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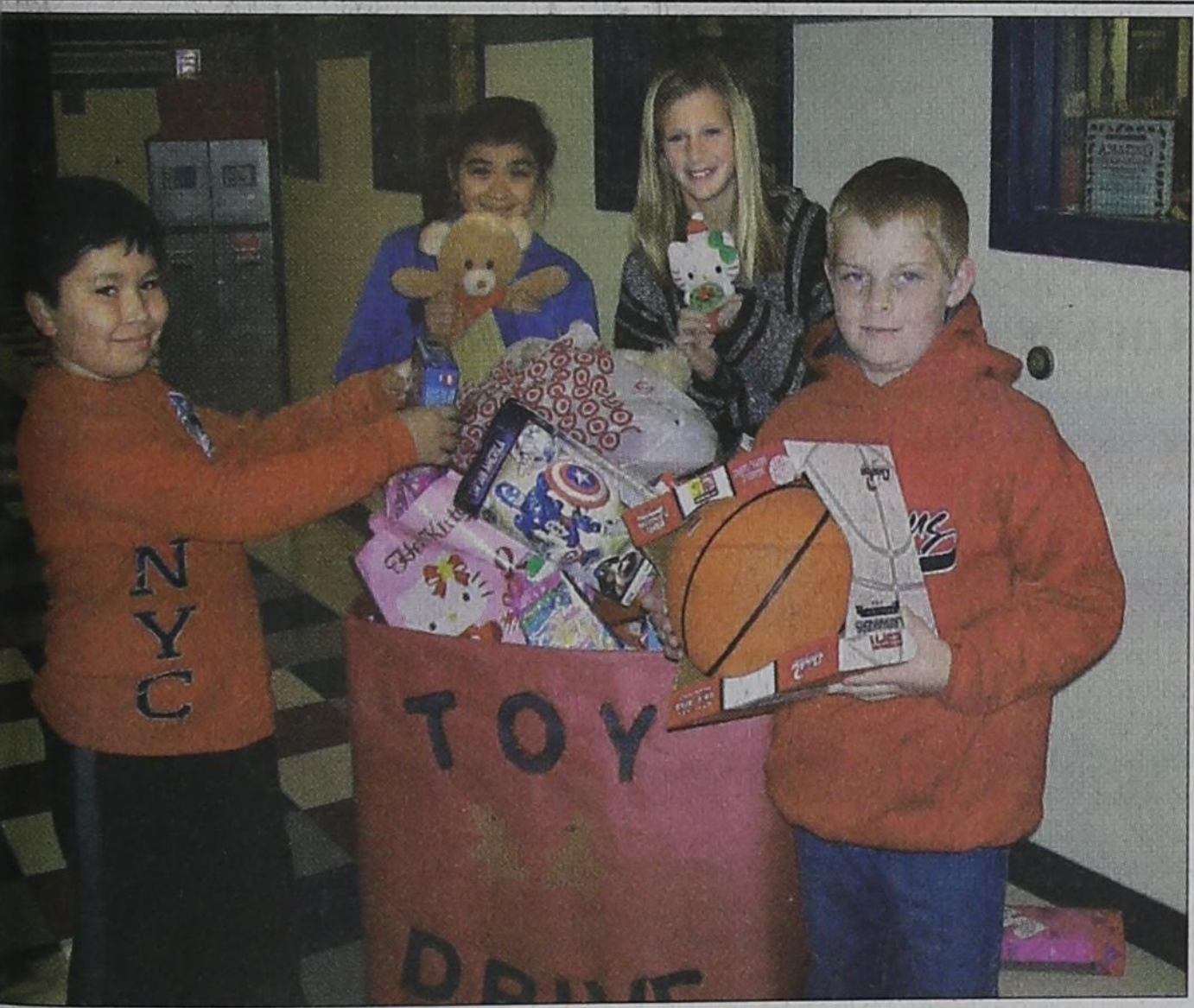
Sights of the Season



Alexa and Addisyn Shaw are shown visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary's annual Sweets with Santa event. The family night featured treats, crafts, "mistletoe math," a silent auction of student artwork and visits with St. Nick and his wife.
Photo by Darch DeBok Rocha/Rockwall County News



Parents and family members of Amy Parks-Heath Elementary students organized a prayer chain Monday morning at the school. The group members held hands and bowed their heads in silence after the first bell of the school day rang, remembering the tragedy in Connecticut and praying for the students, teachers and staff members of Amy Parks. The group then walked around the school three times in silent prayer.
Photo by Darcy DeBok Rocha/Rockwall County News



Students at Dobbs Elementary collected toys for Helping Hands as a way to show kindness and compassion in the holiday season. Pictured from the left are Tres Saenz, Yamile Ayala, Alanna Joplin and Carson Vangundy.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall's Got Talent scheduled for January

It's time for the third annual Rockwall's Got Talent talent show. Auditions by appointment only will be conducted at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, on Jan. 5-6. Registration is \$20 per act. Semi-finals will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 11, with finals at 7 p.m. Jan. 18. Prizes include \$1,000 for first place (donated by Community Bank), \$500 for second (donated by Texas Presbyterian Hospital) and \$250 for third place (donated by North Texas Appliance). Applications can be downloaded at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

The showcase for gifted entertainers is the brainchild of Rockwall Community Playhouse's board of directors.

Rockwall Community Playhouse, founded in 1995, is located in a tiny East Rusk Street building formerly used as a church. The theater has an entertaining season of musicals, dramas, comedies, children and teen shows each year. Since the auditorium seats just 84, the experience is intimate and after each performance, everyone is invited to the stage to visit with the actors. For the past 18 years, the plays have been chosen to suit the small venue.

In 2006, RCP launched a capital campaign, and with the help of the community, recently paid off the note on a tract of land purchased for a new theater complex. Plans are under way to develop a roomier building on Airport Road. The structure will be large enough to seat 300 people and to store props, sets and costumes. There will be plenty of space for parking, and the facility will allow more flexibility in the type of production that can be staged.

One way the board envisioned to raise money for the project is to showcase the best of the town's performers in a competition with cash prizes. The goal is not only to raise money, but to shine a light on the gifted population of Rockwall, as well.

Last year's winner, Amber Carrington, had a great time during the process.

"It was very cool to meet everyone in the competition," she said. "I was honored to win, because I've lived in Rockwall since I was in fourth grade and loved representing my city with what I love to do."

Carrington sang Beyonce's song "Listen" for the competition.

"I usually prefer country music," she said. "But I decided to try something different for Rockwall's Got Talent."

Although she has been singing for 10 years, she's never had a vocal lesson.

"I have a musical family, so I guess it's just in my blood," she said, adding that the best thing about participating in the talent show was that it gave her the confidence to pursue singing as a profession.

Gary Freedman, the Voice of Rockwall, is an enthusiastic supporter of Rockwall's Got Talent and often serves as emcee of the show.

"It is exciting, as well as rewarding to help inspire talented people," he



Larysa Bonacquisti, winner of last year's Rockwall's Got Talent competition, will perform her winning ventriloquist routine at this year's show. Auditions will be conducted in the first week of January, with finals set for Jan. 18 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall presented its Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 16, with choirs, ensembles, and the telling of the story of the birth of Jesus by the church's young members. Pageant Director was Melanie Logue, with assistants Janet McShane and Kelly Smith; Music Director and Accompanist was Dan Vaughn; and Choir Director was Heather Fisher.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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MOW Senior Services needs financial assistance

Recent cuts in federal and state funding, as well as an increase in the need for local services, has put Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall in urgent need of financial assistance.

During this calendar year, the agency provided more than 45,000 meals for homebound seniors and the disabled in Rockwall County, in part by local government funding, fundraisers and private donations, according to a MOW news release.

The purpose of the MOW Senior Services program is to keep seniors living independently by providing noontime meals and offering additional support services.

"For many of them, the only person they see all day is the volunteer driver, providing the opportunity for early intervention in life-threatening situations," said Margie VerHagen, executive director of the agency.

To absorb the funding reduction and eliminate the need to implement a waiting list, MOW Senior Services needs community support. There are several ways this can be accomplished, including:

- Participation in the agency's Annual Holiday Campaign with a one-time or recurring donation. Donations may be made at rockwallmow.com or at the MOW office at 950 Williams St., Bldg. C, Suite 200 in Rockwall.

- Visit the MOW Senior Services Christmas tree at HomeBank, 105 Ralph Hall Parkway, or Community Bank, 201 E. Kaufman, to make a donation.

- Purchase raffle tickets at a cost of five for \$20 for a chance to win an iPad on Dec. 14. Purchases may be arranged by calling the MOW offices at 972-771-9514.



Rockwall Soroptimists recently purchased hand-knitted hats for newborns and donated them to the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Rockwall. Pictured are Sonia Rasmussen, Claudia Miller, Soroptimist Karen Coughlin, Carrie Tarkington, RN, Jan Dempsey, RN, and Shanda Whitworth, RNC clinical coordinator for maternal child services. The Soroptimists is an international women's organization for business and professional women who aspire to improve the lives of women and children locally and throughout the world.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Poetry Christian affiliates with UVA

The Poetry Community Christian School has announced its recent affiliation with the University of Virginia (UVA) Valley Academy of Roanoke, according to a PCCS news release.

UVA students will join the PCCS campus along with Dr. Jo Vaughn, a former A&M professor and author in the areas of learning and literacy.

This opportunity will carry "new avenues for multi-sensor and interdisciplinary studies and new elective offerings," according to the news release.

The school is now accepting applications for the spring semester. Admission for the 2013-2014 school term begins Jan. 1.

For more information, visit poetrychristian.org.

RCA Student Council welcomes Rowlett officials



At its first monthly Community Connections Coffee, Student Council officers at Rockwall Christian Academy welcomed leadership from the City of Rowlett Dec. 11.

"We wanted to reach out to local leadership and really connect with our community in a more personal way," said secondary principal Tony Rorie.

Mayor Todd Gittel, city manager Lynda Humble, fire chief Don Poovey and police chief Mike Brodnax toured the campus and met many of RCA's students before sitting down to coffee and doughnuts.

Students asked a number of questions, leading to discussions on careers in city government, explanations about Rowlett's vision for the city, economic development, volunteer opportunities and transportation. They even offered advice on career considerations and volunteering.

Humble took the opportunity to explain the critical role of city government to the students.

"Whether you are Democrat or Republican, there is an undercurrent that government is bad," said Humble. "Most people don't appreciate the quality of life that we have come to take for granted today. So I tell people when you turn the faucet on and you drink water, not stopping to think one second about the quality of that water, you have the government to thank for that. When you get in a bind or your house is on fire and you call 911 and the cavalry shows up you need to thank the government to thank for that."

One of the students admitted he had never considered a career in city government, but that it was something he would think about after getting a better understanding of it.

The Student Council is already working on next month's event while employing some of the valuable advice offered by Rowlett City Leaders.



Sixth grade student Max Soto is shown receiving his Rotary Student of Honor Award representing Dobbs Elementary for the month of December. Pictured with Soto is Teresa Twedell, Dobbs principal.
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"The information they shared inspired us to go out and get active," said Chris Stephens, sophomore class representative, "...to do something in our community to help further our city's growth."

Rockwall's Got Talent coming in January...

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said. "I believe RCP helps instill in them a greater belief in themselves and what they are capable of. I feel pride in being involved in RCP and helping do what we do in the community."

"What I like best about Rockwall's Got Talent is what I like best about auditioning for a show at RCP — the warmth and supportive nature of the people in charge," Deb Ballard said. "It takes a lot of nerve to get up on a stage in front of people you don't know and allow them to judge your talent. But at RCP, everyone knows what that feels like, and we do our best to make everyone feel at ease. We cheer and encourage every entrant and the whole process is a lot of fun, not nerve-racking at all. Creativity brings joy to your life. If you have a talent you want to express, Rockwall's Got Talent is the perfect springboard."

The show is a community event, because like the television show "Dancing with the Stars," each audience member votes for his or her favorite act. Then audience votes are combined and considered as one judge vote and added to the other judges' scores.

"It is exciting for the audience members, since their votes count. So attending the event to support your favorite performer is important," Rockwall Playhouse board member Darlene Singleton said.

This year's judging panel includes vocalist and choreographer Danny Miranda, Dallas artist/vocal coach Patricia Ivey, Rockwall's Mayor David Sweet and actor/vocalist Steven Griffin.



Dennis Gullion said he wants to encourage people of all ages to join in.

"I know there are talented Baby Boomers out there," he said. "Also, I'd like to see a greater variety of acts in Rockwall's Got Talent. Our event is very similar to 'America's Got Talent,' and this year their top winner was a dog act. Second place was a comedian. So bring whatever talent makes you special and audition."


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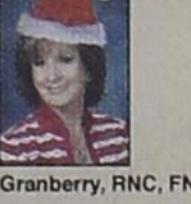
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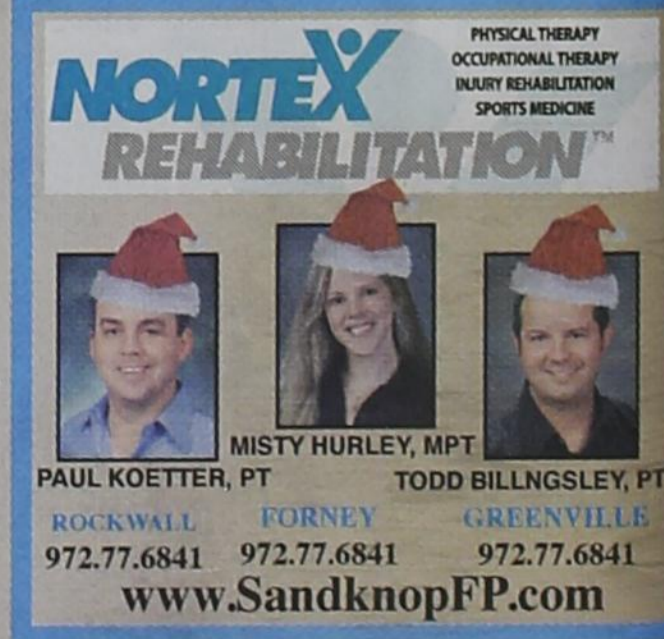
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus learned meekness and humility toward God...

The birth of our Lord Jesus involved extremely dynamic events that were unmatched until the death and resurrection of Jesus.

From a precise study of Jesus' conception and birth by harmonizing the Gospels, we can see how Jesus learned through his years how to be meek and humble toward his Father God.

Luke's Gospel reveals the heart of Mary.

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, you that are highly favored, the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women." God

looks upon the heart, and he knew that Mary would believe His word.

It continues, "And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be." Like any of us, she wondered about what she had heard.

"And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not, Mary. For you have found favor with God. And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.'"

A beautiful part of this record is that God knew in advance that Mary would believe His word. He told her in advance what was to happen. It's also important to note that the name of Jesus is more accurately translated from Joshua which meant God is with us. God was also with Israel through Joshua the son of Nun.

"Then said Mary unto the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the son of God.'"

Please notice the open communication between Mary and the angel who was speaking for God. She asked reasonable questions and the angel answered according to God's will.

"And behold, your cousin Elisabeth, she has also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren."

Lukes Gospel also covers much detail about the events surrounding the birth of John.

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." These words from the King James Bible are more accurately translated "For with God no word shall be void of power." The angel told the truth, which is that any word from God shall not be without power and is absolute! believable unto great and dynamic results.

Next Mary meekly and humbly replied, "'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.'" Without a doubt, would have been at this time when she conceived Jesus.

The Gospel of Matthew reveals how Joseph meekly acted on the word of God that came to him in a dream, and took Mary to be his wife.

With these accounts and more, we can see Jesus' parents were perfect examples for him to learn from.

Because Mary and Joseph faithfully raised Jesus according to God will, he was prepared to perfectly respond to the great anxiety that beset him before his terrible suffering. Luke 22: 39-46 describes how Jesus humbly prayed to God and made his requests made known to Him. Jesus asked "remove this cup from me," then meekly finished by honestly saying, "nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done."

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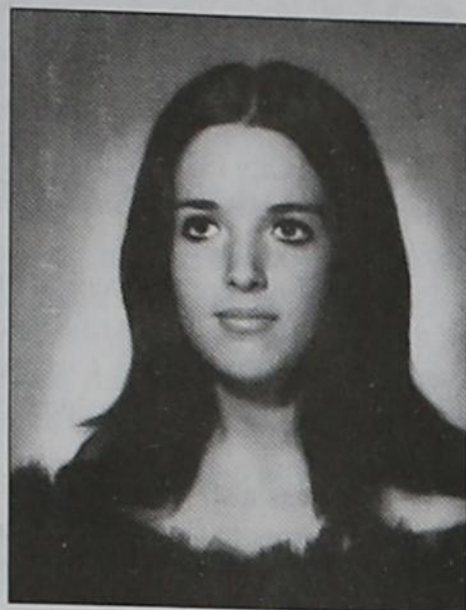
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Charlotte Lynn Spillman Young



Services for Charlotte Lynn Spillman Young, 61, were conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 19, 2012, in the Rodgers Baptist Church in Garland with Pastor Ron Thomas officiating. Burial followed in the Restland Memorial Park in Dallas under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall Chapel. She died Dec. 16.

Born Nov. 19, 1951, in Dallas to Robert F. and Clara Mildred (Niemi) Spillman, she worked as a pharmacy technician and was a member of the Rodgers Baptist Church in Garland.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Danny Young of Rowlett; her children, Galen Young of Rowlett, Kim Arrowood and her husband Marty, of Roysse City, and Phillip Young and his wife, Wendy, of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Jacob, Gabriel, Chloe, Zachary, Garrett, Kaye, Gavin and Annabelle; her brothers, Frank Spillman and his wife Sherry, and Robert Spillman and his wife, Joyce; her sisters, Alice Kenny and her husband, Robert, and Debbie Gollighugh and her husband Jerry; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle set Dec. 20

The next low-cost spay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will run Dec. 20. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 6:30 p.m. Dogs must be on secure leashes with collars that cannot be slipped; cats must be in secure carriers. Prices are reasonable and assistance is available. Appointments can be made by calling 972-472-3500. Questions can be answered by calling Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354. Upcoming shuttle dates are Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and March 21.

Jingle Bells Run slated Dec. 21

The Jingle Bells Run will be conducted at Fort Elementary School from 8:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 21 in the school's PE classes. Funds raised will help further the mission of the American Diabetes Association and will be used to help prevent and cure diabetes and improve the lives of those affected by the disease. T-shirts will be sold. Sign up your student at main.diabetes.org/goto/fort2012. The goal is to raise \$3,000. The student who raises the most money will receive a prize; each student who raises money will receive a prize.

Library sets holiday closure days

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday.

Church plans bell choir concert, special service

The First Presbyterian Church, 602 White Hills Drive in Rockwall, will offer at Bell Choir Concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24. At 7 p.m., a Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve service will be offered.

Early registration for Relay under way

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

Newcomers to meet Jan. 10

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

Rockwall's Got Talent auditions set

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

Local TEA Party meeting slated

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

Rockwall County Entertainment

Wade Bowen to perform Dec. 29

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

'Oliver' set at RCP in February

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

Side Street Strutters to perform

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

Robert Post show slated March 18

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

42Five performance set May 9

Five male voices comprise 42Five, which will offer up its form of entertainment singing tunes from the '60s to today, including "Don't Stop Believing," "Don't Stop Me Now" and "Joy to the World," beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 9 at the RHS Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

Newcomers celebrates with holiday luncheon

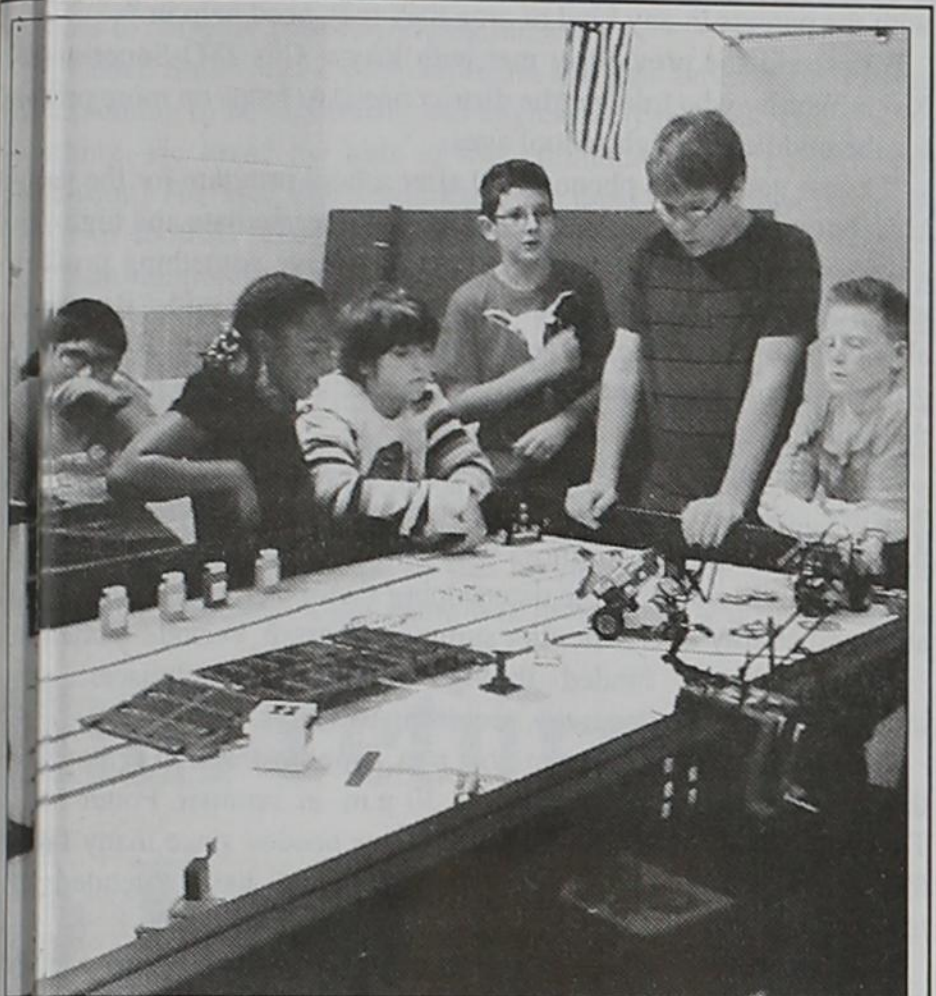
More than 100 Rockwall County Newcomers and Friends met Dec. 12 to celebrate the Christmas season.

Members demonstrated their talents by decorating the luncheon tables in keeping with the holiday spirit. Prizes were awarded for the best decorated tables.

Entertainment was provided by the Show Choir from Amy Parks Elementary School under the direction of Jan Stonestreet. The 36-member choir of fourth, fifth and sixth grade students performed a delightful selection of musical numbers and earned a standing ovation from the Newcomers. Deanna Tipton, a vocalist in Rockwall, also sang several selections to the delight of all those attending.

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Robotic Club members from Reinhardt Elementary Sammy Pinell, Sacha Braggs, Jaxon Selman, Eric Moyano, Keyton Leub and Gavin Schwaiger were part of a recent competition with other Dumas and Rockwall schools. Coaches Sherri Lofland and Renee Cecil accompanied students to Jesuit Preparatory School of Dallas where students created robots performed missions to demonstrate the robot designs and core values. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Chamber plans awards dinner

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 7th Annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner, open to all members and guests, on Jan. 10 at the Hilton-Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront, 2055 Summer Lee Drive.

The "All That Jazz" themed event begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour and entertainment by the Rockwall High School Jazz Band, followed by a seated dinner at 7 p.m. in the ballroom and the awards ceremony.

Dress will be business casual.

Tickets cost \$40 per person. To purchase tickets or to learn about table sponsorship, stop by the chamber office at 697 E. I-30 or call 972-772-6733 before the Jan. 4 reservation deadline. Seating is limited.

There will be awards given to the Corporate Business Partner of the Year, Small Business Partner of the Year, the Spirit of Rockwall Award, the Board of Directors - Director of the Year Award and a special Lifetime Achievement Award. Members of the outgoing board of directors will be recognized for their service to the chamber and the 2013 board will be introduced.

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Online tickets at STARPLEXCINEMAS.COM



Kerry Wiemokly, left, and Brian Braun are shown unloading boxes of food collected by the Woodcreek Neighborhood in Fate for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Their efforts brought in about 2,205 pounds of food for the pantry. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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MILLIE JEAN COPPEDGE
Reminiscing
Royse City

Fowler's new book released this month

by Millie Jean Coppedge

People all over town want to know where they can get a copy of Sheri Fowler's new book published by Arcadia Publishing titled simply "Royse City." The book came out on Dec. 3.

"I have a passion for history, particularly Rockwall County," Fowler said.

This is the third book she has published in the Arcadia Publishing Images series. The first one was "Rockwall, Texas" published April 2009 and the second was titled "Rockwall (Then and Now)" which came out in January 2011.

"Royse City" is filled with more than 180 photographs and history, carrying the reader through the growth of Royse City from the late 1800s until the 1950s. Cotton was the major industry that encouraged so many families to move to this small north Texas town. People in the next town of Fate even put their houses and businesses on logs or rollers and pulled them by oxen to relocate in Royse City.

The photographs and history were compiled from the archives of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation, the archives of the Royse City Zaner Robison Museum and from private collections.

Fowler's book tells of the early settlement of Royse City and how the arrival of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad from Dallas to Greenville caused the sudden growth of the town. The pictures depict the more than 20 businesses from hotels to cotton gins, and even a furniture store that were established in the town.

Farm and family life was the foundation of the community, which caused growth in the schools, churches and community services. Photographs of many of the sports activities from such as football, baseball, basketball, cheerleaders, etc., are depicted in the book. School and church organizations and community organizations are also shown.

In 2008, the Zaner Robison Historical Museum was founded and now contains an abundance of memorabilia relating the contributions that have been made that portray the rich history of Royse City.

Seven generations of Fowler's family call Rockwall home so she has a vested interest in the history of the area. She has on the board of directors of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation for more than a decade. She is vice president of the foundation and previously served as president.

For more than 20 years, Fowler has been involved in communication and journalism and is the executive director of communications, public relations and marketing for the Rockwall Independent School District. Her degree in journalism and radio-television from the University of Texas and her work as assistant editor for the Texas Monthly magazine only begin her extensive background for her writing career. She has been involved in numerous non-profit organizations and foundations in Rockwall.

For more information about the book, go to arcadiapublishing.com.

Royse City Police Blotter

Dec. 7-13

• Friday, 7 December: Disorderly conduct arrest, 1300 block E. Hwy 66; Forgery of financial instrument, 500 block County Line Road; Burglary, 600 block S. Elm Street; Alarm, 2300 block I-30 SSR; Suspicious person, 600 block E. I-30 SSR; Alarm, 1400 block Hunters Glen; Criminal mischief, 300 block Welch Road; Criminal mischief, 700 block Rowdy Drive; Suspicious person, 200 block Sandy Lane

• Saturday, 8 December: Assault, 700 block Cemetery Street; Burglary of building, 600 block S. Elm Street; Criminal trespass, 1300 block E. Hwy 66; Family disturbance, 800 block E. Old Greenville Road; Family disturbance, 200 block Singleton Drive; Accident, Area of E. Main Street and Josephine Street; Noise disturbance, 300 block S. Houston Street; Harassment/Threat, 1400 block Eagle Point; Suspicious vehicle, Area of Jones Street

• Sunday, 9 December: Suspicious person, Area between Spruce Street and FM 35; Noise disturbance, Area of Lakes Drive; Suspicious vehicle, Corner of Floyd Road and I-30 NSR; Reckless driver, I-30 W. at the 77-mile marker; Alarm, 1000 block Northwood Lane; Harassment/Threat, 300 block Ame Lane; Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 200 block Singleton Drive

• Monday, 10 December: Theft, 1300 block Live Oak Street; Theft, 900 block Nancy Drive; Suspicious person, Corner of I-30 NSR and FM 2642

• Tuesday, 11 December: Possession of drug paraphernalia, 700 block FM 2642; Runaway, 1200 block Tyler Court; Driving while intoxicated/Resisting arrest, 400 block W. Gail Street; Alarm, 2300 block I-30 NSR; Suspicious vehicle, 1600 block Cemetery Street; Disturbance, Corner of Church Street; and Live Oak; Alarm, 600 block E. Lamar Street; Harassment/Threat, 2800 block Spencer Circle

• Wednesday, 12 December: Burglary of vehicle, 1500 block Redman Drive; Theft, 1100 block Brazos Court; Medical assistance, 200 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1300 block Evergreen Street; Medical assistance, 1200 block Mexia Court

• Thursday, 13 December: Alarm, 1500 block Hafner Drive; Welfare check, Area of County Road 2526; Criminal mischief, 1500 block Hardy Drive; Two noise disturbances, 3300 block Overstreet Lane

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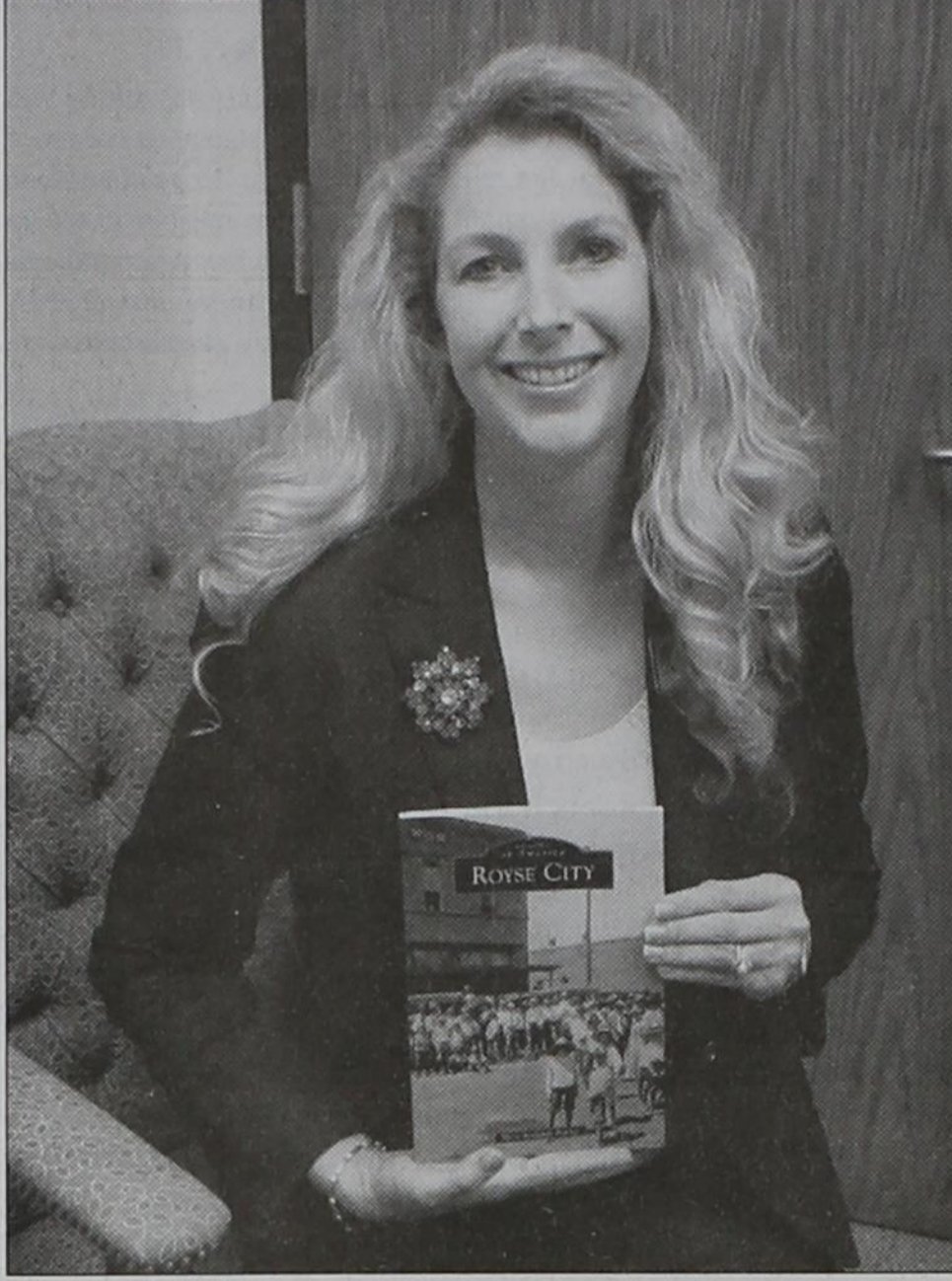
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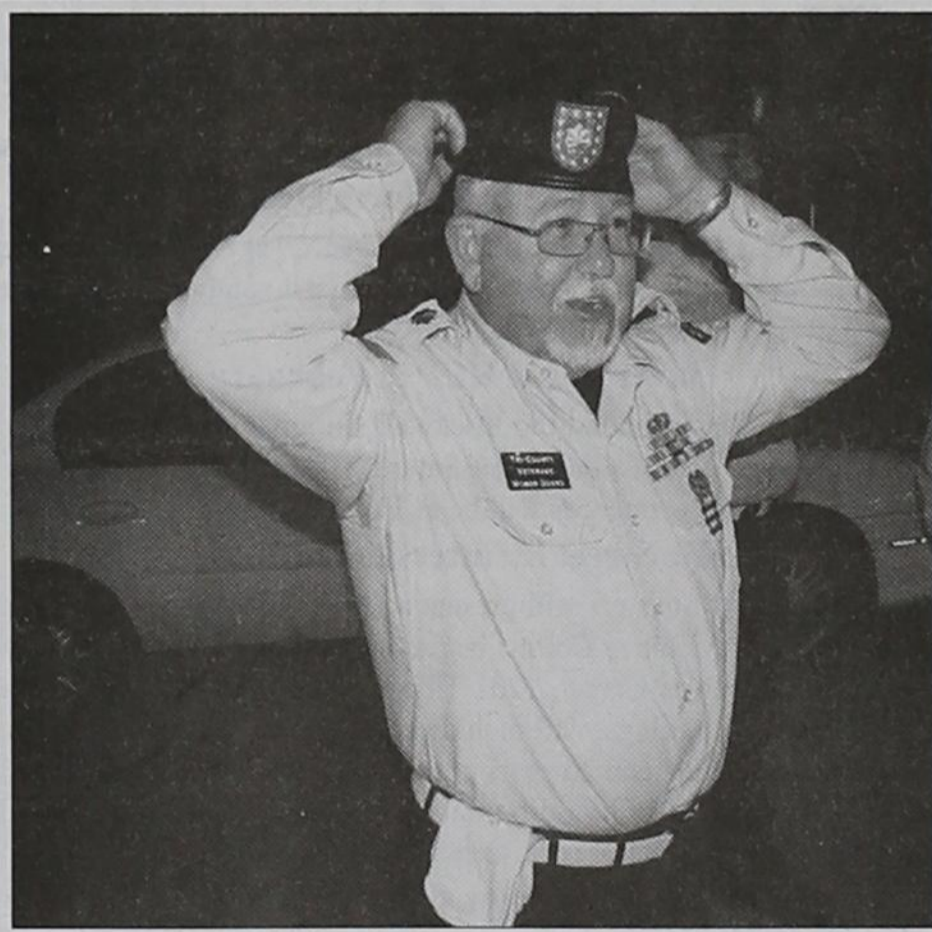
Sheri Stodghill Fowler of Rockwall recently released her third book in a series from the Arcadia Publishing Images of America series titled "Royse City," a collection of more than 180 photographs and history collections.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Three-year-old Will Shirley puts his toy contribution into the collection for Santa Day at Primrose School of Rockwall. The toys collected will be donated to the Toys for Tots on behalf of the school. The event, which offered snacks and crafts for the children and parents as they waited to see Santa, was successful.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Don Smith of the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard is shown preparing for the Christmas parade in Royse City conducted earlier this month. A large crowd gathered almost an hour prior to the parade's start, and several on hand for the event commented that the 2012 crowd was probably the largest in attendance at a Royse City Christmas parade.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church donated lots of shoes recently to Operation Christmas Child. Pictured above are congregation members John Crutchfield, Amber Logue, Anne-Marie Thacker and Will Crutchfield with some of the shoes donated.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Boys & Girls Club to open in Royse City next June

by Kathy Williams

The Royse City ISD Board of Trustees pledged its support last month to a plan for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rockwall County to expand Royse City by June 1, 2013.

Presenting the update were Misty S. Potter, Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rockwall County; Jim Mellody, the new named Chair of the Royse City Boys & Girls Clubs Advisory Council and Stephen Straughan, President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rockwall County.

The trio was also on the agenda of the Tuesday, Dec. 11 Royse City council meeting to seek addition support from the city.

The facility will be housed at the First United Methodist Church in Royse City for at least three years, Mellody said, while funds are raised to build a permanent home for the Club.

Potter explained more about the goals and mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs. She said the Club serves youth ages six to 18. About 20% of Rockwall membership is made up of Royse City kids, she said.

The doors are open, she said, "When schools are closed; we're open after school, we're open in the summer months, when there's a break, when there's holiday time."

"We are literally just an extension of the school system. We are a partner to the school," Potter said. "We are here as a supplemental education partner to the teachers. We work with the counselors, we work with the parents in any kind of area they may need help in."

Potter said she previously met with Royse City ISD Superintendent Kevin Worthy who told her the district needs to focus on more programs for the middle and high school ages.

"I know you have a phenomenal after school program for the young kids, but when it comes to the middle and intermediate and high school kids, we need to make sure that they also have something productive after school to do in the summer months," Potter said. "Because also helps our juvenile crime statistics. And at the rate Royse City is growing, I know that that is an issue we are all going to have to face in the future."

The fee to attend the B&G Club is \$30 per month during the school year for any age, and \$50 for the summer months. Potter said that financial aid is available for those who cannot afford the fee.

"Money will never be the determining factor as to why a child has access to quality after school or summer program. Period," Potter said.

The Clubs are funded through donations, fundraisers, grants, individuals and other sources, according to Potter.

The club is open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year, and 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in summer. Potter told Trustees that the hours may be adjusted as needed since many families live and work outside the city limits and may have extended travel times.

She also said the Advisory Board is working on ways to provide more members during the summer. The Rockwall Club currently provides breakfast, lunch, and a snack every day in summer, and offers a snack after school.

Activities at the B&G Club are academic-based to help improve academic performance, to learn leadership skills and to help prepare students for college, trade school, the military or a job after high school. But Potter said it's fun with a purpose.

"We collect the kids' reports cards, we track their grades. Any year that is scoring a 79 or below (in a school subject) has to go into additional tutorial time every single day that they come into the Club, because whatever time that we call the Power Hour is, that's homework time where they sit down to work on their areas of challenge or work with their peer tutor," Potter explained.

Potter said another academic goal of the Club is that 100% of members who attend at least twice a week will graduate or advance to the next grade level, and that 85% will do it with a B-average or higher.

She said since coming to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rockwall County in April 2011, and with one full school year cycle under her belt, the goal was put in place, 100% of the Rockwall members did graduate or advance and 84% did so with a B-average or higher.

After opening the Royse City Boys & Girls Club, the group plans to open a branch in Rowlett.

Royse City ISD Trustee Eric Fort said, "I am well aware of what the Boys and Girls Club does and I just think it's phenomenal. I'm exceptionally grateful that you guys will be coming out here to Rockwall."

Worthy added, "You have our support. It's all about the kids."

Yuletide Wishes

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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Appreciation for Rockwall Coach Scott Smith

Coach Scott Smith faithfully and sacrificially served the young people of our community for the past eight years as the athletic coordinator and head football coach for Rockwall High School. And since 2009, he has been the athletic director for the Rockwall Independent School District. During that time, Coach Smith dedicated his life to positively impacting the lives of teachers and coaches and literally thousands of young people. He leaves our community in better shape than he found it. He leaves a legacy of character and honor. Standing up for truth and reminding that honor is not to be sacrificed in the pursuit of victory. He will be missed.

Coach Smith is a unique blend of competition and compassion. On the football field, his pursuit of victory was relentless. Each and every day, he gave all that he had to his job, his coaches, this district and our kids. Coach Smith's intensity was unmatched. He desired and pursued success in every endeavor, every single time. And, if you had the opportunity to hear Coach Smith speak to his teams or coach his players, you would find yourself looking for a spare helmet, some cleats and saying "Put me in." He inspired. He motivated. He encouraged. And he taught his players to win with dignity, to act with honor in defeat, but in all instances to compete with unyielding intensity.

Coach Smith had a compassionate side that understood winning was something to be vigorously and aggressively pursued, but was not everything. He loved the kids of this community with an incredible compassion. The kind that recognized, for most of his players, the Xs and Os of football would soon be forgotten. And that what mattered more than temporary accolades or the scoreboard, was the life skills that make you an MVP in the game of life. Yes, he taught our young men to play football. But, he taught them so much more. He instilled in our young men character, integrity, honor and respect - for themselves, their families and their opponents. He led all co-curricular and extracurricular activities and convictions built on absolute truths that did not change under any circumstances. He taught us that honor was more important than victory. How one played the game was more important than who had

more points (or toys) at the end. And in this "Just win, baby" age, where truth is slandered, character is marginalized and the end is justified by the means, often to the exclusion of integrity, Coach Smith laid a foundation of character upon which our student athletes were grounded.

'Honor before victory' is a mantra of this district, thanks to Coach Smith, Dr. Gene Burton, Coach Mickey Moss and Coach Mark Elam. These men, all of whom exemplify character and integrity, conceived and developed the innovative 'honor before victory' initiative to address the potential divisiveness that occurs in a multi-high school community. Every year, at the beginning of school, all student athletes in grades eight through 12 come together across the district to receive instruction and training on how to be better young men and women and to compete with sportsmanship, dignity and honor.

I believe a successful season is not determined by wins and losses. In fact, it may be 15 or 20 years before we know the success of any one season as we watch how our young men mature. Coach Smith's daily motto was: "Work hard. Improve every day. Be unselfish and be the best." If his players accept and implement that challenge, we will have had a winning season. And if our young men follow Coach Smith's lead and learn to accept responsibility, reject passivity, lead courageously and pursue a higher purpose - in other words, become men of honor, then we will have had a string of championship seasons.

Coach Smith, you showed us how to pursue victory with everything we have, but not sacrifice our character or our reputation in doing so. You led the young people of our community to the arena of integrity and honor. Thank you for sharing the last eight years of your life, your character and your convictions with our kids and coaching them up in the areas that matter most.

May God richly bless you and your family.
Brad Lamberth



Members of the Friday Study Club recently met in the home of Martha Baker to collect donations for the Terrell State Hospital, one of the club's ongoing projects. Dana Cullins Macalik, a native of Rockwall, presented the program, From Cotton to Popcorn Papa. She serves as director of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above are Billye Wood, co-hostess; Becky Cecil, club president; and Baker.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Hall returns to Energy, Commerce Committee

Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) will return to the Energy and Commerce Committee for the 113th Congress, according to announcement made last week.

Hall has served on the committee since 1981 and took a leave of absence in 2011 to serve as chairman of the Science, Space and Technology Committee.

Hall is pleased to return to the Energy and Commerce Committee whose jurisdiction covers a range of issues, including energy policy, interstate and foreign commerce, and public health research," said Hall in a news release issued by his office. "It is an opportunity to help our nation's economy, and I am eager to work with my colleagues to advance good policies that will help keep America strong and competitive."

The committee is the oldest standing legislative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives and is responsible for overseeing the departments of Energy, Health and Human Services, Commerce, and Transportation, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Trade Commission, the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Communications Commission.

Hartman feted in foodservice program

Grace Hartman Elementary was chosen as one of the Top 10 Schools in the 2012 Whole Grains Challenge, according to a news release from the school.

Each year, every U.S. school participating in the National School Lunch Program is required to make at least half the grains served whole grain. To assist with the change, the Whole Grains Council created the 2012 Whole Grains Challenge foodservice awards program, encouraging U.S. schools to participate. Schools were asked to submit reports describing their best tips for successfully serving whole grains in schools and the challenges they faced.

Grace Hartman Elementary was selected by the judges as one of the top schools in the nation.

As the Child Nutrition Manager at Grace Hartman, Vicki Dorgelo has been using whole grains for a short time. Also following a baby steps procedure of introducing one new product at a time, Dorgelo and her staff have made their way from whole grain rolls to pasta. They found the transition to whole grains surprisingly easy.

Grace Hartman and the other top nine winning schools each will receive a variety of cases of whole grain-rich products. Dorgelo said she will introduce these products to the Youth Advisory Council, made up of students in fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, who meet regularly to discuss new food items for the school.

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To the Heath City Council:

The Heath City Council is bound and determined to move into an agreement with developer, Robert Whittle to develop the Heath Yacht and Golf Club (HYGC) and the citizens have been told that this is a means to bring revenue to the City by the development of

many more homes. The developer, Mr. Whittle claims this will bring thousands, if not millions, of tax revenue dollars to the City through the collection of property taxes.

The City staff does not know what this development will cost the City in expanding the City's infrastructure.

The City's leaders are being dazzled and blinded to the risk to the citizens by the dollar figures being promised in the future.

A few facts with regard to the developer Robert Whittle are provided below to help the leaders of the City of Heath by providing a bit of background information on Mr. Whittle's financial history. All the information below was found in the public records of the Secretary of State and the Dallas and Rockwall County Property Records.

Over the last 20 years Mr. Whittle has operated under many different names: Whittle Development, Inc., Mariah Bay Leasing Company, Whittle Homes, and other names too numerous to list.

Some of the companies that have filed monetary judgments against Mr. Whittle or his companies are: Park Row Lighting, Rockwall County, House of Carpets, and Texas American Bank.

Companies that have filed liens against Mr. Whittle or his companies are: Green Electronic Solution

(4 liens in 2010 - the Harbor), Armetco Systems (the Harbor), Elliott Electric Supply (the Harbor) and other companies too numerous to list, as well as

the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Whittle has filed bankruptcy multiple times over the years with the most recent being March 2010 relating to the Harbor development in Rockwall. In March 2010, Mr. Whittle's Harbor development owed over \$223,000 in delinquent property taxes.

Mr. Whittle is currently delinquent thousands of dollars in property taxes on numerous properties he owns in Rockwall County and the City of Heath. Some of those properties are Buffalo Cree Tennis Village, Bison Meadows Lane, Hubbard Drive, and other too numerous to list.

Mr. Whittle's promises of property tax revenue to the City of Heath on a futuristic development are unreasonable when he is unable to pay the property taxes on his current properties. Mr. Whittle needs to pay the property taxes he currently owes Rockwall County and the cities of Rockwall and Heath before he promises something he has little track record of delivering.

The Heath City leaders are taking a huge risk with millions of our tax dollars. At the end of the day, when the bills come due, it is the taxpayers citizens who are left holding the bag.

The City has to be the leader and stop letting Mr. Whittle call the shots to the detriment of Heath's taxpayers.

Sincerely,
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Opinions

Drug-War Tyranny in Its Purest Form

by Jacob G. Hornberger, FFF, Org

Stephanie George, who is now 42 years old, has spent the last 15 years of her life in jail. That might turn out to be a short period of time, given that her sentence is life without parole. She has no hope of ever being released from jail. Her crime? Living in a house in which her boyfriend maintained a lockbox hidden in the attic that had a half-kilogram of cocaine in it. The judge said that the lockbox was evidence that George was helping her boyfriend sell drugs.

Forty-seven year old Kenneth Harvey received the same sentence — life without parole. His crime? He got caught with a vial of cocaine worth \$300. Because he had two previous drug convictions, both of which he had received probation for, this subjected him to a mandatory life sentence.

Forty-one year old Scott Walker is also serving a life sentence. His crime? He was a drug addict who financed his addiction by selling drugs to friends. That earned him a mandatory life sentence.

Thirty-eight year old Reynolds Wintersmith is also serving a life sentence. His crime? When he was 17 years old, he got involved in selling crack. He has now spent half his life behind bars.

Robert Riley, 60, has been behind bars for 19 years. His crime? Conspiring to distribute hits of LSD dissolved on pieces of blotter paper. In order to pass the threshold that would give Riley a mandatory life sentence without possibility of parole, the feds added the weight of the blotter paper to the minuscule weight of the LSD.

No, none of these people killed anyone. They didn't rob anyone. They didn't steal from anyone. Their actions were entirely peaceful, voluntary, and consensual.

Now, consider HSBC, the world's third-largest bank. The feds accused it of illegally laundering billions of dollars of drug money.

HSBC's sentence? Oh, it received no sentence at all. In fact, the feds didn't even secure a criminal indictment against the bank. Instead, they let the bank off the hook by settling for a fine of \$1.2 billion, which equals about two months' worth of bank profits.

What's the difference between Stephanie George, Kenneth Harvey, Scott Walker, Reynolds Wintersmith, and Robert Riley on the one hand, and HSBC, on the other?

Money and power. The people who received the life sentences were poor and lacked political influence. The fact that three of them are black certainly didn't help. HSBC, on the other hand, is composed of rich and

powerful people, most of whom are undoubtedly white. Federal officials said that they were concerned that a criminal indictment of HSBC could destabilize the global financial system. But given the slap on the wrist to HSBC, where's the justice in keeping those five people in jail. Indeed, where's the justice in keeping any non-violent drug offender in jail especially when they're letting the rich and powerful off the hook for no violent drug offenses?

No reasonable person can read about the plight of those five people without feeling a deep sense of indignation and outrage. Every American owes it himself to read what the government, federal or state, has done to those five people. Here are two articles by John Tierney from the New York Times that detail their real-life drug-war horror story:

For Lesser Crimes, Rethinking Life Behind Bars
Life Without Parole: Four Inmates' Stories

Here's an NYT article detailing the special treatment accorded HSBC: HSBC to Pay \$1.92 Billion to Settle Charges of Money Laundering

Those five drug-war inmates are just the tip of the iceberg. The United States now incarcerates more people than even communist China, and the beloved, decades-long drug war provides government officials with the ability to do so.

But the horrible length of those jail sentences doesn't really go to the core of the problem. The real question is: Under what moral authority does government punish people for doing something that is really none of government's business?

Consider Stephanie George's case. Suppose she did know what was that lockbox. Suppose she was helping her boyfriend sell drugs. So what? Why is that the business of federal busybodies? It's not. It's none of the business. People have the natural and God-given right to own anything they want, ingest whatever they want, and buy and sell whatever they want. I called freedom.

Our American ancestors understood that. That's why they never permitted drug laws to be enacted in the America in which they lived.

The fact that so many Americans fail to see that fundamental point is as much an outrage as those long, manifestly unjust jail sentences. Never mind that Americans refuse to see that the drug war has proven to be a manifest failure and that it's resulted in countless deaths and ruined lives. How can Americans refuse to see the horrible violation of the principles of liberty when the government claims the authority to punish someone doing something that involves initiation of force against another human being?

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ROCKWALL COUNTY LOCAL EFSP BOARD #833200 HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

Rockwall County Local EFSP Board has been chosen to receive \$27,366 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of Churches in the USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army, and United Way, Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

A Local Board chaired by David Davis of the Rockwall County Sheriff's Dept., will determine how the funds awarded to Rockwall County are to be distributed among the local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is

responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Rockwall County #833200 has disturbed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with the Rockwall County Committee on Aging participating. This agency was responsible for providing 360 Emergency Food Boxes to senior citizens in Rockwall, Heath, Fate and Roysse City.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact David Davis at 972-204-7014 for an application. The deadline is Friday, December 21, 2013.

Judy Sweeney Moss is applying for the petition to gather signatures for a local option liquor election in the City of McLendon-Chisholm, in Rockwall County, Texas for the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.

The application will be filed with Debbie Sorenson, City Secretary for the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

The following requests for proposal will be available for proposal from multiple prime contractors who will contract directly with Roysse City Independent School District and be coordinated by Gallagher Construction Services:

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| BP 01-A CONSTRUCTION WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES | BP 08-A FRAMES, DOORS AND HARDWARE |
| BP 01-B FINAL BUILDING CLEANING | BP 08-B GLASS & GLAZING |
| BP 02-A EXCAVATION | BP 08-C OVERHEAD COILING DOORS |
| BP 02-B SITE UTILITIES | BP 09-A DRYWALL AND ACOUSTICAL |
| BP 02-F LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION | BP 09-B CERAMIC TILE AND FLOOR COVERINGS |
| BP 03-A BUILDING CONCRETE | BP 09-E PAINTING |
| BP 04-A MASONRY | BP 11-A FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT |
| BP 05-A STRUCTURAL STEEL AND ERECTION | BP 15-A MECHANICAL: PLUMBING & HVAC |
| BP 07-A ROOFING AND SHEET METAL | BP 15-D FIRE PROTECTION |
| BP 07-C SPRAYED ON FIREPROOFING | BP 16-A ELECTRICAL |

The schedule of requests for proposal is shown as a general guide and proposal packages may be added or deleted. Proposers shall check Gallagher Construction Services web page at www.gallagherTX.com for a full and complete current listing.

Evaluation criteria shall be based on price, reputation, experience, quality of product(s) and service(s), past reputation, bonding, financial status and safety records.

Proposals of \$25,000 or more must be submitted with a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of 5% percent of the greatest amount proposed. All proposers will be required to comply with provisions of the V.T.C.A. Texas Government Code, Section 2258 of the State of Texas with respect to the payment of prevailing wage rates, applicable city ordinances and equal employment practices. Evidence of worker's compensation insurance coverage's for the person's or entity's employees providing services on the project will be required for the duration of the work. Upon notification of potential selections for award the person or entity submitting the proposal must give notice to the district if the owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of the felony (this requirement does not apply to a publicly held corporation).

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

Cleveland leads Fulton Falcon's TAPPS All-State, All-Star selection

The Fulton School senior Conner Cleveland was named both to the TAPPS 6-Man II All-State football team and to play in last Saturday's 6-man All-Star game.

He was one of four Falcons to receive All-State honors, and one of three seniors (along with Fulton's coaching staff) selected for the All-

Fulton wins historic 1st girls' basketball game

The Fulton School opened its first season of varsity girls' basketball by winning the first game in their history.

Under the coaching of Christina Bradford, the Lady Falcons defeated Bullard The Brook Hill School's junior varsity 30-23 Thursday, Nov. 29, at Forney Sports Center.

Fulton lost its second game Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Van Alstyne 32-17. Their third game, also against the Brook Hill JV team, was canceled because the Lady Falcons didn't have enough players available. Fulton fell to 1-2 with a 48-24 loss against Lucas Christian Academy last Friday.

With a roster of mostly freshmen, Fulton is playing an independent schedule that includes sub-varsity opponents.

Royse City Boys Basketball Team Picks Up Two Wins

Last week, the Royse City boys' basketball team beat Terrell and Dallas Conrad.

Royse City was victorious over Terrell by a count of 67-47 Monday, December 10.

Individually for Royse City top performances were turned in by Jamie Briceno (17 points), Tre Hayes (7 points and 4 rebounds), Michael Webb (7 points, 6 rebounds and 8 assists), Zach Summers (7 points), Jackson Watts (9 points and 4 rebounds), and Tyler Thompson (9 points).

Then, Royse City topped Dallas Conrad 78-63 Friday December 14.

Notable performances were turned in by Jamie Briceno (14 points), Tre Hayes (11 points) Michael Webb (5 points and 8 assists), Joseph Steffen (6 points and 5 rebounds), and David Frye (9 points).

After these results, Royse City is 10-6 overall on the season.

Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks fall in 1st 2 district games

After spending the non-district portion of its schedule breaking even, the Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball team lost its first two District 12-5A games.

Despite an earlier loss to North Mesquite, RHHS (7-9 overall, 0-2 in the district) lost its first district game to the Lady Stallions 61-36 on Dec. 11. The Lady Hawks then returned home Friday, when Rockwall ambushed them 64-25.

"In the first half, I felt we came out OK. We handled their press, but then when we got in the half-court offense we didn't catch the ball and we didn't pass it well," said RHHS head coach Devin Gabbard.

Two minutes into the game, the Lady Hawks trailed just 3-2. The game never again was close to being that close. Rockwall-Heath didn't score for more than 13 minutes, and the visitors had a 32-5 halftime lead.

"We played well in stretches," said Gabbard, looking for silver linings. In the third quarter, RHHS scored more than half of its points and was outscored just 19-13.

"They're a very good team," the coach said of Rockwall. "They shoot the ball well. They're unselfish. They're disciplined. They have 8-9-10 (offensive sets). We only had time in practice to work against about three of them, so there were times when they'd show something new, and our girls would be saying, 'What was that?'"

The Lady Hawks' offense didn't work much, in part because Rockwall denied them short, uncontested shots. Jacquelyn Turner and Katie Webster tied for the team lead with six points each.

The first half has been a problem. North Mesquite took a 30-11 halftime lead. In the last four games (three losses), Rockwall-Heath has averaged 10 points in the first half.

Two weeks before, RHHS' team had spent most of its time in Royse City, where a rally fell short in a 52-44 loss to the home team Nov. 27. The Lady Hawks then lost 52-45 to Emory Rains two days later in the opening round of RC's Craig Bowers Memorial Basketball Tournament. After defeating North Mesquite 59-42 and Dallas Home School Athletic Association 43-41, RHHS lost the consolation final to Red Oak 52-20.

The Lady Hawks bounced back to win 39-30 at Garland Friday. Jordan Mitchell, with 21 points, and Katie Webster, with 10, provided most of their firepower. A 15-9 fourth quarter allowed RHHS to pull away from a 24-21 lead after three quarters.

Mitchell had scored 18 points against HSAA, when Rockwall-Heath took a 26-21 halftime advantage and held on. Against district opponent North Mesquite, Webster scored 22 points and Mitchell added 18.

Mitchell also was the high scorer against Rains (17 points) and Royse City (14). Behind TCU recruit Klara Bradshaw, Rains outscored the Lady Hawks 14-2 in the fourth quarter to overcome a 43-38 deficit.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Rockwall | 16 | 16 | 19 | 13 | 64 |
| RHHS | 2 | 3 | 13 | 7 | 25 |

Rockwall - Ellen Baker 13, Sara Williamson 13, Hannah Hughes 9, Alleah Austin 8, Hannah Clark 7, Cassie Ross 6, Morghen Day 4, Megan Grandy 2, Kaelyn Hutton 2.

Royse City Lady Bulldogs Win District Opener against Greenville

Royse City 59 Greenville 45
Thanks to a strong fourth quarter, Royse City was able to break open a tight game and ultimately go on to win their District 13-4A opener 59-45 over Greenville Tuesday, December 11. The game was played at Royse City.

With the win, Royse City improves to 11-4 overall on the season and 1-0 in District 13-4A play. Greenville falls to 10-5 and 0-1.

Late in the 3rd quarter after Greenville's Elizabeth Rutherford connected on a jump shot, the game was tied at 34. This game was too close for comfort.

However, Royse City took a deep breath at this point and responded with a 5-0 spurt to take a 39-34 lead heading into the 4th quarter. The game was still up for grabs.

The Lady Bulldogs knew that they had to play some fundamentally solid basketball in the fourth quarter in order to win. And that is exactly what they did. Royse City asked their inside/outside combination of Lauren Dusek and Krystal Pickron to carry them to victory in the fourth quarter. These two ladies were up to the task. Between them Dusek and Pickron combined to

score 15 of Royse City's 20 fourth quarter points. In District games, a team's best players have to play well when the game is on the line and Dusek and Pickron passed their first test with flying colors.

For the game, Pickron scored 27 points (8 in the fourth quarter) while Dusek contributed 12 points (11 in the 2nd half and 7 in the 4th quarter). Overall, Royse City outscored Greenville 20-11 in the 4th quarter.

Also, Royse City's senior point guard Sydney Erbe saw her first action of the season vs. Greenville. Erbe has been rehabbing a before the season knee injury. The Lady Bulldogs steady floor leader hit three crucial three point shots to help her team secure this very important District win. Her first three point shot came just before half time and it gave Royse City a seemingly comfortable 27-16 lead going into the intermission.

Then in the final moments of the 3rd quarter, Erbe's second three point shot pushed Royse City's lead to 39-34 heading into the 4th quarter.

Then in the early stages of the 4th quarter, Erbe connected again from three point range to stretch Royse City's advantage to 44-35. After this three point

shot, Greenville never seriously threatened Royse City again.

Royse City Scoring Summary: Krystal Pickron 27, Lauren Dusek Sydney Erbe 9, Keri Collins 4, Halea McCarroll 3, Autumn Quinn 2, J Williams 2.

Greenville Scoring Summary: Rutherford 14, Crabtree 11, Hime Cooper 6, Alford 6.

Other Royse City Lady Bulldog Basketball News
State ranked McKinney North beat Royse City 82-34 Friday, Decen 14 at McKinney North

With this loss, Royse City falls to 11-5 overall and 1-1 in District 13 play.

Rockwall-Heath's development in boys' basketball continued during the last two weeks, when the Hawks won four of six games to improve their record to 8-7.

Going into Monday's home game against Allen, RHHS had won 7 of 10 games after a 1-4 start.

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RHHS - Jacquelyn Turner 6, Katie Webster 6, Caroline McCallum 3, Lauren Mizell 3, Geneva Johnson 2, Kirsten Pruitt 2, Jasmine Brumfield 1, Eden Deel 1, Sophie Keith 1.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| North Mesquite | 20 | 10 | 15 | 16 | 61 |
| RHHS | 6 | 5 | 12 | 13 | 36 |

North Mesquite - Taylor Carroway 25, Racheal Malone 15, Tyree Brown 7, Makquisha Carruth 7, Emily Malone 2, Ashley Rivera 1, Kierra Townsend 2, Kara Hitt 1.

RHHS - Katie Webster 10, Jordan Mitchell 8, Geneva Johnson 7, Jacquelyn Turner 5, Sophie Keith 3, Brittany Helms 2, Kirsten Pruitt 1.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RHHS | 8 | 7 | 9 | 15 | 39 |
| Garland | 9 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 30 |

RHHS - Jordan Mitchell 21, Katie Webster 10, Brittany Helms 3, Geneva Johnson 2, Jessica Nwabuko 2, Eden Deel 1.

Garland - Nari Washington 12, Princess Holloway 5, Johnqala Diggs 2, Ariel Ates 1, Nia Randall 1.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Red Oak | 13 | 15 | 17 | 7 | 52 |
| RHHS | 9 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 20 |

RHHS - Taylor Carroway 25, Racheal Malone 15, Tyree Brown 7, Makquisha Carruth 7, Emily Malone 2, Ashley Rivera 1, Kierra Townsend 2, Kara Hitt 1.

RHHS - Katie Webster 22, Jordan Mitchell 18, Jacquelyn Turner 8, Brittany Helms 3, Jasmine Brumfield 2, Sophie Keith 2, Veronica Vinson 2.

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|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Emory Rains | 12 | 18 | 8 | 14 | 52 |
| RHHS | 4 | 20 | 19 | 2 | 45 |

Emory Rains - Klara Bradshaw 22, Molly Carista 8, Hannah Dickens 7, Carley Hill 5, Courtney Anderson 4.

RHHS - Jordan Mitchell 17, Katie Webster 9, Caroline McCallum 8, Brittany Helms 2, Geneva Johnson 2, Jessica Nwabuko 2.

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|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RHHS | 6 | 16 | 8 | 14 | 44 |
| Royse City | 22 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 52 |

RHHS - Jordan Mitchell 14, Geneva Johnson 8, Katie Webster 8, Mallory Rice 5, Jacquelyn Turner 3, Caroline McCallum 2, Eden Deel 2, Veronica Vinson 1, Brittany Helms 1.

Royse City - N/A.

second-team All-State at quarterback.

Junior teammate Todd Treadway was a first-team All-State lineba and received Honorable Mention on offense as a spread back. classmate, Hayden Leverett, was a first-team selection as a receiver. Falcons sophomore Brenner Newman was named to the State second team as a defensive lineman.

Treadway was voted the district's Most Valuable Player and team All-District at spread back and linebacker.

Other Fulton first-team All-District players were Clevel quarterback and defensive back; Newman, utility back and defer lineman, Reid Stockton, running back; Leverett, wide receiver, Zach Johnson, center.

Falcons voted second-team All-District were linebacker I Stockton, who received Honorable Mention as an offensive line; Johnson as a defensive lineman; Trey Ivey, wide receiver and defer back, and Tyler Echols, defensive back and special teams player.

Other Honorable Mention choices were Leverett at linebacker, B Geiger at wide receiver and Levi Bernard at running back.

Young Hawks basketball team push record above .50

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59-54.

Zivney scored 15 points and Luke Ramirez added 12 for the Hawk. In another big victory Friday, RHHS used a balanced scoring attack win going away at Wylie East 76-54. The Hawks outscored the Ra 25-17 in the fourth quarter.

Four players - and very nearly five - scored at least 10 points. Rockwall-Heath, Cameron Talley led the way with 18 points, with Zivney adding 15 and Hoy and Jackson Zivney putting in 12 e Colton Rashbrook finished with 9.

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| RHHS | 17 | 18 | 16 | 25 | 76 |
| Wylie East | 5 | 14 | 18 | 17 | 54 |

RHHS - Cameron Talley 18, Tyler Zivney 15, Jordan Hoy 12, Jac Zivney 12, Colton Rashbrook 9, Jeffrey Harris 4, Colton Smith 4, D Keaton 2.

Wylie East - Henry Dues 11, Da'Juan Brown 9, Braden Shewr 9, Jordan Wyatt 9, Will Feagins 7, Austin Keisler 4, Robert Bennie Dexter Fuller 2, Shelby Thigpen 1.

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|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| South Garland | 14 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 59 |
| RHHS | 11 | 14 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 54 |

South Garland - Nate Flynn 16, LaJohn Martin 16, Tadarus Mil 13, Trey Jackson 11, Elijah Gibson 2, Brayleon Thorns 1.

RHHS - Jackson Zivney 15, Luke Ramirez 12, Jordan Hoy 8, D Keaton 7, Ryan McKay 5, Cameron Talley 4, Colton Smith 2, Je Harris 1.

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| Canton | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 20 |
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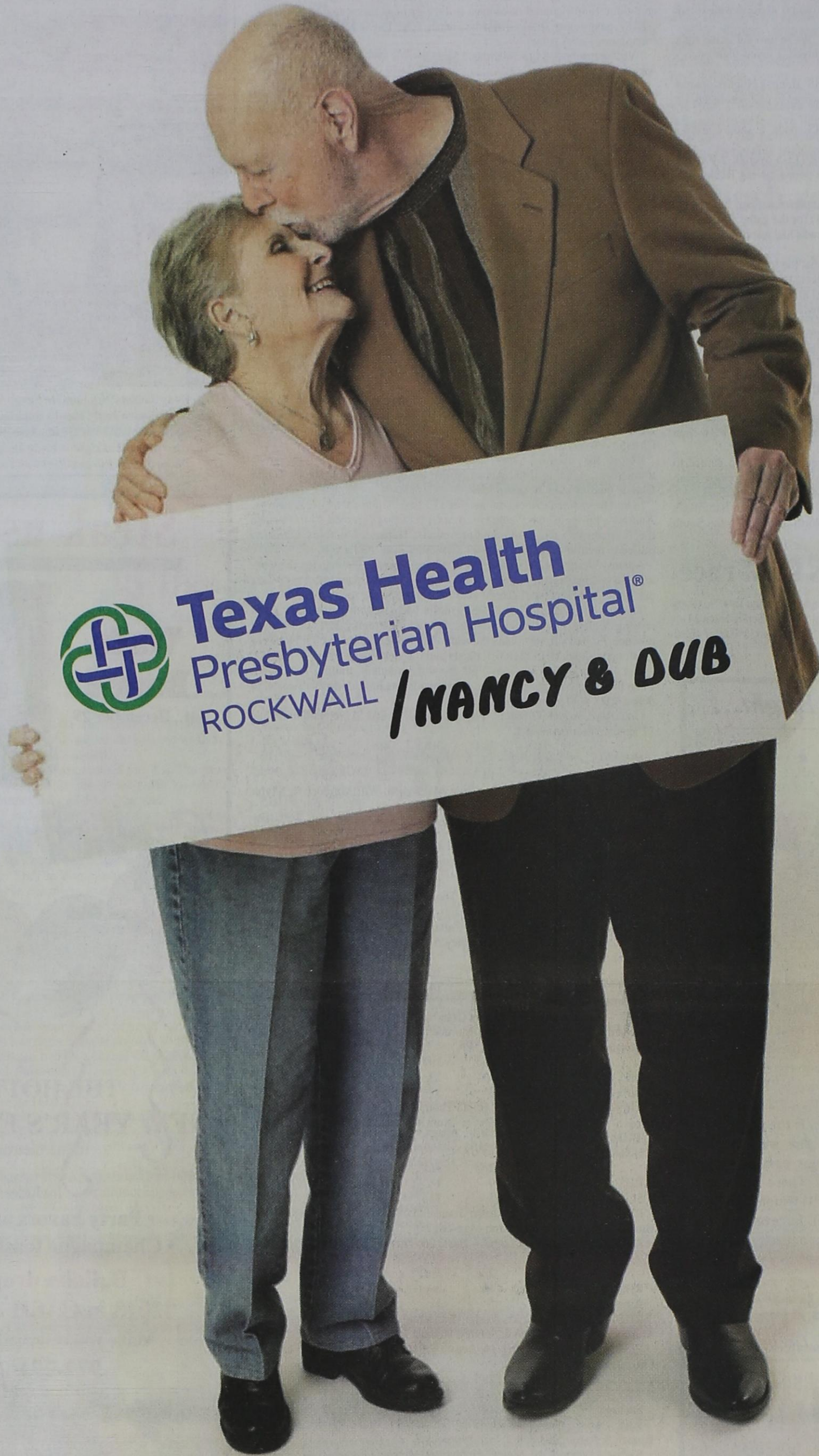
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