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Royse City HS Napped for College Readiness Award

Royse City High School recently received the 2010 College Readiness Award from the Texas ACT Council.

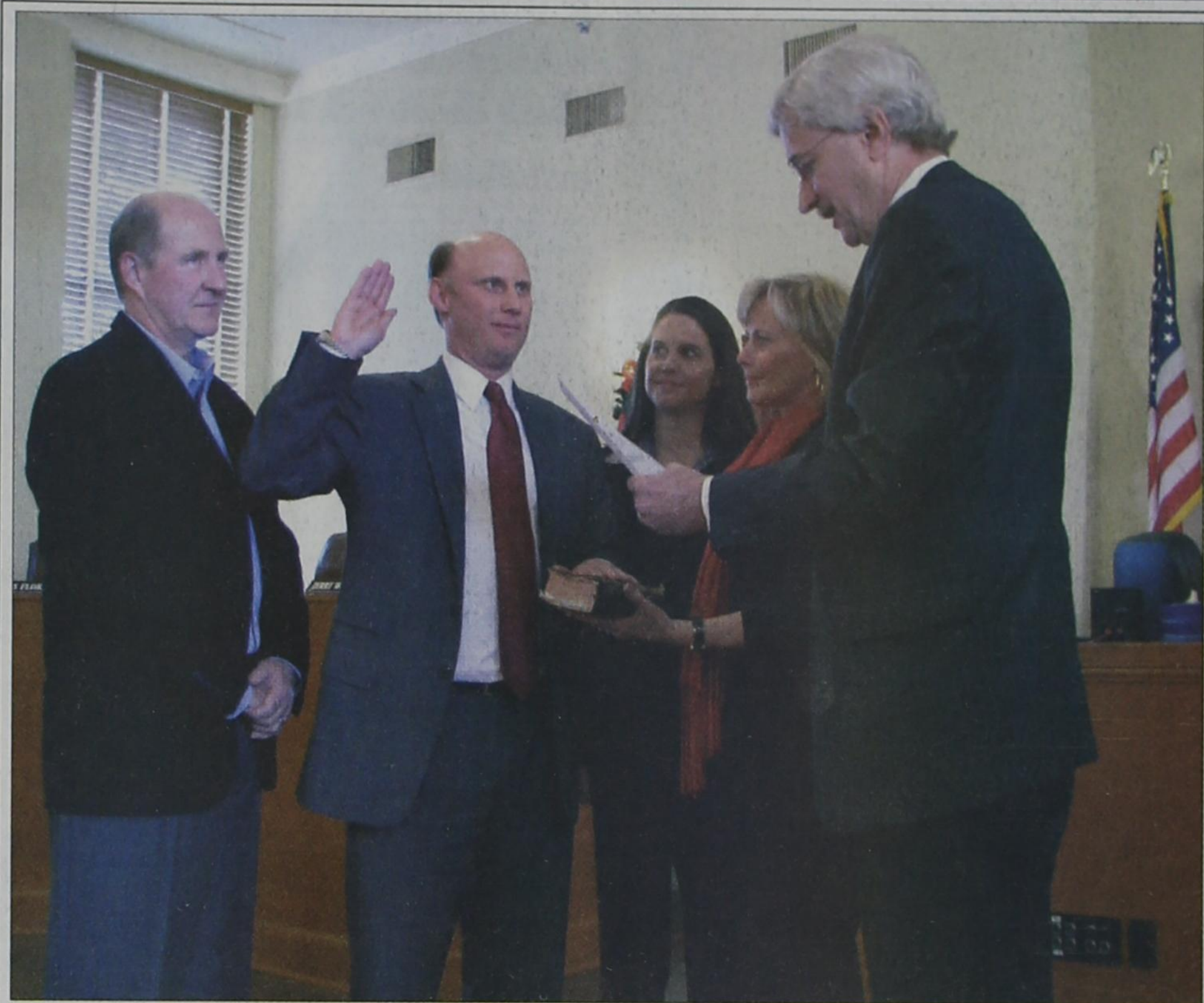
The award is given to schools "maintaining or increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment over the past five years and significantly raising their level of achievement and college readiness," according to a press release issued by the school.

The Texas ACT Council is a group of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in schools and colleges. ACT Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in areas of education and workforce development. It also is the publisher of the ACT Assessment.

The Texas ACT Council wanted to recognize those Texas high schools that have made significant strides in increasing the college readiness of their graduates as demonstrated by their ACT score increases over the past five years," said Karen L. Pennell, assistant vice president and ACT southwest regional manager. "This can only happen as a result of the high school's faculty and staff efforts and the dedication of Royse City High School students and parents to focus on college readiness and raise the level of college readiness of all students."

Over that 6 percent of all Texas high schools received this recognition, Pennell said in the news release.

While the average increase in ACT test scores across the state rose, Royse City High's scores were "at least twice that," according to the news release.



Former Rockwall County Assistant District Attorney J. Brian Williams took the oath of office before a standing-room-only crowd to become the new County Court-at-Law Judge on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Judge Brad Hall administered the oath of office to Williams, who was surrounded by his stepfather, Robert Howard; sister, Emily Fennell; and mother, former mayor of Rockwall Alma Williams Howard. Williams received a unanimous vote by the Rockwall County Commissioners for the seat to replace Judge

David Rakow, who on Nov. 2 was appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry as judge for the newly created 439th District Court. Williams thanked his friends, the commissioners, former teachers and mentors, co-workers and his family for their support over the years and for helping him celebrate his swearing in as Rockwall County's newest judge.

Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

RPA meeting slated Dec. 3

The December meeting of the Rockwall Preschool Association is set for 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, Rockwall. A children's holiday party is planned. Membership is open to all Rockwall area parents with children ages birth through kindergarten; new members welcome any time. For details visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Heath plans Holiday Tour of Homes

The RHHS Class of 2011 will host the Heath Holiday Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3. Five Heath homes will be open for tours. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the RHHS front desk, American National Bank, Bella's House on the Square, Heath Salon & Spa and the Rockwall Chamber. Tickets also will be available at each home on the day of the tour at a cost of \$20. All proceeds will benefit the senior class prom and holiday party. For tickets or details, contact Liz Beauchamp at 214-543-2723 or Julie Lagerberg at 214-796-9561.

The Center to host Holiday Luncheon

The Center will be the site of a free Holiday Luncheon for individuals ages 18 and older. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the event is from noon to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 3. Turkey and ham will be furnished, but each participant is asked to bring a pot luck dish to share. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Heath Holiday in the Park slated

The City of Heath will host its annual Holiday in the Park event beginning 5 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Towne Center Park Pavilion behind City Hall, 200 W. Pence. Local and area residents are invited to kick off the season with lighting of the tree, performances by the Amy Parks-Heath Honor and Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary choirs and complimentary hot chocolate, mince pie and cookies. Santa will be on hand for photos and a miniature train ride will be offered. For more details visit heathtx.com or call 972-771-6228.

Cupcakes for Charity set in RC

Cupcakes for Charity will begin at 8 a.m. Dec. 4 at 117 Elm St. (next to Z's Rock Stop where the snow cone stand was located) in Royse City. Sales will continue until all baked goods, coffee, hot chocolate, soft drinks and water are gone. Proceeds will benefit the Royse City Police Department's annual toy drive. To donate to the effort, contact Gina Dennis at 972-670-8593.

Christmas parade set Dec. 4

The Kiwanis Club's 41st Annual Rockwall Christmas Parade will begin at 7 a.m. Dec. 4. Theme for this year is "Our Favorite Christmas Song." The parade will start at Caruth Lane and North Goliad Street (SH 205) and proceed south on North Goliad to Kaufman, then east on Kaufman, ending at Dobbs Elementary. North Goliad and Kaufman will be closed to traffic from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. along the parade route. Registration will be limited to 100 organizations. To register, visit rockwallkiwanis.org or call 972-722-6001. For more details on the route visit rockwall.com/newsroom/happeningnow.asp.

Old Town Christmas Market planned

The Old Town Christmas Market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4 in downtown Rockwall on San Jacinto Street. Following the 41st Annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade, enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and warm spiced cider provided by El Coyote Rojo and Friends of Downtown. Market vendors will offer stained glass items, gift cards, soaps, hand-turned woodworks, colorful by area artists and other items. Homemade pies, canned salsas, jams and jellies also will be available. Interested vendors should visit downtown.rockwall.com.

Brunch with St. Nicholas set

The Catholic Mothers Council of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 1555 Damascus Road in Rockwall, will host its annual Brunch with St. Nicholas from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 4. Chiloso Mexican Bistro will



David Rakow (center) was surrounded by his wife, Amy, and sons, Reid and Will, as he was sworn in as the new 439th District Judge on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Rockwall Historic Courthouse. Judge Brad Hall led Rakow in his oath of office. Rakow, who was the former Rockwall County Court-at-Law judge before being named

to the district seat on Nov. 2 by Texas Governor Rick Perry, will preside over felony cases. The new district court, the second for Rockwall County, was approved by the Texas legislature in June 2009.

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Pictured here are the Stingerettes and participants in their Holiday Dance Clinic conducted recently. The event was led by drill team officers Chelsey Crawford, captain; Michelle Mason, first lieutenant; Marley Lites; Chandler Due; Emily Auth; Natalie Trollinger and Rig McGowan. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

R'wall Habitat workers to finish sheetrock installation

Volunteers for last weekend's Habitat for Humanity workday got a good start on sheetrock installation, and plans are to finish up that task beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity current build site is located at 803 Peter's Colony. For up-to-the-minute information on last-minute changes or in the event of inclement weather, visit rockwall-habitat.blogspot.com.



The City of Heath's "holiday crew," a.k.a. members of the Public Works team, are shown putting up the 18-foot Christmas tree to be lit at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at the annual Holiday in the Park event in Towne Center Park behind City Hall, 200 Laurence. From the left are Randy Patton, Francisco Gonzalez and B.J. White Jr. The event will include performances by the Amy Parks-Heath Honor and Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary choirs, and complimentary hot chocolate, wassail and cookies will be served. Santa will be on hand to visit with children, and a miniature Christmas train will offer rides. For more details visit heathtx.com. Photo courtesy City of Heath/Rockwall County News

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Christopher Rigler, a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 690 in Rockwall, recently completed a mandatory project as Throwaway Ponies of Rockwall to earn his Eagle rank. All Scouts must plan and complete a community project, in addition to other requirements to earn Eagle which is the highest rank in Scouting. Rigler designed the plans, organize workers and oversaw the building of a run-in shelter for horses to shield them from bad weather. Throwaway Ponies is a non-profit horse rescue and therapeutic riding center in Rockwall. They provide riding lessons to women and children with emotional and developmental issues as well as children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Shown above helping Rigler frame the shelter were Matt Ellis, Josh Ellis, Andrew Orozco, Ian Hustings, Brad Rigler, Josh Berglund and Mark Berglund. Photo courtesy of Brad Rigler/Rockwall County News

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Local teens working to fund African water well

Rockwall-Heath High seniors Laura VanAmbrugh and Tyler Kirwan are trying to have an impact on a community half a world away. All the renewable water available in Africa each year, only 4 percent is because most Africans lack the necessary wells, canals, pumps, reservoirs and irrigation systems to capture it. Even though they're 9,000 miles away, VanAmbrugh and Kirwan are trying to do something about that statistic well at a time.

In July, Kirwan made the 35-hour trek from Dallas to a small Africa village on a mission trip with LakePointe Church. He witnessed the effects of the AIDS pandemic as well as the fatal consequences of poor hygiene and sanitation from the absence of water.

Sharing the experience with VanAmbrugh, the two were inspired to help. They have started a "gently-used" book drive to fund a well construction project in an African community in Oyibi, Ghana.

In an African community in Oyibi, Ghana, a woman can walk miles with 50-pound jugs on their heads to collect water for drinking, cooking and bathing. And it's hard to capture enough water. The water often is contaminated, causing illness and death.

While the solution is simple, it is out of reach for many of the communities.

Local teens began fundraising last summer to help ensure at least one community had the basic necessities to build a well. They are being helped by neighbors, students and LakePointe Youth Pastor Greg Bradford. They are getting a big hand from local businessman Ken Hickman and

Pastor Steve Stroope, who operate a faith-based organization called the Themba Foundation (pronounced Timba, the Zulu word for 'hope') established to provide God's grace, mercy and hope to the people of Africa.

The book drive is one of many ways the teens hope to generate more than \$5,000. They have kiosks set up at area elementary schools and middle schools as well as Rockwall-Heath High. And they are asking friends and family to clear their shelves of books they no longer need.

Monetary contributions or books can be donated by contact VanAmbrugh and Kirwan at tyler@thekirwans.net or by calling 972-948-1912.



Fifth grade students at Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary recently brought the Colonial time period to life, creating their own Colonial town and simulating the nation's first free enterprise system. Pictured above are Kaily Greeley, Lyric Neal and Alec Betancourt. The students researched trades of the past and presented them as their guests visited their shops.

Courtesy photo
Rockwall County News



Lone Star CASA, Court-Appointed Special Advocates who serve children in Rockwall and Kaufman counties, had 10 new volunteers sworn in on Nov. 10. Pictured are Aranda Johnson, Pam Potter, Olga Cooper, Kelley Armstrong, Sheila Armstrong, District Judge Brett Hall, Lacey Cloud, Judy Fain, Melody Doudney, Kaylee Blythe and Stacey Taylor. An open house celebrating the new volunteers was conducted later in the day.

Photo courtesy of CASA/Rockwall County News

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the event, which will include children's craft activities, games, prizes, photos with Santa and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the parish's children's ministries. Tickets will cost \$7/person (maximum of \$28/family) at the door. For more details call 214-771-1035.

Historic Home Tour planned

All Town Rockwall's Candy Cane 2010 Historic Home Tour will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 4. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; cost will be \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Advance tickets may be purchased at Rockwall Veterinary Hospital, Groovy's and Texas Traditions. Proceeds will benefit the RHS Senior Class. For more details call 972-754-9557 or visit rhs11.com.

Gingerbread House Making class offered

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a Gingerbread House Making class for youths ages 5-12 on Dec. 8 at The Center. The event will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost will be \$15 for Rockwall residents, \$23 for non-residents; participants are asked to bring a bag of candy to share as part of the house decorating. For more details call 972-771-7740.

RHS band needs vendors for bazaar

Rockwall High School Orange Wave Band will host another bazaar at school on Dec. 11. Organizers are looking for interested vendors. The show will take place inside the school building so weather will not be a problem. For more details call Liz Tarter, 972-772-1846.

Stingerette Recycle Day planned

Rockwall Stingerettes will host a Recycle Day from 8 a.m. to noon Dec. 11 at the RHS parking lot (baseball fields). Acceptable items will include clothes, shoes, hats, books, DVDs, CDs, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, video games, computers, monitors, printers, cell phones and other items. For a complete list visit stingerettes.com. This will be a drive-through event, and plenty of help will be on hand to help unload items.

Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 11

Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 11 at The Center. Doughnuts and orange juice will be served; several activities are planned. Open to children ages 1-12, cost will be \$10 per Rockwall resident, \$15 for non-residents. Call 972-771-7740 for details or to register.

Community Band plans Holiday Concert

Rockwall Community Band will present its free Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the RHS Performing Arts Center at Utley, near the football stadium. The 50-piece band will perform new arrangements of traditional Christmas and holiday pieces. The hour-long concert will conclude with free refreshments served in the lobby.

FOL Christmas Luncheon scheduled

The 8th annual December Lunch Basket, a fundraiser sponsored by Friends of the Library, is set for Dec. 14 at The Center. The event will open at 11 a.m. for participants to view tables; lunch will begin at noon. This event always sells out, so early reservations are suggested: 972-771-8976. Hostesses are asked to decorate and display holiday table settings; for more details call Liz Wellborn, 972-722-3084.

Gift items needed for CPS children

Terra Hunt is again asking area residents to give new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages, gift cards and new children's clothing (any size) for distribution by the Rockwall County Child Protective Services. Items will be delivered to children placed in CPS custody on Dec. 17. Call Hunt at 214-240-1966 to arrange for pick up or drop off. For more details search for Rockwall County Toy Drive on Facebook.

Santa's Workshop set Dec. 18

Santa's Workshop holiday craft session is set for 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 18 at The Center. Jingle bell bracelets, Rudolph necklaces and Christmas tree ornaments are among items to be crafted. Open to ages 5-10, the class will cost \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details call Rockwall Parks & Rec Center at 972-771-7740.

Book drive to benefit B&GC

A book drive benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall will run through Dec. 20. Donations may be dropped off at the Rockwall Yellow Jacket Barber Shop, 2006 S. Goliad (next to Joe Willy's). For more details call 214-771-0450.

RC offices to close for holiday

The municipal offices of Royse City will be closed Dec. 24 and 27 and Dec. 31 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Highsteppers plan Dance Clinic

The Rockwall-Heath Highsteppers will host a dance clinic from 9:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 22 in the RHHS gym. Check-in will be at 9 a.m. The event will be open to girls in kindergarten through ninth grade; participants will be separated into age groups to learn dance steps. Cost is \$5. Only participants registering prior to Dec. 31 are guaranteed a shirt. For more details call Amber Beamer at 469-338-8204 or e-mail amceclinic10@gmail.com.

Daddy/Daughter Dance planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at The Hilton at The Harbor. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall couples, \$67 for non-resident couples. Tickets will go on sale Dec. 1. Call 972-771-7740 for more details.

Rockwall Police to step up patrols

The Rockwall Police Department, in a news release issued Nov. 19, announced it would increase police presence along the IH-30 business corridor during the holiday shopping season.

Additional officers will be assigned to patrol retail parking lots, according to the news release.

"While our goal is to make for a safe and enjoyable shopping experience, Chief Mark Moeller would like to remind everyone that by simply taking your keys, locking your car doors and hiding valuable items such as DPS devices, cellular phones and other valuable items will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft," the release reads.

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Maxine Harber with her son Les and his wife Karylle Harber.

Royse City Holiday Parade coming Dec. 11

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Royse City as plans take shape for the Saturday, Dec. 11 Bells on Main Street Holiday Festivities and Parade.

This year's theme is An Old Fashioned Christmas."

Mrs. Claus will kick off events with story time from 4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Royse City Fire Department.

Kids of all sizes can have their photo taken with Santa from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. also at the RC Fire Department.

At 5:30 p.m., the Christmas season officially arrives as the lights on the city tree are flicked on at Old Jail Park.

After the tree lighting, the singing

group, Green, will lead Christmas carols from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

And to top off the afternoon of fun, the lighted Christmas Parade will make its way down Main Street be-

ginning at 6 p.m. David Wells will announce the parade.

Downtown businesses will be open during the festivities offering seasonal treats.

Royse City Police Blotter

Nov. 19-25

• 20 November: Reckless driver, I-30 at the 81 mile marker; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 85 mile marker; Medical assistance, 1500 block Bob Drive; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Evading arrest, I-30 at the 77 mile marker

• 21 November: Medical assistance, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious activity, 1400 block Industrial Drive; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 at the 78 mile marker

• 22 November: Suspicious activity, 100 block Jones Road; Medical assistance, 200 block Howard Street; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 75 mile marker; Welfare check, 200 block Santos Drive; Reckless driver warrants arrest, 100 block S. Elm Street; Medical assistance/Possession of a controlled substance, 200 block Howard Street

• 23 November: Alarm, 1200 block Evergreen Street; Criminal mischief, 400 Autumn Trail; Assault, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Accident, 700 block Brookhaven Drive

• 24 November: Welfare check, Corner of I-30 NSR and FM 2642; Welfare check, 200 block Zoe Street; Domestic disturbance, 1600 block Sam Circle; Alarm, 100 block W. I-30; Possession of drug paraphernalia, 1200 block Industrial Drive; Possession of marijuana/Rockwall County warrant arrest, 100 block W. I-30

• 25 November: Medical assistance, 700 block Cooper Lane, Alarm, 600 block Skelton Drive; Alarm, 600 block Orchid Lane; Accident, 2300 block I-30 NSR; Alarm, 100 block W. I-30; Possession of drug paraphernalia, 1200 block Industrial Drive; Possession of marijuana/Rockwall County warrant arrest, 100 block W. I-30

Hays Elementary Spooktacular raises \$28,000

The Hays PTA's fourth annual Spooktacular 5K and Fun Run drew 630 participants and raised more than \$28,000, according to a news release from the school.

The event took place Oct. 30.

Top finishers in each of the divisions included:

- 18 and under/female – Rebecca Parsons, Keely Hampton, Faith Hurt
- 18 and under/male – Matthew Hearn, Spencer McKee, Brian Moore

- 18 and over/female – Kim Stark, Shay Phillips, Vanessa Abraham
- 18 and over/male – Mike Tusco, Caleb Martin, Brett Moore

Funds raised will be used for teachers' classroom wish lists.



Jayne and Brady Ladusau and Jenni and Evie Knox are pictured, representing the Aspasians who recently delivered Thanksgiving bags to the Rainbow Room. The Aspasians gathered for their November meeting in the home of Sharon Huston, where they assembled the bags for local families assisted by the Rockwall Rainbow Room. Bags were filled with food and items needed to prepare Thanksgiving feasts. The Rainbow Room is an emergency resource center available to Child Protective Services caseworkers to help them meet the needs of abused and neglected children. For more information about the Aspasians, whose twice-yearly art shows raise funds for college scholarships, visit aspasians.com.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Pictured are several sixth grade students from Cullins Lake Pointe during a recent trip to Sky Ranch Camp. Shown in the foreground from the left are students Breonna Samano, Powers Poch, Corbin Martin, a Sky Ranch staff member, Ivy Williams, and another ranch staff member.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Friends of Downtown volunteers decorated Rockwall's historic square recently in preparation for the Kiwanis Christmas Parade and Holiday Art Market on Saturday. Pictured are, at front, Susan Holt, Kathy Vinci, Susan Wheelis, Carol Crow, Claudette Hatfield and Barb Coleson. At back are Tonja Faurot, Maggie Hatfield, Judy Sutton, Bethany Golden and Claudette Johnson.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



In early October of 2010, I fell with my bicycle and broke my hip.

After surgery and a stay in the hospital, I was given the option of going to the rehab of my choice. Because it was close to my home, I chose Royse City Health and Rehabilitation Center for my therapy.

I want people to know that I am delighted with the care given me while I was a guest there. Every worker, every nurse and every therapist in that center are genuinely delightful people. The staff began immediately learning my likes and dislikes; then they worked diligently to please.

I also watched these workers interplay with the others too. Their care and concern for the the oldest and most unresponsive patient was heartwarming. I saw kisses and hugs along with pills; and pats along with therapy.

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Rockwall Tennis Unlimited conducted its annual Toys for Tots Tournament Nov. 13 at the RHHS courts. Through the event, many toys were collected for distribution through the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign. RTU president J.R. Rahmzadeh, pictured above at center, expressed his appreciation to all participants, volunteers and supporters of the event, as well as Chandler's Landing, which helped with the collection of toys. Pictured with him are Tracy Rollins, Betty Shupp, Paula Story and Marina Gelling. Shupp and Storey captured first place in the Ladies' Division, while Rollins and Gelling took second. Men's Division winners were Paul Bovee and George Humes, first place, and David Drayton and Dave Townsend, second.
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Jack Elbert Crowder

Services for Jack Elbert Crowder, 75, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Nov. 29, 2010, in the First Baptist Church of Heath. Burial followed in Heath Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall.

He died Nov. 26, 2010. Born Feb. 24, 1935, in Bells, Texas, to Carl Jack Crowder and Valda Earline (Ray) Crowder, he served in the U.S. Navy and was a design engineer for Systems (Raytheon) for many years. Survivors include his wife, Gerri Crowder of Rockwall; his sons, Kerry Crowder and his wife, Veneshia, of Dallas and Kyle Crowder and his wife, Robin, of Mesquite; and his grandchildren, Kelley Crowder of Dallas, Cole Crowder of San Antonio, Chad Crowder of Addison and Tiffany Mitch of Mesquite.

Linda Klutts McDonald

Services for Linda Klutts McDonald, 64, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Nov. 24, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Heath Cemetery.

She died Nov. 20, 2010. Born Aug. 16, 1926, in Chisholm to James and Vera Bell (Vaughan) Klutts, she was a comptometer operator for Western Bell and a homemaker for 44 years. She was a member of the Heath Church of Christ. Survivors include her son, Paul McDonald, and his wife, Lynn, of Rockwall; her daughters, Wanda White of Rockwall and Brenda Valentine and her husband, Richard, of Gainesville; her brothers, J.W. "Red" Klutts and his wife, Betty, of Mesquite and Sammy Klutts and his wife, Rosemary, of Greenville; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Her parents; her husband, Wayne McDonald; and one daughter, Glenda F., preceded her in death.

Miranda Mae Ragsdale

Services for Miranda Mae Ragsdale, 16, of Nevada, Texas, previously of Manor, were conducted at 11 a.m. Nov. 23, 2010, at First at Firewheel in Garland with Dr. E. Wayne Hanks officiating. Burial followed in the Lakeview Cemetery in Lavon. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. She died Nov. 18, 2010.

She was born Nov. 17, 1994, in Austin to William Craig and Zina Denise (Donaldson) Ragsdale, she was a swimmer at Community High School where she was involved in volleyball and the drama department. She was a member of First at Firewheel. Survivors include her father, Craig Ragsdale, and his wife, Angelia, of Nevada; her brothers, Lance Ragsdale of Nevada, Dustin Ragsdale and his wife,

Elizabeth, of Plano, Chris Burrow of Garland and Teddy Ragsdale of Nevada; a sister, Pamela Ragsdale of Nevada; her nephews, Rylie and Charlie Ragsdale of Plano; her grandparents, Bill and Mona Ragsdale of Crystal, Okla., and Ginger Henson of Austin; her uncles, Mark Ragsdale and his wife, Pam, of Garland and Wayne Donaldson and his wife, Sharon, of La Grange; her aunts, Beverly Roseman of Austin and Melissa Adams and Michelle Larson of South Carolina; her cousins, Lori and Megan Ragsdale; and numerous other cousins.

Her mother, Zina Ragsdale, and her nana, Shirley Ragsdale, preceded her in death. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Drama Department at Community High, P.O. Box 400, Nevada, TX 75173.



Students of Rockwall High's N-S.T.Y.L.E. class, which provides instruction and support of each student's ability to live independently or with minimal assistance, participated in Disability Mentoring Day at Sam's Club in Garland recently. Pictured at front, from the left, are Tammy Riley, Sam's employee/mentor; Stephanie Gutierrez; Carli Huffman; Jordan Rinkevich; and Anita Powers, RHS instructional assistant. At back are Mike Felts, Sam's employee/mentor; Heather Jones, RISD V.A.C. teacher; Tyler Rhodes; Mallory Smith; Reggie Robinson; Avery Bartie; and Kristie Record, RHS N-S.T.Y.L.E. teacher. Disability Mentoring Day is observed annually to coincide with National Disability Employment/Awareness Month. Through DMD, students and job seekers with disabilities are afforded chances to explore career opportunities within their fields of interest, increase the visibility of individuals with disabilities in the workforce and develop mentor-mentee relationships.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

First Christian Church Rockwall to present Living Nativity

by Kim Johnson
For the fifth year, First Christian Church Rockwall will present its Living Nativity. From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 19, a costumed cast will perform every 20-30 minutes, followed by group caroling led by the church choir.

Children will also be able to pet the animals used in the production, including sheep, goats, a donkey and llama. "Our Living Nativity addresses that deep and unspoken need that we have to physically ground ourselves in something that is spiritually meaningful," said FCC pastor Mark Irons.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The seventh angel...Revelations 11:15-19

Last week we read about the two witnesses revealed in Revelations 11:3-13. Verses 14-15 reveal that the three and a half years of events surrounding the two witnesses will complete the second woe. Remember that the "second woe" is the same as the sixth angel of the seventh seal. I realize these seals, angels and woes are challenging to follow, so please bear with me. Sometimes I get lost in all this and must track backward to figure out where I am.

Verses 15-19 are basically God's summary of the seventh angel. The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our God and His Messiah or anointed one. The Messiah refers to the Lord Jesus. After this point God will reign for ever and ever.

The term "kingdoms of this world" is better understood when applying 2Corinthians 4:4 where it says, "In whom the god of this world has blinded the eyes of them who believe not." The "god of this world" must only refer to the devil. Luke 4:5-6 shines more light on this. Jesus went into the wilderness and was tempted by the devil for 40 days.

In verses 5-6, the devil was directly addressing Jesus, "And the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, 'All this power will I give you, and the glory of them. For it is delivered unto me. And to whom I will, I give it.'" The devil was tempting Jesus into worshipping him. Notice that it says, "for it is delivered unto me." The word "it" refers to "all the kingdoms of the world."

At some point in time the devil was given power over the world. The best candidate for who handed the power over was Adam. Recall that God gave Adam full authority over the world. After he disobeyed God, his power would have been handed over to the "serpent" or devil who deceived Eve.

This teaches us a great deal about politics and the truth about governments around the world and throughout time. Governments are in essence political subdivisions with power to rob, kill and destroy. It's very possible that the original signers of the American Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence and Constitution had this in mind when they placed strict limitations on the united States federal government.

According to Revelations 11:15 there will be a time when the devil will no longer reign over the kingdoms of this world. God will reign forever and

ever. Something will happen during this seventh angel (third woe) time that will result in the end of the devil's reign over the world.

Verses 16-18 includes a prayer which reveals more information, "And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces and worshipped God, saying, 'We give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which are now, and was, and are to come; because thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead that they should be judged, and that Thou should give reward unto Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and should destroy them which destroy the earth.'"

In context, the reference to "the dead" is related to all the dead who will ultimately be resurrected at a future time. God isn't going to judge people while they are actually dead. It will be after everyone is resurrected and alive again. This fits with God's plan to reward His servants, saints and all who reverence His name. Some will be judged unto everlasting death and others will be judged unto receiving rewards and everlasting life in paradise.

Verse 19 finishes with, "And the Temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His Temple the ark of His testament. And there were lightnings, and voices, and thundering, and an earthquake, and great hail." Please do not confuse this with the movie Raiders of the Lost Ark. No person will be stealing or protecting the true spiritual ark. And the survivors will not go back for a drink and more work.

In my mind, Revelations is packed with the makings for the best thriller movie ever. God's got a great happy ending!!!

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

A few ways to cut federal spending

(Editor's Note: the following letter was sent to U.S. Senators and Congressman Hall and shared with our readers.)

To: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison Senator John Comyn Representative Ralph Hall

Subject: Make Serious Cuts In Government

1. Department of Energy - Eliminate this Carter initiated department. Reason: They have never produced a gallon of oil, a gallon of gasoline, a pound of coal, nor a watt of electricity.

The Department of Energy has a 24 billion dollar budget supporting 16,000 useless employees.

2. Department of Education - Eliminate this Carter initiated department. Reason: Let the states and their school districts run their education.

3. Salary cuts in the U.S. Capital should be 25% for the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch.

Reason: This would show the American people that our government is serious about cutting spending.

Question: Who will offer this bill in congress? Who will support it? Thanks for reading and considering.

Arthur W. Hendon, Rockwall

Fundraiser to benefit local organizations

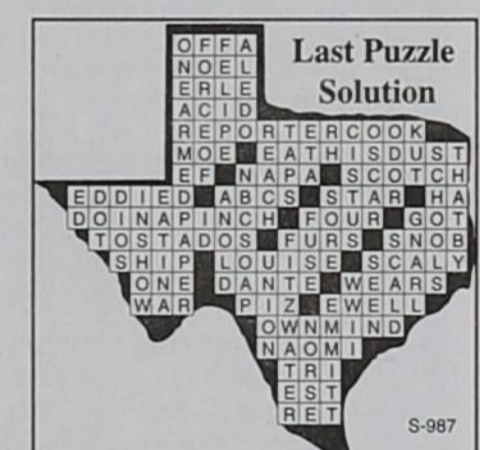
Rockwall Girls & Boys Club, Helping Hands and Reese Manor will benefit from a fundraising event set for Saturday, Dec. 11 at Lakeside Chevrolet, at I-30 and SH 205.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch in support of these local charitable organizations will include hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks and a bake sale of cookies, cakes, pies and brownies.

Donations of items needed by the groups will be accepted, including:

Non-perishable food items, cash and new unwrapped toys.



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Dr. Les Sandknop, pictured above, is sponsor of the Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving meals prepared by Nona's Café. More than 130 homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout Rockwall County were served this year. Pictured from left to right: the physician are Marge VerHagen, MOW executive director Sally Zajdl; Sandknop; Pat Sorrell; and Mary Joe Cason. Each of the women is a member of the board of directors for the Rockwall County Committee on Aging.

Rockwall Community Playhouse announces holiday schedule

The next offering by the Rockwall Community Playhouse is "Tidings," which will run December 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12. Ticket information is given below.

In addition to the next opening night, auditions for several productions have been scheduled.

Auditions for "The Fantasticks" will be December 11 at the Playhouse. Rockwall's Got Talent auditions are set for January 8 and 9, with a workshop on December 4. Performances are January 14 and 15.

Auditions for "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" will be held January 15 or 16 p.m.

To purchase tickets for an upcoming show or for more information on auditions, contact the Rockwall Community Playhouse at 972-722-3333 or visit the website at www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk.

Correction ...

The photos published on the front page of last week's Rockwall County News along with the Habitat for Humanity features were inadvertently credited to the wrong photographer. All of the photos were taken by Humphrey. The RCN regrets the error.

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Ruth Peck, a former actress and theatrical profession, presented an interactive program on theatrical actors at the November meeting of the Friday Study Club. Peck asked members to guess from clues the names of stars with whom she had worked in the Only Theater in Connecticut. Continuing with the "let's get acquainted" portion of the program, Carolyn Duckworth, Billye Wood and Leigh Plagens shared biographical information about themselves. The event was conducted in the home of June Frawley with Wood and Gail Lombardi providing pecan pies for dessert. Assisting in serving were Plagens, Frawley and Mary Vervain.

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LCC event boosts scholarship fund

Lakeside Civic Chorus hosted a four-course meal of Italian cuisine and wines Nov. 7 at the Pyramid Restaurant in Dallas to raise money for the organization's annual scholarship fund.

In addition to the dinner, guests enjoyed music provided by soloists Shelba Gorham-Bell, choir director for Roysie City High; Jennifer Sanchez, who maintains an active private voice studio in Rockwall; and Isiak Holiday, music director at

the First United Methodist Church of Heath.

LCC board president Maurice Thompson said he was happy with the outcome of the event.

"One gentleman who was staying at the hotel attended our dinner and gave us a check for \$1,200 to support our efforts," Thompson said.

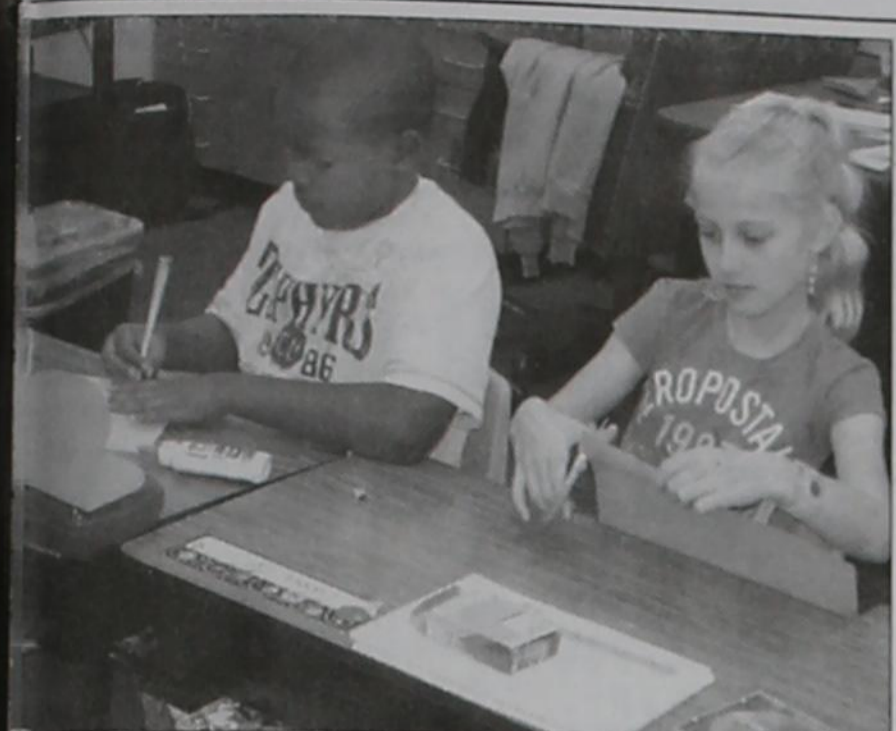
Gorham-Bell and Hunter Hammett organized the event.

"The event went even better than we could have expected," said Gorham-Bell. "The food, the wine and music were a great combination for a fabulous evening. Hopefully next year even more Rockwall residents will be able to join us."

Each year, the LCC awards a scholarship to a high school senior planning to pursue a music degree at the university level.

The LCC's holiday concert, "O Little Child the World Awaits Thee," is set for 4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the First Christian Church in Rockwall.

For more details on the group and its performances, contact director David Bush at director@lakeside-civicchorus.org.



Third grade students in Clint Wilcox's class at Springer Elementary created letters and cards for Project FIND, an organization dedicated to providing low- and moderate-income and homeless seniors with services and support needed to enrich their lives and independently. Members of Project FIND delivered Thanksgiving meals to 1,200 seniors in the heart of New York City this year. Above, D.J. Cole and Emma Mowery are shown creating cards to be included in the Thanksgiving Day deliveries. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Shelba Gorham-Bell

Just Say You Saw It In the "County News"

- ACROSS**
- TXism: "like water duck's back"
 - Christmas Perry Mason creator Stanley Gardner
 - TXism: "strong as battery"
 - "Texas Country" book
 - Larry, Curly, & TXism for "follow" (3 wds.)
 - Errol of '45 film "San Antonio" (init.)
 - CA wine-growing area: "Valley"
 - ending of "butter" or "hop"
 - the water moved in a whirlpool
 - TX "Dandy Don" was on "Monday Night Football"
 - Lone TX
 - TX Wills: "Ah, take it away Leon"
 - TXism: "it'll" (adequate)
 - number of U.S. states that border TX
 - TX Roy Orbison's "You It" ('89)
 - Tex-Mex dishes coats made of fine, soft animal hair
 - someone who thinks he's better than everyone else
 - Zavala was a of the Texas Navy
 - film for TX Stephen Tobolowsky: "Thelma & " ('91)
 - 42 dry, flaky skin
 - TXism: "horse town"
 - TX "X-factor" return specialist, Hall
 - TX Nick Sowell film: "The Devil Spurs" ('06)
 - TX Audie Murphy was a hero in World II
 - highest Swiss Alp of the Bernina Range
 - actor Tom in TX-filmed "State Fair" ('62)
 - TXism: "he's a legend in his" (big ego)
 - TX poet Shihab Nye
 - Amarillo hosts "State Fair"
 - hour later than CST
 - no longer working (abbr.)
- DOWN**
- TXism: "busy as a hanger"
 - TX Pepe Serna film with Chuck Norris: "A One"
 - "San" was the 1st ship to fight in TX Revolution
 - in Parker Co. on FM 1187
 - TXism: "perfected the boaringhouse" (fat)
 - 10 military funeral bugle call
 - DFW arrival guess
 - actor Rock of TX epic "Giant" (init.)
 - flower shrub found on dry or rocky soil
 - TX Jamie Foxx won this for best actor in '04 for film "Ray"
 - boot aroma
 - Austin FM station
 - TX Madalyn Murray O'Hair got prayer banned in
 - TXism: "run me one more time"
 - "Texas" was a "opera" ('80s)
 - 24 "Mingo" Ames
 - 25 Arlington Ballpark has the "race"
 - 26 "vaya con"
 - 27 TX Perot said he'd run in '92 on Larry King's call-
 - 28 TXism: "brave enough to boomtown cafe"
 - 29 "I'm cow-hand, from"
 - 30 saddle
 - 33 SSN, e.g.
 - 34 "don't blow a tree knot"
 - 37 TX George H.'s press secretary
 - 38 burn with hot liquid
 - 41 TX succeeded from this in 1861
 - 42 "if I hadn't it with my own eyes"
 - 45 TX Audie's war
 - 48 this Smith wore #22
 - 50 in Bosque Co. on FM 182

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Opinions

Afghanistan: Digging in ...

by Sheldon Richman

President Obama once said withdrawal from Afghanistan would begin in 2011 — maybe, conditions permitting. But then he backed off that date. Now NATO, echoing American officials, says security won't be fully turned over to the Afghan government any earlier than the end of 2014 — again, maybe; the alliance has signed a long-term security agreement with the Afghan president. Allied troops thus will remain in Afghanistan — as occupiers says — in a supporting role beyond 2014 and even 2015. Calling the December 31, 2014, an "aspirational goal," Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morill said, "It does not mean that all U.S. or coalition forces would necessarily be gone by that date."

Even before Obama backed off the 2011 timetable and before the NATO summit, Gen. David Petraeus had told Bob Woodward, "You have to recognize that I don't think you win this war. I think you keep fighting. You have to stay in it. This is the kind of fight we're in for the rest of our lives and probably our kids' lives." And Defense Secretary Robert Gates went even further, telling Woodward: "We're not leaving Afghanistan prematurely. In fact, we're ever leaving at all."

Thus no one seems to take target dates or even aspirational goals very seriously. The U.S. national-security apparatus is planted in Afghanistan and appears in no hurry to leave.

This is confirmed by concrete facts. Award-winning investigative journal-

ist Nick Turse notes that the U.S. government is engaged in a "base-building surge that has left the countryside of Afghanistan dotted with military posts, themselves expanding all the time, despite the drawdown of forces promised by President Obama beginning in July 2011." Turse says government documents "reveal plans for large-scale, expensive Afghan base expansions of every sort and a military that is expecting to pursue its building boom without letup well into the future. These facts-on-the-ground indicate that, whatever timelines for phased withdrawal may be issued in Washington, the U.S. military is focused on building up, not drawing down, in Afghanistan."

Turse has examined plans to expand a variety of military facilities at a cost of tens of millions of dollars, with completion not expected until well past the time the American withdrawal was supposed to commence. The facilities include airstrips that support large transport aircraft, "airfield parking space," maintenance installations, ammunition storages, and living quarters for troops.

"Documents reveal that this sort of expansion is now going on at a remarkably rapid pace all over the country," Turse writes. "... And whenever you stumble upon a document indicating that work of a certain sort is taking place at one FOB [forward operating base], you can be sure that, sooner or later, you will find similar work at other FOBs."

The magnitude of the building project is extraordinary, Turse says. After describing the enhancement of FOB Shindand in western Afghanistan, documented by the Washington Post, Turse comments: "Multiply this, FOB by

FOB, the length and breadth of Afghanistan, and you have a building program fit for a long war."

Eyebrows should have been raised, Turse notes, when Petraeus told ABC News last year that the military had "finally gotten the inputs right in Afghanistan" and that the "counterinsurgency clock" had restarted. Really? After years of occupation and untold deaths and injuries the military is just now claiming that it is getting things right. "But it is just at this point that we feel that we do have the organizations that we learned in Iraq and from history are necessary for the conduct [of] this kind of campaign," Petraeus said. This sounds like a talking point. The Iraqi occupation has empowered the Iran-backed Shi'a majority which does not need a U.S. presence to survive. There is nothing comparable in Afghanistan, where the U.S. government backs a puppet minority government in Kabul that has little legitimacy in the rest of the country.

"The building boom occurring on U.S. bases across Afghanistan and the contracts for future construction being awarded at the moment," Turse writes "seem to confirm that, whatever the White House has in mind, the military is operating on something closer to the Petraeus timeline..."

How will the American people react in 2012?

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

Celebration of Gratitude

by Andrew Leonie

We all recently celebrated Thanksgiving and now its on to Christmas. We all know the true story of how the Pilgrims who survived the terrible winter of 1620 held onto their faith, planted crops, harvested and then gathered for the first American Thanksgiving in the fall of 1621 also attended by ninety native Indians. Two years later this was formalized with a proclamation by Governor William Bradford directing the Pilgrims to gather at the meeting house and "render Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His blessings".

Almost 150 years later, in 1777 the Continental Congress established the third Thursday of December as a day "for solemn thanksgiving and praise". In 1782 Congress resolved that Thursday November 28 be observed as "a day of solemn Thanksgiving to God". Then in 1795 President George Washington proclaimed February 19 as a National Day of Thanksgiving. This continued until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln, by Act of Congress, established the last Thursday of November as "a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens".

Read for a moment what Lincoln said; "... in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord ... but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched us ... It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully

acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people..."

The world's oldest continuously celebrated thanksgiving festival is the Jewish Festival of Sukkot or Feast of Tabernacles or Booths, referenced in the Bible, which this year occurred on September 29. Not many other nations maintain an annual day for a Thanksgiving celebration. Canada, Korea, Honduras and South Africa are among the few. How relevant is this old idea of gratitude and thanksgiving in today's world?

It's not just a Biblical virtue, Marcus Cicero wrote around 60 BC saying, "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others". So what is it? Gratitude is not just something we feel, or say, or do. It is an internal force of life. It takes a conscious effort to develop such a perspective of gratitude and thankfulness. It is not natural condition, but if pursued gradually it will become our world view. It will influence the way we see our future, and our present and even our past. It gives us the option to perceive and deal with adversities as opportunities and it provides balance to our successes and achievements.

An attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving is not only personally grounding, but in the providence and wisdom of the founding of our nation, it was a foundation. I'm grateful not just for our country with the guarantees of freedom of religion, speech and assembly, but also for the spirit of gratitude that infuses our nation. It is expressed even on our currency with the words, "In God We Trust". As we move from the

season of Gratitude to the season of Giving, what wonderful opportunities we have to teach our children these values and virtues. What a privilege and blessing it is to live in a country where these values are encouraged and nationally observed!

Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived with his family in Rockwall County for over 20 years. The views expressed are his own.

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Legal Notice REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Request for Qualifications ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES RFQ 11-1-7-118

Proposals received until 2:00 PM January 7, 2011

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving qualification statements for the annual financial audit services. RFP documents may be requested by email to dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org. The District anticipates award at the February board meeting. Qualification statements should be received in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the RFQ number and name. RFQ's will be received until 2:00 PM on January 7, 2011 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

The Board of Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

Legal Notice REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Request for Proposal THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR - VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS RFP 11-1-14-120

Proposals received until 2:00 PM January 14, 2011

The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving proposals for third party administrator and voluntary employee benefits products/services. RFP documents may be requested by email to dmacdonald@rockwallisd.org. The District anticipates award at the February board meeting. Proposals should be received in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the RFP number and name. RFP's will be received until 2:00 PM on January 14, 2011 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087.

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- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 14, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 20, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

Z2010-020: Proposed SUP - Bed and Breakfast at 218 Autumn Ct
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Denise Dale for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "Bed and Breakfast Operation" as an accessory to her existing single family home located at 218 Autumn Ct, being Lot 26, Block M, Windmill Ridge Estates Phase 3B, which is zoned (PD-13) Planned Development No. 13 district and designated for (SF-7) Single Family Residential uses, and take any action necessary.

Z2010-021: Proposed Zoning Change - Agricultural to Commercial - 5133 S FM 549
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by D. W. Bobst of JBR2, LLC for approval of a zoning change from (Ag) Agricultural district to (C) Commercial district on a 7.32-acre property known as Tract 17-12, Abstract 80, W. W. Ford Survey and located at 5133 S FM 549, and take any action necessary.

Z2010-022: Proposed SUP - Bail Bond Service at 811 Yellowjacket Lane
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Randy McCurdy for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "Bail Bond Service" within the (C) Commercial district, specifically within the existing shopping center at 811 Yellow Jacket Lane, being Lot 1, Rockwall Business Park Addition, and take any action necessary.

Z2010-023: Proposed SUP - Drive-Thru Restaurant - Stone Creek Retail Addition
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Cameron Slown of Adams Engineering for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "Restaurant, 2000-sf or more, w/ Drive-Thru or Drive-in" (PD-70) Planned Development No. 70 district, specifically for a proposed 4,790-sf McDonalds Restaurant to be located on a 1.05-acre portion of Lot 6, Block A, Stone Creek Retail Addition, situated along the east side of North Goliad (SH 205) north of Bordeaux Drive, and take any action necessary.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 5, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 101 EAST RUSK STREET, CITY OF ROCKWALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

Pursuant to Article 258.0020(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Rockwall County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2011 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest has been available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the Historic Courthouse, during business hours, commencing October 1, 2010.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on January 5th, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rockwall County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title, or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at anytime before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.

NOTE: THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT COMPLIES WITH A.D.A. REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC MEETING AND YOU HAVE A DISABILITY THAT REQUIRES SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE MEETING, PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT (972) 204-6000.

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I.H.-30 Water Line Relocation-Townsend Drive to F.M. 549

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Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked **I.H.-30 Water Line Relocation - Townsend Drive to F.M. 549**.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **150 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Rockwall Engineering Office located in the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers - 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, AECOM USA Group, Inc., 17300 Dallas Pkwy., Suite 1010, Dallas, Texas (phone numbers - 972-735-3000/fax 972-735-3001), at a non-refundable cost of \$50.00 beginning December 3, 2010. Only those bids received from contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the City of Rockwall/AECOM, and are listed on the City's list of plan holders, will be opened at the bid opening for consideration.

Rockwall County Sports

Lady Jackets pick up pace run away with wins

Monday starts followed by fast finishes that gave Rockwall victories in its two most recent girls' basketball games made for that head coach Jill McDill had been firm in addressing the team at halftime.

In each game, McDill confirmed that she had strong words at halftime both Monday, Nov. 22, at Roysse City and a later in a home victory over Carrollton Creekview.

McDill said, "My blood pressure went up quite a bit at halftime. At both games I just told them we've got to go out and play consistency for four quarters."

Final scores of 52-31 and 70-30 belied the way the Lady Jackets performed both nights. They led just 19-17 at half-time at Roysse City. Against Creekview, RHS' shooting while taking a 28-18 halftime lead looked good only in comparison to a 6-for-31 start against RC.

Lady Jackets recovered Monday by scoring the first 18 points in the second half. That compared favorably with an opponent over just 96 seconds in the third quarter against the Lady Bulldogs that broke open a close, 29-25 margin to a lead Roysse City couldn't overcome.

The spurts had two common factors. All eight of Rockwall's active varsity players contributed, ending their dependency on junior center Alyssa Lang. Also, the pressing defense picked up considerably, turning takeaways into points. RHS' offense leads totaling just 12 points but outscored the two opponents by 19 and 29 points in the second halves.

Lang still totaled team highs of 23 points and 15 rebounds against Roysse City, and 27 points with 15 boards vs. the Lady Bulldogs. Those figures weren't a whole lot different from Lang's season averages. She scored 10 consecutive points to Rockwall's lead to 19-4 early in the second quarter Monday.

McDill said, "I was interested in seeing how we would respond, and we all regrouped really well."

Lang at Roysse City was sophomore point guard Morghen Day, who supplemented her five points with unofficial totals of six assists, six steals and a rebound.

Against Creekview, Lang had 19 of RHS' 28 first-half points. In the second half, sophomore Hannah Hughes had 8 of 10 points and junior Kayla Smith scored 7 of her 10.

Lady Jackets take a 6-3 record into this weekend's Garland ISD Tournament. They were scheduled to play their first tournament game Thursday against South Garland.

For the box score from the Roysse City game, see the Lady Bulldogs' game story.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Roysse City	4	14	6	6	30
Rockwall	15	13	22	20	70

Carrollton Creekview (2-9) – Brittany Adams 10, Jessi Perez 9, Andrea Brown 6, Yasmin Ruiz 4, Isabel Meijering 1.
 Roysse City (6-3) – Alyssa Lang 27, Hannah Hughes 11, Kayla Smith 10, Paige Turner 8, Morghen Day 5, Mariah Roof 4, Mary Smith 3, Lacey Smith 2.

Crowley Nazarene downs Lady Eagles

Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team fell behind 30-14 at halftime Tuesday at Crowley Nazarene and couldn't catch up.

Rockwall outscored Crowley 17-15 in the second half but still lost 45-31.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Crowley Nazarene	8	6	11	6	31
Rockwall	12	18	11	4	45



Conner Geiser (11) drives in for Hawks' two points against Lake Highlands.
 Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



RACE USA club swim team members selected to represent Team North Texas in a statewide meet on November 13-14 in Midland, Texas are (back row left to right) Jeremiah Kim, William Rapp, (front row) Brooke Arnold and Coach Tom Applegate.
 Courtesy photo by Kelly Arnold/Rockwall County News



Bulldogs' Trey Bowers (21) takes the ball down court against Frisco Liberty during Tuesday's game at Roysse City.
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Rockwall County Sports



Lady Hawks' Kailey Peters (12) scraps for the ball against a Richardson player during last Monday's game.
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Rockwall Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (32) secures the ball after a rebound against Creekview during Monday's game at Rockwall.
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Heritage Christian Academy's Caleb Cathey (22) takes evades a tackler during the TAPPS Sixman I Regional playoff game against Bulverde Bracken Christian. The Eagles lost to Bulverde 36-22.
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Jackets win first by beating Roys City

Could it be that the Rockwall players who also contributed for the Yellowjackets' football team are rounding in basketball shape?

Wesley Davis (14 points) and Landon Knight (9), less than two weeks off the gridiron, combined for 23 of their in a 55-41 victory over Roys City Monday, Nov. 22. They shot a combined 9-for-11 from the field and had three apiece. Davis, with eight rebounds, and Griffin Fraser, with eight, combined to control the boards.

It also didn't hurt that Blake Sandlin, who doesn't play football, illuminated the RHS gym with a game-high 17. As a result, Rockwall (1-2) for the first time this season and handed the Bulldogs their first loss.

It helped that RHS wasn't playing from behind for most of the game. The Jackets burst to a 16-9 lead after one. Even though the advantage dwindled to two points (24-22) at halftime, Rockwall bounced back to outscore Roys handily in each of the final two quarters.

RHS was scheduled to open play in this weekend's tournament at Roys City by playing Sulphur Springs Thurston.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	9	13	5	14	41
RHS	16	8	10	21	55

Roys City (2-1) – Trey Bowers 9, Matt Stone 9, David Frye 8, George Gomez 7, Bryan Wyrick 6, Gabriel Ramirez 2.
RHS (1-2) – Blake Sandlin 17, Wesley Davis 14, Landon Knight 9, Griffin Fraser 7, Jared Ragland 2, Collin Schmitt 2.

Rockwall Christian girls outscored twice

Rockwall Christian fell behind early in each of its two girls' basketball games over the last 11 days, losing to Grady and Happy Hill Farm Academy and Dallas Gateway Charter Academy.

Happy Hill ran to a 33-3 lead after one quarter Monday, Nov. 22. The Lady Warriors settled down in the second but were outscored 35-13 in the second half of their 77-22 defeat.

On Tuesday, Gateway went ahead 14-9 after one quarter, and the margin was still five points at 24-19 at halftime. The home team had a 46-23 second-half advantage for a 70-42 victory.

Tiffany Richardson led the victory, with her 42 points exceeding RCA's team scoring total. For the Lady Warriors, Brittany Griffin scored 24 points and Ashley Poland added 13.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	3	6	2	11	22
Happy Hill	33	9	21	14	77

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	9	10	12	11	42
Gateway	14	10	26	20	70

RCA – Brittany Griffin 24, Ashley Poland 13, Jessica Widmer 4, K. Holbake 1.
Dallas Gateway Charter Academy – Tiffany Richardson 42, Jazmine Robinson 12, Nikal Morgan 8, ShaiVeon Smith 4, Alisha Peace 4.

Fulton Falcons win basketball opener

The Fulton School opened its boys' basketball season Tuesday by defeating Balch Springs Christian at Forney Center.

"It was a rough, low-scoring game but we did some good things," said Falcons head coach Brian Peters. "I'm proud of the boys, but there's still a lot of work to do. We have to get back into basketball shape."

Many of Fulton's basketball players also competed with the football team, whose season extended into the playoffs just the second time in its history.

One of them is Brett Steffen, who also will be practicing in Rockwall next week with the North team for the 6-Man all-star game. He will take Thursday off to join the Falcons for their opening district basketball game against Stonegate.

Jackets sweep 2 gymnastics opponents

Bradley Meyer won four events plus the all-around competition as the Rockwall boys' gymnastics team defeated Rockwall-Heath and Keller Fossil Ridge Thursday, Nov. 18, at RHS.

Meyer won the floor exercise, rings, parallel bars and high bar; finished second to teammate Jeremy Scott on the pommel horse, and was fifth in the vault.

The Yellowjackets finished with 170.3 points to 164.2 for RHHS and 114 for Fossil Ridge.

RHS' Craig Brannon and Zach Bennett tied for third place all-around. Brannon was second on the parallel bars, third in the rings, fourth on the high bar, fifth on the pommel horse and seventh in the vault. Bennett was second on the floor, third on the pommel horse, sixth in the vault and seventh in the rings, vault and high bar.

Scott was second on the high bar, fourth on the floor and seventh in the vault. Michael Weidman also had a second place, in the floor exercise. By finishing sixth on the pommel horse and parallel bars, he also was fifth overall.

Payton Larman was eighth all-around, with fourth place in the rings and fifth on the high bar.

Jackets head coach Cameron Sweny said, "The guys had a good meet."

Sauer wins weight class at Martin

Rockwall-Heath's Ryan Sauer won all four of his matches Saturday to take first in the 152-pound weight class at the Warrior Invitational wrestling tournament at Arlington Martin.

Sauer needed just 11 minutes, 34 seconds to record pins in his first two matches. Then he took a 12-4 major decision in the championship match to lead the Hawks to ninth place among 17 teams with 79.5 points. Flower Mound won with 205.5.

Teammate Troy Mercer finished third at 189 pounds, winning four of his matches. He pinned two opponents, both in less than 2 minutes, won a major decision and took a 6-3 decision in the third-place match.

Devereaux, Lambeth place in Martin wrestling

Dylan Devereaux finished second in his weight class and Daniel Lambeth fourth in his Saturday to help Rockwall to 13th place in the Warrior Invitational wrestling tournament at Arlington Martin.

At 171 pounds, Devereaux won twice by pins and took a 13-3 major decision to reach the final match. Bishop Lynch's Trey Adamson then pinned Devereaux to take the 171 title.

Lambeth lost his first match at 180, but came back to win by pin and by decision. Those victories put him into the third-place match, in which he was pinned. The Yellowjackets totaled 56 points in the 17-team tournament.

Rockwall County Sports Schedule

The Fulton School Falcons

- Friday, Dec. 3 – Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. High Point Prep, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Dallas Fairhill, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 9 – Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Irving Stonegate, Forney Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 11 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas Tyler Street Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

- Friday, Dec. 3 – Varsity basketball: home vs. Poetry Community Christian, 6 p.m. girls and boys 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Basketball: at Tyler Street Christian Academy, middle school boys 5 p.m., middle school boys 6 p.m. and JV boys 7 p.m.
- Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Lighthouse Christian, RISE, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 9 – Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
- Friday, Dec. 10 – Basketball: home vs. Poetry Community Christian, middle school boys 5 p.m., middle school boys 6 p.m. and JV boys 7 p.m.
- Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament
- Saturday, Dec. 11 – Varsity basketball: boys and girls at Fruitvale Tournament

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

- Friday, Dec. 3 – Boys' basketball: at Dallas Christian, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 4 – Varsity basketball: home vs. Dallas Thunder, RISE, girls 3 p.m. and boys 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 6 – Middle school basketball: at Dallas Thunder, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Basketball: at Garland Christian, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity boys 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 9 – Middle school basketball: at Sherman Texoma Christian, 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.
- Varsity boys' basketball: at Trinity Valley Tournament
- Friday, Dec. 10 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Trinity Valley Tournament
- Saturday, Dec. 11 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Trinity Valley Tournament

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

- Friday, Dec. 3 – JV wrestling: home for Rockwall JV Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
- Boys' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman A at Roys City Tournament
- Varsity girls' basketball: at Garland Christian
- JV girls' basketball: at Roys City Tournament

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man A girls' basketball: at North Mesquite Tournament
 man B girls' basketball: at Skyline Tournament
 day, Dec. 4 - Varsity wrestling: home for Rockwall Invitational, 9:30 p.m.
 ming: with Rockwall-Heath at Texarkana Texas, 11 a.m.
 ' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman A at Royse City Tournament
 ty girls' basketball: at Garland Tournament
 ' girls' basketball: at Royse City Tournament
 man A girls' basketball: at North Mesquite Tournament
 man B girls' basketball: at Skyline Tournament
 day, Dec. 6 - JV II boys' basketball: at Plano Shepton, 6 p.m.
 day, Dec. 7 - Boys' basketball: home vs. Paris, Freshman A 4:30 p.m., JV 6
 ad varsity 7:30 p.m.
 ' basketball: home vs. Lovejoy, Rockwall High School, JV 4:30 p.m. and var-
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 man A girls' basketball: home vs. Lovejoy, Utey Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
 sday, Dec. 9 - Wrestling: at McKinney, 6 p.m.
 ty boys' basketball: at Mike Brown Auto Tournament
 man girls' basketball: at Carrollton Newman Smith Tournament
 ay, Dec. 10 - JV Wrestling: at Dallas St. Mark's JV Tournament, 5 p.m.
 ' basketball: at Highland Park, Freshman A 5:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., Freshman B
 and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 ty boys' basketball: at Mike Brown Auto Tournament
 ming: at TISCA 4A Invitational, Frisco Natatorium
 rday, Dec. 11 - Varsity wrestling: at Lone Star Duals, Dallas St. Mark's, 9
 ty boys' basketball: at Mike Brown Auto Tournament
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Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Dec. 3 - JV wrestling: at Rockwall JV Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman Red at Royse City Tournament
 Girls' basketball: varsity and JV at Royse City Tournament
 JV Black and Freshman Black girls' basketball: at Skyline Tournament
 Freshman Red girls' basketball: at North Mesquite Tournament
 Boys' gymnastics: at L.D. Bell Invitational, Compulsories, FEW
 Saturday, Dec. 4 - Varsity wrestling: at Rockwall Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Swimming: with Rockwall at Texarkana Texas, 11 a.m.
 Boys' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman A at Royse City Tournament
 Girls' basketball: varsity and JV at Royse City Tournament
 JV Black and Freshman Black girls' basketball: at Skyline Tournament
 Freshman Red girls' basketball: at North Mesquite Tournament
 Tuesday, Dec. 7 - JV Black girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, 5:30
 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Royse City, JV and Freshman Red 5:30 p.m. and varsity and
 Freshman Black 7 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: home vs. Parish Episcopal, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 9 - Wrestling: home vs. McKinney Boyd, 6 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman A at Wills Point Tournament
 Friday, Dec. 10 - JV wrestling: at Taylor Webb Classic, Plano Senior High School,
 noon
 Freshman Red girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Cain Middle School,
 5:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV
 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Gymnastics: home for Compulsories vs. Round Rock and Richardson ISD, 6 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman A at Wills Point Tournament
 Swimming: at TISCA 4A Invitational, Frisco Natatorium
 Saturday, Dec. 11 - Varsity wrestling: at Lone Star Duals, Dallas St. Mark's, 9

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 Boys' basketball: Varsity, JV and Freshman A at Wills Point Tournament
 JV Black girls' basketball: at Crandall Tournament

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Dec. 3 - Boys' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman home for Royse City
 Tournament
 Girls' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman home for Royse City Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 4 - Boys' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman home for Royse
 City Tournament
 Girls' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman home for Royse City Tournament
 Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV and freshman 6
 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Highland Park, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 9 - Middle school boys' basketball: home vs. Greenville, 4:30
 p.m.
 Middle school girls' basketball: at Greenville, 4:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman at Wills Point Tournament
 Friday, Dec. 10 - 7th grade girls' basketball: home for A and B tournaments
 8th grade girls' basketball: at A and B tournaments
 Boys' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman at Wills Point Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 11 - Boys' basketball: varsity, JV and freshman at Wills Point
 Tournament
 8th grade boys' basketball: at A and B tournaments
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