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MERRY CHRISTMAS



This exciting Christmas greeting from Mickey Mouse and Mini Mouse was found on Pinehurst in The Shores of Rockwall. (At back left) that cool and sly K-9, Snoopy, sits atop his dog house with a mind filled with gripping and action-packed adventures. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Pruitt, Hohenshelt take new seats with departure of Sweet

By Brittany Williams
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Jim Pruitt is the new mayor of Rockwall. The transition of the two new council seats took place during the December 15 city council meeting. The meeting was held by former Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pruitt, who took over the duties of mayor when David Sweet's resignation took effect. Sweet was elected Rockwall County Judge in the November election, a position he will assume on January 1. According to his biography, Pruitt grew up in Houston where he worked at an oil refinery while attending college at night. He spent time in Alaska working on the pipeline and then moved to the Dallas area where he attended the University of Texas at Dallas, graduating with a degree in Political Science. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from Southern Methodist University Law School in 1984. Pruitt has four children and lives in Rockwall. He was elected to the Rockwall City Council in 2013. Hohenshelt was appointed to serve in Place 2 during the December 15 meeting.

David Sweet was recognized and praised by his fellow council members upon his departure Monday night.

"I'm not going to talk about your shortness, or your baldness, or your long-windedness," Council member David White said of the outgoing mayor. "I do think you'll miss the free gifts and the mayor groupies that you've had for the last few years. We'll see if Jim can keep that up."

"I'm going to miss you on council, but I know I'll still be at your house four or five days a week so I guess that doesn't matter. We've argued together, we've had a lot of fun together, made the news together. Yes, about that if you were wondering," White said. "But 27 years I've been in Rockwall and even if Brian Williams is listening, you're the best mayor this city's ever had."

"You've been mayor since I've been on council and it's been an honor. I value your friendship. I value your opinion. We'll have to train Jim how to start off all of his statements with 'first of all.'" Council member Mike Townsend said of Sweet. "It'll be different, but it has been an honor. I look forward to our friendship continuing, obviously. I hope to hear good things about your work as you move on."

"Your energy is contagious and that shows on the council. What a lot

of people don't realize is that a year into his mayorship, he had a whole new council. The whole council had turned over and was new. It was like herding cats sometimes, but he got us pointed in the right direction. He educated us. He's a great resource. He's got a fantastic memory of things that have happened since he was first on the council. I appreciate you as a friend; I appreciate you as a mayor. The city of Rockwall's loss, is the county of Rockwall's gain and it was a pleasure serving with you," Councilmember Dennis Lewis said.

Additionally, during the December 15 meeting, the council unanimously approved the park board's recommendation related to the purchase, installation and associated costs of a barrier free playground to be located at Yellowjacket Park.

The final design selected includes: 5,100 sq. ft. of shade canopies, approximately 9,700

square feet of poured in place rubber surfacing, a large composite play structure for 5 to 12 year olds with multiple slides, climbers, spinning elements, three outdoor musical instruments, multiple sensory panels, a separate play structure for 2 to 5 year olds, with slides, climbers and motion based features, a three bay swing (that will accommodate 2 regular belt seats, 2 tot seats and 2 high back seats), signage and a variety of other independent play features designed for those on the spectrum of Autism disorders.

Construction time for the playground is estimated to be four to six weeks.

The playground comes after Devon Colbert is a 29 year old husband, father of two and a career fire fighter was injured in a car accident in Rockwall on December 17, 2012, came to council with concerns about access to city parks.

During a requested meeting with the council at the March 17 meeting to discuss the issue of accessibility the City's parks. He explained that after his accident in 2012 he realized that movement in and around local parks was very difficult. Council voted to instruct staff to conduct an accessibility study for the current playgrounds and to prepare cost estimates.

On May 5, 2014 Council held a work session to hear preliminary report on the accessibility study conducted on the playgrounds within the city. The study was conducted by two Parks Department Employees that are Certified Playground Safety Inspectors. The Council directed staff to evaluate and bring back cost estimates to replace the manufactured wood fiber surfacing with poured in place rubber surfacing at Fox Chase Park and Myers Park Kid Zone.

At the July 7 council meeting, a brief work session was held to provide further information on the costs associated with poured in place rubber surfacing.

As requested by Council, staff evaluated the option of building a barrier free playground and presented a project budget not to exceed \$420,077 at the November 3rd Council meeting for consideration. Council made a motion to move forward with the project utilizing recommendations as outlined by staff. Mr. Crowley suggested to Council that the proposed park plan be reviewed by Park Board and take public input. The motion passed unanimously of Council.

Approximately 15 to 20 people attended the December 2nd Park Board meeting. Of those, five requested to speak in support of the project as presented and provided the following feedback: include plenty of shade, incorporate music play and sensory panels for children with Autism related disorders, include swings with high backs for upper body support, ramps, bouncing and spinning elements. Requests were made to enclose the entire playground. Signage was also requested explaining that the playground includes elements specifically for those with special needs. The next city council meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2015.

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County library to close for holidays

The Rockwall County Library will be closed beginning at noon Dec. 24 and Dec. 25-27 for the Christmas holiday and Jan. 1 for New Year's Day, according to a recent news release. Other county offices also will follow this schedule in observance of the holidays.

Rockwall garbage, recycling schedules shifted

Republic Waste will modify its collection schedule to accommodate Christmas and New Year holiday schedules. Normal garbage and recycling scheduled for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 will be pushed back one day to Dec. 26 and Jan. 2; customers regularly scheduled for Friday collection will be pushed back to Saturday. Contact the City of Rockwall Utilities at 972-771-7736 for more information.

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Jim Pruitt is sworn in as mayor of the City of Rockwall during a Rockwall City Council meeting earlier this month. Pictured with the new mayor are his wife, Kenda Culpepper, and daughters, Kaylen and Jamie. Also pictured is Justice Craig Stoddart, who administered the oath of office. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

MOW Holiday Hunger Campaign needs boost

The Holiday Hunger Campaign organized by Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County is falling short, having met only 25 percent of its fundraising goal, according to a news release issued last week. The campaign made during the holiday season will help MOW continue its work year 'round. A \$32 donation will help feed a senior in Rockwall for a week, according to the news release. Donations may be made in recognition of a friend or family member. A recipient can be notified by email or card of the gift given in his or her name.

The release contains several testimonials, including:

"Meals on Wheels is important to me because I am disabled; I can't see because I have macular degeneration and can't drive now homebound. It lifts my spirits when someone brings me a meal. At 88, I know I am not forgotten. — Barbara, an 88-year-old MOW recipient

"Meals on Wheels is a blessing and I feel very fortunate to live in a community with this service. I would recommend meals to anyone who might need a little extra help." — Gerry, an 89-year-old MOW recipient

"Meals on Wheels is important to me because it is a balanced diet with fruits and vegetables that otherwise I would not get because I couldn't afford to buy them." — Charles, a 64-year-old MOW recipient

"Meals on Wheels is so important to me because I have crippled hands and arms from a stroke, I am on limited income, and need special meals for my diseased heart and arteries." — Faye, a 79-year-old MOW recipient

"Meals on Wheels Senior Services needs you to help nourish Rockwall seniors in 2015," the release states. "Let's ensure a nourished life for every Rockwall County resident."



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United States Naval Academy Class of 2015 Seniors are honored by Mark Zabolotny as they approach graduation and become Commissioned as Ensigns during the Spring. Shown from left are Midshipman First Class Ben Bittle RHS 2011, Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer, Midshipman First Class Michael Gerritsen RHHS 2011, Special Operations Warfare Office, Commander Zabolotny USNR (RET) USNA Blue and Gold Officer and Midshipman First Class Stefanie Cotner RHHS 2010 Surface warfare Officer.
Photo courtesy of Mark and Jodie Zabolotny/Rockwall County News

Local U.S. Naval Academy Seniors honored

The Lake Ray Hubbard area is well represented at the major Military Academy's. CDR Mark Zabolotny USNR (RET) the local area Blue and Gold Officer (recruiter) for the United States Naval Academy held his annual Christmas Party celebrating these exceptional young men and women.

The Academy receives over 18,000 applications each year, less than 5% receive appointments. The United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland was founded in 1845. It is an extremely rigorous four year undergraduate program that combines academics and military training to prepare young men and women to be Officers in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Once they receive their commissions as Ensigns (Navy) or 2nd Lieutenants (Marines Corp) they will complete specific warfare training in their chosen specialties and then be deployed all over the world defending our country.

Tilton named to MSU honor roll

Kara D. Tilton of Rockwall was among the 916 honor students recognized for fall semester achievement at Midwestern State University, according to a university news release.

Tilton was named to the President's Honor Roll, which included 290 students. A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 semester hours with no grade lower than a C is included on the President's Honor Roll.

Post-storm collections offered through Dec. 31

The free post-storm collection offered by Progressive Waste Solutions, formerly IESI, will be offered through Dec. 31, according to information posted on the City of Heath website.

Progressive has been working to help eliminate the high volume of brush that needed to be collected following the Oct. 2 wind storm.

For more information, visit <http://www.heathtx.com/beta/iesi-continues-unbundled-brush-collection> or call the city at 972-771-6228.



Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary fifth grade students made a sweet holiday treat for residents of the Senior Care at Lake Pointe Beacon Harbor Nursing Home. Students designed and built a life-sized gingerbread house loaded with holiday treats for the residents. The students also planned to visit the nursing home to carol and share Christmas cards. Pictured, kneeling, from the left are Deyreck Dean and Sarah O'Neal. At back are Cobe Warren, Marcella Morel and Savannah Jones.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Holiday alters Fate's trash pick-up schedule

Observance of the Christmas day holiday will eliminate trash pick-up on Dec. 25. Thursday's pick-ups will be made on Dec. 26, and Friday's pick-ups will be delayed until Saturday, Dec. 27, according to the city's website.

Christmas tree drop-off set in R'wall

City of Rockwall residents can drop off their live Christmas trees at the parking lot of the Tuttle Sports Complex, 1550 Airport Road, beginning Dec. 26. The drop-off will remain open until Jan. 11. All ornaments, lights and stands should be removed from the trees prior to drop off.

Democratic Men plan Jan. 3 meeting

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon meeting beginning at noon Jan. 3 at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 2002 S. Goliad St., Rockwall. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national current events and politics. Open-minded, progressive men who are concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are encouraged to attend. This month's guest speaker will be Michael Handley, political director for the Collin County Democratic Party.

WordPress class set in Roysse City

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce will offer a 10-class course on the use of WordPress beginning Jan. 8 at the Holiday Inn Express in Roysse City. The course will run from January through April. The first class will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fee will be \$500 for non-chamber members and \$250 for chamber members. Registration, which is required, may be made by calling 972-636-5000 or emailing info@roysecitychamber.com.

RISD to meet Jan. 12

The Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Administration Building, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

HCA plans Jan 14 open house

The Heritage Christian Academy will host an open house for prospective families beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 14. Parents can meet staff, ask questions and tour facilities. For more information, visit hcarockwall.org or call 972-772-3003.

Region 10 ESC to offer Edcamp Jan. 24

Edcamp Rockwall, a professional, participant-driven learning experience for educators, will run from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Jan. 24 at Rockwall High School. The event is being coordinated by the Region 10 Education Service Center. Registration is free. For more information, visit edcamprockwall.wikispaces.com.

Rockwall County Entertainment

RSM Puttin' on the Ritz event set Dec. 31

Rockwall Summer Musicals will host a New Year's Eve gala, Puttin' on the Ritz, on Dec. 31 at the Woodcreek Clubhouse, 100 Woodcreek Blvd., Rockwall. The event will cost \$100 per person and include a chef-prepared tenderloin dinner with two complimentary spirits; performances by RSM performers; a silent auction; dancing; a photo booth; and a midnight champagne toast. Cocktail service will begin at 7:30 p.m., with dinner to follow at 8 p.m. Seating is limited. Purchase tickets at rockwallsummermusicals.org.

Casey Donahew Band to perform

The Casey Donahew Band will perform at a New Year's Eve Bash set Dec. 31 beginning at about 10:30 p.m., after local favorite Big Gus & Swampadelic performs at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 972-771-2418 or visit tickets.onelivemedia.com/event/3895015.

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Former Kaufman County Justice of Peace sentenced to die

Staff report by George Dellos

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 Eric Lyle Williams was sentenced to death by lethal injection. The jury trial and sentencing was heard in the 422nd District Court Rockwall County, with Judge Michael Snipes presiding. Williams, the 47-year-old former Kaufman County justice of the peace, was convicted by a jury of capital murder Dec. 4 in the 11th County courthouse, for the March 30, 2013 death of Cynthia McLelland, 65, and murder of 63-year-old Mike McLelland. The murder occurred in the couple's home in Forney.

Williams was also accused for the January 2013 murder of 57-year-old District Attorney Mark Hasse.

The present case was originally filed by the Kaufman County District Attorney's office on June 27, 2013. The lead prosecutor was Bill Wirskey. Williams' lead attorney for Williams was Matthew Seymour.

Williams' testimony given by Williams' estranged wife, Kim Williams, on Dec. 16 gave a clear view on how much of this was a part of Eric Williams' revenge plan against District Attorney Mark Hasse, Cynthia, and Mike McLelland.

Williams admitted to being a part of the three merciless killings, she also admitted to driving the getaway car during the Mark Hasse murder. She also admitted to being happy during the actual murder of Hasse, outside of the Kaufman County Courthouse, remembering the gun shots being fired from Eric Williams' handgun.

Williams admitted that she was a "willing participant," also

stating "his anger was my anger," in these murders. She admitted to planning future killings of Early Wyllie and Judge Ashworth, and said "She believed in Eric" using her drug addiction as an excuse of being a part of these merciless killings.

The description that Kim Williams gave about the plans of Eric Williams ultimately led to the jury's final decision of death by Lethal injection.

According to Kaufman County Court records, the defendant was indicted for Burglary of a building and theft of public property as a public servant on June 22, 2011. Williams was convicted on April 9, 2012 and sentenced to serve two years.

The late Mark Haas prosecuted the case against Williams.

Williams going to the extreme levels of planning such a violent murder on an easter holiday simply for the fact of McLelland's chances of baring arms on Easter weekend were lower than a regular weekend.

The evidence to put this man down like the beast he is, is exactly what the 12 jury members deliberated over a span of 3 hours to sentence him to death.

After the jury's decision, Judge Snipes addressed the Williams by comparing him to "Charles Manson" or "Jeffery Dahmer" which summed up why Williams was given the Death Penalty.

At this time, the Kaufman County court records do not indicate that Williams has appealed the conviction.

Final plat for Heath Golf, Yacht Club approved by council

By Brittany Williams

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During the December 9 meeting, the Heath City Council unanimously approved the final plat of the first phase of Heath Golf & Yacht Club.

The concept plan was approved by the City Council on May 15, 2012 and the development plan and preliminary plat for Phase 1 were approved by the City Council in August 2013.

The first phase of the development will consist of 189 lots and will be located east of Hubbard Drive, south and east of FM 740 and north of the Ravenna Ranch Addition.

A second item regarding Heath Golf & Yacht Club on the agenda regarding a request to close a portion of Hubbard Drive and associated right-of-way situated within the first phase of Heath Golf & Yacht Club.

A motion was made and subsequently amended to approve the request, to reserve the right of way on the affected lots.

Councilmember Richard Krause expressed his concern about public access to the lake with the closing of the section of road.

According to the plat for the development, there were no plans to allow public access to the lake from the area.

With a 6-1 vote, with Krause being opposed, the request was approved.

Additionally, an application for a zoning change on a lot situated in the

300 block of Terry Lane was approved unanimously by council.

According to the packet, the property was platted in 1994 and replatted in 2010. The property is currently zoned agricultural.

The application indicated that the intended use of the property is for the construction of a single family residence. The property is one of three lots in a subdivision, the other two of which have been developed with single-family residences.

The requisite public hearing notice for the application was published and seven notices were mailed to properties situated within 200 feet of the applicant's property. One notice was returned in favor of the application and no notices were returned in opposition to the request.

Council approved the application unanimously.

Unanimously, a contract was awarded to Estrada Concrete in the amount of \$907,955 for repair of pavement at various locations around the city.

This CIP street repair project which is for repair of significant sections of roadway, typically the full roadway width and lengths typically from 60 to 600 feet in length. This is phase one of two phases. The work will be performed during 2015.

The project budget for phase 1 is \$1,500,000.00. Since the Phase 1 bid came in under the budget, staff will review and bring the option to complete some items currently on Phase 2 with this contract.

The next city council meeting will be January 13, 2015.



Pictured above are the City of Heath's departmental award winners, including, from left, Cody Whaley, Department of Public Safety Employee of the Year; Jennifer Colombo, Administrative Services Employee of the Year; and Leisa Price, Public Works Employee of the Year. Shown with the honorees is Ed Thatcher, city manager.



Kristi Smith, left, recently was recognized as the City of Heath's Employee of the Year. Also pictured is her supervisor, Laurie Mays, director of finance.

Area News Briefs

White House holiday is focus of Bush Center exhibit

The George W. Bush Presidential Center, 2943 SMU Boulevard in Dallas, is debuting All Creatures Great and Small: Christmas at the White House 2002. Open to the public through Jan. 13, the exhibition will give visitors a look at the White House holiday celebrations of 2002. For more details visit <http://www.bushcenter.org/plan-your-visit/special-exhibits>.

Clay shoot to benefit SpiritHorse Therapeutic Center

The nonprofit SpiritHorse Therapeutic Center in Corinth is currently signing up shooters and sponsors for a 16 sporting clay shoot to be conducted at Beaumont Ranch in Grandview. Incentive prizes will be awarded to the first five teams that sign up. The center's goal is "to assist individuals with special needs in reaching their full potential through interaction with horses." To sign up to participate, serve as a sponsor or volunteer, email jennifer@spirithorsetherapy.com.

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1 man money
2 TXism: "it's all water" / "duck's back" (concerned)
3 or pack firmly
4 poems
5 work where TX
6 Clarkson won
7 Idol competition
8 Buck Owens' TV show: "Hee ___"
9 TXism: "between a rock and a hard place"
10 line to ACU, MU, HSU
11 Carswell was inesake of past at Worth AFB
12 Guinness World
13 cross singer's name: Tiger By Tail
14 Katherine Harmond (2 wds.)
15 well h.s. class
16 Concho Co. on Hwy. 83 & 87
17 agens group
18 in loss call
19 rful, long-tailed errot
20 drink order at TX bar? (2 wds.)
21 ing path near Mt. erprise, TX:
22 iff
23 in of Texas
24 ross the River
25 ie downhill with partner? (2 wds.)
26 erblade skate

49 TXism: "bat ___ eyelash"
50 TXism: "darn tootin'"
51 pews
52 part of "Fiesta San Antonio": River ___ Show
53 TX "Dr Pepper Snapple Group" is "DPS" on this
54 narcotics criminal
56 TX Audie was a hero in World ___ II
57 lemon ___ (drink)
58 ship movement

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1 TXism: "he's got a ___ his quiver" (capable)
2 "Battle ___ Walls" (panhandle)
3 "Gulf ___"
4 bugle sound at military funerals
9 TXism: "skedaddle out of ___"
10 TXism: "just two whoops ___"
11 this Studi was in TV series "Into the West" with TX Gary Bussey (2005)
12 UH BB team in '83: ___ Slama Jama
13 1982 NBC sitcom based on TX Oliver Halley's teleplay, "Sidney Shorr"

14 TXism: "mad as ___-eyed cow"
15 what motorcyclists call a car
16 college subject (abbr.)
18 this Tinkle wrote Alamo book "13 Days to Glory"
20 actress in TX-based "Giant" (init.)
23 great ex-Cowboy RB, Dorsett (init.)
24 ___ and vigor
25 wrinkled dog: ___ Pei
26 Tex-Mex snacks
27 TX Horton '60 hit: "North to ___"

32 ___ Siecke State Forest
33 TXism: "big enough to shade ___ elephant"
34 a couple of TX Bushes have lived here
36 no seats left (abbr.)
37 amateur sports org.

38 North African
39 Rio Grande early on: "Rio ___ Palmas"
40 TX is ___ among the states
41 TX Ely & Regan
43 Cowboy or Texan score (abbr.)
45 dir. from Mineola to Texarkana
47 Erik of TV film "Honeyboy" with TX Morgan Fairchild
48 "that ___ excuse"
55 ship's complement

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Sons of the American Revolution
East Fort Trinity Chapter meets each month, second Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at 4881 Bass Pro Dr. Garland, Texas. Guests & family welcome. <http://www.txssar.org/>

Rockwall County Kiwanis Club
Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, and we recently added an evening meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 103 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

Senior Services
If you are interested in delivering weekday meals to homebound seniors in Rockwall County, we will be holding volunteer training sessions on second Wednesday each month at 11 p.m. Please call 972-771-6514 for location.

24-hour Help Line for substance abuse and mental health counseling, 800-622-4377.

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"Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Brenda Helen Hurley, Deceased, were issued to Roy Thomas Hurley, the Independent Executor on the 17th day of November, 2014 in Cause No. PR4-131, which is pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered are hereby required to present such claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. The address of the Independent Executor is in Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas and claims should be filed with the Court or addressed as follows: Estate of Brenda Helen Hurley c/o. Michael Kaitcer, Esq. Whitaker Chalk Swindle & Schwartz, PLLC 301 Commerce #3500 Fort Worth, Texas 76102

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You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M. before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on DECEMBER 9, 2014, A.D., in this case numbered 8-14-1 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF

TEXAS VS. \$20,150.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FORFEITURE & SEIZURE PROP/MONEY
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this the 9th day of December, 2014.

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Interested bidders are required to submit bids online at www.erate470.com by the deadline of Wednesday - January 21, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. (CST). Questions should be directed to Jana Hunter, RISD Director of Purchasing at jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, The Vault Self Storage located at **1280 E. Ralph Hall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas 75032** will hold a public auction of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 AM, January 9, 2014, at The Vault Self Storage, 1280 E. Ralph Hall Parkway, Rockwall, Texas. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash only. All successful bidders will remove the contents immediately and leave unit clean. A refundable cleanup deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of the following tenant(s):
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Candidates may file for a Place on the May 9, 2015 Uniform General Election Day between January 28, 2015 and February 27, 2015.

Packets containing the documents needed to file for office are available on the above dates during regular business hours at the Ernest Epps Education Service Center, 810 Old Greenville Road, Roysse City, Texas.

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Persons who wish to vote in the May 9, 2015 election must be registered with the appropriate County-Tax Assessor-Collector no later than April 9, 2015.

NOTICIA

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Los candidatos podrán presentarse para una Posición el 9 de Mayo de 2015 Día de las Elecciones Uniforme Generales entre el 28 de Enero de 2015 y el 27 de Febrero de 2015.

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- Un residente del distrito por 6 meses antes de la fecha límite de presentación
- Un residente del estado por un período de 12 meses antes de la fecha límite de presentación (o 12 meses antes del día de la elección, en el caso de un candidato por-escrito)

Las personas que deseen votar en las elecciones del 9 de Mayo de 2015 deben estar registrados en el Asesor de Impuestos del Condado apropiado a más tardar el 9 de Abril de 2015.

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BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE issued out of the COUNTY Court of Rockwall County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 1-14-778. On the 11 day of SEPTEMBER A.D. 2014, styled: WOODCREEK FATE HOA INC. vs. PORTIA CLEMMONS, to me, as CIVIL DEPUTY directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 27 day of OCTOBER A.D. 2014 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday in JANUARY A.D. 2015, it being the day of said month, at 1111 YELLOW JACKET LN. ROCKWALL TX of said ROCKWALL County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, in any, which the defendant had on the 11 day of SEPTEMBER A.D. 2014, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property:

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Opinions

Reality of the Christmas Miracles

FROM HISTORY Vol 33 PT3

Comparing our past with today and looking at our future

by Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas

The World's only true History book is the Bible containing many miracles and the most important miracle is life itself.

God created Lucifer (Satan) without sin and he assumed responsibility for his own choices. He was chosen to be closest to God out of all the angels.

(Ezekiel 28:14-19) When he chose to be equal to God, sin began and Satan was banished to earth before man was created. Adam and Eve, the first people on earth chose to disobey God as advised by Satan. God kept his promise of death and sin for all mankind for their disobedience (Genesis Chapter 2&3).

The miracle of men and women, created together as the only way people could be born on this earth (we all are descendants of Adam and Eve).

We celebrate another great miracle Christmas.

God produced His son, Jesus Christ to be born without sin. The only way to be born without sin is to be born without man involved. God provided the Holy Spirit (sinless) to replace man (Luke 1:34-35). The reason for all this to happen is to allow each one of us to be forgiven of our sinful nature and spend eternity with God.

God sent his only son to spend 33 years on this earth to teach us how to live a Godly life and promote world peace. God loves each of us so much that he gave us a free gift (John 3:14 - 18). The free gift included to be forgiven of all our sins when we leave this sinful earth and spend eternity with God in Heaven.

This is only possible if we turn our lives over to the Son Jesus Christ who gave up His life, taking all of our sins and defeated death for each of us. Through our prayer to God we ask for forgiveness of our sins and turn our lives over to Jesus. This is how we except God's free gift. The true meaning of celebrating Christmas is when we put Christ back into Christmas to celebrate His birth.

There are many miracles associated with the birth of Jesus Christ, starting with the preparation for the birth. The first miracle was the

announcement of the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25). The angel Gabriel, God's messenger told Zechariah, a high priest, he was sent by God to tell him his prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. When the angel Gabriel finished explaining God's plan, Zechariah questioned the angel explaining that both he and his wife were old and well along in years. Gabriel because of his unbelief replied that Zechariah would be silent and not able to speak until the day of the birth.

The second miracle was the announcement of the birth of Jesus Christ (Luke 1: 26-38). In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary, a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

The third miracle was the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20). 2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping

watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 To you in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. What a loving GOD who willingly gives forgiveness to a who asks.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year (Actual NIV script under number)

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Is Government Faithful to the Constitution?

by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

When the government is waving at us with its right hand, so to speak, it is the government's left hand that we should be watching. Just as a magician draws your attention to what he wants you to see so you will not observe how his trick is performed, last week presented a textbook example of public disputes masking hidden deceptions. Here is what happened.

Last week was dominated by two huge news stories. One was the revelation by the Senate Intelligence Committee of torture committed by CIA agents and contractors on 119 detainees in the post-9/11 era -- 26 of whom were tortured for months by mistake. In that revelation of anguish and error were the conclusions by CIA agents themselves that their torture had not produced helpful information. President Barack Obama acknowledged that the CIA had tortured, yet he directed the Department of Justice not to prosecute those who tortured and those who authorized it.

The other substantial news story was the compromise achieved by Congress and the White House to fund the government through the end of September 2015. That legislation, which is 2,000 pages in length, was not read by anyone who voted for it. It spends a few hundred billion dollars more than the government will collect in tax revenue. The compromise was achieved through bribery; members of Congress bought and sold votes by adding goodies (in the form of local expenditures of money borrowed by the federal government) to the bill that were never debated or independently voted upon and were added solely to achieve the votes needed for passage. This is

how the federal government operates today. Both parties participate in it. They have turned the public treasury into a public trough.

Hidden in the law that authorized the government to spend more than it will collect was a part about funding for the 16 federal civilian intelligence agencies. And hidden in that was a clause, inserted by the same Senate Intelligence Committee that revealed the CIA torture, authorizing the National Security Agency to gather and retain nonpublic data for five years and to share it with law enforcement and with foreign governments. "Nonpublic data" is the government's language referring to the content of the emails, text messages, telephone calls, bank statements, utility bills and credit card bills of nearly every innocent person in America -- including members of Congress, federal judges, public officials and law enforcement officials. I say "innocent" because the language of this legislation -- which purports to make lawful the NSA spying we now all know about -- makes clear that those who spy upon us needn't have any articulable suspicion or probable cause for spying.

The need for articulable suspicion and probable cause has its origins in the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, which was written to prohibit what Congress just authorized. That amendment was a reaction to the brutish British practice of rummaging through the homes of American colonists, looking for anything that might be illegal. It is also a codification of our natural right to privacy. It requires that if the government wants nonpublic data from our persons, houses, papers or effects, it must first present evidence of probable cause to a judge and then ask the judge for a search warrant.

Probable cause is a level of evidence that is sufficient to induce a judge into concluding that it is more likely than not that the place to be examined contains evidence of crimes. In order to seek probable cause, the government must first have an articulable suspicion of the person or place it has targeted. Were this not in the law, then the government would stop the government from fishing expeditions in pursuing anyone it wants to pursue. And fishing expeditions turn the presumption of liberty on its head. The presumption of liberty is based on the fact that our rights are natural to us and that we may exercise them without a permission slip from the government and without its surveillance.

Until last week, that is. Last week, Congress, by authorizing massive NSA spying to continue and by authorizing the spies to do what they have seized with law enforcement, basically permitted fishing expeditions that the Fourth Amendment was written to prohibit.

How can the president and Congress defy the Constitution? How can they uphold the Constitution? Doesn't the Constitution create the president and the Congress? How can politicians purport to champion the Constitution?

The answers to these questions are obvious, as is the behavior of most of those in government that they can write any law that regulates any behavior and ignore the Constitution they have sworn to uphold whenever they want, so long as they can get away with it.
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Black Progression and Retrogression

by Walter E. Williams

A Minority View

There is no question, though it's not acknowledged enough, that black Americans have made greater gains, over some of the highest hurdles and in a very short span of time, than any other racial group in mankind's history. What's the evidence? If black Americans were thought of as a nation with their own gross domestic product, they'd rank among the 20 wealthiest nations. It was a black American, Gen. Colin Powell, who headed the mightiest military in mankind's history. A few black Americans are among the world's wealthiest. Many black Americans are among the world's most famous personalities.

The significance of all this is that in 1865, neither an ex-slave nor an ex-slave owner would have believed that such progress would be possible in less than a century and a half. As such, it speaks to the intestinal fortitude of a people. Just as importantly, it speaks to the greatness of a nation within which such progress was possible. That progress would have been impossible anywhere except in the United States of America. The challenge that lies before us is how those gains can be extended to a large percentage of black people for whom they appear elusive.

A good start to meeting that challenge is to recognize that much of the pathology seen in many black communities is entirely new in black history. Let's look at some of that history. In the late 1800s, depending on the city, 70 to 80 percent of black households

were two-parent. In 1925 New York City, 85 percent of black households were two-parent. As late as 1950, only 18 percent of black households were single-parent. From 1890 to 1940, a slightly higher percentage of black adults had married than white adults. In 1940, black illegitimacy was about 14 percent.

Today it's an entirely different story. Black illegitimacy is 75 percent. Close to 50 percent of marriage-age blacks never marry. Close to 70 percent of black households are female-headed. If one thinks family structure doesn't matter, consider that the poverty rate among black female-headed families is about 47 percent but among married families it has been in the single digits for more than two decades. It's not just poverty. Children raised by single parents are likelier to be physically abused; use drugs; engage in violent, delinquent and criminal behavior; have emotional and behavioral problems; and drop out of school.

What about employment? Every census from 1890 to 1950 showed that black labor force participation rates were higher than those of whites. Today it's a mere fraction. Prior to the mid-'50s, the unemployment rate for black 16- and 17-year-olds was under 10 percent and less than that of whites. Who would argue that this more favorable employment picture was because there was less racial discrimination in the job market in earlier times? Labor laws such as the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 -- a federal minimum wage law for construction workers -- and the 1938 federal minimum

wage law for all workers reduced work opportunities for blacks.

Then there's the high crime rate. Each year, roughly 7,000 blacks are murdered. Ninety-four percent of the time, the murderer is another black person. Though blacks are 13 percent of the national population, they are more than 50 percent of homicide victims. Nationally, the black homicide victimization rate is six times that of whites, and in some cities, it's 22 times that of whites. Along with being most of the nation's homicide victims, blacks are among the victims of violent personal crimes, such as assault and robbery.

Older black people, who were raised in an era when there was far greater discrimination and who faced far fewer opportunities to speak out against behavior and excuses that their parents would have never accepted. Otherwise, the race-hungry poverty pimps and white liberals will continue with the narrative that black problems are a result of racism and racist cops condemn future generations of blacks to a lifetime of mediocrity.

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Bulldogs split 6 games in busy week of basketball

While the Roysie City boys' basketball team was busy with six games last week, the RC girls were winning their only game. The Bulldogs went to Sulphur Springs Tuesday for their second victory of the season against the Wildcats, and then won two of five games at the East Texas Shootout in Brownsboro to complete the 3-3 week. The Lady Bulldogs played only on Friday against Wylie East, and secured a 47-45 victory. Roysie City now has won five of its last six games.

Emily Pratt led the Lady Bulldogs with 12 points, with Melanie Sumrow adding 11. They led 37-30 after three quarters and held on after the East outscored RC 15-10 in the fourth.

Roysie City's girls were scheduled to play their first District 12-5A game Tuesday at Forney, and then host North Forney Friday in another District game at 7:30 p.m. Their next game after that would be at South Forney and Jan. 2.

The RC boys had defeated Sulphur Springs Thursday, Dec. 4, at their home Bowers Invitational Tournament. SS made a game of it at home by losing 49-45.

In Brownsboro, the Bulldogs drew Tyler All Saints Episcopal as their opponent Thursday, Dec. 11. After three quarters, All Saints led 47-30 from there, the Tyler team outscored Roysie City 30-15 in the fourth quarter and went on to win the tournament.

On Friday, RC defeated Van 64-39 but lost to Palestine 53-43. Again

the fourth quarter was a problem, as the Pirates outscored the Bulldogs 17-8 to pull away from a one-point lead.

Roysie City again defeated Van on Saturday, 55-52, before losing a Shootout shootout to Gladewater 86-74.

The RC boys were scheduled to host Greenville Tuesday, and to host the 2014 portion of their schedule Friday at Lovejoy. District 12-5A play would begin Jan. 2 at South Garland.

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RCHS boys	12	12	10	15	49
All Saints	19	18	10	30	77

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RCHS boys	6	18	11	8	43
Palestine	13	11	12	17	53

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Wylie East	10	12	8	15	45
RCHS girls	14	14	9	10	47

Wylie East – Breanna Stephens 24, Shelli Thigpen 8, Morgan Lee 6, Priscilla Murphy 4, Maegan Lee 2, Daria Jefferson 1.

RCHS – Emily Pratt 12, Melanie Sumrow 11, Morgan Sumrow 8, Daryn McMinn 7, Alexis Wanton 4, Belle Munoz 3, Sarah Collins 2.



Lady Bulldogs Alexis Wanton (23) pulls the ball down for a rebound during the Friday Dec. 19 game against North Forney in the RCHS gym. Assisting in the play are Daryn McMinn (22) and Jasmine Escobedo (20).

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Yellowjacket gymnastics splits meet with Highland Park

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall High School boys and girls gymnastics teams competed at a home meet in the RHS gymnasium with Highland Park High School on Friday, December 11. The Jacket boys topped the Scots 169.6 to 111.5, while the Lady Jackets (109.6) took second place to Highland Park (112.5).

Adam Alford led the Yellowjackets with 5 first place finishes, including first on floor (9.80) and the all-around (56.50), and then tied for first on vault (9.50) with and on the high bar (9.60). Bryce Singer took second place all-around (55.7), and placed first on rings with a score of 9.80.

Alford and Caleb Meyers tied for first place on parallel bars with a score of 9.60, while Meyers took third place all-around (54.90). McKay Larman finished off Rockwall's sweep of the top four with an all-around score of 52.60.

Sarah Graves took second place all-around (38.05), leading the Lady Jackets with a first-place finish on the uneven bars (9.70). Sarah also placed second on vault (9.75) and third place on balance beam (9.20) and floor (9.40).

Highland Park's Natalie Alkire placed first in all other events — vault (9.90), beam (9.60), floor (9.80) and an all-around score of 38.85.

Kathleen Weidman took fifth place for Rockwall with an all-around score of 35.65, Shelby Kissane placed sixth (34.90), Jamie Hall took seventh (34.30) and Erika Brown rounded out the top-ten with an all-around score of 16.90.

Lady Hawks down Terrell to continue district play

by Ryan Garrett

Following a tough district-opener loss to Poteet earlier in the week, the Lady Hawks (6-6, 1-1) bounced back with a 56-12 road-win over Terrell on Friday, December 11. Heath held the Tigers to just four points in the first half.

Madison Leggett led the Hawks with 21 points, Caitlyn Lozano added 11, Tannya Gonzalez scored six, while Alexa Hoy, Sophie Keith and Tina Lindsey tallied five points each.

The Rockwall Lady Jackets (11-4, 1-1) lost a close one at home to Centennial (10-3, 2-0), 55-53 on Friday. In a strong defensive effort, RHS led 26-25 at halftime, and continued to fight hard through the final two quarters.

Terra Williamson had 24 points, four assists and went 16-of-21 from the throw line, Mandi McMillian had 14 points with four rebounds and three steals, and Jayley Ramirez added eight points and three rebounds. The Hawks will continue play in 12-5A North Friday, January 2 at home in North Forney. Rockwall will look to bounce back in 11-6A when they host Naaman Forest at 6 p.m. on January 2.

Yellowjackets bounce back, survive rematch against Coppell

by Ryan Garrett

In a game dominated by fouls, the Rockwall Yellowjackets defeated Coppell 83-79 Friday, December 19 at the Rockwall High School gymnasium. The Jackets dropped a matchup with this same Cowboy team (4-10) just seven days earlier, but fought back to survive at home.

Rockwall (3-8) jumped to a halftime lead of 44-33 but Coppell closed the gap after three periods, 57-53 — several players got into foul trouble with 74 total fouls on the night, including 35 in the first half.

Senior Austin Grandstaff all scoring with 37 points, while Joseph Williams put up 10, Travis Lewis added seven, Blake Kindred and Cameron Schmucker scored six and Jay Galloway had five.

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks continued their undefeated season start with a dominating 77-46 win over Wylie at Rockwall-Heath High School. After a close first quarter in which Heath led 25-20, the Hawks defense limited Wylie to no more than nine points in each of the final three periods.

Jackson Zivney led all scoring with 21 points; Camron Talley added 12, while Kelden Pruitt and Jeremiah Sandidge each put up 10.

After a week off for the holidays, Rockwall and Heath return to action Monday, December 29. The Hawks will host Lovejoy at 4 p.m., while the Jackets compete in the three-day Allen In-N-Out Burger Holiday Invitational Monday through Wednesday.

Lady Eagles take 1st district loss

The Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team dropped to 1-1 in TAPPS District 3-3A with a 63-45 loss to McKinney Christian Academy Friday at Rockwall Christian Academy.

The Lady Eagles (4-3 overall) dropped into a third-place tie with MCA, a game behind co-leaders Trinity Christian Academy-Cedar Hill and Oak Ovilla Christian School.

CA's boys lost to McKinney Christian 68-46 Friday and at Sherman Christian School Saturday 52-26. The Eagles are 2-6 overall, in the district. Texoma is 13-4.

Both HCA teams are scheduled to play next at the Dallas Lakewood Presbyterian School Christmas Classic Monday through Wednesday.

The Eagles' first game in the five-team double-elimination tournament will be at 4:30 p.m. against Dallas Lakehill Preparatory School. If they lose, the boys next would play at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. A victory would put them into a winners' bracket semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The CA's girls would play their first game at 3 p.m. Monday against Hill Prep. The semifinal is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday.



Heritage Christian Brendan Schroepfer (3) drives around a McKinney Christian defender toward the basket, last Fri. Dec. 19 at the RISE in Rockwall.

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Heritage Christian Molli Howard (4) leaps for a lay-up against McKinney Christian, Fri. Dec. 19 at the RISE in Rockwall.

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Falcon Fulton's Brenner Newman 1st-team All-State

The Fulton School senior Brenner Newman was voted to the TAPPS 6-Man III football All-State first team as the special teams performer.

Falcons sophomore defensive back Tyler Treadway received All-State Honorable Mention.

The TAPPS 6-Man District 2-III first team included Newman at both linebacker and special teams, Treadway at defensive back and sophomore Carson Newman, Brenner's brother, at running back.

The All-District second team included Treadway at wide receiver and sophomore quarterback Max Mitchell.

Receiving Honorable Mention from Fulton were Brenner Newman at wide receiver, Carson Newman at defensive back and senior defensive lineman Zach Johnson.

All-State honors for HCA's Westmoreland, Schroepfer

Heritage Christian Academy senior running back Colin Westmoreland has been named to the TAPPS 6-Man I All-State football second team.

Sophomore defensive back Brendan Schroepfer received All-State Honorable Mention.

Both players made the TAPPS 6-Man District 1-I All-District first team.

Representing HCA on the All-District second team were Schroepfer as a wide receiver, junior defensive lineman Sam Jones, junior Daniel Robertson at both linebacker and tight end, senior defensive back Thomas Tannehill, junior offensive lineman Tyler Ruby, senior utility back Kenneth Fleetwood and sophomore kicker Philip Hawthorne.

The Eagles' Honorable Mention selections were juniors Jones (center), Justin Shipman (defensive line) and Cody Worth (linebacker); sophomore quarterback Christian Pettit, and freshman tight end Bradley Howard.

Royse City's Rideout, Landers named All-District

Royse City seniors Tre' Rideout and Aaron Landers were unanimous selections to the All-District 12-5A football first team.

Wide receiver Landers led the Bulldogs in receptions and also gained 95 rushing yards. Rideout was the leader of RC's offensive line.

The All-District second team included seniors Zach Stone (offensive line) and Ben Yelverton (defensive end) and junior inside linebacker Chance Damron.

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