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McLendon-Chisholm's Council eyes Sonoma Verde development

by Nancy DeBok Rocha

Council members were present for the Nov. 13 meeting of the McLendon-Chisholm City Council. The city hall was tight with several members ready to weigh in on the proposed Sonoma Verde development to the city.

Reich, Planning and Zoning Commission chair, gave the report to the commission, saying that the final plat of Sonoma Verde development has been approved by the board 4-1 and they feel comfortable with the changes if their contingencies could be met.

The final plat is not to be filed until the water and the wastewater treatment systems have been finalized. No construction or permits are allowed and granted until they have finalized the water source for the city," said Reich, noting the contingencies the commission will look for their approval of the plat.

The issue then went to the council and mayor for final discussion and the debate centered on the fact that the source of water for the development has not been finalized.

Gregory of FC Cuny Corporation, Sonoma Verde project developer, stood up to explain the approach to the issue.

He noted that the council and P&Z feel like this project has been brought to them in an expeditious fashion ... but this project has been in the works since 2006," he said.

He said there currently are three options if water cannot be supplied to the city of Terrell. First, they could step in and do the agreement with the city and create their own water supply corporation, but that's not the preferred option. The second option is to drill for water and serve Phase I on a temporary basis, and although it would be cumbersome and expensive, it would fit into their cost model.

Another option of those work, then there's a possibility of going back to RCH for a permit.

"We've got to get water to the development," he said. "The property's got a lot of potential upside for it not to go one way or the other. We've had to get these approvals in place so our bank knows, our investors and our builders know that we're committed to the project."

After much consideration and discussion by all members, the plat was approved unanimously.

After news, Terrell Miller was appointed an alternate member to the council for adjustment. Miller is a civil engineer and stay-at-home dad who has worked in McLendon-Chisholm for two years. All voted in favor of his appointment and he will assume his position as of Jan. 1.

Hall feted with portrait unveiling

Local representative is oldest House member to cast a vote

Congressman Ralph M. Hall (TX-04) on Nov. 27 became the oldest member in the U.S. House of Representatives' recorded history to cast a vote, surpassing the previous record held by Rep. Charles Stedman (TX-10).

Coinciding with Hall's historic vote, the unveiling ceremony of the portrait of Hall, Committee on Science, Space and Technology was held by invitation of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society.

Following Hall's 18,549th vote cast on the House Floor, Rep. Lamar Smith (TX-21) hosted a special order in his honor. Many colleagues on the floor of the aisle spoke of their years of service with Hall and the impact he has had in Congress.

Throughout his time in Congress, Chairman Hall has served this country with style and humor," said Rep. Lamar Smith. "It is an honor to work with Ralph as both a colleague and a friend. Ralph has always been a man I'd rather be respected at home than liked in Washington." Ralph, who actually have achieved that rare combination of both."

Eddie Bernice Johnson, who serves as ranking member on the Committee on Science, Space and Technology with Hall, said, "Years in this Congress bring people together -- whether they are Democrats or Republicans -- people from Texas are together when we get here. And so there's something that would keep me from coming to say 'congratulations' to Mr. Hall."

Other speakers during the special order included Reps. Steven Palazzo (TX), Sheila Jackson Lee (TX), Chuck Fleischmann (TN), Joe Barton (TX) and Joe Latta (OH).

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Children of all ages pet the horses from The Silver Lining Training Center during the Rockwall Christmas parade sponsored by the Rockwall Kiwanis Club on Saturday, December 1 on the square in Rockwall. Shown on the horses are Carol Orloff (front) from Richardson on the Arabian gelding Silver Storm, and Regan Watson (back right) of Rockwall on the 6 year old gelding Show Me Your Harley.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Bankhead National Highway plaque to be placed in Fate

by Millie Jean Coppedge

According to the agenda for the Fate City Council meeting of Nov. 19, "Ordinance No 0-1218 approving the proposed final service and assessment plan, final assessment roll, final reimbursement agreement and the levying of assessments against property within Williamsburg Public Improvement District No 2" was approved and passed.

Present was Fate City Attorney Andy Messer, who told the council that "this is the final action required in order to move forward with Williamsburg PID (Public Improvement District) #2."

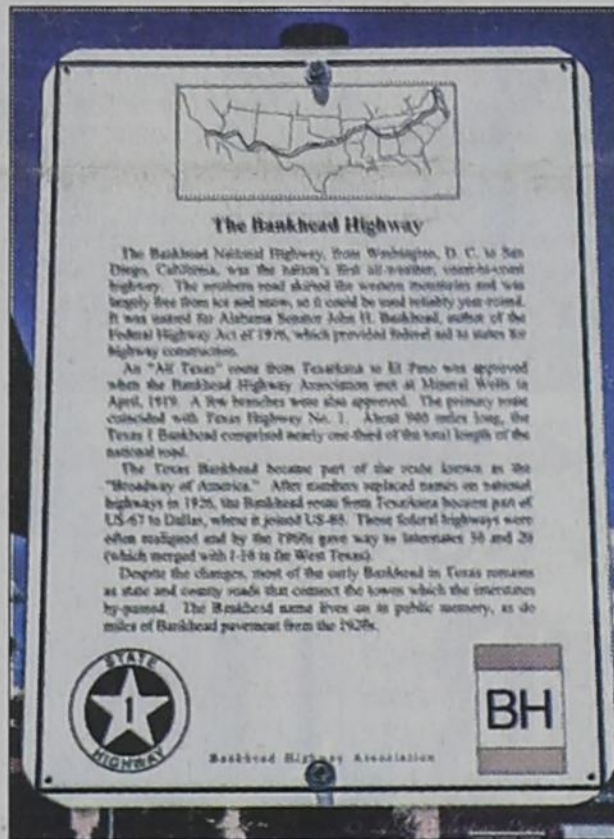
The Williamsburg project has been "a matter of community interest" on the agenda for several council meetings and a matter of interest for the financial growth for the city of Fate.

Also on the agenda was "Resolution No R-549 approving the Annual Service Plan Update-1021 including the collection of the 2012-2013 Annual Installments for Williamsburg Public Improvements District No. 1." This motion also passed unanimously.

Fate citizen and park board member Todd Martin had made a request that the City of Fate place a plaque recognizing Bankhead National Highway, which followed the route of Highway 67. City Manager Philip Rodriguez explained Martin's request to the council.

Built in 1921, this highway was the first national highway coast to coast and ran from Washington, D.C., to San Diego, Calif. It was mostly concrete and ran through from Texarkana, through Greenville, Royse City, Fate and Rockwall, on to Fort Worth, before finally ending in El Paso.

After much discussion, Martin told the council that he would provide



the plaque and the council could place it wherever they thought appropriate. There was some thought of putting the plaque in the Fate City Park. The matter, which passed unanimously, will be addressed and a decision made on the placement at an upcoming meeting.

According to the Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, the mayor and council reports on Items of Community Interests, they may report on "expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences, information about holiday schedules, recognition of individuals, reminders about upcoming City Council events, information about community events, and announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety."

In accordance with the TGCS, City Councilman John Stacy commented that he is glad the Williamsburg PID #2 is complete and along with other council members wished everyone a happy holiday.

Council members in attendance were Pro Tem Sheri Garber, Kerry Wiemokly, Steve Skipworth and John Stacy.

Staff members present were Philip Rodriguez, city manager, Jean Dwinnell, city secretary, Bobby Clay, public works director, Richard Ball, finance director, Christy Schell, court administrator, John Kissane, assistant fire chief, and Michael Higgins, code enforcement officer/OT manager.



The Harbor Holiday Fest held Saturday December 1 at the Harbor District included interactive entertainment by Dallas based "Circus Freaks." Players shown above are Marie Martin as "Christmas Tree" and Catherine Chambers as "Posy" the Ragdoll. The team is under the direction of Russ Sharek, who also mesmerized the children as "Jack Frost" (not pictured).
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Joining in the celebration of Congressman Ralph Hall's recent Congressional recognition in Washington, D.C. are (back row, left to right) Ken Dickson, Cliff Sevier, Congressman Hall, Melba Jeffus, Laverne Kennimer, John White, Chief Terry Garrett, Gaye Adcock, Keith Garrett, (front row) Jerry Fisher, Judy Dickson, Teresa Sevier (seated), Frances White (in front of John), Dalton Kennimer and Stan Jeffus.
Editor's Note: A special tribute to the Congressman will be featured in the December 13, 2012 edition. Those interested in listing their names on this special tribute page are encouraged to call 972-722-3099 for details.
Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News



Hall feted with portrait

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(TX), Sam Johnson (TX), Kay Granger (TX), Pete Sessions (TX), John Culberson (TX), Jeb Hensarling (TX), Michael Burgess (TX), John Carter (TX), Randy Neugebauer (TX), Mike Conaway (TX), Ted Poe (TX), Louie Gohmert (TX), Pete Olson (TX), Bill Posey (FL), Francisco Canseco (TX), Bill Flores (TX), Blake Farenthold (TX), Kenny Marchant (TX) and Randy Hultgren (IL).

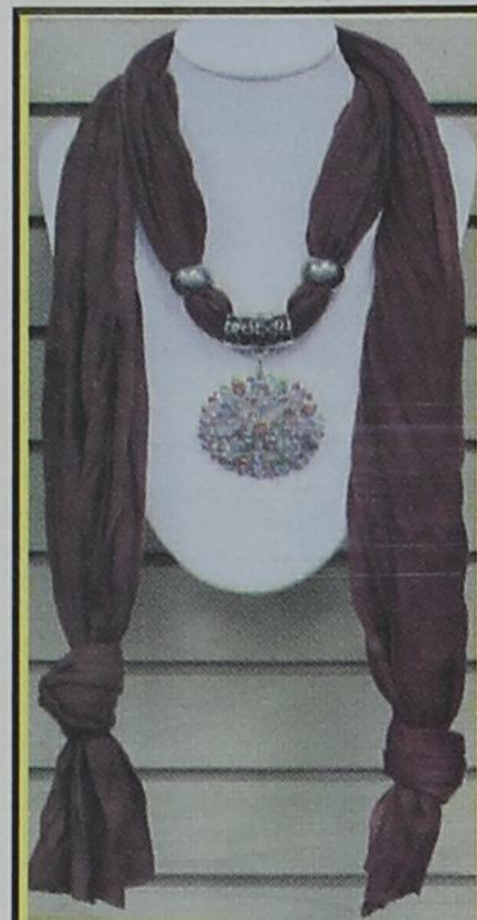
The Portrait Ceremony, hosted prior to the vote, honored Hall's service as chairman of the Science, Space and Technology Committee. Hall has served on the committee since first elected to office and assumed the chairmanship in January 2011 at the beginning of the 112th Congress. He is the only member to serve as ranking member both as a Republican (2007-2010) and as a Democrat (1999-2003).

"Ralph's record of service to the committee, to our country, has been a thing of beauty," said Speaker John Boehner, who accepted the portrait. "And, I think Mr. Martin's portrait here matches that description. I'm not

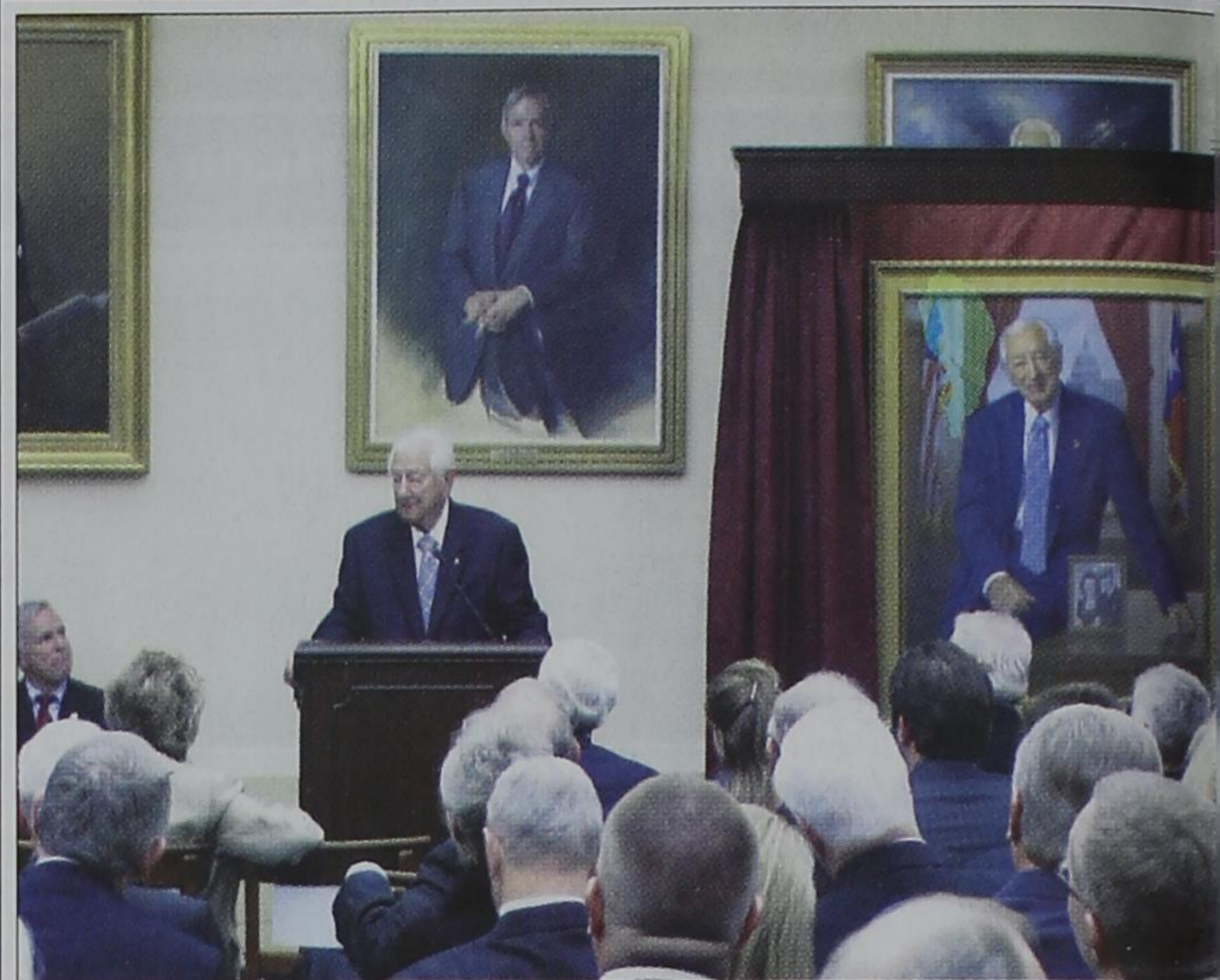
much of an art expert, but if you look closely at this [portrait] you'll see a couple things. One, of course, is the portrait within a portrait of Ralph and his beloved Mary Ellen. And so when I accept this portrait I'll do so in her honor. And the other thing you'll notice is on Ralph's lapel. It's a fitting symbol of his commitment -- long commitment -- to the space program. And as chairman, how much time he devoted, and the focus of the committee was devoted, to all of our frontiers. He's done a great job, and I know that Ralph is proud of the shuttle, proud of the work he did, and keeps it all in his heart as well."

Speakers at the Portrait Ceremony included Rep. Lamar Smith, ranking member Eddie Bernice Johnson, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, former Speaker Dennis Hastert, the Honorable Dick Arme, Majority Leader Eric Cantor and Lt. General Thomas.

"I'm humbled and honored to have served the 4th District these 32 years," said Hall. "I'm also honored to have served as chair of the Science, Space and Technology Committee the past two years to cast my vote tonight as the oldest member of the United States House of Representatives to do so. I'm proud of what this institution is capable of accomplishing when we work together, and that is what we do for the sake of our children and grandchildren's future."



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Congressman Ralph M. Hall (TX-04) was lauded Nov. 27 as the oldest member in the U.S. House of Representatives' history to cast a vote. The local resident was further honored as the U.S. Capitol Historical Society officially unveiled his portrait.
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Doris Cullins Lake Pointe kindergarten student Travis Eastland is pictured with his father at the school's recent Student Showcase Night, which invited parents and family members to come to the school and allow students to show off what they've been doing and learning during the current school year.
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Resident Bob Chapman with his daughter Degie during a book signing. Bob is a longtime resident of Emeritus at Summer Ridge Assisted Living and Retirement Community.

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Rockwall to see addition of university campus

odi Smith
 A new campus of Texas A&M-Commerce is slated to be opened soon in Rockwall. The university already has begun moving into an existing facility in Technology Park off I-30. University President Dan Jones briefed Rockwall County Commissioners this week on plans for the new campus, which will include 10 classrooms, a library, a computer lab and a student lounge. "This is one of the better things to happen to Rockwall in quite a while," said County Commissioner David Jones. "It will be a big asset to the county and bring people in from other counties as well." The university's building is uniquely equipped to suit its purposes, Jones said, as it was previously wired as a data center, providing plenty of space and Internet access. A ribbon-cutting grand opening is set for February. Commissioners also discussed Rockwall County's Public Safety and Fire Assistance District, created in 2007 that currently includes a .5 percent sales tax for the cities of Fate, Mobile City and McLendon-Chisholm. The money raised is used for public safety and fire services. About \$85,000 of the \$215,000 raised this year came from Fate, which has increased its population from 400 in 2000 to 1,000 since the tax's inception. According to assistant district attorney John Thatcher, Fate feels it is being unfairly as the city now brings in increased revenue, but is not allocated any increase in funds.

Thatcher said the Comptroller's Office is creating a map of the region to see if there are any overlapping areas or duplication of services. The commissioners also discussed the possibility of changing district boundaries to exempt Fate from the tax. In other business, the commissioners voted to approve the issuance of Tax Road Bond Services for approximately \$25 million for the FM 3545 interchange. "We are working with the state to repave the roadway," Magness said. "We'll front them the money, and they'll pay us back based on the use of the roadway." The commission also discussed ways to improve a rating given the county by Standard & Poor. "The rating has to do with the overall debt connected to the county, the city and schools," said Magness. "Much of it comes from the great growth we've experienced and money spent on roads and the new county courthouse." The commissioners also approved increased insurance coverage for county employees to help them stop smoking. "Our employees tend to be with us a long time," Magness said. "So we're focusing on the wellness aspect. Keeping healthy employees will also keep premiums down." County employees are also required to have an annual physical.

First Presbyterian Church Rockwall plans Christmas activities

by Mary Thacker
 The First Presbyterian of Rockwall, located at 602 White Hills, invites the community to be a part of celebrating the birth of Jesus during the month of December. A special music program, "There is a Rose," will be offered beginning at 11 a.m. Dec. 9. Music director Dan Vaughan describes the performance as "a unique concept for a Christmas cantata. This is a lovely work by Robert Sterling. The entire cantata includes the 'Christmas Intrada' and four separate suites; each containing original and familiar music, divided by a poignant narrative." That same evening the youth of the church will fellowship together. The middle school students will have a dinner-and-gift exchange at a church member's home while the high school youth group will participate in a progressive dinner. The two groups will then unite for a caroling hayride and dessert party. At 6 p.m. Dec. 16, the children of the congregation will re-enact the story of the first Christmas. First Presbyterian's pastor Cheryl Taylor smiles said, "If you have never been to a Christmas pageant or participated in a pageant, you need to be there. It's not Christmas until I see the children bringing the story to life — including mice in the manger." The pageant will be followed by a cookie exchange. Everyone is invited to bring four-dozen cookies to share. Each participant will be able to take home an assortment of cookies to enjoy over the holidays. The Candlelight Service will take place at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will include hymns, scripture readings and communion. The service will be preceded by a 30-minute bell choir concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. "All are welcome to celebrate the coming of our Savior, Christ the Lord," Taylor said.



Amy Parks crossing guard Joy Kiteley, center, is shown with the school's principal, Maricela Helm, and assistant principal, Steven Pesek, as they prepare to send students home after another day at school. Kiteley, known as Miss Joy, is a favorite among the school's students and has served as the crossing guard for the past 11 years.

Profiles of Heath: Amy Parks' 'Joy'-full ray of sunshine

by Darcy Rocha
 For the past 11 years, every student who has crossed the front drive at Amy Parks Heath elementary has received a big dose of love and kindness from Miss Joy — Joy Kiteley that is — the school's treasured crossing guard. Miss Joy will tell you that her job as crossing guard is much more a labor of love than anything else. Even on the days of the most bitter cold, Miss Joy is prepared with smiles and love to greet each student, that they may be armed with the confidence to have the best day possible. It's apparent the affect that she has on the students. For many children at the school, the day has not properly begun without a greeting from Miss Joy. Even the older ones regularly return to say hello when they're on their way to Cain or Rockwall-Heath High. She shares that she knew it was God's mission for her to do something with children. "I have really learned that the love of a child is just something that can not be beat, because of the fact that it's so pure and it's so innocent and it's so unconditional," she says. "My goal has always been for them to walk through that door feeling that love from me. They make it special for me every day. I want them to feel happy when they get into school. It makes a difference." When Miss Joy retired, she had anticipated a life with a bit more leisure. She had worked and also raised show chow dogs, traveling to shows around the country and parading her dogs in the ring. When her husband had retired, he began serving as a crossing guard at another school. Miss Joy then stepped in at Amy Parks when a substitute was needed while a permanent employee could be found. That was in October of 2001 and she hasn't left yet. She hadn't anticipated working again, but felt strongly that this is where God had led her to be. Originally from Oklahoma, Miss Joy has been a resident of Rockwall County for 34 years and was married to her husband Ernie for 37 years until he died in 2010. Miss Joy said he loved children as much as she did and he was a man that was respected, fair and kind. It's heartwarming to hear her speak of Ernie. Miss Joy is the proud mother and grandmother to two children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is very involved in First United Methodist Church Royse City, participating in children's activities like vacation bible school and the children's Sunday sermon. She is also blessed with family that lives near -- a sister and her mother -- who recently celebrated her 95th birthday. "There's no way that you just can't have a great feel about these kids. It's such an awesome feeling, that you look in those eyes and those smiles. I compliment them, I tell them they're beautiful inside and out. They beam. They need that," she says. "If they want to stand in the middle of the crosswalk, I stand there and listen, because it's important to listen." Miss Joy is as fond of the staff at Amy Parks as they are of her. "This is my other family," she said. "They've made me feel so welcome. They are wonderful." She shares that when her husband got ill and died that the parents and teachers covered for her when she was not able to be at her post each day. "I thought that was really nice of them," she said. On behalf of the children and parents of Amy Parks, we thank you, Miss Joy, for the love and care you provide for our children each day at school. You are a ray of sunshine.



Community Bank recently made a holiday donation to the Meals on Wheels Senior Service programs for the elderly and disabled of Rockwall County. Pictured are Joyce Grace, the bank's vice president, and Margie VerHagen, executive director of Meals on Wheels Senior Services.

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Juan Castillo, a sixth grade student of Cindy Houser at Herndon Intermediate School in Fate, poses for his Santa picture.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge

Local YMCA renamed for J.E.R. Chilton

The YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas recently announced that local businessman and philanthropist J.E.R. "Bob" Chilton has donated \$2.5 million to the organization. As a result of the gift, the Rockwall County YMCA will be renamed J.E.R. Chilton YMCA, according to a YMCA news release. The gift represents one phase of the \$5 million master plan to improve the Rockwall complex. It also will allow the YMCA to do some much-needed improvements to its local facilities, including increase the size of the building by more than 12,000 square feet to better meet the community's needs. The gift represents the second-largest gift in the 127-year history of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. "The generosity of Bob Chilton is truly humbling to me and to this organization," said Gordon Echtenkamp, president and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. "Mr. Chilton has long been involved in the YMCA, and we are honored that he has decided to invest again in an organization that is changing lives every day." Children has a long history with the YMCA. He grew up swimming as a member of the Downtown YMCA and has supported the organization especially for years. He also coached his son's football teams in the YMCA program. He served on a Capital Campaign Committee from 1987-1999 where he donated \$750,000 to help build the YMCA at Rockwall. He also donated \$250,000 to build the natatorium for the Rockwall YMCA. The YMCA today encompasses so much more than the Y we grew up with," said Chilton. "Today's Y is a major factor in meeting the needs of our present-day society and demanding environment. Yes, the swimming pool is still part of the Y program, but through its various impactful outreach programs like outside-of-school care, teaching life's valuable lessons and educating children how to be responsible citizens, the Y is literally molding tomorrow's communities through its kids. Because Rockwall is growing so rapidly the demand on the physical plant is intense. A larger, updated facility will help the entire community will evolve."



The local YMCA will be renamed for J.E.R. "Bob" Chilton after the longtime YMCA supporter recently made a \$2.5 million contribution to the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. Pictured above are Jayson Killough, vice president of operations, YMCA; Gordon Echtenkamp, president/CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas; Chilton; and Missy Chilton.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Our Lord Jesus builds Thomas' believing

Last week we looked at the first two accounts of Jesus visiting his disciples who were gathered in a room secretly. He told them to be at peace and then reproved them for not believing the others' report of his resurrection. Next he taught them out of the Old Testament scriptures and showed how they spoke of him.

During these visits, 11 of the 12 apostles were present. The missing one was Thomas. Even Judas of Iscariot was there. We don't have any clues to where Thomas was, just that he was not there. According to John

20:25, upon his return the other disciples told him all that happened. His reply was, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." Please note that Thomas' honest reply was no different from the others when they first heard. Let's keep this in mind the next time we're inclined to call somebody a "doubting Thomas."

In his typically loving and patient manner, our Lord Jesus returned eight days later (John 20:26-29). This time Thomas was present. Our Lord let Thomas touch the prints of the nails in his hands, and thrust his hand into his side. Once this happened Thomas believed and glorified God in heaven by saying, "My Lord and My God."

Please understand that Thomas, like the others, knew exactly who Jesus was. They also knew that all these things happened according to the will of God in heaven who was and still is the Father of our Lord Jesus. Thomas was simply acknowledging God's role in what happened, and glorified Him.

Jesus Christ then said, "Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed." This must have touched the hearts of all the disciples present.

According to John 20:30-31, our Lord Jesus did many more true signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written. But these were recorded so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God. And that in believing we might have life through the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus.

The more time we spend in the Gospels learning about all that Jesus did and said, the more we plant the truth deeper into our hearts.

According to Romans 10:9-10 believing with the heart that God raised

Jesus from the dead is unto righteousness. This is the simplicity truth. Acts 2:4 records the first time people were filled with holy

We find in Acts 1:21-22 that it was necessary for Judas' replacement to have been in the company of Jesus Christ from the baptism of the same day that Jesus was taken up into heaven to be with his Father. This way, when holy spirit was first poured out according to Acts 2, they would be immediately filled with the same holy spirit because they were believing with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Jesus told Thomas and the others that believing with the heart is the key to this more than abundant life. It was necessary for them to have been with him in order to get things started as recorded in Acts 2:4.

But after that time, they went about to teach the truth and help others obtain the same precious life and salvation. The people they were not present with Jesus, yet in believing they also were born in the name of Jesus Christ. Moreover many of them received the gift of speaking in tongues, unto salvation from the great and tribulation period that is still in the future.

God made it so simple and easy to entreat. For some of us, more exposure to the Gospels before getting to the point of believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. For others, only hearing or reading it one time, and in believing they are filled with the holy spirit.

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A Rockwall County News Exclusive

Rockwall revises consultant process

A more transparent and structured process for the selection of consultants recently earned the approval of the Rockwall City Council.

The new process, according to a city news release, includes a consultant selection team that will be comprised of various departmental representatives that will evaluate each firm's qualifications and proposals. The final selection will be made using the total score from the consistently evaluated submittal forms and from the committee interview.

Future projects that will require the new selection process include roadway reconstruction and I-30 ramp projects approved in the bond election, along with a number of small water and wastewater projects.

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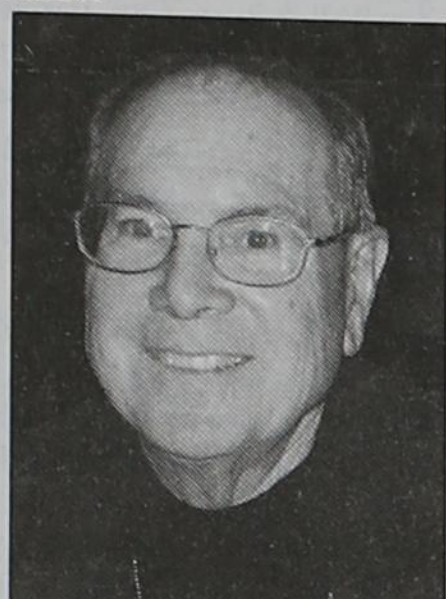
Melinda 'Sudie' Qualls

Memorial service for Melinda "Sudie" Qualls, 55, of Buckeye, Ariz., conducted at 4 p.m. Dec. 6, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home, Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Donahoe officiating.



She died Nov. 26, 2012, in Greenville, Texas. She was born June 7, 1957, in Greenville, Texas, to the late James and Shelda (Looney) Riley, who was a Baptist. Survivors include her husband, James Qualls of Buckeye; a son, James Spradling, and his wife, Shelda, of Greenville; a stepdaughter, Stephanie Cox, and her husband, James, of Bowie; her father, James Qualls of Royse City; a brother, Kenneth "Jimbo" Riley, and his wife, Shelda, of Terrell; a sister, Brenda Kay Riley of Royse City; and her children, Ethann and Eli Spradling and Cayden, Caige and Chance.

John Evan Miller



John Evan Miller of Rockwall, Texas, passed away at the age of 68 on December 1, 2012. He was born December 24, 1944 in San Antonio, Texas to Omer Allen Miller & Gracie (Stille) Miller. Born in San Antonio, TX and raised in Bangor, Texas, John graduated from high school in 1962 where he was active in sports, Scouts, and Church. Soon after he attended Michigan State University, where he played baseball and basketball, was elected Junior President, and was selected as an All-American. After graduating with a B.A. in Social Science and Pre-Law in 1966, he was drafted and later accepted into US Air Force Officer's School. He spent over five years first as a Missile Launch Officer for Strategic Air Command and then as a Human Resource Officer before resigning as Captain.

Shortly after, Miller received an MBA from the University of Texas at Arlington and went on to work for the National Supply Company. He later transferred to Hermosa Beach, CA, where he met the love of his life, Shelli Strand, on St. Patrick's Day, 1977. Two years later, on St. Patrick's Day they married at the Wayfarer's Chapel in Palos Verdes. John's job transferred them back to Texas where their first son, James, was born 1981. In 1985 their second son, Timothy, was born. John worked in the Oil and Gas Industry in 1987 and began a successful career in Sales and Acquisitions consulting for Solid Waste Companies such as Allied Waste and IESI. He retired in 2008 at age 61. John is survived by Shelli Miller, his wife of over 30 years; his sons, James Miller and Timothy Ryan Miller & wife Amy; his brothers, Art Miller and Richard Miller & wife Cathy; his sister-in-law, Ronda Berg & partner Ray Vigil; and numerous other loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother: James Miller.

A memorial service will be held at the Hilton Bella Harbor on Sunday, December 9th, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. Please visit the following website, www.havenfuneral.com/Obituaries, to send condolences to the family.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Library is holiday drop-off location

The Rockwall County Library is a drop-off location for the following local charities this holiday season: Helping Hands Food Pantry (non-perishable food items); Helping Hands Toy Drive (new, unwrapped toys); Angel Tree (ornament tags with the names of local children in need); Patriot Paws (list of items needed for dogs being trained to help disabled veterans); and the Adoption Center of the Rockwall Animal Shelter (list of needed items).

Angels Among Us breakfast event slated

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Rockwall County will host the 2nd Annual Angels Among Us Breakfast Celebration from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Hilton Dallas Rockwall Lakefront. Local celebrity emcee Billy Quinton will entertain the crowd and introduce honorees. Live and silent auctions, which will include trips, electronics, restaurant gift cards, autographed sports memorabilia and jewelry, are planned. Individual tickets cost \$45 each, couples' tickets cost \$80. The 2012 BGC Youth of the Year winner will be recognized. For more information or to purchase tickets visit bgrockwall.com and click on Events or call Misti Potter at 972-722-2462.

Special speaker set at Rockwall Bible Church

Pastor el Masih from the Voice of the Martyrs will be the special speaker at the 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9 services at Rockwall Bible Church, 801 Zion Hills Cr., Rockwall (near the corner of Hwy. 66 and Hwy. 3549). Born and raised in Pakistan as a devout Muslim, he found Christ and received Bible training, starting 24 churches. He has endured severe persecution for his faith. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Christmas Cantata set at First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church, 602 White Hills Drive in Rockwall, will host a Christmas Cantata, "There is a Rose," beginning at 11 a.m. Dec. 9.

Church to host Christmas puppet show

The First Baptist Church of Heath, 224 Smirl Drive, will host the We Are All About Praise puppet team from Calvary Baptist in Kaufman as it presents the black-light puppet presentation, "A Christmas Carol Review," beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 9. The event will feature Christmas songs presented with a unique visual flair and humor. The evening will open with Christmas songs presented by the Brothers in Glory quartet from Forney. Admission will be free; a love offering will be taken. For more details contact the church at 972-771-8275 or palford@fbcheath.com.

Library plans Family Night activities

The Rockwall County Library's December Family Night, set Dec. 13, will feature the theme of An Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration. Santa will be on hand to visit with children; crafts and refreshments also will be offered. S&D Puppetry will present "The Nutcracker in a Nutshell" at 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras for these come-and-go events.

Christmas Pageant set at First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church, 602 White Hills Drive in Rockwall, will host a Christmas Pageant beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 16.

Library sets holiday closure days

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday.

Church plans bell choir concert, special service

The First Presbyterian Church, 602 White Hills Drive in Rockwall, will offer a Bell Choir Concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24. At 7 p.m., a Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve service will be offered.

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Local named to Dean's List

Madyson Townsend of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List at the Savannah College of Art and Design for the fall quarter, according to a news release issued by the college.

Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above are eligible for recognition on the Dean's List.

Say You Saw It In The County News

Ask Dr. Danette



by Danette McNew, D.D.S.

FACE-SAVING TREATMENT

There is nothing attractive about "bruxism" (tooth-grinding), beginning with the horrible noise it creates that resembles chewing on coconut shells. While this noise is usually more of a problem for people sharing sleeping quarters with tooth-grinders, the loss of enamel and damaged tooth structure that bruxism can cause are occurrences with which tooth-grinders should be concerned. In fact, unless the problem is halted with the use of a custom-made nightguard provided by the dentist, bruxism can lead to facial changes that make the face look older. As tooth surfaces wear down and teeth become shorter, the upper and lower jaws (as well as the nose and chin) draw nearer. As a result, the lower face seems to prematurely age.

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Texas Health Presbyterian

Rockwall earns A for patient safety

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall was honored with an Hospital Safety Score by the Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health care.

The A score was awarded in the latest update to the Hospital Safety Score compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety, according to a hospital news release. The A, B, C, D or F scores are assigned to U.S. hospitals based on preventable medical errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

"Providing the highest quality care for our community has been our mission and vision since opening Texas Health Rockwall five years ago," said Cindy Paris, hospital president. "While we are very proud to achieve an A score, we will continue to review and evaluate our processes to ensure we maintain this high level of service for all of our patients."

Hospitals like this that earn an A have demonstrated their commitment to their patients and their community," said Leah Binder, president CEO of the Leapfrog Group. "I congratulate Texas Health Rockwall for its safety excellence, and look forward to the day when all hospitals match this standard."

The safety measurements the Hospital Safety Score considers represent the basic blocks of medical care. Calculated under the guidance of the Leapfrog Group's nine-member expert panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 26 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single score representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from infections, injuries and medical and medication errors.

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LIGHTBREAKING DAWN 2-B PG13	12:30	X	3:05	X
D DAWN-A PG13	11:45	1:55	4:10	X
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EXHIBIT C-2

ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
5700 Total local and intermediate sources	\$ 62,209,071	\$ 25,230,852	\$ 250,501	\$ 5,633,503	\$ 93,323,927
5800 State program revenues	42,210,702	-	-	630,528	42,841,230
5900 Federal program revenues	562,310	-	-	5,705,540	6,267,850
5020 Total revenues	104,982,083	25,230,852	250,501	11,969,571	142,433,007
EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT:					
0011 Instruction	63,878,170	-	4,547	3,856,826	67,739,543
0012 Instructional resources and media services	2,544,199	-	-	111,358	2,655,557
0013 Curriculum and staff development	1,520,300	-	-	346,622	1,866,922
0021 Instructional leadership	731,996	-	-	44,105	776,101
0023 School leadership	6,117,065	-	-	104,173	6,221,238
0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	3,792,807	-	-	435,582	4,228,389
0032 Social work services	176,203	-	-	-	176,203
0033 Health services	1,135,136	-	-	52	1,135,188
0034 Student (pupil) transportation	2,968,053	-	-	1,985	2,970,038
0035 Food services	-	-	-	5,035,438	5,035,438
0036 Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	3,316,749	-	-	1,095,296	4,412,045
0041 General administration	3,406,162	-	94,195	3,356	3,503,713
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	10,990,036	-	-	1,600	10,991,636
0052 Security and monitoring services	695,310	-	-	49,699	745,009
0053 Data processing services	1,715,326	-	-	-	1,715,326
0061 Community services	172,160	-	-	78,003	250,163
DEBT SERVICE:					
0071 Debt service - Principal on long-term debt	-	8,615,000	-	-	8,615,000
0072 Debt service - Interest on long-term debt	-	13,966,286	-	-	13,966,286
0073 Debt service - Bond issuance costs and fees	-	658,599	172,621	-	831,220
CAPITAL OUTLAY:					
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	3,230,874	-	3,230,874
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:					
0093 Payments to member districts of SSA	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	606,826	-	-	-	606,826
6030 Total expenditures	103,766,498	23,239,885	3,502,237	11,174,095	141,682,715
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,215,585	1,990,967	(3,251,736)	795,476	750,292
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Issuance of bonds	-	49,620,000	11,115,000	-	60,735,000
7916 Premium on issuance of bonds	-	6,286,322	1,057,621	-	7,343,943
7915 Operating transfers in	2,970,000	-	-	-	2,970,000
8911 Operating transfers out	-	-	-	(70,000)	(70,000)
8940 Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	(55,351,046)	-	-	(55,351,046)
7080 Total other financing sources and (uses)	2,970,000	55,276	12,172,621	(70,000)	15,827,897
1200 Net change in fund balances	4,185,585	2,546,243	8,920,885	725,476	16,378,189
0100 Fund balance - July 1 (beginning)	37,375,580	14,013,982	8,305,766	1,438,980	61,134,288
3000 Fund balances - June 30 (ending)	\$ 41,561,145	\$ 16,560,225	\$ 17,228,651	\$ 2,164,456	\$ 77,514,477

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

An apology from the editor

The November 21 edition of the Rockwall County News incorrectly printed in the Letters to the Editor column an inaccurate correction of an earlier letter to the editor from Joan Ream.

In the November 22 edition, I wrote that Joan Ream was apologizing to former Mayor John Ratcliffe for a statement he made that was incorrect. In fact, former Mayor John Ratcliffe did indeed say: "The good news is that we have a bunch of lawyers on this Council and lawsuits are good for lawyers and business and someone is going to prosper from it". Mayor Ratcliffe said this on Sept. 6, 2011 at a Heath City Council Meeting.

Mrs. Ream was correct in citing this quote, I was incorrect when I wrote in my column that she was apologizing for having miss-quoted him. The apology is owed to Mrs. Ream from the editor, which a regrettable misunderstanding and misstatement of the facts.

Wesley W. Burnett, Editor and Publisher, Rockwall County News

Recording city council meetings

I have been attending City Council meetings in Heath for several years and I have been requesting the City's records of some those meetings for some time. Recently the records I have requested are the authentic time records of the meetings. The City's records at the time of the public meetings are handwritten notes. From these handwritten notes the secretary types the minutes which are published some days or weeks later on the City website.

The City of Heath pays a contracted person \$40,000 per year to manage our newsletters and website. The City also pays many more thousands of dollars to newspapers and magazines reporting on City community events. Despite spending over \$50,000 annually on multimedia advertising and contract labor to keep us informed about the parades and other community events, the City's only true time record of the very important public City meetings are handwritten secretary notes written on the pages of a steno pad. I have included on a blog an attachment of handwritten notes from the November 6, 2012 Heath City Council meeting (<http://heathtxlove.blogspot.com/>)

Due to this closed and biased handwritten recording of the City's important public meetings many of the citizen's and other's comments are lost forever. The City picks and chooses what to make public record by the editing done behind the scenes with these handwritten notes. If you view the minutes the City has posted on the website and compare them with the notes below, you can clearly see the discrepancies (if you can read the handwriting in the notes). There is nothing transparent about recording public meetings by a secretary in handwritten form.

I find it hard to logically understand how all the City Council members can use iPads, that the City is in debt over \$20 million dollars, that the City pays over \$50 thousand dollars for multimedia services and that 2 employees in City Manager's office receive over \$500 thousand dollars in salaries/benefits but the City has to record the proceedings of its public meetings by handwritten notes on a steno pad.

Why can't the City of Heath be completely truthful and transparent in their reporting of public meetings and move some of the thousands of dollars spent on multimedia into a true time electronic recording of the City's public meetings? Personally, I would rather be able to see and hear a citizen's comment on a public issue then to see and hear that a parade was a success.

Tina Winnett, Heath

Politicians wringing their hands about another crisis

Here we go again -- politicians running around and wringing their hands over yet another 'crisis' that may require tax increases and slicing certain tax write-offs used by many hard-working American taxpayers already burdened by an ever increasing cost of living and shrinking wages. They've also hinted at cuts in programs such as Medicare and Social Security that'll affect many Americans who just so happened to have fought wars and paid into the system all their lives before retiring.

Of course these same public servants never get around to admitting that Social Security would be just fine if they hadn't been 'borrowing' hundreds of billions in SS surpluses over the past couple decades to cover all their ill-conceived projects, studies and welfare schemes that brought new meaning to 'runaway deficit spending.'

One thing that's helpful when this type of yammering starts is to focus on what they're not talking about such as slamming the brakes on spending as well as devising methods to stop the inordinate amount of fraud involved with the Medicare system (around \$60 billion in 2010, according to CBS news), home health care (tens of millions or more per year) and the multitude of programs for those who believe the government will take care of them cradle to grave.

Also, right on cue the national media has done an excellent job of providing the politicians plenty of cover by following the script and lobbing them various softball questions during most of the Sunday morning talk shows and in the national print media. It seems obvious that the idea is to jawbone this new crisis to a point where in the minds of most Americans the only solution is to pay more taxes and to accept decreased tax write-offs, where in reality everything should be on the table, especially at a time when our real unemployment rate is at least in the high teens (not 7.9 percent) and the national debt including 'unfunded liabilities' is well over \$100 trillion and virtually unpayable.

However, one crack in this carefully crafted façade appeared on the FOX Business Channel's 'Varney & Co.' program on Nov. 23 when the panelists discussed a fedgov website called Welcome to USA.gov, which turns out to be a 'one-stop shop' for immigrants (legal and illegal) to sign up for a variety of taxpayer-funded benefits. Our country has always been very generous to those in need but at a time when many young Americans are struggling mightily to raise their families in a way that most of us have always taken for granted and our elderly continue to be diminished in stature instead of being celebrated even more, I find it almost incomprehensible that we're on this current path.

A wise man once said, 'You can ignore reality but you can't ignore the consequences of ignoring reality' and never has this admonishment been more true than now. The agenda is painfully obvious to those who are awake and aware of the bogus economic stats, dissolving borders, possible changes in funding 401ks and the U.S. dollars' march to oblivion, etc. With this backdrop, it's imperative that our leaders put the theatrics aside, skip the political posturing and act like statesmen offering real solutions.

Wayne Clow, Rockwall

Rockwall plans water rate increase

The City of Rockwall water/wastewater rates will increase on Jan. 1, according to a city news release.

The increase is expected to cost residential customers an average of \$6.05 per month, according to the release.

Customers will see the increased rates reflected in their February water bills.

The new rates were approved because of higher water costs the City of Rockwall must pay its supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District, according to the release.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Breakfast with Santa set at The Center

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department has organized this Breakfast with Santa event to run from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and a.m. to noon on Dec. 8 at The Center. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, candy canes will be served, and activities will be provided. Parents are urged to bring their cameras to capture these special holiday moments. Pre-registration is required and seating will be limited. Cost is \$11 for non-Rockwall resident, \$9 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

'Oliver' auditions slated

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's auditions for "Oliver," will be staged in February, are set for 1 p.m. Dec. 15-16. Individuals 6 to 99 are invited to audition; be prepared to sing 16 bars of a song, have a prepared one-minute monologue (accompanist will be provided) and cold readings from a script will be required.

'Christmas Unwrapped' set Dec. 15

The Tri-County Choral Society will present "Christmas Unwrapped" beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Royse City High School auditorium. Pre-sale tickets cost \$8 and are available at the Royse City Pharmacy. The Wall in Royse City. Tickets will cost \$10 at the door; children 7 and younger will be admitted free of charge. The family-friendly event will feature great Christmas music.

Wade Bowen to perform Dec. 29

Wade Bowen will perform at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 29 at Southern Junction. For more information, call 972-771-2418 or visit southernjunction.com.

Side Street Strutters to perform

The Side Street Strutters will present a musical event showcasing vocal stylings of Meloney Collins beginning at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at RHS Performing Arts Center, 1201 T.L. Townsend Dr., Rockwall. The program, Shiny Stockings, will include an extensive repertoire, costumes, tap dancing and 26 years of musicianship. Tickets cost \$25 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$2 individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusic.com.

Robert Post show slated March 18

Rockwall MusicFest will present Robert Post in a one-man show at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at the RHS Performing Arts Center, T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Post's show is inspired by his vaudeville and his Italian grandmother, who danced and sang a family occasion. Tickets cost \$65 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$25 for individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusicfest.com.

42Five performance set May 9

Five male voices comprise 42Five, which will offer up its repertoire of entertainment singing tunes from the '60s to today, including "Don't Stop Believin'," "Don't Stop Me Now" and "Joy to the World," beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 9 at the RHS Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$25 for concert subscription (for four different performances) or \$2 individual performance ticket. For more details visit rockwallmusic.com.

Opinions County Courthouse: It's time to move on

by Jerry Hogan

In 2008, after the voters had twice voted not to build a new Courthouse, the Commissioners Court, by a vote of 3-2, elected to fund Tax Notes, which did not require the approval of the voters, to proceed with the design and building of the new \$37.2 million Courthouse. The building was to be erected on land already owned by the County adjacent to the new Library and between Yellow Jacket Lane and I-30.

There was a large outcry from the citizens against this action. Sides were quickly drawn among the citizen groups and non-support for the action became the "talk of the town" almost every time two or more citizens gathered together. Political careers ended for members of the Court who voted for the construction.

And then on 11/11/11 the new Courthouse was officially opened and dedicated along with our new Veterans Memorial next to the Courthouse. And while the Commissioners Court of 2008 that made the decision to build the Courthouse without the support of the citizens may have made

a big mistake in the way they made their decision to build, they certainly made no mistake in the building they helped design and construct.

Already the building has become the shining example of what a modern, but classical looking, Courthouse should be. Counties from around the State are coming to Rockwall to see how the design was done and what technology is contained in the courtrooms, office facilities, and jury room as well as the security which separates the citizens from the inmates appearing before our judges. TV production companies are coming to Rockwall to film in the Courthouse bringing the exposure of our County to the rest of the State as well as adding the economic benefit of this visibility.

Lingering Complaints

But there continues to be that lingering group of critics that complain about the Courthouse, its expense, the way it was constructed, where it was constructed, how it was funded, and the vote that authorized the building of the facility. Hopefully as time passes these critics will become fewer and fewer and the focus will change to the pride our citizens will have going forward on what this building offers to our community.

But now we have another issue that has the potential of dividing our citizens. This time it is not the Courthouse, but rather the Veterans Memorial.

Veterans Memorial

During the building of the Courthouse, the Commissioners Court made the decision to build a Veterans Memorial adjacent to the Courthouse. Funds had been allocated previously for this project and \$500,000 was available for the separate Memorial.

A committee made up of veterans and interested citizens was formed to be in charge of the Memorial. They conducted a design contest and selected one of the ten designs submitted for the actual Memorial. Laborious detail on the part of the Committee was the order of the day on what the Memorial would look like, how it was to be arranged, where each portion of the memorial would be located, the appropriate rules and regulations for this type facility, the composition of the walls, the texture of the materials, etc. Part of their detailed work was the selection and design placement of the flags that would become part

of the Memorial.

The design for the flags called for three flags to be placed near the Memorial: the American, State of Texas, and POW flag. The design called for the American flag to be in the center of the three flags and to be feet higher than the other two flags. Because of the way in which the flags could be observed differently, from the side of the Memorial the alignment of the flags could be observed differently; from the ground level the design called for the State flag of Texas to be on the right of the American flag, but from down in the Memorial looking up at the flag the State flag of Texas would be on the left of the American flag. A discussion could be held on which design is correct and which is incorrect, but an argument can be made for either way.

The Memorial was constructed as designed by the winning design architect and the Memorial committee.

After the dedication of the Memorial, Commissioner Jerry Hogan raised a question with the Court as to the correctness of the design. In his opinion the American flag should not have been constructed higher than the State flag and the alignment of the flags was also incorrect. The Court discussed this for about twenty minutes but without taking any vote of agreement that Commissioner Wimpee was correct in his interpretation of the design. The issue was then dropped by the Court.

Shortly afterwards, Commissioner Wimpee contracted for a committee to come to the Memorial and reduce the height of the American flag. It would be the same as the other two flags. This was done without knowledge or approval of the Court.

Commissioner Wimpee's action resulted in an investigation by the State Rangers and subsequent action by a Special Prosecutor who was ordered to pay for the restitution of the flag pole, write a letter of apology to the citizens, and donate money to The Wounded Warrior program.

Citizens are now split on this issue. Many feel the punishment is too light; others feel that Commissioner Wimpee did nothing wrong. It's the same type division we saw with the decision to build the Courthouse.

I have sat on the Commissioners Court with Commissioner Wimpee for about two years. We do not vote the same on many issues, but I always listen to what he has to say during the debate on issues. He is a good man who has dedicated 20 years to the service of the citizens of our County as a Commissioner. Before that he spent his life in law enforcement and comes from a family where his father was County Judge of our County for many years. He is a proud man whom I believe has always had the betterment of the County and the State as one of his prime objectives. It is not a bad man; it's time to end this division just like the division of the Courthouse needs to end.

Whether the punishment is too light or too heavy or whether there should have been any, is irrelevant; it is done and over with. It's time to move on! Whether the design is correct the way it is or should be changed is also irrelevant; it is built the way the memorial committee wanted be built. It too is done and over with.

Jerry Hogan is a retired US Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel who is currently County Judge of Rockwall County. He can be reached at jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033.

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THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

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Smith felt time was right to step down as Jackets coach, Al

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In essence, Scott Smith fired himself as head football coach at Rockwall High School.

Then Scott Smith decided he didn't want to remain as the Rockwall Independent School District's athletic director.

Smith had served in both roles since Mark Elam resigned as the district's AD early in 2009.

Now he has decided he wants to remain a football coach only.

On Nov. 27, he met with RISD superintendent Jeff Bailey and resigned both Rockwall jobs effective Dec. 31, as well as the RHS athletic coordinator's position. Smith indicated that he will be accepting a coaching job in another district, but hasn't said where or when.

"I do not gauge coaches on won-loss record," Smith said, wearing his athletic director hat. "It's more by feel. Are they being effective? I don't think the head coach of Rockwall football was being effective. I believe I can evaluate a football program better than other sports, because deep down, I know the feel."

To illustrate that feel, Smith used the example of his 1998 team at Highland Park, which reached the Regional finals before losing to Southlake Carroll. "That year we went to Game 14, and I had the exact same feeling this year that I had then."

At that time, he returned to his alma mater, Baylor University, where he was the starting strong safety for 3 years and an assistant coach for 3 more

under legendary head coach Grant Tiff. Smith's new job was assistant head coach under Kevin Steele.

When Steele was dismissed after four seasons, Smith became the head coach at Odessa Permian for 2 years before coming to Rockwall in 2005. His eight seasons as Yellow jackets head coach represent the longest he has stayed at one place in a 31-year coaching career.

The Jackets were 3-7 overall and 2-4 on their return to District 12-5A last season, and 38-45 during his eight-year tenure. Smith's career head-coaching record in 18 years at Garland, Duncanville, Highland Park, Permian and Rockwall is 104-80-2.

Until a full-time head coach is named, RHS defensive coordinator Chris Patton will move up to interim head coach and athletic coordinator. The position of district athletic director, who is in charge of athletics at both high schools and all three middle schools in the district, also will be filled.

Smith said, "I feel I would not be best for this (AD) position, having been on the Rockwall side, and I'm not ready to just be an AD. I still enjoy coaching the game."

RHS' head coach since 2005, Smith became the interim AD in March of 2009 with the understanding that he could decide at the end of the year which job he would keep.

However, when 2009 ended, superintendent Bailey told Smith he had done such a good job that the district wanted to retain him in both positions.

Smith initially resigned in November of 2011, but that resignation was not

accepted.

In a district release, Bailey said, "As a coach and athletic director Smith has not only been dedicated to developing outstanding student athletes but has put equal emphasis on developing athletes who display character integrity. He has been a positive influence on hundreds of students during his tenure in the district and we are grateful for his service to our student families. We wish him well in all his future endeavors and thank him for what he has done for Rockwall ISD."

In addition to his coaching – most notably in 2006, when the Jacket defeated the champions of District 10-5A, Smith will be remembered in Rockwall as the champion of the "Honor Before Victory" program that teaches the value of good sportsmanship. He also has been the face of the marketing campaign at the renovated Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium that adds some \$200,000 a year for the RISD general fund.

Twenty years ago, Smith, then 34, was considered a candidate to replace Tiff at Baylor when he retired in 1992.

Former Baylor quarterback Cody Carlson, then with the Houston Oilers, told the Houston Chronicle's John McClain, "The players, coaches, and friends I know who have been around Scott think he would be a first choice as the next head coach. Scott has the morals and values that Baylor is looking for, and he also has the right work ethic."

Lady Bulldogs finish 2nd at Royse City basketball tournament

This past weekend, if you wanted to see good competitive basketball, the place to be was Royse City High School.

The Royse City ISD's Craig Bowers Memorial Basketball Tournament had 74 teams participating in it. Many of these teams are playoff worthy.

The tournament took place on November 29-December 1.

Some of the girls' teams in the Varsity Division of the tournament were Allen, Frisco Centennial Emory Rains, Paris North Lamar, Little Elm, and Forney High School to name just a few.

Some of the boys teams at the tournament were Rockwall High School, Frisco Heritage, Rockwall Heath Forney high school, Hallsville, Sulphur Springs TCA Cedar Hill, and Cedar Park Vista Ridge to name just a few.

Lady Bulldogs Tournament Review

First Round: Royse City Lady Bulldogs 87 Forney High School 41

Led by Krystal Pickron, the Lady Bulldogs easily defeated the Lady Jackrabbits by a count of 87-41. Pickron, a senior guard, scored 51 points in this game. Most of her points came on three pointers or just strong drives to the basket where she would score on a layup or short jumper. She had an incredible game.

Royse City's up tempo style of play really bothered the Lady Jackrabbits. The Lady Bulldogs defensive pressure caused numerous Forney turnovers which led to many easy baskets for Royse City in transition.

The Lady Bulldogs simply overwhelmed the Lady Jackrabbits in all phases of the game. The game was over by halftime when the Lady Bulldogs were leading 41-20. Royse City would stretch their lead to over 40 points by the fourth quarter.

Other Lady Bulldogs who made a strong contribution in this game were Keri Collins (8 points), Janai Williams (8 points), and Lauren Dusek (7 points).

Second Round: Lady Bulldogs 70 Paris North Lamar 45

The Lady Bulldogs had three players score in double figures in this game. They were Krystal Pickron (30 points), Lauren Dusek (13 points) and Janai Williams (10 points). Dusek in particular was a real strong presence in the lane for the Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Bulldogs were never truly threatened in this game. They built as much as a 23 point lead (43-20) in the early stages of the 3rd quarter.

Hedges, Pultorak lead RHS to Lakeview title

by Lary Bump

Rockwall began the quest for its third consecutive state girls' gymnastics championship Wednesday night, Nov. 28, by placing first among six teams in the Garland Lakeview Centennial Invitational.

The Lady Jackets' Tori Hedges placed third all-around and teammate Jamie Pultorak was fourth to lead a balanced RHS team effort for a team score of 113.10 that surpassed second-place Garland's 106.45 by more than 6 1/2 points in the compulsory event.

RHS did that even without two of its leading gymnasts in the event at Brandenburg Middle School.

"This is a good start, but it's not where we want to be," said Lady Jackets head coach Denise Hedges.

Where they want to be is in contention to win another state championship, which will be coming this season to RHS in April.

She added, "I was impressed with the girls who stepped up. We have quite a few freshmen, and a few will be competing this year. In the big picture, it will be next year and the year after when they'll really help."

The coach expected to have a better picture of where Rockwall stands after competing in this week's Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational. Bell is the only school with more state girls' championships than RHS' five.

RHHS' Hines 2nd in opening meet

The Rockwall-Heath girls' gymnastics team placed third among six teams in the season-opening Garland Lakeview Centennial Invitational Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Morgan Hines led the Lady Hawks by finishing second all-around with a score of 37.55 at Brandenburg Middle School.

Hines was third in the floor exercise and on the balance beam, and tied for third on the uneven bars.

RHHS' team total of 104.15 finished behind first-place Rockwall at 113.10 and Garland with 106.45.

Paris North Lamar did make one significant run in the game. In the closing minutes of the third quarter, the Lady Pantherettes chopped that 23 point advantage down to nine thanks to a 16-2 spurt. By the end of the third quarter, Royse City led 45-36.

However, Royse City calmly responded to North Lamar's charge by simply going back to work.

In the 4th quarter, the Lady Bulldogs quickly went about rebuilding their lead. Krystal Pickron, Lauren Dusek, Janai Williams, and Halea McCarroll (McCarroll had 9 points in the game) were stars for the Lady Bulldogs during a 25-4 fourth quarter run that expanded Royse City's lead to a game high 30 points (70-40). The Lady Bulldogs were moving on to the semifinals.

Semifinals: Royse City 56 Emory Rains 35

This game was a definitely a matchup between two teams with contrasting styles of play. It was Royse City's helter skelter attack style vs. Emory Rains methodical walk it up half court style.

Coming into the game, Royse City knew that the key to winning hinged on their ability to slow down Rains' 6-8 center/post Klara Bradshaw.

The Bulldogs' defensive game plan was simple: harass and bother Bradshaw all game long which would make her uncomfortable. They definitely accomplished their objective because by the middle of the second quarter, Bradshaw was frustrated and tired looking. By neutralizing Bradshaw, Royse City had in effect shut down the Emory Rains' offense. Royse City never allowed Rains to settle into any offensive rhythm.

For the record, Royse City limited Bradshaw, a Division 1 recruit who has signed with TCU, to only 5 points in the game.

The Bulldogs played at a pace that Rains was not used to and by doing that Royse City caused a ton of Emory Rains turnovers which led to several easy baskets for the lady Bulldogs.

Royse City began the game on a 12-0 run and they never looked back on their way to victory.

Midway through the 3rd quarter, Krystal Pickron connected on a three point shot to give Royse City their biggest lead of the game at 44-15. The competitive phase of the game was over.

Pickron led the way offensively for the Lady Bulldogs with 30 points. Also, Lauren Dusek, Halea McCarroll, and Janai Williams each had 8 points in the game

RISD names Lee Stout interim athletic director

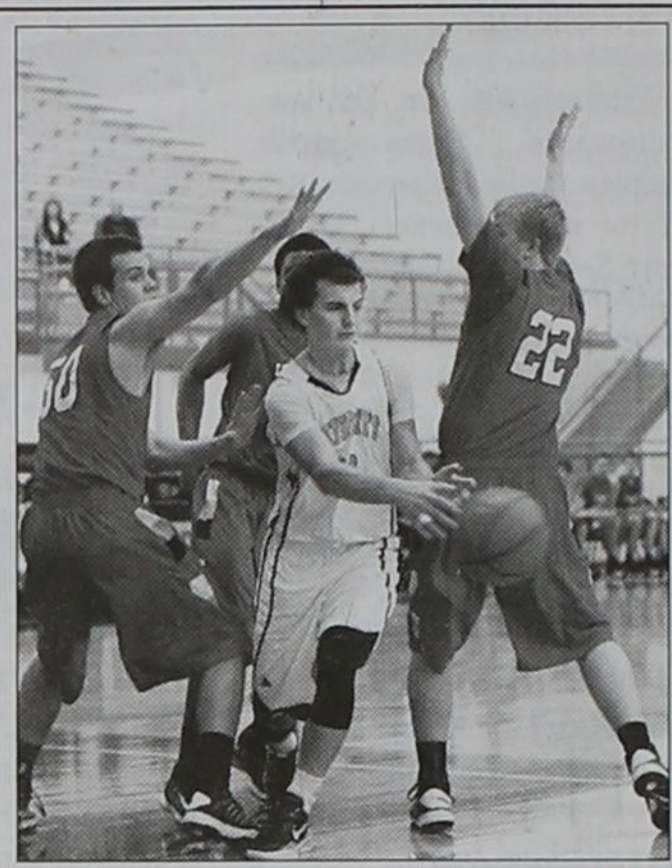
Lee Stout, who coached for 33 years in the Rockwall ISD, has been named the district's athletic director, effective Jan. 2, 2013. He will replace Scott Smith, who has resigned effective Dec. 31, until a new athletic director has been named.

Stout is best known for starting the Rockwall gymnastics program from scratch. During his time as coach, RHS won three of its five girls' gymnastics state championships.

He also coached football, basketball, baseball, soccer, cross country and track and field in the district. He instituted the outdoor education program, taught PE and health and has served as the RISD PE coordinator and assistant athletic director.

Since his retirement in 2011, he has remained a part-time district employee as the stadium manager for Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium and other RISD properties.

According to an RISD release, the district is developing a search process for a new AD and will post the job opening this month. There also will be a job posting for a new RHS head football coach, from which Smith also has resigned. Chris Patton will be the Yellowjackets' interim head coach until the position is filled.



Bulldogs' Michael Webb passes the ball under the pressure of Hawks' Colton Smith (50), Ryan McKay (22). At back is Hawks' Jeffrey Harris (2). Photo by Mike Stone/Rockwall County News

Championship Game: Allen 59 Royse City 44

Behind nine points from Krystal Pickron, Royse City jumped out to a 15-6 lead in the first quarter. Things were good for Royse City to win the tournament.

But soon Allen's very physical defense began to take its toll on the Bulldogs. Allen quickly erased City's advantage and took a 35-23 lead at halftime.

At the start of the third quarter, City made one last run to stay in the A 10-0 run by the Lady Bulldogs cut lead to 35-33. But Allen had too much firepower on this day and the Lady Bulldogs went on to win the tournament.

Pickron led the way for Royse City with 20 points.

After this tournament, Royse City finished 8-4 overall on the season.

Bulldog Boys Finish 4th at Royse City Tournament

First Round: Royse City 64 Sulphur Springs 44

Royse City's boys' basketball team beat Sulphur Springs in this battle between former district rivals.

The key to the victory was Royse City's balanced scoring attack. Eleven different Bulldogs scored points in this game. The Bulldogs were led offensively by Jamie Briceno and Joseph Steffens with 14 and 13 points respectively.

The defensive effort by the Bulldogs was solid as evidenced by the fact that only one Sulphur Springs player scored in double figures in the game.

Second Round: Royse City 65 TCA-Cedar Hill 58

Royse City struggled to slow down TCA Cedar Hill in this game. TCA led at half time by three points 28-25.

But Royse City came out strong in the 3rd quarter and played very well the end of the third quarter, Royse City led 44-40.

The fourth quarter was very exciting. Royse City was able to get back because they hit some crucial free throws with the game on the line.

Royse City had three players reach double figures in this game. The Bulldogs had David Frye (16 points, all in the 2nd half), Jamie Briceno (12 points) and Hayes (12 points).

Semi Finals: Rockwall Heath 54 Royse City 49

Royse City played very poorly in the first quarter of this game.

In fact, at one point in the first quarter, Royse City was behind 19-0. Bulldogs were giving up way too many lay ups to an improving Rockwall Heath team.

Despite facing a large deficit, Royse City, true to their nature, kept fighting. The Bulldogs were facing an uphill battle but they don't know how to give up. After Michael Webb drained a buzzer beating three point shot at the end of the third quarter, Royse City had clawed to within 40-34.

Then at the start of the 4th quarter, Royse City came out energized by some hot shooting from Dalton Warner, Royse City went on an 8-2 run. Warner hit back to back three pointers to tie the game at 42.

However, Rockwall Heath would regroup to take the lead again. Royse City would not go down without a fight. Warner hit a three pointer to pull the Bulldogs to within one at 50-49. But in the final minutes of the game, Rockwall Heath hit four straight free throws to finally end City's comeback attempts.

Dalton Warner ripped the nets for 17 points. Jamie Briceno also reached double figures in the game with 13 points.

3rd Place Game: Rockwall High School 67 Royse City 50

A talented Rockwall High School team set the tone early for this game as they pounded the ball inside repeatedly to their 6-9 center/post player Thomas. The Yellow Jackets' big man had several lay ups and even a couple of slam dunks as he helped Rockwall build a 16-5 lead late in the first quarter. Royse City did not have an answer for Thomas.

Royse City trailed the entire game but the Bulldogs did make one significant run to cut Rockwall's lead to 21-20 midway through the second quarter. Royse City was the high point of the game for Royse City.

Rockwall led 31-23 at halftime.

In the 3rd quarter, Rockwall reestablished Thomas in the paint and hit back to work. He helped Rockwall pull away from Royse City.

By the end of the third quarter, Thomas had scored 30 points in the game and Rockwall had a sizable 54-26 lead. Rockwall's defense was stifling in the 3rd quarter as they held the Bulldogs to just 3 points.

David Frye led the Bulldogs offensively with 11 points.

After this tournament, Royse City has a 5-2 overall record. Overall, this was a very successful and well run tournament.

Rockwall County Scholastics Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons

Friday, Dec. 7 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Bullard Brookhill, 6 p.m.
Varsity boys' basketball: at Miller Grove Tournament
Saturday, Dec. 8 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Miller Grove Tournament
Monday, Dec. 10 – Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Azle Christian, Forney Sports Center, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 14 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Lucas Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
Saturday, Dec. 8 – Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
Monday, Dec. 10 – Basketball: at Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy, junior varsity boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Friday, Dec. 7 – Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Trinity Valley Tournament
Girls' basketball: at Fruitvale Tournament
Saturday, Dec. 8 – Boys' basketball: at Fort Worth Trinity Valley Tournament
Girls' basketball: at Fruitvale Tournament
Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Girls' basketball: at Dallas Yavneh Academy, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13 – Boys' basketball: at Quinlan Boles Tournament
Friday, Dec. 14 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Mabank freshman, 6 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at Quinlan Boles Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 15 – Boys' basketball: at Quinlan Boles Tournament

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, Dec. 7 – Varsity boys' basketball: vs. Houston Girls & Boys Prep in 3rd Annual Bob Hayes Jaguar Classic, Austin LBJ, 2:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: home vs. Sachse, Freshman A 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
JV and freshman boys' basketball: at Forney ISD Winter Classic
Saturday, Dec. 8 – Varsity wrestling: at Frisco Wakeland Dual Tournament, 9 a.m.
JV wrestling: at Hebron JV Invitational, 9 a.m.
Swimming: home vs. Texarkana Texas, Richardson Pearce and Ursuline Academy of Dallas, Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center, noon
Varsity boys' basketball: at 3rd Annual Bob Hayes Jaguar Classic, Austin LBJ
Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Boys' basketball: at Garland Naaman Forest, Freshman A and B 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, Rockwall High School, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Wrestling: at Allen, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13 – Gymnastics: at Richardson Invitational, Richardson Math/Science/Technology Magnet School, 6 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at Lovejoy
Saturday, Dec. 15 – Varsity wrestling: at St. Mark's Invitational, Dallas St.

Mark's School of Texas, 9 a.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Dec. 7 – Girls' basketball: varsity 6:30 p.m.
Varsity, JV Red, JV White and freshman boys' basketball: at Forney Winter Classic
Saturday, Dec. 8 – Varsity wrestling: at Frisco Wakeland Dual Tournament, 9 a.m.
Varsity, JV Red, JV White and freshman boys' basketball: at Forney Winter Classic
Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Girls' basketball: at North Mesquite: varsity 7 p.m.
Boys' basketball: home vs. South Garland, varsity 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 12 – Wrestling: home vs. McKinney Boyd, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13 – Gymnastics: at Richardson Invitational, Richardson Math/Science/Technology Magnet School, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 14 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall, Rockwall High School, varsity 7 p.m.
Boys' basketball: at Wylie East, varsity 7:30 p.m.
Royse City Bulldogs
Friday, Dec. 7 – Girls' basketball: home vs. North Mesquite, 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 10 – Boys' basketball: at Terrell
Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Greenville
Friday, Dec. 14 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Dallas Conrad
Girls' basketball: at McKinney North, 6:30 p.m.

Weeks grow up before our eyes to reach tourney final

By Bump
 seven years that Brad Waters has been an assistant or head coach of Rockwall-Heath boys' basketball team, this one already is much more than just a year. "I think I've seen a year when we have a chance to beat anybody we want to beat," he said. "I think this year is that year." Waters said that after a game RHHS lost, Saturday's championship game was the one he has been driven home best in two games the Hawks have won. His point has been driven home best in two games the Hawks have won: a 55-54 loss Saturday to undefeated Frisco Heritage, and a triple-overtime 84-81 home defeat against McKinney North Nov. 20, when the team were still unbeaten. In the final game, RHHS fell behind early. North led by seven points (28-21)



Hawks' David Keaton (32) fights for a rebound against Frisco Heritage, Saturday December 1, during the championship game of the Roysie City Tournament.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

two minutes into the second quarter. It was much worse at Roysie City, where Heritage built up a 24-11 advantage with 4 1/2 minutes remaining in that quarter.

In each game, the Hawks used an aggressive defense and fast-paced offense to get back into the game, take a lead and grudgingly give it up in the closing seconds. From the second quarter through the end of the marathon game against MNHS, the Hawks forced 26 turnovers. Heritage held on to the ball a little better, but still turned the ball over 18 times.

RHHS turned its seven-point deficit into a seven-point lead before halftime against North, and led by eight (62-54) two minutes into the fourth quarter before the Bulldogs' long-range shooting kicked in and eventually won the game after 12 minutes of overtime. Cameron Talley scored 22 points for RHHS.

Against Heritage, a 17-2 run put the Hawks ahead 28-26 just 52 seconds after halftime. Luke Ramirez and Jackson Zivney each scored six of those points. RHHS was tied as late as 2:35 into the fourth quarter. Even after Heritage pulled away at 55-49, Rockwall-Heath rallied for five points and had the ball with 8 seconds left and a chance for a winning basket before losing the ball out of bounds.

"We grew up a little bit more tonight," Waters said, pointing out, "and we're doing it with two juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen on the court."

It was remarkable that the Hawks even reached the final game. They were 1-4 entering the tournament, then won three games and came out of it 4-5. And growing.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Frisco Heritage	18	8	15	14	55
RHHS	9	16	12	17	54

Frisco Heritage – Wesley Franklin 17, Jordan Box 15, Braxton Stein 13, Malik Crump 4, Gabe Fowler 4, David Johnson 2.

RHHS – Jackson Zivney 19, Luke Ramirez 13, Tyler Zivney 11, David Keaton 7, Jordan Hoy, Cameron Talley 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Hallsville	11	4	18	13	46
RHHS	15	10	7	23	55

Hallsville – Blankenship 16, Gideon 10, Faives 9, Wilder 8, Fagan 3.

RHHS – Luke Ramirez 13, Tyler Zivney 12, Jeffrey Harris 10, Jordan Hoy 4, David Keaton 4, Cameron Talley 4, Jackson Zivney 4, Colton Rashbrook 2, Colton Jones 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	19	11	10	14	54
RCHS	10	14	10	15	49

Rockwall-Heath – Tyler Zivney 14, Jordan Hoy 13, Jackson Zivney 8, Colton Rashbrook 5, Jeffrey Harris 4, David Keaton 3, Luke Ramirez 3, Colton Smith 2, Cameron Talley 2.

RCHS – Dalton Warner 17, Jamie Briceno 13, David Frye 8, Tre Hayes 6, Michael Webb 5.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	14	9	9	11	43
RCHS	16	9	7	22	54

Rockwall-Heath – Jordan Hoy 13, Tyler Zivney 12, David Keaton 5, Luke Ramirez 4, Cameron Talley 4, Jackson Zivney 4, Jeffrey Harris 1.

RCHS – Jamie Briceno 16, David Frye 12, Joseph Steffen 9, Michael Webb 9, Tre Hayes 5, Jackson Watts 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT1	OT2	OT3	Final
McKinney North	24	13	17	17	0	3	10	84
RHHS	19	22	10	11	0	3	7	81

McKinney North – Collin Curran 27, Julian Pearre 17, Jola Otubu 14, Bryson Brown 13, Steele Douglas 5, Tanner Little 5, Kody Wilson 3.

RHHS – Cameron Talley 22, Tyler Zivney 17, David Keaton 11, Colton Rashbrook 10, Luke Ramirez 6, Jordan Hoy 5, Jeremiah Sandidge 3, Jackson Zivney 3, Ryan McKay 2, Colton Smith 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	13	10	16	12	51
Garland	9	23	7	19	58

RHHS – Jackson Zivney 12, Luke Ramirez 11, Tyler Zivney 10, David Keaton 5, Cameron Talley 5, Jeffrey Harris 2, Jordan Hoy 2, Colton Rashbrook 2, Colton Smith 2.

Garland – Tyrone Mackey 16, Devan Porter 14, Jordan Wright 12, Brian Redic 10, Chris Hernandez 2, Joel Michael 2, Tylar Smith 2.

Girls lead RHS swimmers to victory

The strength of Rockwall's female swimmers overcame Rockwall-Heath's advantage in boys' events to push RHS past the Hawks for first place in the RISD vs. CFBISD meet Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Natatorium.

The Yellowjackets placed first overall among 10 teams with 273 points to 200 for RHHS.

Rockwall-Heath led the boys' competition with 127 points to 116 for runner-up Trinity Christian Academy-Addison and 109 for the third-place Jackets. RHS' girls totaled 164 points to 94 for runner-up Carrollton Creekview.

Sophomores Morgan Barnes and Raena Eldridge each won two events. Barnes took the 50-yard freestyle in 26.55 seconds and the 100 butterfly in 1 minute, 5.06 seconds. Eldridge's wins were in the 100 free (53.96) and 100 breaststroke (1:10.15.) Junior Rebecca Voth finished first in the 100 backstroke in 1:07.76.

The Lady Jackets took first place in every girls' relay.

In the boys' competition, RHS placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay, second in the 400 free relay and third in the 200 medley relay. Sophomore William Rapp won the boys' 100 freestyle in 50.85.

On Nov. 16 and 17, Rockwall's qualifiers competed with those from 66 other teams in the 5A TISCA meet at the Lewisville ISD Aquatic Center.

Eight RHS swimmers produced five team records, three in individual events and two in relays. The four girls produced enough points to place 13th in the meet; the boys were 21st.

RHS records set:

Boys' 500 freestyle – Rapp (4:49.84), sixth place

Girls' 500 freestyle – Junior Haylie Harbin (5:09.08), fifth

Girls' 100 backstroke – Eldridge (58.36), 10th

Girls' 400 freestyle relay – Barnes, Harbin, Voth, Eldridge (3:44.21), 11th

Girls' 200 medley relay – Harbin, Eldridge, Barnes, Voth (1:54.66), 13th

Head coach Paul Wallace said, "This was far and away the fastest high school meet in the state so far this year, which propelled our swimmers to their fastest swims of the year."

RHS' next competition will be a four-way meet scheduled for noon Sunday at the RISD Aquatic Center against Richardson Pearce, Texasrkana Texas and Ursuline Academy of Dallas.

Jackets find help for dynamic duo, place 3rd at Roysie City

By Bump
 point separated Rockwall from making it an all-RISD final Saturday at the Craig Bowers Memorial Basketball Tournament in Roysie City. The Yellowjackets (5-3) lost 67-66 to Frisco Heritage in Friday's semifinals. Next night, Heritage remained undefeated by holding off Rockwall for a one-point title victory.

More than that, in the third-place game, RHS played one of its most impressive of this season – and quite likely its best quarter of basketball – to defeat Roysie City 67-50.

The Jackets built a 19-10 lead early in the second quarter, but smaller Rockwall-Heath pulled back within a point at 21-20. From that point, Rockwall's 10-3 advantage over RHS a 31-23 halftime lead. The first 10 points of the second half were the advantage to 18 points at 41-23. For the quarter, the visitors led the Bulldogs 23-3.

More important for the Jackets might have been the fact that players lined up to complement the 1-2 sophomore punch of Elijah Thomas and Austin Grandstaff. Against Roysie City, Thomas had 24 points and 16 assists. Grandstaff scored just 10 points, but that was mostly because he missed 14 of 20 shots. Junior Skyler Simmons contributed 14 points, 9 on 3-point shots.

In the tournament, Thomas scored 23.8 points per game. Grandstaff scored 17.0 and Simmons had 13.8.

It was a very good tournament. We shot the ball real well. All three of us had a great tournament," said RHS head coach Alan Simmons.

There was a big difference from the Jackets' first two games at the fourth Thanksgiving Hoopfest in Duncanville. Against Texasrkana Pleasant Grove, Grandstaff and Thomas scored all but 3 of Rockwall's points in a 59-37 victory. Grandstaff poured in 35 points, including the buzzer-beater that tied the game 57-57, and Thomas added 21 before fouling out.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	15	16	14	22	67
RHHS	18	10	20	18	66

Rockwall-Heath – Braxton Stein 16, Jordan Corbett 15, Wesley Franklin 12, Ben Podell 7, Gabe Fowler 6, David Johnson 3, Lawrence Johnson 2.

RHHS – Elijah Thomas 26, Austin Grandstaff 19, Skyler Simmons 14, David Keaton 5, Wes Murdoch 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	16	13	14	22	65
RHHS	24	19	16	16	75

Rockwall-Heath – Jackson 26, Strong 11, Piper 10, Gossett 7, Perry 6, Sneed 5.

RHHS – Elijah Thomas 22, Austin Grandstaff 18, Skyler Simmons 18, David Keaton 10, Aaron Maxwell 3, Sheridan Bee 2, Trevor Blum 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	10	14	8	13	45
RHHS	22	9	18	16	65

Rockwall-Heath – Marcus Wade 16, Ledavious Smith 9, Kasiah Duncan 7, Ben James 5, Nigel Mayfield 5, Terence Washington 3.

RHHS – Elijah Thomas 23, Austin Grandstaff 21, Skyler Simmons 9, Aaron Maxwell 6, Wes Murdoch 4, Sheridan Bee 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	14	14	12	12	52
RHHS	11	13	18	23	65

Rockwall-Heath – Elijah Thomas 25, Austin Grandstaff 12, Skyler Simmons 9, Aaron Maxwell 4, David Broach 2.

RHHS – King McClure 25, Tyler Singleton 13, Jeremiah Henderson 11, Gary Breau 6, Dalyn Mumphrey 6, Harrison Henderson 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	8	15	19	15	57
RHHS	19	11	15	14	59

Rockwall-Heath – Dustin Thomas 17, Reggie Myrks 15, Corey Williams 8, Garviel 7, Ronnie Griffin 5, Ladarius Reid 5.

RHHS – Austin Grandstaff 35, Elijah Thomas 21, David Broach 3.

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Roysie City Health & Rehabilitation is proud of their key personnel. Kalli Grider, Environmental Service Director, has been at Roysie City for 3 years. Kalli moved to Texas from Denver, Colorado.

She ran her own cleaning business for 12 years prior to coming to Roysie City Health & Rehab. She is married, lives in Wolfe City and has three grown children. Karen Wilson is our Certified Dietary Manager. She has been with SCC Healthcare Group for 15 years and has been at Roysie City Health & Rehabilitation since it opened in 2009.

Karen has been in food service for 36 years, working as the Food Service Director for the Caddo Mills School District for 5 years prior to her career in long term care. She is married, lives in Caddo Mills and has three children.

Barry Womack is our Maintenance Supervisor. He has been with the company for 8 1/2 years and has been at Roysie City since it opened. The facility can and does depend on Barry for almost everything. He is married, has one son and 2 grandsons and in his spare time enjoys four wheeling, NASCAR and wood working.

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