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Protesters make impassioned plea for their freedom

By **MARCUS FUNK**
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The words were first spoken more than 700 years ago.
When they reached North Texas, the grassy highlands gave way to a city council chamber. The crowd of supporters donned cowboy hats and toted picket signs instead of kilts and swords. But William Wallace's cry for freedom lost none of its passion when his progeny rallied against the city of Rockwall and a controversial forced annexation plan early this week.

Upset county residents who want no part of city life fight annexation

"Freedom, liberty, is one of the finest things. Never live under a servile yoke, my sons," said Mary Gene Wallace-Ackert at an emotional city council meeting Jan. 7. "This is about freedom. Your residents are the ones who count, and we do not need to be dictated by a tyrannical government body."
Wallace-Ackert addressed the Rockwall

City Council at a public hearing regarding the fate of her family land. The city plans to annex 234 acres of land along Farm-to-Market Roads 3097 and 549, including the undeveloped Wallace family farm and around 15 smaller plots and private residences. The area was virtually surrounded after the council annexed its perimeter in 2004, and residents currently rely on county services and septic systems for utilities.

Residents are united in opposition to the annexation, and both the timing and nature

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Matthew Scott
City Councilman

"We would love nothing more than for the Wallace farm to stay like it is for another 100 years. We have no interest in seeing it develop."

Around Town

'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 for \$10 and can be purchased from Margaret Mayo in the counselors' office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by e-mailing mmayo@rockwallisd.org.

Support Group

Rockwall area Widowed Persons Support Group will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Texas Land and Cattle on Bass Pro Drive in Garland and at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18 for potluck lunch at The Center in Rockwall. Don Wilson, (972) 771-6815.

Young Republicans

County Judge Chris Florance will be the guest speaker for the Tuesday, Jan. 15 meeting of the Rockwall County Young Republicans. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the historic downtown courthouse in Rockwall. 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. Aaron Moore, amooreyr@yahoo.com or (972) 489-3648.

Centerstage

RHS Centerstage Productions presents "Identity," the 2008 student-written show, in the Black Box Theatre on Friday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Breakfast Rotary

Rockwall Breakfast Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Rotary Hall at 408 S. Goliad in Rockwall with portfolio manager and guest speaker Don Hodges. RSVP to aggielucas@hotmail.com.

American Legion

American Legion Post 117 in Rockwall meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The January meeting will be on the 17th at the Community Center at Harry Myers Park with guest speaker Dr. Stan Scott who served as an enlisted combat Marine in Korea and later became a Navy chaplain. Chuck Bealmear, (469)698-0114.

Stained-Glass Students



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Pullen Elementary School sixth-graders (back row from left) Ashley Davis, Mallory Rice, Roger Martens, Amy Efene, Philip Flewelling, Carson Gossett, Marco Silva, (fourth row from left) Maddie Thomas, David Keaton, Harrison Guillory, Cameron Bloom, Ryan Peterson, Ranly Crane, (third row from left) Jack Bowerman, Savannah Callhoun, Mallory Wong, Jesse Hall, (second row from left) Mason Notch, Mark Notch, Michelle Azcarate, Madelaine Mishler, Jacklyn Granstaff, Destiny Klesmit and (front) Lauren Archuleta show off their stained-glass creations.

Pullen sixth-grade art students get lessons from a master

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Pullen Elementary sixth-grade art students recently got a special visit from Roger Martens, a stained-glass artist since 1980. He brought along several tools, samples of finished and unfinished pieces and an array of different types of glass to show the students.

Martens also took the 28 students on a virtual tour of his home studio via DVD as a way of showcasing the many pieces that he wasn't able to bring along. Students got hands-on instruction in cutting glass using an oiled glass cutter and breaking pliers.

"I enjoy sharing the art with the sixth-graders here at Pullen,"

Martens said. "They always seem so interested and appreciative of glass art. It is rather fun to watch them cut glass, or not, and see their expressions when they realize the dexterity necessary to do it correctly I look forward to meeting next year's sixth-grade students."

Martens is the father of Pullen art teacher Amy Efene and has

visited the school as a guest speaker for the sixth-grade art program three years in a row.

At the end of his visit, the students showed off faux stained-glass pieces they created with glass paint.

Martens said, "When they showed me their faux-stained glass, I admit, I was very impressed."

Commissioners tab Jennings as county HR director

By **KENT MILLER**
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Rockwall County commissioners on Jan. 7 turned to experience with the naming of Randy Jennings as the county's new human resources director.

Jennings brings more than 25 years of experience in the human resources field to the job, having worked previously for TXU as HR manager. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin and served as the chairman for the Rockwall County United Way campaign for 2003-2004.

County Judge Chris Florance called the move a "very positive advancement" in a statement released following the hiring.

"Addressing our human resources needs was a top priority for the Commissioners Court," Florance said. "The creation of this

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Randy Jennings
County HR Director

department is a step in producing a more professional and efficient working environment. Our county's growth demands that we address our needs with a business-like approach that brings better service to our constituents and

employees."

County officials say Jennings' combination of HR skills and knowledge of employment, regulations, technologies, standards and practices will have a significant impact on Rockwall County.

At TXU, Jennings' duties included staffing, employee evaluation, workforce planning, performance managing, team leadership and online e-learning. He is a recipient of multiple Gold Star and Star Performer awards.

Jennings said he looks forward to tackling county issues such as growth.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to serve my community," Jennings said. "I can apply my knowledge and experience to an area that will help Rockwall County deal with our incredible growth issues. I look forward

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Wal-Mart receives beer, wine exception

As expected, Rockwall City Council allows I-30 store to skirt ordinance

By **MARCUS FUNK**
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Beer and wine will be sold at the Rockwall Wal-Mart.

The Rockwall City Council unanimously approved a variance for the superstore at a meeting Jan. 7, allowing it to sell beer and wine despite its proximity to Rockwall High School.

Jamie Dennis, manager of the Wal-Mart, said at the meeting that beer and wine sales will not impact the school or any nearby vendors. Beer and wine will not be sold to minors and will only be available at the rear of the store. Although the property lines between the school and Wal-Mart are close, none of the store's entrances or openings face the school.

The variance follows an election authorizing municipal beer and wine sales last November and a city council ordinance regarding the Interstate 30 corridor.

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Rockwall man charged with bank robbery

By **TERESA NIMS**
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Seconds after driving up to his Rockwall County home on Jan. 3, authorities nabbed a 44-year-old Rockwall man for allegedly using an ice pick to rob a Greenville bank.

Jose Martin Guevara is charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in connection with the Jan. 3 morning robbery of a Greenville American National Bank. Guevara is being held in the Hunt County Jail on a \$250,000 bond, said City of Greenville spokeswoman Lori Philyaw.

A customer of the Greenville bank called police at 9:06 a.m. when a female employee was found tied up inside the building, located at 601 Joe Ramsey Blvd. By 2 p.m., Guevara was identified as a suspect.

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Rockwall teen featured in Lifetime movie

By BRITNEY TABOR
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A Rockwall High School teen will make her movie debut on Lifetime Television this weekend alongside a Golden Globe nominee.

Kelsey Schultz, a 17-year-old senior at RHS, will play Camille in "Queen Sized," the story of an overweight girl named Maggie Barker, played by "Hairspray" actress and Globe nominee Nikki Blonsky, whose name is put on a homecoming ballot as a class prank. Maggie, who is initially embarrassed that her name is put on the ballot, decides not to drop out of the race but stay on the ballot to represent the outcasts and all those bullied in high school. Schultz's character, Camille, is one of those bullies.

"It's almost like 'Mean Girls,'" she said, comparing her role to a 2004 film starring Lindsay Lohan. "I watched 'Mean Girls' before I did it because that's the epitome of what Camille [is]."

Kelsey, who describes herself as a laid-back teen who respects others despite their differences, said her character is the complete opposite. Camille is a character who Kelsey said does not have much depth and Schultz said she can't imagine doing or saying the things Camille does on screen. Kelsey, who got into character by watching television shows with bullies, said she hopes viewers who watch her on film realize the consequences of bullying others.

"In the end, acting like that [bullying] doesn't get you anywhere. It doesn't make people like you and it doesn't get you friends," Schultz said. "I think people will be able to realize [through viewing the movie] that ... bullying doesn't mean anything. It just makes people think less of you."

Norm Schultz, Kelsey's father, said his daughter plays a "hateful" character in the film and she



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Rockwall teen **Kelsey Schultz** (left) with actress **Nikki Blonsky**, her costar in the Lifetime movie, "Queen Sized."

takes her role seriously. He said its rewarding watching her as she goes to work on set because she's professional and "really in command."

"She's pretty convincing," Norm Schultz said. "It's fun watching her work. She can just turn it on and transform [into character]. I think it's really special."

Kelsey was casted for the Lifetime film after submitting an audition video to directors. Filming for "Queen Sized" started at the beginning of November and wrapped up before Thanksgiving. Kelsey was on the set, which was located in Shreveport, La., for about nine days, she said.

She describes her experience as "pretty glamorous," with people tending to her every need. Schultz said that despite becoming star struck when meeting the film's star, Blonsky, being a part of the movie was rewarding.

"It was amazing. It was a dream come true," Schultz said. "I loved every second of it."

Kelsey's career started when she was 10 as a model with a series of print advertisements for Wal-Mart, and 2006 back-to-school advertisements featured in "Seventeen," "Teen People,"

"Cosmo Girl" and "Elle Girl" magazines. In 2006, she hit television screens as a member of the purple team in Discovery Kids' reality show Endurance 5: High Sierras, which was filmed at Shaver Lake, Calif. This fall, Kelsey will portray Elizabeth Vetter in the motion picture "Dusk," which is scheduled to be released in selected theaters.

"It's been really exciting," she said of her career over the last seven years. "I love it. I wouldn't trade any of it for the world."

Kelsey said that although she would like to continue doing two things she loves - modeling and film - she has a backup plan. The RHS senior is considering attending schools such as the University of North Texas after graduation and studying geriatric physical therapy.

"Queen Sized" premieres on Lifetime on Saturday Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. and will be shown at 8 nightly through Jan. 14. Kelsey said she is excited about the movie premiering and will probably have a group of family and friends over to her home to celebrate and watch with her on Saturday.

"I'm so excited. I'm counting down the days," she said. "I can absolutely not wait."

Jennings

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to working with county employees and elected officials and other community leaders as well."

County Commissioner Lorie

Grinnan called Jennings' experience a key factor in the hiring decision while also praising other personal attributes that will benefit the county.

"Rockwall County has more than 250 employees, and we were in need of an expert who can address employee/human resource

issues," Grinnan said. "Mr. Jennings' vast professional experience will result in improvements in planning, employee services, staffing, safety and other issues. He is known for his honesty, integrity, fairness and strong work ethic and he will be a true asset to Rockwall County."

Protesters

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of the initiative have provoked controversy.

City ordinances and regulations would threaten their rural lifestyle, residents say, and city utilities would present a redundant and expensive challenge. Since many residents are retired and on fixed incomes, the increase in taxation could even force some to sell their homes.

The Wallace farm is in a similar situation. Family members say the land has changed little since its purchase in 1881 and the undeveloped land may not survive a tax increase. Responsibility has passed from generation to generation - most recently last fall, when John Wallace passed the property to his children before his death.

Funeral services for Wallace were held on Oct. 5. On Nov. 5, the Rockwall City Council began annexation proceedings and none

of the 13 speakers opposing the annexation considered the timing coincidental.

City staff and a pair of pro-annexation speakers, however, said the annexation presents a logistical dilemma, not an ideological one. They also said the plan has nothing to do with Wallace's passing.

Mayor Bill Cecil called Wallace a friend and said he attended his funeral, and Council Member Matthew Scott said the annexation effort focused on the potential impact of future development.

The city needs to annex the area now, Scott said, to ensure that any future developers follow city guidelines and zoning restrictions. Without that safeguard, development could unfairly change the character of the entire area.

"We would love nothing more than for the Wallace farm to stay like it is for another 100 years," Scott said. "We have no interest in seeing it develop. The concern here is that it will, and it will impact everyone around it when it does."

City officials and the Wallaces

say there is potential for compromise.

After a contentious public hearing, the city opened discussion on a "2-12 nondevelopment agreement," which could exclude the Wallace farm from annexation as long as it remained undeveloped. The agreement would not apply to neighboring homeowners and would require periodic renewal by the council; it would also need to be approved by the Wallaces before the current annexation deadline in early

NRC, FBI respond to nuclear Web rumor

REPORT

A self-professed science hound will not face charges for building a miniature nuclear device at his parents' home in Rockwall.

In a Jan. 9 NBC 5 report, an "out-of-work computer whiz who redesigns video games" told a reporter that he began studying physics around the eighth grade and is fascinated by nuclear reactions and radiation.

That fascination resulted in the man being paid a visit by Rockwall police, the FBI and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Jan. 4.

Victor Dricks, a spokesman with the NRC in Arlington, said the man's name is not being released because no charges were filed.

According to Dricks, the NRC was alerted to the situation when the would-be scientist blogged about possessing uranium on the Internet.

"The individual was posting info on a Web site indicating he was conducting nuclear experiments in his garage. He claimed to have built a small reactor, which was producing relatively large levels of radiation. The FBI was able to identify the indi-

vidual and representatives of the FBI and the NRC met with his parents and requested that he be allowed to search the premises.

Dricks said some small quantities of naturally occurring radioactive ores, which are called amorceium 241, which had removed from smoke detectors, were found. But they found that many of the statements he'd made on the Web site were not true.

Still, Drick said, "The level of technical detail on the Web was such that we felt it prudent to look into this matter."

City, NTMWD officials say water safe to drink

If you have noticed a change in taste or odor of water supplied by the city of Rockwall, a winter "algal bloom" is the culprit.

This rare winter event doesn't change the quality of the water supply - it is strictly a taste issue, according to the city's water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District.

A winter algal bloom is rare. An algal bloom usually occurs in mid-summer, and it is uncharacteristic for it to create taste

and odor changes during cooler weather. However, with the vegetation growth that was prevalent along the exposed shorelines of Lavon Lake during the recent drought, the nutrients present for an algal bloom are in abundance.

The NTMWD treats the odor changes related to the algal bloom with the addition of potassium permanganate, an oxidizing agent, to the water.

To reduce the unpleasant taste, activated carbon is used

as an absorption agent. The chemicals are removed during the treatment process prior to delivery of the water supply.

Chlorine, which is used as the disinfectant in the treatment phase, also aids in odor reduction.

City officials of Rockwall said the water is still safe to use. The city meets all safe drinking water standards.

Trial in singer's death delayed until March

STAFF REPORT

The trial of a Roysse City man facing charges in the March 2007 death of an aspiring country and western singer was delayed late last week.

Chadrack Hunter, 36, has pleaded not guilty to intoxication manslaughter and failure to stop and render aid charges in the March 17, 2007 death of Adrian "Buck" Jones, a Nashville, Tenn. singer who was hit by Hunter's

1997 Chevrolet pickup as he walked along the northbound service road of eastbound Interstate 30 after his vehicle blew a tire.

A final pretrial hearing was scheduled for Jan. 3 in the 354th State District Court and jury selection is set for Jan. 7 but court proceedings have been moved to March 11.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety records, Jones, 33, was struck about 2:30 a.m. from behind at mile marker 81 between

Farm-to-Market Road 1565 and Farm-to-Market Road 2642 east of Roysse City as he attempted to pass the mile marker to give to a truck driver.

Hunter allegedly had a blood alcohol content of three times the legal .08 percent limit in Texas.

In addition to the criminal proceedings, an agreement of \$20,000 in damages has been reached in a civil lawsuit brought by Jones' widow, Amy Beth-Jones.

Commissioner candidate out of a job with RPD

STAFF REPORT

Civics teachers have always told us that a great democracy stands only as solid as the willingness of its citizenry to get involved in the political process.

That lesson may be a hard one to swallow for one of the candidates for the Rockwall County Commissioners Court after Randy Puckett, who had filed for the Precinct 3 seat in March's Republican primary. Puckett's filing has cost him his job as a Rockwall police detective.

According to Sec. 2-78 (paragraph b) of the Rockwall Code of Ethics, "an employee of the city immediately forfeits employment with the city if ... the employee becomes a candidate for nomination or election in a partisan election for public office within Rockwall County or in a partisan election for a public office, the constituency of which includes all or part of Rockwall County."

Nevertheless, Puckett says his

superiors at the Rockwall Police Department encouraged him to run for the seat being vacated by retiring incumbent Bruce Beatty, himself a former RPD employee as police chief in the late 1980s. According to Puckett, he followed the chain of command and even notified human resources.

City officials, though, terminated Puckett last week under the ordinance, which they say the candidate would have known about had he more-thoroughly investigated.

Puckett filed for office Dec. 28, meaning he lost his job at that time. According to the secretary

of state's office, candidates are allowed to after the filing deadline, which in this case was Jan. 1. The city has indicated that Puckett could be rehired if he loses in the GOP primary next month per a policy that allows employees to be reinstated up to six months after leaving the job.

Precinct 3 includes parts of Rockwall, Heath and McLendon-Chisholm, as well as unincorporated areas within the county. Former Heath Mayor Dennis Bailey was former Rockwall Mayor L. Tuttle also filed for the position. Democrats filed for the election.

Robbery

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Guevara allegedly surprised the bank employee as she opened up Thursday. Guevara appeared with an ice pick as the employee entered the rear door of the bank, Philyaw said. After tying the employee up, Guevara took an undetermined amount of money and fled.

After Guevara was identified as a suspect, the FBI asked the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office to assist them and the Greenville

Police Department in staking out three Rockwall County locations where Guevara might go. One was Guevara's home and the other two were homes of Guevara's relatives, said RCO Lt. David Davis.

Authorities were staking out Guevara's home when he pulled up, Davis said.

Authorities recovered cash from Guevara's car that is believed to have been stolen from the bank. More cash was found in his home.

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

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Rockwall Republican first annual R...

Rockwall County Republican Party Chairman Bill Brodeur announced plans to hold a Reagan Day Dinner on Friday, January 11, 2008, at the Hilton Hotel, 1400 E. Interstate 30, Rockwall, Texas. The event will be among the first held at the new Hilton Hotel located on Lake...

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Rockwall Republicans to host first annual Reagan Day Dinner

Rockwall County Republican Party Chairman Bill Broderick announced plans to hold the first Reagan Day Dinner on Feb. 15 with Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison as keynote speaker.

The event will be among the first held at the new Hilton Bella Harbor located on Lake Ray

Hubbard.

"We are very excited about the senator's attendance and we are working diligently to ensure that several members of the top tier of Texas elected officials will be in attendance," Broderick said.

The Reagan Day Dinner will commemorate America's 40th president, Ronald Reagan.

Young artists raise money for library

Young artists in ArtVentures studio's after-school elementary program donated their time and talents to help raise money for the Rockwall County Library at their annual Christmas luncheon and auction.

Students in grades 4-6 teamed up under the direction of ArtVentures director Joetta Currie to design and create a wonderfully, playful and colorful rocking chair. The children's chair used nursery rhyme theme, depicting scenes from "Jack and Jill,"

"Hey Diddle Diddle," "The Old Woman Who Lived In The Shoe," "Three Blind Mice," "Three Little Kittens" and "Humpty Dumpty."

"The project helps the library and gives the students good lessons in design, problem solving, a variety of artistic techniques and teamwork," Currie said. "The kids had a great time creating the chair and were excited to learn that their hard work was able to help raise money for a good cause."

Wal-Mart

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idor last month. State law bans the sale of any alcohol within 100 feet of a church, hospital or school, and the council had originally considered a blanket variance to that law along the interstate.

The council ultimately rejected a blanket variance but passed

an ordinance allowing I-30 vendors near such buildings to seek individual exemptions. Wal-Mart was the first retailer to seek such an exemption.

"This one spoke for itself," said David Sweet, a Rockwall City Council member who supported the variance ordinance. "It went the way I expected it would. As far as moving forward with other variances as they come up, we'll see what happens."

Commissioners approve roadway plan

HEATH - Rockwall County commissioners gave tacit endorsement to a Heath roadway plan last week.

The Heath City Council is currently investigating a plan to decrease traffic in downtown Heath and at key intersections near Rockwall-Heath High School and City Hall, and Rockwall County commissioners are working on a \$100 million roadway initiative in conjunction with the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Roadway plans at a council meeting Dec. 20 were able to ensure proper coordina-

tion with the county.

Lorie Grinnan, Rockwall County Commissioner for Precinct 2, said commissioners reviewed both plans and felt integration between them would not be difficult. The commissioners elected to approve the plans and move on with the NCTCOG, and encouraged the Council to continue their plans.

"The feeling was there really wasn't going to be a problem," Grinnan said at a Heath City Council meeting Jan. 3. "It was really just a matter of coordination."

Property tax deadline approaching

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 and Royse City ISDs, as well as the cities within the county.

Delinquent taxpayers could face a 20 percent penalty.



Carolyn Jackson, CEO and Debbie Moeller, CNO - Lake Pointe Health Network present a check to Margo Nielsen of Helping Hands along with the organization's board of directors.

Lake Pointe Medical Center makes donations to Helping Hands

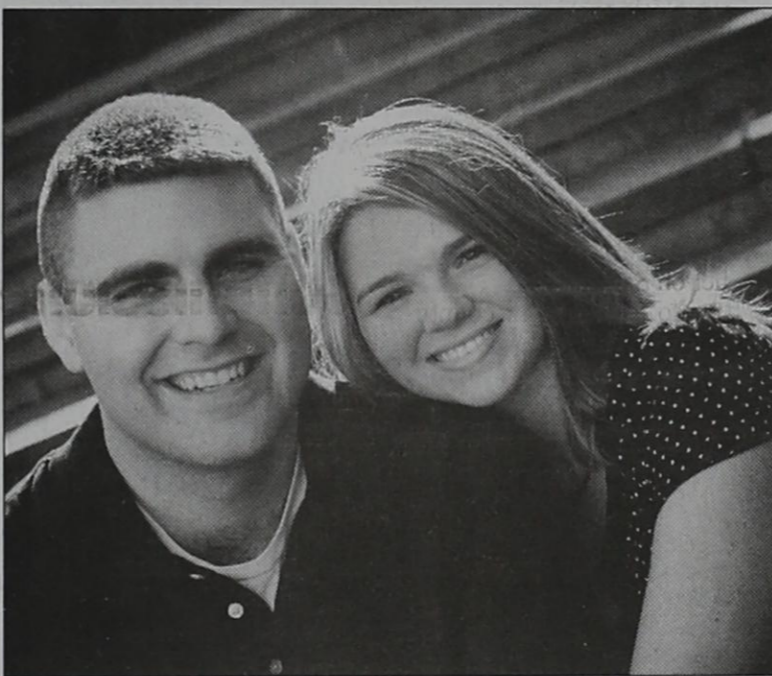
ROWLETT - Lake Pointe Medical Center recently donated \$6,000 and 1129 pounds of food to assist Helping Hands of Rockwall with their annual food drive.

Presenting the check from Lake Pointe Medical Center was Carolyn Jackson, chief executive officer, and accepting the check on behalf of Helping Hands was Margo Nielsen and the Helping Hands board of directors.

"We had a successful food drive, collecting 1,129 pounds of food, matched with a \$1,129 donation from the Tenet Healthcare Foundation,

to assist Helping Hands in stocking its pantry with the food items needed by those Rockwall County residents who rely on their assistance," said Betty Baber Kinsey, champion of the Lake Pointe food drive. "We are thankful for the opportunity to spread the holiday spirit by supporting Helping Hands. Their goal of providing assistance to those in need in Rockwall County is one Lake Pointe is happy to share in and we look forward to our future collaborations with Helping Hands."

Bellah-McComas to wed



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Don and Laura Zuckerman, of Allen, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Lacey Denise Bellah to Gregory Steven McComas, son of Mr. and Mrs. McComas, of Keller. Lacey is a 2005 graduate of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and a 2002 graduate of Rockwall High School. Gregory is a 2007 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and a 2003 graduate of Keller High School. The happy couple will wed May 31, 2008 in Plano.

Enrichment courses available

"Grow," the spring 2008 edition of the Rockwall ISD community education catalog, has been mailed to all Rockwall and Royse City residents. Classes are noncredit and open to everyone; Rockwall County residency is not required.

If your resolutions this year include obtaining a concealed handgun permit, learning a foreign language or planning your retirement, you need to see what is available through Rockwall ISD community education. There are classes to help you start a new hobby or career, manage your finances or health and classes just

for fun. In addition, the Texas Alcohol Education Program for Minors and the Adolescent Tobacco Cessation Program are offered locally. If your teen has been instructed by the court to complete an alcohol or tobacco course, please contact our office for information.

To view the complete community education catalog, visit <http://www.rockwallisd.com> and select the purple "Community" tab. You may also pick up a copy at the RISD Administration/Education Center at 1050 Williams St.

Register now for YMCA soccer

The Rockwall County YMCA has announced that spring soccer registration will run through Jan. 31 for early registration and from Feb. 1 to Feb. 10 for regular registration. Late registration begins Feb. 11 and ends when all team rosters are full.

The Rockwall County YMCA is part of North Texas Soccer and

offers soccer for boys and girls 3 (Small Fry Soccer) through 14. A coaches' meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

Check www.rockwallymca.org for cost.

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Jones Elementary teacher Marcus Edwards visits with students about a landmark on the SMU campus.

Students get preview of student life on area college campuses

Dorris A. Jones Elementary sent three sixth-grade classes to visit local universities as part of the Rockwall Independent School District college awareness mission. A group of 75 students, their teachers and school counselor Catherine Conger visited Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at Dallas on Dec. 10.

Dorris A. Jones Elementary faculty members and Rockwall ISD administrators encourage students to consider college as part of their future at a very young age. According to Conger, it is common for students in elementary and junior high to visit college campuses as it is never too early to learn about college options and post high school opportunities.

SMU representative Susie Duarte guided the group around the campus and pointed out both the historical features as well as different aspects of student life. Despite the brisk weather, the students were excited to preview college on a first hand basis.

"It is so important for children to see that college isn't a distant object, but an opportunity that lies in the near future," Conger said. "Each student needs to start

preparing as early as next year when they enter the seventh grade."

After sampling the college atmosphere at SMU, the group traveled to the University of Texas at Dallas. Seeing both campuses enabled the students to experience two different types of schools. While the differences between SMU and UTD are vast, viewing both allowed the group to realize that every college offers unique educational and social opportunities.

Barbara Boyd of the UTD enrollment offices welcomed the students upon arrival in an actual classroom. After her introduction, the group was guided through the campus by two UTD student workers. Both Mrs. Boyd and the guides provided the students with valuable information on student life as well as admissions requirements.

"It is increasingly important for students to take the appropriate classes in high school to be admitted to a collegiate institution," Boyd said. "Taking the right classes and practicing proper study habits will prove beneficial in the transition to college."

Library News

Library Closed

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Winter Story Time

Toddlers (18 months to 3 years): Wednesday and Thursday from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Preschoolers (3 to 6): Tuesday, Wednesday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 22.

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.rockwallcountylib.org. Select the "research" button and you are all set.

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Rebellion on the Journey
 Numbers 14

The ten spies who talked against the Israelites taking the land God was leading them to had much support. All of the people grumbled against Moses and Aaron and talked of stoning them.

The Lord wanted to destroy the rebellious people but Moses prayed that He would forgive them and He did and spared them. But he also declared that not one of them would ever see the promised land. Only a new generation would enter that land.

All ten of the spies who did not believe that the Israelites could take the land died of a plague.

Joshua and Caleb, the two who encouraged Moses that they could take the land, survived and were permitted to enter the land "flowing with milk and honey."



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Lone Star CASA seeks volunteers

In 2006, 273 children were firm as victims of child abuse or neglect in Rockwall and Kaufman counties. During that period, 345 children were in the custody of Child Protective Services. Lone Star CASA's mission is to advocate for these children during their time within the court system.

A trained Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer is appointed to a case by a judge when a child is removed from his or her home and placed in foster care. CASA volunteers monitor the child's well being in foster care, advocate for the child within the

court system, and help ensure that the child receives the services he or she needs.

The goal of Lone Star CASA is that every child in Rockwall and Kaufman counties who needs a CASA has a CASA. If you would like to be a part of this group of community volunteers, you are invited to attend the volunteer orientation at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Lone Star CASA Office, 950 Williams St., Building C in Rockwall.

For more information, contact Lone Star CASA at (972) 772-5858 or by e-mail at director@lonestarcasa.org.

Detour planned for FM 551

Construction on Farm-to-Road 551 in Rockwall County will require a closure that is expected to tie in a new section of roadway to the existing pavement, after permitting.

The Texas Department of Transportation will close FM 551 south of Interstate 30 between Greenbriar Road and Miller

Lane beginning Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. through Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

TxDOT's contractor, Mario Sinacola and Son, will be milling out the old asphalt, regrading the area and laying new asphalt. Detour signs will be in place to guide the traffic through this area while this work is being done.

United effort



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Advisers Mrs. Conger, Mrs. Colvin, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Marcellus and Mrs. Williams and their students spent five days collecting toys to present to Sgt. Martinez and Lance Cpl. Torres.

The Jones Elementary Student Council sponsored a toy drive benefiting the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. The students expressed a desire to do something for less fortunate children in our community and something for our military serving the

country. The toy drive was a perfect combination.

Council members decorated boxes and placed them in each classroom to collect the new toys donated by fellow classmates. In the five days of the project, from Dec.

10-14, the pre-K through sixth-graders collected 188 toys. This was the largest elementary school donation received by the Marines who picked up the toys on Friday. An extra treat for the students was a classroom visit by Sgt. Martinez and Lance Cpl. Torres.

Community supporters sponsor band students

Being invited to perform at New York's famed Carnegie Hall have been the easiest part of getting to the Big Apple for Rockwall-Heath High School students.

Paying for the trip, as it turns out, may be just as big an accomplishment. That's why finding community supporters of the kind like Gordon Van Amburgh has been so vital.

Van Amburgh, owner of Rehab Management recently stepped up to show his support with a \$2,000 donation that will sponsor two Rockwall-Heath students' trip this spring.

The Mighty Hawk Band of IHS has been invited to perform on the Isaac Stern stage at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The performance is set for March



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Benny Davis (left), director of bands at Rockwall-Heath High School, accepts a check for \$2,000 from Gordon Van Amburgh, owner of Rehab Management.

"Right now we have 10 to 12 students who may not be able to make the trip because of funding issues, this is why the donation from Rehab Management is so important."

Rehab Management is a privately owned physical therapy

facility with offices in Rockwall, Mesquite, Greenville, Rowlett, Quinlan and Terrell and has been an active as a sponsor of the students and activities at RHHS.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a band student should contact Davis at (469) 698-2619.

Harbor restaurant welcomes new chef

Nationally emerging chef and Evans is known for his character food and his bigger-in-life persona. The young chef favors playing the bongos on-stage food demos is the in behind "Creative American Cooking," his own developed cuisine.

He will join the D/FW restaurant scene with Blue Canyon Tavern and Wine Bar at Harbor in Rockwall. Evans, a Culinary Institute of America dis-

tinguished alum who got his start as sous chef to Charlie Palmer at the lauded Alva in Manhattan, opened his first restaurant in 2002 in his native Ohio where the original Blue Canyon Kitchen and Tavern in Twinsburg has earned national recognition, including a recent four-diamond rating from the AAA.

"I define Creative American Cooking as heartwarming comfort food with a tantalizing twist," Evans said. "I want to do more

than cook - my food is prepared in a way that wakes up our guests' taste buds so they realize what they've been missing."

The destination restaurant will project the warm and elegant glow of a mountain lodge against multiple views of Lake Ray Hubbard and will feature Evans' specialties such as braised beef short ribs with a smoke Gouda soft polenta as well as a cowboy beef ribeye with smoked blue cheese maple butter.

College News

East Texas Baptist

Fall commencement ceremonies for East Texas Baptist University were held Dec. 15 with Dr. Bob E. Riley, president of the university presiding. Among the graduates was Cory Lynn Fink of Rockwall, who earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Paris Junior College

Paris Junior College has announced students named to the President's and Dean's lists for academic achievement for the fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must earn a 4.0 grade-point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours. Those on the Dean's List must have a minimum of 3.5 grade-point average on at least 12 semester hours and have no grade lower than a "C".

Named to the President's List was Jennifer Moncivais of Roysce City. Named to the Dean's List were Makesa Richey of Fate and Lauren Davis and Amberly Stone of Roysce City.

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Red Cross seeks volunteers for disaster action team

In a typical year, American Red Cross volunteers respond to two or three fires every day in the greater Dallas area, including Rockwall County. Whether it is day or night, a disaster action team responds to the scene and provides comfort and immediate assistance to help those whose lives have just been devastated.

The disaster action team is a group of dedicated volunteers who act unselfishly to help neighbors and strangers in a desperate time of need. It is a selfless act of service, not one of convenience.

So, why do they do it? Ask any team member and the response you will get is this: "I want to do something that real-

ly helps people and I know I do that when I provide a family a safe place to sleep and food and clothes when they have just lost everything. It is the best job I never get paid to do."

The Red Cross is seeking 20 new volunteers for its disaster action team. To be a volunteer, you must be at least 18 and able to read and write. Team members are expected to be on call either week nights or weekends, at least once a month, and respond, as needed, when a disaster occurs. Training is provided by the Red Cross.

To learn more, contact the American Red Cross in Terrell at (972) 563-1030.

RPA speaker to focus on marriage

Rockwall Preschool Association will welcome guest speaker Rick Burge at its general meeting at 11 a.m. Feb. 1 at Lake Pointe Church in Room C200.

The focus of Burge's discussion will be succeeding in marriage with children.

RPA Moms have served the Lake Ray Hubbard area since 1985. The primary objective of the organization is fellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and their preschool-

ers. Membership to RPA is open to all Rockwall area mothers with children from birth through kindergarten.

The RPA calendar year runs from September to May and new members are welcome at any time. Currently, RPA general meetings are held on the first Friday of the month with varying dates on holiday weeks. For more information, visit the Web site www.rockwallpreschoolsociety.com.

Gift of giving



Amy Parks students (from top left) Amy McNally, Haley Lunday, Christian Clover, Austin Lu, Trey Millender, Nina Geruntho and Kailey Litherland helped send care packages to Marines in Iraq over the Christmas break.

Instead of gift exchange during Christmas parties at the school, the sixth-graders in Amy Parks Heath Elementary elected to donate goodies to be sent to Marines in Iraq.

All in all, the students shipped 13 small boxes and five large boxes of personal care items, stationery, disposable cameras and snacks the 1st Marine Weapons Company. Former APHE student Mark McKenna is the machine gunner for the Black Coalition Group of this platoon.

The packages were shipped Dec 28.

RISD thanks volunteers for contributions

Gov. Rick Perry has claimed January as School Board Recognition Month. The Rockwall Independent School District is joining other districts across the state to thank its community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

"School board members spend countless hours working to provide public education the best it can be for every child," said Dr. Robert Burton, RISD superintendent. "In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on a complex educational and social landscape that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility and oversight in Rockwall ISD for an annual budget of \$97.7 million; more than 13,000 students in grades pre-K to 12; more than 1,800 employees and 17 campuses."

Members of the Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees are: Lamberth, president; Craig Ziegler, vice president; Leigh Platter, secretary; and members: Dr. Hamilton, Dr. David Jackson, Dr. J. David Loftis and Dr. Lowrance.

Local woman named to TYRF executive board

Kristy Moore, a member of the Rockwall County Young Republicans and the Rockwall County Women's Republican Club, was recently elected to the Texas Young Republican Federation state executive board at the November board meeting of the TYRF executive board in Houston.

Moore will serve the TYRF state executive board as treasurer.

"I am honored to serve Texas Young Republicans," Moore said. "This is a great opportunity for Rockwall County Young Republicans to be represented on a statewide level. I am so humbled by being nominated for this office by my fellow Rockwall County Young Republicans and appreciative of the statewide support I received when elected."

Around Town

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.

Emerald Bay Park

The city of Rockwall is hosting the grand opening for the final phase of Emerald Bay Park from noon to 2 p.m. on Jan. 12. The park is located at 1816 Emerald Bay Drive but is easily accessed from the parking lot at the corner of North Lakeshore and Park View Drive.

Amnesty Month

The Royse City Public Library will be offering amnesty for overdue items during January if you bring in your overdue materials along

with some nonperishable food items. (972) 635-2772.

Women's League

Rockwall Women's League will hold its January meeting at Rush Creek Yacht Club at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11. The program will be "CASA serves our Rock-walled Kingdom" by Lucille Bell. New members will also be introduced. Vicki Alexander, (972) 772-0337.

CASA Volunteers

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

Volunteer Training

The next Meals on Wheels volunteer training is at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at the Helping hands conference room.

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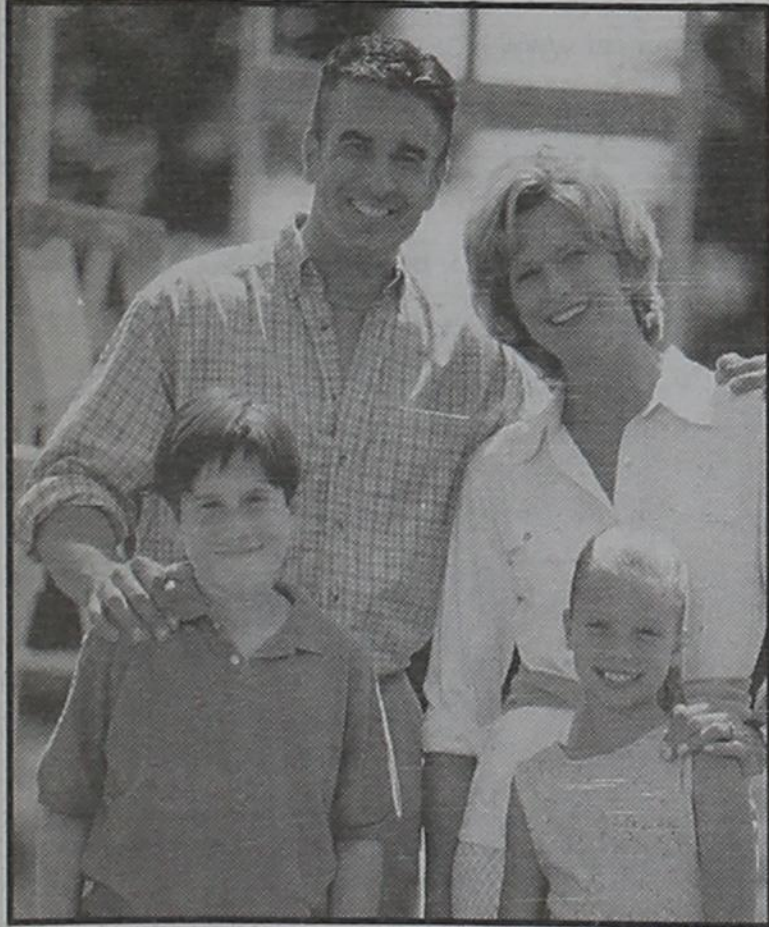
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Hawks pull off upset win over Terrell

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TERRELL - Chris Buttermore hit 1-of-2 from the free-throw line to lead the Hawks to an 81-74 victory over Terrell in a game that was a defensive struggle. Buttermore had eight points and four rebounds. Terrell's best player, Antwain Thomas, had 14 points. Zivko also scored eight points and dished out five assists. "He did a great job defensively," Morrett said. While the Hawks had a decent shooting night, hitting 41 percent of their attempts, Terrell (14-9, 2-3) were an 26 percent overall and especially 14 percent from the point land, making only 3 of 22.

Buttermore topped the Hawks with nine points while adding nine rebounds. Terrell's Brian Maxie had 17 points and the score at the 1:01 mark was a pair of free throws. Against West Mesquite at Highland Park, the Hawks failed to reach double digits any of the eight quarters. Dustin Morrett led Terrell with 10 points against seven while Buttermore and Highland Park.

The Hawks next action is at Richardson Pearce on Jan. 11.

Varsity Boys
7 13 17 4
9 12 17 7

Scoring
Zivko 8, Dustin Morrett 7, Zivko 6, Joel Wren 4, D.J. Snowton 2, D.J. Ennis 2, Sirron Fleming 2.

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THE TURNING POINT?

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"We turned a corner," coach

Jackets' 2-1 week puts them back in playoff contention

Alan Simmons said about the past week. "Against Naaman and especially against Sachse, we played the way we thought we'd be able to play this year. Our players now have a belief in what we're doing and themselves.

"We're still right in the hunt. Lakeview had a big win. We'll have to play them at their place coming off a big win, but we'll try to pick one up there."

Michael Smith gave Rockwall a big boost at Naaman Forest by scoring a game-high 15 points, including four of five foul shots.

Simmons said, "We shot well at the free throw line. We had a chance for four in the last 30 seconds, and we hit those.

"Our shooting is coming better each game. We were 18-for-

29 in that game. That says we didn't shoot enough. Their defense has a lot to do with that too."

That was even though the Jackets' season high scorer, Kyle Sandlin, didn't make a field goal. He did go 3-for-4 from the foul line against the Rangers.

Sandlin came back with big games - 20 points each - at home against Sachse and Garland. Jordan Hammontree, who scored 10 against Naaman Forest, also had 20 against Sachse.

"We made 20 of 25 free throws, and that was a big key to that win," Simmons said of the Sachse game. "We never trailed."

The Jackets were strong early and late. In one of their best first quarters this season, they took a 19-11 lead over the Mustangs. Sachse rallied to trail by only one point, 25-24, at halftime, but

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Rockwall's Blake Sandlin shoots for two of his five points Jan. 4 during the Jackets' 60-47 victory over Sachse.

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Hawks pull off upset win over Terrell

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TERRELL - Chris Buttermore hit 1-of-2 free throws with eight seconds to play and Jarin Brown came up with a game-sealing steal moments later, as the Rockwall-Heath Hawks stunned the cold-shooting Terrell Tigers, 41-40, on Jan. 5.

It was the first District 10-4A win for the Hawks (7-13, 1-4), who fell to Highland Park, 51-25, on Jan. 3, and West Mesquite, 39-30, on Jan. 8 in other district action.

"We stayed under control, and didn't try to play too fast," said first-year coach Justin Morrett. "It's the first time we have played a box and one, and we did a good job of it for the most part."

It was 5-10 senior Stephen Zivney who drew the one in the box and one, holding the Tigers' best player, Antwain Thomas to 14 points. Zivney also scored eight points and dished out five assists.

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Against West Mesquite and Highland Park, the Hawks failed to reach double digits in any of the eight quarters.

Dustin Morett led Heath with 10 points against the Wranglers while Buttermore's seven was tops against Highland Park.

The Hawks next action will be at Richardson Pearce on Jan. 11.

Varsity Boys				
RH	7	13	17	4 - 41
TER	9	12	12	7 - 40

Scoring
RH (41) - Chris Buttermore 9, Stephen Zivney 8, Dustin Morett 5, Chase Nielsen 4, Logan Callier 3, T.J. Tennison 3, Jarin Brown 3, Lewis Snowton 2, D.J. Enoch 2, Deleon Walker 2.

TER (40) - Antwain Thomas 14, J'Lil Herndon 10, Bedarrious Collier 6, Joel Wren 4, Derek Kennedy 2, Sirron Fleming 2, Brian Maxie 2.

Young gun



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Rockwall-Heath's boys kicked off their soccer season Jan. 3 with a scrimmage against Kaufman. Freshman forward Chase Minter scored the Hawks' lone goal in a 4-1 loss to the Lions. The junior varsity team outlasted Kaufman, 2-1. The Hawks will officially open their season Jan. 10 at the Forney tournament. Look for season previews on the Heath and Rockwall High School soccer teams in the Jan. 17 issue.

Lady Hawks knocked from top perch in District 10-4A

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MESQUITE - If the West Mesquite Lady Wranglers were impressed by the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks' 23-2 record, 11-game winning streak, two tournament titles and No. 7 state-ranking, they sure had a funny way of showing it.

Outplaying Heath in every phase of the game - offense, defense and style - the unranked Lady Wranglers easily defeated the Lady Hawks, 63-52, on Jan. 8, to take over sole possession of first place in District 10-4A.

The Lady Hawks (23-3, 6-1) had beaten Terrell, 58-40, on Jan. 5 and Highland Park, 47-32, on Jan. 3, to set up the battle of district unbeaten.

The Lady Wranglers (16-9, 7-0) took the lead for good, 23-21, on a pair of free throws by J'Tierra Brown with 2:51 to play in the second quarter.

Brown, who literally dribbled circles around Heath defenders and then drove the lane like she was practicing in an empty gym, led all scorers with 25 points on 10-of-16 shooting.

Heath started out strong, jumping to a 17-10 lead after one quarter.

But with leading scorer and rebounder Sequeena Thomas

on the bench with a cut in her mouth for almost eight minutes, the Lady Hawks produced just two field goals in the second quarter and were outscored, 18-4, to trail at the half, 28-21.

Back in the game to start the second half, Thomas reeled off 10 of her 18 points but also picked up her second, third and fourth personal fouls to return to the bench with 2:05 to play in the third quarter with the Lady Hawks trailing, 36-32.

By the time she returned to the game with 6:28 to play, the Lady Wranglers had opened their biggest lead of the game, 50-36. The Lady Hawks never got closer than seven the rest of the way.

Adrienne Boswell finished with 15 points while Shanae Lowrance added nine and 15 rebounds. Thomas, who had six boards in the first quarter, ended with eight.

Against Highland Park, Ashlyn Reyes led the Lady Hawks with 17 points, including an 8-for-8 performance from the foul line.

Thomas scored 14 points and collected 23 rebounds while Lowrance had 12 points and 14 rebounds.

In the win against Terrell, Lowrance topped the Lady Hawks with 14 points with Thomas and Boswell scoring 13 apiece and Reyes 11.

Lady Jackets save the best for last

By LARY BUMP
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The Rockwall girls' basketball team saved the best for last in a week when they won two of three games.

It wasn't just that their victories came in the second and third of those games, but also that the Lady Jackets broke open a close game to win going away Jan. 8 at home against Garland.

Both teams came into that game with 5-1 records in District 10-5A, and Rockwall was clinging to a 43-40 lead after three quarters of a close game. Similar to what they did in a fourth-quarter rally to win at Rowlett, the Lady Jackets outscored the Lady Owls, 14-6, in the final eight minutes for a 57-46 victory.

Peyton Adamson led RHS with 21 points. Her sister, Shelby Adamson, added 19.

Thus, Rockwall reached the

halfway point of the district season 6-1 and in second place - one game behind Naaman Forest (7-0) and one ahead of third-place Garland (5-2).

The Lady Jackets are behind Naaman Forest after suffering the first loss in their two-season history in 10-5A. The Lady Rangers defeated Rockwall, 59-48, on Jan. 2.

In that game, RHS took a 12-7 lead after the first quarter, but by halftime Naaman Forest was ahead, 27-24. The Lady Rangers used balanced scoring to win going away. The loss was Rockwall's first after winning its first 18 games in 10-5A.

Shelby Adamson also scored 19 points in that game. Naaman held Peyton Adamson to 11

points, the same total as teammate Brittany Coleman.

Peyton Adamson and Coleman increased their production to 22 points apiece Jan. 4 in an 80-55 romp at home against Sachse.

In Shelby Adams on's consistent, productive week, she scored 18. Sunny Satery put in 12 points.

RHS led 22-13 after the first quarter and outscored the Lady Mustangs in every quarter.

The Lady Jackets' only game this week will be Jan. 11 at Lakeview Centennial. Rockwall defeated the Lady Patriots, 67-37, last month at RHS.

No doubt head coach Jill McDill will try to keep her players from looking ahead. But you can be sure that circled on

their calendar is their Jan. 29 date at home against Naaman Forest.

Varsity Girls				
SAC	13	14	14	14 - 55
ROK	22	22	15	21 - 80

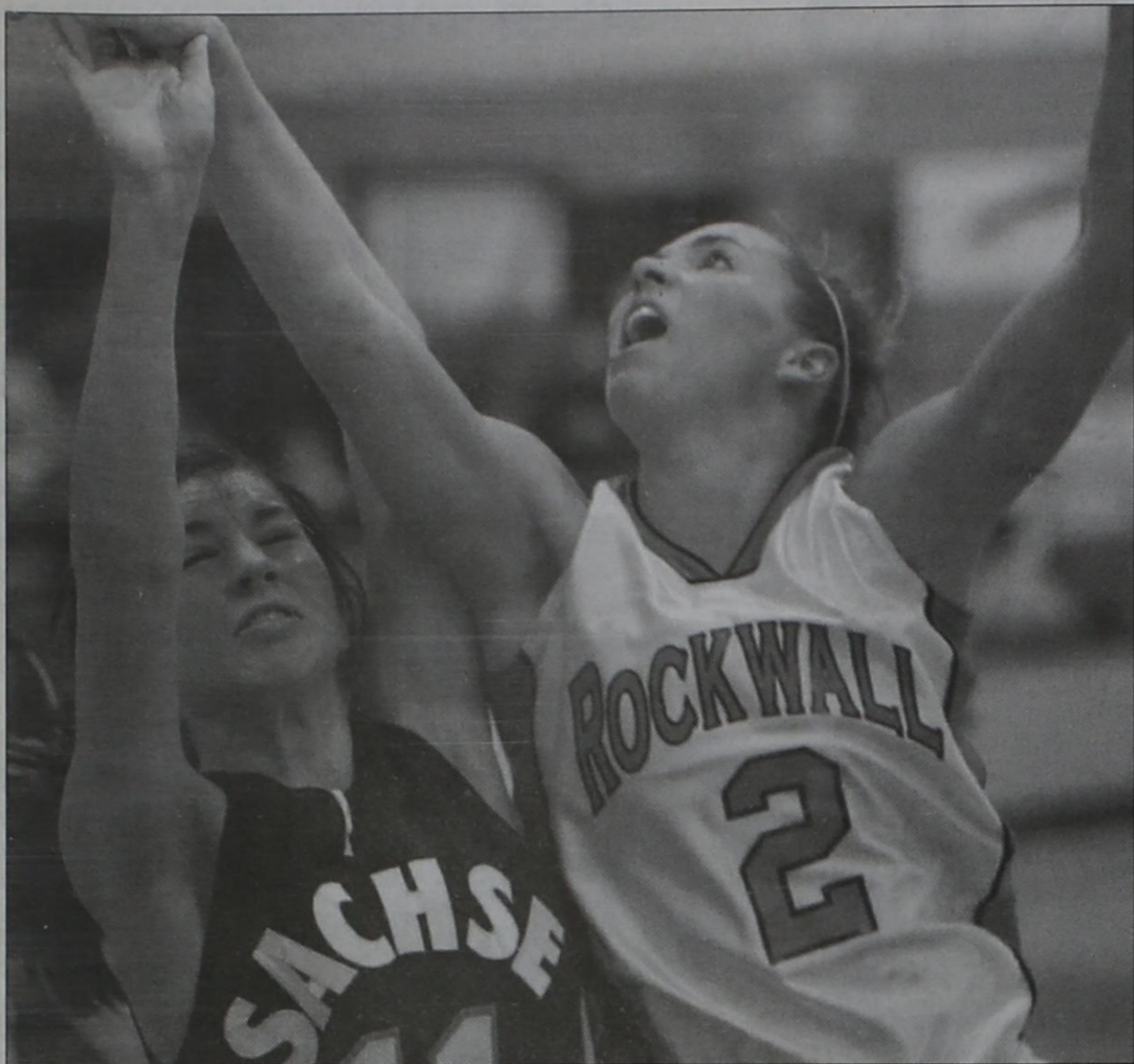
Scoring
SAC (55) - Jasmine Greer 18, Meghan Strickland 9, Kayla McGovern 9, Allegra Wells 8, Christina Pena 7, Ronette Smith 4.
ROK (80) - Peyton Adamson 22, Brittany Coleman 22, Shelby Adamson 18, Sunny Satery 12, Raven Turner 2, Nicole Schueneman 2, Jordan Anterhaus 2.

GAR	16	13	11	6 - 46
ROK	20	11	12	14 - 57

Scoring
GAR (46) - Lashanda Luckey 13, Hope Lyndsey 11, Quinae Thomas 9, Jessica Bell 9, Kalawok 3, Amanda Craddock 1.
ROK (57) - Peyton Adamson 21, Shelby Adamson 19, Nicole Schueneman 6, Brittany Coleman 6, Sunny Satery 3, Emily McCallum 2.



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Rockwall guard **Shelby Adamson** crashes into a Sachse defender during a recent victory for the Lady Jackets.

Jackets

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Rockwall pulled away in the second half. RHS outscored Sachse 22-13 in the fourth quarter.

A common thread throughout the week, even against Garland, was strong defense.

Simmons said, "That has been a considerable factor in every game we played. We gave up 58 to Garland, but that's within what our goal is. We figured if it would be in the 50s we still had a chance to win, and we did have some chances."

"We got it within four

(points) with two minutes left, but we couldn't get over the hump. The possessions when we had to have something positive happen we didn't get it done, but we gave it an opportunity."

Varsity Boys				
ROK	4	14	9	13 - 40
NF	5	9	12	12 - 39

Scoring				
ROK (40)	-	Michael Smith 15,	Jordan Hammontree 10, Jay Royal 6, Braden Smith 3, Kyle Sandlin 3, Hunter Jorgensen 3.	
NF (39)	-	Lloyd Dorsey 10, John Harris 8, Michael Daniels 7, Terry Corpew 3, Josh Lewis 2, Anthony Bailey 2.		

SAC	11	13	10	13 - 47
ROK	19	6	13	22 - 60

Scoring				
SAC (47)	-	Shonie Miles 16, LeShaun Murphy 13, Darius Singleton 10, Joseph Stafford 6, Brian Curtis 2.		
ROK (60)	-	Kyle Sandlin 20, Jordan Hammontree 20, Braden Smith 6, Blake Sandlin 5, Chase Adair 5, Kyle Timmerman 4.		

GAR	17	15	14	12 - 58
ROK	10	12	13	16 - 51

Scoring				
GAR (58)	-	Marcus Thompson 14, Greg McCutchen 12, Finnis Craddock 10, Marquis Sims 9, Brandon Wright 6, Stanley Okoro 5, Josh Otway 1, Jerry Barnett 1.		
ROK (51)	-	Kyle Sandlin 20, Blake Sandlin 9, Michael Smith 7, Tim Yeager 5, Braden Smith 4, Chase Adair 4, Jordan Hammontree 2.		

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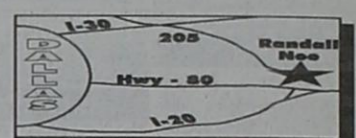
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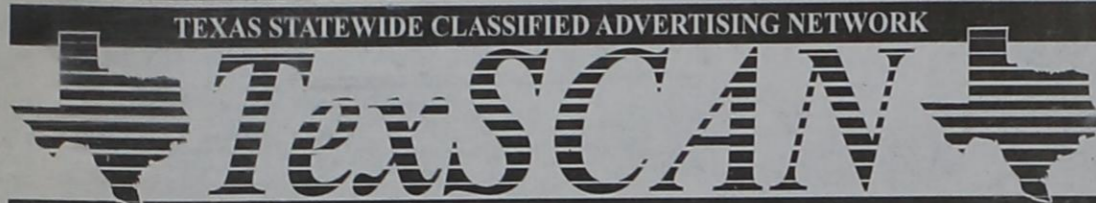
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APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR A WINE & BEER RETAILER OFF PREMISE PERMIT BY YMD OIL, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS GATEWAY SHELL & SUBWAY LOCATED AT 2205 STATE HWY 276, ROCKWALL, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TX. DINA MOHAMAD MEHDI, PRESIDENT/SECRETARY YOUSSEF AMINE FAWAZ, VICE PRESIDENT. SAID APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE. A HEARING WILL BE HELD BY COUNTY JUDGE CHRIS FLORANCE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH 2008 AT 8:30AM.

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- PUBLIC NOTICE -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following item:

A2008-001
Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex land of approximately 234.04-acres generally located northeast of FM 3097 and northwest of S FM 549, and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEING a 234.04 acre tract of land situated in the W.W. Ford Survey, Abstract No. 80 in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of County Line Rd and the City of Rockwall City Limits line per Ordinance No. 99-33 (near the southeastern corner of Rockwall Lake Estates No. 2);

THENCE N 88° 40' 26" E following along said City Limits line for a distance of 2204.91 feet to a point intersecting H. Wallace Lane for a corner;

THENCE S 01° 29' 50" E along the City of Rockwall City Limits line per Ordinance No. 97-14 for a distance of 2490.41 feet to a point intersecting Cullins Lane;

THENCE S 46° 35' 50" E along the centerline of Cullins Lane for a distance of 1515.12 feet to a point on the Southeast right of way line of FM 549, also being City of Rockwall City Limits Line per Ordinance No. 04-34;

THENCE S 44° 52' 52" W along said City Limits line for a distance of 39.84 feet;

THENCE N 43° 41' 33" W along said City Limits line for a distance of 102.06 feet;

THENCE S 53° 18' 32" W along the City Limits line (Ord. No. 04-34) for a distance of 917.70 feet;

THENCE S 47° 09' 10" E along the City Limits line (Ord. No. 04-34) for a distance of 246.41 feet;

THENCE N 46° 12' 42" W following the City Limits line for a distance of 1360.30 feet to a point intersecting H. Wallace Lane;

THENCE S 43° 29' 01" W following the City Limits line (H. Wallace Lane) for a distance of 679.78 feet to a point;

THENCE N 43° 30' 00" W following the City Limits line for a distance of 390.99 feet to a point;

THENCE N 45° 24' 00" W following the City Limits line for a distance of 327.14 feet to a point;

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THENCE N 01° 22' 07" W following the City Limits line (also the east boundary of the Rainbow Acres Addition), for a distance of 681.29 feet to a point;

THENCE N 88° 37' 53" E following the City Limits line for a distance of 1265.37 feet to a point;

THENCE N 01° 27' 30" W a distance of approximately 999.5 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 234.04 acres of land (10194702.22 square feet) more or less. The above description is intended to include all or part of the following parcels and to follow all existing City of Rockwall City Limit boundaries:

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Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Upon acceptance of bid and execution of purchase contract, remittance shall be made through invoicing at the awarded per unit price.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
Rockwall County
John A. Blackwood
Rockwall County Auditor

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CAUSE NO. PR 07-113
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARIE HELEN SIMPSON, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Marie Helen Simpson, Deceased, were issued on the 2nd day of January, 2008 in Docket Number PR 07-113, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas to Michael Patrick Simpson, Independent Executor.

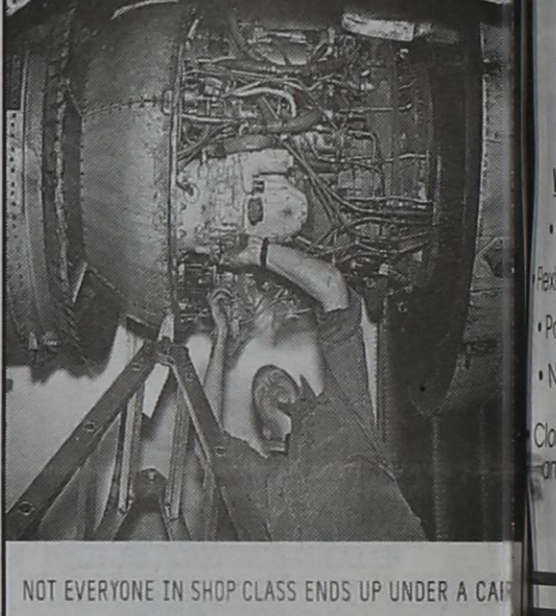
The address of record for Michael Patrick Simpson is 2100 Larkspur Drive, Carrollton, Texas 75010.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

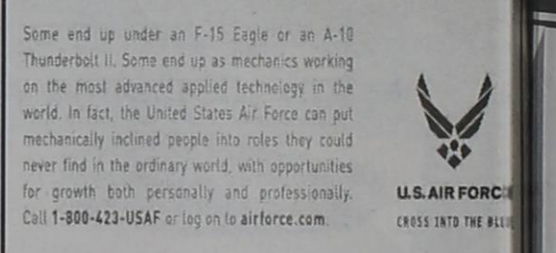
DATED on this 2nd day of January, 2008.
Signed by Michael Patrick Simpson, Independent Executor

Attorney for the Estate:
Don R. Stodghill
Law Office of Don R. Stodghill
1509 Summer Lee Drive
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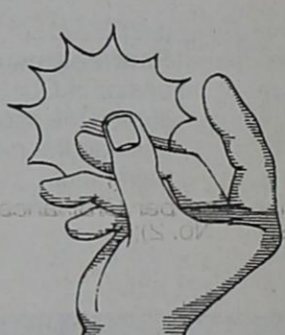
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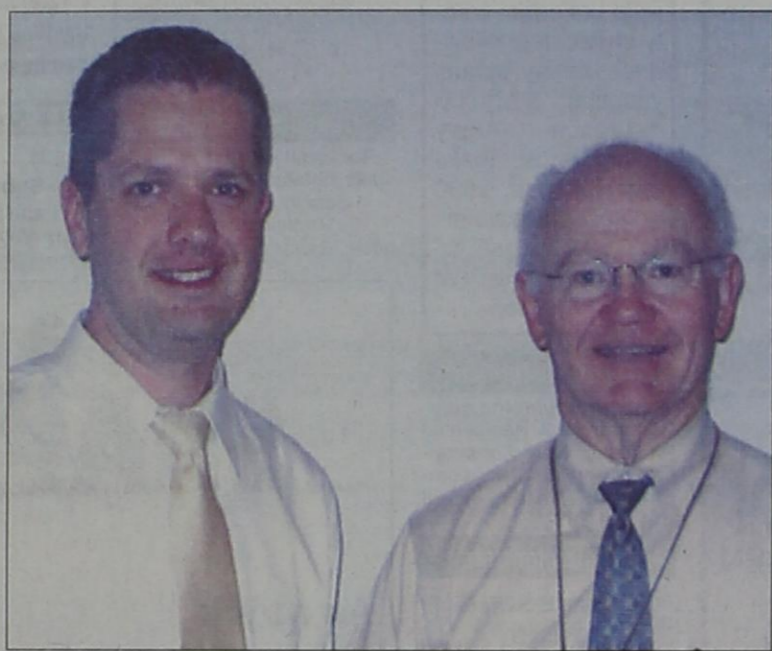
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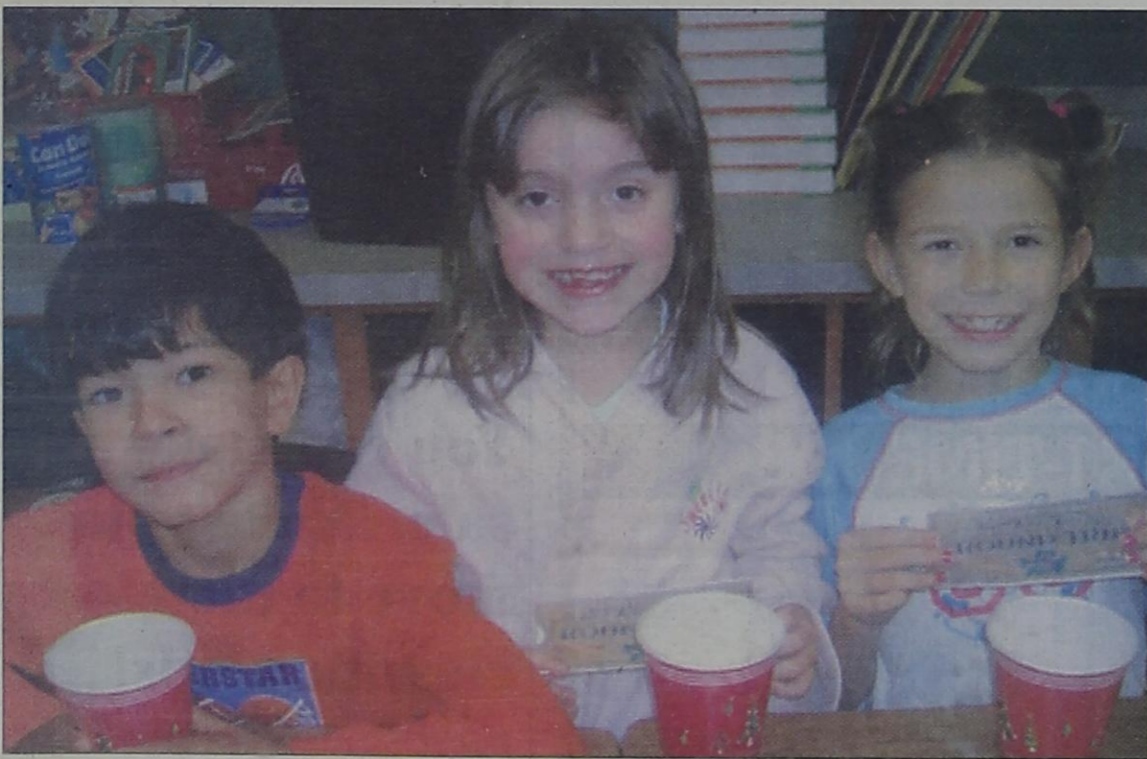
To provide meals to homebound seniors during the holidays, Dr. **Les Sandknop** (center) donated the money for the Rockwall County Meals on Wheels program. Pictured with him are **Sally Zajdl** and **Joann Glover** of the Rockwall County Committee on Aging.



The charter members of the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Inc. Grandparent Century Club met at the administration building Dec. 12. The group represents a number of people who have or have had grandchildren enrolled in Rockwall ISD. Shown are (back from left) **Martin Musser**, **Marvis Kisselburgh**, **JoAnn Efenev**, **Margaret Redd**, **Dalton Kennimer**, **Gene Cuney**, **Leigh Plagens**, **Dennis Bailey**, **Dr. Joe Loftis**, (front from left) **Joyce Mays**, **Mattie Mays**, **Dorris Cullins**, **Laverne Kennimer**, **Charlotte Cuney**, **Mary Bingham**, **Anna Wade Stegeman** and **JoAnn Loftis**.



Paul Ferguson (left) was recently installed as the new senior pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. **Richard Mayerhoff**, who served the church as the only pastor for 13 years, had requested to assume the role of associate pastor in anticipation of his eventual retirement.



Second-graders at Springer Elementary **Diego Acosta**, **Shreya Amin** and **Jenna Kersh** enjoy a cup of hot chocolate to go with their "Polar Express" tickets. The students did lots of activities prior to their celebration such as graphing, writing and comparing the movie to the book by Chris Van Allsburg.



Deloris Ballard, office assistant for the Rockwall County Committee on Aging, with some of the hundreds of personalized Christmas cards sent to seniors from Hearts and Hugs homeschoolers from all over Texas.



Community Bank recently provided a donation for the Rockwall County Meals on Wheels program. Shown are **Joann Glover**, executive director; board member **Sally Zajdl**; **Joyce Gracie**, Community Bank president; and board members **Ann Cornelius** and **Richard Lopez**.



On Dec. 12, an anonymous donor made a \$2,500 contribution to Rockwall Independent School District's Sharon Shannon Elementary. (From left) Assistant Superintendent **Joan Terry**, Principal **Katrina Hasley**, **Sharon Shannon**, **Isaiah Blasquez**, **Araeli Villarreal**, **Jasmine Norman**, **Hayley Hill**, **Samuel Ndinjakat** and **Maddison Parnelly**.

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 To contact the RCN by phone, call (972) 722-3099. Send fax submissions to (972) 524-8083.

Around Town

Chili Cookoff

Heritage Christian Academy annual chili cookoff will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on 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 for Rockwall honoring Raymond Cameron.

'Les Miserables'

Rockwall High School's theater and choral departments are presenting the musical, "Les Miserables," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2-3 in the RHS Theater. Tickets are reserved seats only for \$10 and can be purchased from Margaret Mayo in 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 at 2861 Ridge Road, Ste. 101 in Rockwall. (469) 698-0111

CASA Volunteers

Volunteer orientation will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Lone Star CASA Office, 95 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. on Thursday, Jan. 17 at the Keller Real Estate office located at 2861 Ridge Road, Ste. 101 in Rockwall. Speaker will be Rockwall County Republican Chair Bill Broderick.

Library Amnesty

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

