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ockwall ISD OKs 2015-16 calendar, addresses reduced state funding

off for students and staff during Christmas holiday, and two days for Jan.

Rockwall Independent School District unanimously passed the and staff during the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-27; two full weeks the public school funding lawsuit before State District Judge John Dietz, -2016 calendar during the Monday, Jan. 12, regular meeting at the ol district office after receiving a presentation by James Van Dyke

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calendar includes Aug. 24, 2015, as the first day of school; the Fair set for Oct. 1 with free tickets for students and teachers provided by

tate Fair; Oct. 14 as an early release day; full week off for students

Sydney Calk finishes a long day of sailing with the Rush Creek Junior Sailing team, Sat. Jan. 17, on Lake Ray Hubbard. Other sailors practicing on Sat. and not pictured are Isaac Barkley, Gust Schmiege and Katy Hannon.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

1 and 2, 2016; Dec. 18 early release day; spring break is set for March 7-11; day off for Easter on March 25, with Easter falling on March 27; bad weather days set for May 26-27; and a holiday on May 30. Anticipated graduation dates are June 7 and 8, 2016.

Chief Financial Officer Mike Ball provided a revenue projections report on Dec. 15, indicating that during the 2017-2018 period, state funds would drop to approximately 36 percent to 22.1 percent, while local funds would increase between 63 percent and 77.8 percent. Ball discussed implications related to shifting majority funds from state to local sources, while noting an increase in the state's "inclination" to regulate and control what the local elected board does.

Upon inquiry, Ball clarified that funds would be down by approximately

\$1.9 million dollars during the

2015 - 2016 period. In response to a question about

Junior sailing team practices for next racing season

by Tim Burnett

Coached by Alex Padgett, the Rush Creek Yacht Club junior sailing program was established this year by Rockwall ISD for 1.5 hours of Physical Education credits per week.

The young sailors practice in three types of boats. The Opti is the smallest boat; the Laser is used often for olympic racing; and the C4-20 includes 2 sails with 2

Most of the sailors have been on the water since early childhood

While listening to Coach Padgett explain to this writer about how the wind and sails work together, Katy Hannon spoke of how different it feels to hear someone explain the physical law of lift as applied in sailing. She just grew up understanding how it works without trying to mentally figure it out.

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Ball explained the State lost the case and has appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, with anticipated hearing of arguments during the spring of 2015. He further clarified that Rockwall ISD was one of the plaintiffs in the case.

District Court lawsuit on appeal

According to the court's published final judgment dated Aug. 28, 2014, the plaintiffs originally filed the case October 22, 2012 in the 200th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas (cause no. D-1-GN-11-003130). Parties in the case included the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition Plaintiffs, Calhoun County ISD Plaintiffs, Fort Bend ISD Plaintiffs, Edgewood ISD Plaintiffs, Charter School Plaintiffs, Intervenors and the State Defendants.

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Several Williams Middle School students were selected from more than 200 students to perform with the Rockwall Independent School District All-City Orchestra. The group will perform at 4 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Rockwall High School Theater. Pictured at front are Dasha Coulman, Jolie Tran and Alanis Velez; second row, Jacob Nguyen, Connor Stasiak, Jordan Sam, Kate Avery and Carrie Schaffhauser; and, at back, Zoe South and Kendall Brown.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

nte OKs disputable A-C zoning quest, tables legal Ag-DR

iring the City of Fate regular City Council meeting on Monday, 20, at the Fate Community Center, council members unanimously oved a controversial proposed zoning change from agricultural to ntown commercial, on property located at the southeast intersection outh W.E. Crawford and Black Oak Lane (500 South W.E. Crawford). applicant was William Blake.

esenter Julian Meyrat, architect of the site plan, showed a slideshow esign images of the building and landscape. Meyrat indicated it ld be used for restaurant purposes, such as a cuisine.

ne of two dissenting citizens spoke before the council. Steven worthy expressed concerns about his property backing to the north of the building, and about an unknown business being built adjacent

tipworthy acknowledged his efforts, while on the City Council to ng about some of the change" in the community. He said it's been a bling experience and he will "get use to it."

ouncilman Steve Herrman expressed concerns about light pollution. fter closing the public hearing, the council unanimously voted to ove the proposal, with Lance Megyesi abstaining.

iter, the council struggled over how to handle a proposed zoning age from agricultural to downtown district presented by applicant

icisco R. Canales. ne property in question was located at the southwest intersection of

th Brown Avenue and East Dogwood Trail.

ne Planning and Zoning committee determined that the lots would be "substantially sized at approximately 9,000 square feet and sistent with the surrounding SFR – Detached uses," therefore meeting criteria required under the comprehensive plan ordinance.

sipworthy stood before the council during the public hearing and ke on behalf of the two dissenting landowners, Joe Leonard and dy Parks, and expressed concern about the high density issues olving three single-family residential units. They also took issue with possibility of viewing the backyards from their front windows.

he council voted to table the issue until the Monday, Feb. 16, regular

hile discussing other action items, the application and intent of the 7 Comprehensive pPan ordinances were addressed, at which time ncilman Megyesi explained the reason for the Comprehensive Plan to "push and gentrify" the old downtown.

other items of business the council:

Heard Kevin Shepherd, with Verdunity, speak about the Rockwall anty Open Space Master Plan. Unanimously approved the consent agenda, including the minutes

the Jan.5, 2015 meeting; Financial Report for December 2014; and estment Report for quarter ending Dec. 31, 2014;

Discussed and approved Resolution R-837 for a final plat for 64 dential lots in the Chamberlain Crossing Subdivision, Phase 3, ated in the J.B. Merchant Survey.

Discussed and approved four zoning changes from agricultural to nmercial, on property located at the southeast corner of FM 3549 and iing Club Road.

Discussed and approved a conditional use permit request for the sting Compass Self Storage ministorage facility located approximately 00 feet east of FM 3549 and Riding Club Road.

Discussed and approved a zoning change proposal from agricultural ighway commercial on property located on the undeveloped tract of d west of Nelson's Fireworks.

Went into executive session at 9:08 p.m. to deliberate about the city nager and about a commercial or financial business prospect.

Royse City council addresses illegal dumping

by Millie Jean Coppedge

At the Royse City Council meeting of Tuesday, Dec. 23, Mayor Jerrell Baley brought up that he would like to see it put on the agenda regarding the illegal dumping, causing solid waste overflow of the commercial dumpsters in Royse City.

Baley suggested possibly locking the dumpsters and each business owner having the key, might be one way the city could consider as a solution to keeping the areas around the dumpsters clean. He also suggested that the business owners flatten all cardboard boxes in order to take up less space.

On this week's agenda of Jan. 13, the matter was addressed. Baley again suggested that the dumpsters be locked to deter illegal dumping of trash and possibly could create an ordinance regarding making it mandatory for all cardboard boxes be flattened, thus taking up less space in the dumpsters.

City Manager Carl Alsabrook said he had spoken with Josh Bray, owner of Sanitations Solutions, the sanitation company responsible for collecting commercial and residential trash in Royse City, regarding locking the dumpsters.

Bray said he does not recommend locking the dumpsters. If there happened to be a fire or other situation develop with the dumpsters, there might be a problem if the dumpster was locked and its contents could not be accessed.

Alsabrook suggested three recommendations for helping to alleviate the dumpster overloads:

 Make all commercial dumpsters the same standardized size, as some are smaller than others.

Set up for trash pick-ups to be conducted twice a week instead of

 Leveling the cost, thus making garbage pick-up fair for everyone. He noted that in some instances, two businesses have to share a



Kerri Knight's kindergarten students at Springer Elementary recently had the opportunity to check out Kindle e-readers from the school library. Pictured with fully loaded Kindles are Sebastian Sanchez, Caden Jones, Eli Moore, Emma Chavez and Kennedy Jacoby. The e-readers were made available through the Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation.

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dumpster. Restaurants have more waste, simply because of the nature of their business, than do other businesses.

"We didn't see any evidence of illegal dumping as Mayor Baley had referenced at the last meeting," Alsabrook said. He also did not think an ordinance regarding flattening/crushing the cardboard boxes would be necessary if the three recommendations were followed.

"There is nothing to keep the public from putting their trash in the city dumpsters," Councilman James Branch of Place 5 said.

The issue will be addressed at the next council meeting after more consideration can be given to other possible solutions.

The upcoming Wal-Mart groundbreaking is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the Wal-Mart site. If the weather is bad, the event will take place in the Mellody Room at the Royse City City Hall on Arch

The completion date for the Wal-Mart Supercenter is scheduled for October and the CVS Pharmacy is anticipated to be open even sooner.

The completion of Becknell Park in honor of Don Becknell was on the agenda once again this week. The park, located on North Houston Street, was dedicated in June 2013. Since that time, it has been unimproved. Becknell served as mayor of Royse City from 1987-1993 and served several times on the city council.

Tom Shelton, president of the Royse City Rotary Club, said the club has taken over the park as a Signature Project and has put together a design that includes sidewalks, parking space, curbs, a playground and a structure for shade.

Shelton said the Rotary will attempt to get funds and donations to move forward with the project.

Conversations before and after the council meeting related around the city council elections coming up in May. Mayor Jerrell Baley and Councilman Bill Bell have announced they plan not to run again.

Baley has served as two terms as Royse City mayor for a total of six years. Before that, he served two terms for a total of four years on the

city council. "I just want to do what I want to do," he said.

Bell, Place 3, said he had been thinking about not running again for some time.

"I'm tired of flogging a dead horse," he said. "I've served three twoyear terms for a total of six years on the council. I plan on continuing with my law practice where I deal with probate, real estate and crime." Two others on the council are up for reelection, including Mayor Pro-Tem Janet Nichol, Place 1, and James Branch, Place 5, but neither could not be reached for comment.

All members of the council and staff were present for the meeting. The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main St.

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Public meeting to focus on Open Space Master Plan

A public meeting, hosted by the Rockwall County Open Space Alliance, will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Jury Room of the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 East Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. The RCOSA was created to lead an open space planning and preservation initiative. For additional information about the project or to volunteer

for a committee or stakeholder group, contact Nell Welborn at nwelborn@sbcglobal.net or Kevin Shepherd at kevin@verdunity. com. Details also will be posted at rockwallosa.org or at facebook. com/rockwallopenspace.

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She died Jan. 10.

Born June 21, 1925, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Edward Henry Weber and Katherine (Unis) Weber, she worked as a cartographer for the City of Denver. She was a member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy Cobb of Rockwall; her son, Tim Bahoravitch, and his wife, Tori, of American Fork, Utah; three brothers, Ed Weber and his wife, Laura, of Fowlerville, Michigan, John Weber and his wife, Lenore, of AuGres, Michigan, and Henry Weber of Safford, Arizona; and four grandchildren,

Her husband, Tom Bahoravitch Sr.; a son, Tom Bahoravitch Jr.; and her parents preceded her in death.

Lucille Bond

Services for Lucille Bond, 90, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 16, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Mark Moore, the Rev. Jessie Crouch and Dr. Ben Bond officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Nathan, Dirk, Drew and Tyler.

She died Jan. 14.

Born Sept. 14, 1924, in Red Oak, Oklahoma, to Gus and Lucy Mathus, she was a homemaker and a loving wife, mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother. She was a Sunday school teacher and member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include her children, Gale Lawrence of Edmond, Oklahoma, Lindy Bond and wife, Connie, of Rowlett, Ben Bond and wife, Beth, of Clermont, Florida, and Melody Johnson and husband, Lamont, of Murphy, North Carolina; her grandchildren, Karen Johnson Oliver, Austin Lawrence, Chris Bond, Jason Bond and Jessica Fitzgerald; her great-grandchildren, Rachael Johnson, Becca Johnson, Sean Johnson, Ethan Bond, Henry Bond, Asher Fitzgerald, Graham Fitzgerald and Lizzie Fitzgerald; her siblings, Colleen Reck, Wilma Melear and Danny Mathus; and many other relatives.

Her husband of 70 years, Kenneth Zane Bond; a son, Kenneth Carroll Bond; a son-in-law, David Lawrence; and a grandson, Bryan Lawrence, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Sonny Zachary, Gene Green, Chris Bond, Ron Wade, Austin Lawrence and Sean Johnson.

First Baptist Church, World Missions Offering, 610 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087.

T. Eugene Brunk

Services for T. Eugene Brunk, 75, of Heath were conducted at his home church, Lakeshore of Rockwall. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 12.

Born Dec. 26, 1939, in Bloomfield, Iowa, to E. Tommy Brunk and Violet Louise (Sleeth) Brunk, he attended Iowa State, where he met the love of his life, Jan, and married her on graduation day, May 26, 1962. He' earned his juris doctorate at Iowa University in 1965. His career was

launched from John Deere World Headquarters in Molina, Illinois, following in his father's footsteps at John Deere.

His list of accomplished positions included negotiator, arbitrator, life coach, mentor, author, ordained minister, philanthropist, husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Janice L. (Johannsen) Brunk of Heath; his daughter, L. Janene Brunk, and her husband, Kent Zittlau, of San Clemente, California; his son, Darcy E. Brunk, and his wife, Tracy, of Heath; his daughter-in-law, Angela; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, T. Dirksen Brunk, in 2012 and his parents.

His most recent passion, as a member of the board of directors for Christ for India, was raising money for Campus Restoration of the Hospital, Orphanage, School and much more following the devastation of Cyclone Hud Hud. To donate in his name visit christforindia.org and select 'Make a Donation.' As the donation is confirmed, there will be a line of blue text that states 'add special instructions.' Click on this sentence to add the note 'in memory of Gene Brunk.'

Christine Marie Chavoya

Services for Christine Marie Chavoya, 42, of Garland will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 23, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Matt Geisinger officiating.

A night of remembrance service is set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 22 at the funeral home.

She died Jan. 16 in Dallas.

Born May 2, 1972, in Fort Worth to Nick and Valerie Sagona, she worked in accounts receivable in the multi-media industry. A member of the Ridgeview Church in Rockwall, she was everyone's

special angel, always putting others first. A 16-year resident of Garland, she was loved by all who knew her.

Survivors include her husband, Shane Nicholas Chavoya; her special puppies, Jack and Kenzi; her father and brother, Nick Sr. and Nick Jr.; her mother and sister, Valerie and Lacey; and numerous other family members.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Ridgeview Church, 1362 E. FM 552, Rockwall, TX 75087; The Family Place at familyplace.org; or the National Institute of Mental Health, nimh.nih.gov.

to fulfill fine arts endorsement options; health science, culinary arts and

robotics involving advanced culinary arts, practicum in health science,

Proposed courses to delete included interior design and astronomy,

due to limited student enrollment; child development course would be

replaced with the one-year human growth and development course;

practicum in culinary arts II would be replaced with the mid-level course

Chief Financial Officer Sara Bonser read the Texas Association of

Shelly Garrett, Director of Student and Family Services spoke on the

dropout report. She reported a .2 percent increase with 8 dropouts last

year. Fourteen non-dropouts later received college degrees. Recovery

process recommendations included early prevention, Gap program,

persistent follow-up contact with related students, parents, other schools

with use of Facebook, coordinated efforts with bus drivers, cafeteria

staff, etc.

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· Becky Prentice presented the

Texas Academic Performance

Report. The STARR showed

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The Student Success Initiative

(SSI) indicated 14,359 during

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· Unanimously passed the Order

of Election and Notice of Election

for May 9 for trustees in places 1,

2 and 3 for a period of three years

to include Rockwall, Fate and

· Bailey reported that the first

Bond Planning Committee met

on Wednesday, Jan. 7., and would

meet again Jan. 21 from 6-6:30

The meeting was adjourned.

p.m. at the RISD building.

McLendon-Chisholm.

students

School Board Policy Manual Update 101 as a first reading and referral

human growth and development and robotics II.

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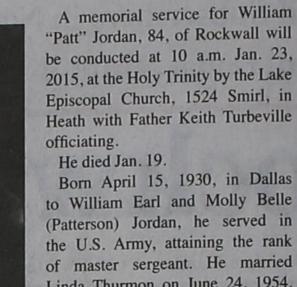
During the Jan. 12 meeting:

The new courses would not require additional staffing.

superintendent met the continuing education requirements.







Born April 15, 1930, in Dallas to William Earl and Molly Belle (Patterson) Jordan, he served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of master sergeant. He married Linda Thurmon on June 24, 1954. They were founding members of Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, beginning in Forney and later moving to Heath. He also wa

member of the Elks Lodge in Dallas. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Linda Jordan of Rockwal

William 'Patt' Jordan

daughter, Pam McGee, and her husband, David, of Garland; a son, G Jordan of Desoto; five grandchildren, Sara, Andy, Neil, Vincent Mitchell; and two great-grandchildren, Davis and Ezra.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Jord at age 3.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to church building fund at the address above.

Paul Tressler

Services for Paul Tressler, 58, were conducted at the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church at 2 p.m. Jan. 20, 2015. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died at his home, surrounded by his family, on Jan. 16.

Born Aug. 29, 1956, in Dallas, he graduated from McKinney High and was active in Boy Scouts in McKinney, Troop 303, where he earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1971. He met his wife, Mary Lou, in 1990; they married in 1994.

He had worked at GMR Protection Resources for the past nine ye. Student recognition for the past nine ye. His GMR co-workers showed incredible compassion and concern dur as presented by the b his illness.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle The students of the R friend and will be missed by family and friends. He had a sparkling ere recognized by their and incredible zest for life. He was protective and had a fierce love The Royse City volle his family.

Survivors include his father, Samuel Donald Tressler Jr. of North Li xognized the principal Rock, Arkansas; his wife, Mary Lou, of Royse City; his daughter, Mari sch principal and scho McElyea, of Cabot, Arkansas; his son, Zachary Tressler, of Royse C The 21st Century I his grandson, Jon-Haydn McElyea, and granddaughter, Julia McKee rade teacher at Davis Cabot; his sister, Carolyn Elaine Tressler Bixby, and her husband, Dan chnology coordinator of North Little Rock; and his brother, Samuel Donald Tressler III, and Worthy gave an upd wife, Cindy, of San Antonio. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn Freeman Tress st year's total, noting

his stepmother, Helen Chancellor Tressler; and his stepbrother, Gary Chancellor.

The family has suggested memorial donations may be made in honor to the American Cancer Society.

Pansy Anita Williams

Services for Pansy Anita Williams, 74, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 19, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Steve Packer of the First Baptist Church of Pittsburg, Texas, officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Jan. 14.

Born Jan. 9, 1941, in Edgewood to Joe Louis Eaton and Theresa Onita (McDonald) Eaton, she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was very involved in her children's lives and served many years as the president of the PTA at their schools.

She worked as an administrative assistant for the Dallas Independ Rockwall. The group School District for 23 years. She attended Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas "Mike" Williams; her so about the future of Tex Board President Chris Cuny announced that all Board members and Chris Williams and his wife, Kim, and Matt Williams and his w This month's guest sp Angela; her grandchildren, Ethan, Ashton, Collin and Addison, all County," the story of the The Board unanimously passed the 2015 Legislative priorities, Rockwall; and a sister, Sue Mason of Edgewood.

She was preceded in death by her parents. **Hobart Wayne Wisdom**

Services for Hobart Wayne Wisdom,

81, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 17, 2015, in the First Baptist Church of Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial was in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Jan. 11 in Dallas.

Born Nov. 3, 1933, in Farmersville to Gibbs Hobart Wisdom and Grace Lucille (Hickman) Wisdom, he graduated from Farmersville High School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps. After graduating from East Texas State University, he began his 33-year teaching career for the Rockwall Independent School District, where he taught scient

coached athletics and later became the Rockwall Middle School assist principal. Known as Coach Wisdom to the entire community, he coacl the 1963 Rockwall Yellowjackets State Championship football team. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his daughters, Brenda Wisdom of Bryan Meredith Wisdom of Rockwall; a granddaughter, Aaralyn Wisdom; brothers, Allen Wisdom of Farmersville and Larry Wisdom of Miner and a nephew and two nieces, Gary Wisdom, Elizabeth LaFargue Susannah Wisdom.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Mary (We Wisdom. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to

Hobart Wisdom Memorial Fund at North Star Bank, Rockwall.

Junior sailing team prepares for the season of regattas. (Continued from Page 1)

Hannon and teammate Natalie Hopper sailed to the 2014-15 Texas Girls State Championship in the C4at the Grapevine Yacht Club.

Coach Padgett named past sailors' accomplishments, including Hamrick Morgan, who recently earned a po tion on the Naval Acadamy Sailing Team.

Padgett explained the training works on skills such as navigating and maneuvering to a mark and chang direction, anticipating directional changes, reading the water to find good winds, spacial awareness, and m

Although learning to put up the boats after sailing is a simple part of the sport, Padgett approaches the ta as a good core workout.

The Junior Sailing team is set to race in a number of regattas starting in Feb.

Rush Creek Yacht Club will be host to the 'Chocapalooza' which will be a free event for anyone to atte and enjoy some sailing with experienced sailors, is schedule for the month of May.







The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Rockwall ISD approves new courses, sunsets others ...

system was unconstitutional in several respects. The Court held its written findings of fact and final judgment until after the 83rd Texas Legislature passed bills that affected the claims in

the case. Later, on June 19, 2013, the Court granted a motion to reopen the evidence to consider the impact of the 2013 legislation, and held an evidentiary hearing that began on Jan. 21, 2014.

According to the Aug. 28, 2014 final ruling, the Court found that "the Texas school finance system effectively imposed a state property tax in violation of Article 8, Section 1-e of the Texas Constitution because school district did not have meaningful discretion over the levy, assessment, and disbursement of local property taxes."

The court also found that the Legislature "failed to meet its constitutional duty to suitably provide for Texas public schools because the school finance system is structured, operated, and funded so that it cannot provide a constitutionally adequate education for all Texas schoolchildren; is constitutionally inadequate because it cannot accomplish, and has not accomplished, a general diffusion of knowledge for all students due to insufficient funding; and is financially inefficient because all Texas students do not have substantially equal access to the educational funds necessary to accomplish general diffusion of knowledge."

membership for the District Bond Planning Committee, presented by Superintendent Jeff Bailey. According to Bailey, the ISD sent 80 invitations to serve on the committee. A total of 60 respondents were selected. Bailey explained the committee includes members of the community, parents,

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(Continued from Page 1) which were passed unanimously by the Board. The Court orally announced its ruling that the Texas school finance New courses included two expansions of international baccalaureate college preparatory courses under House Bill 5; transition to/college Math and English, Language, Arts and reading for seniors identified as not college ready, based on the TSI scores; dance performance ensemble

During the Dec. 15 meeting, the Board unanimously approved business people, ISD staff, teachers and administrators.

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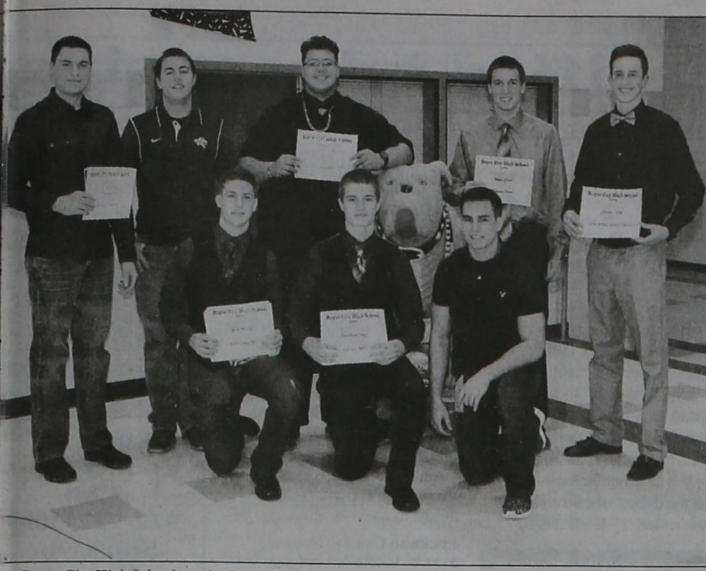
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n Monday night, Jan. 12, at the Royse City School Board meeting, overflow of teachers, administrators, parents, students, families and tors crowded into the board room, many having to stand throughout meeting. January is School Board Appreciation Month. he night was filled with celebrating achievements, accomplishments

support for all those involved in the Royse City school district. tudent recognition for the Royse City High School football team compassion and concerns presented by the boys athletic director and football coach, David

he students of the Royse City High School boys cross-country team re recognized by their coach Sterling Beck.

he Royse City volleyball team won All District Team honors. The sentations was made by head volleyball coach Amanda Marek. Worthy onald Tressler Jr. of North ognized the principals for all nine Royse City schools, complimenting insular misular manufacture and school on its specific accomplishments.

achary Tressler, of Roys The 21st Century Learning award went to Nadine Brown, first granddaughter, Julia McK a de teacher at Davis Elementary, and was presented by instructional hnology coordinator Zach Snow.

Vorthy gave an update on the enrollment for Royse City schools, ing that there are 5,061 students, an increase of 2.5 percent above e year's total, noting that Davis has experienced the most growth this er, and his stepbrother, Grant.

In Jan. 20, the order for the general election for school board members onations may be made 1 include Don Palmer for Place 3, Eric Fort, trustee for Place 4, and stee Scott Muckenstrum, Place 5

All board members were in attendance.

loard meetings are conducted the second Monday of each month. The tt meeting will be Feb. 9 at the Royse City ISD Ernest Epps Education vice Center, 810 Old Greenville Rd.

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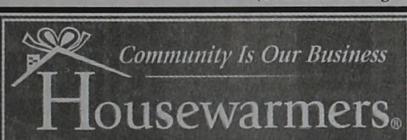
Region 10 ESC to offer Edcamp Jan. 24

Edcamp Rockwall, a professional, participant-driven learning perience for educators, will run from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Jan. 24 at ockwall High School. The event is being coordinated by the Region Education Service Center. Registration is free. For more information, sit edcamprockwall.wikispaces.com.

Democratic Men plan Feb. 7 luncheon

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its xt luncheon Feb. 7 at La Taqueria del Tio Mon, 105 Kenway Rd., ockwall. The group meets at noon on the first Saturday of each month various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned out the future of Texas and Rockwall County are invited to participate. nis month's guest speaker will be Ed Robisheaux, co-author of "Swing ounty," the story of turning Loudoun County, Virginia, blue.

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Royse City HS awards ceremony honors football players

The Royse City High School football awards ceremony & reception was held Thurs. Jan. 15, 2015 at the RCHS cafeteria. The Master of Ceremonies, Bobby Summers, shared interesting Royse City sports history and trivia throughout the event.

Head Coach David Petroff recognized Kerry Mantooth for his sideline assistance and support during the past 25 years. Mantooth was presented a football bearing the signatures of the 2014-2015 varsity football team. Also recognized were the j.v. and varsity cheerleaders, drill team, training staff, video crew, booster club

Ryan Stone received the Scholar Athlete and Fighting Dawg Awards. Coach Larry Murrell presented Stone with the Scholar Athlete Award, and Coach Shelby Jayroe presented the Fighting Dawg Award. Other special awards presented:

Anthony Jordan was honored as Renegade Player of the Year;

members and the freshman, j.v., varsity football teams were recognized.

· Brett Martinez was Offensive Back of the Year, presented by Coach Tim Montgomery;

• Ibn Muhammed (not attending) was Defensive Back of the Year, presented by Coach Kelly Moore;

 Chance Tamron was Linebacker of the Year, presented by Coach Jim Waters; Tre Ridout was Offensive Lineman of the Year, presented by Coach Damon Rodgers;

Sam Rosenstengle was Defensive Lineman of the Year, presented by Coach Jarron White;

• Courtland Vance was Offensive MVP of the Year, presented by Coach Steve Oliver;

• Ibn Muhammed was Defensive MVP of the Year, presented by Coach Jim Waters;

Zach Maley was Special Teams MVP of the Year, presented by Coach Zach Hurst;

Head Coach David Petroff recognized the team captains, Ibn Muhammed, Chance Selby, Ryan Stone and Jake Wolov.

The ceremony concluded with a presentation produced by Jazmine Akin, of the video crew. Other video crew members were Dallis Martinez, Summer DeVoy and Rhamie Hartwig.

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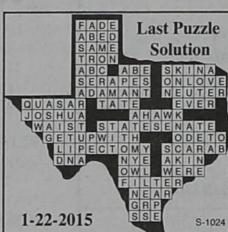
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The Rockwall Independent School District will accept responses for the category listed above until 2:00 P.M. (CST), Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposal packages are available on the District's website: http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information/ or may be requested by email to jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org.

Responses must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Director of Purchasing and be marked with the proposal name and number. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any bids or the bid

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Proposals must state a unit pricing on all equipment and/or services and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside "15-12-004 County-wide P25 Trunked Radio System", to Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The deadline for submission is Friday, April 3, 2015 at 3:00 PM Central Time Zone. A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for January 30, 2015 at 8:30 AM at the Rockwall County Sheriff's office training room located at 972 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall Texas 75087.

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Upon acceptance of proposal and award of a contract by Rockwall County Commissioners Court, remittance shall be made through invoicing at the unit pricing.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)

BY VIRTUE OF A ORDER OF SALE issued out of the 382nd DISTRICT Court of ROCKWALL County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 1-14-780. On the 2nd day of OCTOBER A.D. 2014, styled: WOODCREEK FATE HOA vs. STEPHEN & AMY GOODMAN, to me, as CIVIL DEPUTY directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 14 day of NOVEMBER A.D. 2014 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday in February A.D. 2015, it being the day of said month, at 1111 YELLOWJACKET LN. ROCKWALL TX of said ROCKWALL County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had on the 2nd day of OCTOBER A.D. 2014, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property:

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Said property is levied on as the property of STEPHEN & AMY GOODMAN and will be sold to satisfy the judgment for 3,197.22 Dollars. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 9th day of DECEMBER A.D. 2014.

HAROLD EAVENSON **ROCKWALL County, Texas** By A. Kinsey #521

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Auditions for 'Mousetrap' set

Auditions for Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap" at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall Grandst 1 p.m. Feb. 7 and 7 p.m. Feb. 8. Visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org for more details or call 972-722 hiday, falling just sh

Mobile spay/neuter hospital set Feb. 11

The Spay/Neuter Network's 45-foot mobile hospital bus, sponsored by Rockwall PAWS, will be in Rockwall Feb. 11 at the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Procedures will be performed on site. Low-cost packages are avail able and walk-up vaccinations will be offered at reduced prices from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 972-472-3500 fo an appointment; the schedule fills quickly and space is limited. Participants should be sure their dogs' collar cannot be slipped and that cats are in secure carriers.

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. 1 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 14. Choristers will visit valentine recipients in the Rockwall area, delivering swee songs, cookies and a card with a personalized message for a cost of \$25. Orders must be received by Feb. 9 For more details, contact Cathy Knoff at 214-535-7811 or cathyknoff@yahoo.com.

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"Whether one is a conservative or a radical, a protectionist or a free der, a cosmopolitan or a nationalist, a churchman or a heathen, it is ful to know the causes and consequences of economic phenomena." at quotation, from Nobel laureate George J. Stigler, is how Dr. Thomas well begins the fifth edition of "Basic Economics." It's a book that plains complex economic phenomena in a way that many economists not. And, I might add, it provides an understanding of some economic enomena that might prove elusive to a Ph.D. economist.

County News "Basic Economics" is a 653-page book, not including the index. e doesn't have to start reading it at the beginning. Near the book's I, there's a section titled "Questions," and it points the reader to wers. How about this question: How can the prices of baseball bats affected by the demand for paper or the prices of catcher's mitts be ected by the demand for cheese? Another question easily answered Why would luxury hotels be charging lower rates than economy els in the same city? Then there's: Can government-imposed prices medical care reduce the cost of that care? I'm not going to give the swers away; you'll have to read the book. The bottom line is that understanding of material contained in "Basic Economics" would event us from falling easy prey to charlatans, hustlers and quacks. Sowell points out that the most basic thing that can be said about

economics is that we live in a world of scarcity. That means -- whether our policies, practices and institutions are wise or unwise, noble or ignoble -- there is never enough of anything to satisfy all of our desires. What are sometimes called "unmet needs" are inherent to any society, whether it's capitalist, socialist, feudal or any other kind of society.

Economics is not just about goods and services that we enjoy as consumers. It's more fundamentally about productivity -- that is, how the use of land, labor, capital and other inputs that go into producing the volume of output determines a nation's wealth. Decisions about how to use those inputs may be more important than the resources themselves. There are countries, such as Japan and Switzerland, that have far greater wealth than countries -- for example, Uruguay and Venezuela -- that are far richer in natural resources.

I would add as an aside to Sowell's discussion that the human mind is the ultimate resource. I've asked students why it was that George Washington didn't have guided missiles with which to pummel the British or a cellphone to communicate with his troops. After all, the physical resources that are necessary to make missiles and cellphones were around at the time. In fact, the physical resources were also around at the time of the caveman. What wasn't around was the ingenuity from the human mind to make missiles and cellphones.

One part of Sowell's introductory chapter deals with the role of

economics. A popular misconception is that economics is about opinions, running a business or the ups and downs of stock markets. Economics is a systematic study of cause and effect, showing what happens when you do specific things in specific ways. The path to understanding outcomes is to examine consequences of decisions in terms of incentives they create rather than goals they pursue.

Paying attention to goals rather than incentives has been responsible for disastrous public policy. The minimum wage law is one example. Its goal is to provide "living wages." It creates incentives for employers to reduce and seek substitutes for labor and thereby causes unemployment for some workers. Rent control laws are enacted to provide "affordable housing." They provide incentives for landlords to convert apartments to condominiums, create black markets and reduce housing construction in rent-controlled areas.

The fact that Sowell's "Basic Economics" has been translated into seven different languages speaks well of its usefulness in transmitting fundamental economic understanding. Reading it can benefit ordinary people, as well as Ph.D. economists. Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason

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History – America and the rest of the World

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Comparing our past with today and looking at our future

by Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas

Why in the rest of the world some people hate and want to destroy nerica, some people want to become part of America, and some peolove their country and America. This article will briefly summarize ch of the groups of people and suggest how we can save America. Hate and Destroy America.

These people have been convinced by leaders, America will destroy eir only true way to live and die in this world. These leaders are ngry for power and some believe what they preach. Most all these ople are tied to a religion that has grown on the path that anyone that es not believe as they do, must be destroyed. Many of these people we hatred in their hearts including their own life.

America believes in freedom of choice and religion and must be deoyed. Throughout history, certain leaders have believed they are all werful and everyone else must obey their way of life, or be destroyed. ley do not believe the only true history book, the Bible, which is the ok of life from the divine creator of the universe of how to live in

The founding fathers of America used the Bible and prayer to guide em to form a nation God's way. They were interested in each person have the freedom of choice and religion. God provided how to create e documents as the foundation for peace.

The constitution, Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence ere the results. War only occurred when we had to defend our country d way of life against whoever wanted to attack and destroy them. arrently our country has again made changes distorting the founding thers legal documents. This country was founded as a Godly Christian ation following the way of God. Most of the revisions and changes are way to remove God's way and replace it with the World's way, pleas-

ing Satan. This is what happens when we take Bibles out of school, permit killing of unborn babies, interfere with religious freedoms, allow other than the Christian rules and laws to enter into our public government, and many others that can be listed.

Support and/or move to America.

Some people admire the freedom and life style of America. Some may choose to live in their own country, but support peace in both countries. Others want to escape where they live in order to enjoy America's freedom of choice and religion. Many of these people become our best citizens. There are some who pretend they want the American way of life, but in reality want to come here to help destroy America.

Love America and their Country

Some people enjoy peace and the heritage of their country. They have no desire to move from their country, but admire and support America, like most of the previous groups, enjoy life and peace. There are some who give a false impression they love America, but are part of the hatred group and plan on catching us off guard in order to destroy

Summarization and steps to save America.

Many people desire to live a peaceful family life, others live in poverty, and turn to hatred, supporting dictators, who are power seeking leaders. Prisons all over the world are full of people that are violent and full of hatred and hate what America stands for. America must be on constant guard and take steps to ask God for help to restore this great Country back to a Godly Christian Nation.

Throughout the history of this country we have drifted away from the Godly Christian Nation our founding fathers created.

Each time it took "The Great American Awaking" led by Godly people through prayer to reorganize our government and change it back to

the original form of government. Look what happened in 1991 during "Desert Storm" when throughout the world people joined in prayer for a short and just ending to the war. The war lasted only three days because of the power of prayer.

Today we need all Americans for love of country to join in constant prayer to return us back to a "Godly Christian Nation". This includes churches, pastors, religious leaders government and "We The People".

I personally believe the time is short until Jesus returns as promised in the Bible.

May God Bless America and help us restore our country.

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Rockwall County Sports

Heath, Rockwall girls continue dominant District runs

by Ryan Garrett

The Lady Hawks soared past South Garland Friday, January 16, efeating the Lady Colonels 62-14 at South Garland High School. ockwall-Heath (12-8, 5-1) remains in second place in 12-5A just behind lest Mesquite (14-8, 5-0).

Heath took control early with a 31-2 first quarter and a 41-8 halftime

lead. The Lady Hawks added 21 in the final two periods and held South Garland to six second-half points for the blowout road win.

Katie Webster led all scoring with 13 points, Nicole Gleason scored eight, Tannya Gonzalez put up seven, while Morgan Talley and Kendall Williams added six.

After traveling to Mesquite Poteet on Tuesday, Rockwall-Heath returns home tomorrow for a 7 p.m. game against the Terrell Lady Tigers. The Rockwall Lady Jackets hosted Garland on Friday, defeating the

Lady Owls 61-25. Rockwall (19-5, 6-1) is tied with Lakeview Centennial (16-5, 6-1) and Sachse (18-6, 6-1) for first place in 11-6A. Rockwall jumped in front with a 16-7 first quarters and led 27-16 at the break. The Lady Jackets then went on a second-half surge, holding

Garland scoreless in the third, and outscoring the Lady Owls 34-9 in the final two quarters. Sara Williamson led the Lady Jackets with 22 points, and had three rebounds, eight assists and four steals while Haley Hicks put up 11,

shooting 50 percent from behind the arc. Madison Wheeler and Mandi McMillian added eight points — McMillian also had 12 rebounds.

Also for Rockwall, Jayley Ramirez scored six, Krystal Contreras added four and Nicole Smith scored two.

Rockwall hosted North Garland on Tuesday. The Lady Jackets will look to even the series with Lakeview Centennial — their only district loss — on the road Friday for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

Fulton Falcons move into tie for 1st place

The Fulton School reached the halfway point of its boys' basketball eason in a three-way tie for first place at the halfway point of the TAPPS istrict 3-1A schedule.

On Monday, the Falcons handed Waxahachie Preparatory Academy first district loss, 63-57, at Forney Sports Center. Fulton improved to 3 overall, 5-1 in the district with its fifth consecutive victory.

Heath extends record to 19-0, lackets rally falls short to Owls

by Ryan Garrett

The undefeated Heath Hawks downed South Garland 84-57 at the HHS gym Friday, extending their season to 19-0, 5-0 in District 12-

After one quarter, Heath led 15-10 but then outscored the Colonels 4-14 heading into halftime with a 39-24 advantage. South Garland ame out in the third quarter with 20 points, but with 22 points of their wn the Hawks led 61-44 — they allowed just 13 points in the fourth for ne 84-57 win.

Kelden Pruitt and Tyler Zivney each knocked down 16 points, Jeremiah andidge added 14, Camron Talley scored 12 and Jackson Zivney put p 11. Also for the Hawks, Grant Buckholt scored six, Nathan Stover ad three while Maison Abmas, Bryan Knostman and Colton Rashbrook

Heath remains in sole possession of first place in 12-5A, with Mesquite oteet (10-9, 4-1) in second. The Hawks faced the Pirates on Tuesday in leath, and will travel to Terrell Friday for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

The Rockwall Yellowjackets (6-14, 1-4) - playing without inred Austin Grandstaff and Joseph Williams - suffered a tough loss o Garland after rallying from a 13-point first-half deficit on the road riday, falling just short to the Owls 57-52.

At the end of the first half, Rockwall trailed 26-13, but battled back fter the break, outscoring Garland 17-15 in the third quarter and 22-16 n the fourth.

Sheridan Bee led the Jackets with 13 points, while Blake Kindred and ravis Lewis each knocked down 10. Cameron Schmucker added five, am Edwards, Jay Galloway and Daniel Smith each scored four, and

David Broach put up two. Rockwall hosted North Garland on Tuesday, and will remain at home omorrow as they face Lakeview Centennial at the RHS gymnasium at

Fulton didn't have much time to brag about that win. On Tuesday, they were scheduled to play at Forney Sports Center against Irving StoneGate Christian Academy, which defeated the Falcons 45-39 for their only dis-

The win over Waxahachie was one of three last week for the Falcons. They won against Dallas The Westwood School 39-18 Tuesday, Jan. 13, and Nacogdoches Regents Academy 49-26 Friday.

After a non-district game at Dallas A-Plus Academy Thursday, Fulton is scheduled to play district games against Nacogdoches Regents Academy at home at FSC Tuesday and at Longview Christian School Thursday, Jan. 29.

Down week for Royse City basketball

Royse City's basketball teams lost when they started slowly and lost when they got off to a good start last week.

The result was that both the boys and girls lost twice, against Rockwall-Heath Tuesday, Jan. 13, and vs. West Mesquite Friday.

The Bulldogs had their best start at home against Rockwall-Heath, the state's 10th-ranked 5A team. RC led 17-15 after the first quarter and trailed just 31-28 at halftime. But the Hawks outscored Royse City 24-9 in the third quarter and went on to win 69-45.

Joseph Steffen led the Bulldogs with 15 points. Jackson Zivney had a game-high 17 points for R-H, and his brother Tyler Zivney scored 16.

West Mesquite led RC 9-5 after the first quarter and 26-17 at halftime before winning 68-52. Steffen poured in 28 points for the visiting Bulldogs (0-5 in District 12-5A).

At Rockwall-Heath, the Lady Bulldogs led 18-12 after the first quarter and 27-26 at halftime, but the Lady Hawks dominated the second half to win 60-42. Alexus Wanton scored 12 points for Royse City, and Daryn McMinn had 10.

Even playing at home Friday, RC fell behind West Mesquite 14-2 through one quarter. The Lady Wranglers won 66-37. Belle Munoz led the Lady Bulldogs with 12 points, and Wanton scored 10.

Royse City finished the first half of the district schedule 3-4, in a three-way fight for the 12-5A's fourth and final playoff berth.

The second half was scheduled to begin Tuesday, with the boys playing at Forney and the girls hosting the Lady Rabbits. The girls would go on the road to play North Forney Friday, when the boys play at home Sanford 3, Daryn McMinn 2, Emily Pratt 2, Jasmine Escobedo 1.

3rd Final Rockwall-Heath 24 RCHS boys

Rockwall-Heath - Jackson Zivney 17, Tyler Zivney 16, Camron Talley 11, Bryan Knostman 8, Jeremiah Sandidge 7, Kelden Pruitt 5, Grant Buckholt 2, Colton Rashbrook 2, Maison Abmas 1.

RCHS - Joseph Steffen 15, Matt Briceno 8, DeVante Alexander 8, Omar Redic 6, Avery Cowley 3, Jared Richardson 3, Cooper Abdoo 2.

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West Mesquite	14	18	23	11	66	
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13, Leah Hamilton 10, Teia Johnson 8, Tyra Walker 7.

RCHS - Belle Munoz 12, Alexus Wanton 10, Melanie Sumrow 7,

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Jackets soccer takes third in Rockwall Invitational

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall and Heath boys soccer teams competed in the three-day Rockwall Invitational Tournament January 15-17. The Yellowjackets defeated Sulphur Springs 1-0 Friday to advance to the tournament semi-finals, and in a hard-fought contest, the Jackets fell to JJ Pearce 1-0 Saturday morning, taking home the third place trophy.

JJ Pearce took home the tournament championship trophy, and Royse City was name runners-up.

The Jackets began tournament play Thursday, Jan. 15 with a 2-1 win over McKinney North. Luke Harbin scored first for the Jackets early in the game, but the Bulldogs tied the game with four minutes in the half. With 15 left to go, Cole Talley shot the winning goal. Rockwall

advanced to play South Garland in game two, resulting a 0-0 tie.

On Friday, the Jackets beat Sulphur Springs 1-0, advancing to tournament semis on a Logan Corbin goal in the final five minutes.

Against JJ Pearce, Rockwall held the Mustangs scoreless in the second

half, but a goal by Pearce with 17 minutes remaining sealed the game.

Rockwall (5-3-1) completed their pre-district schedule Tuesday against
Lake Highlands, and will begin play in District 11-6A Tuesday, Jan. 27 at
7:15 on the road against North Garland.

After dropping their three tournament games over the weekend, Rockwall-Heath (3-5-1) will look to bounce back as they travel to Wylie Friday at Wylie ISD Stadium at 7:15. The Hawks will begin district competition January 27 at North Forney High School.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Fast-pitch softball registration underway

Registration for girls fast-pitch softball is open. Divisions will range from 6U to 14U, and all games will be played at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex in Rockwall. Registration fees are \$99 or \$65 for Rockwall residents; deadline is Jan. 26. To register, visit rbsl.org.

Registration open for boys' baseball

Rockwall boys baseball, 4U-14U, will begin the week of Feb. 23

(draft divisions, 4U-14U, non-draft divisions, 7U-14U). All games will be played at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Games Select Division will run Mondays through Fridays; Games in the Draft Division will take place on Saturdays. Registration fee is \$99 or \$65 for Rockwall residents. Register at rbsl.org.

Register now for adult slow-pitch softball

Registration is open for adult slow-pitch softball. Men's D-league

and co-ed divisions are available. Games will be played on Sunday nights at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex; eight-game guarantee. The season will begin March 15. Team fee is \$325. Teams can drop off a check at The Center, 108 E. Washington, in Rockwall or register at rbsl.org.



Yellowjackets midfielder Logan Corbin quickly positions for a strike at the Sulphur Springs goal, giving the Jackets their 1-0 winning score, Fri. Jan. 16 at the RHS Field. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Bulldogs hold up well in tough soccer schedule

After opening the season with three wins and a tie against West Texas opponents, the Royse City boys' socce team has continued to play well against stiff competition.

In the Forney Jackrabbit Kickoff tournament, the Bulldogs shut out Canyon 1-0 and Midland Lee 2-0 ar con is a collectors keep defeated Lubbock 2-1 before playing Amarillo to a 1-1 tie.

RC finished that tournament with a 2-1 loss to Richardson Pearce.

In last week's Rockwall tournament, Royse City (3-4-1) lost to Garland Lakeview Centennial 4-2, to Pear and again 1-0 and to Garland 2-0.

All three of those teams were undefeated when they played the Bulldogs, and Amarillo had only one loss its first nine games.

The RC boys are scheduled to visit Mesquite at 7 p.m. Friday at Hanby Stadium. Then the Bulldogs wou Jack Key and his open District 12-5A play at 7 p.m. Tuesday against South Garland at RCISD Stadium.

The Lady Bulldogs also will play their first 5A district game against South Garland Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. Garland Naaman Forest.

They opened their season at Wylie's tournament, where Royse City tied Naaman Forest 1-1 and defeated Dallas Bryan Adams 4-0.

At home Tuesday, Jan. 13, the Lady Bulldogs put 17 shots on goal in a 2-0 victory over Paris.

Royse City Bulldogs midfielder Gustavo Banda (3) takes a shot to the goal against Richardson Pearce, Sat. Jan. 17, during the Rockwall Invitational Semi-Finals game at the RHS field in Rockwall.

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Tickets available for Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Rockwall Parks & Redepartment is planning its annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, which will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Hilton Bella Harbon Tickets, which will cost \$55 peresident couple, are on sale at The Center. Pre-registration in required.

Wine & Dine for Rockwall PAWS

The fifth annual Wine & Dinfor Rockwall PAWS is set for p.m. Feb. 7 at the Rockwall Gol and Athletic Club, Nineteen, 260 Champions Drive, Rockwall Make reservations by Feb. 2. Fo more details, call Cathy at 214 532-4407 or email cath.bedsole@heartoftexashhs.com.

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