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Rockwall City Council studies downtown parking

by Jana Edwards
Downtown parking issues took the primary focus among a number of council-related matters at the November 22 Rockwall City Council meeting.

In response to requests from business owners, council discussed and approved a proposal for two-hour parking regulations on the 100 block of Jacinto Street.

Development Director Robert LeCroix reported that the Old Town residents wanted their entire block converted to two hour parking, and that would come before council as a body and recommend it. The request was led primarily by a salon owner in the downtown, having constant issues with employees and other all-day parking in front of her business.

Council instructed staff to talk to other property owners and get a feel for what they want," said LeCroix, who said those inquiries resulted a variety of responses.

One property owner with numerous downtown tenants was opposed, and another "preferred to leave it as it is, but understands the need for merchants to have parking," said LeCroix. Several of the businesses also had two-hour parking. Overall, the Main Street advisory board recommended it for entire block. "It would benefit those who have stores and free up parking for businesses around corner on Rusk," LeCroix said of the advisory board's recommendation.

Council considered three alternatives: leave the parking as it is; convert the entire block to two-hour parking; or convert four spaces in front of the block to accommodate that particular business owner.

Council voted unanimously to convert the entire block to two-hour parking, which will affect about 25 parking spaces. The two-hour parking regulation would only be in effect during business hours. Although council members expressed consistency, they acknowledged the need to be accommodating to various circumstances, such as federal offices located in the affected area.

Other matters, two Public hearings were held, with no opposing comments were present. Council unanimously passed both requests, approving a resolution of a boat and trailer dealership on SH 276, and amending the city development code to permit time-limited outside storage on a case-by-case basis. The latter request pertains to a request by a business on I30 to allow them to display the playground equipment they plan to install at the location.

The consent agenda passed unanimously, in its entirety. Finally, Council approved variances for a fence in the Stone Creek development and elevations to be constructed on East I30, as the proposed elevations exceed those allowed for secondary materials.

Rockwall City Council meetings are available by streaming audio, both live and recorded, on the Meetings & Agendas page at www.rockwall.com.



Thanks to the Rotary Breakfast Club of Rockwall, Dobbs Elementary recently received a donation of winter coats. Leaders of the Dobbs KC (Kindness and Compassion) Club unpacked the bags of coats. Pictured at back, from the left, are Rotarians Bill Cecil, Andrew Leonie, Lee Huber, Johnny Tomasino, Deidra Tomasina, Chuck Bealmear, Trenton Cornehl and Henry Young. KC Club student leader pictured are Zach Frost, Caroline Williams, Johnell Johnson, Chase Conley, Tais Triana, Samantha Garcia and Graci Pitchforth.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Resolution unclear on reason for city manager's termination

by Jana Edwards
The Rockwall City Council voted 5-2 at the November 21 meeting to pass a resolution approving the termination of City Manager Julie Couch's contract, but the resolution still did not specify the reasons.

According to Rockwall's City Charter, Article IV, Section 04.01.03, the city manager "may be removed by resolution at the discretion of the council by a majority vote of its members. Upon passage of that resolution stating the intention to remove the city manager and the reasons therefor, a copy of which will be immediately furnished to him/her, the Council may suspend him/her from duty."

Attorney Pete Eckert, who represents the City of Rockwall, said this type of provision is common -- that the language was standard, but that there were many ways to interpret it.

Resolution No. 113, as adopted at the Nov. 21 council meeting, only said that "the city council has determined that it is in the best interest of the city to exercise its option to terminate the city manager agreement."

"We had two attorneys that worked on that, who said that it fulfilled the legal requirements the city was under, in terms of the charter," said Mayor David Sweet.

Sweet was not at liberty, he said, to discuss any further details.

When asked why the resolution did not state the reasons for terminating Couch's contract, Eckert insisted it was legally sufficient. Eckert would not release any of the details behind the council's decision, which he described as a consensus that it was in the best interest of the city to move forward.

"What they passed meets the spirit of what the charter says," said Eckert, who would not confirm whether the reason was a culmination of events or a decision made in response to recent internal issues. Eckert explained that council is always evaluating the people that work for them, month to month.

"It's a process, with every situation like this, it kind of evolves over time ... they took a look at it, and it was best for the city to move on."

During the meeting, Council Members Margo Neilsen and Bennie Daniels expressed objections to this conclusion.

"It seems to me the city has been going in the right direction for some time," said Neilsen, who detailed many of the city's recent successes. "I won't be supporting the motion tonight because I cannot fathom the direction we should take."

Eckert explained the need for limiting any commentary by council on the subject. "The resolution speaks to the requirements of the charter, and rests on its own," said Eckert. "Council speaks through that resolution."

Rockwall seniors vividly recall Pearl Harbor attack

by Darcy Rocha
On Wednesday marking the 70th anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor, most Americans will give pause to the significance of this day. But a slight few will have personal memories of Dec. 7, 1941 -- a day that shaped the lives and futures of all Americans.

Rockwall we are honored to have among us many remarkable stories of Pearl Harbor, including a woman born, raised and working on the base at that time, a former fighter pilot who flew across the Pacific; and a centenarian who will never forget its impact.

Mary Bellinger
Emeritus at Summer Ridge Assisted Living Community there are many who recall that fateful day, including a woman who was there and witnessed it first-hand. Mary Bellinger was 18 years old at the time and graduated from high school that spring of 1941. She was prepared to go to Hawaii and the base at Pearl Harbor, where she was born and raised, to go to college. But her father, a Naval chief petty officer, knew war was on the horizon and forbid her to go, least she not be able to return to the island.

Bellinger instead went to typing school and got a job on base as a typist, working 10 hour days, six days a week. Dec. 7, 1941, a Sunday, happened on her day off. That morning, outside her front door, she saw the Japanese planes fly overhead toward Diamond Head and Pearl Harbor. A neighbor called and told her and her family to turn on the radio. Immediately her father left, instructing the family to not leave the house. She waited and did not hear from him for three agonizing days. Bellinger was summoned to the base where she was needed to type up the various reports of damage that were filtering in, seeing this important information first-hand.

In the aftermath of the attack, she met Annapolis grad Thomas Bellinger, who would go on to become the commanding officer of the USS Hulbert. They wed on the first anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor -- Dec. 7, 1942 -- and had a long and loving marriage.

L.C. Goodman
L.C. Goodman is a man you don't meet every day. A distinguished war hero, he recalls the day of the attacks and how it forever changed his life. Goodman was 20 years old at the time, living in Tulsa, Okla., and working as a warehouse clerk with no aspirations of a military career. But what happened that day at Pearl Harbor inspired him to join the Navy. Goodman earned his wings in Pensacola, Fla., the same base where he not only witnessed four caskets pass by upon his arrival, causing him to question what he was getting himself into. But after further instrument training he was assigned to a Lockheed twin-engine bomber, the aircraft flew all around the war zone, seeing the South Pacific, Philippines, SE Asia and even the black sands of Iwo Jima.

Goodman received an air medal after a hair-raising experience when his aircraft took direct fire while in battle, leaving bullet holes all through the fuselage, damaging one of the cylinders and injuring their radio man. After his naval service was complete, he was released from active service, but remained on-call, achieving the rank of lieutenant.

Lucile Tate
Lucile Tate, who will remind you that she is 101 and 3/4 years old, is the oldest resident at Summer Ridge and has an interesting story to share about her long life. Originally from San Antonio, Tate was on her way back from Texas Christi when she heard the news and thought to herself, "Well, there's everything."



Mary Bellinger, Lucile Tate and L.C. Goodman, residents of Emeritus at Summer Ridge Assisted Living Community, recall their memories of the day Japanese forces attacked the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941 -- 70 years ago.
Photo by Darcy Rocha/Rockwall County News

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Holiday MusicFest set Dec. 6 at Utley Performing Arts Center

Rockwall MusicFest will present Rockwall County's welcome to the holidays at Utley Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Dec. 6.

The program will feature the high school choirs from Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath and Roysse City, along with the Blast of Brass quintet,

performing Christmas classics and conducting an audience sing-along.

The Roysse City choir is relatively young, having been in existence for only 12 years now. The choir has grown from only 21 students in 2009 to 75 this year. Under the direction of Shelba Gorham-Bell the choirs have traveled to New York City and in 2009 participated in a state wide competition in San Antonio to bring home not only a superior rating but Best in Class and Overall Outstanding choir.

The Rockwall High School Choirs, under the direction of Sandra Hess, and the Rockwall-Heath Varsity Chorale, directed by Natalie McCollough, have consistently done well at state competitions, both group and solo/ensemble.

The Blast of Brass Quintet consists of professional musicians from North Texas and Oklahoma. The performers hail from renowned orchestras such as the New World Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Opera Orchestra and the Dallas Wind Symphony. They include Tim Andersen and Oscar Passley on trumpet, Chris Jackson, French horn, Keith Meek, trombone, and Jarrod Robertson, tuba.

A Christmas tree provided by Helping Hands of Rockwall will be on stage, and concert attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to put under it. Toys will be given to underprivileged kids served by the organization.

Purchase tickets online by going to rockwallmusicfest.com/donate and click on the "donate" button. Specify "Christmas concert tickets" in comments as process is completed. Provide name for pick up at "will call."

Rockwall MusicFest is a community-run organization dedicated to the promotion of

the arts through music. Our efforts focus on the establishment and maintenance of the Rockwall Symphony Orchestra and other endeavors throughout the year. Fundraisers and donations keep moving forward and help to ensure that all of our citizens are afforded the opportunity to enjoy the benefit music brings to their lives.

Remembering Pearl Harbor attacks

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At the time she was dating Garvin Tate, and knew that the attacks had just changed the course of her whole life. The two married in January '42, just days before her husband was shipped out. He went on to work for the Army corps of engineers in Alaska, achieving the rank of captain.

Tate remarks that she was very proud of him while she stayed by selling sheet music to silent movies at the Texas Theater in San Antonio. The Tates were married 62 years, growing prize-winning camellias and raising a family.

Dec. 7, 1941, and the impact of those terrible attacks 70 years ago are becoming less about personal experiences and more for the history as the years continue to go by. But for Bellingier, Goodman and Tate in these golden years, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day still evokes memories of a time that still feels personal and very real.

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RHS Senior Cheerleader Ali Arguelles

Ali Arguelles, a Rockwall High School senior, varsity head cheerleader for the past two years, she has received NCA All-American five times, winning National Championships her freshman year, and selected head cheerleader in her freshman, JV varsity years. A member of the Spanish Club, track and National Honor Society she ranks among the top 10 students in her class and plans to pursue a medical degree after graduation. She is the daughter of Ernie and Jeanne Arguelles.

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For more details contact Kristie Ferguson at 214-912-714 or email joann.dickerson@rockwall.org or kristie.ferguson@rockwall.org.

Construction under way on SH 66

The contractor for the City of Rockwall began reconstruction of the existing wastewater line on the south side of SH 66 (Williams Middle School east to Clark) Monday, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The project will include installation of an eight-inch wastewater line.

During portions of the project traffic along SH 66 will be reduced to a single lane. The contractor will have flagmen in place to traffic around the construction zone.

Construction is slated to start approximately two weeks ago.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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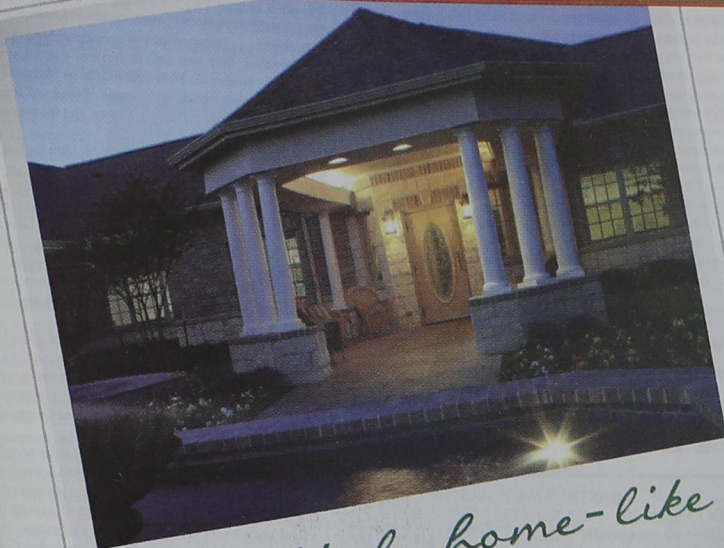
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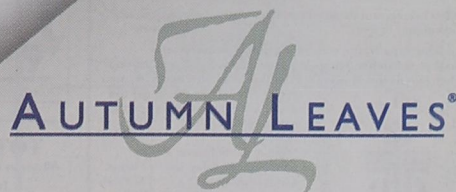
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Filled with the Holy Ghost and Receive the Holy Ghost...

Let's dive into different verses about receiving the Holy Ghost and being filled with the Holy Ghost, starting with the first time people accomplished both. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). Prior to the Acts 2:1-4 event all the disciples were staying in an upper room in Jerusalem (Acts 1:12-14) after Jesus gave them last minute instructions and ascended up into heaven. Please note the grammar between Acts 1:26 through Acts 2:4. The use of the word "they" throughout indicates that all of the disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost, saw the vision of fiery cloven tongues upon each of them, and began to speak in tongues. It's important to understand the chronology of events in Acts 2:4. They were first filled with the Holy Ghost, and started speaking in tongues. The vision of

fiery cloven tongues was simply God's green light to start speaking in tongues. After that vision, there is no record of God giving visions to people. Instead, they went out and helped others to start speaking in tongues. There are some records of the apostles helping others to start speaking in tongues, and the term "receive the Holy Ghost" is used in the context of speaking in tongues. Likewise, there are other verses that refer to being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ in the context of being filled with the Holy Ghost. The fact that the two are used separately and distinctly in the various records should tell us that they are not the same thing. Being filled with the Holy Ghost is not the same as receiving the Holy Ghost. The first verse that refers to is Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'" At first glance it would appear that being baptized results in the spiritual experience of receiving the gift. But a study of the earliest known text reveals a different picture. The words "ye shall" were not in the earlier text. By removing the words "ye shall" the same Acts 2:4 chronology can be seen, "Repent, and be baptized...for the remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Considering Peter was talking to everyone in the room on the same day as the Acts 2:4 record, it stands to reason that Peter was teaching the right information

and instructions so that everyone else could be filled with the Holy Ghost start speaking in tongues. In Acts chapter 8, Philip was in Samaria teaching the Gospel of Jesus. According to verse 12, "when they believed Philip preaching the things of the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized at this point in time, they were baptized (filled with the Holy Ghost), but yet received the gift. It continues, "Now when the apostles...heard that Samaria had received word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John; who...prayed for them they might receive the Holy Ghost. (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) (Acts 8:14-16). "Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost" (17). Based on Acts 2:38 and Acts 8:14-17, God is clearing emphasizing the importance of receiving the Holy Ghost. In the Acts chapter 8 record, the word receive is translated from two earlier known words. To "receive" the word was the Greek word δεχεσθαι which meant to mentally receive information favorably. Whereas, to "fill" the Holy Ghost was the Greek word λαμβανω, which meant to lay hold of something, with a sense of permanent ownership. Please note the common chronological thread found in Acts 8, 2:38 and 2:42. All records involve two distinctly different things occurring chronologically before the other. Alas, we come to Acts 19:1-7 where Paul came to Ephesus. It says he certain disciples and said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" Paul's question perfectly fits with the chronology of Acts 2:4, 2:38, and chapter 8. Romans 10:9-10 offers more information about the role of belief. With the heart man believes that God raised Jesus from the dead, righteousness. Based on this information, we know that the people in Acts 2:1-4 were believing with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead. And when they poured His spirit out into the world, starting with the place they were at, disciples would have immediately been filled with the Holy Ghost. Paul knew exactly what to ask the Ephesians, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed" [with your hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, did you proceed in that?]. The Ephesians had never heard about the Holy Ghost. They only knew John's baptism, which involved water. When they heard the truth, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. In other words, they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Next Paul helped them receive the Holy Ghost which "came on them" they spoke in tongues! The term "came on them" meant to permanently descend (see also Acts 2:3 about the vision of cloven tongues "sitting each of them)."

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Local Boys & Girls Club receives \$10,000 donation

The Boys and Girls Club of Rockwall County recently received a gift of \$10,000 from the Best Buy Children's Foundation, according to a news release issued earlier this week.

The gift is earmarked for the club's efforts to "reach out to teenagers and provide them with opportunities to develop skills that will help them become productive, responsible and caring citizens," according to the news release. Funds also will be used to make upgrades to the club's technology center.

National research shows that one out of four U.S. students is on his or her own between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day. The afterschool program offered at the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall serves more than 300 students annually by involving them in programs that help develop social skills, provide opportunities for physical activity and achieve academic success in school. Through supplemental academic programs such as POWER Hour and Project Learn, the club strives to ensure that 100 percent of its membership graduates from high school or passes to the next grade level, according to the news release.

"We are so grateful for the Best Buy Children's Foundation's gift and the employees of our local Best Buy," said Misti Potter, chief professional officers for the Boys &

Girls Club of Rockwall County. "They are the best volunteers at club events and at the club throughout the year. They are truly a wonderful community partner."

"It is truly an honor to be a store general manager in times like these when we are able to provide opportunities for our young people to learn, grow and advance in technology to better our world," said John Dunson, Best Buy general manager.



The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County received a gift of \$10,000 from the Best Buy Children's Foundation recently. Pictured from the left are Bryan Pope, BGC treasurer; John Dunson, Best Buy general manager; Misti Potter, BGC chief professional officer; and Stephen Straughan, BGC board chairman. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Obituaries

public service to our community

Jean Marie Dawson



Memorial service for Jean Marie Dawson, 83, of Roysse City will be conducted at 10 a.m. Nov. 28, 2011, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel.

Rev. D. Timothy Thompson of Rockwall Catholic Community Church will officiate. Burial will follow in the Good Hope Catholic Community Church cemetery. The family will receive friends at the home prior to the service. She died Nov. 24, 2011, in Corbin, Ky. She worked as a PBX operator for Marcus. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Survivors include her husband, Tommy Dawson of Roysse City; her children, David and her husband, David, of Lake City, Colo.; Denise Sherman of Fate, son of Fort Worth and Kim Philp and her husband, Mark, of Keller; grandchildren, Tricia Hartman and her husband, Jay, of Montrose, Colo.; Keon and her husband, Dan, of Garland, Stephen Smith and his fiancée, Zwieler, of Flagstaff, Ariz.; Mendy Archer and her husband, Lance, of Kerry Peacock and wife, Alicia, of Lewisville; Rebecca Sherman of Grubbs of Scott Air Force Base in Illinois; Maria Jean Dawson of Rockwall; Jonathan Dawson Philp of Keller and Jacob Philp of Keller; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Flossie W. (Billie) Worley.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the National Cancer Foundation at nationalbreastcancer.org.

Danny Faulk



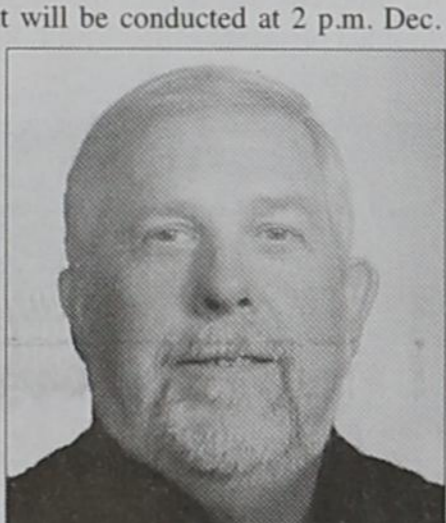
Memorial service for Danny Faulk, 68, of Hot Springs Village, Ark., and a former Rockwall resident, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Nov. 28, 2011, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Nov. 22, 2011, in Shreveport, La. He was preceded in death by his wife, Daniel and Louise (Holmes) Faulk. He worked as an electrical engineer and was a resident of Rockwall for many years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hot Springs and a former member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, Candi Faulk, of Hot Springs Village; his daughters, Teroczynski and her husband, Tom, of Granger, Ind., and Danise Faulk; one son, Damon Faulk, and his wife, Kelly, of Wylie; his mother, Myriam, and her husband, Levis, of Joaquin; his brother, Terry Faulk, and his wife, Myriam, of Spring; and his grandchildren, Tate, Timothy, Tyler, and Stephen.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Steve Norris



Memorial service for Steve Norris, 62, of Rowlett will be conducted at 2 p.m. Dec. 2, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

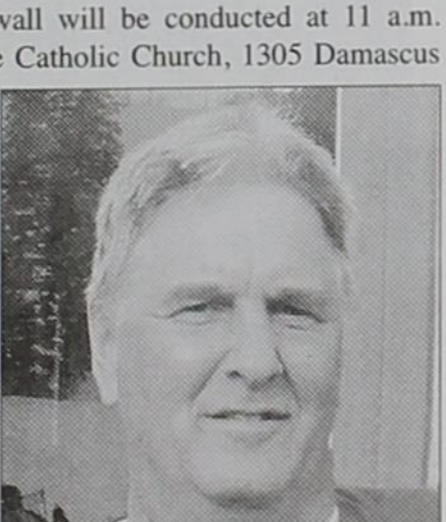
He died Nov. 28, 2011, in Lake City, Fla. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon. He worked as an accounts manager for Great Auto Parts. A member of the Club of Texas, he enjoyed cars, racing and fishing. He loved vacations with his family and spending time with his children.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon; his sons, Jody Norris of Arlington, Chad Norris and his wife, April, of Fort Worth; his grandchildren, Jasmine, Christian, Chase, Nolan, Nylah and Neely Norris; his granddaughters, April, Nash Norris; his sisters, Alice Norris of Abilene and Essie Comanche; his brother-in-law, Owen Smedley, and his wife, Becky, of Rockwall; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Baylor School of Nursing and Vascular Hospital, 621 N. Hall St., Dallas, Texas 75226.

Jon Wallace



Memorial service for Jon Wallace, 51, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. Dec. 2, 2011, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 1305 Damascus Road, Rockwall with the Rev. George officiating. The Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Nov. 28, 2011, in Flushing, N.Y. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy May Wallace. He was employed at AT&T as a project manager and had lived in Rockwall for many years. He previously was a teacher as well as a basketball and football coach at Rockwall Junior High School for many years. After moving to Rockwall, he coached basketball at the Rockwall Middle School.

He enjoyed the outdoors, boating and traveling with his family, as well as participating in scouting. He enjoyed skiing in Colorado and had a special vacation spot in Navajo National Monument. He was a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Wallace of Rockwall; his son, Ryan Wallace; his daughter, Kristen Wallace; his mother, Dorothy Wallace of Rockwall; one sister, three sisters; his parents-in-law, Robert and Joan Walsh of Plano; his brother-in-law, Maureen Aragon, and her husband, John; his nephew, Christopher Aragon; and his nieces, Kaitlyn and Cassidy Aragon, all of Savage, Minn. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Wallace, in 2010, and numerous brothers, uncles and cousins.

Hungry Harry

Hungry Harry enjoys new restaurant season. Have you every noticed every cause has a day? There is a food day proclaimed for every day in December. Did you know Dec. 15 is National Cupcake Day or Dec. 16 is National Chocolate-covered Anything Day? The oddest day noticed was Dec. 23, National Peffermuesse Day. I have no clue what that is, nor am I willing to Google it. There also seemingly seasons for everything. There is hunting season, shopping season, election and could go on and on about seasons. November and December are basically new restaurant season, partly due to the holidays and tax season.

Rockwall Police Blotter

- November 21-28**
- November 21: Burglary of Vehicle, 2800 block Ridge Rd, 5:30 a.m.
 - November 22: Possession of Marijuana, 2500 block Ridge Rd, 10:03 p.m.
 - November 23: Forgery, 900 block I30, 8:00 a.m.; Theft, 2800 block Ridge Rd, 10:00 a.m.; Missing Person/Runaway, 2300 block Graystone, 9:54 p.m.
 - November 24: Theft, 1100 block Bay Line Dr, 6:42 a.m.
 - November 25: Possession of Controlled Substance, Southampton Dr & Market Center Dr, 1:26 a.m.; Possession of Controlled Substance, 900 block I30, 1:40 a.m.; Burglary of Motor Vehicle, 800 block I30, 3:45 a.m.; Burglary of Habitation, 1300 block Ridge Rd, 6:30 p.m.
 - November 26: Burglary of Building, 1200 block E Washington, 3:00 p.m.; Burglary of Habitation, 800 block Ridge Rd, 11:45 p.m.
 - November 27: Unlawful Carrying of Weapon, 2000 block Summer Lee Dr, 2:08 a.m.; Possession of Controlled Substance, 300 block I30, 12:03 a.m.; Assault, 3100 block Horizon Rd, 11:10 p.m.
 - November 28: Theft, 1300 block Ridge Rd, 5:30 p.m.

Boutique relocates for holiday shopping

The Boutique at Centisble Rockwall will have a new home and operating hours for the month of December. The Boutique has been temporarily relocated to The Harbor - 2075 Summer Lee, directly across from Twisty Treats - and will observe its grand opening in the new location at 11 a.m. Dec. 3. The store will operate in this location through Dec. 24, with hours running from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The Boutique features home décor, clothing, accessories and "upscale furniture," according to a news release from Rockwall County Helping Hands.

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Rockwall has had about 10 new restaurants open in November. Some may start real strong and then disappear. Others may become Rockwall staples and flourish. Overall, food lovers have some new options. One interesting new restaurant is Perla's Kitchen. The location has been source for approximately seven restaurants in five years; however, this restaurant has a warm, earthy, home feeling and the service is the same. It isn't lavish but kept simple and it does it well. The menu focuses on fresh ingredients and offers more variety. It has a bakery feel with its desserts and offers a catering menu. Perla's favorite is the Pesto Penne Pasta. The sandwiches are excellent. The appetizers are light, but the Crostonis are a must-try and very good. Dessert was excellent and I recommend the Kahlua Cake. The service was good as Perla was attentive and I feel Perla's was worth the visit. Service: personable, good, friendly. Food: Good, great variety. Price: \$ Overall: Three out of four smiles. Location: 2455 Ridge Rd., Suite 149, Rockwall. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys dining out. The writer receives no compensation or benefit from any food establishment.)

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This Week in Heath

Patronizing local performing arts in Heath

by Darcy Rocha

The students at Rockwall Heath High School are quite lucky to have a strong fine arts program for them to learn from and participate in, and those of us in Heath are also fortunate to benefit from these as well. As we move closer to the holidays, several groups at RHHS have performances coming up that you might want to put on your family's calendar.

I have taken my daughter to several RHHS theater arts performances and we always have been thoroughly entertained. Stepping into the school's state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center (PAC) is impressive. Every seat in the house is good. Attending performances here is such a great opportunity for adults and children to enjoy our local budding stars.

Dec. 12 the RHHS Center Stage group, under the direction of theater arts teacher Kristen Dodgen, will perform a documentary project presentation. The performance will take place in the school's Black Box Theater at 6:30 p.m. and will be free of charge.

On Dec. 13 the RHHS orchestra, directed by Constance Groark, and the Cain Middle School orchestra, directed by Marc Allison, will perform a winter concert at the RHHS PAC. The concert will begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:45 p.m. What a treat this will be, and admission is free. Imagine all those strings in harmony. Even the finickiest of little ones will be

entertained, and the young at heart as well.

Sure, you can drive in to Dallas to experience the fine arts, but here's a chance to think outside the box. Support the young people in our community with your presence and your applause by attending one of RHHS' holiday concerts. The younger ones can see examples of great kids following their passion, and young people enjoying the arts can inspire us older folks.

And of course for another free, fun and festive family event, head down to the Heath Towne Center Park Pavilion located behind city hall at 7 p.m. today for the annual Christmas tree lighting. The event will include a performance by the choirs of Amy Park Heath and Pullen Elementary Schools, a miniature train for kids to take a ride on, and of course Santa. Top it off with complimentary hot cocoa, wassail and Christmas cookies and this will be one annual event your family won't want to miss.

Have a very merry start of the holiday season.

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

Rockwall County Entertainment

Daddy/Daughter Dance tickets available

Tickets to the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance, sponsored by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department, are now available. The date of the event itself has been caged - 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.

GOP Christmas Party set Dec. 2

The Rockwall County GOP Christmas Party is set for Dec. 2 at Occasions in Roysie City. A steak dinner and dancing are planned and will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 each and may be purchased by calling Jerry at 214-478-6100 or by emailing jlf_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 of "My Favorite Christmas Movie." Santa's Workshop, sponsored by the city's Parks & Recreation Department, will offer make-and-take crafts and games. Sideline the event will be the Old Town Christmas Market hosted by Rockwall Main Street. The market will offer gift items, artwork and food 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. Nicholas from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 3. The annual event will include a breakfast taco buffet, pictures with Santa, a dress-up nativity scene, arts and crafts, games, prizes and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the parish's children's ministry and vacation Bible school. Tickets cost \$7 per person/maximum of \$28 per family (parents and their children) at the door. The church is located at 1305 Damascus Rd., Rockwall. For more details call 972-743-2729.

Rockwall MusicFest slated

Rockwall MusicFest will present its first evening of special music for Rockwall County beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 6-7 at the Utley Performing Arts Center. Vocalists from RHS, RHHS and RCHS will perform special holiday music, joined by the Blast of Brass. A sing-a-long with the audience also is planned. Helping Hands will have a tree in the lobby to receive unwrapped toys for underprivileged children. Tickets to the event cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for students or \$30 for a family of four or more and may be purchased at Lakeside Bank, the Rockwall chamber and Alliance Bank or at Leadership Bank or the Helping Hands store in Roysie City. Tickets also are available at rockwallmusicfest.com/donate or by calling 972-771-3573.

Breakfast with Santa scheduled

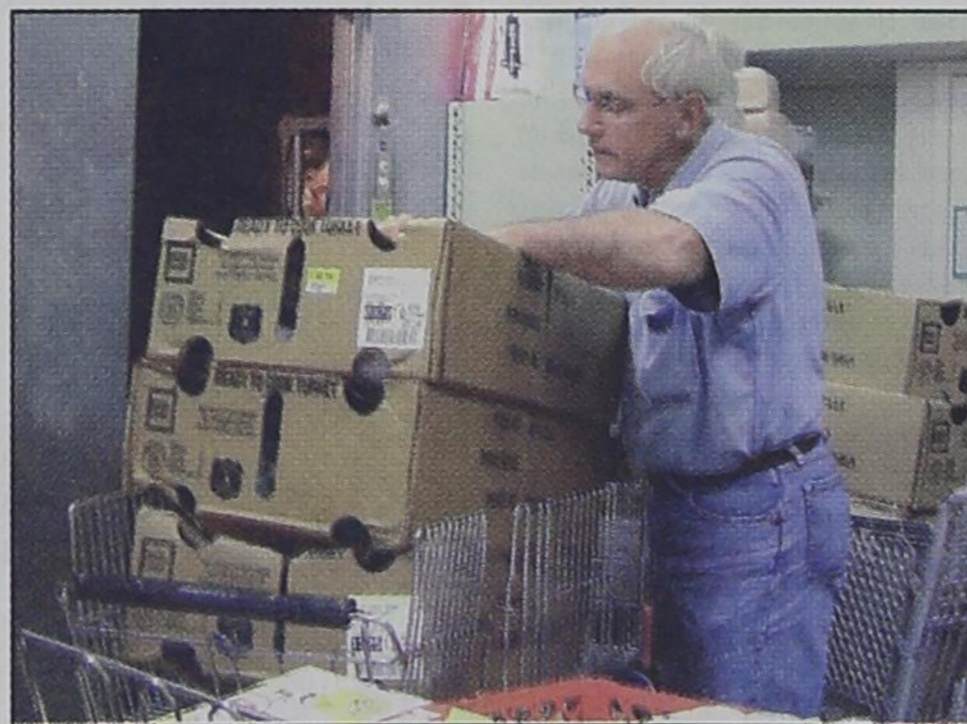
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will sponsor a Breakfast with Santa event from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 10 at The Center. A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, OJ and candy canes is planned; activities also are scheduled. Parents are urged to bring cameras to capture the moment with Santa. The event is open to youths ages 1-12. Cost is \$15 or \$10 for Rockwall residents. For more details call 972-771-7740.

RC Christmas festivities set Dec. 10

The City of Roysie City will host its annual Christmas festivities Dec. 10. Participants can visit with Santa and enjoy story time, puppet shows and the tree lighting, which will feature a performance from the RCHS choir, at City Hall beginning at 4:30 p.m. The lighted parade will begin at 6 p.m. on Main Street. KKVI-FM will announce the parade live, and merchants will have their storefronts decorated to participate in the annual decorating contest. Parade applications and event information may be found at roysiecity.com under Main Street Events. Information also is available through the Main Street office at 972-636-2184 or by emailing khollifield@roysiecity.com.

Community Band sets Dec. 10 concert

The annual winter concert of the Rockwall Community Band is set for 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Rockwall High School Theater, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. Admission to the hour-long concert will be free. Refreshments will be served in the lobby following the concert.



Scott Hooper is shown stacking turkeys in the freezer at the Food Pantry of Helping Hands. Hooper worked with three groups that donated turkeys to Helping Hands for Thanksgiving: DFW Insulation, Nabors Roofing and Lewis/Hooper Life Group at Lake Pointe Church. The agency provided Thanksgiving food baskets to 250 families in need thanks to assistance from the community.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Online safety programs set Dec. 2, 3

A pair of online safety programs will be presented by Chris Carr, Microsoft-certified professional and software architect/security consultant. 'An Interview with a Hacker,' a Q&A program, will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., while 'A Hacker Stole my Homework - Safe Living Online' 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 at the Rockwall First United Methodist Church across from the library, Yellow Jacket Lane. Both programs are free and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Ami Brandow at abrandow@marykay.com or call 972-415-3333.

Habitat dedications set Dec. 3

Dedications of the two homes recently completed by Rockwall Habitat for Humanity will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday in the front yards of the homes which are located at 801 and 803 Peter's Colony. All volunteers who live on the homes are invited to participate in the celebration.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 7 at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations are required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

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. All Heath area seniors are invited. Anyone planning on attending 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.

Santa Paws Toy Drive slated

Dog Star Pit Bull Rescue will host a Santa Paws Toy Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 11 at Harry Myers Park (next to the dog park). Anyone brings a new pet toy will be eligible for a \$5 photo with Santa and a hot cocoa (cost will be \$10 with no toy donation). The event will raise funds for the purchase of wire kennels for the Rockwall shelter and dog beds for the Garland shelter. Toys will be given to shelter animals. Visit dogstarc.com for more details.

RARTA meeting set Dec. 12

The next meeting of the Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will be for 1:15 p.m. Dec. 12 in the RISD Administration Building. The program will feature "The Sounds of the Season" with accordionist Matt Torres. 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, Roysie City, Heath and Fate. For ticket information call 972-771-9514.



Kameron Wilson and Carlos Varella, fifth grade students at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary, are shown dissecting owl pellets. Students in She Lofland's science class took apart the owl pellets, which are packed with fur and bones, and used their science skills to discover what owl recently had eaten.

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Fifth grade students at Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary recently studied the first free enterprise system in American history. Pictured above, from the left, are Tom Mote, Calen Mayfield and Grant Geisler in their costumes.

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Tom Redling and Ashley and Cooper Neill, a fourth grade student at Nebbie Williams Elementary, shown playing bingo at the school's PTA-hosted Night of Thanks event on Nov. 15. The annual event was conducted to thank PTA families and friends for their support of the school. Participants enjoyed coffee, desserts and some bingo while filling "thank-you boxes" with treats to be shipped to overseas troops.

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Nov. 18-24
 • Monday, 18 Nov.: Criminal mischief, 1000 block E. I-30; Assault on a person, 800 block Greenville Road; Noise ordinance, 800 block Peterson Drive; Theft, 2700 block Spencer

• Tuesday, 19 Nov.: Driving license invalid/Possession of a handgun, I-30 at the intersection of I-30 and I-75; Burglary of a residence, 900 block Josephine Street; City of Garland Police Department warrants arrest, 1400 Wendale Street; Suspicious vehicle, Area of FM 548 and 1000 NSR

• Wednesday, 23 Nov.: Criminal mischief/Burglary of motor vehicle, 300 block Pin Oak Lane; Assault/Evading arrest, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard

• Thursday, 24 Nov.: Suspicious person, 200 block S. Elm Street; Alarm, 1000 block Pullen Street; Alarm, 10,000 block Hwy 66; Suspicious vehicle, Corner of FM 1138 and Hwy 66; Accident, Corner of Josephine Street and Hwy 66.

• Sunday, 20 Nov.: Assault, 300 block E. County Line Road; Graffiti, 1300 block Evergreen Street; Burglary of a motor vehicle, 800 block Loganwood Drive; Accident, 2500 block

W. I-30; Criminal mischief, 1300 block Evergreen Street; Noise disturbance, 800 block Meadowdale Lane; Alarm, 2200 block E. County Line Road

• Monday, 21 Nov.: Criminal mischief, 100 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Welfare check, 3200 block Spruce Street; Reckless driver, Area of I-30



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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks' title quest one with the wind

By Bump
 Final score was Sherman 28, Rockwall-Heath 25. But the most important numbers at Saturday's Region II-4A Division I football semifinal were 29 and 35.
 The 29-mile-per-hour winds, gusting to 35 mph, at the University of Texas' new Apogee Stadium in Denton.

Score sheet says that Sherman (10-3) won the game on Gus Daniel's 11-yard touchdown pass to J.T. Luper with 35 seconds remaining. In the Hawks' (11-2) didn't lose the game then, but rather in the first quarter when they failed to score with that gale at their backs.

Sherman had chances in the first quarter, which was played in Sherman's name as the time the Hawks elected to take the wind and kicked off until the Bearcats managed to line-drive a punt 31 yards to the Rockwall-Heath's 32 yard line.

Between RHHS had two excellent chances, when Justin Peters and Jayfield intercepted passes at the Sherman 45.

Bearcats from District 13-4A at least had the excuse of going against a wind and a formidable defense when they gained just 34 yards in the first quarter. However, that wind couldn't help the Hawks total any more yards in the quarter. After they reached Sherman's 31 on their first possession, the Cats' defense twice tackled quarterback Cody Court behind the line of scrimmage for eight yards in losses.

Another important statistic: RHHS scored 0 points when going with the wind in the first quarter; Sherman totaled 22 in that direction during the first quarter.

At that time, the Bearcats trailed 19-0 - almost.

Court's third touchdown pass of the game, a 13-yarder to Amaris Fields, Ethan Smith's extra point gave the Hawks that 19-0 margin with 7.1 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

It came the play that shifted the momentum.

Sherman's Ryan Reid fielded Smith's kickoff at the 8 yard line and blazed 92 yards for a touchdown. RHHS' Parker Wood deflected Austin's extra-point kick - which died in the wind short of the crossbar, ending his streak of 51 consecutive successful PATs. But then, all three extra-point attempts at that end of the field failed.

Rockwall actually had moved the ball well against the wind in the second quarter, piling up 107 yards but just six points.

First march into the wind ended on fourth and less than one from Sherman's 6. Court couldn't handle the snap. He fell on the ball at the 9, and turned the ball over on downs.

Blocked field goal attempt and Parker Wood's interception - the third against Daniel - kept the Bearcats off the scoreboard the first time in the game against the wind advantage.

On the next play, Court managed to get a deep pass through the wind to Seth Nunnally for a 44-yard gain. That set up a surprise 9-yard touchdown to Jordan Points, who usually plays on the defensive line. The score was now Hawks a 6-0 advantage 55.7 seconds before halftime.

Court added to that by scoring on both third-quarter possessions. Court's pass to H-back Alan Wilcoxson, another seldom-used receiver, ended their second TD and a 12-0 lead. Sherman's two possessions in the first quarter - for 10 and minus-2 yards.

It turned out, that was pretty good.

Hawks couldn't return the Sherman kickoff that opened the fourth quarter, because the wind helped push it through the end zone for a 60-yard kick.

The plays gained no yards, so the Hawks punted from their 20. However, the snap was high, and a Bearcat was able to get a hand on the ball which bounced backward to the 3 yard line.

Against Sherman three plays, but they did score on Luper's 2-yard run. An important extra point brought the 'Cats within six points at 19-13.

Rockwall's next possession gained seven yards in three plays, so the Hawks went into punt formation. Another surprise! They faked the punt with a snap to up back Mayfield. Sherman was ready, and stopped Mayfield for a 10-yard loss.

It gave Sherman the ball, and another short field (25 yards) to the end zone. On fourth and eight from the 9, Daniel hit Joseph Harvey with a pass into the end zone. Roan's extra point put the Bearcats ahead for the first time, 25-19, with 5 minutes, 53 seconds to play.

Rockwall in 80 yards stood between Rockwall-Heath and the end zone being blocked by that wind.

It took 11 plays and 4:28, but they scored a touchdown on Court's 11-yard run. A false start moved the conversion attempt back to the 8. Court completed a pass to Motlagh, but he was stopped short of the goal line.

7 seconds later, on Daniel's third complete pass in the drive, Luper ran into the end zone after breaking a tackle 20 yards upfield. Braylon Mitchell ran for a 2-point conversion and the 28-25 margin.

Bearcats' kickoff again went into the end zone, but Rico Henderson intercepted the ball to the 31. Court ran 11 yards for a first down, but then incomplete passes turned the ball back over to Sherman and ended the game's season.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	0	6	13	6	25
Sherman	0	0	6	22	28
Touchdowns	RHHS 14	Sherman 12			
Plays-yds.	40-102	29-75			
Comp-Att-Int	10-21-0	14-25-3			
Passing yds.	179	143			
Rushing yds.	281	218			
TDs-avg.	2-10.0	4-22.3			
Penalties-yds.	4-30	3-30			
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0			

RHHS - Jordan Points 9 pass from Cody Court (kick failed)
 Sherman - Alan Wilcoxson 8 pass from Court (pass failed)
 Sherman - Amaris Fields 13 pass from Court (Ethan Smith kick)
 Sherman - Ryan Reid 92 kickoff return (kick failed)
 Sherman - J.T. Luper 2 run (Austin Roan kick)
 Sherman - Joseph Harvey 9 pass from Gus Daniel (Roan kick)
 RHHS - Court 2 run (pass failed)
 Sherman - Luper 31 pass from Daniel (Braylon Mitchell run)

Individual statistics
 Passing - RHHS: Cody Court 10-21-0-179; Sherman: Gus Daniel 14-21-0-143.

Receiving - RHHS: Amaris Fields 5-92, Shyon Motlagh 2-55, Alan Wilcoxson 2-23, Jordan Points 1-9; Sherman: J.T. Luper 6-81, Joseph Harvey 4-38, Ryan Reid 2-16, Braylon Mitchell 2-8.

Rushing - RHHS: Rico Henderson 17-63, Jeremy Armstrong 12-40, Cody Court 10-1, Dru Mayfield 1-minus 2; Sherman: Braylon Mitchell 14-101, Colby Milner 5-7, J.T. Luper 5-6, Elijah Butler 1-minus 4, Gus Daniel 1-minus 19.



Hawks' Amaris Fields (3) leaves his shoe behind after catching the ball at midfield and taking it to the 10 yard line against Sherman last Saturday at the University of North Texas in Denton.

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Hawks' Seth Nunnally (9) drags down a Sherman ball carrier during last Saturday's Regional Semifinals game at the University of North Texas in Denton.

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Hawks' tackling a Sherman ball carrier during last Saturday's Regional Semifinals game at the University of North Texas, Denton are Gentry Rodgers (20), Parker Wood (11), Devonta Walker (31), Jay Arnold (85) and Jordan Points (80).

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Four sets of Rockwall Yellowjackets football players finishing this year's season are (left to right) Chris Hinckley Sophomore, #44 LB, Andrew Hinckley, Sr. #6 WR/DB/Kicker, Baylor Black, Sr. #24 RB/LB, Barron Black, Jr. #5 WR/DB, Patrick Ntchobo, Jr. #4 WR/DB, Alex Ntchobo, Sr. #25 RB/DB, Zach Farrow, Sr. #26 WR/DB, Jared Farrow, Jr. #29 RB/LB
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Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (32) drives past Dallas Conrad defenders for two points during Tuesday's game in Rockwall.
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Lady Bulldogs' Lauren Dusek (20) battles for rebound against Lady Jackets' Sara Williamson (11) in the fourth quarter of last week's game in Rockwall.
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Kayla Smith (20) comes down with a Lady Jackets' rebound during Tuesday's game against Dallas Conrad in Rockwall.
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Youth basketball cheer registration

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Rockwall County Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons

Monday, Dec. 2 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Edgewood Tournament
 Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Edgewood Tournament
 Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Varsity boys' basketball: home vs. Fort Worth Covenant Classic, Sports Center

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Monday, Dec. 2 – Middle school basketball: home vs. Wylie Prep, girls 4 p.m. and boys 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Dallas The Covenant School, JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity boys 6 p.m. and varsity girls 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Middle school basketball: at Dallas Lakehill Prep, girls 5 p.m. and boys 6 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Monday, Dec. 2 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Denton Calvary Christian, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Basketball: at Lucas Christian; JV boys 4:30 p.m., varsity girls 6 p.m. and varsity boys 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Varsity boys' basketball: at Trinity Valley Tournament
 Thursday, Dec. 9 – Varsity boys' and girls' basketball: at Fruitvale Tournament
 Friday, Dec. 10 – Varsity boys' and girls' basketball: at Fruitvale Tournament

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Monday, Dec. 2 – JV wrestling: home for Rockwall JV Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Hurst L.D. Bell Invitational, Compulsory, 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Varsity girls' basketball: at Girls Metro PCS Basketball Tournament, Garland Events Center
 Thursday, Dec. 8 – Varsity and Freshman A and B boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, Royle High School
 Friday, Dec. 9 – Varsity and White boys' basketball: at Royle City Tournament, Royle City Middle School

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Boys' basketball: at Forney ISD Winter Classic, Forney High School
 Swimming: at 4A TISCA Meet, Frisco ISD Natatorium
 JV Black and Freshman Black girls' basketball: at Crandall Tournament

Royle City Bulldogs

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

Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Boys' basketball: home vs. Highland Park, JV and freshman 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, Rockwall-Heath High School, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Freshman girls' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, Cain Middle School, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8 – Boys' basketball: at Wills Point Tournament
 Friday, Dec. 9 – Girls' basketball: home vs. North Mesquite, JV and freshman 5:30 p.m. and varsity 8 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Wills Point Tournament
 Saturday, Dec. 10 – Boys' basketball: at Wills Point Tournament

Cain Middle School Mustangs
 Monday, Dec. 5 – 7th grade boys' basketball: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade girls' basketball: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Gymnastics – at Skills Meet, Rockwall-Heath High School, Levels 4/5/6, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8 – 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 8th grade boys' basketball: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Uteley Middle School Wolves

Monday, Dec. 5 – 7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 7th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 7 – Gymnastics – at Skills Meet, Rockwall-Heath High School, Levels 4/5/6, 6:30 p.m.

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

Williams Middle School Wildcats

Monday, Dec. 5 – 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.
 Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Cross country: at District Meet, Wylie High School, 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. 8 – 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.

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HCA boys rally to defeat NCA

Trailing 35-31 after three quarters in its opening game Tuesday, Heritage Christian Academy came back in the fourth period to score 14 points and hold Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy to seven for a 45-42 victory.

In the game at the Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo, Caleb Cathey led the Eagles with 12 points and Garrett Blankenship added 10.

HCA outrebounded Crowley 45-26, with Quincy Terrell pulling down a team-high eight rebounds. Nathan Mateer paced the Eagles' defense with six steals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Crowley Nazarene	13	11	11	7	42
Heritage	11	13	7	14	45

Crowley Nazarene Christian Academy – Justin Perkey 19, Rowdy Westbrook 8, Ernie Alvarado 6, Mitchel Hotopp 4, DeVonte Henderson 3, Heydon Ferguson 2.

Heritage (1-0) – Caleb Cathey 12, Garrett Blankenship 10, Erik Tamez 7, Nathan Mateer 4, Andrew Wood 4, Chris Webb 3, Quincy Terrell 3, Preston Smalley 2.

Defending state champs win gymnastics opener

The Rockwall girls' gymnastics team opened the defense of last season's state championship by finishing first among seven squads Friday, Nov. 11, in the Garland Lakeview Centennial Invitational.

Laura Arce tied for second all-around with 37,950 points to lead the Lady Jackets to a total of 112,350, 1.7 points ahead of runner-up Abilene Cooper at 110,650.

Arce tied for first in the floor exercise with Rockwall-Heath's Carolyn Sherwin, who also matched the Lady Jacket's all-around score. Arce scored 9,500 on the floor, 9,500 (tied for second) on the uneven bars, 9,550 (fourth) on the balance beam and 9,400 (tied for 11th) in the vault.

Tori Hedges was ninth all-around for RHS with 34,950. Her best event was the vault, tied for eighth at 9,450.

Other top performances for Rockwall were by Kailea Coles – first in the vault (9,700), third on the beam (9,650) and ninth on the bars (8,750); Emily Pettett, tied for first on the beam (9,700); Sarah Beasley, sixth in the vault (9,550) and eighth on the bars (8,800); Hayden Raney, seventh in the vault (9,500); Amber Zolman, seventh on the floor (9,150), and Megan Inglis, 10th on the floor (9,000).

Raena Eldridge swims to 2nd at TISCA meet

Rockwall freshman Raena Eldridge tied for second in the girls' 50-meter freestyle and 11th in the 100 butterfly to lead the 4A Yellowjackets' qualifiers in last weekend's 5A Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association North Zone Invitational at The Colony.

Eldridge and Southlake Carroll's Lindsey Schultz tied in 24.19 seconds, just as they had in 24.49 during the preliminaries. Greenhill's Claire Brandt won the event in 23.33. Eldridge's time in the butterfly was 59.08. Sydney Wheeler of champion Southlake finished first in 56.38.

Other Yellowjackets placing in the event were senior Alex Fontenot, ninth in the 100 backstroke in 55.07, and the boys' 200 medley relay team, 16th in 1 minute, 45.93 seconds. Senior Nathan Eldridge, Fontenot, freshman William Rapp and Collin Vu were on the relay team.

Rapp, Vu and Eldridge also qualified and competed in individual events, along with the Rockwall boys' and girls' 400 free relay teams. Sean Eldridge, Fontenot, Rapp and Vu swam on the boys' 400 team. Raena Eldridge, Morgan Barnes, Megan Conner and Rebecca Voth competed with the girls' 400 free and 200 medley relay teams.

RHS was 30th in team scoring among 69 teams with 33.5 points. The girls (22.5) and boys (11) each placed 27th. Southlake Carroll swept the meet, with its girls scoring 597.5 and boys at 522 for a team total of 1,119.5.

The Jackets next will compete at the 4A TISCA Invitational Dec. 9 and 10 at the Frisco ISD Natatorium.

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Hines, Sherwin 1-2 in Lakeview gymnastic

Morgan Hines finished first all-around, with teammate Carolyn Sherwin right behind her in a second-place to help Rockwall-Heath finish third among seven girls' gymnastics teams in the Garland Lakeview Center Invitational Friday, Nov. 11.

Hines placed third or better in all four events to finish with an all-around score of 38.300. Sherwin was first in events and totaled 37.950 to tie Rockwall's Laura Arce for second.

Hines tied for first on the balance beam at 9.700, tied for second in both the vault (9.650) and uneven bars (9.450) and was third in the floor exercise (9.450).

Sherwin won on the bars with 9.550 and tied Arce for first with 9.500 on the floor. The Lady Hawk also tied second in the vault (9.650) and tied for sixth on the beam (9.250).

4 champions help RHHS wrestlers to 2nd place

Four Rockwall-Heath wrestlers won their weight-class championships to help the Hawks finish second to Grand Prairie in the third annual Heath Invitational Saturday, Nov. 19.

Sophomore Zac Whitaker swept four matches, including a 14-8 decision over Arlington Bowie's Sammy Eldridge in the final, to place first at 106 pounds.

Also 4-0 were seniors Nakona Brawner at 132 pounds and Jacob Glastad at 170. Brawner pinned SGP's Klutts in 1 minute, 17 seconds during their final match, and Glastad won by forfeit. On the way to the final, he two matches by fall and took a 13-2 decision.

At 195 pounds, RHHS senior Troy Mercer needed just three matches to win the weight class. In the final match took a 16-0 technical fall from Carrollton Creekview's Isaac Bolivar.

The other Hawks who placed were seniors B.K. Sanford, who placed second at 120, and Tyler Gaddis, finished third at 145. Sanford split his two matches, losing a 10-5 decision in the final. After Gaddis dropped a decision to SGP's Danny Pena in the semifinals, the RHHS wrestler had to wrestle a third-place. He won 6-2, giving him a 4-1 record for the day.

Opinions

War with Iran Would Be Madness

by Sheldon Richman

President Obama's refusal to rule out military action against Iran - and GOP contender Mitt Romney's recent threat of war against Iran - should appall anyone who believes, with the free-market liberal Ludwig von Mises, that "not war, but peace, is the father of all things."

If the U.S. government or its client state Israel were to attack Iran, all hell would break loose. Thousands of Iranians would die. That country's infrastructure would be destroyed, bringing even more death, disease, and misery. And the democratic Iranian Green Movement, which is against foreign intervention, would be destroyed. Iran's government would retaliate by closing down the Strait of Hormuz, through which much oil passes, and launching attacks against American ground and naval forces in the region.

In short, disaster would follow a U.S. attack or an Israeli attack - which would be seen, quite rationally, as a U.S.-backed operation.

What would prompt the military assault? The powers that be, in maneuvers reminiscent of the buildup to the Iraq war, are trying to frighten the world into believing that Iran is building a nuclear weapon. Recent headlines in the stenographic news media would have us believe that the International Atomic Energy Agency has confirmed that the Iranians are working apace to build a bomb. We are left with the suggestion that once they succeed, a nuclear attack will promptly follow.

This makes little sense. Why would Iran launch a nuclear attack that would mean certain oblivion for itself? The U.S. government can destroy the world with its nukes, and Israel, a nuclear power since the 1960s, has a couple of hundred warheads ready to go. Unlike Iran, Israel does not submit to IAEA inspections.

If Iran were developing a nuclear weapon, it would clearly be in order to deter the sort of regime change that occurred in Iraq and Libya. The difference between how the U.S. government treated those countries and how it treats North Korea, which has a nuclear weapon, is hard to miss.

But here's the bigger problem for those ginning up war fever: There is no evidence Iran is developing a nuclear weapon! Iran is being threatened because it can't prove it's not doing so.

Two U.S. National Intelligence Estimates, one in 2007 and one in 2011, judged that Iran shut down its nuclear weapons program in 2003. (NIEs represent the judgment of America's dozen-and-a-half intelligence agencies.)

But what about the most recent IAEA report? According to the Washington Post,

Intelligence provided to U.N. nuclear officials shows that Iran's government has mastered the critical steps needed to build a nuclear weapon, receiving assistance from foreign scientists to overcome key technical hurdles, according to Western diplomats and nuclear experts briefed on the findings.

Yet if one digs below the surface, one finds that the IAEA certified that Iran has not diverted nuclear materials from peaceful to military purposes. (Uranium appropriate for medical or power-generating purposes is unsuitable for making bombs.) While the report darkly alludes to "undeclared nuclear materials," it provides no evidence that they exist.

Many experts have ridiculed the politicized report as essentially recycling old dubious allegations. Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, two Middle East authorities on President George W. Bush's National Security Council, wrote,

The report ... does not in any way demonstrate that Iran is "developing a nuclear weapon". Rather, it once again affirms, as the IAEA has for decades, Iran's "non-diversion" of nuclear material. In other words, even if the Islamic Republic wanted to build nuclear weapons (and Tehran continues to deny, at the highest levels of authority, that it wishes to do so) it does not have the weapons-grade material essential to the task.... [The] report [focused] on unsubstantiated intelligence reports, provided almost entirely by the United States, Israel, and other Western governments.... In fact, no one has ever produced a shred of evidence that Iran has ever actually tried to build a nuclear weapon or taken a decision to do so."

The Obama administration says it prefers sanctions and diplomacy, but as long as Iran is required to prove a negative, the chance of war is real. The American military opposes it - Iran would make Iraq look like a schoolyard - yet Obama, Romney, and other prominent political figures rattle their sabers. This is sheer madness.

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Rockwall County's new courthouse - what it has allowed the county to do

by Judge Jerry Hogan

On Nov. 11 the county dedicated our new courthouse. I stated during remarks at the ceremony, "The difficult process to obtain this much new courthouse for Rockwall County comes to an end. Whether one believes the process was rightly or wrongly conceived, the reality is the decision made and today we stand before the result of that decision."

And I also commented to the citizens of our county, saying, "You watched your county grow from a rural farming county of 6,000 in 1990 to 25,000 in 1990, 43,000 in 2000 and almost 80,000 people last year. Our county is expected to grow to 250,000 by 2035. Our needs and our way of doing things cause us to focus on our future. Your patience, consideration, suggestions, and involvement as we plan and implement changes, such as building of this new courthouse, and as we convert from that rural farming county to an urban county located next to a major Metroplex is needed and appreciated."

Let me give you some specific examples of what we can now do as a result of this new courthouse.

When the courthouse was first designed, it was to have three floors. They were to contain the judicial courtrooms and the associated functions of the district attorney, district clerk and the county clerk. But the question was asked about expansion space as the County continued to grow? Experience of neighboring Collin County where they had recently finished a new courthouse, to have to then turn around a few short years after it opened and build an expansion wing to handle the new courtrooms, was something Rockwall County wanted to duplicate. Thus the decision, in my opinion, was correctly made to add an additional floor to the courthouse used for expansion of new courtrooms as they were needed.

Early this year the Commissioners Court addressed the issue of placing temporary county offices in this empty space until it was needed for courtrooms. As the forecast for growth did not call for a new courtroom five to eight years, this seems to be a good decision too.

Thus with this decision made, the task became one of realigning offices and facilities to reduce costs, make it easier for the citizens to do business with the county (and the state) and provide better office space than found in some of the older buildings.

Several iterations of possible move of offices and facilities to remain developed. A good plan has been developed.

Thirteen departments that were not originally scheduled to be located in the new courthouse will now be placed in that facility. Our two existing JPs and constables, as well as the two new JPs and constables we must add to the county rolls on Jan. 1, 2013, because of a state mandate, now have their offices on the third floor of the courthouse. Additionally, our Indian Health Care office, the treasurer for the county and our Human Resources Department will also be located on this floor. The movement of these departments will happen in early February of next year.

Also to be located in the new courthouse will be our new Veterans Service Officer, Les Cooks, an experienced officer who previously held this position in Hunt County.

We have 5,800 veterans now in our county. While there is a requirement that a Veterans Service Officer must be added to the county roll once the population reaches 200,000, the Commissioners Court made the decision to add this function immediately so our veterans will have necessary assistance they might need in dealing with the U.S. and State Department of Veterans Affairs. This new office will be located on the first floor of the courthouse and will open on Dec. 7 of this year.

Finally, in an area left vacant on the second floor, the auditor's office the county will be located. This move too will happen in the early February time frame.

Other moves are also planned. Our tax assessor's office will be moved to the first floor of the Historic Courthouse. This will happen in early February. Our Agriculture Extension office will be moved to our existing Government Services Building located on Whitmore Street. This will happen in January and when completed this building will house the Ag Extension office, Juvenile Probation Department, our maintenance group and storage space for many of our county records.

The Health Coordinators Office will move to the Historic Courthouse early next year. The Elections Office will remain in its current facility on Square in Rockwall and the Commissioners Court will remain in the Historic Courthouse.

We are also moving the State Drivers License Office, currently located at the Brookshire Shopping Center, to better facilities. Rather than staying in the current county-leased space, this function, along with the office for state highway troopers, will be moved to the county building located at Fannin St., the old JP 1 location. This will happen by Dec. 31 of this year. (While the County has no responsibility for the operation of this function do provide office space so this facility is available to our citizens.)

When all of these moves are completed by February, the remaining county facilities will be: new courthouse, Historic Courthouse, library, old library building on RT 66 that houses the Adult Probation Department, Government Services Building on Whitmore Street, Road and Bridge facility on RT 551 and Elections Office on the Rockwall Square.

We are able to cancel two leases for space where we currently have county facilities and to put up for sale the County Annex as well as the Government Center on Ridge Road (old Cameron Building.) We will reduce our lease costs by \$48,000 per year and our operating costs for the four locations to \$132,000. We will receive dollars from selling the two buildings and we will provide better facilities, more convenient facilities for our citizens, and will save money.

We could not have done this without the new courthouse. As I said on Nov. 11, this new courthouse is like Rockwall County; impressive, it is bold and it looks to the future. I hope that each of you quickly see it like this also.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Jerry Hogan is the county judge of Rockwall County. He may be reached at jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033.)

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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Eagles defeat Crowley Nazarene
 The Lady Eagles carried the Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team to a 41-35 victory over Crowley Nazarene on their home court at the Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo, the Lady Eagles held Crowley to 22 per cent shooting from the field (13-for-59).

Walters, Butler place twice at 5A TISCA
 Claire Walters finished third in the girls' 100-meter butterfly and seventh in the 200 freestyle to lead Rockwall-Heath to a 26th-place tie overall and 22nd in the girls' competition last weekend at the 5A Texas Aquatics Swimming Coaches Association meet.

Walters had tied for sixth in the butterfly preliminaries before racing to a time of 57.51 seconds in the final. Sydney Wheeler of Southlake Carroll - which swept the team, girls' and boys' competition by hundreds of points - finished first in 56.38. Walters' 200 freestyle time was 1 minute, 58.52 seconds.
 RHHS sophomore Jared Butler also placed in two events. He was sixth in the boys' 200 freestyle in 1:45.71. Southlake's Ted Singley won that event in 1:41.38. Butler also placed 11th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:02.67.
 The Hawks' Cole Perlitz also competed, and was 47th in the 100 freestyle in 53.29 and 55th in 1:58.50 in the 200 free.
 Rockwall-Heath totaled 47 points overall, including 28 by its girls and 19 by its boys (good for a 23rd-place tie). RHHS next will compete in the 4A TISCA meet Dec. 9 and 10 at the Frisco ISD Natatorium.

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Bids must state a lump sum price for all services and/or products and be submitted no earlier than December 19th in a sealed envelope marked on the outside #12-11-002 County Extension Agent Build-Out, to Lisa Constant, Rockwall County Auditor, 101 East Rusk Street, Room 101, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The deadline for bids to be submitted will be December 19th at 12:00 p.m. The bids will be opened on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom.

A pre-bid conference will be held with the Johnston-Ramsay Architect firm at the County Services Building, 915 Whitmore Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087 on December 9, 2011 at 3:00p.m.

Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
 Rockwall County
 Lisa Constant
 Rockwall County Auditor

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The following Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas on Monday, November 21, 2011.

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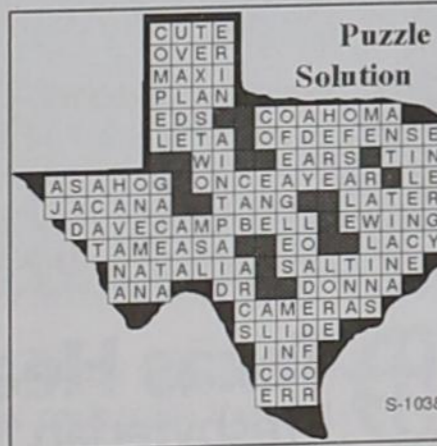


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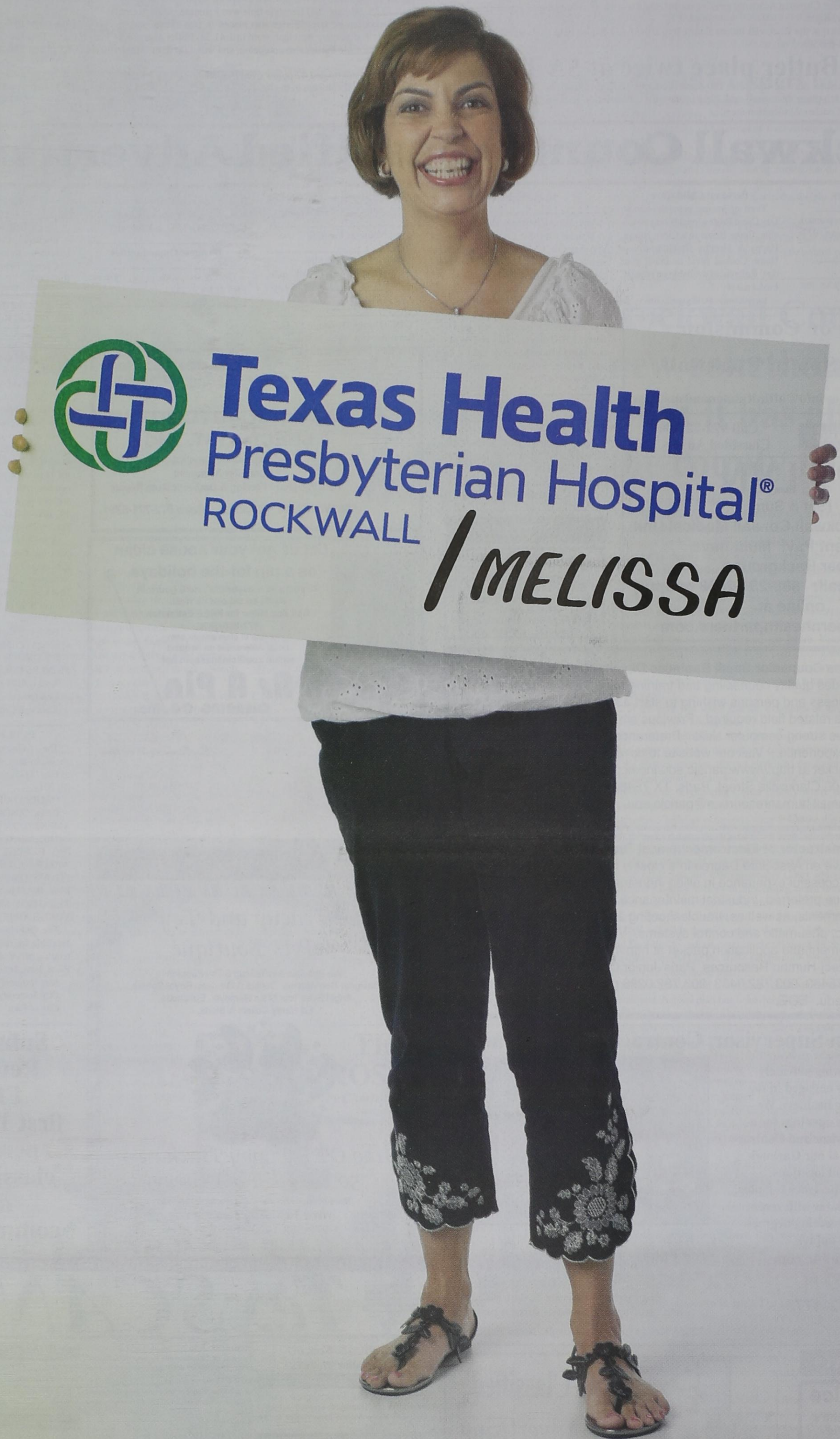
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