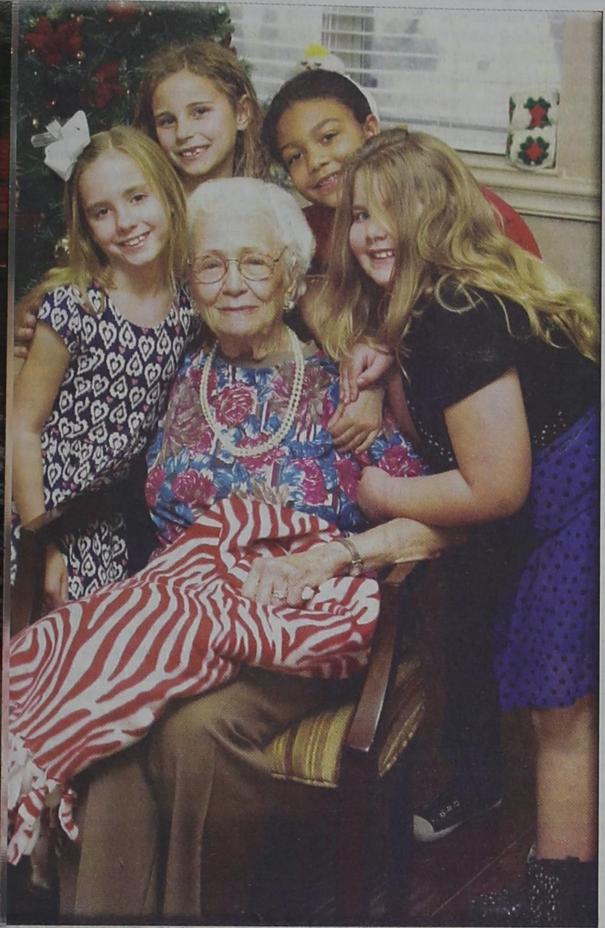
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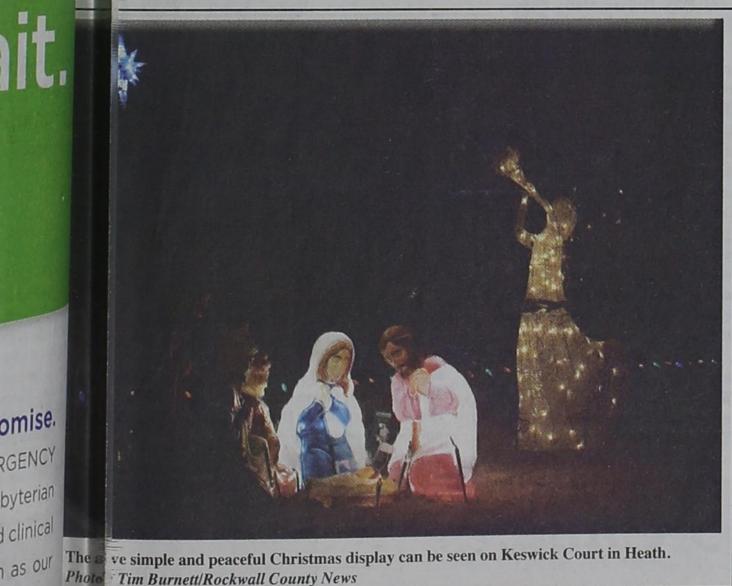
Highlighters" DI team launches 'Covered in Love' project

ay Vernon Elementary School 3rd grade Destination Imagination team presents a Friday December 20, to Kathryn Hall of Rockwall. "The Highlighters" team made be personally provided in coordination with the Rockwall County Meals on Wheels Participating in the presenttion are (back row left to right) Brooke Elliott, Kayla Scott, Laura Waggoner, Kathryn Hall and Allison Phillips. Not pictured is student MaKayla ccording to the team's Donation Letter, "we decided to participate in a challenge called Love' whereas we make warm blankets for these community members in an effort to warm this winter season." Miss Hall shared enjoyable stories with the children about Hall's Father, Floyd Kimbrell, served as Rockwall County Constable, and later served I police chief for 40 years. Her Mother was Lilly Smith Kimbrell. Hall also spoke of other's Father, Taylor Smith, built the first Free Methodist Church, which is currently Alamo street. Miss Hall has lived in Rockwall for a lifetime. Co-managers of the DI parents Alisha Elliott and Angie Waggoner.

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ve simple and peaceful Christmas display can be seen on Keswick Court in Heath. Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



rn Avenue in Rockwall is the location of this colorful Christmas light display.

Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News

City of Fate lauded for swift response to ice storm

by Millie Jean Coppedge

On Dec. 16, the Fate City Council met at 5 p.m. rather than the normally scheduled 6 p.m. to complete its executive session before the regular council meeting.

At the Dec. 2 council meeting the executive session met regarding "legal advice regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act and annexations" and "to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the city had received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the City of Fate and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations." The council returned to regular session with a "no action" response on both discussion points.

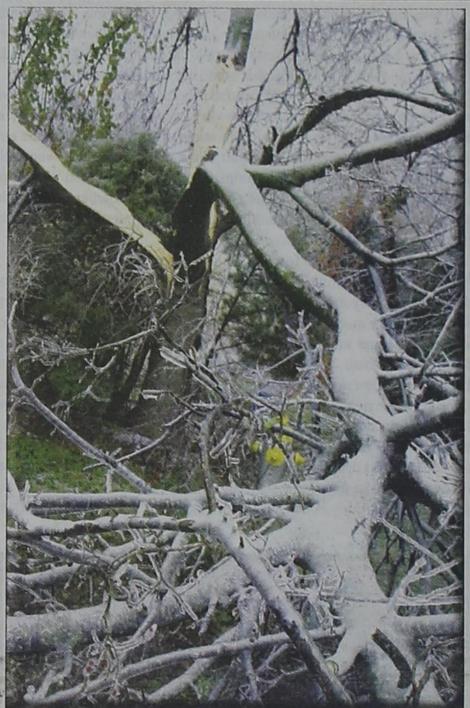
During this week's meeting, the council continued with the same executive agenda and added a new item, "Section 551.074-Personnel regarding the city manager." Again, the council returned back to the regular session with a "no action" response on all three discussion points.

During the citizens' comments portion of the meeting, Steve Herrmann spoke.

"I've been pretty rough on you (the council) the last couple of meetings, but today I just want to thank the council for getting all the debris from the ice storm cleaned up all over town," he said. Herrmann praised the council, Brian Griffeth, the director of the Department of Public Safety

and his department, along with others involved who pitched in immediately to help out wherever there was a need.

Fate was especially hard hit by the fallen trees and debris, power lines down, transformers blown (Continued on Page 2)



Broken trees were found throughout the Fate during the weekend ice event that crippled many Rockwall County homes and businesses. The above tree was found pealed like a banana

north of I-30 on Highway 551. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Potter elected president of **BGCA** professional group

The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County's current president & CEO, Misti Potter, recently was elected president of

Professional Association for Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

TPA is a national professionals who the BGCA career Currently, more than 52,000 employees stand

on the front lines in neighborhoods throughout the world working to ensure youth graduate from high school with a plan for their future, live healthy lifestyles and develop a strong moral compass, according to a BGCA news release.

Potter began her service to TPA at a local chapter level 16 years ago while working in Alabama at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Limestone County. During her time in the BGCA movement she has remained connected to professionals throughout the country by taking leadership roles as secretary and president of the Alabama Chapter, initiating the establishment of a new chapter in Memphis, Tenn., and working with the CEO from the BGC of Hood County, Jeff Bates and the CEO of the BGC of Northeast Texas, Jenny Smith-Krueger to establish the Northeast Chapter of TPA.

Potter joined the National TPA Board of Directors in 2005 after she received the Southeast Region Professional of the Year award, followed by the 2005 National Boys & Girls Clubs Professional of the Year award. Upon joining the National Board, she set a goal to one day serve as the president,

president in more than 60 years. Over the span of the past eight

years Potter strategically engaged in the functions of the association and has emceed regional several and national awards ceremonies and has chaired numerous committees. has worked closely with BGCA leaders to establish joint partnerships

Misti Potter committees mentoring and career coaching, as well as the most recent launching of the Executive Coaching program that matches seasoned professionals with professionals throughout the country to bring all Boys & Girls Clubs to the highest level of operation for kids.

to help all professionals develop their skills and expand their support network, Potter served as the secretary and vice president of the TPA Board the past four years in preparation for her term as president. For the next two years she will work with a committed Board of Boys & Girls Club CEOs, BGCA and other Club

making her only the third female leaders from across the country to move TPA to unprecedented heights. Standing on five Pillars of Support, TPA will continue to and expand upon building pride in the profession by providing networking opportunities, scholarships, mentoring and career coaching, awards and recognition, and support of training and professional development.

In addition to her commitment to serving as the president of TPA, she is equally dedicated to the strategic growth and impact of the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County as she and the local Board of Directors launched an aggressive campaign to build a new complex and serve more kids more often. Because of the local efforts and accomplishments in serving Rockwall County youth, Potter was recognized as the 2013 Southwest Region Rookie of the With a sincere passion and drive Year, which is given to a first time CEO and selected by BGCA leadership.

Personally, Potter has been married for 17 years to her husband, Alan. She is a devoted "baseball mom" to her 12-yearold son, Nathan, and a passionate "Lego Castle Engineer" to her 3-year-old son Jackson.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Library to close for holidays

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday and Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Day.

Christmas tree drop-off site determined City of Rockwall residents can drop off their live Christmas trees at the

Tuttle Sports Complex parking lot at 1550 Airport Rd. Dec. 26 through Jan. 6. All ornaments, lights and stands should be removed from

trees prior to drop-off.

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A Christmas story 1954: Two gifts under the



MILLIE **JEAN COPPEDGE** Reminiscing **Royse City**

by Millie Jean Coppedge

About 4 years before my Christmas story begins, our house and the one next to ours caught fire as our neighbor's 16 year old son was burning trash in a big barrel between our about daylight on a Sunday morning. Both our houses quickly burned totally to the ground and we lost everything we had. Even though we lived in a tiny town of less than 300 people, it was like living in the country. There were no fire stations or fire trucks. There was no city water. Everyone had well water. When something caught fire, it just had to burn.

The other family quickly left town as soon as the fire was over and no one ever saw them again.

My paternal grandparents gave us 5 acres of their land. On a prearranged weekend soon after the fire, the entire town turned out and built us a house, somewhat like the Amish families do, helping each other. To the best of my recollection, we did not know they were even coming.

It was only a shell by Sunday night, but it was home. The sawmill had donated lumber, stores donated nails, shingles,--all the things needed to put the house together. The town took up clothes, household goods, furniture, and any other things that someone who has nothing needs.

The women in the community cooked food and brought to feed those working on the house. The house was very cold in the winter as there was no insulation for the walls, the inside was not sheet rocked/finished out, and the plank floors let the cold draft come through. We did eventually get a linoleum rug in the living room. The only heat we had was a tiny heater in the living room and the cook stove in the kitchen. During the winters, we lived mostly in the living room and shut off the rest of the house, in order to stay warm.

Now for the Christmas story

Christmas was coming in about 2 weeks. My little brother Bruce was 4 and I was 8. My name is Millie Jean. We lived in the county on a farm and didn't have much money. Most mothers back then didn't work. They stayed home and took care of the family and worked in the gardens or fields. We had both. In the fields we grew things like cotton and peanuts. In the garden we grew just about anything one can eat. Now you may think we were rich, but back then it was just survival. We grew our own food and sold some for extra money. We had a couple of pigs for meat, a cow or two for milk, butter and meat, and chickens for the eggs and milk for cooking and drinking. We got our water from the well, that the men in town helped us dig.

Early one morning, Daddy walked into the woods behind our house,

cut down a cedar tree and drug it home. He fixed it a special way so that it would set inside a can of water to keep it alive and put corner of the living room. Mother took some cotton we had grown in the field and made a bed to lay our presents on under the tree. It wasn't very clean looking, but we thought it looked great.

Mother had made a big pot of popcorn and Bruce and I strung it into a long rope with a needle and thread, then strung the rope around and around the tree. We picked up sweet gum balls out of Grandmother's yard, wrapped each one in the wrinkled old aluminum foil Mother had saved from cooking, and put the balls all over the tree, held on with tiny pieces of wire Daddy had cut for us. Then Mother drew a star on a piece of cardboard from an old box from the smokehouse, I cut it out and Bruce and I wrapped it with some more of the foil. Daddy held Bruce in the air and he put the star on top of the tree. Then we wrapped the one string of colored lights around the tree. How pretty our tree was.

Mother and I have been baking cookies and making candy for days. Saturday is Christmas Day. She said that she will bake the last ham hanging in the smokehouse on Friday. We still don't have anything under the tree except for Mother and Daddy's gift from Bruce and me. Last Saturday while we were in town we got Mother a bottle of Evening in Paris Perfume and Daddy some pink nylon socks. Daddy just loves the color pink. I know he will be surprised when he sees them.

Christmas Eve

Well, the ham is baked and the fruit cake is set. I don't like fruitcake at all, but we have it every year at Christmastime. Bruce and I can hardly wait until Santa comes tonight. After supper, we had mugs of hot cocoa with tiny melted marshmallows on top. We listened to some Christmas

This photo was taken about May of 1950. Shown (from left) are Barney Coppedge holding Millie Jean Coppedge, and mother, Lizzie Mae holding Bruce. The Coppedge family learned early on to treasure the time spent together and the love and happiness each day could bring.

Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

City of Fate lauded for swift response to ice storm ...

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and damage to homes from the ice.

Under the Action Items portion of the agenda, the council voted unanimously, 5-0 (Councilmen Cameron Cowan and Lorne Megyesi were absent from the meeting), on the annexation of 10 properties. This is the last of an ongoing voting processes by the council annexing properties into the city limits of Fate.

During the Mayor's Report agenda, Mayor Bill Broderick thanked the council, staff and all in attendance who have helped out for the many weeks it took to complete all the annexations of property. He said it was a long process and that he appreciated all their time, dedication and hard work.

Broderick also said that one of the DPS officers had gotten out of his vehicle after the ice storm and injured himself from slipping on the ice. The Mayor briefly described the officers injuries during the open public

It was later learned that the injured DPS Officer Mark Andrew Poindexter II was dismissed from the hospital at 6:30 p.m. during the

The information came from an officer who received a call during the meeting about Andrew being dismissed and was at home.

City Councilman and Deputy Pro Tem Michelle Butler also thanked and gave kudos to the staff the DPS, police department and everyone who provided assistance during the ice event.

Sheri Garber, mayor pro tem, gave the same words of appreciation to the DPS and the administration. Councilman Steve Skipworth thanked Bobby Clay, director of public works, and his team for all they did to get the city back on its feet.

The next council meeting will be Jan. 6.

Publisher's notes: The Rockwall County News found no records indicating that the City of Fate published the required legal notices, related to annexation of property, in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 2051.048(c)(1) and 2051.049.

During the public open meeting, Mayor Broderick described the significant injuries suffered by Officer Poindexter.

The Mayors description of the officer's injuries are not published because DPS Director Brian Griffith expressed concerns that disclosure of the officer's injuries would be in violation of Federal HIPAA laws.

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Bruce had seen a baby doll in one of the store window trips to town back during the summer and had asked if for Christmas.

Yes, I know, boys don't play with baby dolls, but the wanted and that was what he got. Daddy wasn't any low son was playing with a baby doll. The doll was about 17 made totally of soft rubber. I got one just like Bruce's

Each doll came with a soft pink blanket, a white flans tiny little bottle to feed the baby. The water from the bottle tiny hole in the baby doll's mouth, runs through its tumm hole in its bottom. A baby doll that really wets! Wowi - Darrell Kress. Like a real baby.

That afternoon, Mother made some clothes for both he some of her quilt scraps. She even made bonnets and the

Bruce also got a red metal fire truck that makes a loud state of the s runs on batteries. I got some play make-up. We each so with a yellow draw string filled with hard candy, gum a new dimes.

Sitting beside the tree was an apple crate full of grapefruits, bananas, different kinds of nuts and two fresh only time during the year we got coconuts was at Chie the only time the stores would have them in stock by pick to poke the two holes out of the coconut eyes. Wedne of then, then he broke them to pieces with a hammer, so meat in it. It would take several days for us to eat all the

Mother liked her perfume and put some on right away smell good all day.

Daddy put his pink socks on and he just laughed and la "Look at my pretty pink feet".

Reflecting on the memories

The bottle of Evening in Paris Perfume only cost and to live life to the and was one of the cheapest smelling perfumes ever. But loved he pretty dark blue glass bottle that it came in the After all, we didn't have much money, and we had work

Daddy wore those socks until the toes and heels were and playing ga After he died in 1985, we found them in one of his dresser, I milude his wife, Hea one inside the other, like men folded their socks in those to of Rockwall; his da

In life, we are constantly making memories with ever the sas Shelton of Wylie some of the smallest, seeming inconsequential, trivial and the sisters, Tera Ga sweetest memories.

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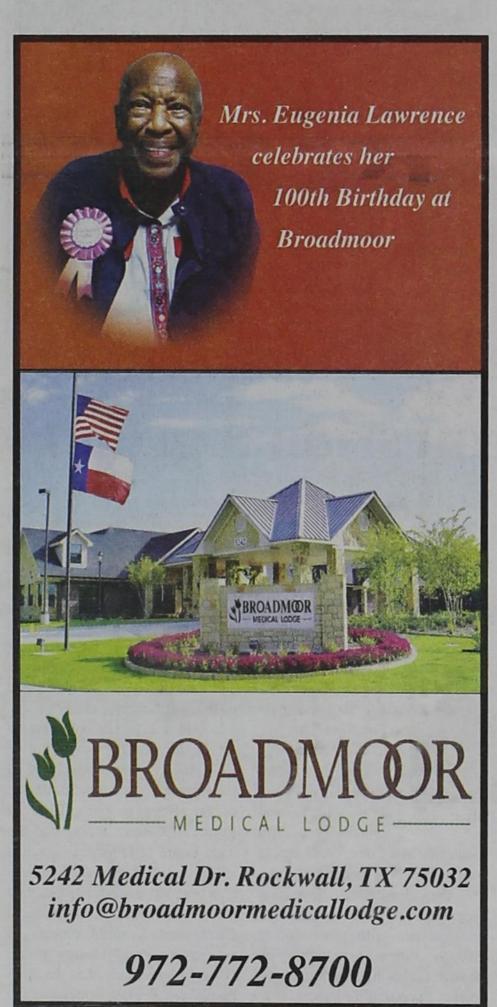


Carson Cross, Kaylee Duncan and Tara Schuman above, were part of the second grade students at Vernon Elementary who performed a rocking holidi "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders," Dec. 10 at the school. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



The fifth and sixth grade students at Cullins Eles won first place in the project category of the First Legal Robotics Competition hosted recently by UTD. Pictor Jacob Farrell, Chase Crayne, Braden Wills, Saremy Samantha Lee, Jaden Dougal, Lauren Colpitts, Joshul and Cody Faaborg.

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e his wife, Heather Shelton of Rockwall; his son, ¿ockwall; his daughter, Skyler Shelton of Rockwall; Shelton of Wylie; his grandfather, Norman L. Shelton sisters, Tera Gallaway of Wylie, Tiffany Nickles of anchez of Wylie and Ginger Duryea of San Antonio; lton of Anchorage, Alaska, and Linda Gellman of ncle, Tim Shelton of San Antonio; and several nieces

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ck vall ISD trustees an. 6 special session

Independent School District Board of Trustees will ession at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6 in the RISD Administration/ r, Room 600, in Rockwall.

icus of the meeting will be a work session, which will on of budget goals and the board's planning process, meeting's agenda.

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William (W.D.) Vance

Services for William (W.D.) Vance, 91, of Terrell were conducted at 1 p.m. Dec. 21, 2013, in the Rodgers Baptist Church in Garland with Brother Ron Thomas and Brother Travis Gilbert officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Dec. 16 in Rockwall.

Born Sept. 21, 1922, in Cave City, Ark., to James Anderson Vance and Flora Mae (Carpenter) Vance, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as an auto mechanic and was a deacon and Sunday School superintendent at

Rodgers Baptist Church, where he was a member.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte (Vaughan) Vance of Terrell; his children, Mike Vance of Garland, Diane Thomas and her husband, Joe, of Rowlett, Patty Stuckey and her husband, Bob, of Dennis and Cindy Smith and her husband, Ed, of Rockwall; his stepchildren, Susie Smith of Collinswood, N.J., Daniel Smith and his wife, Fatima, of Elk Grove, Calif., and Timothy Smith and his wife, Jamie, of Springhill, Tenn.; his brothers, John Vance of Rockwall and Tommy Vance and his wife, Judy, of The Woodlands; his grandchildren, Tony, Shane, Trina, Lisa, Erin, Valerie, Joshua, Robert, Jonathan, Jeremy, Jason, Matt and Justin; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Imogene Vance, in 2010; his parents; his sisters, Zella, Stella, Ella and Alla; his brothers, Orris and Newton; and a daughter-in-law, Patty Vance.

Royse City schools receive TMEA grant funding

Davis Elementary, Scott Elementary, Cherry Intermediate and Herndon Intermediate Schools recently were awarded grant funding by the Texas Music Educators Association to purchase educational materials that will help support the delivery of high quality music education to more than 1,800 students.

TMEA recently has awarded nearly \$500,000 in grant funding to elementary music programs across the state. More than 600 elementary music programs will be purchasing new music instruments, music, technology and other educational supplies to help them deliver high quality music education to students in grades K-5.

"It's incredible to have the opportunity to support these most valuable educators who offer all elementary music students the foundation for excellence in music education, a sense of belonging, and a positive and safe environment to express themselves," said TMEA President Joe

TMEA completed the entire grant application process in two months so that teachers could use the funds to purchase instruments and other educational supplies before year's end. This quick distribution means that more than 350,000 students soon will be learning new music, playing new instruments and increasing their proficiency with the use of music technology in the classroom.

TMEA executive director Robert Floyd explained that the association's Executive Board allocated \$500,000 in grant funding because they want to support students who are beginning their lifelong love of and participation in music. Floyd emphasized that music teachers who have little to no budget often use their own funds to purchase supplies because they recognize how important music education is in the lives of their students.

"This funding of elementary music programs comes at a time when research is boldly underscoring the value of high quality arts education in schools. Multiple studies have shown us that music education prepares students to learn, facilitates academic achievement and helps them develop creative capacities for lifelong success," said Floyd.

Texas Music Educators Association is a professional association for music educators from kindergarten through college. With more than 15,000 members, TMEA offers professional development opportunities to educators, sustains public support for music in schools and encourages quality musical experiences for all students.

Georgia man draws six-year sentence

Less than one hour after retiring to deliberate, a Rockwall County jury returned a verdict of guilty against Clarkesville, Ga., resident Matthew Alan Simmons, 27, on the third-degree felony charge of indecency with a child by exposure, according to a news release from the district

On Dec. 12, the same jury unanimously sentenced Simmons, who was eligible for probation, to six years in the Texas state penitentiary. The

maximum range of punishment in the case was 10 years. Jurors heard testimony that Simmons exposed himself to a 12-year-old girl in the toy section of the Rockwall Super Wal-Mart on Feb. 15. When the defendant then attempted to get the child to touch him, the victim refused, left and told her grandfather who was in another part of the store, according to the news release. Upon her report, Wal-Mart employees locked down the store and police located the defendant by identifying

him on surveillance tapes. Prosecutors brought a detective from Habersham County, Ga., into court to present evidence that Simmons, who is a truck driver, is facing charges for possession of child pornography in his state. The defendant, who was out on bond for that case at the time of the Rockwall offense, will face extradition and a later trial in Georgia.

Lead prosecutor Ashley Anderson praised the courage of the victim. 'She was smart enough to refuse his advances and was brave enough

to cooperate with the police," said Anderson.

"This is further evidence of the need to educate your children about predators," said Rockwall County district attorney Kenda Culpepper. "It is important that kids know how to react in these situations. In addition, if something does happen, they need to feel comfortable immediately reporting it to a trusted adult."

Rockwall County Entertainment

RHHS to stage "Grease"

Rockwall-Heath High School will present the musical "Grease" Jan. 9-11 at the Performing Arts Center, 801 Laurence, in Heath. Tickets are available at the box office; cost is \$10 for students, \$12 for general admission. Heath's mayor, Lorne Liechty, and Rockwall's mayor, David Sweet, will make special cameos.

Daddy/Daughter Dance tix available

Tickets to the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, are on sale at The Center. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 25 at The Hilton Bella Harbor. Cost will be \$69 per daddy/daughter couple or \$45 for Rockwall residents; each additional child will cost \$15. Tickets will be limited and preregistration is required. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks. (Continued on Page 5)

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Storm debris cleanup continues

Republic Waste Service, as of Dec. 18, had collected 235 tons of brush related to the recent winter storm. Crews are continuing the effort six days a week and will do so until all debris is removed; only Christmas Day will be taken off as a holiday. Rockwall does not normally have garbage collection on Wednesdays, so regular schedules will not be affected by the holiday. Debris should be placed at the curb and not in the street, on mailboxes, utility boxes, etc.; local residents are reminded not to block truck access to the debris with vehicles.

TBM not accepting new requests

Shortly after the winter ice storm, the Texas Baptist Men had crews in Rockwall donating time for the cleanup effort. These groups continue to work to clean up storm debris; however, their communications representative has informed the City of Rockwall that the organization is unable to accept new requests for assistance with limb and brush removal.

RFA program's new classes to begin Jan. 6

The Reading for Adults Literacy Program offers free educational classes, including English as a Second Language (ESL); GED Studies and Preparation; U.S. Citizenship Preparation; and Adult Literacy Studies. With an enrollment of 300 students, RFA has convenient class schedules, including weekday mornings and select evening classes. Tutors are local volunteers (no experience required; free training is provided) and there is no fee for program classes. There is a small fee for books. For more details or to become a tutor, call 972-204-7705.

Rockwall's Got Talent auditions set

Auditions for the upcoming Rockwall's Got Talent event will be conducted Jan. 11-12 in the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk. Registration costs \$20 per act; deadline is Dec. 30. Semi-finals are set for Jan. 17, with finals on Jan. 24. Tickets to the finals will cost \$10 each and go on sale Jan. 13. Rules and audition applications are available at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

4-H to host pet care program

Many families bring pets into their homes during the holiday season without having any understanding about proper care or training. The Rockwall County 4-H Club will host a short-term pet care project for families with children ages 8/third grade to 18 who received a pet for Christmas. The first meeting will run 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Rockwall County Extension Office, 915 Whitmore St., Suite B, Rockwall. Sequential meetings will follow on the next three Tuesdays at the same time. Cost is \$40; pre-registration with payment is required by Jan. 6. Call 972-204-7660 to pre-register. At least one parent/guardian must attend with the young person. Pets cannot attend the first meeting

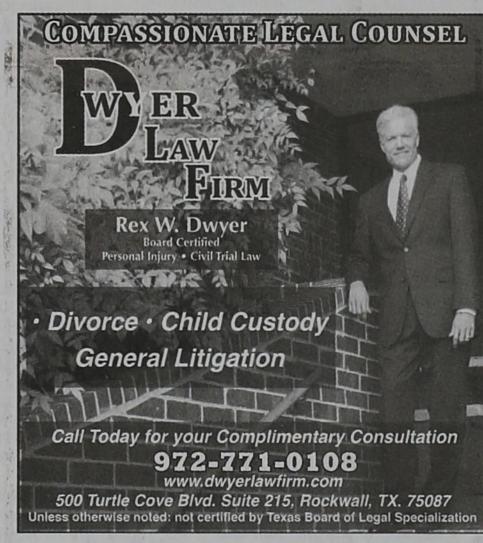
Auditions set at RCP for 'Foreigner'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's rendition of "The Foreigner," which will be performed Feb. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23, will take place at 1 p.m. Dec. 14 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

'Steel Magnolias' audition slated

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's staging of "Steel Magnolias," which will be performed in March and April, will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at the playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The birth of Jesus Christ ... a chronology

During this time of the year many people are thinking more about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will take this time to lay out the chronology of events related to his birth.

The chronology comes from Victor Paul Wierwille's book "Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed" (pp. xxi - xxiv), which utilized a great deal of Biblical research as well as other research literature including Ernest Martin's "The Birth of Christ Recalculated." Because of research into astronomical events that occurred before, during and after Jesus' birth, the chronology will include planet and star positions based on the above-mentioned research.

-- May, 4 B.C. The angel Gabriel appears to Zacharias while he was serving in the Temple (Luke 1:11).

-- June, 4 B.C. Conception of John the Baptist (Luke 1:23-24).

-- December, 4 B.C. Gabriel appears to Mary in Nazareth. Jesus Christ is conceived. Mary travels to Judea to see her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:26-56).

-- March, 3 B.C. Mary returns to Nazareth. John the profit is born to Zacharias and Elizabeth (Luke 1:56-57).

-- August, 3 B.C. Jupiter and Venus in conjunction in Leo. The Magi begin noting their observations of the activity of Jupiter, the king planet. Venus is also known as the Bright and Morning Star (see also Revelation 22:16). The Magi were not kings. They traveled as a group much bigger than three people. Conjunction means the two stars are lined up in a way so that a straight line can be drawn through them and to the North Star. Leo symbolizes the lion as spoken by Israel while blessing his son Judah (Genesis 49:9-12).

--September, 3 B.C. Birth of Jesus Christ. First day of the Hebrew month Tishri. The sun was positioned inside of the constellation Virgo with the "moon under her feet" (see also Revelation 12:1). Using an online star map, the date of -3-09-21 06:00 UTC (September 21, 3 B.C.) the sun is covering Virgo after the break of dawn and the moon is at the feet of Virgo.

The angel sent a message to shepherds in the field about the newly born savior and described how to find the baby and what they would see. The shepherds found the baby with Mary and Joseph and then went out to declare what they heard and saw (Luke 2:6-17). The Magi leave for Jerusalem (Matthew 2:1).

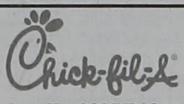
During the month of September, the local climate would have been warm and conducive for shepherds to be in the fields with the sheep.

--September 14, 3 B.C. Jupiter and the star Regulus in conjunction in the constellation Leo. Regulus sits at the front foot of Leo. It is known as the Regal star. Jupiter is symbolic of Kingship, and known as the King

-- February 17, 2 B.C. Jupiter and Regulus in conjunction in Leo. -- May 8, 2 B.C. Jupiter and Regulus in conjunction in Leo.

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In Matthew 2:9-15 the word "young child" refers to not an infant. Jesus might have been around two years sure gifts from the Magi could have sustained Joseph 1 through their return from Egypt.

Girl Scouts to kick off program in Januar

The Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas will launch its Program on Jan. 10, according to a news release issueds. New this year, Girl Scouts will have cookies in hand to sell, deliver and collect money in one easy step.

The GSNETX Cookie Program will run through Feb 1 Selling cookies is more than a tradition; the Girl Program is an integral part of Girl Scouts' business and eracy initiative for girls in kindergarten through 12th grahelps Girl Scouts develop five key skills: goal-setting money management, people skills and business ethics.

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Candidates may file for a Place on the May 10, 2014 Uniform General Election Day between January 29, 2014 and February 28, 2014.

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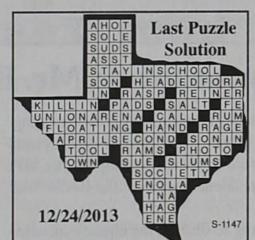
The agreement will allow the organization help eligible low- and moderate-income families purchase homes by providing them up to \$20,000 in down payment assistance.

The down payment assistance

Rockwall County Entertainment

(Continued from Page 3) Senior Citizen Prom scheduled Jan. 26

A Senior Citizen Prom will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Ruth Cherry Intermediate School cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. The event will be sponsored by the Thoughtful Thinking Things of the RCISD Destination Imagination program.



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> "If the homebuyers still live in the house after ten years, then the entire loan will be forgiven and the State's lien will be removed from the property, thus making the down payment assistance essentially a grant," said Donna Allen, president of the RHDC. "Without question, this is a great deal for low and moderate income residents of Rockwall County."

A condition of the agreement with the state is that RHDC has until February 2015 to provide this service to the citizens of Rockwall County on behalf of the state.

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short time period because of all the work that needs to be done to complete the contract," Allen said. "State funds will be made available to RHDC clients on a statewide first-come, first-serve basis and it is projected that the funds will not be available for mortgage loan closings until February 2014. Essentially, we will have less than a year to obligate and expend funds for our clients."

To facilitate the process, RHDC contracted with Hunter & Hunter Consultants of Rockwall to manage the grant. Hunter & Hunter Consultants is a grant management agency that has been helping low income families become first time homebuyers through state programs for more than 17 years.

Michael Hunter, president of Hunter & Hunter Consultants, said he would be personally assisting

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Corporation in this endeavor.

ers for this program," he said.

"We are currently taking appli-

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dence for at least 10 years.

Auditions set for 'Forever Plaid'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "Forever Plaid," which will be staged in May, will take place at 1 p.m. March 29 and at 7 p.m. March 30 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

'Godspell' auditions set **June 7, 8**

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's Teen Theater production of "Godspell," which will be staged in July and August, will begin at 1 p.m. June 7 and 8 at the playhouse, which is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org

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Opinions

Should the purchasing power of money be stabilized

by Alexander William Salter

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Economists have long debated the costs and benefits of stabilizing the purchasing power of money. Today, most First World countries' central banks either pursue the stabilization of purchasing power as a primary goal, as in the case of the European Central Bank (technically, the stabilization of the rate of change of money's purchasing power, by means of an inflation target), or they balance it against a series of other goals, as in the case of the U.S. Federal Reserve and its "dual mandate" (stable prices and maximum employment).

The argument in favor of stable purchasing power is simple and attractive. Money is the yardstick of commercial life. To create an

Candidates named for local primary elections

The Rockwall County Elections Office recently released the list of candidates who have filed for local offices in the March 4 primary

The following individuals have declared candidacy in the March 4 Democratic and Republic primary elections, according to the information released:

Democratic Party

• County clerk - Brenda Morott

• County chair - Judith Matherne

Republican Party

- Criminal district attorney Kenda Culpepper (incumbent)
- County judge Bill Bell, David Sweet
- District clerk Kay McDaniel, incumbent
- County clerk Shelli Miller, incumbent
- County treasurer David Peek, incumbent County commissioner, Precinct 2 - Lee Gilbert, Randy

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- · County commissioners, Precinct 4 David Magness, incumbent; Brooks Williams
 - Justice of the peace, Precinct 1 Jack James, incumbent
 - Justice of the peace, Precinct 2 Nancy Beaty, incumbent
 - County chair Tim Hartley
 - Precinct chair, Precinct 2 Ken Dickson, Terry

Bell files for county judge

Bill Bell, a local attorney, has filed as a candidate for Rockwall County judge in the March 5 Republican Primary election.

Bell served as county judge from 1999 to 2006, winning his last election by 63 percent of the vote.

Bell also has served as chairman of the Republican Party in Rockwall

A U.S. Navy veteran, he is married to Lucille Cross Bell. They have two children, a son-in-law and two granddaughters.

Rockwall HDC to help with home purchases ... (Continued from Page 5)

"Through this program we can help families who thought they would never have the chance to realize the dream of home ownership to actually purchase their first home. However, there are some limitations associated with the program," said Tom Norris, secretary/ treasurer of the RHDC Board of Directors. "For example, the program has a maximum sales price of \$195,000 for newly constructed houses and \$146,000 for existing houses."

The program is limited to families that earn less than 80 percent of the county median income.

"As an example, in order to qualify for the program, the total income for a family of three can be no greater than \$48,600 per year," Norris said. "Although that income ceiling may seem to be somewhat limiting, the program is being directed specifically at the income level of families we want to help."

RHDC board members are excited about the Home Buyer Assistance Program, Allen said.

"This program is just the first in a variety of programs the Corporation is planning to initiate to improve housing and economic conditions for low-income residents throughout Rockwall County," she said.

Anyone interested in more information on the Rockwall Housing Development Corporation's Homebuyer Assistance Program, including how to qualify for the down payment assistance, should call Michael Hunter at (972) 771-5907 or email michael@hunterhunter.com.

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environment conducive to economic growth, both producers and consumers need a fundamental unit, akin to a weight or measure, with which they can compute the relative merits of various economic activities. If money's purchasing power isn't stable, there is no common denominator, thus rendering computations more costly to make. It would be like trying to run a 5k road race with the definition of a kilometer constantly in flux. Runners would not know how to pace themselves to complete the race in the best time possible. Only if the definition of a kilometer is known and fixed in advance is the race an appropriate environment for determining the winner on the basis of athletic prowess rather than luck. So it goes with money. Only if the purchasing power of money is stable, the argument goes, will the environment that is the competitive market process select systematically for activities that exhaust the gains from trade.

However, the above is only part of the story. It's true that stabilizing the purchasing power of money would make navigating commercial life easier much of the time. But before we conclude that stabilizing money's purchasing power is a good idea, we need to recognize an important point about the use of money in an advanced economy characterized by an extensive division of labor. It's well known that the private-property market economy creates an impressive knowledgegenerating system, namely, the price system. Prices convey relative resource scarcities to producers and consumers; at the same time they economize on the information any one producer or consumer needs to systematically capture gains from trade. When the economy has a generally accepted medium of exchange, what we call money, prices typically are quoted in X units of the medium of exchange per Y units of a good or service. Those prices are the money price of goods. But what, then, is the price of money?

The price of money

To answer that question, we must recognize something important: Money has no market of its own in which it is independently priced. The price of money is simply the reciprocal of its purchasing power, which itself comprises the prices of all the goods and services that a consumer typically purchases. Goods and services are priced in terms of money, and money is priced in terms of goods and services. That means that adjustments in the money market, i.e., conditions where there is an excess supply or demand of money at its current price, cannot neutralize themselves in the same way they typically do in other markets. If there is an excess demand for apples at the current price of apples, the (money) price of apples will rise to clear the market. But because money has no market of its own, the price of money can be brought into adjustment only by the changing of many, many relative prices throughout the economy.

That brings us to an important issue that proponents of stable money overlook. The price system cannot exclude the role of money in accumulating and disseminating information. Money is a good, and its price ought to change when underlying supply and demand conditions in the money market, and thus other markets as well, change. To mask those changes would interfere with the price system's ability to communicate relative resource scarcities. Money isn't just a yardstick. It also is the economy's chief facilitator of trade. If the price system is to do its job, when trade conditions change, so must the conditions under which money is traded for goods and services.

Trickle-down misfortune

Here's an example. Suppose, owing to general technological progress, the supply of goods and sen increases over time. That makes sense because her means getting more output for a given amount of inhappen to the prices of those goods and services? constant, including the supply of money, prices same stock of money chasing larger stocks of good means that each good or service must "bid" lower in money. The result is a fall in prices across the econo industry's price falling in proportion to the degree that progress raised that particular industry's output. That purchasing power of money is facilitated at the min with the excellence economywide adjustment of relative prices. (In fact, but are awarded the 19th century was a period of healthily growing or but steadily falling prices in the United States, s stock was mostly fixed because of the gold standard n that many economic historians in the early and min fallaciously concluded that the United States was in

Now imagine that the country's central bank is to of purchasing-power stabilization. In response to injects money into the economy in an attempt to counter which it sees as potentially dangerous. The new more throughout the economy evenly. The first recipients the excess (the amount over what they wish to hold as and services that they find most useful. That increase specific industries at the time, and in those industries turn affects the economic activity of many other part market, since demand conditions in one market ne conditions in others. When the second recipients of h receive it, the process repeats itself. Eventually, as the its way throughout the economy, upward pressure more prices results. But because of the process that there won't be a uniform effect on all prices. That more difficult for affairs to be put right in the money necessarily places a strain on the price system. Rela be struggling to reconcile the effects of the technological with the effects of the money injection. Rather than a of money to adjust by means of economywide price at central bank has now made it harder for economic arts gains from trade.

Nobody familiar with basic economic theory w stabilizing the price of oil or platinum to make the m commodities predictable. Like all prices, the prices of can and must change to reflect changing supply and dema The same is true of money. Preventing the price of inverse of its purchasing power - from adjusting wo environment conducive to commercial activity. Insta attempts to stabilize the price of money directly will in using individuals' ability to participate in the division secure gains from trade.

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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Tear down your tower, Mr. ERS Telecom Properties man

Yes, these were my words at the Dec. 10 Heath City Council meeting. After driving around Heath for a few hours during the day and sighting-out a spanking-new 120-foot tower splintering the sky, all I kept hearing were the words of President Reagan at the Berlin Wall

And all I could hear at the meeting to discuss the already-installed eyesore were the words of neighbors who had been thrown under the bus by the Heath City Council at an earlier meeting, apparently when the council members approved this monstrosity. However, lo and

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behold, someone at City Hall had messed up big time and 'forgot" to send notices to the required neighbors announcing a prior public meeting. And "forgot" to cite the correct lot and block numbers for the residential area where this eyesore was installed. So our city's new legal eagles flew to their rescue and re-set a public hearing. Nice.

But wait, it gets even better. The agenda item for the Dec. 10 Heath City Council meeting stated "Application for a Special Use Permit to Construct a 120' Monopole

Communications Tower on behalf of Kevin Lan Kevin Lamberth, the Heath City councilman who just in on the council in March. Yes, the same Councilman Kell whose family member, Gene Lamberth, also managed zoning change from Agricultural and Single Family Ko Planned Development -- at this same meeting.

Big bucks are involved in the leasing of a communical one person put it at the meeting, "Kevin deserves this " expense of his neighbors? At the sacrifice of their quality the loss of value of their homesteads? And worse you health hazard?

Those of us in attendance at the meeting were Councilman Barry Brooks, who said we merely have to on our computers on a late Friday afternoon to get the Council agenda for the following Tuesday, and we protest items (until the cows come home - my words). words, unless we would have been present at an earlied raise a big enough collective fuss (since we don't have a private political clout) our mayor and council will not the for us clout-less residents.

We the people lost again. Heath City Council Volov keeping the ugly 120-foot glittering garish needle to the And Kevin Lamberth is laughing all the way 10 Joan Ream Heath

The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of p of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.

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David Sweet has filed to run in the March Republican Primary for Rockwall County judge Sweet, the current mayor of the City of Rockwall, has served four terms on the Rockwall City his last two terms he has served as mayor.

Sweet has served in countywide positions, including the Rockwall County Road Consortium. County EMS Board, the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation and the liaison to the Independent School District. He is a member of the Rockwall Noon Rotary, Rockwall YMCA board of directors and is a for

member of the Rockwall Boys & Girls Club. He and his wife, Kim, are the parents of two boys, Austin and Brody.

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as by five points, 58-53, with 27 seconds to play. Max ree throws, and after a turnover, Williams banked in the score. Another turnover on an in-bounds play chance, and Todd Treadway hit Williams for a layup at the buzzer.

Freshman Mitchell scored 12 points. Johnson credited senior Hayden Leverett for holding Warriors junior Ryan Gafford scoreless in the third quarter after he had put in 21first-half points. The Falcons switched to a box-and-one defense in the second half, with Leverett shadowing Gafford.

Against Poetry, Fulton had a 41-25 lead in the second quarter, but the Pioneers rallied to within seven points in the second half. A dunk by Williams turned around the momentum. Point guard Treadway scored

The Fulton girls' team (2-0) also defeated RCA (0-5) Tuesday for the second time this season.

Heritage Christian Academy's boys and girls both won Friday at

Greenville Phoenix Charter School. The Eagles (2-5) won 56-22, and the Lady Eagles (4-5) took a 56-40 decision.

Three Rockwall County teams are competing in this weekend's MCA Roundup at McKinney Christian Academy, beginning Thursday. The Fulton boys are scheduled to meet Melissa Christian Homeschool Athletes of North Texas at 1:30 p.m. HCA's girls would meet host MCA at 6 p.m., with the HCA and MCA boys squaring off at 7:30 p.m.

The RCA boys are competing Friday and Saturday at the Fort Worth Lake Country Christian School's Lake Country Classic. The Warriors are scheduled to open tournament play at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the middle school gym against Denton Calvary Academy. Rockwall Christian also is slated to play at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

E receives Bronze award from USA Swimming

Center of Excellence has received a Bronze Medal lence award from USA Swimming in the club's fifth

Excellence awards recognize USA Swimming clubs nt to excellence and performance. Just 100 of the lubs are awarded Bronze, with another 100 receiving

RACE is one of four clubs (from a total of 25) in North Texas that received Bronze recognition for 2014.

The main selection criterion is the club's ability to produce Nationallevel swimmers. Rockwall-Heath senior Jared Butler and Rockwall junior Raena Eldridge from RACE qualified for and competed in the Junior National, National and U.S. Open championships in 2013.

This month, they competed in the 2013 Winter Junior National Championships in Greensboro, N.C. Butler's best finish was 19th in the boys' 200-yard individual medley in a personal-best 1 minute, 48.82 seconds. Eldridge's best was 20th in the girls' 100-yard butterfly in a personal- 54.69 seconds.



1-Heath Senior Jared Butler competes in the 200 yard individual medley during or a personal best finish of 48.82 seconds during the 2013 Winter Junior National tips in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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so colorful and fun and with 60 percent of the bid going back to the art classroom, this is a great way for these programs to add much needed dollars to their budgets," said Jo Nell Mellody, executive director for the foundation.

Royse City High School Culinary Arts students and their teacher, chef Cindy Clark, were surprised with a \$2,000 gift from the Craig Bowers Foundation to purchase a trailer to transport food and equipment to their competitions and catering events.

The Foundation dinner also recognized and honored its 2013 teacher grant winners who were Spectacular.

awarded \$51,290 in innovative

grants in October.

The annual campaign has raised \$44,600 to date, along with the employee payroll deduct campaign of \$32,226. Add the \$8,495 generated in the art auction and the campaign has garnered a total of \$85,315, which represents approximately 85 percent of its \$100,000 goal, according to a news release.

The money raised goes back to RCISD students and staff in innovative classroom grants and student and staff recognition with the Foundation's Top Dog

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ockwall County Sports Notes

Baseball, softball registration underway

the spring season of Rockwall's baseball and softball leagues is underway. Youths ages 5-14 Ill levels can compete. Register online at rockwall.com/athletics. For more details call 972-

Fast-pitch softball skills clinic scheduled

-pitch Softball Skills Clinic, sponsored by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department, .m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex, 1550 Airport Rd. Participants will entals of softball with former USA Olympic and UT softball player Taylor Hoagland and iyers and coaches. Participants will receive lunch and softballs autographed by Taylor. Each bring a ! tball glove, softball bat and batting helmet. Cost will be \$65 for Rockwall residents and \$95 -residen Registration includes attendance in the Feb. 25-26 clinic instructed by the RHHS players and s. For m: details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/athletics.



Rockwall High Junior Raena Eldridge and Rockwall-Heath Senior Jared Butler are recognized by RACE for competing in the Junior National, National and U.S. Open Championship during 2013.

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Rockwall High Junior Raena Eldridge (middle) finishes the 100 yard butterfly with her personal best time of 54.69 seconds during the 2013 Winter Junior National Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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