



Thanksgiving Blessings



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Rockwall Habitat for Humanity builds hope by building homes

Patricia Nolan Butts
 "God, we thank you for this food/ rest and home/and all things that are yours..."
 When folks gather to give thanks each week, at least 25 Rockwall area families will find "thanks for this home" especially meaningful. Once in a while, they couldn't afford to buy a home.
 That's where Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity (RAHFH) ended the story.
 Even now, on a lot at 803 Peter's Colony in Rockwall, Jessica Fisher's home is about to have a happy end-
 "A 28-year old single mom with a daughter in kindergarten, Fisher is a certified medical assistant at Baylor Rockwall. She heard Jim Beebe, former president and current vice president of RAHFH, ask a nurse during his medical visit to Baylor if she could suggest someone for whom Habitat could build a house.

Fisher, who lives with her parents in Royse City, thought, "Maybe this is my chance to have a home of my own."
 But she was hesitant to apply! The five-page application is daunting, and on other applications for assistance, she said, she either "made too much money or too little" to qualify. She applied anyway.
 In October 2009, she learned from RAHFH she would begin in August 2010 to help volunteers build her own 1200-square-foot, three-bedroom, air-conditioned brick home, complete with appliances, carpet, paint and window blinds.
 Fisher and her daughter, Jaelynn, hope to be setting up a Christmas tree in their home next month.
 "Jaelynn already has the purple paint for her room picked out, and she's so excited. She's been wanting to come out on the site and help. But she can't because you have to be at least 16," Fisher said.

Jaelynn's mom, though, was there, helping to raise the first wall frames. About 150 others have volunteered their Saturdays since August to pour concrete, install windows and sheetrock, and shingle the roof. Others have volunteered to bring coffee and meals to the workers. Still others have donated materials or the money to hire work that must be done by a licensed contractor.
 A mini storage company in Rockwall even donated a storage room to keep equipment, building materials and tools in (and has done so since 1994).
Volunteers, donations make the difference
 Big and small, hands-on and in-kind, the contributions of a large dedicated group of volunteers makes RAHFH the answer to many needy local families' prayers for a home.
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Homebuilder/owner Jessica Fisher helps to raise the first wall of her soon-to-be-completed home in Rockwall with help from volunteer Wendy Lawrence. Fisher and about 150 other Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity volunteers have spent approximately 35 Saturdays constructing the dwelling, which Fisher is purchasing on a no-interest loan from RAHFH. Photo by Patricia Butts/Rockwall County News



Persons of all ability levels can assist Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity projects. Working the saw station at the latest build in Rockwall are, from the left, Brendan Pfaff, Taylor Lipsett (a 2010 Vancouver Olympics Gold Medal winner with the U.S. Paralympics hockey team), Kathleen Lipsett and Greg Caffarel. Photo by Patricia Butts/Rockwall County News

Habitat volunteers make 'homes' happen

by Patricia Nolan Butts
 Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity volunteers see things from the old barn raising perspective: neighbors working together to help their neighbor.
 What is the benefit to the workers? Well, their neighbor's barn gets built. Or, in the case of Habitat for Humanity, their neighbor's house.
 RAHFH volunteers are a mixed lot. Some have busy careers but building houses with Habitat on Saturdays is their time to give back to the community. Some are unemployed, but give Saturdays anyway. They are blue collar, white collar, busy moms, high school and college students, and retirees. But they have a common purpose: to build a clean, safe, decent home for a neighbor who could not otherwise afford one.

Kira Entrekina, a University of Phoenix student majoring in human services, was doing research for a paper she was writing. The online resource she consulted led her to the Habitat for Humanity website.
 "I'm in human services. I want to change the world," Entrekina said. "I realized that although I graduate with my associate's degree in human services in January, I didn't have any real experience working with people that actually help."
 She decided RAHFH was the perfect practicum for her.
 "I'm pretty strong. I'm built for manual labor," she said. "And they gave me power tools, which I thought was so cool."
 Entrekina is helping build a home for a single mom and her daughter on Peter's Colony in Rockwall. She has three young children, so it's not easy to schedule that kind of time. She said her boyfriend helps babysit while she's out on Saturdays with Habitat.
 Because she lives in public housing, Entrekina was asked by RAHFH staff why she doesn't apply for a Habitat home. Familiar with the qual-

ification guidelines, she said, "I knew I didn't qualify. But other people who do qualify need help, so at least I can help them."
 RAHFH has more than one volunteer who doesn't let their own unmet needs stand in the way of meeting the needs of others. Glenn Resuggan, 37, founded Habitat for Humanity on the web, too, and has been helping for a year now — about the length of time he's been unemployed. He's home from the Middle East and his experience is in the oil and gas industry, not construction, but he's now on his second Habitat house.
 "They show you what to do and you learn as you go. Everybody's great and easy to work with, and I've learned a lot. It's a good thing to do," Resuggan said.
 Rockwall County resident and volunteer Mark Garrett's acquaintance with RAHFH is a generational one. His grandparents have experience with Habitat and have passed on their passion to him. There are many other things an 18-year-old college student could do with his Saturdays, but Garrett says of Habitat building, "I started doing it and I loved it."
 "It's definitely a learning experience every time I go out on the job. There are plenty of guys out there who know a whole lot more than I do, but they're very willing to teach me," Garrett said.
 Garrett's grandparents, Jim and Mary Ann Otto, are retired and live in McLendon-Chisholm.
 Mary Ann said, "We like working with tools. We both decided [Habitat for Humanity] is what we wanted to do to give back to the community. We have worked on the two homes in Royse City, and now we're working on Jessica Fisher's house in Rockwall. We really enjoy the camaraderie with the other people and making friends with the homeowners."
 RAHFH volunteer coordinators Mike and Samantha Humphrey send out e-mails to potential workers ev-



Volunteers Steve Wood, Gabe Bennett, Kira Entrekina, Sarah Groves and Glenn Detgen put down roof decking on the Habitat for Humanity home being built for a mom and her daughter. The home represents the organization's 26th build. Photo by Patricia Butts/Rockwall County News

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Kiwanis Club, city to host 41st annual parade Dec. 4

St. Nick is just one of the many attractions to be featured in the 41st annual Christmas Parade set for Dec. 4.

Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall County and the City of Rockwall, the event will begin at 9 a.m. from Caruth Lane. About 100 trucks are expected to go south on Goliad to Kaufman Street, ending at Dobbs Elementary.

Following the event, parade goers are encouraged to shop the San Jacinto Market in the downtown area.

Theme for the parade is "Our Favorite Christmas Song."



In early October of 2010, I fell with my bicycle and broke my hip.

After surgery and a stay in the hospital, I was given the option of going to the rehab of my choice. Because it was close to my home, I chose Royse City Health and Rehabilitation Center for my therapy.

I want people to know that I am delighted with the care given me while I was a guest there. Every worker, every nurse and every Therapist in that center are genuinely delightful people. The staff began immediately learning my likes and dislikes; then they worked diligently to please.

I also watched these workers interplay with the others too. Their care and concern for the the oldest and most unresponsive patient was heartwarming. I saw kisses and hugs along with pills; and pats along with therapy.

If I were to grade the rehab center, I would have to give it at least a 9 on a scale of 1 to 10.

David Lusk, Royse City

Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center



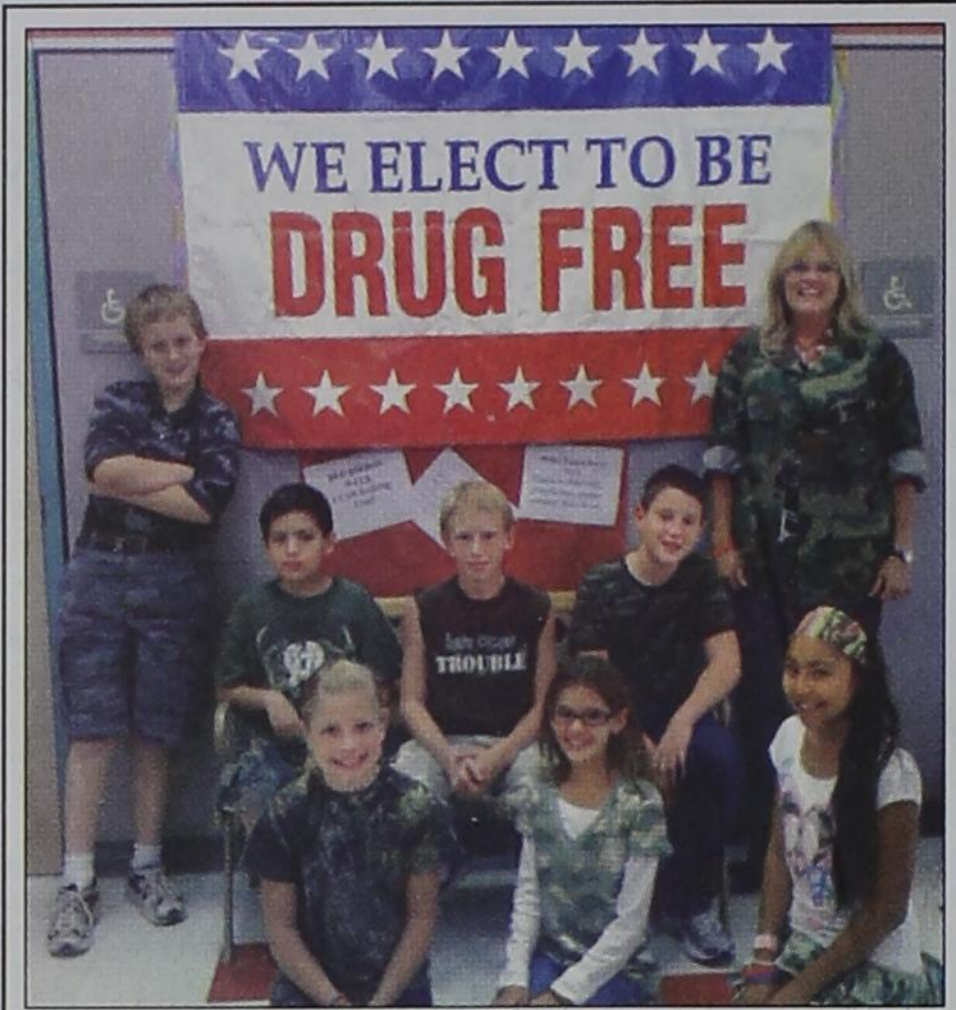
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Students at Jones Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week recently with an emphasis on drug use prevention and healthy choices. Students chose to wear camouflage clothing to show their unity against illegal drug use. Lessons focused on aspirations, positive influences and making healthy choices. Pictured are, at back, Alex Quinn, Michael Lamas, Michael Hill, Andrew Alexander and Cathy Conger, school counselor. At front are Presley Carmichael, Abby Clark and Yeinsleen Uc.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall Habitat builds hope for families...

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for Humanity organization, which does have some paid staff, the Rockwall area HHF is a 100 percent volunteer group.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe, and affordable place to live. The organization builds for and alongside persons of every race, religion and background.

There is no typical Habitat home builder/owner: The RAHFH has built homes for single persons and married couples, with and without children. They also have made modifications to home plans to accommodate disabled family members.

Applicants must meet guidelines

To be considered, an applicant must live in unaffordable, unsafe, poorly maintained or crowded housing conditions and have been a Rockwall County, Royse City or Rowlett resident for one year. He or she must not be eligible for a conventional home loan through a bank, but must have a stable income that will allow him or her to make monthly mortgage payments averaging \$500 per month.

"We're a help agency, not a charity," said RAHFH past president Larry Wells.

Along with meeting income and credit rating guidelines, the applicant or their friends or family members must be willing to complete 300 service hours with RAHFH. Some are able to and choose to swing a hammer on the home site to complete service requirements. Some prepare meals for workers or fold newsletters in the RAHFH office.

Rockwall resident Leslie Ross is disabled and she despaired over never having her own home. But in May 2008 she and her daughters, Savannah and Dakota, cut the ribbon on their Sherman Street home built, she said, "by love."

"We like to say that we don't give a handout, we give a hand up," Wells said. "The recipients are partners with us."

That spirit of partnership with the home builder/owner and the community is what enables Habitat for Humanity to sell at cost each comfortable, well-built, energy-efficient home on 25-year mortgages to qualifying families at zero per cent interest.

Broad community support
One glance at the "thanks" page of the RAHFH newsletter tells the story: churches, schools and school districts, families, individuals, stores, restaurants, printing, insurance, marketing and you-name-it companies, civic organizations, trusts, football



Ellie Dallas may have been looking forward to Thanksgiving month when she dressed up as a turkey for the Annual Scare on Square Halloween event in downtown Rockwall. She won second place in the costume contest for youths ages 3 to 5.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

teams, corporations, service industries, the ever-faithful anonymous and a Bunco group populate the list of donors.

What do they donate? Time. Labor. Land. Money for land. Food and building materials. Tools or money for tools. Contractors' services. Money for contractors' services. The list of donations is as varied as the donors.

Since RAHFH's beginnings in 1994, the organization's board of directors has orchestrated all these variables to build 25 (nearly 26 — remember Jeff Fisher) homes in the Rockwall area.

Home ownership gives hope

The board changes a little from year to year. New board members stepped Thursday. Larry Wells stepped down as president and Wendy Buford stepped up to pick up the torch.

Outgoing and incoming, board members are unanimously energized by the difference that home ownership can make in a family's stability.

"We all have lots of stories to support this," said Ed Schwarneke, past president who now represents the Rockwall affiliate to the North Central Council of HHF. "For example, the son of one single mom we built a home with was the first in his family to graduate from college. He's now a police officer. In another family, both kids became college graduates."

"You know, maybe they would have anyway. But we see time after time a home can make a difference for a family. It's not just the physical house, the sense of hope for the future," Schwarneke said.

Leslie Ross said of her home, "This is more than a house. It's a legacy I leave for my children.... Habitat changed the course of our lives forever."

RAHFH is always seeking qualifying persons to help into a home of their own. The organization typically plans to build two to three homes a year at a cost of \$65,000 to \$75,000 each.

"One reason we can usually do it is because of this," Wells said, gesturing around the tiny office at the Helping Hands complex. The space, which about four comfortably, contains a computer and a couple of business chairs. "This is our only overhead."

Another factor that determines how many homes they can build is land. Schwarneke remembers when he started with Habitat in 1997 they had \$6,500 for a lot in south Rockwall.

"Now if we can get one under \$20,000 we feel lucky," he said. "But," said Beebe, "the last one we purchased was \$12,500, so sometimes we do get lucky."

"We depend totally on the generosity of others," said Wendy Buford, who added to the presidency chairs property acquisition. "We're always open to donations of land or funds to purchase land."

In fact, agreed past and current presidents, anyone who wants to give help the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity in any way will get a hearing. That's because, when it comes to the story of home, RAHFH and its long list of supporters, donors and volunteers are ready and eager to write more endings.

Rockwall, Royse City earn nat'l recognition

Rockwall and Royse City was two of the 52 communities named National Main Street Cities in Texas by the Texas Historical Commission and National Trust for Historic Preservation, according to a news release.

Other 2011 National Main Street Cities include Amarillo, Bay City, Beaumont, Brenham, Canton, Canyon, Carthage, Clifton, Comanche, Cottonwood, Denton, Elgin, Farmersburg, Gainesville, Georgetown, Gonzales, Grapevine, Greenville, Harlingen, Henderson, Hillsboro, Huntsville, Kilgore, La Grange, Laredo, Levelland, Livingston, Llano, Longview, Lufkin, Luling, McKinney, Mineola, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Plainville, San Angelo, San Marcos, Seguin, Sonora, Taylor, Tyler, Waxahatchee and Weatherford.

"In 2011, the Texas Main Street Program celebrates its 30th anniversary and that means we have not only newer programs, but many cities whose Main Street programs have stood the test of time," said Debra Farst, state coordinator of the Texas Main Street Program. "This recognition honors the many partners of Main Street in each community as well as the progress each program has made."

Cities selected were required to show "above-average performance" in 10 categories. The selection criteria focus on planning, staff and volunteers, preservation ethic, training and program assessment.

The cities were honored at a recent Texas Downtown Association Texas Main Street Conference in Paso.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center will recognize the cities at the 2011 National Main Street Conference set for May in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

Rockwall Assistant DA Brian Williams selected County Court-At-Law Judge

Rockwall County Commissioners on Monday selected County Assistant District Attorney J. Brian Williams as the County Court-At-Law Judge. Williams' swearing in on Nov. 30, 2010 will fill the unexpired term of David Rakow.

Texas Governor Rick Perry appointed Rakow on Nov. 2 to the newly created 439th District Court seat. Williams will come up for reelection to his new post in 2012. A 1990 graduate of Rockwall High School, Williams graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in

1995 with a BA in Government. He received his JD from the Southern Methodist University School of Law in 2000. Williams has been an Assistant Criminal District Attorney and Civil Chief with Rockwall County since Sept. 2006. Previous to that appoint-

ment, he was in private practice with the law firms of Deary Montgomery DeFeo & Canada, L.L.P. and Weil, Gotshal & Manges in Dallas. Before attending law school, Williams worked in the Rockwall County Judge's Office. He also was awarded an internship, and later worked as a Legislative Assistant, in the offices of U.S. Representative Ralph Hall.

In addition to his legal responsibilities, Williams is involved in many community activities and organization. He is a member of the Rockwall County Bar Association; a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; Member of

the Texas State Bar College; Member of the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club; Rockwall Noon Rotary Club; Rockwall Rotary Foundation Board; was the 2010 Chairman of the Rotary Hot Rocks Bicycle Ride; and a member of the Rockwall County YMCA Board.

He is also a South Dallas YMCA youth basketball coach; Rockwall ISD mentor and sits on the RISD Strategic Planning Committee; is a member of the City of Rockwall Land Use Planning Advisory Committee; Leadership Rockwall Board; the Lake Ray Hubbard Texas Exes; and was in the Leadership Rockwall Class of 2008.

Williams was a Rockwall County Delegate to the Republican State Convention in 2010 and was an alternate in 1996. He was a member of the SMU School of Law Dean's List.

The primary responsibilities of the County Court-At-Law Judge are to



Brian Williams

preside over misdemeanor criminal cases, probate matters and civil cases.

Williams' swearing in ceremony will take place at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Historic Courthouse on the Rockwall Downtown Square.



Pictured above are veterans honored recently at the fundraiser dinner for Honor Flight. The meal prepared by the award-winning RHS Culinary Arts Department. Shown at back, from the left, are Crump; Linda Smith, RHS social studies sponsor; Ray McNeil; Clyde Hamilton; Richard Maddox; Al Tiedeman; Tom Montgomery; David Tolan; Roy Kurkowski; Morris Barker; and Doug West. At front are Gary Ralstin; Brandy Myers, RHS social studies sponsor; Al Jordan; and Boyd Lowe. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall HS students raise almost \$8,000 for Military Honor Flight

Students and staff members of Rockwall High recently raised \$7,909 in support of the nonprofit organization, Honor Flight.

In the second straight year, the Social Studies Department headed up the fundraising effort as its way of honoring veterans during the week of Veterans Day. Linda Smith, social studies teacher, said she is proud to be a part of the effort. "I feel so much passion for these veterans," she said. "I really want to help honor their commitment and sacrifices. The humorist Will Rogers best described the reason we support Honor Flight when he said, 'We can't all be heroes. Somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.' The applause at Rockwall High School is deafening."

Honor Flight's mission is to transport World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit "their" memorial - a monument built 60 years after the war in which they fought ended. Because most WWII veterans are now in their 80s, financial and mobility concerns have prevented many from making the trip.

Honor Flight relies on donations to cover the financial costs of the trips and to provide guardians who pay their own way to accompany members of the Greatest Generation."

This year's fundraising activities at RHS included a penny war between classes; teachers paying to wear jeans during the week of Veteran's Day; and a silent auction and benefit dinner.

The penny wars raised more than \$2,700 of the total collected at the school. In total of \$732.55, the seniors collected the most pennies, followed by sophomores and freshmen.

"There was no motivation other than doing something good for the good of our country," said Brandy Myers.

Additional donations were received from supportive faculty members at Rockwall Elementary.

RHS hosted several WWII veterans at the benefit dinner and silent auction on Nov. 13. Among the guests of honor was Morris Baker, national commander of American Ex-POWs.

Food for the evening was provided by the RHS Culinary Arts Department. The RHS Choir provided musical entertainment.

Several local merchants provided items for the auction, including Sabrina's Bakers & Gifts, Twisty Treats, Horizon Car Wash, Chick-fil-A, Sugarface Bakers and Central Market.

Over the past two years, RHS has raised more than \$14,500 for Honor Flight.

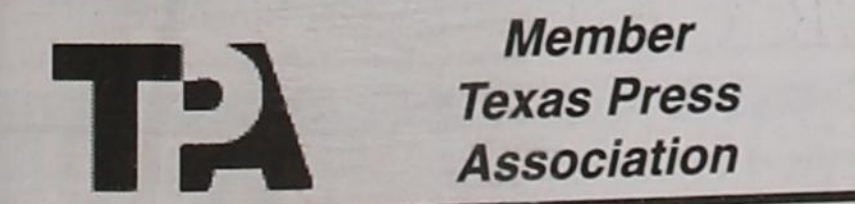
Tickets available to local GOP holiday celebration

The 2010 Rockwall County GOP Christmas Party will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Dec. 10 at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, in Royse City. Tickets cost \$40 per person. Seating will be limited, and only a few tickets remain, according to a news release issued over the weekend. For more details contact John White at 972-771-3514. To purchase tickets, contact the GOP Headquarters at 972-772-9195.

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Rockwall holiday garbage and recycling schedule

The City of Rockwall has amended its refuse pickup schedule for Thanksgiving week.

The regularly scheduled pickup for garbage and recycling that would have occurred on Thursday, Nov. 25, will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 26.

Residents who would have had a scheduled pickup for garbage and recycling on Friday, Nov. 26 will be collected on Saturday, Nov. 27.

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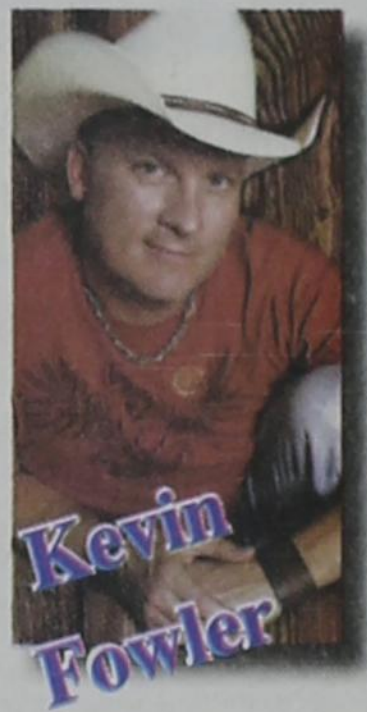


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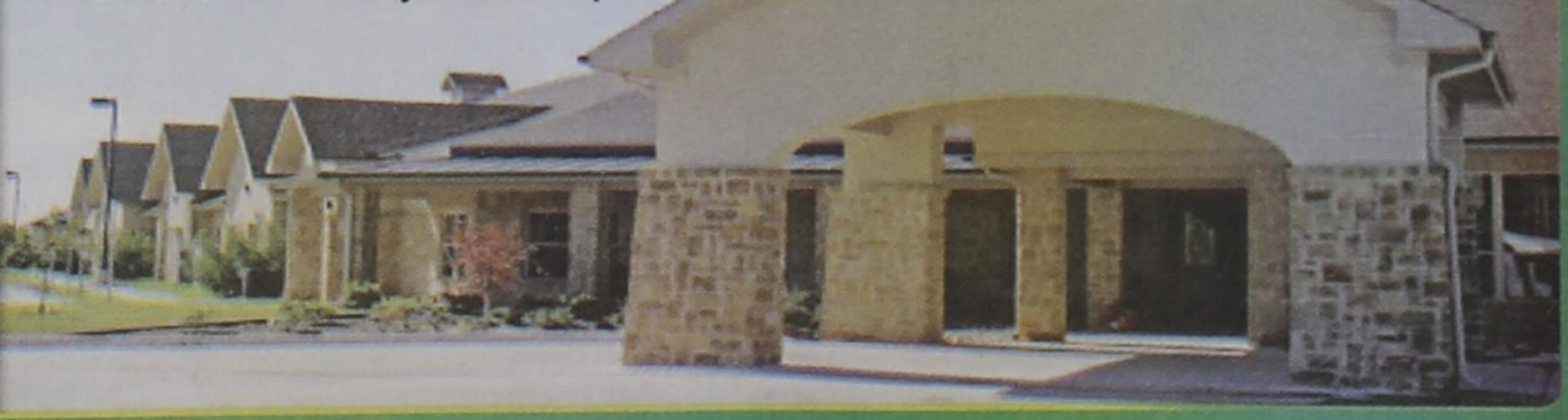


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The children of Sunset Trail in the Shepherd's Glen subdivision of Heath recently hosted a canned food drive benefiting Helping Hands. They made signs, distributed fliers and went door-to-door to collect contributions. Pictured at front are William Knox, Ruby

Knox, Lillie Dunn and Cayden Vandling. At back are Gill Dunn, Baylor Baumann, Andrew Vandling and T. Walker Dunn.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Home for the Holidays 'highly successful' ever

Home for the Holidays, a fundraiser designed to benefit Rockwall County Helping Hands agency, served up a delicious blend of Christmas splendor with beautifully decorated trees and wreaths, vendors ripe for holiday shopping and a sell-out gala celebration for longtime Helping Hands supporter and civic and business leader.

The event, conducted at the Hilton Bella Harbor, also served as an annual stop for Santa, who made his first appearance of the season.

Numerous organizations and businesses entered decorated trees in the Home for the Holidays Festival of Trees. A People's Choice Award was given to Rockwall-Heath Pre-School PTA for their tree. The tree then was placed in a silent auction during the gala dinner.

Thanks to its success, organizers already are planning next year's event. "I want to thank everyone that participated in this year's event and everyone back next year for another holiday spectacular," said Margo Boren, the agency's executive director. "Providing the opportunity for so many different organizations and businesses to work together in one fundraising effort proved to be a highly successful tactic - one we are looking forward to repeating in 2011."

Helping Hands is a nonprofit critical assistance agency that has served Rockwall County families in need for more than 30 years. The agency operates a food pantry, two thrift stores and a health center.



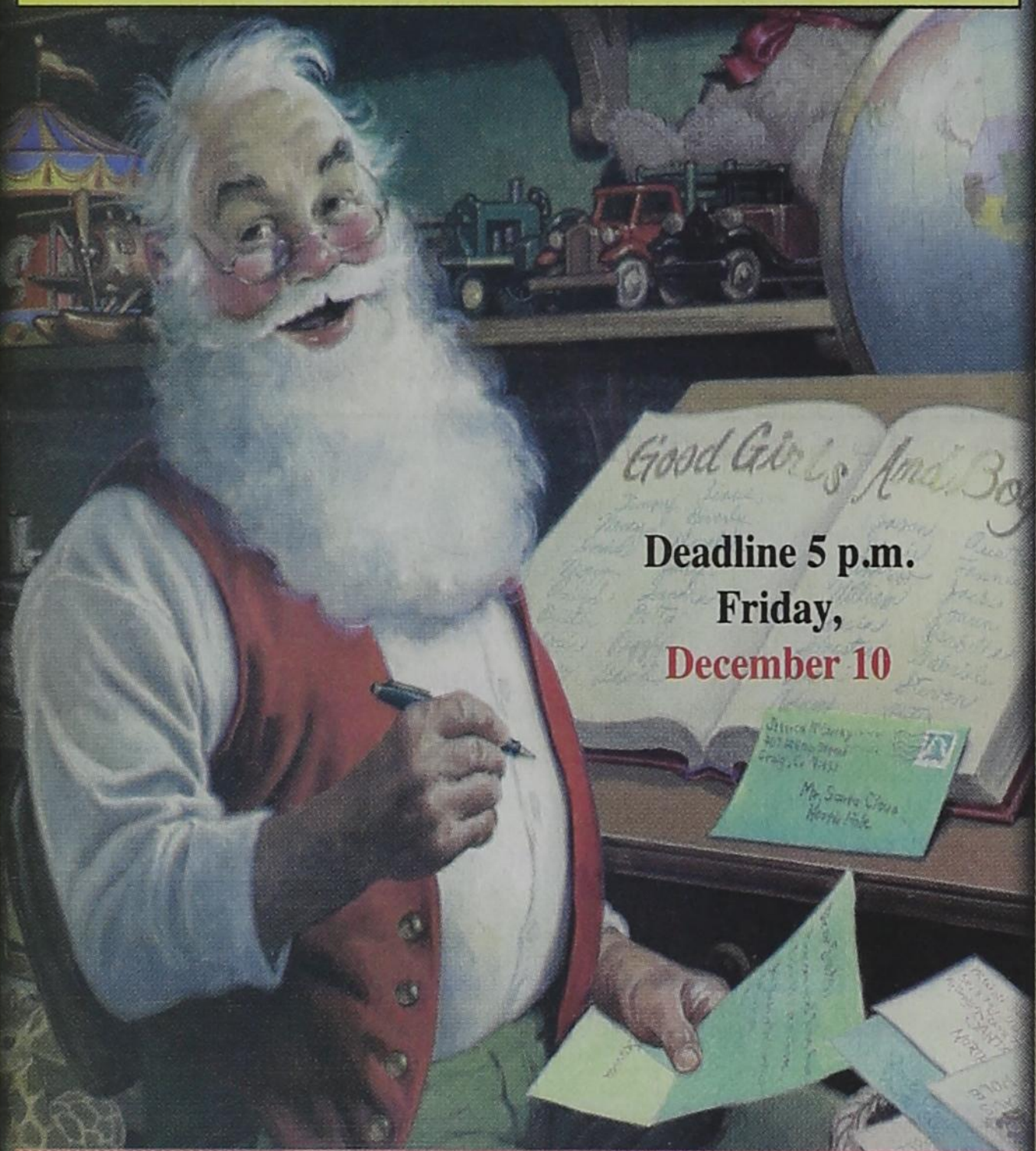
Marilyn King, Jim Baird and Sharon Lewis are shown looking over some of the Christmas trees at the Hilton Bella Harbor during the Home for the Holidays event. Home for the Holidays is organized as a fundraiser for Helping Hands.
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Red-, white- and blue-clad students filled the bleachers at Williams Middle School Nov. 11 to hear the patriotic sounds of the school's choir, Honors Band and orchestra during the annual Veterans Day assembly. Student Council and National Junior Honor Society officers led the program with pledges to the flags and readings of "The Meaning of Veterans Day." Guest speaker was SRO Officer Trace Gaines.
Photo courtesy of Stacey Hatten/Rockwall County News

Rockwall HS Media Tech student earn two Lone Star EMMYs

Rockwall High School Media Technology students are the winner of two Lone Star Student Television EMMY Awards, according to a news release issued last week.

LSSTV Awards recognize excellence in Texas high school television and video production. Each recognized student receives a certificate with the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences EMMY logo.

The awards were given to entries submitted last year. Entries were judged by members of the Lone Star EMMY Chapter.

"We have waited a very long time for the results, but they are finally

in," said Jennifer Faunce, RHS Media Technology teacher. "... I am still in shock."

RHS won awards in News ("Clockwork Orange," Sara Clark reporter; Ryan Reynolds, scriptwriter; Mike Potiska, videographer and editor) and Public Affairs/Community Service/Public Service ("Rockwall Traffic," Clark, reporter; Reynolds, scriptwriter; and Potiska, videographer and editor).

Other winning schools include the Dale Jackson Career High, three awards; Eastwood High, awards; Friendswood High, awards; and Buzz Media Gateway Park High School, three awards.

Rockwall tree lighting kicks off holiday event

Rockwall's 27th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will begin at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Live entertainment, refreshments and a visit with Santa also are planned. A children's craft area will be set up in Santa's Workshop, and Santa will be available for photos with children.

More than 1,500 area residents participated in last year's event.

Holiday fun will continue Dec. 3 with a Senior Holiday Luncheon at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, admission will be free. Reservations and dressing will be provided, but those planning to participate are asked to bring a covered dish food item.

The Annual Christmas Parade is set for Dec. 4. It will begin at 9 a.m. in downtown Rockwall.

On Dec. 8, children ages 5 through 12 can participate in a Gingerbread House Making from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The Center. Each participant is asked to bring a bag of candy to share.

On Dec. 11, children up to the age of 12 can have Breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at The Center.

Santa's Workshop is set for 9 a.m. Dec. 18 at The Center. The event, which will run until noon, will allow participating children to make Christmas cards with members of their families.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Gene Burks

Services for Gene Burks, 70, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. on Nov. 19, 2010, in the First United Methodist Church in Roysse City with Rev. Ann Willet officiating. Buried in the Roysse City Cemetery, The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of the services.



He was born March 7, 1940, in Roysse City, Texas, to the late Mrs. Wilcoxson. He was an entrepreneur of several businesses and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Betsy Burks of Rockwall; his sons, Gene Burks and his wife, Amy, of Weatherford and Lt. Com. Chris Burks of Corpus Christi; his daughters, Lisa Willis and her husband, Mike, of Rockwall and Shelly McBride of Denison; his grandchildren, Clay Burks and wife, Christina, of Rowlett, Ashley and Whitney Willis of Rockwall, Baimannah and Julia Burks of Weatherford, Macy and Major McBride of Rockwall and Haylee and Garrett Burks of Southlake; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A family has suggested memorials contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, TX 75761 or heart.org.

Julia Cortez

Services for Julia Cortez, 78, of Rockwall were conducted at noon on Nov. 19, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Rev. Medardo Cortez Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She died Nov. 16, 2010, at her home in Robstown, Texas. She was born Jan. 26, 1932, in Robstown, Texas, to the late Sr. and Mrs. Susus and Maria (Garza) Guerra. She was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her family, sewing, making pillows and quilts, cooking and taking long walks. She was a member of the Church of Philadel-

phia. Survivors include her husband, Medardo Cortez Sr. of Roysse City; her children, Maria Guarjardo and her husband, Hector, of Plano, Ill., Medardo Cortez Jr. and his wife, Sherry Lynn, of Rowlett, Gerardo Cortez and his wife, Gloria, of Point Pleasant, N.J., Hernaldo Cortez and his wife, Elizabeth, of Rowlett and Elizabeth Jane Mennella and her husband, Joseph, of Roysse City; 15 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; three sisters; and one brother. Her parents; her daughter, Anna Julia; and one brother preceded her in death.

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Peggy Steele

Services for Peggy Steele, 77, of Garland were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She died Nov. 16, 2010, at her home in Dallas, Texas. She was born Feb. 27, 1933, in Dallas, Texas, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Lillie (Gray) Younger, she had worked in the clothing industry at Resistol Hats. She loved animals, was a fighter and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her son, Rocky Steele and his wife, Tammy, of Rowlett; her daughter, Donna Phelps and her husband, Newton, of Garland; her sisters, Delores Steele and her husband, Percy, of Lake Tawakoni, Glenda Washington and her husband, Don, of Lone Oak, Judy Green of Wylie and Trudy Gomez and her husband, Eli, of Garland; three great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; her dogs, T.C. and Bambi; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents and one brother, Billy Younger, preceded her in death.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

Get serious with spending cuts

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to elected officials)
To: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison Senator John Comyn Representative Ralph Hall

Subject: Make Serious Cuts In Government
1. Department of Energy - Eliminate this Carter initiated department.
Reason: They have never produced a gallon of oil, a gallon of gasoline, a pound of coal, nor a watt of electricity.

The Department of Energy has a 24 billion dollar budget supporting 16,000 useless employees.

2. Department of Education - Eliminate this Carter initiated department.

Reason: Let the states and their school districts run their education.

3. Salary cuts in the U.S. Capital should be 25% for the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch.

Reason: This would show the American people that our government is serious about cutting spending.

Question: Who will offer this bill in congress? Who will support it?

Thanks for reading and considering.

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Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall hosts 6th grade students

“Little Hands in the OR” inspires students to choose a career in healthcare.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall celebrated Perioperative Nurses Week by presenting a program on November 10th called “Little Hands in the OR” to the sixth grade students of Dallas Christian School. The goal of this program, which was developed years ago by Cindy Paris, Vice President of Patient Care Services, is to inspire young minds to choose a career in healthcare, especially one in perioperative services. Ms. Paris has witnessed the success of the program first hand saying, “Over the years I have enjoyed watching as young students get so excited about this program. It has been especially satisfying to watch some who have participated choose a healthcare career – as nurses, technicians or even to pursue medical school.”

The day was filled with hands-on, fun and educational activities that included watching a video production following a patient’s surgical trip through Texas Health Rockwall. Students viewed her experience as she traveled from the admitting process, through a successful gallbladder removal, recovery and her eventual dismissal. They also experienced demonstrations of the sterile processing of surgical instruments, as well as surgical hand scrubs and infection control practices that are performed routinely inside the hospital.

Students were given access to real-life hospital scenarios, including a visit to an operating room in full sterile dress. Additionally, they had the privilege of handling actual surgical equipment, thanks to the participation of a number of our hospital supply and equipment vendors. One of the most exciting experiences was the opportunity to practice performing a laparoscopic surgery! Students attempted to pick up colorful beads with

a laparoscope inside a make-believe abdomen and load the beads on a stick learning that it takes a lot of skill and practice. Amy Conner, RN, Coordinator of Employee Health and Volunteer Services, who planned the daylong program said, “I had an unexpected emotional response to seeing the students in their surgical attire... I love my job as a nurse and I want others to love it too and choose a career in healthcare, making a difference in someone’s life.”

Throughout the day’s activities the students heard about the role of teamwork in the surgical field that can easily be applied in all areas of life. They witnessed first-hand that no matter how small the job, it is important; or the task at hand would not be successfully accomplished. They also discovered the importance of technology and how the ever-changing technology has provided for great advancements in surgical success and patient recovery. Finally, Ken Bryce M.D., a Rockwall surgeon, spoke eloquently about the rewards of choosing a career in healthcare. Within this discussion, the importance of schooling and hard work was stressed, acknowledging that everything that goes into it is well worth every minute when he is able to help people feel better.

The students of Dallas Christian School left the hospital with a better vision of what a career in healthcare might offer, and the staff of Texas Health Rockwall was proud to share their passion for healthcare, which may guide the path for a future medical student.

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Participating in the recent student education program at Texas Health Rockwall are (left to right) Ben Bueno (in front), John Brennan Potts, Jake Langford, Anna Wilson and Erika Sotelo. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

On God’s Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The two witnesses... Revelations chapter 11

Revelations chapter 11 is packed with information about the two witnesses referred to as “My two witnesses.” Based on Revelations 11:14, the events involving the two witnesses will occur during the “second woe” period of time.

In verses 1-2 the angel tells John to measure the temple, altar and them that worship in it, that he saw in the vision. According to E.W. Bullinger’s notes in The Companion Bible, “this measuring reed is like a scepter, and measures for destruction, not for building.” Bullinger’s explanation fits with the next verse where it refers to the gentiles treading on the temple for three and a half years. This temple will be an earthly temple. The language does not suggest any connection between this temple and the church of God in the grace administration or the saints of the Revelations period.

The language also strongly suggests that the people who “worship” in this temple will also be set for destruction.

Revelations is overall an amaz-

ing book to read and learn from, but the story of the two witnesses is extremely astounding to me. It describes two people who will faithfully serve God as witnesses for our Lord Jesus. Revelations 11:7 first introduces the beast described in chapter 13, which is evidence that the two witnesses will exist during the time of chapter 13. It does not reveal whether the two witnesses will do their work before, during or after the events of chapter 13. It just reveals that the beast will war against them.

Revelations 11:3-6 says they will prophesy three and a half years. It’s interesting to compare this time period with the time period that the gentiles will tread on the temple (verse 2). Verses 5-6 provide more information, “And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies. And if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophesy, and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.”

Revelations 11:7-9 describes the beast that will ascend out of “the bottomless pit and make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.” According to verse 8, their bodies will be in “the great city which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.”

According to verse 10, “they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them...and shall send gifts one to another because these two prophets tormented them.”

Then suddenly God will play other ace-in-the-hole, “And three days and the half, the spirit of life from God entered into them and they stood upon their feet. And great fear fell upon them who saw them. And they heard a voice from heaven saying them, ‘Come up hither.’ And ascended up to heaven in a cloud. And their enemies beheld them (verses 11-12).

But even as powerful as that, there is still more to come. The same hour was there a great earthquake. And the tenth part of the city fell. And in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand. And the remnant was frightened and gave glory to the God of heaven” (verse 13).

What is highly significant to us is the two witnesses will be in an area where our Lord Jesus was crucified, and moreover God will bring them from the dead three days, three nights later and cause them to ascend up to heaven out of the cloud. And the ascension will be witnessed by their enemies.

The details of their ascension closely match the details surrounding the Day of Christ found in 1Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1Corinthians 15:51-54 and some support for the possibility that the two witnesses will be of God’s born-again saints who enjoy salvation from great tribulation. I want to study on this and share my findings later.

The two witnesses will not have faithfully meek, humble, thankful hearts for God in heaven. They will be such great witnesses of our Lord Jesus is and will continue to be alive and in heaven the right hand of his Father God.

Congressman Hall reports on “Lame Duck” session

As the House of Representatives reconvened this week for a lame duck session that included leadership elections, Congressman Ralph Hall (TX-4) noted, “The American people have given Republicans a tremendous opportunity to restore fiscal responsibility and make our government work more effectively.”

“The American people sent a clear message on November 2. They are counting on Republicans in the House to cut federal spending, create jobs, make government smaller and more efficient, and hold this Administration accountable through strong oversight,” Hall said. “It is up to us to uphold their expectations and do better on their behalf.”

This week the Republican Conference elected John Boehner to be Speaker of the House in the 112th Congress, subject to his formal selection when Congress convenes in January. Members of the Steering Committee also were elected by the Conference this week.

“The Conference reaffirmed our Pledge to America to cut federal spending, create jobs, and restore sound economic policies,” Hall said. “These steps are vital to getting our country moving in the right direction and will be the first order of business when the House convenes in January with Republicans in charge.”

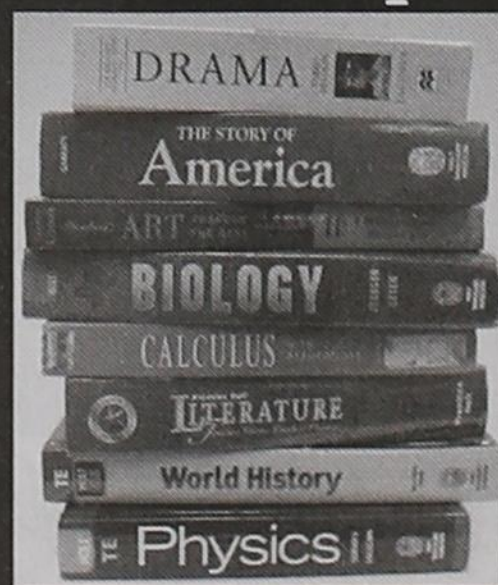
“House Republicans also joined Senate Republicans in adopting an earmark ban for the 112th Congress,” Hall said. “The earmark ban shows the American people that we are listening and that we are serious about ending business as usual in Washington.”

“We also need to extend the Bush tax cuts to help families and businesses through this recession,” Hall noted. “These tax cuts will help stimulate the economy and provide a measure of certainty in what has been an uncertain economic environment.”

“We have much work to do on behalf of the American people, and I look forward to the opportunity to advance sound economic reforms on behalf of my district and our country.”

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Jayne and Brady Ladusau and Jenni and Evie Knox are pictured, representing the Aspasians who recently delivered Thanksgiving bags to the Rainbow Room. The Aspasians gathered for their November meeting in the home of Sharon Huston, where they assembled the bags for local families assisted by the Rockwall Rainbow Room. Bags were filled with food and items needed to prepare Thanksgiving feasts. The Rainbow Room is an emergency resource center available to Child Protective Services caseworkers to help them meet the needs of abused and neglected children. For more information about the Aspasians, whose twice-yearly shows raise funds for college scholarships, visit aspasians.com. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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RC city offices to close for T'giving

Municipal office of Royse City will be closed Nov. 25-26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

C.F. Goodwin Library holiday plans set

C.F. Goodwin Library in Royse City will be closed Nov. 25-28 in advance of Thanksgiving. At 6 p.m. Nov. 30, the library will host a Day Card Making session, where participants can learn how to make cards and envelopes for the holidays. All materials will be supplied.

Citywide host services at school

Citywide Harvest Church with Pastor John Lea is hosting worship services at Grace Hartman Elementary, 1323 Petaluma Drive, in Rockwall. Worship services begin at 11 a.m. Sunday; youth and children's services begin at the same time. Visit citywideharvestchurch.org or e-mail info@citywideharvestchurch.org for more details.

RCC plans Dec. 1 meeting

The Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at The Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 Washington St., Rockwall. Jim Homan, a Dallas Morning News staff writer, will be the speaker, bringing topics related to the iPad, Samsung Tablet, Apple Kindle and Book Air, streaming to the TV via Internet using Apple TV and Google TV, Mac vs. PC and 3D TV and smart phones. The organization is open to any interested person.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 1 at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans.

Tree lighting planned in Rockwall

Celebrations surrounding the 27th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the City of Rockwall will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at City Hall. Live entertainment, a crafts workshop, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee and visits with St. Nick are planned.

RPA meeting slated Dec. 3

The December meeting of the Rockwall Preschool Association is set for 9 a.m. Dec. 3 at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, Rockwall. A children's holiday party is planned. Membership is open to Rockwall area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten; members are welcome at any time. For more details visit rockwall-schoolassociation.com.

Heath plans Holiday Tour of Homes

The Class of 2011 at Rockwall-Heath High will host the second annual Heath Holiday Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3. Five Heath homes will be open for touring. Tickets cost \$15 and may be purchased at the RHHS front desk, American National Bank, Bella's House on the Square, Heath Salon & Spa and at the Rockwall Area Chamber. Tickets will be available at each home on the day of the event at a cost of \$20. All proceeds will benefit the senior class prom and after-party. For tickets or details, contact Liz Beauchamp at 214-543-2723 or Laurie Bergerberg at 214-796-9561.

The Center to host Holiday Luncheon

The Center will be the site of a free Holiday Luncheon for individuals ages 50 and older. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the event is set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 3. Turkey and ham will be served, but each participant is asked to bring a pot luck dish to share.

For more details call 972-771-7740.

Heath Holiday in the Park slated

The City of Health will host its annual Holiday in the Park event beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Towne Center Park Pavilion behind City Hall, 200 Laurence. Local and area residents are invited to kick off the season with the lighting of the tree, performances by the Amy Parks-Heath Honor and Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary choirs and complimentary hot chocolate, wassail and cookies. Santa will be on hand for photos and a miniature train ride will be offered. For more details visit heathtx.com or call 972-771-6228.

Christmas parade set Dec. 4

The Kiwanis Club's 41st Annual Rockwall Christmas Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 4. Theme for this year is "Our Favorite Christmas Song." The route will begin at the west end of Caruth Lane, proceed south on SH 205 to Kaufman, then east on Kaufman to Clark Street, ending at Dobbs. Registration will be limited to 100 organizations. To register, visit rockwallkiwanis.org or call 972-722-6001.

Old Town Christmas Market planned

An Old Town Christmas Market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4 in downtown Rockwall on San Jacinto Street. Following the 41st Annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade, enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and warm spiced cider provided by El Coyote Rojo and Friends of Downtown.

Brunch with St. Nicholas set

The Catholic Mothers Council of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 1305 Damascus Road in Rockwall, will host its annual Brunch with St. Nicholas from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 4. The event, will include children's craft activities, games, prizes, photos with Santa and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the parish's children's ministries. Tickets will cost \$7/person (maximum of \$28/family) at the door. For more details call 214-771-1035.

Historic Home Tour planned

Old Town Rockwall's Candy Cane 2010 Historic Home Tour will run from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 4. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; cost will be \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Rockwall Veterinary Hospital, Groovy's and Texas Traditions. Proceeds will benefit the RHS Senior Class. For more details call 972-754-9557 or visit rhs2011.com.

Gingerbread House Making class offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a Gingerbread House Making class for youths ages 5-12 on Dec. 8 at The Center. The event will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost will be \$15 for Rockwall residents, \$23 for

non-residents; participants are asked to bring a bag of candy to share as part of the house decorating. For more details call 972-771-7740.

RHS band needs vendors for bazaar

The Rockwall High School Orange Wave Band will host another bazaar at the school on Dec. 11. Organizers are looking for interested vendors. The show will take place inside the school building so weather will not be a problem. For more details call Liz Tarter, 972-772-1846.

Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 11

Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 11 at The Center. Doughnuts and orange juice will be served; several activities are planned. Open to children ages 1-12, cost will be \$10 per Rockwall resident, \$15 for non-residents. Call 972-771-7740 for more details or to register.

FOL Christmas Luncheon scheduled

The 8th annual December Lunch Basket, a fundraiser sponsored by Friends of the Library, is set for Dec. 14 at The Center. The event will open at 11 a.m. for participants to view tables; lunch will begin at noon. This event always sells out, so early reservations are suggested: 972-771-8976. Hostesses are needed to decorate and display holiday table settings; for more details call Nell Wellborn, 972-722-3084.

Gift items needed for CPS children

Ara Hunt is again asking area residents to give new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages, gift cards and new children's clothing (any size) for distribution by the Rockwall County Child Protective Services. Items will be delivered to children placed in CPS custody on Dec. 17. Call Hunt at 214-240-9696 to arrange for pick up or drop off. For more details search for Rockwall CPS Toy Drive on Facebook.

Santa's Workshop set Dec. 18

A Santa's Workshop holiday craft session is set for 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 18 at The Center. Jingle bell bracelets, Rudolph necklaces and Christmas tree magnets are among items to be crafted. Open to ages 5-10, the class will cost \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Center at 972-771-7740.

Food drive to benefit B&GC

A food drive benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall will run through Dec. 20. Donations may be dropped off at the Rockwall Yellow Jacket Barber Shop, 2006 S. Goliad (next to Joe Willy's). For more details call 214-771-0450.

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Opinions

Republican phonies and Democrat socialists

by Sheldon Richman

For freedom's sake, divided government beats monolithic government. In a casual look at recent history confirms that truth. Therefore advocates of freedom will gladly accept bitter partisan rivalry if that's all it takes to arrest the growth of Leviathan. In some January we will have divided government. But does that mean anything more than a holding action? Will we see any significant action in government spending, regulation, and privilege? It's unlikely. The first, obvious, reason is that those who say they want to shrink the state will hold a majority in only one half of the legislative branch. That's may be good for stopping initiatives, but without a change of heart on the Democrats' part, mere control of the House of Representatives is not enough to alter the status quo. There's another reason: the House Republican majority is not serious about cutting government spending. Even for most Tea Party types, talk about cutting fades badly when it gets down to specifics. The allegedly some clever-wielding Republicans have their eyes on only \$520 billion out of a nearly \$4 trillion federal budget. That's one-seventh of federal spending appropriated in the current fiscal year. Some budget-cutters. Why are they so timid? One reason is that they have taken so-called mandatory spending off the table, at least in the near term. This is essentially entitlement spending, the level of which is determined by how many people qualify for the programs — Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps — plus interest on the national debt and government salaries. All told, it accounts for well over half the budget, 63 percent. So we're left with only the 37 percent that is called discretionary spending. But we're not really left with it because, with rare exceptions, Republicans say they will not touch military and homeland-security spending. Out of a total \$1.415 trillion in discretionary spending, fully \$895 billion falls into these two categories. The total is actually more than that. Economist Robert Higgs says that when other military-related spending scattered throughout the budget is counted, the full amount exceeds \$1 trillion. Now we're left with only \$520 billion eligible for cutting, about 14 percent of the entire budget. If that were cut in its entirety, the deficit in the current fiscal year would "shrink" to \$747 billion. (It's now projected to come in at \$1.267 trillion.) But of course the Republicans are not promising to cut 100 percent of "discretionary nonsecurity" spending. They only talk about an across-the-board cut amounting to \$100 billion. Out of \$3.834 trillion! This is worth getting excited about, tea partiers? Let's face it: There will be no substantial budget cutting if spending on the American Empire is ruled off limits. War, overt and covert, is expensive. Invasions and occupations are expensive. Maintaining close to 1,000 bases worldwide is expensive. Empires are bloody expensive. In other words, war hawks cannot also be budget hawks. War hawks always end up budget mice. There's no way around it. When will Republicans learn this? Do they really want to?

Government "security" is based on false assumptions

by Wesley W. Burnett

Americans have been seduced into believing that government is responsible for "safety and security" of the people. When that idea started to rot, it was well documented, but my observation points to the outcome of past years, both declared and undeclared. First, I challenge anyone to cite that part of the U.S. Constitution which authorizes the U.S. government (or any government) to subject individuals to personal inspection without probable cause or a warrant defined in the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. There is no constitutional authority for the current obscene and canonical "security measures" that are currently being widely discussed. The creation of the "Transportation Safety Administration" has no constitutional authority. That agency and all of its regulations are based simply on the false assumption that it is the role of government to "protect" individuals from potential harm. There is no clause of our constitution to support that assumption. Those who seek security at airports just flat do not accept the restrictions of our constitution. They believe it is a job for government. Unfortunately, that attitude is widely accepted. But it is not only false,

it leads to even more fearful conditions for individuals. As with taxation, government, which has the power to search people without probable cause at an airport, also has the power to search people anywhere at anytime. So, if not government, who then is responsible for "public safety"? In the case of airports, the responsibility rests solely on the owners of the airports. Aircraft owners are responsible for the safety of their passengers, not the government. In today's fearful conditions, it appears that government is the real owner of airports and aircraft. At the current expansion rate, government will "inspect" individuals at bus and railway stations (some of this is already being done), highway roadblocks (been within a hundred miles of Mexico lately?), sports stadiums, malls ... wherever large numbers of people congregate. This will be done for the "security and safety of the people." As long as we ignore our constitutional guarantees in the name of safety, we will be no better than slaves ... with government agents as the "overseers" and government officials as the slave owners. I fear for the future of our children and grandchildren, who may never know or experience the limited freedom we have enjoyed most of our lives.

“But what about our security?” they will ask. This is something else they have their heads in the sand about. It could not be more clear that America's so-called national-security apparatus for the last half century has made us more vulnerable and less secure. American presidents couldn't have been more effective if they had deliberately tried to make a billion and a half Muslims hate us. Contrary to those who think history began September 11, 2001, U.S. regimes have long pursued policies in the Middle East and Central Asia that have brutalized the Muslim world and cultivated a seething passion for revenge. That explains (though does not excuse) the terrorism against civilians that government officials now say they must spend so much to stop. The threat was created by American policy, and it can be ended by changing that policy to the Washington-Jefferson foreign policy of nonintervention. That will not only make us safer, it also will save the taxpayers money. It's time for some honesty from the Republicans. Either give up the empire and the conceit of "American exceptionalism" or give up the rhetoric of fiscal responsibility. Stop playing the American people for fools. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com. Okay ... so what shall we do? We must demand elected and appointed officials adhere to our constitution and its limits on government. Instead of demanding government "protect" us, we must insist airline companies protect us when in and on their property, not government controlled "inspectors." When traveling, it is our individual responsibility to seek the safest and most secure methods of going from one place to another. When government gets out of the way, our favorite airline companies will be forced to secure the safety of their passengers. As privately held businesses, they have the constitutional right to refuse service to any potential passenger. It is their responsibility to screen passengers to ensure that all who board their aircraft will be secure as much as possible from harm. Airlines must stop requesting and accepting government control of what is their essential responsibility. As I have written in earlier missives: when airline companies arm and train their crews to defend their passengers, and when the airline company treats me as a valued customer, and not as a suspected criminal. I will be pleased to travel with them as I did in the past. Until then, I put my trust in God and will travel by non-government controlled methods.

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Legal Notice REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Request for Qualifications

CONSTRUCTION REVIEW SERVICES RFQ 11-12.9-119

Proposals received until 2:00 PM December 9, 2010

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving qualification statements for construction review services. RFQ documents may be requested by email to dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org. The District anticipates award at the January or February board meeting. Qualification statements should be received in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the RFQ number and name. RFQ's will be received until 2:00 PM on December 9, 2010 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

The Board of Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

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Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, **December 3, 2010**, until the hour of **2:30 PM**, for the following project:

Ralph Hall Left Turn Lane Improvements

The project includes 268 LF Saw-cut and Remove 6-inch Concrete Curb, 65 SY Removal of Concrete Pavement, 220 SY 10-inch 4200 PSI Concrete Pavement, 235 SF Median Pavers w/concrete Base, Pavement Markings, and other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked: **Ralph Hall Left Turn Lane Improvements.**

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **30 Calendar Days, NO DAYS EXCEPTED.** The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined and procured at the City of Rockwall Engineering Department located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748) at a non-refundable cost of \$25.00, beginning May 28, 2010. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the City of Rockwall, and are listed on the City's List of Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

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The LCC, along with the mixed chorus of the Royse City High School directed by Shelba Gorham Bell, will perform Vivaldi's "Gloria." Featured soloists will include Jennifer Sanchez, Bell and Karen Gonzales.

The LCC, led by director David Bush and accompanied by an orchestra and organist Ken Friedrichs, also will perform "O Little Child the World Awaits Thee," "Nova, Nova, Ave Fit Ex Eva," "Personent Hodie," "O Magnum Mysterium" and other works.

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Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Rockwall County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2011 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest has been available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, during business hours, commencing October 1, 2010.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on January 5th, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rockwall County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title, or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.

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2010 Holiday Schedule

• **Thursday, Dec. 23**
(Deadline Monday, Dec. 20)

• **Thursday, Dec. 30**
(Deadline Monday, Dec. 27)

• **Friday, Jan. 7**
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Then throw in a turnover, two times losing the ball on downs and another with the half ends with your ballcarrier stopped at the opponent's 1 yard line. You can imagine all of that, you might understand the frustration Heritage Christian Academy felt in Saturday's 36-22 TAPPS 6-Man I Regional playoff loss to Bulverde Bracken Christian.
"We just missed some opportunities," said HCA head coach Robert Huckabee. "I just missed short at halftime. It was there. (Austin Pettit) threw it and (Asa Burke) caught it. They made a great play on it."

Regardless, Heritage Christian was undaunted. Trailing 16-8 at halftime despite that frustration, the Eagles came out and scored on their first two possessions of the third quarter to take a 22-16 lead at Bearcat Stadium in Moody.
At that point, Bracken had played nearly two full quarters without a first down. The Warriors did have a touchdown nullified by a penalty, one of 21 in the game. That TD that was called back also would have given Bracken's Grady Achilles six touchdowns in the game instead of merely five.
Of the several factors that could be considered the difference in the game, the most important was Achilles, who accounted for 299 of the Warriors' 326 yards - 223 rushing, 55 receiving and 21 passing.
His day began with a 60-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage and extended through his 55-yard scoring catch on a pass from his brother, Eli Achilles, to the three second-half touchdowns that turned the game in Bracken's favor.
Huckabee said, "Number 3 (Grady Achilles) was everything we thought

he would be. We made too many mistakes, turnovers and penalties, and we couldn't complete it. They're a good team."
"We tried to tackle him and hit him, and we did. He was banged up, but he just kept coming back."
For most of the game, HCA had a committee of running backs that controlled the ball with 44 carries for 211 yards, allowing the Eagles (9-3) to run 65 plays to 36 for Bracken (12-0).
Caleb Cathey, who answered the Warriors' first touchdown with a drive-ending 5-yard scoring run, gained 73 yards in the first half. He played only defense in the second half because, Huckabee said, "Caleb has had a bad ankle off and on. We have had to mend and splice him together."
His absence opened opportunities for senior Austin Pettit, who moved over from quarterback to score on a 6-yard run as HCA tied the game 16-16. His sophomore brother, Evan Pettit, finished as the Eagles' leading rusher with 75 yards, including the 1-yard TD that put them briefly in the lead.
But the lead could have been larger if not for that second quarter.
The first possession ended at Bracken's 17 on a fourth-and-4 play when Austin Pettit's pitchout ended up on the ground. On the second, a 9-yard loss on fourth down pushed HCA back to the Warriors' 35. Then came Nathan Mateer's pass that was intercepted at the Bracken 9, and finally the just-short pass play.
"We had them on the ropes," Huckabee said. "Now they have a lot of wounds to heal."
The difference now is that Bracken will be playing this weekend for a chance to go to the state championship game.

Notre Dame ends Fulton's football season

One of the six Rockwall County high school football teams' season is over. None of the head coaches whose season is over seemed as disappointed as Fulton School's Josh Johnson.
The first-year head coach might have had more reason to be satisfied with his first season than any other coach would. The Falcons came into 2010 with one overall win in its history, then won five of their 10 regular-season games and ended Fulton's first home playoff game.
"It may be Johnson's disappointment is a reason why the team won five games. He wouldn't accept less."
"I also really thought the Falcons had a chance Friday, Nov. 12, to defeat Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic because they had lost by just 14 points, 74-60 on Notre Dame's home field during the regular season.
"That wasn't to be. The Knights (6-4) won the TAPPS 6-Man II Area playoff game 72-43 in the rematch at Rockwall-Heath High School.
"It was disappointing," Johnson said. "No. 1, Wes Brinkman, who we had been keying on, didn't do much, but No. 34, Chris Bachman, was a man among children. It was all Chris Bachman."
Bachman had 245 yards in 15 carries and scored six touchdowns. On defense, Bachman made 10 tackles.
Fulton contributed to its own demise with four turnovers and some ill-timed penalties and mental mistakes.
Johnson said, "We were down 52-35 at halftime but we came right out of the locker room in the second half and scored a touchdown so we were down by 11. Then we scored ourselves in the foot with a couple of penalties on fourth and goal, and they kicked up 58-41. Then they stopped us on the 2 yard line, but we sacked their quarterback in the end zone."
Fulton, early in the fourth quarter the deficit was 15 points, 58-43, and the Falcons were about to get the ball back.
"They punted to us, but we made a mental mistake. The ball took a nose dive, but they recovered it. That was the turning point. They scored two more touch-

downs after that."
Senior Dylan scored touchdowns rushing, receiving and returning a kickoff, and finished with 142 rushing yards. Junior teammate Milan Rabah ran for 167 yards.
Johnson said of the Falcons' 5-6 season, "I'm very proud of the boys. If you would have told me we'd win two games, I'd say we were successful. We'll lose a lot of players but we have four coming back in the off-season program and two football players that are eighth-graders. We should be able to get some other players in here."
That could mean less disappointment in 2011.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Notre Dame	22	30	6	14	72
Fulton 16	19	6	2	43	

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
1st downs	6	8			
Rushes-yds.	31-435	40-328			
Comp-Att-Int	2-5-0	6-15-1			
Passing yds.	57	82			
Total yds.	492	410			
Punts-avg.	0-0	0-0			
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	5-3			
Penalties-yds.	4-40	5-43			

Individual statistical leaders
Passing - Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic: Danny Otto 2-5-0-57; Fulton: Brett Steffen 6-15-1-82.
Receiving - Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic: Hunter Quintero 1-30, Tim Ahrens 1-27; Fulton: Milan Rabah 2-22.
Rushing yards - Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic: Chris Bachman 15-245, Wes Brinkman 10-93; Fulton - Milan Rabah 163, Dylan Leverett 142.

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Missed opportunities knock Jackets from playoffs

Lary Bump
Rockwall spent most of the night in Carrollton Newman Smith territory, but had little time in the end zone.
The result was a 28-14 loss to the Trojans Friday, Nov. 12, in a Bi-District playoff game at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco.
Returning to the playoffs for the first time in three years, the Yellowjackets scored Newman Smith territory on each of their five first-half possessions, but came away with a 21-14 deficit.
In the second half, Rockwall had the ball just four times, but crossed midfield three of those possessions.
A team that had used three consecutive fourth-quarter comeback wins to help them through the playoffs appeared on the way to a similar victory when it opened the first period with 12 plays that took the Jackets to Newman Smith's 11-yard line.
On third down, needing four yards for a first down, Alex Ntchobo took a handoff but lost a yard to the 12. Under pressure, quarterback Alan Reed then threw the ball into the end zone.
The ball went over to the Trojans on downs, and they used the next 4 minutes to drive to Braxton's second touchdown of the game, on an eight-yard run.
With just a minute and a half remaining, Reed doggedly drove the Jackets back down the field, but the season ended when Newman Smith's Jerric Porter intercepted a pass from Reed at the Trojans' 20 yard line.
Rockwall head coach Scott Smith expressed the reason for his team's frustration, which included a first-quarter 43-yard field goal attempt by Travis Shinn that hit about halfway up the right upright and bounced out.
"Going in, we were concerned about their defensive line and 'backers. We weren't able to run the ball consistently. We weren't able to be balanced."
Newman Smith's front seven showed up in stuffing Ntchobo on the key third-down play, and in holding the Jackets to 91 yards in 33 rushing attempts.
In addition, Scott Smith said, "We weren't able to get anything open downfield. Give credit to Newman Smith. They definitely played a good game."
The game had started in much more promising fashion for RHS. The Trojans had the ball first, but went three and out when Walter Garrett sacked NS quarterback Jose Martinez. The Jackets then drove 44 yards to take a 7-0 lead on Reed's hard touchdown run.
After Newman Smith tied the score, Shinn missed his field goal attempt. The Trojans scored to take a 14-7 lead four plays into the second quarter.
Rockwall tied the score on Reed's 25-yard touchdown pass to Blake Turner, but the Trojans drove to regain a 21-14 lead 49:1 seconds before halftime.
Newman Smith had just eight possessions. The Trojans reached Rockwall on four of those, but scored a touchdown each time.
Scott Smith reflected on the season and said, "It's been very difficult for me to be disappointed. I'm very proud of these young people. So many did so much. If you had told me at the start of the season that we'd finish in second place in the

district, I would have taken that. We had just a seven-point loss to Highland Park and a seven-point loss to McKinney. I'm proud of that."
Seniors led the team in most offensive categories. Reed passed for 2,574 yards with 24 touchdowns and just eight interceptions, and also led the Jackets with 794 yards and 14 TDs rushing. Blake Turner had 890 yards and 10 touchdowns receiving. His TDs tied for the team lead with junior Spencer Edwards, who also led with 60 catches.
Both teams now are 6-5. The difference is the Trojans will have a chance to get to 7-5 and Rockwall won't.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Newman Smith	7	14	0	7	28
RHS	7	7	0	0	14

RHS - Alan Reed 5 run (Ted Gates kick)
Newman Smith - Jerome Akintunde 5 run (Edward Valadez kick)
Newman Smith - Braxton Bearden 30 pass from Jose Martinez (Valadez kick)
RHS - Blake Turner 26 pass from Reed (Travis Shinn kick)
Newman Smith - Akintunde 2 run (Valadez kick)
Newman Smith - Bearden 8 run (Valadez kick)

	RHS	Newman Smith
1st downs	21	19
Rushes-yds.	33-91	37-189
Comp-Att-Int	23-35-1	10-16-0
Passing yds.	237	167
Total yds.	326	356
Punts-avg.	3-46.7	3-32.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	3-18	7-56

Passing - RHS: Alan Reed 23-35-1-237; Carrollton Newman Smith: Jose Martinez 10-16-0-167.
Receiving - RHS: Blake Turner 7-95, Spencer Edwards 8-63, Wesley Davis 6-51, Reed Loftis 2-17; Carrollton Newman Smith: Braxton Bearden 4-76, Tripp Abbott 2-42, Kevin Gaines 3-31, D.C. Dye 1-18.
Rushing - RHS: Baylor Black 13-44, Alex Ntchobo 5-22, Darian Moseley 2-11, Alan Reed 13-14; Carrollton Newman Smith: Jose Martinez 13-82, Braxton Bearden 12-50, Andy Wordlaw 6-32, Jerome Akintunde 6-25.

Whitehouse shuts down Bulldogs' season

Royse City went into its Bi-District playoff game knowing it would have to hold down Whitehouse's passing game.
The Bulldogs couldn't really do that, allowing Hunter Taylor to throw for four touchdowns.
"What wasn't so expected were DeJuan Shelton's 189 yards and two TDs rushing.
All of those, plus Shelton's interception-return touchdown, produced the Wildcats' 48-7 victory over RC at Eagle Stadium in Lindale.
"They're a pretty complete football team," Royse City head coach Greg Strahm said. "They have that good old East Texas mentality. They spread the ball around. We're a blue-collar team ourselves. We have to execute the best we can. Sometimes those athletes they have made the difference. We couldn't keep up with them."
"We definitely didn't help ourselves," the coach continued, alluding to Whitehouse's five interceptions. "I wish we could have played better. That would at least have kept the score close. But we just didn't play very well."
Junior quarterback Taylor Corbin led Royse City with 69 rushing yards and 165 passing, including a 5-yard touchdown pass to Michael Webb. The sophomore had team highs of five receptions and 63 yards.
The Bulldogs kept Trey Metoyer, who has committed to the University of Oklahoma, relatively silent. The senior caught five passes for 98 yards but didn't score. However, junior wide receiver Jonathan Aldridge used his five catches to gain 20 yards and score three touchdowns.
Now Metoyer will have at least one more game in an attempt to catch 10 more passes to equal the Texas career record of 52 catches, accomplished most recently by the Cincinnati Bengals' Jordan Shipley with Burnet from 2000 to 2003.
Whitehouse advanced to the Area round with a 9-2 record. Royse City finished 3-8.
Strahm said, "I don't know how many teams can start off 0-5 and rebound back to be able to get into the playoffs. I'm proud of our senior leadership and their willingness to get into the playoffs and move ahead. This team had resiliency. They played the game they signed up to play."
"I'm proud of the entire team for stepping up and getting into the playoffs. They came back from missing the playoffs last year and our struggles to get going this year. They have a real bright future."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Whitehouse	14	7	20	7	48
RCHS	0	7	0	0	7

Individual statistics
Passing - Whitehouse: Hunter Taylor 18-33-0-262; Will Weathers 0-1-0-0; RCHS: Taylor Corbin 19-42-5-165, Michael Webb 1-1-0-31.
Receiving - Whitehouse: Jonathan Aldridge 5-120, Trey Metoyer 5-98, Daimeyen Sanders 4-31, DeJuan Shelton 2-9, Brenden Hedges 1-3, Justin Bloom 1-1; RCHS: Michael Webb 5-63, Torrell McQueen 4-62, Samuel Rushing 2-33, Jake Horbacz 3-15, Austin Vandiver 4-13, Jonathan Burns 2-10.
Rushing - Whitehouse: DeJuan Shelton 12-189, Jordan Cantrell 2-29, Will Weathers 1-3, J.B. Battles 2-0, Isaiah Burton 1-minus 6, Hunter Taylor 3-minus 32; RCHS: Taylor Corbin 18-69, Michael Webb 3-16, Jonathan Burns 4-6, Samuel Rushing 5-minus 6, Jared Ainsworth 1-minus 13.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	8	0	14	0	22
Bracken 16	0	8	12	36	

	HCA	Bracken
1st downs	16	8
Rushing yds.	44-211	24-227
Comp-Att-Int	13-21-1	5-12-1
Passing yds.	176	101
Total yds.	387	328
Punts-avg.	0-0	3-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	0-0
Penalties-yds.	11-100	10-101

Bracken - Grady Achilles 60 run (Kevin Knapick kick)
HCA - Caleb Cathey 5 run (Aaron Mateer kick)
Bracken - G. Achilles 55 pass from Eli Achilles (Knapick kick)
HCA - Austin Pettit 7 run (A. Mateer kick)
HCA - Evan Pettit 1 run (kick failed)
BCS - G. Achilles 1 run (Knapick kick)
BCS - G. Achilles 51 run (kick failed)
BCS - G. Achilles 21 run (kick failed)

Individual statistics
Passing - HCA: Austin Pettit 9-13-0-140, Nathan Mateer 4-8-1-36; Bulverde Bracken Christian: Eli Achilles 2-7-1-80, Grady Achilles 3-5-0-21.
Receiving - HCA: Quincy Terrell 3-59, Asa Burke 4-49, Evan Pettit 2-33, Stephen Salter 2-18, Travis Arterburn 1-10, Austin Pettit 1-7; Bulverde Bracken Christian: Grady Achilles 1-55, Jordan McDaniel 1-25, Eli Achilles 2-11, Grant Granato 1-7.
Rushing - HCA: Evan Pettit 9-75, Caleb Cathey 15-73, Austin Pettit 16-38, Travis Arterburn 4-25; Bulverde Bracken Christian: Grady Achilles 21-223, Eli Achilles 3-4.

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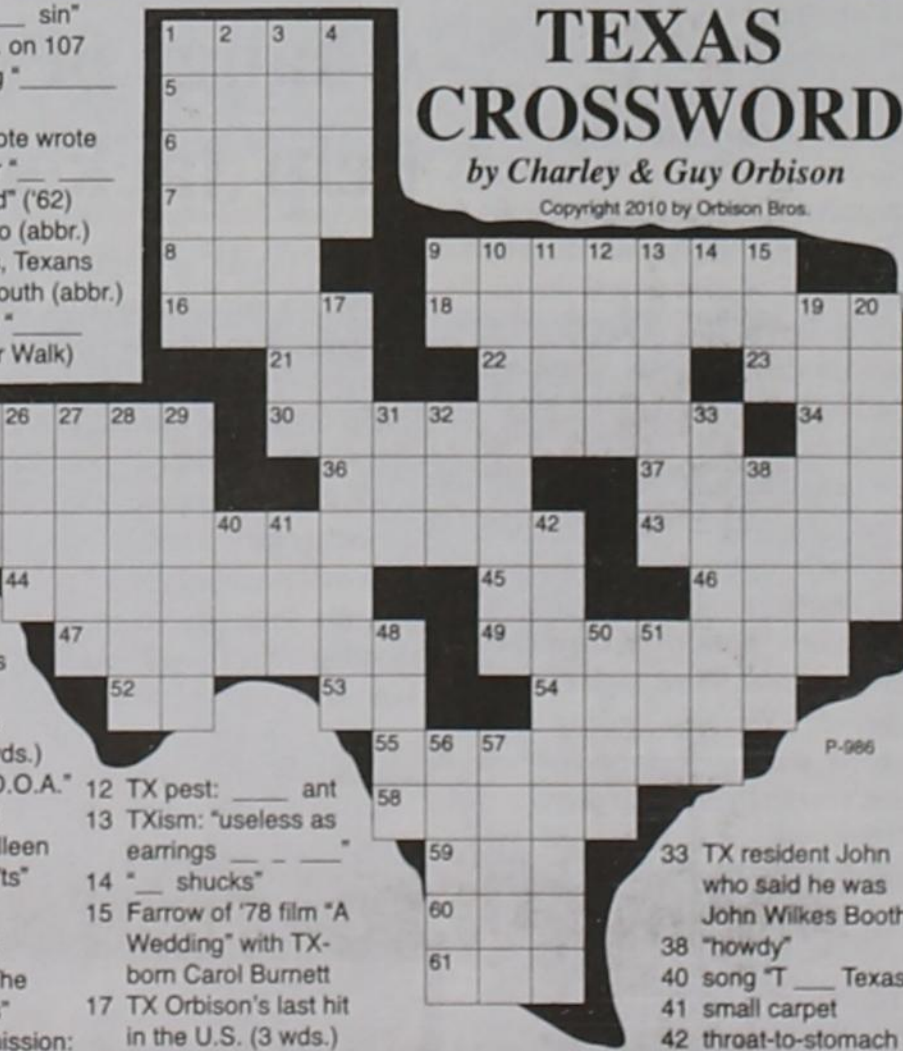
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ACROSS

- this QB Laufenberg backed-up Troy
- "water" in Mexico
- meaning of Nueces in Spanish
- in '70 this Archibald was drafted by ABA Texas Chaparrals
- TXism: "would jerk tears from a glass" (very sad)
- TXism: "he's ___ and no beer"
- this Calhoun is a TX gunman in "The Hired Gun" (57)
- TXism for "join" (3 wds.)
- in Newton Co.: "Siecke State Forest"
- Bryan FM radio
- large, non-profit amateur sports org.
- TXism: "strong enough to ___ horseshoe" (coffee)
- west coast crab
- TX Willie recorded song "All of ___"
- Duncanville star LB, Mychal, who plays at Colorado State
- trained horse walk
- TXism: "six of one, half a dozen of the ___"
- TXism: " ___ hip" (act without forethought)
- cereal plant
- TXism: "ran like ___ of a burning stump"
- TXism: "ugly ___ sin"
- in Hidalgo Co. on 107
- TX Willie sang " ___ on My Mind"
- TX Horton Foote wrote screenplay for " ___ Mockingbird" ('62)
- health care pro (abbr.)
- state of Titans, Texans rival in AFC South (abbr.)
- San Antonio's " ___ del Rio" (River Walk)
- this Cris was a star CB for Houston Oilers ('88-'96)
- what big TXns don't skip (2 wds.)
- Ryan of film "D.O.A."
- tech sch. in Killeen
- " ___ and don'ts"
- TX resident John who said he was John Wilkes Booth
- "howdy"
- song "T ___ Texas"
- small carpet
- throat-to-stomach tube
- TXism: "between a rock ___ hard place"
- Karnes City AM
- TX Sly's "Everybody ___ Star"
- '70s bumper sticker: " ___ Too, Eddie"
- "I'll ___ it"



Rockwall County Sports

No. 1 St. Paul runs over RCA

Shiner St. Paul wasted little time showing why it's ranked No. 1 in TAPPS IV football.

Playing at home, the Cardinals (11-0) raced to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter, and barely slowed down after that. St. Paul scored 515 yards, averaging 12.6 yards per carry, and scored nine rushing touchdowns on the way to a 68-20 victory over Rockwall Christian Academy Friday, Nov. 12, in an Area playoff game.

Adam Hollenback scored the first of his five touchdowns to start the scoring. Martin Kennedy then ran four yards for the first of his TDs before quarterback Devin Pesek threw his lone touchdown pass of the night to Justin Natal.

Even after RCA's Aaron Eastin caught the first of his two touchdown passes from Justo Garcia, the Cardinals' Hollenback scored again from 20 yards out for a 27-8 lead even before the first quarter ended.

"They're undefeated because they're a good football team," said Warriors head coach Calebed Palmer. "In the first half, we did not capitalize on some opportunities. We couldn't quite get going."

Nor could RCA stop St. Paul from going. But as good as the Cardinals' offense was, their defense impressed on every snap even more.

"They switched up their defense on Palmer. They didn't run the same defense the entire night, and they switched up their coverages."

On offense, Palmer said, "They didn't show us anything we hadn't seen, but they executed very well. They blocked really well. Their backs got downfield behind the blockers. It was old-school football, one on one."

As a result, Hollenback, Kennedy and Brandon Sciba each gained more than 100 rushing yards.

The Warriors, who finished 4-7, weren't expected to match up well with St. Paul. Despite the lopsided loss, the team didn't make the ride home even longer by being depressed.

Palmer said, "I've never heard so many kids talk about lifting weights in the off-season and beginning workouts Monday. Our freshmen and sopho-

res are chomping at the bit to get ready for the off-season. We'll have more returning kids off a playoff team than ever before.

"We were just beat by Shiner's team."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	8	0	6	6	20
St. Paul	27	6	23	12	68

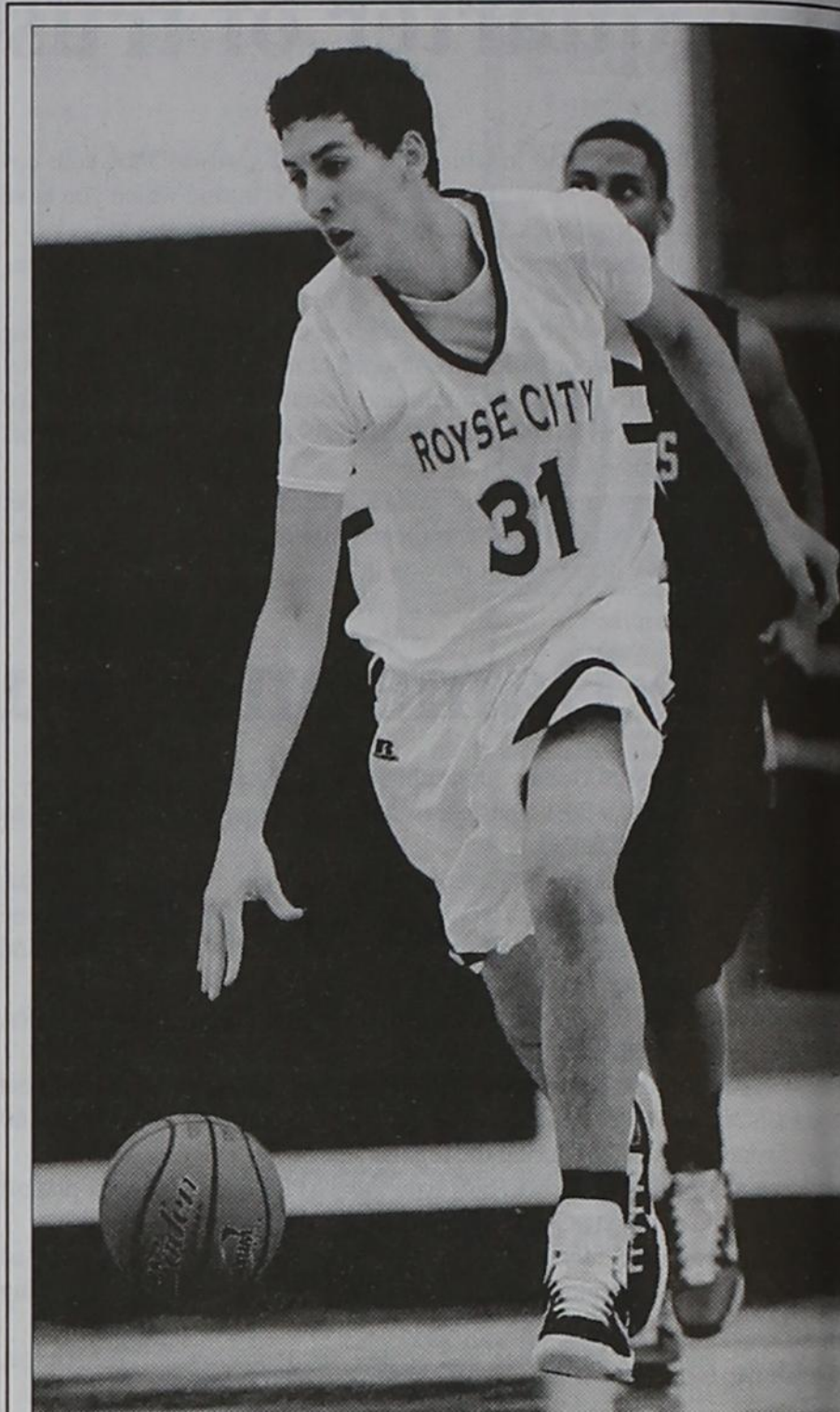
St. Paul -- Adam Hollenback 1 run (Cole Hybner kick)
 St. Paul -- Martin Kennedy 4 run (Hybner kick)
 St. Paul -- Justin Natal 42 pass from Devin Pesek (Hybner kick)
 RCA -- Aaron Eastin 33 pass from Justo Garcia (Eastin pass from Natal)

SSP -- Hollenback 20 run (kick failed)
 SSP -- Hollenback 2 run (kick failed)
 SSP -- Hollenback 8 run (Hybner kick)
 SSP -- Safety, ballcarrier tackled in end zone
 SSP -- Kennedy 8 run (Hybner kick)
 RCA -- Eastin 28 pass from Garcia (pass failed)
 SSP -- Hollenback 3 run (Hybner kick)
 SSP -- Brandon Sciba 48 run (kick failed)
 SSP -- Sciba 88 run (kick failed)
 RCHR -- Raymon Stewart 9 run (pass failed)

Individual statistics
 Passing - RCA: Justo Garcia 15-40-0-187, Aaron Eastin 1-1-0-7; Shiner St. Paul: Devin Pesek 7-14-1-152.

Receiving - RCA: Aaron Eastin 8-125, Raymon Stewart 7-52, Seth Berkshire 1-17; Shiner St. Paul: Justin Natal 3-75, Brandon Sciba 3-52, Dakota Kresta 1-25.

Rushing - RCA: Aaron Eastin 6-43, Justo Garcia 10-7, Shelby Sharpless 1-minus 1, Raymon Stewart 5-minus 2; Shiner St. Paul: Brandon Sciba 5-174, Adam Hollenback 16-155, Martin Kennedy 12-124, Blue Hybner 3-38, Devin Pesek 4-25, Stephen Curtis 1-minus 1.



Bulldogs' Brian Wyrick (31) pushes the ball up court against the Hawks last Friday at Royse City.
 Photo by Carl McClung

Lady Hawks outscored in 3 of 4 games

Rockwall-Heath went to play four games last weekend in the Allen Lady Hoopfest but apparently left their offense at home.

The Lady Hawks won only one of the four games -- not coincidentally, the only one in which they scored more than 34 points. That left their season record at 1-5.

It didn't take long to establish RHHS' theme for the weekend. In the first game Thursday, Nov. 18, Denton Ryan outscored the Lady Hawks 25-7 in the first quarter en route to a 60-34 victory.

RHHS then bounced back to defeat San Antonio Alamo Heights. Rockwall-Heath built a 32-16 halftime lead. The San Antonio team's mild second-half comeback was hardly enough as the Lady Hawks held on to win 47-33.

The next day, RHHS lost a close game to Ennis, 39-34, when the Lady Hawks couldn't dig themselves out of a 12-4 first-quarter deficit. Later that day, The Colony downed Rockwall-Heath 57-31.

Brooke Eddy led the Lady Hawks with 12 points against Ryan, 14 vs. Alamo Heights and 16 against Ennis.

No other RHHS player scored in double figures in any game. Against The Colony, the Lady Hawks hardly scored at all, with Jordan Mitchell and Willette Rankin leading the paltry offense with five points each.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	7	12	9	6	34
Denton Ryan	25	7	15	13	60

RHHS (0-3) -- Brooke Eddy 12, Willette Rankin 9, April Brown 6, Jordan Mitchell 3, Aly Coughlin 2, Kailey Peters 2.

Denton Ryan (5-3) -- Teana Ogden 25, Deborah Holcomb 16, Paige Knight 7, Halee Clark 5, Audrey Allen 2, Brittney Buchanan 2, Mariah

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	15	17	7	8	47
Alamo Heights	12	4	12	5	33

RHHS (1-3) -- Brooke Eddy 14, Aly Coughlin 7, Jordan Mitchell 7, McKenzie White 7, Brianna Richardson 6, Alexis Fisher 2, Kailey Peters 2, Willette Rankin 2.

San Antonio Alamo Heights (0-2) -- Abbey Struck 9, Solomon 9, Leap 7, Jackie Cabella 6, Stecher 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Ennis	12	7	12	8	39
RHHS	4	11	10	9	34

Ennis (3-3) -- Hannah Farris 9, J. Cox 9, Jayna Trigg 8, Monae Edwards 4, Jessica Leaks 3, Marisol Ibarra 2, Tori Lenz-Selvera 2, Kirsten Minderman 2.

RHHS (1-4) -- Brooke Eddy 16, Brianna Richardson 6, Jordan Mitchell 4, Willette Rankin 3, Kenzie Mammeli 2, McKenzie White 2, Aly Coughlin 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
The Colony	16	12	19	10	57
RHHS	11	4	3	13	31

The Colony (3-3) -- Ashlee Ferguson 19, Whitney Apari 9, Emily Collier 9, Terra Ellison 8, Kylie Covington 3, Megan Francisco 3, P. Bruland 3, B. O'Neal 3.

RHHS (1-5) -- Jordan Mitchell 5, Willette Rankin 5, Brooke Eddy 4, Kenzie Mammeli 4, Kailey Peters 4, Kaitlyn Bordelon 3, April Brown 2, Aly Coughlin 2, Brianna Richardson 2.

Gamblin's big game helps Poteet defeat Lady Jackets

Funny thing. The Rockwall girls' basketball team had its most balanced scoring of the season Friday night, Nov. 19, but lost to team that received 28 of its 62 points from one player.

In the Lady Jackets' opening home game this season, Alyssa Lang, averaging better than 20 points per game, came through with 18 in the 62-52 loss to Mesquite Poteet. She received help from Kayla Smith's 12 points and Hannah Hughes' 10.

Two factors swung the game in the Lady Pirates' favor. Shanovia Gamblin hurt RHS with her 28 points, and helped Poteet pull away from a 27-26 halftime lead by outscoring the Lady Jackets 35-26 in the second half.

The loss left Rockwall with a 4-3 record and Poteet at 6-2. Included were

victories over both RISD high schools, because the Lady Pirates had defeated Rockwall-Heath in their preceding game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Poteet	13	14	18	17	62
RHS	10	16	13	13	52

Mesquite Poteet (6-2) -- Shanovia Gamblin 28, Teren Clay 9, Shambreka Jones 9, Kiera Waters 7, Ashley Murphy 5, Tiffany Bryson 2, Deondria Murphy 2.

RHS (4-3) -- Alyssa Lang 18, Kayla Smith 12, Hannah Hughes 10, Paige Turner 8, Morghen Day 2, Mariah Roof 2.

Hawks' rally short-circuited in loss at Royse City

By Lary Bump

Early in the game, Rockwall-Heath watched seemingly every Royse City player make a 3-point field goal.

At the end, the Hawks couldn't make a 3-pointer themselves, thus allowing RC to escape with a 55-52 victory on its home court Friday, Nov. 19.

RHHS (1-1) led only once, 3-2 on Conner Geiser's 3-pointer 22 seconds into the game.

Then the Bulldogs' David Frye, Alex Williams, Trey Bowers and Juan Cunningham threw in 3-pointers to give them an 18-12 lead as the first quarter drew to a close. The final insult was a last-second three by center Brian Wyrick to end the period with Royse City ahead 21-12.

The Hawks might not have been in the lead, but down the stretch they were so thoroughly in control of the game that they seemed to be ahead. "We got out-hustled," RHHS head coach Justin Morett said of his team's early struggles. Coming off a 26-point victory over Carrollton Newman Smith three nights early, he added, "We were feeling kind of good about ourselves and we weren't mentally ready to play."

"Then we finally decided we wanted to win. We talked about how we've got to do that from the get-go."

Geiser led the fourth-quarter charge with 10 of his game-high 15 points. His hot streak began with 6:13 to play when Warren Matlock stole the ball and fed Geiser. Then he scored on a drive, made two foul shots, passed to Matlock for a basket, stole the ball and went coast to coast and drove for another two points to pull RHHS within two

points at 54-52.

Morett said, "That's the kind of effort we're asking of him every day, in practice and in games."

Most important, 1:54 remained in the game. That was plenty of time for the Hawks to maintain their own offensive momentum and to stop Royse City's stalled attack.

The Bulldogs managed to hold the ball for most of the next min-

Change of pace can't help Jackets at Tyler Lee

It didn't make any difference for the Rockwall boys' basketball team whether its game Friday, Nov. 19, at Tyler Lee went at a plodding pace or at breakneck speed.

In each of three quarters, the teams combined for no more than 17 points. But in the second quarter, they combined for 42 points -- half of the total in Lee's 51-33 victory.

The Raiders outscored the Yellowjackets in each quarter regardless. The second quarter pushed Lee's 7-3 first-quarter lead to 32-20 at halftime. Rockwall managed just 12 points in the second half.

Griffin Fraser led the Jackets (0-2) with 11 points, including 3-for-5 shooting from 3-point range. Taylor Oden had team highs of six rebounds, four assists and two steals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	3	17	7	6	33
Tyler Lee	7	25	8	11	51

RHS (0-2) -- Griffin Fraser 11, Wesley Davis 9, Jared Ragland 7, Blake Sandlin 2, Daunte Crawford 2, Landon Knight 2.

ute and a half, then missed two foul shots. Also in the final minute, however, both Todd Franza and Zachary Morett missed 3-point attempts that would have given Rockwall-Heath the lead.

The home team regained control and made a foul shot for the 55-52 lead. The Hawks couldn't get a viable 3-point attempt to tie the game.

(For the box score, please see the Rockwall City game story.)

Second half carries Garland past HCA girl

Heritage Christian Academy led throughout the first half, but could hold on against Garland Christian in a girls' basketball game Thursday, Nov. 18.

The Lady Swordsman trailed 12-10 at halftime, but outscored HCA 21-17 in the second half for a 35-29 victory.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	8	4	7	10	29
Garland Christian	2	8	13	12	35

HCA -- Hailee Johnson 12, Cate Walker 8, Erika Mendoza 5, Rachel McMillan 4.

Garland Christian -- Rachel Meredith 15, Maci Smith 14, Daniela Bogue 4, Amy Garrett 2.

Lone Oak runs past RCA girls

The Rockwall Christian Academy girls' basketball team fell behind early at Lone Oak Thursday, Nov. 18, and couldn't catch up. Lone Oak, which led 18-9 after the first quarter, outscored RCA in each quarter for a 75-victory.

The RCA boys' basketball team, the state runner-up in TAPPS 2A I season, opens its season Friday, Dec. 3, at Dallas Christian

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	9	14	9	11	43
Lone Oak	18	23	17	17	75

Fast start helps Lovejoy defeat Lady Bulldogs

A good second half didn't make much difference for the Royse City girls' basketball team Friday night, Nov. 19.

That's because Lovejoy had come out of the blocks fast to take a 26-halftime lead.

"We played them pretty even in the second half," RC head coach Dall Bookout said after his team's 58-38 loss.

"They had a lot of tall girls, and a freshman point guard who was good."

Six-footer Courtney Smith scored 10 points for the Lady Leopards. Po guard Shani Rayner, who ran the offense, scored five.

The defeat left the Lady Bulldogs with a 3-4 record.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RC	6	6	12	14	38
Lovejoy	14	12	16	16	58



Hawks' Todd Frazen (32) drives in for a lay-up against the Bulldogs.
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RCISD Education Foundation plays host to annual drive event

Royse City Independent School District conducted its Annual Drive Dinner Nov. 11 at Occasions at Stone River. The dinner served as the kickoff to the RCISD Education Foundation's annual fundraising campaign. Foundation directors have set a goal of \$100,000 this year, with the hope that half that amount would be raised by Nov. 11. Scott Muckensturm, foundation president, announced at the event that giving to date had reached \$75,555.

Major donors for the 2010 campaign include:

- Distinguished Partner, \$25,000 or more: Royse City ISD Employees Payroll Deduct Campaign, \$30,222; Higher Construction Management, \$25,000, Von Gallagher and Lisa Gallagher (year two of a five-year pledge).
- Platinum Partner, \$15,000 or more: Texas Pioneer Foundation, Fred Markham.
- Silver Partner, \$2,500 or more: Texas Leadership Bank, Stan Pinkham, president; Claycomb Associates, Architects, Kevin Smith, vice president.
- Bronze Partner, \$1,000 or more: Royse City ISD Parent, Teacher Organization, \$2,000, Vernon Elementary, Dale Elementary, Fort Elementary, Scott Elementary, Cherry Intermediate, Herndon Intermediate and Royse City Middle School; Occasions at Stone River, \$2,000 gift-in-kind; Dr. Rhonda Phillips-Black and Pete Black, Country Pets Veterinary Clinic, \$1,450; American National Bank of Texas, Karen Parks, \$1,350.
- 1,000 donors: Baker Triangle Co., Donna and Roger Chumley, Comfort Care Dental/Dr. and Mrs. Henry Watchendorf; Farmers Electric Co-op; Johnny and Sandra Gibbs, Mike and Jackie Gilbert, David and Kari Hollifield, Congressman Ralph Hall, Randy and Mary Alice Hancock, Kean Financial/Keith and Kathy Noel; Lake Pointe Medical Center, Larry and Lynn Lott, David and Shirley Magness, Jim and Amy McLeroy/McLeroy Law Firm, Jim and Jo Nell Mellody, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Muckensturm, Don and Jenny Palmer, Stan and Marcia Pinkham, Quality Tree Products Inc., Royse City Dental/Dr. and Mrs. Michael Pincus, Royse City Medical/Dr. and Mrs. Ron Jones, and Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Armenia and Frank Smith and Techline Sports/Ross and Polly Redden.
- Esteemed gift donors/foundation benefactors, \$500 or more: Lucille Atkins, Jimmy and Cheryl Butler, Larry and Vicki Coker, Jeff and Emily Hays, Royse City Early Bird Rotary, Christy Schell.
- Foundation friends, \$250 or more: Brad and Billie Abell, Rose Antony, Michael and Dana Baley, Adam Bateman, Lillie Cross Bell, Teresa Brennan, Catherine Bundy, Carol Campbell, Charlie and Debbie Carroll, Michelle Cole, David and Babbs Dodd, Bill and Mary Ellis, Eric and Monica Fort, Nichole Hahn, JoLynn Harper, Angela Homan, Kay Kaye Hudson, Subrena Hurd, Rich and Tammie Lewis, Kelly Margot, Robert Middleton, Lisa Morrow, Sara Moore (in memory of Allison Cherry), Richard and Cynthia Pense, Rest Haven Funeral Home/Dewayne Cain, Cary Seal, Mike and Sonia Sealock, D.B. Sells, Darlyne and Kathy Smith, Polly Stelzel, Jeff Webb and Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos & Green, PC.

With these donations, the foundation has awarded \$67,803 to teacher grants for innovative and creative learning for RCISD students. Since February there have been 32 grants given.

Donor cards are available at the Education Foundation administrative office, Ernest Epps ESC, 810 Old Greenville Rd., Room 116, or through PayPal at rcisdfoundation.com (click on Become a Donor). For more details, contact any of the foundation's directors or Jo Nell Mellody, executive director, at 972-636-2413.

The annual drive will continue until the end of the year.



Pictured are Dr. Henry Watchendorf with Comfort Care Dental, Jim and Jo Nell Mellody, Marcia and Stan Pinkham and Scott Muckensturm. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Kieffer Gilbert of Royse City (second from left), a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 690, completed a required project last weekend as part of the requirements to receive the rank of Eagle Scout. Gilbert and a group of volunteers walled in a 20x30 foot section of a warehouse at the First United Methodist Church in Royse City for the church's food bank. The church currently keeps its food offerings on open shelving but will be able to secure the food in the newly constructed room. All candidates for Eagle Scout are required to plan and carry out a leadership project that benefits their community, as well as fulfill several other requirements to receive Scouting's highest rank. Gilbert, who is also president of the Royse City High School National Honor Society and the Bulldog Guard, was joined at his project by his former Scoutmaster Scott Hammond, church trustee and project mentor Ben Fields, church youth minister Rick Ostrosky, church trustee Dean Gilkinson, as well as friends, family and fellow students from Royse City High School. Placing the first section of wall studs were (left to right) Gilbert's brother, Scott Mueller; Gilbert; brother Robert Mueller; friend and church member Heather Hebron; Ben Fields; friend and RCHS NHS member Ethan Downs. Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Royse City Police Report • Nov. 12-18

Friday, 12 November: Accident, 900 block E. I-30; Alarm, 600 block Wood Street; Medical assistance, 300 block Erby Campbell Boulevard; Burglary of a vehicle, 1200 block Courtney Drive

Saturday, 13 November: Suspicious person, 500 block Love Lane; Medical assistance, 800 block Nancy Drive; Driving while intoxicated arrest, Intersection of I-30 SSR and FM 548; Assault by threat, 900 block Stedham Street

Sunday, 14 November: Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30; Suspicious vehicle, Courtney Drive; Burglary of a vehicle, 2100 block Audubon Lane; Possession of a drug paraphernalia arrest, 1700 block Nevers Drive

Monday, 15 November: Welfare check, Intersection of E. I-30 SSR and FM 2642; Accident, 1200 block FM 2642; Alarm, 900 block Brookhaven Drive; Reckless driver, I-30 W. at the 77 mile marker; Welfare check, 200 block West Creek Drive; Driving while license invalid, 400 block S. Elm Street

Tuesday, 16 November: Suspicious activity, 500 block I-30 NSR; Suspicious activity, Lakes Drive; Alarm, 200 block E. I-30 NSR; Disorderly conduct, 500 block New Street; Domestic disturbance, 900 block Brookhaven Drive; Suspicious activity, 800 block E. I-30; Criminal mischief, 900 block Kim Lane; Minor in possession of alcohol, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard

Wednesday, 17 November: Alarm, 100 block W. I-30; Alarm, 3300 block Spruce Street; Alarm, 500 block Brooks Drive

Thursday, 18 November: Criminal mischief, 400 block Howard Street; Criminal mischief, 400 block Center Street; Domestic disturbance, 500 block Tripp Trail



Members of the Royse City High School choir performed two patriotic songs for the the Royse City Independent School District board of trustees at the board's Nov. 8 meeting. The choir performed the pieces they were preparing for their Veterans Day program at the high school. Choir director is Shelba Gorham-Bell. Accompanist is Ken Frerichs. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Times slated for Royse City's Christmas celebration

Several events have been planned in conjunction with Royse City's "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," and times and locations for each of the activities were announced this week.

Story time with Mrs. Claus will run from 4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Royse City Fire Department. Also at the fire department, photos with Santa will be taken from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Christmas tree lighting at Old Jail Park is set for 5:30 p.m.

From 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., the singing group Green will perform Christmas carols on the judges stage.

At 6 p.m. the Lighted Christmas Parade will begin on Main Street. David Wells will be the announcer.

Downtown businesses will be open, offering seasonal treats, according to a news release issued last week.

Two Royse City residents are fall graduates

Two Royse City residents were among fall graduates at Everest College-Dallas, according to a news release.

Eunice Chavira and Aidee Martinez each completed a degree program at the college. Chavira's degree was in criminal justice, while Martinez received a degree in medical assisting.

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Scott Muckensturm, president of the Royse City ISD Education Foundation, presents a check representing \$38,379 in grants to Don Palmer, president of the Royse City ISD School Board. Grant Recipients pictured are, second row, Patty Smith, Wendy Baridon, Pam Owen, Kelly Elliott, Shirley Magness, Jo Lynn Harper, Dawn Jordon, Melanie Starnes and Audrea Peterson. Also receiving foundation grants were, on the third row, D.B. Sells, Morgan Power, Nichole Hahn and Alan Gill and, on the back row, Tom Lowry, Polly Stelzel, Megan Blissard, Heather Meeks, Holly Huettel, John LoPresti, Heather Cheney, Michelle Dusek and Brad Abel. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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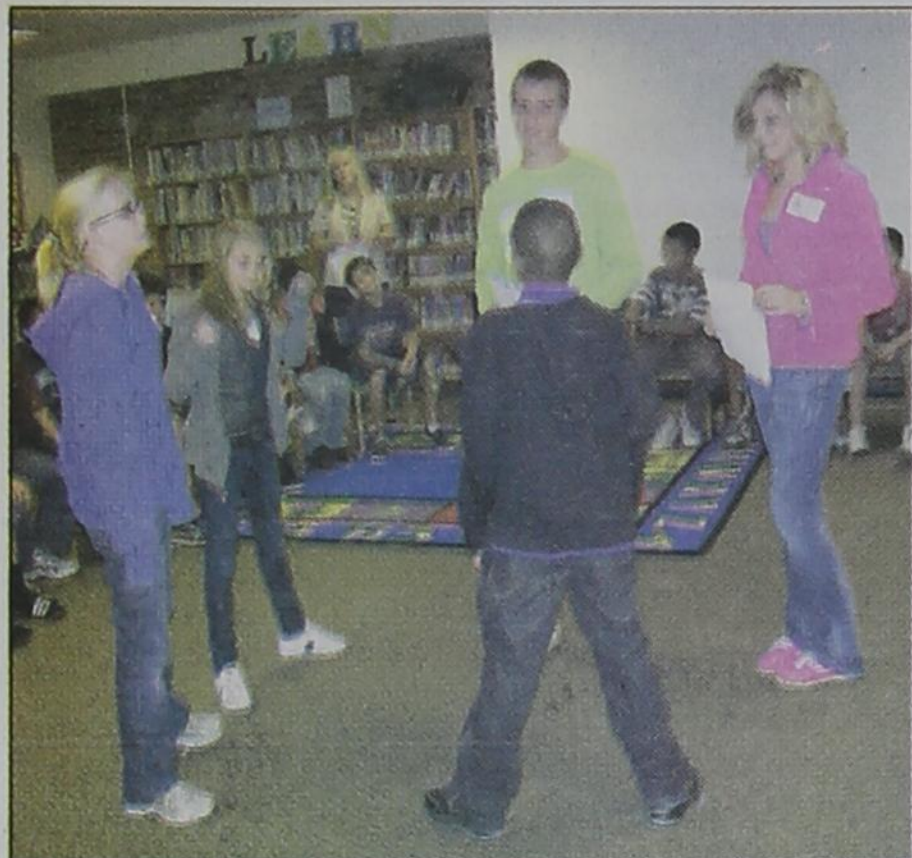
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Rockwall High students Casey Wright and Catherine Dorsey quiz Dobbs sixth grade students Faith Robertson, Grace Taylor and Joe Austin during a recent leadership training at the elementary school. Dobbs counselor Dina Rowe brought in specially trained RHS students to present the training designed to "grow leaders, reduce bullying and build self esteem." Eighty-seven sixth grade students participated in the training.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Student members of the Dobbs KC (Kindness and Caring) Club, under the leadership of counselor Dina Rowe, made and sent bags of Blessing Mix to Rockwall police officers and firefighters to thank them for their service to the community. Each bag included the snack mix, a handwritten Thanksgiving wish and the recipe for the mix: Bugles (shaped like a cornucopia or horn of plenty; a symbol of the nation's abundance); pretzels (arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded the U.S.); candy corn (represents the sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter); nuts (promise of a future harvest); dried fruits (harvest gifts); and M&Ms and Hershey's Kisses (representing the love of family and friends that sweetens lives). Pictured above with Rowe is first grade student Seth Kyle, who is using his gloved hand to fill a snack bag.
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The Rockwall Women's League recently conducted a meeting at the Black Star Sport Horses Stable in Heath where the internationally known mother-daughter duo, Lisa and Jessica Blackmon, provided a dressage demonstration. The meeting also marked the beginning of the organization's solicitation for sponsors and donations for the 32nd Annual Charity Ball, "All You Need is Love," set for March 26. Pictured above, from the left, are Jessica Blackmon; Susan Langdon, RWL president; Jami Frisby, RWL 2011 Ball chair; and Lisa Blackmon. Underwriting, program ads and auction donations are needed to enable the RWL to continue its work in the community. RWL members worked nearly 5,000 volunteer hours and disbursed more than \$100,000 in community grants and scholarships last year, boosting the total given to the community since the organization's 1973 inception to \$2.1 million. For more details, contact Frisby at 214-435-4872.
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Holiday home tour planned in Terrell

Six homes will be included on this year's Christmas in a Small Town holiday home tour set from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in Terrell.

Homes on the tour include a newly restored 18-room Colonial Revival/Prairie Style, a late Victorian and two Tudor Revivals. Sideline the home tours will be a Christmas boutique with one-of-a-kind jewelry, women's accessories, handmade baby clothes and baked goods. Also, local artists have produced original works for the tour and will offer note cards, Christmas cards and ornaments.

For more details, visit sscofterrell.com/draft2.aspx.

City of Fate Tree Lighting planned for Dec. 3

The City of Fate Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 3 at Old City Park in Fate. Santa will be on hand to take holiday wish requests and the Chamber of Commerce will have hot chocolate. Festivities will include Christmas carols and entertainment by two elementary school choirs. The Fate Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the annual event.



The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club hosted Rotary District 5810 Gov. Linda Elliott on Nov. 16. The district is one of 534 worldwide and covers eight counties in the greater North Texas region. Elliott is a member of the Rotary Club of Grand Prairie. She praised local Rotarians for their work in the community and support of Rotary International programs. The Rockwall Rotarians presented Elliott with a check to support her efforts with the Texas Rotary TB Project. Pictured presenting the check is Rockwall Breakfast Rotary president Sharita Blacknail, left. The Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club meets at Rockwall Rotary Hall, 408 S. Goliad, at 7 a.m. each Tuesday; meetings are over at 8 a.m. For more details contact Trenton Cornehl at trentoncornehl@gmail.com or call 972-771-8424.
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Rockwall High School junior Sabrina Ramirez, right, volunteers with Lake Pointe Church in its African Resources program each Tuesday. Here she is pictured with one of the girls with whom she spends time. Ramirez enjoys her volunteer work. "They all have so much energy, and we always have a great time," she says.
 Photo courtesy of Christina Miller/Rockwall County News

Rockwall's Chad Smith visits world religion centers in Chicago for college course

Chad Smith of Rockwall, currently a Junior International Business major at Harding University in Searcy, AR, was one of 83 students from the school's Living World Religions class who visited prominent world religion centers, including a Buddhist international center, a Muslim mosque, a Hindu temple, a Jewish synagogue, Bahá'í House of Prayer and Sikh Religious Society as part of a weekend trip to Chicago.

Students have spent the fall semester learning about the specific world religions they would encounter as part of the trip. They were prepared to listen and learn as they experienced the culture and religion on their own.

According to dean of the College of Bible and Theology and course professor Dr. Monte Cox, students are fascinated to see religions they have read about in their textbooks come alive in front of their eyes.

"It's one thing to read about someone else's faith in a textbook; it's another thing altogether to meet that person face-to-face on their turf and listen to them tell what their faith means to them," said Cox.

At the Bahá'í House of Prayer, the group learned about the belief in the oneness of all religions. Students visited the House of Prayer on the birthday of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Bahá'í faith. The group also visited the Islamic Foundation, a mosque where they were able to witness Friday prayers. Students also had the opportunity to eat a traditionally prepared meal with a group from the Sikh Religious Society.

Students stayed in bunkrooms at the Hostelling International-Chicago, the largest hostel in America, located in downtown Chicago.

Harding University is the largest private university in Arkansas and attracts more National Merit Scholars than any other private university in the state. Harding also maintains campuses in Australia, Chile, England, France, Greece, Italy and Zambia.



Williams Middle School eighth grade students present their second issue of the school's newspaper, The WMS Press, to the printer. The students are responsible for brainstorming story ideas, as well as writing articles, taking photos and distributing the finished product throughout their campus and its feeder elementary schools. From the left are staff members Ian Craig, Gehrig Edwards, Taylor Smith, Genaro Hernandez, Kourtney McCloud, Julia Robertson, Betty Steelman, Riley Davis, Cassidy Crawford, Karen Hernandez and Logan Gavaldon. Their teacher is Stacy Hatten.
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Arlinda Sivoravong, an eighth grade student at Utley Middle School and member of the National Junior Honor Society, was one of many students who volunteered recently at the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas. The Utley students worked for more than three hours, filling boxes of food for senior citizens throughout North Texas. The students filled 900 boxes – the equivalent of 1 pallets – during their morning of service.
 Photo courtesy of Brad Ross/Rockwall County News



Dobbs Elementary students collected meat during October's Red Ribbon Week to emphasize the "Can be Drug-Free" motto. Students collected and packed 11 boxes of food as a result of the drive. Pictured above, from the left, are student representative D'Shaud Turner, Colton Crawford, Evelyn Jimenez, Meredith Kirchenbauer, Dezmon Mims and Sion Phillip.
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Williams Middle School choir students participated in the Rockwall Independent District Middle School Solo & Ensemble Competition on Nov. 13, and 100 percent of the WMS competitors earned superior ratings. Participants included, at front, Kirby Davis, Ida Hishmah, Leah Bird, Colleen Breen, Kaitlyn Bingham, Jessica Bates and Morgan Gilstrap. At back are Nancy Farrell, choir director, along with Tristan Briggs, Dustin Weaver, Lanson Bennett, Shannon White and Kristina Stoval.
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Buddy is still looking for a new forever family and home. Let this beautiful Catahoula/mix brighten your holidays! He is friendly and housebroken. He is heartworm positive but once his adopted, his treatment will be fully paid for by Rockwall PAWS, a local organization dedicated to finding good homes for loving animals that would otherwise be euthanized. After treatment, he will be good as new! Buddy is at the Rockwall Animal Shelter and is patiently waiting for you. For more information on Buddy or other animals available for adoption, contact the Rockwall Animal Shelter at 972-771-7750.

City annexes land, discusses issues with cable provider

Patricia Nolan Butts
 Rockwall City Council members approved to annex two parcels of land to city limits, followed up on the issue of city cable service and a plan for unified development of the John King Corridor at the Nov. 15 meeting. The council heard first readings of ordinances to annex land into city limits under Chapter 100, Cultural Agreements. The ordinance consists of two tracts totaling approximately 58.584 acres located on the south side of Clem Road (SH 114) and 10 tracts comprising about 68.954 acres along the north side of SH 276 and west of SH 50. The ordinance is an exception from the ordinance on the suggestion of Councilman Glen Farris belongs to Ann White, whose family owns a fireworks stand on SH 276. The ordinance granted a Chapter 212 no-annexment agreement for seven years. The council business dealt with the ordinance to the city. Following the meeting from Connie Cannady of consulting firm J. Stowe and which Charter was found in compliance with major provisions of the city's franchise agreement. Council members directed staff to proceed with the firm's recommendations for remedy. For example, because Charter is short in payment of appropriate franchise fees, according to compliance analysis, the city will pursue assessment of liquidated damages and/or legal remedies and will further discussions with Charter for resolution. The ordinance hinge on the fact that the franchise agreement be-

tween Rockwall and Charter Communications will expire in November 2011. Once Charter becomes franchised to provide service under the state requirements outlined in S.B.5, there are certain regulatory powers included in the current franchise agreement that will no longer be available to the city under the more limited state franchise requirements. Extension of service to new areas may be affected, as well as provision of service to institutions and customer service standards -- already a thorny topic, Cannady noted, as she showed a thick folder of copies of cable customer complaint emails. The council also acted to amend the unified development code for the John King Corridor to include specific design standards. The council agreed with Planning and Zoning comprehensive plan recommendations that additional costs for improvements such as 10-foot wide trail type sidewalks would be passed on to developers. In other business, the council granted DeWayne Cain of Rest Haven Cemetery on SH 66 a specific use permit (SUP) covering an additional 41 acres at that site to accommodate a business call center as well as a crematorium and mausoleum. The council voted 4-3 to cover costs up to \$5,000 to extend a water main to Archer's Car Care at 306 Washington. The move allows owner Jerry Archer to comply with city fire code requiring a sprinkler system in that building, to which he moved his car repair business in 2007 after 23 years on Goliad. The relocation was necessitated by the widening of Goliad Ave. (SH 205) from two to six lanes.

The council also agreed to rezone the property on Washington so that Archer's business could remain in the downtown area. He and the building's co-owner will then have six months to complete the sprinkler system and comply with the fire code. Council members nixed an already-installed front yard fence exceeding the maximum 42 inches at The Shores home of Dave Meyer. Neighbor input was 5-2 against the fence. Council disapproved the request by failing to bring forward a motion. The council also signaled an unwillingness to commit to an annual \$9,540 option for outsourcing audio and video streaming of council meetings. Director of finance Mary Smith presented a memo from Swagit Productions LLC of Plano for managing audio and video streaming, editing, indexing and 36-month archiving, but the council moved to explore cheaper in-house options first. Rockwall Youth Advisory Council members sat with council members at the meeting to observe municipal governance in action. Members Shannon Lockhart and Jon Falcon then appeared before council to request city support for a repeat of the YAC-sponsored Senior Prom, which was unanimously supported. The event, hosted by YAC for the previous two years with assistance from the city, is a dance for local senior citizens. Lockhart and Falcon outlined plans for improvements to this year's event, including a live band, red carpet, prize giveaways, an Oscars theme, photographer, sit-down dinner and check room for belongings.



Middle and high school students from Heritage Christian Academy did community service Oct. 27, helping out in places such as Helping Hands, Rockwall Boys & Girls Club, Lake Rockwall Estates Community Center, Senior Care at Lake Pointe and Refugee Resources, Dallas. Pictured above are Morgan Reiter, Tori Blaylock and Eric Tamez pushing children in swings at Refugee Resources. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Library announces December schedule

Rockwall County Library will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Thursday, Dec. 23 through Dec. 25. The library will re-open at its regularly scheduled time, 10 a.m., on Monday, Dec. 27. The library will also be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011 and Monday, Jan. 3 for the New Year holiday. The doors will re-open at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 10:00.

Reading for Adults
 ESL, GED, and Citizenship preparation classes at the Rockwall County Library will end Dec. 18 and resume Jan. 10.

Registration for classes for 2011 will take place in December when the library is open.

Rockwall County Library Teen Activities
 Teen Movie Night will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7. The movie to be shown is to be announced. Teen Movie Night is free and open to students in grades 7-12. Free popcorn and drinks are provided. For more information, see the blog at <http://rocklibteens.blogspot.com> or follow on Twitter @rocklibteens or call 972-204-7700.

Rockwall County Library Display Cases
 Be sure to check out the display cases in the library lobby and enjoy the mixed media art display by local artist, Pat Szalay. She is a member of many art associations and was Rockwall Women's League "Contributing Artist, 2009." Pat will display acrylics, digital graphic designs and sculpture.

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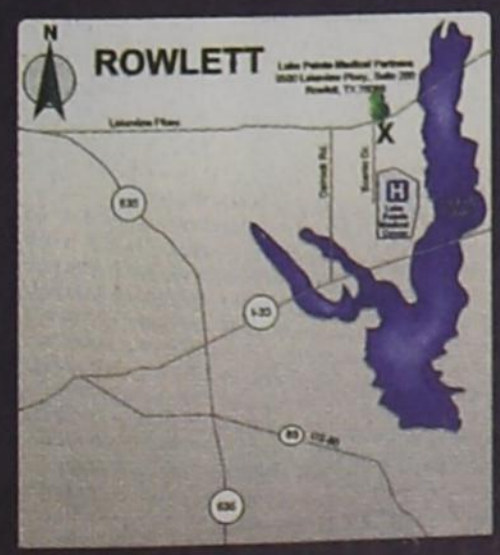
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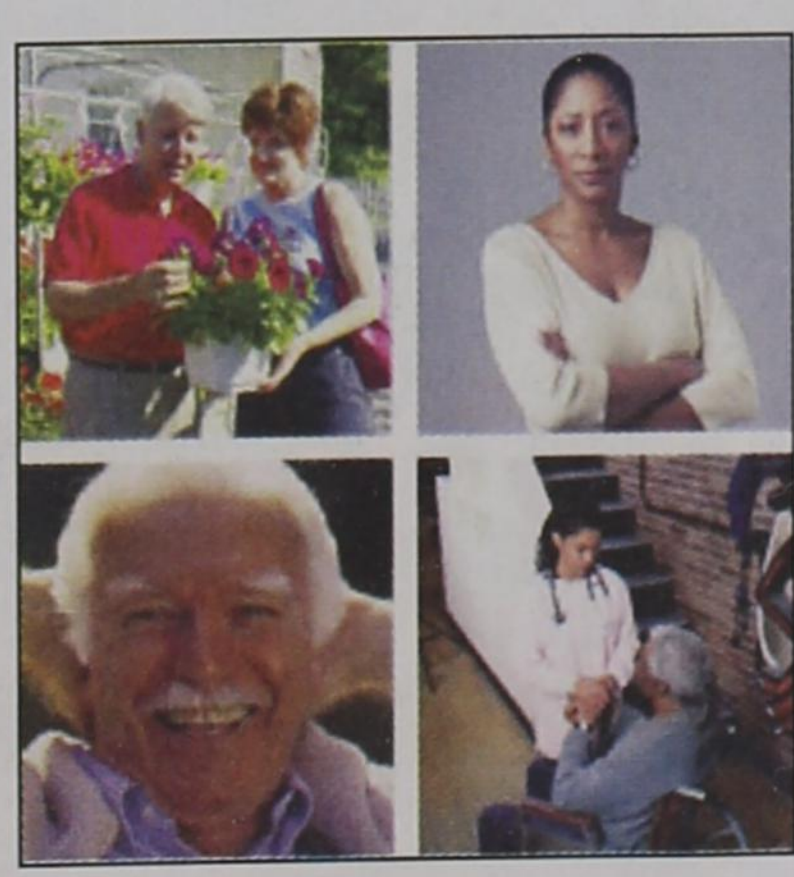


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