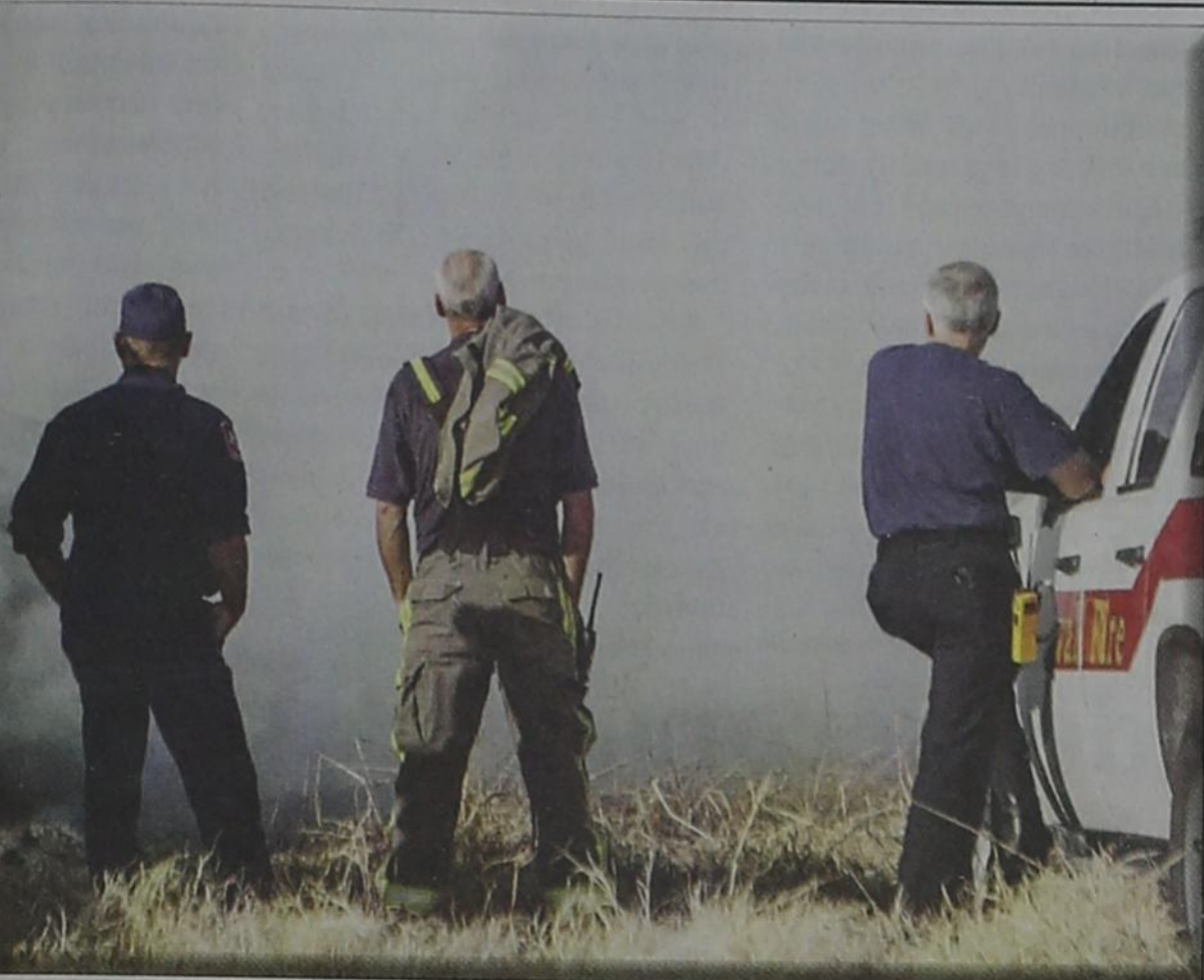


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Fire Department personnel standby after they were called to assist McLendon-Chisolm Fire Department, Wednesday December 4, in extinguishing a multi-acre grass fire at FM Opel Hill Lane. As of Tuesday Dec. 10, information about the fire was not available.
Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News



Joey and Brianna Palin, and their children who live at 713 Wood Street in Royse City have been without power since early Friday morning, Dec. 6th. As of Sunday evening late, the power company informed them that it might be 2 or 3 more days until they got their power restored. The power outage occurred after branches from a century old tree brought down the Palins' power line. Their neighbors had power restored in just a few hours. Many of the homes in Royse City lost trees and most neighborhoods look similar to the above scene.
Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Foliage endured a covering of ice as shown above on Sunday December 8 at Harry Myers Rockwall.
Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Fate and Royse City hard hit by weekend ice storm

by Millie Jean Coppedge

This past week, beauty and destruction settled over our community at the same time. It shut down schools, business, and brought travelers to a crawl, if not a dead stop, on the highways. Once the precipitation stopped, citizens began to see and feel the damage it had caused.

Royse City and Fate are serviced by 3 different power companies; Farmers Electric Cooperative, ONCOR Electric Delivery, and TXU Energy.

Mark Lyles of Farmers Electric Cooperative said that between December 6th and the 8th, due to the winter ice storm, there was a total of 185 power outages reported together from Royse City, Fate, Josephine, Rockwall, Caddo Mills, Nevada, Union Valley, and McLendon-Chisholm. Farmers Electric does not report each city separately. (This outage affected 341 meters.) Out of the 185 outages, 153 had their power restored within 24 hours and 32 were restored within 48 hours. As of today, Monday at 3 p.m. all outages have been restored.

Fate Director of the Department of Public Safety, Brian Griffith related that he had gotten an

email today from ONCOR saying they have almost all the power outages taken care of and hope to have 100% repairs made by this evening. Griffith reported blown transformers caused tree fires, many broken limbs damaged roofs, and an abundance of trees were destroyed.

No response from TXU at press time.

Julie Riley, Assistant to the City Secretary reported that the Royse City police records show reports made that transformers were on fire on Pin Oak Lane, FM 548 possible tree on fire, and on Josephine Street there was a fire from downed tree caused from blown transformer. They also received a report that on Live Oak Street a water line a kitchen sparking and popping, and on Autumn Trail there were reports of loud explosions from the transformers and trees on fire. There were no injuries in any of these incidents.

Royse City Fire Chief Richard Bell spoke with Laura Vineyard, the community manager for YES Community, a manufactured home addition at 1023 Lakes Drive. He was told by her that 25 of their homes were still without power. ONCOR, their electrical

provider, informed Vineyard that the transformer for the division was obsolete. He said it should have been replaced 5 years ago and it cannot be done while the ground is wet. So she doesn't know when their power will be replaced.

From Thursday evening when the ice storm moved in, until about 2 p.m. Monday, Royse City had reports of 12 major, minor, and hit-and-run traffic accidents due to the ice.

Detective Tim Conner from the Fate Department of Public Safety reported that during this time there were 6 motor vehicle accidents specifically related to the ice. The DPS responded to a total of 67 calls for service, most of which were weather related.

Were it not for all the broken foliage, damaged homes and destruction of magnificent century old trees, both in Fate and Royse City, the white landscape that spread like a vision over our peaceful little cities would have been such a joy. They say the good often come with the bad. For me, this was a joyous few days. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Local man sentenced on stalking charge

It took less than an hour for a Rockwall County jury to return a verdict of guilty against James Hamm, 46, of Rockwall on a felony charge of stalking.

Hamm was sentenced to six years in the Texas state penitentiary, although he had no previous felony record and was eligible for probation. The sentence was "based on the seriousness of the case and multiple previous contacts with the police," according to a news release from the Criminal District Attorney's office.

Jurors heard testimony that the defendant followed at 15-year-old girl on multiple occasions while she was walking home from school, according to the news release. At one point Hamm tried to lure the girl into his car.

The jury also heard about other young victims the defendant approached in a similar manner, according to the release.

A Rockwall Police officer testified that he and other officers connected several unrelated

"stranger on stranger" incidents in which the defendant was involved to quickly obtain an arrest warrant against Hamm.

Lead prosecutor Damita Sangermano, who in closing arguments described Hamm as a "predator," said the victim's mother credited the police officer with possibly saving her daughter's life. Sangermano also praised the police department's actions in getting the defendant off the street before he could traumatize any other young women.

"Officers are vested in their communities and do a good job of going the extra mile," said Kenda Culpepper, the county's district attorney, in the news release. "It is one reason why Rockwall County is such a great place to live. This should be a wake-up call to parents, however, to further educate their children about the dangers of interacting with strangers."

Conditions leave thousands without power, cancels city events

Brittany Williams

icy week brought the mid-70s, a late Dec. 5 and temperatures more than 10 hours.

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weather and ice to hinder our press, especially the

treacherous driving conditions," chief operating officer Jim Greer said in a news release. "We know that this has been a difficult situation for our customers who have been without power, which is why the customers who have been out the longest have been given the highest priority with today's restoration. We will continue to work around the clock until every customer's power is back on.

"We have 9,000 outages remaining from Friday's severe ice storm. These outages will be substantially restored by midnight tonight, with all customers who lost power Friday restored by tomorrow morning.

Also, there are approximately 11,000 current outages remaining from Saturday and Sunday's ongoing subfreezing temperatures. We anticipate that these new outages will be restored late tomorrow afternoon. The only outages that may not be restored by that time are customers whose electrical equipment was damaged by the storm and may need an electrician and city inspection

before power can be safely restored. At the peak of the storm 270,000 customers were without power; plus, approximately 50,000 new outages occurred Saturday and Sunday. The new outages are a result of the continuing subfreezing temperatures and icy conditions causing tree limbs to dip and break into power lines," according an update on Oncor's Facebook page Sunday evening.

As of press time, an estimate of the number of outages in Rockwall County was unavailable.

McLendon-Chisolm, Rockwall and Fate's city offices were closed Friday Dec. 6.

The Rockwall Independent School District cancelled classes on Dec. 6.

Many events such as Heath's Annual Holiday in the Park, Rockwall's Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting were cancelled or postponed due to the icy conditions

A few minor accidents were also reported by the Rockwall Police Department between Dec. 6-8.

Not only were residences effected, but businesses around in the area.

"Over the weekend we had some difficulties, but we are bouncing back," Gary Huddleston, director of consumer affairs for Kroger, said.

Rockwall police investigate death

20-year-old white covered adjacent to in Squabble Creek No. 19, according to a from the Rockwall

ended to the park, 200 block of North ye, at about 12:43 iving a "suspicious call," according to

cessed the scene.

The incident is being investigated as a possible suicide, according to the news release. Detectives are awaiting autopsy results from the medical examiner's office.

The case remains under investigation.

To report information related to this incident contact Sgt. Ray Fitzwater with the Criminal Investigation Division at 972-771-7721.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Old Town Christmas Market rescheduled

The Old Town Christmas Market, rescheduled from last weekend, will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 14 in downtown Rockwall. The open-air market will feature more than 30 vendors. Complimentary beverages and treats will be served. Santa will be at The Center for Breakfast with Santa. For more details visit rockwall.com.

Democrats plan holiday pot luck supper

Rockwall County Democrats and their families are invited to a holiday pot luck supper from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., Rockwall. Participants are asked to bring their favorite casserole, side dish or dessert. The group will accept unwrapped toys and food donations for Helping Hands.

Helping Hands Toy Drive underway

The Rockwall County Helping Hands Toy Drive is now underway. To assist with this year's drive, purchase new toys (about \$25 in value) and drop them off at Helping Hands before Dec. 17. Gift cards from stores where teens shop also may be purchased and dropped off at Helping Hands. Last year the agency provided three gifts for each of the 1,299

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Fate City Council angers citizens with procedu

by Millie Jean Coppedge
Steve Herrmann was the only one who spoke during the citizen comments portion of the Fate City Council meeting on Dec. 2.

He said he was not happy the proceedings that led up to the election of Jim Thornhill at the Nov. 21 special called meeting to replace John Stacy for Place

3. Herrmann was one of seven candidates who applied for the position.

Stacy resigned to run as a Republican for District 4 against longtime Rockwall Representative Ralph Hall. Since Stacy was also mayor pro tem, there needed to be an election by the council not only to replace Place 4, but also to fill the position of mayor pro tem and deputy mayor pro tem.

In recalling the meeting, most of the motions were determined by a 4-2 margin. The four voting were Mayor Bill Broderick, Steve Skipworth, Sheri Garber and Michelle Butler. The two voting were Cameron Cowan and Lorne Megyesi. It is the vote of the city council to elect these positions.

At one point, Megyesi wanted each candidate to speak before the council as to their qualifications

for the position for which they were running, but Broderick rejected the idea and told Megyesi that the council members each had a copy of their applications. Later in the meeting, again Megyesi spoke up making a motion for an "open ballot." That suggestion was also denied by a vote of 4-2. The meeting became more heated as time went on.

The final positions filled were Garber for mayor pro tem, Butler for deputy mayor pro tem and Thornhill for Place 3 councilman.

Rod Hogan, interim city manager, addressed three action items concerning "adopting the amended City of Fate Fiscal & Budgetary Policies and providing an effective date," "adopting a new resolution for Purchasing Card Policies Program and providing an effective date" and "amending the

city of Fate Personnel Policies to include the omitted Longevity Pay Plan, also providing an effective date." All three actions passed 7-0.

During the Mayor and Council Reports section of the meeting, Garber discussed the needs of the Helping Hands organization. She said that there are a lot of things that food stamps cannot be used to purchase such as toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies and other items. She asked that the city employees donate these items that people need.

Brian Griffith, director of the Department of Public Safety, said the fire station has two boxes where they are collecting items -- toys and canned food. They will need all the items by mid-December to prepare the donations to the families.

On Dec. 13, come-and-go employees from p.m. at the Willi

The council executive sess "legal advice. Texas Open M annexations" an deliberate regar or financial infe city had receivec prospect that th have locate, sta near the territory Fate and with v conducting econo negotiations." returned back to with a "No Acti all three discuss

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The next coun be Dec. 16.



Steve Herrmann, above, read two pages of his concerns to the Fate City Council on Dec. 2 regarding the way the council nominated and elected new members to the council on Nov. 21. Herrmann was one of seven candidates for the position of Place 3. Jim Thornhill was elected to the position.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Charter to deliver more HD chan

Charter Communications customers in Rockwall soon will have access to more than 140 high-definition channels as part of an all-digital upgrade to Charter's North Texas network.

In December, Charter will begin clearing all analog signals from its local network, making way to add 85 new HD offerings in Rockwall.

Nickelodeon, Hallmark Channel, FOX News Channel, BET, ESPN and Encore are just a few of the new HD channels that soon will be available in digital picture and sound.

"By removing outdated analog signals, we gain back amount of bandwidth in our network," said John Owen of Charter's southwest region. "In the space we previously occupied with a single analog channel, we can now provide multiple digital channels or HD channels. It's a great opportunity to maximize value for our customers."

Plus, with digital set-top boxes, Charter customers will Demand access for every television in their homes.

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Births



Fallon Faith Ferguson-Guantt

Julie Ann Ferguson and Mathew Taylor Guantt of Rowlett are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Fallon Faith Ferguson-Guantt, at 4:44 p.m. Nov. 22, 2013, at Lakepoint Hospital. The infant weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19.3 inches long at birth. Maternal grandmother is Sharry Ferguson of Frisco.



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Joyce Jackson and her Son Charlie Roach

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The December "Reminiscing Royse about Joel Davison misspelling Davison's name in Irving, Rockwall County News" apologizes for the error.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Ruth Hazel Betts

died Wednesday

On Dec. 11, 2013, Ruth Hazel Betts, 71, of Rockwall, she the Bourn Avenue Rockwall. Her sons, Anthony Perry Strange and Ann Marie Strange of Rockwall; James (Margret) Hickman of Rockwall; three aunts, Rose Sharp, both of Rockwall and Roy "R.L." Hickman, all of Rockwall; and Allison Strange of Rockwall, Brandon Strange of Dallas; and many other relatives.



Dorothy Briscoe

died Wednesday

On Dec. 11, 2013, Dorothy Briscoe, 86, of Rockwall, she the Bourn Avenue Rockwall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Briscoe, in 2003, just two weeks before their relocation to Rockwall. She could have been a waitress in time to time just good conversation. She could talk to anyone about



her oldest son, Robert (Buzz) and his daughter, and Trevor, and their sons, Ethan and William; her husband, Cliff, and their daughters, Deanna and daughters, Brittney and Kristen, and Neva and their grandson, Keni; her younger son, Michael, and their son, Michael Jr., and his children, Jesse and her sister, Wanda Martin.

Joan "Dean" Cuzick Jr., 68, of Rockwall, she the Bourn Avenue Rockwall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd "Dean" Cuzick Jr., in 2013, in the St. Michael Catholic Church in Rockwall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd "Dean" Cuzick Jr., in 2013, in the St. Michael Catholic Church in Rockwall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd "Dean" Cuzick Jr., in 2013, in the St. Michael Catholic Church in Rockwall.



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Dale Byford Fleming

Services for Dale Byford Fleming, 71, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 4, 2013, in the Lake Pointe Church auditorium 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 at his home Nov. 28. Born Sept. 19, 1942, in Gary, Ind., to Byford and Marcella (Matthews) Fleming, he received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Southern Methodist University and was owner/president of Precision Cable Mfg. Inc. until it sold in August 2000. He owned Fleming Investments Inc. He was past president of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce and a past board member for the Founders National Bank. He was an active member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Fleming of Rockwall, his daughter, Wendy Fleming Lawrence, and son, Scott Fleming, and his wife, Jennifer, all of Heath; his mother, Marcella Fleming, and brother, Jeff Fleming, and his wife, Bobbie, also of Heath; his grandchildren, Patrick, Cole, Isabelle and Gracie Fleming and Audrey, Megan and Evan Lawrence; and his niece and nephews, Stephen, Hunter and Hallie Fleming.

He was preceded in death by his father, Byford Fleming, and a son-in-law, Jeff Lawrence.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the New Century Hospice or Lake Pointe Church General Fund.

Bertha M. Medina

A memorial service for Bertha M. Medina, 60, of Rockwall, previously of Dallas, will be conducted at noon Dec. 14, 2013, in the Higher Ground Church, 2635 N. Belt Line Road, in Sunnyvale with Pastor James Green officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

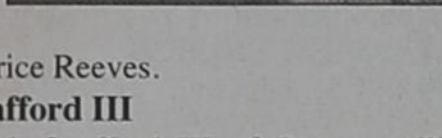


She died Dec. 6. Born Dec. 8, 1952, in Juarez, Mexico, to Enrique and Maria Marquez, she was a loving and devoted wife and mother.

Survivors include her husband, Antonio Medina; her daughters, Lisa Reeves, and her husband, Brian, Adelina Medina and Claudia Medina; a son, Luis Medina; and a grandson, Brice Reeves.

Joe Frank Spafford III

A memorial reception for Joe Frank Spafford III of Denton will be conducted from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 14, 2013, at his daughter's residence at 421 E. Division in Pilot Point. The Slay Memorial Funeral Center in Aubrey is in charge of arrangements.



He died Dec. 7. Born Nov. 7, 1944, in Greenville to Joe Frank Spafford II and Sue Spafford, he graduated from Rockwall High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at North Texas State University in Denton. He married Carla May Chambers of Margarita, Panama Canal Zone, on Oct. 21, 1966, in Rockwall. He retired from Central Freight Lines in Irving where he had worked his way up to management over a period of more than 30 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Jodi Zambrano of Pilot Point and Jennifer Pettit of Flower Mound; his sister, Sarah Spafford of Rockwall; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a cherished friend, Sandy Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and his brother, Steve Spafford.

The family has suggested in lieu of flowers that donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Online condolences may be submitted at slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Ann (Whipple) Stevens

Services for Patricia Ann (Whipple) Stevens, 80, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Dec. 5, 2013, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



She died Dec. 3. Born Jan. 20, 1933, in Dallas to the Rev. John Daniel and Estelle (Crews) Barron, she was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and attended the University of North Texas. She was a loving mother and "meemaw" and a friend to many.

Survivors include her son, John Whipple, and his wife, Colleen, of Rockwall; her daughters, Carol Whipple of Rockwall and Sharon Kilpatrick and her husband, Kevin, of Arlington; her grandchildren, Kacee Kilpatrick Baker, Kari Kilpatrick, Deanne Whipple and Matthew Whipple; and her dachshund, Sundae.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edwin Whipple; and a brother, John Barron.

Dwight Wasco

A memorial service for Dwight Wasco, 65, of Heath was conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 7, 2013, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.



He died Dec. 2 in Rockwall. Born April 5, 1948, in Sacramento, Calif., to Willard Williams Wasco and Viola Maude Wasco, he served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was a logger in the forestry industry.

Survivors include his wife, Linda (Hooker) Wasco of Heath; his children, Michael Wasco and his wife, Rhonda, of Roseville, Calif., Tammy Wasco, Angelica Wasco, Charlene Wasco, Corey Wasco and Ike Wasco; his brothers, Ed Wasco, and his wife, Janet, of Sacramento and Joe Bows and his wife, Ellen, of Roseville, Calif.; a sister, Penny Carroll of Reno, Nev.; and his grandchildren, Zoie and Meicha Wasco.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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0-16, served. On Dec. 21, volunteers will be needed for the toy distribution. Email Sherry Hamm at sherryhamm@rockwallhelpinghands.com for more details or to register to volunteer for distribution day.

Low-cost Spay/Neuter Shuttle dates announced

The Low-cost Spay/Neuter Shuttle (pkc KCAAP) is set for Dec. 19. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 6:30 p.m. Dogs should be secured with non-slip collars and cats in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). Appointments may be made by calling 972-472-3500; hablemos Español. More details are available by emailing info@spayneuternet.org or by calling Rockwall PAWS at 972-310-1354.

Auditions set for RCP for 'Foreigner'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's rendition of "The Foreigner," which will be performed Feb. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23, will take place at 1 p.m. Dec. 14 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

'Steel Magnolias' audition slated

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's staging of "Steel Magnolias," which will be performed in March and April, will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at the playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

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The first stage of gum disease, gingivitis, begins with bacteria in plaque accumulations on tooth surfaces (above and below the gum line) releasing toxins that inflame the gums. As the inflammation continues and bacteria grow below the gum line, connective tissue surrounding the teeth is destroyed and the gums begin to retract. Pockets then form between teeth and gums, allowing bacteria further access to ligaments that anchor teeth and underlying bone. To stop the progression of gingivitis, the dentist will remove plaque and tartar from teeth with a scaler. When this is not sufficient, the dentist will plane the surfaces of tooth roots with elongated instruments (curettes) until they are smooth enough to encourage gum reattachment and pocket shrinkage.

This informative column about gingivitis has been brought to you in the interest of better dental health. Teeth are meant to last for a lifetime. They will take care of you if you take care of them. If you're looking for a family dentist who understands the needs of everyone in your family as individuals and as patients, we hope that you will consider us. At **McNew Dental**, we believe in preventive care for the whole family. We're located at **1300 E. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Suite 114**, where we are committed to providing you with the best possible dental care in a warm and caring environment. Please call **469-338-4603** to schedule an appointment.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Band plans silent auction, winter concert
Rockwall High School Mighty Hawk Band will have a silent auction and winter concert Dec. 12. The silent auction will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the school's Center. Groups scheduled to perform include the Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Massed Bands. The concert will help the band raise funds for new equipment and uniforms. Donations of gift cards or certificates for services, gift items, and other products are being accepted; no amount is too small. Items should be delivered to the band by noon Dec. 11. Items can be arranged by emailing sjvazquez1303@yahoo.com or calling 972-981-1111. For more information visit mightyhawkband.com.

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Channels offered by Charter ...

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Rockwall also will receive improved Internet capabilities with the network upgrade. Charter will take action to ensure they continue receiving Charter service for all of their TVs. Those not currently equipped with Charter digital set-top boxes or CableCARDs must acquire them by Dec. 15. Charter is making these available at no cost. For more information call 1-888-GET CHARTER for more



Dorris Jones Elementary student, Jorden Gooden (left), was presented the Rockwall Student of Honor at the Thursday December 5 lunch meeting. Presenting the special award is Teresa Twedell, Jones Principal.
Photo courtesy/Rockwall County News

Vandiver, Jones named to honor society

Two local residents – Beau Vandiver of Rockwall and Deborah Jones of Royse City – recently were initiated into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, according to a news release issued last week.
Vandiver was initiated at the University of Texas at Dallas. Jones was initiated at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Royse City Chamber offers directories

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce announced last week that its new directories are available. Directories may be picked up at the chamber office, 216 N. Arch St., Suite A, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

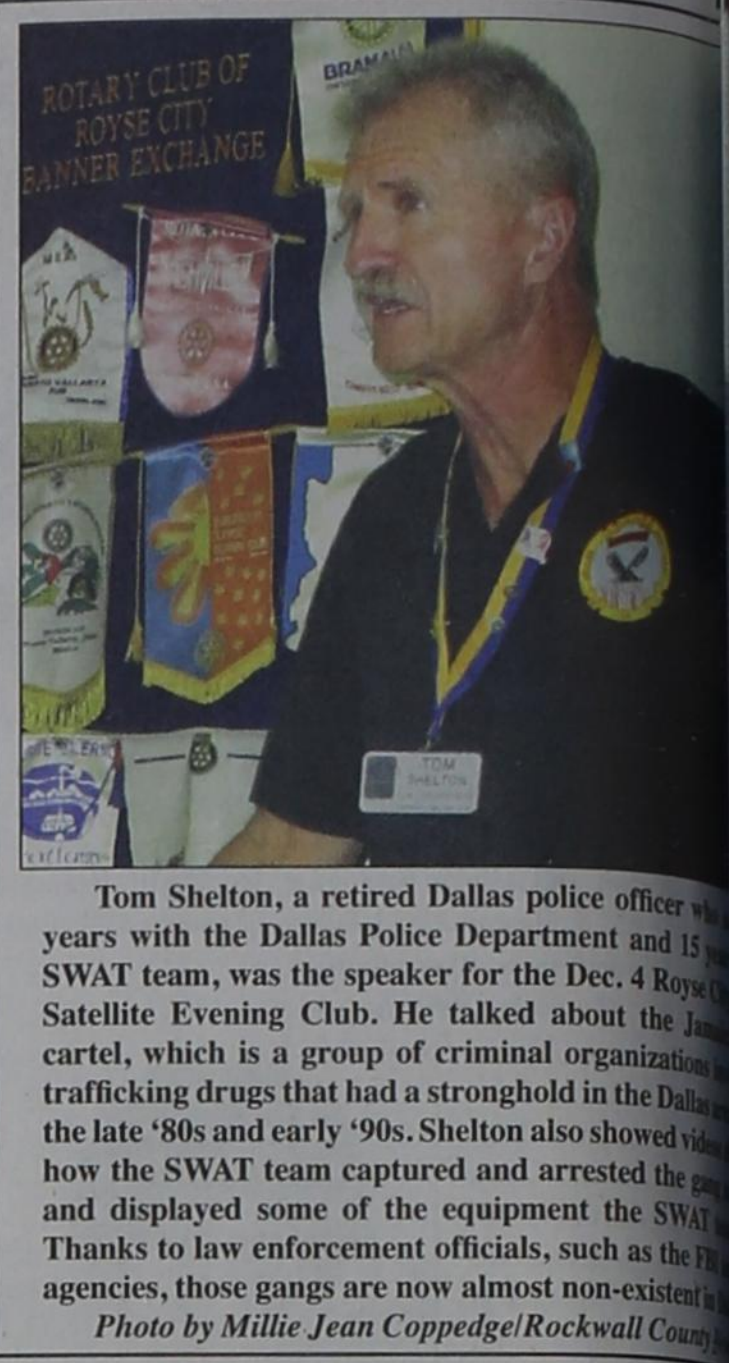
Officials suggest safety checks of heaters, furnaces

The North Texas Poison Center suggests area residents have their heaters and furnaces inspected to rule out the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning. When natural gas is burned, an efficient heater will have a byproduct of carbon dioxide and water, according to the agency's news release. A faulty heater that has incomplete burning of natural gas will create carbon monoxide and water.

There are two ways to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Have the furnace and other heaters checked annually.
- Make sure there are functioning carbon monoxide detectors in every home.

For more information about carbon monoxide poisoning, call 1-800-222-1222.



Tom Shelton, a retired Dallas police officer with 15 years with the Dallas Police Department and 15 years in the SWAT team, was the speaker for the Dec. 4 Royse City Satellite Evening Club. He talked about the Jantzen cartel, which is a group of criminal organizations trafficking drugs that had a stronghold in the Dallas area in the late '80s and early '90s. Shelton also showed video on how the SWAT team captured and arrested the gang and displayed some of the equipment the SWAT team used. Thanks to law enforcement officials, such as the FBI and other agencies, those gangs are now almost non-existent in the area.
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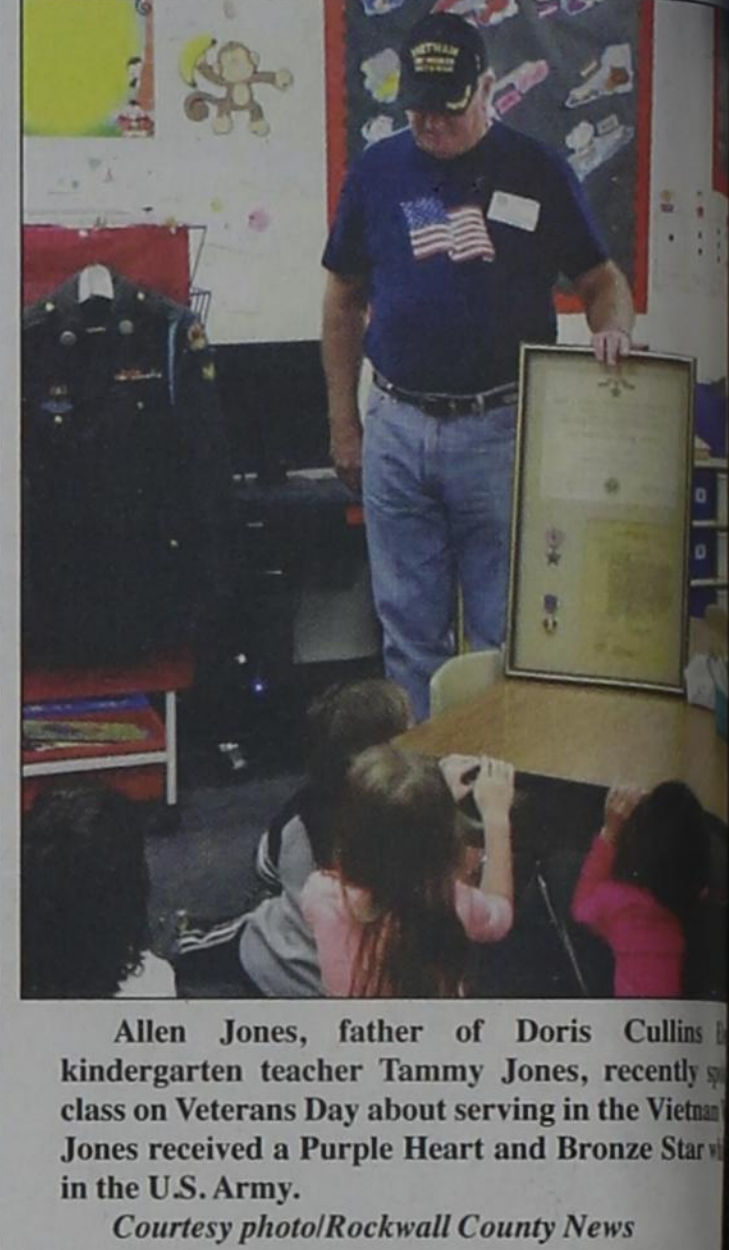
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Allen Jones, father of Doris Cullins kindergarten teacher Tammy Jones, recently spoke to a class on Veterans Day about serving in the Vietnam War. Jones received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star while in the U.S. Army.
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Glenn Avenue Utility Rehabilitation

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Rockwall County Sports

RCA to host Canyon Creek for Homecoming

Rockwall Christian Academy's favorable early basketball schedule will continue with a special event at RCA Friday.

It's Homecoming for Rockwall Christian, which did not play football this fall. The scheduled festivities include the Lady Warriors' game against Richardson Canyon Creek Christian Academy at 6 p.m., with the RCA boys against Canyon Creek at 7:30 p.m.

Led by sophomore guard Evan Milwee and 6-4 junior transfer Ryan Gafford, the Warriors (3-2)

defeated The Fulton School 53-34 in the Falcons' opening game Tuesday, Dec. 3. Gafford, who previously attended South Garland High School, has helped make up for the loss of junior Chris Stephens, who transferred to Plano Prestonwood Christian Academy.

The RCA girls (0-3) lost to Fulton (1-0). The Lady Warriors' scheduled home game Friday against Dallas A-Plus Academy was canceled because of an ice storm.

RCA also had a scheduled home doubleheader Tuesday against

Wylie Preparatory Academy. Rockwall Christian also is scheduled to play on the road Tuesday against Fulton at Forney Sports Center. The girls would play at 5 p.m. and the boys at 6:30 p.m.

The Fulton boys also were scheduled to host Denton Selwyn College Preparatory School Tuesday, Dec. 10, and have another home game scheduled against Poetry Community Christian School Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at Forney Sports Center.

Nazarene sweeps HCA in basketball

Playing without All-District point guard Madeline Schroeffer, the Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team lost 44-26 to Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy Tuesday, Dec. 3.

The HCA boys also lost to Nazarene 64-42.

Both teams fell behind early. The boys trailed Nazarene 14-6 after the first quarter; the Lady Eagles were in a 17-4 hole after the first 8 minutes.

Schroeffer underwent surgery Tuesday for a torn anterior cruciate ligament in a knee. The HCA teams were scheduled to play Dallas Thunder White Tuesday. They also are in this weekend's Fruitvale Tournament. The girls are scheduled to play Friday against Winnsboro at noon and vs. the Longview junior varsity at 6 p.m. The tournament concludes Saturday.

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Nazarene	14	25	13	12	64
Heritage boys	6	8	7	21	42

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Nazarene	17	10	6	11	44
Heritage girls	4	6	5	11	26

Mini-Opinion

by Timothy W. Burnett
Recently, a Rockwall County citizen asked why we posted the notice about the speed limit statute (see Thursday December 5, 2013 edition Opinion page).

It was argued that being free to travel at personally chosen speeds might lead to anarchy.

The United States of America and Texas were established with a political system designed not to regulate and rule over the people, but to protect the people's right to be at liberty.

While arguing against the City of Heath curfew law, Mayor Lorne Leichty rightfully cited the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

The right to travel freely on the roads and highways of Texas is equivalent to the right of the people to move about freely outside of their homes.

The Texas legislature recognized the right of the people to travel freely and chose to not make it a punishable criminal offense to travel faster than a posted speed limit.

Rockwall County Entertainment

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Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 14

Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec, will be offered in two sessions on Dec. 14: from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Participants can visit with Santa; pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice and candy canes will be served. Parents are urged to bring their cameras. Cost is \$15 per child or \$9 for Rockwall residents. The number of participants will be limited; pre-registration is required. For details call 972-771-7740.

'Nuncrackers' performances set at RCP

'Nuncrackers' will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 15. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 8 p.m., while the Sunday performances are set for 2 p.m. The family-friendly comedy is being directed by Darlene Singleton. For tickets visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or call 972-722-3399. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk, two blocks off the square in Rockwall.

Holiday cookie, craft decorating planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Center will offer a Christmas Cookie & Craft Decorating session at The Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 17. Open to children ages 3-6, the event will allow participants to decorate cookies with a Christmas theme. Holiday crafts also are planned. Cost will be \$15 per child or \$9 for Rockwall residents. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

Gingerbread House Building event slated

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Center will offer a Gingerbread House Building workshop for children ages 3-12 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at The Center. Houses will be pre-built, so participants will be able to come in and use candies to finish out their dream homes. Each participant should bring a bag of candy to share during decorating. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Christmas Toy Drive golf tourney slated

Stone River Golf Club will host its annual Christmas Toy Drive Tournament Dec. 7. Each participant should bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl; cost to play will be \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members (includes lunch after play). Registration will begin in the pro shop at 10 a.m.; play will begin at 11 a.m. Holiday vendors will be on hand and live entertainment is planned for the daylong event. The two-man scramble and couples division event will benefit children in Royse City. For more details or to register, call 972-636-2254 and ask for Treccia Hamilton.

Jingle Bell Run set Dec. 14

Registration is underway for the Jingle Bell Run for Blane Thompson. The event is set for Dec. 14 at Harry Myers Park. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., followed by a one-mile fun run and a 5K run at 9 a.m. The sixth annual event honors the memory of Thompson, son of Chris and Carol Thompson of Rockwall. Proceeds go toward scholarships for graduating RHS and RHHS seniors. Registration forms and additional information can be found at run4blane.com; also, look for the Run For Blane page on Facebook, as well as connections on Instagram (run4blane) and Twitter (@run4blane).

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combined resolve and commitment, this project will be something that the community will be proud of.

Let me be clear about two things. One, I believe Rob is a good guy and that he has done some amazing things and projects for the Rockwall/Heath community. Rob is a visionary. He puts it all on the line, continues to set the bar high and perseveres.

Second, I believe the City of Heath approved nine residential lots on 5.329 acres because the Heath Planning and Zoning Commission, Park Board, and City Council clearly understood that this small parcel was always intended to be, and will become, a part of the previously approved 780 acre Heath Golf and Yacht Club development.

Mr. Whittle agreed to build in excess of \$1,500,000 in trails and parks open to all citizens as part of the Heath Golf and Yacht Club development, which greatly exceeds code requirements.

Additionally, all of the trails and parks are being maintained for all

citizens at no expense to the City of Heath. Mr. Whittle and Mr. Noe also agreed to invest substantial dollars in off-site roads, major offsite water improvements, sanitary sewer infrastructure, and capital funds.

The granting of 4 additional lots of density was only approved based upon the consideration of all the above listed improvements that were negotiated between the City and Mr. Whittle for the overall project. The granting of additional density based on additional benefits provided by a developer is in accordance with the City of Heath's Comprehensive Plan, which guides all development within the City of Heath.

I appreciate all of the hard work, effort and careful consideration our elected and appointed officials and city staff have put into reviewing this project.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Cuny
FC Cuny Corporation
Heath, Texas

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Financial Notices

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FUND BALANCE SHEET
ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Total local and intermediate sources	\$ 62,693,679	\$ 25,382,160	\$ 32,517	\$ 5,824,501	\$ 93,932,857
State program revenues	41,292,017	-	-	785,696	42,077,713
Federal program revenues	466,441	-	-	5,774,579	6,241,020
Total revenues	104,452,137	25,382,160	32,517	12,384,776	142,251,590
EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT:					
Instruction	61,778,325	-	154,619	4,123,661	66,056,605
Instructional resources and media services	2,552,172	-	1,277	102,983	2,656,432
Curriculum and staff development	2,098,802	-	-	185,091	2,283,893
Instructional leadership	802,915	-	-	66,092	869,007
School leadership	6,257,736	-	1,640	109,506	6,368,882
Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	3,881,070	-	30	376,353	4,257,453
Support work services	272,945	-	-	-	272,945
Health services	1,175,497	-	15	-	1,175,512
Student (pupil) transportation	3,076,032	-	275,935	-	3,351,967
Food services	-	-	4,050	5,245,133	5,249,183
Co-curricular/extracurricular activities	3,510,032	-	-	1,327,311	4,837,343
General administration	3,120,979	-	94,696	1,345	3,217,020
Plant maintenance and operations	11,382,425	-	-	300	11,382,725
Security and monitoring services	905,967	-	-	43,559	949,526
Data processing services	1,709,144	-	70,555	50,889	1,830,588
Community services	78,853	-	-	128,203	207,056
DEBT SERVICE:					
Debt service - Principal on long-term debt	-	10,530,000	-	-	10,530,000
Debt service - Interest on long-term debt	-	14,763,951	-	-	14,763,951
Debt service - Bond issuance costs and fees	-	1,048,536	174,333	-	1,222,869
CAPITAL OUTLAY:					
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	18,517,705	-	18,517,705
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:					
Payments to member districts of SSA	15,385	-	-	10,500	25,885
Other intergovernmental charges	645,043	-	-	-	645,043
Total expenditures	103,263,322	26,342,487	19,294,855	11,770,926	160,671,590
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,188,815	(960,327)	(19,262,338)	613,850	(18,420,000)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Issuance of bonds	-	81,564,998	10,600,000	-	92,164,998
Proceeds from sale of assets	59,162	-	-	-	59,162
Premium on issuance of bonds	-	10,371,904	1,579,138	-	11,951,042
Transfers in	618,000	4,805	-	1,000	623,805
Transfers out	-	-	(4,805)	(219,000)	(223,805)
Recovery of advances	-	-	776,947	-	776,947
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	(91,033,754)	-	-	(91,033,754)
Total other financing sources (uses)	677,162	907,953	12,951,280	(218,000)	14,318,395
Change in fund balances	1,865,977	(52,374)	(6,311,058)	395,850	(4,101,605)
Balance - July 1 (beginning)	41,561,145	16,560,225	17,226,651	2,164,456	77,512,477
Balance - June 30 (ending)	\$ 43,427,122	\$ 16,507,851	\$ 10,915,593	\$ 2,560,306	\$ 73,410,872



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