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Rockwall High School varsity football players hold their Regional Championship trophy together, Saturday Nov. 28, 2015, following the team's 43-26 win over Spring, at Waco ISD Stadium. See related story on page 6.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

UIS playoff tickets Offered until Friday

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets will take on the Lakeview High Cavaliers for the UIL State Quarterfinals, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Kyle Field on the Texas A&M campus, 161 Wellborn Rd., College Station.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and may be purchased at the RHS Athletic Office on the high school campus. Tickets will be sold from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday, Dec. 3, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 4, according to a RHS Jacket Athletic Booster Club news release.

All tickets will cost \$10 at the gate.

At 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, the club will host a community event in the downtown plaza. A few guests will be invited.

On game day, RHS fans are encouraged to wear orange to help support the Cavaliers.

For more information and caravan details, provided by the booster club, are as follows:

6:30 a.m. – Jacket Nation will meet at the RHS circle (parking lot) to send off the team. Wear orange and bring noisemakers, flags, etc., for the send-off.

7 a.m. – Team leaves for College Station.

8 a.m. – Join the Jacket Nation caravan, which will meet in the student parking lot and leave for College Station. Vehicles fueled and ready to go; the trip will take approximately 1.5 hours.

11:30 a.m. – Jacket Nation will meet for dinner at Fuego Grill, 108 Poplar St., College Station.

2 p.m. – Kickoff at Kyle Field.



The Royse City Chamber of Commerce's recent Annual Wreath Auction raised more than \$1,000, which was donated to the newly formed Children's Advocacy Center of Rockwall County. Pictured with one of the wreaths from the auction are, from left, Kenda Culpepper and Vivian Brown.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Royse City Chamber ends year on successful note

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has had a successful year in recent weeks and will end 2015 with several notable achievements.

With the help of its committees, volunteers and participants during the 17th FunFest Celebration, the chamber took the \$2,000 raised from the event and presented it to the Military Heritage Museum in Rockwall, Texas, and the \$1,554 from its RunFest 5k and applied it to the restoration effort for the historic calaboose, according to a news release.

The Military Heritage Collection of North Texas exists to collect, preserve and exhibit artifacts to honor America's military veterans and educate visitors about the long history of service and sacrifice by the men and women of the United States military. It is located at the Mark Witham and located at 20798 CR 590, Nevada. The historic calaboose was built between 1911 and 1921 and used to house dangerous offenders, while others were taken to Dallas to

be incarcerated. The jail sits below surrounding terrain and is prone to flooding. It has been deteriorating for years and needs major repair work done before its total collapse. Repair requires the help of engineering experts and there are major costs involved with research and restoration.

In addition, the Annual Wreath Auction, which takes place during the November chamber luncheon, was started from a desire to help the local animal shelter. Since then the chamber has donated the proceeds to several local charities. This year the \$1,090 raised will be supporting the newly formed Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County, which makes it possible for a neglected/abused child to only have to tell his or her story one time in a recorded interview with a trained CAC professional, rather than having to explain the story numerous times. Under one roof are housed law enforcement, Child Protective Services, therapists, caseworkers, interns, nurses and volunteers.

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CASA info sessions set locally

An informational session about CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) is set for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Rockwall CASA Office, 108 Kenway, Rockwall. CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge and charged with helping to find the best possible outcomes for abused and/or neglected children in foster care. For more information, contact Lone Star CASA by calling 972-772-5858 or email vickie@lonestarcasa.org.

Heath Holiday Home Tours offered

The Rockwall-Heath High School Class of 2016 will present Heath Holiday Home Tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4. Eight homes will be featured, sidelined by live entertainment and raffle drawings. For more details, call 972-772-2474.

Pancakes for the Park event slated

Pancakes for the Park & Christmas Bazaar, a benefit for the Sammy Knostman Memorial Fund, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 5 in the Rockwall-Heath High School cafeteria, 801 Laurence Dr. Cost will be \$10, which will include two pancakes, two sausages, juice/coffee and a photo with Santa. The event is being sponsored by the FCCLA, STUCO, AVID, Chain Reaction
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Virginia Claire 'Noni' (Prater) Maestri

Virginia Claire "Noni" (Prater) Maestri, 97, of Grapevine, formerly of Lewisville and Plano, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015.

Burial will take place at a later date in the Nevada Cemetery in Nevada, Texas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Born Nov. 14, 1918, in Farmersville to John Findley Prater and Sara Jane (Lawson) Prater, she was a social person who enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, baking and working as a nurse.

Survivors include her daughters, Rogene Hunt and her husband, Louis "Bob" and Betty Bradford and her husband, Peter; her grandchildren, Todd Hunt, Eric Koch and Michelle Missimer and her husband, William "Bill"; her great-grandchildren, Jennifer Missimer and Allison Missimer; and numerous other relatives.



Cherree and Chris Wyatt pose with the door prize they won at the Thanksgiving luncheon on Friday, Nov. 20. They were among the more than 150 senior citizens and volunteers who attended the luncheon at the First Baptist Church in Roysse City. Dr. Phillip Paul, a chiropractor in Roysse City, has provided the luncheon every year to honor and thank senior citizens for all they do for the community. Mary Johnson, president of the Roysse City and Rockwall Housewarmers, was the emcee for the program. She and Paul began the luncheon 19 years ago and work together to provide the much-anticipated event.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/
Rockwall County News

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

Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



PREGNANCY GINGIVITIS

It is strongly suggested that pregnant women schedule a prenatal visit with the dentist since hormonal changes related to pregnancy make women particularly prone to gum disease (gingivitis). Women who already have gingivitis will likely find that their gums will become increasingly more inflamed, especially if they do not receive treatment. It should also be pointed out that research shows that changes in estrogen and progesterone levels associated with pregnancy affect the nature of the body's response to the bacteria responsible for causing periodontal (gum) infections. These infections may pose a threat to the placenta and fetus, increasing the likelihood of pre-term delivery. This potential complication alone should prompt pregnant women to schedule regular dental visits. You may not even be aware that you have gum disease because often there is no pain. If you have any concerns or questions about any subject relating to the well-being of your teeth and gums, call McNEW DENTAL at 972.771.2213. We're located at 1300 E. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Suite 114, where we are currently accepting new patients.

P.S. About 40 percent of women develop gingivitis at some point in their pregnancies.

www.mcnewdental.com

Martha Jeanette Osborne

A celebration of life memorial service for Martha Jeanette Osborne, 84, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at the Pure Heart Fellowship Church, 5700 Mark Lane, in Rowlett. She died Nov. 28.

Born in Obion, Tennessee, on June 2, 1931, to Huey Adam Osborne and Myrtle Goodman Osborne, she grew up in Tennessee. She and her family moved to Tallulah, Louisiana, when she was a young teenager. She graduated from Tallulah High School, followed by the Bish Mathis Institute of Business in Monroe, Louisiana. She married Archie Vonzhel "Vonnies" Sharpe on Dec. 31, 1949.

She worked for Staplocot for 30 years. She had a beautiful smile, an infectious, positive attitude and always took life wherever she went. She lived in Carthage and Newellton, Louisiana, prior to moving to Rockwall in 2005. She lived in Rockwall for 10 years.

She was a member of the Pure Heart Fellowship Church and was devoted to her Bible study class and the Women's Ministry. She was a mentor to many. She was a member of the Red Hats, known as Jet-Set Jeanette, the Rockwall Garden Club, Newcomers of Rockwall and played in several bridge clubs. She enjoyed being with family and friends and always will be remembered as a true, classic Southern belle.

Survivors include her four daughters, Vonette Tully of Rockwall, Kim Doyle of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Sherri Limely of Kyle and Shannon Sharpe of Kyle; her sons-in-law, Doyl Tully of Rockwall, Kenny Doyle of Baton Rouge and Rod Limely of Kyle; her grandchildren, Benjamin Tully and his wife, Kayla, Samuel Tully, Joseph Tully, Luke Tully of Rockwall, John Tully of Pensacola, Florida, Christopher Doyle and his wife, Leslie, of Baton Rouge, Mark Doyle of Seattle, Washington, Morgan Doyle of Dallas and Victoria Limely, Joshua Limely and Matthew Limely of Kyle; a great-grandson, Hollis Doyle, of Baton Rouge; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Ilar Osborne; a sister, Ruby Osborne Alexander; and four other siblings.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jeanette Sharpe Missions Fund at pureheartfellowship.org.



Andrew Max Scheid

Services for Andrew Max Scheid of Garland will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel, 2500 SH 66 East, Rockwall with Dewayne Cain officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, at the funeral home.

He died Nov. 24.

Born March 31, 1920, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, he moved to Whitesboro as a child. There he worked on the family farm and at the Scheid Dairy until graduation from Whitesboro High School. In 1938, he enrolled at the University of Texas and became an ardent Longhorn fan. He joined the Baptist Church of Austin, where he met Betty Lois Rogers, who he married in 1941. She died in 2008.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Pacific Theater as an armored cavalry officer charged with disarming the Japanese in their homeland.

A lifelong learner, he kept up with current events and was known as a highly ethical, kind-hearted individual with a keen sense of humor. His office copier became his favorite toy used to copy family jokes, cartoons, news clippings and Musings from Max to family and friends. Compassionate and generous with his time and attention, he mentored many in their careers and personal lives.

He never retired, maintaining his commercial real estate business until the time of his death.

His civic and community leadership spanned a broad spectrum of interests, including service as a charter member and board member for the Memorial Hospital of Garland (now Garland Baylor Hospital), president of the Garland Chamber of Commerce, president of the board of trustees of the Garland Independent School District, executive secretary of the Dallas Association of Realtors, president, Dallas East, board member for the State of Texas Surplus Property Agency, deacon, First Baptist and Calvary churches of Garland, department leader of Park Cities Baptist Church of Dallas and numerous other positions.

Throughout his life he was known as a man of great character, a loving son and brother, devoted husband, Daddy, Grandpa and Uncle Max. He will be remembered for his deep commitment to Jesus. He considered his greatest accomplishment to be passing on his love of the Lord to his children.

Survivors include his children, Betsy Scheid of Littleton, Colorado, Carol Pinson and her husband, Reg, of Rowlett, Peggy Manning and her husband, Bill, of Georgetown, Texas, and Candy Pugh and her husband, Cole, of LaGrange, Georgia; his grandchildren, Jeff Pugh of Tomball, Damon Johnson and his wife, Valerie, of Lakewood, Colorado, Blake Frye and his wife, Marty, of Littleton, Fr. Joseph and his wife, Jude, of Gilbert, Arizona, Derek Johnson and his wife, Christy, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Brandon Frye and his wife, Mandy of Pflugerville, Mandy Pugh of Dallas, Jeanna Pugh of Dallas and Daniel Pugh of Athens, Georgia; 16 great-grandchildren, nephew, Patrick Rogers, and his wife, Debbie, of Austin.

The family has suggested memorial donations may be made to Baylor Hospital of Garland.

The family wishes to express its appreciation to Sally for 14 years of compassionate nursing care.



Three locals are semifinalists in regional NATS competition

Three local residents were semifinalists in the 40th annual Southern Region National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) conference conducted recently at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, according to a news release from Ouachita Baptist University.

Kenzie Osborn of Heath, an OBU freshman musical theater student, was a semifinalist in the lower college music theater women's division.

Micah Brooks of Rockwall, a freshman OBU musical theater student, was a semifinalist in the lower college music theater men's division.

OBU freshman Jessie Brunson of Rockwall, a freshman vocal performance student, was a semifinalist in the freshman women's division.

Littlefield enrolls at McMurry University

Brianna Littlefield of Roysse City has enrolled as a first-year student at McMurry University in Abilene, according to a university news release.

The university, founded in 1923, enrolls more than 1,200 students and has an average class size of 16.

Holiday in the Park set Dec. 4 in Heath

The 2015 Holiday in the Park event in Heath will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, at the Towne Center Park behind the Heath City Hall.

Activity booths and miniature train rides are planned, and food trucks will be on site to offer food. Complimentary cocoa and Christmas cookies will be served.

From 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the Cain orchestra will play in the dining area. At 7 p.m., the Christmas tree lighting will be conducted, followed by Santa's arrival. The Rockwall-Heath High School jazz band and Amy Parks and Pullen honor choirs will be featured.

From 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m., Santa will be available for photos. Activities will take place rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, activities will be moved into the Amy Parks Elementary School.

Christmas event set Dec. 5 in R'wall

Rockwall's Hometown Christmas Celebration will take place Saturday, Dec. 5.

Kicking off the event will be the 46th Annual Kiwanis Christmas

Parade, set to run from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The parade will run from the Rockwall County Courthouse, proceed down Townsend and end at Dobbs Elementary. Gracie Fleming, a student from Amy Parks Heath Elementary, will be the parade's grand marshal.

Pictures with Santa will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the historic courthouse.

The annual Christmas tree lighting will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall. Rockwall native Blaine Mitchell of "The Voice" is scheduled to perform at the tree lighting, according to information on the event's Facebook site.

Day-long events, which will run from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., will include a photo booth with props; live entertainment; face painting; bounce houses; trackless train rides; strolling balloon artists; strolling elves with giveaways; a toy drive benefiting Helping Hands; an old-fashioned hot dog cart in the plaza; a Find Frosty scavenger hunt; and refreshments in downtown shops.

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and the Architecture Club, cheerleaders, Culinary Arts, HOA orchestra.

Democratic Men's Group to meet Dec. 5

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will hold its next luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Napoli Italian Restaurant, 407 S. Goliad St., Rockwall. Jason Redick, outreach coordinator for the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, will be the guest speaker. The group meets at noon on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men are encouraged to attend. About the future of Texas and Rockwall County are welcome.

Toy drive drive-through drop-off set Dec. 8

Helping Hands will open Holiday Lane, a drive-through toy drop-off site, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the Cotton Thrift Store parking lot, 950 Williams St. Toys also may be dropped off at Rockwall County Helping Hands. New, unwrapped toys valued at about \$25 are needed for children up to 12 years old. Online donations may be made at asp1080.towercare.com/webDonation. Distribution will be conducted on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Rockwall Independent School District Administration Center, 1050 Williams St.

American Legion to host Veterans Dinner

The American Legion will host a dinner to honor World War II Veterans, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Cotton Patch restaurant, Rockwall. Meals for the honored veterans will be paid. For information contact Chuck Belmear at 469-698-0114.

Newcomers & Friends plan Dec. 10 luncheon

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends will observe their monthly luncheon meeting on Dec. 10 at Occasions at Stone Hill in Roysse City. Participants will win prizes playing Christmas trivia by bidding on raffle items. To learn more or make a luncheon reservation call Barbara at 972-771-1057 or Cathy at 942-400-9999. Visit newcomersrock.com for more information.

Adopt a WIN Angel by Dec. 11

The Women in Need Angel Giving Tree Campaign is currently underway. Through this effort, area residents can help provide a special holiday for victims of domestic violence and their children by visiting a local participating location, adopting a WIN angel and returning angel tree gifts by Dec. 11. Rockwall County locations include the Legend Salon, 2861 Ridge Rd., Suite 117, Rockwall. Simply Kate, 210 E. Rusk St., Rockwall. For more information, call 903-455-4612 or 972-772-3000.

ARC plans Dec. 12 blood drive

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive in Rockwall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Lowe's on North State Town Drive. To make an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross blood donor app from the app store, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can use the app to access their donor cards and view vital signs from previous donations. Visit redcrossblood.org to learn more about donating and hosting a blood drive.

Spay/Neuter Network changes December date

The Spay/Neuter Network's hospital bus will be in Rockwall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Lowe's on North State Town Drive. Walk-up vaccinations will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Spay/neuter services are available throughout the Metroplex; free spay/neuter services are offered in select ZIP codes. For an appointment or more information call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500; spaces fill quickly. Positive Rockwall PAWS, a nonprofit that funds the treatment of behavior-positive local shelter dogs (rockwallpaws.com, rockwallpaws.net).

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 TXism: "hot as a griddle"</p> <p>5 "No Pass No _____"</p> <p>6 this Collin played throughout TX in his first band</p> <p>7 this Harris was in "The Right Stuff" with TX Quaid</p> <p>8 oil additive</p> <p>9 it's out of control in Washington</p> <p>15 promissory _____</p> <p>16 in Midland: "Permian Basin _____ Museum"</p> <p>19 TXism: "drawing _____ it"</p> <p>21 left page of an open book</p> <p>22 aromatic substances used in certain ointments</p> <p>27 TX Joe Don Baker film: "_____ Fear"</p> <p>28 TX Charley Pride's "Never _____ Loved" (1981)</p> <p>29 TXism: "a squeaky wheel gets the _____"</p> <p>30 TXism: "fast as a rat up _____ of the _____"</p> <p>32 TX Janis died of this (abbr.)</p> <p>33 silly hats? (2 wds.)</p> <p>36 TXism: "shootin' _____" (pistol)</p> <p>37 he took the title from TX George Foreman in 1974</p> <p>38 Houston gymnastic coach, Bela _____</p>	<p>39 DFW Airport building</p> <p>41 Asian surname</p> <p>42 moral principles</p> <p>45 this Ralph was host of "Nashville Now"</p> <p>46 365 days (abbr.)</p> <p>47 flight prefix</p> <p>48 _____ Braufels, TX</p> <p>49 Cowboys "The Big Cat" (1991-2000)</p> <p>52 collegiate athletic org.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17 18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p> <p>29</p> <p>30</p> <p>31</p> <p>32</p> <p>33</p> <p>34 35</p> <p>36</p> <p>37</p> <p>38</p> <p>39</p> <p>40</p> <p>41</p> <p>42</p> <p>43 44</p> <p>45</p> <p>46</p> <p>47</p> <p>48</p> <p>49</p> <p>50 51</p> <p>52</p> <p>53</p> <p>54</p> <p>55</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 TXism: "tax wrangler"</p> <p>2 pie _____ mode</p> <p>3 La Grange is seat of this county</p> <p>4 Athens, TX is the "Black _____ of the _____"</p> <p>5 World _____</p> <p>6 noisy cries</p> <p>7 Kacey Musgraves put this on in 2015 in Mineola (2 wds.)</p> <p>8 Bevo's univer.</p> <p>9 _____ Red Duke</p> <p>10 TXism: "close enough for _____ work"</p> <p>13 Confederate general Robert _____</p> <p>14 bird found on TX beaches</p> <p>15 TXism: "poison" (choose)</p> <p>16 TX Nat Stuckey recorded "_____ Top" in 1966</p> <p>17 SEIA is a trade assoc. for the _____ industry</p> <p>18 gloomily</p> <p>19 TX agcy. that works with disabled (abbr.)</p> <p>20 this Gaiety was a coach & GM for the Dallas Stars (init.)</p> <p>23 in Smith Co. on hwy. 135</p> <p>24 pumbing problem</p> <p>25 wife of Abraham</p> <p>26 "he was led _____"</p> <p>28 "to _____ not to be"</p> <p>31 TX ZZ Top album: "_____ Hombres"</p> <p>34 Cloris of TX-based "The Last Picture Show" (init.)</p> <p>35 affirmative vng</p> <p>37 TX B.J. sang "The Eyes of _____ York Woman"</p> <p>40 TX Ivory Joe wrote "Since _____ You Baby" (1956)</p> <p>43 TX Buck Owens show: "_____ Haw"</p> <p>44 TXism: "too many _____ the fire"</p> <p>50 narrow rural roads</p> <p>51 "_____ More Beef"</p>
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The nativity planned Dec. 20 at FCC R'wall

Christian Church Rockwall will re-enact the Christmas story for the public from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. This is the 10th year that members of the church will offer a scene. A cast of all ages will perform every 20-30 minutes, with a group caroling session led by the church choir. Children will be given the opportunity to pet animals at the scene. This year we are also inviting the public inside the church and hot chocolate and to view a collection of nativity figurines. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Rd., about 1.4 miles south of White Road and follow the signs to the parking lot.

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Christmas tree drop-off site offered
Rockwall residents can drop off live Christmas trees at the Sports Complex parking lot, 1550 Airport Rd., Dec. 20-21. All ornaments, lights and stands should be removed prior to drop-off. Drop-offs from commercial operations are not allowed.

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

Newcomers & Friends plan Jan. 14 luncheon
Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends have planned their annual luncheon at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City for Jan. 14. The speaker will be Gayle Brink, who will provide a dramatic reading of her novel "Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt." For more information, call Barbara at 972-771-1111 or visit www.rockwallcounty.com for more details.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Study on salvation ... continued

During a family outing at a small lake in the South Plains of Texas, two brothers decided to climb into a small sailboat that was about 6 feet in length with one sail.

They had never sailed before that time, and were sure there would be no problems. It was a nice day with warm sunshine.

Their family watched from the shore, as the two attempted to position the sail just the right way to achieve some kind of motion, but to no avail.

Soon, an ominous bluish green looking cloud developed and started approaching the lake. Anyone who has lived in the South Plains of Texas might understand the sudden onset of strong storms.

The brothers faced a serious problem as boaters made a dash to the shore. The use of oars did not help much, considering the looming storm cloud that was bearing down on them.

They sat helpless in the boat as other boats motored past them. Alas, one of the boaters stopped and offered to tow them to shore. They called out for one of the brothers to hand over a rope attached to the sailboat, and continued to shore.

This true story is one of many examples of people saving others. You see - the storm dumped a great deal of hail, with high winds that would have endangered the two inexperienced "sailors."

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To save or rescue someone, in essence, means to rescue them from danger, and ultimately death.

The dynamics of any rescue depends heavily on the rescuer. And in many cases, the rescued people must be willing to trust rescuer and follow instructions. Of course, in other instances, the people being rescued may be completely helpless and rely completely on the rescuer. In both situations, it is clearly understood that the people being rescued are in a life-threatening condition.

Likewise, God raised His first-born son, Joshua (Jesus) the Messiah, from the dead and sat him at His right hand with all authority.

He made His son to be Lord and Savior. The future resurrection of the just and the unjust rests upon the resurrection of God's son. True salvation and freedom rests upon the truth that God sat His son at His right hand with all authority and power.

This column will continue to address the extremely important subject of salvation and resurrection in relation to the underlying bondage and fear of death that all people face. We will also address the significance of salvation from the dangers of the upcoming terrible tribulation period of time that is prophesied in Revelations and certain Epistles.

Considering the scriptures refer to receiving the Holy Ghost, and calling upon the name of the Lord, in the context of salvation, we will continue the study on what it precisely meant to "receive the Holy Ghost," and to "call upon the name of the Lord."

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"Let the peace from God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body, and be thankful ..."
Colossians 3:15

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."
Psalm 150:6

"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10: 9-10

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

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

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

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

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known ..."
Proverbs 3:6

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Holiday in the Park announced

Plans are underway for 2015 Heath Holiday in Park event set for 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Center Park - rain or shine. Amy Parks and Dorothy Elementary choirs, as well as Cain and Rockwall-Heath performance groups, will provide entertainment. Also planned are a miniature train ride, activity booths for kids and a day photo booth. Complimentary hot cocoa and Christmas cookies will be served. Santa also will be on hand, so parents should bring their cameras. For more details visit heathtx.com.

Rockwall to host Dec. 5 Christmas celebration

Downtown Rockwall will host its Hometown Christmas Celebration beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. The Christmas Parade will run from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., followed by pictures with Santa at the Courthouse from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Other activities will run from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. include a photo booth, props, live entertainment, painting, bounce houses, less train rides, an old-fashioned hot dog cart in the plaza, a Frosty scavenger hunt, street balloon artists and a toy drive benefiting Helping Hands.

Christmas tree lighting in Rockwall

Rockwall's 32nd annual Christmas tree lighting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, on the lawn at City Hall. The event will feature Old-fashioned holiday music which will be offered, making will take place in a workshop while free hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Santa also will be on hand to make a visit. For details visit rockwall.com.

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Opinions

Why the CIA has confessed to a cover-up in the JFK assassination

by **Jac Hornberger**

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th, Politico.com published an article by author Philip MCBRAYAN detailed a recent confession by the CIA that it had deception and cover-up in the assassination of President Kennedy. According to a once-secret in-house report prepared in 2013, the CIA supposedly failed to disclose to the mission its assassination plots against Cuba's president as part of the CIA's assassination partnership with the CIA.

historian considered the CIA's cover-up to be "benign" CIA's motive was supposedly a noble one: that the CIA was supposedly concerned that disclosure of its assassination plots could lead to retaliatory action against Cuba, which supposedly was trying to avoid. According to Shenon's article, the report was initially marked "NOFORN," meaning "it was not to be shared outside the CIA with foreign governments." Nonetheless, the report "was declassified last fall," which Shenon says "might suggest a cover-up by the CIA in trying to resolve the lingering mysteries of the Kennedy assassination."

ately, however, there is another possible explanation for the CIA's new-found transparency and openness in the JFK assassination — to distract attention away from a higher crime by focusing on a lower crime. It wouldn't be the first time that the CIA has done that. Consider the case of Frank Olson. He was a CIA employee who worked in the national-security state's top-secret biological warfare labs at Ft. Detrick, Maryland, during the Cold War. On November 28, 1953, Olson was killed as a result of what appeared to be a suicidal jump from the window of his 13-story apartment in New York City. For more than 20 years, Olson's widow believed that he had been suffering depression and a nervous breakdown at the time he purportedly decided to kill himself by jumping out of the hotel-room window. The CIA did nothing to cause her to doubt that belief. In 1975, the Rockefeller Commission uncovered evidence that the CIA's infamous MKULTRA drug experiment program on the CIA family became suspicious and began investigating. The CIA had remained mum about Olson's death for years, the agency suddenly found religion, became "open" and "transparent," and publicly confessed that it had subjected its employee to LSD without telling him in advance. Supposedly the depression caused by the LSD, Olson supposedly decided to jump out of the window. Olson now felt horrible about what it had done and apologized to the Olson family, even inviting them to CIA headquarters for a personal apology from the director of the CIA. The family received a \$750,000 out-of-court settlement.

Twenty years later, in 1994, the Olson family once again became suspicious. They exhumed the body and had another autopsy performed. According to Wikipedia, most of the autopsy team, which was headed by James Stars, professor of law and forensics science at George Washington University National Law Center, concluded that Olson had suffered a blunt force trauma to the head before he left the hotel room window. According to the new autopsy, the evidence was called "rankly and starkly suggestive of homicide."

Did I mention that there was a fellow CIA agent in the hotel room with Olson? Perhaps it would be helpful to quote a secret assassination manual of the CIA in the 1950s, entitled "A Study of Assassination":

It is possible to kill a man with the bare hands, but very few are skillful enough to do it well. Even a highly trained Judo expert will hesitate to risk killing by hand unless he has absolutely no alternative. However, the simplest local tools are often much the most efficient means of assassination. A hammer, axe, wrench, screw driver, fire poker, kitchen knife, lamp stand, or anything hard, heavy and handy will suffice.... For secret assassination, either simple or chase, the contrived accident is the most effective technique. When successfully executed, it causes little excitement and is only casually investigated. The most efficient accident, in simple assassination, is a fall of 75 feet or more onto a hard surface.

Why did the CIA murder American citizen and CIA agent Frank Olson? The entire sordid story is told in a fascinating book entitled, *A Terrible Mistake: The Murder of Frank Olson and the CIA's Secret Cold War Experiments* by H.P. Albarelli Jr. Having participated in horrific and deadly drug experiments on innocent people, Olson had experienced a crisis of conscience and had begun talking to outsiders about what was going on. That was his "terrible mistake." As such, he became a threat to "national security," and had to be dealt with.

When the Olson family brought a lawsuit for wrongful death in 2012, the CIA defended by saying that it was too late — that the Olson family had already settled the case in the 1970s and that it should have brought its new action long before now. The federal judge agreed and dismissed the suit.

The CIA's strategy was brilliant. By confessing to and expressing remorse for the lesser crime of providing Olson with LSD in the 1970s, which supposedly caused him to commit suicide, the CIA was successful in distracting attention away from the higher crime — the CIA's murder of its employee who was threatening to blow the whistle on MKULTRA.

Has the CIA suddenly had its own crisis of conscience, one in which it suddenly feels the need to disgorge its long-held secrets regarding the Kennedy assassination?

The circumstantial evidence belies that notion. For example, right now the National Archives is holding tens of thousands of long-secret pages of CIA records relating to the JFK assassination.

Why are they still secret? After all, the JFK Records Act in the 1990s was supposed to bring about the disclosure of all JFK-assassination-related records to the public.

Well, somehow the act permitted the CIA and other agencies to continue withholding some of their records for another 25 years.

If a malefactor is being forced to disgorge a multitude of records, doesn't it stand to reason that, given a choice, he would wait as long as possible to disclose the most incriminatory records?

Well, guess what: Those 25 years are up in October 2017, and the National Archives has announced that they are getting the records ready for release.

But there is one big caveat: the law enables the CIA to ask the president to continue the concealment of its JFK records, on grounds of "national security."

Of course, there is nothing that prevents the CIA from sending a letter to the National Archives right now stating, "We have become born-again advocates of openness and transparency in the JFK assassination. Don't wait until October 2017. Release the records now. We have nothing to hide."

Instead, the CIA is keeping its options open, waiting to see who the next president will be.

And what about the CIA's records on its agent George Joannides? He was the CIA agent who secretly supervised and funded the anti-Castro organization in New Orleans known as the DRE, the organization that began issuing press releases immediately after the assassination advertising Lee Harvey Oswald's connections to communism, the Soviet Union, and Cuba.

Perhaps this would be a good time to remind people what the CIA and the military were teaching about assassination to Latin American right-wing military and intelligence goons at the School of the Americas during the Cold War: that in a covert state-sponsored assassination, officials should blame it on a communist.

Unfortunately, the suddenly open and transparent CIA still refuses to disclose its records on Joannides. Perhaps I should also mention that John Tunheim, the federal judge who presided over the Assassination Records Review Board, which was charged with enforcing the JFK Records Act during the 1990s, as well as G. Robert Blakey, the chief counsel for the House Select Committee on Assassinations during the 1970s, have accused the CIA of intentionally misleading the ARRB and the House Select Committee with respect to Joannides and his relationship to the DRE.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

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Children's Chorus offer Dec. 7 concert

The Rockwall Children's Chorus, a community choir comprised of area children in grades 2 through 8, will give their annual Christmas concert beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Admission will be free. For more details, contact Cynthia Crowell at 214-577-6619 or visit rockwallchildrenschorus.com.

Rock wall to be revisited

The history of the rock wall and recent developments about the unique underground structure will make up the Dec. 11 program that will be part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 12

Breakfast with Santa, offered by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will be offered from 8:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at The Center. Pancakes, sausage and orange juice will be served and holiday-related activities will be provided. Santa will be on hand for the picture-perfect moment. Cost will be \$17 or \$11 for Rockwall residents. A limited number of tickets are available; pre-registration is required. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

RC plans Lighted Christmas Parade

Royse City's Lighted Christmas Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, according to the RC Main Street Facebook page. Theme for this year's event is Storybook Christmas. For more information, contact Paula Morris at 972-524-4846 or email paula.morris@roysecity.com.

Live nativity planned Dec. 20 at FCC Rockwall

The First Christian Church Rockwall will re-enact the Christmas nativity story for the public from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. A costumed cast of all ages will perform every 20-30 minutes, followed by a group caroling session led by the church choir. Children will be given the opportunity to pet animals at the scene, and free hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the church building. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Rd., about 1.4 miles south of I-30; enter from White Road and follow the signs to the parking area.

Tickets available for Daddy/Daughter Dance

A Daddy/Daughter Dance, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, at The Hilton Bella Harbor. Each participating girl will receive a flower at the end of the evening. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$99 or \$65 for Rockwall residents (\$25 for each additional child). A limited number of tickets are available; pre-registration is required. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Toy drive drive-thru drop-off set Dec. 8

Helping Hands will open Holiday Lane, a drive-through toy drop-off site, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the Centsible Thrift Store parking lot, 950 Williams St, according to information found on the Helping Hands Facebook page.

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Senator Hall joins Governor Abbott in stance on refugees, disregards conflict

by **Timothy W. Burnett**

According to a recent press release from Senator Bob Hall, District 5, he joined with Governor Abbott in declaring that Texas will not accept new Syrian refugees, according to a release from the Senator's office. The Senator emphasized that we do not have the ability to run a refugee's social security or finger prints database to vet them.

Many believe it is irresponsible to accept any Syrian refugees until we have assurance these are people in need of refuge, not a Trojan horse for terrorist," he continued. Hall suggested to Governor Abbott an Interstate Compact that would give governors a tool to administer refugee resettlement programs. Hall explained this is a matter of state vs. federal authority to oversee refugee resettlement.

Hall stated that an Interstate Compact for Refugee Resettlement in the United States would give states the ability to manage refugee resettlement programs within their state borders. The compact solution is in line with existing interstate compacts are constitutionally sound mechanisms, which require foreign states to cooperate in order to solve difficult issues beyond federal interference. Creating an Interstate Compact for Refugee Resettlement would give all participating states solid constitutional authority to supervise the entrance of refugees receiving taxpayer subsidies. Hall did not expound on reasons that Texas should establish a settlement Management procedures, and what types of subsidies, refugees might be qualified to receive. The United States Constitution reveals that while the federal government is authorized to regulate Naturalization, it lacks authority to regulate immigration.

Under the 10th Amendment, the state of Texas legislature may pass bills that regulate immigration and refugee movement in Texas. Lacking a law, the Governor may be authorized to stop foreign refugees from entering the state if there is a threat of criminal activity or military attack.

A U.S. Department of State report entitled, "2015 Trafficking in Persons Report," reported that an organization Islamic State of Iraq and Syria took control of the eastern governorates of Raqqa and Dayr al-Zawr. This move resulted in the displacement of nearly half of the Syria's pre-war population.

The report further stated that nearly four million people have fled to neighboring countries and approximately 7.6 million are displaced within Syria.

The report described large-scale human trafficking for forced sex and labor, by the various military rebel organizations operating in Syria, and accuses the Syrian government of allowing it to occur.

The Syrian problem began not long after a group of well-trained mercenary rebels assisted the United States and other countries in a military ground and air strike on Libya, resulting in the displacement of Libyan leader Omar Kadafi.

The Libyan problem included similar signatures observed in the current Syrian problem. Both began with sudden onset of mass riots, which escalated to an appearance of reportedly local rebels that were mysteriously well armed to fight the Libyan and Syrian governments, and included assistance to the rebels by certain governments.

The question on whether certain governments or corporations supplied the training and weapons for the rebel organizations remains a mystery for most Americans. It might be prudent to answer this question, before housing non-immigrant refugees who may know the real answer. Let's not rule out a possible conflict with the refugees if the rebels have been trained, financed, armed by our U.S. government, or associated defense contractors.

3 RPD officers earn promotions

Three Rockwall Police Department officers were promoted in a special ceremony conducted Monday, Nov. 30, at the RPD Training Room, 205 W. Rusk St.

Sgt. Joe Florance was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, while Officers Don Breytspraak and Larry Blunt were promoted to sergeant, according to a RPD news release.

The promotions were announced by RPD Chief Kirk Riggs.

WIN Angel Giving Tree effort underway

The Women in Need Angel Giving Tree Campaign is currently underway. Through this effort, area residents can help provide a special holiday for victims of domestic violence and their children by visiting a local participating location, adopting a WIN angel and returning angel tree gifts by Dec. 11.

Rockwall County locations include the Legend Salon, 2861 Ridge Rd., Suite 117, Rockwall and Simply Kate, 210 E. Rusk St., Rockwall. Other locations include My Sister's Closet stores in Greenville, Commerce and Quinlan and the Cotton Patch Café in Greenville.

For more information, call 903-455-4612 or 972-772-3000.

Area Notes

MADD to host Day of Remembrance

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will host a Day of Remembrance event on Dec. 3 to honor those who have been killed in drunk and drugged driving crashes, as well as those devastated by such crimes. The event, which will begin at 5 p.m. at the University of Texas at Arlington's Maverick Activities Center, 1000 W. Nedderman Drive, will include a candlelight vigil and presentation. For more information, visit madd.org/local-offices-texas.

Bereavement Luncheon set Dec. 8

VNA Bereavement Luncheon for community members who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Kay Thurman Community Room in the Kaufman County Courthouse, 90 S. Houston St., in Kaufman. Guest speaker will be the nationally-certified music therapist Karen Sholander, who will perform entitled *Surviving the Holidays through Music*. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kay Thurman at 972-962-7500 or moorek@vnatexas.org.

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Rockwall Yellowjackets take Region Championship in 43-26 win over Spring

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Rockwall Yellowjackets surprised the Spring Lions with a 4th quarter rally from behind, for a 43-26 UIL Region 2 Championship win, Saturday night, Nov. 28, 2015, at Waco ISD Stadium.

With the win, the Yellowjackets football team will advance to play against Lake Travis High School (Austin) for the State Quarterfinals, at 2:00 p.m., Sat. Dec. 5, at Kyle Field in College Station.

From start to finish, both teams and the fans endured cold and rainy conditions that increased during the 2nd half of the game.

During the first half of play, Rockwall scored the first touchdown after stopping Spring's first drive. This was followed by trade-outs between a Spring fumble off a pitch that was recovered by Rockwall, and a subsequent Yellowjacket interception resulting in a turn-over back to Spring, who drove the ball from their own 15 yard line to a 3rd and goal TD pass and a botched point-after attempt, making the score 7-6 in favor of the Jackets.

After Rockwall missed a field goal attempt, early in the 2nd quarter, Spring Junior Quarterback Eric Spencer kept the ball up the middle for a TD from their own 22 YL, putting the Lions on top 7-13.

Rockwall was unable to convert a recovered fumble into a TD, and both sides were unable to finish drives for TDs until :33 in the 2nd quarter, when Spencer kept the ball again for another TD. With the blocked PAT, the Lions moved ahead 10-19 going into halftime.

The Yellowjackets swarmed the field in the 2nd half with what appeared to be some simple changes that basically shut down Spencer's ability to make significant gains in his running game.

Rockwall answered with a drive that ended with a long run for TD by Senior Caleb Broach, from the 22 YL, tightening the margin with of 14-19.

The game took a major turn when Spring's Alex Mccray fumbled around the 5 YL after a long run, which was recovered by the Jackets. Although they did not convert the fumble into a score, the Jackets

seemed to grow stronger and faster from that time until the game.

With 9:47 in the 4th quarter, Spring scored again with a TD through the middle by Joseph Dorseus. This would be the last TD, as the Yellowjackets answered with another TD making the score 21-26.

After forcing Spring to punt, Rockwall Senior Quarterback Reed, again, led the team toward a TD pass to Senior Luke Taylor. With the pass to Junior Sam Crawford for a 2-point conversion, the Jackets pushed ahead 29-26 with 6:28 left in the game.

During the next drive, the Yellowjackets' defense dominated Spencer's game with increased pressure and sacks, forcing him to which the Jackets answered with a Sam Crawford run from own 24 YL for a TD, pushing their lead to 36-26, with 5:22 left in the 4th quarter.

Spring answered with a drive that lasted until 3:43 on the field when they were forced to punt from their own 40 YL. Rockwall did not convert it to a TD.

Later after stopping a Spring 4th down conversion at their 22 YL, the Yellowjackets sealed the 43-26 win with a TD by Sam Crawford.

"The fourth quarter was one of the most electric and memorable moments of my coaching career," said Head Coach Rodney Webb.

The coach said the players have a "Never Say Die," attitude that will continue to carry them through the playoffs.

Concerning the next opponent, Coach Webb explained that Travis is one of the truly elite programs in Texas. They won the past seven State Championships, and this year's team may be very best they have yielded yet."

Reed passed 22 times for 8 completions, 197 yards, and 1 TD.

Broach carried the ball 24 times for 127 yards and 3 TDs. He received the ball 2 times for 56 yards. Crawford carried the ball 10 times for 105 yards and 2 TDs, and caught 3 passes for 36 yards.

Termin logged 2 pass receptions for 67 yards and 1 TD.

On defense, Termin led with 5 Tackles, 2 Assists and 2 Tackles for Loss. Senior James Taylor was close behind with 6 Tackles and 2 Assists.

Sophomore Blake Barron logged 4 Tackles and 9 Assists.

Senior Jake Viquez punted 5 times for 213 yards, including one yard punt that pinned Spring deep in their territory. He also scored 2 points on field goals.

Sophomore Cole Talley kicked 7 times for 362 yards, including 2 field goals for 60 yards.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	7	0	7	29	43
SHS	6	13	0	7	26

Team stats

Rockwall ran a total of 56 plays for a total of 223 rushing yards, 197 passing yards, with 15 first down conversions, 1 penalty, 197 yards, and a total possession time of 19:55.

Spring ran a total of 73 plays, with 21 first down conversions, 197 yards, and 28:05 total time of possession.

Individual stats

Passing
Jake Hyvl (Sr) 1 catch for 25 yards; Cameron Crayton (Sr) 13.

Defense
Kenneth Tobias (Sr), 4 T, 4 A; Chib Ihediwa (Sr), 4 T, 3 A; Blacknall (Jr) 3 T, 2 A; Alston Orji (So), 2 T, 3 A; Chris Wilson (Sr), 2 T, 1 A; Korrey Barron (So), 2 T, 1 A; Tamba Juanah (Sr), 1 A; Ryan Neely (Jr), 1 T; Cameron Ast (Sr), 1 T; Walker Knight (Sr), 3 A.

RHS playoff game tickets on sale

Tickets to attend the Rockwall High School Yellowjackets football game, 2:00 p.m., Sat. Dec. 5, at Waco ISD Stadium, will be on sale at the Rockwall High School office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. thru Thurs Dec. 3, and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Fri. Dec. 4. Advance tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. All tickets will cost \$10 at the gate. For more information contact Steve Arenas at 214-477-1592 or email stevearenas@rockwallisd.com.

Royse City planning Dec. 12 Lighted Christmas Parade

The 2015 Lighted Christmas Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in downtown Royse City.

The route will begin at Ruth Cherry Intermediate School, 1777 and end at North Houston Street.

Entry forms for the parade may be found on the Royse City website on Facebook or by picking one up at City Hall at 305 N. Arch Street. Also a form may be obtained by calling Paula Morris, Main Street manager, at 972-524-4846 or by email at paula.morris@roysecity.com.

The deadline for entries to be turned in for the parade to qualify for judging is Friday, Dec. 4. There is no charge to enter but a separate form must be completed for each entry. All necessary information and guidelines for entry are on the form.

The theme of this year's parade is Storybook Christmas.

FM 551 in Fate to open at I-30

The FM 551/I-30 interchange will enter its next phase of construction, opening FM 551 in two stages for traffic to cross the interstate, according to a Texas Department of Transportation news release.

Traffic is currently detoured to other cross streets, but as of next week traffic will be able to stay on pavement – some temporary, permanent – under I-30 for more direct north/south access. This work was scheduled to have been completed by Wednesday, Dec. 25, according to the news release.

Next, the two "jug handle" turns on the north and southbound of I-30 will be closed and demolished and the new configuration will take place.

The final configuration should be in place by Friday, Dec. 4, after permitting.

The interchange project is scheduled for completion in the next few months of 2016.



Yellowjackets Senior Defensive Tackle, Jake Mirelez, wraps up Spring Quarterback Eric Spencer for a tackle stopping the Lions' first drive of the second half, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015, during the UIL Region 2-6A (Division 2) Championship game at Waco ISD Stadium.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Cox signs for full-ride scholarship at Coastal Carolina

Rylie Cox, of Rockwall, signed for a full-ride scholarship to play women's tennis at Coastal Carolina University, in Conway, South Carolina, starting the 2016 season.

Head Coach Catherine Hewitt officially made the announcement on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015.

Parents Glen and Rosie Cox hosted a special signing ceremony at their home during November.

Coach Hewitt said Ms. Cox possesses great character and she looks forward to working with her in the coming seasons.

According to her parents Glen and Rosie, the Rockwall High School graduate started playing tennis at 10 years of age with Coach Chris Van Vreden at Buffalo Creek Tennis Academy in Rockwall. Later, Ms. Cox transferred to Brookhaven Tennis Academy in Dallas under Coach Dave Anderson, where she continues to practice.

Some notable accomplishments recognized by Coach Hewitt are:

- Finalist and first place finisher in both singles and doubles in the Texas Super Champ tournaments.
- Third at the World Team Tennis championships in California.
- Fifth at a national doubles tournament in North Carolina.
- First at the Texas Team Prince Championship.
- Ranked in the top 10 in the state of Texas.

Cox's parents said that she competed annually at the Junior Grand Slams, finishing as a finalist in double U12G.

"This feels like the greatest day of my tennis career to this point," said Ms. Cox. "The full-ride scholarship was a confirmation that all the hard work paid off and it was worth it."

"I feel like this was all made possible with the support of the Rockwall community, my parents, church, family and friends, coaches, and most importantly – God," concluded Ms. Cox.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Heath Hawks Holiday Hustle planned

The Heath Hawks Holiday Hustle, a 5K and one-mile fun run, will take place Dec. 5 at Rockwall-Heath High School, 801 Laurence Dr. Race-day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. The fun run will start at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K at 9 a.m. Runners are urged to dress in festive holiday costumes. First place male and female runners, along with the most spirited runner, will win stockings stuffed with prizes valued at \$100. Register online at itsyourrace.com; early bird prices will be offered until Nov. 27.

Baseball, softball spring season registration set

Registration for the spring season of the City of Rockwall's Baseball and Softball League is underway and will continue through Jan. 8. The season will run Feb. 22 through May 9. Baseball fees are \$99 (\$65 for Rockwall residents) for 4-6U and \$120 (\$80) for 7U-14U. The softball fee, 4-14U, is \$99 (\$65 for Rockwall residents). To register visit rockwall.com/athletics.



Rockwall athlete, Rylie Cox (center) signs for a full-ride scholarship to play tennis at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, North Carolina. Sharing in this special event are Ms. Cox's parents (standing from left) Glen and Rosie Cox, who hosted the signing ceremony in their home.

Photo courtesy/Rockwall County News

Oliva wins Best of Show in national art contest

Rockwall High School senior Maria Oliva won Best of Show 3D in the 2015 National Young Marine Artists Search contest hosted by the American Society of Marine Artists.

Oliva's winning sculpture, Vandentoom II, was constructed of stoneware clay and represents sea vegetation, according to information on the Rockwall Independent School District website.

She won \$500 from the American Society of Marine Artists and \$500 from the Rockwall Art League in recognition of her national win.

Oliva has taken art all four years at RHS and is a member of the National Art Honor Society, as well as serving on the organization's Advisory Board.