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Around Town

Chili Cookoff

Session HCA annual chili cookoff is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at Heritage Christian Academy.

Open House

The Fulton School will hold open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 to tour the school and receive information about enrollment for 2008-2009. (972) 772-4445.

MusicFest Roast

Rockwall MusicFest's annual roast will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 evening at The Center Rockwall honoring Raymond Cameron.

'Les Miserables'

Rockwall High School's theatre and choral departments are presenting the musical, "Les Miserables," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1-2 and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2-3 in the RHS Theatre. Tickets are reserved seats only or \$10 and can be purchased from Margaret Mayo the counselors' office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by e-mailing mmayo@rockwallisd.org.

American Legion

American Legion Post 117 in Rockwall meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Buck Bealmear, (469)698-0114.

CASA Volunteers

Volunteer orientation will be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Lone Star CASA Office, 950 Williams St., Building C in Rockwall. (972) 772-5858 or director@lonestarcasa.org.

Republican Women

The Rockwall County Republican Women's club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at the Keller William Real Estate office located at 2951 Ridge Road, Ste. 101 in Rockwall. Speaker will be Rockwall County Republican Chairman Bill Broderick.

Library Amnesty

The Royse City Public Library will be offering amnesty for overdue items during January if you bring your overdue materials along with some nonperishable food items. (972) 635-2772.

Fire academy a valuable experience

By TEREASA NIMS
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Carolyn Minnerly attended the Rockwall Fire Department's Citizen Fire Academy to learn about what firefighters do, never expecting the endeavor would teach her so much about herself.

"I did things I never knew I could do. I rappelled from a ladder truck, went into a burning building and learned about fire science," Minnerly said. "If I could do things over, I would consider becoming a firefighter."

Citizen Fire Academy members learn about first aid, fire and arson investigations, emergency apparatus and equipment, fire operations, EMS, special rescue operations and search and rescue.

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Carolyn Minnerly
Past RFD Academy Participant

"It was an amazing experience," Minnerly said. "I'm so thankful that the city for the opportunity."

Minnerly, a health-care service coordinator and camp director with the Muscular

Dystrophy Association, said she signed up for the academy because she wanted to learn more about what firefighters do, because they do so much for MDA.

"I can't tell you the appreciation I have for the Rockwall Fire Department," Minnerly said. "They do so much for the community."

Minnerly went through the class with her son, Mason, two years ago. Now he is in San Angelo training with the Marine Corps crash, fire and rescue reserves.

"It helped him realize his dream," Minnerly said. "This class just gave him a direction."

And for Minnerly, the memory of going through the academy with her son is one she

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County orders 90-day burn ban

By KENT MILLER
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Rockwall County commissioners on Jan. 15 unanimously approved a 90-day burn ban requested by Fire Marshal Wesley Roberts.

The ban, which takes effect immediately, was OK'd in a special meeting and puts the county under stricter outdoor burning restrictions for the first time in a year. Roberts said the last ban expired in mid-January 2007.

Roberts said the county had experienced 15 grass fires since Dec. 31 that burned about 62 acres of land. He called the ban a necessity in unincorporated areas of the county in the face of ongoing conditions.

He said strong winds and dry, dead grass could put the county into a position similar to North Texas counties that have in recent weeks faced a growing number of wild fires.

"People don't realize the possible danger we could be in because they look in the mornings and see wet ground but the dryness and the drought index numbers made me ask for this ban at this time," Roberts said.

Neighboring counties such as Hunt, Kaufman and Collin have instituted similar bans in recent weeks. Tarrant and Denton counties are also under outdoor burn bans.

Violation of the ban is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fines of up to \$500. Citations for disobeying the ban are handled through the Justice of the Peace court.

Council changes direction on office seekers

Move comes after longtime officer lost job when filing for commissioner seat

STAFF REPORT

It comes a little late for one now-former longtime police employee but the Rockwall City Council on Jan. 14 took action to allow future potential political candidates to seek office without risking their jobs.

County commissioner candidate Randy Puckett, who was with the Rockwall Police Department 19 years, lost his job earlier this month because his decision to run for the commissioners court unknowingly violated Sec. 2-78 (paragraph b) of the city's Code of Ethics.

The council voted 6-1 to change the code so city employees could keep their jobs until elected to county or higher office with Glen Farris casting the lone dissenting ballot. Farris preferred requiring city employees to take an unpaid leave of absence. Under the approved action, a winning candidate would forfeit their city job only

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Masterpiece Makers



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Amy Parks-Heath second-graders (from left) Helena Ingram, Abby Bowerman, Koltan Pruitt and Brooke Ballard helped create artwork that will be auctioned off at the Rockwall Education Foundation's annual gala slated for Feb. 16. More than 500 students took part in working on this "masterpiece" — based on Vincent Van Gogh's painting, "A vase with twelve sunflowers."

County, parties readying for upcoming primary balloting

By MARCUS FUNK
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Local political parties are working to plan the upcoming Texas primary but coordination efforts have met at least one hiccup along the election trail.

Two weeks after the season began, both the Rockwall Republican and Democratic parties have randomly assigned placement on the March 4 ballot. The Republicans are contracted with the Rockwall County Election Administrator's Office to run much

of their primary and local Democrats said they will soon follow suit. That coordination has also sparked a misunderstanding between Rockwall County Democrats and the Election Administrator Glenda Denton.

Denton said Democrats have missed a deadline to coordinate the lease of handicapped electronic voting machines from the county, which are required by state and federal law. Both Denton and Rockwall Democratic Party Chairman Stephen Taylor said they hoped to work out program details

in the next few days, which would allow the machines to be present at every voting location for every primary - and in record numbers for Rockwall County.

Rockwall County is providing 50 touch-screen voting machines at the polls, according to Denton, and many of those will be handicap accessible. Traditional paper ballots will also be available, and procedures for both voting methods are similar. Denton

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RHS Les Miserables Musical Production

A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS

Theater, choral students have lofty goals with 'Les Miserables'

By BRITNEY TABOR
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Students of the Rockwall High School theater and choral departments need the community's help in funding a production unlike any other done at the school and seldom done at Metroplex schools.

For the first time ever, starting Jan. 31, the department will present "Les Miserables," a musical production that is estimated to cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Becky Henderson, director of the production, said that while ticket sales will cover three-fourths of the expenses for the musical, the department still needs the community's help in raising another \$5,000 for rovaltv. rental. microphone. cos-

Challenge of staging musical production one teen actors readily accept

time, musician and set expenses. On average, musicals run from \$10,000 to \$15,000 while straight plays are between \$1,000 and \$3,000, she said.

"It would mean a tremendous amount to have [community] support and know that they recognize the fine arts and the work these students do," Henderson said. "[Donations] would just be a recognition of their hard work. It would be greatly appreciated."

The cast of about 60 students and 10 crew workers starting preparing for the

production in September by holding auditions. Henderson said her students had a passion for performing the show, which she describes as an "incredibly challenging" sing-through production that is rarely done. Since wrapping up auditions, she said students selected for the production have worked long hours - sometimes sacrificing Friday nights - to learn their parts and rehearse. Students have also pitched in by purchasing some of their own costumes, Henderson said.

Kali Katzman, a 17-year-old senior who portrays Eponine, said "Les Miserables" is challenging and unlike anything the cast has ever done. She said she hopes the com-

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Closer look



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Mrs. Fernandez, Mrs. Parades, Mrs. Chalambaga and Orosco's classes enjoyed learning about a career in television from special guest Jimmy Jimenez.

Jimmy Jimenez, a production manager with Spanish language television station Univision Channel 23, recently discussed his career with the bilingual students from Jones Elementary.

The students were able to see how a live TV broadcast is produced, got a first-hand look inside the live broadcast van and asked many questions about working for a TV station.

Jimenez visited the school on Jones Career Day.

Council

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upon being sworn in to elected office.

Puckett filed for office Dec. 28, meaning he lost his job at that time. According to the secretary of state's office, candidates are not allowed to with-

draw after the filing deadline, which in this case was Jan. 3. The city has indicated that Puckett could be rehired if he loses in the GOP primary next month per city policy that allows employees to be reinstated up to six months after leaving the job. His attorney has said he believes Puckett could be rehired immediately once the new ordinance becomes active and wants full

benefits and back pay for his client.

Precinct 3 includes parts of Rockwall, Heath and McLendon-Chisholm, as well as unincorporated areas within the county. Former Heath Mayor Dennis Bailey and former Rockwall Mayor Leon Tuttle also filed for the position. No Democrats filed for the election.

Theater

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munity can see the work and determination the cast puts into each performance.

"I hope people will see it and they will respect Rockwall High School theater more and know [that] we can do heavy dramatic plays and not just light fluffs," Katzman said.

Miles Carrington, a 17-year-old senior who plays the antagonist, Javert, said the production is "more advanced than anything I've ever seen this theater department do." He said each cast member must act and convey every feeling of the production through song which at times through rehearsals has become "exhaust-

ing, stressful and challenging but ridiculously rewarding."

"I can't think of any place I'd rather be ... we're pouring our hearts into this production," Carrington said.

He said knowing the community supports the cast financially, not only by filling seats during the show's tenure, but by giving additional donations, makes the experience even more rewarding.

"Anytime that we see support from the community ... it makes it so worthwhile and it shows that they care as much as we do," Carrington said.

Showtimes for "Les Miserables," which will be performed at the RHS Theatre, start at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 through Feb. 2. A 2 p.m. matinee will take place Feb. 2 and 3.

Academy

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will treasure.

After graduating from the academy, Minnerly joined the Rockwall Community Emergency Response Team. CERT assists the community in case of a disaster.

Rockwall firefighter Tony Santoro said that after graduating from the academy, sometimes residents apply for the volunteer fire department or other programs such as CERT.

Santoro said the academy not

only gives residents more insight into what firefighters do, it also helps firefighters improve their service.

"It gives us a chance to see what we can do better," Santoro said of the program that is in its fifth year. "It also allows us to say, 'Here is what we are doing for you.'"

Twenty-five to 30 people enroll in the academy and 15 to 20 complete it. Santoro said schedules sometimes interfere, preventing some people from finishing.

The academy is free and open to anyone 18 or older without a criminal history who is

living or working in Rock County.

The Rockwall Department Citizen Academy meets on Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. until April 17, with the election of March 17. Firefighters will register people right up to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17. Applicants are available at Rockwall Station No. 2, located at Rockwall Parkway. They are also available at Rockwall Hall, 385 Goliad St.

To learn more about the academy, visit www.rockwalltx.com and go to the fire department link.

Balloting

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said she hopes the extra machines will add flexibility to the election process.

"The judge at the precinct activates the machine for you, and you go from there," Denton said. "We have to provide one handicap accessible machine in each precinct, but I felt it was better to have more machines so that any voter could use them."

The election administrator's office is also preparing for early voting and absentee ballot programs.

Statewide early voting begins for both parties Feb. 19 and concludes Feb. 29. Fran Walker, a deputy with the election administrator's office, said the county plans to open three regular polling places for early voters: the administrator's new office at 107 E. Kaufman St. in Rockwall, Heath City Hall and the Roysse City courts building. Absentee

ballots for both parties are available by contacting the election administrator's office. Absentee voters must register one of the two party ballots by the deadline is Feb. 26.

Residents must register before Feb. 4 to be eligible to vote in the primaries. In the official party membership not required to vote in a primary. Any resident - Republican, Democrat or Independent - can vote in either race, but may only vote in one primary per cycle.



Community Bank's Lindsey Bush; John Poer; President, Mike McCallum; and Pat Lovell pictured with "Discovery".

Stop by and see "Discovery", along with the entire Alliance Art collection, during Community Bank's All-American Open House June 27-July 1 at the newly remodeled location, 201 E. Kaufman, in Rockwall's town square.

Special thanks to COMMUNITY BANK for their support of the Discovery monument project with the purchase of a 19" limited edition bronze sculpture depicting the city's founding fathers.



For information on the "Discovery" project, call 972-771-8603 or visit www.rockwallarts.org

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College News

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor announced that 367 students have been listed on the fall 2007 Provost Honor Roll. To receive this recognition a student must achieve a 3.7 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale. Area students honored were Heather Michelle Gates and Sara Kathryn Lewis of Rockwall.

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am Huston's fourth-grade class adopted Lt. Com. Ben Vaughan's Navy unit after Vaughan's visit to Fulton.

Fulton students adopt Naval unit

HEATH – Students at The Fulton School were privileged to visit recently with Lt. Commander Ben Vaughan of the United States Navy, who shared some of his experiences from his 20 years of service in the military. Vaughan interacted with the students, answering their ques-

tions about Iraq, discussing his duties, and many opportunities to serve our country.

As a result of his visit, Fulton students have decided to adopt his unit during Vaughan's next tour of duty in Iraq. Students will be communicating with the troops through letters, e-mails

and care packages. The Fulton Parent Association is also donating phone cards to be shared with the troops.

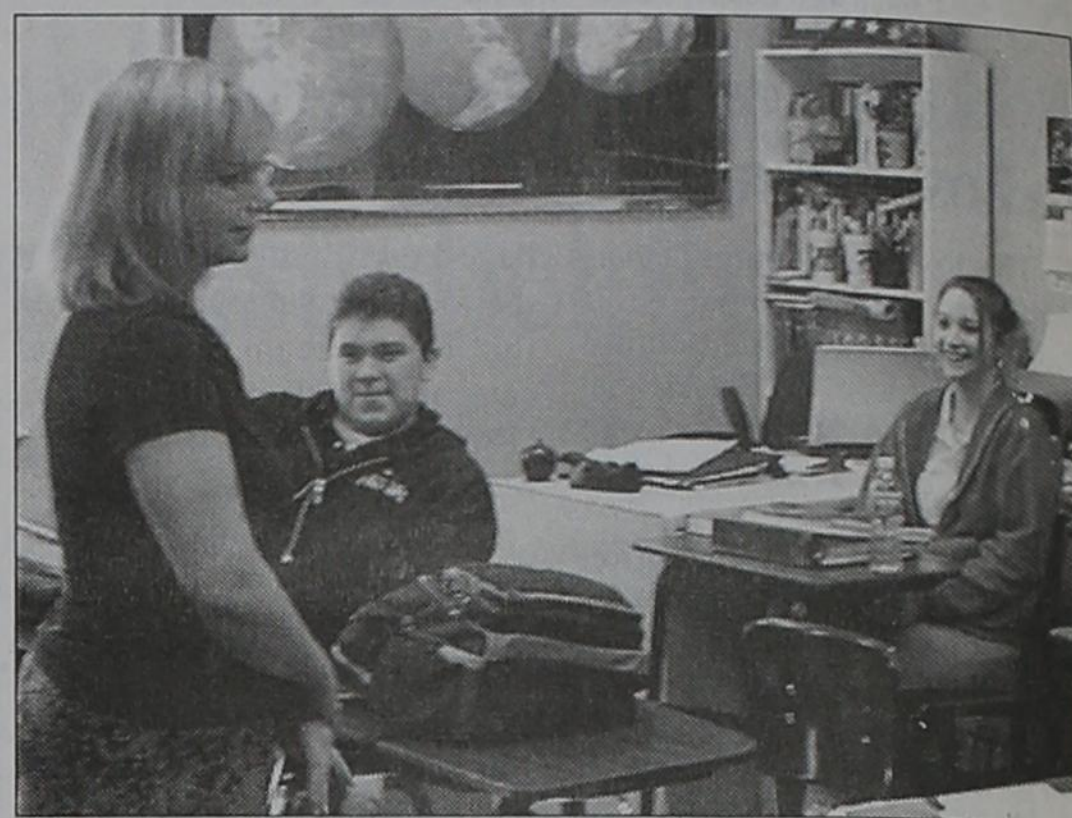
"This will be a wonderful geography and life lesson for our students," said fourth-grade teacher Pam Huston.

The Fulton School students learn about criminal behavior

HEATH – Americans love a good "who done it" and students at The Fulton School are no exception. High school juniors and seniors are currently enjoying a class in criminal justice and sociology under the able tutelage of Amy Bryant, a new teacher at Fulton. In conjunction with the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, students are discussing conspiracy theories surrounding his assassination.

"This is a very interesting topic, filled with mystery and inconsistencies," Bryant said. "We will not be able to draw definitive conclusions but the discussion will definitely inspire students to search for information and come up with their own theories."

Students will learn about related conspiracy theories, eyewitness testimony and ballistics, while also studying the crime scene of the assassination. They will also discuss deeper social topics regarding prejudice and



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Amy Bryant, a new teacher at The Fulton School, discusses conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. with her students

discrimination that lead to hate crimes.

"This is a very timely and important topic," said Joy Greenwalt, head of school. "We continue to hear about violent acts resulting from racial and cultural prejudice. We want to educate our students to be responsible and compassionate people in society. We feel this course will help to open their eyes and allow them to deal more effectively with societal ills," she said.

Bryant holds a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's in criminology and criminal justice and is completing a doctoral degree in business with a specialization in homeland security.

"We are delighted to have Amy on our teaching faculty," Greenwalt said. "Her natural ability to relate to our college-bound students, along with her extensive knowledge and lecturing skills make her a great asset to our school."

Chamber music to hold 12th annual competition

A subscription concert and young artist solo and chamber music competition Feb. 2 will be the highlight of the Hubbard Chamber Music Series season.

HCMS will hold the 12th annual competition all day at Leath United Methodist Church. The competition is open to the public and single tickets are \$5 at the door. Audience participants may come and go as they please throughout the day to hear some of Texas' finest young musicians. Audience members will be admitted to the seating area in between

contestants to ease any commotion. Subscribers need only present their subscription tickets for admittance.

Exact competition times and schedule will be available online Jan. 28 at www.hubbardchambermusic.com

At 5 p.m., the Hubbard Chamber Ensemble and HCMS artistic director Michele McDonald will perform works for strings and piano. Winners of the afternoon competition will be announced and the \$1,000 Lindy Barton Grand-Prize winners will perform.

Single tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students and may be purchased at the door. A four-course dinner and wine at Culpepper's Steak House will be served after the concert for an additional cost of \$45. Reservations must be received by Jan. 21.

For more information about upcoming performances or to find out about 2007-2008 HCMS events, visit the Web site or call Michele McDonald at (972) 772-7692.

Census Bureau releases population statistics

By Marcus Funk
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Texas' population grew by nearly half a million residents between 2006 and 2007, and the same growth could cause Rockwall County to top 80,000 by the end of 2008.

Statistics released this month by the U.S. Census Bureau recorded a population gain of 496,751, or 2 percent, in the Lone Star State between July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2007. Texas has an overall recorded population of nearly 24 million residents, second only to California's 36.5 million. New York is third among U.S. states with 19 million and Florida is fourth with 18 million.

Texas has grown by 3 million residents since the last major census in 2000, ranking it first in overall growth over the last seven years.

The population statistics released last week applied only to states and regions. Census Bureau staff said county-by-county statistics will not be released until sometime later this year, and county-specific statistics are currently only available through 2006.

Rockwall County's population last year was recorded at 69,155, up more than 6,300 from the previous year. Rockwall County's growth rate from 2005 to 2006

was 9 percent, up from the average of 7 percent since 2000.

That's nearly four times the statewide growth rate of 2.5 percent from 2005 to 2006, and nearly five times Texas' growth from 2006 to 2007.

Assuming Rockwall County grew at the same average rate last year, the 2007 census population would clock in at 73,996 after a growth of 4,841 residents. If growth remained stagnant, the county population would reach 79,175 residents in 2008.

However, the growth rate in Rockwall County has increased every year from 2003 to 2006, from 6 percent to 9 percent. If Rockwall County grew by the same rate in 2007 that it did in

2006, the population would be 75,379; the same growth would lead to a population of 82,163.

If the growth rate continues to climb, population estimates would rise even higher.

Among other changes, that growth could mean an increase in congressional districts and electoral college votes for Texas in 2010. Texas currently has 34 congressional seats and 36 electoral college votes, second only to California's 55 seats and 57 votes.

The nationwide population is recorded at more than 301 million people and has grown by more than 20 million since 2000, or 7.2 percent.

For more information, visit www.census.gov.

Judge says no to robbery defendant's requests

STAFF REPORT

GREENVILLE – The Rockwall man arrested Jan. 3 for robbing a Greenville bank didn't have to face the evil Simon Cowell this week but the results were no less disappointing when a state district court judge ruled against Jose Martin Guevara on two filings Jan. 16.

Guevara, 44, had asked the judge for a reduction in his \$250,000 bail on a charge of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and for representa-

tion by a court-appointed defense attorney but 196th State District Court Judge Joe Leonard said no to both requests. He remained in the Hunt County Jail late Wednesday and was told to hire his own legal counsel.

Leonard took no further action and no pretrial hearings have been scheduled.

Guevara is accused of robbing the American National Bank at 601 Joe Ramsey Blvd. in Greenville on Jan. 3, using an ice pick to threaten a female bank employee before tying her up and

fleeing with an undetermined amount of cash. A customer discovered the bound employee and called police. He was arrested later that day at his home and the money recovered.

Once Guevara had been identified as a suspect, Greenville police received assistance from the FBI and the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office. He was nabbed at one of three locations law enforcement officials were stalking out.

If convicted, Guevara could face five to 99 years in prison.

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Rockwall County Young Republicans to host forum, presidential revue

The Rockwall County Young Republicans will host their fourth annual candidate political forum and first-ever "Presidential Revue" on Jan. 26th at Rockwall High School, located at 901 Yellow Jacket Lane.

There will be a reception beginning at 6 p.m. and the forum will follow promptly at 6:30 p.m. The "Presidential Revue" will begin immediately following the forum.

Unopposed candidates in the upcoming Rockwall County election will be introduced and candidates in contested races

have been invited to speak at the forum. Representatives from the Republican presidential campaigns will participate in a "Revue" moderated by Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe.

The Rockwall County Young Republicans is an organization comprised of men and women 18-40 who want to become more actively involved in local, state and national politics. For more information, contact Aaron Moore at (972) 489-3648, e-mail at amooeyr@yahoo.com, or on the Web at www.rockwalljr.org.

Library News

Online Services

The Rockwall County Library is offering two new online services. You may use your library card number to access these services on the Internet at www.rocklib.com. Select the "research" button and you are all set. Ask at the front desk for information on how to access this

at home.

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STAFF REPORT

County taxpayers have only a couple of weeks remaining to dig into their pocketbooks or risk being turned over to attorneys for collection earlier than in previous years.

Tax bills were sent out by the county in October with a big change – those who don't pay up by the Feb. 1 deadline will be turned over to attorneys April 1 instead of July 1, which had been the county's practice before deciding in late December to move up the collection date.

The move – made possible by a change made in the last state legislative session – at the Dec. 26 meeting puts the county in line with the Rockwall County Appraisal District, which collects taxes for the Rockwall ISD and Royse City ISD, as well as the cities within the county.

Delinquent taxpayers could face a 20 percent penalty.

RISD foundation gearing up for fiesta for exceptional teachers

The Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Inc. will host the Education Foundation Annual Celebration on Feb. 16 at Southfork Ranch in Parker. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a "Beyond the Fiesta" theme honoring teachers who have made a difference in the lives of Rockwall ISD students.

Guests will be welcomed by a mariachi band and will have an opportunity to view and purchase Rockwall ISD student art. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by a live auction of selected student art pieces and items donated by the community. More than \$11,000 was raised at last year's celebration, with half of the proceeds returned to school art departments.

Guests are asked to purchase tickets in advance for \$50. The dress is casual and ticketing information is available at www.risdeducationfoundationinc.com or by calling (469) 698-7034.

The foundation supports the education process in the Rockwall Independent School District by providing innovative teaching grants to teachers who wish to supplement traditional classroom activities with new and creative education projects. Grant applications are submitted, reviewed and awarded each semester. In the past eight semesters, 107 grants have been awarded to 223 teachers and more than \$150,000 have been distributed. The grants have impacted more than 18,000 students.



Susan Reinhardt (left) and Leigh Plagens will serve on the board of directors for the Rockwall Education Foundation Inc. Plagens is also a member of the Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees.

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Korah, great-grandson of Levi, and Reubenites Dathan, Abiram and On took men and rose up against Moses and opposed his leadership. 250 joined with them.

Moses dealt with Korah but Dathan and Abiram refused to respond to his summons. Moses called an assembly of all of Israel. He wanted to settle the question of whom the Lord wanted to be in charge of the Israelites.

After a prayer to the Lord, Moses instructed Korah and his followers to appear with Aaron before the Lord the next day with incense censers, and present them to the Lord. Korah and his followers met with Aaron and Moses in front of the tent of meeting and the Glory of the Lord appeared.

The Lord chose to destroy those 250 gathered. Moses and Aaron prayed and the Lord had the 250 elders to separate themselves from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

Moses declared that if these 3 rebels were right, they would die a natural death but if the earth opened and swallowed them, all would see that the three rebels had threatened the Lord with contempt. Immediately the earth cracked and opened and swallowed Korah and his men.

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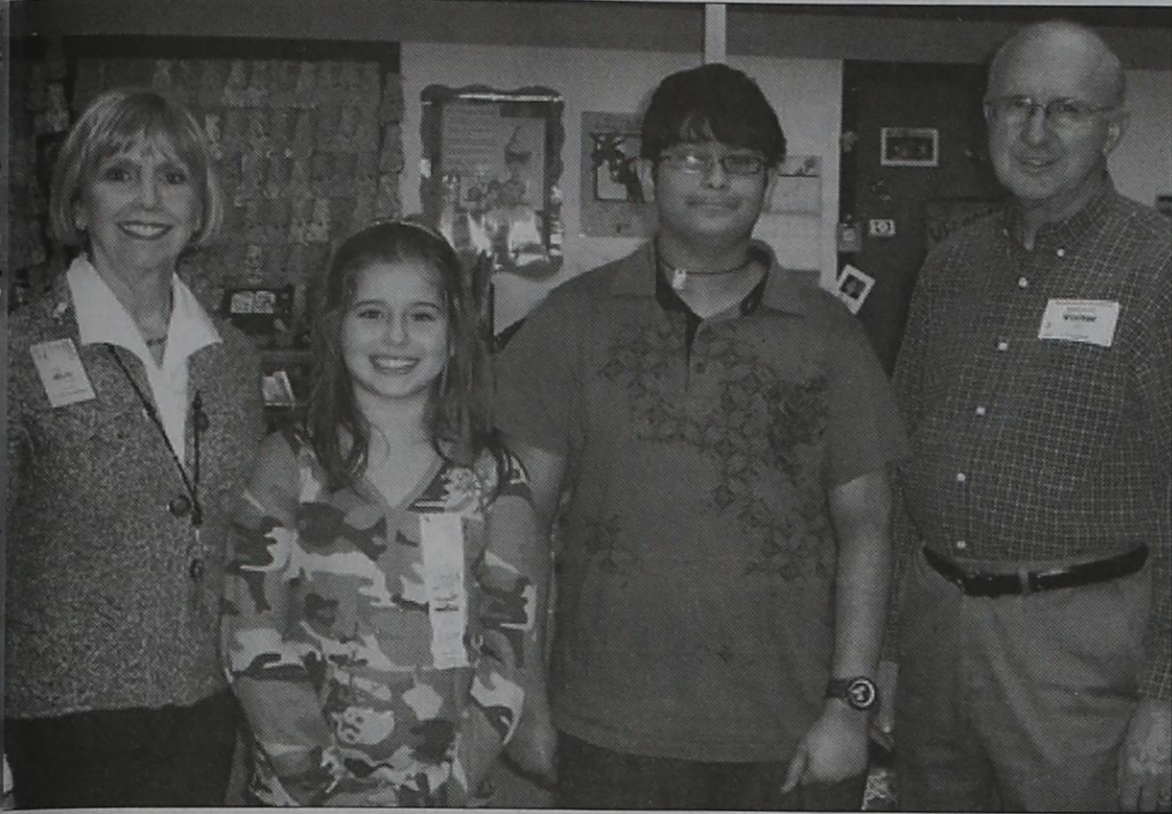
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 Psalm 38:15

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Rochell spelling bee winners advance



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Twenty-four of the top spellers at Amanda Rochell Elementary battled it out in the annual school spelling bee Jan. 8, hoping for a chance to represent the school at the Rockwall County Spelling Bee in February. The winning words were "sequin" and "toucan," which were correctly spelled by sixth-grader Saif Sardar. Fourth-grader Madzia Kochan came in second and will be the alternate for Rochell at the county competition.

Around Town

Volunteers

Rockwall County Committee on Aging office needs volunteers interested in serving the elderly/disabled community. (972) 771-9514.

Ministerial Alliance

Rockwall Ministerial Alliance sponsors a short prayer service noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month. (972) 771-5526.

Helping Hands

Rockwall County Helping Hands needs help stocking its food pantry. Visit www.rockwallhelpinghands.com for a full list of needed items. Drop off donations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 950 Williams St. (972) 771-4357.

Toastmasters

Metro-Tex Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Rockwall Dodge, 970 E. Interstate 30. (972) 722-3696 or rockwall.freetoasthost.org.

PARD Activities

Registrations are currently being taken for youth and adult programs offered by the Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department. (972) 771-7740 or register for a program by stopping by The Center at 108 E. Washington or mailing the registration form in the Fun Guide to 108 E. Washington, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Meals On Wheels

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers. They have added a new route and due to the rapid population growth, have more seniors to serve. The programs have never had a waiting list and they hope to be able to help the elder community with the assistance of volunteers. (972) 771-9514.

Preschool Moms

Mothers of Preschoolers at First Baptist Church in Rockwall meets twice a month Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Membership is open to all mothers with children through kindergarten. Membership based on child-care availability. (972) 771-8459 or visit www.mops.org.

Community Prayer
True Worshipers Christian Ministries will meet for a community prayer and bible study Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 2830 Tangleleg Drive. (972) 722-2634.

DAR

DAR meets on the first Saturday of every month from October through May. If interested in membership, please call Laverne Ketcherside, Royse City (972) 635-6626; Faye Heil, Rockwall (972) 771-3033; or Pat Brown, Terrell (972) 563-5559.

Gold Cards

Gold Cards are available to Royse City ISD residents who are 65 or older. The cards allow free admission to all home athletic events. Call or visit the Royse City ISD administration Office to pick up your card. (972) 636-2413.

RARTA

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association's next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at the RISD Educational Complex.

Heath establishes household hazardous waste helpline

HEATH – The city of Heath kicked off the new year with a new service to help residents be good stewards of the environment.

Residents may now call the new household hazardous waste helpline at (972) 961-4883 for information about properly disposing of the many waste items that can be harmful to our health, such as automotive products, batteries, cooking oil, electronic devices, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, pharmaceuticals, paint products and pesticides.

"Improper disposal of household hazardous waste pollutes the environment and poses a threat to human health," said Les Horvath, administrative projects coordinator for the city of Heath. "We are very pleased to expand our efforts to help citizens remove harmful waste from their homes

in the safest, most environmentally friendly manner."

Horvath also noted that the city will join with Rockwall County to conduct the annual

spring household hazardous waste collection event April 19. Complete details will be available at www.heathtx.com in late February.

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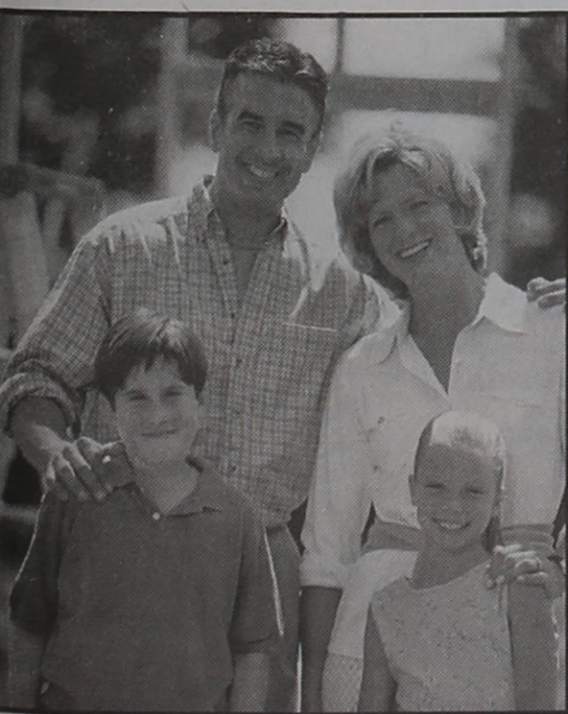
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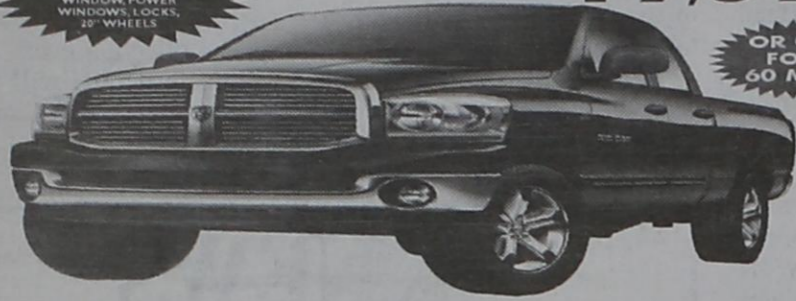
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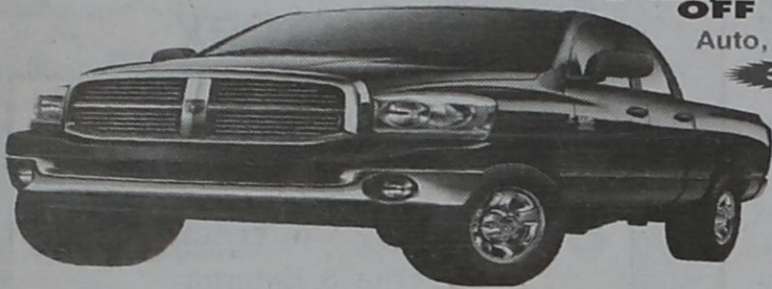
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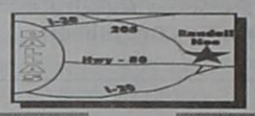
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RHS soccer teams see early success

By LARY BUMP
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Using different methods, the Rockwall girls and boys soccer teams both were successful in season-opening tournaments last weekend.

The Lady Jackets scored only one goal in three matches at the Allen Winter Classic, but came away with a win and two ties because senior goalie Marisa Graska and the defense shut out all three opponents.

After a 2-0 loss to Arlington Martin in their first game at the Coppell tournament, the boys used a potent offensive to outscore their next three opponents by a combined, 11-3.

In Rockwall's final match at Coppell, it avenged the loss by defeating Martin, 4-2. Courtney Cotello and Julio Mendoza

each scored two goals in that contest.

The Yellowjackets also defeated San Angelo Central, 2-1 and Bastrop (La.), 5-0.

They'll enter this weekend's Rockwall Tournament with a 3-2 record after a 2-1 loss at Duncanville on Jan. 15.

The tournament hosts are scheduled to play Hebron at 5 p.m. Thursday, Mesquite at 5 p.m. Friday and Odessa at 11 a.m. Saturday.

With a roster featuring seven seniors, the Yellowjackets could be in a position to improve on last year's team, which finished 14-5-2 after a 2-1, bi-district playoff loss to Allen. The Eagles went on to become regional finalists.

The midfield is considered the strength of coach Matt

Grubb's team.

Even though the Lady Jackets lost 12 graduating seniors, including four-time all-district defender Becca Gault, coach Melissa Garcia is excited.

"We're reloading, but we have great kids with a great work ethic," she said.

That work ethic showed up in the defensive effort at Allen, where Rockwall held Rowlett and Mesquite Horn to scoreless ties before defeating Naaman Forest, 1-0.

The Lady Jackets also will play in another tournament, the Richardson Berkner Ice Bowl, this weekend.

Rockwall is scheduled to play North Mesquite at 7 p.m. Thursday, Richardson Pearce at 6:40 p.m. Friday and Sachse at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.



Rockwall County News / CARL MCCLUNG

Rockwall-Heath's Lady Hawks suffered a 3-0 loss to state-ranked McKinney Boyd on Jan. 15. In this picture, ??? (No. 24) tries to move the ball against a Boyd defender.

Lady Hawks soccer club chasing postseason dreams

RHHS boys focusing on improvement

By MATT MCGILLEN
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HEATH – Under the direction of coach Wendy Wheeler, the Rockwall-Heath girls soccer team figures to be in the hunt for the third and final District 15-4A playoff spot.

"We are working hard every day to move into that No. 3 position and make our first trip to the playoffs," said Wheeler, who led the Lady Hawks to a 4-8 district mark last season and to an overall record of 7-10.

So far this year the Lady Hawks are 0-3-1 and 0-1 in district, having fallen to McKinney Boyd, 3-0 on Jan. 15.

Heath returns most of its starters, including Dominique Dinka, Rachel Garcia and Brittany Gray. Wheeler figures McKinney Boyd, which returns its entire team and is currently ranked fifth in the state, to win district with Mesquite Poteet likely to take the runner-up position.

After that, it's a wide open

race for the last playoff spot among Heath, McKinney North and McKinney High, according to Wheeler.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity to compete in a very tough district with state-ranked opponents," Wheeler said. "With a team full of returners, we anticipate a very successful season."

The Heath boys, coming off a tough 1-13 district record, hope to rebound, according to coach Mark Broyles. The Hawks are 2-4 for the year, and 0-1 in district, having lost, 6-1, to McKinney Boyd on Jan. 15.

"There are some real good teams in our district," Broyles said. "We are just trying to get better."

Returning players that bolster the Hawks include all-district junior forward Sergu Postolache and senior defender Adam Medalla. Newcomers expected to make an impact right away are freshmen midfielders Chase Minter and Brandon Lu.

Lady Bulldogs enter critical district stretch

By CLIFF GIBSON
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Roys City's Lady Bulldogs are hitting their stride, and it couldn't have happened at a better time.

The Lady Bulldogs (9-15, 3-1) have ripped off three consecutive wins after topping Quinlan Ford in a 63-36 rout on Jan. 15, just four days after downing Wills Point, 49-32, on Jan. 11.

They will need that momentum this week as they face the top two teams in District 10-3A.

Roys City travels to Emory Rains on Jan. 18 to break a second-place tie with the Lady Wildcats.

The week will end Jan. 22 with a trip to Nevada Community, 4-0 in the district and ranked No. 6 in Class 3A with a 23-2 mark.

Megan Frausto led the Lady Bulldogs against Wills Point with 13 while Camisha Harper paced the team with 14 at home against Quinlan Ford.

Against Quinlan Ford,

Roys City held the Lady Panthers to single digits in each period while posting at least 15 in three quarters and ending with a 22-6 advantage over the final eight minutes.

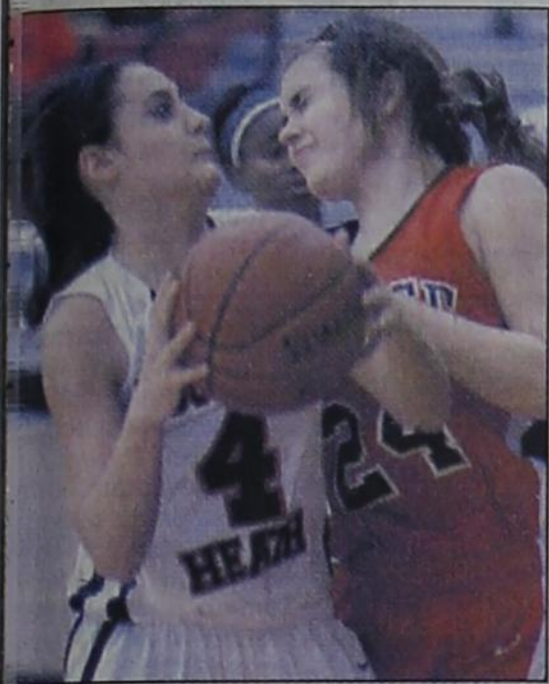
The Bulldogs (14-12, 2-0) got off to a great start in District 10-3A, taking an early seat at the top of the standings with wins over Quinlan Ford (59-36) and Wills Point (39-37).

Against Wills Point on Jan. 11, the Bulldogs built an 8-point halftime lead and despite being outscored by six in the final period, held on for the win.

Chris Smith scored a game-high 10 points and Justin Crutchfield added nine.

It was Crutchfield who torched the Panthers on Jan. 15 for 23 points, the same number as Roys City's win margin.

The Bulldogs posted leads of 13-9, 30-16 and 46-27 after each period. Dustin Peterson added 10 points in the winning effort.



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Rockwall-Heath point guard Ashlyn Reyes pushes her way past a Pearce defender Jan. 11.

Lady Hawks drop another district contest

By MATT MCGILLEN
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HEATH – In need of a victory to get the bad taste out of their mouths after the big showdown with fellow District 10-4A unbeaten West Mesquite on Jan. 8, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks entertained the Richardson Pearce Lady Mustangs on Jan. 11.

No problem.

In the first meeting between the two teams, the Lady Hawks had handled Pearce fairly easily, winning by 16. And now they had them at home and with something to prove.

Big problem.

Led by 6-5 junior Corrie Forcier, the Lady Mustangs scored the game's final seven points to stun Heath, 45-40, and send the below-freezing-shooting Lady Hawks to their second straight loss after posting an 11-game win streak. The back-to-back losses also knocked Heath out of the state rankings, as they fell completely out of the top 20 after being ranked seventh last week.

After jumping out to a 21-11 first quarter lead by making five of their first 11 shots – including 3-for-3 from beyond the arc – the Lady Hawks (23-4, 6-2) scored just 19 points the rest of the game.

How bad was it?

With their top three scorers collectively putting up a 7-of-48 shooting effort, Heath finished the game hitting just 19 percent (12-of-64) from the field. And after that early flurry of treys, the Lady Hawks hit only 1-of-13 the rest of



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Rockwall's Kyle Sandlin chases a loose ball during a recent game against Sachse. The Yellowjackets have put themselves in a good spot, sitting in fourth place in the latest District 10-5A standings.

MAKE SOME ROOM

Rockwall boys sitting pretty in playoff position

By LARY BUMP
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The Rockwall boys (7-13, 3-3) find themselves able to finish the first half of their district season with the upper hand for a playoff berth.

A victory over Rowlett on Jan. 18 at RHS would break a tie with the Eagles for fourth place in District 10-5A. They haven't yet been that high in the standings, but if they could hold that position they would be in position to be one of the district's four playoff teams.

An up-and-down game featuring a fourth-quarter rally enabled Rockwall to win Jan. 11 at Lakeview Centennial, 51-48.

Playing their best opening quarter this season, the Jackets buzzed to a 22-12 lead after eight minutes. They followed that with a poor second quarter when the Patriots outscored Rockwall, 16-4, for a 28-26 halftime lead.

By the end of three quarters, Lakeview's lead was up to 46-39, but the Jackets outscored the home team, 12-2, in the final period to eke out the victory.

Jordan Hammontrée led the Jackets with 15 points – two more than season-high scorer Kyle

Sandlin, who's averaging 14.2 points per game. Braden Smith added 10.

By winning three of its last four district games, RHS reached .500 in 10-5A for the first time this season at 3-3.

Rockwall and Rowlett seem evenly matched. In addition to being tied in the district standings, they have similar overall records: 9-12 for Rowlett and 7-13 for the Jackets.

A key for Rockwall will be stopping Eagles guard Devyn Crook, who's averaging 22.5 points per game. Rowlett has one of the area's top offenses, averaging 64.3 points per game, but the Jackets have one of the better defenses, allowing just 53 per game.

The Eagles are likely to try to stop the outside shooting of Sandlin, who has made 54 3-pointers this season. No other RHS player has more than 10.

A loss wouldn't be critical to Rockwall's hopes for a return playoff trip after being denied for the previous four seasons.

Last year, the Jackets finished the first half of the district season 3-4, but went 6-1 during the second half. The only loss was to 10-5A champion North Garland.

This season, Rockwall has shown that it could win on the road at Lakeview, another playoff team in 2006-2007, and keep close in a road loss at North Garland.

Hawks trampled by Pearce stampede

Heath offense struggles with top district team

By MATT MCGILLEN
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RICHARDSON – Unable to get their offense out of first gear, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks got run over by the Richardson Pearce Mustangs, 73-24, on Jan. 11.

It was the Hawks' sixth loss in the last seven games and dropped them to 1-5 in District 10-4A and to 7-14 for the year.

The Mustangs, winners of 10 of their last 11, improved their district-leading mark to 6-0 with their fifth win in a row and are now 17-7.

Running their streak of sub-

double digit quarters to seven, the Hawks fell behind, 25-6 after one quarter, 40-11 at the half and 59-21 after three periods.

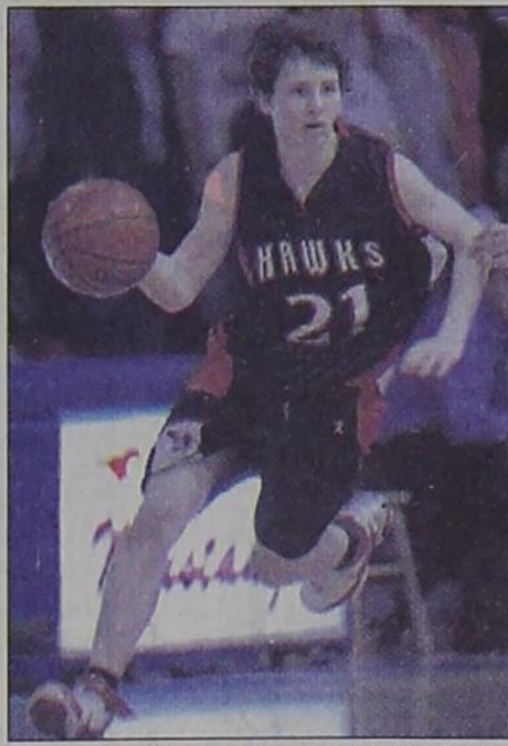
They managed just three points in the fourth quarter.

Deleon Walker and Chase Nielson led Heath with five points each while four players reached double figures for the Mustangs – Bruce Smith (16), Dillon Taylor (11), Bryan Parker (11) and Trevoy Dunn (11).

Things should get a little easier for Heath as they host last place Greenville on Jan. 18.

The Hawks hammered the Lions, 65-45, in a non-district game on their way to third place in the Wills Point tournament Dec. 8.

Chris Buttermore led the Hawks with 17 points while



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The Rockwall-Heath Hawks are falling further from playoff contention and will need a win at Greenville to keep their slim hopes alive.

Lewis Snowton had 11 rebounds in the lopsided win.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0012047001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. North Texas Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 2408, Wylie, Texas 75098-2408, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 12047-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an annual average flow not to exceed 2,250,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on June 6, 2007.

The facility is located at 4920 Horizon Road, on the west side of Buffalo Creek and on the south side of Farm-to-Market Road 3097 approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Roads 3097 and 549 in the City of Rockwall in Rockwall County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Buffalo Creek; thence to the East Fork Trinity River in Segment No. 0819 of the Trinity River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are limited aquatic life use for Buffalo Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0819 are intermediate aquatic life use and contact recreation.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the applications and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify and individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from North Texas Municipal Water District at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Dolan McKnight, North Texas Municipal Water District at (972) 442-5405.

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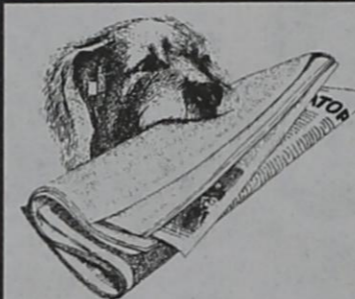
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Bids must state a per unit price including installation and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid No. 08-01-002". The sealed envelope must be delivered to John A. Blackwood, Rockwall County Auditor, 101 East Rusk Street, Room 101, Rockwall, Texas 75087, on or before Friday, January 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. The bids will be opened on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

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Rockwall County
John A. Blackwood
Rockwall County Auditor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEATH, TEXAS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Heath, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 12th day of February 2008, at the City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas.

FURTHER, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Heath, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday the 19th day of February 2008 at the City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas.

At such times and place, the Commission and the Council will hear and take appropriate action on the Application of JBML, Inc., the prospective owner of the below described tract of land. The owner is requesting approval of a Planned Development ("PD") district for 38 Single-Family Residential lots of mixed sizes on 43.608 acres of land that is currently zoned Agricultural ("A").

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Tract 38 in the J. O. Heath Survey Abstract 116 within the City of Heath in Rockwall County. The subject property is situated on the northwest corner of the intersection of FM 1140 (Smirl Drive) and Terry Lane.

All interested citizens of the City are invited to attend these public hearings and participate in the same. Special Notice has been given to all property owners lying within two hundred (200) feet of the proposed changes as required by applicable state law.

Stephanie Galanides, City Secretary

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A public hearing will be held by the City of Rockwall Building & Standards Commission on Thursday, February 21, 2008. The following properties will be addressed during the public hearing: 135 Rolling Meadows Cir. and 303 Rusk St. The meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

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City of Heath, Texas

ORDINANCE NO. 071206B

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Heath, Texas, Amending Chapter 6 - Business Regulations of the City of Ordinances to Provide for Registration for Persons Who Engage in the Business of Construction and Rehabilitation of the Type; Providing Regulations; Establishing a Registration Fee; Providing a Cumulative Clause; Providing a Severability Clause; Providing a Penalty for Violations of a Fee not to Exceed \$2000; Providing for Publication and Providing an Effective Date. Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Heath, Texas the 6th day of December 2007.

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CITY OF ROCKWALL ORDINANCE NO. 08-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 16 MOTOR VEHICLES, ARTICLE VI OPERATION, DIVISION 7 BY ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION CODE, SECTION 545.356, UPON THE ROADS DELINEATED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT, (PARTS THEREOF, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200) PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Dorothy Brooks, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary
1st Reading: 12-03-07
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CITY OF ROCKWALL ORDINANCE NO. 08-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, AS TO AMEND (PD-65) PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NO. 65 DISTRICT (OF NO. 06-02) FOR A 49.35-ACRE TRACT OF LAND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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The gymnastics team from Williams Middle School recently competed in a meet at Brandenburg Middle School in Garland and returned home with first-places in both level 5 and 6. Competing at level 5 were **Rachelle Perry, Shelbi Crawford, Hayden Rainey, Monica Baldwin, Kaitlyn Stoddart, Brityn Gilman** and **Faith Shambeck**. The level 5 competitors combined for four first-place finishes, four second-place and five third-place finishes. The level 6 participants include **Emily Pettett, Sarah Beasley, Lindsay Loy, Crysta Hollins, Ali Argulles, Faith Shambeck** and **Liz Ullman**. They combined for six first-place, three second-place and three third-place finishes. The team is coached by **Stephanie Tyson** with Pettett and Beasley as captains.

Lady Hawks

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the night.

The Mustangs (7-15, 5-3), on the other hand, managed to hit an almost decent 38 percent, topped by Forcier, who made 7-of-14 shots on her way to a game-high 16 points.

She tied the game at 40-40 with a short banker with 1:15 to play and hit what turned out to be the game-winner on another short jumper with 40 seconds to go.

Heath then missed a shot at its own end of the floor, but forced a bad shot from Forcier only to control the rebound and then throw it away on the ensuing outlet pass.

Forced to foul at that point, the Lady Hawks sent McKenzie Russell to line for two shots. She made the first but missed the second with Sequeena Thomas getting the rebound with Heath trailing by three, 43-40, with 17 seconds to go.

Ashlyn Reyes attempted a potential game-tying shot in heavy traffic, but it traveled only halfway to its intended target,

though no foul was called. Pearce rebounded and closed out the scoring with a pair of free throws.

Adrienne Boswell and Shanae Lowrance led Heath with nine points each while Thomas had a season-low eight, hitting just 2-of-24 shots. Thomas led all rebounders with 10 and blocked four shots.

The Lady Hawks resume district play Jan. 18 when they travel to Greenville. In the first meeting between the two, Thomas scored a school-record 39 points in a 75-40 win over the Lions (10-13, 3-5).

Lady Jackets fly past Lakeview

By LARY BUMP
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Rockwall coach Jill McDill says the girls' basketball season "just flies by."

That's what the Lakeview Centennial team must have thought about Rockwall (22-6, 7-1) on Jan. 11 when Lakeview's 4-2 lead disappeared in a 30-0 run that gave the Lady Jackets a 32-4 lead after the first quarter.

RHS had defeated the Lady Patriots by 30 points at home in the teams' District 10-5A opener in December. On the road, Rockwall did even better, winning 77-25.

"We just played very well in the first quarter," McDill said.

They didn't stop there, winning every quarter to lead 45-11 at halftime and 61-16 after three quarters.

It's important that Rockwall is playing well now, because after this week's break for exams, the Lady Jackets will host Rowlett, which gave them a scare on its home court.

"At Rowlett, we had lost the first three quarters and won only the fourth," McDill recalled. "We've got to have the intensity we had in that fourth quarter. Even with exams, we'll have four days to prepare so we'll still have more time overall."

The Eagles (17-9 overall) are fourth with a 5-3 district record. That's deceiving. In addition to leading Rockwall by nine points going into the fourth quarter before losing, Rowlett also lost a tight game against Garland.

The district has separated itself into two divisions. Though no one has clinched a playoff berth with six district games remaining, Naaman Forest,

Rockwall, Garland and Rowlett appear likely to be 10-5A's playoff teams.

At 2-6 in the district, Lakeview clearly has fallen into the district's lower half. The Lady Jackets helped to keep the Lady Patriots down.

RHS used every player and 10 of them scored. Despite limited playing time, Peyton Adamson, whose 20.3 points per game is the third-highest average among Metroplex 5A teams, again led the Lady Jackets with 18 points.

She had plenty of help. In addition to scoring 16 points, Shelby Adamson had five rebounds, three steals and eight assists.

Sunny Satery contributed five assists, four steals and 12 points on 4-of-10 shooting from 3-point range.

McDill said, "Sunny was frustrated from the game before. She wanted to come out and prove she can hit those shots."

A very good sign as the Lady Jackets head into the stretch was Jordan Anterhaus' play off the bench. She scored seven points and led the team with 12 rebounds.

That's important because even though Rockwall has just six regular-season games remaining, during each of the last two seasons the Lady Jackets have added six playoff games as well.

They were able to reach the state finals in part because of contributions off the bench. Shelby Adamson and Brittany Coleman (12 points at Lakeview), key reserves for last year's state champions, are starting this season.

The bench is full of first-year varsity players such as Anterhaus who are just beginning to be key contributors.

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Rockwall High School's theater and choral departments are presenting the musical, "Les Miserables" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2-3 in the RHS Theater. Tickets are reserved seats or \$10 and can be purchased from Margaret Mayo at the counselors' office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by e-mail mmayo@rockwallisd.org.

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