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Area students qualify for TMEA All State

Students from Rockwall and other area High Schools qualified for the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All State Convention to be held Wednesday thru Saturday, February 12-15 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

Concerts are scheduled for Friday from 9:30 a.m. thru 8:30 p.m.

Jonathan Phelps (RHS) qualified for the French Horn All State on the French Horn. Making 5A All State from Rockwall are David Rice on Trombone and Chandler Davis on Saxophone.

Rockwall's Jonathan Phelps will play drums in Symphony Orchestra 8:30 p.m. in the Lila Brehm Theater.

Ensemble 1 has a seat reserved for Rowlett's Brandon White on Alto Saxophone at 2:30 p.m. in Ballroom B.

Rowlett's Patrick Hill also is set to play the Alto Saxophone with Ensemble 2 at 11:30 a.m. in Ballroom B.

Women's Choir Rowlett's Brandon White and Cassandra White, both singing Alto 2 voices at 10 p.m. in Ballroom A.

Rowlett's Preston Hart will sing with the Men's Choir at 5 p.m. in Ballroom A.

Kyle Barker (Tenor 2) and Taylor Nash (Soprano 1), both of Rockwall, will sing with the Mixed Chorus at 12 p.m. in Ballroom A.



Rowlett High School students qualifying for 2014 TMEA All State are (left to right) DJ Rice (trombone), Patrick Hill (sax), Brandon Ward (sax), Chandler Davis (alto sax).
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Rowlett High School choir students qualifying for 2014 TMEA All State are (left to right) Preston Hart, Kyle Barker, Taylor Nash and Cassie Edugie.
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Evan Cedor, senior at Rockwall High School and four-year member of the Orange Wave band was selected to be a member of the TMEA All State Band. Evan, who plays French horn, won his chair at the Area C audition on Saturday, January 11th at the University of Texas at Tyler. He will team up with Orange Wave Band member, Jon Phelps, another senior Orange Wave Band member, who previously was selected to be the jazz drummer for the All State Symphony Orchestra. The two will travel to San Antonio in February to perform at the TMEA Clinic and Convention.
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Battenschlag feted on 100th birthday

Helen Stevenson Battenschlag, born Feb. 3, 1914, recently joined 115 family members and friends at Occasions at Stone River to celebrate her 100th birthday.

For the occasion, she wore a special pearl necklace made by a fellow church member, Richard Lopez, who adds a pearl to the necklace for each year of her life. The pearls now number 101.

Good friend Betty Foster, a local artist, presented her with a beautiful portrait of her time as a nurse.

Guests enjoyed a cake topped with 100 candles, which Battenschlag blew out while guests raised their glasses and sang "Happy Birthday."

She was born at the family home/farm in Yorkville, Ill., the youngest daughter of 10 brothers and sisters. Her mother was born in Norway and her father was born in the U.S. and raised on a farm near Rantoul, Ill., not far from Champaign/Urbana.

She was a nurse and nursing supervisor for 37 years at Copley Memorial Hospital in Aurora, Ill.

She moved to Rockwall in 1990 to live with her only daughter, Judy, and her husband, the late Todd Holder. She helped take care of her two grandsons, Matt and Andrew, when they started school and her daughter returned to work.

Battenschlag volunteered at Reinhardt Elementary School, serving in the cafeteria, and helped at the Rockwall County Library where she was a member of Friends of the Library. She was active in the daytime Bible study group of the Presbyterian Church.

Today, she is an active member of Heath United Methodist Church, where she enjoys the activities of the HATS (Heath Area Terrific Seniors) group.

She has one great granddaughter, Alexis Nicole Holder.

An avid sports fan, she religiously watches the Mavericks and the Cowboys, whose games she has attended in the past. She was a guest of Mark Cuban a few years ago.

She is a gracious, caring and loving person, always putting others before herself. She credits her faith, hard work and eating healthy as keys to her long life.



Pictured at center is Helen Battenschlag, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family members and friends at a celebration staged at Occasions at Stone River. Shown with the honoree are Andrew Holder, Judy Holder, Matt Holder and Alexis Holder.
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Rockwall County News Briefs

Registration for RCP mini-productions scheduled

Registration for "Winnie the Pooh," the Rockwall Community Playhouse's spring mini-production for students in grades 1-5, will be at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at the RCP, located at 609 E Rusk. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. April 11 and at 2 p.m. April 12. Registration for "Goldilocks on Trial," open to students in grades 6-8, will be at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 7. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. April 12 and 2 p.m. April 13. Tuition will be \$150 and due at registration. For more details call 972-722-3399 or visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org. (Continued on Page 3)



Royse City Police investigate suicide, attempted murder

Millie Jean Coppedge

9:05 a.m. Friday, a call came in reporting multiple shots fired in the block of Cookston Lane, according to Royse City Chief of Police Stapleton. When officers arrived they found two individuals lying in the street.

Kara Elizabeth Croop, 33, had sustained multiple gunshot wounds and her husband, Scott Croop, 39, was dead at the scene from a single self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Rockwall EMS transported Kara Croop to Baylor Hospital in Dallas where she was reportedly in critical condition.

Rockwall Police and the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department are investigating, talking to people in the neighborhood to get clues about what might have led up to the shooting.

Chief Stapleton said Monday that he believes Kara Croop was shot multiple times and was in ICU. He said that Kara and her 11-year-old daughter lived in the house. There is no indication that the husband lived at the residence.

According to accounts from a neighbor who asked not to be identified, she heard multiple shots. By the time she got to the door to see what was going on, both Kara and Scott Croop were lying in the street. She said the two were going through a divorce and that Kara Croop and her daughter had lived in the house for well more than a year. Sometime last year, Scott Croop unexpectedly came home from the military and went to school where his daughter attended to surprise her. The neighbor said that it was a special time for their daughter, who was so happy. Scott Croop had served in Bahrain, near the Persian Gulf, west of Saudi Arabia.

A teenaged neighbor, who also did not want to be identified, said her

11-year-old brother stayed home from school that day and he reported hearing the shots, then the sirens, but was too afraid to go outside. The teenager said she found out about the shooting when she got a text of the shooting.

"The lady's body was in the street in front of her house, but the cleanup and all was all over by the time I got home," the teen said. "Only the television vans and trucks with their high antennas were still there."

According to the Rockwall County District Court records, Kara Croop had filed for divorce on November 22 in the Rockwall County 382nd State District Court. The case also involved issues related to the "interest of" their child.

Neighbor Travis Decker told the Rockwall County News he started getting calls at work telling him to go home. His friends knew he lived on Cookston Lane in Royse City and they had heard about the shooting by ways of several media sources. One source even sent him photos from their cell phone before the cleanup of the scene began.

Decker said his daughter and two friends down the street played with the Croops' daughter. Decker also knew the couple was getting a divorce, but said it had been quiet at their house. He said the whole neighborhood was quiet, and it came as a shock that something like this could happen in the middle of the street.

Decker said his friend and neighbor was an eyewitness to the attempted murder and suicide and was at the police station giving his account.

Chief Stapleton said law enforcement officials worked quickly contacting Royse City superintendent Kevin Worthy, who immediately took matters to remove the Croops' daughter to safety before she had a chance to learn of the incident from another source. She is being cared for by family friends, as all other relatives live out of state.

Three ID theft suspects arrested by Rockwall Police

Three individuals were arrested Monday afternoon, February 3, by Rockwall Police and charged with fraudulent use and possession of identifying information, according to a police department news release provided by Sgt. Jeff Welch (Public Information Officer).

The arrests were made at approximately 3:51 p.m. after police officers responded to a report of "suspicious persons take mail from mailboxes" in the 1900 block of South Lakeshore Drive, according to the release.

Officers found two subjects who fled on foot, but were quickly apprehended. Reports indicate the two were in possession of "a large amount of mail, which included multiple driver licenses and Social Security cards," according to Welch.

Investigating officers determined the two were staying at a local motel. Search of their motel room produced ID information for "multiple identities" and a "system for washing checks," according to the news release.

The release did not state the name of the motel.

Jurisdictions impacted by this case currently include Rockwall, Heath, Royse City and Greenville, according to police.

Working up to investigate this case are the Rockwall Police Department's

Criminal Investigation Division, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and applicable local law enforcement agencies.

How the third arrested suspect factored into the case and the names of those arrested were not provided in the brief news release issued late Tuesday afternoon by the police department.

Further details concerning the arrest were unavailable as of press time.

A review of the online entries of the Rockwall County Jail log from Feb. 3, however, indicates three individuals were booked into the jail on that date; all three were charged with fraudulent use and possession of identifying information. Those individuals include Alexa Danielle McCroskie, 21, admitted at 7:13 p.m.; Andrew Christopher Stafford, 22, admitted at 7:22 p.m.; and Emily Ann Ewton, 19, admitted at 8:22 p.m.

Representatives of the Rockwall County News were unable to confirm before press time that the three individuals booked into the county jail and charged with fraudulent use and possession of identifying information on Feb. 3 were the same three individuals in the police department news release.

Lambe, Lightfoot wed in double-ring ceremony



Members of Girl Scout Troop 4822 recently participated in some basic martial arts training, learning about stranger danger and how to stand up to bullies. Pictured above are Allie Russel, left, and Marlie Leathers, who is shown holding a punching pad. The participants earned their Safety Pins and Courageous and Strong Petals after completion of the program.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Carol Lambe and Jerry Lightfoot were married at 11 a.m. Oct. 12, 2013, in the Central Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs. Bruce Stinson officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Susan Lambe of Rockwall. The groom's parents are Ronald and Loretta Caldwell of Dike. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Bridal attendants were Zandra Peyton of Dike, matron of honor, and Demi Shipley of Heath, Britney Caldwell of Dike and Hannah Graham of Commerce. Flower girls were Zaylee Payton and Gracie Caldwell, both of Dike.

The groom's attendants were Corey Argenbright and Matt Peyton of Dike, Brandon Quimby of Commerce and Mike Adkins of San Antonio. Maddox Peyton of Dike served as ring bearer.

Ushers were James Lambe of Dallas and Chris Ellason and John Garrett, both of Commerce.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted at The Lodge in Sulphur Springs.

For their honeymoon, the newlyweds traveled to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

The bride, a 2009 graduate of Rockwall-Heath High School, is a student at Texas A&M University-Commerce. She is employed at Alliance Bank in Sulphur Springs.

The groom, who graduated from Sulphur Bluff High School in 2003, also attends Texas A&M-Commerce. He is employed by the U.S. Army.

Culpepper addresses Newcomers & Friends

Kenda L. Culpepper, Rockwall County criminal district attorney, was guest speaker for the Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends' January meeting.

A partner in the Culpepper & Pruitt law firm, Culpepper

discussed the problem of identity theft, both locally and across the nation.

Newcomers & Friends will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 13 at Occasions at Stone Creek in Roysse City. The program will be Trivia with a Twist, and prizes will be awarded to tables with the highest scores. Tickets to the \$20 luncheon may be reserved by contacting Marion at 972-722-9896 or De at 972-722-1090 by Feb. 3.

The organization's purpose to provide opportunities for Rockwall County women to develop new friendships. New and longtime residents are invited to participate. For more details visit newcomersrock.com.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lightfoot

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Williams Middle School students earn academic championship

Seventh and eighth grade UIL academic competitors from J.W. Williams Middle School were named district champions at the UIL academic contest conducted Jan. 10-11, according to a news release from the school.

The students won the championship titles for both the seventh and eighth grade competitions, as well as the title of overall UIL district champions.

This marks the ninth straight year WMS students have captured the overall title.

Individual results, as provided by the school, were as follows:

- Art - Seventh grade: first place, Kate Watson; second place, Carah Lytle; fourth place, Sawyer Robertson; fifth place, Breanan Manning; Eighth grade: first place, Cody Orr; third place, Miles Scott; and fourth place, Chase Howerton

- Calculator Application - Seventh grade: first place, Watkins; fourth place, Ky Randolph; and sixth place, Brennan Manning; Eighth grade: fourth place, Rachel Leonie
- Dictionary Skills - Seventh grade: second place, Lauren K fourth place, Dakota Ste fifth place, Aaron Cory; Eighth grade: first place, Summer Pa second place, DeMario Elder fifth place, Bennett Laurence
- Editorial Writing - Seventh grade: second place, Emily I third place, Alana Wickham; fourth place, Nicole Hayek; Eighth grade: first place, Dani Swee second place, Makenzie W and fourth place, Darby Davi
- Impromptu Speaking - Seventh grade: first place, Ryan Sza third place, Jaelyn Simmons fourth place, Devon Khalsa; Eighth grade: first place, Melaquias P fifth place Summer Fathe
- Listening - Seventh grade: second place, Sarah Sisto; place, Anna Slater; and fifth place, Grace Wilding; Eighth grade: place, Hayden Grandy; se place, Harper Roland; and place, Johann Pang
- Maps, Graphs & Charts - Seventh grade: third place, Ja Hummingbird; fifth place, D Stewart; Eighth grade: place, Ryan Figert; fourth place, Jonathan Little; and fifth place, Nicholas Lauder milk
- Mathematics - Seventh grade: fourth place, Austin C Eighth grade: second place, Caleb Dodson; third place, Pe Bassett; and sixth place, C Ukeh

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Ava Nelson (right) with her son Jim

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Robert Allen 'Bob' Beckstrom

Services for Robert Allen "Bob" Beckstrom were conducted at 10 a.m. Feb. 3, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died Jan. 31.

Born July 22, 1933, in St. Paul, Minn., to Helen and August Beckstrom, he spent his childhood in St. Paul and at the family cabin on Lake Superior. He and his family moved to Long Beach, Calif., when he was 15 for the sake of his father's health. He graduated from high school in California.

The Lord and his music were central to his life. He served on both sides of the pulpit – as a minister and as a contributing congregation member. He used his rich baritone voice to sing in choirs and as a soloist.

He graduated from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb., where he ran track. He graduated from Central Lutheran Theological Seminary in Fremont and was assigned as a minister to grow ministries at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, followed by the Wesleyan Lutheran Church of Tulsa, Okla.

The Boy Scouts of America played a major role in his life. He started as a Cub Scout and ended his youthful scouting days as an Eagle Scout. He continued to serve scouting as an adult and was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition given by the BSA. Five of his sons and two of his grandsons are Eagle Scouts. He also contributed time and resources to the Girl Scouts in Tulsa, where his daughter was active.

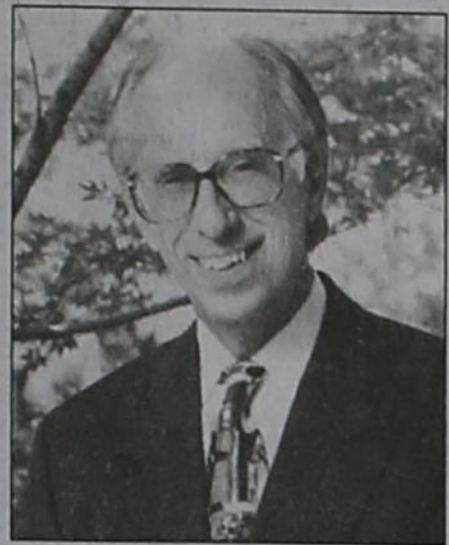
He entered the life insurance business and handled financial planning in Tulsa, becoming the top performer for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, where he earned all of the company's performance awards, including top salesman in the country. A lifelong learner, he earned a master's degree in financial planning from the University of Nevada while carrying a heavy workload and being actively involved with his family.

In the 1960s and 1970s, he served on the Tulsa School Board of Education, carrying roles including president, and in the 1980s he served on the Tulsa Metropolitan Planning Commission. During his time on the school board, Tulsa underwent a nationally recognized voluntary racial integration program. When Booker T. Washington High School became a comprehensive magnet school in 1973, his children were among the first group of students to attend and graduate.

He learned carpentry, mechanical and other skills during his lifetime and always was building, fixing or restoring something. He drove a 1930 Model A Ford Cabriolet and a red 1951 MG TD, both of which he restored. His final automotive restoration was a 1948 Chrysler. He built, restored and remodeled houses, built furniture, did upholstery work and fixed probably hundred of old tube-type radios.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian, of 26 years; their son, Jason; his wife of 31 years, Leola; their five children, James, David, Rod, Edward and Karin; a younger brother, Edward, and his wife, Jean; and 14 grandchildren.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts of America or the Indian Nations Council in Tulsa, Okla. (918-743-6125).



Virgie Corina Hester

Services for Virgie Corina Hester, 79, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 31, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Brad Howard officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Jan. 27. Born Oct. 12, 1934, in Carlsbad, N.M., to Bonnie Arvel Narramore and Venice Virgie (Cooper) Narramore, she was a bookkeeper in the health care industry at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center until her retirement. A member of the Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock, she had only lived in Rockwall for a short time.

Survivors include her daughter, Doni Nelson, and husband, Ron; grandchildren, Tyler Nelson and Jimmy Nelson and his wife, Kelly; a great-grandson, Asher Nelson; her brothers, B.A. Narramore and his wife, Sharon, of Brownwood and Lonnie Narramore and his wife, Tere, of Sudan; many nieces and nephews; and her dogs, Missy and Jessie.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the Oakwood Baptist Church, 6002 Ave. U, Lubbock, TX 79412.



Patsy L. Prescott

Services for Patsy L. Prescott, 70, of Roys City were conducted at 10 a.m. Feb. 5, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel with the Rev. David Moore officiating.

She died Jan. 31. Born Jan. 26, 1944, in Duncan, Okla., to Howard J. and Vina Lou (Pinson) Moore, she was a school teacher in the Roys City Independent School District.

Survivors include her husband, Curtis Prescott; her sons, James Prescott and Glenn Prescott; a daughter, Kym Betz; her sisters, Wanda Elliott and Donna Davis; her brothers, Dr. David Moore and Charles Moore; and her grandchildren, Aaron and Megan Prescott and Lily Betz.

She was preceded in death by her son, Terry Simmons.



Royse City Council renews, finalizes museum discussion

by Millie Jean Coppedge

Of the business items on the agenda for the Jan. 28 Royse City Council meeting, four of them concerned the recent issue of the city-owned museum.

There has been controversy over the correct name of the museum -- whether it is the Royse City Museum or the Zaner Robinson Historical Museum -- and the question of whether or not there is a City Advisory Board for the facility.

After three straight council meetings dealing with these issues, the council voted on each item to clarify the issues.

Council members voted that the City Advisory Board for the museum and the City Advisory Board for the C.F. Goodwin Public Library Board have been eliminated. The museum board was eliminated because no one volunteered to serve on the board. The reason for eliminating the library board remains unknown. The Friends of the Museum and the Friends of the Library will continue to assist with fundraising and other needs the museum and library might need.

The official name of the museum is Zaner Robinson Historical Museum and the sign, once located, will be put up to replace the banner that reads 'Royse City Museum.' The sign was apparently taken down and placed in storage some time back, but hasn't been located. Joe Stegall, CFO for Royse City, said several weeks ago he would locate the sign and have it put back up, but its whereabouts were not mentioned at the meeting.

Resolutions of Support passed unanimously for Bonner Carrington regarding the proposed apartment homes for Cypress Creek at Parker North (north of I-30 near South Floyd Road) and Cypress Creek at Parker Creek South (on the south side of I-30). On Dec. 5, city manager Carl Alsbrook, executive director of the Royse City CDC, Larry Lott and Councilmen Tom Crowley and Clay Ellis visited the Bonner Carrington apartment homes in Georgetown and Cedar Park. They reported to the council that they would like to see these built in Royse City, saying the apartment homes were well kept and made a positive impression. They said they believe the apartment homes would be a real asset to the city.

An ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for a restaurant with alcohol sales at 146 East Main St. passed. The restaurant, now known as Mariscos Del Golfo, soon will be changed to Main Street Cafe and Grill.

Alsbrook told the council that one of the problems with the Erby Campbell Construction Project with the (McDonald ramp) westbound entrance onto Interstate 30, near FM 548, had been solved. He said the ramp had been permanently blocked by the Texas Department of Transportation and traffic must go on the service road down to the Fate Exit to enter onto I-30. The ramp onto I-30 is too short, not giving the travelers enough time to see westbound oncoming traffic, while the traffic on I-30 doesn't have time to see those trying to emerge onto the interstate. TxDOT said this entrance ramp was unsafe. There have been many accidents in that section of the construction.

All council members were present with the exception of Clay Ellis, Place 2.

The next council meeting will be Feb. 11.

WMS academic champions ...

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- Modern Oratory – Seventh grade: first place, Olivia Lambert; second place, Natalie Newhouse; Eighth grade: third place, Ginger Stephenson; fourth place, Caroline Braddock; fifth place, Macy McCartney

- Number Sense – Seventh grade: first place, Kyleigh Randolph; third place, Brennan Manning; and sixth place, Kevin Kim; Eighth grade: first place, Kevin Demars; fifth place, Ryan Figert; sixth place, Chi Tran

- Oral Reading – Seventh grade: second grade, Grace Wilding; fourth place, Alyssa Blacknall; fifth place, Jessi Schmitt; Eighth grade: first place, Jennifer Hudson; second place, Darby Davis; fifth place, Mackenzie Welch

- Ready Writing – Seventh grade: fourth place, Emily Taylor; fifth place, Natalie Larriviere; and sixth place, Melat Asnake; Eighth grade: third place, Catherine Coronado; fifth place, Hallie Brouillette

- Science – Seventh grade: first Caitlyn Echols; third place, Austin Smith; sixth place, Nick Russo; Eighth grade: first place, Amy Rester; second place, Jack Hittson-Smith; sixth place, Elijah Freney

- Social Studies – Seventh grade: second place, Chris Laudermilk; fifth place, Greta Sonnen; and sixth place, Liah Collins; Eighth grade: fifth place, Nicholas Laudermilk; sixth place Jonathan Little

- Spelling – Seventh grade: second place, Sarah Jackson; third place, Nick Russo; Eighth grade: third place, Amy Rester; sixth place, Johanna Pang

Michael Jarrett champion of county spelling bee

Michael Jarrett, an eighth grade student at Rockwall Independent School District's Cain Middle School, was declared the champion of the Rockwall County Spelling Bee and will advance to compete at the national competition on March 22 in Dallas.

Jarrett will compete with 38 other spelling bee winners from North and West Texas counties.

The regional champion will receive an all-expense paid trip for three to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national contest. National Spelling Bee Week is May 25-31.



Brenda Craft, city secretary for Royse City, was honored at the Jan. 28 City Council meeting for 20 years of service. Mayor Jerrell Baley made the presentation.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Richard Bell, fire chief for Royse City, was honored Jan. 28 for his 30 years of service with the Royse City Fire Department. He was the first paid fire chief in Rockwall County and has served 15 years with Royse City as its paid fire chief.

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Centsible to host Customer Appreciation Day

Rockwall County Helping Hands' Centsible Thrift Store, 950 Williams St., Suite B, in Rockwall, will host a Customer Appreciation Day on Feb. 8. For more details call 972-771-4357.

RARTA plans Feb. 10 meeting

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:45 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Rockwall ISD Administration Building, Room 600, at 1050 Williams St. Nella Phillips will give a book review. Those planning to participate are invited to come at 1:15 p.m. for refreshments.

Children's Chorus offers singing valentines

The Rockwall Children's Chorus is offering singing valentines, to be delivered from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 14 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 15, at a cost of \$25 each. Each will be delivered by a group of RCC choristers and include cookies and a personalized message. Deadline for ordering a singing valentine is Feb. 10. For details contact Cathy Knoff at 214-535-7811 or cathyknoff@yahoo.com.

Relay For Life kickoff event slated

The 2014 Relay for Life Rockwall County kickoff will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Rotary Hall, 408 S. Goliad, in Rockwall. A free pancake supper will be served to all participants, who can learn about how to get involved in Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. For more details contact Lisa Phillips at 214-819-1249 or email lisar.phillips@cancer.org.

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Plagens files as RISD trustee candidate

Leigh Plagens has filed to return to the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees for her final term in place 6.

Plagens has been involved with education her whole life -- 37 years in the classroom and 12 years as a board member, according to the news release she issued last week.

"A good education is the only way to live your best possible life, and anything I can do to help achieve that for RISD students is not only my goal but my obligation," she said, according to the release.



The groundbreaking ceremony designating the beginning of construction for the Erby Campbell Interchange took place Jan. 31 at the Walker Hawk Sports Complex in Royse City. City, county and state officials attended along with a large turnout of supporters for the project. Conducting the groundbreaking ceremony from left to right are Kenny Campbell, son of Erby Campbell; Mayor Jerrell Baley; State Sen. Bob Deuell; State Rep. Scott Turner; U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall; Rockwall County Commissioner (Pct. 2) Lorie Grinnan; Rockwall County Commissioner (Pct. 1) Cliff Sevier; and Rockwall County Commissioner (Pct. 4) David Magness.

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Joe DeLane, coordinator for Rockwall County Emergency Management, addressed area ministers and Stephen Ministers on Jan. 21 at the First Christian Church in Rockwall. He delivered information about the planning for the county's response in the event of a major disaster or accident that could require the support of outside resources and groups, such as the ministers and Stephen Ministers. These individuals have specialized training to minister to those experiencing emotional trauma or grief. DeLane also discussed the training available through his department for county residents interested in emergency preparedness. Those trained are credentialed and called upon when needed. For more details about this training email info@easttextcert.com.

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The Rockwall-Heath High School's chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America will host its second annual Faith, Heart & Sole 5K Color Run on Feb. 22 at Wilkerson Sanders Stadium. Participants up to the age of 12 can participate in a 1K Color Run beginning at 9 a.m.; the 5K will begin shortly thereafter. A children's carnival and a DJ will be on hand for the event. Sign up by Feb. 6 for \$20 and receive a T-shirt and goodie bag; registration after that will cost \$25. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at the school; sign-ups will be accepted the day of the race. Shown from the left are the FCCLA's officers: Hannah Barton, Morgan Montgomery, Maddison Haynes, Nicole Johnson, Zizi Shalabi, Kaitlyn Jones, Haley Lunday and Jacqueline Huang. The group's goal is to raise awareness and inform the community about domestic violence and generate funds for a memorial scholarship and Women in Need, another group dedicated to assisting victims of domestic family violence. Race updates can be found on the FCCLA's Facebook page: FaithHeartSole Color Run. For more details email julie.durst@rockwallisd.org.

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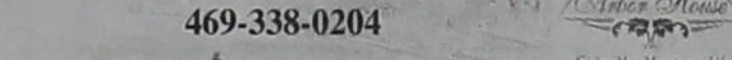
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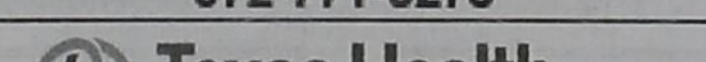
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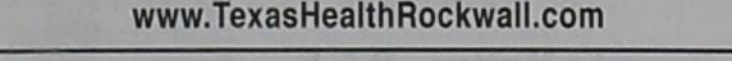
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Rockwall got off to a slow start and trailed Mesquite the majority of the game. Down 40-29 with 35 seconds left in the third quarter, the Jackets found their rhythm as Ellen Baker knocked down her third three-pointer in the fourth, putting the Lady Jackets in the lead. The game went into overtime, with Williamson tying it up at 50, and then Kaelyn Hutton got a steal. Williamson drove to the hole and scored a layup to tie the game at 50. Williamson drove to the hole and scored a layup to tie the game at 50. Williamson drove to the hole and scored a layup to tie the game at 50.

Williamson had 26 points, six rebounds, two assists and two blocks. Baker tallied 10 points with three steals, while Hannah Clark had six points and six rebounds, and junior Cassie Ross had six points, two steals and two assists. Kaelyn Hutton had four points along with two crucial steals in the final minutes of the game.

Prior to tipoff, the Lady Jackets honored senior players Ellen Baker, Hannah Clark, Kaelyn Hutton and Ka'Briana Person. Managers Kailan Hammer, Cindi Green and Brittany Gaines were also honored.

The Lady Jackets traveled to Longview on Tuesday night to complete district play, fighting for a win to tie Horn as Co-District Champions.

Registration for the City of Rockwall's Little Sluggers program is underway. This introduction to T-ball will help participants learn the fundamentals: throwing, fielding, hitting and base-running. No glove or bat is required, but are recommended. Games will be played Tuesdays, Feb. 18 through April 1 (no games during the week of March 10) from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Registration is open to preschoolers ages 3-5. Cost is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. Register online through Feb. 16 at city-of-rockwall-parks-and-recreation.sportssignup.com.

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Jackets move to new class 6A, Heath will stay 5A

Ryan Garrett
 UIL announced its new districts for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 football and basketball seasons on Monday, which included the highly anticipated addition of the new 6A Conference.

Yellowjackets will move up into 6A, and will play in District 11. Rockwall's opponents for the next two seasons include Garland, Garland View Centennial, Garland Naaman Forest, Rowlett, Sachse, North Rowlett and Tyler Lee. With student enrollment at 2,287, Rockwall will be a small 6A school. The cutoff is right at 2,100.

The realignment was very advantageous to Rockwall ISD as far as geographical proximity to our campuses," said Athletic Director Russ Reeves. "This area has great programs and we look forward to rekindling old relationships and building new ones the next two years."

Rockwall-Heath will remain in Conference 5A, joining District 12. The Hawks will go up against area opponents Forney, Mesquite Potect,

North Forney, Royse City, South Garland, Terrell and West Mesquite. Heath's enrollment is 2,079, putting them at the top of Class 5A.

"Both districts will be very competitive and we look forward to the challenge of vying for playoff spots in every sport," Reeves said. "Having Heath in 5A and Rockwall in 6A should bolster the community support for one another in their pursuit of championships."

Sign up for Little Kickers soccer program

Registration for the City of Rockwall's Little Kickers soccer program will run until Feb. 16. Participants will learn fundamental soccer skills. Open to preschoolers ages 3-5, games will be played from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at Harry Myers Park on Mondays (Feb. 17-March 31; no games the week of March 10). Cost is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. Register online at city-of-rockwall-parks-and-recreation.sportssignup.com.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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I can't believe another year has passed – and so quickly. But then, the days at Helping Hands are blurred because we have so many things going on each day. The latest event was the Board of Directors' annual retreat.

I reviewed the 2014 projected budget of almost \$2.4 million, the same as 2013. At the end of December we had 25 days of cash on hand and posted a 16 percent administration and fundraising cost for 2013. That means that 84 percent of our dollars were spent on programs serving our clients and patients. Revenue sources were derived at 42 percent from contributions and grants, 37 percent from Store sales, 18 percent from Health Center fees and 3 percent from building rents. We are proud of our broad base of community support that contributes to the agency's financial stability.

The Health Center had an active year, serving more than 4,500 individuals of which 1,900 were new patients. Our three mid-level providers conducted almost 7,000 office visits, not including lab tests and vaccines.

Volunteers and employees in the Assistance and Referral Program were busy too. They reported providing assistance to 3,627 unique clients during the year, giving out almost 25,000 bags of food, and providing toys for 1,045 children in 390 families. Thanksgiving food baskets were distributed to 306 families and school supplies were provided for 196 children.

All of this was accomplished only because of your support. Without donors like you, an older woman named Mary would still be without a medical home she needs to manage her chronic conditions and, who is now in transitional housing in Dallas – warm and dry for her, might still be suffering from ant bites he got while sleeping in his tent.

On behalf of Mary and Tom and the other thousands of people who helped this year, I thank you and wish you a very happy and prosperous new year.

Margo Nielsen
 Executive director
 Rockwall County Helping Hands

...
 or want of a nail the shoe was lost,
 or want of a shoe the horse was lost,
 or want of a horse the rider was lost,
 or want of a rider the message was lost,
 or want of a message the battle was lost,
 or want of a battle the kingdom was lost,
 and all for the want of a horseshoe nail."

This 14th century proverbial children's rhyme shows that seemingly small action or inaction can result in very large consequences. Moreover, it describes a situation in which failure to meet an initial small boo-boo can morph into more critical stages and lead to a bigger and far more worse outcome.

Case in point: Terry Park's seawall. A few years ago Heath's new-ish Terry Park had a seawall failure. No, the Three Little Pigs did not blow it down. A 20-foot section happened to have washed out and buckled into Lake Hubbard. That initial 20 linear feet area grew and grew until it looks to be at least 200 or more feet long with exposed metal borings ('dead men') along its way. Add to the mix, more holes, rips and warts and we now have a Grimm nightmare.

Because of the instability of the land in and around this area, residents are reluctant to bring their children to romp in the park, let alone walk their dogs.

And, lest I forget, a year or two ago the city hired a legal eagle or two to explore going after the contractor who built the wall. That possibility, along with the eagles, soon flew away and evaporated. It is easy to see the analogy here. What started out as a minor repair, or better yet, better maintenance, is now headed towards a worse outcome.

According to Councilman Brian Berry, to whom I mentioned at a meeting (Jan. 27) that an originally estimated \$20,000 repair job would grow into close to a million dollars (City Council meeting January 13), the Terry Park estimate is now even higher. Berry told me, "It looks closer to 2 million."

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Rockwall Christian Academy heads into deciding 3-game stretch

by Lary Bump

Rockwall Christian Academy has had a home-court advantage for most of 2014, but the boys' basketball team will go on the road for the final two games that would decide the district championship.

The Warriors improved to 7-0 in TAPPS District 3-2A by defeating Greenville Christian School 57-33 Tuesday, Jan. 28, and Heritage Christian Academy 43-37 Friday at RCA.

Against Greenville, Ryan Gafford and Rodney Daniels scored 17 points each, and Evan Milwee put in 16.

A home victory Tuesday over Christian Heritage School of Longview, tied for third place in the district, and a win Friday at Tyler East Texas Christian Academy would keep the Warriors in first place.

The district title could be decided Tuesday, Feb. 11, when Rockwall Christian visits second-place Garland Christian Academy (currently 6-1 in the district).

RCA dropped to 14-7 Saturday, when visiting Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School ran past the Warriors 87-26. Vanguard is fourth in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' small private school state rankings.

Rockwall Christian head coach George Butler wasn't surprised. "They play at a whole different level. This game was for getting film on them. And to be honest, our kids were starting to get big heads."

The Warriors would meet Vanguard in the Area round of the TAPPS 2A playoffs. "It will be different then," Butler predicted.

RCA played Saturday without senior starter Jonathan Joseph, leaving the team with just six players. The coach said Joseph missed the game because of a family obligation, but would be back for Tuesday's game.

The Lady Warriors fell to 0-13 overall and 0-7 in the district with home losses to Greenville Christian and HCA.

Rachel Rorie scored 14 points in the 39-22 loss to Greenville, and all 33 for RCA against Heritage Christian. For the second time this season, she made nine 3-point shots. The Lady Warriors are averaging just 20 points per game, but Rorie is averaging 19.1 with 249 of the team's season total of 260.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Vanguard	20	21	22	24	87
RCA boys	9	7	6	4	26

Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School – Joe Schwartz 29, T Sawyer 18, Ben Martinson 8, Davis Boehm 6, Clark Senter 6, Will White 6, Hudson Bradley 4, Jacob Frisch 4, Jeffrey Bolte 2, Drew Mast Case McReynolds 2.

RCA – Ryan Gafford 16, Evan Milwee 4, Jamison Lee 3, Rodney Daniels 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Greenville	4	16	13	6	39
RCA girls	4	6	0	12	22

Lady Falcons reach playoffs in 1st year

by Lary Bump

The Fulton School has qualified for the girls' basketball playoffs in Lady Falcons' first year as a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.

Fulton also needed only to win Tuesday's home game against Longview Trinity School of Texas to win the TAPPS District 3-1A championship.

The district champion would receive a bye in the Bi-District round 18 and advance straight to the Area round Feb. 22. The loser of Tuesday's game would place second in the district, and would host a Bi-District playoff game.

The Lady Falcons (10-2 overall, 2-0 in the district) won a district game at Longview Christian School Thursday 58-23.

Fulton's boys also won at Longview Christian to improve to 18-5 3-0 with three games remaining – against Longview Trinity Tuesday, at Waxahachie Preparatory Academy Friday and Nacogdoches Regional Academy Tuesday, Feb. 11.

By sweeping those games, the Falcons would win their third consecutive district championship.

In the 72-36 victory over Longview Christian, the three Fulton scored the way.

Brenden Williams equaled the visitors' output with 36 points on percent (14 for 21) shooting from the field, including 5 of 9 3-pointers. He also had team highs of 10 rebounds and 3 blocked shots. Todd Treadway had six assists and scored 11 points himself, and Hayden Leverett made six steals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Fulton boys	18	29	13	12	72
Longview	12	2	13	9	36

Fulton – Brenden Williams 36, Max Mitchell 14, Todd Treadway 11, Woolridge 4, Hayden Leverett 3, Ian Borgen 2, Tyler Treadway 2.

Longview Christian School – Gabe Rabenhorst 12, Caleb Cammack Hunter Reaves 8, Ethan Holloway 3, Josh Stauts 2.

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Lady Hawks win Chisholm Trail Invitational gymnastics

by Ryan Garrett

The Lady Hawk gymnasts took home first place at the Chisholm Trail Invitational Thursday, Jan. 30 at Chisholm Trail High School in Fort Worth. The Rockwall Lady Jackets placed second overall.

"This was our first optional meet and our ladies did an outstanding performance," said Heath head coach Jennifer Holden. "We look forward to training the next two weeks to do even better at the Highland Park Invitational Feb. 13th."

Senior Carolyn Sherwin won the All-Around with 37.80, Uneven Bars, 9.35, and Balance Beam, 9.75, and placed 2nd on Vault, 9.3, and Floor, 9.4.

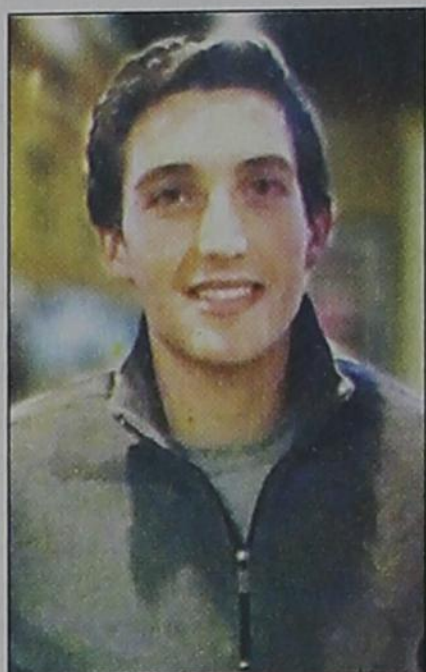
Senior Katelyn Beckett placed 7th all-around (31.7), 5th on Vault and 6th on Beam. Sophomore Darion Mellorn placed 9th in all-around (31.65), 6th on Floor, and 8th on Vault 8. Junior Haneen Abusaad placed 8th on Vault and Beam and 10th on Floor. Sophomore Rebekah Malone placed 4th on Vault and 7th on Uneven Bars, and junior Allison Leuer placed 8th on Uneven Bars.

EHL honors Rockwall's Burack

Cole Burack of Rockwall is the No. 1 goalie for the Eastern Hockey League's Boston Junior Rangers this season.

The 19-year-old was named the EHL's Player of the Week for Dec. 16-22, when he led the Junior Rangers to three victories. Included was one of his two shutouts this season, 2-0 over defending champion Wilkes-Barre. Burack made 101 saves while allowing just four goals that week.

Through Monday, the Junior Rangers were just 14-22-2, but Burack was 6-9 with a 3.04 goals against average and .920 save percentage.



Cole Burack



The Lady Hawk Gymnasts won 1st Place win in the Chisholm Trail Invitational, Jan 30 at Chisholm Trail HS in Fort Worth. Pictured: (Bottom Row): Kenzie Woessner, Allison Leuer, Heather Aldridge, and Jacquelyn Cox. (Top Row): Rachel Dukes, Katelyn Beckett, Rebekah Malone, Carolyn Sherwin, Darion Mellorn, and Haneen Abusaad. Photo by Tamara Sherwin/Rockwall County News

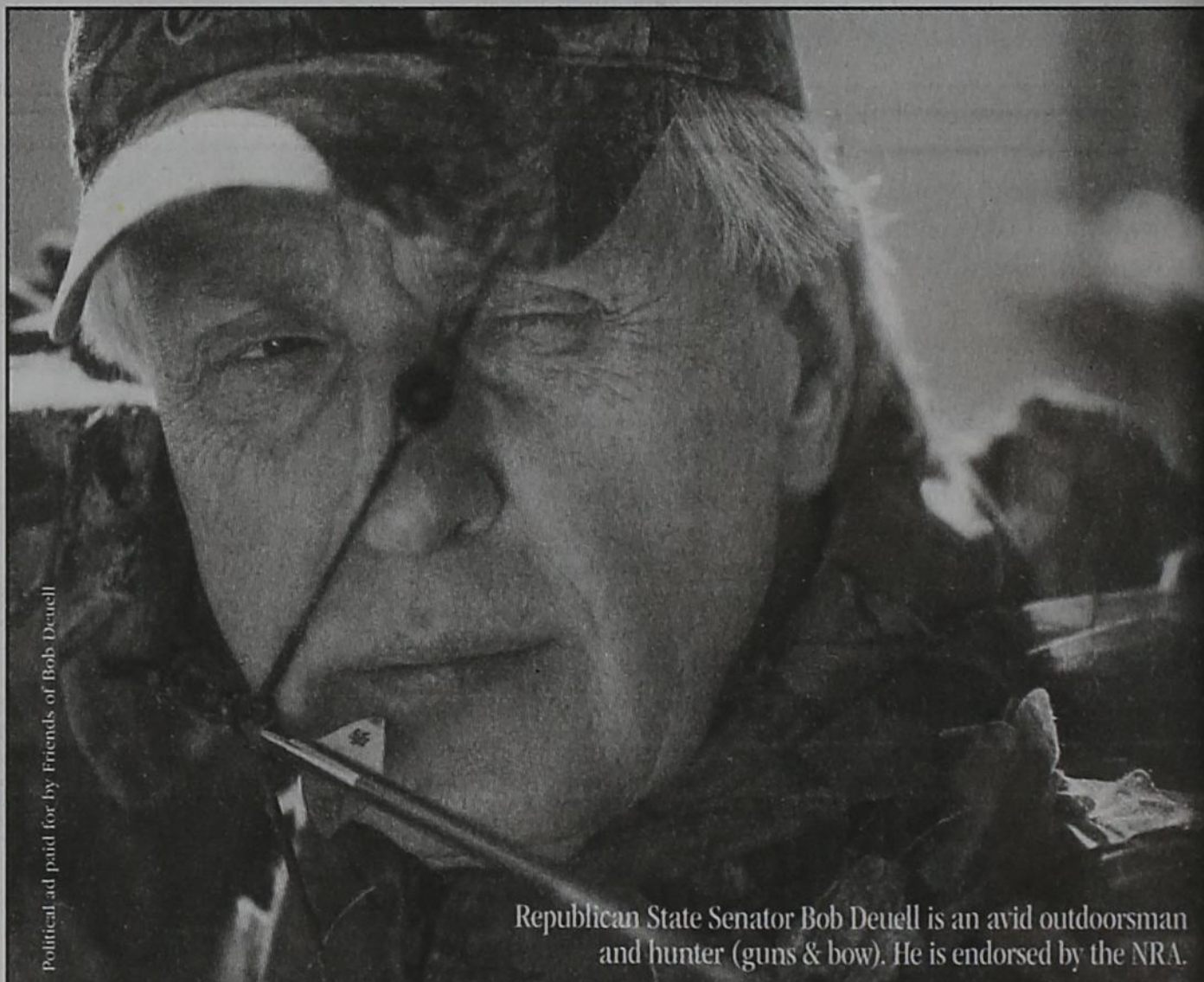
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Not shown in the above photo is the 18-wheel truck sitting on the shoulder west of the scene (behind the photographer).

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ACROSS

1 TX Willie sang a version of "___ the Light"

5 "It's ___ of your business"

6 in '04 trade, Mavs got Jason Terry and this Henderson

7 ___ Lavaca, TX

8 "Fossil ___ Wildlife Center"

9 response to a stupid statement

12 TXism: "___ chaser" (womanizer)

17 TXism: "as welcome ___ of Lone Star"

19 TX Willie's "Farm ___" was in '87

21 TX Elmer Kelton book: "The Time ___ Rained"

22 TXNs search for gas reasonably ___

23 below average ___

28 TXism: "___ a cat have a climbing gear?" (yes)

29 honey makers

30 expensive jeans

31 TXism: "little ___ (small)"

35 cormorant seabird

36 TX Van Cliburn won ___ Piano Competition" in 1958

42 where TXNs buy a new vehicle (2 wds.)

44 TXism: "if ___ been a snake it would have bit you"

46 where hinges are

48 Armstrong Co. seat

49 Stars' goal when other team has no goalie (abbr.)

50 TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a gunpowder ___"

51 TX congressman Teague who helped veterans

52 Pres. Regan's "Star Wars" program (abbr.)

53 TX Kristofferson song: "Lovin' ___ Was Easier"

54 songbird

56 TX Willie album to pay tax debt: "The ___ Tapes"

57 "stuck in a ___"

58 environ. agcy.

DOWN

1 TXism: "as welcome as a rattlesnake ___ town"

2 Tex Beneke was this for Glenn Miller

3 TXism: "costs ___ a leg"

4 TXism: "___ to the well once too often"

9 this Campo was Cowboys head coach (2000-02)

10 TXism: "he ___ for dental floss" (tough)

11 TX Waylon sang "You Can Have ___"

12 tree fluid

13 in Jasper Co. on 96

14 TX Tanya recorded "Texas When ___"

15 respected Houston university

16 bolos, e.g.

18 Rich Templeton's pos. with TI

20 DL, e.g.

23 "Alamo City" (abbr.) storage for ashes of a cremated person

25 "Johnny Football" on the A&M campus in 2012-13 (abbr.)

26 in '25 TX King Vidor directed silent film "The Big ___"

27 Parcels ran the Cowboys with "___ fist"

32 TX Audie Murphy was a hero in World War ___

33 TX pro golfer, Kite (init.)

34 TX Waylon's "You Asked Me ___"

36 palace in India: "___ Mahal"

37 clothed

38 Ram truck V-8s

39 TX Capital has the "Grand ___ way"

40 apt call letters for a Huntsville station?

41 Torah pointer

43 long-running NBC medical drama

45 ___ Leon, TX

47 cowboy foothold

48 TX Joe Don Baker film: "Citizen ___"

55 TXism: "como ___ (how are you?)"