 2007. The development would be a mixed-use business, residential and recreational master-planned community on about 780 acres located south and west of FM 740 and north of Travis Ranch. The plan is for 1,227 residences including single-family homes, "luxury villas" along with a 27-hole golf course and clubhouse, a spa, boutique retail and a yacht club.

Financial adviser to the city Jim Sabonis explained the partnership needed to ensure the quality of the development and securing the project by developers as a "complicated problem."

According to Sabonis, the project could be financed without risk to the city.

Research on the partnership is expected to continue for about four months with the council reviewing a recommendation in March.



Peyton Adamson (left) receives plaque for breaking the RHS record for total points during last Friday's game against RHHS. Standing with Adamson is Haley Day (right) who held the previous record. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Royse City Children's Pageant winners sit at left in the Volkswagon during last Saturday's Royse City Christmas Parade. Hanna Nalls (left) won the 3-4 age group and Alicia Weeks (right) won the 5-7 age group. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Manuel DelaGarza (left) of Larrett, Inc. discusses construction work with John Cranson of the City of Rockwall Engineering Department about boring under Highway 740 (Ridge Road) for a water line at the intersection of White Road. The project is expected to take five months and is part of preparations for the state's work on FM-740 construction project. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



# Eshelman is epitome of 'cancer survivor'



Larry Eshelman (left) and Jo Eshelman (right)

by Mary Thacker  
Some folks might call Jo Eshelman a medical miracle because she's survived cancer seven times. But Jo doesn't see it that way. She was busy living her life, and cancer was just a bump in the road, an inconvenience.

It all started 55 years ago in 1954. Jo had just had her third child, daughter Margaret, to join her two sons, Ron and Larry. She was nursing her baby when she found a small lump in her left breast. She was so busy being a mother that she didn't find the time to visit her doctor for six months.

The physician decided to watch the lump for six months before removing it in a radical mastectomy, which landed Jo in the hospital for

11 days. The surgery involved removing the breast tissue, muscles and lymph nodes. Since her sons were 7 and 11 years old, they knew something was wrong when their mom was gone for such an extended amount of time. After all, Jo was active in their lives. She was a Cub Scout den mother for seven years and was very involved in their church. Her husband, Kai, was an electrical engineer whose work took the family to places as varied as Kansas City, Mo.; Jackson, Mich.; Wichita, Kan.; Houston; Boise, Idaho; and finally to Rockwall.

From time to time, Jo's cancer would show up again. Eighteen years after her initial mastectomy,

with her youngest in college, she found a lump in her right breast. The doctor performed a modified mastectomy and told her that they had gotten all the cancerous tissue. Jo never gave it another thought.

Fourteen years later, Jo found another lump in her right breast. The lump was removed, and Jo continued on. She was too involved in her family, her church and her hobbies to slow down.

Her love of travel took her to 48 out of 50 states in the U.S. and to 17 different countries. She also enjoyed being involved in her church by serving on the Presbyterian Women's board and participating in women's circles, as well as sing-

ing in the choir. In addition, she developed a passion for genealogy, researching her ancestors like a detective, starting with books in the library and later moving to the technological age with computers. Jo took German classes at a local junior college, so she traveled to Germany to do research. She is proud she has successfully traced her family tree back to the late 1600s and has met many relatives who emigrated from Germany to the United States.

Cancer cells were found in her right breast in 1973 and again in 1988 and 1992 (the same year which she had open heart surgery to remove blockages in her arteries), but Jo never let it get down.

"You face what you have to face each time, and have faith the doctors will get it all," Jo said. In 1999, Jo was having trouble breathing, and it was discovered that she had fluid containing cancer cells around one of her lungs. "That's cancer for you," Jo said.

After knee-replacement surgery in 2005, cancer was found in her spine. She had five to 10 radiation treatments and got on her participation in the Rockwall County Relay For Life Committee on Aging and Computer as well as the local genealogy society.

In October of 2008, Jo was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. After a complete hysterectomy, her oncologist attempted chemotherapy regimens, but a year and a half later, Jo's body was able to tolerate the treatments. The doctor tried an alternative tyrosine kinase inhibitor medication, but her body didn't respond.

At that point, although she had been given just four months to live, Jo continued to live her life to the fullest. She was excited to be able to cut the ribbon to start the annual Rockwall County Relay For Life May of this year. Proudly wearing her "survivor" shirt and sash and son Larry zoomed around the track in a golf cart, demonstrating to everyone that cancer was not going to slow her down.

"Years ago," Jo said, "you would tell anyone that you had cancer. You didn't know how you were going to treat you." She was delighted to be honored by the community for her survivorship.

A joyous family reunion four generations of relatives gathered for Memorial Day weekend was another occasion for celebration. Defying the odds, she reached her 90th birthday in July. Jo credits her faith and supportive family for helping her to survive as long as she has. She is now looking forward to planning ahead one day at a time.

The 2010 Rockwall County Relay For Life will be April 10-11, May 1. For more information contact (972) 771-8139 or e-mail relayforliferockwallcounty@gmail.com.

## Joy Lutheran Church plans Christmas week events

The congregation of Joy Lutheran Church is inviting members of the public to participate in its Christmas week events.

The week will begin Sunday with a 10:30 a.m. children's program, said Sandra Carter, churchwoman of the church's Women's Committee.

"The children will share their Christmas gift of carols and songs telling of Jesus' birth," said the church's pastor, I. Appel.

On Dec. 24, Joy's traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 7 p.m., featuring the singing of carols, a reading of St. Luke's account of the birth of Jesus and the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Joy Lutheran is a family-oriented, 13-year-old church located at 302 N. Goliad, one block north of the Rockwall County Courthouse. Education classes for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays, and worship with Holy Communion is at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is available for children ages four and under; the adult attendant is available from 9 a.m. to noon.



As part of the Rock Wall DAR Chapter's ongoing Service for Veterans activities, a group recently completed its traditional Christmas Wrap Project at the VA Hospital in Bonham. The group wrapped donated gifts for the veterans, as well as gifts to be sent to the veterans' loved ones. Pictured above are, from the left, DAR's VA liaison Marilyn King, Eddi Dagley and Susan Pinkerton. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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# Kahler Christmas includes light, music, computers

**Jamie Kahler**

Always get strange looks when we start loading Christmas lights by the case into a shop. Every year we get asked questions from people that think I'm crazy. Once you start loading lights and people realize you are there to buy them, they start grabbing a few really fast so you don't sell them all.

We have always loved Christmas lights, music and computers. This was a way to do all three to make something unique and different. The reason though is because we celebrate the birth of our Jesus Christ. It is another way to express our love for Him that He has done for us and our family. We hope that those who watch our display draw a closer to God.

Santa Claus often tells the children, and the parents, that is the reason for the season before they walk off. We know that is a reminder to them that Christmas is really all about Jesus.

When the entire display is lit it consumes about 20,000 or 200 amps. Because of the immense draw on the power,

we had to install six dedicated circuits. Most of the time only 30 percent of the display is on because of the animation, which helps conserve power. We use about \$200 worth of electricity for the Christmas display for the season, which is less than running the air conditioning in the summer.

Like any hobby, it takes quite a bit of time if you add it all up. We plan and work on things throughout the year, but things get really busy during September and October when we start spending all our weekends putting up lights to get everything set up. It takes around 40 hours to program each song and to get everything perfect. We also get everyone involved in helping with Jamie's girlfriend, Jenni Inman, our parents Pam & Don Sarlow and even the nephews Trey and D'Arin help us with some things.

Everything is controlled with software and hardware from www.lightson.com. Our display for 2008 used 32 different channels with around 20,000 lights; this year we have 80 channels with more than 30,000 lights. This allows us to control almost every element in our display between red, white and green. Because of

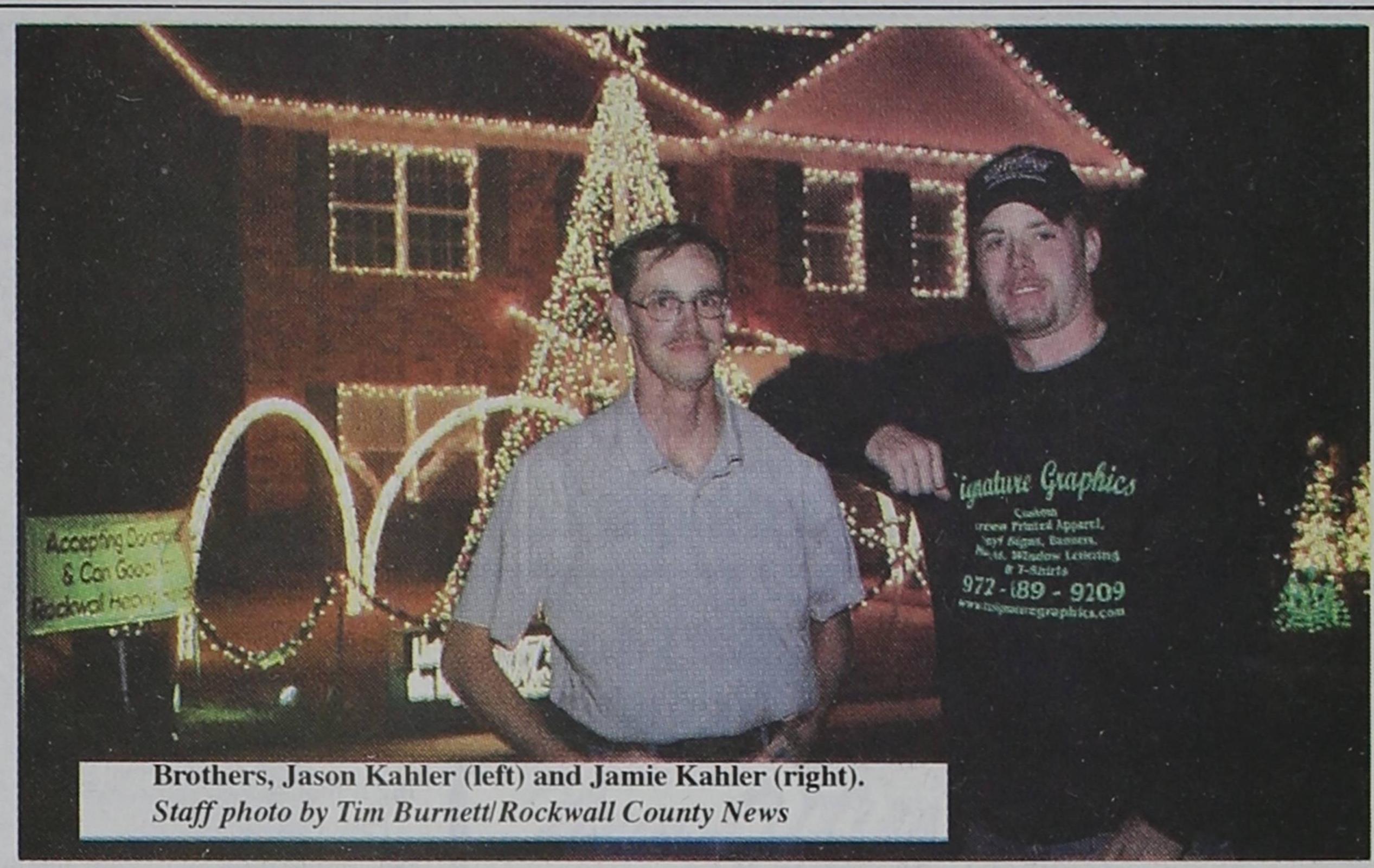
how the display has to be set up, we use around a 1,000 feet of extension cords.

This year we wanted to give back to Rockwall, so we are accepting donations and canned goods for Rockwall Helping Hands. We invite everyone to come check out the show at 3842 Pinebluff Lane in the Timber Creek Addition at SH 276 and FM 549

Santa will be out front from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday to have pictures taken with kids of all ages. There is also a barrel in the front yard for non-perishable food donations and a lock box for cash, all of which will go to Helping Hands. It's a great way to help out in hard times.

People always ask how much does it cost? I am not exactly sure how much we have spent but we could have bought a few four-wheelers instead. We try and buy most of my lights after Christmas for the next year when they are 50 percent to 75 percent off. Many people buy ATVs, trailers, home theater systems, vacations, etc. We buy Christmas lights.

We have to give thanks to Richard Holdman ([www.holdman.com](http://www.holdman.com)) for inspiration and technical help. Signature Graphics of Rockwall ([www.txsignaturegraphics.com](http://www.txsignaturegraphics.com)) for all signs, banners and their labor.



Brothers, Jason Kahler (left) and Jamie Kahler (right). Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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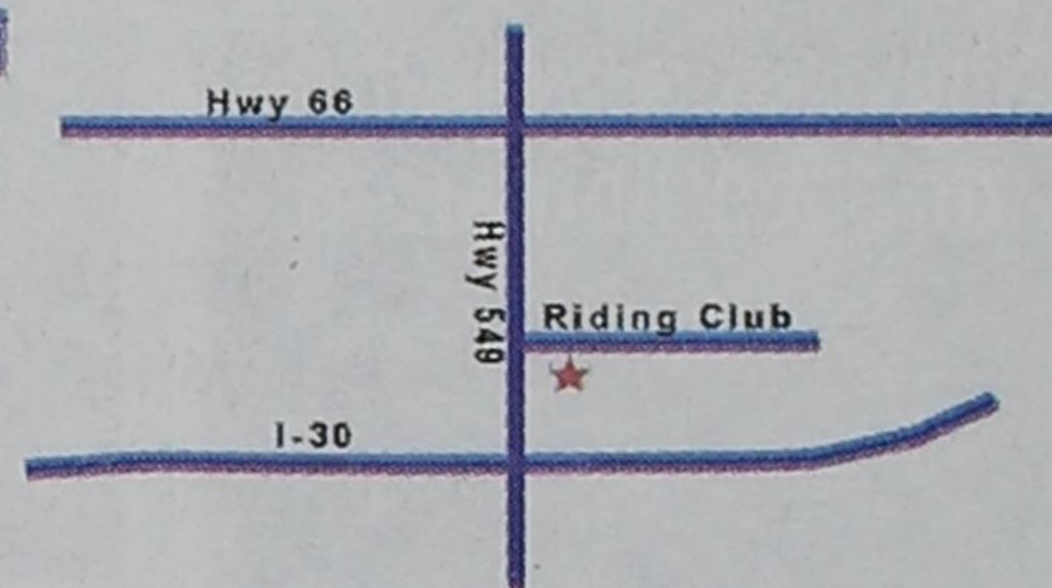
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The Heritage Christian Academy Show Choir, a portion of which is pictured above, was one of several groups performing at the Rockwall Community Tree Lighting Ceremony conducted earlier this month. The HCA middle and high school choirs performed under the direction of Christy Oliver. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



## Dorothy Pryor

Using a cane, Dorothy left the center in just five weeks -- three weeks earlier than expected. Today she is fully mobile and enjoys a full life.

"I'm fine now," she says. "I can do most things. I can't walk very far, but every day is a little bit better. It's just going to take some time."

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Santa surprised students arriving at Amy Parks Elementary the morning of Dec. 15, helping many of them out of their parents' vehicle and into the school. Pictured above is student Samantha Wang and her special holiday escort. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"

### Meal named to DePaul Dean's List

DePaul University student Katherine Neal of Heath was named to DePaul's Dean's List for the fall quarter, according to a university news release.

To receive Dean's List commendation, a full-time student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a 4-point scale.

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### Thanks for the support for "A Night In Bethlehem"

The live nativity drama at Chisholm Baptist Church, titled "A Night In Bethlehem," was a success and a blessing to all involved for a second year. The event was held last Friday and Saturday night at the church located at 1388 South Hwy. 205, approximately five miles south of Rockwall. With stage lights, spotlights, live animals, live music and the true spirit of Christmas all working together, both nights were nothing short of glorious.

Other churches with larger congregations in and around the metro-plex provide somewhat larger productions, but this one is a worthy contender in authenticity because of the hard work and big hearts that were put into making it represent scriptural truth.

Pastor Rocky Weatherford says, "Our church has a passion for reaching out to our community and sharing what we are about. The people of Chisholm enjoyed the production, but even more the opportunity to meet our neighbors and share with them our faith. We hope to see this production grow as we continue to expand it in the years ahead."

The original production was built from the inspiration of John Scott, Sue Mosley and Robert Splawn last year. But, as Pastor Weatherford stated, efforts to grow the production is in the works. This year's presentation was made a success by the efforts of many more individuals including (but not limited to) Sandy Webb -- director, Brian Jones and Clevern McBride -- music coordination, John Scott, Sue Mosley, James Griffith and Robert Splawn -- stage design and creation and James Griffith on spotlight operations. Providing an elegant combination of new and traditional music were Lori Henig -- soloist, with Cindy Hood, Brian Jones, Sandy Webb and Jay Webb providing vocals. Many others contributed as wardrobe assistants, traffic directors, door greeters and refreshments organizers.

There were even those outside of the Chisholm congregation that contributed, such as Gary Rainey who provided over 40 bails of hay for seating and set decorations, "Red" the rooster and a couple of his chicken friends provided by Grace and Bodie Wilson, and Jim Smith provided the sheep who were too shy to give their names. Last but not least we must mention Elizabeth, Sarah and Bailey, the donkeys, provided by John Scott, who were undoubtedly the children's favorite. Their big ears, gentle personalities and acting skills provided many extra smiles to young and old.

This presentation was a team effort. Many gave selflessly of their time, efforts, and other resources, but all had just one goal in mind; to spread the glory and the hope that can only be found in the birth, death, resurrection and return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Chisholm Baptist Church hopes that you will join them in worship on Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. For more information, please visit their website at [chisholmbaptistchurch.org](http://chisholmbaptistchurch.org).

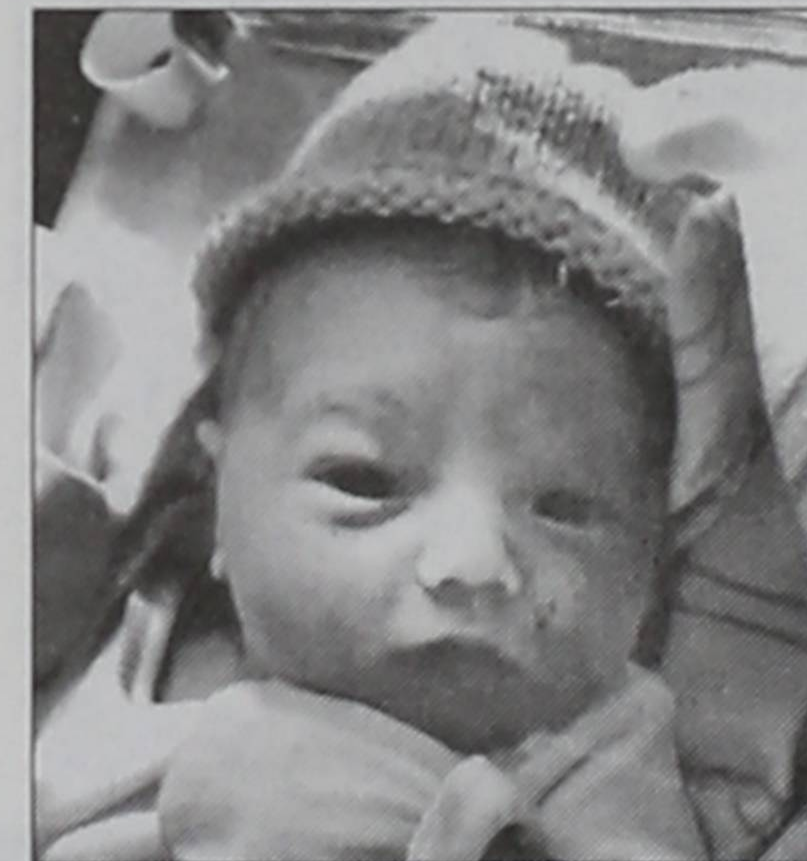
Gus Seeger

### Porter Wayne Lloyd

Eric Wayne Lloyd and Stolle Renea Long of Heartland are proud to announce the birth of their son, Porter Wayne Lloyd, at 7:31 a.m. Dec. 4, 2009, at Lakepointe Medical in Rowlett.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Ricky Wayne and Pamela Kay Long of Rockwall and Curtis Wayne and Sarah Jean Lloyd of Forney. The infant's great-grandparents are Porter and Mary Long of Houston, Dorothy Deweese of Whitney, Vernon and Mary Lloyd of Panama and Imogene Miller of Denver, Colo.



## Hospital changes name to Texas Health Presbyterian

Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall formally changed its name Dec. 15 to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall.

The change was made to reflect its association as a joint venture of faith-based Texas Health Resources hospital system, according to a hospital news release.

The Presbyterian hospitals have been part of the premier health organization -- Texas Health Resources -- along with Arlington Memorial and Harris Methodist hospitals for more than 10 years. This year the Texas Health Resources family united under a single name and logo to become Texas Health Presbyterian, Texas Health Harris Methodist and Texas Health Arlington Memorial. This change signifies that they are all part of the same quality organization committed to providing attentive, individualized health care for the communities they serve.

For two years Texas Health Rockwall has delivered superior health care to their patients. As part of the Rockwall community, Texas Health Rockwall's dedicated physicians, nurses, staff and volunteers remain devoted to providing the outstanding service for which they have become known.

"Our name says something about the way we serve our patients each day," said Ken Teel, hospital president, "and that quality and commitment do not change."

The philosophy of the entire hospital organization -- Healing Hands, Healing Hearts (SM) -- is one that Texas Health Rockwall identifies with and embraced from its beginning. Through its focus on quality of care, compassion and respect for its patients, and community service, this approach has been evident in how Texas Health Rockwall conducts itself within the health care industry and the public they serve.

## M-C Council advised of needed road repair

McLendon-Chisholm city manager Dave Butler put city council members on notice that urgent repairs to roads caused by the season's rains will be nearly the city's entire road maintenance budget for the year.

Butler described the state of the roads as near a point of endangering the city of incurring liability for accidents and other damage.

Klutznick and League will have holes filled with rock and Pullen will be paired with high-performance asphalt patch.

"I'd hate to have to put a fire truck or an ambulance down there," Butler said.

The state of privately owned roads in the city was also mentioned though the subject was not on the council's agenda. Post office and schools have both called city officials about impassible private roads.

Council members expressed the desire to take action on the state of private roads as well as financing options to improve the city-owned roads and asked staff that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

## News Briefs

### Christmas Dinner Playhouse set tonight

The Heath United Methodist Church will offer its annual dinner/playhouse event at the church beginning at 6:30 p.m. today at the church. A menu of pork loin, baked potato, green beans and dessert will be served at the Fletcher Fellowship Hall, followed by the performance of an original play, "Christmas in the Heart of the Woods," in the church sanctuary. The church is located at 140 Smirl Drive. For details call 972-771-6732 or [fumcheath.org](http://fumcheath.org).

### PTA Council to host pancake b'fast Saturday

The Rockwall ISD Council of PTAs will sponsor an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at Applebee's. The event will benefit the RHHS and RHHS senior scholarship programs. Tickets \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door; each ticket holder will be served pancake, sausage, juice and coffee. For tickets call Robin Forbis at 972-722-3300 or Denise Smith at 972-722-7907.

### Santa's Workshop event slated

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Santa's Workshop event will run from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at The Center. Youths ages 5-10 to make holiday crafts. Cost is \$20 for Rockwall residents; \$30 for non-residents. For more details visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Library to close for holidays

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 for Christmas holiday. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. Dec. 28.

Church plans Christmas Eve services

The Heath United Methodist Church, 140 Smirl Drive in Heath, will conduct three Christmas Eve services on Thursday, including a 5 p.m. service geared toward children and 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. services, which will be candlelight Communion services. Childcare will be provided at the first services. Refreshments will be served in the Fletcher Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed. For more details call 972-771-6732 or visit [fumcheath.org](http://fumcheath.org).

### Library closed Jan. 1

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. Jan. 2.

Registration under way for library classes

Registration is under way for the English as a Second Language, Citizenship and citizenship classes offered at the Rockwall County Library. Registration will continue through Jan. 8, and classes will resume the week of Jan. 11. Morning and evening classes are offered. For more information contact Gloria at 972-204-7705 or visit the library.

### Breakfast event will benefit Youth Reach


Royse City resident Caitlyn Hodo will celebrate her 13th birthday with a twist by hosting a Birthday Charity Breakfast benefiting Youth Reach, a Christian nonprofit organization that provides food and hope to orphaned children. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jan. 16 at Applebee's in Rockwall. Cost for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and juice will be \$6 at the door.

### Relay For Life kickoff meeting set

The 2010 Rockwall County Relay For Life will conduct its kickoff meeting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at Culver's Restaurant on Ridge Road. Each team that signs up for Relay will be able to pick its tent site. Relay For Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society.

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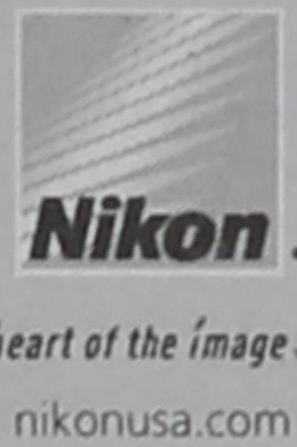
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### ROYSE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2009

Exhibit C-3

Data Control Codes	10	50	60	Other	98
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 11,408,017	\$ 3,917,602	\$ 160,113	\$ 997,848	\$ 16,483,580
5800 State Program Revenues	20,611,066	1,926,944	-	497,332	23,035,342
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	-	-	2,025,544	2,025,544
<b>6020 Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 32,019,083</b>	<b>\$ 5,844,546</b>	<b>\$ 160,113</b>	<b>\$ 3,520,724</b>	<b>\$ 41,544,466</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	\$ 18,330,147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 927,446	\$ 19,257,593
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	552,685	-	-	-	552,685
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	384,106	-	-	50,830	384,936
0021 Instructional Leadership	128,451	-	-	-	128,451
0023 School Leadership	2,213,020	-	-	27,637	2,240,657
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,130,283	-	-	339,484	1,469,767
0033 Health Services	413,324	-	-	14,694	428,018
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,277,315	-	-	-	1,277,315
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	1,824,523	1,824,523
0036 Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,315,976	-	-	168,100	1,484,076
0041 General Administration	1,468,129	-	-	1,530	1,469,659
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	3,440,849	-	-	23,820	3,464,669
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	166,737	-	-	4,405	171,142
0053 Data Processing Services	468,426	-	-	-	468,426
0061 Community Services	356,358	-	-	-	356,358
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	343,632	2,026,018	-	-	2,369,650
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	25,758	3,619,652	-	-	3,645,410
0073 Debt Issuance Cost and Fees	250	2,753	-	-	3,003
0081 Capital Outlay	-	-	16,122,317	-	16,122,317
0093 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	22,369	-	-	-	22,369
<b>6030 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 31,987,815</b>	<b>\$ 5,648,423</b>	<b>\$ 16,122,317</b>	<b>\$ 3,382,469</b>	<b>\$ 57,141,024</b>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 31,268	\$ 196,123	\$ (15,962,204)	\$ 138,255	\$ (15,596,558)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
7912 Sale of Real or Personal Property	\$ 3,126	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,126
<b>7080 Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ 3,126</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,126</b>
<b>1200 Net Changes in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 34,394</b>	<b>\$ 196,123</b>	<b>\$ (15,962,204)</b>	<b>\$ 138,255</b>	<b>\$ (15,593,432)</b>
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1)	\$ 6,779,496	\$ 1,113,005	\$ 18,476,384	\$ 757,858	\$ 27,126,743
1300 Prior Period Adjustments	(324,715)	576,596	-	-	251,881
Fund Balances - Beginning, as restated	\$ 6,454,781	\$ 1,689,601	\$ 18,476,384	\$ 757,858	\$ 27,378,624
<b>3000 Fund Balances - Ending (August 31)</b>	<b>\$ 6,489,175</b>	<b>\$ 1,885,724</b>	<b>\$ 2,514,180</b>	<b>\$ 896,113</b>	<b>\$ 11,785,192</b>

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## Grinnan to seek re-election in March

Lo Grinnan has announced she will seek re-election as Rockwall County commissioner. She is running in the March 2010 Republican primary.

"It is a privilege to serve the citizens of our community as your commissioner. There are many pressing issues in which I am actively involved, and I am committed to continue that service," she said.

The congested road system is a major focus, Grinnan said, and she is working to implement the 2000 and 2008 Road Bond projects, the Bicycle and Pedestrian

NCTCOG representative, she is coordinating efforts to improve our trail system and open space planning. Currently serving as president of the Emergency Services Corporation, Grinnan said she believes it is important to maintain our ambulance service and communicate road construction schedules.

Describing herself as a fiscal conservative, Grinnan said she supports efficient use of tax dollars and has consistently pressed for strong financial planning.

"Our growth presents challenges that demand diligent planning and

a professional approach to budgeting," she said.

In addition, the new Rockwall County Veterans Memorial is in the planning stages.

"I have been most honored to work with our veterans and citizens in order to build a long awaited Veterans Memorial," she said. "I cannot describe how proud I am to be a part of this effort where current and future generations will know we understood the price of freedom."

Grinnan has a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M and has worked in business and com-

munity service for 28 years. Among her community involvements, she was a member of the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees for nine years, serving as president for two years. Both her children attend A&M, and she and her husband, Jeff, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in March.



Jeffrey Nelson, an eighth-grader at Cain Middle School, sailed to second place at the USODA Optimist Sloop Championship Nov. 26-28 at Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. The 13-year-old lost a tie-breaker for the outright championship to Jonathon Pottshart of the host club. The competition among 59 sailors from across the United States was extremely tight at the top, with only one point separating the top three finishers. Houston Yacht Club's Wiley Rogers placed third. Nelson, representing Chandlers Landing Yacht & Tennis Club, finished eighth or better in each race, despite some challenging conditions that included 180-degree wind shifts. Peter Strong, a United States National Team coach, complimented Nelson as an "example of consistency." Includes information provided by Dawn Nelson. Photo Courtesy Cindy Kady Photography/Rockwall County News

## Shores will be topic of public hearing

Members of the Rockwall City Council want to give residents an opportunity to talk about concerns related to the Shores Golf Course. The city will schedule a public hearing on the calendar permits.

The 18-hole course is partially on land subleased from the city. The sublease expires in 2011. A meeting could be an education-opportunity for the public to understand "what dire straits they're in" and why the city is involved in the fate of the course, councilman Matthew Scott said.

The meeting had previously been scheduled late last summer but was put off after city officials were informed of a potential sale of the course. A recent sales deal was rejected by owners, prompting the council to move forward with action.

The state of the course has been a hot issue for nearly five years.

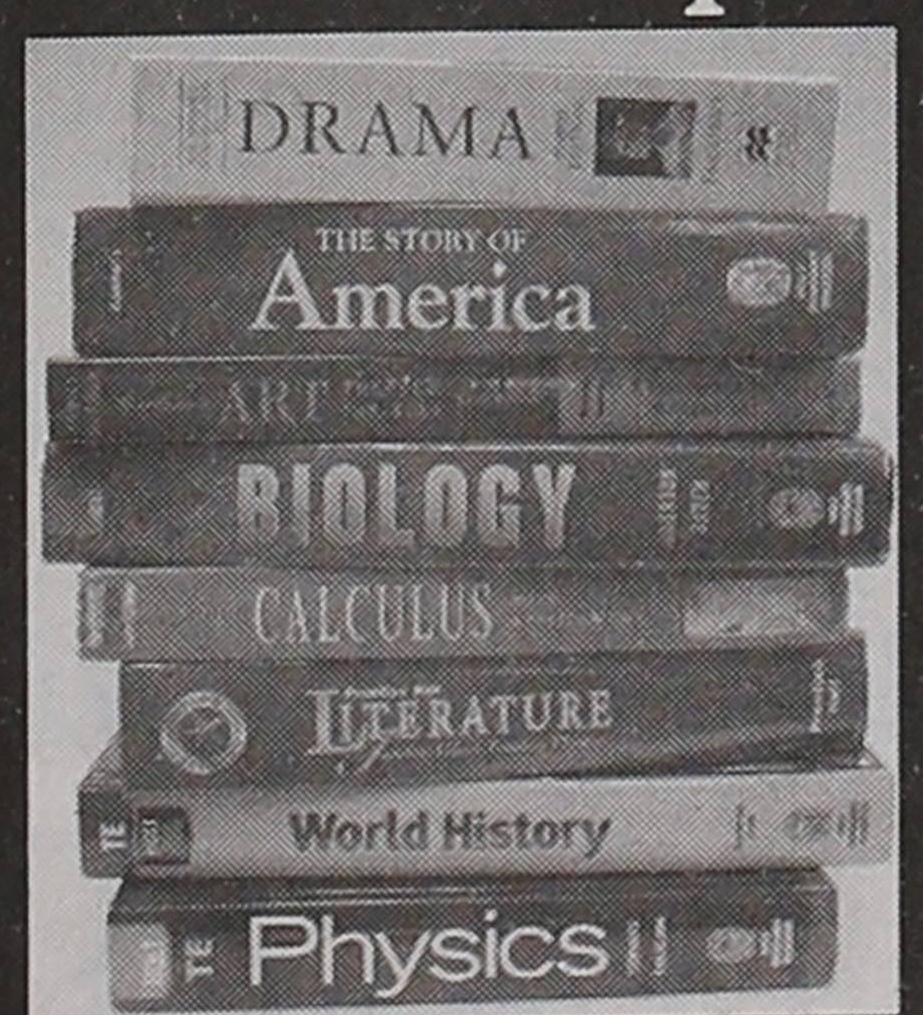
"Other people ought to hear what we've been hearing," councilwoman Margo Nielson said.

In terms affecting the course's possible sale, anyone who buys it should know going in they would be buying "dirt," Nielson said.

According to city manager, Julie Couch, it is unclear what kind of action the council could take, if any.

"Call this a public lynching. Go ahead and call it that," Scott said. "I'm done playing."

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# Rockwall County Sports



Rockwall Lady Jackets' Peyton Adamson (22) handles the ball against the strong Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks defense of Katelyn Morris (30) during last Friday's cross town shootout in the RHS gym. Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (32) muscles her way for a pass against defender Lyndsey Renta (33). Also assisting in defense are Shanae Lowrance (10) and McKenzie White (23).

Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Free throws help Lady Jackets outscore Lady Hawks, No. 4 West Mesquite

by Lary Bump

Practice made – well, not quite perfect, but pretty darn good – for the Rockwall girls' basketball team in two big home games last week.

The Lady Jackets made 86 per cent of their foul shots in a 52-42 victory over Rockwall-Heath Friday and a 59-54 win Monday over West Mesquite, which came in ranked fourth among Texas' 4A schools.

"Our goal is to shoot 75 per cent as a team. We're about 76 right now," head coach Jill McDill said after RHS made 79 per cent (23-for-29) against the Lady Hawks. That per-

centage went up as the Lady Jackets shot 91 per cent (21-for-23) against West Mesquite.

Making it easier for Rockwall to reach that goal in the foul shooting of Peyton Adamson, the Lady Jacket who has the ball in her hands most often. She made 14 of 15 (93 per cent) against RHHS and 9 of 10 (90) vs. the Lady Wranglers. Even more important, she was 17-for-18 (94 per cent) in the fourth quarter when opponents were trying to foul to catch up.

Adamson's and the team's success as foul shooters is no accident, she said.

"We do pressure free throws every day. Everyone has to make a one-and-one. If anyone misses, we have to do two up-and-backs (sprints). That could result in tons of running."

With the Lady Jackets, though, often there are merely pounds of running.

It isn't just senior Adamson making the foul shots.

Eighth-ranked RHS led West Mesquite for most of Monday's game, but the Lady Wranglers' defense gave them a 46-42 lead with five minutes, 44 seconds to play. Rockwall regained the lead, but it was just 51-50 when sophomore Kayla Smith went to the foul line to shoot one-and-one.

Perhaps with visions of up-and-backs in her head, Smith calmly made the first shot. That earned her another, which she also made. Those were Smith's only two points in the game.

"Kayla was automatic," Adamson said. "She wanted those shots."

With the lead, Adamson dribbled down the clock, eluding West Mesquite defenders until they had to foul her. She made six free throws in the final 28 seconds to seal the victory. During that same stretch, the Lady Wranglers were 0-for-3 at the line.

After that victory, McDill said, "I'm so excited. We had challenged the girls (Dec. 4) after we lost to (West Mesquite). I said, 'Let's beat this team! We get to play them again at home.' We came out with a win against a very good team, a team people really respect."

Adamson scored 16 of her game-high 31 points in the fourth quarter. Against Rockwall-Heath's scrappy,

clinging defense, she had scored her game-high 23 points in the eight minutes.

Those points just added to RHS career scoring record set in the loss to West Mesquite next day, Adamson broke her Rockwall record for a game against Arlington Seguin.

To commemorate her achievements, the Lady Jackets honored Adamson in front of a packed gym before Friday's game against Rockwall-Heath with a presentation by Haley Day, who scored 2,158 points during her years at Rockwall through 2007.

Said Adamson, who now has 2,286 points, "It's an honor, especially coming from Haley Day, who was the best player to ever come here. It's cool, but it isn't as exciting as beating Heath and West Mesquite."

After the presentation, the Hawks didn't seem impressed by Adamson's offense or RHS game winning streak in District 4A.

Rockwall-Heath led only in the first quarter, and by no more than two points, but made the Lady Jackets work for every basket. The third quarter's Shanae Lowrance (20 points) caused Rockwall to foul out. For the last 2:07, the reserves Bre Castillo and Caitlin White to stop RHHS inside.

"Bre and Caitlin helped me," McDill said. "I always told you're going to be called to play some good minutes," and did."

Meanwhile, Smith made of two foul shots, and Adamson wrapped up the victory by swiping two.

That's 75 per cent. And just up-and-backs.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	7	11	9	15	42
RHS	7	17	11	17	52

Friday, Dec. 11  
Rockwall-Heath (9-4), Shanae Lowrance 20, Katelyn Morris 11, McKenzie White 10, Macall Smith 2, Lyndsey Renta 2, Willette Rankin 2, Aly Coughlin 1, Brianna Richardson 1.

Rockwall (14-3, 2-0): Peyton Adamson 23, Vertashia Dear 10, Alyssa Lang 8, Caitlin White 3, Aimee Coleman 2, Bre Castillo 2.

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## Rockwall repeats Mabank tourney championship

A year ago, Rockwall seemed an unlikely candidate to be champion of the Cedar Creek Lake Shootout Mabank after losing three of its four games.

However, the Yellowjackets past three Dallas schools, including eventual state 3A, champion Madison, to win the tournament.

It seemed even less likely that RHS, at 0-4, could successfully defend its title Dec. 3-5.

For one thing, the Jackets were the same hot-shooting team that won the 2008-09 edition.

That didn't matter. RHS shot in two of the three tournament games – all against teams with winning records. The Jackets played just enough in the third to claw their way into overtime. The result was a six-point win and another trophy.

Rockwall hasn't fared as well since then. They lost by four points Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Paris, dropped two games by a total of five points in the Mike Brown Group Tournament in Granbury weekend. The Jackets then had three overtimes to defeat Mineral Wells 65-63 in their final tournament game.

In the absence of Adam Dingler – who was visiting San Diego State where he has verbally committed to play football – Wesley Davis stepped up in Davis had 11 points, on 5-of-11 field goal shooting, and 12 rebounds against Mineral Wells. Griffey tailed 16 points in the three games.

At Mesquite Horn Tuesday, the Jackets led at halftime and were within one point at 38-37 after three quarters.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Surging Hawks take 3rd place at Wills Point

**By Bump**  
 Rockwall-Heath renaissance basketball continued as the team won three of four games to end in last weekend's Wills Point tournament.  
 The Hawks, which started the season with a 60-59 game Monday at Sulphur Springs for its sixth consecutive win, improved its record to 7-7.  
 Wynn's driving layup scoring second half provided the winning points. The Wildcats shot at a go-ahead basket but the Hawks retrieved the rebound and put the clock.  
 At Wills Point, Rockwall-Heath rebounded in each of its first two halves to come back to win. The Hawks trailed Sunnyvale at half-time, 25-25, but scored 27 third-quarter points and went on to win 54-41. The next day, Ferris led 15-0 at halftime, but RHHS rallied to a game 22-22 entering the third quarter and broke loose for a 39-34 victory.  
 In the semifinals, Rockwall-Heath won 31-11 at halftime, but naturally Wills Point came back to win 35-25. The Hawks then downed Wills Point for the second time this season, 44-24, to take third place.  
 The team's turnaround really had begun when RHHS rallied for a 44-14 victory Monday, Dec. 7, at Parish Episcopal. For three quarters, it appeared that turnovers and poor shooting again would do in the Hawks.  
 The Panthers used an 8-0 lead to erase RHHS' 7-6 lead in the first quarter, and built their lead to 16-6 at a minute and 39 seconds into the second half.  
 The Hawks cut the lead to six in the third quarter, but it took eight minutes to get the final minutes.  
 There had been a subtle change in tempo, however. The game was a ramble. RHHS' offense was

more controlled, and it was Parish's shooting that turned cold in the second half.  
 Rockwall-Heath came back to outscore the home team 17-6 in the fourth quarter.  
 The Hawks tied the game for the first time since the first quarter with just 2:56 to play, on Wynn's 10-point just shot. They regained possession, waited for a good shot and went ahead 40-38 on Demi Leonard's layup off an Alley Oop pass from Todd Franza.  
 Parish's Preston Klein tied the game by driving for his only points of the game. With 1:35 remaining, Zachary Morett took a pass from Leonard in the left corner and fired up a 3-point shot for a 43-40 lead. Rockwall-Heath didn't lose.  
 "It probably never should have got to that point," RHHS head coach Justin Morett said of the Hawks' need to come back.  
 He said two factors turned the game around in the second half. "We put more pressure on the ball and running our break."  
 The Hawks also did a good job on the boards. Leonard led the way with 10 of their 35 rebounds.  
 Morett said, "We finally did that. We've just got to make shots and we're all right."  
 Shots hadn't been falling for Rockwall-Heath for most of the Southlake Shootout at Southlake Carroll. Colleyville Heritage's pressure defense led to a 60-24 RHHS defeat. Then Belton's offense overcame the Hawks for a 73-49 victory.  
 They finally put things back together to defeat Forney 65-46, so the game at Parish gave Rockwall-Heath its first two-game winning streak this season.  
 The Hawks were somewhat shorthanded against Parish. Aaron Gladney was in and out of the game, limping and favoring a right ankle he had injured in practice.

Foul trouble also hurt RHHS. The Panthers were in a double bonus, getting two shots for every foul before the first quarter ended. That had an impact late in the game, when Gladney and team high scorer Leonard (12 points) fouled out.  
 But if Parish had been able to make foul shots early, its lead might have been too big to overcome.  
 In the Panthers' 8-0 run in the first quarter, six of the points came on foul shots. However, it took 12 shots for them to make six. Parish was 8-for-16 in the first quarter, then settled down to make five of six in the second and third quarters. During the crunch time of the fourth quarter, the home team made just two of six, for a game total of 15-for-28.  
 In the junior varsity game, RHHS ran to an 84-50 victory over Parish. It was a Hawks sweep at Sulphur Springs. Before the varsity's victory, the freshman team defeated the Wildcats 54-44 and the high-scoring junior varsity took a 75-52 rout.  
 At Sulphur Springs, Wynn led Rockwall-Heath with 18 points, including two 3-pointers, and Franza scored 11. The victory avenged a one-point loss to the Wildcats at RHHS last season.  

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RHHS	1	8	9	6	24
Heritage	17	13	13	17	60

Thursday, Dec. 3  
 Rockwall-Heath (1-5): Todd Franza 10, Demi Leonard 5, Aaron Gladney 4, Zachary Morett 3, Jonathan Fuller 2.  
 Colleyville Heritage (2-3): Colton Guber 15, Brenegan 8, Kyle Pilgrim 7, Nash Nelson 7, Austin Leonard 6, Jake Williams 5, Christian 4, Michael Johnson 3, Tanner James 3, Miguel Balli 2.  

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
Belton	16	21	17	19	73
RHHS	11	8	14	16	49

Friday, Dec. 4  
 Belton: Wittman 13, Sholars 11, Rose 10, Henderson 10, Voss 9, White 7, Baeuer 6, Riley 3, Lippincott 2, Lepak 2.  
 Rockwall-Heath (1-6): Demi Leonard 12, Todd Franza 7, Landon Duhon 6, Zachary Morett 6, Jonathan Fuller 5, Preston Wynn 4, Jeramey Anderson 3, Anthony Haake 2, Aaron Gladney 2, Wayne Cunningham 2.  

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RHHS	9	16	20	20	65
Forney	11	11	6	18	46

Saturday, Dec. 5  
 Rockwall-Heath (2-6): Todd Franza 13, Zachary Morett 10,

Landon Duhon 9, Preston Wynn 8, Demi Leonard 7, Aaron Gladney 7, John Taylor 5, Jonathan Fuller 3, Anthony Haake 2, Wayne Cunningham 1.  
 Forney (3-4): Jordan Hancock 15, Grant Shaw 14, John Morgan 5, Julius Jackson 5, Jacob McGee 3, Patric Youngman 2, Malcolm Fields 2.  

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RHHS	10	9	9	17	45
Parish	15	12	9	6	42

Monday, Dec. 7  
 Rockwall-Heath (3-6): Demi Leonard 12, Jonathan Fuller 10, Todd Franza 9, Zachary Morett 7, Preston Wynn 6, Anthony Haake 1.

Parish Episcopal (4-8): Tate Sledge 14, Cody Miller 6, Michael Murphy 6, Dallas Alderton 4, Maui Puebla 4, Taylor Epperson 4, Preston Klein 2, Adam Weyand 2.  

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RHHS	13	14	15	18	60
SS	8	10	24	17	59

Monday, Dec. 14  
 Rockwall-Heath (7-7): Preston Wynn 18, Todd Franza 11, Anthony Haake 9, Aaron Gladney 8, Demi Leonard 8, Jonathan Fuller 6.  
 Sulphur Springs (1-11): Joey Davis 18, Bryant Jackson 15, Kedrick Dial 11, Gage Williams 5, Sharard Timmons 4, Tevin Norris 4, Alvin Frazier 2.

## Fulton scores first victory

Fulton School boys' basketball team won for the first time this season Thursday, Dec. 10, against Fort Christian.  
 Before that, the Falcons (1-4) had lost in a 43-38 overtime loss in opening home game Friday, against Balch Springs.  
 Monday, Dec. 7, Fulton visited Fairhill Prep and lost 59-31.  
**S boy's basketball...** continued from page 6  
 The Jaguars exploded to outscore Rockwall 22-12 in the fourth quarter for a 60-49 victory. That was the most points the Jackets have allowed in regulation time this season.  
 Rockwall had made half (21-for-40) of its field goal attempts in the same at Mabank against Dallas Adams. Leading the way was Hunter Jorgensen with 10-for-17 shooting and 25 points. The Jackets shot out on fire, taking a 22-8 lead in the first quarter. That was down 42 after the third quarter, when Adams outscored RHS 19-6.  
 Sandlin helped with 10 points and four assists, and Adam Oden grabbed eight rebounds.  
 Oden helped on defense by getting three charges.  
 The cold-shooting Jackets came in the semifinals. They made 4 of 43 shots (33 per cent) from the field, but Rockwall's defense held them to 42 points.  
 Little Creek-Mauriceville to 42-16. That was the season low by RHS opponent - even though the game went into overtime.  
 The fourth quarter had ended 33-17 in favor of the Jackets then generated off in OT to score 15 points for a 42-32 victory. Jorgensen scored 24 points, and Carson Brooks added 12.  
 The championship game against Mabank, RHS shot a blistering 19-for-31. Even more important was Oden's 12-for-14 shooting. He finished with team high of 18 points and six assists to Rockwall overcome a 31-28 game deficit.  
 The big efforts came from Griffin's 11 points and from eight rebounds apiece by Luke Wardell and Adam Oden. The Jackets reached season-high point total in their 59-32 victory.  
 Rockwall plays defense well enough to be in just about any game, but might not score much, but the Hawks make sure their opponents can't either.

tough Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy scored as many points in the first quarter as the Falcons did in the entire game. Tyler Street went from a 23-8 first-quarter lead to a 67-23 victory at Fulton. The Falcons' scoring was balanced, with five players scoring either four or five points.  
 Fulton will be off until Jan. 5, when it will visit Waco Parkview.  

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Tyler St.	23	17	13	14	67
Fulton	8	4	5	6	23

Friday, Dec. 11  
 Dallas Tyler Street Christian: Martinez 14, Alex Andrews 9, Rigo Hernandez 9, Chris Holland 8, Pegram 8, Christian Ponce 7, King 6, Hunt 4, Anthony Wolfe 2.  
 Fulton: Tim Borgen 5, Brett Steffan 5, Milan Raban 5, Harrison Chek 4, Brian Tiffce 4.  
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Crowley	10	12	11	10	43
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At Granbury, Thursday, Dec. 10  
 Crowley: ChiChi Onyekanne 21, Derek Bunting 13, Deondre Ray 5, Brian Onuoha 2, J. P. Mancha 2.  
 Rockwall (3-6): Blake Sandlin 16, Hunter Jorgensen 6, Micah Griffey 6, Luke Wardell 4, Wesley Davis 4, Taylor Oden 3, Carson Brooks 2.  

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	
RHS	3	7	11	15	36
Brewer	12	6	10	11	39

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 Rockwall (3-7): Luke Wardell 7, Hunter Jorgensen 7, Wesley Davis 7, Blake Sandlin 5, Micah Griffey 5, Carson Brooks 3, Taylor Oden 2.  
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RHS	19	8	15	14
MW	16	19	11	10

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 RHS 3 3 3 65  
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 At Granbury, Saturday  
 Rockwall (4-7): Hunter Jorgensen 19, Carson Brooks 13, Wesley Davis 11, Blake Sandlin 7, Micah Griffey 5, Griffin Fraser 4, Taylor Oden 2, Landon Knight 2, Tanner Humm 2.  
 Mineral Wells: Flaska 18, Calcutte 15, Nickolas 12, Wilkins 6, Hayes 6, Fincher 4, Tam 2.  

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RHS	15	12	10	12	49
Horn	11	15	12	22	60

Tuesday, Dec. 15  
 Rockwall (4-8): Hunter Jorgensen 17, Blake Sandlin 9, Landon Knight 8, Wesley Davis 7, Adam Dingwell 4, Taylor Oden 2, Griffin Fraser 2.  
 Mesquite Horn (9-3): Mark Bradshaw 19, Djava Chatman 13, Michal King 10, Adre' Nwose 8, David Harris 4, Michael Christopher 2, JaCorey Shepard 2.

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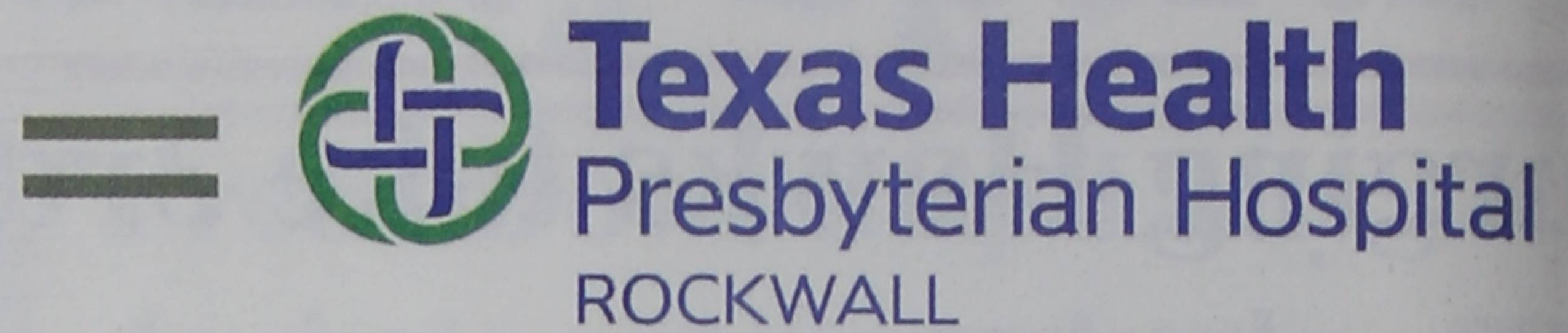
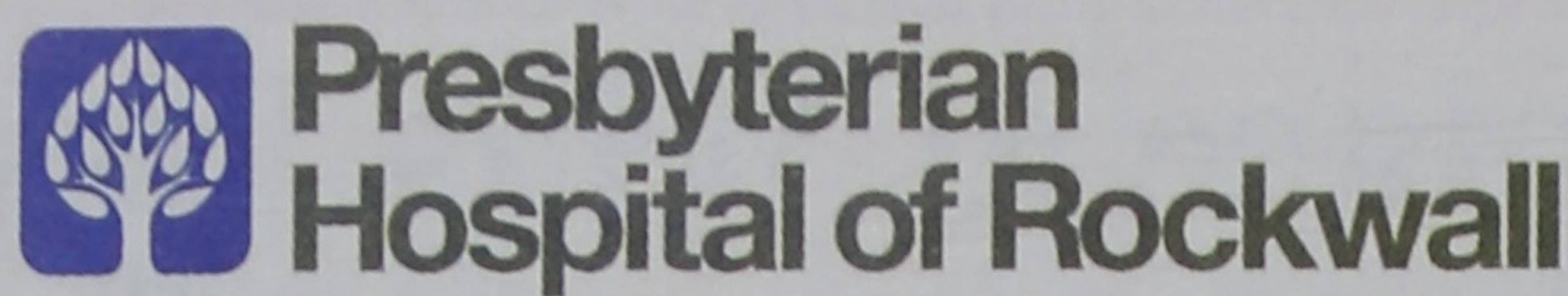
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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### God's servants make mistakes at times...

People will make decisions and commit to actions that are not according to His will. This can happen to anybody. From the youngest to the most experienced and seasoned believers, every member of the body is capable of moving in directions that are not best for them and the church. This includes believers who are strong in certain gift ministries such as apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors and ministers. The more experienced believers might make fewer mistakes.

At times it takes just one whopper to obstruct people's ability to serve God. How do we approach the errors of God's servants? God's word gives us the principle to consider. According to Romans 8:1, "There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

Understanding this basic information can help us determine how best to counsel and correct people in ministry positions. When God's servants are in an error, our tendency is to become very upset, angry and hurt. That hurt and anger, we may resort to a form of reproof that is not according to God's will. Let's look at some examples of godly reproof and correction.

The apostle Paul served God mightily and taught many people, yet he made a big mistake. He consciously chose to disobey the spirit of God. He was determined to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 21:10). According to Acts 20:22, he said, "And now, behold, I go bound to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me. For the words 'bound in the spirit' are more accurately translated 'resolved.'" We know he was not led by the spirit of God because chapter 21 reveals three different occasions in which believers prophesied to the spirit of God that he should not go to Jerusalem (see Acts 21:4, 10, 11).

After hearing all these things, Paul proudly replied, "Why do you weep and break my heart? For I am ready to not only be bound, but also to die for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13). He was committed to something that God clearly warned him against. Look at the response of the others, "And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased to say anything to him, for we saw that he was determined to do what he intended to do. The will of the Lord be done" (Acts 21:14). Their responsibility was simply to warn him by the spirit of God. And when Paul would not be moved about the warnings, they simply stopped saying, "The will of the Lord be done." The other believers did not condemn Paul. They didn't rebuke him. They simply reproofed him by the spirit of God.

Let's go back to Acts chapter 9. Paul believed he was serving God by persecuting and killing the saints. While on the way to Damascus he was confronted by a vision of our Lord Jesus Christ who reproofed Paul and led him to a believer named Ananias. By the time Paul arrived, Ananias had already received information from our Lord. Ananias had good reasons to criticize and condemn Paul. Instead, he approached Paul from God's point of view. Ananias even referred to Paul as a brother.

This is a wonderful example for all Christians.

There are examples of reproof and correction being given by simply shining the light of God's word on a matter or action, and other examples where believers were actually being led by the spirit to do so. But in all cases, there is not a hint of condemnation and punishment. Instead, it is with the love of God.

## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Juanita Cross

Services for Juanita Cross, 89, of Royse City were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, in the First United Methodist Church in Royse City with the Rev. Clay Womack and the Rev. Ann Willet officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel.

She died Monday, Dec. 14. Born Feb. 10, 1920, in Fate to Jerry and Mattie Lee (McGraw) Burks, she was a seamstress who enjoyed crocheting and craftwork, as well as traveling, coordinating family get-togethers and visiting with friends over coffee. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her daughters, Deloris Ballard and her husband, Bobby, Virginia Anderson and her husband, Lee, and Vickie Edge and her husband, Rex, all of Royse City; her grandchildren, Chuck, Bradley and Kimberly Ballard, Tina Griffith and her husband, Dax, Alicia Brumley and her husband, Bobby, Rexanne Parsons and her husband, Greg, and Jeffrey Edge; her great-grandchildren, Shawntel and Benjamin Ballard, Hagan, Harrison and Halin Griffith, Cutter and Hadley Brumley, Taylor, Andrew and Jackie Snider and Jimi and Jesse Parsons; her great-great-granddaughter, Kelsi Ragan; her sister, Sarah Marie Burks Parks of Rockwall; her sisters-in-law, Florell Burks of Royse City and Edith Cross of Fort Worth; and her niece, Shirley Magness.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cleon Allen Cross; five sisters; five brothers; a son-in-law, Harry H. Herndon; and a grandson, Jackie Allen Herndon.

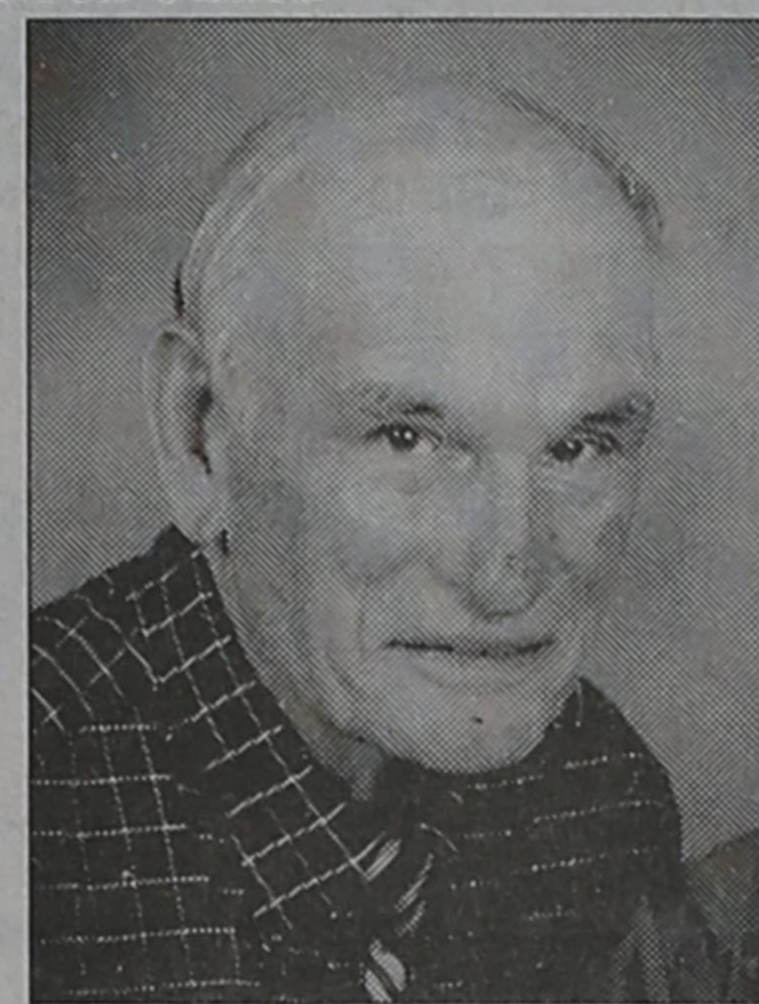


### Louis Wayne McDonald

Services for Louis Wayne McDonald, 83, of Heath were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Jim Barksdale officiating. Burial followed in the Heath Cemetery.

He died Dec. 12. Born Oct. 12, 1926, in Heath to James Virgil and Ruth May (Wilson) McDonald, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was employed by U.S. Steel for more than 20 years. He was a farmer, cattle rancher and a member of the Church of Christ in Heath.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Linda (Kluttz) McDonald of Heath; a son, Paul McDonald and his wife, Lynn, of Rockwall; his daughters, Wanda White of Rockwall and Brenda Valentine and her husband, Richard, of Gainesville; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one



sister, Leta Virginia Tidwell of Arlington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Glenda Faye McDonald; a brother, James Virgil McDonald Jr.; and his sisters, Idelle Brooks Maynard and Betty Stover.

## M-C tables action on proposed Koch project

Members of the McLendon-Chisholm city council tabled votes on development of the Koch Property to further research entry into the water business. Council plans to remain in the research phase through the new year, with a workshop to build a model for the business in February.

Mayor Mike Donegan had a meeting with the directors of Blackland Water Corporation immediately following the council meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to begin talking about the process of securing the water rights.

"This is a huge step for the city and not one to be taken lightly," Mayor Pro Tem Steve Hatfield said. "We need to be very proactive in this."

It isn't a process that should be pushed by a developer, he said.

"There's more than one way to do this," Donegan said. "We need to study it with all the options available. If we do this right, we can establish a model that will serve us well into the future."

The developers, United Engineering Group, have been waiting more than a year. After several new council members were elected, developers re-initiated the process of negotiating a developer's agreement with the city in September. UEG representatives had suggested a schedule that would have completed this month.

Annexation and cooperation with the city would provide developers with valuable right-of-way accesses and tax advantages among other considerations.

The Koch property is more than 1200 acres in the city extraterritorial district on its northeast side. The purchase of water rights and infrastructure provisions may be a condition of its annexation.

"This is as big an undertaking as establishing the tax and it is a worthy undertaking. It deserves the same type of consideration," Donegan said.

## Royse City parade winners named

The winning entries from the illuminated Bells on Main Street Parade conducted in downtown Royse City have been released.

The parade included approximately 50 entries. The following winners were named, according to a Royse City Chamber news release:

- Best Use of Theme - Donald Clinard and granddaughter on a large and small John Deere tractor;
- Lil' Tikes - Cub Scouts Pack 312 on a trailer aglow with holiday lights;
- Most Original - Paty Weeks in a VW convertible filled with "belles";
- Best Auto - Davie and JoAnne Kendzierski with their antique auto covered in lights and bells;
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# In Our Opinion

## Is It Warm in Here?

by Bill O'Reilly  
 At the opening of the climate change conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, this week, they showed a video of children trapped by onrushing water. One little girl was left hanging on to a tree limb. Chicken Little had to be proud.  
 But I am not here to run down the global warming industry; I am here to explain it. My take is that only the deity knows for sure whether the planet is in danger from warming, but the cleaner the earth the better. I feel that position encourages positive environmental behavior without going into hysteria land.  
 However, you should know that Al Gore and others attached to the warming industry are making tens of millions of dollars by investing in companies trading in new technologies. There is big money in play here, as governments are paying billions to clean up dirty industries. T. Boone Pickens has invested big money in wind energy. While that's nice, I do believe the savvy Mr. Pickens wants a return on his investment.  
 The recent scandal involving British warming researchers burying facts that challenge climate change is disturbing. And now we have Dr. William Gray, one of America's best hurricane forecasters, saying the fix is in: "There has been an unrelenting quarter-century of one-sided indoctrination of the Western world by the media and various scientists and governments concerning a coming carbon dioxide-induced global warming disaster. ... (This is) but the tip of a giant iceberg of a well-organized international climate warming conspiracy."  
 Wow.  
 But it does make sense. When huge companies like General Electric invest heavily in green industries, there is serious pressure to convince the world to abandon fossil fuels and use more natural products like sun and wind. The problem is that the technology is not there yet, and conversion costs are through the roof. Thus, the bitter debate.

The right is wrong to reject global warming outright, but is correct in being skeptical. This week, Sarah Palin wrote an opinion piece in The Washington Post calling for a boycott of Copenhagen because, she believes, the whole thing is hokey. Gore quickly responded that physics proves that manmade global warming is a reality.  
 And the beat goes on.  
 All this disagreement does not help the polar bears or the little girl hanging on to the tree. Climate change is one of those issues that will never be settled beyond a reasonable doubt, no matter what Gore says. So the sane thing to do is for the world to develop cleaner energy options but not ruin economies in doing so.  
 The free marketplace is a great thing. If you develop a product that is better and cheaper than competing products, you will win. I'd love to heat my house with solar panels that are affordable and easy to use. So let's get that in motion.  
 A little girl in peril is counting on it.  
*Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com.*

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## There's No Such Thing as a Free Mammogram

by Sheldon Richman  
 Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) holds the distinction of being the first senator to offer a successful amendment to the big Senate health-care overhaul bill now being debated in Washington, D.C. It is a perfect lesson in what's wrong with the political mentality.  
 According to Mikulski's news release, the amendment would "guarantee women access to preventive health care screenings and care at no cost ... [by requiring] all health plans to cover comprehensive women's preventive care ... with no copayments." (Emphasis added.)  
 Does this amendment make Mikulski a great humanitarian? It may appear so on the surface. But if we stay at the surface of public policy we miss many important details.  
 The first thing to notice is that it would require all plans to include comprehensive women's preventive services. Why a single man would want those included in his medical coverage is something only a politician can explain.  
 But, you say, what's the big deal? If it's "at no cost" with "no copayments," who cares?  
 And that brings us to the main point. What does "at no cost" mean? Is Mikulski offering to pay personally for every woman's preventive services? If so, all I can say is that it is very generous of her. But I have a feeling that that is not what she means.  
 All we know is that under her amendment women would not have to pay explicitly for the services they receive. Their employers would not even be allowed to openly deduct some of the plan's premium from their paychecks.  
 But that raises a problem that Mikulski was apparently never asked about. No matter what her amendment says, preventive services such as mammograms do have costs. The required equipment doesn't just wash onto shore. It has to be produced, which takes scarce labor and resources. In other words, we have to give up something else when the equipment is produced. Moreover, the doctors and technicians who administer the tests would like to be paid for their services. If they aren't, they will very likely do something else to make a living.  
 So there are costs for preventive services whether we choose to acknowledge them or not. The health-care discussion tends to overlook a rather elementary fact: Costs don't vanish simply because Congress decrees that a particular set of persons won't have to face them. Someone else will. Why is it preferable that some faceless unknown set of persons pay rather than those who choose to receive the services?  
 Actually, even the group that Mikulski wants to help is likely to end up paying at least some of the costs. But since those costs will be hidden, women won't realize how much they're paying and Mikulski will maintain her hero status.  
 Insurance companies - surprise! - will want to be reimbursed for the services they pay for - they're businesses, not charitable organizations. So they will have to raise premiums to employers. But then employers, who will

have to pay more for their workers' medical coverage, will have to pay more for cash wages. So "free" preventive services will translate into lower pay, smaller raises, or even fewer jobs. Maybe women would rather have the cash than the services (which they could pay for out of pocket after shopping around). Doesn't it demean women when politicians make those decisions for them?  
 Even in cases where the costs are shifted to men, we should ask whether it is fair. It is entirely likely that higher-income women will get their preventive services at the expense of lower-income men. Is that what we want?  
 Mikulski's amendment illustrates how irresponsible politicians are. It is so easy for them to stand on the floor of the House and Senate and "give" things away for free, with no thought to who will actually have to swallow the expense. Why do we tolerate that? At the very least, we ought to know how much the government costs us, but we can't know as long as politicians can do what Mikulski and her colleagues have done.  
 Here's a modest suggestion to help control the cost. Every bill or amendment that purports to give something away for free should be required to specify where the money would come from.  
 Is that asking too much?  
*Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State, and editor of The Freeman magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.*

### What does the U.S. Supreme Court say about the definition of income?

"Throughout the argument of the Government, in a variety of forms, runs the fundamental error already mentioned - a failure to appraise correctly the force of the term "income" as used in the Sixteenth Amendment, or at least to give practical effect to it." EISNER v. MACOMBER (252 U.S. 189, March 8, 1920).  
 "The Act of 1916 taxes gains derived from capital invested in corporate stocks, that is, shares of corporate gains or profits. It does not tax dividends per se but merely uses them to indicate the form in which such gains shall be taxed and to mark the time when the tax shall be collected. And, in the case of stock dividends, it uses the stock issued to measure the amount of the gains." EISNER v. MACOMBER (252 U.S. 189, March 8, 1920).\*

\* This case has never been overturned and is still the Law of the Land. The court ruled that "income" is gain or profit.

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### A Dissenting Opinion

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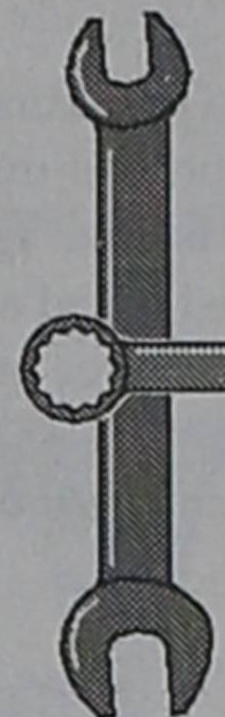
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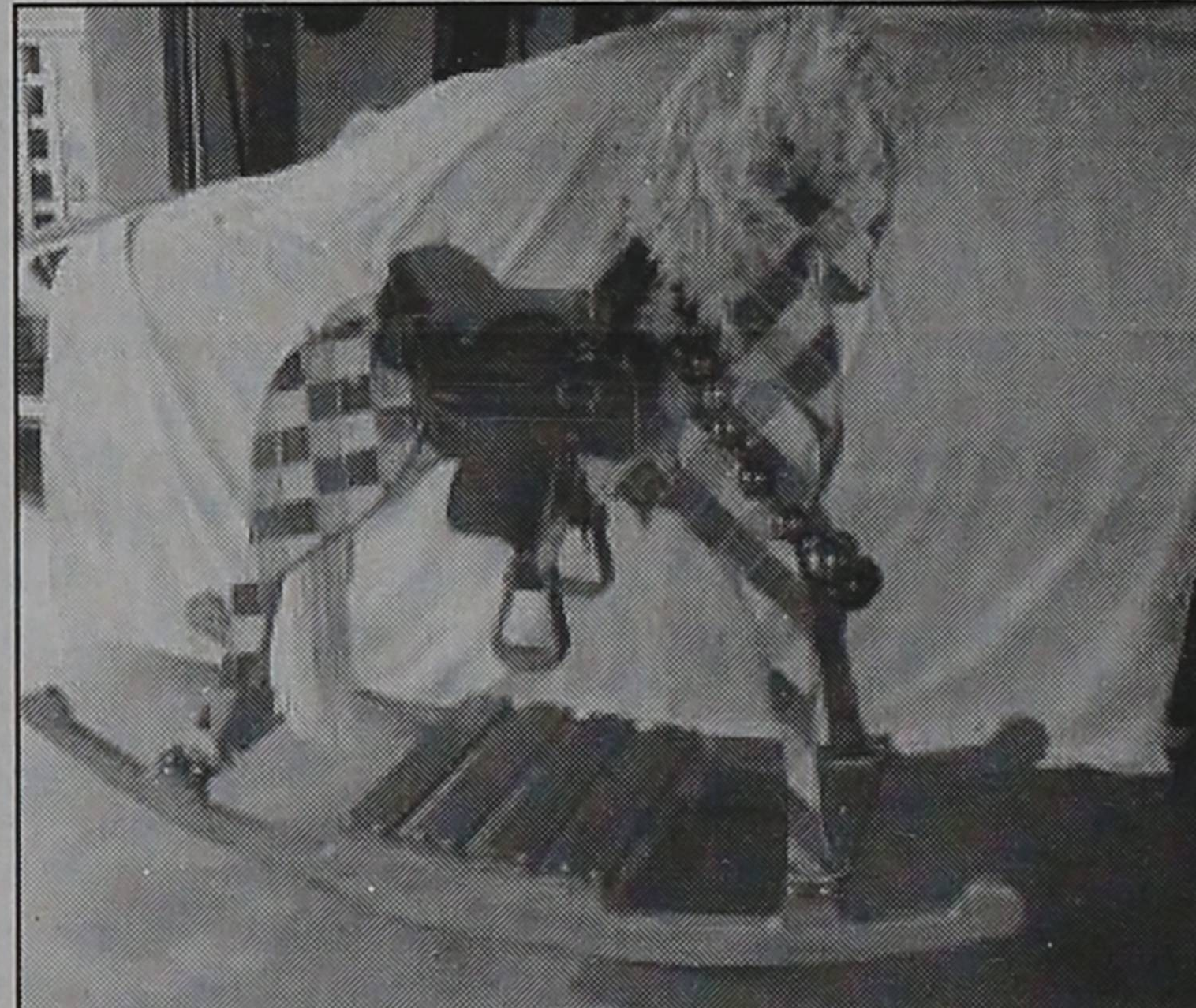
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The Board of Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

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# Royse City News

## Royse City boys win 1 of 4 games

Going for two consecutive wins, the Royse City boys' basketball team got off to a quick start Tuesday at Frisco Wakeland.

The Bulldogs led 18-13 after the first quarter, but Wakeland ruled the remainder of the game. The home team outscored RC at least 20-7 in each of the last three periods for an easy 81-39 victory. Royse City's lone bright spot was Pierre Hayden's 23 points.

RC had lost two of three games in last weekend's Wills Point Tournament. In the first round, Ferris broke to a 17-9 lead after one quarter, and maintained that advantage for a 64-53 victory. The Bulldogs fell behind again after one quarter later Thursday, Dec. 10. Sunnyvale took a 16-12 lead after eight minutes. Royse City came back to tie the score 34-34 after three quarters, but the Raiders held on to win 48-44.

The Bulldogs led throughout their next game at Wills Point and held off a fourth-quarter rally by Paris North Lamar to win 57-52.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RC	18	7	7	7	39
Wakeland	13	24	24	20	81

Royse City (4-8): Pierre Hayden 23, Cory Stapleton 6, Dajon Avery 5, Nick Stone 2, Duncan 2, Brian Wyrick 1.

Frisco Wakeland (8-5): Jonathan Jeschke 13, Nick Hinton 12, Craig Fofang 9, Mitch Thompson 7, Charles Brakes 7, Dylan Walls 7, Kevin Graham 6, Nick Antonelli 6, Wilson Herlin 4, Christian Jones 4, Jalen Dorsey 2, Hayden Nixon 2, Mike Dunn 2.

## Hot-shooting host team downs RCA boys

Rockwall Christian Academy's unbeaten record came to an end Friday, Dec. 4, in the Miller Grove Tournament semifinals when the host team used 68 per cent shooting to defeat the Warriors 70-58.

RCA won five of its first seven games with the only losses at Miller Grove and at unbeaten Irving The Highlands, which had to rally for a three-point victory Tuesday, Dec. 8.

The RCA boys had won their first three games this season, including two in the Miller Grove tournament. They took a 15-12 lead at the end of one quarter against Miller Grove. The Hornets' points all came inside from Aaron Baylus.

"That post kid is really strong," RCA head coach Ryan Hankins said of Baylus, who finished with eight rebounds, three steals and a game-high 26 points. "(RCA's) Elvis (Below) is more of a finesse post."

As a result, the Warriors' defense sagged to protect the middle and left the court open for outside shots. From a 19-19 tie in the second quarter, Miller Grove took off on a 13-3 run fueled by a 3-point shot from Seth Roberts and two more by Dakota Regan.

In the third quarter, nine foul shots helped the Hornets increase their lead to 13 at 53-40.

Rockwall Christian battled back with an 11-1 run to begin the fourth quarter, pulling within 54-51 on Stephan Turner's steal and drive for a basket with 4 minutes, 43 seconds to play. Baylus and Andrew Steele, who scored 22 points, took over as Miller Grove outscored RCA 16-7 the rest of the way.

For the game, the Hornets made 26 of 38 field goal attempts. The Warriors' defense produced plenty of steals to set up baskets in transition, but if they missed steal attempts the home team was able to score.

After the second quarter, Hankins said, "We started to run out at (the shooters)." Miller Grove made only one 3-pointer in the second half.

He added, "I thought we did pretty good coming to their place and playing this well. To have two games yesterday and come back today wasn't easy. We don't have much of a bench. Seven guys help us out mostly."

"As long as we get better, we'll keep winning."

The Warriors came back with a 73-61 win over Avery Saturday to take third place in the tournament. Below, who averaged 21 points in the four tournament games, led RCA with 26 point and 13 rebounds against Avery. Turner (16.5 points per tournament game) scored 19 and recorded six steals. Stewart passed for seven assists.

The Tuesday, Dec. 8, game wasn't a win, but it was about as close as possible to being a victory. At Irving The Highlands, the Warriors led 35-34 after three quarters before losing 46-43. No other team has come within 15 points of the Trail Blazers as they have won their first eight games. Leading RCA were Below with 16 points and Turner with 14.

Rockwall Christian returned to winning ways with a 56-46 victory Friday,

## Meyer leads Jackets to gymnastics win

Bradley Meyer placed first all-around to lead the Rockwall boys' gymnastics team to victory in a Compulsory triangular meet Friday, Dec. 11, at Rockwall High School.

Meyer finished first on the pommel horse and parallel bars; second in the floor exercise, rings and high bar, and fourth in the vault to lead the Yellowjackets to a score of 171.4. Rockwall-Heath was second at 164.55 and - keeping with the rocky theme, Round Rock was third with 156.9.

Also for the Jackets, Daniel Strong used first-place scores in the rings to finish fourth all-around. He also was second on the floor, third on the high bar and fourth on the parallel bars. Robert Johnson was fifth all-around, with fourth-place finishes in the rings and vault and sixth on the high bar and pommels.

Other top RHS finishers were Jeremy Scott, first on the pommels; Craig Brannon, fifth on the rings and parallel bars; Jude McCarthy, fifth on the floor, and Zach Bennett, fifth on the pommels.

## Royse City Police Blotter

Nov. 20-Dec. 3

- Friday, 20 Nov: Accident, 2700 block Marsha Lane; Domestic disturbance, 400 block Cookston Lane; Alarm, 400 block Briar Oaks Drive; Medical assistance, 800 block Wood Street; Criminal mischief, 1400 block S. Erby Campbell
- Saturday, 21 Nov: Public intoxication arrest, 1100 block Falcon Court; Suspicious activity, 500 block FM 35; Motorist assistance, I-30 at the 77 mile marker; Domestic disturbance, 1200 block Lakes Drive; Reckless driver, I-30; Domestic disturbance, 1700 block Sam Circle; Suspicious person, Corner of Main Street and Houston Street; Noise disturbance, 400 block Cookston Lane; Suspicious person, Circle Lane and I-30 SSR
- Sunday, 22 Nov: Suspicious activity, 800 block Cemetery Road; Accident, 100 block I-30 SSR; Theft, 1600 block Lesli Drive; Domestic disturbance, 300 block Rustic Grove; Medical assistance, 200 block W. Main Street; Suspicious person, Royse City Water Park; Driving while license invalid w/previous conviction, 100 block NSR I-30; Dallas County warrant arrest, Corner of Main Street and Arch Street; Kaufman County warrant arrest, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street
- Monday, 23 Nov: Criminal mischief, 600 block Tripp Trail; Disorderly conduct, 300 block N. Houston Street; Suspicious activity, 100 block E. I-30; Suspicious activity, Redman Drive; Assault, 300 block Texoma Street; Accident, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Noise disturbance, Arch Street; Disorderly conduct, 1200 block Mexia Court
- Tuesday, 24 Nov: Welfare check, 800 block Walnut Street; Accident, Corner of Erby Campbell and Love Lane; Accident, 7500 block FM 35; Criminal mischief, 1100 block N. Houston
- Wednesday, 25 Nov: Accident, 900 block I-30 SSR; Suspicious person,

## Royse City Lady Bulldogs roll to 2 wins

Taylor Young scored 20 and 23 points to lead the Royse City girls' basketball teams to lopsided victories in both of their games during the past week.

The Lady Bulldogs rolled to an 18-5 lead after the first quarter and coasted to their first District 10-4A victory Friday, Dec. 11, at Richardson Pearce. Maci Newton added 11 points as RC defeated the Lady Mustangs 52-34.

Tuesday's game at Quinlan Ford was close for the first half. The teams were tied 8-8 after one quarter, and Royse City held a slim 19-17 lead at half-time. Whatever head coach Dallas Bookout told the Lady Bulldogs then must have sunk in, for they outscored Ford 23-7 in the third quarter and continued to dominate in the fourth for a 62-30 victory.

Ariel Freese added 18 points to Young's 23 as the pair outscored the Lady Panthers' entire team.

RC will return home for a district game against Greenville Friday at 7:30 p.m.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RC	18	11	11	12	52

## Lady Hawks push Rockwall but fall by 10

Last season, the Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball team finished 8-16, missed the playoffs with a 4-10 record in District 10-4A and lost two games to district champion Rockwall for a combined 57 points.

Already this year, the Lady Hawks have won nine games and they gave Rockwall all it could handle before losing 52-42 Friday.

That might seem to be enough to please new head coach Devin Gabbard. Not so.

"Some people are satisfied to compete, but I'm no. We were terrible in the first half. Jill's kids did a great job," he said, referring to RHS head coach Jill McDill.

It was really more a matter of less than two minutes in the second quarter

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Friday, Dec. 11  
Royse City (7-7, 1-1): Taylor Young 20, Maci Newton 11, Jennifer Nui Ariel Freese 6, Sarah Shelton 5, Krystal Pickron 1, Taylor Jordan 1.  
Richardson Pearce (1-8, 1-1): Kathryn Kimell 9, Cara Tolmas 5, A Gerber 5, Hannah Smith 4, Jessie Martin 4, McKenzie Russell 3, Victoria Kennedy 2, Sara Witcraft 1, Emma Tiedemann 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	8	11	23	20	62
Ford	8	9	7	6	30

Tuesday  
Royse City (8-7): Taylor Young 23, Ariel Freese 18, Maci Newton Sarah Shelton 5, Ashanti Johnson 4, Ashlei Jordan 3, Amber Burke 2, Taylor Jordan 1.

Quinlan Ford: Megan Kleiber 9, Courtney Whitley 6, Ro Russell Amanda Paul 4, Sierra Thetford 2, Unknown 4.

when Rockwall went from a 9-9 to a 17-11 lead with an 8-2 run. In a game with mostly a methodical pace, the Lady Jackets used steals to fuel break baskets during that stretch.

Gabbard said, "We lost track for a little while. The last thing we want to do was get into a back-and-forth game. We wanted to be a little more methodical and get better shots."

The Lady Hawks (9-4) did get a 3-point basket from Katelyn Morris to their deficit to 17-14, but RHS went 7-for-8 from the foul line to restore six-point lead at halftime, 24-18.

Shanae Lowrance, who led Rockwall-Heath with 20 points, scored during a 6-2 run that pulled RHHS within two at 26-24 to begin the second half. "Shanae was strong," Gabbard said. "At times we were able to fight her up. She gets lots of attention." Enough attention that two of Rockwall starters fouled out trying to guard Lowrance.

However, the Lady Jackets survived that scare, answering with a 7-0 run for a nine-point lead.

Still, the Lady Hawks wouldn't go away. They pulled back within six another 3-pointer by Morris with 4 minutes, 41 seconds to play. Rockwall built its lead back up by making 8 of 10 foul shots down the stretch.

"What made a lot of difference was they were knocking down their free throws. We lost a little focus when they put the ball on the floor," Gabbard said.

It was no surprise that defense kept RHHS in the game. The Lady Hawks have allowed more than 41 points in just four games - their four losses date.

Gabbard said, "It's something we worked on for a long time. When I was here, there were eight weeks of school left. Defense is all we worked on, you can't defend, you can't win."

Without a doubt, the Lady Hawks can defend. The other 10-4A teams will have to take notice.

The box score is included with the Rockwall game story

## GCA edges RCA Lady Warriors in overtime

Rockwall Christian came close to a girls' basketball victory Friday, Dec. 11, at Garland Christian.

The Lady Warriors and GCA were tied 24-24 at the end of regulation play but the home team outscored RCA 7-2 in overtime for a 31-26 victory.

Brittany Griffin, who has transferred from Rockwall High School, led the Lady Warriors with 13 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
RCA	9	7	6	2	2	26
GCA	6	5	10	3	7	31

Friday, Sept. 11

Rockwall Christian: Brittany Griffin 13, Shenda Boulware 5, Ashli Poland 4, Widmer 2, Lauren Rorie 2.

Garland Christian: Jana Brumley 13, Maci Smith 7, Rachel Meridith Stephanie Gomez 5, Morgan Speir 2.

## Jackets' Hinton wins two wrestling tournament

Robert Hinton finished first in the 285-pound weight class at the Rockwall Invitational Saturday, Dec. 5, giving him individual championships in each of Rockwall's last two tournaments.

At home, he won his first two matches with pins, then edged Alberto Muratalla of Dallas St. Mark's in the final 2-1. Hinton and Dylan Devereaux at 171 pounds had won individual titles to lead the Yellowjackets to fifth place in the Richardson Round-Up Invitational.

The Jackets placed fifth with 103 points in their own invitational. Clint Lake was first among 16 teams with 182.5 points and four weight-class champions.

Other high finishes for Rockwall were by Devereaux, second at 171; Josh Holloway, second at 125, and Clint Scott, fourth at 189.

Devereaux pinned three opponents before losing in one of the day's closest final matches, 3-2 to Rockwall-Heath's Troy Mercer. Holloway pinned 11 first two opponents before losing by fall himself to champion Joe Lopez Arlington Bowie. Scott's 3-2 record included wins that were all by pins.

After the Rockwall Invitational, the Jackets defeated McKinney 58-24 in dual match Thursday, Dec. 10. Then they won three matches and lost two last weekend's Lone Star Duals.

RHS won over Plano East 50-19, Wylie 45-27 and St. Mark's 42-28. The losses were against Flower Mound 60-16 and a close 37-31 decision to Keller Central.

During the Lone Star meet at St. Mark's, Devereaux won all five of his matches. Hinton, Holloway and Nick Hyde finished 4-1, and Chester Howell was 3-1.

Before the McKinney match, RHS honored its nine senior wrestlers at Senior Night: Bobby Babbitt, Zach Everett, Austin Farris, Justin Guzzard Chester Howell, Evan Martinez, Dylan Milhausen, Matt Roland and Justin Stewart.

Earlier, the Yellowjackets had dominated a dual meet against Frisco Centennial 57-20, winning 11 of 15 individual matches. The winning Jackets were Cody Jonas (103), Bradley Devereaux (112), Hyde (119), Milhausen (130), Stewart (140), Farris (160), Dylan Devereaux (171), Baylor Blain (180), Landon Moreno (189), Collin Hill (215) and Hinton (285).

At Richardson High School, 11 of the 13 wrestlers in RHS' lineup advanced to the semifinals and either the championship or consolation final helping the Jackets accumulate 167.5 points to 150 for runner-up Carroll Creekview.

Milhausen, Martinez (135), Stewart, Everett (145) and Roland (152) finished second. Josh Holloway (125) was third, and Jonas, Bradley Devereaux and Hyde took fourth place.

**RHHS students take wins in PTA show**  
The Rockwall-Heath High School PTA once again sponsored the Reflections Program on campus this fall, with this year's theme, "Beauty Is..." and 18 of the program's entries have been tapped to advance to the next judging level.

Students were encouraged to enter literature, musical composition, visual arts, dance and film/video productions reflecting the theme. More than 90 students participated.

Students receiving the Award of Excellence and selected to represent the school at the next judging level include, in Visual Arts, Lynzi Shaw, Anne DiGirolamo, Tawny Desnotel, Robert Gaddis, Kinsey Stewart, Whitney Hodgson, Sergio Loreda and Bethany Vaughn; Photography, Terah Smith and Ethan Smith; and Literature, Aleksandra Kochan, Caitlin Rainey, Callie Salverino, Keith Allen, Madison Hatfield, Morgan Sharp, Ashton Hierholzer and Rebekah Gerritsen.

The RHHS PTA hosted a Reflections Coffee House Art Show and Reading in the school library on Nov. 23. During the event, live music was performed by Tyler Kirwin. Judging at the PTA Council level will take place this month. Winners will be announced in January.

## RHS girl's basketball...

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
WM	10	14	16	14	54
RHS	10	19	10	20	59

Monday  
West Mesquite (13-4): J'Tierra Brown 23, Latericka Anderson 9, Desiree Johnson 8, Kierra Davis 6, Re'nikia Meshack 4, Dominique Taylor 2, Claudia Price 2.  
Rockwall (15-3): Peyton Adamson 31, Alyssa Lang 17, Vertashia Dean 6, Aimee Coleman 3, Kayla Smith 2.

200 block College Street; Reckless driver, Starlight Lane; Reckless driver, 700 block I-30 SSR; Marijuana possession arrest, 100 block I-30 SSR; Dallas County warrant arrest, Corner of Church Street and Arch Street

• Thursday, 26 Nov: Suspicious activity, 900 block N. Industrial Drive; Alarm, 1400 block High Meadow Drive; Alarm, 2400 block E. I-30 SSR

• Friday, 27 Nov: Suspicious activity, First Baptist Church; Driving while license invalid, 2500 block W. I-30

• Saturday, 28 Nov: Verbal disturbance, 1200 block Live Oak Street; Suspicious activity, 100 block I-30 SSR; Welfare check, 1600 block Logan Drive

• Sunday, 29 Nov: Welfare check, 100 block I-30 SSR; Suspicious activity, 700 block Lula; Noise disturbance, 600 block Rosemary Drive; Welfare check, 700 block Nancy Drive; Criminal trespass, 300 block N. Houston; Burglary of habitation, 800 block N. Houston Street

• Monday, 30 Nov: Suspicious activity, 400 block Singleton Drive; Theft, 1200 block Evergreen Street; Suspicious activity, 3000 block Spruce Street; Suspicious activity, 200 block S. Elm Street; Assault, 300 block Panola Court

• Tuesday, 1 Dec: Accident, 600 block W. Main Street; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 75 mile marker; Criminal mischief, 100 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious activity, 100 block W. Starlight Lane; Dallas County warrant arrest, I-30 at the 77 mile marker

• Wednesday, 2 Dec: Welfare check, 900 block I-30; Assault, 1500 block Lorena Drive

• Thursday, 3 Dec: Medical assistance, 1100 block E. Main Street; Assault, 1300 block E. Main Street

