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Resident Martha Callarman, center and her daughters, Connie McGregor, left, and Sherry Smith joined more than 300 people at the Bountiful Blessings celebration at Emeritus Summer Ridge Assisted Living and Retirement Community. Residents, family and friends crowded the corridors in anticipation of enjoying dozens of dishes provided by many of those who attended the event.  
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Connie Jackson, a commissioner on Rockwall's Planning and Zoning Commission, led an interior design team in Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity's Design Duel.  
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## Commissioners review, approve new courthouse details

Timothy Downs  
 The Nov. 8 County Commissioners Court session focused on office assignment space, completion, opening and regulations regarding the new courthouse.  
 Negotiations will take place with Manhattan Construction for additional build-out on the third floor, including space for human resources and treasurer, as well as veteran's services in one of the seven lawyer interview rooms. Indigent health care will be located central to elevators, walkways, courts and other services on the third floor.

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## Rockwall P&Z commissioner featured in Dallas' Design Duel

Rockwall residents may know Connie Jackson as a commissioner on the city's Planning and Zoning Board, but Jackson was recently awarded for planning of a different kind – redesigning a deserving family's living and dining rooms in the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity's Design Duel.  
 Jackson, an interior designer with the international firm Wilson Associates, led a team of three in the Design Duel, an interior design competition that challenged both Wilson Associates and Pickard Design Studio to the makeovers.  
 While accustomed to leading design teams for projects including Euro Disneyland in Paris, France, and the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Grapevine, Jackson had a budget of \$3,000 to be spent at Dallas Habitat's Restores, home improvement and décor stores whose proceeds support the construction of Dallas Habitat homes.  
 Jackson and colleagues Michael Crosby and Ann Hsieh were paired with the Thomason family of Mesquite, who had applied for a Design Duel makeover at a pivotal time. They were adjusting to life following a job loss, leaving no budget for renovations. Jackson's team created designs for the whole family. In the living room, worn carpet was replaced with the ReStore's durable laminate wood flooring. A new area rug; oversized frame with art by Crosby; end tables; and fresh, light paint completed the look.  
 In the dining area, Jackson and company created a more formal look. They continued the laminate flooring into the room, replacing vinyl floors; installed a designer light fixture; and again introduced a light paint palette to give the room the illusion of more space. They solved a second lighting challenge in the room's cabinet area by adding designer lamps to counter space – a cost-effective alternative to installing under-cabinet lights.  
 In all, Jackson's team spent slightly more than \$2,000 to recreate the rooms with high-end results. Their work was rewarded, winning the Design Duel's public vote.

"The most amazing part of the Design Duel was the enthusiastic emails I would receive from the Thomasons," said Jackson. "Hearing words like 'wow' and 'it looks so good' pushed the design team to achieve the highest standards possible. The best part was the friendship we gained with the family."

To see before and after photos of the team's design, visit [designduel.org](http://designduel.org).

## McLendon-Chisholm's 'little tree that could' due big dose of holiday spirit

by Darcy Rocha  
 The tree that serves as McLendon-Chisholm's official living Christmas tree for the city might be easy to miss before it gets its holiday makeover. It's not grand, but what it lacks in stature it makes up for in perseverance.  
 The tree, which resides just steps from the front door of city hall, has survived being eaten by grasshoppers, an infestation of bag worms and now the worst heat and drought of Texas history. As council member Steve Lovell put it, "That tree is like our little town, it's a survivor."  
 Think Charlie Brown's special little tree, except much taller.  
 The tree may be a bit battered, but it is still going strong. As it has been done for 10 years, this small landmark will be 'tree'ed to a big dose of holiday spirit.

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Daniel Rorie, a Junior at Rockwall Christian Academy, proudly holds the ceremonial sword and sheath presented to him November 8 for completing a set of course materials and challenges to achieve his Commissioned Leader status in The Men of Honor. At 16 years old, Rorie is the youngest to achieve adult-level commissioned status in the international organization that was founded locally. The Men of Honor is a character education program that provides positive male role models to boys through after-school programs, churches, and recreation centers.  
 Photo by Jana Edwards/Rockwall County News





McLendon-Chisholm city manager Dave Butler and city secretary Debbie Sorensen stand next to the town's living Christmas tree, which will brighten up next week at the annual Christmas tree lighting.

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## McLendon-Chisholm's 'little tree ...'

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holiday cheer Wednesday when the city staff, council and fire department welcome the community to their Christmas tree lighting. Lit up by strands of lights, it will be this special tree's time to shine.

There are many beautiful trees along the scenic country roads through McLendon-Chisholm, but this one is unique because of how it came to be. According to city manager Dave Butler, in the months following the attack on Sept. 11, 2001, then council members Bev Stibbens and Stacey Powers decided it would be good for the community to do something to pull the town together.

A tree was donated and planted by Port-a-Tree in McLendon-Chisholm. For several years after the tree was decorated in red white and blue in honor of our country and the annual tree lighting began.

The tree will again be the centerpiece of the city's annual tree lighting ceremony, which will start at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30. All are welcome and invited to attend. Guests will be treated to hot chocolate, coffee and cookies inside the building followed by a performance by the Chisholm Baptist choir.

And, of course, for the young and the young at heart, Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the ceremony delivered by the good folks of the fire department on their very own truck. I can't imagine that Santa - on a fire truck no less! - wouldn't be anything but awe inspiring to little boys and girls.

McLendon-Chisholm is a town that values tradition, and this one hangs on despite lower turnout over the years.

"I understand the lack of attendance, but we used to have a good turnout," city council member Jack Puller said recently. "Perhaps there are so many other activities going on, but if we don't continue this tradition then we are surrendering."



More than 250 area residents participated in the Lone Star CASA Speak Up for Kids 5K Race Against Child Abuse Nov. 5. Russel Corley was the first to cross the finish line, while Tonya Parsons was the female winner. Masters winners were Mike Jusko and Diane Daniels.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## CASA race draws 250-plus runners

More than 250 individuals participated in the third annual Speak Up for Kids CASA 5K Race Against Child Abuse conducted Nov. 5.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas mobile unit led runners through the 5K course, which was announced by Gary Freedman. BACA members kept the runners on route, while Girl Scouts distributed water at the halfway point.

Before and after the event, participants and their family members enjoyed family events as well as

bratitos donated by Chiloso's, Starbucks, and donated by Anytime Fitness, Brookshires, Lowe's and Thumb.

Russel Corley crossed the finish line first with a "chip time" of 22:16. Tonya Parsons was the female winner with a "chip time" of 22:16. Masters overall winners were Mike Jusko and Diane Daniels.

Other first-place finishers in their age and gender groups were Jacquely Spence, Jack Briley, Haley Welch, Dakota Brooks, Robyn Kindred, Jorge Santin Ray, Kristopher Hines, Bowen, Carlos Romero, Page, Mark King, Angela Liggett, Andy Hesser, Maryann Jody Spence, Francis Robb, David Proitt, Christine Hoff, Jim Bradley, Kathy Reid and Cunningham.

The goal for this year's event was to raise awareness about the program and the need for additional volunteer child-advocates. A network of more than 100 court-appointed special advocates programs around the U.S., Lone Star CASA protects the well-being of children involved in Child Protective Services cases in Rockwall and Kaufman counties. Under the Family Code, courts are obligated to appoint a guardian ad litem for abused and neglected children in foster care. Courts use volunteers as guardians ad litem for thousands of children each year.

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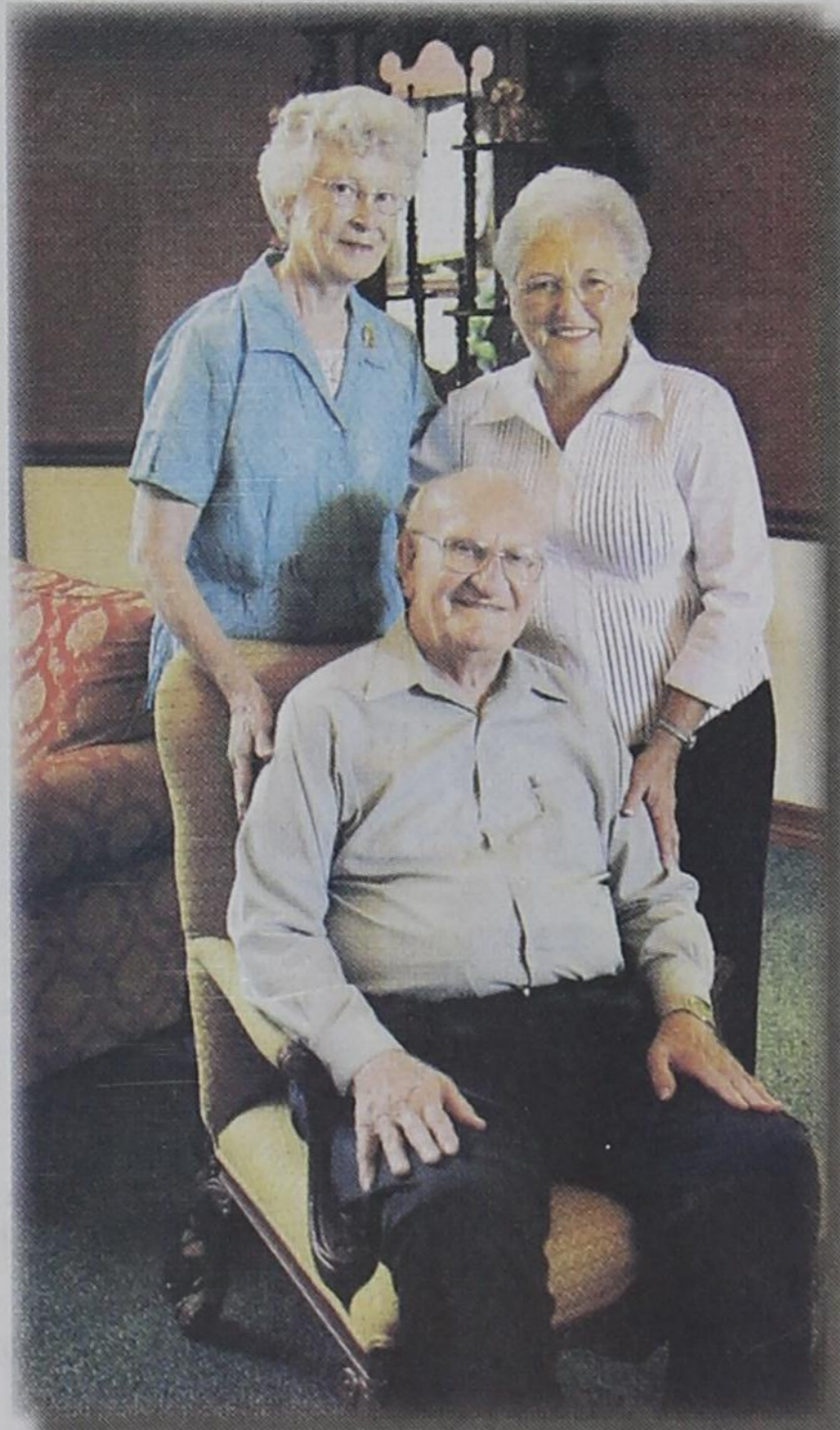
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Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles and niece Carolyn Bryan



### New county building plans ...

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The county auditor agreed to change location, originally for third floor to second floor, thereby, having the office adjacent to centralized collection manager and district clerk. Information technology will remain in the library due to lack of need for relocation to the new courthouse and to save associated move costs.

Lease agreement letter approval for a three-year renewal of county elections office is located on Kaufman Street across from the old courthouse.

Johnston Ramsay Architecture and Construction will provide additional interior modification at the Government Center. AgriLife Extension Service will locate to the County Services or Whitmore building using current bond dollars and Ramsay is tentative to provide drawings for the offices.

Notification letters for cancellation of lease agreements were approved for current offices - Department of Public Safety and county agent.

Total cost for the control room project at Law Enforcement Center increased to \$202,500.

Turtlecreek Landscape Services received approval for lawn and sprinkler services for the library, new courthouse and the Veteran's Memorial.

Approval was given for Indigent Defense Formula Grant for fiscal year 2012. Commissioner Dennis Bailey was appointed to the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee.

## Rockwall Summer Musicals unveils upcoming season

The second season of a new nonprofit theatrical production company, Rockwall Summer Musicals, unveiled its upcoming shows at a recent breakfast event. Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Annie Get Your Gun" will open June 14 at the Rockwall High Performing Arts Center at Utley, followed by Irving Berlin's "Gypsy"

beginning Aug. 9. RSM also announced some changes to its upcoming season. Thursday night performances have been added to both shows, and the 1500-seat theater will open its balcony for bargain-priced general admission tickets.

The group is the brainchild of Jacob Thomas, a Rockwall Independent School District middle school theater teacher who had a vision of forming a production company that would offer more comprehensive theater tutelage than is available within the classroom. The group has evolved into a full-fledged production company, and students shadow theater professionals backstage and onstage, learning the craft of theater through example and emulation.

Last year, nearly 70 RISD students were involved in the program, as well as a number of collegiate students.

Auditions for both shows will be April 14-15 at the Utley cafeteria. Auditions will be open to the public.

Season subscriptions will be available early next year and in the spring for online single tickets.

For more information, visit [rockwallsummermusicals.org](http://rockwallsummermusicals.org).



The 3rd Annual Rockwall Chef Shoot Out, conducted Oct. 12, raised \$2,500 for Rockwall's CERT (Community Emergency Response) program. Local chefs from Culpepper Steak House, The Oar House, Restaurant AVA, Zanata and the Fatted Calf were represented, with Bowden, Brett Merritt and Lewis Johnson. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The Northeast Texas Community College Foundation recently conducted its annual scholarship selection, and scholarship donors had the opportunity to meet their scholarship recipients. Local students Megan Higginbotham, the Titus Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship recipient, Amanda McCallum, the Phineas and Shaney Hassell Nursing Scholarship winner, are pictured with NTCC president Dr. Brad Johnson. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall's Main Street tapped for recognition

The City of Rockwall recently received national recognition for its successful annual progress as a designated Main Street community.

The announcement was made by the Texas Historical Commission and its Texas Main Street Program at their annual statewide downtown revitalization conference Nov. 2. The recognition honors the many partners of Main Street in each community and the progress each program has made.

Working together, Rockwall's Main Street Manager Bethany Golden, the Rockwall Old Town Shoppes, the Friends of Downtown and other volunteers have made progress in the downtown area that includes:

- The Façade Grant Program – 14 grants awarded to date that allow merchants to revitalize the outside of their shops;
- A Downtown Area Resource Network – a volunteer recruitment effort to attract more interest in downtown;
- More than 1,400 volunteer hours logged;
- Public and private reinvestment totaling approximately \$2.1 million;
- A calendar of annual events that includes Scare on the Square, Farmers Market, the San Jacinto Art Market, Rib, Rub and Run and the Old Town Christmas Market coming up Dec. 3.

The organization and enthusiasm of the downtown merchants and the hard work of Ms. Golden has turned downtown into the energetic center of the City, said Robert LaCroix, who oversees the Main Street Program

"We have great restaurants and unique retail shopping in addition to more events in downtown than ever," he said. "Downtown is on its way to becoming a jewel for Rockwall."

The Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization plan for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts based on a Four-Point Approach – organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring within the context of historic preservation. About 165 communities in the state have been assisted by the program including Brenham, Canton Amarillo, Greenville, McKinney, New Braunfels and Farmersville.

National accredited Main Street cities show above average performance in 10 categories on an annual report. Selection criteria focuses on such things as planning partnerships, staffing, volunteer effort and preservation ethic.

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"

## Local Rotarian sees wheelchair work up close

On Oct. 19 that Rick Pietrykowski and his wife, Jeannie, began a rather unusual five-day vacation on the Pacific Coast of México.

While Jeannie's valid concerns about the dangers rumored to lurk south of the border, she courageously decided to accompany Rick, a freshly minted Rotarian, on a Wheelchair Foundation distribution event in Mazatlán. For Rick, who had agreed to chair the Wheelchair Foundation fundraising project for the Rockwall Rotary Club, it seemed appropriate to gain a first-hand understanding of the wheelchair project, from finish to start.

At the airport they met up with Tom Harmon, District 5810 wheelchair coordinator, and Jennifer Kordell, Foundation grants supervisor, for the two-hour flight directly into Mazatlán. There, they were greeted by John Grant of the Foster City (California) Rotary Club and several members of the three Rotary Clubs in Mazatlán. The Foster City Rotary Club had directly or indirectly funded most of the 280 wheelchairs for this year's distribution. Grant combines contributions received from district coordinators, such as those forwarded by Tom Harmon of District 5810, and then applies for matching grants from the Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians from the local clubs were hard working and gracious hosts. They transported 70 Rotarians and donors to & from their hotel, to the central wheelchair distribution site, to individual wheelchair recipients' homes and to schools where they distributed the barest of essentials, pencils and paper, to overjoyed students. Children besieged each of them to sign autographs for them.

It was a flattering experience, even though they suspected that the teachers put the children up to it.

It was as delightful as it was to see the smiles of smiling children's faces. It tugged at our hearts to see the tears of many flavors on the faces of the wheelchair recipients," Rick Pietrykowski. "Tears of joy mixed with tears of pain during the physical act of moving a torn piece of fabric into the wheelchair, tears of pride inter-mixed with tears of joy for being in need of the gift of freedom washing over faces of being at a disadvantage in a disadvantaged land."

Rick and Jeannie returned home with a greater appreciation for the blessings in their lives and a deeper commitment to helping their neighbors throughout the world.

Rockwall Breakfast Rotary meets at Rockwall Rotary 408 S Goliad (across the street from City Hall), at 7 a.m. on Tuesday. Meetings are over at 8 a.m. For more information about Rockwall Breakfast Rotary contact Trenton Cornehl [trntncornehl@gmail.com](mailto:trntncornehl@gmail.com) or 972-71-8424.

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett  
O Death, where is your sting?

With Christ in us, great victory prevails from within. That is the victory that we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. Although we still live in mortal bodies that will eventually die, born-again Christians have the hope of the future event known as the rapture. It is hope because it is yet to occur in the future. It is victory because it will completely swallow up the power of everlasting death, unto everlasting life in heaven.

This is the truth of God's word found in 1 Corinthians 15:55-58. Verse 54 ended with, "...then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'" The same quote continues in verse 55, "'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?'" The quote possibly refers to the information found in Isaiah 25:8.

More light is shined in verse 56, "'The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks to God who gives us the victory through our Lord

Jesus Christ.'" This is fantastically dynamic information! The sting or painful bite unto death is the sin nature that is genetically bound in all of mankind. It started with Adam's disobedience and was passed down through the generations. There is one exception; that is our Lord Jesus Christ whose life came not from a man, but from God in heaven.

God sent an angel to Mary and the Holy Ghost came upon her and conceived a child in her. If Jesus' father was a man, then he would have had sin nature in his blood also, making his blood no better of a sacrifice as any other person. But his blood was without sin nature in it, and his was the perfect sacrifice according to God's perfect timing and will.

The strength of sin is the law. Guess what? When you get born-again, you are no longer under the curse of the law. As it is written in Romans 6:14, "For sin shall not have dominion over you. For you are not under law, but under grace." With Christ in you, sin has no more dominion in your life. You no longer fall under the jurisdiction of God's law, but under God's grace and mercy.

This is astounding! It all ties together perfectly. Because you are no longer under law, you are no longer bound by the strength of sin nature. Since you are no longer bound by the strength of sin, you are freed from the sting of everlasting death.

Colossians 2:14 addressed what became available because God rai... against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing... cross."

When people are under law, they are under the judgment and cond... that comes with it. But in the name of Jesus the Christ this changes... therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. For t... the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin an... (Romans 8:1-2).

With all this in mind, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast... able, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For you know that y... is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Keeping in mind th... which God in heaven gave through His son Jesus Christ, our individual... in the service for our Lord Jesus Christ and for his Father and ours is n... No matter how we are feeling or what we are experiencing in life, God... exhorts us to not completely give up.

God raised Jesus from the dead, and made him to be the first fruit from... Jesus was God's purchased price for all of mankind from the god of th... (the devil) who has reigned since Adam gave up his authority. Death... also. What this means is that there was no hope for life again after dea... This happened so that by his death, and God resurrecting him fro... Jesus might have the full power and authority from God to ultimately... the devil; and to rescue us who through fear of death were all our lifetim... to its bondage.

O death! Where is thy sting?!!  
O grave! Where is thy victory?!!  
But we are thankful to God, who gives us the victory through our L... Christ.

## A Rockwall County News Exclus

### Nana Pat's Kitchen

by Pat Burnett

This week ... "2 fer 1"

**Cheese Garlic Biscuit**  
Ingredients:  
2 cups Bisquick baking mix  
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1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
Combine baking mix, milk and cheese until mixture forms a soft dough  
Beat vigorously for 30 seconds  
Drop dough by spoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet  
Bake in 450 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown  
Mix margarine and garlic powder  
Brush over warm biscuits before removing from cookie sheet  
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### George Neal Crossan

Funeral services for George Neal Crossan, Rockwall, was conducted Nov. 17, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. No other services are scheduled.



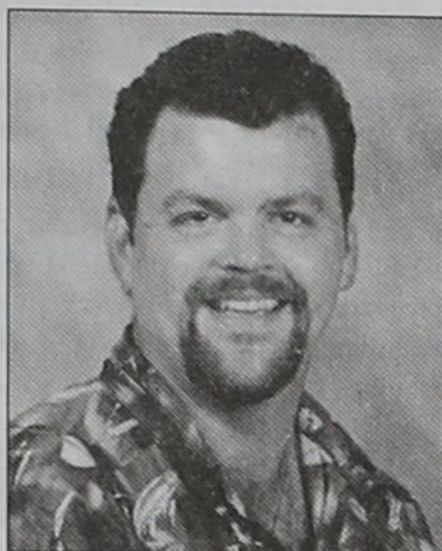
George Neal Crossan was born July 11, 1941, in Pampa, he served in the U.S. Air Force and worked as a retail store manager. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Rockwall Lodge in Fort Worth.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Crossan of Rockwall; his stepfather, Tony Crossan of Fort Worth; his children, George Neal Crossan of Fredericksburg, Texas; and her husband, Barry, of Forney and Kandis Stovall of Rockwall; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; his maternal grandmother and great-mother, Mildred Riley; and his father, G.D. Riley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Toni K. Crossan; and his brother, Eugene Crossan Jr.

### Jeffrey Lee Harris

Funeral services for Jeffrey Lee Harris, 46, of Rockwall, were conducted at 3 p.m. on Nov. 22, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Les and Pastor George McCain officiating.



Private burial was in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He was born May 28, 1965, in Dallas to James and Selma (Rowley) Harris, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall and was owner/operator of the Rockwall A/C Service. He enjoyed the time he spent working for Dickey's BBQ.

Survivors include his parents, Charles and Selma Harris of Roysse City; his sister, Katie Simmons, and her husband, Michael, of Mesquite; his nieces, Katie Simmons and her husband, Daniel, of Mesquite and Alex Harris of Denton; and his sons, James and Joseph Simmons of Mesquite.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy C. Harris.

### James Dalton Hensley

Funeral services for James Dalton Hensley, 75, of Rowlett were conducted on Nov. 22, 2011, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor Rick Hensley officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He was born Nov. 17, 1936, in Paris, Texas, to Roy Raymond and Katherine (Frederick) Hensley, he served in both the National Guard and the U.S. Army and enjoyed his military time. He was both a historian and a sportsman who liked football and coaching children's YMCA games.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Hensley, and his son, Mark Hensley, of Rowlett; his grandchildren, Lillian Tayfel, and her husband, Chris, of Rockwall; Dalton Lee Hensley of Dallas and Carolyn Ann Blue of Rowlett; his grandchildren, Carson James Tayfel, Alexiyah Renee Fae Tayfel and Layla Addison Tayfel.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert Lee Hensley; and a daughter, Marshall Zane Hensley.

### Tom Williams

Funeral services for Tom Williams, 88, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. on Nov. 23, 2011, in the First Baptist Church of Rockwall with Pastor Chad Hayes, Pastor Beach and Gene Williams officiating.



Private burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He was born Nov. 10, 1923, in Canon, Ga., to Watson Williams and Elizabeth (Net) Williams, he served in the U.S. Army (Guard). Early in his career he managed grocery stores for Safeway and then became owner/operator of the Roysse City Supermarket and Happy Time Grocery Store. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Roysse City.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Williams of Roysse City; his daughter, Patricia Pierce and her husband, Bob, of Roysse City; his grandchildren, Sanja Pierce and Mike Pierce and his wife, Rhonda, of Aledo; his grandchildren, Tony, Cherisa, Carter and Alex; his great-great-grandchildren, Sierra, Breanna, Elijah, Julian and Izabelle; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Charlene and Berthine; and his brothers, Hugh, Benson, Bob and Ed.

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# Rockwall Police Blotter

Nov. 8-14

- Nov. 8  
Assault, 100 block Woodcreek Drive, 10:50 p.m.
- Nov. 9  
Theft, 2100 block Airport Road, 9 a.m.  
Possession of Controlled Substance, 900 block West Yellowjacket Lane, 10 a.m.  
Delivery Controlled Substance, 900 block West Yellow Jacket Lane, 10 a.m.  
Theft, 700 block I-30, 11:30 a.m.  
Criminal Trespass, 700 block I-30, 1:30 p.m.  
Burglary Motor Vehicle, 400 block Poplar Point Drive, 8 p.m.  
Assault, 1300 block Ridge Road, 9:07 p.m.
- Nov. 10  
No reports listed
- Nov. 11  
Theft from Vehicle, 800 block E Washington Street, 4:20 p.m.  
Theft from Vehicle, 3000 block Coolwood Lane, 6:30 p.m.  
Possession of Controlled Substance, Market Center Drive & Ralph Hall Parkway, 11:36 p.m.



Second grade students from Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary recently participated in a week-long series of swim lessons at the aquatic center. Pictured above are a handful of the participants during one of the classes.

Courtesy photo/ Rockwall County News

## Youth basketball, cheer registration begins Nov. 28

Registration for youth basketball/cheer through the Rockwall County YMCA Sports Department is under way. Practices begin Nov. 28, with games starting Dec. 17. Several age groups are available. All registration must be completed by a parent or guardian in person at the YMCA. For more details contact Gina Lancaster at 972-772-7200 or email glancaster@ymcadallas.org

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- Nov. 12  
Theft, 900 block I-30 Hwy, 11:05 a.m.  
Theft, 700 block EI-30 Hwy, 1:15 p.m.  
Possession of Controlled Substance, I-30 & Market Center, 9:28 p.m.
- Nov. 13  
Possession of Controlled Substance, Perch Road & Sunfish Road, 12:39 a.m.  
Possession of Controlled Substance, 3000 block I-30, 9:15 a.m.  
Burglary of Motor Vehicle, 800 block East Washington Street, 10:15 a.m.  
Burglary of Motor Vehicle, 800 block East Washington Street, 10:30 a.m.  
Assault, 3000 block Limestone Hill Lane, 12:32 p.m.
- Nov. 14  
Possession Marijuana, 100 block Westwood Drive, 10:48 a.m.

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# Rockwall County News Briefs



The Fourth grade students pictured above were just a handful of the many Nebbie Williams Elementary students who participated in the school's 6th annual Walk-A-Thon on Oct. 28. This year's event, Walk on the Wild Side, was blessed with beautiful weather, as well as many parent and sibling participants. Students kicked off the day with a morning spirit parade led by the Rockwall Fire Department, Rockwall High School drum line and the basketball team. Throughout the day, the students walked to music provided by DJ Frank Tyminski; learned about the importance of fire safety; and kept moving thanks to some help from the Rockwall YMCA's exercise station and obstacle course bounce house.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Entertainment

### 'Tis Christmastime set Nov. 29

Rockwall County's 'Tis Christmastime event, which will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 29, will help welcome in the holiday season with festivities on the town square. The historic courthouse will be decorated in period style, and Santa will visit with children in the third floor courtroom. Carriage rides will provide tours of the square and the Old Town Rockwall Historic

District, with carriages departing from the east side of the courthouse. Cost will be \$5 per ride, with tickets available at the event. Refreshments will be served, and local artists will provide entertainment. For more details visit [oldtownrockwall.com](http://oldtownrockwall.com) or email [mail@oldtownrockwall.com](mailto:mail@oldtownrockwall.com).

### R'wall tree lighting set Dec. 1

Rockwall's 28th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 on the lawn at City Hall. Activities will include crafts at Santa's workshop, live holiday music and free refreshments. St. Nick also will be on hand for the festivities. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

### Daddy/Daughter Dance fix available Dec. 1

Tickets to the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance, sponsored by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department, will go on sale Dec. 1. The date of the event itself has been changed - it will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 28. Registration will be limited, so those interested in participating are encouraged to register early. Tickets per father/daughter couple cost \$45 for Rockwall residents and \$68 for non-residents; cost for each additional child is \$10.

### Heath to host Holiday in the Park

The City of Heath will welcome Santa at the annual Heath Holiday in the Park event beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Towne Center Park Pavilion, located behind City Hall at 200 Laurence.

### Breast cancer support group to meet

The Lake Pointe Breast Cancer Support Group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at Lake Pointe Cancer Center, 7501 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 120, in Rowlett. Open to all breast cancer survivors, the group provides information, resources and support. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Barbara Quast at 469-698-7824.

### HH Toy Drive bin located at library

A Helping Hands Toy Drive bin will be located in the lobby of the Rockwall County Library in late November, according to a library news release. Online safety programs set Dec. 2, 3

A pair of online safety programs will be presented by Chris Carnahan, a Microsoft-certified professional and software architect/security consultant. 'An Interview with a Hacker,' a Q&A program, will run from 6 to 8 p.m., while 'A Hacker Stole my Homework - Safe Living Online' PowerPoint presentation with Q&A, will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hosted by Cadette Girl Scout Troop 2890, both programs will be held at the Rockwall First United Methodist Church across from the library, 100 Yellow Jacket Lane. Both programs are free and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Ami Brandow at [abrandow@marykay.com](mailto:abrandow@marykay.com) or call 972-415-1111.

### HATS meeting slated Dec. 7

Heath Area Terrific Seniors (HATS) will have a Christmas luncheon program at noon Dec. 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Heath, 100 Smirl Drive. All Heath area seniors are invited. Anyone planning on attending for the first time should call the church office at 972-771-6733.

### Brown Bag lecture: 'Rock wall revisited'

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will host its next Brown Bag lecture series beginning at noon Dec. 9 at the Historic Courthouse. The program will be "The Rock Wall Revisited," which will feature information regarding the origin of the wall. The program is free and open to the public.

### RARTA meeting set Dec. 12

The next meeting of the Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will be at 1:15 p.m. Dec. 12 in the RISD Administration Building. The program will feature "The Sounds of the Season" with accordionist Matt Torrey. All former school employees and their guests are welcome.

### TV giveaway to benefit MOW

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging's Meals on Wheels program will benefit from a TV giveaway planned for Dec. 21. A 42-inch Vizio LCD television will be given away. Tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$25. All proceeds will benefit the MOW program, which feeds homebound disabled residents of Rockwall, Royse City, Heath and Fate. For more details call 972-771-9514.

### GOP Christmas Party set Dec. 2

The Rockwall County GOP Christmas Party is set for Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Royse City. A steak dinner and dancing are planned and will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 each and may be purchased by calling Jerry Jil Fisher at 478-6100 or by emailing [jil\\_fisher@hotmail.com](mailto:jil_fisher@hotmail.com).

### Kiwanis Christmas Parade scheduled

Downtown Rockwall will play host for the Kiwanis Annual Christmas Parade beginning at 9 a.m. Dec. 3. Up to 100 entrants are expected to participate in the parade, with floats designed around this year's theme, "My Favorite Christmas Movie." Santa's Workshop, sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department, will offer make-and-take crafts and Sideline the event will be the Old Town Christmas Market hosted at Rockwall Main Street. The market will offer gift items, artwork and more items from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Brunch with St. Nick set at church

The Catholic Mothers Council of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church will host Brunch with St. Nick on Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 10. The annual event will include a breakfast buffet, pictures with Santa, a dress-up nativity scene, a craft, games, prizes and an auction. Proceeds will benefit the parish's children's ministry, vacation Bible school. Tickets are \$7 per person/maximum of \$35 per family (parents and their children). The church is located at 1305 Damascus Rd., Rockwall. For more details call 972-743-2722.

### Breakfast with Santa scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor a Breakfast with Santa event from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 10 at The Center for the Arts. The breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, OJ and candy canes is planned. Activities also are scheduled. Parents are urged to bring cameras to capture the moment with Santa. The event is open to youths ages 1-12. Cost is \$5 for Rockwall residents and \$10 for non-residents. For more details call 972-771-7740.

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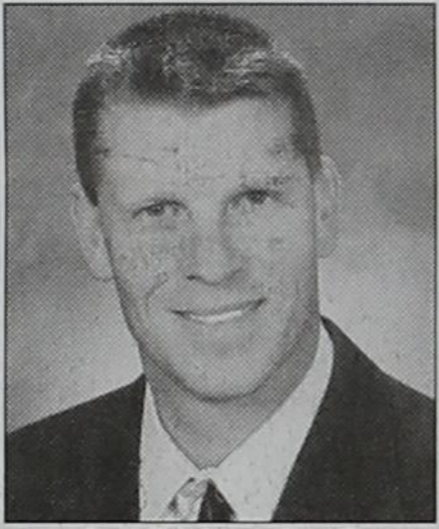
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Fifth grade students from Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary recently visited Arbor House of Rockwall residents to share their creativity. The students decorated fall pumpkins and placed them on the residence's dining room tables to help make the season more festive. Pictured with Arbor House resident Lee Hamilton, center, are students Delayne Rowland, Ariel Sharp-Ashcraft, Ashley Cole, Angela Yzaguirre, Madison Ivey, Ally Bengel, Stephanie Chacko, Victoria Monahan and Miranda Siedloczek.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

### New businesses bring fashion, authentic Mexican food to Heath

by Darcy Rocha

I consider myself very observant and try to stay abreast of the happenings in Heath for the sake of you, my treasured reader and friend. So imagine my surprise when I noticed, out of the corner of my eye, not one, but two new businesses that popped up in the retail strip on Hubbard. If I hadn't seen these yet, then surely all of you would want to know about these new businesses too.

The first is Heart & Soul Boutique, located at the far end of the retail strip at 223 Hubbard Dr. It's a new ladies chic clothing store that has been open for business since Oct. 29. The shop features hip and couture clothes and accessories that are very feminine, and as my one of my best gals would say, "Just gorge!"

The boutique is a franchise of the Heart & Soul Boutique on Royse City's historic Main Street. Owner Julie Garcia opened this new location with her sister, and they have quickly been getting involved and acquainted with the Heath community.

"I think that people like convenience and Heart & Soul is a good place to stop in and pick up a gift or something for yourself," said Garcia. "Doing business in Heath is great. We have found that our customers, at both locations, are faithful and loyal shoppers."

The boutique is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Just a few doors down from Heart & Souls is... (drum roll, please)... the newest location of Arboledas Mexican Grill. Arboledas, known for their upscale traditional Mexican food, already has a good reputation and is a favorite with the locals at their Rockwall and Royse City locations.

Arboledas will take over the space where Pancho & Lefty's used to be, and they've been doing a lot of work rebuilding the interior to create their own atmosphere. Because of all the construction, they are working hard to open their doors to customers on Nov. 28, but you may have to wait until Dec. 5. Keep your eyes out for opening day.

"I've always wanted to open a restaurant in this spot," said Arturo Vazquez of Rockwall, owner of Arboledas. "My partner at this location, Pablo Llanito, and I are excited to bring our family-oriented restaurant to the heart of Heath. We focus on 100 percent customer service and have a well-trained and experienced staff. We look forward to being a part of this community and making new friends."

Once they are open for business, their hours will be Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. And yes, margaritas will be served.

I repeat. Top-quality, authentic Mexican food is coming smack in the middle of Heath, but you'll have to be patient a wee bit longer. I know I can hardly wait.

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# Royse City News

## CISD innovative grant winners named

Nov. 4 Royse City High School pep rally had some surprises in store for its participants when the Royse City Independent School District Education Foundation's Grant Patrol popped in to announce innovative grant winners. Winners were presented with checks while speech and debate students exchanged high-fives, realizing that their teachers had won laptops for use in speech and debate competitions.



Jill Jeffrey, a teacher at Royse City High, is shown receiving a check for an innovative grant from the Royse City Independent School District Education Foundation's Grant Patrol. The presentation was made at a RCHS pep rally.

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Grant committee chairperson Mary Ellis led the way as the Grant Patrol, comprised of foundation directors and donors, visited RCISD campuses to announce winners.

A total of 21 innovative grants valued at \$42,573 were awarded, according to a RCISD news release.

Grant winners included:

- Mimio Magic, Herndon Intermediate, \$3,898
- Let Your Fingers do the Talking, RCHS, \$4,798
- Rockin' Robotech, Herndon Intermediate, \$3,030
- Less Paper, More Trophies, RCHS, \$4,577
- EDP Kids... Going the Extra Mile, Extended Day Program, \$965
- Classroom Kingdom of Qwizdom, Ruth Cherry Intermediate, \$3,564
- Collaboration that Clicks: Redesigning the Classroom, Ruth Cherry Intermediate, \$967
- GPS Treasure Hunts: The Quest for Knowledge, Fort Elementary, \$619
- Plants Alive! Botany 101, Davis Elementary, \$2,000
- Project EXCEL: Exceeding Children's Elementary Learning Potential, Scott Elementary, \$889
- Science is a Cinch: Touching the STARRS, Royse City Middle School, \$4,840
- The Real World, Vernon Elementary, \$1,120
- BACKpacks to the Future!, Fort Elementary, \$1,159
- Keep Math Simple, Scott Elementary, \$549
- No More "Wasting" Time! Together Let's Dew into our Future, RCHS, \$1,978
- Wacom Out of the Closet, RCHS, \$3,067
- Zen Den, RCHS, \$1,500
- Adaptive Physical Education Equipment, RCMS, \$844
- Apples for iPads, Fort Elementary, \$790
- Leap into Learning, Scott Elementary, \$785
- Literacy Speaks, The Talking Place & Scott Elementary, \$625

The RCISD Education Foundation was founded in February 2009. Since that time it has awarded more than \$110,000 in innovative grants to teachers and students in Royse City schools.

The foundation's annual fundraising drive is now under way and will continue until Dec. 15. For more information on joining the foundation in support of creative teaching and learning in the RCISD, contact Jo Nell Melody at 972-636-2413 or visit rcisd.foundation.com.

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Brad Sherman, the Royse City ISD's Energy Education specialist, is pictured with Dr. Rhonda Phillips, board vice president, and Gary Clark of Energy Education. Earlier this month the school district was recognized for its energy-saving practices, which have netted significant financial savings.

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## CISD energy practices save money, earn recognition

Members of the Royse City Independent School District are achieving savings with energy-efficient behavior — and now those good habits are earning national recognition.

RCISD has achieved a 25 percent cost savings totaling \$1,037,120 in 18 months since forming a strategic alliance with Energy Education, a national energy conservation company, which will present the organization with the Environmental Excellence Award Nov. 14.

Achieving this level of savings at this stage of the program is a significant achievement. Royse City Independent School District has done an excellent job of implementing Energy Education's organizational behavior-based approach to energy conservation and maintaining productive efforts at all levels of the organization. The administration and all staff members are to be commended for clearly fulfilling their commitment to being good stewards of the organization's energy dollars and the environment," said William S. Spears, chairman and founder of Energy Education.

Ongoing support from everyone involved in the organization has created a culture of cooperation that should continue to grow and ensure even greater success well into the future," Spears said. "I am extremely pleased to present Royse City Independent School District with our Environmental Excellence Award."

The primary benefit of the Energy Education program is that all costs come from the existing utility budget, with savings projected to more than pay for the program, as they have done for Royse City Independent School District. Additional savings can be redirected to other parts of the budget. The Energy Education program examines all areas of energy use throughout the district. Energy Education's conservation experts — in natural gas and electricity, water and sewer, HVAC systems, Energy Management Systems (EMS) and mechanical systems, behavior modification, communications, energy audits, data analysis, information systems management, organization development, construction management, human resources, utility rates, and many other areas of specialization that positively impact energy conservation — work closely with the RCISD's Energy Education specialist, Brad Sherman. They train him to analyze all energy use throughout the organization's systems, and to ensure that energy is used as efficiently as possible, following Energy Education's Transformational Energy Management process.

The program delivers an environmental benefit from a reduced carbon footprint. Energy used prevents the emission of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. According to EPA figures, in the first 40 months of the program, the district saved 1 MMBTU, the equivalent of 1 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions being prevented. 968 cars were removed from the road, or 137,928 trees grown for 10 years. Sherman tracks energy consumption including electricity, water, sewer, natural gas and fuel oil — using energy-management software. He compares current energy use to a baseline and calculates the amount of energy that would have been used if conservation and management practices had not been implemented. By tracking consumption and analyzing energy use, he can quickly identify correct areas that need immediate attention.

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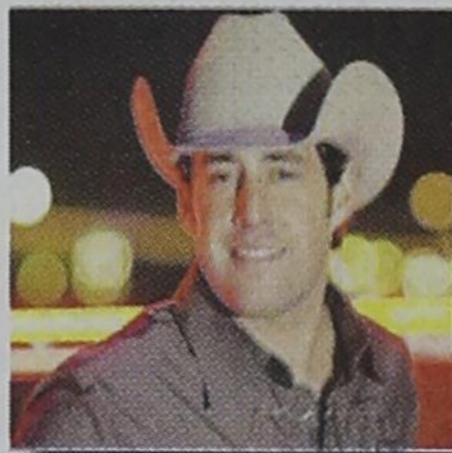
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- Saturday, 12 Nov.: Assault, 500 block Cookston Lane; Burglary, 700 block S. Josephine Street
- Sunday, 13 Nov.: Driving while license invalid/City of Roanoke warrant arrest, 500 block E. Main Street; Theft, 200 block S. Elm Street; Criminal mischief, 2800 block Redwood Street
- Monday, 14 Nov.: Assault, 1200 block Evergreen Street; Burglary of a building, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Theft, 500 block E. I-30; Fraudulent use of identifying information, 700 block Center Street
- Tuesday, 15 Nov.: Driving without valid driver's license arrest, I-30 at the 76 mile marker; Theft, 1000 block E. I-30; Theft, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 900 block W. I-30 SSR; Accident, 3100 block E. I-30
- Thursday, 17 Nov.: U.S. Marshall Service warrant arrest, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Delivery of controlled substance arrest, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard; City ordinance violation arrest, 1000 block Oak Grove Lane

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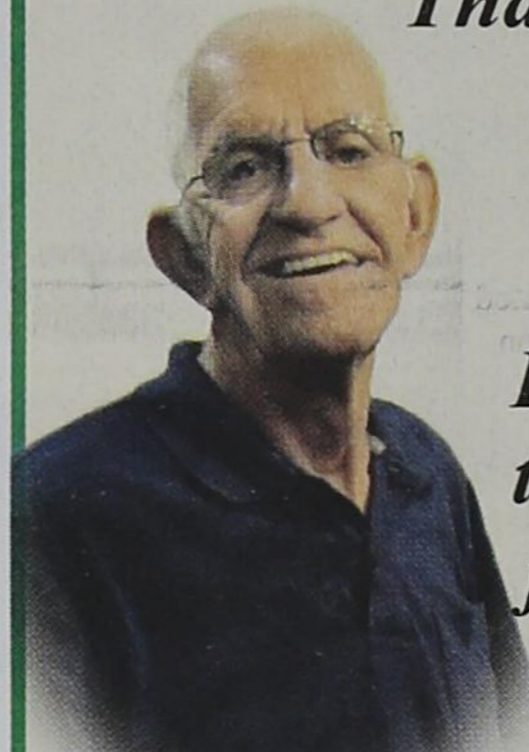
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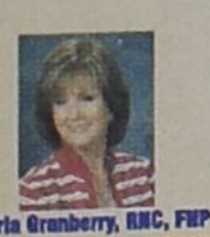
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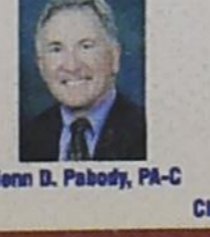
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Jordan Points (80) joins teammate Jay Arnold showing the Rockwall-Heath Hawks strong defense in last week's Area Championship game at Garland's Homer Johnson stadium against Dallas Kimball. The Hawks' victory puts them in the Regional Semi-Finals (see details on Page 9).

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Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers entertain fans at last Friday's Championship game halftime performance.

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## Holiday in the Park December in Heath

The City of Heath is welcome Santa at the annual Holiday in the Park event beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Towne Park Pavilion located behind the City Hall at 200 Laurence.

However, if the Heath varsity football squad continues to run in the playoffs on Dec. 2, tree lighting will be canceled in order for the community to cheer for the Hawks.

"This is a very exciting time for our community," said Mayor John Ratcliffe. "We miss hosting our annual tradition should the Hawks continue to win, we hope everyone will celebrate the season by cheering the team to state championship win."

For more current information about the Holiday in the Park event, contact the Heath City Hall at 771-6228 or visit [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com).

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Hawks play complete game, advance to Regional semifinals

**Every Bump**  
 "Every night when a lot of things went well for Rockwall-Heath, the highlight has been when Dallas Kimball drove 70 yards for its only touchdown."

"We had one long drive right after we scored. They got the ball and ran down the field. We made mistakes, but after that we came back in the second half of the game," said Hawks head coach Mickey Moss.

"We blocked the Knights' point after touchdown kick to remain in the game. The Hawks (11-1) weren't threatened after that in a 38-6 Area round victory Friday, Nov. 18, at Homer B. Johnson Stadium in Garland. Rockwall-Heath next will play in a Region II-4A Semifinal at 2 p.m. Friday at the University of North Texas' new Apogee Stadium against the Bearcats (9-3) staged a dramatic fourth-quarter comeback to erase a 14-point deficit to defeat Waxahachie 38-35 in the Area round.

"It was a good win," Moss said "We blocked a punt, had a big interception and a fumble."

"Three of those defense and special teams plays led to scores for the Hawks, but their offense had its own share of big plays.

"Amaris (Fields) had a touchdown on a reverse and a tunnel screen as a result. Great blocking set that up. Shyon (Motlagh) had two big plays for the Hawks," Moss said.

"That doesn't even include the contributions of running back Rico Henderson, who ran for 84 yards and two touchdowns in 17 carries. In the two playoff games, the freshman has run for 200 yards and four of eight touchdowns.

"I said, 'For Rico, experience means a lot. Every week we feel like we're getting better and better. That was a good defensive team, but he made kids feel like they got positive yards.'

"That 'tunnel screen' was a fourth-down pass from Cody Court that Fields caught near the line of scrimmage. He followed a line of blockers to gain the yard, then took off and was stopped at Kimball's 1 yard line. Henderson ran from there, and Ethan Smith kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead with

4 minutes, 9 seconds remaining in the first quarter. Henderson gained 19 of Rockwall's 73 yards on the drive.

The Hawks' fumble recovery set up their offense at the Knights' 40. Four plays later, Court rolled out to his right and tossed the ball over onrushing linemen to Motlagh, who ran in for a 16-yard touchdown.

Kimball (9-3) failed to advance and punted. On the next play, Fields took the ball on a reverse, cut inside a would-be tackler and was gone for a 65-yard TD.

The Knights were driving just before halftime, reaching RHHS' 37. Then Seth Nunnally intercepted a pass and returned the ball to Kimball's 18. Two runs by Henderson gained those yards, allowing the Hawks to go into halftime 31 seconds later with a 28-6 lead.

In the third quarter, Court hit Motlagh on a short slant pattern. He broke a tackle, then wasn't touched again on the way to a 49-yard touchdown.

Kevin Barron recovered RHHS' blocked punt at the Kimball 10. The Hawks netted negative yards in the next three plays, so Smith kicked a 33-yard field goal. It was the longest of his five since moving into the varsity lineup for the four most recent games.

RHHS' 17 points off turnovers could have been even more. The Hawks appeared to recover a fumble at the Knights' 19 during their first possession, but officials ruled that quarterback Jaalen Adkins was down before he lost the ball.

There was no scoring after Smith's field goal. Moss said, "We wanted the clock to run and our backups to get experience."

Brandon Young received the most experience, carrying 10 times for 39 yards.

Moss said, "Brandon may be the best third-string tailback in the district. That's only because Rico and Jeremy Armstrong have done so well. Brandon has really improved."

The Hawks' defense, a strong point all season, allowed the fewest points in any of this season's 12 games.

|         | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Kimball | 6   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5     |
| RHHS    | 7   | 21  | 10  | 0   | 38    |

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| 1st downs      | 0       | 13     |
| Rushes-yds.    | 28-101  | 38-169 |
| Comp-Att-Int   | 14-28-1 | 5-11-0 |
| Passing yds.   | 100     | 121    |
| Total yds.     | 201     | 290    |
| Punts-avg.     | 7-39.6  | 6-35.2 |
| Penalties-yds. | 5-45    | 7-55   |
| Fumbles-Lost   | 1-1     | 2-0    |

RHHS – Rico Henderson 1 run (Ethan Smith kick)  
 Kimball – Jaalen Adkins 6 run (kick blocked)  
 RHHS – Shyon Motlagh 16 pass from Cody Court (Smith kick)  
 RHHS – Amaris Fields 65 run (Smith kick)  
 RHHS – Henderson 2 run (Smith kick)  
 RHHS – Motlagh 49 pass from Court (Smith kick)  
 RHHS – Smith 33 FG

**Individual statistics**  
 Passing – Dallas Kimball: Jaalen Adkins 11-23-1-82, Traveon Thibodeaux 3-5-0-18; RHHS: Cody Court 5-11-0-121.

Receiving – Dallas Kimball: Montan McBay 7-46, Xzavier Alexander 4-33, Prentavious Moorehead 2-14, Jaalen Adkins 1-7; RHHS: Shyon Motlagh 2-65, Amaris Fields 1-36, Jacob Granstaff 1-14, Rico Henderson 1-6.

Rushing – Dallas Kimball: Jaalen Adkins 14-69, Xzavier Alexander 3-23, Nigel Jackson 3-18, Montan McBay 1-0, Traveon Thibodeaux 4-minus 9; RHHS: Rico Henderson 17-84, Amaris Fields 1-65, Brandon Young 10-39, Jeremy Armstrong 2-minus 4, Chase Schultz 2-minus 6, Cody Court 5-minus 9.



Hawks' Jacob Glastad hold's Midlothian's AJ Tulley during last Saturday's Rockwall-Heath invitational. Glastad won the round in the 170 lb. category.

Photo by Trudy Woessner/Rockwall County News



Hawks' Seth Nunnally (9) returns the ball after an interception during last Friday's UIL Area playoff game against Dallas Kimball at Homer Johnson Stadium in Garland. Setting up to block are Jay Arnold (85) and Gentry Rogers (20).

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Hawks' senior Jared Webber works the ball into Royse territory defended by Bulldogs' Jamie Brecino (22). Assisting is Connor Cleveland.

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### With basketball, cheer registration set

Registration for youth basketball/cheer through the Rockwall County Sports Department is under way. Practices begin Nov. 28, with games starting Dec. 17. Several age groups are available. All registration must be completed by a parent or guardian in person at the YMCA. For more details contact Gina Lancaster at 972-772-YMCA or glancaster@ymcadallas.org.

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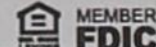
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# Lady Bulldogs end successful season with loss to Pflugerville

by Coach Robyn Hill

Royse City Lady Bulldog volleyball team finished the season with a defeat in area playoff against Pflugerville Hendrickson Friday Nov. 4. They came out strong the first game winning 25-19, but lost the following three.

In a hard defensive battle, team captain Brenna Cole with 23 digs and 2.1 passing, was named libero (defensive specialist) of the year for the second straight year in district. Blockers Erica Poe and Schelly Stone fought to slow hard hits of Hendrickson, but fell short in game three 25-14.

Freshman standout Aniah Philo with 17 kills and junior Kyla Simmons with 20 digs, battled to keep the Lady Bulldogs in the last game, yet the team did not prevail in a 25-15 loss.

Philo was named 2011 player of the year in District 13 4-A along with first teamers Erica Poe, Kyla Simmons and Sarah VerHagen. Second team all-district honors went to Celine Mendoza, Schelly Stone and Tori Green.

The Bulldogs ended a successful season with an overall record of 32-11. Three graduating seniors will be missed next year: Brenna Cole, Erica Poe and Celine Mendoza; however, five starting players return for 2012.

Coach Robyn Hill said, "Thanks to all the coaches, administration and parents who helped make this a memorable year."

## Royse City girls basketball beat Lovejoy

by Timothy Downs

Lady Bulldogs (5-2) triumphed over a quality opponent Lovejoy Leopards (2-5) Friday Nov 18 at home 55-32. Though struggling in the first half with two starting guards in foul trouble, the team stepped up to keep the game close.

During the second half, Lady Bulldogs assaulted the Leopards by outscoring 31-9 through tough, hard-nosed full court defense. Strong post play from juniors Lauren Dusek and Jada Muhammed kept the opponent out of the game.

Coach Dallas Bookout said, "I really thought everyone contributed tonight."

Statistically junior guard Krystal Pickron scored 20 points, six rebounds, and seven steals. Senior point guard Tayler Young was instrumental in the victory as well spearheading the pressure defense, while scoring 10 points, along with five steals and three assists.



Royse City High School Lady Bulldogs' volleyball team winning the Bi-District Championship against John Tyler are (back row left to right) Brandi Hahn, Sarah VerHagen (Jr.), Kyla Simmons (Jr.), Erica Poe (Sr.), Tori Green (Jr.), Autumn Quinn (Soph.), Aniah Philo (Fr.), Schelly Stone (Jr.), (front row) Kaley Loosier (Jr.), Logan Rairdon (Jr.), Brenna Cole (Sr.), Celine Mendoza (Sr.), and Ash Wilkins (Soph.)

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Lady Bulldogs' senior Taylor Young (5) drives down court for two points after a forced turnover against Lovejoy during last Friday's game in Royse City. Also in the play are Jada Muhammed (22) and Nina Gaines (4).

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Bulldogs' senior Matt Stone (14) drives the ball down court against Hawks' senior Christian Nwabuko (4) during last Friday's game in Heath. Royse City (1-1) defeated Rockwall Heath (0-2) 54-46.

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# Fulton's best season comes to end with loss to Happy Hill

by Lary Bump

A flat second quarter put Fulton behind in its Regional playoff game Saturday, but recovering an onside kick and scoring 12 seconds into the second half seemed to reenergize the Falcons.

"When we got that onside kick coming out, I thought, 'We're in business,'" Fulton head coach Josh Johnson said.

Granbury Happy Hill Farm Academy's Ceylon Fields matched the touchdown the Falcons' Hayden Leverett scored with one of his own. Even after David Jung kicked a 2-point conversion, Fulton was down just 43-26. And that deficit shrunk to 43-32 when Qwe'Terrious Conley threw a 45-yard touchdown bomb to Tanner Treadway.

After that, "We kind of fell apart," Johnson said.

The Pioneers (10-2) scored four more touchdowns and a safety to take a 69-32 lead into the fourth quarter. A minute, 41 seconds later, the best season in Fulton's history came to a halt when Jung's conversion kick stretched the lead to 45 points (83-38) and ended the game under six-man football's mercy rule.

"I didn't see that one coming," Johnson said, "especially when 44 went out."

"44" was Happy Hill's Josh Torres, who already had accounted for four touchdowns when the score was 49-32 in the third quarter.

With Torres injured and on the bench, the game became The Ceylon Fields Show. He finished with six touchdowns – four rushing, one receiving and one on a back-breaking interception return – and accounted for 266 rushing and receiving. Oh, and he threw a pass to Jung for the final touchdown as well.

"Defensively, we were so thin, especially when Ryan Stockton went out," Johnson said.

"(Happy Hill) did a pretty good job on defense. They mixed it up more than anyone else we played. It was a pretty good measuring stick playing these guys."

For most of the first half, Fulton (9-3) was every bit the Pioneers' equal. The Falcons jumped on top 12-0 on touchdowns by Todd Treadway and Leverett.

When Happy Hill's Roger Scurlack broke through for one of his six sacks, recovered Tanner Treadway's fumble and took the ball for a touchdown, the Pioneers went up 20-12. Fulton moved back into a tie at 20-20 on Terrence Kennell's 1-yard run and Tanner Treadway's conversion kick.

Then came the second quarter, when the Falcons fell behind, but just 35-20 even though Happy Hill gained 116 yards and held Fulton to negative-3.

Sophomore Todd Treadway scored two touchdowns and led the Falcons in rushing yardage. His senior brother, Tanner, was the leader in receiving yards. They were among a group of new players who helped Fulton reach the Regional round for the first time.

The season isn't quite over for Tanner Treadway and Kennell, who have been selected to play in the six-man All-Star game Dec. 10.

Johnson said, "I'm a little disappointed in the outcome, but I'm proud of our boys. We'll just have to get bigger, faster and stronger during the off-season."

|            | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Happy Hill | 20  | 15  | 34  | 14  | 83    |
| Fulton     | 20  | 0   | 12  | 6   | 38    |

Fulton – Todd Treadway 2 run (PAT failed)

Fulton – Hayden Leverett run (PAT failed)

Happy Hill – Josh Torres run (PAT failed)

Happy Hill – Elias Fekadu pass from Torres (PAT failed)

Happy Hill – Roger Scurlack fumble return (David Jung kick)

Fulton – Terrence Kennell 1 run (Tanner Treadway kick)

Happy Hill – Torres 12 run (Ceylon Fields pass from Caleb Finley)

Happy Hill – Safety, Scurlack tackled Ta. Treadway in end zone

Happy Hill – Fields 10 pass from Angel Tercero (run failed)

Fulton – Leverett 29 run (kick failed)

Happy Hill – Fields 26 run (Jung kick)

Fulton – Ta. Treadway 45 pass from Qwe'terrious Conley (run failed)

Happy Hill – Torres 41 run (kick blocked)

Happy Hill – Safety, Conley stepped out of end zone

Happy Hill – Fields 30 run (pass failed)

Happy Hill – Fields 13 run (kick failed)

Happy Hill – Fields 57 interception return (kick failed)

Fulton – To. Treadway 14 run (kick failed)

Happy Hill – Fields 33 pass from Tercero (kick blocked)

Happy Hill – Jung 21 pass from Fields (Jung kick)

## Lady Hawks overcome injury adversity, fouls to win one

by Lary Bump

Wacky things happened to the Rockwall-Heath girls' basketball during last weekend's Lady Eagle Hoopfest in Allen.

Most of the happenings weren't good, but in the end a scrappy five Lady Hawks pulled out an overtime victory in the last of four they played at Allen High School.

The tournament had started well for RHHS (2-4), but it quickly downhill.

The Lady Hawks took an 11-7 lead through one quarter Thursday, 17, and were tied with 5A host Allen 24-24 at halftime. However, season scoring leader, Jordan Mitchell, left the game late in the quarter because of a head injury.

In the second half, the Lady Hawks scored just 11 points and lost to the Lady Eagles.

At times later in the tournament, 11 points would have looked RHHS.

Take, for example, the Lady Hawks' next game on Thursday, against towering front line of 6-plus-footers for Lubbock Monterey. It took three quarters to score even 10 points.

At halftime, Rockwall-Heath trailed 34-4, having made just four for and no shots from the field. The Lady Hawks missed all 12 of their first attempts in the first half, and didn't hit one under Kenzie Mammell with 2 minutes, 20 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The final score was 68-19. Freshman Katie Webster, who had a game-high 14 points for Rockwall-Heath against Allen, again led the team with 10 points. During that game, Brianna Richardson joined Mitchell and Granstaff on the injured list when she hurt her left ankle.

On Friday, the one point the Lady Hawks scored in the first quarter Monterey didn't look so bad. Princeton led RHHS after one quarter. With Mitchell back in the lineup, the Lady Hawks picked up the pace and still lost 56-34. Mitchell led the team with nine points.

Saturday's opponent was Little Elm. RHHS trailed just 17-15 at quarter and 38-31 at halftime.



Fulton Falcons' sophomore Todd Treadway (5) runs for a touchdown during the first quarter of last Saturday's playoff game against Granbury Happy Hill Farm. Set for blocking are David Block (15) and Terrence Kennell (1). Also in the play is Qwe'Terrious Conley (12).

Photo by Cheryl Farrens/Rockwall County News

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# Rockwall Christian Academy opens season with narrow loss

Coming off their Bi-District playoff loss Nov. 11, a number of Rockwall Christian Academy athletes went straight to the basketball court.

Just six days later, RCA traveled to Fort Worth Lake Country Christian for the Warriors' opening basketball game.

They started well, running to 23 points in the first quarter and leading 35-32 at halftime. However, Lake Country, playing its third game, came back to outscore RCA 27-20 in the second half for a 59-55 victory.

Freshman Chris Stephens led the Warriors with 17 points and eight rebounds. Daniel Rorie, a football player, and Colton Jones added 11 points each.

|              | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RCA          | 23  | 12  | 10  | 10  | 55    |
| Lake Country | 19  | 13  | 15  | 12  | 59    |

RCA (0-1) – Chris Stephens 17, Daniel Rorie 11, Colton Jones 11, Brett Brinner 9, Taylor Corbin 5, Alan Thomas 2.  
Lake Country (3-0) – N/A.



## Jake Thompson signs with Texas Christian University

Hawks' baseball player Jake Thompson signs with Texas Christian University during last week's National Signing Day ceremony at Rockwall-Heath High School library. Participating in the event are Assistant Coach Steve Arias, Lisa Thompson (Mother), Jake Thompson, Keith Thompson (Father) and Head Coach Greg Harvey.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

# Rockwall-Heath defense could face test by Sherman's offense

Rockwall-Heath Hawks vs. Sherman Bearcats  
Apogee Stadium, University of North Texas, Denton  
2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26

The Hawks improved to 11-1 by defeating Dallas Kimball 38-6 Nov. 18, in an Area playoff game at Garland's Homer B. Johnson Stadium. Sherman had to work much harder to get to 9-3 and advance to this 11-4A Division I semifinal. The Bearcats trailed Waxahachie 35-21 in the first quarter Nov. 18, but used two takeaways to score the last 17 points to tie the game 38-35 at Plano's Clark Stadium.

The teams opened the 2008 and '09 seasons with a home-and-aways. Each team won at home – the Hawks in '08 and Sherman the following year.

Hawks head coach Mickey Moss said there were no new injuries. Chase Regian missed much of the Area game, and sat out most of the Hawks' practice, but was expected to be back in the starting lineup.

to expect: If the final score approaches the 43-27 and 40-31 games teams played against each other, that would seem to be in Sherman's favor.

They're a lot more productive offensively than they were early in the season. They lost to Lake Dallas and Highland Park in non-district games, but to Sulphur Springs in their district. After the Sulphur Springs game, the Hawks' offense got a lot better.

Sherman was 3-3 and averaging 30.3 points over its first six games. Since then, the Bearcats are 6-0 and averaging 42 per game.

In contrast, RHHS averages just 27.5 points on offense but has held

opponents under 15 points per game.

"We find ways to win," Moss said.

So do the Bearcats, whose defense scored in seven consecutive games before their victory over Waxahachie.

Their biggest change has been going from splitting time at quarterback to going with Gus Daniel as the starter. He's neither a runner nor a prolific passer, but he makes very few mistakes. The ball is better off in the more explosive hands of running back Braylon Mitchell and wide receivers J.T. Luper and Joseph Harvey.

Luper's interception sealed last week's victory after Harvey had put Sherman ahead with a field goal.

Moss said, "They're skilled in the secondary. They have kids who play both ways."

Another weapon for the Bearcats is sophomore kicker Austin Roan, who has made 51 consecutive extra points.

The Hawks are likely to depend on Rico Henderson, their leading rusher with 747 yards and 13 touchdowns, and the passing combination of Cody Court (1,612 yards and 14 TDs) to Amaris Fields (922 and 10). And on their defense.

Sherman finished in a three-way tie at the top of District 13-4A at 5-1, and had a tiebreaker for the district's top Division I playoff seed because of a victory over Texarkana Texas.

RHHS, which finished second in District 10-4A, with only an overtime loss to Highland Park, is tied for 14th in The Associated Press 4A poll.

## Rockwall County Sports Schedule

### The Fulton School Falcons

Friday, Dec. 1 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas Fairhill

### Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Friday, Nov. 29 – Basketball: home vs. Crowley Nazarene Christian, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

Varsity school basketball: at Crowley Nazarene Christian, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2 – Middle school basketball: home vs. Wylie Prep, girls 4:15 p.m. and boys 5 p.m.

Varsity basketball – home vs. Dallas The Covenant School, JV boys 4:30 p.m., girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.

### Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Friday, Dec. 2 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Denton Calvary Christian, 6 p.m.

### Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, Nov. 26 – Varsity boys' basketball: vs. Huntington, La., at Rockwall, 10 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 29 – Freshman A girls' basketball: home vs. Dallas Bishop Rockwall High School, 4:30 p.m.

Varsity basketball: home vs. Dallas Conrad, Rockwall High School, JV 6:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: home vs. DeSoto, Utley Middle School, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 1 – Freshman boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, City High School PE Gym, B vs. Frisco Heritage 8:30 a.m. and A vs. Madison 5:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: vs. South Garland at Girls Metro PCS Basketball Tournament, Sachse High School, 11:30 a.m.

Varsity boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, White vs. Plano Jasper, City Middle School Auxiliary Gym, 12:45 p.m., and Orange vs. Madison, Royle City Middle School Main Gym, 3:15 p.m.

Varsity gymnastics: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, Compulsory, FEW, 2 p.m.

Varsity boys' basketball: vs. Trinity Christian Academy-Cedar Hill at Royle City Tournament, Auxiliary Gym, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity wrestling: home vs. Frisco Centennial, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at Royle City Tournament

Varsity men A and B girls' basketball: at Dallas Skyline Tournament

Friday, Dec. 2 – JV wrestling: home for Rockwall JV Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

Varsity gymnastics: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, Compulsory, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at Girls Metro PCS Basketball Tournament, Special Events Center

Varsity and Freshman A and B boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, City High School

Varsity and White boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School

Varsity girls' basketball: at Royle City Tournament

Varsity men A and B girls' basketball: at Dallas Skyline Tournament

Friday, Dec. 3 – Varsity wrestling: home for Rockwall Invitational, 9:30 p.m.

Varsity men B girls' basketball: vs. Duncanville at McDonald's Skyline Invitational B

Varsity men A girls' basketball: vs. Arlington Bowie at McDonald's Skyline Invitational A Bracket, Court 1, 7 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at Girls Metro PCS Basketball Tournament

Varsity and Freshman A and B boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament

Varsity boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School

Varsity girls' basketball: at Royle City Tournament

### Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Nov. 26 – Varsity football: at Region II-4A Semifinal vs. Sherman, Apogee Stadium, University of North Texas, Denton, 2 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 29 – Girls' basketball: at Little Elm, JV and Freshman Red and varsity 6:30 p.m.

Varsity basketball: at Lake Highlands, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 1 – Varsity boys' basketball: vs. Seagoville at Royle City Tournament, Auxiliary Gym, 8:30 a.m.

Varsity men boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, Royle City High School PE Gym, B vs. Terrell 11:30 a.m. and A vs. Wylie 1 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: vs. Wylie East at Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School Auxiliary Gym, 2 p.m.

Middle School Auxiliary Gym, 2 p.m.

Girls' basketball: Varsity and JV at Royle City Tournament

Varsity girls' gymnastics: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, FEW

Friday, Dec. 2 – Wrestling: home vs. Houston Westside, Trinity Christian Academy-Addison and Frisco, 5 p.m.

Boys' basketball: Varsity, and Freshman A and B basketball: at Royle City Tournament, Royle City High School

Varsity girls' gymnastics: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, FEW

JV boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Boys' basketball: Varsity and Freshman A basketball: at Royle City Tournament

JV boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School

### Royle City Bulldogs

Friday, Nov. 25 – JV and freshman boys' basketball: at Duncanville Tournament

Saturday, Nov. 26 – JV and freshman boys' basketball: at Duncanville Tournament

Tuesday, Nov. 29 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Emory Rains, freshman 5 p.m., JV 6:15 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: at Frisco Liberty, freshman 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1 – JV boys' basketball: home vs. Melissa in Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School Main Gym, 9 a.m.

Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Dallas Triple A Academy in Royle City Tournament, Royle City High School Main Gym, 1 p.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie East in Royle City Tournament, Royle City High School PE Gym

Girls' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman home for Royle City Tournament

Friday, Dec. 2 – Varsity and freshman boys' basketball: home for Royle City Tournament, Royle City High School

JV boys' basketball: home for Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School

Girls' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman home for Royle City Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Varsity and freshman boys' basketball: home for Royle City Tournament

JV boys' basketball: home for Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School

Girls' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman home for Royle City Tournament

### Cain Middle School Mustangs

Monday, Nov. 28 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

### Utley Middle School Wolves

Monday, Nov. 28 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade girls' basketball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' basketball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

### Williams Middle School Wildcats

Monday, Nov. 28 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade girls' basketball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 – Cross country: at Rockwall Meet, Harry S. Myers Park, 7th grade boys 4:15 p.m., 7th grade girls 4:30 p.m., 8th grade boys 4:45 p.m. and 8th grade girls 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Ford, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

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Lone Star CASA hosted its third annual Speak Up for Kids 5K Run Nov. 5, and Girl Scouts from Roysse City Service Unit 170 were on hand to distribute water to runners. Shown at back are Vanessa Green, Itzaia Gouvela, Jamie Seach (CASA advocate) and Sara Brandow. At front are Terri Tubb, Haleigh Sullivan, Marissa Miller, Megan Greer, Sydney Decker and Emma Doyle.

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# Opinions

## Drug testing for welfare benefits?

by Laurence M. Vance

Lawmakers in dozens of states are considering proposals to require drug testing of welfare recipients. In these days of budget tightening, states are looking for ways to balance their budgets without raising taxes. The drug-testing requirements are supposed to save the states money, since they will cause some families to be prohibited from receiving welfare benefits.

The proposed measures seem to resonate with the public and are especially popular with Republican legislators. The constitutionality of such laws, however, is in question.

A 1999 law in Michigan that instituted random drug testing for those receiving state benefits was halted by a federal judge after it had been in effect only five weeks. A federal appeals court eventually found the law unconstitutional in 2003, finding that it violated the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search and seizure.

One state that is again testing the waters with mandatory drug testing to receive welfare benefits is my state of Florida. Introduced in January 2011, HB 353 passed the Florida House by a vote of 78-38 on April 26 and the Senate by a vote of 26-11 on May 4. The bill was signed into law by Florida's governor, Rick Scott, on May 31, with an effective date of July 1.

"Drug Screening of Potential and Existing Beneficiaries of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" (TANF) requires the Florida Department of Children and Family Services

to perform drug test on applicant for TANF benefits; requires such individual to bear cost of drug test; requires department to provide, & applicant to acknowledge receipt of, notice of drug-screening policy; requires department to increase amount of initial TANF benefit by amount paid by individual for drug testing; provides procedures for testing & retesting; requires department to provide information concerning local substance abuse treatment programs to individual who tests positive; provides conditions for reapplication for TANF benefits; provides that, if parent is ineligible as result of failing drug test, eligibility of children is not affected; provides for designation of another protective payee; provides rulemaking authority to department.

TANF is the 1996 successor to Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). It is a federal program that is administered by the states by means of federal block grants (\$16.5 billion in FY2011). Seventeen states also qualify for more than \$300 million in supplemental grants. Counting both grants, the state of Florida receives more than \$600 million a year from the federal government for the TANF program.

Floridians who qualify for the program can receive a cash payment of \$180 a month for one person or \$364 for a family of four.

Applicants who fail the drug test are banned from receiving benefits for one year. A second failure results in a three-year ban. However, anyone who tests positive and is denied TANF benefits as a result may reapply after six months if he can document the successful completion of a substance-abuse treatment program. There is a provision in the law that lets parents name a guardian to receive benefits (after passing a drug test) in behalf of the children.

It is "unfair for Florida taxpayers to subsidize drug addiction," said Governor Scott. "It's the right thing for citizens of this state that need public assistance. We don't want to waste tax dollars," he added.

The ACLU disagreed, however, and filed suit to block the Florida law on behalf of a Navy veteran who was denied financial assistance from the state to help care for his four-year-old son because he refused to take a drug test. Like the previous case in Michigan, the ACLU is arguing that the law is unconstitutional because it constitutes an unreasonable search or seizure.

A federal judge has just temporarily blocked the new Florida law, saying that it may violate the Constitution's ban on unreasonable searches and seizures. The injunction will stay in place until the judge holds a full hearing on the matter.

Speaking on NPR's Talk of the Nation recently about the issue of drug testing as a prerequisite for welfare benefits, Barry McCaffrey, the former head of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (Bill Clinton's drug czar), expressed his opposition to the policy: "I don't think that having a drug-testing program that's a bar to entry to welfare or food stamps makes sense where you don't tie it to effective drug treatment. And even then, I'd want to see some probability that you exhibited drug behavior before I test you."

So, should states require that applicants for, or recipients of, welfare benefits take a drug test?

From a libertarian standpoint, the answer is neither — no drug tests and no welfare benefits.

But first, as a practical matter, the proposal — at least in Florida — is absurd. One, there is no requirement that a recipient of cash assistance be tested again after his initial test. Someone could pass the test, be judged

drug-free, and then use the money he receives for drugs throughout the 48 months he is allowed to receive TANF cash assistance. Two, there is nothing preventing a Florida recipient of cash assistance from using his money to buy alcohol, purchase pornography, procure a prostitute, or gamble it away at one of the Florida Indian casinos. Three, at \$30 to \$35 per test, the drug-testing program could cost the state of Florida many thousands of dollars. Since the law's implementation, the Florida Department of Children and Families has tested 1,500 to 2,000 recipients. About 2.5 percent of applicants tested positive and about 2 percent declined to be tested. That means that the state of Florida has had to reimburse about 95.5 percent of applicants for their drug test. And four, there is the constitutional question whether the drug-testing requirement constitutes an unreasonable search.

In a libertarian society, that is, a free society based on voluntary cooperation and contracts instead of government coercion and regulations, all drugs would be legal. However, employers, business establishments, and property owners would have the right to prohibit all drugs or certain drugs from being on or in the body of employees, customers, and visitors. That might include scheduled or random drug testing as a condition of employment, doing business, or visiting because in a free society any lawful property occupier — employer, business establishment, or private individual — has the right to allow or prohibit anyone access to his property for any reason.

But without the government's war on freedom known as the war on drugs, I suspect that most of the drug testing that takes place now would be a thing of the past. Perhaps airlines would test pilots and taxi companies would test drivers — but they would not be required to do so by a government.

The larger issue here — and one that is just as important from a constitutional perspective — is the legitimacy of welfare benefits in the first place. Conservatives who support drug testing as a prerequisite to receiving welfare benefits are only scratching the surface if they are trying to reduce the welfare rolls. In fact, crusading for drug tests allows conservatives to appear fiscally conservative and in favor of reducing the welfare state without actually alienating great numbers of potential voters who are either on welfare or sympathetic toward those who are.

Governor Scott said it was "unfair for Florida taxpayers to subsidize drug addiction." What he didn't say — and what Democrats and most Republicans won't say — is that it is unfair for Florida taxpayers (or U.S. taxpayers) to subsidize anyone or anything. No personal welfare and no corporate welfare.

In his remarks on January 15, 1964, to the leaders of organizations concerned with the problems of senior citizens, President Lyndon Johnson said, "We are going to try to take all the money that we think is unnecessarily being spent and take it from the 'haves' and give it to the 'have nots' that need it so much."

Conservatives in Florida or anywhere else who remain silent about welfare programs subsidizing one group of people at the expense of another are silently endorsing the legitimacy of Johnson's attempts to redistribute wealth under the guise of a war on poverty.

As the successor to the AFDC program, the modern TANF is a New Deal/Great Society-type program that takes money from those who have and

gives it to those who have not. It is a wealth-punishing, social-engineering, income-transfer program. Which means it is no different from other income-redistribution schemes such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), energy assistance, Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), unemployment compensation, food stamps (now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP), and the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Rather than on excluding a few people from receiving the wealth of others because they failed a drug test, efforts should be focused on eliminating the income-transfer programs that make welfare possible.

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It all just does not seem right in the great United States of America. LaNaie Leaviett, Rockwall

### Walk to fund Alzheimer's great success

I was very disappointed with your non-coverage of the Walk to fund Alzheimer's-Kika Walk. This event was held at Harry Myers Park 5, 2011.

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I have seen firsthand what Alzheimer's can do to a friend, neighbor, loved one. Please do a better job in covering this event next year. This awful disease will never affect anyone you know.

Marshall Rendon, Rockwall

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- 21 electrical plugs
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- 4 San Antonio AM
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- 14 "Spirit of Texas" is a \_\_\_ Stealth bomber
- 15 TXism: "yarns"
- 16 ex-gymnast Korburt
- 18 UT grad actor Wallach
- 20 France battle site for many TX WWII soldiers: Saint \_\_\_
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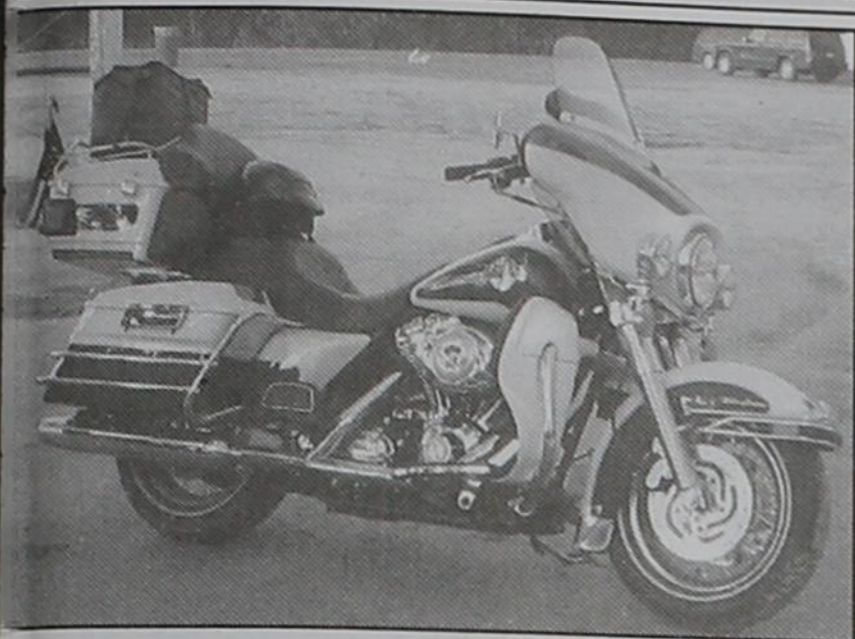
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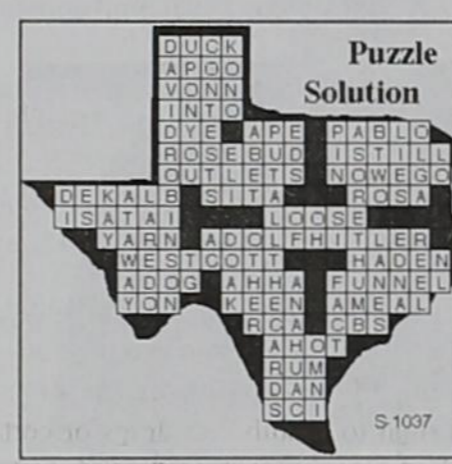
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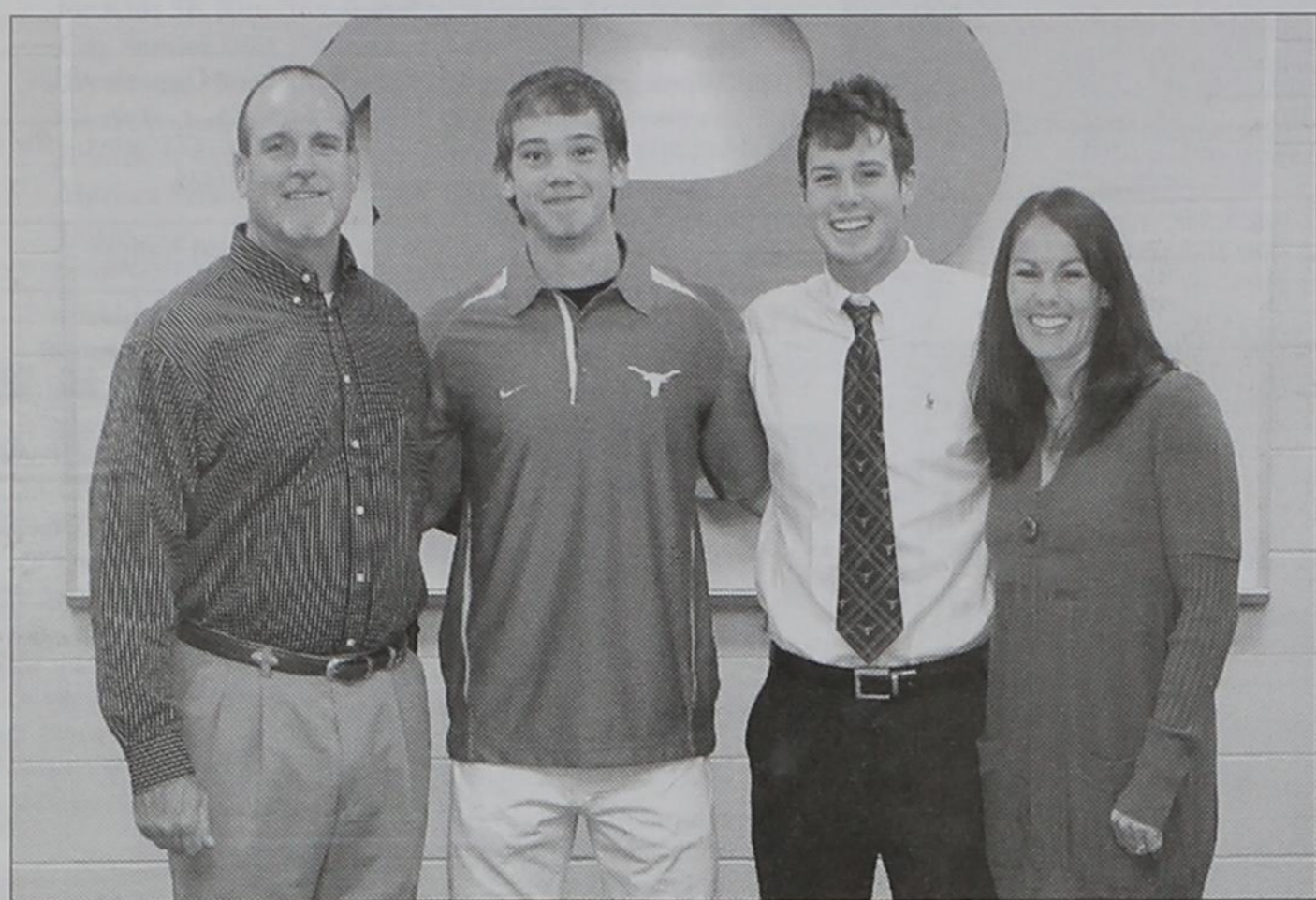
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# Rockwall County Sports



## Spencer Edwards and Stephen Bean sign with University of Texas in Austin

Yellowjackets' baseball players signing letters of intent to play with the University of Texas at Austin during last Wednesday's National Signing Day are Spencer Edwards and Steve Bean. Shown together with Edwards' parents are (left to right) Bryan Edwards (Father), Spencer Edwards, Stephen Bean and Susan Edwards (Mother). Stephen is the son of Tammie and Steve Bean.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



## Hayley Bingham signs with University of Montana

Lady Jackets' golfer Hayley Bingham (center) signs with the University of Montana during last Wednesday's National Signing Day. Bingham was accompanied by her parents Kevin (left) and Laura (right).

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



## Paige Turner signs with Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Lady Jackets' basketball player Paige Turner signs with Southeastern Oklahoma State University during last week's National Signing Day. Family and coaches sharing the special ceremony (back row left to right) Head Coach Jill McDill, Coach Casey Reeves, (front row) Glenda Crenshaw (Grandmother), Lori Turner (Mother), Paige Turner and John Turner (Father).

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



## Alyssa Lang signs with Rice University

Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang signs to play basketball at Rice University during last week's National Signing Day. Family and coaches participating in the special ceremony are (back row left to right) Betty Lang (Grandmother), Casey Reeves and Jill McDill (front row) John Lang (Grandfather), Tammy Lang (Mom), Alyssa Lang and Neal Lang (Dad).

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Jackets place 2nd and 1st in initial wrestling events

Rockwall won seven of nine team matches to place second and first in two all-day Saturday events to begin its wrestling season.

Andrew Hyde won all nine of his individual matches to lead the Yellowjackets.

They won three of five matches Nov. 12 - defeating Richardson 36-32, Fort Worth Arlington Heights 58-12 and Keller 54-24, while 39-24 to Flower Mound Marcus and 40-9 to Lake Highlands.

RHS was awarded second place in the Keller 6-Way on tie-break criteria.

John Hernandez joined Hyde in going 5-0. Collin Hill won four of five matches that day.

In the Eules Trinity 6-Way Nov. 19, the Jackets avenged their loss to the previous week, in a big way. Rockwall scored a 51-26 victory, also defeated Arlington Sam Houston 66-6, host Trinity 50-27 and Liberty Christian 51-26. Just five teams competed.

Seven Jackets won all four of their matches: Hyde, Hill, Cody

## Lady Eagles lose to Austin Royals Home School

The Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team opened its season Nov. 12 at the Dallas Thunder Round Robin.

The Lady Eagles lost there to Austin Royals Home School 76-28.

|               | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Austin Royals | 18  | 20  | 13  | 25  | 76    |
| Heritage      | 8   | 3   | 7   | 10  | 28    |

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## Randy Lemons inducted into Kilgore College Hall of Fame

Randy Lemons, a 1965 Rockwall High School graduate was inducted into the Kilgore College Hall of Fame last month. Lemons was born on July 8, 1947 in Dallas and was raised in Rockwall. He was a member of the 1963 State Champion Yellowjackets football team. After high school, Lemons attended Kilgore College from 1965-1966 when the football team was named National Champions. Lemons was selected as the most valuable defensive player in 1966. After Kilgore College he attended Wichita State and played football through 1967, then went to Northeastern College in Tahlequah, Okla., to play football from 1968-1970. Lemons has worked on various ranches and later came ranch foreman for the Bunker and Caroline Hunt Ranch several years. Lemons is retired and is now living in Gilmer. His mother Katherine Hall, lives in Rockwall.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Lady Hawks overcome injury, adversity, fouls to win one...

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Then came a 1-point third quarter for the Lady Hawks, dropping them to 15 points behind after three quarters. And after that came a furious rally, with which Rockwall-Heath tied the score 55-55 at the end of regulation time.

Head coach Devin Gabbard explained, "We were down 17 with 6 minutes to go so we jumped into a full-court man (press). We had a chance to win with 7 seconds left, but missed both free throws.

In overtime, the Lady Hawks had just five players because Richardson still was injured and five other players had fouled out. RHHS outscored Little Elm 8-4 in overtime to win 63-59. Mitchell scored 27 points and Webster added 15.

Gabbard's three-word assessment: "It was crazy."

|       | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RHHS  | 11  | 13  | 7   | 4   | 35    |
| Allen | 7   | 17  | 20  | 14  | 58    |

RHHS (1-2) - Katie Webster 14, Brianna Richardson 6, Gunyen 5, Rylee Maldonado 4, April Brown 2, Deandra Maxwell 2, Jordan Mitchell 2.

Allen - Kaitlyn Packett 9, Sarah Clark 8, Gracie Doane 8, Anna Horowitz 8, April Kindle 6, Rachel Piles 6, Ericka May 4, Kelsey Paul 2, Tammara Turner 2.

|          | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Monterey | 21  | 13  | 23  | 11  | 68    |
| RHHS     | 1   | 3   | 6   | 9   | 19    |

Lubbock Monterey - Carrillo 18, Tubbs 11, Schneider 10, McMillian 9, Harkey 6, Salameh 6, Brown 4, Lawley 4.

RHHS (1-3) - Katie Webster 8, Avery McFadin 5, Rylee Maldonado 2, Kenzie Mammeli 2, Deandra Maxwell 2, Brianna Richardson 1.

|           | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Princeton | 10  | 17  | 9   | 20  | 56    |
| RHHS      | 0   | 8   | 11  | 15  | 34    |

Princeton - Lopez 20, Isaac 9, Thompson 9, Bail 8, Morton 5, K. Coburn 2, K. Strickland 2, Campbell 1.

RHHS (1-4) - Jordan Mitchell 9, Avery McFadin 7, Katie Webster 7, April Brown 4, Brooke Garner 3, Deandra Maxwell 3, Fisher 1.

|            | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Final |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| RHHS       | 15  | 16  | 1   | 23  | 8  | 63    |
| Little Elm | 17  | 21  | 9   | 8   | 4  | 59    |

RHHS (2-4) - Jordan Mitchell 27, Katie Webster 15, April Brown 6, Fisher 6, Rylee Maldonado 3, Brittany Helms 2, Avery McFadin 2, Kenzie Mammeli 1, Deandra Maxwell 1.

Little Elm (0-6) - T'kesyah Rush 18, Chelsea Savage 17, Jazz Savage 11, Sarah Jameson 4, Jennifer Hargis 3, Lizzie Salerno 3, Adams 2, Destiny Dyson 1.



# Rockwall County Sports

## Rockwall Yellowjackets hold off John Tyler Lee's rally

The Rockwall boys' basketball game Friday, Nov. 18, had a chance to see two games for the price of one. It was a controlled-tempo contest, with RHS' defense holding court for a 33-27 lead after three quarters. It came the all-out, high-scoring, foul-shooting fourth quarter, when Tyler Lee scored more points than it had in the first three periods. Its 29-27 scoring advantage in the final eight minutes still wasn't enough to prevent the Yellowjackets' 60-56 victory.

Wesley Davis and Jared Ragland led the Jackets (2-0) with 13 points apiece. Freshman Elijah Thomas

|          | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Lee      | 11  | 8   | 8   | 29  | 56    |
| Rockwall | 7   | 14  | 12  | 27  | 60    |

Lee - Tankersley 16, Coleman 13, Tomlinson 13, Dowgherty 10, Boyd 2, Tucker 2.  
 (2-0) - Wesley Davis 13, Jared Ragland 13, Elijah Thomas 10, Prince Giadolor 8, Austin Grandstaff 5, Clay 4, Zach Rhodes 4, Avery Knutson 3.

## Jackets win Sachse golf tournament

Taylor's 78 placed him second and helped the Rockwall Varsity 2 boys' golf team win the five-team Sachse tournament Tuesday over Firewheel Golf Club's Lakes Course.

finished just two shots behind the individual top medalist, Garrett Fey of Mesquite Horn at 76. Yellowjackets totaled 333. Other scorers were Tyler Eavenson, third with 79; Chris Cho at 86 and Landon with 90.

## Lady Jackets 2nd in Buffalo Creek golf

Stansbury, shot 80, good for eighth place among individuals, to lead the Rockwall girls' golf team to second Tuesday in the Jacket-Hawk Invitational at Buffalo Creek Golf Course.

Lady Jackets totaled 339 to finish 10 shots behind champion Highland Park. Lamond scored 82, Kaitlyn Bingham had 88 and Hayley Bingham finished at 89 for RHS' varsity. Rockwall entered a second team, which finished at 449. Brittany Walker led the team with 105, followed by Miriam at 107, Stephanie Allie with 108 and Rachel Reed at 129.

## Lady Jackets beginning to jell

Rockwall girls' basketball team continues to play shorthanded, some young Lady Jackets have had a chance to shine. The team as a whole grew during the Friday, Nov. 18, game at Mesquite Poteet. RHS trailed 10-9 after the first quarter and led just 23-15 at halftime but broke away for a 54-31 victory.

Alyssa Lang continued to lead the Lady Jackets (6-2), scoring 20 points. Another senior captain, Kayla Smith, scored 11 points. So did Ellen Baker, whom Rockwall hopes can replace some of the scoring of junior Hannah Smith, who won't play this season after suffering a torn anterior ligament in the season opener.

and junior captain Morghen Day had also played key roles in the Lady Jackets' 46-45 overtime victory at Mesquite Poteet Nov. 15.

Rockwall improved for a basket to tie that game 38-38 with 10 seconds remaining in regulation time. The Lady Owls missed their last shot, and the game went into overtime.

Rockwall fouled out with 1 minute, 47 seconds left in the extra period and RHS trailing by four points. Another basket by Baker's 3-pointer pulled Rockwall within one point. Garland then fouled Lady Jackets freshman Sara Williamson, who made two shots with 27 seconds left to produce the final score.

Head coach Jill McDill, "This team has just battled through adversity and injuries, and they have found ways to win. Our captains - Alyssa, Kayla and Morghen - have really led our team well, and the girls are playing with heart. They are moving in the right direction."

Rockwall junior varsity (4-2) also won at Poteet, 56-14. The high scorers were Cassie Ross with 16 points and Regan Smith with 13.

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(6-2) - Alyssa Lang 20, Ellen Baker 11, Kayla Smith 11, Sara Williamson 7, Morghen Day 3, Megan Grandy 2.

Rockwall junior varsity (2-5) - Kiera Waters 17, Tiffany Bryson 6, Raehgan Shaw 2, Cheatam 2, Dyer 2, Stewart 2.



Senior guard Avery Knutson (11) drives to the basket for the Yellowjackets during last Friday's game against John Tyler in Rockwall.  
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Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members celebrated the recent grand opening ceremony for Kim Hoegger Home, located at 1065 S. Goliad St. in Rockwall.

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## Yellowjackets' Freshman Orange team wins district title

Rockwall High School Freshman Orange football team finishing their undefeated 2011 season as District Champions are (back row standing, left to right) Coach Luke Hurst, Will Orr, Micah Njoku, Joshua Wolf, David Williams, Coach Jase Wentzel, Matthew Hunt, Jaylen Veasley, Jay Galloway, Xavier Castille, Wyatt Miller, Andrew McCarthy, John Wright, Holden Harper, Kyle Bentley, Tony Pecora, Gregory Larock, Daton Faires, Julian Williams, Coach John Marshall, (middle row kneeling) Will Morris, Ty Thomas, Daniel Armendariz, Zach Thomasson, Justin Nuckols, Garrett Dennard, Blaise Cole, Coach Will McCrary, Cody Thompson, (front row) Elijah Thomas, Jonah Ramos, Armani Broussard, Demetre Cooks and Dante Thomas. Not pictured is Coach Tyler Parr.

Rockwall's Freshman Orange football team completed a perfect season, and won the District 10-4A championship, by defeating Richardson Pearce Thursday, Nov. 3, at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

Will McCrary, Luke Hurst, Tyler Parr and John Marshall coached the Yellowjackets to the title.


Coach McCrary praised the young men for their accomplishments, and also recognized the Freshman White team for its impressive season with an 8-1-1 record.

McCrary pressed upon the players to "Work Hard, Improve Everyday, Be Unselfish, and Be The Best."

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