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Local woman overcomes stroke, gets back behind the lens

By Tracy DeBok

Becky Vasquez, 39, never thought she could be at risk of a stroke. She is active and healthy, busy with her four children and photography business. She was more concerned with the frail health of a few older members of her family, not having any reason to be gravely concerned for herself.

Everything changed two years ago. One day, without warning, Vasquez began experiencing some strange, unusual symptoms and her instinct told her something was amiss. When she started losing feeling on the left side of her body and what had been a persistent headache developed into something excruciating, a family doctor sent her to the emergency room of the local hospital. To the shock of Vasquez and her family, she was taken away and admitted for a stroke. After much testing, the doctors determined that Vasquez had suffered from what is known as a transient ischemic attack (TIA.) But don't let the term fool you; it can be deceiving. Because of the stroke, Vasquez was confined to a wheelchair, then to a walker. She bravely faced rehabilitation, and is now gainfully using the left side of her body.

"I was given this window into life with a disability," said Vasquez. "I couldn't open doors for myself, I could barely get out of bed, and I couldn't care for my children in the way I was used to. The hardest part was not being able to put my own kids to bed upstairs each night."

To say the very least, it was very motivating to take my rehabilitation seriously."

Fast forward to today. Not only is this vibrant mom healthy and completely mobile on her own two feet, she's back to doing what she loves -- photographing families, children and couples. After the stroke the fear loomed over her that she may not be able to again hold her camera properly or have the energy for photo shoots. But thanks to hard work, lots of prayers and the support of her family, Vasquez is back out there, capturing tender moments and festive occasions with her own unique blend of humor, kindness and fun.

"My friend Jana is a physical therapist. On her own time she checked in on me regularly, making sure I had the motivation I needed to get walking on my own again. I owe her a huge debt of gratitude. Not only did I feel like she was helping me to understand how to get better, but the love and kindness she showed, well I just felt like it could move mountains,"



Becky Vasquez, seated center in a wheelchair, is escorted to a Christmas event by her husband, Juan, and children Preston, Christian and Gabby three weeks after the stroke that took her mobility. This was the first time she had left the house since the stroke.

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said Vasquez.

Family life has resumed normally and Vasquez now spends her time shuttling kids to school and their activities, working at the children's school, and makes time for her photography.

"I'm grateful to be again doing what I love, and for my health. I hope that others can recognize the early signs of stroke and get the help they need as well. The rest is in God's capable hands," she said.



Today, Becky Vasquez is fully recovered and able to hold her children -- and now her grandchild -- with the full use of her left side, which had previously been paralyzed from the stroke.

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Fundraiser set to benefit Fergeson family

A fundraiser to benefit the Fergeson family will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 12 at Joe Willy's.

Maddie Fergeson, an All-American freshman mascot at Rockwall High School, suffers from Chron's disease, which requires countless procedures and hospital stays. Her father, Johnny, has end-stage kidney disease and

is on the National Kidney Transplant List, which renders him unable to work at this time.

Kristie Fergeson, Maddie's mother and Johnny's wife, is a RHS graduate and a fourth grade teacher at Sharon Shannon Elementary.

County library to offer e-reader test drives

The Rockwall County Library will host a test drive, offering local residents the chance to explore various e-reader and audio book devices, beginning Feb. 7 and Feb. 26.

Participants can test drive a Nook, Kindle Fire, iPad, iPod Touch and other devices, according to a library news release. Test drive events will be conducted monthly through August.

Anyone interested in attending a test drive session should call the

library at 972-204-7770 to sign up.

Initial sessions are set for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 7 and Feb. 26. Sessions will be conducted on the second floor of the library in the Women's League Room.

All devices used during the test drive sessions have been provided through a grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

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Non-resident library fee in place

The Rockwall County Library began charging an annual library card fee of \$30 per household for library patrons who are not Rockwall County residents. An individual computer-use-only card is available at a fee of \$10 per year. The fees became effective Oct. 1, according to a library news release.

Rockwall seeks focus group participants

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department is seeking residents interested in participating in focus groups designed to aid the department's evaluation of its marketing efforts. Groups are set to run from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 8 at The Center for individuals ages 55 and older and from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Harry Myers Community Center. To participate call 972-772-6468 or email aainsworth@rockwall.com.

Cat M*A*S*H offers discounted procedures

Rockwall PAWS and the City of Rockwall will host the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project in Rockwall's second Beat the Heat Cat M*A*S*H (Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital) on Feb. 8. Local residents are encouraged to spay their female cats prior to the animals going into heat. Female cats can be spayed at a cost of \$20, while male cats will be neutered at a cost of \$25; cost will include a rabies shot. Spaces will fill quickly, so appointments should be made now at 972-472-3500. For more details visit info@spayneuternet.org.

Republican Women to meet Feb. 11

The Rockwall County Republican Women will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Harry Myers Park, followed by dinner. Guest speaker will be Joanne Vockovic, executive director of the Pregnancy Resource Center, a pro-life, nonprofit organization that provides confidential counseling, pregnancy tests, sonograms, educational programs, material support and post-abortion support. Men and women are welcomed at the meetings.

Library to host Family Night

The Rockwall County Library will host February Family Night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12. Valentine's day crafts and other projects will be offered, as well as refreshments and a movie.

Reagan Day Dinner, Feb. 16

The Rockwall County Republican Party will host the 2013 Reagan Day Dinner, Feb. 16 at the Bella Harbor Hilton in Rockwall. Guest speakers will be George P. Bush and Janine Turner. Entertainment will be the RUB Blues Band. For ticket information contact Ann Easterwood at 214-288-4870 or email rockwallreaganday@gmail.com.

Democrats plan breakfast meeting

The Rockwall County Democrats will meet at 9 a.m. Feb. 16 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington St., in Rockwall. A continental breakfast will be served.

Rise ABOVE Bullying presented Feb. 16

"Rise ABOVE Bullying" will be presented Feb. 16 at C-Life Church in Forney. The free community event will run from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., and will include informative speaker Fabian Ramirez, live music featuring Michael Castro, and door prizes. The public is invited to visit online at riseabovebullying.org.

Royse City Chamber Networking B'fasts slated

The 2013 schedule for the Royse City Chamber of Commerce's Networking Breakfasts have been scheduled. Events will be conducted twice monthly, except for December, at the Holiday Inn Express, 1001 Pullen St., or The Well. The first event this year is set for 8 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Holiday Inn Express; cost will be \$4 for the breakfast/coffee bar. Participants are welcome to distribute business cards, brochures, coupons, etc. Those interested in speaking at one of the events should contact the chamber.

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Sandra McLean, a featured performer for the Children's Saturday Programs at Rockwall's Original Pumpkin Patch and member and offer of the Lone Star Puppet Guild, will perform in a fundraiser benefitting the Rockwall County Library beginning at 7 p.m. March 22 in the library's Community Room. Accompanying McLean will be Mimi, one of the community's wisest senior citizens; both of them are pictured above. Admission to the event will cost \$20; seating will be limited and reservations are suggested. Pre-paid reservations may be made at the Feb. 12 FOL meeting or by contacting Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

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Six Royse City Middle School choir students had successful auditions for the region choir on Jan. 26. These students will perform with top choir students from throughout the area on March 2 at North Mesquite High School. Pictured from the left are Alexa Rawdah, Maria Travers, Sarah McNeil, Ethan Burkhart, Amanda Grant and Bayley Owen. Travers, Grant and Rawdah will perform in the Honor Treble Choir, Owen and Burkhart will perform in the Tenor-Bass Choir and McNeil will perform in the Concert Treble Choir.

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Rockwall Summer Musicals planning third season

Entering its third year of family musicals, Rockwall Summer Musicals is preparing for this summer's productions.

In concert with area Independence Day celebrations, RSM will debut this season with "1776, America's Prize Winning Musical" June 27-30. This show tells the story of America's founding in a way that will inform and entertain all ages. Filled with an inspiring, harmonious score by Stephen Edwards and characters costumed in Colonial Williamsburg style, this production will stir the soul of every lover of the American story.

Becky Henderson will be lead director for this presentation.

Leading out the season will be the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I." Aug. 15-18. A huge cast, an incredible score, dazzling dance and lavish costumes will be part of this production.

Barbara Doubt will serve as director.

Both productions will perform at the group's home venue, the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center at Utley at 1201 T.L. Townsend.

RSM has promised numerous enhancements in store for this season's audiences. From technical enhancements, box office improvements and audience comforts, patrons will be sure to appreciate RSM's attention and response to customer feedback.

RSM will conduct open auditions for each show April 20-21 and June 8-9, respectively, at times and locations to be announced.

Season tickets will go on sale to the public April 1 at a 20 percent discount off single ticket prices.

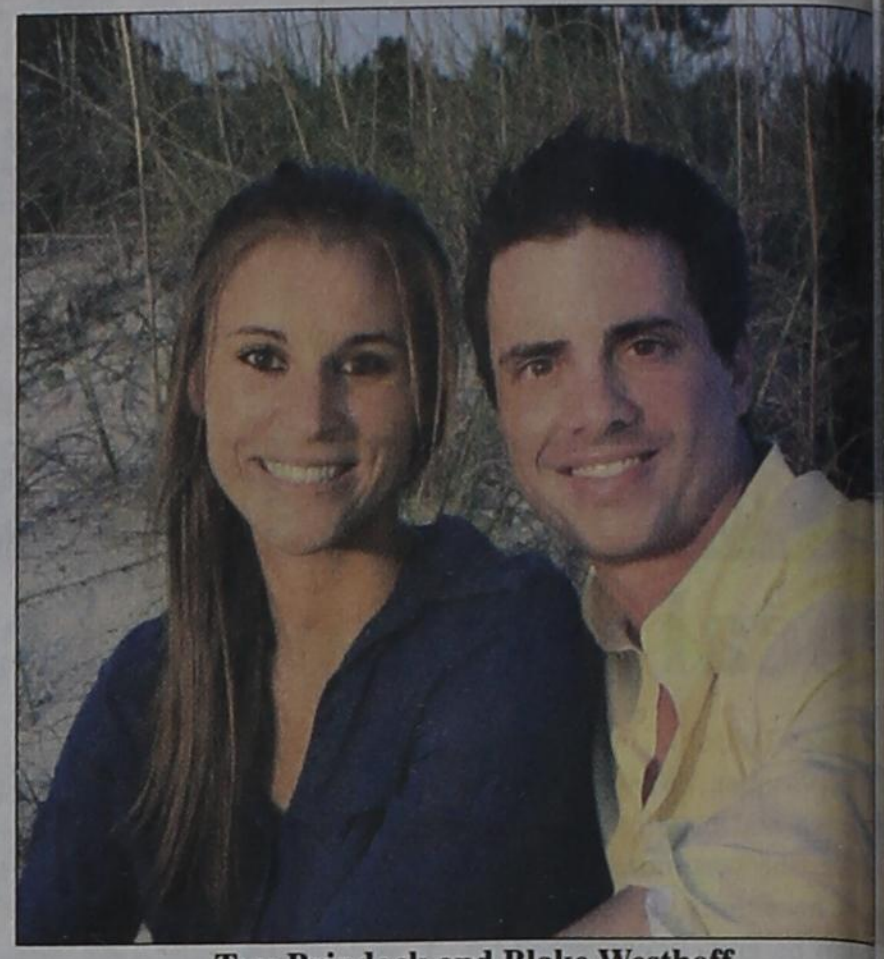
Visit rockwallsummermusicals.org for more details.





Members of the Rockwall Soroptimists joined members of the Rockwall Fire Department recently to plan the live and silent auctions for the March 2 Firefighters's Ball at the Hilton Lakefront Hotel at the Harbor. The fire department and the Garland Fire Fighters Association will co-host an evening of dinner, dancing, casino gaming, a cash bar and live and silent auctions to benefit injured firefighters Devon Colbert and his family. Pictured from the left are Mike Caffey, Kaye Ridings, Frances Egan, Delia Watts, Ariana Hargrove, Brenda Cross, Erin Kincaid, Madelyn Hill, Gail Ferguson and Susan Laszynski. Not shown are Norma Morris, Sue Reeves, Marcie Pickard and Cindy Kindred. Tickets cost \$75 and are available at Rockwall Fire Station No. 1 on East Boydston through Feb. 25. For more details or to make a donation, call 972-771-7770.

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Tess Brindock and Blake Westhoff

Brindock, Westhoff to marry in McKinney

Andrew and Marguerite Brindock have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tess Brindock, to Blake Westhoff, son of Fred and L. Westhoff of Edna.

The two met at their alma mater, Texas Tech University, in Lubbock. The future bride, a former Rockwall resident, received a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University in San Angelo and a master's degree in mass communications from Texas Tech. She is employed at Grace Clinic in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom earned a bachelor's degree at Texas Tech and a master's degree in sports management from the university. He is employed at Earl M. Jorgenson.

A May 11, 2013, wedding in McKinney is planned.

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Jones Elementary plans run, carnival, cook-off

The 2nd Annual Jones Elementary Jag Jog 5K Run/1 Mile Fun Run will be conducted March 2 at 2051 Trail Glen, Jones Elementary, Rockwall. It will be a chip-timed event. Also planned are a carnival, silent auction, raffle and chili cook-off, all of which will immediately follow the race. Games, concessions and vendor booths are planned. For more information visit jones.txpta.org.

Spring Break Art Camp scheduled

The City of Rockwall's Parks and Recreation Department will host a Spring Break Art Camp from 2 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. March 11-14 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Each spring-themed landscape will be offered under the guidance of professional, certified instructors. Participants will learn fine art techniques using five different media - oil, acrylic and watercolor, oil pastel and charcoal. All supplies are provided. Cost is \$119 for Rockwall residents, \$179 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Fundraiser, craft show planned in RC

The 4th Annual Battle of the Bulldogs Fundraiser & Craft Show will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 23 at the Royce City HS Royce Swiney Indoor Facility, 700 S. FM 2642. The event is sponsored by Royce City Softball. The fundraiser will include a car show, rag doll tournament, cow patty bingo, silent auction, and jail and bail. Special visits by the Easter bunny also will be offered, with photos available with the bunny from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost for an indoor booth is \$50. For more details visit rcsb.org/rchs and click on the Battle of the Bulldogs link.

Easter egg hunt set at park

The City of Rockwall's Parks and Recreation Department-sponsored Easter egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 23 in Harry Myers Park. Special prize eggs will be included in this old-fashioned hunt. A bounce house, games and other fun activities are planned. For more information call 972-771-7740.

'God's Favorite' auditions set

Audition for the Neil Simon comedy "God's Favorite" will begin at 1 p.m. March 23 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, in Rockwall. No appointments are needed. "God's Favorite" is a light-hearted piece with a cast of five men and five women. Those planning to audition should bring a resume and headshot and be prepared to read from the script. Aimee Thibodeaux will direct the play.

Relay For Life registration under way

Cancer fighters, survivors and their caregivers are invited to participate in the annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life event beginning at 7 p.m. April 2 at Cain Middle School. Those who plan to participate should register as soon as possible at relayforlife.org/rockwalltx. For more details contact Sheila Wooten at 469-698-9599 or email kilarwooten@yahoo.com.

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Evelyn Burkett (right) and her Daughter Kathy Bass

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Survivors include her daughter... Davis; a son, Jimmy... children; and her sisters... was preceded in death by... Col.
Services for Col. Bobby G... Hot Springs Village, Ark... at 10 a.m. Feb. 4... Village Bible Church... Village with Dr. N... A graveside service... military honors was con... Feb. 5 at the Rest... in Rockwall with... Hubbard officiating... Vale Funeral Home... of arrangements.
Jan. 29 at his home... on June 9, 1931, to Hu... (Terry) Jolly in Levy, A... retired U.S. Air Force... and the Vietnam War... his service, he obtain... master's degree in p... the USAF, he comm... Rockist University in Da... school teacher and ad... missioner.
was a member of the M... Veterans of Foreign... active in his church, the... Sunday school classes... survivors include his wife... Robert Carroll Jo... Renée Barber of Da... of Austin, three step... and, Brent, of Calgary... of Royce City and Ma... N.M.; eight grandch... en Duncan, Capt. Eric D... and Matthew Barber... and two brothers, J... Bill Jolly and his wife... was preceded in death... Elizabeth Jolly; and... in his name to the Arka... ville, Ark. 72503-3964... P.O. Box 1890, Amar... line condolences may b...

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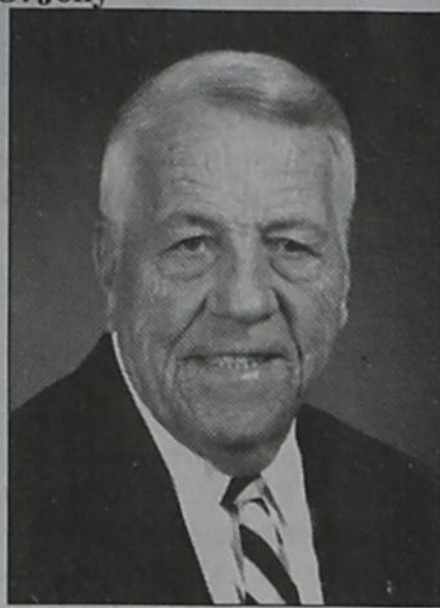
Private family services for Frances Hughes, 76, of Roysse City will be conducted at a later date in North Carolina. The Rest Haven Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. She died Jan. 26, 2013.

She was born Oct. 10, 1936, in Pontotoc, Miss., to Johnny Lincoln McLean and Myrtle (Kyle) McLean, she was a seamstress and had lived in Roysse City for 20 years.

Survivors include her daughters, Gladys Jones, Lois Dodson and Lynn Davis; a son, Jimmy Mitchell; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Shirley, Mary-Ella and Rosa Lee. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Mitchell.

Col. Bobby G. Jolly

Services for Col. Bobby G. Jolly, 81, of Hot Springs Village, Ark., were conducted at 10 a.m. Feb. 4, 2013, at the Village Bible Church in Hot Springs Village with Dr. Mark Cain officiating. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 5 at the Rest Haven Cemetery in Rockwall with Pastor David Hubbard officiating. The Cedarvale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



He died Jan. 29 at his home.

He was born June 9, 1931, to Hugh and Mary (Terry) Jolly in Levy, Ark., he was a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, having served in both the Korean War and the Vietnam War. His military service lasted 30 years. During his service, he obtained a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in political science. Prior to his retirement from the USAF, he commanded the ROTC program at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Upon his retirement, he became a high school teacher and administrator, as well as a Rockwall County Commissioner.

He was a member of the Military Officers Association, Sons of the American Revolution, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled Veterans. He was active in his church, the Village Bible Church, and occasionally taught Sunday school classes.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Jenet (Rathmell) Jolly; three children, Robert Carroll Jolly, and his wife, Tammy, of Crandall, Texas; Renée Barber of Dallas and Paula Kay Jones and her husband, Brent, of Austin; three stepdaughters, Debra Lynn Garries and her husband, Brent, of Calgary, Canada, JoNell Mellody and her husband, Keith, of Roysse City and Marinna Duncan and her husband, Keith, of Rockwall, N.M.; eight grandchildren, Candon Leopold, Casey Camacho, and Eric Duncan, Capt. Eric Duncan, Sherrol and Christopher Jolly and Matthew Barber; two great-grandchildren, Lily and Lane; and two brothers, James Jolly, and his wife, Wanda, of Plano and Bill Jolly and his wife, Toni, of Montgomery, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife of 24 years, Elizabeth Jolly; and two brothers, Hugh and Carroll Jolly.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorials should be made in his name to the Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 3694, Little Rock, Ark. 72503-3964 or the Cal Farley Boys Ranch and Girls Home, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001.

Condolences may be made at cedarvalefuneralhome.com.

Grinnan named to Dean's List

Shuel Grinnan, a sophomore business administration major at Rockwall, was named to the Dean's List at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark., following the fall semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more semester hours and attain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, according to the university news release.



Pictured above is Raven, a 16-year-old thoroughbred mare, who is a dark bay that loves to trot. She always has been well cared for and was formerly a trail horse; her family gave up riding and donated her to Throwaway Ponies. Raven would make a great horse for a teen girl. TaPs is a non-profit, all-volunteer horse rescue operation located at 2368 E. FM 552, two miles east of Hwy. 205 in Rockwall. The organization currently has 70 horses, mules and donkeys, most of which are available for adoption. For more details, visit throwawayponies.org.

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The Bears Den Pack 163 wanted to help beautify the community and do a community cleanup, so its members began with cleaning out the flower beds on the Miss May Vernon Elementary school grounds, followed by the planting of flowers. The project was part of their Take Care of Your Planet achievement badge. Pictured are William Burger, Dylan Garcia, Connor Goldston, Connor Hall, Garrett Davidson, John Froehling, Tristan Walker, Jacob Huddleston and Taylor Spoonmore.

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Tarleton's honor students named

A handful of local residents are among honor students named recently for the fall 2012 semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Peyton Adamson of Rockwall, a major in interdisciplinary studies, was listed on the university's A Honor Roll for the semester.

Students listed have a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system and completed a minimum of 12 semester hours, according to a university news release.

Six local students were named Distinguished Students for the fall semester, including Michelle Wisniewski of Rockwall, a nursing major; Myranda Alonzo of Roysse City, a pre-veterinary medicine major; Russell Thompson of Roysse City, a business administration major; Jason Rose of Roysse City, an ag services and development major; Jordan Desmond of Heath, a criminal justice major; and Cody Prinz of Rockwall, an ag services and development major.

To be named to the list of Distinguished Students, a student must be a freshman or sophomore with a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio, with no grade lower than a C, or a junior or senior with a 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a C.

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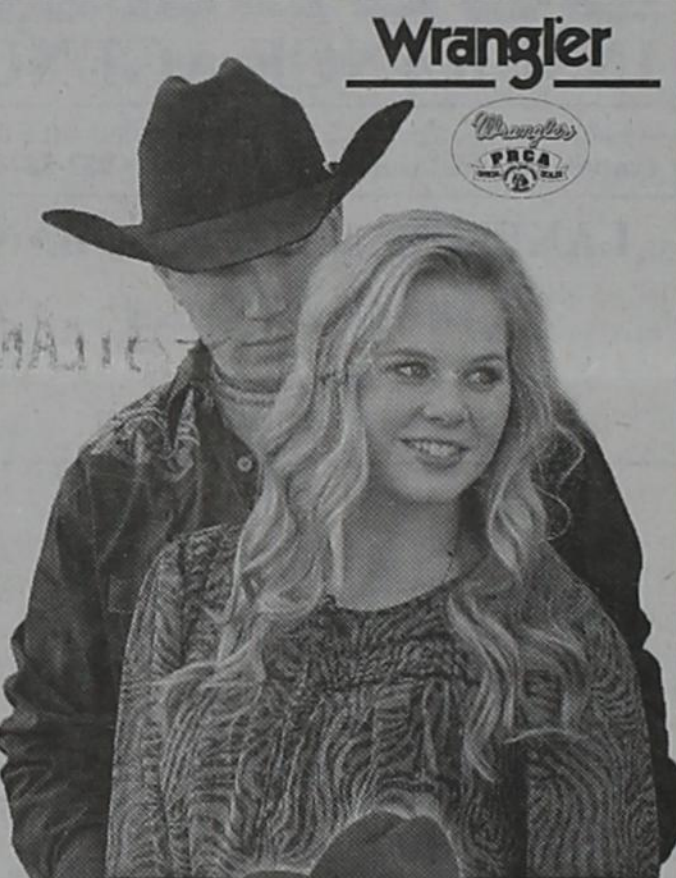
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Rockwall city receives award from area chamber



Newly elected constables John Benedetto and Tom Egan, pictured above, attended constable school at San Houston State University's Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Institute in Huntsville Jan. 21-25. The training included instruction in civil law – serving and executing citations, writs and process dealing with justice of the peace courts. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall city manager Rick Crowley and Mayor David Sweet are shown receiving the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Partner of the Year Award from Dana K. Macalik, president of the chamber. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

The City of Rockwall was recognized with the Chamber Partner of the Year Award by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We are extremely honored to receive this award," said Mayor David Sweet. "Our staff and officials share the belief that we are all partners in the continuing development of our hometown. We have the common goal of making Rockwall a wonderful hometown."

The city works hard every day with residents, business organizations and others to build strong partnerships, which build a bridge of understanding and cooperation across our hometown. Sweet said.

"The ability to build that bridge," he said, "is what makes a great city. And to be spotlighted by the chamber for this effort, makes it worthwhile. I think it shows we have been successful."

Dana K. Macalik, president of the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the city of Rockwall on receiving the award. Citing the importance of partnership and developing relationships in business and in life, Macalik noted that partnering requires more than just a relationship.

"This community has a great leader in the leadership and employee of the City of Rockwall. The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce appreciates all the ways the city supported us with various programs and events in 2012, which continue to make our city a great place to work and play," she said.

Four locals earn degrees from MSU

Three Rockwall residents and a resident of Roysie City were among graduates who earned degrees in December at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Graduates included Rachel Colleen Bingham, who earned a bachelor's degree; Erica Shea Brown, who earned a bachelor's degree in nursing; and Jennifer Ann Bujnovsky, who also earned a bachelor's degree in nursing, according to a university news release. All three are Rockwall residents.

Jeffrey Varghese Alexander of Roysie City earned a bachelor's degree in nursing as well.

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Two take honors at A&M-Corpus

Two Rockwall residents were named to the Dean's List at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the 2012 fall semester, according to a university news release.

Donald Vierling, a major in geographic information science in the College of Science and Engineering, and Dustin Brown, a mechanical engineering major in the College of Science and Engineering, each was recognized.

To qualify, an undergraduate must be enrolled full time with a minimum of 12 semester hours and earn a grade point average of 3.65 or better on a 4.0 scale.



David Campbell of Denison, an amateur archeologist and geologist, gave a program on rock formations found in other parts of the world and the local rock wall at the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag lecture series' most recent gathering. Campbell brought along a portion of his collection of artifacts to share with those on hand for the event. Programs take place at noon on the second Friday of each month in the historic downtown courthouse on the third floor; all programs are open to the public. The next program is set for Feb. 8.

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Is Texas going bankrupt?

The Citizens Against Government Waste (www.cagw.org) sent the following Special Survey Question with the Membership Renewal form for 2013:

"According to a new CAGW analysis, the states of California, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New York and Texas are right now at serious risk of going bankrupt. The leading reason for this is that state employees' salaries and benefits are dramatically higher than those of comparable private-sector employees. Do you support CAGW waging a national campaign to both educate Americans about the overpayment of government employees and fight to reduce such lavish compensation?"

"() YES () NO () UNDECIDED"
Why has there been no news from Austin that Texas is at serious risk of going bankrupt?
Jacqueline Frank Strickland, Rockwall

Mother Goose visits Newcomers & Friends

Mother Goose was among visitors at the Jan. 10 Rockwall County Newcomers and Friends meeting.

Mother Goose, aka Ann Cornelius, advised that "nursery rhymes are not for children" and shared a true story about many familiar nursery rhymes, giving a new perspective to the oft-repeated poems.

Cornelius, a writer, is involved in the Rockwall County Committee on Aging, the Rockwall Community Playhouse, the Rockwall Historical Foundation and the Rockwall and Roysce County Friends of the Library organizations.

During the Newcomers and Friends business meeting, the Social Committee announced plans for the See You IN the MOVIE Oscar Night to be conducted in February at the Hilton Bella Harbor. As part of this event, members and guests will attend as movie star, character or fan and enjoy a formal dinner, music and entertainment.

The organization's next luncheon is set Feb. 14. A bingo game will be conducted. Doors will open at 10 a.m. at Occasions on the River in Roysce City. Following a short business meeting, lunch will be served.



Ann Cornelius, aka Mother Goose, recently visited Rockwall County Newcomers and Friends. Also pictured is K. Anderson, first vice president of programs. The group's next luncheon meeting is set for 10 a.m. Feb. 14 at Occasions on the River in Roysce City. New or longtime residents are welcome, but reservations must be made by Jan. 28 by calling Sylvia at 972-772-4890 or Marion at 972-722-9896. Cost will be \$19, which will be payable at the door.
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Opinions

Texas people hold right for self-government

The White House recently responded to a petition on their "We The People" website regarding the issue of Texas independence. Below is the official response from the Texas Nationalist Movement.

The people of Texas adhere to the principle espoused in Article 1 Section 1 of the Texas Constitution which says, "Texas is a free and independent State, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, and the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the Union depend upon the preservation of the right of local self-government, unimpaired to all the States."

In the absence of a Constitutional prohibition to a State asserting its independence and with the firm knowledge that the actions of the Federal Government represent an definite impairment to the right of local self-government, the Obama administration's response to the petition for secession for Texas represents yet another argument in favor of Texas independence.

With their response to the secession petition, the Obama administration restates the opinion of other current and past world leaders such as Saddam Hussein, Muammar Gaddafi, Bashar Assad, Mao Zedong, Santa Anna and King George III who also believed that governments can and should deny the right of self-determination.

In doing so, they have couched their response with misinterpretations of the Constitution, a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature and construction of the Union, ignorance of the intent and words of the Founding

Fathers, contempt for the sovereignty of the States and thinly-veiled threats of violence against any State exercises their right to self-determination.

We can agree on one point. Democracy is "noisy and controversial". This is exactly why the Founders created a union of Republics instead of a democracy.

Indeed the Founding Fathers abandoned the Articles of Confederation which is the only document in history to cite a "perpetual union" in order to appropriately guarantee the sovereignty and independence of individual states. This guarantee is found in the absolute silence of the Constitution on the issue of a State leaving the Union and in the 10th Amendment which guarantees that any powers not specifically granted to the Federal Government are reserved to the people and the States. This firmly established right is again spoken by Thomas Jefferson, who drafted the Declaration of Independence, when he said, "If any state in the Union will declare it prefers separation ... to a continuance in the union I have no hesitation in saying, 'Let us separate.'"

The right of self-determination is not one to be granted or withdrawn upon the whims of any particular administration nor is the current drive for the self-determination of the people of Texas tied to any particular administration. It is a right as fundamental as the right of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion. It is a fundamental as the right to keep and bear arms. But as we have seen the assault on all of the other fundamental rights, it is no surprise that the sovereignty of the States and right of self-determination would be likewise assaulted.

However, if the contention of the Obama administration is to support the decision of the Supreme Court that the Union is an "indestructible union composed of indestructible states" then it is morally imperative that the Federal Government immediately release Texas from the Union. As the agreement which brought Texas into the Union specifically states that Texas could divide into 5 states, which would be invalidated by the Supreme Court decision, and as there is no severability clause in the Joint Resolution of Annexation, this administration has just shortened our journey to independence.

Beyond the arguments over history and law, through the release of this statement, this administration has effect, placed over 40 years of US foreign policy into question. Will this administration revoke its recognition for Kosovo? Will it recognize the independence of an independent Scotland or Catalonia? How will this affect relations with the former States of the Soviet Union? Why did they support an independence vote for the people of Puerto Rico? Will this administration follow the lead of Bashar Assad and deny the people of Texas their right of self determination?

These questions and many more will be asked of this administration in the coming days as the global trend of self-determination has returned home to the cradle of liberty. People from around the world are watching the United States to see if the Federal Government will "practice what it has preached."

We, also, need not be reminded of the body count of the War Between The States. Nor should we forget 180 who lay dead after the siege of the Alamo who stood and died for the right of self determination and independence of Texas or the thousands of Mexican troops who died to deny us that right.

Since this administration is fond of quoting Abraham Lincoln, I would encourage them to take note of words in an 1848 speech before the US Congress:

"Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right - a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world. Nor is this right confined to cases in which the whole people of an existing government may choose to exercise it. Any portion of such people, that can, may revolutionize, or make their own of so much of the territory as they inhabit."

It is the mission of the Texas Nationalist Movement to secure the independence of Texas. We will invoke "first principles" spoken of by Thomas Jefferson. For it is our fundamental right and belief that "all political power is inherent in the people." We seek to take this issue to a referendum. It is our expectation that this administration will recognize our right to do so as they have done for countless other countries around the globe. It is our expectation that they will not interfere and let the people of Texas have their say. It is our expectation that the administration will hold fast their own words in the belief that "might doesn't make right." It is our expectation that Texas will be free and independent. For that we do not need the permission of anyone in Washington, D.C.

<http://www.texasnationalist.com>
You can find the original response from the White House at this link: <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/response/our-states-remain-united>

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- 5 NFL Hall of Fame site; Stanton, _____
- 6 all the judges of a TX Ct. of Appeals: "en _____"
- 7 TXism: "up _____ snuff"
- 8 TXism: "active as a fox in a _____ house"
- 9 courses of travel
- 15 Comanche's historic log courthouse "Old _____"
- 16 in east Hidalgo Co. TXism: "if _____, he'll bark"
- 21 medical pictures
- 22 TX film stunt pilot, Tom _____
- 27 timbre
- 28 NE Fort Worth suburb: _____ City snapshots
- 30 TXism: "got a _____ big as Texas" (kind)
- 32 TXism: "he's _____ spring chicken"
- 33 New _____, TX
- 36 this Clay was only person prosecuted for death of JFK
- 37 infielder Caminiti who played for Astros & Rangers
- 38 "Old Yeller" actress Dorothy _____
- 39 soft in the noggin?
- 41 original call letters for Houston's CW TV station, KIAH
- 42 domesticated

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- 1 high tennis shot
- 2 cry of discovery in Rannels Co. on 83
- 4 TX baseball glove co.: "_____ Goods"
- 8 one who chops weeds
- 9 Fort Worth facility: Will _____ Center
- 10 TXism: "drawing a bead _____ it"
- 11 Austin university
- 12 song: "_____ Die"
- 13 TX Heisman winner Campbell _____
- 14 bed board
- 15 TX country singer Mark _____
- 16 TX Katherine Helmond's character on "Who's the Boss?"
- 17 TX actor in the "Mighty Ducks" films
- 18 this Marie was "a little bit country"
- 20 TXism: "_____ a bull give milk?" (no)
- 22 TX soft drink (abbr.)
- 23 founder of giant TX Belo media group (init.)
- 24 Dallas sportscaster Hitzges _____
- 25 TXism: "sharp as _____"
- 26 former Ranger knuckleball pitcher, Charlie (1980-90)
- 28 this Lukas starred with TX Martin in "Leap of Faith"
- 31 sound of a boot hitting the floor
- 34 TX's "lone star" has _____ points
- 36 TXism: "let '_____ rip!"
- 37 Dallas public TV & FM station Maureen O' _____ film: "Rio Grande"
- 40 _____ bomb type
- 43 this TX Lawson won "Nashville Star" program in 2008
- 50 country singer, Haggard _____
- 51 Darin of TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)

Jackets, 7 Hawks move on to regional wrestling

Rockwall is sending 10 wrestlers, and Rockwall-Heath will be represented at the Region II-5A Championships Friday and Saturday at Allen High School. The Jackets had four finalists and the Hawks had two in Saturday's District 11-5A Championships, but all six lost to a wrestler from Allen.

That was no disgrace. The Eagles, four-time defending state champions, won 13 of the 14 weight classes and all but one of 42 individual matches to run away with the district competition at McKinney Boyd. Allen totaled 292 points to 142 for runner-up Plano. Rockwall placed third with 118 and RHHS fourth in the eight-team competition with 95. The Eagles are a big reason why Hawks head coach Shane Seleznoff predicted, "80 to 90 per cent of state finalists could come from our region."

RHS head coach Brent Pohorsky said it was good for the RISD's wrestling programs to face such strong competition throughout the regular season. The Rockwall and RHHS top-ranked wrestlers at Boyd were the Jackets' Zach Peterson at 113 pounds, Andrew Hyde at 120, Daniel Roland (195) and Rilee Fisher (220), and Rockwall-Heath's Brady Van Bevers (170) and Jay Arnold (285). They all took second place, and took their Allen opponents through the full six minutes of the final before losing decisions. Arnold survived a close call when he was nearly pinned before the second period ended.

Warriors takes TAPPS District championship

Rockwall Christian Academy boys' basketball team remained on track on Saturday against Garland Christian Academy in the final regular-season game Tuesday for the TAPPS District 3-2A championship. The Warriors only district loss this season came at GCA Jan. 25. Last week, they won 59-31 at Greenville Christian School Tuesday, Jan. 29 despite a defensive-minded RCA has allowed more than 50 points in its games. The Warriors (16-13 overall, 6-1 in the district) opened the season 10-12 but have won six of their last seven games, with the only loss to Stephens paced the victory over Greenville with 19 points and 10 assists. Daniel Rorie, who has returned after missing time because of a wrist injury, scored 10.

The Warriors' team also won at Greenville 46-29 behind 16 points from Poland and 10 by Macy Wilson.

STAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: Friday night at RISE, HCA is why it is ranked 18th in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. The Lady Eagles' press defense in the first half that they took a 30-point halftime lead causing RCA to turn the ball over 16 times. Hailee Johnson scored 12 points to lead HCA to a 37-13 halftime advantage. Poland scored Warriors' first 11 points.

WARRIORS: The Falcons improved to 3-0 in TAPPS District 3-1A and 11-12 with an easy 83-29 home victory over Killeen Memorial Christian on Friday and a spine-tingling 52-51 win the next day at Longview Christian School of Texas.

Conner Cleveland continued to lead Fulton, scoring 37 points against and 21 vs. Trinity. Brenden Williams put in 18 and 15 points in the games, and Todd Treadway scored 16 against Memorial Christian.

The Falcons hope to repeat their district championship by finishing strong in games within eight days ending Tuesday.

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Rockwall	12	10	11	26	59
Greenville	4	14	8	5	31

Chris Stephens 19, Daniel Rorie 10, Cameron Carroccia 9, Evan 6, Rodney Daniels 5, Colton Jones 5, John Stanley 3, Denzel Okel 2.

Greenville Christian School - Andy Henderson 14, Tristan Wooten 7, Chandler 6, Will Mertens 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	13	16	4	13	46
Greenville	6	3	7	13	29

Ashlee Poland 16, Macy Wilson 10, Sarah Ross 6, Laycee Gonzalez 4, Bjornlie 4, Rachel Rorie 4, Katelyn Holboke 1.

Greenville Christian School - Sophie Wimeberley 9, Lysie Brown 6, Meagan Brown 6, Meagan Nichols 4, Shelby Hauser 2, Katy Felder 2. Memorial - N/A.

Conner Cleveland 37, Brenden Williams 18, Todd Treadway 16, Hayden 7, Hayden Leverett 3, Brenner Newnan 2.

Conner Cleveland 21, Brenden Williams 15, Hayden 8, Colin Graves 4, Trey Ivy 2, Todd Treadway 2. New Trinity School of Texas - N/A.



Chris Web (13) of the Heritage Christian Academy Eagles drives to the goal against the Rockwall Christian Academy Warrior defenders. The Eagles went on to lose by a score of 23 - 55.

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Rockwall County Scholastics Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons

Friday, Feb. 8 - Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Waxahachie Preparatory Academy, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 11 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Irving StoneGate Christian Academy, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Longview Christian School, Forney Sports Center, Senior Night, 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Friday, Feb. 8 - Basketball: at Garland Christian Academy, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 11 - Middle school basketball: home vs. Greenville Christian School, girls 4 p.m. and boys 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Basketball: at Greenville Christian School, JV boys 5 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Friday, Feb. 8 - Basketball: home vs. Tyler East Texas Christian Academy, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Basketball: home vs. Garland Christian School, girls 6 p.m. and boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, Feb. 8 - Varsity boys' and girls' golf: at Andrews Tournament, Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Austin, 8 a.m.

Varsity tennis: at Ennis Varsity 287 Tournament, 8 a.m.

Boys' basketball: at Mesquite Horn, Freshman A 5 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., Freshman B 6:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Mesquite, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' gymnastics: at Saginaw Invitational, Optional, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Mesquite, Hanby Stadium, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Varsity swimming: home for Region III-5A Championships, RISD Aquatic Center

JV softball: scrimmage at Corsicana

Varsity wrestling: at Region II-5A Championships, Allen High School, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9 - Varsity boys' and girls' golf: at Andrews Tournament, Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Austin, 8 a.m.

Varsity tennis: at Ennis Varsity 287 Tournament, 8 a.m.

Varsity softball: scrimmage at Corsicana

Varsity swimming: home for Region III-5A Championships, RISD Aquatic Center

Varsity wrestling: at Region II-5A Championships, Allen High School, 9 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 11 - JV boys' golf: at Sulphur Springs Tournament, Sulphur Springs Country Club, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Varsity tennis: at Mesquite Duals, 3:30 p.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Utey Middle School, A 5 p.m. and B 6:30 p.m.

Softball: home vs. Plano East, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Rockwall High School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Mesquite Horn, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Mesquite Horn, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14 - Varsity boys' and girls' gymnastics: at Highland Park Invitational

Varsity softball: at Forney Varsity Tournament, Forney Community Park, vs. Crandall, Field 3, 11:15 a.m., and vs. Forney, Field 1, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15 - JV softball: at Carrollton Creekview, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Longview, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Longview, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Varsity softball: at Forney Varsity Tournament, Forney Community Park, vs. Ennis, Field 1, 9:30 a.m., and vs. Flower Mound Marcus, Field 4, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16 - Track and field: home for Jacket Classic, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium

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Royse City Bulldogs improve to 6-4 in District 13-4A

by Michael Morrill

Bulldogs basketball report

Wylie East 57 Royse City 41

On Tuesday, January 29, Wylie East defeated the Royse City Lady Bulldogs 57-41. The game was played at Wylie East High School.

With the loss, Royse City falls to 19-12 overall and 5-7 in District 13-4A play.

Also, this loss mathematically eliminates Royse City from the playoff race.

Wylie East jumped out to a 16-4 lead after the first quarter. It was a lead that the Lady Raiders would never surrender on their way to victory.

Individually, Wylie East's Emily Hartegan scored a game high 21 points. 17 of Hartegan's points came in the 1st half. For Royse City, Lauren Dusek led the way offensively with 12 points. Krystal Pickron added 10 points (All of Pickron's points came on free throws) and Sydnie Erbe contributed 9 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Royse City	4	13	12	12	41
Wylie East	16	15	14	12	57

Royse City Scoring Summary: Lauren Dusek 12 Krystal Pickron 10, Sydnie Erbe 9, Brooke Hays 6, Keri Collins 2, Melanie Sumrow 2.

Wylie East Scoring Summary: Hartegan 21, Jones 8, Raven Moore 8, Shields 7, Murray 6, Rivers 4, Gower 2, and Moye 1.

Lovejoy 43 Royse City 38

On Friday, February 1, playoff bound Lovejoy defeated the Royse City Lady Bulldogs 43-38. The game was played at Lovejoy high school.

With the loss, Royse City falls to 19-13 overall and 5-8 in District 13-4A play.

Royse City battled Lovejoy all game long but in the end Lovejoy escaped with the victory.

For Royse City, Krystal Pickron poured in a game high 23 points while Lauren Dusek added 10 points. For Lovejoy, Shani Rainey had 18 points and Samantha Odom contributed 10 points.

The playoff team out of District 13-4A for Girls Basketball this season are state ranked McKinney North, Lovejoy, Wylie High School, and Sherman.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Royse City	15	6	7	10	38
Lovejoy	14	10	7	12	43

Royse City Scoring Summary: Krystal Pickron 23, Lauren Dusek 10, Alexis Wanton 3, Janai Williams 2.

Lovejoy Scoring Summary: Rainey 18, Odom 10, Lewerenz 6, Conarty 4, Leggett 3, Eberhart 2.

Lady Bulldogs basketball report

Royse City 44 Wylie East 40

On Tuesday, January 29, the Royse City boys' basketball team defeated Wylie East 44-40. The game was played at Wylie East.

With the win, Royse City improves to 16-11 overall and 6-4 in District 13-4A play.

Top performers for Royse City in the game were Tre Hayes (13 points and 5 rebounds) and David Frye (10 points and 8 rebounds).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Royse City	7	13	10	14
Wylie East	4	9	14	13

Royse City Scoring Summary: Tre Hayes 13, David Frye 11, Jamie Briceno 5, Joseph Steffen 3, Michael Watts 2, Dalton Warner 2, Zach Summers 2, Michael Parker 2, and Dustin Jackson 2.

Wylie East Scoring Summary: Dues 16, Wyatt 6, Roper 6, White 4, Finnie 2, Shewmake 2, Pierson 2, Briceno 2.

Lovejoy 51 Royse City 39

On Friday, February 1, the Lovejoy Leopards boys' basketball team clinched the District 13-4A title with a 51-39 victory over Royse City. The game was played at Lovejoy.

With the loss, Royse City falls to 16-12 overall and 6-5 in District 13-4A play.

Royse City is currently in 4th place in the District 13-4A Standings. The Top 4 teams make the playoffs.

The game was close after the 1st quarter with Lovejoy holding a slim 16-13 lead. But then the Leopards outscored the Bulldogs 29-8 over the next two quarters to effectively put the game in the win column.

For Royse City, Jamie Briceno led the way offensively with 14 points. Tre Hayes added 10 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Royse City	13	3	5	18
Lovejoy	16	16	13	6

Royse City Scoring Summary: Jamie Briceno 14, Tre Hayes 10, Jackson Watts 6, David Frye 3, Joseph Steffen 3, Dalton Warner 3.

Lovejoy Scoring Summary: Flaggert 15, Reed 13, Victor 8, Ford 6, Eckard 5, Knight 2, Olivera 2.

Roundup: Lady Jackets fall to 3rd place in district

The Rockwall girls' basketball team began Friday night's game at Mesquite tied for second place with the Skeeters, only a game off the District 12-5A lead.

Following an up-and-down game in which they fell short in their quest to overcome a 13-point deficit, the Lady Jackets were consigned to third place.

Mesquite outscored RHS 17-6 in a fateful third quarter, allowing MHS to hold on for a 57-52 victory despite being outscored 20-12 during the final 8 minutes.

"I felt we had a good game plan," said Lady Jackets head coach Jill McDill. "We used a triangle-and-defense and frustrated them some. We were getting good shots in the third quarter, but we were not making them. We sure fought in the fourth quarter."

Rockwall trailed by two points, 28-26 at halftime and 30-28 with 6 minutes, 28 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Over the next 3 minutes-plus, the Lady Skeeters (20-11 overall, 9-2 in the district) went on an 11-0 run during which RHS missed two layups.

For the quarter, Rockwall (22-9, 8-3) missed 11 of 14 shots and turned the ball over four times.

As quickly as RHS had let the game get away in the third quarter, it regained control in the fourth. A 7-2 run in the first 75 seconds cut the deficit to 8 points at 47-39. After that, the teams played on terms that didn't have a net even. For example, Rockwall missed five fourth-quarter free throws in a game it lost by 5 points. Hannah Hughes led the surge, scoring all 9 of her points in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Jackets finished lower than second in their district standings for the first time since their current streak of seven consecutive seasons advancing at least to the regional quarterfinals.

They are scheduled to open the playoffs Monday or Tuesday against District 11-5A's runner-up, most likely Garland Naaman Forest. During this season, RHS won four of five games against that district's other three playoff teams.

McDill said, "We can learn from this, and we're in the playoffs. We had one team that finished in third place and went to the regional finals."

BOYS' BASKETBALL: District leader Mesquite trailed after one quarter, but outscored the Yellowjackets 12 in the second period and went on to a 69-51 victory.

Aaron Maxwell scored 17 points and Skyler Simmons had 14 for RHS, whose 14th consecutive loss dropped the home team to 10-18 overall and 0-9 in the district.

BOYS' SOCCER: Rockwall won its first District 12-5A match of the season Friday night at home, 2-0 over North Mesquite. That victory, combined with a 5-0 non-district victory over visiting Little Elm three nights earlier, put RHS' record at 12-2 overall and 1-0 in the district.

Micah Day and Jonathan Otto scored against North Mesquite. Grant Norris led the offense against Little Elm with two goals. Otto, Perry Reeder and Clayton Rittershaus put in one each.

GIRLS' SOCCER: In their district opener, the Lady Jackets played North Mesquite to a 2-2 tie Friday night at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.

POWERLIFTING: The Jackets' Jackson Bolin won the 242-pound weight class at the Royse City Powerlifting Invitational Jan. 26. Bolin totaled 1,370 pounds in the squat, bench press and deadlift. That total put him fourth in his weight class in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association's Region 6.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	13	13	6	20	52
Mesquite	13	15	17	12	57

RHS - Sara Williamson 19, Ellen Baker 9, Hannah Hughes 9, Morghen Day 8, Hannah Clark 7, Mesquite - Briana Caro 14, Brianna Williams 13, Viershanie Latham 10, Brittany Pearson 10, Jamila Parker 4, Curtis Wilson 4, Chamberlain Robinson 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Mesquite	10	26	17	16	69
RHS	13	12	12	14	51

Mesquite - Alex Cooper 24, Davion Keys 20, Dameon Gamblin 6, Earon Johnson 6, Javante Wilson 6, Johnson 4, Tory Gamble 2, Dejohn Shealy 1.

RHS - Aaron Maxwell 17, Skyler Simmons 14, David Broach 6, Sheridan Bee 5, Demetre Cooks 3, M Hopson 2, Will Murdock 2, Jaylen Veasley 2.

Rockwall County high school varsity results, Jan. 29-Feb. 4

Boys' basketball	Girls' basketball	Girls' soccer
Fulton 83, Killeen Memorial Christian Academy 29	Mesquite 57, Rockwall 52	Rockwall 2, North Mesquite 2
Fulton 52, Longview Trinity School of Texas 51	Mesquite Horn 48, Rockwall-Heath 35	Rockwall-Heath 2, Frisco Heights 1
Mesquite 69, Rockwall 51	Rockwall Christian Academy 46, Greenville Christian School 29	Rockwall-Heath 1, Tyler Lee 0
Mesquite Horn 57, Rockwall-Heath 57	Boys' soccer	Wrestling
Rockwall Christian Academy 59, Greenville Christian School 31	Rockwall 5, Little Elm 0	District 8-5A championships
Rockwall Christian Academy 55, Heritage Christian Academy 23	Rockwall 2, North Mesquite 0	Allen 292, Plano 142, Rockwall 1
	Rockwall-Heath 0, Garland 0	Rockwall-Heath 95, Plano West 77, McKinney Boyd 77, Plano East 8
	Tyler Lee 2, Rockwall-Heath 0	McKinney 8

Rockwall County Scholastics Sports Schedules

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Varsity softball: at Forney Varsity Tournament, Forney Community Park, vs. McKinney, Field 3, 12:30 p.m., and vs. Greenville, Field 4, 5:45 p.m.	Varsity wrestling: Region II-5A Championships, Allen High School, 9 a.m.	Varsity softball: at Carrollton Farmers Branch Tournament, Old Good Park, 4:30 and 7 p.m.
Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks	Saturday, Feb. 9 - Swimming: home for Region III-5A Championships, RISD Aquatic Center	Friday, Feb. 15 - JV Red baseball home scrimmage vs. Trinity Christian Academy-Addison, 5 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 8 - JV baseball: scrimmage at Forney, Red 4:30 p.m. and Black 6:30 p.m.	Varsity wrestling: Region II-5A Championships, Allen High School	Girls' soccer: home vs. North Mesquite, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Varsity baseball: home scrimmage vs. Forney, 5 p.m.	Monday, Feb. 11 - JV Red baseball: scrimmage at Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School, 6:30 p.m.	Boys' soccer: at North Mesquite Memorial Stadium, 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. North Mesquite, Cain Middle School, 5 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Varsity baseball: home scrimmage vs. Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School, 4:30 p.m.	JV White boys' basketball: home vs. Plano Clark, 6 p.m.
Softball: scrimmage at Wylie East, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.	JV Black baseball: scrimmage at Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School, 4:30 p.m.	Varsity softball: at Carrollton Farmers Branch Tournament, Old Good Park, 3:15 and 5:45 p.m.
Boys' basketball: home vs. North Mesquite, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV Red 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.	Freshman boys' basketball: at Rockwall, Utley Middle School, A 5 p.m. and B 6:30 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 16 - Varsity baseball: home scrimmage vs. Sachse, 1 p.m.
Boys' soccer: home vs. Longview, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.	Softball: at Plano John Paul II High School, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.	JV Black baseball: scrimmage vs. Sachse, 1 p.m.
Varsity girls' gymnastics: at Saginaw Invitational, Optional, 5:30 p.m.	Boys' basketball: at Rockwall, Rockwall High School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.	Varsity softball: at Carrollton Farmers Branch Tournament, Old Good Park
Girls' soccer: at Longview, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 13 - White boys' golf: at Flower Mound Tournament, Lake Park Golf Club, Lewisville, 8 a.m.	



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