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Children in a neighborhood of The Shores presented a Live Nativity during the community's Christmas Lights tour, Sunday Dec. 20, 2015, on Club Lake Circle in Rockwall. Shown are (back, left to right) Grace Shibley (12 years), Kaitlyn Freel (10), (front) Gabby Asencio (10), Lilly Shibley (10), Caleb Shibley (8) and Ali Ascencio (11). Parents are Jonathan & Sarah Shibley, David & Deanna Asencio, and James & Laura Freel. This is the fifth consecutive year that the neighborhood children have presented the Live Nativity. Photo by Tim Burnett / Rockwall County News

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> the briefing session was to begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at people still were pouring in at 6:15 p.m. More than 200 there for the briefing session regarding the new open-

> cipation and anxiety was apparent as citizens talked nselves relating their views about what they thought vulged at the meeting and what the new laws might

> GO Group (Citizens Association for Responsible Gun and the City of Rockwall hosted the event. Officer Kirk sistant chief of police for Rockwall, and Joseph Florance, or the Patrol Division, represented the city.

GO representatives gave information regarding the by the many comments that followed Hall's statement.

upcoming laws and assisted in clarifying what the laws would mean.

State Sen. Bob Hall discussed how the laws were passed and told the crowd that only time will tell as to the effectiveness of how these laws will affect our nation.

Aldridge and Florance explained the procedures the Rockwall Police Department will carry out as they receive calls relating to the

As was stated in a story printed in last week's Rockwall County News, "According to the State Legislature website, House Bill 910 was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott on June 13, 2015."

Hall said he was influential in getting these laws passed. As of Jan. 1, Texas will become the 44th state to have open-carry laws.

This came as a real surprise to those in the audience as was evident

In an attempt to make clear to the audience just what the new laws would mean, Hall said the "Conceal to Carry Permit" would simply be called a "Gun Carry Permit," dropping the word concealed. Citizens can still conceal their gun but the new law states that for an Open Carry, the gun must be either in a belt holster or a shoulder holster.

Hall also said that while carrying a gun in a automobile, it must be concealed and cannot be laid on the seat. Hall noted that the new law is an expansion of liberties for the citizens.

Aldridge said businesses that do not want their customers to carry a gun onto their premises must now display two signs at the entrance of their business called 3006 and 3007, which will measure 2' by 2' in size with Spanish and English on each, with 2-inch black letters and contrasting colors. He also added that if the business owner tells you verbally that you cannot come into his/her place of business with a gun, then you must leave the premises. A verbal command is as good as the signs.

A question-and-answer session was held at the end of the session with several good questions. Citizens were concerned that however they carried their gun, they would be legal. They wanted to make sure they were not breaking the law.

One lady said she carries her gun on her leg/thigh and asked if she could still carry it. Aldridge said she could if it were attached to some type of belt.

Aldridge told the audience that if they would email him at kaldridge@rockwall.com he would email them his presentation which included such important information as a list of places where citizens can carry their gun and places where they cannot.



ore than 200 people packed the house at The Center at 108 East Washington at 6 p.m. Saturday for a briefing session e new Open Carry Laws that will go into effect on Jan. 1. hoto by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

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University scholastic honors

Tilton, Browning tapped for honors

Two area residents were among Midwestern State University students recognized for academic performances in the fall 2015 semester at the Wichita Falls campus, according to a university news

Kara Tilton of Rockwall was named to the Provost's Honor Roll. Gabrielle Browning of Royse City also was named to the Provost's

A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 with no grade lower than a C is included on the Provost's Honor Roll, according to the release.

A total of 291 students were named to the Provost's Honor Roll for the fall semester.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Holy Trinity plans Christmas activities

The Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church has planned several special Christmas services. On Thursday Dec. 24, a Holy

Eucharist with children's pageant will be hosted at 5 p.m., followed by an 8 p.m. Holy Eucharist and a 10:30 p.m. choral candlelight Eucharist (with incense). There will be no Christmas day service.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Patsy Ruth Evans

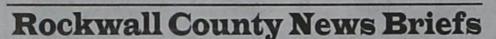
Services for Patsy Ruth Evans, 78, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial followed in the Haven of Memories Cemetery in Canton.

She died Dec. 14.

Born Feb. 17, 1937, in Mason to John Henry Stewart and Myrtle (Brown) Stewart, she worked in the farm equipment industry and was a member of the Martha Sunday School Class at the First Baptist Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include her son, Ken Evans, and his wife, Carolyn; a daughter, Paula King, and her husband, Randy; her grandchildren, Nathan Evans, Sky King and Cody King; her great-grandson, George Edward Evans; a nephew, Paul Molero; her nieces, Shirley Herzog and Ginger White; and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Elton Evans, in 2004 and her siblings Paul, Henry, J.P., Alice, Jack, Betty and Ernest.



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On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26-27, Holy Eucharist services with lessons and carols will be conducted at 5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.; no 8:15 p.m. service will be offered. The church will host an Epiphany service at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, followed by an Epiphany party with cake, buried "treasures" and prizes. The church is located at 1524 Smirl Dr., Heath.

City of Rockwall announces holiday schedule

City of Rockwall offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas and on Friday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Garbage and recycling collection will be moved to Saturday, Dec. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 2.

Christmas tree drop-off site offered

City of Rockwall residents can drop off live Christmas trees at the Tuttle Sports Complex parking lot, 1550 Airport Rd., Dec. 26 through Jan. 11. All ornaments, lights and stands should be removed from trees prior to drop-off. Drop-offs from commercial operations will not be allowed.

Input sought on Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Rockwall County is seeking public input on a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan being developed to address natural hazards that affect the county. FEMA defines mitigation as "sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects." As a result, the goal of the plan is to "minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards through effective mitigation." To participate in the survey, visit surveymonkey.com/r/rockwallcountyHMAP or, for Spanish, surveymonkey.com/r/condado_de_rockwall by Dec. 31.

Newcomers & Friends plan Jan. 14 luncheon

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends have planned their monthly luncheon at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City for Jan. 14. Guest speaker will be Gayle Brink, who will provide a dramatic presentation of her novel "Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt." For more details or to make a lunch reservation, call Barbara at 972-771-1057 or Cathy at 942-400-9934; reservations are due by Jan. 4. Visit newcomersrock.com for more details.

RISD trustees plan Jan. 6 work session

Board members for the Rockwall Independent School District will meet at 4 p.m. on Jan. 6 for a work session.

Immediately after the meeting is called to order, the board will go into executive session to "conduct and discuss the evaluation of the superintendent," according to the agenda. The closed-door portion of the meeting will be followed by a dinner break from 5:30 p.m. to

Board training will follow.

The meeting will take place in Room 600 of the Rockwall Administration/Education Center, located at 1050 Williams St., Rockwall, according to the meeting's agenda.

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Royse City shelter offers pets for adoption

by Millie Jean Coppedge

The Royse City Animal Shelter and Adoption Center located at 1101 Josephine St. houses more than 500 animals on a temporary basis each year. Trey Colunga and Omar Nerio are the animal control officers.

"We not only care for dogs and cats, but have house a variety of animals including pot belly pigs, raccoons that showed up in someone's back yard, skunks, feral cats, armadillos and even have rescued snakes from inside homes. Some of these animals are simply rescued and relocated, not taken to the shelter," Colunga said.

"We are a no-kill facility, meaning we will find them a home," Colunga said. This means the animals are not euthanized unless they are injured critically such as being hit by a car or ill with absolutely no hope of surviving. "When a citizen can no longer care for an animal due to age related issues, illness or financial reasons, the center will accept the animal for a \$25 surrender fee."

All animals entering the shelter are given their preventative shots and a microchip is installed, which identifies the animal and contact information for their owner. Each animal is also de-wormed.

The adoption fee is \$60 for dogs and \$35 for cats.

"The shelter has not had one animal so far that we couldn't adopt out," Colunga said. "Since Omar and I came to work at the shelter, the return-to-owner rate has doubled and the adoption rate has tripled. The chips that are installed in the animals make it possible to locate the owner to let them know we have their animal."

Every animal coming into the center receives a new collar, leash, toys and treats, thanks to the many volunteers and donations. The animals also get a raised bed, roped toy and rawhides.

Colunga praised the volunteers and said the shelter could not operate and thrive without their help. The volunteers are Susan Craig, Pat Ivey, Lisa Burkhart, Shari Garrett, Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Kari Hargrave, Tara Carey and Monica Tenhunen. Volunteers from the Royse City Police Department are Chief Stapleton, Sgt. West, Officer Potter, Officer Franklin and Officer Short. Phillips takes care of medical issues, consultation and vaccinations of the animals and makes sure the building and all procedures are in compliance with city codes.

The center is open seven days a week, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Citizens may contact the shelter by calling 214-934-9352 or 214-796-1445. Emergency calls may be made to 911, which is the Rockwall Sheriff's Department dispatcher and they will handle the matter.

The shelter can also be reached by email at rcaadoptions com. The shelter information is on the Royse City web Facebook and Twitter at RCAS.

Contact the shelter for an appointment or drop by during on to find out more about the animals and the adoption proced



Trey Colunga, animal control officer for the Ro City Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, plays the shelter's backyard with Luke, a mixed breed d Colunga began working for the shelter in September 1981 2014.

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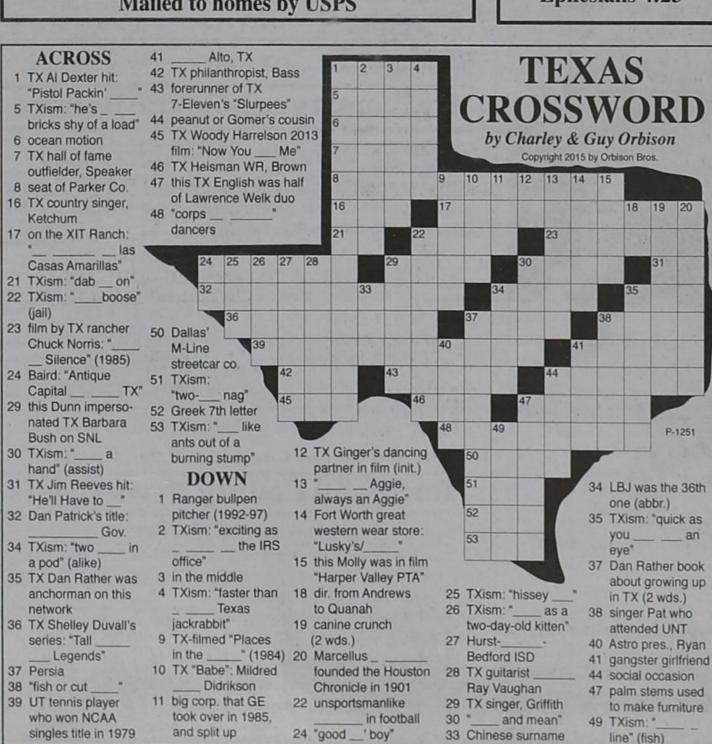
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Presenting the 10th annual First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) "The Living Nativity" are Robbie Weir (Joseph) and Melanie Weir (Mary). The event took place Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 on the church grounds, and was repeated from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Following each presentation, the cast mingled with visitors and allowed the children to pet the farm animals. Photo by Tim Burnett / Rockwall County News

Be kind one to another with tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:23





The Hartman Robotics Team, pictured above, earned first place at the First Lego Leap North Texas Qualifier conducted Saturday, Dec. 12. The team will move to the region level of competition in February. Coached by parents and teacher/sponsor Lisa Gear, in team earned a perfect score in core values and received the Champions Award for In highest cumulative score. Pictured from the left are Joshua Duffy, Luke Saavedra, Main Johnson, Austin Knoff, Johnathan Pang, Braden Bortz, Gabe Root, Connor Manning and Noah Benavides.

Courtesy photo / Rockwall County News



Local church member honored for many years of service

Ruby Nation (90) of Rockwall (left), is presented a plaque of appreciation for service and committed to First Baptist Church of Rockwall and the Martha Bible Study class. Ms. Nations taught the Sunday class for 10 years and has served in the church for nearly 18 years. She served also served on the JOY council (Jesus Otherthan You) for 10 years. She joined the church soon after moving to Rockwall in 1995. Presenting the plaque is Betty Kennedy (right), class president.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett Salvation ... speaking in tongues, Part 3

A study of Romans 10:9-15 and Acts 2:4 reveals that people must first believe with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, resulting in being filled with Holy Spirit, unto righteousness. Next, having been filled with Holy Spirit unto righteousness, they must confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus unto salvation.

Romans 10:13 shows that confessing with the mouth the Lord Jesus, and calling upon the name of the Lord refer to the same thing that is unto salvation. Considering that both are spoken with the mouth, it stands to reason that they refer to what the apostles did after they were filled with Holy Spirit -- they began to speak in tongues.

Just as believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead is prerequisite to confessing with the mouth the Lord Jesus, so also is being filled with Holy Spirit prerequisite to speaking in tongues. In essence, it's impossible to speak in tongues without first being filled with Holy Spirit, as it says in Romans 10:14, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" This rhetorical question simply drives in the truth that one cannot occur without first fulfilling

With this in mind, we will study 1Cor. 1:2 which reveals a distinction between God's spirit-filled saints, and the saints who have called upon the name of the Lord.

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"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10: 9-10

"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whereever you go." Joshua 1:9

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul." Proverbs 18:7

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path;" Proverbs 3:6

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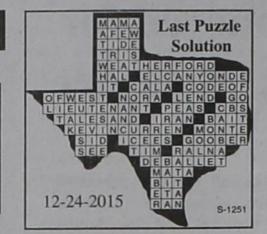
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Farm-to-Market Road 3549 (FM 3549) From: Interstate Highway 30 (IH 30) To: North of State Highway 66 (SH 66) CSJ: 1015-01-023

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in conjunction with Rockwall County, will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the Eastridge Church of Christ, 670 N. Stodghill Rd., Rockwall, Texas 75087. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements for FM 3549 from IH 30 to north of SH 66 in the cities of Fate and Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, and to receive public comment. Displays will be available for viewing at 6:00 p.m. with the formal hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The existing facility consists of one 11-foot wide travel lane in each direction with no shoulders. A left-turn lane is currently provided at the Eastridge Church of Christ and Airport Road. The existing typical right-of-way (ROW) width is 80 feet.

The proposed project would widen this section of FM 3549 from two to four lanes with one 12foot wide travel lane; one 14-foot wide outside lane to accommodate bicycles; one-foot wide inside and two-foot outside offsets to a concrete curb; and five-foot wide sidewalks in each direction separated by an 18-foot wide raised median. The median would accommodate additional left-turn lanes which would be provided at select intersections. The proposed typical ROW width would be 120 feet. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide capacity for ongoing suburbanization, improve the efficiency of FM 3549, and to eliminate safety issues created by a lack of left-turn lanes. The proposed improvements would require approximately 4.322 acres of additional ROW, 0.553 acre for a drainage easement, and 0.172 acre for a construction easement. The proposed project would displace one residence and a barn. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses.

Maps showing the project location and design, environmental document, and other information relevant to the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150, and online at www.keepitmovingdallas.com under Upcoming Public Hearing/Meeting. This information will also be available for inspection at the hearing.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT District Office, Mr. Jim Dobbins, 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Monday, February 1, 2016 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, you may contact Ms. Nancy Peron, P.E. at (214) 320-6245.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous, 24 hour help line, 800-503-8602.

AA Meetings

Rockwall, 7 days a week, Big Book Group, 213 Rusk St., 972-722-6366.

Al-Anon Meetings Call for information and locations in Dallas area, 214-363-0461.

Al-Anon Garland Meetings Monday & Friday, 8 p.m. at 2206 South Jupiter St., Suite 130, Garland.

Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter meets 6:00 p.m., second Thursday each month. 4881 Bass Pro Dr. Garland, Texas. Guests & family welcome. http://www.txssar.org/ EastForkTrinity.

Rockwall County Kiwanis Club Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 203 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

Senior Services

If you are interested in delivering weekday meals to homebound seniors in Rockwall County, we will be holding volunteer training sessions the second Wednesday each month at 1 p.m. Please call 972-771-9514 for location.

> 972-722-3099 Classified Ads

24 Hour Help Line for substance & mental health counseling. 800-662-4357.

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) meets second Saturday monthly. We offer support and education for families and individuals affected by mental disabilities. For more information call the Dallas office at 214-341-7133.

Everyone is invited to attend the "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER" event, on the second Sunday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Heritage Christian Academy - 1408 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, Texas. The free event will include guest speakers. This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested. For more information contact Mike Kennedy (972) 998-2680 or Kenneth Shores (214) 334-1206 or Jerry Minx (972) 896-7081

Rockwall County News Qualified to publish LEGAL notices for all government units located in **Rockwall County**

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Notice to Creditors of ESTATE OF WAYNE BURNHAM, Deceased

Testamentary upon of Wayne Louis Deceased, were MICHAEL WAYNE Independent Executor. 15-156, County Coun Rockwall County, Ters persons having claims the estate are required in the same to the Inden Executor within the time the manner prescribed by Address of Independent Executor: Michael Wayne Lucas 153 E. Creekview

Copy: William Wade Casey, Pr 6440 N Central Expv. Dallas, TX 75206-4123 214.696.0181;

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Legal Notices

Rockwall County's Newspaper of Record To submit legal notices call 972-722-3099

Application has been made for a Private Club Registration Permit and Food and Beverage Certificate for HCG Pin Club, Inc. Dba Charlie's Old Fashioned Burgers At 107 E. I-30, Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the lea Alcoholic Beverage Code. Heather E. Grupido, Pres/Dir Christopher L. Grupido, Sec/Dir Roger B. Fox, Dir

LEGAL NOTICE ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 470 E-RATE APPLICATION

In compliance with the E-Rate Program (www.usac.org/sl) Rockwall ISD has posted a FCC Ro 470 for Lit Fiber Connection and Uninterrupted Power Supply, 470# 548280001263889.

Interested bidders are required to submit bids to Rockwall ISD, Director of Purchasing by the line of Friday - January 15, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. (CST). Any questions regarding information post the FCC Form 470 should jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org.

NOTICE

Two positions on the Royse City Independent School District Board of Trustees are subject to election on the General Uniform Election Day of May 7, 2016. Those places are: Place 6 and Place 7 for full three year terms.

Candidates may file for a Place on the May 7, 2016 Uniform General Election Day between January 20, 2016 and February 19, 2016.

Packets containing the documents needed to file for office are available on the above dates during regular business hours at the Ernest Epps Education Service Center, 81 Old Greenville Road, Royse City, Texas.

Candidate Qualifications are:

- a. U.S. citizen
- b. 18 years or older at the start date of the term of service
- A qualified voter in the district
- d. A resident of the district for 6 months before filing deadline
- e. A resident of the state for 12 months before the filing deadline (or 12 months) before the day of the election, in the case of a write-in candidate.)

Persons who wish to vote in the May 7, 2016 election must be registered with the appropriate County-Tax Assessor-Collector no later than April 7, 2016.

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Dos posiciones en el Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisarios para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de la Tablón de Fideicomisario de la Tablón de Independiente de Ind Royse City son sometidos a elección en el Día de las Elecciones Uniforme Generales Utility Di 7 de Mayo de 2016. Esos lugares son: Posición 6 y Posición 7. Los Posiciones 6 y 7 por un plazo total de tres años.

Los candidatos podrán presentarse para una Posición el 7 de Mayo de 2016 Día de las Elecciones Uniforme Generales entre el 20 de Enero de 2016 y el 19 de Febrero 2016.

Los paquetes que contienen los documentos necesarios para solicitar la oficina estan disponibles en las fechas antes mencionadas durante los horarios normales de negona en el Ernest Epps Centro de Servicios de Educación, 810 Old Greenville Road, Royse City, Texas.

Las Calificaciones del Candidato son:

- a. Ciudadano de los Estados Unidos
- b. 18 años o más de edad a la fecha de inicio del periodo de servicio
- c. Un votante calificado en el distrito
- d. Un residente del distrito por 6 meses antes de la fecha límite de presente
- e. Un residente del estado por un período de 12 meses antes de la fecha limite de presentación (o 12 meses antes del día de la elección, en el caso de la candidato por-escrito)

Las personas que deseen votar en las elecciones del 7 de Mayo de 2016 deben esta registrados en el Asesor de Impuestos del Condado apropiado a más tardar el 7 de Au de 2016.

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ed the Holy Spirit (sinless) to replace man (Luke 1:34on for all this to happen is to allow each one of us to be r sinful nature and spend eternity with God.

is only son to spend 33 years on this earth to teach us Godly life with true peace within. God loves each of

us so much that he gave us a free gift (John 3:14 - 18). The free gift included to be forgiven of sins and the promise of everlasting life

There are many miracles surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ, starting with the preparation for the birth. The first miracle involved announcement of the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25). The angel Gabriel, God's messenger, told Zechariah, a high priest, he was sent by God to tell him his prayer has been heard. "Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John."

When the angel Gabriel finished explaining God's plan, Zechariah questioned the angel explaining that both he and his wife were old and well along in years. Gabriel answered; because of his unbelief, Zechariah would be silent and not able to speak until the day of the birth. God fulfilled His word given by the angel.

The second miracle was the conception of Jesus Christ (Luke 1: 26-38). In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary, a virgin young woman pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, both descendants of David. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ... 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. Mary believed, and God fulfilled His word.

The third miracle surrounded the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20). 2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.)... 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married ... 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

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

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this

thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen which were just as they had been told. What a loving GOD who willingly gives forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

John The Baptist

Some say of John; "He doubted" But I tell you that's not true He sent them to see miraculous things A Savior sent from God would do

John knew his work was finished He would soon pay the cost John points his disciples to Jesus He would not have them lost

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John had a signdirect from God He knew what Messiah was all about Don't listen to the uninformed Who say, "John had a doubt" B.J. Massey (Rockwall)

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Texas Department of Transportation DALLAS DISTRICT TICE AFFORDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

Department Policies Affecting Bicycle Use on the State Highway System

nsportation programs and policies affecting bicycle use on the state highway system. ise of this notice is to allow any person an opportunity to request, in writing, that a

ance with Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, § 25.55(b), the Texas Department

ortation (TxDOT) - Dallas District is offering the opportunity for a public hearing on

uring be held to explain the bicycle policies and programs. A mailing list will be by the district on this topic, and interested individuals and groups may submit a request eneral Election () d to the list.

I intested individuals may request a public hearing be held by submitting a written request, the TxDOT Dallas District - Advance Project Development, 4777 East Highway uite, Texas 75150-6643, Attn: Sandra J. Williams. All written requests must be d on or before Tuesday, January 19, 2016 to be included as a part of the official public quest record. In the event a public hearing is requested, a hearing will be scheduled s will be published indicating the hearing date and location. For additional information itact Ms. Williams at (214) 320-6686 or sandra.williams2@txdot.gov.

Section-00 11 13 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 9 will receive bids Instruction of DETENTION POND GRADING AND STORM DRAINAGE EMENTS FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. WALL COUNTY, TEXAS. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of RICT ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 208, on TX 75081) no later than 11:30 AM, Friday, January 8, 2016. The bids will be pened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will ed unopened

∋loper, Southstar Woodcreek Developer, LLC, will be the Payor for Rockwall Escolar Indepenoun funicipal Utility District No. 9.

> ecifications and bid documents are available at http://www.civcastusa. word: 05024-21. Contract Documents may be downloaded or viewed free at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders are received. opies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost g. The cost for printed Contract Documents is non-refundable. This web site dated periodically with addenda, plan holders lists, bid tabulations, additional r other information relevant to bidding the Project.

onference for the project will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, December 29, he office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER, and is not mandatory.

it be accompanied by a cashier's check or a bid bond from a surety company permit in the State of Texas for an amount equal to 2% of the amount bid. unt of said cashier's check or bond will be forfeited to the OWNER and the surety shall be liable to the OWNER for the amount in event the successful il or refuse to enter into a contract or furnish bonds as hereafter required within days after the date of notice of award.

ance, Payment and Maintenance Bonds are required.

NER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or ties in bidding in case of lack of clarity in stating prices. The OWNER reserves to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or reject the bid.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT COLUMBIA COUNTY SUMMONS

Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure Case No: 15 CV 343 Honorable Alan White Case Code: 30404

Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America PO. Box 2008

Grand Rapids, MI 49501

Plaintiff Vs.

David E. Aussicker 204 Summit Ridge Drive Rockwall, TX 75087

Tresa D. Aussicker W6109 Ridge Road Pardeeville, WI 53954

Unknown Spouse of David E. Aussicker 204 Summit Ridge Drive Rockwall, TX 75087

Unknown Spouse of Tresa D. Aussicker W6109 Ridge Road Pardeeville, WI 53954 **Defendants**

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To the following party named as defendant herein: David E. Aussicker and the Unknown Spouse of David E. Aussicker.

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after December 24th 2015, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is:

> Columbia County Clerk of Circuit Court 400 Dewitt Street PO Box 587 Portage, WI 53901-0587

And to James Peterman/J Peterman Legal Group Ltd., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: J Peterman Legal Group Ltd. 165 Bishops Way, Suite 100

Brookfield, WI 53005 You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 11th day of December, 2015

James M. Peterman/J Peterman Legal Group Ltd. State Bar No. 1016476 165 Bishops Way, Suite 100 Brookfield, WI 53005 262-790-5719

J Peterman Legal Group Ltd. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf.

Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Rockwall Swimmers Smash Team Records at TISC

Contributed by Beth Hultquist

records and came away with top eight finishes in 10 events at the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (TISCA) in school record with a 1:31.14 on Sunday. Lewisville, November 20 and 21, 2015

Ethan Dupre has a new Rockwall High School record in the 200 yard Individual Medley with a time of 1:57.47. Alex Rodriguez crushed the 100 yard breast stroke record with a 59.72 seconds. The

Yellowjackets gymnastics defeat Highland Park

The Rockwall Yellowjackets gymnastics team won first place, Wednesday, Dec. 9, in a duel meet with Highland Park High School.

TEAM 1st - 169.2 Rockwall

2nd - 165.1 Highland Park

INDIVIDUAL

Adam Alford - 2nd All Around, 1st Floor, 4th Pommel Horse, 1st Rings, 4th Vault, 1st P-bars, 3rd High Bar

Mckay Larman - 2nd All Around, 2nd Floor, 2nd, Pommel Horse, 5th Rings, 3rd Vault, 4th P-bars, 4th High Bar

Jake Hodges - 6th All Around, 5th Floor, 6th Pommel Horse, 2nd Rings, 2rd P-bars

Ryan Szafran - 7th All Around, 6th Rings, 8th P-bars

Preston Gage - 8th All Around, 7th Floor, 5th P-bars, 8th High Bar

Brett Garcia - 7th Floor, 8th Vault

Connor Campbell - 6th Vault, 7th High Bar

Zach Dougal - 1st Pommel Horse Wyatt Logan - 8th Rings

Josh Creamer - 7th Pommel Horse

Grant Geisler - 8th Pommel Horse

RHS gymnastics at L.D. Bell meet

The Men's Gymnastics team competed on Friday, Dec. 4 at the L. D. Bell Invitational. We finished in 3rd place with 167.7 points behind Lakeview's 168.2 and Trinity 168.4 points.

INDIVIDUAL (65 athletes, top 10 listed)

Floor - Adam Alford, 2nd - 9.7; Mckay Larman, 5th - 9.6. Pommel horse - Zach Dougal, 1st - 9.8; Mckay Larman, 10th -

Rings - Adam Alford, 10th - 9.3; Jake Hodges, 4th - 9.4; Mckay Larman, 7th - 9.2.

Parallel Bars - Adam Alford, 1st - 9.7; Jake Hodges, 8th.

High Bar - Adam Alford, 8th.

All Around - Adam Alford, 2nd - 57.1; Mckay Larman, 7th - 55.0.

previous record was held by Jonathan Walters set in 2010 with a time The varsity Rockwall High School swimmers set three new team of 1:01.06. The men's 200 freestyle relay with Mitchell Eldridge, Jack Conner, Ethan Dupre, and Dean Manasco broke their own

The women's varsity posted top three finishes by Amanda Armstrong taking first place in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 23.54 and second place in the 100 freestyle with a time of 51.35.

Emma Hultquist earned a third place finish with her time of 1:52.59 in the 200 yard freestyle. In addition, the women's 200 yard freestyle relay took second place with Armstrong, Janelle Hummingbird, Kayla Maxwell, and Hultquist.

Coach Paul Wallace, "I could not be more pleased with the outcome of this season's TISCA Invitational. We went up against some of the best competition in the state and walked away with either a best time or right at our best time in almost every single event. We now have a template to follow into our second cycle of training to improve on the mistakes we did make that can help us do our best for the next level of District, Regionals, and ultimately State competition in a few weeks."

Top finishers 6th place – Janelle Hummingbird 100 yard backstroke

7th place - Janelle Hummingbird 500 yard freestyle 8th place - Mitchell Eldridge 100 yard Fly

Dean Manasco 500 yard freestyle

Hummingbird, Armstrong, Hultquist, and Maxwell 200 yard medley relay

Lady Hawks gymnastics third at L.D. Bell

The Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks gymnastics team placed third with 113.2 points at the LD Bell Invitational, Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015. during their first meet of the season. Trinity placed second with 114.2 points followed by first place Bell with 115.9 points.

Top row left to right: Coach Holden, Mickey Hughes, Maddie Lundell, Rebekah Malone, Darion Mellorn, Haley Gibson, Julia Shallow, Megan Thornton, and Coach Moss.

Bottom row: Bailey Daulong, Spencer Ware, Avery Cleavinger, Peyton Moody, Alexis Spicer, Gillian Rupert, and Corinne Moody.

Individual Places are out of 57 gymnast Spencer Ware (Fr), 2nd on floor 9.8, 6th on Vault 9.6, 8th in the All-

Around 37.6, and 15th on bars 9.2. Darion Mellorn (Sr), placed 12th on beam 9.2 and 11th on floor

Senior, Rebekah Malone, placed 10th on Vault 9.5.

Bailey Daulong (Fr), placed 4th on Vault 9.65

Peyton Moody (Fr), placed 7th on bars 9.4 and beam 9.45. Haley Gibson (So), place 7th on bars 9.4 and 16th on floor 9.4.

Alexis Spicer (Fr), placed 15th on beam 9.15.



Rockwall Yellowjackets' Alex Rodriguez beats TISCA 100M Breast Stroke record in a time of 50 seconds, Nov. 20 - 21, 2015 in Lewisville. Photo by Jeff Little / Rockwall County News

RHS swim v. RHHS, Lovejoy and A

Rockwall High School hosted Rockwall-Heath, Lovejov. High School on November 11, 2015.

Amanda Armstrong, Emma Hultquist, Janelle Humming Kayla Maxwell won the 200 yard free relay with a time of The women also placed second in the 200 yard medley related The 400 yard freestyle relay with Armstrong, Maxwell 1

Brown, and Nicole Nichols took third place. On the men's side, Ethan Dupre, Alexander Rodriguez, Encl and Timothy Schaefer took second place in the 200 vard relay, and second in the 400 free relay with Mitchell Eldridge Rodriguez, and Harbin.

Amanda Armstrong earned the top finish in the 200 yard with a time of 1:58.05, Emma Hultquist posted a second place in the 200 yard individual medley and Ryan Sauer earne place finish in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 23.91.

Nicole Nichols continues to impress with a third place fini

1 meter diving event with 140.94 points. Coach Wallace adds, "Our meet against Allen and Lovejoys last competition before the TISCA invitational which is o fastest meets in the state. The team did a really good job out the small details of each race prior to this major compete couple of days. I know they will be ready."

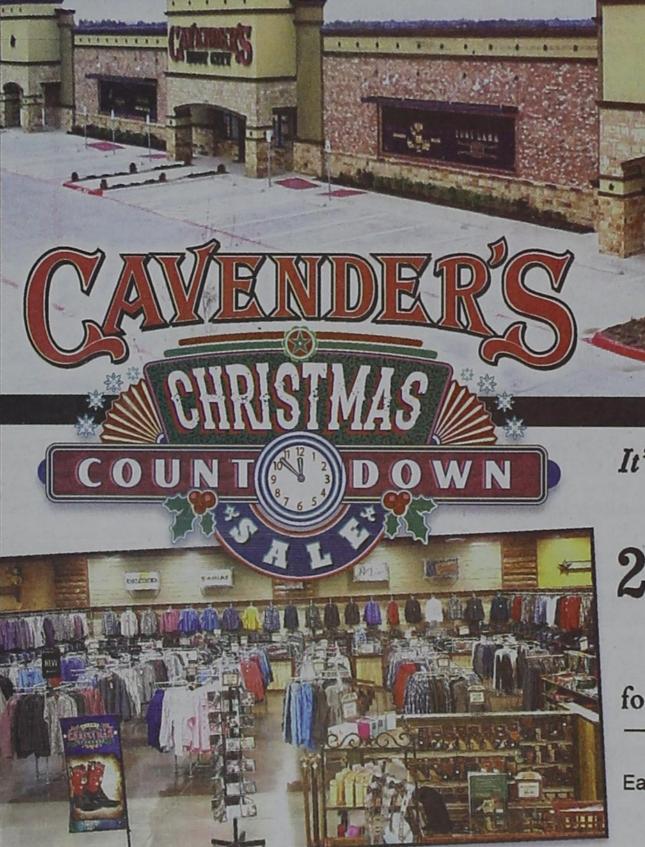
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