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Pullen Elementary teacher Laci Betterton and husband killed in Sunday car accident

Students and faculty are mourning the deaths of two area school teachers, who died Sunday night in a two-car accident near Caddo Mills.

Laci Betterton, 25, was a music teacher at Rockwall's Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary School. Her husband, James, 23, was a music teacher at Freeman Elementary School in Garland.

He had been hired to work for the district at mid-term this school year and had been at Freeman for just one week before the winter break.

According to the Department of Public Safety, the couple was travelling east on State Highway 66 near Caddo Mills when their Dodge Neon was hit by an eastbound Dodge Dakota.

The driver of the Dodge Dakota was not injured.

DPS spokespersons said there was slush and snow on the road and investigators are still working to determine if the road conditions played a role in the accident.

The Rockwall ISD Executive Director of Communications Sheri Fowler said that as a music teacher, Laci Betterton had contact with every student on campus.

"The district is so saddened by the death of music teacher Laci Betterton and her husband. She touched the life of every student at Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary School and her absence will be greatly felt on that campus and throughout the district as a whole," Fowler said in a written statement.

"On Monday, the district provided multiple counselors to talk with students and staff members as they struggled with the news of Mrs. Betterton's death. Counselors will remain on call for as long as the campus needs support. The district's foremost concern is for the well-being of the students and staff."

Fowler also said the Pullen Elementary family has received an outpouring of support from the Rockwall community. Both Kroger and CiCi's Pizza donated food for the staff and parents and community members have offered to provide any support or services needed.

"We are so grateful to be a part of such a caring community - a community that never hesitates to reach out and offer comfort and support," Fowler said. Reavis Wortham, Director of Communications for Garland ISD said similar

support has been set up for the students and staff at Freeman Elementary.

A letter was sent home Monday to all families at Freeman notifying them of the death of Mr. Betterton.

"We covered the events of Sunday night in a very light way to notify parents of the death of a staff member and suggested this was the perfect opportunity for them to talk to their students about what happened," Wortham said.

"Although he only worked at the school for a short time, Mr. Betterton had already made an impact on his students. Our prayers go out to the families of the Bettermans."

Wortham also said extra counselors were on the Freeman campus Monday to support the staff and students. He said that although the school has an on-site counselor, other counselors would be on-call in the coming days if more support is needed.

A joint funeral for the Betterton's was conducted on Thursday, Jan. 13 in Kilgore. Burial followed at the Danville Cemetery.

James graduated from high school in Kilgore and received his degree in Music Education from Texas A&M Commerce in 2009.

Laci attended school in Harmony and received her degree in Music Education from Texas A&M Commerce in 2008.

The Bettertons were music ministers at Westview United Methodist Church in Greenville.

James is survived by his parents, Danny and Susan Richter of Kilgore; grandparents, Don and Lorraine Hahne of Hemphill; aunts and uncles, David and Renate Cruce of Gilmer, Anthony and Tasha Richter of Midland; aunts, Shari Douglas of Midland, Sharon Franklin of Kilgore. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Billy and Kay Richter and James T. Cruce.

Laci is survived by her parents, J.W. and Judy Strickland of Mineola; a brother, Jimmy Strickland of Granbury; a sister, Dianna Daniel of Henderson; nephews, James Michael Strickland of Granbury and Lance Daniel of Henderson; aunts and uncles, Donna and Hugh Fraser of Houston, Tommy and Sharon Vardeman of Holly Lake. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Joe Vardeman, Finay Vardeman, James Wylie Strickland, Sr. and Lula Bell Strickland.



James and Laci Betterton

County Commissioners, new judge discuss future improvements

by Kathy Williams

Incoming County Judge Jerry Hogan began his term with the Court at a workshop meeting discussing procedures and responsibilities with the four existing commissioners.

Each commissioner outlined their duties and responsibilities, as well as special projects they are involved in, for the Judge.

As for having the discussions in a workshop as opposed to meeting individually with each commissioner to learn more about their work, Hogan explained that the Open Meetings Act states that "no more than two commissioners/judges can talk about anything without it being open to the public. So when we discuss things like this with the whole commissioner's court discussing it, it must be open to the public. We advertised it beforehand and that's why you are sitting through this now."

Hogan encouraged the commissioners, all four of whom have sat on the court for several terms, to let him know if there is something he should be doing that past judges have done or not done.

Also on the agenda were the following items:

Hogan also said he would like to begin conducting Town Hall meetings beginning as early as late February. He said the first would be held at the Rockwall Downtown Historic Courthouse, with the date and time to be announced. Hogan has talked to the mayors of other cities within the county and he said they have agreed to provide space for Town Hall meetings for their residents.

The commissioners discussed ways to televise or live-stream their meetings to better reach the public with information. The county's IT Director, Brian Crenshaw, introduced one option for a televised meeting with an initial cost of \$4,180 per year, including upgraded cameras, software, computers, monitors, licenses and other necessary equipment. Commissioners agreed to start with first investigating live-streaming audio only through the computer to see what the response from residents would be. Hogan said broadcasting the meetings would "satisfy a lot of citizen's requests for the ability to view the commissioner's court without the commissioner's court meeting at night which is what many citizens are asking the court to do so they can attend the meetings and they can see what is going on." Crenshaw also suggested putting the recordings of the commissioner court meetings on line for residents to access at their convenience. The Court also discussed whether workshop meetings would be included in the broadcasts. "All the good stuff happens at workshop," Hogan said. "If you're not here, you miss all the fun."

The Court discussed the pros and cons of developing a 10-year Strategic Plan for the county. Hogan suggested that "the fastest growing county in Texas needs a plan. In all my experience with planning, you spend lots of time and lots of energy developing a plan but generally the plan is never executed the way it's planned. But it gives you a background and a groundwork to work from. Whereas if you don't have some plan, you're just winging it." The Court agreed to give the idea more thought and continue discusses at future meetings.

The Rockwall County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rockwall Downtown Historic Courthouse.

Left turn lane changes coming to Ralph Hall and Horizon Roads

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 18, construction is scheduled to begin on the left turn lane at Ralph Hall and Horizon Roads (FM-3097).

The construction of the left turn lane will allow the installation of a left turn arrow at the intersection for traffic on Ralph Hall turning onto Horizon.

The project is scheduled to take four weeks. Traffic on Ralph Hall may be reduced to one lane within the construction zone between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Please expect delays.

Questions can be directed to Jim Raines, City of Rockwall Construction Inspector, at 214-543-3255 or Amy Williams, City of Rockwall Project Manager, at 972-771-7746.

Rockwall ISD set to thank board members for service

January 2011 is School Board Recognition Month and a perfect time for the Rockwall Independent School District to show appreciation to the board trustees.

On Monday, Jan. 24, the board will be honored for their countless hours of service to the Rockwall community, students and employees of Rockwall ISD. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 600 of the Rockwall ISD Administration/Education Center located at 1050 Williams Street.

"Our school board members work tirelessly to lead our students to success. Spending aside time this month is one small way to celebrate their service to our

community and say thanks for caring about the future of every child enrolled in our schools," said Rockwall ISD Superintendent Jeff Bailey.

"School board members shoulder critical responsibilities as advocates of our children. They face difficult challenges and make hard decisions with the overall goal of promoting student achievement at each of our 18 campuses," Bailey said.

The board members serving Rockwall ISD are President David Loftis, Vice President Craig Zurek, Secretary Doug Hamilton, Leigh Plagens, Stan Lowrance, Chris Cuny and Russ Childers.



The North Texas area, including Rockwall County, was blanketed under a layer of fluffy snow last Sunday, Jan. 9, turning the usually pretty Lake Ray Hubbard shoreline into a beautiful winter wonderland. Our photographer, Ken Kszolosi braved the freezing temperatures to capture the beauty of the day along the lake and around town.

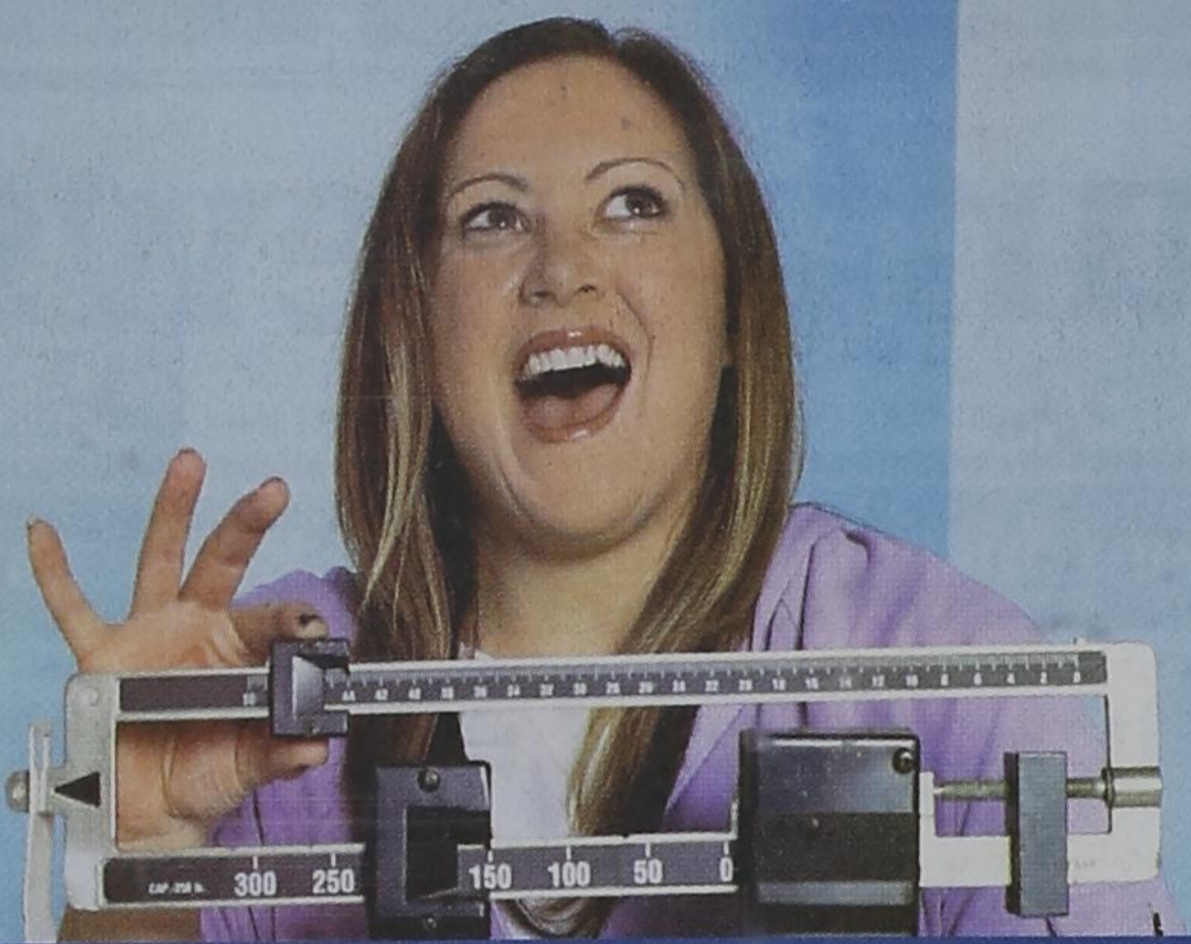
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Church assists in building water wells in Zimbabwe

In the fall of 2009, an international peacemaker visited First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall and shared a story people in his native Zimbabwe and their lack of clean water.

This peacemaker, Lamiel Phiri, told the church about children unable to attend school because they spent their days traveling to fetid streams, carrying filthy water back to their villages. The building of water wells had the power, he said, to significantly change lives.

This month, the church responded by sending a check for \$3,200 – the cost of building one water well – to the Synod of Harare, the administrative body of the Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe. The money was raised through memorial gifts, an anonymous donation and, most importantly, through the giving of the children of the church, who have been bringing their change to worship on Sundays and placing it in a model well, built by church member Rob Schlumpf.

"We are blessed to be able to be in mission with our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe," said Pastor Cheryl Taylor. "And we look at this well as the first of many that we hope to be able to underwrite."

Church elder, Andrea Vanderpool, who coordinated Phiri's visit and the well donations, said, "Our mission symbolizes social justice for the children of Zimbabwe, particularly the living of little girls to learn rather than haul water. The opportunity will hopefully bring about a new direction to the lives of many."

Donations for the next well now are being collected. Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible gift to the project may contact Taylor at pastorcheryl@rockwallpc.com or by phone at 972-771-5702.



Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall recently donated a check for \$3,200 – the cost of building a water well – to the Synod of Harare, the administrative body of the Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe. Pictured at front are representatives of the church Ella Turner, Kevin Gordon and Jack Gordon and, at back, John Crutchfield, Will Crutchfield, Amber Logue, Anne-Marie Thacker and the Rev. Cheryl Taylor.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Library seeks tutors

The Rockwall County Library has scheduled trainings for several of its

spring classes and is looking for tutors to help teach.

Saturday, Feb. 26 has been set for Tutor Training to help an adult learn to read and speak English in the ESL classes for adults.

Classes are held each morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Tuesday/Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tutors are asked to teach one or two times per week after training. The classes taught are English as a Second Language (beginner and in-

termediate levels) and GED preparation classes.

Volunteer training for the Reading for Adults Program will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12, in the Rockwall County Library Community Room. Teaching experience is not needed nor is a foreign language necessary.

Registration is required. You may sign up in the literacy area of the library or call 972-204-7705 for further information.

Birth

Jerry and Trisha Gray of Dallas are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Alexa Claire Gray, at 10:19 a.m. Dec. 29, 2010, at the Presbyterian Hospital Complex on Walnut Hill Lane in Dallas.

The infant weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Les and Maxine Gray of Rockwall and Don and Delores Harrison of Telephone, Texas.



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3200 Oak Drive – This custom home in Fox Chase has been reduced from \$339,900 to \$299,900 to attract a quick sale.

A new home has recently been completed at 3200 Oak Drive across the street from the scenic pond at the Fox Chase Park. The large front porch literally sits up on the hill overlooking the pond.

The Fox Chase community is strategically located between Ridge Road and Horizon Road near Presbyterian Hospital. Year in and year out it is one of the most sought after neighborhoods in Rockwall.

Pre-owned homes, when they become available, are usually snapped up within weeks. There are seldom any new homes available because of the scarcity of vacant lots in Fox Chase. Rob Whittle, the developer of Fox Chase said, "over the last 20 years, Fox Chase has held its resale value extremely well."

There are probably a lot of reasons for that. The homes are priced perfectly in that Rockwall "sweet spot" of \$250,000 to \$350,000 that appeals to a wide range of buyers.

There are very few established custom home communities in Rockwall that can compare with that price. The location is superb. It is within a mile of I-30 via Horizon Road, Ridge Road and Summer Lee Drive. It is within walking distance to Presbyterian Hospital, the Kroger Shopping Center, Buffalo Creek Golf Course and The Harbor.

It has a fabulous neighborhood park.

However, the primary reason for the strong resale value in Fox Chase is the overall quality of the neighborhood. It is hard to put your finger on it until you walk or drive the neighborhood. Many different builders and architects have been active in Fox Chase throughout the years so there is not that feeling of a "cookie cutter" one builder neighborhood. The home at 3200 Oak Drive is located on a corner lot at Tubbs and Oak Drive. My brother Mike built this home and has taken a lot of care with every detail of it."

The 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home has two living areas and a study. The kitchen has beautiful custom cabinets and granite counter tops. It has a huge dining room with a gorgeous iron chandelier. Wood plank flooring is featured in several of the rooms. The open floor plan has a stunning fireplace and crown molding. The master bedroom has a sitting area. The home has 3,075 square feet and feels even larger than that.

The home was originally priced at \$339,000 but was reduced last week to \$299,900 to encourage a quick sale and closing. There are only a couple of lots remaining in Fox Chase so the opportunity to own a new home is limited in this sought after neighborhood.

Mortgage interest rates are still near historic lows and it would be hard to find a better time to buy a custom home in a neighborhood like Fox Chase.

To visit the home, call Jinksie Patton at 214-477-5217 or at 972-771-5253. The home will be open this weekend from 1:00pm till 5:00pm.

Finally, Custom Homes for Empty Nesters in Heath!!

Caruth Builders has recently completed two custom homes on small lots in The Enclave at Buffalo Creek Golf Club. These golf course homes along the 3rd fairway are specifically designed for affluent "empty nesters". The majority of the rooms are on the main level. However, the architects have placed a game room and a couple of extra bedrooms on the second level.

The design criteria was specifically to target that market who have raised their children, but want to comfortably accommodate their children, grandchildren and guests when they come for long visits. The floor plans have been designed to specifically attract mature affluent adults who want to downsize in the Rockwall/Heath Area.

The market research determined that there are many homeowners who have raised their children in the Rockwall area in a large single family home. Those kids have now left for college or have families of their own. Couples wake up one day and realize that they have a large home to maintain, a huge lawn to mow and seldom is there anyone using it.

However, they love the Rockwall area and are not interested in condominium or townhome living. There is still a desire to have a small yard and to have a garage. Most importantly is the desire to still have a home with enough room that the extended family can gather for holidays and long weekends. The homes in this secluded area of Buffalo Creek are targeted specifically to this market.

Jinksie Patton, the representative for the builder said "I have been a Realtor® in the Rockwall market since 1976. Many of the young professional families that I sold homes to during the early and mid 80's have been active throughout the years serving in our community in many roles like YMCA coaches, park board members and volunteering at school functions. They are active in our areas churches and civic organizations. They loved raising their family here. They don't want to move to a condominium in Dallas, but they do want a smaller home and smaller lot in a nice custom community.

These homes built by Caruth Builders in Buffalo Creek feature kitchens with granite counter tops and custom cabinets. The master suites are spacious with beautiful views. One of the homes features a large formal dining room and the other has a more casual dining room. The game rooms are large enough to accommodate family and friends, but are not overwhelming. There is enough of a yard that you would certainly not classify these as a town home, but you can certainly maintain the yard in a short amount of time per week."

By Buffalo Creek standards, these homes are modestly priced. The homes are priced from \$339,000 to 395,000. The homes are located at 1725 Weiskopf Drive and 1834 Morrish Lane. Jinksie's phone number is 214-477-5217 and 972-771-5253 to schedule a tour. The homes will be open this weekend from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Buffalo Creek Golf Course was designed by PGA legend, Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish. The course has been host to several major tournaments including the final qualifying site of the US Open. The community also has a private tennis club, children's playground, native wilderness area and swim complex.



1834 Morrish Lane– This golf course home is priced at \$339,000 along the beautiful rolling 3rd fairway of Buffalo Creek.



The Honorable Mark Russo installed the 2011 Rockwall County Historical Foundation officers earlier this month. Pictured, at front, from the left, are Cliff Cardwell, treasurer; Barbara Montgomery, director; Christine Gray and Les Gray, corresponding secretary; Russo; Susan Reinhardt-Mills, recording secretary; Doug Self, first vice president; Linda Cardwell, director; and Carolyn Duckworth, returning director. At back are Doug Rogge, third vice president; Sheri Fowler, second vice president; Connie Roggie, president; and Neil Turner, director. The Member of the Year award was presented to Carolyn Francisco. The next HF event will be the introduction of Fowler's new book, "Rockwall: Then and Now," as part of the Town Bag Lecture Series at noon Feb. 11 at the historic courthouse. The event will be free and open to the public.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Proposed Rockwall ISD Texts available for review

Rockwall Independent School District is in the process of selecting English language arts textbooks for the coming school year. Samples of proposed texts are currently on display in the district's Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

The display room will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 600.

Textbooks for the following areas will be on display:

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Spanish language arts, grades two through six

English as a second language, grades kindergarten through five and six through eight, including teacher editions

Spelling, grades one through six

Handwriting, grades one through three

Speech, grades six through eight

English, levels I through IV

Textbooks will be on display through Jan. 28.

For more details, contact Rhonda Wasson at rwasson@rockwallisd.org; Debra Lee, dlee@rockwallisd.org; or Becky Foy, rpeurifoy@rockwallisd.org or by calling 972-771-0605.

Grandma Brag Pages February 11, 2010

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Rockwall County Obituaries

James and Laci Strickland Betterton

Services for James Betterton, 23, and his wife, Laci Betterton, 25, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 13, 2011, in the Forest Home Baptist Church in Kilgore. The Rader Funeral Home of Kilgore was in charge of arrangements.

The couple died following an automobile accident outside of Greenville Jan. 9. Online condolences may be made at raderfuneralhome.com.

Irvin Lee Dale

A celebration of life service for Irvin Lee Dale, 87, of Rockwall was conducted Jan. 10. Burial was next to his wife of 55 years, Frances Toms Dale, in the Brookside Cemetery in Fellsmere, Fla.

He died Jan. 5, 2011, at his home. Born Dec. 12, 1923, in Horse Cave, Ky., to Roy Melvin Dale and Grace Weld Oakes, his family relocated to Franklin, Tenn., in 1925 where he spent his childhood. He married Frances Toms in 1947. They moved their family from Franklin to Melbourne, Fla., in 1961.

Survivors include his children, DeLors Gilbo of Alpharetta, Ga., Irvin L. Dale Jr. of Melbourne, Fla., Becky Bowin of Powder Springs, Ga., Marijane Dale Moore of Heath and Harry Dale of Palm Bay, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Red Cross: Space Coast Chapter, 1700 Cedar St., Rockledge, Fla. 32955; 321-890-1002; or midfloridaredcross.org in memory of Irvin Lee Dale.

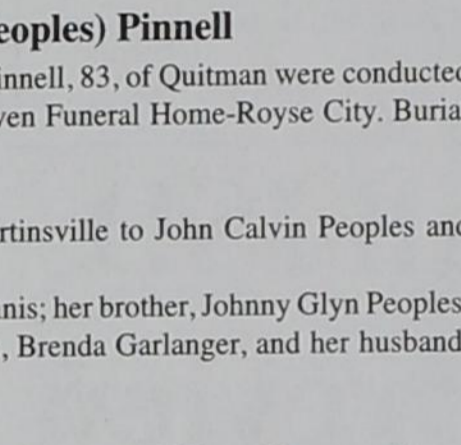
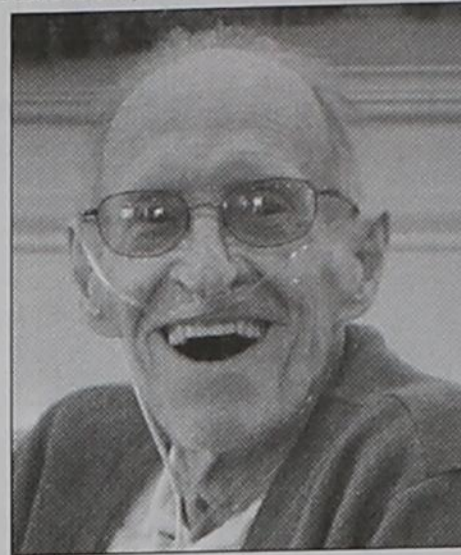
Allie Elaine (Peoples) Pinnell

Services for Allie Elaine (Peoples) Pinnell, 83, of Quitman were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 6, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery.

She died Dec. 29, 2010. She was born Feb. 24, 1927, in Martinsville to John Calvin Peoples and Lucette M. (Caulley) Peoples.

Survivors include her son, Jerald Dennis; her brother, Johnny Glyn Peoples, and his wife, Charlene; and her nieces, Brenda Garlanger, and her husband, John, and Jan, Charles.

Her parents preceded her in death.



Tom Emmons officiating. Burial will follow in the Royse City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. at the church prior to the services.

Born Feb. 12, 1938, in Hot Springs, Ark., to Leonard Daniel Sleeper, Lucy Elizabeth (Smith) Sleeper, he served in the U.S. Army in Korea and attended seminary classes. He worked for 22 years as custodian for the Aldgate Church in Greenville and was member of Trinity Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Sleeper of Royse City; his children, Karmie Tucker and her husband, Robert, of Oklahoma City, Okla., Leonard Ray Sleeper Jr. of Royse City, Diane Wilson of Royse City, Joey Senn, his wife, Michael, of Summer, Debbie Sleeper of Spring City, Tenn., BeRowell of Sulphur Springs, Mary Sleeper of Royse City, Pam Walls and her husband, Jason, of Cash and Vicki Sleeper of Royse City; a brother, J. Sleeper and his wife, Kathleen, of Little Rock, Ark.; and his grandchildren, Andrea, Andrew, Caleb, Jakob, Eddy, Jeromey, David, Charlton and Ethel. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James Sleeper.

Neill Thompson

Services for Neill Thompson, 57, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 13, 2011, at the Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall, with Pastor Steve Stroope officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 10. Born July 23, 1953, in El Paso to William Chapman Thompson and Allia (Neil) Thompson, he married Becky Perry on Aug. 19, 1978, in Petersburg. He was owner of Destin Pools in Rockwall and a member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife, Becky Thompson of Rockwall; his daughter Charity Ann Robertson and her husband, Drew, of Royse City; one son, Chapman "Bubba" Neill Thompson and Jennifer Salinas of Rowlett; his wife, Hope, of El Paso; and his grandchildren, Cooper Andrew Robertson and Andi Charity Robertson, both of Royse City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Cammye Louise Thompson, on Sept. 22, 1983.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or cancer.org.

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Leonard Ray Sleeper Sr.

Services for Leonard Ray Sleeper Sr., 72, of Royse City will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 14, 2011, in the Trinity Baptist Church, 300 N. Erby Campbell Blvd., Royse City, with Pastor

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be awarded. Cost to participate will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-Rockwall residents.

Royse City library providing tax forms

The C.F. Goodwin Library in Royse City will provide federal tax forms beginning this month. The most commonly used forms and instructions will be available in paper format or online free of charge.

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Obituaries

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Jo Pettus Thurman

Funeral services for Jo Pettus Thurman, 90, of Royse City were held at 2 p.m. Jan. 8, 2011, in Royse City Cemetery with Dr. Roy Patterson officiating. The Haven Funeral Home-Royse was in charge of arrangements. She died Jan. 5.



She was born Oct. 25, 1920, in Hugo, Okla., to John Loyd Iglehart and (Coston) Iglehart, she worked and received the original grant for Green Thumb to begin the Citizens Center in Royse City. She had worked in retail sales as a past member of the First Church of Royse City.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Daniels of Royse City; her son, Jim and his wife, Linda, of Plano; her sister, Alma McCormick of Plainview; grandchildren, Charles Daniels and his wife, Sandra, of Maralal, Kenya, Denick of Garland and Greg Frey and his wife, Debbie, of Caddo Mills; great-grandchildren, Travis, Sam, Joseph, J.J., Craig, Terry, Ashley andayne; and her great-great-grandchildren, Jay, Emili, Colby and Cason.

Dianne Jay Wilt

Funeral services for Dianne Jay Wilt, 50, of Royse City were conducted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 7, 2011, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. She died Jan. 3.



She was born Nov. 17, 1960, in N.M., to Peter C. and Anita Wilt.

Survivors include her son, Aaron Ollom of Rockwall; her ex-husband, Greg Ollom of Rockwall; her parents, Pete and Anita Wilt of Royse City; her sisters, Leslie Rebtoi and her husband, Scott, Barbara Hardin and her husband, Dudley, and Nora Gaddis and her husband, Justin; and two brothers, Pete Wilt and Larry Wilt and his wife, Lisa.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Believing...Without Doubt

In the Bible, when God exhorts us to believe His word, He is talking about believing without doubt. God's will is for us to be fully persuaded in our hearts, without doubt, that what He promised He is able also to perform. We know this is His word because it's in His recorded word. Let's dive into God's word about believing without doubt.

Matthew 21:21 Jesus Christ's followers marveled over how soon the fig tree had withered away so soon. The context shows that earlier they approached the tree, and they were hungry, desired to partake of the fruit of the tree. The season was right for good on the tree, but it was found with no fruit. Finding it fruitless, Jesus commanded that it would never bear fruit and immediately the tree withered away.

With all the miracles he did, Jesus did this by revelation from God. He received His word by revelation and took the believing action by making the command, and the tree withered away immediately instead of taking a longer period of time to die. Every time Jesus Christ did a miracle he followed it with a teaching. Here he taught his followers with the following, "...verily I say unto you if ye have faith, doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree but also if ye say unto this mountain, 'Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea,' it shall be done."

What a fantastic teaching! If God gives us revelation to command a mountain to be moved and cast into a sea, and we believingly act on that revelation by making the command, it absolutely shall be done. This is not teaching God's people and children to look for mountains to command away. God was teaching us through his son that if we believe God's word without doubt, it shall absolutely be done.

The above scripture was addressed to Israel during the Gospel period of time, and it is for our learning. Now we are living in the same spiritual administration as the early Church in the book of Acts. According to Ephesians 3:2 we are living in the Administration of the Grace of God. God's word addressed to His people and children during this time can be found in the Epistles.

During the age of the Grace of God, all the promises of God are in Christ Jesus and in him guaranteed to the end that we are getting dynamically desirable results and glorifying God in heaven (2Corinthians 1:20). In the name of Jesus Christ we have the authority to give any promise found in God's word.

Through Jesus Christ all God's promises are alive and work might for all who believe to receive. The Gospels are packed full of examples of how to believe God's word. Jesus Christ believed without doubt, gave the command, the tree immediately withered. Next he meekly did His Father's will by teaching others. Jesus Christ glorified His Father in heaven before all who witnessed the miracle.

Anytime we believe God's word without doubt, it absolutely shall be done. It's because God is the original source of His word, and He is faithful to back up anybody who believes. Just as He did His word for His first born son Jesus Christ, so also is He able to back up His word for all who believe in the name of Jesus Christ.

News Briefs

Royse City Chamber updates website

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce has updated its website and has plans for an expansion of the Community Calendar. Groups/businesses and nonprofits may submit events to be placed on the website calendar at no charge. The event cannot be a sales or marketing endeavor (must be a fundraiser, community event, youth sports tryouts, etc.; yard sales and company promotions will not be listed). Log on to roysecitychamber.com, go to the Community link and fill out the form for consideration.

Aggie Moms selling pecans

The Rockwall County Aggie Moms are selling pecans at a cost of \$8 per one-pound bag. Funds raised benefit the group's scholarship fund. To arrange for free delivery contact Dena Beddow at 469-446-7472 or e-mail denabed-dow@msc.com.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch headed for Plano

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will play host to the Out-to-Lunch Bunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 14. Participants will travel to the Plano Movie Grill in Plano. Cost for transportation only is \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. The trip is open to individuals ages 55 and older.

Voice lesson scholarship auditions set

Lakeside Civic Chorus will conduct private voice lesson scholarship auditions at 9 a.m. Jan. 15 at Our Savior Lutheran Church-Rockwall. Tryouts are open to all interested area high school vocalists; have one prepared solo piece for audition (accompanist will be provided). The LCC will pay for private voice lessons for students selected to join the chorus. For details call Shelba Gorham-Bell, 214-537-3311; Jennifer Sanchez, 214-918-1524; or David Bush, 972-679-4227.

Anime Club to meet in RC

The C.F. Goodwin Library's Anime Club will meet at 1 p.m. Jan. 15 at the library.

'Hot Tin Roof' auditions slated

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will conduct auditions for its upcoming performances of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at 1 p.m. Jan. 15-16 at the RCP Theatre, 609 E. Rusk St. For more information call 972-722-3399.

Church to send military care packages

The First Christian Church Rockwall, Disciples Women will put together care boxes for military personnel this month. To submit the name of an active military member to receive a box, bring their name and complete address to the church office by Jan. 16. Boxes will be prepared Jan. 22 in time for receipt by Valentine's Day. The community is invited to participate. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Road, 1.4 miles south of I-30 (across from Chandler's Landing). For more details call 972-771-5526.

RC offices closed Jan. 17

The City of Royse City will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 17. The city's library also will be closed.

Library to close for MLK Day

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Jan. 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Relay For Life kickoff slated

Rockwall County's Relay For Life will have its team kickoff from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Teams can sign up to participate in this year's event, which will begin at 7 p.m. April 29. For more details or to register online visit relayforlife.org/rockwall.tx. To sign up for a Relay committee, contact Carla Brooks at cbrooks_health@sbcglobal.net.

Beginner Bridge class planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer lessons for beginning Bridge players from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays Jan. 19 through March 9 at The Center. Lessons are open to individuals ages 55 and older; cost is \$20 per Rockwall resident, \$30 for non-residents. For information call 972-771-7740.

American Legion meeting slated

The Rockwall American Legion Post 117 will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 for a brief dinner, followed by the quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. Both events will take place in the Civic Center Building next to the swimming pool in Harry Myers Park, 815 E. Washington St. All members and non-member veterans are invited to attend.

Republican Women to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Women's Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at the historical courthouse in downtown Rockwall. Bethany Golden of the Main Street Project will serve as guest speaker.

Ping Pong tourney set Jan. 21

A ping-pong tournament for individuals ages 55 and older will begin at 10 a.m. Jan. 21 at The Center. All levels of play can participate; beginner brackets will be offered. Prizes will

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on January 7, 2011, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on June 30, 2010, adjusted for known and measureable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$353 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 12.6% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$2,809.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to annualize the rate increase from Oncor's last base rate case, to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Advanced Metering Cost Recovery Factor, Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and Rate Case Expense surcharge, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS) and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) adjustments approved or pending after June 30, 2010. If the approved or pending TCOS and TCRF adjustments are excluded from the adjustments to test-year revenues (and thus included in proposed base rates), the total base rate increase over adjusted test-year revenues is approximately \$441 million, or approximately a 16.2% increase over adjusted

test-year revenues of \$2,720.6 million. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested a February 14, 2011 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 38929, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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"SEUSSICAL" coming Jan. 20-23 to Rockwall-Heath HS theater

The Rockwall-Heath High School Fine Arts Department will present "SEUSSICAL," at 7 p.m. Jan. 20-22, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, at the new RHHS Performing Arts Center.

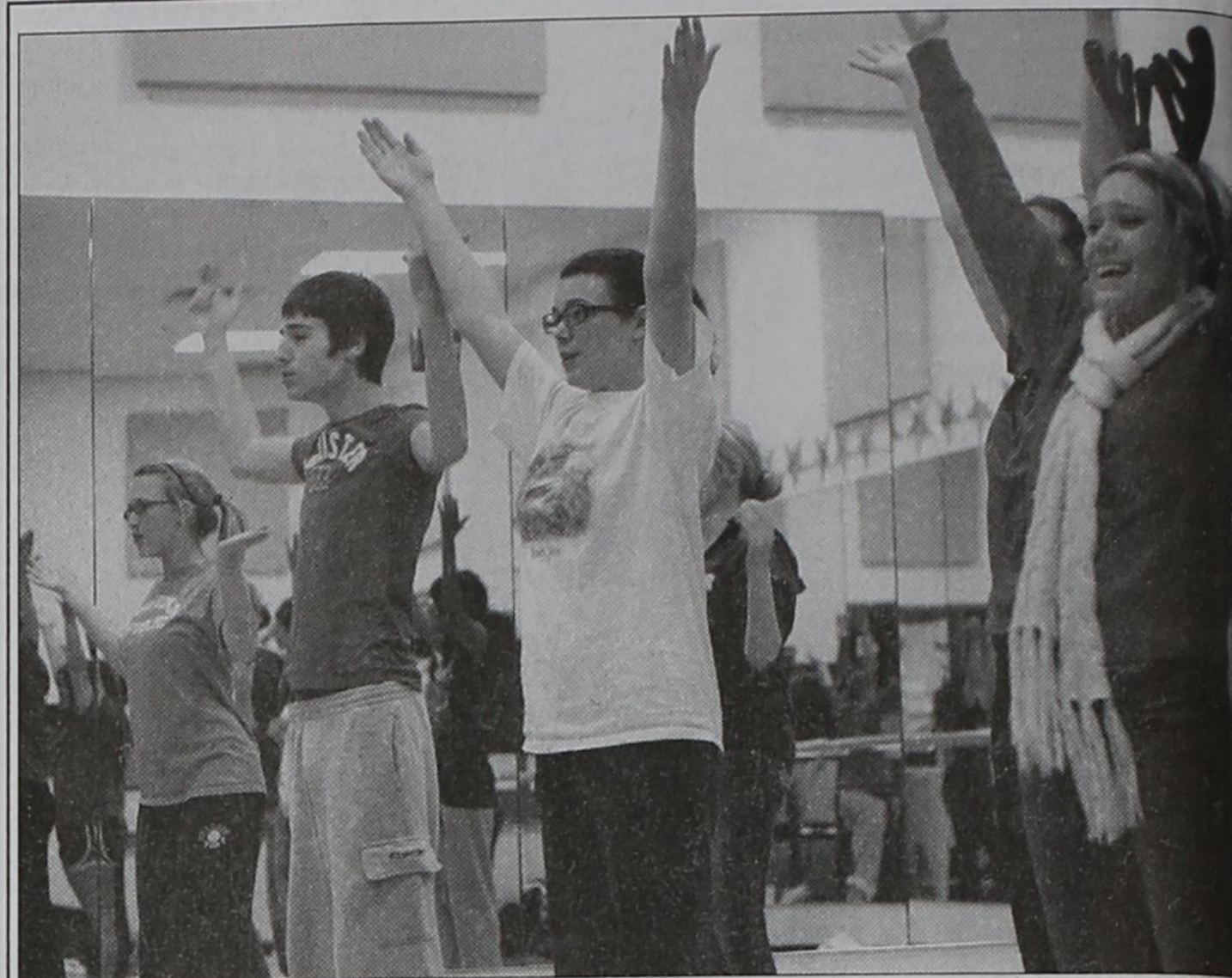
The RHHS Performing Arts Center is on the RHHS campus, located at 801 Laurence Dr. in Heath. Many beloved Dr. Seuss characters will be on hand, including The Cat in the Hat (played by senior Tyler Forbes Kirwan), Horton the Elephant (senior Graham DeFranco), Gertrude McFuzz (sophomore Meredith Bennett), Mayzie La Bird (senior Alex Cass), and the Sour Kangaroo (senior Rachel Hilton).

These characters, along with a large company of Who Villians (Gwenly Boley, Courtney Haycroft, Meera Joseph, Abbie Killian, Aislynn Mackenzie, Danielle Muniz, Katie Rohlf, Jenny Rojas, Wesley Russell, Abby Scott, Michael Shipley, Courtney Stafford, Melanie Tomic, Audrey Townsend, Brooke Wagner and Jamie Wenger) and Jungle Citizens (Elizabeth Anderson, Lena Davidson, Taylor Frazer, Annie Gray, Amanda Hill, Michaela Mollowitz, Meredith Citizens, Elizabeth Britton, Joelle Savage, Sierra Shepard and Kurstin Zabol) follow JoJo (senior Mackynzie Stevens) and Horton through their journeys as they learn the importance of great "thinks."

Mr. and Mrs. Mayor (seniors Zane Brown and Katie Cooper) watch over the citizens of Whoville while General Schmitz stirs his war tactics. Jaderkshams (Mekel Wright, Marlon Flores and Brittany Perkins) along with Mayzie's Bird Girls (Callie Horner, Wade Keath, Hannah Kennedy and Claire Lensen) help the people of Whoville tell the story of Who.

Even the Grinch (Sophomore, Michael Shipley) comes down from Mount Crumpet for an appearance. "SEUSSICAL's" production staff includes Glenn Bennett, Director; senior Sara Woodard, Stage Manager; senior Ryan Geiser, Technical Director; Natalie McCollough, Choral Director; Constance Groark, Orchestra Director; and Kristin Dodgen, Choreographer, Production Assistant.

Tickets are available for \$10 at the door or in advance after Jan. 15 by calling the school at 469-698-2600. Email kdodgen@rockwallisd.org with any questions.



Members of the "SEUSSICAL" cast from Rockwall-Heath High School perform "All The Things You Can Think" for residents of Summer Ridge Assisted Living and Retirement Center in Rockwall in advance of the Jan. 20 opening of the show at the school. The cast donated 40 tickets to Summer Ridge residents to see the show. Cast members above are (left to right) Meredith Magee, Wesley Russell, Brittany Perkins and Jade Keath. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Wine and Dine for Rockwall PAWS fundraiser set for Jan. 22

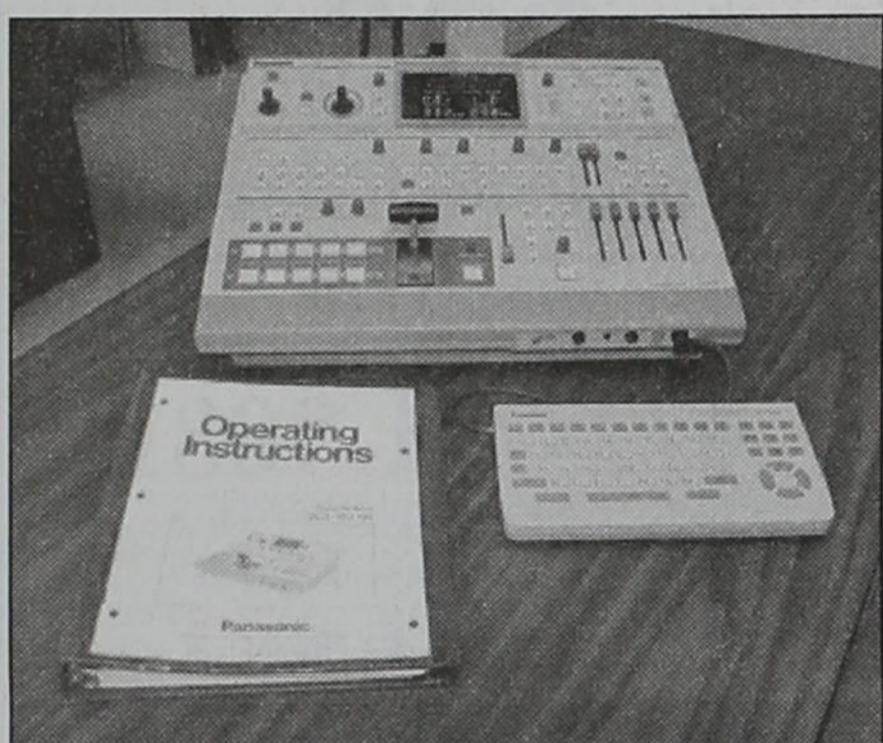
Rockwall PAWS will have its first ever Wine and Dine for Rockwall PAWS fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Mansions of Rockwall, 1470 S. John King Boulevard. Deadline to RSVP is Jan. 14. Individual tickets for the fundraising event are \$35, Corporate Table of six is \$250. Tickets include dinner, wine tasting, and silent auction. Checks should be mailed to Rockwall PAWS, P.O. Box 44, Rockwall, Tx., 75087. For more information, contact Kellye Robertson at 214-771-4066. Rockwall PAWS is a local non-profit organization that works to place adoptable animals in loving homes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following Ordinances were passed by the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas on Monday, January 10, 2011:
ORDINANCE NO. 0-1164
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, WATERWORKS & SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDING, SERIES 2011, APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AND APPROVING OTHER AUTHORIZING INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATING THERETO.

The Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review in the City Secretary's office at 105 E. Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas.
Jean Dwinnell, TRMC
City Secretary
City of Fate
ORDINANCE NO. 0-1165
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1030; AND

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The Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review in the City Secretary's office at 105 E. Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas.

Jean Dwinnell, TRMC
City Secretary
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ORDINANCE NO. 0-1166
a) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A SCHEDULE FOR RE-READING WATER METERS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND CUMULATIVE CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

b) The Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review in the City Secretary's office at 105 Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas.
Jean Dwinnell, TRMC
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Effective March 1 all Head Start student records at Dobbs Elementary in Rockwall and Scott Elementary in Royse City inactive since 2004 thru 2006 will be destroyed. Parents, legal guardians or student 18 and over may retrieve records at: Dobbs Head Start Office, 801 E. Washington St; Rockwall, TX 75087 ph (972) 772-1143 or Scott Elem. Head Start Office, 1401 Campbell Rd; Royse City, TX; 75116 ph (972) 972-636-2581. Please prepared to present proper identification.

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Kids Game Night offered

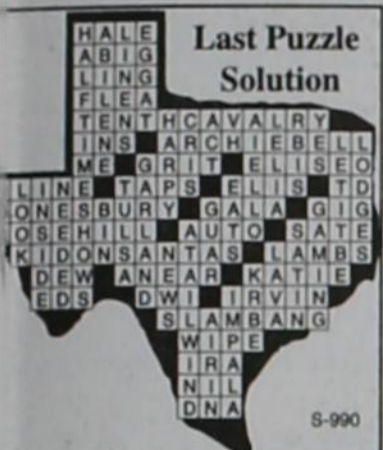
Kids Game Night, coordinated by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 21 at The Center. Open to children ages 8 and under, the event will be an evening of organized activities, games, arts and crafts and snacks. Cost is \$20 per resident child, \$30 per non-Rockwall child. For details call 972-771-7740.

Highsteppers plan Dance Clinic

Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers will host a dance clinic from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jan. 22 in the RHHS gym. Check-in will be at 9 a.m. The event will be open to girls in kindergarten through ninth grade; participants will be divided into age groups. Cost is \$25. For more details call Amber Creamer at 972-338-8204 or e-mail danceclinic10@gmail.com.

Father/baby story time set at library

Man in the Moon Storytime, a language play program for adult male parents and babies up to 12 months of age, will be offered for fathers and their babies beginning at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at the Rockwall County Library. Each program will include 30 minutes of activities. For more details call 972-204-7740 or e-mail damiller@rockwallcountytx.com.



Last Puzzle Solution
The Rockwall County Library will host a teen movie night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25. Free popcorn and soft drinks will be served to students in grades 7 to 12. Call 972-204-7700 or visit the library's blog at rocklibteens.blogspot.com for more details.

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Daddy/Daughter Dance planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's 11th annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 28 at The Hilton at The Harbor. Cost will be \$45 for Rockwall couples, \$10 per additional child, and \$68 for non-resident couples, \$10 per additional child. Price includes a photo by a professional photographer; snacks and beverages will be provided. Spots are limited. Call 972-771-7740 for more details.

Tractor collection on display in Roysce City

Ernest Baley's tractor collection will be on display throughout the month of January at the Z Museum in Roysce City. The museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Scheduled tours are offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To schedule a tour call 972-635-7438. For more details visit royscecitemuseum.com.

Support group program set in Forney

As part of the Lake Pointe Medical Center's ongoing support program, Living Well with Cancer, Dr. Stephanie Shisler, OB/GYN, will lead an interactive discussion regarding breast cancer and hormone replacement therapy beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Lake Pointe Imaging Center, 763 E. State Hwy. 80, Suite 120, in Forney. Those planning to attend should RSVP to Barbara Quest at 469-698-7824.

Diabetic Support Group to meet

Endocrinologist Dr. Sumana Gangi will lead an interactive discussion, Using Your Glucometer-Learn the Who, What, When, Where and Why of Glucose Testing, beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Lake Pointe Medical Center Café, 6800 Scenic Drive, Rowlett. Assistance also will be provided to those who need help calibrating or using their personal machines. Those planning to attend should RSVP at 972-412-3380, ext. 2628.

Rockwall County News • Friday, January 14, 2011 Page 7 FOL to meet for book review

The Friends of the Library will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 at the library for a book review entitled "Teddy Roosevelt" by Ken Frehill. The Cake Factory will serve lunch at noon. Reservations required; e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.



January is National Mentoring Month, and pictured above are members of the Rockwall Noon Rotary's Mentoring Team. From the left are Barbara Jackson, Barbara Allan, Rick Reeder, Jon Bailey, Larry Parks, Bill Sinclair and Mike Atkins. Members of the Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees will recognize the team at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 for the 13 years of service as mentors. Currently 100 mentors serving district-wide, but more are needed. Anyone interested in mentoring should e-mail Allan, Phase One chairman, at ballan@sbcglobal.net.

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Opinions

Republican "pledge" abandoned?

Jacob Hornberger

Within two days of being sworn into office, congressional Republicans are already breaking their promises with respect to out-of-control federal spending and borrowing. In their much-ballyhooed "Pledge to America" they promised to cut \$100 billion out of non-defense discretionary spending during their first year in office. House Republican leaders, having now taken control of the House, have just announced that they are going to happen after all.

Did I not tell you this, long before the election? As I have long emphasized, there isn't a dime's worth of difference between a Democrat and a Republican (or, if you will, a liberal and a conservative). Sure, Republicans use libertarian mantras (i.e., "free enterprise, private property, and limited government") and rail against excessive federal spending and borrowing, but it's all fake and false -- just a way to get the reins of power, so that they can start enriching themselves at the expense of the rest of the country. Isn't that what they did after they made similar promises with their much-ballyhooed "Contract with America" in 1994?

Look at all the brouhaha over Obamacare. House Republicans are making a big deal out of plans to repeal Obamacare. Big deal. What difference would it make? Republicans know that the Senate won't go along and even if it did, everyone knows that Obama will simply veto it and that the veto won't be overridden by Congress. It's all about just putting on a show -- "Look at what we're doing about excessive spending and borrowing and federal regulation by voting to repeal Obamacare." More important, even if Obamacare were to be repealed, the country

would still be left with the health-care crisis that is rooted in Medicare and Medicaid. That crisis wouldn't disappear with the repeal of Obamacare. The mainstream press would be (and already is) screaming to Republicans, "Where is your plan to fix and improve our health care system?" And since Republicans believe in Medicare and Medicaid, they would be left with coming up with some sort of interventionist fix-it reform that would simply be a variation of Obamacare and that would make the situation worse than ever.

The fundamental problem is that Republicans (conservatives), like Democrats (liberals), honestly believe that the legitimate role of the federal government is to take care of people through a welfare state. That's what Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, education grants, foreign aid, FDIC, bank bailouts, and other welfare-state programs are all about -- taking care of people. Republicans are not about to challenge the moral legitimacy of that paradigm or its programs.

Yet, it is these programs -- that is, it's the welfare state itself (and the warfare state) -- that is at the root of America's economic woes. Thus, the only solution is to rid our nation of the welfare-state paradigm itself (and the warfare-state paradigm).

That's what makes us libertarians so different from conservatives and liberals and other statist. We want to ditch the welfare-warfare paradigm in favor of one based on individual liberty, free markets, and a constitutional republic. That necessarily means repeal and dismantling, not reform and improvement.

Consider the title of this editorial from Tuesday's Los Angeles

Times: "Their Job is to Create Jobs." That's the mainstream mindset. It's the mindset of conservatives, liberals, and other statist. These types of people honestly believe that it's the job of the federal government to manage the economy, create jobs, and take care of people. That's the problem.

Do you see how different we libertarians are from statist? We don't believe that government has any more business managing the economy and creating jobs than it does managing religion and stimulating interest in God. The root of America's economic woes lies in the fact that the federal government is charged with the power to do such things as manage the economy, create jobs, fight poverty, take care of people, and dominate and control the world.

The solution to America's economic woes lies in removing the power of the government to manage the economy, create jobs, fight poverty, and police the world. Prosperity lies in the freedom of people to engage in enterprise freely with people all over the world (i.e., without government interference), accumulate unlimited amounts of wealth (i.e., no more federal income tax and IRS), and decide for themselves what to do with their own money (i.e., no more Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, etcetera). The solution to America's woes lies with libertarian principles. Too bad House Republicans (with the exception of Ron Paul) are still so committed to statist.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (fff.org).

Federal Reserve apologists fight open books

Ron Paul

Last week, the 112th Congress was sworn in. I am pleased that I will be chairing the Monetary Policy Subcommittee of the Financial Services Committee which has oversight of the Federal Reserve. Obviously, this position will facilitate my efforts to ensure the Fed provides the American people with more information about what they have been doing with and to our money.

Not surprisingly, since my chairmanship was announced, apologists for the Fed have been recycling the old canard about how increased transparency threatens the Fed's so-called political independence. By 'transparency' they are referring to the Fed's ability to greatly impact the economy with virtually no meaningful oversight. We only recently learned that the bankers at the Fed were able to use the latest financial tools to bail out Wall Street cronies and foreign central banks with billions of dollars that were created and wasted instead of appropriated and voted on by representatives of the people. The Fed and its supporters in Congress vehemently fought even this small bit of transparency

and without this one-time provision in the Financial Reform Act forcing disclosure we would still not have this information.

Indeed, we are in the dark on so much of what the Fed has done. This is extremely dangerous for our country, yet this power and secrecy is defended as some kind of public good, which is patently ridiculous. Our government is based on a system of checks and balances. With no check on the Fed, it is no surprise it has thrown the economy wildly off-balance. The solution is not to reinflate the bubbles the Fed created or to continue to devalue the currency or to throw billions at failing banks and corporations. The solution is to return sanity and freedom to monetary policy. Forcing the entire country to use a medium of exchange that is subject to the whims of elite bankers and their cronies on Wall Street is not sanity. Hoping that an unchecked all-powerful behemoth banking cartel will solve any economic problem is not sanity.

The problems the Fed was originally created to solve now look minuscule compared to the problems it has created. If political independence erodes the purchasing power of the currency by 98%, destabilizes the economy

with radical booms and busts, all while increasing unemployment and tipping us ever closer to hyperinflation, perhaps it is time to try a little transparency and accountability instead. Better still, we should try giving the people true economic freedom.

Make no mistake, the Fed is not truly independent of political pressure. Its chair is appointed by the president and it is a creature of Congress. Congress has a duty, albeit a neglected one, to exercise oversight of the Fed. However, even if it was politically independent, it is not independent of the influence of Wall Street. One only has to look at the revolving door between the Fed and the big banks to know that. Disclosure of TARP funds confirm this. It is nothing short of cruel and criminal for Congress to stand idly by while the life savings of Americans are inflated away to nothing. It is high time Congress insists on getting complete information on what the Fed has been doing and for whom.

My hope is that exposing the truth will demonstrate the insanity of the status quo and more people will call for sensible changes, such as legalizing competing currencies.

Deficit spending and paying what we owe

Wesley W. Burnett

Sometimes we all have to borrow money ... that's completely understandable ... but we also know that borrowing to pay old loans is never a good idea. Eventually that practice will result in bankruptcy. It's the situation our national political leaders have created for our country.

This misuse of our national treasure must stop, and sooner, not later. Our congress has a long history of borrowing money to pay interest on our debt. Is there any one of us who can go to a bank and borrow money that bank the interest on a loan upon which the principle has not been paid?

It's absolutely incomprehensible that our elected representatives allow this ridiculous practice to continue. How the argument I've heard lately against the refusal to raise the federal credit limit another one trillion dollars is quite remarkable: "It'll be calamity, a total collapse, a world wide disaster, we can't default on our debt!"

Who said anything about defaulting on the debt? Congress can refuse to raise the debt limit and still pay the nation's obligations to those who loaned the U.S. government money. The two issues are not the same.

By cutting spending, the congress could continue making payments to the debt, without additional borrowing.

Our simple-minded demand to congress: Stop spending more than is available.

Here's an idea for congressional consideration: Repeal all federal agencies, boards, and commissions etc., which were created without constitutional authority. Not surprisingly, the total amount that would be saved is incalculable; because the federal government is so massive no one can put an actual number as to the total current cost.

By operating within the confines of our constitution, there would be no need to borrow money. For too many years (almost 100) our national "leaders" have plundered the wealth of this great republic, without regard for the limits imposed by our constitution.

Each and every government agent, elected or appointed, takes an oath to protect and defend the constitution ... from all enemies both foreign and domestic.

I contend that the most dangerous enemies of the constitution today are domestic ones ... and they are the very people who solemnly swear to uphold and defend our constitution.

How do they defend it? By ignoring it and showing utter disdain toward the principles upon which this great nation was founded.

We must reclaim our republic and our constitution by electing those citizens who unashamedly believe in and support our state and national constitutions. And they must demand loyalty to our constitutions by those whom are appointed to serve the people.

I pray that process has begun, and will continue in future elections. The peaceful installation of constitutional defenders will save us from the destruction of our republic and our individual rights of life, liberty and property.

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Rockwall County Sports

Fulton defeats Parkview for 1st time

Tim Borgen scored 22 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead The Fulton School to a 44-41 boys' basketball victory over Waco Parkview Christian Tuesday night at the Forney Center.

The victory was Fulton's first over Parkview after five losses in the all-time series. It boosted the Falcons' record to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the district.

"We were up by 11 points, but they hit some threes. We were able to grind it out at the end," said Fulton head coach Brian Peters.

Borgen, a junior, was a first-team All-District performer as a sophomore. Helping him against Parkview were senior Dylan Leverett, with 10 points and seven rebounds, and freshman Hayden Leverett, who keyed the defensive effort at the top of a 1-3-1 zone.

Peters noted improvement in his team. He said, "We're more versatile. Our man defense is much better, and we can match up and play a variety of zones. Last year, it was just a 2-3 or a 3-2."

Rockwall Christian Academy basketball results

Vs. Arlington Oakridge 8 p.m. 22nd annual Oakridge Classic

22nd annual Oakridge Classic

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RCA	10	7	14	21	52
First Baptist	9	11	6	18	44

RCA (3-7) – Grant Jensen 19, Raymon Stewart 8, Carl Clewis 7, Eric Wright 7, Aaron Eastin 6, Justo Garcia 5.

Dallas First Baptist (1-7) – Collin Cordinale 10, Andrian Vick 10, LaDarian Rollerson 7, Johnson 6, Gregory 6, Pugh 3, Graeme Anderson 2, McMenamy 2.

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RCA	7	9	14	4	34
Oakridge	20	18	15	11	64

RCA (3-8) – Raymon Stewart 10, Eric Wright 9, Aaron Eastin 4, Carl Clewis 2, Daniel Rorie 2.

Arlington Oakridge (9-3) – James Pegues 22, Beck 10, Ford 10, Clark 6, Wall 6, Brodrick Umblance 4, Daniel Lott 3, Seidler 3.

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Dallas Christian	18	6	15	19	58

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Dallas Christian (6-3) – Breedon 12, Alex Craig 12, Cannon 8, Baker 7, W. Morgan 7, Nelson 6, Curry 4, Zach Rudd 2.

Warriors go 1-2 at Oakridge Classic

Rockwall Christian Academy started out in the 22nd annual Oakridge Classic, defeating Dallas First Baptist 52-44 in the first round.

After that, the Warriors dropped two basketball games to finish the Classic: 64-34 to host Arlington Oakridge and 58-44 to Dallas Christian.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, RCA (3-9) had trailed Rockwall 20-17 at halftime before breaking out for a 35-24 second-half advantage. Grant Jensen led the Warriors with 19 points.

The other two games were decided early. Raymon Stewart was Rockwall Christian's high scorer with 10 points against Oakridge, and Jensen had 27 of the 44 points against Dallas Christian.

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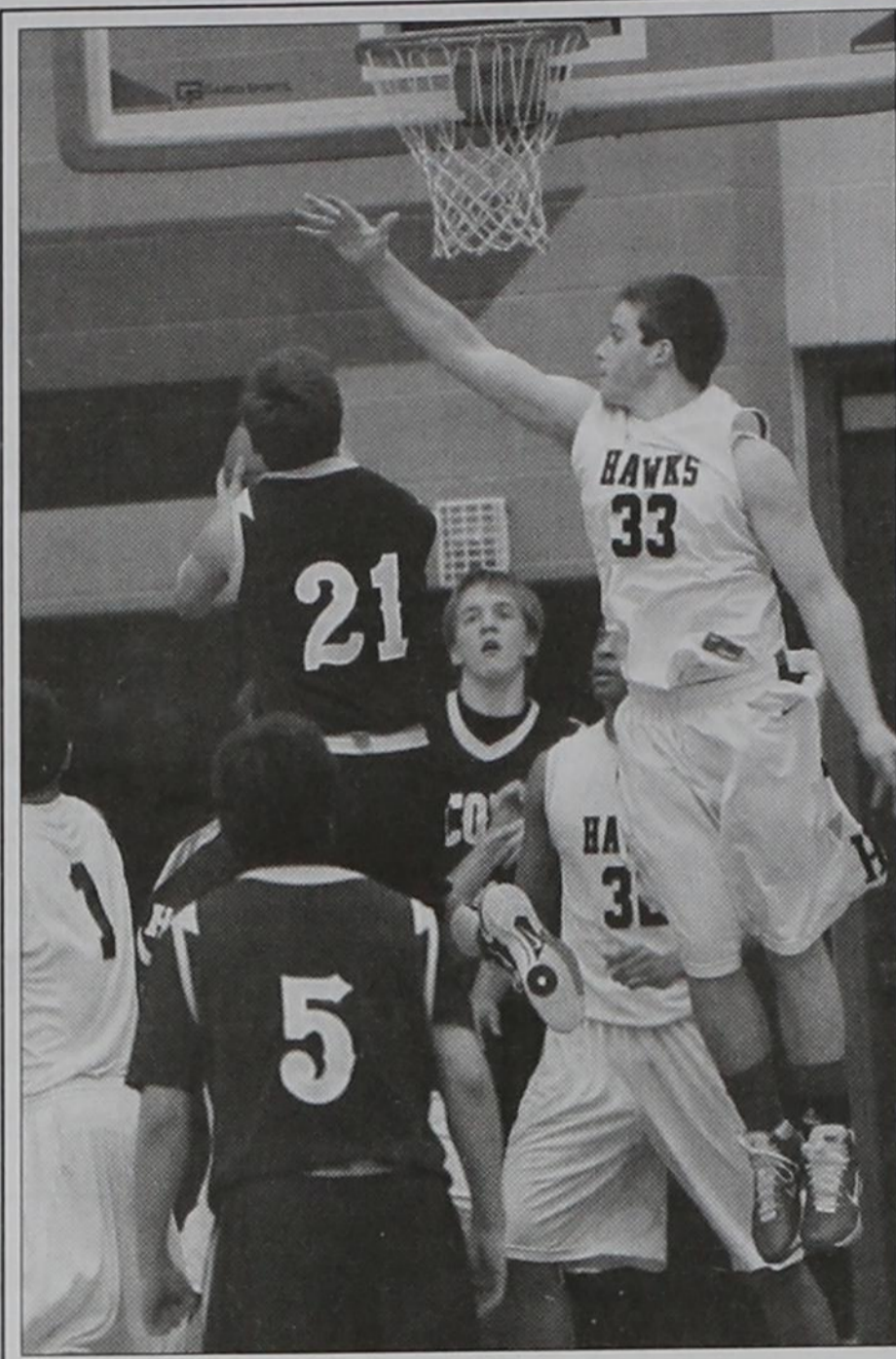
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Hawks' Todd Franza (33) stretches to block a Highland Park shot.

Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

Hawks' 4th-quarter comeback leads to 2 losses

The Rockwall-Heath boys' basketball team trailed just 41-39 after three quarters Tuesday, but Highland Park outscored the Hawks 20-12 in the fourth quarter to win 61-51 at RHHS.

Five Hawks scored in double figures for RHHS (11-12 overall, 0-4 in District 10-4A). Warren Matlock had a team-high 15 points, followed by Conner Geiser with 11 and Jonathan Fuller and Jordan Points with 10 apiece. HP improved to 13-7 and 3-1.

The fourth quarter also had been a problem in the Hawks' 46-30 loss at Wylie Friday, Jan. 7.

Rockwall-Heath pulled within five points (32-27) after three quarters, but Wylie outscored RHHS 14-3 in the fourth quarter.

The Hawks trailed just 39-33 before Wylie outscored them 14-3 in the final eight minutes. Geiser was their high scorer with 12 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	7	9	11	3	30
Wylie	16	6	10	14	46

RHHS (11-11, 0-3) – Conner Geiser 12, Warren Matlock 8, Jonathan Fuller 6, Brett Schuster 2, Jordan Points 1, Kyle Turner 1.

Wylie (6-14, 1-2) – Paul Zewge 11, Corey Parker 8, Andre Mosele 6, Trevor Harper 5, Ivan Holmes 5, Jacoby Armstrong 4, Relus Harris 3, Jermaine Merdock 2, Noble Nwachukwu 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highland Park	17	14	10	20	61
RHHS	19	9	11	12	51

Highland Park (13-7, 3-1) – David Allen 27, Luke Turpin 12, Austin Franks 6, Jon Jessen 6, Zach Chu 4, Chase Fletcher 4, Ben Strodel 2.

RHHS (11-12, 0-4) – Warren Matlock 15, Conner Geiser 11, Jonathan Fuller 10, Jordan Points 10, Zachary Moret 3, Todd Franza 2.

Brown leads Hawks in triangular meet

Sophomore Andrew Brown had the best individual performance for the Rockwall-Heath swimming team in its meet against Rockwall and Highland Park Thursday, Jan. 6, at the RISD Aquatic Center.

Brown won the boys' 100-meter freestyle with a time of 53.51 seconds. He also led off the 200 free relay team that placed third by swimming his 50-meter leg in 24.68. Austin Griesbach, Chase Nelson and Marvin Gutierrez followed Brown into the pool. He also swam the opening leg for the Hawks' 400 free relay team in 53.89.

Jon Sherwin placed second in the 200 freestyle for RHHS. In the boys' 50 free, Cole Perltz was second and Nelson third.

For the Rockwall-Heath girls, Morgan Madrig placed second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 200 free, and swam the first leg for the third-place medley relay team ahead of Nina Jaimes, Katie Chandler and Maddie Kipphut. The 200 free relay team of Katie Langdon, Chandler, Jaimes and Breana Williams also was third.

Lady Bulldogs roll to 8th win in a row

During the two previous seasons, every time Roysie City went on a roll in district girls' basketball games, there was Rockwall to stall the Lady Bulldogs' momentum.

This year, after moving to District 13-4A without the Lady Jackets, RC lost its first district game, by two points. Since then, the Lady Bulldogs have won eight consecutive games.

Most recently, they defeated Denison 55-38 Friday, Jan. 7, and Sherman 47-34 Tuesday to improve their record to 15-9 overall and 4-1 in the district.

Roysie City will complete the first half of its 13-4A schedule Friday at Greenville, then will return home to begin the second half against Mount Pleasant. The Lady Tigers defeated RC 34-32 in the district opener.

Sophomore Krystal Pickron again led RC's scoring in both of the last week's games, with 18 points against Denison and 12 against Sherman. Dezary Gardner added 11 Friday against the Lady Yellowjackets.

At Denison, the Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 39-21 lead after three quarters.

RCHS (14-9, 3-1) – Krystal Pickron 18, Dezary Gardner 11, Sydney Erbe 8, Jennifer Null 7, Nina Gaines 6, Taylor Jordan 3, Lauren Dusek 2.

Denison (N/A) – Iciss Finley 14, Marahia Scally 10, Lamonica Finley 6, Allen 3, Jordan Nallon 3, Clarissa Moore 2.

Sherman (N/A) – Bennett 9, Crockett 8, Jones 6, Softley 4, Hunter 3, Arias 2, Brown 2.

RCHS (15-9, 4-1) – Krystal Pickron 12, Nina Gaines 8, Dezary Gardner 8, Jennifer Null 8, Taylor Jordan 6, Sydney Erbe 5.

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Lady Hawks not offensive enough in 2 losses

Next for the Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball team could be trying to prove it possible to win without scoring.

In their two most recent games, the Lady Hawks have held Hebron to 35 points Tuesday, Dec. 28, and Rockwall to 40 a week later.

"That was excellent defense, which has been a hallmark this season. However, RHHS' offense hasn't been so good. They scored just 30 points in each of those games, and lost both.

The Hebron game was Rockwall-Heath's third in two days at the Dallas ISU Coca-Cola Invention Tournament. Head coach Devin Gabbard said, "We looked really sluggish and tired. Defensively, we were a step slow coming out of the (holiday) break and probably two slower today."

Brianna Richardson scored 14 points and Brooke Eddy added 11 against Hebron, but the remainder of the team totaled just five.

The offense was distributed better Tuesday's game at Rockwall-Heath. Six Lady Hawks scored, but the highest scorers – Richardson, Eddy and McKenzie White – had just seven.

RHHS has exceeded 40 points in just 4 of 20 games this season. The Lady Hawks will have to do better to reach the playoffs, but they can take solace in the fact that their three District 10-4A losses have been to its top three teams – McKinney North (4-0) and McKinney and Rockwall (both 3-1).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	6	9	6	9	30
Hebron	11	10	3	11	35

RHHS (7-13) – Brianna Richardson 14, Brooke Eddy 11, Willette Rankin 3, McKenzie White 2.

Hebron (8-12) – Rachel Beaty 9, Rayvon Christian 9, Kayley Walker 6, Cam Ayers 4, Sarah Anderson 3, Alyneisha Bowie 2, Emenderlyn Iwuji 2.

RHS (18-6, 3-1) – Kayla Smith 16, Hannah Hughes 7, Alyssa Lang 7, Paige Turner 5, Mariah Roof 3, Morghen Day 2.

RHHS (7-14, 1-3) – Brooke Eddy 7, Brianna Richardson 7, McKenzie White 7, Aly Coughlin 5, Jordan Mitchell 3, Willette Rankin 1.

RHS (18-6, 3-1) – Kayla Smith 16, Hannah Hughes 7, Alyssa Lang 7, Paige Turner 5, Mariah Roof 3, Morghen Day 2.

RHHS (7-14, 1-3) – Brooke Eddy 7, Brianna Richardson 7, McKenzie White 7, Aly Coughlin 5, Jordan Mitchell 3, Willette Rankin 1.

Jackets split two games, now 2-2 in district

When the Rockwall boys' basketball team defeated Wylie East 57-38 Friday, it meant the Yellowjackets won two of their first three District 10-4A games this season.

RHS was off to a good start to improve that record to 3-1, leading 13-12 after the first quarter at McKinney North.

Then the Bulldogs came back to take a 33-26 halftime lead, which they stretched to a 60-44 final margin. That put both Rockwall and McKinney North in a four-way tie for the district's final two playoff berths. Overall, 15-17 and the Jackets 10-11.

Blake Sandlin led RHS with 15 points at MNHS.

Against Wylie East, a strong finish made the difference. The Raiders led 13-11 after the first quarter and still were within six points at 39-33 entering the final period. Rockwall then outscored East 18-5 over the final 8 minutes.

Griffin Fraser's 20 points led the Jackets. Jared Ragland and Wesley Davis helped with 14 and 13 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
East	13	7	13	5	38
RHS	11	16	12	18	57

Wylie East (8-11, 1-2) – Marcell Ateman 19, Tre' Green 11, Dajuan Brown, Kevin Mack 4.

RHS (10-10, 2-1) – Griffin Fraser 20, Jared Ragland 14, Wesley Davis 13, Landon Knight 7, Clay Marley 2, Corbin Dshong 1.

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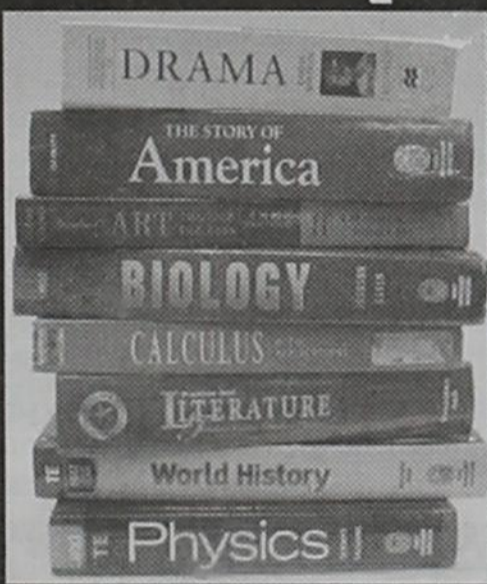
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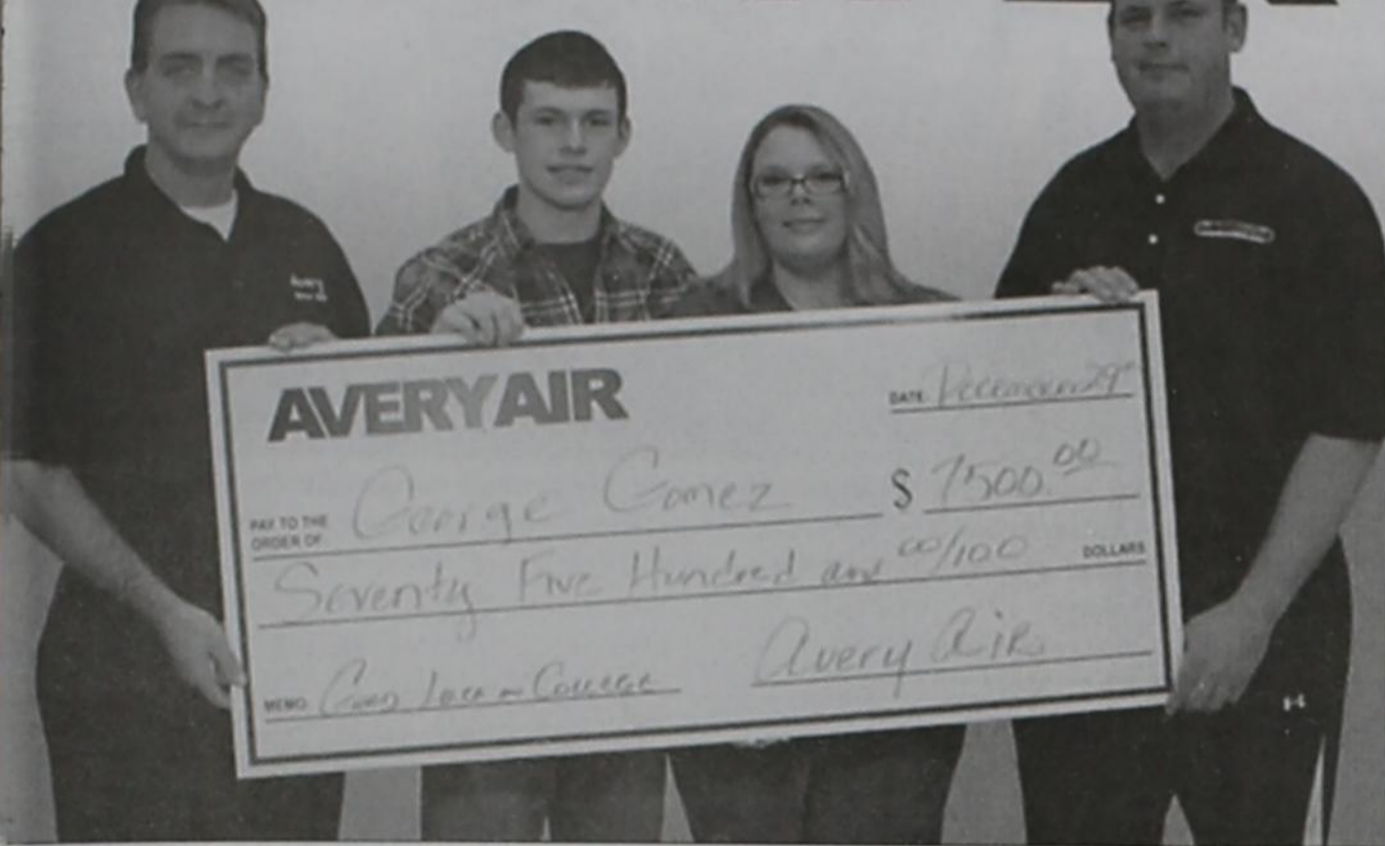
- Plainview is the seat of this county
- TXism: "cautious as a small dog with a bone"
- former TX giant corp. —Temco-Vought
- Canton has large "market"
- "Buffalo Soldiers" of this unit were at TX's Fort Davis (2 wds)
- "border patrol" agcy before March of '03
- TX "Tighten Up" group: "
- & the Drells"
- TX Bob Wills' "Take Back to Tulsa"
- Glen Campbell was a Texas Ranger in film "True "
- this Moreno killed 6 TXins in '83 spree
- Conway Twitty's 1st #1: "Next "
- UT grad/call Wallach and cotton gin inventor Whitney
- rare Cowboy event in '10 (abbr.)
- comic strip by Garry Trudeau
- big formal party
- "em Aggies!"
- Oswald is buried at Shannan "
- Cemetery
- car
- completely satisfy
- TXism: "happy as a "
- lap"
- young sheep
- TXism: "chaser" (early riser)
- "Martha Myss"
- TX Perot started this co. "Elder"
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- TX intox. offense (abbr.)
- ex-Cowboy star WR, Michael
- lcky Twerp did Dallas' "Theater"
- TXism: "the slate clean"
- TX Willie's dad
- nothing or zero
- possible evidence in a rape case
- TX h.s. bands perform during these (3 wds.)
- Taylor Co. seat
- bed sheets, e.g.
- Cowboys laid an "Minnesota "
- in '09 playoffs
- Fort Worth Zoo's "Raptor Canyon" has "
- eagles
- Houston Oiler CB, Dishman ('88-'96)
- TX Loreta DeVine film: "Class "
- TX Howard changed his name to Koresh (init.)
- Danny of "Two Much" with UT-grad Wallach
- Lake, TX
- Vlad Guerrero had 115 of 'em in '10
- TXism: "does a cat have a climbing gear?"
- TX Willie sang " "Me" ('82)
- Elks and Masonic
- NE Dallas suburb
- TXism: "have to get better to die" (sick)
- "neither's" partner
- TX-born Ann Miller film: "at Me"
- TXism: "black as the of a coffin"
- wagering money (where legal)
- TXism: "faster than a prairie fire with "
- smooth, glossy fabric
- newspaper: Abilene Reporter-
- volcano rock
- Houston FM station
- African antelope or Chevy car
- TXism: "took every-thing but the " my lungs" (robbed)
- TX flag upside down: "help "
- TX Bob Wills started "Texas Playboys" band while living in "
- OK
- TX-based restaurant "Good "
- storage receptacle
- TX legume

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George Gomez, a member of the Roysse City High School varsity basketball team, received the Avery Air College Scholarship in the amount of \$7,500 at the Plano Holiday Varsity Boys Basketball tournament. Avery Air sponsored the tournament. Each participating team received a \$500 scholarship, with one team awarded the larger amount. Gomez was awarded the scholarship due to his leadership, teamwork and character. Avery Air Representatives are shown here presenting the scholarship to Gomez and his mother, Shelley Eserini.

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Cain Middle School students and faculty members squared off in a basketball game that raised money and generated food donations. More than \$500 was raised for the Heath Police Department's effort to assist the Kaufman Emergency Children's Shelter and more than 500 cans of food were collected for Rockwall Helping Hands. Pictured from the left are Heath DPS Director Terry Garrett and his wife, Shelley Garrett; CMS coach Derick Halstied; eighth grade CMS student Jackson Zivney; eighth grade CMS student Jordan Hoy; and CMS coach Ian Moreau.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports Schedule

The Fulton School Falcons

Friday, Jan. 14 – Boys' basketball: at Denton Selwyn, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Boys' basketball: at Irving Stonegate, 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 20 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Granbury Happy Hill Farm Academy, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 21 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Friday, Jan. 14 – Basketball: home vs. Red River Home School, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Middle school basketball: home vs. West Dallas Community, girls 4 p.m. and boys 5 p.m.
 Varsity basketball: home vs. Longview Trinity School of Texas, RISE, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 20 – Middle school basketball: home vs. Rockwall Christian Academy, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 21 – Middle school basketball: home vs. Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.
 Varsity basketball: home vs. Rockwall Christian Academy, RISE, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Friday, Jan. 14 – Basketball: home vs. Christian Heritage School of Longview, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Basketball: at Greenville Christian School, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 20 – Middle school basketball: at Heritage Christian Academy, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 21 – Varsity basketball: at Heritage Christian Academy, RISE, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, Jan. 14 – Varsity boys' soccer: at Sherman for Dr. Pepper Cup, Bearcat Stadium, 5 p.m.
 Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Rockwall High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 JV boys' soccer: vs. Garland Lakeview Centennial at Dr. Pepper Cup, Center Street, Sherman, 7 p.m.
 Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Sachse at Carrollton Creekview Tournament
 JV girls' soccer: at Hebron Tournament
 Saturday, Jan. 15 – Wrestling: at Cougar Duals, The Colony, 9 a.m.
 Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Denison for Dr. Pepper Cup, Bearcat Stadium, 10:30 a.m.
 JV boys' soccer: vs. Paris at Dr. Pepper Cup, Center Street, Sherman, 12:30 p.m.
 Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Justin Northwest and Carrollton Creekview at Carrollton Creekview Tournament
 JV girls' soccer: at Hebron Tournament
 Monday, Jan. 17 – Girls' soccer: at Garland, Williams Stadium, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
 Boys' soccer: at Forney, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Highland Park, JV and Freshman A 6 p.m. and varsity and Freshman B 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 20 – Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Garland at Garland ISD Tournament, Williams Stadium, 1:45 p.m.
 JV boys' soccer: vs. Garland at Garland ISD Tournament, Rowlett, 3:30 p.m.
 Tennis: home vs. Wylie, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4:15 p.m.
 Wrestling: with Quinlan Ford at Rockwall-Heath, 6 p.m.
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Round Rock Tournament
 Friday, Jan. 21 – JV wrestling: at Titan Invitational, Garland Lakeview Centennial, 9 a.m.
 JV boys' soccer: vs. Mesquite Poteet at Garland ISD Tournament, Garland Naaman Forest, 11:30 a.m.
 Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Mesquite Poteet at Garland ISD Tournament, Williams Stadium, 1:15 p.m.
 Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie, Utley Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Wylie, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Round Rock Tournament
 Saturday, Jan. 22 – Varsity wrestling: at Titan Invitational, Garland Lakeview Centennial, 9 a.m.
 Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Richardson Pearce at Garland ISD Tournament, Williams Stadium, 8 p.m.
 JV boys' soccer: vs. Richardson Pearce at Garland ISD Tournament, Rowlett, 8 p.m.
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Round Rock Tournament

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Jan. 14 – Freshman girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie East, Cain Middle School, Red 5:30 p.m. and Black 7 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Wylie East, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie East, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Varsity boys' soccer: at Forney Tournament
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Emily Hunter Tournament, Arlington
 JV boys' soccer: at Carrollton R.L. Turner Tournament
 JV girls' soccer: at Mesquite JV Tournament
 Saturday, Jan. 15 – Wrestling: at Sommerstein Classic, Bishop Dunne, 10 a.m.
 Swimming: at Rockwall Time Trial, RISD Aquatic Center, 5 p.m.
 Varsity boys' soccer: at Forney Tournament
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Emily Hunter Tournament, Arlington
 JV boys' soccer: at Carrollton R.L. Turner Tournament
 JV girls' soccer: at Mesquite JV Tournament

Monday, Jan. 17 – Girls' soccer: at Forney, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Boys' soccer: home vs. West Mesquite, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
 Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Cain Middle School, A 5:30 p.m. and B 7 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, Freshman Red 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Jan. 19 – JV powerlifting: home vs. South Garland
 Thursday, Jan. 20 – Wrestling: home vs. Rockwall and Quinlan Ford, 6 p.m.
 Gymnastics: Optionals at Birdville, 6:30 p.m.
 Boys' soccer: Varsity and JV at Sachse Tournament
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Lovejoy Tournament
 Friday, Jan. 21 – Girls' basketball: at Burleson Centennial, Freshman Black 5 p.m. and JV Black 6:30 p.m.
 Freshman Red girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Cain Middle School, 5:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at McKinney, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B 7 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: home vs. McKinney, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Wrestling: at Dallas Jesuit Invitational, 6 p.m.
 Boys' soccer: Varsity and JV at Sachse Tournament
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Lovejoy Tournament
 Saturday, Jan. 22 – Wrestling: at Dallas Jesuit Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Varsity powerlifting: at Roysse City Meet
 Boys' soccer: Varsity and JV at Sachse Tournament
 Varsity girls' soccer: at Lovejoy Tournament

Roysse City Bulldogs

Friday, Jan. 14 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Greenville, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Greenville, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 17 – Girls' soccer: home vs. Terrell, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 17 – Girls' soccer: home vs. Terrell, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 17 – Girls' soccer: home vs. Terrell, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Mount Pleasant, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Sulphur Springs, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Girls' soccer: home vs. Lindale, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Cain Middle School Mustangs

Friday, Jan. 14 – 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
 8th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Williams
 7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
 7th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek
 Saturday, Jan. 15 – 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
 8th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Williams
 7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
 7th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Utley
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – 7th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Jan. 19 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m. B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 20 – 8th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m. B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Utley Middle School Wolves

Friday, Jan. 14 – 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
 8th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Williams
 7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
 7th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek
 Saturday, Jan. 15 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home for C Tournament
 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
 8th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Williams
 7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 20 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Williams Middle School Wildcats

Friday, Jan. 14 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home for C Tournament
 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
 7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
 7th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Lovejoy Sloan Creek
 Saturday, Jan. 15 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home for C Tournament
 8th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie McMillan
 7th grade boys' basketball: at C Tournament, Wylie Cooper
 7th grade girls' basketball: at C Tournament, Utley
 Tuesday, Jan. 18 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m. B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 20 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.



Rockwall Yellowjackets' Hannah Hughes (14) slips under the basket for a shot against North McKinney.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Info session on water polo slated

Rockwall Water Polo coach, Andres Rodriguez, will host an information session on Jan. 18 at the Rockwall Aquatic Center. Spring league rules and schedules will be discussed. The high school program begins practices on Feb. 21; practices are scheduled 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Mondays through Fridays. With enough participation, the school hopes to be able to have its own team (both boys and girls). The youth league consists of sixth grade and under co-ed and eighth grade and under co-ed practices for the youngest group will begin Jan. 24 (6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday), while practices for the eighth grade and under team will begin Jan. 26 (6:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays). Leagues are sanctioned by USA Water Polo; high school games are governed by TISCA. No prior experience is necessary. For more details visit rockwallwaterpolo.com or call Rodriguez at 214-649-8777.

Youth Soccer registration under way

Registration for the YMCA Youth Soccer program will run through Jan. 31. Practices begin Feb. 21; games start March 5 and will run for eight weeks. Small-Fry soccer, for 3-year-olds, will play/practice each Wednesday beginning March 23. All players in Youth and Small-Fry will receive participation medals at the end of the season. Cost is \$30 for a family member, \$75 for activity member; fees increase by \$10 on Feb. 1. Financial assistance is available. Registration must be done by parent/guardian in person at the YMC, 1210 N. Goliad. For more information visit rockwallymca.org.

Baseball sign-ups ongoing

The Rockwall Baseball Association is taking online sign-ups. Walk-up registration will be Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. To register or for more details visit rockwallbaseballassociation.com.

Softball registration under way

Sign-ups for the Rockwall Girls Softball Association will run through Feb. 28. To register, visit rockwallgirlssoftball.com or call 972-841-2939 for more details.

Softball tourney slated Feb. 19

The Texas 6 Shooter Softball Tournament, a six-game guarantee tourney, will take place Feb. 19 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Divisions offered will include girls', men's church, co-red and church co-rec. USSSA rules will apply. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

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Rockwall ISD offers spring community education classes

If you've always wanted to learn how to dance, sew, cook, paint, quilt, manage your money or operate computer programs, Rockwall ISD's Community Education program has a gamut of choices. Beginning in mid-January and continuing throughout the spring, Community Ed is offering numerous classes for both adults and students.

Dance classes for adults include such offerings as the salsa, the cha-cha, the rumba, the foxtrot, the two-step, the country waltz and several levels of swing. Computer classes include tutorials in Word, PowerPoint and Excel as well as classes on digital photography, all "I" devices (iPods, iPhones, etc.), and social media. A new series of sewing classes includes sewing basics for home décor, begin-

ning fashion sewing, introduction to quilting, and a fun one-night "make and take" pillowcase class which is perfect for any age or as a mother/daughter joint project. Cooking classes include Valentine's Day treats, St. Patrick's Day fondant treats, an Easter basket cake, and end-of-school goodies. Painting classes, led by veteran artist and author Robert Garden, will make accomplished artists out of even those students who have no artistic background.

Money management classes (Mortgage Free in 10 Years or Less, Retirement Planning Today, and Building Your Financial Portfolio on \$25 a Month or Less), writing and publishing classes (Writing Your 1st Book on a Shoestring Budget, Publishing Your 1st Book on a Shoestring Budget,

Become a Mystery Shopper, and Start a Home-Based Medical Transcription Business), and music classes (Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People) offer an economical way to broaden your horizons. In the "Kidz Corner," student offerings include Musical Minds Junior Rockers, Musical Minds Piano Club and Drama Kids International. In addition, classes for Texas concealed handgun certification and renewal are available through RISD Community Education.

In general, classes meet at Utley Middle School. For a complete listing of classes with dates, times and tuition, log on to www.rockwallisd.com/Community/CommunityEducation.aspx. Online registration and payment is available. If you would like a printed copy of the spring 2011 catalog, contact April Marx at 972-771-0605.



Sixth grade choir from Virginia Reinhardt Elementary caroled during the holidays at the Rockwall Nursing Center, Arbor House Nursing Home, Reese Manor and Summer Ridge Assisted Living. Student choir members pictured include Valyn Clark, Camryn Cooper, Cathryn DeShong, Michael Ormsby and Trey Strong.

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Students of Primrose School are shown preparing to deliver food to the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Helping Hands is a nonprofit critical assistance agency serving Rockwall County. For more information or to schedule a food drive call 972-771-HELP.

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Rockwall American Legion Post 117 has busy year planned

The Rockwall American Legion post meets currently once every quarter at the Civic Center Building located in Harry Meyers Park. Exact meeting dates and time are posted in the Rockwall County News just prior to the meetings.

A social dinner is given prior to the meeting to provide an opportunity for post members to meet and greet. This is a chance to meet fellow veterans and to take part in post activities.

A short presentation on a topic of general interest is given after the meeting.

Boys and Girls State

Interviews are conducted by legion post members with selected boys and girls from school counselors from each of the two Rockwall high schools to send them to Boys & Girls State to understand and take part in the basic democratic process of government.

National Holiday Flags

Post members put out the United States flags on all national holi-

days around the downtown square in Rockwall.

Support Programs

We support such programs as Helping Hands and Patriot Paws. Patriot Paws is a program that utilizes specially trained dogs to support disabled veterans.

National Holiday Participation

Post veterans are asked to take part in Memorial Day Ceremial, and the fourth of July Parade, Independence Day.

Rockwall County Veteran's Memorial

The Rockwall County Count Veteran's Memorial will have a ground breaking tentatively scheduled for mid-February. A Friends of Veteran's Memorial Organization is planned. This will provide additional programs, such as scholarship funds for Rockwall high school selected students. We plan to ask all post members to take an ac-

tive part in this program.

Birthday Luncheon

Post members will be invited to the annual National American Legion Birthday Luncheon on the third Sunday of March. A short meeting held after the Luncheon to recognize the candidates sent to Boys & Girls State.

Tri-County Veteran's Honor Guard

The Tri-County Veteran's Honor Guard was formed late in 2008 to serve the need for burials for the 10 mile radius of the tri-county area which includes Rockwall.

This mission is to guarantee that every deceased soldier receives a proper military funeral with honors. The organization is 54 veteran members strong and growing, with 625 years of combine active military service.

Interested veterans can support the Tri-County Veteran's honor Guard on the web at www.tricountyveteranshonorguard.org, or by email at galienn65@sbcglobal.net.

Thank You

We wish to express special thanks for the known list of active military personnel who have served tours of duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. If anyone knows of individual not listed, please contact the Post Commander at tonwittig@sbcglobal.net. We do not wish to overlook anyone. The following are those who have been brought to our attention: Colonel Gregory Maxton, Cory Lynn, Captain Ryan Knott, Bret Redfern, Charles Starnes, Shelton Feibel, Matt Tower, Dave Morris, Johnathon Gray, Captain Jeff Matsler, Matt Tower, Austin Jedd, Allan Bakes, Shane Francis, Sanders Walker, Michael Baley, David Usery, and Patrick Kenney.

Habitat workday slated Saturday

The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity will continue work on its current-site at 803 Peter's Colony at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Volunteers will continue work on installing interior doors and doing trim work.

For up-to-the-minute information on workday plans or in the event of inclement weather, visit rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com.

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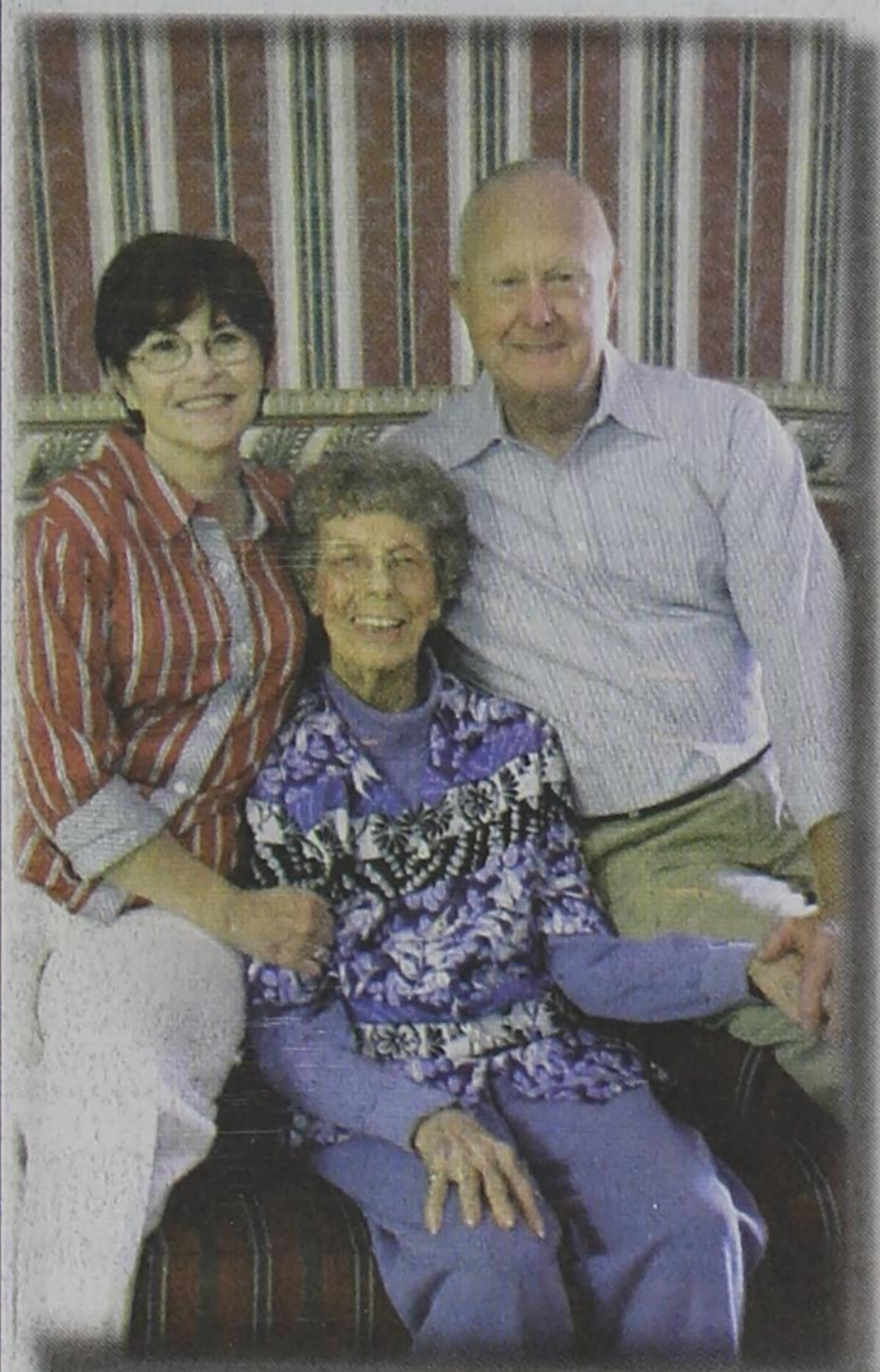
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Maxine Harber with her son Les and his wife Karylle Harber.

Single resident speaks at county road map hearing

Rockwall County voters held a public hearing on the adoption of a county road map, with one resident offering comments at the Jan. 5 meeting.

County Judge Jerry Hogan said at the start of the meeting that the county's claim of its right to continue maintenance.

Rockwall resident Kenneth Baker

was the lone speaker, not objecting to the maintenance issue but suggesting an unpaved stretch of North Country Lane be temporarily blocked off to prevent further illicit activity from continuing.

Baker said the winding road, which stretches from FM 549 to Hwy. 66 into the city of Fate, is the site of vandal-

ism, public dumping, burning of rubbish and bon fires during burn bans and public sex.

Baker owns property bordering Ben Payne road and leases land bordering North Country Lane.

"It is a hazard to the public," he said. "The road doesn't serve any other purpose."

Baker said the properties that border the road are accessible from other directions and there are no occupied houses in the area. He said there is one abandoned house in the vicinity.

He also said the dirt road becomes a favorite spot for "mudding" after it rains. He said cars have slid off the road and into fences, allowing livestock to wander out of pastureland and cause a "public hazard."

Baker also addressed the illegal dumping that takes place along the road.

"Last week, we found three dead hogs. It's a dumping ground for mattresses and garbage," he said.

Lastly, he said people gather at the abandoned house at night for bonfires and other possibly illegal activities.

"I have gone up there and found burning logs and bonfires and drug paraphernalia," Baker said.

Baker asked the Court to consider temporarily barricading the stretch of road for further discussion.

"I'm not asking for it to be permanently blocked but temporarily until further notice. You may never be able to prevent all of it but you can make it harder to get cars up there," he said.

Judge Hogan took Baker's phone number for future discussions and the meeting was adjourned in less than 15 minutes.



Spending a snowy afternoon at The Harbor adding a fluffy member to the family, the Pettitt's of Arlington drove all the way to Rockwall to enjoy Sunday's snowfall since their own hometown didn't receive snow. The Pettitt family is Brian, Kelly and Gracie. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



A one-alarm house fire at 515 Shoreview Dr. Sunday, Jan. 9 caused extensive damage to the rear of the one-story structure. Early reports of an explosion at the property have not been confirmed by the Rockwall Fire Department and no evidence of an explosion can be seen from outside of the house. The alarm was sounded at 8:33 p.m. and fire personnel were on site by 8:36 p.m. The fire was quickly extinguished and the fire department was able to leave the scene by 10:38 p.m. The fire department could not confirm if the house was occupied at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported to fire fighters. The damage to the house and property is estimated at \$103,000. The investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing.

Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Flu shots offered Saturday at HH Health Center

The Health Center of Helping Hands will hold a walk-in flu shot clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Flu vaccine is still available at the Health Center until March. Prices range from \$14 to \$20.

For an appointment call 972-772-8194, or make an appointment in person at the Health Center, located at 102 S First Street in Rockwall.

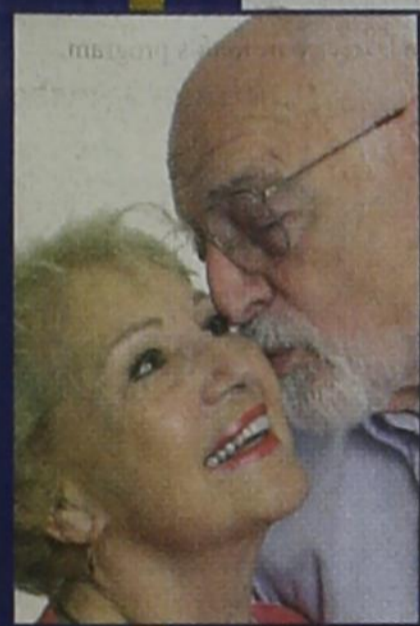
Correction ...

A photo in the Dec. 31, 2010 issue of the Rockwall County News stated that Rockwall resident Raymond Cameron had lived in the community since 1936, when he has been a resident since 1946. Rockwall's Caruth Lake was renamed Raymond Cameron Lake recently by the City of Rockwall in recognition of his civic contributions. The Rockwall County News regrets the error.

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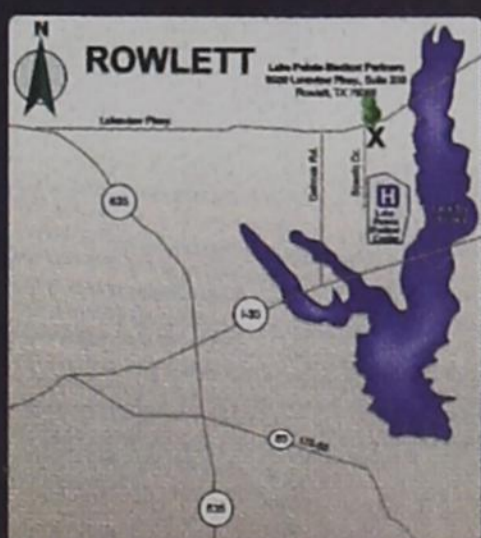


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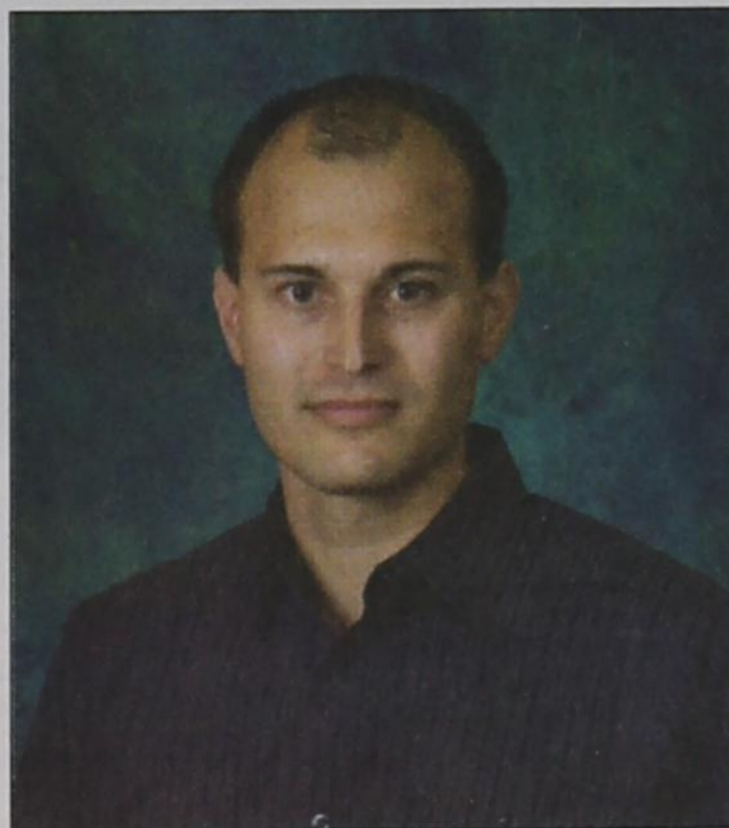
Meet Dr. Jason Medina

Dr Medina has joined Dr. Denise Johnson's site in the Lake Pointe Medical Arts Building located at 7501 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 220 in Rowlett, TX.

Dr. Medina attended UT Austin & UT Southwestern Medical School. His residency & internship were performed at Waco Family Practice in Waco, TX. In 2008 Dr. Medina worked with a family practice group in Garland, TX as a Family Medicine physician where he developed many relationships within the community.

He boarded with the Lake Pointe Medical Partners group on September 27, 2010 with a great desire to grow within the Rowlett, Garland, & Rockwall community.

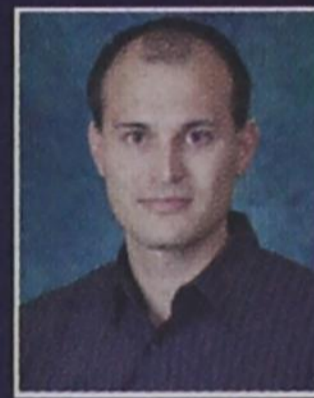
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by Pat Nolan Butts
Royse ISD superintendent
has predicted "tough
for the district resulting
from a projected Texas budget short-
fall of nearly \$28 billion. Education
spending will make up forty per cent
of the state budget, he told trustees at
a meeting, and 60 per cent
of RCISD budget comes from the
state.
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will help RCISD,
the said, to be "as
much or for as
much as we need"
with the "huge
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"It all depends on what happens
at the big session," Hancock
regretted that a special
session might be called to deal with
the education
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March
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of the term of
board member
Randy Hancock's
contract through
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announced the retire-
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for fifth and sixth grade so-
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who had hoped to ap-
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