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amily thankful for outcome of Jan. 10 accident on I-30

Illie Jean Coppedge

has plans for every single those in that accident and the reason why none of ere hurt seriously or killed. t done with them yet," said ox, son-in-law of Howard river of a 2007 Avalanche ently was involved in an

is the father of the three volved in the accident.

rd Lede and his wife, , were in the front seat ir grandsons were in the it. They were taking their est grandchildren, Aston, 7, gan, 8, to school when the t occurred. Both the older d their seatbelts on and the 3-month-old Josiah, was in s seat.

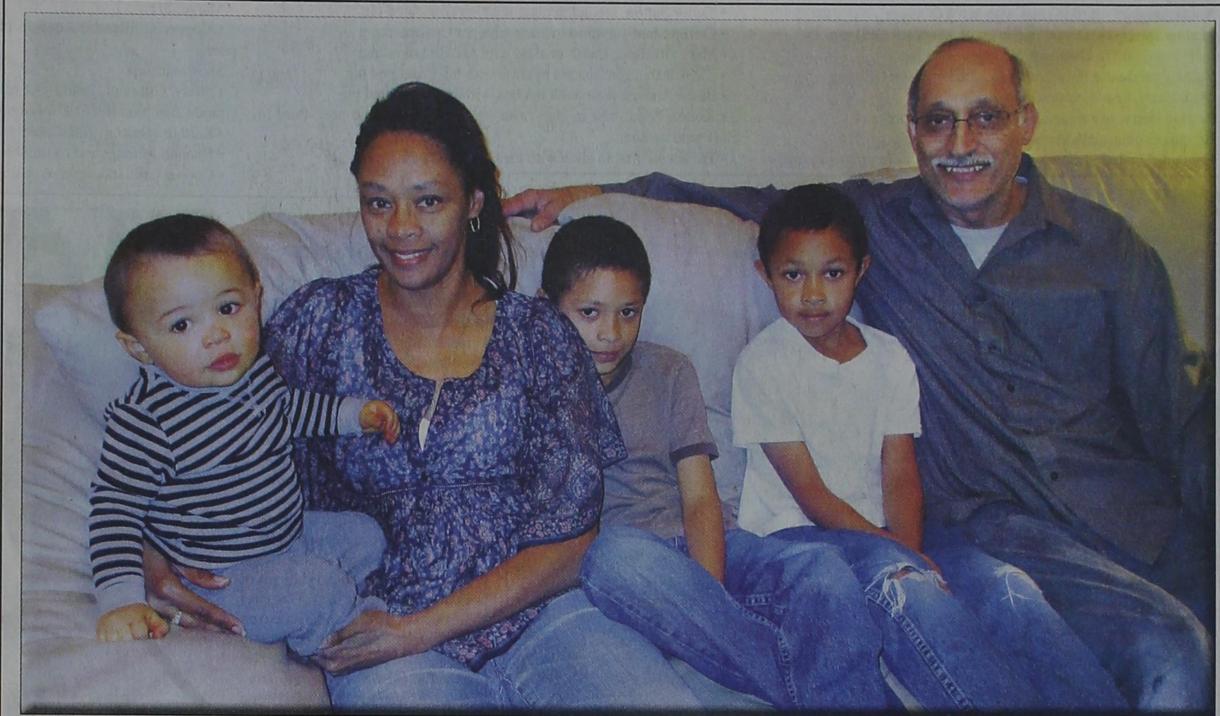
five family members ed skin burns from the s, but could have been ly injured or killed had ot had their seat belts on. airbags deployed, but only 1 Lede's arm was cut from ce of the deployment. Each d minor bruises and cuts, ward Lede also received ribs.

30 a.m. Jan. 10, the accident d on I-30 near FM 548.

rding to Royse City Chief ce Jeff Stapleton, a white ia hit the big pothole in the lane of westbound I-30 Erby Campbell Boulevard, threw it into the cement te barrier. Three of the 's tires were blown out.

18-wheeler behind the Kia pothole and blew out some ires on the cab of the truck. ont trailer landed in the ound lane and the back trailer d into the cement barrier and d both east- and westbound of traffic. Both the front and outside tires of the second "rode the cement barriers" he tires were totally gone en rode on the rims.

Howard and Annette Lede vhen they came upon the he second trailer already was ne, and that is how the top r Avalanche is so damaged. rd Lede said he remembers iler hitting his car twice, but pened so quickly he doesn't where it hit the second time. pleton said all seven people taken by Rockwall EMS to ke Point Hospital, including man in the Kia who received njuries and the driver of the eeler who sustained neck s. The names of the truck (Continued on Page 7)



This family (the grandparents and their three grandsons) was riding in a 2007 Avalanche when it became involved in the construction accident. Left to right are 13-month-old Josiah, grandmother Annette Lede, 8-year-old Logan, 7-year-old Aston, and grandfather and driver of the SUV, Howard Lede. The Ledes were taking their two oldest grandsons to school.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



This 2007 Avalanche was involved in the Jan. 10 accident in Royse City on I-30 near FM 548 in which a small car hit a large pothole, then was stalled when the car hit the cement barrier to the right of the two lanes. An 18-wheeler pulling two trailers came apart after hitting the same pothole, landing the first trailer in the west bound lane and the other crashed into the barrier and landed in the eastbound lane. The SUV was headed east when the air-born trailer hit the top of his truck causing it to hit the barrier and crash. Both trailers landed on their sides.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

City of Heath wants to make a statement with 740 entrance

by Brittany Williams

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If a first impression really is as important as they say, the City of Heath is ready to dress to the nines.

Randy Sorensen with Jacobs Engineering, designer of the gargantuan 50-foot tall entrance feature to the city, presented the design to the council and those in attendance.

The statue would be located at the corner of Henry Chandler Road and

According to Sorensen, the goals of the design is to create a formal entryway into the city, so there was no question that you were entering into the city of Heath.

Another was to incorporate the nautical theme the city already has in

A mast and sail-like stainless steel piece extends to the top of the feature and the city's nautical themed logo on both sides of the design. Forty feet of landscaping will extend from the corner down 740 and

will include low-maintenance grasses and plants to set off the tower.

The feature will have internal LED lights to keep it visible at night. "I didn't want to just put some big spot lights on it and light it up, I wanted it to glow," Sorensen said.

According to Sorensen, unless the traffic light is red, a passing driver would only have about a five second window to see the statue.

The budget given for the project was \$100,000. The proposed design is expected to cost between \$175,000 and \$300,000, which the EDC is expected to help the city pay for.

"This is something that is very representative of our brand, of our city, the theme that we have and, I think, we want to go for," Councilmember Justin Holland said of the design. "It's classy, it's distinctive, it goes with what our community as a whole has told us what they want Heath to be."

The following items were also on the agenda for discussion and

An application for a conditional use permit for a 480-square-foot accessory structure for agricultural use was approved by council.

A resolution was approved for the mayor to execute a professional services agreement to be awarded to Freeman-Millican, Inc. for the engineering design of the Amy Parks Drive project. Some concerns of conflict of interest were raised as the company also does other work for the city, but the city attorney advised that there was no conflict. The resolution passed.

The council approved \$3 million for street repair to be added to the Capital Improvement Project. The current total for the CIP is \$14.4 million. The plan includes projects to improve and repair streets and various other sites around the city.

Mayor Lorne Liechty proclaimed January 2014 Rockwall Women's League Month in Heath in honor of the league's 40th anniversary.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28,

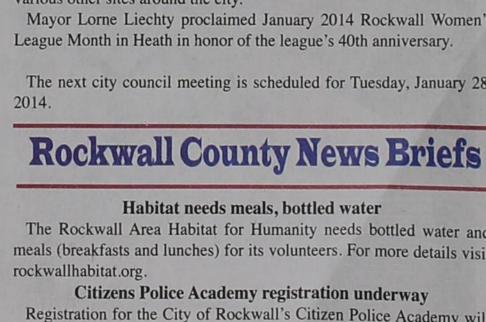
Habitat needs meals, bottled water

The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity needs bottled water and meals (breakfasts and lunches) for its volunteers. For more details visit

Citizens Police Academy registration underway

Registration for the City of Rockwall's Citizen Police Academy will be open until Feb. 4. The academy will run Feb. 11 through May 6, with

classes set for 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. onp Tuesdays. For more details call 972-771-7765 or email pyoung@ rockwall.com. Applications may be completed online at



rockwallpolice.org.

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egional Corps of Engineers commander to retire

3. Gen. Thomas W. Kula, the commander of the Southwestern ion, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will retire from the U.S. after 32 years of service, effective April 11, according to a news

Southwestern Division will change command on April 4, and will le Kula's retirement ceremony.

m so very appreciative of the many opportunities I have been given we our nation," Kula said, "and I'm always proud of the men and en I have been fortunate to serve with and to lead. I have enjoyed st three years with Southwestern Division supporting a seven state n and providing value to the public and our many partners. It's been nendous last assignment.

n also very grateful for all the dedication and sacrifices that my y has shown in support of my Army career. The Army is a family , and mine have always been there for me.

lough it's always hard to end one chapter of a career, I have the best memories of the Army, and I look forward to continuing to serve egion and our nation in other capacities."

: North Chicago, Ill., native was commissioned a second lieutenant e Corps of Engineers and awarded a bachelor's degree in civil neering upon graduation from the United States Military Academy 82. He holds a master's degree in military arts and science from chool of Advanced Military Studies, Command and General Staff

previous military assignments have included assignments in lany, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort g, N.C., the Pentagon, and deployments in support of Operation Freedom.

i. Richard J. Muraski, currently the SWD deputy commander, assume command of the division until a permanent commander is

la lives in Rockwall and plans to remain in the area, according to

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Kula

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Royse City FFA fares well at Collin County stock show

The Royse City FFA show team earned several top spots at the 2014 Collin County Livestock Show conducted Jan. 7-10 in McKinney, according to a news release from the school.

Results included:

Breeding Rabbits

- Alesia Pinto, Best of Breed with her English angora rabbit Swine
- · Caitlin Shannon, first in class with her white OPB pig; went on to win grand champion
- Makenleigh Jones, fifth in class with her white OPB pig
- Brianna Littlefield, eighth in class with her white OPB pig William Littlefield, seventh in class with his white OPB pig
- Tyler Martin, fourth in class and sixth in another class with his two
- WOPB pigs
- · Nolan Amshoff, third in class with his WOPB pig
- Maddie Dayberry, second in class with her black OPB pig
- Ty Pinson, fifth in class with his black OPB pig Nellie Waterhouse, fourth in class with her black OPB pig
- · Madi Berry, first in class with her Duroc pig
- · Lawton Berry, second in class with his Duroc pig
- · Brianna Garcia, sixth in class with his Duroc pig
- Colten Erbe, first in class with his Duroc pig; went on to win reserve

- champion Duroc
- · Dalton Hayes, first in class with his Hampshire pig; went on to win grand champion Hampshire
- · Isela Garcia, sixth in class with her Yorkshire pig
- · Montana Pinson, first in class with his Yorkshire pig · Kaylee Little, fourth in class with her Yorkshire pig
- Robin Jones, sixth in class with her Yorkshire pig · Cody Riley, seventh in class with his Yorkshire pig
- · Taylor Stroud, fourth in class with her Yorkshire pig
- · Montana Pinson, second in class with his Yorkshire pig Lane Hudson, sixth in class with his Yorkshire pig
- · Kaitlyn Johnson, first in class with her Yorkshire pig; went on to win reserve champion Yorkshire and placed first in class with her Crossbred
- · Taylor Sutton, second in class with her Crossbred pig
- · Caitlin Shannon, third in class with her Crossbred pig · Mary Gilliland, fourth in class with her Crossbred pig
- · Chance Damron, second in class with his Crossbred pig
- · Bailie Anderson, seventh in class with her Crossbred pig
- · Kelton Ward, first in class with one of his Crossbred pigs; third in
- class with another
- Tre Green, first in class with his Crossbred pig

· Cameron Parrish, sixth in class with his Crossbred pig

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- Market Goats · Garrett Watts, sixth in class with his market goat
- · Cole Jones, eighth in class with both of his market goats Market Sheep
- · Hannah Jones, first in class with her finewool lamb; went on to grand champion finewool
- · Hannah Jones, second in class with her medium wool lamb Breeding Heifers
- · Mary Gilliland, first in class with her ARB heifer; went on to grand champion ARB, then grand champion American and sun reserve champion
- · Lexi Ruff, second in class with her Simmental heifer; went on to reserve champion Simmental
- Market Steer · Cooper Gilliland, second in class with his middle-weight Fn

Showmanship

- · Mary Gilliland, grand champion, Junior Swine Showmanshi Grand Champion Beef Heifer Showmanship
- · Kaitlyn Johnson, grand champion, Senior Swine Showmanship
- · Hannah Jones, grand champion, Senior Sheep Showmanship Cooper Gilliland, reserve champion, Senior Steer Showmanship

A&M Club awards scholarships

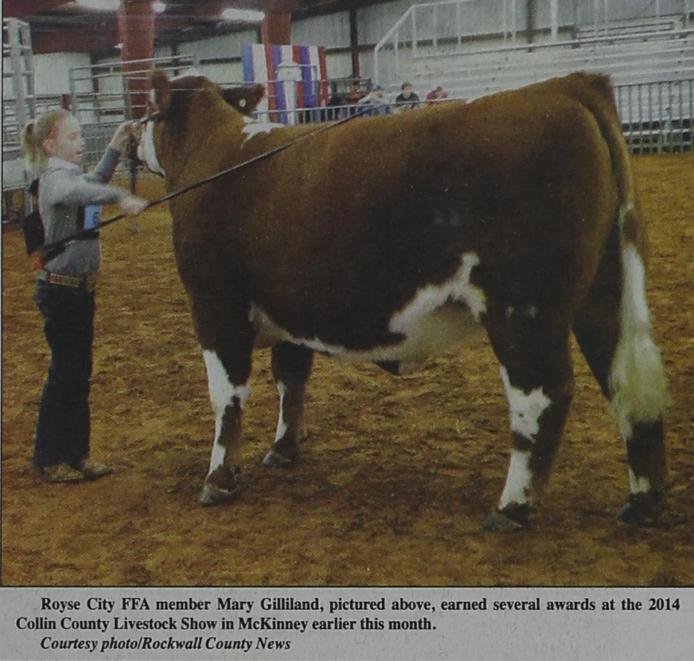
The Rockwall County A&M Club recently awarded several scholarships to Rockwall County residents returning to the College Station university for the spring semester. Recipients of scholarships provided through the organization's Endowed Scholarship Program included Emily Coltharp, recipient of a scholarship given in honor of Duke (1960) and Sue Burnett; Spencer Thames, recipient of a scholarship given in honor of Clarence (1965) and Leigh Plagens; Josiah Bezet, recipient of a scholarship given in honor of Tom and Margaret Davison (1978); and Kameron Svoboda, recipient of a scholarship given in honor of Karen McKee Woodliff (1998). Pictured from the left are Svoboda, Davidson and Coltharp.





Ainsley Forrester was presented the Rockwall Student of Honor recognition at the Jan. 9 lunch meeting. She attends Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary. Pullen principal Renee Demianovich is shown presenting the award.

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Four locals name to Dean's List

Four local residents were am or Roll; and Allis the more than 1,200 Hard University students at Sea Ark., included on the Dean's for grades achieved during the semester, according to a univer news release.

Honorees included Linda Fere a senior from Royse City; Mich Kelley, a junior from Royse C Bethany Lasley, a senior fr Rockwall; and Julie White, sophomore from Rockwall.

The Dean's List recognizes the who have achieved 12 or m hours with a 3.65 or higher gra point average and no incomple

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morial service for James "Jim" Halstead, 62, of Il will be conducted at a ite. For information, email halstead@gmail.com. The ven Funeral Home-Rockwall s in charge of arrangements.

al heifer; wentour. worked as a machinist in ufacturing industry and was ! fisherman. A resident of

middle-weightick II for the past 10 years, he was a wonderful husband, father and

vors include his wife, Sandra Jo (Switzer) Halstead; his son, Swine Showmouth y Halstead; his daughter, Melissa Mercer; his grandchildren, s Halstead, Ryan Halstead and Casey Lowe; his sister, Cathy rine Showmanerle and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

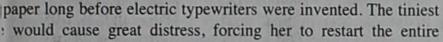
Showmanship le as preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Benny and

amily has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to kwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Rd., Rockwall, TX or animaladoptionsrockwall.com.

Vella LaHoma Kimbrell

ebration of the life of Vella a Kimbrell, a lifelong resident kwall, was conducted at 2 1. 22, 2014, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel en Crawford and Trevor Joy ng. Burial followed in the iven Memorial Park. ied Jan. 18 at her home.

March 27, 1918, she graduated Rockwall High School and as a legislative bills processor State of Texas Senate in Austin. ten told stories of preparing s on manual typewriters and



narried George Taylor Kimbrell, her high school sweetheart, on 1, 1939. As written in her personal journal, she always dreamed ng married, having a baby and driving in the front seat of the car r just so the world could see her family. She lived this dream dly, as she devoted her life to service to her family and friends. Her times were spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of cards, favorite desserts, and summer vacations at the beach. vas a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

vors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Jullia Cornelius, ornelius, Madolyn and Gary Anderson and Tammie and Mike ums; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a host of elatives. was preceded in death by her parents, Miles Lannie and Minnie

(rider Stimson; her husband; and two brothers.

family has suggested memorial gifts may be made to the First Methodist Church, 1200 Yellow Jacket Road, Rockwall, TX

udents recognized

ral local students attending Texas A&M University recently were

ized for outstanding academic performances in the fall semester.

levels of recognition - Dean's Honor Roll and Distinguished

its - were made. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking

It 15 semester hours during the semester who have maintained a

r higher grade point out of a possible 4.0. To be a Distinguished

it, a student must have earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at

orees, according to the university news release, included Mitchell J.

of Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll; Emily J. Coltharp of Rockwall,

Honor Roll; Paul M. Daley of Rockwall, Distinguished Student;

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rs of Rockwall, Distinguished Student; Kaitlyn E. McGuire of

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Roll; Andrew C. Nixon of Rockwall, Distinguished Student;

w A. Oehler of Rockwall, Dean's Honor Roll; Kaitlyn C. Payne of

vall, Dean's Honor Roll; Katherine L. Thompson of Heath, Dean's

Roll; and Allison N. Tucker of Rockwall, Distinguished Student.

ockwall County Entertainment

enior Citizen Prom will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 26 at the

Cherry Intermediate School cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

vent will be sponsored by the Thoughtful Thinking Things of the

Rockwall High School Fine Arts Department will stage "Dirty

n Scoundrels" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 1 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 2 RHS Performing Arts Center at the Utley Complex, 1201 Townsend

, Rockwall. Admission will cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for students.

ts are available at facebook.com/rockwallhighschooltheatrearts

ocolate Indulgence, a fundraiser benefiting Women in Need, will

om 7:20 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Allure Restaurant on Lake Ray

ard. The event will include an evening of handcrafted chocolate, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, dancing and live entertainment. ore details contact Beth Handschuch at beth@insurancelawdallas.

ne Foreigner," directed by Felicia Sykes, will be staged on the

wall Community Playhouse stage Feb. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, nd 23. The comedy is set in a rural Georgia fishing lodge where

s to "uproariously awry for the bad guys and the good guys emerge

phant," according to a theater news release. Performances will be at

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'The Foreigner' to be staged in February

Senior Citizen Prom scheduled Jan. 26

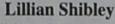
RHS to offer 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels'

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vall, Dean's Honor Roll.



Services for Lillian Shibley, 95, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Jan. 22, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. David Shibley, Pastor Mike Hudgins and Pastor Brad Howard officiating.

She died Jan. 19.

Born Aug. 28, 1918, in Cedar City, Mo., to Walter Grant Roberts and Ida Bertha Elizabeth (Afranc) Roberts, she was a member of the Lakeshore Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include her children, David Shibley, and his wife, Naomi,

Janiece Hudgins and her husband, Mike, and Jeanne Bello and her husband, Stephen; her grandchildren, Jonathan and Joel Shibley, John, David, Michelle and Stephen Hudgins and Melissa, Austin and Angela Bello; her great-grandchildren, Grace, Lilly and Caleb Shibley, Graves and Lyla Shibley and Lainey, Brooke and Joel Hudgins; and her brother, Ray Roberts, and his wife, Arlillian.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Warren Shibley, and five siblings.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Jonathan Shibley, Joel Shibley, John Hudgins, David Hudgins, Stephen Hudgins and Austin Bello.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Global Advance, P.O. Box 742077, Dallas, TX 75374 or Mercy Warehouse, 27632 El Lazo Drive, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Mary Jane Siegert Westerman

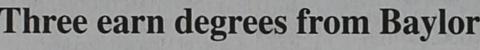
Private graveside services for Mary Jane Siegert Westerman, 78, of Louisville, Ky., will be conducted in the Calvary Cemetery in Louisville. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died Jan. 13, 2014, in Rowlett.

Born Feb. 16, 1935, in New Albany, Ind., to Henry and Clara (Smith) Siegert, she worked as an office assistant for the U.S. Air Force and was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Louisville.

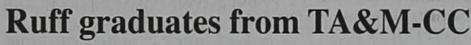
Survivors include her husband, F.L. (Mike) Westerman of Louisville; her sister, Harriet Watson, and her husband, Stephen, of Rockwall; a nephew, Stephen Jeffrey Watson, of Salt Lake City, Utah; a niece, Kristen LaPiano, and her husband, Paul, of Rockwall; and her greatnieces, Gabrielle and Adrienne LaPiano of Rockwall.

She was preceded in death by her son, Henry Michael (Hank) Westerman and her parents.



Three local residents were among the 780 students who received degrees during the fall commencement ceremonies conducted at Baylor University on Dec. 21 in the Ferrell Center in Waco, according to a university news release.

Students who received degrees included, from Rockwall, Courtney Renee Murphy, bachelor's degree in political science, summa cum laude, and Christina Nicole Walther, bachelor's degree in history, magna cum laude. Christopher Talley of Royse City also earned a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering.



Monica Sharee Ruff of Royse City received a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in commencement exercises conducted Dec. 21 in Corpus Christi.

Ruff received a Bachelor of Science in nursing, according to a university news release.

RHHS alumni, Naval Academy students, gather at game

Five Rockwall-Heath High School graduates, all students at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., gathered following Navy's win over Hawaii at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium for a photo and a little reminiscing.

Those who gathered included Jacob Glastad, Michael Gerritsen, Stefanie Cotner, Amanda Zabolotny and Chase La Rosa.

Glastad, in his time at the academy, has made the Superintendent's and the Commandants' lists for outstanding academic achievement every semester. A physics major, he attended NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School)-Mountaineering in Alaska last summer.

Gerritsen was the first RHHS student to receive a direct appointment to the Naval Academy. He majors in international relations and serves on the Infantry Skills Team.

Cotner was the first RHHS student to receive an appointment to the academy after attending the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI, in 2011. She is majoring in American politics and law and was selected to attend a month-long LREC (language skills, regional expertise and cultural awareness) program in Italy this summer. She also has been assigned to a 30-day fleet surface cruise out of Hong Kong.

Zabalotny, a plebe (freshman), is on the USNA varsity cheer team. The plebe year at the academy is considered to be the most difficult, according to a news release, because the academy is not an average college. Plebes year serves as an indoctrination into the military way of life and includes military obligations and practices on top of an average 18-class credit semester. Zabalotney will spend four weeks this summer on her "youngster cruise," where she will be assigned to a naval vessel in the fleet.

Cotner and Zabolotny both were varsity cheerleaders at RHHS

La Rosa has made the Superintendent's and Commandants' lists for outstanding academic performances each semester he has been at the academy. He is a starter on the Navy Men's Club Volleyball Team and is majoring in applied physics. He will intern at the Los Alamos National Laboratory during the summer.



Following Navy's recent gridiron win over Hawaii at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, graduates of Rockwall-Heath High School, all students at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., gathered for a quick photo. Pictured from the left are Jacob Glastad, Michael Gerritsen, Stefanie Cotner, Amanda Zabolotny and Chase La Rosa.



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Centsible to host Customer Appreciation Day

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

Library's Friends to meet Feb. 11

The Friends of the Rockwall County Library will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 11 in the library's Community Room. Following a short business meeting and the election of officers for the coming year, a musical program with Sweet and Low, a local vocal group, is planned. Visitors are welcome; however, reservations are required for all planning to attend. Reservations are due by Feb. 4. Contact Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

Registration for RCP mini-productions scheduled

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

'White out' against heart disease set Feb. 11

The Rockwall ISD and Rock Solid Wellness will team up with the American Heart Association Feb. 11 to bring awareness to the nation's battle against heart disease. A district-wide "white out" is planned. Fans are asked to wear white to the Rockwall vs. Rockwall-Heath basketball game at 7 p.m. at RHHS. "White out" T-shirts can be purchased online at a cost of \$15 each at bsnsports.com/my-team-shop (log in with the access code edelma5G7); proceeds will benefit the AHA.

'Steel Magnolias' audition scheduled

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's staging of "Steel Magnolias," which will be performed in March and April, will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at the playhouse, located at 609 E. Rusk. The show has six female roles. Auditioners will be asked to perform cold readings from the script and must be prepared to use a southern accent. A prepared comedic monologue of 1-2 minutes would be helpful, but is not mandatory. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Girl Scout cookie sales underway

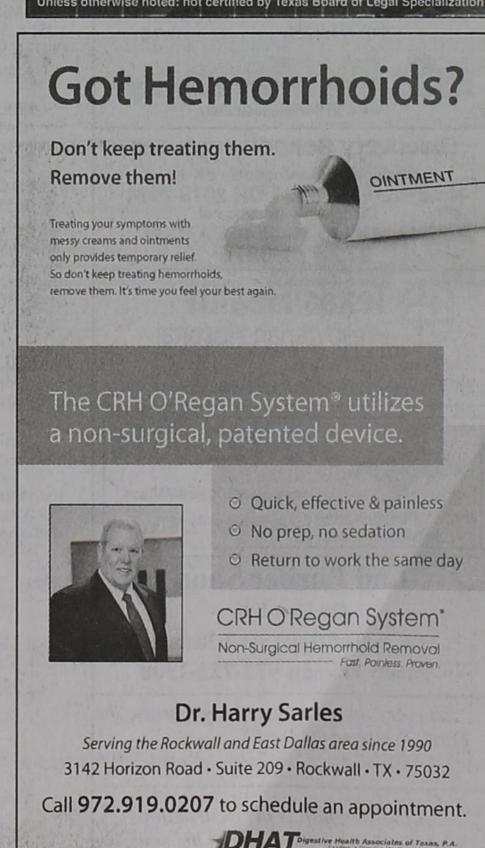
The Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas cookie sales will run through Feb. 17. For the first time Girl Scouts have cookies in-hand allowing them to sell, deliver and collect money in one easy step. Cookie flavors include the world-famous Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Dulce de Leche, Thank U Berry Munch and Savannah Smiles. Each box costs \$4. Customers can find the nearest cookie booths by downloading the Cookie Locator app available for iPhone or Android by dialing **GSCOOKIES

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle schedule set

Upcoming dates for the monthly Spay/Neuter Network Shuttle has been released: Feb. 20, March 20 and April 24. Pets are picked up at 7:30 a.m. in the SE corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and returned at 6:30 p.m. Prices are reasonable and assistance is available through Rockwall PAWS. Dogs should be in non-slip collars and cats in secure carriers (no cardboard boxes). To make an appointment call 972-472-3500 or email info@spayneuternet.org; hablamos Español.

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Registration for the City of Rockwall's boys baseball and girls fastpitch softball will close Feb. 2.

Play is open to children ages 5-14 of all skill levels, according to a city news release.

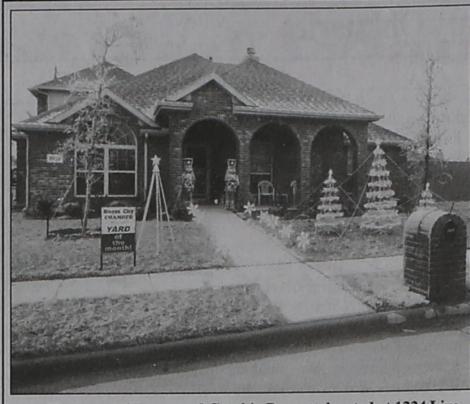
Stay & Play in Rockwall is the new game plan for the city's baseball and softball teams. In 2013, the Rockwall City Council made a significant investment in its facilities by adding new fields, dugouts and bleach-

The newly formed Rockwall Baseball and Softball League will offer tournaments and skill clinics throughout the year.

For league information and online registration, visit rockwall.com/ athletics or call John Evans with the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-772-6498 or email jrevans@rockwall.com.

Sign up for Little Kickers soccer program

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



The home of James and Cynthia Burnett, located at 1224 Live Oak St., was selected as the Royse City Chamber's December Yard of the Month honoree. The purpose of the program is to "recognize Royse City's citizens who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large."

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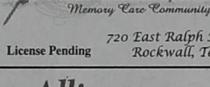
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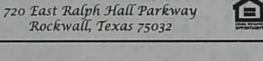


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Little Sluggers sign-ups slated

Registration for the City of Rockwall's Little Sluggers program derway. This introduction to T-ball will help participants learn the damentals: throwing, fielding, hitting and base-running. No glove or is required, but are recommended. Games will be played Tuesdays 18 through April 1 (no games during the week of March 10) from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Registration is open to preschoolers ages 3-5. Cost is \$4 \$29 for Rockwall residents. Register online through Feb. 16 at cin rockwall-parks-and-recreation.sportssignup.com.

Registration underway for Little Dribblers

Sign-ups for the City of Rockwall's Little Dribblers basketball gram are underway. Preschoolers ages 3-5 will learn the game's ba including teamwork and sportsmanship. Games will be played at Park at Foxchase from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 19 thm April 2 (no games will be played the week of March 10). Cost is \$4 \$29 for Rockwall residents. Register online at city-of-rockwall-page 1. and-recreation.sportssignup.com.

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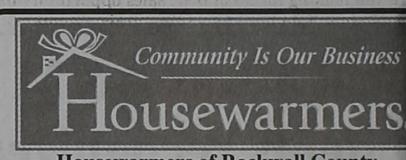
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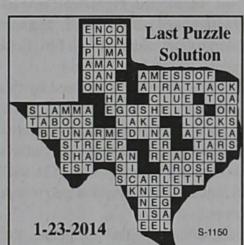
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FORFEITURE & SEIZURE PROP/MONEY The officer executing this writ

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Rockwall, Texas 75087 By: ALVA CARAWAY, Deputy **ROCKWALL COUNTY NEWS** 107 E. BOURN AVENUE P.O. BOX 819 ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087 Jeffrey William Shell 1111 E. YELLOWJACKET LANE SUITE 201 ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087

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Legal Notices

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Re: Notice to owner to repair, demolish or remove the structure located at 410 & 416 Yvonne, Rockwall, TX, 75032.

Reference City Ordinance: Chapter 10 - BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS ARTICLE XIII. - DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION 10-537

According to the Rockwall County Appraisal District, you are the registered owner of the property known as ROCKWALL LAKE EST #2 LOT 1088 MH SERIAL # 12011978 LABEL # TEX0251898 REDMAN, located at 410-416 YVONNE, in Rockwall, Texas 75032. This lot contains two vacated structures and has been declared dangerous by the Building Official of the City of Rockwall.

You are hereby ordered to appear before the City Council on February 3, 2014 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.

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Opinions

America's surveillance state

(continued from the Thursday January 16, 2014 edition)

by Wendy McElroy **Future Freedom Foundation** FFF.org

The sort of data collected included sexual preferences, especially homosexuality; information on family members, including children; tax and other financial records; names of friends, associates, and funders; travel and events attended; transcripts of letters and phone calls; and mental and physical health records. The information was used in several ways. Perhaps first and foremost, the FBI wished to establish that the AFC or any of its members had received foreign funding. If so, they could be prosecuted as "unregistered foreign agents." The FBI also searched for prosecutable treason, such as a statement of desire to assassinate Roosevelt; the Smith Act of 1940 allowed prosecution of those who sought to violently overthrow the U.S. government. In the meantime the FBI used the information gathered to smear Roosevelt's opponents through leaks to popular and cooperative media men like the radio phenomenon Walter Winchell. A common smear aimed at those on whom the FBI could not discover dirt was to accuse them of being spies in the pay of the German government.

Notably, no criminal or otherwise prosecutable activity was revealed on the major targets, although the FBI, in Charles's words, "extensively and systematically monitored administration critics while seeking to undermine them."

Charles painstakingly chronicles the rise of FBI powers through recounting the specific surveillance and other tactics used against Lindbergh, Wheeler, Walsh, Nye, and Roosevelt critic Rep. Hamilton Fish. For example, Walsh was accused of visiting a male brothel; Fish was accused of tax evasion.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed the American naval installation at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Shortly thereafter, America was at war with the Axis powers, and the AFC disbanded. Nevertheless, FBI investigations continued. To justify continued surveillance, Hoover claimed the AFC had only gone underground, although all FBI field reports concluded that the AFC had indeed disbanded.

Charles narrates this period by presenting three cases pursued by the FBI. "What is particularly striking about the three FBI targets to be analyzed here...," he writes, "is that their cases preceded, and were a clear step toward, the much more publicized "great sedition trial," which serves as a marker for the peak of the domestic security state. The trial involved thirty alleged fascists who in January 1944 were charged with a "plot to incite mutiny in the armed forces."

The three targets were the ultraconservative Ethel Brigham, the revisionist historian Harry Elmer Barnes, and noted female aviator Laura Houghtaling Ingalls. The administration was finally able to prosecute Ingalls after discovering that some of her lectures had been partially funded by a German supporter. Thus she could be charged with being an "unregistered agent of a foreign power." Through these cases,

Charles demonstrates how the FBI evolved from a political arm of White House to an aggressive agency that acted with something cle to autonomy. Certainly during the Cold War years, the FBI abandor public prosecution in favor of secret and illegal programs such COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Program).

History has disproportionately dealt with the FBI's activities during Millie Jean Copp Red Scare and the Cold War largely because the FBI files on the gre ndy Tayem, ONC debate period before World War II were closed to research until recen reil during its Jan If Douglas M. Charles did nothing more than chronicle this hithe arms. unknown history, his accomplishment would be impressive. Doug wem used the De does much more. He demonstrates how the domestic surveillance a race of events th counterintelligence programs of the Cold War were rooted in the backle nesses when elec against noninterventionism. That's when aggressive illegal tactics a cout at the peak t secrecy procedures became entrenched; that's when Hoover became 100 by the complete autonomous and untouchable player on the American political scel absite, ONCOR i that's when extensive data sharing with foreign governments becar ice provider that

"The FBI's secretive relationship with British intelligence in It Alsabrook, city illustrates the embryonic origins of the institutional side of the la het event for Dec national security state," Charles writes. "A hallmark of the Seco at Wonderland is World War, Cold War, and War on Terrorism, the intimate intelliger adowntown are relationship between the United States and Great Britain had its original runnent, a snow during the Great Debate."

The FBI's almost invulnerable autonomy could not survive Hoo-ve soduring the cour death, however. "Following Hoover's death in 1972, and revelations spoint Lucille Be intrusive FBI domestic surveillance activities, FBI investigations we envation Committee formally restricted to prevent the bureau from investigating political te issue of the mu

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, however, powerful forces with sum's official nar the Bush administration "believed these restrictions impeded F bemuseum. counterterrorism efforts by preventing the employment of undercov here has been mu agents to monitor, without probable cause, religious and political group. Laner Robinson Accordingly, FBI activities were expanded to include broad wiretappi time, the banner and other investigative authority. Through the PATRIOT Act, the agen sum. regained its ability to conduct political domestic surveillance. The FB * Stegall, Royse (surveillance authority has done nothing but expand since then.

"It is during this critical period [the great debate]...," Charl he would locate ti concludes, "that FBI officials [first] acquired increased investigati seum and have it p authority and resorted to sensitive investigative techniques, li ble to locate the wiretapping, and violated investigative restrictions - all in the nar ar sign or put up t of combating 'subversive activity,' but too often, in reality, with t he of the councilm prime objective and end result being the monitoring of domestic politic museum, so the co activity while violating the civil liberties of foreign policy critics arenda Craft, the Douglas M. Charles has produced an invaluable work of scholarly excellent learn is still called This article originally appeared in the September 2013 edition of Futu Get this cleared up of Freedom.

Congress defers to President on NSA reform

by Ron Paul

RonPaulInstitute.org

Congress's decline from the Founders' vision as "first among equals" in government to an echo chamber of the unitary executive, has been a slow but steady process. In the process we have seen a steady stream of unconstitutional wars and civil liberties abuses at home. Nowhere is this decline more evident than in the stark contrast between the Congressional response to intelligence agencies' abuses during the post-Watergate era and its response to the far more serious NSA abuses uncovered in recent years.

In 1975, Senator Frank Church (D-ID) convened an historic select committee to investigate the US intelligence services for possible criminality in the wake of Watergate. Thanks in part to reporting by Seymour Hersh and others, abuses by the CIA, NSA, and FBI had come to light, including the monitoring of US peace activists.

The Church Committee played its proper Congressional role, checking the power of the executive branch as it had been spiraling out of control since the 1950s and the early CIA covert action programs. The Committee sought to protect US citizens against abuses by their government after those abuses had come to light through leaks of secret government documents.

The parallel to the present NSA scandals cannot be ignored. What is completely different, however, is that Congress is today acting as an advocate for the executive branch's continuing abuses, and as an opponent to the civil liberties of US citizens. Not only has Congress - with a precious few exceptions - accepted the NSA's mass spying program on American citizens, it has actually been encouraging the president to continue and expand the program!

Where once there was a Congressional committee to challenge and oppose the president's abuse of power, today the president himself has been even allowed by a complacent Congress to hand pick his own NSA review commission!

Are we really expected to believe that a commission appointed the president to look into the activities of the president's intelligenservices will come to anything more than a few superficial chang to give the impression of real reform?

One of the president's commission recommendations is that the NSA cease holding our phone records and demand that the priva phone companies retain those records instead - for the NSA to acce as it wishes. This is supposed to be reform?

The president will make a speech this Friday to tell the rest of which of the suggestions made by his own commission he will decide Royse City Po to implement. Congress has no problem with that. Rep. Adam | Adam | Fate I Schiff (D-Calif.) admitted last week that Congress has no intention asserting itself in the process. "It's my hope that [Obama will] do much as he can through the executive process because the legislative process will be difficult, perilous and long."

Senator Church famously said back in 1975: In the need to develop a capacity to know what potential enemia ections was dive are doing, the United States government has perfected a technologic capability that enables us to monitor the messages that go through the air... We must know, at the same time, that capability at any tim could be turned around on the American people, and no America would have any privacy left... There would be no place to hide. I know the capacity that is there to make tyranny total in Americ and we must see to it that this agency and all agencies that posses this technology operate within the law and under proper supervision so that we never cross over that abyss. That is the abyss from which there is no return."

Have we reached that point? Let us hope not. Real reform begit with the repeal of the PATRIOT Act and of the 2001 Authorization for the use of military force. If we keep our eye on that goal an not allow ourselves to become distracted with the president's phon commissions we might force Congress to listen.

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Royse City ISD Might Bulldog Band's Jazz Ensemble led by Doug ood, band director, played a melody of 3 songs for the packed at the Jan. 13th Royse City School Board meeting. They received ling ovation at the conclusion of their performance.

ents from the boys football team 13-A All-District, were ized and honored by the Athletic Director David Petroff. Students norable Mention were Jackson Watts, Jay Milton, Alex Crayton, assified? ucker, Joel Dunn, Jared Loftis, Brandyn Brown and Cameron . Brandon Martinez -1st Team Offensive Running Back, Deandre ertisin. 1-1st Team Offensive Back, Alex Ramsey- 2nd Team Running and Jake Glisch-2nd Team Receiver.

> ents from the girls volleyball team All District Honors were ized by the Girls Athletic Director, Dallas Bookout and Head ball Coach Jamie Dover. Those students were Autumn Quinnam All District and Eilish Poe-2nd Team All District. Honorable ons were Rebecca Sherman, Sabrina Kidd, Taylor Gill, and a Woltman.

paper (s from the District 13-4A Cross County were recognized by the Athletic Director Dallas Bookout and Head Cross County Coach e McMasters. Cross Country recognition went to Newcomer of ar-Daphne Foreman, and Academic All-District Danielle Allen, 1 Merillat, and Rachel Robertson

> lly, the 2013 Girls Cross Country Accomplishments were that arsity Girls placed 4th overall, Flowermound Invitational-4-Ay Girls took 1st place over all, Swept the Denison Invitational Country Meet-THE BEAST: Varsity Girls and JV Girls placed 1st II. Presenters for the awards were Girls Athletic Director, Dallas out and Head Cross County Coach Brooke McMasters.

> month of January is School Board Appreciation Month. Several Is had made posters, banners and a variety of gifts for the members board to show their appreciation. Several different school entatives -- students, teachers and principals -- came forward to it gifts made by students.

y Margot, Fort Elementary Gifted & Talented teacher, was awarded st Century Learning award by Zach Snow, the instructional ology coordinator.

ny Kaye Hudson gave the federal programs report, noting that the D presently has eight or nine homeless students at this time. Each political arm and dual school makes sure the students have everything they need in the way emotional and financial support, school supplies, clothing, etc.

Transportation director Tammy Lovelace, in giving her report to the board, gave a PowerPoint presentation that showed that during the 2013-2014 school year, the 39 route buses will travel 476,329 miles to get students to and from school; 45,714 miles for extracurricular activities; 5,814 for tutorials; and 10,952 miles for summer school, making a total of 538,809 miles. The report showed that 57.89 percent of the total enrollment of Royse City school district students ride the bus, and the drivers transport 3,014 students per day.

"Thank you all here tonight for staying for this long meeting (as it did not adjourn until 9:15 p.m.)," trustee Eric Fort said. "This board meshes very well together to do what is best for our students."

"Tonight's meeting was awesome, with people lining the walls, all seats

full and so many students honored," said trustee Scott Mackensturm.

"I appreciate the job all the board members do," Bobby Summers, the board secretary, said. "We've got 5,000 kids now and that is a lot of responsibility."

"Seeing my kids come home every day happy and they really want to be at school is the reason we do what we do for the kids," said trustee Brian Zator.

Board president Julie Stutts closed the board members' comments section of the meeting. "It is a privilege and honor to have my three kids in this district," she said.

Board vice president Don Palmer and trustee Jerry Richardson, Place 2, were absent from the school board meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 20.



Students present gifts they made to members of the Royse City Independent School District Board of Trustees in recognition of School Board Recognition Month.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

NCOR addresses Royse City Council regarding recent ice storm

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files on the day Tayem, ONCOR representative, explained to the Royse City arch until reconcil during its Jan. 14 meeting exactly how the company responds

pressive. Do I em used the Dec. 5 ice storm as an example and explained the c surveillanced nee of events that occur in order to restore power to homes and sted in the badus esses when electric power is lost. She said that 232,000 meters illegal tactioner out at the peak time during this storm, and the company restored Hoover becan 00 00 by the completion of repairs related to the storm. According to an political se bsite, ONCOR is "a regulated electric transmission and distribution emments ber e provider that serves 10 million customers across the state of and has more than 3,000 employees."

intelligence Alsabrook, city manager, told the council that since the Holiday side of the last event for Dec. 7 had to be canceled because of bad weather, a k of the Wonderland is being planned from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 imate intelligated downtown area. There will be an ice skating rink, inflatables, ain had its or ainment, a snow-tumbling hill, mini-train rides and a vendors'

o during the council meeting, a resolution was passed unanimously survive Hoopoint Lucille Bell, Mike Gilbert and Clay Ellis to the Heritage rvation Committee. vestigations

issue of the museum in Royse City came up again, having been gating politi If at the last meeting. Mainly the two issues are regarding what the um's official name is and whether there is a City Advisory Board ful forces w s impeded

ere has been much controversy over whether the museum is called Laner Robinson Historical Museum or Royse City Museum. At ime, the banner hanging in front of the museum reads Royse City

Stegall, Royse City CFO, said two weeks ago that the sign up now uinst the city ordinance as it is clearly a "banner" and not a sign. He ne would locate the original sign that said Zaner Robinson Historical eum and have it put back up, but during the meeting said he has been le to locate the sign. No one seems to know who took down the r sign or put up the banner.

e of the councilmen said there is no official City Advisory Board for nuseum, so the council shouldn't even be discussing it.

enda Craft, the city secretary, said the Code of Ordinance says the um is still called Zaner.

et this cleared up. I don't want to hear any more about this," Mayor

Il Baley said.

nen why don't we put this on next week's agenda and vote on it?" icilman James Branch said.

"Well, we do have a City Advisory Board for the museum on the books, but no one is on it," said Alsabrook.

It was established at the last council meeting that there was a Friends of the Royse City Museum Board. (On Aug. 17, 2011, a letter from the Office of the Secretary of State was sent to the Friends, stating, "It is our pleasure to file the certificate and issue the enclosed certificate of filing evidencing the existence of the newly created nonprofit corporation." The official certificate is dated Aug. 16, 2011, and reads, "Certificate of Filing of Friends of the Royse City Museum, Inc.")

Thus, according to information presented at recent council sessions the Advisory Board and the Friends of the Royse City Museum Board are separate entities. The Friends is a volunteer group formed to assist

with the needs of the museum such as hosting fundraising events to pay for things the museum needs. The question of just what the City Advisory Board for the museum actually does and its their responsibilities still has not been answered. In the last meeting, Baley noted that the city board had no responsibility.

Robby McMillan said wanted to address the council, so he was asked to come to the podium so he could be clearly heard. He is involved with the museum and serves as treasurer on the Friends of the Museum Board.

"I don't think Royse City needs a formal city board," he said. "I think you need a liaison from the Friends of the Museum to report to the City Council as to what the Friends are doing."

Jason Day, the city attorney, suggested the issue be tabled and discussed at the Jan. 28 council meeting, allowing more information to be gathered on both issues. A unanimous vote of the council was to table the issue and address it at the next meeting.

On a closing note, Alsabrook said that the pothole was the cause of the accident that occurred in the I-30 construction area near FM 548 on Jan. 10, involving the 18-wheeler, automobile and SUV. Webber LLC, the construction company working on the Erby Campbell Project, and the city are working to keep the potholes filled and the road in safe traveling condition.

All city council and staff were present at the meeting.

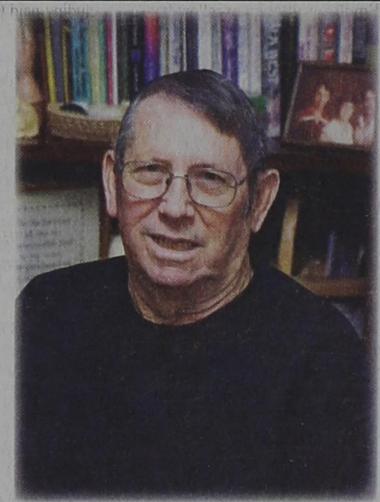
The next council meeting will be Jan. 28 at the Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street, Royse City.

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facilities of this caliber!"

Harold (Lynn) Blair



I-30 accident in Royse City ...

(Continued from Page 1)

ver and the woman were not available to the newspaper Stapleton said. press time.

oyse City Police Department. Royse City Police and Fire artments, Fate DPS and Fire artment, the Highway Patrol Rockwall County Sheriff's artment all took part in lling the scene of the accident subsequent traffic control for ext two days. Traffic in both ctions was diverted onto the ice roads," said Stapleton.

10 remained closed until afternoon of Jan. 11 to mmodate cleanup and the ir and/or replacement of rete barriers and pavement. To n up the debris, an additional wheeler was brought in to sfer the goods.

hodgepodge of goods -springs, items of clothing, allon drums of grape juice -among the items transferred emoved from the highway. bcat, tow trucks and a crane get people out of the scene for

had to be used for the cleanup,"

Chub's Towing and Recovery he investigating officer for the from Rockwall was called into help is Officer John Ostrowski with remove the damaged vehicles. A tractor-trailer wrecker, two heavyduty wreckers and three flatbed wreckers were used to transfer the vehicles from the scene.

"Going from the angle of the construction itself of the Erby Campbell Project, growth is part of the process and inconveniences Royse City will face. That is one of my fears," Stapleton said, "that in case of a serious accident like this one last week, the traffic became so heavy so quickly that we could not get emergency vehicles to the scene, between the traffic and the construction itself. A Royse City fire truck was trying to enter I-30 near McDonalds, but couldn't get through because of the gridlock. If there were a car fire, other serious incident or a fatality, my people wouldn't be able to get to the scene

"With this accident, we couldn't

in a timely manner.

over an hour due to the gridlock. An ambulance coming to the scene got caught up in the gridlock of the traffic and when there were no shoulders for the ambulance to move around the traffic, it couldn't reach the accident site," he said. "So another ambulance was called and by taking a different route, was able to get to the scene. Due to the mud and the fact that a gurney couldn't roll toward the most seriously hurt victim, the truck driver, he had to be physically carried to the waiting ambulance."

All seven injured passengers were transported in the same ambulance. The truck driver was placed on the stretcher and the others sat on the benches for the trip. Annette Lede held the baby on her lap, according to reports.

Stapleton said it is a great frustration when an accident happens and emergency vehicles can't get to the scene. He said Royse City still has two more years of construction to endure, and he fears future such happenings.



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Rockwall Christian Academy boys win first three district games

Rockwall Christian Academy swept its first three district boys' basketball games, and could be in a showdown Friday for first place in TAPPS District 3-2A.

Last week, the Warriors defeated Heritage Christian Academy 42-36 Tuesday, Jan. 14, and Christian Heritage School of Longview 58-49

RCA (10-6 overall, 3-0 in the district) was scheduled to play at home

Williams leads Fulton to 2 more wins

It was a slightly below-average week for The Fulton School's Brenden Williams.

The senior totaled 57 points (28.5 per game) in leading the Falcons to two non-district victories last week.

Fulton won 48-40 Tuesday, Jan. 14, on the road against the Keene Chisholm Trail School junior varsity and 72-29 over Dallas Lakewood Presbyterian School on Saturday back at home at Forney Sports Center.

Williams, averaging better than 29 points per game, scored 25 against Chisholm Trail and 32 vs. Lakewood.

Todd Treadway, recovering from an ankle injury, and Brian Geiger each had 11 points against Lakewood.

"It was a good team effort," said Falcons head coach Josh Johnson. "We were a lot better the second time we played them.

"Max (Mitchell), Brian, Todd and Hayden (Leverett) are really stepping

up. We're better than we've ever been, even in a zone." Fulton's game at Longview Christian, originally scheduled for Tuesday,

has been moved to Thursday, Jan. 30. The Falcons were scheduled to play their final non-district game Thursday against Arlington Newman International Academy at Forney Sports Center. They would return to TAPPS District 3-1A play at home Monday against Irving StoneGate Christian Academy. Fulton is 1-0 in the district with five games remaining.

RHHS men's basketball season stats

15-5 Overall, 5-2 District

Berkner 11/12/2013 (Home) 90-68 (Loss); North Garland (H) 11/15 69-58 (Win); Garland 11/19 (H) 85-73 (W); Wylie East 11/22 (Away) 91-59 (W); Royse City 11/25 (H) 85-48 (W); Plano West 11/26 (A) 112-70 (L): Richardson Pearce 12/3 (H) 70-58 (W); Mesquite Poteet 12/5 (Royse City Tournament) 57-44 (W); South Garland 12/10 (A) 71-52 (W); Frisco Liberty 12/12 (Forney Tournament) 75-49 (W); Waco 12/12 (Forney) 57-42 (W); Lindale 12/13 (Forney) 55-39 (W); Garland 12/14 (Forney) 61-43 (W); Mesquite 12/20 (District) 50-46 (L); Killeen Shoemaker 12/30 (H) 67-54 (L); Longview (Dist) 1/2/2014 (H) 79-48 (W); Mesquite Horn (Dist) 1/4 (A) 64-56 (W); Tyler Lee (Dist) 1/10 (H) 74-38 (W); North Mesquite (Dist) 1/14 (H) 65-43 (W); Rockwall (Dist) 1/17 (H) 66-58 (L).

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RHHS v. RHS individual stats

Jackson Zivney (Jr) 19 points; Tyler Zivney (So) 14, 8 Rebounds, 1 Steal; Camron Talley (So) 8, 4, 1; David Keaton (Sr) 5, 1, 1; Keldon Pruitt (Fr) 4, 2; Nathen Stover (Jr) 3; Luke Ramirez (Sr) 3, 4 Reb, 1 Stl; Colton Rashbrook (Jr) 2, 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Mesquite (7-1)	8	19	21	22	66
RHHS	19	27	12	21	79

Longview 1/24 7 p.m.

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Tuesday against Tyler East Texas Christian Academy. A victory then could mean that both Rockwall Christian and Garland Christian Academy both could be undefeated in the district heading into Friday's 7:30 p.m.

The Warriors had survived a cold shooting night to win their district opener Friday, Jan. 10, at Greenville Christian School.

Coming off a three-game losing streak, the Warriors scored the only points in overtime for a 32-30 victory.

RCA was just 5 for 17 at the free throw line, and made 3 of 21 3-point

attempts. Ryan Gafford scored a game-high 23 points. "We were putting up good shots, but we were missing them," said

Warriors head coach George Butler. "We missed four layups too." The Eagles rallied from a 22-19 deficit after three quarters to tie the

score. Butler said, "We made a few defensive stops at the end." GCS defeated the Rockwall Christian girls 24-10. The Lady Eagles had

a big rebounding advantage. Rachel Rorie led the Lady Warriors with

RCA also lost last week's games against Heritage Christian and

Longview Heritage Christian to drop to 0-3 in the district.

Rockwall Christian would begin the second half of its district sched at home Tuesday against Greenville Christian. RCA is scheduled to h Heritage Christian Friday, Jan. 31.

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RCA boys	5	8	9	8	2	32
Greenville	6	7	6	11	0	30
RCA - Ryan	Gafford	23, Evan	Milwee	3, Rodney	Daniels	3, Jamis

Greenville Christian - Will Martens 10, Tristen Wooten 7, Nath Weaks 6, Pretei Lemo 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA girls	2	4	0	4	10
Greenville	6	10	6	2	24

Greenville Christian - Lynsie Brown 8, Meaghan Brown 8, Shel Hauser 6, Sophie Wimberley 2.

Lady Eagles tied for 1st place after 3 games

The Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team won its first three district games and was tied for first place entering Tuesday's game at Garland Christian Academy.

GCA also was in the first-place tie with a 3-0 record in TAPPS District 3-2A. The winner would be alone at the top of the district standings.

HCA won district games against Christian Heritage School of Longview Jan. 10 and at Rockwall Christian Academy Tuesday, Jan. 14. The Lady Eagles (7-9 overall, 3-0 in the district) played their best game

Friday at Tyler East Texas Christian Academy, winning 47-26. Molli Howard and Grace Dillahunty scored 11 points each for HCA. "We're starting to be a little more consistent," said Lady Eagles head

coach Van Minter. "We had a lot of unforced turnovers plagued us earlier this season. We're working hard to not commit those turnovers." Instead, HCA has been taking the ball away from opponents more

frequently by mixing a man-to-man defense in with its zones. Minter said it also helped when junior Dillahunty moved from point

guard to a wing position. "She wasn't used to the point. She has started scoring a lot more; she's averaging 14 points in the district games. That has also opened doors for

others to get shots." Senior Brittany Fauley has taken over as the point guard. "She does a little better job protecting the basketball," Minter said.

The Heritage Christian boys lost their opening TAPPS District 3-2A boys' basketball game to Christian Heritage 45-36, and dropped a close 42-36 decision at Rockwall Christian Tuesday, Jan. 14 to fall to 2-11

overall and 0-2 in the district.

They had opened the 2014 portion of their schedule Tuesday, Jan. 7. falling behind 11-5 after one quarter and losing to McKinney Christi Academy 61-44.

The Lady Eagles also started poorly, falling behind MCA 22-1 in first quarter on the way to a 65-22 loss.

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After Tuesday's games at GCA, both Heritage Christian teams scheduled to play Friday at Greenville Christian School, and to be the second half of the district schedule Tuesday at Christian Heritage a Friday, Jan. 31, at RCA.

All are district games, with the girls scheduled for 6 p.m. and the bo

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage girls	12	. 12	10	13	47
East Texas	5	5	13	3	26

Heritage - Molli Howard 11, Grace Dillahunty 11, Brittany Fauley Halee Minter 4, Baylee Hawkins 4, Brittany Migneault 4, Emily Bur 2, Sarah Ross 2.

Tyler East Texas Christian Academy - Hope Bell 10, Amanda Walst 7, Emily Heim 6, Margo Spencer 2, Jenna Reddell 1

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage boys	5	11	9	19	44
McKinney	11	19	20	11	61



Rockwall-Heath Hawks' Junior Jackson Zivney (4) drives for the basketball during the second quarter against Mesquite, Tuesday January 21 at the RHHS gym, The Hawks cut Mesquite's undefeated season short with the 79-66 victory. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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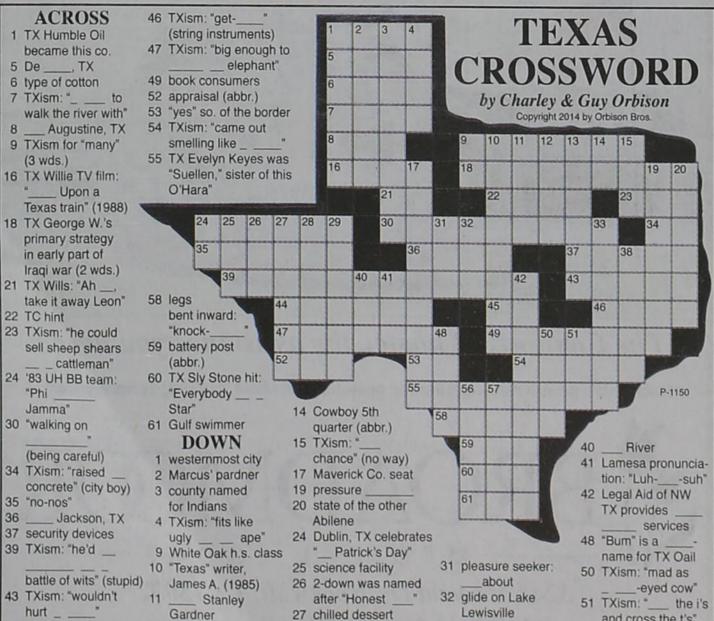
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Rockwall County News (Continued from Page 3) Candidate packets available at RISD Candidate application packets for the 2014 Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees election set for May 10 are available in the superintendent's office in the RISD Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall. Three-year terms to be filled this year are in Place 6, held by Leigh Plagens, and Place 7, held by Stephanie Adams. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. Candidate filing begins Jan. 29 and run through 5 p.m. Feb. 28. For more details, call 972-771-0605. 'Forever Plaid' auditions planned

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

Auditions for 'School House Rock Jr.' scheduled Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of

"School House Rock Jr." will take place April 19. The RCP is located at 609 E. Rusk. For more details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org. 'Godspell' auditions set June 7, 8

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