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Rockwall ISD names Stevenson Elementary after long-tenured educator

Surrounded by her family, friends, colleagues and former students, longtime Rockwall educator Billie Marian Garret Stevenson looked on with teary eyes as the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution Monday to name the district's 13th elementary school the Billie Stevenson Elementary School. Stevenson was a teacher for 31 years, spending 26 of those years at Rockwall High School.

According to Sheri Fowler, RISD executive director of communications and marketing, "The RISD Board of Trustees voted in December 2011 to approve the sale of bonds designated for the construction of an elementary school to be located in Fate in the Woodcreek subdivision. In keeping with the district's long-standing tradition of naming schools after outstanding local educators, a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees considered options and submitted their final recommendation to the full board on Monday evening."

After the vote to approve the resolution, Stevenson was presented with a plaque of the resolution to commemorate the occasion. Fowler said the resolution included information on Stevenson's educational accolades as well as noted geographical significance of the school name as Stevenson is a life-long resident of Fate.

As Stevenson addressed the trustees and those in attendance, she said, "I'm speechless. This honor is so great and I'm sharing it with other people."

"I would certainly like to share it with all the students that I've had and all the teachers that I've taught with and the parents," she said. "It is such a joy. I'm overwhelmed and I do thank you."

RISD Board member Leigh Plagens, who taught with Stevenson at Rockwall High School, said each time the trustee met over the years to name a new school, Stevenson's name always came up in the nomination process.

"In the years we've been naming schools, we go over the names people have presented to us that are important to our community, to our history, to our teaching, to our schools, and there is one name that has always come up," Plagens said. "And every time we say we want to honor that person but we want to honor her in a certain place. As the year goes on, finally we are going to build a school in Fate."

Plagens offered a short biography of Stevenson's life and career, stating that her and her husband's families go back several generations in Fate:

Billie Marian Garret Stevenson is the daughter of Bill and Lockie Garrett. She was born in 1927 on their cotton farm about 10 miles south of Fate on what is now FM 551. She began school in 1933 in Fate and continued there through the 5th grade. At that time, all Fate students had to choose whether to attend Rockwall or Royse City schools. Her parents chose Rockwall.

At Rockwall High School, Billie was an honor student, a cheerleader and the lead in the senior play. Upon graduation, she enrolled in North Texas State College at Denton where she earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and her teaching certificate.

Billie began her teaching career at Lewisville High School where she taught business courses and also coached basketball and sponsored the school yearbook and the senior class. That summer, she married Bill Stevenson, and they met in the first grade when they were in school in Fate.

She took a job with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Rockwall while her husband began his teaching career in Dallas. The next fall Billie accepted a teaching position in the Wilmer-Hutchins school district, where she taught business courses, organized and choreographed the drill team, and sponsored the yearbook and UIL competitions. She also found time to work in the superintendent's office.

In 1954, she resigned teaching to stay home with her son, Allen.

In 1960, a position opened at Rockwall High School, and she began a 26-year tenure teaching English, business and office education while sponsoring the cheerleaders, the school yearbook, the junior and senior classes, the senior prom, the student council, UIL competitions, National Honor Society and Office Education Association competitions.

After 31 total years in the classroom, Billie Marian retired in 1986. Currently she is a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association, the teachers' sorority Delta Kappa Gamma, Friday Study Club, RHS Ex-Students Association, Rockwall County Historical Foundation and numerous other civic and church groups.

Billie and her husband, Bill, still live in Fate and she spends many hours volunteering as one of the "Fate girls" who promote the history of the community."

Billie Stevenson Elementary is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013.

Editor's Note: Contributors to this article include Sheri Fowler, RISD executive director of communications and marketing, and Leigh Plagens, RISD Board of Trustees member and friend of Stevenson. We appreciate their assistance with the biographical information.



Billie Stevenson, center, was joined by her husband, son and daughter-in-law, two granddaughters and a grandson-in-law, as well as many friends when the Rockwall Independent School District named its 13th elementary school in her honor. Pictured from the left are Joe Pluhar, Lauren Pluhar, Leigh Stevenson, namesake Billie Stevenson, Bill Stevenson, Lisa Stevenson and Allen Stevenson. Photo courtesy of Rockwall ISD/Rockwall County News

Heath city council announces elections, plans for future water use

by Darcy Rocha

Before getting down to business at the Feb. 7 Heath City Council meeting, members were introduced to Boy Scout Jacob Hogue, who was observing the proceedings as a requirement for the Citizenship merit badge. A freshman at Rockwall-Heath High School, Hogue is a member of Troop 314.

"We'll try to keep it civil," Mayor John Ratcliffe said lightheartedly, amidst applause for the young man.

The consent agenda included three items pertaining to two elections that have been called for May 12. Consent agenda items typically do not warrant any discussion unless it is requested by council or citizens. There was no discussion on these items and the full council approved all unanimously.

The first resolution calls for a general election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two council members. Last week Ratcliffe announced that he is not seeking re-election, after serving four terms. Mayor Pro-Tem Lorne Liechty has announced his intention to seek the office.

The same resolution also states that council Places 3 and 5 will be included in the May 12 election. Place 3 is currently held by council member Julie Zurek, who has filed for re-election. Place 5 is currently held by Liechty.

Heath citizens John Curtis, a member of the Park Board, and Brian Berry, a member of the Special Events Board, have both filed as candidates for Place 5.

The last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 5.

The second resolution calls a special election for the proposition of the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only. Citizens led by the president of the Heath Economic Development Corporation helped circulate a petition late last year to garner enough signatures to get the issue on the ballot. As enough verified signatures were collected, the issue will now go to the voters of Heath to decide.

The final consent agenda resolution authorized Ratcliffe to execute a contract with the Rockwall County Elections Administration and the Rockwall ISD for services for the May 12 elections.

Garnering discussion was consideration of a resolution authorizing City Manager Ed Thatcher to execute a professional services agreement for a water supply evaluation and water distribution system study. Because the city has experienced peak times of water usage in the past that have been near the capacity of the system, and because the city anticipates significant future growth that will also impact the system, the city thinks it is advisable to examine the options for increasing provisions for water.

"We spent a lot of time at the retreat the city held on Friday (Feb. 3)...talking about the future needs of the city with respect to water and the best way to go about securing that and ensuring that we have both the facilities for and the access to water supply for Heath's current residents and our planned potential growth. This was part of that discussion coming out of that," Ratcliffe said.

Currently, the city is supplied wholesale treated water through a contract with the city of Rockwall. To meet future demands, the city may have to increase the volume provisions within a new contract or begin negotiations with a regional water supplier.

According to the services agreement, engineers from Freese and Nichols, Inc. will evaluate the current water supply, create a water distribution system study, assist with the acquisition of a permanent supply source, and if so directed, evaluate the developer requirements for the Heath Golf and Yacht Club and the feasibility of possible future service to McLendon-Chisholm and High Point Water Supply Corporation.

The study will be funded through the city's capital improvement program funds. The total cost is expected to be \$133,500, \$11,400 of which is for evaluation of the Heath Golf and Yacht Club developer agreement and will be included in a reimbursement agreement with the developer.

The final agenda item addressed the request from Rob and Sara Whittle, who own the land that will be developed into the Heath Golf and Yacht Club, to change its taxing authority. In order to secure full investment potential and to proceed with the project, the group is asking for council to consider changing the project area from a municipal management district (MMD) to an ad valorem taxing district.

The city had previously zoned the property with a planned development ordinance and supported legislation creating the MMD. But Whittle and the proposed co-developer, The Redstone Companies, have expressed their

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Redistricting lawsuit may cause second delay for Primary Elections

by Darcy Rocha

With redistricting litigation still pending, election officials in Texas have been warned to prepare for another possible date change for the upcoming Primary Elections, from April 3 to May 29. The date change is not yet official as the parties involved met the latest deadlines to redrawing the districts, voters will not head to the polls until later in the spring.

Rockwall County elections administrator Glenda Denton said the delays have caused concerns among voters, adding many calls to the elections office. She said that although voter registration cards expired in December 2011, new cards will not be issued until redistricting is completed and the date for the primary is confirmed. She said once the Texas Secretary of State's office notifies election officials of the primary date, new cards will be printed and mailed to voters.

Denton stressed that even with the expired voter cards, all registered voters are still registered and will not have to re-register for the primary.

"The Secretary of State's office will notify all counties when to issue new cards, allowing them to be mailed in time for the election," Denton said.

The primary election date has already been changed once from March 6 to April 3 due to the pending redistricting litigation in the San Antonio Federal District Court.

The following positions will be on the Republican Primary ballot, including candidates, as of Feb. 22:

- Judge, 382nd District Court: Brett Hall, Incumbent.
- Judge, 439th District Court: David Rakow, Incumbent.
- Judge, County Court at Law: Brian Williams, Incumbent.
- Sheriff: Harold Eavenson, Incumbent.
- County Tax Assessor/Collector: Barbara Barber, Incumbent.
- County Commissioner, Pct. 1: Bill Cecil, Dick Demien, Cliff Sevier. Current Commissioner Jerry Wimpee is not seeking reelection.
- County Commissioner, Pct. 3: Dennis Bailey, Incumbent.
- Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3: Chris Florance, Joe Florey. This is a new position created due to the 2010 Census.
- Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4: James Branch, David Karr, Liana Bell Whitten. This is a new position created due to the 2010 Census.
- Constable, Pct. 1: John Benedetto, Vince Zubras. This is a new position created due to the 2010 Census.
- Constable, Pct. 2: Paul Britt, Trey Chaney. This is a new position created due to the 2010 Census.
- Constable, Pct. 3: John Cullins, Incumbent.
- Constable, Pct. 4: Randy Earl Parks, Incumbent.
- Rockwall County Republican Chair: Tony Fisk, Incumbent.
- Precinct Chairs: Pct. 1, John Coble, Incumbent; Pct. 1A, Nicholas Kreekon, Incumbent; Pct. 1B, Patti Muggeo, Incumbent; Pct. 1C, Mary Puckett, Incumbent; Pct. 2, Ken Dickson; Pct. 2A, No candidate; Pct. 2B, Andrew Leonie, Incumbent; Pct. 2C, Tim Hartley; Pct. 3 & Pct. 3A, No candidates; Pct. 3B, Sarah McCutcheon; Pct. 3C, Jason Ross, Incumbent; Pct. 3D, Cliff Dawson; Pct. 4, Patty Griffin; Pct. 4A, Cindy Bianucci; Pct. 4B, Bill Bell; and Pct. 4C, Laverne Denton.

The deadline to register to vote is March 5. Applications can be downloaded at www.rockwallcountytexas.com. Applications should be returned to the Rockwall County Elections Office at 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall 75087.

Voter registration cards are also available at the post office, the Rockwall County Library and local high schools.



Troop leader Brady Hranicky is shown helping Jackson Zimmermann and John David Hranicky unload canned food collected for the Rockwall County Helping Hands Food Pantry earlier this month. The Rockwall scouts collected 10,000 cans of food for Helping Hands, which provides food for clients in need.

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Rockwall Council seeks citizen input

Members of the Rockwall City Council are seeking citizen input on the proposed policy regarding the euthanasia of animals at the City of Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, according to a recent news release. To provide input, visit rockwall.com/NewsRoom/HappeningNow.asp or comments may be emailed to animaladoptions@rockwall.com. Comments also may be mailed to Rockwall Animal Adoptions, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall 75087. All comments should include the writer's name, address and comments. Comments should be received by the city no later than Feb. 24.

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Rockwall went red for the Helping Hands Little Red Dress Night recently at KE Cellars Winery at The Harbor. Robin Taylor, Dorothy Spradlin, Jill Lynn, Tommie Smith and Sheri Garber were among supporters of Helping Hands on hand for the event. For more information on the agency, which provides heart health screenings for underserved women in Rockwall County, or to make a donation call 972-771-HELP.

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Pontula to advance to regional spelling bee

The Rockwall County Spelling Bee, which was open to all students in fourth through eighth grade in Rockwall County, was conducted Feb. 7. HEAR (Home Education

Associational Resources) student Sudeshna Pontula was named county winner and will advance to the regional spelling bee.

Michael Jarrett from Sharon Shannon Elementary earned the county alternate spot in the competition.

The 54th Annual Dallas Morning News Regional Spelling Bee is set for March 24 at the University of Texas-Dallas campus. The event will be televised on WFAA-TV at a time to be determined.

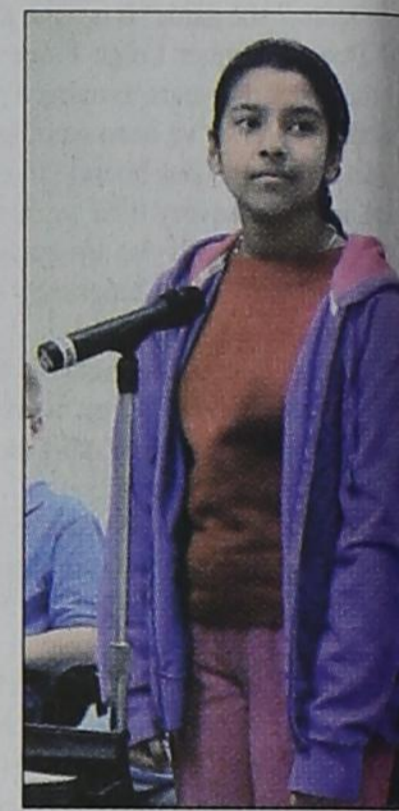
Winner of the regional competition will advance to the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C.

"I am so proud of the students who participated in the Rockwall County Spelling Bee," said superintendent Jeff Bailey. "The hard work of all of the campus winners and participants has brought forth terrific students who will represent Rockwall County so well. This is a testament to their passion for learning and a proud moment for their families. I wish Sudeshna the best of luck at the regional competition."

Additional Rockwall county contestants included Bernie Fay from Amanda Rochell Elementary, Emily Miller from Cain Middle School, Gigi Hogan from Amy Parks Elementary, Carmen Witwer from Celia Hays Elementary, Alison Meadors from Dorris A. Jones Elementary, Jacob Wood from Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary, Samuel Williamson from Doris Cullins-Lakepointe Elementary, Sarah Jackson from Grace Hartman Elementary, Karthika Venugapalan from Herman E. Utey Middle School, Lana Rivera from Howard Dobbs Elementary, Locklen Jones from J.W. Williams Middle School, Sydney Yeager from Nebbie Williams Elementary, Giovanni Copioli from Ouida Springer Elementary, Riley Steward from Ruth Cherry Intermediate in the Royce City Independent School District and Ana Tristan from Virginia Reinhardt Elementary.

Campus winners from all Rockwall Independent School District elementary schools, middle

schools and HEAR participate in the event, which was sponsored by The Dallas Morning News.



HEAR student Sudeshna Pontula, pictured above, was named winner of the Rockwall County Spelling Bee on Feb. 7. She earned the right to compete at the regional spelling competition set for March 24 at the University of Texas-Dallas campus. The event will be televised on WFAA-TV.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Natalie is the daughter of Tommy and Carolyn Troller. A member of the Kick Company at Showstoppers, she plans to attend Kilgore College before transferring to the University of North Texas where she will major in dance and minor in business.

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Heath city council...

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desire to create a water conservation and improvement district covering the property in order to have the district with taxing authority would facilitate development of the project.

The sub-committee for the project made up of Liechty and council member Barry Brooks, working with legal counsel to draft the binding resolution.

"It appears that we have a resolution in front of us that we just going to put our stamp of approval on, but there's been a lot of thought and hours and sweat put into this thing, particularly by Mayor Pro-Tem Liechty and council member Brooks," said council member Julie Farr. "They've put a lot of their own time in when they could have been working in their own practices. I'm appreciative to have those guys and their minds on this. This is another step towards another quality development in our city."

Council voted unanimously in favor to approve the new resolution.

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Lucile Tate with her son Garvin Tate

McLendon-Chisholm council discusses proposed sales tax increase

Marcy Rocha
 Members of the McLendon-Chisholm City Council were on hand at a Feb. 14 meeting. Discussion ranged from development agreements to the upcoming May 12 election. At a year ago, council had voted to send a proposed increase in the sales tax rate to the voters for their consideration. The issue will appear on the upcoming May 12 ballot. In surrounding towns, the sales tax rate is 8.25 percent while in McLendon-Chisholm the rate is 7.75 percent. All who make purchases in McLendon-Chisholm pay the tax. Mayor Gary Moody led a discussion on the proposed tax rate change that included how to get information about the issue out to the public. "The changing of our sales tax revenue and those are increasing, an amount of money that might be sitting on the table," said Moody. "The people in our city will make the correct decision if they understand before them," said mayor pro-tem Steve Hatfield. "We want to take from ourselves to give from other cities and counties, a 1 percent, or do we just make it equal across the board?" said council member Patrick Short. "We need to convey to the people that...we are sorry to bless what we did and here's why we did it. We're tired of paying a half cent." According to city administrator Dave Butler, city resources may only allow for one additional mailer to educate the public about both sides of an issue. When an additional mailer is created, both sides must be equally represented. The

group will work with city staff to create a document and plan to have it out to the citizens by mid-April. Chris Robertson from Everest Construction Group presented a plan for proposed amendments to the Kingsbridge planned development agreement. The neighborhood is being constructed on Hwy. 205 next to LakeShore Church and includes the private Oasis Beach & Tennis Club. Changes to the layout of the amenities were proposed, but with the change in construction group, changes that had been previously made to the plans are now being formally proposed to council for their agreement. "I understand having to make amendments and I understand how things change, but whatever we act on needs to be something that anyone can walk in here and understand why we did what we did. It should be clear," said Hatfield. All voted in favor of the amended agreement, but directed that all future changes must be clearly presented and in a timely manner to council. The city's recycling services, provided by IESI, were discussed in response to citizen request for an upgrade in recycling containers. Currently citizens pay \$21.99 for trash service that includes a green rollout cart for trash and one small blue carryout bin for recycling. For discussion and consideration was an amendment to the contract with IESI to include a blue rollout poly cart for recyclables for an additional \$3 per month for those who would like one. The amendment was adopted unanimously.

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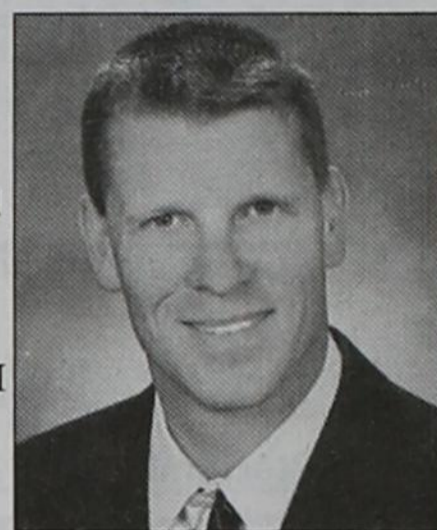
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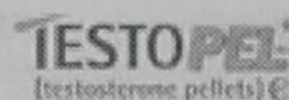
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Students from Heritage Christian Academy will present "That's Life," a musical featuring hit songs from 12 Broadway blockbusters, at performances set for 7 p.m. March 1, 2 and 3. A 2 p.m. March 2 matinee also is planned. Pictured at back, from the left, are Travis Cooper, Michael Duchamp, Blake Deek, Molly Devine, Will McEvoy, David Harvey and Harley Liechty; middle row, Sarah Webb, Cate Walker, Amy Adams, Garrett Blankenship, Haiden Johnson, Victoria Engel and Maddie Smith; and, at front, Paiten Baesa, Payton Oliver, Katy Harmon and Kelsea Rushing. Tickets are on sale at a cost of \$5 at the HCA front office or will be available at the door; seating will be limited. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Committee to review master plan

Rockwall City Council members recently appointed a seven-member committee charged with the task of a text review of the updated Comprehensive Master Plan. Appointed to the committee were Bob Cotti, Nell Welborn, Sharon Hilgartner, Kevin Shepherd, Mayor David Sweet and council members David White and Mark Russo, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

Local is candidate in OBU pageant

Sarah McKimney of Heath is one of 17 women slated to compete in the 2012 Miss Ouachita Baptist University Pageant to take place Feb. 25 in the Jones Performing Arts Center on the OBU campus. Contestants will compete for awards in lifestyle and fitness, private interview, poise and presence in evening gown, talent and onstage question, according to an OBU news release. McKimney, a senior history major, will represent the OBU women's soccer team.

Students will 'Fuel Up to Play' with help of grants

Mathy Williams
 Virginia Reinhardt and Amy Parks-Heath Elementary Schools each have received a grant for \$4,000 from Dairy Farm to implement the Fuel Up to Play 60 fitness program. Announcing the grants at the Feb. 20 Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting, RISD executive director of communications and marketing Sheri Fowler said the program helps students to "become empowered to make healthy decisions, to take action for change, and encourage their friends to do the same." Child nutrition managers at Reinhardt, Karen Siedloczek, and Amy Parks-Heath, Peter Hamilton, worked with campus PE teachers, principals and other staff to develop a plan to apply for the grants, Fowler said. "They took it upon themselves to apply for these grants and we applaud them for their personal determination to create a healthy school environment," she said. Fowler also introduced RISD director of child nutrition, Julie Farris, who assisted with the initiative. "I want to thank Mrs. Farris for encouraging her staff to explore initiatives such as Fuel Up to Play 60," Fowler said. Fuel Up to Play 60 was founded by the National Dairy Council and the National Football League, in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture, to empower students to take action to improve nutrition and physical activity at their school and for their own health, according to its website. The program helps students make positive changes in their schools by improving opportunities to consume nutrient-rich foods and get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. The ultimate goal is to ensure changes at school are sustainable and complements - not competes with - an academics-focused environment."



Rockwall superintendent Jeff Bailey, left, congratulates Karen Siedloczek, child nutrition manager at Virginia Reinhardt Elementary, and Peter Hamilton, child nutrition manager at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, for receiving grants to implement a fitness program at their schools. RISD director of child nutrition Julie Farris, at right, was recognized for encouraging her staff to pursue innovative nutritional programs. Photo courtesy of Rockwall ISD/Rockwall County News

Bond election set May 12

Rockwall City Council recently voted to conduct a \$59 million bond election May 12 to allow voters to decide on four capital improvement projects. Projects include an athletic complex at an estimated cost of \$25.1 million; downtown improvements, \$10.2 million; development of Heritage Park, \$4.9 million; and street projects, \$19.2 million, according to a City of Rockwall news release. Council members approved and "in a worst-case scenario," the 50.31 cents per \$100 valuation tax rate could increase 15.6 percent, a 30 percent hike, according to the news release. The athletic complex would require 162 acres of land. It would include nine baseball fields, three softball fields and synthetic turf fields along with two soccer enclaves with a variety of field sizes, a football-soccer practice area playground, a pavilion and concession and restroom facilities. Downtown improvements would include sidewalk and street reconstruction, landscaping and lighting. Heritage Park visitors could view the rock wall that gave Rockwall its name. Street projects range from ramps along Interstate 30 and work on Boydston Street and County Line Road.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Love of God with Thanksgiving

There are times when it is difficult to find something to be thankful for. Overburdened with stress and anxiety, it is easy to lose sight of what God has done for the whole world. God gave His beloved son so that we can be filled with holy spirit. He raised His son from the dead so that anyone might be saved, and lay hold of the victory that is even over death itself. This is God's love, which His people should magnify and be thankful for. Jesus Christ showed God's love by willfully laying down his own life. He allowed the Jewish and Roman authorities to seize him. He did not complain when they laid false accusations against him (1 Peter 2:22-23). He did not beg Pontius Pilate to let him go when given the chance. He let himself be chosen to die, instead of a murderer.

Jesus Christ knew his authority as the son of God. According to Matthew 26:51-54 he could have prayed to his Father, and would

have been given more than 12 legions of angels. Yet he desired to see the scriptures be fulfilled according to his Father's will. His sufferings and death fulfilled the scripture in Genesis 3:15, "...and thou shalt bruise his heel." The word "heel" is a figure of speech emphasizing the temporary nature of Satan's affect on the seed of the woman. Jesus Christ was bruised in that he completely died and was laid in the grave? It was only his "heel" in that his Daddy bore witness to the truth by raising him from the dead, never to die again.

This is the love of God toward the world. According to 1 John 3:16-18, we can know God's love because Jesus Christ laid down his own life for all who would become the brethren

Jesus' incorruptible blood was shed for the world. And the brethren ought to lay down their lives for each other. This is a great truth. God's children are not called to die on a cross like Jesus did, but to be living sacrifices. As it is written, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1-2). How can God's people serve Him if they are trying to carry the burdens of stress and anxiety?

God teaches His people to not carry those burdens, but to give them to Him in prayer and with thanksgiving. As it is written, "Be anxious for

nothing. But in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God..." (Philippians 4:6) With thankfulness toward God, let those requests be made known to Him. Trust God that what He promised He is able also to perform. God is able to work mightily so that His purpose might be accomplished.

And the peace that is from God absolutely shall guard your hearts and thoughts through Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is important to guard the heart because out of it are the issues of life. It says this much in Proverbs 4:23, "Guard thy heart with diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

The spontaneous and some times planned decisions and actions of our lives come out of the heart. When people guard their hearts, intentions and actions will be in line with God's will. And what is it to wait patiently with a thankful heart toward God. For it is good pleasure to bless us with only the best in His due time.

Casting anxieties upon God is also tied with humility. It says, "humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that ye may exalt you in due time; casting all your care [anxiety] upon Him for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6).

Just as Jesus Christ let his requests be made known to God when he was in great anxiety, so also was he an example to us (Matthew 26:38-42 and 1 Peter 2:21).

Jesus made his request known by saying, "let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Jesus stood up praying, with a peaceful and guarded heart ready to see God's will be accomplished.

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Nana Pat's Kitchen

by Pat Burnett

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Abigail Adams (Patriot During the American Revolution; Wife of a President, Mother of another U. S. President)

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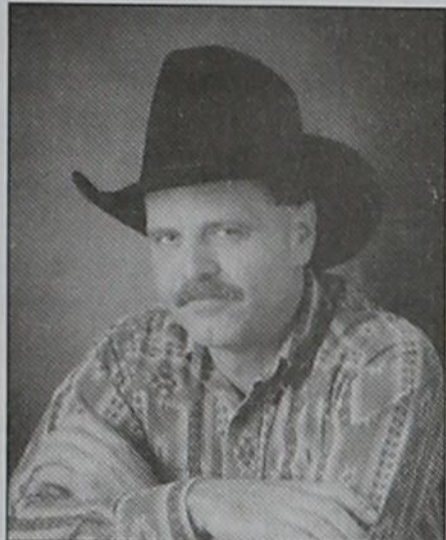


Funeral services for Johnny Carroll Coomer, 76, of Caddo Mills, Texas, were conducted at 10 a.m. Feb. 22, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial was in the Nevada Cemetery.

He was born April 27, 1936, in Rowlett to George and Georgia Mae (Dotson) Coomer. He served in the U.S. Army and was an aircraft engineer. He was a member of the Rockwall Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Coomer of Nevada; his son, Jerry Coomer of Nevada; his daughter, Nina Coomer of Irving; his sister, Nina Fischer of Garland; a grandson, Nathan Brooks of Irving; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. His parents and a brother, Dan Coomer, preceded him in death.

Larry Joe Mikles



Funeral services for Larry Joe Mikles, 75, of Caddo Mills were conducted at 10 a.m. Feb. 18, 2012, in the Full Gospel Worship Center in Caddo Mills with Pastor Jerry McGinn officiating. Burial was in charge of arrangements.

He was born Oct. 29, 1950, in Paris, Ark., to George and Anna Rice. He worked in the construction industry and helped build the Lake Pointe Medical Center. Upon retirement, he stayed on as the facility's maintenance director until his retirement in 2003 after 25 years of service. He was a member of the Full Gospel Worship Center.

Survivors include his wife, Judy (Johnson) Mikles of Caddo Mills; his daughters, Tina Graves of Garland, Shannon Mikles of Rowlett and Daniel Driggs of Rowlett; his sons, Lance Mikles of Garland; his daughter, Pamela Moyer of Sapulpa, Okla.; and Joe Bill and Terry Mikles of Sapulpa; his sisters, Linda Shope, and her husband, Larry, of Sand Springs, Okla., and Cawley and her husband, Jim, of Sapulpa; one brother, Kenny Mikles, of Sand Springs; his grandchildren, Genesis Driggs, Haleah Graves and Alicia Graves; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and his dog, Rocky.

Sarah Maxene Robinson



Funeral services for Sarah Maxene Robinson, 85, of Royse City, were conducted at 2 p.m. Feb. 21, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel with Pastor Nihil B. Bulkley and her nephew, Mark, officiating. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 18, 1924, she was a member of the Hella Temple Rolling Nobles and Twirlers Square Dance Club. She enjoyed painting, writing poetry and dancing and had a talent for arts and crafts.

Survivors include her daughters, Jean and her husband, Dennis, and Lynn Thompson, all of Royse City; her son, Travis Robinson of Royse City; her grandchildren, Christi Lapham, Travis and Robbie and Trevor Ott; her great-grandchildren, Blake Parnell, and Carly Lapham and Emy and Leland Ott; her sisters, Yelma Lee and Betty Royal; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leonard Clifford Robinson; three brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services for Steven Ray Sutton, 54, of Rockwall was conducted at 10 a.m. Feb. 21, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

He was born Nov. 17, 1957, in Fairbanks, Alaska, he was a loving husband and father of a resident of Rockwall for 21 years. He was a patriotic man who enjoyed AR, shooting, fishing and spending time with his dog, Georgia Lee.

Survivors include his wife, Diedra Sutton; his children, Taylor Sutton, Daniel and fiancée, Noreen Ingram, and Drew Mitchell; his parents, Olen and Bob Sutton and mother, Jeanne Weller; brothers, Jeffrey Sutton, Doug Sutton and Leanne, and Randy Booher; his nieces, Tara, Kielely and Brianna and his nephew, Braden Sutton; and numerous other family members.

His father, Olen Craig Sutton, and a sister, Jeana Kay Sutton, preceded him in death. The family has suggested memorials may be made to the USO, P.O. Box 32, Washington, D.C., 20090 or at uso.org.



Rockwall County Library's Reading for Adults volunteer tutors have Elsy Villatoro and Vitoria Mitchell, pictured above, become U.S. citizens by tutoring them in the library's citizenship preparedness class. Villatoro, a native of El Salvador, moved to the U.S. in 2006 and has been taking ESL and citizenship classes through the RFA program. Mitchell, from Brazil, also has been in the U.S. since 2006. She, too, has been involved in ESL and citizenship classes. Both women plan to continue English as a Second Language classes so they can become fluent in English.

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Members of the Royse City High School Pro-Start Culinary Team took first place at the 2012 Dallas Regional Texas ProStart Culinary Competitions on Feb. 7. Team members include Rachel Reel, captain, Lauren Huffstetler, Kaylie Daniels, Macey Golden and Martin Diaz-Goliner. Cindy Clark is instructor chef. The group will compete at the state invitational on March 3 in Round Rock.

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Irma and Tony Red are shown preparing to take a spin around the dance floor at the Helping Hands Annual Top Shopper Party. Last year's top 50 shoppers at the nonprofit agency's thrift stores were treated to a night of fun, food and gifts. To be a top shopper this year, register at one of the Helping Hands thrift stores. For more details, call 972-771-HELP.

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Relay For Life's Brence sees event as serious, fun

by Mary Thacker

Mindy Brence is the kind of person you immediately want to have as your best friend. Vivacious and full of fun, this year's Relay For Life co-chair is enthusiastic about reaching their stretch goal of \$150,000.

"I think Carla Brooks, my Relay co-chair, thought I was crazy, but I believe it is doable," she said. "We already have 29 teams and have raised \$4,500 -- \$1,500 online and a donation of \$3,000 from Williams Middle School."

Brence's passion for the American Cancer Society's signature fundraising event comes from having the experience of seeing close friends and family members endure treatments to rid them of the disease.

"My father had bladder cancer 12 years ago, my mother-in-law is a breast cancer survivor, and my father-in-law survived rectal cancer," she said. "And six years ago, my 42-year-old coworker and friend was diagnosed with a sarcoma tumor in her abdomen which was the size of a football. She's a single mom who has to continue to battle this cancer, because the really bad thing about sarcoma is that they don't know much about it."

Brence's co-worker has had many surgeries and chemotherapy treatments to try to obliterate the cancer, but it keeps returning in different locations on her body.

"During her most recent surgery, her doctor will have to go in through her back to deflate her lung in order to remove the cancer," Brence said. "Amazingly, she has been able to keep a positive attitude even though she knows she will have this condition for the rest of her life unless they find a cure."

Although Brence is serious about raising money, she is all giggles when discussing Relay night.

"I am not shameful. I'll do anything," she said.

Since Relay For Life runs from sundown Friday night to sunrise Saturday morning, there is entertainment every minute to keep participants awake and having fun.

She always looks forward to the Miss-ter Relay contest, where men dress as women and parade around the track with their purses to collect donations. Her team, the Soroptomists International, of which she is the reigning president, always has a couple of men who are willing to don a dress for a good cause.

"I also love Fruit Croquet," she said.

The game requires the participant to tie a pair of woman's pantyhose with a grapefruit dangling from one of the toes around his waist and to use it as a mallet to hit an apple. Spaghetti Hair is another late-night activity with hilarious results when pieces of raw spaghetti are inserted into a participant's hair, which results in some rather large manes. The Frozen T-shirt Game is another competition that is not for the faint-hearted. A T-shirt is knotted, placed in a baggie filled with water when it is then frozen. Contestants must break the shirt out of its ice prison, unknit it and put it on.

The Soroptomists are active participants in Relay, but they are also serious about raising money to fight the disease.

"We lost two of our members to cancer in the past few years," Brence said.

Cancer research has provided many life-saving treatments and is improving the lives of those battling cancer; however, it's not fast enough to save everyone.

"The most important thing about Relay For Life is to have the opportunity to raise funds to expand cancer research, so that one day we can live in a world that is cancer-free," Brence said. "The most amazing thing is to realize the endless number of cancers and the different treatments that exist. We are now reaching out to schools to encourage children to get involved in Relay. We need to help them understand cancer. Parents try to shield their children from the harsh reality of the disease, so many of our youth don't really understand what it means. They don't understand that their parent would much rather be at their football game or dance recital than being in bed after undergoing chemotherapy."

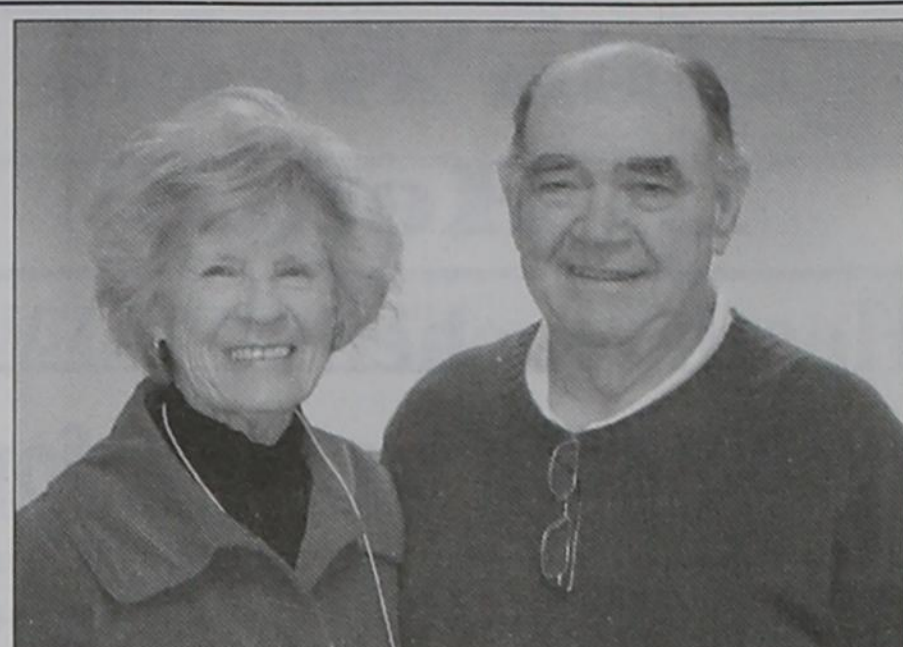
Each year the American Cancer Society conducts a Relay For Life Summit for the chairmen of the event. Brence attended this year and was touched by the story of the man who was undergoing cancer treatment. He explained that his course of therapy was found through research that was conducted 15 years ago.

"So I may be raising money now that may save my life sometime in the future," she said.


Brence encourages everyone to come out to Cain Middle School in Rockwall at 7 p.m. on April 27.

"Don't worry about raising a lot of money the first year. Just come out and watch the Hope Ceremony," she said. "See the luminarias lining the track. Listen to the survivors. Be a spectator. You'll be hooked, line and sinker."

For more information, visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx.



Jim Chancellor, a.k.a. Texas Shorty, is shown with Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association vice president Patsy Fleetwood. Chancellor, a master of Texas-style fiddling, discussed fiddle playing and performed several traditional tunes at the Feb. 13 RARTA meeting. The organization's next gathering will begin at 1:15 p.m. March 19 in the Rockwall ISD Administration Building. Mary Coon from Covington Nursery will give a demonstration on container gardening. All retired school employees and their guests are welcome to attend. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



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This Week in Heath

Heath teacher recognized by NFL for work in education

by Darcy Rocha

I've said it before and I'll say it again – Heath is full of interesting and admirable people.

Heath resident Brad Fichtel is a teacher at Maurine Cain Middle School, father of three and a former pro-football player from the National Football League. Not only did he choose to settle in Heath to live and work because he felt it was a good place to raise a family, but he's dedicated himself to motivating Cain students to make fitness a priority in their lives today and for always.

His spirit for teaching has earned him a top recognition from his peers at the NFL Alumni Association.

Before this year's Super Bowl, the finalists for the NFL Teach of the Year Award were announced, and Fichtel was honored as one of the top five finalists. The honor is awarded annually to recognize NFL players who have followed their playing careers with excellence in the field of education.

"We are proud of the NFL alumni who are shaping future generations by working in education," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "Their time on the football field taught them the values of integrity, preparation and persistence, lessons that carry over into the classroom. We honor these former NFL players for their dedication to the work of teaching."

Originally from Chicago and a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, Fichtel was drafted by the St. Louis Rams in 1993.

"The day you get drafted, being with family, it's a day you'll never forget," said Fichtel, when asked about one of his best memories of his NFL days.

He went on to also play for the Washington Redskins and finally the Dallas Cowboys. A persistent knee injury rendered him unable to play and he ended up settling in the Dallas area, where he met his wife Suzanne, a former assistant Rockwall district attorney. The two settled in Heath.

Fichtel has been a PE teacher at Cain for the past six years, where he also coaches football and track.

"My wife was from Rockwall, and I was teaching out here, and we saw that Heath was the place we wanted to raise our family," says Fichtel. "I'd taught in Mesquite and in a couple different places where I didn't live, and I thought it was important that I lived in the town that I worked, where I taught."

After playing collegiate and pro football, his interest and experience in athletics lead to his career in physical education.

"Growing up I had good teachers and good role models and I kind of wanted to do the same thing," said Fichtel.

Teaching was a later-in-life career that evolved after his playing days.

"Every day is different," he said. "It's exciting, it's different and it really is rewarding, especially at this level."

His background as a pro football player gives him a unique perspective when trying to motivate his students.

"In teaching and coaching I think I can draw upon a lot of my personal experiences and stories which the kids think is pretty cool," he said.

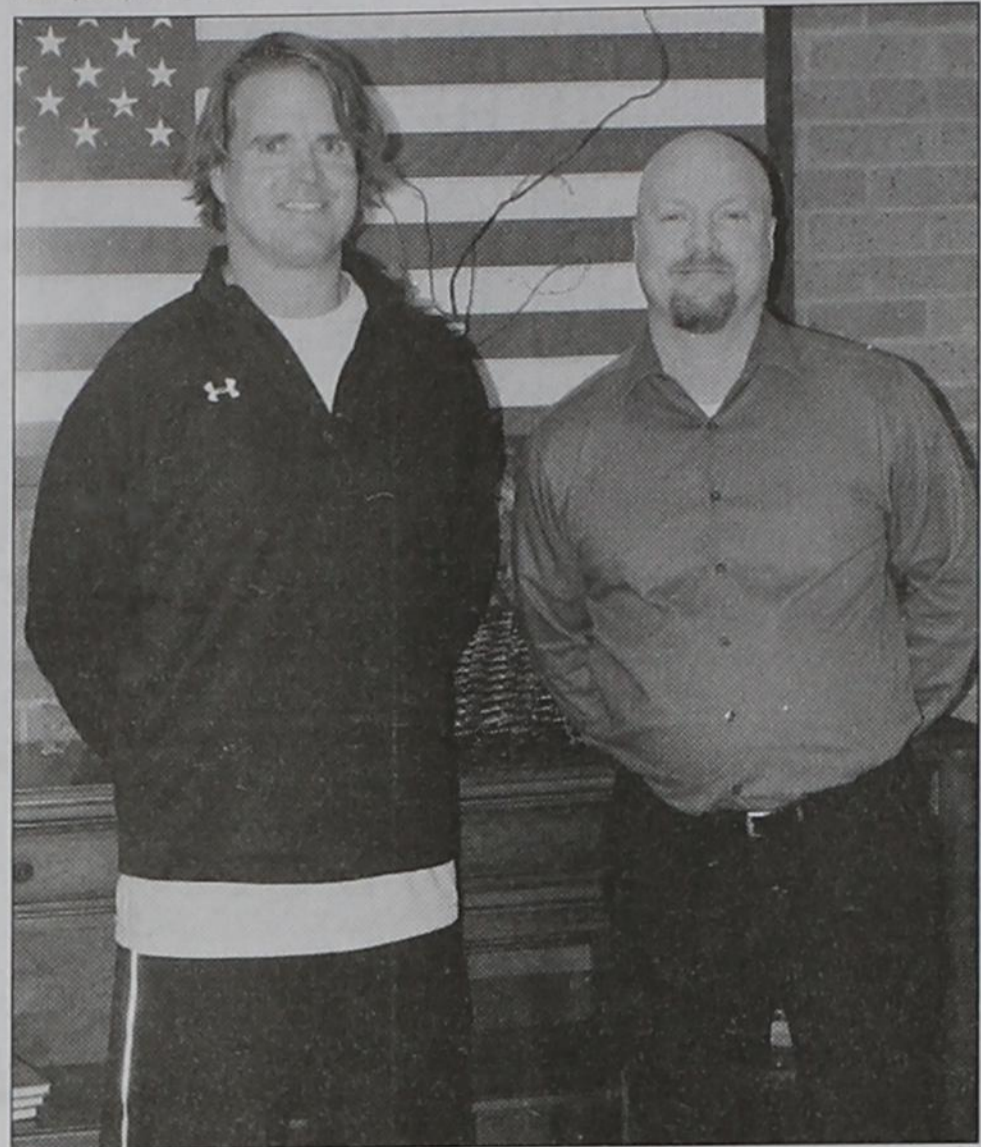
Looking forward Fichtel said he hopes to impart the importance of physical fitness that his students can learn from for a lifetime of healthy living.

Fichtel was nominated for the award by Cain principal Jason Johnston.

"Coach Fichtel has a positive impact on several of our students through athletics and physical education courses," said Johnston. "He models and teaches students about physical fitness and living a healthy lifestyle. He also serves as a role model, exemplifying for students that with hard work and a great attitude, any goal can be accomplished."

Congratulations Coach Fichtel on your achievement and thank you for your dedication to the students at Cain.

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



Cain Middle School PE teacher and football and track coach Brad Fichtel, left, is pictured with Cain principal Jason Johnston. Johnston nominated Fichtel for the National Football League's annual Teacher of the Year Award, for which Fichtel was named a top five finalist. Fichtel played for the Rams, the Redskins and the Cowboys before starting his career in education.

Photo by Darcy Rocha/Rockwall County News

Taste of Rockwall set April 19 at RHS

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 19th Annual Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 19 at Rockwall High.

Food, fun, entertainment and businesses will highlight the event, which is designed to be part business-to-business and part business-to-public, part networking and part social. The event will be conducted in the school's gyms to give it an open feeling, allowing casual one-on-one discussions with Rockwall-area businesses and services representing approximately 85 companies. About 30 local restaurants and dining establishments will showcase their menus – from South and Central American favorites to Asian, Italian and American, as well as selected bakers.

The goal of the event is to highlight businesses, restaurants, products and services to approximately 2,000 people expected to attend.

Highlights will include the Best of the Best awards to be determined in various categories by judges. Best of Show, Most Fun, Best Staff, Most Innovative and Best Giveaway awards also will be given.

Advance tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5-12; tickets at the doors will cost \$12 and \$5 respectively. Advance tickets may be purchased at the chamber; online at rockwallchamber.org/tasteofrockwall; or at Alliance Bank, American National Bank, Community Bank, Horizon Car Wash or Toyota of Rockwall.

Businesses interested in reserving exhibit space should contact Paula Kerr at the chamber at 972-771-5733.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Library, county offices to close March 2

The Rockwall County Library and other county offices will be closed March 2 in observance of Texas Independence Day. The library also closed March 3 for a computer system migration.

Rock through Spring Break

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will once again offer its through Spring Break event for local youths ages 6-12. Explore, venture to several nature-based destinations such as a state park, aquarium and more. Space is limited. Participants will be asked to sack lunch, snack and water each day. Activities will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 12-16 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost is \$75 for Rockwall residents. Visit rockwall.com/parks for more details.

Brown Bag Lunch set March 14

The next Brown Bag Lunch event will take place at the Rockwall City of Commerce office, 697 E. I-30 between Discount Tires and Lake Church, on March 14. Information provided will be useful to both business owners and employees.

American Legion plans Birthday Banquet

American Legion Post 117 will conduct its annual Birthday Banquet beginning at 12:30 p.m. March 19 at The Center, Washington and Commerce in Rockwall.

Easter Egg Hunt set March 31 in R'wall

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 31 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Field 1 will be for children up to the age of 2; Field 2 for children ages 5-6; Field 3 for children ages 3-4; and Field 4 for children ages 7-12. The event is free to the public and will feature prize eggs, a bounce house, games and other activities.

Founders Day Festival set May 19

Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 19 on the downtown square. The daylong event will feature live entertainment, food and other family-friendly activities. Admission will be free. For more information visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Agave plans Open Mic, Karaoke Nights

Agave Restaurant & Bar at The Harbor District will host Open Mic on Tuesday and Karaoke Night on Wednesday.

HCA to offer "That's Life"

Students from Heritage Christian Academy will present "That's Life" musical featuring hit songs from 12 Broadway blockbusters, at performance on March 1, 2 and 3. A 2 p.m. March 2 matinee also is planned. Tickets are available at a cost of \$5 each at the HCA front office or available at the door; seating will be limited.

Change the Future Dinner, Auction set

The 2nd Annual Change the Future Dinner & Auction, a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 3 at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, in Royse City. For more details contact the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County.

Taste of Rockwall, Business Expo planned

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will present its 19th Annual Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 19 at Rockwall High. Food, fun, entertainment and businesses will highlight the evening. Approximately 30 local restaurants will showcase their menus and 85 businesses are scheduled to be on hand and available to answer questions. Advance tickets cost \$10 per adult, \$4 for children ages 5-12; tickets will cost \$12 for adults and \$5 for children at the door. Ticket information is available at rockwallchamber.org/tasteofrockwall. Businesses interested in reserving exhibit space should call Paula Kerr at 972-771-5733.

Volunteer tutor training slated at county library

The Rockwall County Library will host volunteer tutor training on March 24 for all interested adults who want to tutor GED or ESL in the Realize for Adults program.

The GED training will run from 9 a.m. to noon. The ESL training will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Participants in the ESL training are urged to bring a sack lunch.

Both trainings will be conducted in the Community Room of the library. Participants are not required to know another language or to be teachers; however, those who are bilingual or are teachers are welcome. GED and ESL classes are conducted from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers choose to work once or twice a week.

Evening GED classes run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers can choose to work once or twice a week.

For more details, contact Gloria Bishop at the library at 972-204-7700 or drop by the library's literacy area.

CUSTOMER NOTICE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4,5750 per Mcf.
 **The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

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 5 Eden newspaper
 6 nickel or dime
 7 poker stake
 8 dir. to Fort Worth from Boerne
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 19 TXism: "a bug in a rug"
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 22 TXism: "nail his _____ the barn door"
 23 Winkler Co. was named after CSA Col. Clinton _____ Winkler
 28 once the call letters for Diboll's KAFX-FM
 29 TXism: "_____ rdeo!" (celebrate)
 30 golf course fairway that has a bend
 31 highest honor from a TX university: "_____ cum laude"
 35 go inside
 36 TX Perot started "Electronic _____" in '62
 42 recreational coastal sail boat
 44 "the echo," south of the border
 46 El Campo mascot
 48 TX Tigra reservation has _____ culture

49 "surf the _____"
 50 TX George W's VP, Cheney
 51 TXism: "brave enough to _____ a boomtown cafe"
 52 TX Hayden who coached at SMU and UNT
 53 TXism: "costs an arm and _____" (expensive)
 54 body vitamin, _____ acid
 56 TXisms: "gonna _____, or cut bait?"

DOWN

1 TXism: "got more on his plate than _____"
 2 Port _____ TX
 3 in Gregg Co. on hwy 80
 4 _____ Oak, TX
 9 salsa dipper
 10 these 2 TXns were popular music group in the 70s
 11 nat'l ID (abbr.)
 12 founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc.
 13 one person's action
 14 TXism: "city slicker"

15 TXism: "_____ your drift" (understand)
 16 TXism: "_____ high on the hog" (rich)
 18 popular cable network
 20 "Texas, Our Texas!" _____ wonderful so great!
 23 degree for a TX "pill wrangler"
 24 this Phil was an early TX gambler who was killed by Wild Bill Hickok
 25 Amarillo AM/FM
 26 left standing at the _____
 27 TXism: "Sunday go to _____ clothes"
 32 _____ 90 terminates at Van Horn, TX
 33 "All _____ Ex's Live in Texas"
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 36 TXism: "smack _____ in the middle"
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 55 TX VP "Cactus Jack" said the job _____ worth a bucket of warm _____

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CITY OF ROCKWALL

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

FOR MUNICIPAL COURT AND

POLICE FACILITY RENOVATIONS

City of Rockwall invites the submittal of responses to this RFQ from qualified firms interested in providing design-build services in connection with **Municipal Court and Police Department Facility Renovations**. Responses are solicited for this service in accordance with the terms, conditions and instructions set forth in the RFQ guidelines.

City will receive responses to this RFQ at the office of Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087 until **2:00 pm on Friday, March 9, 2012**. The Request for Qualifications document may be obtained from Ms. Ewing's office or on the City's website at www.rockwall.com. Request for Qualifications documents will be mailed upon request; however, the City is not responsible to ensure timely delivery of mailed RFQ documents.

Receipt of responses does not bind the City to any contract for said services, nor does it guarantee that a contract for the Project will be awarded. For additional information contact Lea Ann Ewing at 972-771-7700 x 6418.

Rockwall County News

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS:

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF LIBBY MARILYN COLLINS, Deceased

CAUSE NO. PR12-13

COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an application for Court Created Independent Administration, Determination of Heirship, Declaration of Distributees in this estate on January 30, 2012, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of Libby Marilyn Collins, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 403, in Rockwall, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are cited to appear before said Honorable Court at the above mentioned time and place by filing a written contest or answer to this application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Rockwall County, Texas on or before the above noted date and time.** If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be deemed unserved.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at the office of Rockwall County Clerk in Rockwall, Texas, this January 30, 2012.

Shelli Miller, County Clerk
Rockwall County, Texas
By: *Sina McClase*, Deputy



CITATION BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS:

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF TERESA C. BOLIN, Deceased

CAUSE NO. PR12-14

COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

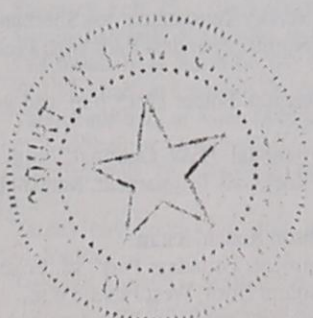
The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an application for Letters of Administration and Determination of Heirship in this estate on February 3, 2012, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of Teresa C. Bolin, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 403, in Rockwall, Texas.

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ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at the office of Rockwall County Clerk in Rockwall, Texas, this February 3, 2012.

Shelli Miller, County Clerk
Rockwall County, Texas
By: *Sina McClase*, Deputy



Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the City of Rockwall Building & Standards Commission on Thursday, March 8, 2012. The following properties will be addressed during the public hearing: #9 Amity Lane and 711 Ridgeview, in Rockwall, TX. The meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087. A complete copy of the order to the owners of these properties may be obtained from the Code Enforcement Department of the City of Rockwall.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Re: Notice to owner to repair, demolish or remove the structure located at 880 FM1141.

Reference City Ordinance: Code of Ordinances, Section 10-537

According to the Rockwall County Appraisal District, you are the registered owners of the property known as A0122 M B JONES TRACT 6 1.837 ACRES (PT OF 55.704 AC TR), located at 880 FM1141, in Rockwall, Texas 75087. This lot contains a vacated structure and has been declared dangerous by the Building Official of the City of Rockwall.

You are hereby ordered to appear before the City Council of the City of Rockwall on March 5, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., to show cause, if any you have, why the building or structure, or any part thereof, should not be repaired, demolished or removed. At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council may order the structures repaired, demolished, or removed as the Council deems necessary.

Cliff Griffin
Code Enforcement Supervisor
City of Rockwall
385 S. Goliad
Rockwall, TX 75087

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, March 13, 2012, until the hour of 3:30 PM, for the following project:

Quail Run Drainage Project

The project includes furnishing and installing 30 LF Double 3'x3' Box Culvert with Headwalls; 30 LF 5'x4' Double Box Culvert with Headwalls; 270 SY 4" Asphalt with 6" Flex Base Over Culverts; 1460 SY 3" Asphalt with 6"-6% Lime Sub-grade Road Reconstruction; 116 LF TXDOT Guardrail; 1730 SY Asphalt Pavement Removal; and other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked: **Quail Run Drainage Project**.

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

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **45 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

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

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

Plans and specifications may be examined and obtained from the Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), at a non-refundable cost of \$20.00, beginning February 28, 2012. **Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the City and are listed on the City's plan holders list, will be opened at the bid opening for consideration.**

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Services and Repairs

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Chandler's Landing and Captains Cove Marina are now hiring full time and seasonal positions. Dock attendants, store clerk and clerical. Apply in person Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chandler's Landing (1 Harbor View Drive, Rockwall).

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Big Garage Sale

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The Planning & Zoning Commission, in the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas will conduct a Hearing:

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall, 1248 S. Highway 205

At such time and place the Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on comments regarding:

- * Re-Plat of Lots 26 B & 2 Kingsbridge Phase I

And
The City Council, in the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas will conduct a Public Hearing:

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall, 1248 S. Highway 205

At such time and place the Council will hear comments regarding:

- * Re-Plat of Lots 26 B & 2 Kingsbridge Phase I

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Deborah Sorensen, City Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Rockwall Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at City 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas consider the following items:

Case # BOA-2012-2-V

Hold a public hearing and conduct approval of a request from Gary Welch for a variance to allow an entry garage to be located less than 20' behind the front building facade in a single family zoning district located at 4800 Secret Cove, Lot 1, Block B, Rainbow Estates, City of Rockwall, Texas. For more information concerning this case, contact the Building Inspections Department at 771-7709.

Opinions

No One Should Be Forced to Act against His Conscience

by Sheldon Richman

A question arises from the recent controversy between President Obama and the Catholic Church that aches for an answer: If Catholic institutions have a right to abstain from paying for what morally offends them, why don't the rest of us?

The initial Obamacare rule held that all employers, in fulfilling their new legal requirement to provide health insurance to their employees, must include contraception (and other "preventive" health services) in the coverage at no cost. The Catholic Church teaches that contraception is sinful. The Department of Health and Human Services was willing to exempt churches but not church-operated institutions that pursue a broader mission than religious teaching, such as colleges, hospitals, and charities. This brought protests from Catholic officials, who claim that their religious freedom would be infringed by a mandate that they buy services that they teach are morally abhorrent.

As the political controversy mounted, the Obama administration devised an "accommodation": those institutions would not have to pay for birth-control coverage; however, their insurers would still have to offer free contraception.

Many objections can be raised against this policy. In a society that thinks itself free, how dare the government force employers to provide health insurance? How dare it mandate that coverage include contraception - or any particular service? How dare it mandate that any coverage be free? (It can't really be free; the coverage necessarily reduces employees' cash wages.) How can contraception use be insurable when it is a chosen act, not the kind of low-probability, high-cost event that insurance was designed to protect against? Is there really a moral difference between forcing a Catholic institution to pay for employee contraception and forcing it to arrange a match between its employees and an insurer that will provide the contraception?

These questions are daggers at the heart of Obamacare. But let's leave them aside. What has gone largely unnoticed is that the principle invoked by the Catholic Church and largely endorsed by the public - that freedom of religion, as enshrined in the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, rules out forcing a church to pay for what it regards as morally abhorrent - applies beyond this instance. If a Catholic institution should not be forced to pay for contraception because it regards birth control as morally repugnant,

why should anyone be forced to pay for what he or she finds morally repugnant?

It does no good to say that the First Amendment is about religion. The Constitution and Bill of Rights did not create rights; they acknowledged preexisting rights. Moreover, we are entitled to make reasonable inferences from the framers' language, because they could hardly have created an exhaustive list of implications. For example, by specifying the free exercise of religion, the framers can't be construed as intending to exclude atheists from the protection of freedom of conscience.

Logic drives us to conclude that government should never compel anyone to act against his or her moral convictions. The good sense of this becomes clear when we get down to particulars. If a Catholic may not be forced to pay for birth control in violation of conscience, why should that Catholic - or anyone else - be compelled to finance mass murder in violation of conscience? No one can reasonably insist that personal convictions should be disregarded in the case of mass murder.

This is no hypothetical speculation. Americans have been forced, without their consultation - much less permission - to finance mass murder. It's called war, invasion, occupation, and special operations. U.S. military missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Somalia, and elsewhere have directly or indirectly killed over a million people who never threatened Americans at home. Those missions have ruined the lives of hundreds of thousands more through injury and the destruction of their homes and societies.

The president of the United States refuses to take war with Iran off "the table" ostensibly because the Islamic republic won't end its nuclear-enrichment program - although the International Atomic Energy Agency says no weapons are being produced, and U.S. and Israeli officials say no decision to build a weapon has been made. War against Iran would constitute mass murder.

The U.S. government should be stopped from engaging in such brutality. But short of that, those with a conscientious objection should be free to opt out of financing these crimes.

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Learning the "Hard Way"

While searching for an article salvaged some years ago about how national drug problem in our country has been exacerbated and nurtured by interference from the federal government in one more of its misguided attempts to legislate morals, I came across a copy of the enclosed which was sent to me by my sister 10 years ago from the Kearney newspaper in Kearney, Neb.

In light of the drug scandal which has rocked Texas Christian University the headline of the article prompted me to refresh my memory about how it is that "Teenagers who don't learn easy way will learn hard way."

After listening to the sad news for two days involving the drug involvement of TCU students, a short bulletin heard this afternoon on KRLD was welcome news. The radio announcer gave credit where credit was truly due. I defeated Air Force in rifle team competition.

Jacqueline Frank Strickland, Rockwall

Corporate government vs. republic form of government

by Wesley W. Burnett

When people griped about the intrusive control of government I wonder the vast majority don't realize that if we had a republic form of government there'd a whole lot less to complain about.

But since the mid 1870s the U.S. government and all the 50 states have devolved government at all levels from a republic form to a corporate form. There is a huge difference.

A republic form provides security for individual rights and binds elected officials to a specific and limited set of activities.

A corporate form offers elected officials a shield which protects the "ruling class" from limits to power and control over individuals, their property and their inherent rights.

For example, inside the corporation city limits, ordinances and regulations bind individuals to certain activities, most of which diminish individual rights. Sign ordinances are a primary example. Building construction regulations are also examples of corporate control.

The biggest danger of corporate government is the allegiance that is required of elected and appointed officials. As corporate officers, they are bound to protect, secure and expand the power and control of the corporation.

In a republic form of government, officials are bound to protect, defend and secure the rights of individuals. It's a sad fact that Texans have allowed corporate government to supplant the republic we are guaranteed by constitutions.

Rockwall County Sports Schedules

The Fulton School Falcons
Saturday, Feb. 25 - Varsity boys' basketball: at Regional playoff vs. Plainview Christian High School, Fort Worth Nolan Catholic, 6:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets
Friday, Feb. 24 - Varsity tennis: at Wills Point, 8 a.m.
Varsity girls' swimming: at 4A State Championships, Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, University of Texas, Austin, 10 a.m.
Varsity softball: at Allen Invitational Tournament, Allen Station Park Field 4 vs. Mesquite Horn, 10:45 a.m.
Varsity baseball: at Denton ISD Classic, Keller Timber Creek High School, vs. Keller Timber Creek 11 a.m. and vs. Greenville 4 p.m.
JV Orange baseball: at Rowlett, 4 p.m.
JV girls' soccer: home vs. McKinney Boyd, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity girls' basketball: at Region II-4A Semifinals vs. Bryan Rudder, Garland Special Events Center, 6 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: home vs. Quinlan Ford, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25 - Varsity girls' swimming: at 4A State Championships, Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, University of Texas, Austin, 9:30 a.m.
JV White baseball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, 2 games, noon
Varsity baseball: vs. Saginaw at Denton ISD Classic, Denton High School, 1:30 p.m.
Varsity softball: at Allen Invitational Tournament

Track and field: at Bulldog Relays, Roysie City
Monday, Feb. 27 - JV White baseball: home vs. Roysie City, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Varsity 2 boys' golf: at Forney, Firewheel Golf Park, Lakes Course, 8 a.m.
Tennis: home vs. Dallas Bishop Lynch, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.
Girls' soccer: home vs. Wylie, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Boys' soccer: at Wylie, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
JV Orange baseball: at Plano East, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 29 - Girls' gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW, Optional, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 1 - Softball: at Wylie Varsity Tournament vs. Sherman, Wylie High School 11 a.m., and vs. Irving Nimitz, Founders Park West Field 3 p.m.
Varsity baseball: at Jesuit Classic vs. Mesquite Poteet 12:15 p.m. and Plano West 4:45 p.m.
Boys' gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW, Optional, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 2 - Varsity girls' golf: at Rockwall Tournament, Mansfield National Golf Club, 8 a.m.
Varsity boys' golf: at Denton Guyer, Robson Ranch, 8 a.m.
Varsity softball: at Wylie Varsity Tournament, Founders Park, vs. Frisco Wakeland, East Field 11 a.m., and vs. Mesquite Horn, West Field 3 p.m.
Varsity baseball: at Jesuit Classic vs. Burleson Centennial 2:30 p.m. and at Dallas Jesuit Preparatory High School 7 p.m.

Tennis: home vs. Garland Naaman Forest, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 5 p.m.
Girls' soccer: home vs. Wylie East, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Boys' soccer: at Wylie East, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
JV Orange baseball: home vs. Roysie City, 6 p.m.
Track and field: at McKinney, Ron Poe Stadium
Saturday, March 3 - Varsity boys' golf: at Denton Guyer, Robson Ranch, 8 a.m.
Varsity girls' golf: at Rockwall Tournament, Mansfield National Golf Club, 8 a.m.
Varsity softball: at Wylie Varsity Tournament, Founders Park East Field vs. Brenham 11 a.m. and vs. Birdville 3 p.m.
JV White baseball: at Sachse, 2 games, 11 a.m.
Varsity baseball: vs. Dallas Bishop Lynch at Jesuit Classic, 12:15 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks
Friday, Feb. 24 - Varsity wrestling: at State Championships, Austin ISD Delco Center, 9 a.m.
Varsity swimming: at 4A State Championships, Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, University of Texas, Austin, 10 a.m.
Varsity baseball: at Waco ISD Invitational, Veterans Field #2, vs. Lovelady 9:30 a.m. and vs. Red Oak 5 p.m.

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Rockwall Lady Jackets clear Lincoln, quarterfinal hurdles

Lary Bump
Early in a year, the Rockwall girls' basketball team pointed toward one Lady Jacket, that wait really was more like three years. Patience paid off Tuesday night at Mesquite Horn. After falling 2-4 in the first quarter against Dallas Lincoln, RHS stormed back to run for a 25-20 halftime lead and went on to win 50-42. Regional quarterfinal game, marking the seventh consecutive year the Lady Jackets had reached at least that level of the playoffs. In the three years, Rockwall had advanced no further. And Lincoln had off RHS in two of those seasons, including a 50-47 decision last time the game was over last year, we were planning on being in an exact spot. We knew it would end up Rockwall vs. Lincoln in the quarterfinals," said Lady Jackets head coach Jill McDill. Senior captain and four-year starter, Alyssa Lang, McDill said she had lost to her freshman year and her junior year. She really wanted to win the game."



Rockwall Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (32) powers up for 2 points against Lincoln defenders 23 Kelsey Criner, and #3 Cameasha Turner during the Area playoff game Friday February 17 at Mesquite Horn.
Photo by Roy Heath (royheath.exposuremanager.com)/Rockwall County News

Fittingly, it was Lang who keyed Rockwall's big second quarter. The lead had changed hands or been tied on eight consecutive baskets, leaving the Lady Tigers ahead 20-19. Then with 1 minute, 10 seconds remaining before halftime, Lang scored a basket, was fouled and added a free throw to give the Lady Jackets a 22-20 lead.

She added another foul shot, and drove for a basket to make the score 25-20 at halftime. Lang had scored 10 of those points. She finished with 11 points and 14 rebounds. McDill said, "Alyssa was big, and she finished well."

Another Lady Jacket finishing well was the team's other senior co-captain, Kayla Smith. She made eight consecutive free throws in the final two minutes to complete RHS' scoring and thwart Lincoln's attempt to rally. The Lady Tigers had come into the game with a perfect 29-0 record.

Smith was the game's high scorer with 15 points, in part because teammate Paige Turner held Lincoln's Cameasha Turner to 13. The Lady Tiger had averaged more than 25 points in her previous four games.

As a team, Lincoln averaged better than 65 points per game. McDill said, "You know we played good defense for them to have just 42 points. Our defense has been one of our strengths all year." Rockwall has allowed opponents just 37.3 points per game this season.

The Lady Jackets (31-7) had advanced to the quarterfinal by defeating Dallas Kimball 65-23 in an Area playoff game Friday, Feb. 17, at North Mesquite. Lang scored 13 of her game-high 19 points in the first half to help RHS to a 38-11 lead.

Sara Williamson, who scored 12 against Lincoln, also put in 12 points vs. Kimball. Ellen Baker added 11, scoring 5 of those in the fourth quarter.

McDill was pleased with that performance as well. She said, "We talked about how to defend their two big girls (A'Lexsis Ford and Adrienne Drake), and we did that. We wanted to run number 32 and number 40 and get them in foul trouble. We did a good job of that. Number 32 (Ford) fouled out."

The Lady Jackets will take that defense into a Regional semifinal for the first time since 2008, when the defending state 5A champions lost to Pflugerville. RHS' streak of seven consecutive Regional quarterfinal appearances began in 2006 when Rockwall lost to Plano West for the state title, which they won in 2006-07 while going 40-0.

RHS will be in familiar company and familiar territory this weekend at the Garland Special Events Center. One of Friday's semifinals would match two teams the Lady Jackets have defeated this season, West Mesquite and Highland Park (twice). Their victory over West Mesquite was at the Special Events Center.

This season Rockwall also saw, but didn't play, its own Region II-A semifinal opponent, Bryan Rudder (34-5). The Lady Jackets came within two points of playing Rudder in the Bryan-College Station Tournament, where they lost to A&M Consolidated on its own court in the semifinals.

Rudder, the District 16-4A champion, reached the semifinals with a 59-52 double-overtime win over Round Rock Cedar Ridge.

McDill said, "They have two very good players." Fatima Adams led the Lady Rangers with 26 points in the quarterfinals, and Lamaria Cole scored 12.

RHS' coach added, "Their coach came up to me after the (Bryan-College Station) tournament and said, 'Good luck to you. We may end up playing you the last Friday in February.'"

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	18	20	14	13	65
Kimball	4	7	4	8	23

RHS (30-7) – Alyssa Lang 19, Sara Williamson 12, Ellen Baker 11, Kayla Smith 9, Paige Turner 8, Morghen Day 4, Megan Grandy 2.

Dallas Kimball (15-8) – Adrienne Drake 11, Sakaiva Washington 10, A'Lexsis Ford 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lincoln	12	8	12	10	42
RHS	6	19	13	12	50

Dallas Lincoln (29-1) – Cameasha Turner 13, Rikell McWright 11, Jade Colbert 7, Kelsey Criner 7, Jasmine Cooper 4.

RHS (31-7) – Kayla Smith 15, Sara Williamson 12, Alyssa Lang 11, Paige Turner 8, Morghen Day 4.



Rockwall Lady Jackets' Sara Williamson (11) going for a lay-up against an aggressive Kimball defender during the Area playoff game Friday February 17 at North Mesquite High School. Ready to rebound in the play is Alyssa Lang (32).
Photo by Roy Heath (royheath.exposuremanager.com)/Rockwall County News

Alumni notes: Tarleton relies on Rockwall ISD trio

Lary Bump
Ronnie Hearne didn't know what he was getting when he persuaded Shelby Adamson to play for the Tarleton State women's basketball team.

"When she first came here, I didn't know she could do everything," the head coach of the TexAnns, the Lone Star Conference's leading team said after a game on the Stephenville campus.

"Everything" for Adamson, a senior who graduated from Rockwall High School in 2008, includes leading this year's team in scoring (13.9 points per game), assists and steals. Over the long haul, she's Tarleton's all-time leader in free throws made and ranks second in assists, third in steals and fourth in career scoring.

Nor did Hearne know that by landing Shelby Adamson, he would be directly or indirectly getting three players instead of only one.

"She has been a real blessing," he said. "She has been benefiting our program for the last four years. We wouldn't have gotten Peyton if not for Shelby."

That's Peyton Adamson, Shelby's younger sister. Peyton, RHS Class of '10, played at NCAA Division I Missouri-Kansas City in her freshman year and transferred to Tarleton as a sophomore. Because it's a Division II program, she could play immediately without sitting out a year as she would have at another D-I college.

The TexAnns needed a 3-point shooter. Now Peyton Adamson is their leader in 3-point field goals and free throw percentage. Her 13.3 points per game are second on the team only to her sister.

That's not all. Tarleton also needed another inside player this season. They added another transfer – Shanae Lowrance, Rockwall-Heath '10, who played at St. Edward's as a freshman.

Now she leads the TexAnns in blocked shots and is their second-leading rebounder while averaging 8.5 points per game.

The Adamson connection? Shanae and Peyton played against each other for three years in high school, and together on select teams. And, Hearne said, "Shanae wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for Shelby's dad, Chris. He encouraged me to give her an opportunity. She has been a big difference-maker."

So that's three players from Rockwall County – make that three starters! – for Tarleton.

They'll get to come closer to home next week for the Lone Star Conference Tournament Thursday through Sunday, March 1-4, at the Allen Event Center. The TexAnns (19-8 overall, 16-3 in the conference) needed only to win at home Saturday against Abilene Christian to enter the tournament as its first seed.

Said Shelby Adamson, who will be playing in her fourth conference tournament, "Every year it has been in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. I'm really excited having it in Allen."

Being closer to home has been really important to Peyton Adamson. She said she transferred because, "I was super homesick. It's so great to be here. It's a team with great girls."

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Frisco rally beats Rockwall in last second

Rockwall looked ready almost all of Tuesday night to pull a fourth-seed upset in a boys' basketball Bi-District playoff game at Allen High School.

At the only time the Yellowjackets weren't ahead of District 9-4A Frisco was at the only time that mattered: when the final buzzer sounded.

The Yellowjackets scored the game's first two points, but RHS came back with five and went on to lead 16-12 after the first quarter and 29-21 at halftime.

Things looked even rosier for the Jackets when they stretched their lead to 34-21 in the fourth quarter on a basket by Jared Ragland.

Things began to go south when Rockwall's 6-foot-8 freshman, Elijah Orta, fouled out midway through the fourth quarter, taking 14 points and 10 rebounds with him.

Head coach Alan Simmons said, "We were ahead by nine with 2 minutes left."

"We missed some free throws and had some turnovers." The Yellowjackets took advantage of RHS' misplays. Barely a minute later, Orta, the big man, R.J. White, put in a basket for a 52-51 lead. The Jackets held Orta to 10 points, possibly to take the last shot of the game, but FHS fouled Ragland.

With less than 20 seconds remaining, Frisco moved the ball downcourt. Singleary missed a shot, but with White dominating inside, the Yellowjackets grabbed one, two, three offensive rebounds. The last of those hits in at the buzzer.

Simmons said, "I've been coaching 18 years, 12 years in the playoffs, and never had a season end with a loss so tough."

Despite the disappointing end to a 21-11 season, the coach is looking ahead to next season.

"We were a young team, but we'll miss our seniors. We only had two seniors on the team, so we were mostly seniors and freshmen. We'll be young next season, but we had a good freshman class."

Resending the seniors, Wes Davis scored 11 points for RHS. Freshman Austin Grandstaff, the team's scoring leader (15 points per game) for the Jackets led the Jackets with 20 against Frisco.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	16	13	8	15	52
Frisco	12	9	12	21	54

RHS (21-11) – Austin Grandstaff 20, Elijah Thomas 14, Wes Davis 11, Jared Ragland 5, Andrew Hinckley 2.

Frisco (23-9) – R.J. White 18, Kevin Stephens 10, Ryan Thomas 8, Adrian Singleary 5, Brady Culbertson 4, Kanetis Mays 4, Drew Dennis 3, Ryan Horton 2.



Rockwall Yellowjackets' Senior Jared Ragland (00) drives in for one of many lay-up shots during the Bi-District playoff game against Frisco at Allen High School.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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Varsity softball: at Allen Invitational Tournament, Allen Station Park Field, Lovejoy, 12:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Varsity tennis: at Corsicana Tournament

JV Black baseball: at Plano East Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 25 – Varsity swimming: at 4A State Championships, Lee Jamail Texas Swimming Center, University of Texas, Austin, 9:30 a.m.

Varsity wrestling: at State Championships, Austin ISD Delco Center, 10:15 a.m.

Varsity baseball: at Waco ISD Invitational, Veterans Field #1

JV Black baseball: at Plano East Tournament

Varsity softball: at Allen Invitational Tournament

Track and field: at Ben Robertson Relays, Hanby Stadium, Mesquite

Friday, Feb. 27 – Red boys' golf: at Waxahachie, Waxahachie Country Club, 8 a.m.

JV2 baseball: at Forney, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28 – Black boys' golf: at Forney, Firewheel Golf Park, Lakeside, 8 a.m.

Black boys' golf: home vs. Dallas Bishop Lynch, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 29 – Boys' golf: at Richardson Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Girls' golf: at Rowlett Tournament, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW, Optional, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 1 – Varsity baseball: at Flower Mound Tournament vs. Denton Guyer, 1:30 p.m. and vs. Fort Worth Christian 4 p.m.

Varsity gymnastics: at Mark Williams Invitational, FEW, Optional, 7 p.m.

JV2 Black baseball: at Garland ISD Tournament

Friday, March 2 – Black boys' golf: at Denton Guyer, Robson Ranch, 8 a.m.

JV2 Black baseball: at Flower Mound Tournament, vs. Rowlett 4 p.m. and at

Flower Mound 7 p.m.

Softball: home vs. Farmersville, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Royse City, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Girls' soccer: at Royse City, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

JV Black baseball: at Garland ISD Tournament

Varsity tennis: at Abilene Tournament

Saturday, March 3 – Varsity baseball: at Flower Mound Tournament

JV Black baseball: at Garland ISD Tournament

Boys' golf: at Denton Guyer, Robson Ranch

Tennis: at Abilene Tournament

Track and field: at Clay Jones Relays, City Bank Stadium, Forney

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Feb. 24 – Varsity softball: at Allen Invitational Tournament, Allen Station Park Field 4 vs. Frisco Liberty, 9 a.m.

Varsity baseball: at DeSoto Tournament

JV1 baseball: at North Forney Tournament

JV2 baseball: at Crandall Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 25 – Track and field: home for Bulldog Relays

Varsity baseball: at DeSoto Tournament

JV1 baseball: at North Forney Tournament

JV2 baseball: at Crandall Tournament

Varsity softball: at Allen Invitational Tournament

JV2 softball: at Commerce Tournament

Monday, Feb. 27 – Baseball: home vs. DeSoto, varsity 4:30 p.m. and JV1 7 p.m.

Varsity boys' and girls' golf: at Wills Point Invitational, Links at Lands End, Yantis

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Softball: at Wylie East, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 29 – JV boys' and girls' golf: at Richardson Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Thursday, March 1 – Varsity baseball: at Mesquite Tournament

JV2 baseball: at Crandall Tournament

Varsity softball: at Corsicana Tournament

JV softball: at Allen Tournament

JV tennis: at Carrollton Newman Smith

Friday, March 2 – Girls' soccer: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at Rockwall-Heath, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

JV2 softball: home vs. North Mesquite, 6 p.m.

JV1 baseball: at Rockwall, 6 p.m.

Varsity baseball: at Mesquite Tournament

JV2 baseball: at Crandall Tournament

Varsity softball: at Corsicana Tournament

Saturday, March 3 – Varsity baseball: at Mesquite Tournament

JV2 baseball: at Crandall Tournament

Varsity softball: at Corsicana Tournament

JV softball: at Allen Tournament

Track and field: at Clay Jones Relays, Forney

Cain Middle School Mustangs

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Gymnastics: home vs. Utley, Rockwall-Heath High School, Levels 4/5/6, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1 – Track and field: at Rockwall Meet, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 4:15 p.m.

Utley Middle School Wolves

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Gymnastics: at Cain, Rockwall-Heath High School Levels 4/5/6, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1 – Track and field: at Rockwall Meet, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 4:15 p.m.

Williams Middle School Wildcats

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Gymnastics: at Garland Brandenburg Invitational Levels 5/6, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1 – Tennis: at Greenville, 4 p.m.

Track and field: home for Rockwall Meet with Cain, Utley, Allen Erecksor and Wylie Cooper, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 4:15 p.m.

Rockwall County Sports

Fulton's finish sends Falcons to Regional

by Lary Bump
 The Fulton School turned a slow start into a strong second half that kept the Falcons alive in the TAPPS 1A basketball playoffs Saturday.
 Following Fulton's 50-43 Area-round victory over Fredericksburg Heritage Christian at the Forney Sports Center, winning head coach Josh Johnson praised his opponent.
 "They might be the best number two team in the state. In six of the eight districts they would be first."
 He added, "We're a team that could be in the final four."
 To be that team, the Falcons (19-10) would have to defeat Plainview Christian High School (23-1) in Saturday's 6:30 p.m. Regional playoff game at Fort Worth Nolan Catholic.
 Johnson is confident his team can play better than it did in falling behind Fredericksburg 15-8 after 2 1/2 minutes of the second quarter.
 "Offensively, we started out with a lot of one-on-one. Once we got into a motion offense, we got some easier baskets. We got Jaston (Reese) down low. Tanner (Treadway) was in foul trouble, but I said, 'You're going to stay in the game.'"

Treadway hit two 3-point shots, and Fulton tied the game 24-24 when Terrence Kennell drove for a basket 12 seconds before halftime.
 The Falcons took the lead 28-26 on Treadway's reverse layup nearly 3 minutes into the third quarter.
 Fulton's defense was playing better too. Over a 13-minute span, Fredericksburg scored just 17 points as its seven-point lead turned into a seven-point deficit at 39-32.
 Johnson said, "I don't usually like playing 2-3 (zone), but that was when we started getting our stops."
 The visitors pulled within three points at 39-36, but even when Brenden Williams' 3-point shot stretched the lead out to 49-39, Johnson still didn't feel comfortable. Fulton turnovers and fouls brought Fredericksburg back within six points with 45 seconds remaining, but the Falcons were able to run out the clock.
 Treadway finished with 18 points, Kennell scored 12, and Reese contributed 10 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots.

The 6-foot-5 Reese could be a key factor in the Regionals against Plainview which has won 23 consecutive games after a season-opening loss but posts are just 6-2.
 Johnson said the Eagles use a rotation of as many as 11 players which could try to wear down Fulton with an aggressive man-to-man defense. Falcons are likely to counter with an assortment of zone and combi defenses.
 Plainview's leading players are 3-point shooter Dylan Hayes, who scored 22 points in a 66-51 Area playoff win over Austin Veritas, and point guard Braden Landthroop, an All-State selection last season.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Fredericksburg	9	15	8	11
Fulton	4	20	13	13

Fredericksburg Heritage Christian (10-6) - N/A.
 Fulton (19-10) - Tanner Treadway 18, Terrence Kennell 12, Jaston Reese 10, Brenden Williams 8, Qwe'terious Conley 2.

Heritage Christian stands up to Texoma but loses at buzzer

by Lary Bump
 It could have become one of the not-unusual one-sided TAPPS playoff games.
 The Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team, coming off its first playoff victory in years, was hosting Sherman Texoma Christian - the winner of 20 consecutive playoff games, including four consecutive TAPPS 1A state championships.
 That prospect seemed even more likely when the Eagles from Sherman flew to a 16-8 lead over Rockwall's Eagles 30 seconds into the second quarter.
 About a minute later, after Jenna Geyman's two free throws had cut the deficit to 16-10, HCA head coach Van Minter called time out. He needed to know whether his team would bail out or battle back.
 "It was time for us to step up or fold," Minter said. "I felt we were being a little too hesitant in attacking with the ball."
 His team didn't fold. Over the next couple of minutes, Madeline Schroepfer drove for a basket. Erika Mendoza and Geyman scored at the end of fast breaks. Suddenly, Heritage led 17-16 at the end of a 9-0 run. Texoma regained a one-point lead, but then three baskets by Taylor Powers keyed a 9-2 run that gave the home team a 26-19 halftime advantage.
 Texoma didn't regain the lead until the fourth quarter. The teams exchanged baskets, leaving the visiting Eagles ahead 38-37.
 Then came another HCA spurt. Schroepfer drove for a layup and made a foul shot. The home team broke Sherman's press for a basket by Geyman. Mendoza scored on a fast break. That 8-0 run put the Eagles ahead 45-38 with just 2 minutes, 55 seconds remaining.
 The team was clicking on all cylinders.
 It was the Texoma girls with the deer-in-the-headlights expressions - except for one of those Eagles, Hannah Bentsen.
 She drove for three baskets and hit a 10-foot jump shot to cut the lead

to 48-46. Then, after a put-back by Texoma tied the score with 38 seconds remaining, HCA held the ball for one shot.
 The problem was that with 8 seconds to play, Heritage lost the ball out of bounds.
 Texoma rolled the ball in bounds, then with time running out got the ball to Bentsen in the lane. She took another 10-footer, the buzzer sounded and the ball swished into the net for a 50-48 victory that kept the visitors' playoff streak alive.
 After the game, Texoma head coach Mark Ellison congratulated HCA's players. As Minter recounted the conversation, Ellison said, "You guys wondering when you could step up to the next level. You're there."
 Schroepfer and Rachel McMillan led Heritage with 12 points each. McMillan added eight rebounds, and Schroepfer stole the ball three times. Bentsen scored 14 of her game-high 24 points in the fourth quarter.
 In retrospect, Minter said, "One change we should have made was to front her in the last 8 seconds so she didn't catch a pass."
 He said he chose to play the defense back instead of defending the girls bringing the ball across midcourt. "If they got past our guards, I'd hate to get burned under the basket."
 "Unfortunately, at the buzzer it ended for us. We're completely, totally proud of our girls. We lose just one girl, Jenna Geyman. They really believe they can go farther next year. Anything can get in the way, but they took a massive step this year."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Texoma	14	5	13	18	50
Heritage	8	18	9	13	48

Sherman Texoma Christian (19-13) - N/A.
 Heritage (19-5) - Madeline Schroepfer 12, Rachel McMillan 12, Erika Mendoza 8, Taylor Powers 8, Jenna Geyman 7, Hailee Johnson 1.

but loses at buzzer

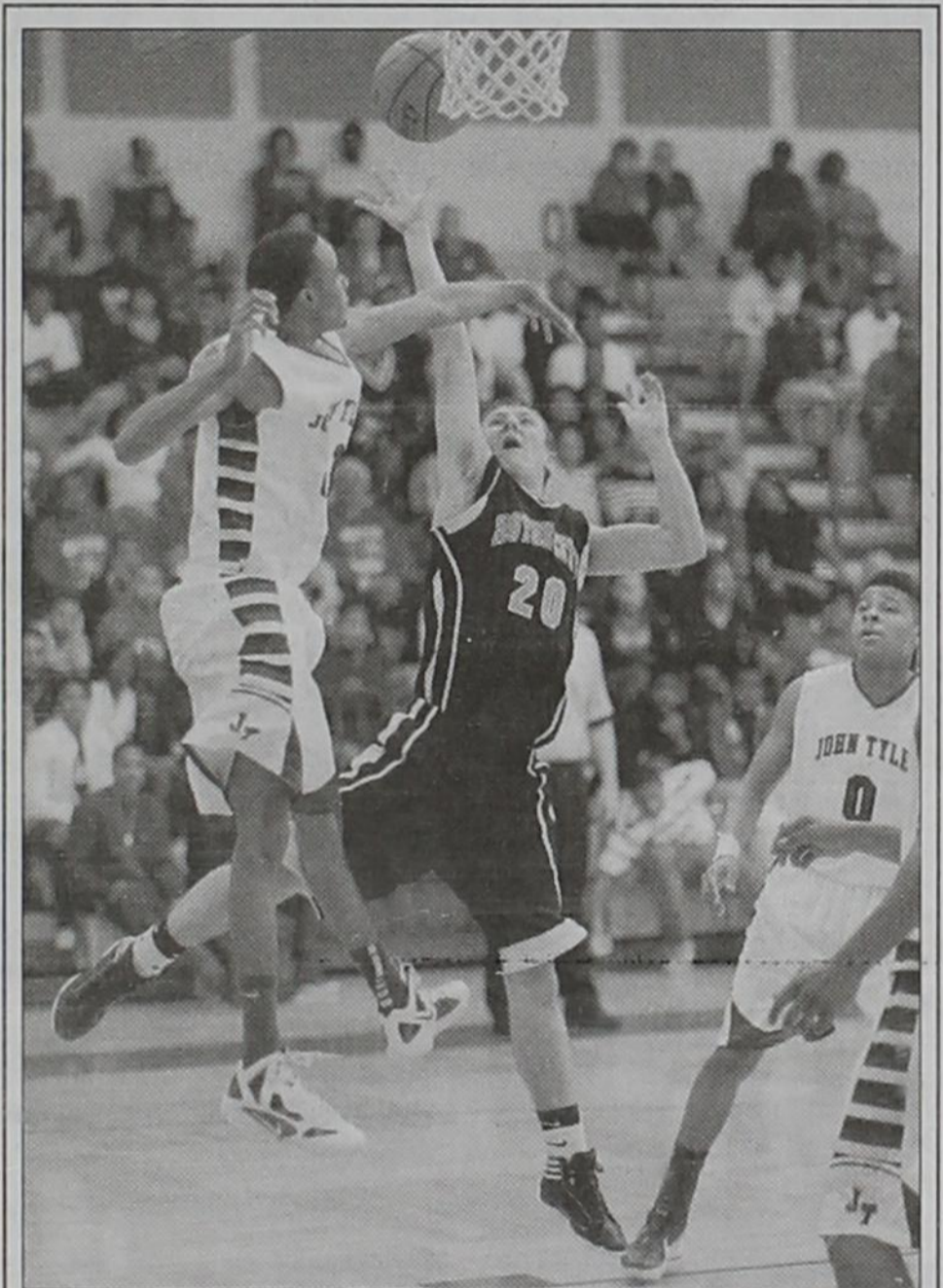


Heritage Christian Academy Lady Eagles' Madeline Schroepfer (5) drives in for 2 points, and draws a foul for two more points during last Friday's (February 17) Area playoff game against Texoma.
 Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Royse City Bulldogs' fall to John Tyler at Bi-District

In a defensive battle for control of the ball, the Royse City Bulldogs fell to John Tyler 57-39 during the Tuesday, February 21 Bi-District playoff game at Terrell High School.
 Although they won the 3-point shot game, and maintained a close margin in defensive numbers, the Bulldogs were unable match the 22 points scored by Tyus Bowser (8 for 11 in field goals).
 Matt Stone led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Cayce Dahmer's 9 points including two 3-point shots. Other 3-point shooters were Jamie Briceno with two, and one for David Frye.
 "We competed very well. I was proud of our young men who came out ready to play and were more confident than last year," said Coach Anthony Howerton.
 Both teams were close in rebounds and turn-with John Tyler losing the

offensive rebounds 6-8 and Royse City losing the defensive rebounds 11-18.
 The Bulldogs struggled with John Tyler's overall defensive press as the latter seized 11 steals over Royse City's 6 steals. It would not be surprising that Tyler logged 26 fouls versus Royse City's 8 fouls.
 At the same time, the Bulldogs were unable to convert Tyler fouls into points with 4 of 8 at the foul line compared to Tyler's 16 of 29 at the line.
 Coach Howerton further explained, "If we would have shot a little better we would have won. Our defense hustle and ball handling were solid."
 "They [John Tyler] have an excellent team, and they have a great player in Bowser. But our young men did not back down from them."
 The Bulldogs ended its season in second place with a 7-4-0 record in District.
 Other scorers included Tre Hayes with 2 points, Michael Webb 3 points, and David Frye 7 points.
 Also seeing action were Tre Hayes, Wes Brookshire, CJ Wanton and Jr. Arredondo.



Royse City Bulldogs' Cayce Dahmer (20) puts the ball up for a shot under the basket during the Bi-District playoff game Tuesday February 21 at Terrell High School.
 Photo by Pat Cori/Rockwall County News

Lady Bulldogs' push Rudder to overtime in 63-49 loss

The Royse City Lady Bulldogs forced Bryan Rudder to fight for a 63-49 overtime win during the UIL Area round playoff game last Friday, February 17 in Fairfield, Texas.
 The Lady Bulldogs finished the 2012 season with an overall record of 25-8 and 9-3 in District play.
 Krystal Pickron led the game with 26 points and 12 rebounds.
 Taylor Young spear-headed Royse City's defense in a match-up against University of Kansas signee Lamaria Cole throughout the game, and finished with a total of 17 points and 5 assists.
 "A great team had to play great to beat us tonight. I am really proud of this team for their effort tonight, and for all they have done this season," said Head Coach Dallas Bookout.
 Other standout performances included Sydnie Erbe who hit three 3-point shots in the first half to keep Royse City in the game. Halea McCarroll was instrumental off the bench as a couple of Royse City starters were in foul trouble.
 "It has been a pleasure to coach them and just to be around such a great group of young ladies," continued Bookout.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
RCHS	11	15	12	21		59
BRHS	20	14	11	18		63

Other individual scorers included Erbie (9 points), McCarroll (4 points) and Nina Gaines (3 points).



Royse City Lady Bulldogs' Krystal Pickron (24) lets the ball sail from the 3-point line during the Area playoff game against Bryan Rudder, Friday February 17 at Fairfield, Texas.
 Photo by Jeff Hays (mediasixtyseven.com)/Rockwall County News

2 middle school wrestlers are state champs

The Rockwall-Heath and Rockwall varsity teams, which placed first and second in the District 19 Championships, aren't the only successful wrestling squads in the county.
 In addition to running successful junior varsity programs, the high schools this year supported a Rockwall Middle Schools team with wrestlers from Cain, Utley and Williams.
 Two RISD competitors went undefeated to become state champions at the Middle School State Wrestling Tournament at Dallas St. Mark's School of Texas.
 Jonathan Jonas from Williams won the state title at 119 pounds, and Josh Marks from Utley was the 185-pound state champion.
 Two other Utley wrestlers placed at the state tournament. Tanner Stephens (100 pounds) reached the final match before losing to finish second. Divandre Hernandez was fourth at 250. Each weight class had between 16 and 22 wrestlers.
 The combined Rockwall team also had six champions at the A-Town Smackdown in Allen. Marks and Jackson Gray were the champions from Utley. Jonas, Cody Keller, John Guthrie and Tanner Faaborg from Williams also won their weight class.
 Placing second were Stephens, Donik Smajli, Gabriel Garrett, Josh Gray, Kennedy Diaz and Nathan Curry from Utley; Jordan Whitson and Shawn Gibson from Cain, and Dalton Miller and Chris Dulac from Williams. Utley's Hernandez took third place.
 Brandon Vestal coached the middle school team.

Williams 7th grade girls win basketball tournament

The Williams seventh grade A girls' basketball team led a strong contingent from WMS in the district A Team Tournaments Feb. 10 and 11.
 The seventh grade Lady Wildcats swept three opponents to win the championship at Lovejoy Sloan Creek.
 After losing in the semifinals, Williams' eighth grade A team defeated Wylie Burnett 38-28 to take third place.
 WMS' seventh grade A boys' team placed fourth. They defeated Burnett 36-30, but the Wildcats lost to champion Cain 32-24 in the semifinals and took a close 39-35 against Allen Ereckson in the third-place game.
 Williams' eighth grade A team lost to champion Cain in the quarterfinals.

Tarleton relies on Rockwall ISD trio...

(Continued from Page 9)
 The Adamson sisters have played together so much that it's apparent they know what each other might do on the court at any time. Shelby said, "Our games complement each other. The team as a whole, we love each other, but me and Peyton do have a special bond."
 Lowrance said, "Now that we're playing together, it seems like all of Rockwall is behind us."

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Fate fire marshal to retire March 1

Fate Fire Chief Sean Fay announced to the Fate City Council at its Feb. 20 meeting that he has accepted the resignation of Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshal Brian Griffith.

Griffith's last day on the job will be March 1. He will follow a longtime dream of retiring to Montana.

Fay will fill in as fire marshal until a replacement is hired. He told the council he will begin looking at the hiring process later this year once the city begins working on next year's budget.

"We will be replacing the fire marshal position but we can't replace all the other things he (Griffith) brings to the department with his depth of investigation and law enforcement skills," Fay said. "We hate to lose him"

Fate Mayor Bill Broderick thanked Griffith for his service to the community and said he looked forward to visiting Griffith in Montana.

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Flagpole route resolved at courthouse

The flag display for Rockwall County recently became the subject of discussion. A decision was made concerning the courthouse flagpole display. One of the flagpoles was taller than the others, and the mistake kept the pole from conforming to the code. The mistake was corrected in January when a flagpole contractor cut the top of the taller pole, bringing the display in compliance with the code. The repair cost \$10,000, according to Jerry Chaney, who now is serving his 11th year as Precinct 1 Commissioner; his 10th year as pro-tem; and as a member of the Exterior Design Committee, the Interior Design Committee and the Landscape Design Committee for the new courthouse.

Photos courtesy of Jerry Chaney/Rockwall County News



Erndon students Brandon McChristian and Drake Sarratt are shown programming a robot to catch a ball. The project is part of the school's Robotech program, which has gone from 24 members and 24 robot kits to more than 70 members and 26 kits in two years. The program's growth was made possible thanks to grant money from the Royse City ISD Education Foundation, which allowed members Richard Caldwell and Polly Stelzel to purchase eight additional base kits and six additional sensor kits. The grant not only expanded the number of students served by the program, but also met the needs of advanced Robotech team members.

Photo courtesy of Rockwall County News

Clown duo to pave way for upcoming circus

A husband-and-wife clown duo, David and Sherri Shepard, will be in town from March 12 to 26. They will perform a sneak peek of the Miller Circus performances on March 26.

The Shepards, whose stage names are Dave and Charlie, won't be in town to sell tickets or to hand out flyers. Instead, they'll just be performing around, according to a spokesman from the Royse City Chamber of Commerce. Their act includes juggling, puppetry and comedy skits as well as opportunities for audience participation.

Their performance will be in town from 7 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Parents and daycares interested in having the clowns stop by should contact Julia Bryant, the chamber's executive director, at 972-636-5000 or julia@roysecitychamber.com.

The Royse City Chamber will be sponsoring the circus performances.

The performances will also afford frequent opportunities of showing the necessity of religion and the excellency of the Christian religion above all religions, ancient or modern.

Benjamin Franklin

is not only an intellectual but also a religious being, and his feelings and habits require religion.

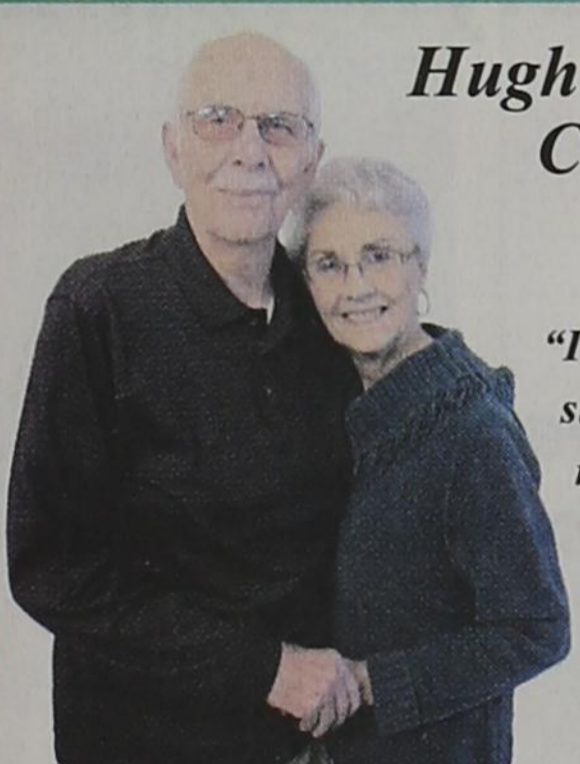
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Washington

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