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Rockwall County Deputy Kevin Rowan rescues two from car in lake

By Jana Edwards
A Rockwall County deputy Kevin Rowan was in the right place at the right time when he saved the lives of two young women in a Jan. 28 incident at Robertson Park. The driver became disoriented in roadways through Robertson Park at night and drove off a boat ramp into Lake Ray Hubbard. The two women were trying to find the entrance ramp to head back to Garland and they drove down the ramp at the dead end of Dalrock Road shortly after 11 p.m.
Deputy Kevin Rowan was making routine rounds through Robertson Park when he thought he saw taillights in the water. The timing of both circumstances was remarkable, according to Rockwall Sheriff's Department

spokesman Lt. David Davis.
"Basically our patrol of Robertson Park is during evening, nighttime and early morning hours... just a drive-through to make sure it's all OK," said Davis.
Because the City of Dallas has jurisdiction over Lake Ray Hubbard, he said, the majority of patrol and enforcement is mostly handled by Dallas officers, as well as the game warden. As an extra precaution and courtesy, Rockwall County deputies occasionally pass through the park at night.
The deputy seemed to have driven through the park only moments after the car plunged into the water.
Davis verified the deputy saw the taillights because he knew from

experience it was unusual that they would still be working in a car even partially submerged in the water. The vehicle's electrical system is usually shorted out when immersed, he said, and any car will sink extremely fast.
Rowan's dashcam shows a time lapse of approximately two minutes between the time he begins calling out to the driver, then wades into the water to break the rear passenger window to extract the two occupants. As he helps the two women walk back up the boat ramp, the car can be seen slipping completely under the surface of the water.
Davis said the Rockwall Sheriff's Department will continue to patrol the lake at night, but that the task of pursuing or placing additional signage or warning lights would fall on the Dallas jurisdiction.



Pictured are the 2012 Regalia King and Queen nominees from the Rockwall-Heath High School Winter Ball. From the left: Brittany Buchanan, Jeff Bookhout, Shelby Buchanan, Alan Wilcoxson, Paige Lorey, Blake Brown, Jamie Wagoner and Sean Wallis. Lorey was named queen, while Wilcoxson was voted King. The event was a collaboration between the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and the Student Council.
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Margo Nielsen is shown at the Jan. 23 board meeting thanking Bennie Daniels for his service as chairman of the Rockwall Helping Hands Board of Directors. Awards were presented to the 2011 outstanding agency volunteers, and Daniels received the Director's Award.
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Helping Hands honors nine for volunteer efforts

Rockwall County Helping Hands recognized nine individuals Jan. 23 for their contributions as volunteers for the nonprofit critical assistance agency.

The Director's Award was given to former board chairman Bennie Daniels for his years of service. Presented by Margo Nielsen, executive director of Helping Hands, the award was bestowed on Daniels for his continued support to the agency. In 2011, Daniels and John Adams coordinated the annual Helping Hands Golf Tournament.

Adams received the Chairman's Award from Daniels for his efforts in making the tournament a success.

The Dr. David Lensch Award, named for the agency's volunteer physician and Health Center medical director, was presented to Dr. Michael Laun in recognition of his stewardship and support of the Health Center. Laun joined other local dentists in donating more than \$34,000 worth of dental services in 2011 to residents in critical need, according to a Helping Hands news release.

"Some are having a hard time, some made wrong decisions, some could be any one of us," he said. "They need a helping hand from us. They are all so grateful. I just hope they will pass it on and help others."

Former board member and treasurer Al Wall, former board chairman Greg Tudor and Daniels received the Ethel Moss Award for their service and commitment to the mission and goals of the agency.

Selected for the agency's Starfish Award for outstanding volunteer service were Kathleen Nevels, Assistance and Referral, for her work in a variety of areas - from addressing envelopes and stocking shelves to special events such as the Christmas toy distribution; Sally Pines, Assistance and Referral, for her work in the Food Pantry; Winnie Mankin, Thrift Store, who has been a five-year volunteer; and Kim Lundy, Health Center, who handled the ImmTrac system for child immunizations.

"Our volunteer force is so critical to the success of Helping Hands," said Nielsen. "We served more than 10,000 people in 2011 - and we couldn't have done that without the individuals, schools, churches and businesses and civic groups that so generously give of their time and talents."

The awards were presented at the annual Helping Hands Board of Directors meeting.



The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Youth Group will host a Pizza and Praise Concert featuring the Heritage Christian Academy Praise Team from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 12. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided, and a special message will be delivered by Scotty Smith, minister to young adults, during the band's intermission; a \$2 donation is suggested to help offset food costs. The HCA Praise Team leads praise and worship each week at the school's chapel services, as well as at other school and community events. Student musicians also play and sing with groups at Lake Pointe Church, Sabine Creek Fellowship and Lakeshore Church. They perform a variety of contemporary Christian music as well as several original praise and worship compositions. Pictured at back, from the left, are Evan Shanks, Fielder Whittington, Blake Creek, Chris Webb, Nathan Mateer, Eric Tamez, Robert Burroughs, Andrew Waters and Christian Obenchain. At front are Rachel McMillan, Corley Wiles, Cate Walker, Molli Devine, Erika Hochstein and Zach Clarke.
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RISD trustees recognize students, study reports

By Jana Edwards
At the first 2012 Board of Trustees meeting Jan. 23, Rockwall Independent School District officials reviewed updates, major recognitions and a presentation on the academic indicators for 2011.

The board recognized several major accomplishments by students in Rockwall ISD. Superintendent Jeff Bailey said he is proud to report that Rockwall High School placed first in the academic decathlon the previous weekend, and that Rockwall-Heath High School also placed high. Fifth grade students from Amy Parks Heath Elementary's Center for Economic Education placed second out of 2,000 teams in a statewide competition involving a stock market game for elementary students.

Students from seven campuses, including Rockwall HS and Rockwall-Heath HS, were present to recognize the Board of Trustees Recognition Month at the meeting after hosting a dinner just prior to the meeting.

The board received a presentation on RISD's partnership for success with Concelio, launching a parent education program that will be offered to parents at Rockwall HS and Rockwall-Heath HS. The Concelio, has been serving the Dallas area for more than 30 years, with a mission to build stronger communities by empowering parents to improve the education and health of their families.

Trustees also approved policy updates involved wellness and medical treatment and safety. Policy GRA Local 1000 addresses the relationship of the district to law enforcement involving child abuse cases. Dallas ISD and other major school districts have adopted similar policies, establishing more specific protocol for ensuring that

reports of possible abuse and neglect are handled effectively. Rockwall ISD's policy designates the current district director of safety and security as the first point of contact for such cases.

Katrina Hasley presented the Academic Excellence Indicator System to the board, providing a district academic overview, as well as data on demographics and staffing. RISD Director of Communication and Marketing Sheri Fowler said the complete report will be posted online at rockwallisd.com. In 2011, Rockwall achieved an Academically Acceptable rating.

RISD officials also announced a records management plan and the designation of a Records Management Officer, Matt Yeager.

"The plan establishes an active and continuing records management program," said Fowler. Yeager serves as the district's information services administrator.

In the consent agenda, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the Dec. 19 session, the Jan. 9 work session. Trustees also approved the monthly financial report, some personnel actions, budget amendments and acceptance of donations to the district.

The superintendent announced a tentative date Feb. 28 for a town hall meeting concerning RISD matters. Additional details will be announced.

Rockwall ISD Board of Trustee meetings are conducted on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in room 600 of the Central Administration Building. Minutes and agendas are posted on RISD website under the Board of Trustees link.



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Haley Wood, a fifth grade student from Ouida Springer Elementary, was one of four students recognized at the Dec. 19 Rockwall ISD trustees meeting. Wood's artwork was selected to be featured on a holiday card sent out by the school district to its community partners. Elementary art teachers were invited to submit student artwork for consideration. Above, Wood is shown with her art teacher, Denise Hoover. Four pieces of art were selected for the cards.
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Kristin Stone, a Rockwall High senior, is a varsity cheerleader and in her fourth year of cheerleading. Her favorite part of the sports is all of the friendships she has made. She enjoys cheering at Friday night football games and performing the annual Cabaret production. Following graduation, she plans to pursue a career in fashion. She is the daughter of Darla Ryan and S.B. Stone.
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Linda Traphagen

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Mary-Kate Davis, a Rockwall High senior and varsity cheerleader, also was a cheerleader through grades 7 through 9. She has been All-American every year she cheered and recently tried to serve as a NCA staff member for the summer months. She is her favorite part of cheering, the competition and the feeling of accomplishment attained as a part of working toward a common goal with other squad members. While she's not cheering, she enjoys reading, painting, knitting and social media. She serves on the Student Council and yearbook staff and is working toward completing 100 hours of community service. She attends Lakepointe Church with her parents, Chris and Susan Davis, and plans to attend college and major in graphic design. She hopes to be a collegiate cheerleader as well.
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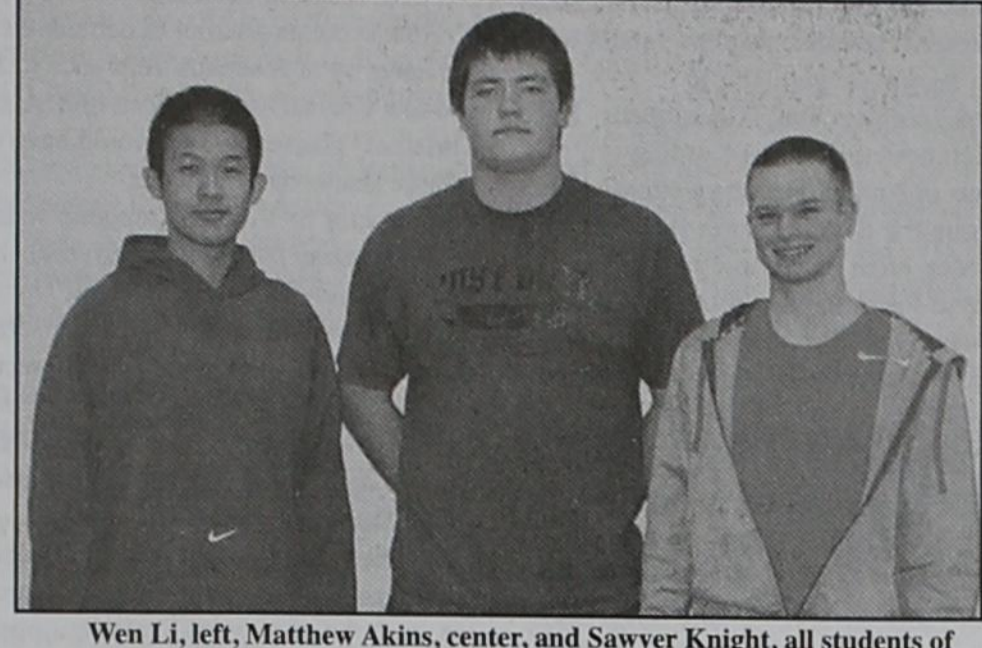
Lauren Phillips, a senior varsity cheerleader at Rockwall High, is the daughter of Bill and Debbie Phillips. A cheerleader since the seventh grade, she has been awarded NCA All-American every year since her freshman year, earning a NCA staff invitation and Best Base and Most Spirited awards. She is also a member of the RHS track team who enjoys volunteering at Lake Pointe Church, being part of her weekly discipleship group and hanging out with friends. She has participated in mission trips to Arlington, Boca Raton and Mexico. A member of the Academic Booster Club since the seventh grade, the NJHS in seventh and eighth grades and the NHS since her sophomore year, she is vice president of the Chain Reaction Club and Spanish Club and serves in Student Leadership. She plans to attend Baylor University and major in pre-med in preparation for a career as a pediatrician. She hopes to continue cheering at college.
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Local students tapped for Girls', Boys' State event

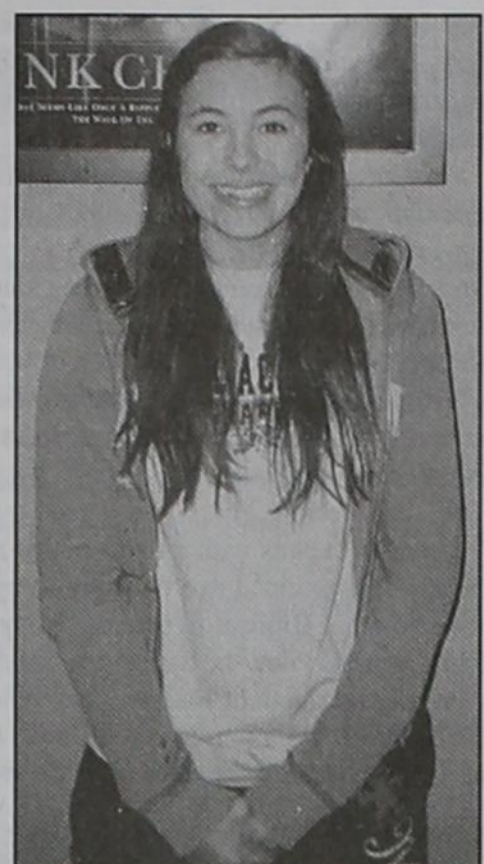
A handful of local high school students have been selected to be candidates for this year's Girls' and Boys' State under the sponsorship of the Rockwall American Legion Post 117.

Representing Rockwall-Heath will be Amanda Zabolotny. Rockwall High School students include Ivette Colunga, Reeves, Courtney Corbin, Lau, Elena Lho, Alicia Stephanie Shell, Julie Wen Li, Matthew Akins and Sawyer Knight.

Each of these students was nominated by their teachers or parents. Dates selected from this group will attend a week-long camp whose focus will be on Americanism. The camp will attend camp at Texas A&M University in Seguin, where the boys will attend camp at the University of Texas at Austin. The belief of representatives of the American Legion that there is a better way to insure the survival of Americanism than to train its young people in the ideals and objectives of the U.S. government.



Wen Li, left, Matthew Akins, center, and Sawyer Knight, all students of Rockwall High, have been selected to participate in Girls' and Boys' State. The trio will be sponsored by the Rockwall American Legion Post 117. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Amanda Zabolotny of Rockwall-Heath High has been selected for Girls' and Boys' State. She will be sponsored by the Rockwall American Legion Post 117. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall High students, from the left, Ivette Colunga, Janie Reeves, Courtney Corbin, Crystal Lau, Elena Lho, Alicia Walker, Stephanie Shell and Julie White has been selected to participate in the Girls' and Boys' State under the sponsorship of the Rockwall American Legion Post 117. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Expect improved traffic flow on Ridge Road

Drivers should be experiencing improved traffic flow on FM 740, Ridge Road, thanks to a change in traffic signals.

The Texas Department of Transportation contractor for the Ridge Road project switched traffic onto Ridge Road's new pavement earlier than planned, and the signal at Henry Chandler has been set to cycle through three cycles instead of two, which should result in an improvement in the flow of traffic. TxDOT also has installed a traffic signal on Henry M. Chandler. If a car does not pull up to the stop bar, the signal light may not change. The contractor has ordered a "stop here" sign so drivers will know how far to pull to be recognized by the signal motion detector.

For more details, contact Kerry Todd, TxDOT project manager, at 972-962-3617 or Chuck Todd, Rockwall city engineer, at 972-771-1111.

Paris named new THPH president

Christy Paris, MBA/HCM, BSN, has been named president of Texas Presbyterian Hospital effective Feb. 1, according to a news release issued this week.

Paris will remain in an advisory capacity, according to the news release.

Paris has been with the hospital since April 2007 as chief nursing officer and, most recently, as senior vice president/chief operating officer. As a RN, she has more than 20 years of experience in clinical settings and with her leadership, Paris Health Rockwall has experienced "tremendous growth in service lines the hospital offers," according to the release.

Paris is involved in the community, serving on the board of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce, the Boys & Girls Club and Fair-elect for the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, she is a volunteer big sister with the Big Brother Big Sister organization.

Throughout her career she has been the recipient of a number of awards and recognitions, including being named a DFW Great 100 in 1997.

Paris have been led to solid ground," said Kirte Kinser, governing board president. "It is our duty and privilege to continue the mission of the strength, experience and wisdom of our incoming president and the entire leadership team of our hospital."

Rockwall residents urged to continue water conservation

Recent rains delay Stage 4 restrictions, but only until summer

This past year was the driest 12-month period in Texas history. Although recent rains and cooler temperatures have offered some temporary relief, water supplies have been down and have not yet been replenished and drought conditions are predicted to continue through mid-summer.

These projections make it critical that the region prepare for water shortages, according to a City of Rockwall news release. Recently, the water district serving the municipality projected that the City of Rockwall and surrounding cities may move into Stage 4 of the District's Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan as soon as April of this year. Through stepped-up conservation efforts by the city, residents and businesses and what little rain the area has received, the North Texas Municipal Water District no longer is recommending implementing Stage 4 in April. The latest projections now indicate the implementation of Stage 4 restrictions may not be necessary until June.

NTMWD officials will keep a close eye on lake levels, the precipitation received and future forecasts to determine if or when the city will be asked to enter Stage 4, according to the news release.

The city implemented Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan on Nov. 1.

Even though Stage 3 of the plan has been extended, city officials stated they cannot encourage new landscaping; instead, they are encouraging continued water conservation efforts. The following represent Stage 3 restrictions:

- Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to no more than once every other Saturday. An exception is allowed for landscape associated with new construction that may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy, or certificate of completion.
- Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year shrubs and trees) may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.
- Prohibit washing or rinsing of vehicles by hose except with a hose-end cutoff nozzle.
- Prohibit hosing of paved areas, buildings or windows. (Pressure washing of impervious surfaces where a health issue may be present is permitted.)
- Prohibit using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste.
- Prohibit planting of cool season grasses (such as rye grass or other similar grasses) that intensify cool season water requirements.
- Wait until current drought has passed before establishing new landscaping and no hydro-seeding, hydro-mulching or sprigging is allowed.
- Watering of golf courses using treated water is prohibited except as needed to keep greens and tee boxes alive. (The Shores Country Club uses raw water from the City of Dallas and their watering will not be restricted by the City of Rockwall.)
- Registered and properly functioning ET/Smart irrigation systems and drip irrigation systems may irrigate without restrictions. (Visit rockwall.com/green to print ET/Smart irrigation system registration form.)
- Public athletic fields used for competition may be watered twice per week.
- Restrictions do not apply to locations using treated wastewater effluent for irrigation or the legal use of water pumped from Lake Ray Hubbard as may be regulated by the City of Dallas. Locations using other sources of water supply for irrigation may irrigate without restrictions.
- Existing swimming pools may not be drained and refilled (except to replace normal water loss.)

If Stage 4 is enacted there will be no outdoor watering allowed, except foundations and trees. New landscaping would be at risk of not surviving the hot summer ahead. City officials understand this could have an economic impact on local residents and businesses that purchase landscaping and the businesses that supply landscaping. Planting that requires little or no water as found in xeriscape practices is highly recommended when Stage 3 restrictions have been lifted.

It is likely that Stage 4 will include some or all of the following provisions:

- Prohibit commercial and residential landscape watering, except foundations and trees may be watered for up to two hours on any day with a hand-held hose, a soaker hose or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.
- ET/Smart controllers and drip irrigation systems used for landscape irrigation are not exempt from this requirement.
- Prohibit the irrigation of new landscaping using treated water.
- Prohibit washing of vehicles except as necessary for health, sanitation, or safety reasons.
- Prohibit golf course watering with treated water except for greens and tee boxes (The Shores Country Club uses raw water from the City of Dallas and their watering will not be restricted by the City of Rockwall).
- Prohibit construction permits for private pools. Pools already permitted may be completed and filled with water. Existing private and public pools may add water to maintain pool levels but may not be drained and refilled.

If the NTMWD imposes a reduction in water available to its member cities and customers, the same percent reduction will be imposed on wholesale customers, according to the news release.

Additionally, local residents should avoid plantings that require water to establish and sustain growth until drought restrictions have been lifted.

As the details of Stage 4 are finalized, more information will be provided.

For more information, contact Irene Hatcher, conservation coordinator, at 972-772-6435 or Rick Sherer, water/waste water manager, at 972-772-6437.

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Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.

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Jamerson presents RHHS styling workshop

Jamerson presented a fashion styling workshop for students enrolled in the design program at Rockwall High School.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Bible as historical truth, a comparison with Josephus

The Bible is packed with testimony of the words and works of God that are dated throughout time and by different people over the years. This is hugely significant even where it applies to simple historical value. In other words, God is so closely tied with the historical events compiled in the Bible, that He absolutely cannot be extracted from the accounts as truth, without reducing the whole Bible to mere fiction.

The four Gospels are basically a compilation of testimony accounts written by four different people who were not only personal witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrected body, but who had access to many other people who were with him from the beginning of his ministry, including his mother who knew him from birth.

If the four testimony accounts of Jesus Christ carry no historical value, then it must be conceded that the testimony accounts of Caesar Augustus found in

many educational books also carry no historical value. For it was Augustus who established the renaming of the months of the year and made sure his name was included therein.

Most Biblical scholars maintain libraries that include the writings of a Jewish historian named Flavius Josephus, whose writings included Antiquities of the Jews, War of the Jews, Flavius Josephus Against Apion, and Josephus' Discourse to the Greeks Concerning Hades. English translations of Josephus' writings can be found at the following website, <http://www.biblestudytools.com/history/flavius-josephus/>.

With one major exception, the scholars do not question the authenticity and accuracy of Josephus as a historian and writer. The one exception is related to his references to Jesus.

In the website, <http://www.bede.org.uk/Josephus.htm>, Christopher Price discusses Josephus with a focus on his references to Jesus. According to Price, Jesus was mentioned two times by Josephus in Antiquities. More attention was given to other Biblical figures including John the Baptist, James the brother of Jesus, Pontius Pilate, the Sanhedrin, Sadducees, High Priests and Pharisees.

Price quotes both of Josephus' references to Jesus, the first reads as follows: *Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the*

truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ, and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day according to the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians so named from him are not extinct this day (Jewish Antiquities 18.3.3).

The passage about Jesus being "the Christ" is also known as The Testimonium Flavianum. There can be no misunderstanding that this Jewish historian, born 37 A.D., believed that Jesus was the Messiah of God.

Some scholars attempt to debunk the story of Jesus' resurrection by attacking the integrity of Josephus' reference to Jesus being "the Christ." It has been argued that Christians influenced him. Another claim is that his testimony including "glosses no Jew would have written."

Price shares the following: *According to leading Josephus scholar Louis H. Feldman, the authenticity of this passage [about the martyrdom of James the brother of Jesus] "has almost universally acknowledged" by scholars. (Feldman, "Josephus," An Bible Dictionary, Vol. 3, pages 990-91)... Although Josephus' reference to the martyrdom of James is universally accepted by critical scholars, there has been more controversy over the fuller reference to Jesus. The TF contains some of our Christian glosses that no Jew would have written; such as "he was Christ" and "he appeared to them alive again the third day" (see Price under The Testimonium Flavianum).*

The first claim carries no weight because it is commonly known that all historians recognize the importance of matching testimony by three or more witnesses. Josephus was very likely in a position to interview people who saw Jesus alive after his death. He had access to Jewish and Roman government records. It is also possible that he had access to the records of the soldiers who guarded Jesus' tomb.

With this in mind, the second premise falls on its face. For if all scholars recognize Josephus as a strong and reliable source for historical information, then it must be agreed that he was not one to believe something so controversial without extensive and critical examination of as many witnesses as possible.

Therefore, as a sound-minded, precise and systematically critical historian, Josephus' words about Jesus can be treated as absolute historical truth.

If a Jewish historian born, in 37 A.D., was so convinced about the resurrection of Jesus that he took a big risk by absolutely stating his conclusion that Jesus "was the Christ," then there is no reason to doubt the conclusions and accounts by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John found in a compilation of writings known as the Gospels.

Framing continues at Habitat build site

Progress has been made at the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity's new build site at 304 E. Ross St., and work on framing and sheathing will continue this week.

The exterior walls are up and work on the interior walls is under way. More volunteers are needed. Volunteers should bring closed-toe shoes, gloves, safety glasses, tape measures, pencils, utility knives and hammers. A limited supply of community tools will be available.

Work will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. Paperwork and training is done on site. Volunteers must be 16 year or older to work.

Green, organic events scheduled

Several events of interest to individuals who want to go "green" or enjoy living an organic lifestyle have been scheduled.

On Feb. 11 and Feb. 18, Betty Montgomery will offer two full days of Permaculture DVDs with Geoff Lawton, which will be accompanied by discussions. Activities on both days will begin at 10 a.m. at Community Services 6092 College St., in Lone Oak. Participants can come one or both days; bring potluck dish to share or bring lunch for yourself. Those planning to participate should RSVP at pctx@dfwnetmail.com. Activities should wrap up by about p.m. on both dates.

The Texas Organic Farm Growers Association's 2012 Conference will Feb. 17-19 at the Mesquite Convention Center at Rodeo Center. Farmers, gardeners and consumers will gather for education and networking. Cost \$185. For more details, visit toga.org.

Northington earns Missouri S&T degree

Jason Northington of Rockwall graduated from Missouri University of Science & Technology during commencement exercises conducted in the Gale Bull Multi-Purpose Building on the university's Rolla, Mo., campus.

Northington received a master's degree in aerospace engineering, according to a university news release.

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Jean Rice Barron

Funeral services for Jean Rice Barron, 89, of Garland, formerly of Rockwall, will be conducted in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall. Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements. She died Jan. 28, 2012.

She was born Jan. 31, 1922, in Donna to Harold and Jean (Coote) Rice, she attended Christian Church and worked as a bookkeeper in the oil industry. Survivors include her daughter, Pat Gorman, and her husband, Jack, of Dallas; her son, Tom Barron, and his wife, Esther, of Palmyra, N.J.; her daughter, Harold Rice, and his wife, Jeanne, of Punta Gorda, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

C.B. Chaffin

Funeral services for C.B. Chaffin, 84, of Red Oak were conducted at 2 p.m. Feb. 1, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. He died Jan. 29.

He was born April 14, 1927, in Bonham to Braz and Altha Mae (Brown) Chaffin, he died in Red Oak in 1974. He was the song leader for Calvary Baptist Church in Red Oak. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Louise (Archibald) Chaffin of Red Oak; his children, Billy Chaffin and his wife, Elaine, of Rowlett and Donna Chaffin and her husband, Tim, of Red Oak; his grandchildren, Tina Climer and her husband, Mike, Stacy Conlin, Lisa Seacrest and her husband, David, Eric Conlin, Cody Chaffin and Kyle Chaffin; his brother, Charles Chaffin, and his wife, Virginia; and his sisters, Jimmie Lee Hill and her husband, Cecil, and Anna Pritchard and her husband, Scott.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janis Conlon; two brothers, Bobby Chaffin and Clyde Chaffin; and several sisters, Lorene Coleman, Opaline Coleman, Mary Ann Fouse, Margaret Fouse and Evelyn Tankersley.

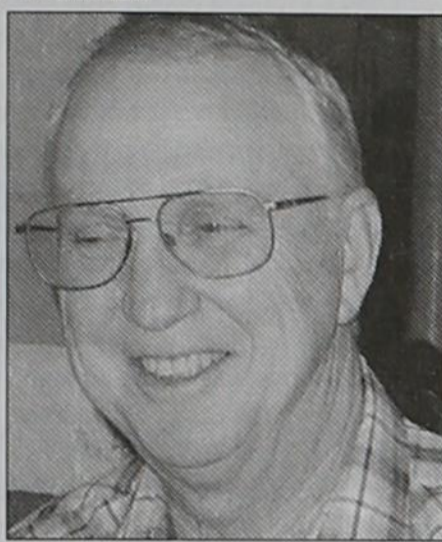
Gary Maurice Watkins

Funeral services for Gary Maurice Watkins, 77, of Wills Point, formerly of Myrtle Springs, were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 31, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Donahoe officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. He died Jan. 27.

He was born Nov. 20, 1947, in Terrell to Charles Thomas and Ima Jeanne (Coker) Watkins, he attended Austin College where he played football and basketball. He was a member of the American Angus Association and had a Myrtle Spring for 15 years.

Survivors include his daughter, Terri Watkins of Plano; his brother, Charlie Watkins of Myrtle Springs; his sisters, Dianna Watkins of Edgewood and Sarah Milwood and her husband, Paul, of Whitehouse; his sister-in-law, Mary Watkins of Fruitvale; his nieces and nephews, Chris, Zach, Laura, Casey, Lisa, Michelle, Glenn Jr., Bubba and Gary Paul; and numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Glenn Watkins. The family has suggested memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, TX 75284-1125 or heart.org.



Rockwall County News Briefs

Springer needs mentors

Springer Elementary is in need of mentors for its students. Anyone interested in mentoring should contact Barbara Allen, mentoring chair, at 972-771-8960 or Springer coordinator Barbara Jackson at barbjackson1025@yahoo.com.

RC band to host gold, silver fundraiser

The Roysse City High School Bulldog Band will host a fundraising gold and silver event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 4 at Roysse City Gold & Silver, 616 E. Lamar. A portion of the proceeds will help the Bulldog Band purchase a truck to be used to transport equipment. For more details call 972-635-2408.

Sons of American Revolution to meet

The East Fork-Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Texas Land and Cattle Steak House in Garland (on Lake Ray Hubbard). The chapter represents citizens from Fate, Forney, Garland, Mesquite, Rockwall, Rowlett, Roysse City, Sachse, Sunnyvale and Wylie. Visitors are welcome to come early and join members for dinner. Visit txsar.org/eastforktrinity for more details.

Historical Foundation program slated

Memories and Markers: A Look at Rockwall's Historic People and Places will be the topic of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's free noon program at the historic courthouse. The program will be open to the public.

RCRW membership drive luncheon set

The Rockwall County Republican Women's monthly meeting Feb. 11 will serve as the organization's annual membership drive. The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. with a meet and greet at 2625 Rolling Meadows in Rockwall. Anyone interested in RCRW membership is invited to attend. For more details visit rcrw.org.

RARTA meeting scheduled Feb. 13

Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association members will meet at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 13 in the RISD Administration Building. The program, Texas Shorty, will be presented by Jim Chancellor. All school retirees and their guests are welcome to attend.

FOL to hear Go Red presentation

Friends of the Library will hear "Go Red," a presentation by the American Heart Association, beginning at 11 a.m. Feb. 14 in the Rockwall County Library. Lunch will be catered by Zach; cost will be \$15, which will be payable at the door. Reservations must be made by Feb. 7 by calling 972-771-8976 or emailing cplagens65@aol.com.

Computer classes set at library

The Rockwall County Library will offer computer classes for individuals who need an introduction to the use of a PC. A "mouserobics" exercise and instruction about the structure of PCs and peripheral equipment will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16. An intermediate computer class will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 8. Call 972-204-7770 to register for either class.

MicroWorld Adventures exhibit slated

The Rockwall County Library will host an introduction to the Contact Science MicroWorld Adventures exhibit at a Family Night scheduled for Feb. 16. The come-and-go event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and will involve guided experiments and science crafts and activities. While the exhibit is primarily geared for children in grades 3-6, adults and younger and older children may enjoy it as well.

Bridge tournament scheduled

A bridge tournament for individuals ages 55 and older will begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 at The Center. The tournament will feature Chicago-style scoring. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Participants must have a partner to play. Prizes will be awarded to the first place and runner-up winners. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Library to close for President's Day

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Feb. 20 in observance of President's Day.

Library, county offices to close March 2

The Rockwall County Library and other county offices will be closed March 2 in observance of Texas Independence Day. The library also will be closed March 3 for a computer system migration.

Rock through Spring Break

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will once again offer its Rock through Spring Break event for local youths ages 6-12. Explorers will venture to several nature-based destinations such as a state park, zoo, aquarium and more. Space is limited. Participants will be asked to bring a sack lunch, snack and water each day. Activities will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 12-16 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost is \$113 or \$75 for Rockwall residents. Visit rockwall.com/parks for more details.

American Legion plans Birthday Banquet

American Legion Post 117 will conduct its annual Birthday Banquet beginning at 12:30 p.m. March 19 at The Center, Washington and Goliad, in Rockwall.

Easter Egg Hunt set March 31 in R'wall

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 31 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Field 1 will be for children up to the age of 2; Field 2 for children ages 5-6; Field 3 for children ages 3-4; and Field 4 for children ages 7-12. The event will be free to the public and will feature prize eggs, a bounce house, games and other activities.

Founders Day Festival set May 19

Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 19 on the downtown square. The daylong event will feature live entertainment, food and other family-friendly activities. Admission will be free. For more information visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

Peyton Deets earns HPU degree

Paul Peyton Deets of Roysse City was one of 78 graduates receiving degrees from Howard Payne University in Brownwood at the close of the university's fall semester.

Deets received a bachelor's degree in Spanish, graduating with summa cum laude honors, according to a university news release.

Wright to address RCRW Feb. 11

Chief Justice Carolyn Wright of the State of Texas Fifth Appellate District will be guest speaker for the 11 a.m. Feb. 11 meeting of the Rockwall County Republican Women.

Wright is the first African-American to serve as chief justice of any intermediate appellate court in the state. She served for 14 years as an associate justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals.

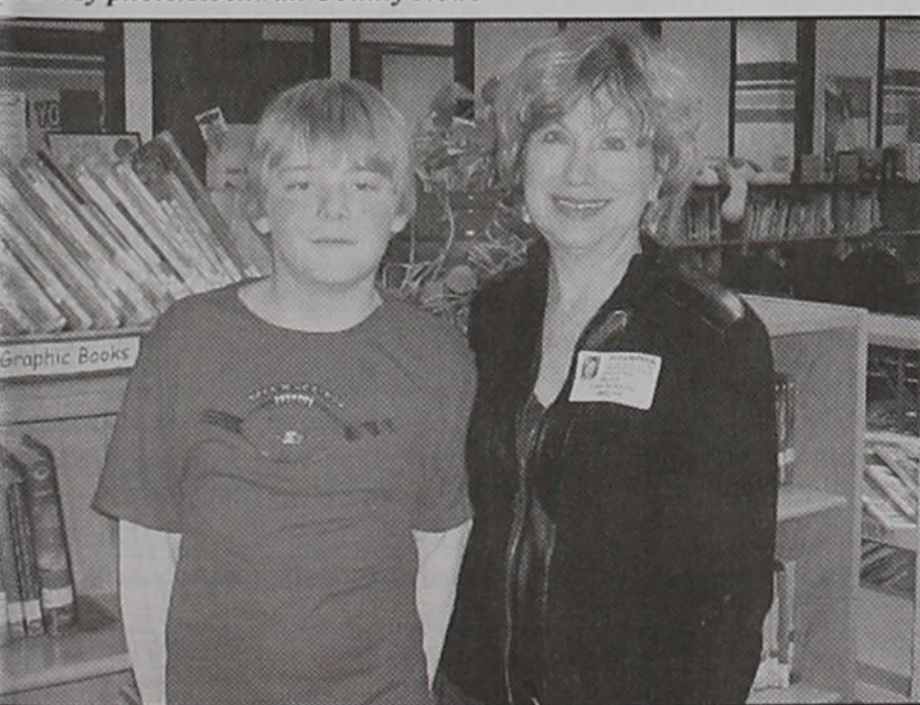
Member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association Judicial Section, National Bar Association Judicial Council, Dallas Bar Association, J.L. Over Legal Association and the College of the State Bar of Texas, she is a chair and sustaining life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; a founding fellow of the Dallas Young Lawyers Bar Foundation; fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation; and a member of the Executive Women of Dallas, the Dallas Center of Links Inc. and the Jordan Community Development Center Board.

Wright holds a bachelor's degree from the District of Columbia Teachers College and a law degree from Howard University School of Law.

At the meeting, the organization's annual membership drive luncheon, will be conducted at 2625 Rolling Meadows Drive, Rockwall. It will run until 1 p.m.



The Williams Middle School blue and orange robotics teams competed at the Texas Regional FLL Robotics Competition Jan. 21, facing 53 teams from throughout the state. All participants in the regional meet earned their way into the competition by finishing in the top nine in one of six regional qualifying events conducted in December. The competition included four parts: robotic games, project, robot design and core value. The blue team took 15th place in the robot games and the orange team took 40th place. Pictured at front are David Alderman, Victoria Reynolds, Caroline Pop, Charlie Warren and Haley Self; middle row, Victoria Cook, Christian Nott, Jarred Manning and Cody Sachs; and, at back, Jarred Wright, Jensen King, Noah Hiethrink, Rohan Rajbhandari, Austin Mares and Brooke Edsall. Not pictured is Tyler Vornberg. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Thomas Tapp, a fifth grade student at Dobbs, is shown with his mentor, Bobbie Tudor, co-founder of Reading and Relationships and a 14-year member. January was National Mentoring Month, and Jan. 26 was observed as National Mentoring Day. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Entertainment

USO Show set Feb. 3, 4 at Cain MS

The 13th annual USO Show presented by the Amy Parks-Heath Elementary Starlight Singers is set for Feb. 3, 4 at the Maurine Cain Middle School, 6620 FM 552, Rockwall. The Feb. 3 performance will begin at 7 p.m. and feature a USO Dessert, Dance & Show. Cost for admission will be \$12 per person. On Feb. 4, the performance will be a USO Dinner, Dance & Show beginning at 7 p.m. Catered by Chiloso's, cost will be \$20 per person. Both shows will feature music from the World War II era. Special guests will include veterans and active duty service personnel representing the U.S. Armed Forces. Ticket sales will be limited. Contact Jan Stonestreet at jan.stonestreet@rockwallisd.org or Sharon Burton at tburton70@yahoo.com for tickets or more details.

Pizza, Praise Concert slated Feb. 12

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Youth Group will host a Pizza and Praise Concert featuring the Heritage Christian Academy Praise Team from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 12 at the church. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. During the band's intermission, Scotty Smith, minister to young adults, will offer a special message. A \$2 donation is suggested to help offset food costs.

A&M Singing Cadets to perform locally

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets will perform in Rockwall at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at the RHS Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, in Rockwall. The performance, which will feature selections from "Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat" and the Beatles, will be hosted by the Rockwall County Aggie Moms and marks the third straight year for the group to perform locally. The concert is a fundraising event for the Aggie Moms, who present scholarships to Rockwall county students who attend the university. For scholarship information visit rockwallaggiemoms.com or contact aggiemomsrockwall@yahoo.com. Tickets to the event cost \$10 and may be purchased at the door beginning at 6 p.m.; seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to pre-order tickets contact Vickie Day at vday95@gmail.com or call 972-463-8921.

Change the Future Dinner, Auction set

The 2nd Annual Change the Future Dinner & Auction, a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 3 at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, in Roysse City. For more details contact the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County.

Locals feted at Baylor University

More than a dozen local residents were among honor students recognized for the fall semester at Baylor University in Waco.

Six students from Heath and 12 Rockwall students were among the more than 3,200 Baylor students named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for last semester, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Joshua Ryan Arnold, Blake Allan Cook, Brendan Michael Mackin, Megan Marie McKenna, Adam Russell Nedella and Melissa Ann Shirley of Heath and Cindy Ann Aguillon, Lillie Therese Coltharp, Gregory Chandler Fox, Aaron Albert Lee Houston, Kim Phuong Le, Joy D'Anna Macaluso, Courtney Renee Murphy, Rebekah Anne Radney, Tanner Wayne Rottman, Michael Brock Sterry, Christina Nicole Walther and David Edward White, all of Rockwall.

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This Week in Heath

by Darcy Rocha

Profiles of Heath: Dennis Bailey

In an effort to continue to build our shared sense of community here in Heath and to get to know one another better, I'm introducing profiles of Heath residents. For this first in the series, I recently sat down with Dennis Bailey, a 37-year resident of Heath, to learn about his ties to our area and why he is so passionate about serving our community.

Not only is this kind gentleman a good listener, but he is dedicated to improving and keeping Heath a good place to call home.

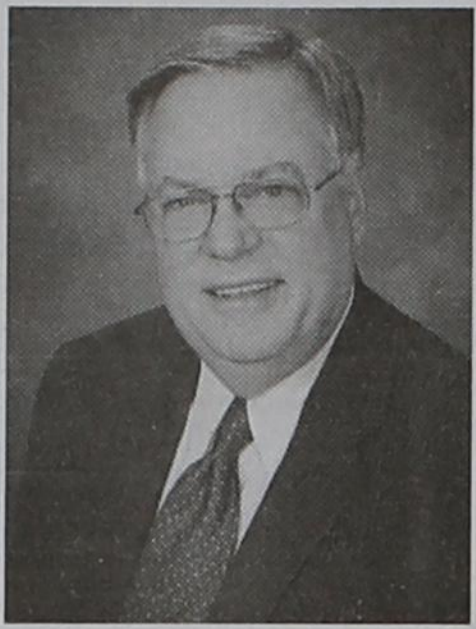
Bailey and his wife, Kathie, moved from Dallas to Heath in 1975, back when the population was fewer than 600. They had some friends that had moved out here, and after a weekend visit they were so enthusiastic about the area that they found an available lot, purchased it shortly after and built their home. Bailey continued to work as an engineer for Southwestern Bell, commuting daily to Dallas.

"Sometimes I don't want to use the term quality of life because you hear that so much and it is worn out, but I think it is a truism with our area. It truly does mean that. The quality is here," reflects Bailey about what makes Heath so unique. "We've also seen a real strong commitment from the community leaders to continue to set the standard high for the developments coming in."

As many of you know, Bailey served as the mayor of Heath from 1986 to 1988. He got his start in local politics because of his outside plan engineering expertise with Southwestern Bell. He knew a lot about subdivision planning, which was useful to the planning and zoning committee, where he first served the city.

"I kind of got my desire in watching city council. I thought that it was pretty interesting and I enjoyed being around people and problem solving. So I ran for city council and was elected," says Bailey. He served one year on council, then the position of mayor opened up for which he ran and was elected, where he served for one term.

After retirement, Bailey went on to pursue continued public service and is



Precinct 3 Rockwall County Commissioner. The northeast corner of Heath is included in this precinct.

When asked about how people in the community could get involved in public service, Bailey said, "The best way to do that is pure volunteerism. Whether you are a decision maker or someone volunteering to create some sort of special event, everybody has their passions in what they want to do. If you go into it because you want to be an elected official, you've made the wrong move. If you volunteer in a special area that you have a passion for, whether it be parks, libraries, or special events for instance, there's no question that if you pour yourself into it, that those individual that are leaders will seek themselves right to the top."

He emphasized that sometimes people take or seek positions because of someone else's idea. But he is quick to point out that the desire has to come from within, and be guided by faith.

"There's a relationship in all of us and it's got to be faith, then family, then whatever it is that you're doing. You keep those priorities straight and you can do anything you want to do. If those priorities are in line then they will all work together."

Bailey finished by looking to the future and sharing that Heath is at the tipping point with retail.

"That's the next piece that needs to be solved. We are moving in on that quickly. These new roads have expedited that," he said. "We will start having our own infrastructure in Heath, and our own shops and stores. It will take us a step forward. Retail will enhance some of the other quality things that happen there in the community. We're not going to have industry... but there's still a lot of potential out here."

Darcy Rocha is the Heath community correspondent to the Rockwall County News. To share your news and events about Heath, email her at rcn.darcyrocha@gmail.com or call (214) 771-1035.

Heath Council meets for annual retreat Feb. 3

by Darcy Rocha

The Heath City will meet today for its annual retreat. The event is a work session for council and city staff to address current issues, programs and policies that affect the city. The items on the posted agenda are for discussion only, as no formal action or votes will be taken at the retreat.

The open meeting will take place throughout the day at the Hilton Bella Harbor beginning at 8 a.m.

According to the posted agenda, the retreat will begin with a recap and review provided by Mayor John Ratcliffe and city manager Ed Thatcher, followed by a financial overview, including water shortage impact on water revenues.

The group will then step into executive session, which is not open to the public, for deliberations regarding real property - land acquisition

relating to right-of-way acquisition for FM 740.

Updates on capital improvements and future needs and funding will then be discussed when the group returns to the open meeting. The city's comprehensive plan goals, vision and mission will also be evaluated.

The second half of the day will begin with an update on the Heath Golf & Yacht club development. The group will then again step away into executive session, this time for consultation with legal counsel on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under Texas disciplinary rules of professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

The remainder of the agenda's items will take place in the open meeting. Council member Rich Krause has requested discussion regarding on-street use of golf carts. Then special election information will be given, along with a utilities report that will include information about Stage 4 watering restrictions and future planning.

Council and staff will wrap up the retreat with a social hour and dinner.

McLendon-Chisholm Council tackles code enforcement issue

by Darcy Rocha

The Jan. 24 McLendon-Chisholm City Council meeting was attended by council members except Jack Pullen. Although the meeting agenda was council took care to address the concerns of local citizens about a property perpetually out of compliance with city codes.

Lance Wheeler, representing the citizens of the Austin Corners neighborhood and HOA, was again present to speak up during the citizen comments portion of the meeting. At that time council was not permitted to discuss or debate concerns, but they lent a patient ear as Wheeler shared his concerns about property located at 109 Fairfield.

The offenses at the property have been documented by the HOA since 2007. Wheeler outlined several issues, including trash bags on the property, board up windows, a septic system out of compliance, and fences down, leaving stagnant pool dangerously accessible to children.

"In 2007 the pit bulls, five of them, attacked two separate neighbors' dogs, killing one family pet," he said.

According to a statement he read on behalf of an HOA member who was able to present, "It's a safety and liability issue and it has been for years. There's a fire hazard because of lack of watering and lack of cutting the grass. Health hazards, there's no pool pump working in the backyard so there's stagnant pool and mosquitoes and things of that nature. The septic system is not working so that's another health hazard. There's trash bags stacked on balcony. Church volunteers have gone out there and knock on the door to see they could help as well with no answer."

After approving the minutes from the Jan. 10 meeting, council went on to discuss and consider the approval of the interlocal agreement for fire protection services with Rockwall County.

Council member Gary Lovell, retired from 30 years of service with the Dallas Fire Department and a founding member of the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department, brought up a few points.

"I had a problem before with determining who the requesting party is and I still haven't defined it, they just said it's not the county," he said. "If the chief's OK with that I'm prepared to believe that means... that if McLendon-Chisholm answered a fire in the county and we need help with it they call Rockwall City and they come to help then they will be subordinate to McLendon-Chisholm because we were the first on scene. That's not exactly what it says, but prepared to go forward with it."

The interlocal agreement was approved by all, with the understanding that language would be clarified by the county attorney. Council also suggested procedural clarifications as well, to ensure that the funds received for service such occasions will easily be made available to the fire department.

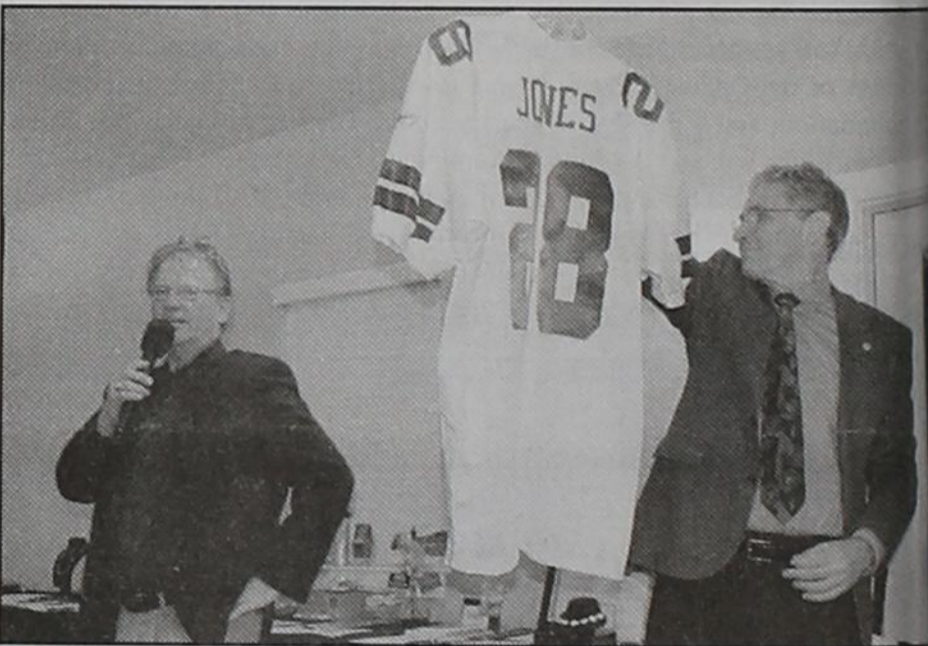
Moving on the council discussed the aforementioned code enforcement issue. Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Hatfield said, "I think that everybody's been kind, tried to approach this from a humanitarian place, if you will, and I personally think the time has come that we issue the citation and we need to take the more aggressive approach."

In December a 30-day letter was issued, which did not garner compliance. As a result, a 10-day letter was issued, and the result of which will be the issuance of a citation. Once the citation is issued, it will go through the legal process, the city will see what the court orders with regards to compliance. If there is compliance, then an injunctive process may be pursued with the city attorney. "I think it would be wise to have (city administrator) Mr. Butler talk to the counsel about the process for injunctive relieve and how quickly that can happen after the citation in 10 days," said council member Patrick Short. "In terms of health, safety and welfare, I think that we need to do as much as quickly possible."

Council agreed to pursue the issue as aggressively as possible and will continue to follow-up on the progress at future city council meetings.

"It's an issue that we've dealt with for a while and we know it's not going to go away quick, but we do want it to go away," said Wheeler. "We will do anything we can. We've already committed to paying to have it cleaned up and we'll do that. We voted as an association and said we'll do that. There's people who are frightened of that home."

Hatfield closed out the meeting saying, "I'd like to see us go ahead and start working on putting together ordinances or procedures that would give us a little bit better position in the situation that we're in right now... I don't want to become the city where if you don't cut your grass we come in there and take care of it. But in situations like this, where somebody has absolutely no concern for their neighbors or for the welfare of other people, it's one of the reasons why we're here. If there's some options out there, there's something else we do to strengthen our position, then I think we should find out about that."



Rick Crowley is shown handling auctioneer duties at the Rockwall PAWS 2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction, while Alexis Vankerhove displays a necklace. The event took place Jan. 21 at Occasions at Stone River before a sold-out crowd.

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Rockwall PAWS Jan. 21 fundraiser is a sellout

Rockwall PAWS 2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner & Auction, conducted Jan. 21 at Occasions at Stone River, catered to a sold-out crowd.

Each table featured a centerpiece with photos and stories of saved pet dogs and a dog collar for sale for a homeless pet at the Rockwall Animal Shelter. Pictures of treated or rescued animals also were featured in a slideshow that played overhead as the audience heard stories of rescues.

Bob Lewis served as master of ceremony, while Zach's Catering provided the meal. KE Wine Cellars Winery served Texas wine, and a large cake with the Rockwall PAWS logo was donated for the event by Kristen Lacy.

Silent auction gifts filled the table, and a live auction was conducted by Rockwall's interim city manager, Rick Crowley.

Special guests included Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall criminal district attorney; Mayor David Sweet; Rockwall City Council members Matt Nielsen, Cliff Sevier and Mark Russo; Brad Griggs, director of municipal services; and Shelli Miller, county clerk.

Corporate sponsors included the Soroptimists, Planet Rockwall, Heart Texas Home Healthcare, Nielsen, and Bill and Becky Cecil.

Local veterinarians Kurt Avery, David Loftis and Mike Sealock were lauded for their participation in the Save a Heart-Save a Life campaign that provides treatment for heartworm-positive shelter dogs through funding provided by Rockwall PAWS. In support of the city's required 90 percent live outcome all heartworm-positive shelter dogs are treated once fostered or adopted.

Guests learned more about Litter-Free Rockwall, the low-cost spay/neuter program that facilitates the monthly KCAAP shuttle. Rockwall PAWS president Sandra Solomon stressed that the adoption rate will never be the birth rate, so adoptions and spay/neuters are needed to prevent needless euthanasias.

Animal Hospital of Fate, Ridge Road Animal Hospital, Ponderosa Pet Resort, Stonebridge Veterinary Hospital and Red Wolf Resort were commended for helping during shelter overcrowding. Each boarded two or more animals for free from June through December. Implemented by Rockwall PAWS, this and the Foster Home Network developed by the shelter prevented many animals from being put down.

ACROSS

- 1 in Jasper Co. off 96
- 5 archives division of the Texas State Library (abbr.)
- 6 state animal control org. (abbr.)
- 7 TXism: "out ___ killer"
- 8 this boxer beat TX Foreman in '74 "Jungle Rumble"
- 9 TXism: "___ in the pan"
- 15 therapeutic baths
- 16 headlong rush of a cattle herd (2 wds.)
- 19 TXism: "___ a bubble out of plumb" (crazy)
- 21 TX actor Gary who played Buddy Holly popular Fort Worth restaurant: "Joe T."
- 27 TX Kelly Clarkson was the first "American ___"
- 28 martial art of TX rancher Norris
- 29 TXism: "don't beat ___ the bush"
- 30 90% of ___
- 32 TXism: "good ___ boy"
- 33 TX folklore, e.g. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31
- 37 Linda Gray was "Dallas" ___ Ellen
- 38 this Jimmy starred with TX Audie in "Night Passage"

DOWN

- 1 Astro or Ranger lumber
- 2 TX Ima Hogg's fictional sister
- 3 St. ___ Lakes are in Refugio Co.
- 4 TXism: "boring ___ with a game warden"
- 8 primates
- 9 TXism: "natural ___ melon"
- 10 ___ Worth, TX formerly called ___
- 11 TXism: "hasta ___ vista" (see ya later)
- 12 TX Anne Armstrong was ___ to England ('76-'77)
- 13 forward/center Tim Duncan is a San Antonio ___
- 14 TXism: "___ few bricks shy of a load"
- 15 TXism: "joined his ___ the dirt" (fell)
- 16 TXism: "got ___ of corn to shuck"
- 17 sent around the main route
- 18 peephole
- 20 TXism: "call it ___" (quit)
- 22 TX film cowboy Autry (init.)
- 23 TXism: "he'd ___ wrestle King of Kong" (brave)
- 24 TXns Orbison & Judge Bean
- 25 Coast Guard boat
- 26 "It's hot ___"
- 28 Palestine, TX AM
- 31 TXism: "just ___ yonder"
- 34 East ___ TX
- 35 TXism: "come hell ___ high water"
- 37 TXism: "cut from the ___ bolt"
- 40 TXism: "hands ___"
- 43 hockey great
- 44 TXism: "___ irons in the fire"
- 50 citrus fruits
- 51 ___ Campo, TX

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to §42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Rockwall County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on 9th day of January, 2012.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. §1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Rockwall County, Texas.

[Signature]
County Clerk - Rockwall, TX

AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

De conformidad con § 42.035, Código Electoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Rockwall, Texas, este documento proporciona la notificación de cambios en los límites del Condado de política adoptadas por la Corte de Comisionados, y como precleared por el Departamento de Justicia el día 9 de January, 2012.

Las personas interesadas pueden revisar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del secretario del condado durante las horas regulares de trabajo.

Los cambios en los precinctos electorales del condado fueron necesarias por la redistribución de los distritos del Condado de la Corte de Comisionados de conformidad con la Constitución de los Estados Unidos y 42 USC § 1973; también conocida como la Ley de Derechos Electorales, tras la publicación de los datos del censo 2010. Los cambios en los precinctos electorales del condado fueron diseñados para lograr un equilibrio numérico entre los cuatro distritos electorales comisionados judiciales, y para asegurar los derechos de voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado de Rockwall, Texas.

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Application has been made for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant permit with FB for:

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John G Kern, President/Director
Steven Marie Hunter, Vice-Pres/Asst.Sec/Dir
Thomas W Wentz, Secretary

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 14, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 20, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

2012-001: Proposed Zoning Change – 1785 I-30

Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Roger Sezik of Hoss Properties, LLC for approval of a zoning change from (Ag) Agricultural district to (LI) Light Industrial district on a 1-acre property located at 1785 I-30 and known as Tract 5-1, Abstract 134, J. Lockhart Survey, and take any action necessary.

2012-002: Proposed Specific Use Permit – 206 E. Rusk

Hold a public hearing and consider a request from Sandy Johnson of Bella's House for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for an "Antiques / Collectible Store" within the (DT) Downtown district, specifically in conjunction with their existing retail business located at 206 E. Rusk, being a 0.057-acre tract known as west 25-ft of Lot 2, Block L, Rockwall O T Addition, and take any action necessary.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. Additional information can be found on all current Zoning cases on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/Planning/ZoningChanges.asp>

City of Rockwall, Texas

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Airport Development Plan Request for Proposal

The City of Rockwall, Texas intends to engage an Aviation Professional Services Firm for services pursuant to Chapter 2254, Subchapter A, of the Government Code. The City of Rockwall will solicit and receive proposals for professional services as described below:

Scope: Prepare an Airport Development Plan which includes, and is not limited to information regarding existing and future conditions, proposed facility development to meet existing and future demand, constraints to develop, identify development alternatives, anticipated capital needs, financial considerations, management structure and options, local economic impact, as well as an updated Airport Layout Plan. The Airport Development Plan should be tailored to the individual needs of the Rockwall Municipal Airport.

Proposals should be sent to the City of Rockwall, 385 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087 no later than Monday, February 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Electronic facsimiles or forms sent by email will not be accepted. Please mark the envelope of the forms to the attention of Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Agent. The complete RFP packet is located on the City's website at www.rockwall.com.

If there are any procedural or technical questions please email Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Agent for the City of Rockwall at leawing@rockwall.com.

For any contact regarding this project with those associated with the City of Rockwall, Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, or Rockwall Municipal Airport, other than the individual listed above, prior to the submission of the RFP or during the evaluation period afterwards may result in disqualification for consideration.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Marsha A. Ablard, Deceased, were issued on January 30, 2012, under Docket No. PR 12-09, pending in the County Court of Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Susan J. Ablard May.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Susan J. Ablard May, Independent Executor,
 Estate of Marsha A. Ablard, Deceased

c/o Sol S. Reifer, Esq.
 Wright Ginsberg Brusilow P. C.
 14755 Preston Road, Suite 600
 Dallas, Texas 75254

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Dated this 30th day of January, 2012.

ESTATE OF MARSHA A. ABLARD, DECEASED

By: Sol S. Reifer, Esq.
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14755 Preston Road, Suite 600
 Dallas, Texas 75254

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bettie Jo Rhoades Purdon, Deceased, were issued on January 25, 2012, in Cause No. PR12-07, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Tommy J. Purdon.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Brian Blessing
 Attorney at Law
 104 W. Kaufman Street
 Rockwall, TX 75087

DATED the 30th day of January, 2012

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROBERT EARL WRIGHT, Deceased, were issued on January 13, 2012, in Cause No. PR11-122, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: LISA WRIGHT SEXTON.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Steve Shipp
 Attorney at Law
 P.O. Box 35
 Greenville, Texas 75403-0035

DATED the 25th of January, 2012.
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Royse City Bulldogs wrestle Denison to a 53-44 win

The Royse City Bulldogs took control of the last three quarters of basketball to defeat Denison 53-44 Tuesday, January 31 at home.

After a first quarter 13-5 Denison advantage, the Bulldogs (6-2-0 in District) closed the gap to a 19-21 Denison lead at halftime.

Cayce Dahmer charged up the Bulldogs at the start of the second quarter with a 3-point basket, followed by three 2-point shots.

The second half was a continuation of the second quarter, as the Bulldogs frustrated Denison with a resolute defense. According to Coach Anthony Howerton, "Our defense was the key. We pretty much stopped their two big scorers for the entire second half."

The third quarter started with another 3-point shot by Dahmer. The teams took turns scoring, with Denison keeping the lead, until Jamie Brecino nailed a 3-point shot pushing the Bulldogs to a 1-point deficit.

Soon Michael Webb pulled the Bulldogs ahead with a 2-point shot, followed by Dahmer's 2 points putting Royse City on top 34-31 to start the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs knocked in 20 points while holding Denison to 15 points during the fourth quarter.

"Cayce Dahmer and Jaime Briceno were solid on both ends. Matt Stone and David Frye controlled the boards, and Michael Webb is doing a great job

of controlling the game at point guard with timely steals and taking of the ball," continued Coach Howerton.

The Bulldogs will travel to Sherman on Friday, February 3, and will meet Greenville on Tuesday, February 7 in Royse City.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	5	14	15	20	54
DHS	13	8	10	12	43

Paris North Lamar faces big 10-0 defeat to Bulldogs

The Bulldogs' varsity soccer team pounded Paris North Lamar 10-0 last Friday, January 27 in Royse City.

Logan Humphries led the team with 4 goals. Goalie Alan Olade secured the shutout win with 6 saves.

Other scorers were Luis Garcia (1), Jose Guerrero (1), Oscar Ramos (1), Cameron Thomas (1, with 1 assist), Chase Selby (1) and Jacob Sanchez (1).

On the next Monday, the team fell to Forney 3-1, with 9 hard-fought saves by Royse City's varsity goalie Alan Olade, at home.



Royse City Bulldogs' Jacob Sanchez (9) gets a slide tackle during last Friday's home game (January 27) against Paris North Lamar.

Photo by Pat Corl/Rockwall County News

With a 3-7-2 record under its belt, the Bulldogs entered the game with a quick-start attack and goal by Logan Humphries, assisted by Jose Guerrero, during the first two minutes.

The Royse City starting line-up has been short two key players due to injuries.

Manny Ramirez is sitting out because of a hip flexor injury.

Jacob Sanchez stepped into the game for about the first 10 minutes with a quad injury, but rested through the end.

Coach Chad Lancaster anticipates both players will be back on the field for the next game.

The junior varsity team defeated Paris North Lamar 3-0 with goals scored by Christian Rios, Blain Hickman, and Julio Alvarado. The Bulldogs got back on the field and fell to Forney 2-1 Monday night. The Jackrabbits could not stop Christian Rios from scoring a second half goal.

The j.v. and varsity teams will play at home on Tuesday, February 7 against Rockwall-Heath.

Individual	Points	3-point	Rebounds	Turn-overs
Tre Hayes	2	0	2	0
Webb	11	0	3	2
Stone	2	0	6	6
Wes Brookshire	0	0	0	0
Dahmer	19	6	10	1
Briceno	11	3	4	4
Frye	5	0	7	1
CJ Wanton	3	0	1	1

Murrey, Brown hold 1st place in Region ladies Power Lifting

The Royse City Lady Bulldogs' Power Lifting team returned the Sulphur Springs meet last Saturday, January 28 after a heavy performance.

Brittini Murrey set a personal record in two lifts with a 420 lbs squat and 210 lbs bench press. "She already passed the qualifying total for region and should return to the state championship meet this year," said Coach Holden. Murrey is ranked #1 in the Region 2.

Also holding a first place position in Region 2, 114 lbs class, is Freya Emily Brown, who posted a 195 lbs squat, 95 lbs bench press and 215 lbs dead lift for a Region leading 515 lbs total.

Another personal best performance came from Chloe Richardson with a 245 lbs squat, 130 lbs bench press and 265 lbs dead lift. Richardson is currently ranked second in Region 2.

Holding a fourth place position in Region is Rebeccha Oldham who out-lifted her personal best with a 225 lbs squat, 105 lbs bench press and 250 lbs dead lift.

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Opinions

Complicated Texas elections

Elections in Texas seem to get more complicated each time we go to the polls. This year we get the opportunity to vote in national, state, county and local elections.

But unfortunately there is a lot of uncertainty here in our state about when we will actually get to vote, who some of the candidates will be and what will be the actual voting geographic lines that define the area of candidate representation. This uncertainty all stems from the 2010 census and the resulting redistricting of political boundaries based upon population changes.

Because of the census results, Texas will get four new Congressional districts. These districts must be defined and established through the redistricting process so that each member of Congress in Texas will represent about the same number of citizens. Sounds complex but really it is fairly easy to do. The issue that has caused all the problems has been the federal law that hinges on the "one person-one vote criteria" which requires that each person have the opportunity to be fairly represented. This means that if the population growth in Texas has been caused by an increase in the minority population, then the new Congressmen should be from Congressional Districts that give these new citizens in the state the fair opportunity to select their representative.

"Equal Representation

This criterion of equal representation has resulted in a legal battle where the state legislature initially established the new political boundaries. A lawsuit was filed saying these new proposed boundaries did not meet the federal guidelines. This resulted in a Federal Appellate Court located in San Antonio establishing new proposed geographic lines. However these lines were then challenged by the State of Texas. This drove the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court which agreed with the state, in part, and returned the issue to the Appellate Court. This is what has caused our Primary election date to move from early March to early April to unknown at the present time.

We did not have this problem with redistricting our new political boundaries here in Rockwall County. A citizens committee of 15 volunteers worked in conjunction with our law firm, our commissioners and our elections administrator to establish new commissioner precincts that equally divided our citizens in the county. This new plan was submitted to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. where it was approved without exception. We are ready for the election once the date is established by the courts system.

Who to elect and what they do

We have two district judges located in the county. They are both up for election. In Texas these judges preside over courts of general jurisdiction in our state. They have original jurisdiction in all felony cases, divorce cases, cases involving title to land, election contest cases, civil matters with specific dollar limits and any matter in which jurisdiction is not placed in another trial court. Their yearly salary is \$140,000 of which the county pays \$15,000 and the state pays the remainder.

We have one court-at-law judge. He, too, is up for election this year. This judge has criminal jurisdiction of Class A and B misdemeanors and appellate jurisdiction over Class C offenses and justice of the peace and municipal court decisions. This position can also issue writs of injunction, mandamus, attachment, garnishment, sequestration and habeas corpus in cases where the offense charged is within the jurisdiction of the court. This judge, as the district court judges, must be an attorney. The yearly salary of the court-at-law judge is \$139,000 of which the state pays \$75,000 and the remainder is paid by the county.

The sheriff is also up for reelection. The sheriff is responsible for executing all processes directed to that office by the courts. He is also responsible for operating the Jail and is charged with the security of the courthouse. He serves civil process including citations, attachments, sequestrations, distress warrants, executions, garnishments, injunctions and forcible entry and detainers. He is the chief law enforcement officer of the county and is charged with the enforcement of many criminal statutes. The sheriff is also responsible for criminal investigations in the county and for the preservation of law and order. His salary is \$80,916 and is all paid by the county.

The district clerk is responsible to insure that the affairs of the district courts are maintained objectively with the full confidence of the judicial authorities. This office holder is responsible and acts as the official recorder, registrar and custodian of all court pleadings, instruments, and papers that are part of a case. Other duties include indexing and securing all court

records, recording all court verdicts, collecting filing fees, and handling funds held in litigation and money awarded to minors. This person is also responsible for the jury selection process and acts as the liaison between the jurors, courts and employees. This salary is \$68,147 and is all paid by the county.

The tax assessor is the person responsible for the collections of monies due to the state and the county for property tax and automobile registration, titling and title transfer of all motor vehicles and trailers in the county. State tax on all automobiles sold in the county is collected by this office. Citizens will most likely visit this office at some time because of the vehicle registration and license plate renewals requirements as well as the collection of the property tax on homes and businesses. The salary for this position is \$68,147 and it, too, is all paid by the county.

The county currently has two justices of the peace. However, because of state mandate we must add an additional two new JPs effective with the election in November. Each JP has jurisdiction over civil, small claims and eviction suits up to \$10,000. They also serve as a magistrate and can issue warrants for arrest as well as search warrants after determining there is enough probable cause to do so. They review applications for emergency mental commitments and emergency protective orders. They also are required to rule on cause and manner of death on unattended deaths and must determine when an autopsy is necessary to find the cause of death. The current salary for the county JPs is \$66,018; however, these salaries are under review based on the requirement to increase two JPs without a change in overall county workload.

As in the JP offices, the county currently has two constables, but must add an additional two based upon state mandate. Duties of these office holders include acting as bailiffs for the JP court, serving papers generated by the court system to affected citizens, overseeing the eviction of homes ordered by the court system and serving as a peace officer when required. The current salary of the constable position is \$51,643, but again these salaries are under review based upon the increase to four constables without an increase in workload.

Two county commissioner positions are to be voted upon in the primary and general election. Each commissioner position is one of five positions that make up the policy and budgetary portion of county government. This group, the Commissioners Court, is composed of a commissioner from each precinct in the county plus the county judge. They develop the budget for the county and they provide policy guidance for the operation of the county. Prior to the 1980s, each commissioner in the county was also responsible for the roads and bridges located in their precinct; however, now the county operates under the Unit Road and Bridge System, which relieves them of this direct responsibility. Commissioners are the direct interface for their citizens into the county system of government. The salary for each commissioner is \$63,888.

There are other elected officials in the county, but they are not up for election this cycle.

Knowing who to vote for

As you have probably noticed, election signs are appearing on our streets and soon we will start to see advertisements in the papers about the various candidates. Based upon past experience, I know many people will say, "I don't even know who's running and I don't know what they are suppose to do or what's different about one candidate from another. I'm just not even going to vote."

Well, I say that is a cop-out. In short what you are saying is "I don't care who wins." And I bet deep down you really do.

Voters need to be informed

Please take the brief information in this article and use it as a starting point to find out about the job and the candidates running for the job. Find out where they stand on the issues or if they are even running on any issue. Are they the person or persons you want to represent you at this level of government? Remember, none of us are happy with a \$15.3 trillion national debt, or an unemployment rate that bounces between 9 percent and 10 percent for three years or a national government that has not even had a budget for three years.

You can help solve these problems by becoming involved. Make sure our officials are the ones you want to represent you. If they won't fix it at the top, we will start the process here at the bottom. Get informed and vote for those who will represent what you believe.

Jerry Hogan is the county judge in Rockwall County. He can be reached at jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033.

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Explaining the Federal Reserve

A lot of people, including me, were convinced that the Federal Reserve Bank (known as the Fed) was owned and operated by several large for-profit banks. This information was published in several articles that sounded convincing.

This list included Rothschild Bank/London, Warburg Bank/Hamb, Rothschild Bank/Berlin, Lehman Brothers/New York, Lazard Brothers/P, Kuhn Loeb Bank/New York, Warburg Bank/Amsterdam, Chase Manhattan New York Goldman, Goldman, Sachs/New York and Israel Moses & Italy. A check on this list reveals that several do not exist as: Rothso Warburg, Kuhn and Seif. Lazard is now a ltd. company with a small size. Chase Manhattan was renamed JP Morgan Chase. The 1913 law authorized the Federal Reserve Bank and the fact that some of the banks accuse ownership does not lend any credibility to foreign ownership.

The FRS is headed by the Board of Governors (seven members appointed by the president and approved by the Senate) is a federal agency with no mechanism for anything resembling private ownership. The Fed is a government-owned agency. The Fed's website insists that it is not a corporation, is not operated for profit, and is not funded by Congress. Fed was set up in 1913 as a lender of last resort to stop bank runs following a particular bank panic like the one in 1907. The Fed's mandate was to keep the private banking system intact. That means keeping intact the system's most valuable asset, a monopoly on creating the national money supply.

There are 12 Federal Reserve Banks in the U.S. All national banks, some state banks are stockowners of their respective Federal Reserve Bank. These stock certificates cannot be sold or traded nor used for collateral any reason. Each bank that is a member will get 6 percent dividend at the end of the year only. The New York Federal Reserve has the most power.

Sixty three (63 percent) of the New York Federal Reserve Bank is owned by Chase Manhattan, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Chemical Bank, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Bankers Trust Company, National Bank of North America and the Bank of New York. The SEC requires that any that owns more than 5 percent of the stock must list the names of these owners. Today, there are no foreigners owning more than 5 percent of these banks. The New York Federal Reserve. Therefore, no foreigner has control of the banks or the Fed. The excess shares (37 percent) do not show foreign ownership any controlling power.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank through its direct and permanent representation on the FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) has no say on monetary policy than other Federal Reserve Banks, but it still has vote of twelve on the FOMC and no say at all in setting the discount rate, the required reserve ratio. The powers over U.S. monetary policy rest with the publicly appointed Board of Governors and the FOMC, not with New York Federal Reserve Bank or a group of international conspirators.

The Federal Advisory Council is a panel of 12 representatives appointed by the board of directors of each Fed Bank. The council meets at least 4 times per year with the members of the board to give them advice and discuss general economic conditions. The advice is not binding on the board. Essentially, the council has no power.

By an agreement between the Board of Governors and the Treasury, nearly all of the Fed's annual profit (since 1947) goes to the federal government (approximately 98 percent). About half of the remaining money (about 50 percent) goes to the Fed and the member banks for dividends to the member banks.

The Federal Reserve System is a bit complicated but seems to be working successfully over the years. One current problem is the overspend of the federal government in spending more than it makes. This is a serious problem with the executive and legislative branches of our government, the Fed's.

Art Hendon, Rockwall

Some things never change

"On Growing up Tough," a novel written by Taylor Caldwell published in 1971, remains ageless. It still provides a good healthy dose of entertainment for today's reader who is not caught up in the popular clapnet of modernity.

"Tongue in cheek" experiences of childhood and adult life provide much chuckles for the reader, but it is quite apparent the problems that were plaguing society two generations ago remain today. "We gave them no arms, no spiritual armor."

The author observed: our courts differed little from the operation of Roman courts during the days when Rome declined from a republic to a despotic democracy ... Women demanded dominance in America and submitted to that dominance ... 'They' have made fools of our fathers, brothers, our husbands, our sons ... The parents and grandparents of hippies took away their holy heritage in this age of materialism and affluence and too many of the clergy have led them astray into secularism ... If true, as is alleged, that more and more women are becoming alcoholics their sanitized suburbs, it is because they have lost-in the deeper meaning of the word -- their husbands. They have lost their authority, their lovers, their companions, their friends. They have lost what God gave them, and God help them ... We have taken away their Lord, and they do not know where we have laid Him. Until they find Him, they and our world stand in threat."

Jacqueline Frank Strickland, Rockwall

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celebrating the grand opening of Texas Health Rockwall Women's Imaging Breast Center are Dr. Minshew, PACS physician and physician (right) Brandy Bow, mammography technician; Dr. Minshew, PACS administrator; Brandon Chau, radiologist; Barbara Minshew, mammography technician and Susan Allen, Navigator. They are part of the Inspiration Mammography machine – the first in the country to have "lighting" to help patients during exam. The event was held January 31 at the new location, 3136 Horizon Road, Rockwall, TX 75087.

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