

# Rockwall County News

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## News Briefs

### Relay For Life Choir forming

Rockwall County Relay For Life, set May 1-2 at Cain School in Heath, will include a 9 p.m. performance on special Relay Choir. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Isiak Holiday at 972-772-6732. The event will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church.

### Girl Scouts awards event set tonight

Scouts of Northeast Texas Service Unit #170 will host annual Community Partner Recognition & Girl Scouts Ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. today in the Eastridge Center, 485 N. FM 549 in Rockwall. A reception will be open to the public; however, RSVPs are requested. Contact Libby Cotner at 972-771-1077 or e-mail cotner@scoutnet.net.

### 'Bolderwick' picked for park screening

"Bolderwick Chronicles" will be screened at Harry Myers Park as part of the Family Fun Fridays/Movie in the Park event hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. The screening begins at 7:30 p.m.; the movie will begin at 9 p.m.

### Aspasians art, craft show slated

Aspasians' Arts & Crafts Show will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the square in old downtown Rockwall. Booth space is available. Call 214-712-0212 for more details.

### Dwight targets disabled students, families

Dwight will host its third annual Community Resource & Expo for children with disabilities and their families at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Rockwall High. For information, contact Michael Clark at 972-771-0605.

### Church to host awards banquet

St. James Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church will host its annual Community Servant Leadership Awards Banquet on Saturday at the Royse City Melody Banquet Hall in Royse City. Registration and drawing will begin at 6 p.m., followed by formal dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. For details, call 972-771-2250.

### Philharmonic performance set

The Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall. Elizabeth and Raymond will be honored for their community work. Tickets cost \$10 for students, and will be available at the door. Call 972-771-3573.

### Writer's Group to meet

Rockwall County Library Writer's Group, open to students and adults, will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through April 12. Tickets are encouraged to bring samples to share.

### RHHS Senior Prom tickets on sale

The Rockwall-Heath High School Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, April 30. Tickets can be purchased from the senior class sponsor, Ms. Gandee. Cost is \$150 for senior and non-RHHS senior guests. Students who paid \$100 in advance by Jan. 1 may pick up their pre-paid ticket through the senior class. Checks should be made payable to the RHHS Senior Prom.

### Taste of Rockwall, Expo planned

Taste of Rockwall & Business Expo 2009 will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30. Taste of Rockwall tickets are available through Rotary Club members, at local restaurants through high school band students. Expo admission is \$5.

### 'Bolt' picked for park screening

"Bolt" will be screened at Harry Myers Park on Saturday as part of the Family Fun Fridays/Movie in the Park event hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. The screening begins at 7:30 p.m.; the movie will begin at 9 p.m. Snacks, blankets or lawn chairs and a FM radio are encouraged.

### Relay for Life set May 1-2

Annual Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society will be held May 1-2 in Rockwall County. Register a team by calling 972-771-6005; become a sponsor, 972-524-9976; register as a volunteer, 972-273-3097; or buy a luminaria by e-mailing macd@sbcbobal.net. For more details visit relayforlife.org/rockwall.

### Giving Back Event slated

Giving Bank Event, a benefit honoring those who contribute to support 3-year-old Nate Oxford in his ongoing battle with medulloblastoma, will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 2 at the First United Methodist Church. The event will include a vintage car show, a raffle, celebrity auction and children's activities. Proceeds benefit Nate's care and cancer research. For details call Lana Isiak at 972-268-0133.

### Trail ride to benefit St. Jude's

American Paint Horse Foundation will host a scenic trail ride along Lake Benbrook, with proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, therapeutic riding and other programs. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Benbrook Park, 10001 Benbrook Blvd. For more information call 817-643-6433.

### Z Museum plans yard sale

The Z Museum, 124 Arch, for its yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum's first fundraiser will include vintage items and treasures, oddities and unusual decorating items. For more details call Ann Cornelius at 972-816-9626 or Robbie Miller at 972-635-7272.

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## Sheriff opens doors to community at first ever Open House Saturday

The Rockwall County Sheriff's Office is opening its doors to the public as Sheriff Harold Eavenson, his command staff and emergency personnel host their first open house at the County's Justice Center.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 25.

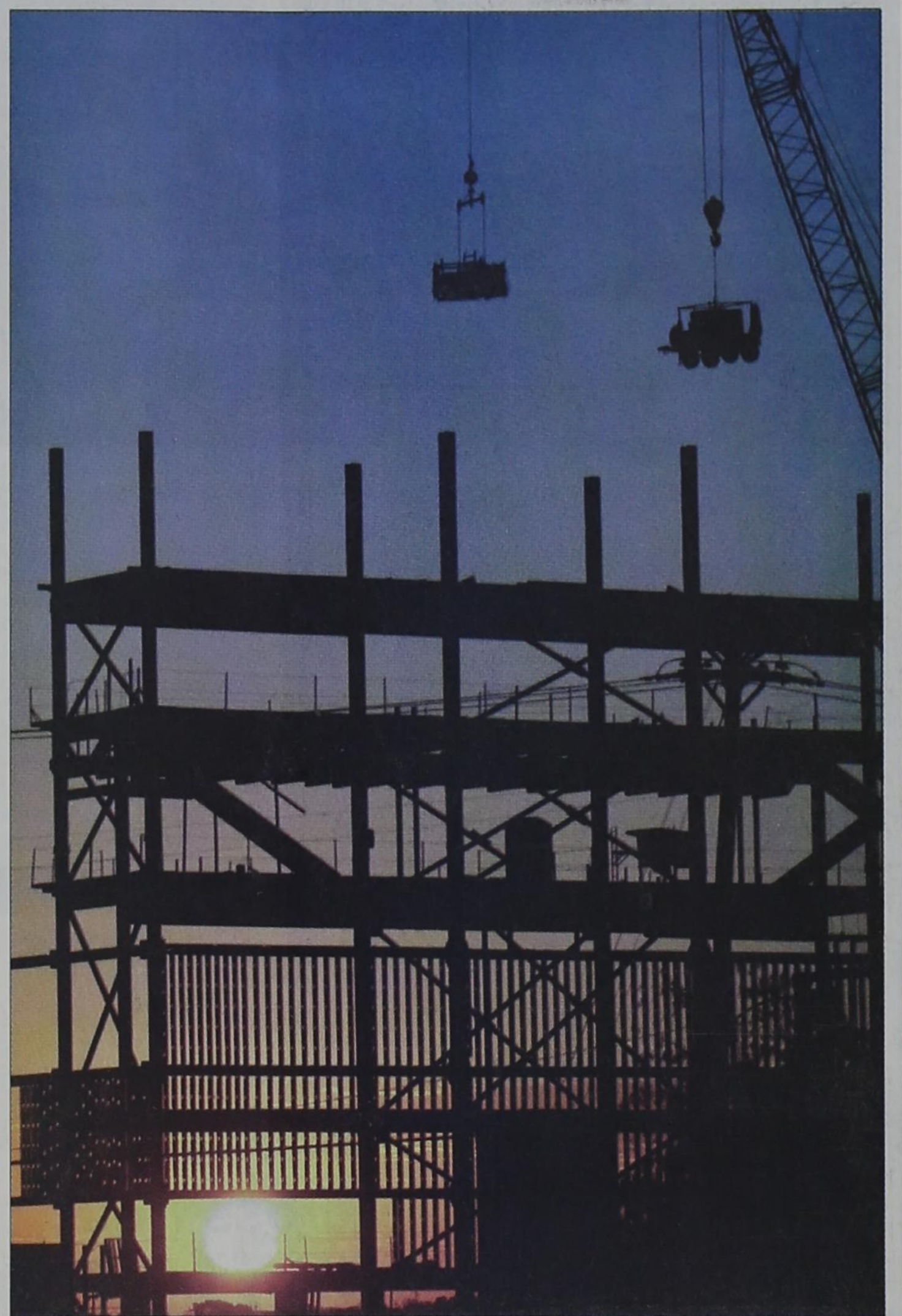
Eavenson said the family-oriented Open House will be the first of many more he would like to plan at the facility. Emergency equipment such as fire trucks and Sheriff's cars will be on site for inspection and "so everyone can turn on the lights and sirens," Eavenson said.

The Mobile Command Unit will also be on hand and limited tours of the jail will be offered to adults. He said the tours will offer an up-close look at some of the functions of the jail, such as the booking area where new arrivals are processed.

Command staff from the Sheriff's Office and the jail side of the building, as well as deputies and two sergeants, will be available to answer questions about the workings of the Sheriff's Office.

"The more people in the community know about what we do, the better they'll feel about what we do," Eavenson said. "I'm really looking forward to it."

Eavenson also said visitors will be treated to hot dogs, sodas, and other treats.



A new day dawns on Wilkerson Sanders Stadium as the new press box rises two stories above what will be a 6,000 seat athletic arena. With modern dressing rooms, restrooms, athletic offices and additional seating, the stadium will be complete in time for the fall 2009 football season.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

## Mayor proclaims May 'Rockwall Happy Birthday Month' in advance of Founders Day Celebration

by Kathy Williams

In a proclamation read by Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil and presented to Rockwall Parks and Recreation Director Brad Griggs, the month of May was declared "Rockwall Happy Birthday Month." The city, which marked its 155th birthday last week, was officially named "Rockwall" on April 17, 1854.

Mayor Cecil said the official birthday celebration will take place at the May 30 Founders Day Celebration at the Downtown Square.

As the organizer of the celebration, Griggs accepted the proclamation from the Mayor.

In addition to a full slate of entertainment and activities, Griggs said the headlining act will be The 3 Redneck Tenors, who he described as, "having mullets and singing opera."

Cecil also proclaimed May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. He said residents in cars, as well as motorcycle riders, must be aware of safety requirements and pay attention to the rules of the road to keep everyone safe.

He said throughout the month, various events and trainings will be offered to teach safety awareness in order to operate safely.

### SUP Request

The Council was approached by Mike Pittman, Jr., a resident of the Old Town area of Rockwall, for approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow an oversized round barn-type accessory building to remain on his property.

Pittman built the 314-square foot building in a back corner of his property without first obtain-

ing a building permit from the City. He was cited by the City in September 2008 for the lack of permit but continued construction of the building.

City codes allow for accessory buildings not to exceed 225-square feet and 15 feet in height. The exterior finishing materials must also match the exterior materials on the existing home.

City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Director Robert LaCroix said Pittman's building does not exceed the 15-foot height limit and, although the exterior plaster on the accessory building only matches four gables on the home, the city has granted SUPs in the past for buildings with alternate materials.

Jeffrey Widmer, Director of Building Inspections and Code Enforcement, said the exterior plaster and construction method of the building is not considered to be in violation of current code requirements, but is considered to be "non-conventional" construction and could be approved for use.

The Pittman's have offered to reduce the size of their building, which was built as a playhouse and toy storage for their son, to meet the city's square footage requirements.

They have also applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Rockwall Historical Society, citing the round-barn design is accurate for their historical neighborhood.

Their attorney, speaking on their behalf, said in 1911, the year the Pittman's house was built, round barns were common and the design is listed on the

National Register for Historical Places. "The house was built in 1911 and their accessory building is an example of what would have been on the property at that time," he said.

Council members expressed concern that the Pittman's continued construction without a building permit, even after being cited by the City.

The Council voted 6-0-1 against allowing the SUP, with Council Member Matthew Scott being absent.

### Lake Pointe House

To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Lake Pointe Church, the Church approached the Council for approval of a special exception to build a single family home at 496 Nicole Drive in Lake Rockwall Estates. The family receiving the house was burned out of their previous home.

Planning and Zoning Director Robert LaCroix said usually, when a plat is created for a property that is adjacent to a sub-standard street, street improvements and sidewalks are required. He said the special exception would waive those requirements at this

house site in anticipation of future improvements coming to the newly-annexed neighborhood.

John Wardell from Lake Pointe Church said the church would like to begin a program to build one or two houses a year in Lake Rockwall Estates. The Church will assist recipients to obtain conventional financing, or if financing cannot be found, the church will carry the mortgage.

Council Member Margo Nielsen asked, even though the house will be on a septic system once completed, if it would be built with plumbing lines that could eventually tap into the sewer system the City plans to install in the neighborhood now that the area has been annexed. Wardell said they could build with the lines in place to save the homeowner the expense of installing those lines once sewer is brought to the neighborhood. Nielsen said the cost to a resident to tap into the city sewer could be upwards of \$6,000.

The Council voted 6-0-1 to approve the special exception to build the house and waive the requirement for street improvements.

## Early voting for May 9 election to begin Monday

Monday marks the beginning of early voting in the May 9 general elections.

Early voting will run through May 2.

Voters will be asked to decide contested races in several entities, including the Rockwall Independent School District, the City of Royse City, the City of

McLendon-Chisholm, the City of Heath and the City of Fate.

Elections in the City of Rockwall and the Royse City Independent School Districts have been cancelled because no contested races existed following the close of candidate filings.



## Wall girl's artwork featured on Children's Cancer Fund Calendar

A 12-year old Middle School student, Agnew, is featured on the 2009-2010 Children's Cancer Fund calendar. Her artwork will be presented at the Annual Beyond Luncheon and the "Three Peas, Health, and Fun" on Friday, April

24 at the Dallas Hilton Anatole Hotel.

Agnew, who is battling T-Cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma, and 44 other young cancer patients and 60 pediatric cancer survivors, will participate in a special runway fashion show at the luncheon. Such sports icons, celebrities and event sponsors as former Dallas Cowboys

players Drew Pearson and Daryl Johnston, Johnston's wife, Diane, and country singer Rudy Gatlin will escort the models.

Event proceeds will go to Children's Cancer Fund to help advance pediatric cancer research and treatment programs at Children's Medical Center and UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, benefiting children worldwide.

Honorary Co-Chairs for Saturday's event are former Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach.

The young artists created their work for the calendar based on their experiences with cancer. About her own creation, Agnew said, "My drawing represents someone providing love and affection with a simple touch and letting a loved one know the sun will rise." Agnew said her hero is, "My mother, because she is strong and beautiful and



encourages me every day." A resident of Rockwall, Agnew is the daughter of Phillip and Claudia Agnew. Her favorite subject at school is math and she hopes to be able to visit Florida one day, "to see the beaches and swimming." Another of her favorite things is to "laugh with my sister and visit my family on the weekends."

Agnew's mother, Claudia, said her daughter was "thoroughly excited to find out she was chosen for the calendar." For the fashion show, Agnew will be wearing a beige pant suit with a fuchsia top.

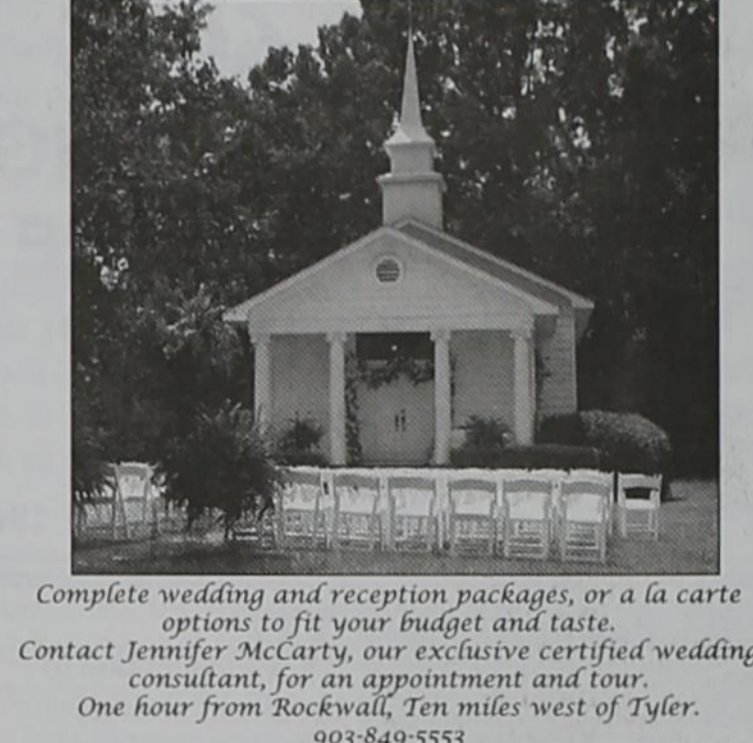
Attendees at the luncheon will receive a calendar and copies may be purchased by contacting CCF at 972-664-1450.

For reservations and more information, readers can contact Children's Cancer Fund at 972-664-1450 or by visiting [www.childrenscancerfund.net](http://www.childrenscancerfund.net).

## Jones for Rockwall County Judge Right for Rockwall County

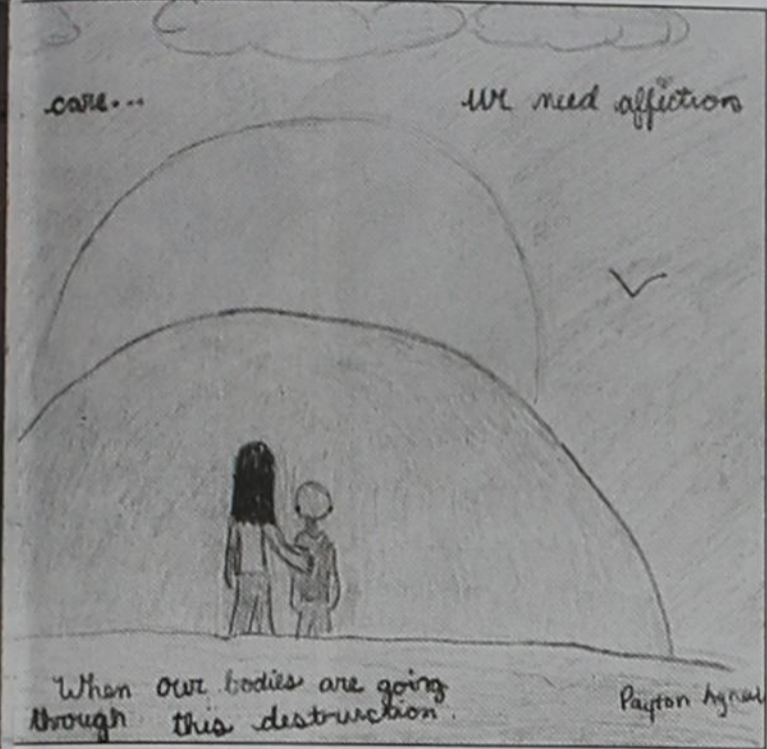


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## Scout project to create orchard at Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a sweet addition to the form of 32 trees planted by Life Scout much reach to achieve the rank of Eagle, he must perform a service project for his community. The project allows the Scout to do a good deed for the community and show leadership by planning and carrying out the project and by directing a group of volunteers who assist with the project.

A small arbor with benches will be placed among the trees to round out the project. The planting and construction will take place on Saturday, May 2. In addition to other milestones a Scout much reach to achieve the rank of Eagle, he must perform a service project for his community. The project allows the Scout to do a good deed for the community and show leadership by planning and carrying out the project and by directing a group of volunteers who assist with the project.

Bernal said the total cost of the project would be about \$1,800. He said donations from the community would be greatly appreciated and may be mailed to Josh Bernal c/o Lakeview Medical Group, 7600 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 200, Rowlett, TX, 75088. Bernal added that any funds received in excess of the cost of the project would be donated directly to Helping Hands. In addition to money donations, volunteers are welcome to help plant the orchard. Students who need service hours or anyone interested in helping should call (972) 772-9476 for more information.

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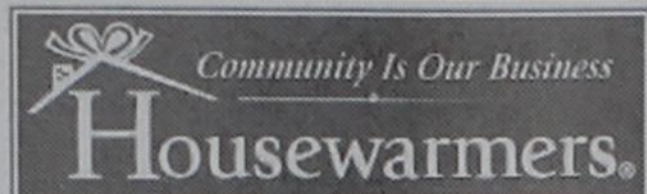
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Lucile Tate (right) with her son Garvin Tate

## City of Heath's 'Twitter' Community

City of Heath has joined the community to offer a fast and easy way to receive timely news from all to join in and read "tweets," visit [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) and sign up to follow the "Heath" Twitter community. An Internet-based, working Web site that allows for the rapid exchange of information. In quick, short bursts, one can post up-to-the-minute information. Those who use the site receive updates on their computer or mobile phone near to real time. The service provides residents of everyday life, liberty and justice for all. Participate using Twitter in an emergency or disaster situation. Getting updates out to the community quickly is critical. For more information about the City of Heath, please visit [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com).



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# Texas Back Institute hosts Cain Middle School students for Job Shadowing program

Two eighth grade students from Cain Middle School got a glimpse into the life of a doctor as they shadowed physicians at Texas Back Institute's Rockwall clinic. Mary Fields, 13, and

Victoria Vu, 14, took part in the job-shadowing program sponsored by the Rockwall Business and Education Council (RBEC) and chose to visit Texas Back Institute with dreams of one

day being doctors themselves. "I wanted to shadow someone in the medical field, especially someone in orthopedics, because that's what I would like to do," said Fields. "It was great to see

all of the different things on. We watched some EMG and looked at Being at Texas Back for a day showed the a doctor's daily routine. Texas Back Institute Dr. Nayan Patel and Bradley, enjoyed the eagerness and help in the office.

"I was thrilled to with the Rockwall and Education Council show Mary and Victoria about Texas Back and spine health," said "They were very in our medical imaging like x-rays and MRIs smart questions."

Fields and Vu spent day at Texas Back much that they'd like "A one-time experience enough," said Vu. "I come back once a week. The girls were just 202 students shadowing Rockwall business council. Located near Horizon and Ralph Hall Parks, Texas Back Institute's Rockwall opened in 2008 to treat suffering from spine pain.



Dr. Daniel Bradley of the Texas Back Institute shows Cain Middle School students Victoria Vu and Mary Fields how to read X-Rays during their visit to the clinic as part of the Rockwall Business and Education Council's Job Shadowing Day.

# Mike Manning continues to play role in Relay for Life

Mike Manning was 52 in July of 2000 when he was diagnosed with Renal Cell Carcinoma and had to have one of his kidneys removed.

The prognosis was a 30 percent chance of survival, since kidney cancer is incurable. Four years later, cancer invaded his remaining kidney, which had to be removed as well. His sister and best friend were willing donors, but to be eligible for organ transplant, the recipient must be cancer-free for a minimum of four years because organ recipients must take anti-

rejection drugs that weaken the immune system and encourage the growth of cancer. Manning was forced to retire from his job, since he had to undergo dialysis three times a week for four hours at a time.

Later, new technology -- peritoneal dialysis -- enabled Manning to receive his dialysis through a port in his abdomen. He could golf and get around much more easily, since the treatment was semi-portable. This system worked well for two years, but was not a successful long-term solution. Ultimately, he had to return to his three times a week dialysis sessions.

In the fall of 2007, Manning would have been cancer-free for three years and eligible to appeal for a transplant. However during routine testing, it was found that the cancer had spread to his back, liver and lungs. He tried chemotherapy, but it had severe side effects and didn't work against the disease.

In the meantime, cancer was discovered in his shoulders. What he had assumed to be arthritis from playing golf and handball was actually cancer eating away at his bones. The diagnosis wasn't good, and by November 2008 he couldn't lift his arms above his waist and had to rely on friends for rides to his dialysis and radiation treatments. Manning was exhausted and in pain. He wanted to fight the cancer, but realized that it was a battle he couldn't win.

He called a family meeting to plan his funeral where he told them that he had decided to donate his body to science.

"They already have about half

of me. I might as well give them the other half," he joked.

Manning managed to keep his sense of humor throughout his ordeal. He began journaling on CaringBridge, a non-profit Web site that serves as an outlet for people with life-threatening illnesses. He was able to give friends and family updates on his progress and even began reviewing movies. Since he had to be hooked up to the dialysis machine for four hours a day, he purchased a portable DVD player, watched obscure films and posted his opinions.

Through CaringBridge.org he connected with people he hadn't spoken to in years. The Web site allowed him to receive encouragement from people around the world.

Manning had been active in Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, since midway through his cancer journey, starting with the Relay in 2004. In addition, his Sunday school class formed a team in his honor called "Mike's Mob." He loved Relay and would walk the track with his entire family during the Survivor Lap.

The Rockwall County Relay For Life of 2008 was Manning's last. He was proud because his daughter, Molly, supervised the event. That weekend he walked the Survivor Lap and celebrated his 60th birthday with family and friends. By December, his health had deteriorated. He was in and out of the hospital and celebrated New Year's Eve as a patient. His family, armed with hats, balloons and sparkling grape juice, celebrated the holiday at 5 p.m.,



The late Mike Manning pictured above with his sons, Matthew, left, and Manning, Mike Manning, his battle with cancer this year, but his involvement in the annual Relay For Life event will continue to help friends and family who will participate in the name.

since Mike tired easily, he was able to come home and died four days later.

Throughout his battle with cancer, he was supported by his wife, Lynn Etta, called the "true definition of a caretaker," his daughter, son, Jeff; son-in-law, daughter-in-law, Erika. Manning may be forgotten, but he's definitely not forgotten. Mike's Mob, will be of Relay on May 13 at Middle School, and Manning is an honorary member of the team. Because of donations in his memory, he's already ahead in fundraising. Manning may have taken Manning, but his memory lives on.

This year's Relay For Life will take place May 13 at Cain Middle School. For information visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx.

# Jeff Bailey tapped as deputy superintendent at Rockwall ISD

Jeff Bailey, a long-tenured educator who has held positions such as teacher, assistant principal, director of personnel, principal, area assistant superintendent and deputy superintendent, recently received the unanimous support of the Rockwall Independent School District's Board of Trustees as the school district's deputy superintendent.

Board approval of Bailey's hiring was handed down by the school board Monday. His specific start date has not yet been determined.

Bailey currently holds the same position in the Plano Independent School District.

Bailey's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in secondary education and a Master of Science in educational administration, both from East Texas State University.

He began his educational career as a teacher and coach in the Plano ISD in 1979 and since served the district in the positions of assistant principal, personnel director and principal.

As the area assistant superintendent for the East Cluster from 1997 to 2007, Bailey's responsibilities included the instructional and operational management of 27 campuses in the fastest-growing region in the Plano district.

He was named deputy superintendent in Plano in 2007 and was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of 68 campuses.

"The vast experience that Mr. Bailey brings with him will greatly benefit the Rockwall school district," said RISD Superintendent of Schools Gene Burton. "His first-hand

experience with long-term planning, facilities management, new program implementation, and cultural diversity will provide valuable insights into student growth issues."

"To be invited to serve as the deputy superintendent of Rockwall ISD is an honor," Bailey said in a release issued this week. "I know that I can provide support to Supt. Gene Burton and I look forward to serving his team."

Bailey said that some of his earliest experiences in education were his commitment to his children.

"This commitment has been every action in my life and I am eager to continue the education of children in Rockwall ISD," he said.

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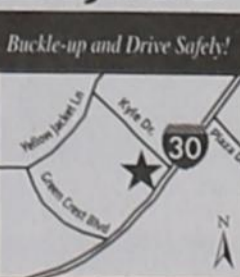
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## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Beatrice Nannis

Services for Beatrice Nannis, 93, of Rockwall, were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, in the Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Largo, Fla. The Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Jan. 13, 1916, in Malden, Mass., to Don and Ann Bradley. She was married to Don Bradley, who preceded her in death. She is survived by her sons, Joel Nannis of Rockwall and Richard Nannis of Tampa, Fla., and her sisters, Constance Goldman of Lynn, Mass., and Karll of Chelsea, Mass.

### Cora Ellen Vessels

Services for Cora Ellen Vessels, 93, of Rockwall, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Vessels, who died in 1978.



She was born Oct. 1, 1925, in Wichita, Kan., to Alfred and Addie Vessels. She attended the First Baptist Church in Rockwall and was active in the church's School Class. A devoted mother and caregiver, she was a wonderful grandmother. She and her husband shared a special love for each other. She is survived by her husband, Clay Vessels; her children, Jane and Nancy of Plano and Mike Taylor of Rockwall; her grandchildren, David Morrison of Plano, Merritt Morrison of Park Cities, former Rockwall resident Nolen Taylor and Taylor of Rockwall; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Montie Vessels of Rockwall; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents. The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Mary Jean Anderson Williams

Services for Mary Jean (Jeanie) Anderson Williams were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009, in the M.L. Jones Chapel of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford and Dr. Dowell Loftis officiating. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Park.



She died at her home April 15. Born June 9, 1918, the third of four children born to William L. and Lucile McCoulskey Anderson, she grew up on her parents' farm in Blackland in Rockwall County and attended schools in Royse City and Rockwall. She graduated from Rockwall High in 1936 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas State College for Women (Texas Women's University) in 1940. She taught home economics at Royse City High and Rockwall High, enjoying a lifetime interest in food, nutrition, clothing and fabric. She remained in touch with former students and enjoyed luncheon visits with "her girls."

She married Horace Lee Williams on March 8, 1947. They owned and operated Williams Lumber Co. and Williams Concrete Co. in Rockwall until their retirement in 1980. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall where she served as a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include her son, Horace Lee Williams Jr.; a brother-in-law, Dr. Bob Williams and his wife, Beverly, of Moline, Kansas; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Anderson of Dallas; her nieces, Dr. Andra Anderson of Dallas, Mary Sue Smith and her husband, Bob, of Rockwall, Julie Wilhite and her husband, Curtis, of Oklahoma City, Okla., Marilyn Anderson of Fort Worth and Gloria Anderson of Fort Worth; her nephews, Dr. William Clifton Anderson and his wife, Trish, of Fort Worth, Dr. William Chilton Anderson and his wife, Cindy, of Dallas and Jim Williams of Moline; her great-nieces, Rachael Anderson of Fort Worth and Jennifer Johnson and her husband, B.R., of Rockwall; and her great-nephews, Randall Reinhardt and his wife, Colette, of Mansfield and Reed Williams of Moline.

She was blessed with the love and care of caregivers Miatta Stewart, Angela Lewis, Maria Vasquez and Doris Moore, as well as others

who cared for her, inspired her and enriched every day of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Dr. Dan Anderson and Dr. William L. Anderson; one sister, Virginia Anderson Reinhardt; and two nephews, Danny Anderson and Mike Reinhardt.

Pallbearers were Bill Lofland, Don Gage, Paul Davis, Dr. David Loftis, Thomas Bennett, Elroy Foerster and Dr. Bob Sparks. Honorary pallbearers included Dr. David Bond, Dr. Joe Loftis, Congressman Ralph M. Hall, Raymond Cameron, Wayne Rogers, Ted Cain and Ellison Slaughter.

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First Baptist Church, Rockwall, is located at 610 S. Goliad (across the street from the post office).

### Christ-Now Youth Choir Pops Concert, Auction

Saturday, May 2 at 6 p.m. This concert and auction will be at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. The church is located at 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane in Rockwall. All proceeds benefit the youth choir's trip this summer to Florida.

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### Jesus faces Pontius Pilate ...

Last week we examined the records of Peter's denials and showed that he denied knowing Jesus Christ at least six times. Peter loved Jesus very much. So much that he risked arrest and death in order to be nearby. His accusers quizzed him with direct yes and no questions. He was clearly identified as one of Jesus' disciples. Considering these very difficult conditions, Peter had to respond with lies or else he would be arrested and killed also. Remember that Jesus prayed that all his disciples would be kept alive.

Before we speak harshly of Peter, let's keep in mind that God looks in our hearts. He knew Peter's heart-felt love and understood his fears and need to protect himself. The word says that Peter wept after his denials. It is God's loving and compassionate style to look upon our hearts and not condemn us for our wrong decisions or mistakes. Thank God for what He did for us through Jesus Christ our Lord and savior!

After facing two religious trials under Annas and Caiaphas, Jesus was bound and delivered to the governor Pontius Pilate. Because the Jewish leaders would not enter the judgement hall, Pilate came out and asked, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" (John 18:29). They began to lay false accusations against him by saying, "We found this man perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar and saying that he himself is Christ a King." (Luke 23:2-3). According to John 18:30 the religious leaders also said, "If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto you."

In the presence of the Jewish leaders Pilate turned to Jesus and asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?" and he answered and said, "You said it." (Mark 15:2, Luke 23:3 and Matthew 27:11). Pilate told the accusers that he found no evidence of guilt in Jesus (Luke 23:4). Then the chief priests and rulers were more fierce and said, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place." (Mark 15:3 and Luke 23:5). When Pilate heard that the accused was from Galilee he sent him to Herod, who happened to be in Jerusalem at the time. Herod was very happy to see Jesus because he had long desired to see him do a miracle. He questioned Jesus intensely, but he gave no answer as the chief priests and rulers stood by vehemently accusing him. Herod was not happy with Jesus' performance and arranged for his best soldiers to treat him with great contempt. They dressed him in a magnificent looking robe and sent him back to Pilate. Before this time Pilate and Herod were enemies. After Jesus left, they became friends (Luke 23:6-12).

It might have been during this time that Pilate said, "Take him and judge according to your law." "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death," responded the Jews (John 18:31). Pilate again entered the judgement hall and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this thing of yourself, or did others tell it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you unto me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews. But now is my kingdom not from here." Pilate said, "Are you then a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice." Pilate said, "What is truth?" (John 18:33-38).

An important bit of information can be learned from the above scripture. Jesus never claimed to be a worldly king, but a spiritual king. During the age of the grace of God, His born-again children can reign as royal children in the name of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:9-10). In the future God's 144,000 of Israel will reign for 1000 years with the Lord Jesus (Revelations 20:4-6). The Epistles contain no scripture that shows Jesus Christ to be a reigning king over the world during the age of the grace of God. The Epistles do refer to Jesus as the Lord and savior for all who believe. Jesus is referred to as the head of the body of Christ, but not as King of kings and Lord of lords during the age of God's grace.

### Philharmonic Orchestra plans Sunday concert

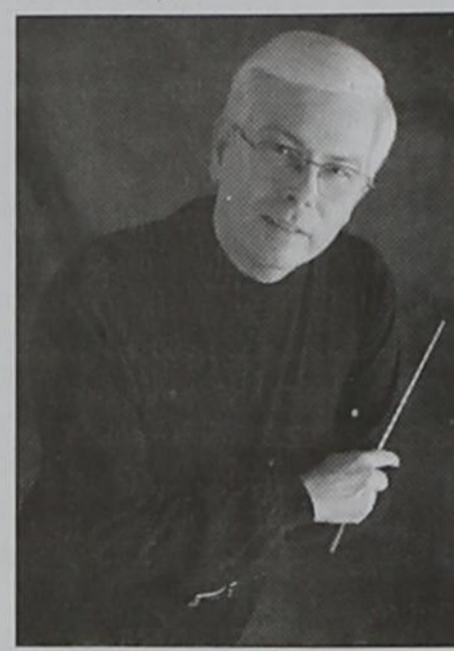
The Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra will present its spring concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at the First Methodist Church of Rockwall.

As part of the event, which will be presented under the auspices of MusicFest, Raymond and Elizabeth Cameron will be honored with "The Music of the Six Flags Over Texas."

Stephen Holcomb, director of choral music at Baptist University who is active in the music ministry at Park Cities Baptist Church, will serve as conductor.

Tickets will be available at the door the day of the event. Tickets

also may be purchased by calling 972-771-3573. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for students.



Stephen Holcomb

### Resources for disabled children focus of April Rockwall ISD event

The Rockwall Independent School District will host its Community Resource & Transition Expo for children with ties and their families from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 at High, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane.

Students of all ages and their families will have the opportunity to plan for the future while making connections with local agencies. The event will be similar to a job fair, with organizations and secondary institutions invited to participate. Some 30 to 40 agencies serve students with disabilities are expected to be on hand with students and their families.

Representatives of the following agencies and/or institutions scheduled to be on hand: Eastfield College, Department of & Rehabilitation Services, Camp Summit, Lakes Regional KidsCare Therapy, Angel League, Advanced Mobility North Central Texas Work Force, Easter Seals of North Marbridge and several others.

Through the expo, students will be able to explore a variety of information booths, obtain materials and meet with agency representatives. Guest speakers will provide brief reviews of services offer, and attendees can meet with representatives from a variety of agencies, including college programs, assistive devices post-secondary training/living and many more.

Admission will be free and open to RISD students, as well as from area school districts.

For more information, contact the RISD coordinator of special education, Michael Clark, at 972-771-0605.

### Farmers Market returns to Rockwall Square Mall

If you liked last fall's Farmers Market, you'll love the 2009 season, with an earlier start date, longer schedule and more offerings their homegrown goodies.

The Friends of Downtown Farmers Market will be on Saturday May 2 through September 26. Vendors will be on hand for sale 8 a.m. until noon.

The Rockwall High School Jazz Band will play at the May 2nd day festivities. Many favorite vendors from last fall's market will be back, as well as many new vendors who are to be a part of the expanded market opportunity.

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"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."  
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Easum said he was "really excited" when he found out the team had qualified for Nationals. He said, "It's really good for us since we're only in our third year. It shows we can compete on a national level."

He said changing the design of the launch pad was just one of the modifications that made a difference as they continued to try to qualify. "We modified the system multiple times. The biggest change was to the launch system." He said the original rocket launch system had a single pole that held the rocket. The newer, sturdier design the team began using this year is an actual launch pad. He said they also clean the pad between launches to make the launch pad smoother, and that has contributed to their success.

Gerritsen said this year the team is also more professional in their approach to the competition. "The first year we just thought it was fun. We did it to the best of our abilities, but it was just for fun."

"Now, in our third year, we know what works and what doesn't. The rocket is more streamlined and smoothed out and that's helped," he said.

The seventh annual TARC, the world's largest rocket contest, will take place May 16 at Great Meadow in The Plains, VA. The final competition gives middle and high school students a chance to earn part of a total prize pack-

age of \$60,000 in scholarships and other prizes.

The team's school sponsor, Leslie Reese, said the boys are anxious to leave a good legacy as they move towards graduation in two years. "They started this program and before they leave, they want to make sure other kids can carry it on. Making Nationals will bring the program to a new level."

McNally said when the team built the rocket that would ultimately qualify them for Nationals, he knew they had a winner. "I knew we'd make the finals. When that day came to launch, I kind of knew. When I heard we'd qualified, I jumped up and down and cheered."

The boys explained that their lucky charm was found just by coincidence. Gerritsen explained that the rocket needs ballast for stability, much like a ship or boat uses ballast. At one point, the boys were using 12 quarters and a dime for ballast. Before one launch, they forgot to tape down the nose cone and the quarters fell out. While looking on the ground for their high-tech ballast, the boys found a metal four leaf clover charm, "like you would see on a key chain," Gerritsen said.

The charm weighed the same as the dime and quickly replaced the ten-cent piece in the nose of the rocket.

The very next launch, when averaged in with previous launches, was the qualifier - 750 feet in 46

seconds.

"Now we ask every time, 'is the charm in there?'" Gerritsen said.

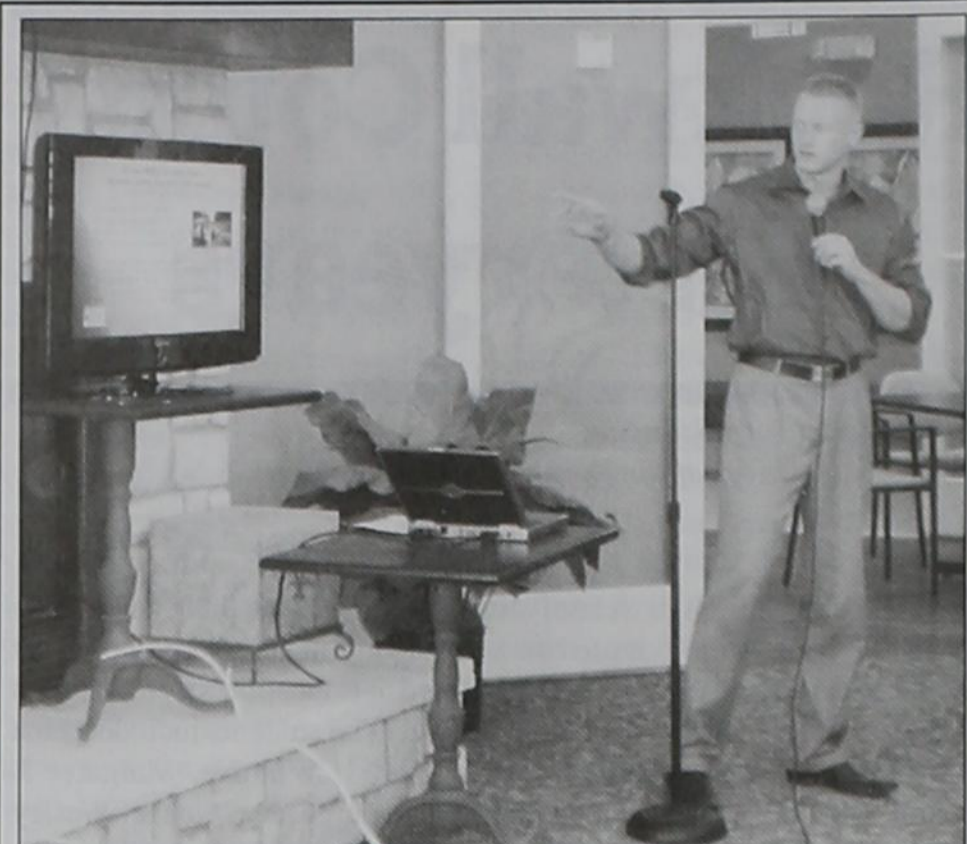
Reese said the rules at the National contest are the same as the qualifying rounds - reach 750 feet in 45 second and return the "egg-stronaut" safely to Earth. Each team will get two launches and the cumulative average will determine the winners.

While in D.C., the team hopes to visit the White House, the Library of Congress, the FBI building and other national landmarks.

AIA (Aerospace Industries Association) co-sponsors the event with the National Association of Rocketry in conjunction with NASA, the Defense Department, the American Association of Physics teachers and 34 AIA member companies. The goal of the contest is to bolster student interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics - STEM - education in an effort to attract young people to aerospace careers.

Two AIA companies provide premium prizes. Raytheon will once again provide a fully paid trip for the winning team to the International Paris Air Show in June. Lockheed Martin will provide \$5,000 scholarships to each of the top three teams. NASA also invites top teams to participate in advanced rocketry programs.

For more information about TARC, visit [www.rocketcontest.org](http://www.rocketcontest.org).



Dr. Dave Engelken of Rockwall Pro Health was guest speaker for the recent Rockwall County Committee on Aging seminar on "How to Stay Young the First Hundred Years." The event, which focused on how to prevent health issues while aging, was conducted at the Evergreen Apartments clubhouse.



The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers served as co-hostesses for the recent Texas Retired Teachers Association state convention in Dallas. Among those attending from Rockwall included, from the left, at back, Anita Gregg, Becky Cecil and Pat Moore and, at front, Ginny Progelhoff, Jannie Clark and Darlene Bealmer. All Texas districts were represented during the four days of activities in the Westin Hotel. Topics explored included retiree health care, cost-of-living increases and the importance of working with the legislature for necessary benefits for the Texas' former school employees.

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"You can have the shyest child at the beginning of the summer and prepare them to go to the professional arena or to college and see them become hugely successful. There is value in the lives that this changes, to see them gain self-esteem as they realize that they are worthy and talented."

The RCP offers Camp Broadway After School Academy each fall and spring semester, which provides students instruction in voice and dance. The Camp Broadway Summer Children's Theater for grades 4-6 teaches all aspects of a production, from auditioning to the finished product and performance. This summer's musical offering will be "Seussical the Musical."

The Summer 2009 Teen Theater production will be "Get Smart," with auditions scheduled for June. The Playhouse has also just finished spring semester tap dancing classes in preparation for the Teen Summer Production, "Singin' in the Rain," which is a tap-heavy show.

The Playhouse has its own version of the Oscars, with an Awards Gala at which awards are given in various categories, such as Best Show, Best Director and Best Actor.

The mission for the capital campaign states that "Rockwall deserves a top-notch state-of-the-art theater and RCP is ready to provide it. After RCP conducted focus groups in late 2005 through early 2006, the goal to achieve the mission was obvious - raise \$2M in the next three years through grant writing, corporate contributions and com-

munity donations."

The reward for that hard work will be the new theater, complete with a large lobby, adequate restroom facilities, dressing rooms and green rooms and a vision for future educational facilities and a future scene shop.

Singleton said a modern theater would not only serve the current Playhouse needs, but would also benefit the entire Rockwall area. She said with a larger space and modern amenities, the Playhouse could attract touring companies, festivals, one-act plays and possibly provide a home to local events, such as the Soroptimist's annual 'Rockwall Idol' competition.

Deb Ballard, publicity chair for the RCP, said, "We could bring new writers, arena plays, festivals and other events to Rockwall. That is just the beginning of what could be here."

Singleton said the new theater could also bring new visitors and theatrical opportunities to Rockwall, such as the American Association of Community Theaters festival.

One new initiative for the RCP is to hold publicly staged readings of new works by local authors. The first, "Garrulous Connections" by Deb Ballard, will take place on May 30. A second reading, "A Forest Caper" by Peggy Moroney, will take place in the fall.

The RCP plans to move towards its goal by hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, May 2 at the Shores Country Club. Team sponsorships can be purchased at different levels and spaces are still available for the scramble format tournament. Dinner is included in the registration cost and a silent auction will also take place at the contest. More information about the golf tournament can be found at [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org).

## Rockwall Holistic Health Fair slated for May 9

rd Annual Holistic  
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R.N., L.Ac. and the  
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various holistic modalities, services and products available in Rockwall. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet with various practitioners and vendors, attend presentations and find out more about holistic health topic.

Some of the topics at the Fair will cover Acupuncture, Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates, Chiropractic,

Massage Therapies, Midwifery, Skin Care, Nutrition, Homeopathy, Functional Medicine, and more.

Admission is free. For further information contact Kathy Wanderer at 972-772-3327 or the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department at 972-772-7740.

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# Rockwall County Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago  
April 23, 1999

Several Rockwall High School students, along with their peers from around the state, were honored in a ceremony at Southern Methodist University in Dallas as part of the State Board of Education's Celebration's of Educational Excellence awards program. The students included Jana Marie Perser, Laura Rene Hillgartner, Karl I. Whinnie, Margaret J. Donnell, Chanel L. Kentopp, Andrew Emerson Glaze, Michael Wesley Watkins, Jessica Christine Repka, Kirby Jay Carmichael and Brendan and Douglas Haigney.

Rockwall High School Theatre Arts Department presented a comedy/drama called, "Welcome to Four Way: The Town That Time Forgot." Cast members, under the direction of Becky Henderson, included Josh Harris, Michelle Beckert, Victoria Goellner, Cole Wimpee, Aimie Vitek, Michael Wainwright and Angela Thompson.

20 Years Ago  
April 19, 1989

Royse City High School's FFA won several honors at the Collin County Livestock Show. Jason Nichol received a trophy for his Reserve Champion Charolais. Jason Gray placed fourth with his Hereford heifer and placed third with his Hereford Steer. Stephanie Jones placed second with her Crossbreed heifer.

Jacob Cauble, Tim Moses and Todd Luna had fun on a fire truck while developing basic firefighting skills. Jacob's father was Jerry Cauble, chief of the Fate Volunteer Fire Department.

30 Years Ago  
April 20, 1979

Terri Jones was nominated as the Stingerette Spotlight Girl of the Week. She was a sophomore and daughter of Ken and Glenda Jones. She had been a member of drill team for three years, including one year in middle school and two years in high school. Terri's other activities included swimming, tennis and sailing.

Vivian Dixon, a Medication Aide at the Rockwall Nursing Home, was selected Employee of the Month. Dixon was selected based on such characteristics as attendance, punctuality, appearance, performance and pride in work.

40 Years Ago  
April 25, 1969

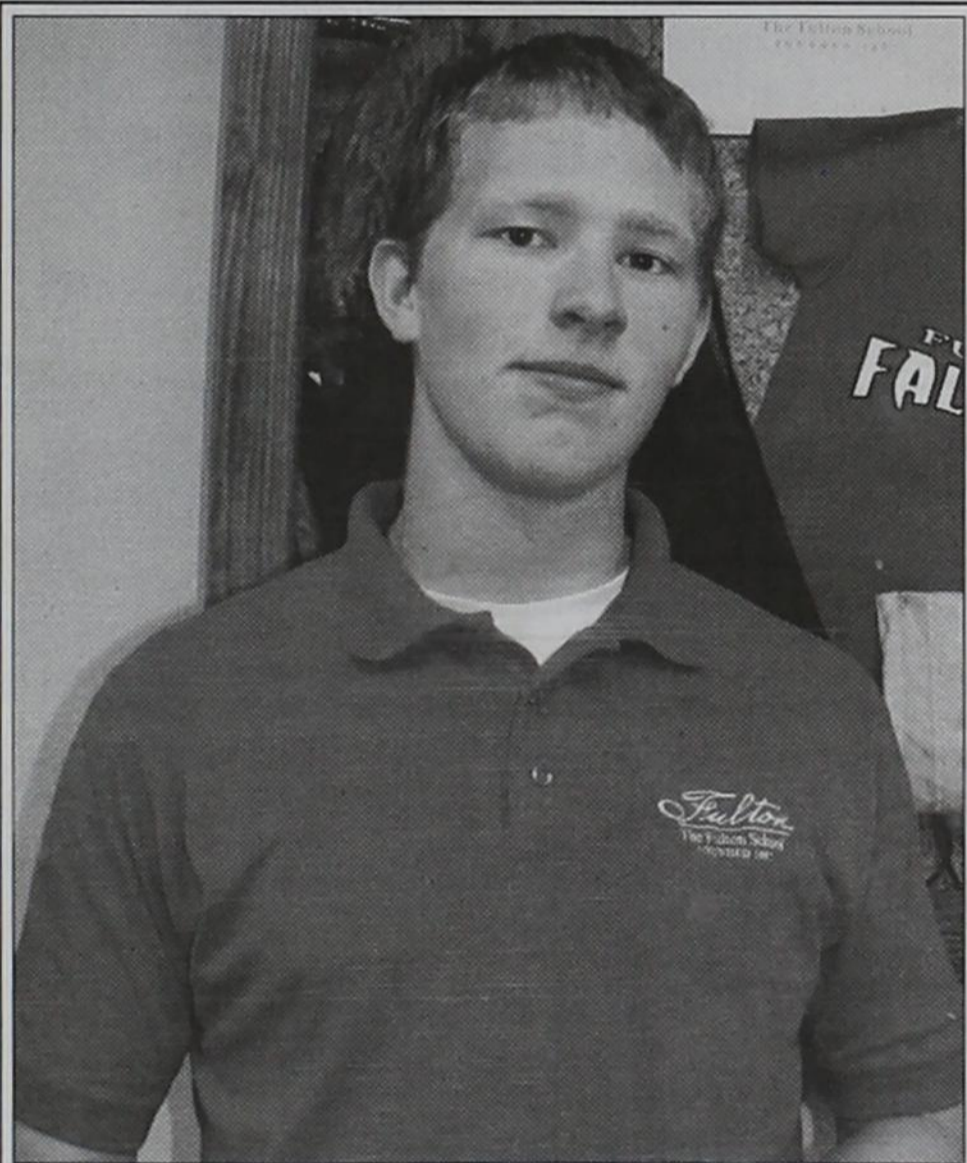
Rockwall High School seniors Carol Miller, Linda McCasland, Charles Holt, Norma Welk and Biff Mann were installed in the Rockwall High School National Honor Society.

Army Second Lieutenant James H. Vaughn, Jr. was assigned to the 199th infantry Brigade in Long Bloh, Vietnam.

60 Years Ago  
April 22, 1949

Juliana Lofland was the spotlight senior at Rockwall High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Lofland of Rockwall. Her classes included English IV, American History and Business Arithmetic. She was the treasurer of the English IV Club and her favorite sport was swimming. Her hobby was collecting miniature vases. She was also the Drum Major for the 1947 and 1948 football season.

Mrs. John R. Lasater was in charge of installation of the new PTA officers at Rockwall High School. The new officers included Mrs. Walter Springer, president; Mrs. Ben Klutts, first vice-president; Mrs. Alfred Rodgers, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Webb, secretary; Mrs. Homer Surlis, parliamentarian; Mrs. J.E. Harris, historian and Mrs. Curtis Watkins, auditor.



Brian E. Tiffie, a junior at The Fulton School, has been selected for membership by the National Society of High School Scholars. The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.  
Photo Courtesy of The Fulton School



Students in Cynthia Defreese's seventh grade science class at J.W. Williams Middle School in Rockwall are shown looking over a baby bearded dragon as part of the students' Living Habitats in the Science Classroom project. The project was made possible by a Rockwall Education Foundation grant. Students pictured include Drew Troxler, Josh Packard, Alaysia Hardeman, Ana Noriega, Lacy Johnson and Alaina Stepp.

## Local vendors, visitors set up at Aspasiens Saturday

The Aspasiens Arts & Crafts Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday, April 25 in the Square in old downtown Rockwall. Offerings will include home interiors, clothing, jewelry, floral arrangements, wooden items, children's merchandise, food and other items.

Vendors at the event will include local merchants and visitors from afar, such as Louisiana's La-T-Da Designs, featuring creative and custom hand-made frames.

Also featured will be the Rockwall High School American Sign Language Club (ASL) offering a cookbook, "A Sign of Good Taste," created by the class as a fundraiser. Recipes were contributed by members of the club and from deaf and hard-of-hearing members of the community. Funds raised by book sales will be contributed to the Deaf Action Center.

Aspasiens is designed to raise scholarship money for Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High School graduating seniors.

For additional information, call 214-712-0212 or visit [aspasiens.com](http://aspasiens.com).

## Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride at Sabine Creek Ranch May 16

The 18th Annual Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride leaves the stables at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 16 at a new location, Sabine Creek Ranch in Royse City.

The rain out date for the event is May 30.

Riders will begin gathering at 11 a.m. with a BBQ lunch provided at 11:30 a.m.

The ride begins at 1 p.m. Long and short rides are available. Start times are the same, with the short ride ending at approximately 2:30 p.m. and the long ride finishing at 4:30 p.m.

Cost of the event is \$20 for adult riders and \$5 for riders under 12. In addition to the excitement of being on the trail, door prizes will be awarded and a new saddle will be raffled.

## Annual Taste of Rockwall, Business Expo set April 30

Preparations for the 16th Annual Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo 2009, co-hosted by the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club and the Rockwall County Chamber of Commerce, are under way.

The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 30.

The event will be conducted at Rockwall High School, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall.

Restaurants interested in participating should contact Doug Farrow at 972-672-7087.

Those interested in participating should contact the chamber at 972-771-5733 or register online at [rockwallchamber.org](http://rockwallchamber.org).

Tickets to the Taste of Rockwall are available at the chamber or through Rotary Club members, local banks, Hacienda Car Wash, Horizon Car Wash and through high school band students.

Admission is free.

The ride rules, maps to Sabine Creek Ranch and additional information can be found on the trail ride web site at [www.rockwallcountysheriffposse.com](http://www.rockwallcountysheriffposse.com), or by contacting Ken Alford at 972-886-8131.

## Rockwall County Responders

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April 13-19

Rockwall Fire, EMS

- Car fire 1, Fire alarm 3, Fuel spill 1, Natural gas leak 1.

Rockwall Police Department

- Monday, 13 April: Theft (2) 900 block IH 30.
- Tuesday, 14 April: Burglary, 4700 block Secret Cove Lane; 700 block Windsong Lane; Theft, 1000 block IH 30; Theft, 800 30; Theft, 700 block IH 30.

- Wednesday, 15 April: Burglary, 3100 block Preston Trail (2), 200 block West Rusk Street; Theft, 700 block Sherman St; 200 block West Rusk Street; Theft, 600 block FM 552; Theft, Wimberly Lane.

- Thursday, 16 April: Burglary, 900 block IH 30; Theft, West Ridge Road.

- Friday, 17 April: Burglary, 600 block IH 30; Burglary, 2 Capstone Way; Burglary, 2100 block Summer Lee Lane.

- Sunday, 19 April: Theft, 2700 block Ridge Road; Theft, Raintree Court; Theft, 1000 West Yellow Jacket Lane.

- Abandoned property 5, Animal complaint 7, Alarms 45, Arson 25, Civil matter 7, Criminal assault/rape 4, Criminal Criminal trespass 2, Investigations 43, Forgery 7, Injured person 29, Major disturbance 1, Major traffic accident 1, Meet and greet 28, Minor disturbance 18, Minor traffic accident 24, Missing Narcotics 3, Open buildings 2, Ordinance violation 32, Racing ding vehicle 3, Possible DWI 38, Street hazard 6, Suspicious 39, Telephone harassment 2, Welfare concern 9.

Heath Department of Public Safety

- Wednesday, 15 April: Theft, 700 block Starlight Pass.

- Animal complaint 1, alarm 16, Civil matter 1, Fire call 2, sick person 7, Investigation 1, Major traffic accident 1, Meet and greet 5, Minor disturbance 1, Missing person 2, Narcotics 5, Ordinance violation 4, Possible DWI 1, Suspicious person 10, Telephone harassment 1.

## Republican group plans charity shooting event

The Rockwall County Young Republicans will host the 1st Charity Sporting Clays Challenge on May 9 at the Elm Fork S Club, 10751 Luna Rd., in Dallas.

The event will benefit Helping Hands, Habitat for Humanity Pregnancy Resource Center.

Teams will consist of four shooters. Registration fee will be team, including entrance fee, ammunition, lunch, one ticket per person for a Beretta shotgun giveaway, and a goodie bag.

The shotgun start will be at 9:30 a.m. Sign-in will begin at 8 a.m. Teams will try their aim at 12 stations. Participants will have choice of three divisions: open, ladies and elected officials. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each division.

For more information on the event or to register, contact Aaron Amorey at 972-489-3648, e-mail [amoreyr@yahoo.com](mailto:amoreyr@yahoo.com) or visit [rockwallcounty.org](http://rockwallcounty.org)

## Rockwall County Book Review

### Magical Kids Series by Sally Gardner

by Doreen Miller  
Children's Librarian

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my position as the children's librarian at the Rockwall County Library is suggesting books to young patrons, called reader's advisory in librarianship. But the joy of sharing books goes both ways and I am delighted when children tell me about their favorite books and the latest "must reads."

A young patron was the first to tell me about the Magic Tree House books by author Mary Pope Osborne during the summer of 1999, before they became the best sellers they are now. Another young friend, Cecil, and I have talked about the Clarice Bean books by author Lauren Child and eagerly awaited new installments. Therefore it's not surprising that book-savvy Brooke Hill introduced me to the Magical Kids series, written and illustrated by British author Sally Gardner. Seems Brooke first discovered the books at the Dallas Public library while there on a genealogy foray with her grandfather, Raymond Hill. Brooke wanted children in Rockwall to enjoy them as well so her grandfather offered to purchase the books for the Rockwall County Library.

Thanks to the Hills, we started with "The Strongest Girl in the World" and "The Invisible Boy," published here in the U.S. together

in a fun flip-book format.

Ms. Gardner is best known for her masterful tale "I, Coriander," written for an older audience. The stories in the Magical Kids series are shorter novels for children ages 6 through 10, with appealing young characters. In the stories, ordinary children gain magical powers and use those powers to help their friends and families. Sometimes adults in the stories try to exploit the magical talents of the children, but the children triumph through their own strength of convictions and ingenuity.

Last week I read the two newest stories in the series to be published in the U.S., "The Smallest Girl Ever" and "The Boy Who Could Fly." While admittedly "The Smallest Girl Ever" is the stronger of the pair, especially with its implications that the ability to read stories is "magic" in itself, "The Boy Who Could Fly" was my favorite.

On Thomas' ninth birthday, he receives a surprise visit from a plump, no-nonsense fairy. First she gives him a run-down of birthday wishing rules: "You can't wish for all the money in the world or to turn Aunt Maud into a sheep. It just won't work like that." And although Thomas wants to wish for his father to be fun, that too is against the wishing rules. Instead Thomas wishes for the first thing



Doreen Miller

that comes into his head: "What can he do if he could fly!"

And fly he does! Tentative at first, but with growing confidence that soon spills into his everyday life. The unusual talent causes a change in himself as well as around him. By the end of the story, other characters, including Thomas' father, have learned to look beyond the ordinary and recognize the everyday magic around us.

So thanks to Brooke, Jason, and many other children who read lots of great books. The time you wonder what you will read next, ask some young readers like Thomas. They would be glad to share.

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# Dulane Mellor, Aric Holly to wed in double-ring ceremony

Mellor of Rowlett and Aric Holly of Rowlett will be married on Friday, April 24, 2009, in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall with Deacon Jim Daniels officiating.



Dulane Mellor

The bride-elect is the daughter of Sandy Barrow of Rowlett and the late Scott Barrow.

The groom's parents are Les and Sherry Strickland of Breckenridge and Daryl Holly of Hobbs, N.M.

The church will be decorated with white lilies to represent family members who have been lost.

Given in marriage by her brothers, William Barrow and Scott Barrow, the bride has selected for her wedding a gown featuring a white beaded corset. She will carry a white bouquet of lilies.

Bridal attendants will be Brandy Barrow of Rowlett, the bride's sister and the maid of honor, and bridesmaids Meredith Newman of Austin, Asheley Casarez of Rowlett, Crystie Baughman of Rockwall and Heather Barrow of Richardson, the bride's sister-in-law. The attendants will wear pool-blue dresses and carry bouquets of white lilies.

Flower girls will be Kali Mellor of Rowlett, the bride's daughter; Laney Gutierrez of Rowlett, a niece; and Cori Mellow of Rowlett, the bride's daughter. Each will wear a white dress accented by a pool-blue lining. The girls will carry small white bouquets of lilies.

The groom will be attired in a tuxedo featuring a gray vest and tie.

His attendants will include his uncle, Scott Hamm of Houston, who will serve as best man, and groomsmen Chris Donaho of Sherman, Todd Cole of Sherman, Mark Davis of Grand Prairie and Richard Bloom of Sherwood, Ark. Each will wear a black tuxedo complemented by a blue bow tie and vest. Finishing each ensemble will be a white orchid corsage.

Ring bearers will be the nephews Tyler Wilkinson, Scotty Barrow III and Rylie Barrow, all of Richardson. They will wear tuxedos accented with miniature orchid corsages.

Serving as ushers will be William Barrow of Austin and Scott Barrow II of Richardson, brothers of the bride.

Wedding music will include

"Canon in D" and "Trumpet Voluntary."

Following the ceremony, the reception will be conducted at the historical Lakewood Theater with the theme, "Love Is In the Air." Tables will be decorated with small airplanes featuring a bride and groom, which represents the groom's active-duty status as an Air Force pilot.

A honeymoon to St. Lucia is planned.

A rehearsal dinner hosted by Les and Sherry Strickland was conducted at Tatiano's Italian Grill in Rowlett.

Pre-wedding events included a shower in the home of Bonnie Keese in Heath. The bridesmaids, the bride's mother and her

Rassmusen, served as hostesses.

The bride-elect is a 1996 Rockwall High School graduate. She completed a year at Eastfield College and holds a Texas Real Estate License. She is employed as a realtor associate for Scott Barrow Realtors.

The groom graduated from high school in 1995 and received a Bachelor of Science in geography from Texas A&M University in 2000. He is an Air Force pilot, chief of weapons and tactics for the 73rd Special Operations Squadron, Canon Air Force Base, New Mexico. He has been selected for the rank of major.

The couple plan to make their home in Clovis, N.M.

Plans charity shooting

Young Republicans will host the challenge on May 9 at the Elm Fr...  
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With roses in hand, Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks' Sarah Long (left) embraces her family and during Senior Night recognition at Tuesday's softball game against RL Turner at the RHHHS. Hawks pitcher Chelsey Eddy (right) is surrounded by her family. For game details, see story. Staff photo by Carl McClung

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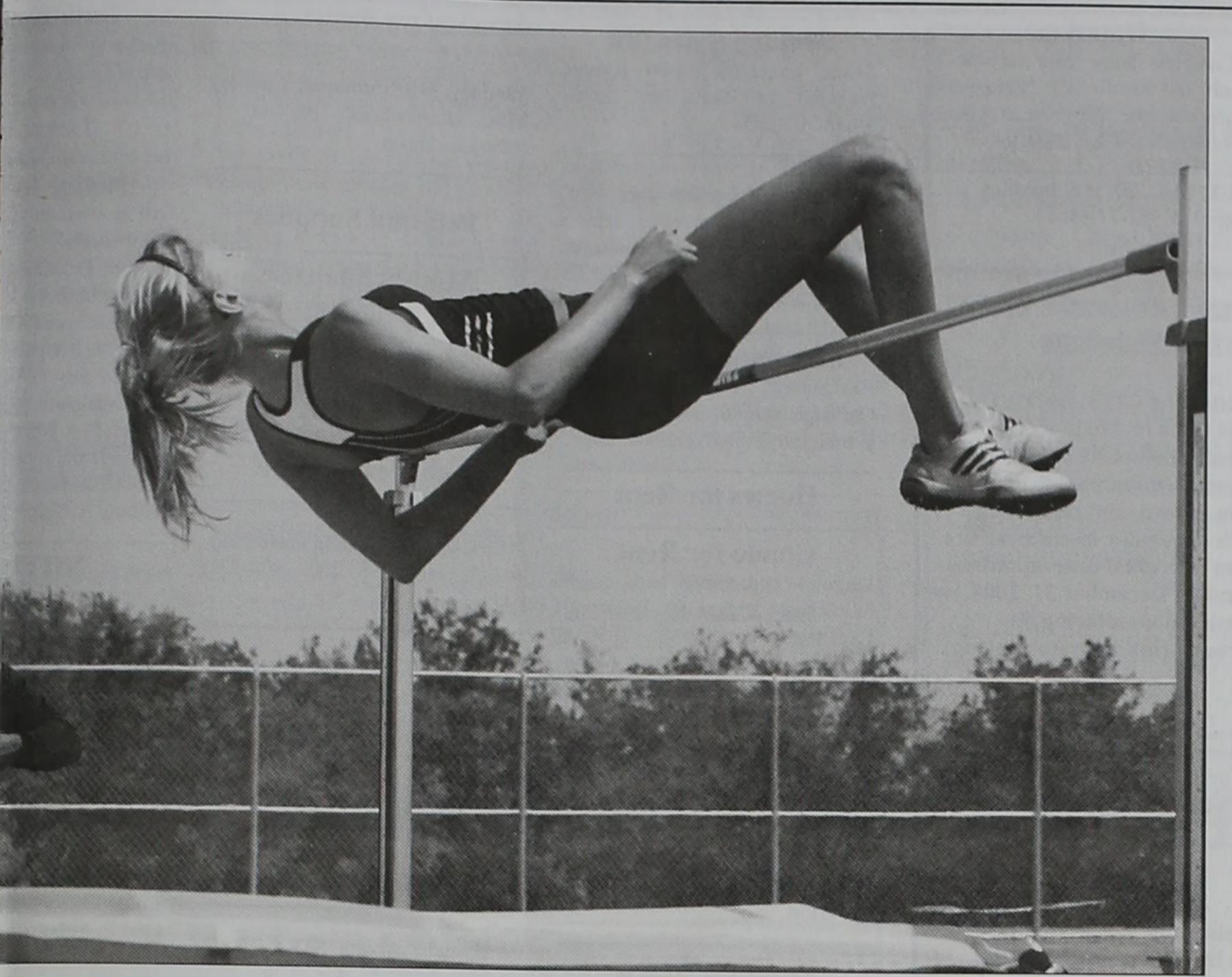
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# Rockwall County Sports



Royse City Lady Bulldogs' Skylar Strahm floats over the bar in the high jump event during last Thursday's UIL District Track Meet at the RCISD Stadium. Strahm qualified for the regional meet with a first place jump of 5'2".  
Photo by Erin Strahm

## Royse City boys, girls both place second in district UIL track meet

by Lary Bump

Megan Frausto won three events and finished second in another to lead a group of 13 individuals and four relay teams that qualified for the Region II track and field championships.

Both the RC boys' and girls' teams placed second behind Highland Park in the District 10-4A meet Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16, at RCISD Stadium.

Frausto's individual effort led the girls to 125 points, well behind the Lady Scots' 201.5 total. With more individuals placing high, include first places in four events, the boys' team finished just 9.5 points behind HP (128-119.5). Frausto was first in the 400- and 800-meter runs, in 58.157 seconds and 2 minutes, 22.718 seconds, and in the triple jump at 39 feet, 1 inch. Her 18-11 3/4 long jump was good for second place.

Skylar Strahm had the Lady Bulldogs' other first-place finish, with a 5-2 high jump. Strahm also was third in the 100 hurdles (17.139).

Also taking second place for the girls were Raven Alexander (12.591 in the 100), Fayrina Meyrick (32-5 1/2 in the shot put) and the 4X200 and 4X400 relays (1:45.302 and 4:07.849).

Laswayze Riley also qualified for the regional meet at the University of North Texas Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, with her third-place discus throw (89-11).

For the boys, Cameron Nichols qualified in two events, first in the triple jump at 43-1 1/4 and third in the discus (120-6 1/2).

The Bulldogs' other first places were by Brock Wempa in the shot put (61-3 1/2), B.J. Farrar in the 400 (51.014) and the 4X200 relay (1:30.961).

Royse City took second and third places in the pole vault, with Luke Beck clearing 15 feet and Joseph Beck at 14-6. RC's other second-place finish was by Trevor White in the 100 (11.469).

Also placing third were Ty Johnson (110 hurdles, 15.399), Richard Morrison (200, 22.933) and the 4X100 relay (44.086).

The first six places in each event scored points for the team.

Royse City's fourth places: Jennifer Null (800, 2:28.198), Micah Gibbs (discus, 119-1 1/2) and the boys' 4x400 relay (3:35.230).

In fifth place were Riley (shot put, 31-2), Jocelyn Denham (100, 13.357), Icenic Frazier (triple jump, 33-11), Joseph Beck (400, 52.262), Chris Doyle (high jump, 5-8) and the girls' 4X100 relay (51.428).

Finishing sixth: Strahm (300 hurdles, 50.683), Frazier (200, 27.367), Jayci Nelson (discus, 85-8 1/2) and Wynn Posey (pole vault, 13-0).

Head coach Josh Furlow said, "I'm really proud of our athletes, both the boys and girls.

"It's always difficult moving into a new district, and especially difficult moving up into a new classification. Our kids have really been working hard, and it's paid off for them. I'm excited about the tradition that they continue to establish here at Royse City High School."

Furlow also expressed a thank you to the fans, parents and community of Royse City for their support.

## Bulldogs ninth in district UIL golf

Ryan Gornto shot 165 over 36 holes for Royse City's top score, but the Bulldogs finished ninth with a team score of 677 in the District 10-4A golf tournament Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16.

Gornto had consistent rounds of 82 and 83 on the par-72 Waterview Golf Course. That score tied for 41st among individuals in the tournament. Right behind him was the even more consistent Cameron Mims, with two rounds of 83 for 166 and 44th place overall.

Richardson Pearce, with 568, and Highland Park, with 574, took the top two spots in the district and advanced to the Region II-4A tournament. HP's Cody Gribble and Pearce's Brad Lyle tied for the best individual score with six-under-par 136.

Other scores for Royse City's A team were Chris Wiley (84-89) and Denton Garcia (79-94), who both finished at 173, and Dakota West with 87-101 - 188.

RC's B team placed 12th among the 13 teams with 880. Alex Williams had the best score, 95-91 - 186. Following him were Hunter Webb 106-117 - 223, Austin Woltman 115-120 - 235, Jad Dunn 121-115 - 236 and Zack Richardson 141-133 - 274.

## RHS Gabe Antony advances to regional golf

Gabe Antony was Rockwall's only qualifier for the Region II-4A boys' golf tournament.

As a team, the Yellowjackets finished fifth among 13 teams with 610 for 36 holes at Waterview Golf Club Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16. Just the top two teams, Richardson Pearce (568) and Highland Park (574) advanced.

However, the two leading individuals who weren't on a team qualifying for the regionals also advanced. Antony had the fifth-best individual score, an even-par 144 on rounds of 71 and 73.

One golfer each from Pearce (Brad Lyle) and HP (Cody Gribble) tied for the best individual score at eight-under-par 136. On Wednesday, all four scorers for both the Mustangs and the Scots shot under-par rounds.

Antony was scheduled to compete Wednesday and Thursday in the Region II-4A tournament at Robson Ranch for a chance to compete in the state tournament.

Finishing behind him for the Jackets' A team were Ari Lara (76-79) and Andrew Waldie (77-78), tied for 18th at 155; Jake Claver at 78-78 - 156, and Shane Garber with 79-84 - 163.

The Rockwall B team placed eighth at 666. The scores were Mike Furlong 86-74 - 160, Nick Ziebell 80-89 - 169, Matt Kinnear 82-90 - 172 and Tyler Wimpee (80-94) and Angelo Ramirez (89-85) at 174.

Competing as individual medalists were Teal Willis (75-80 - 155), Austin Cain (85-85 - 170) and Michael Sullivan (91-101 - 172).

## Le's no-hitter polishes off productive week

Senior Night for Royse City's softball team, but a sophomore pitcher stole the show.

Pillie the Lady Bulldogs' ace pitcher, allowed no hits as RC won two successive nights to clinch at least third place in the 10-4A.

Julia Zielinski led the supporting cast with a home run and a double on the second consecutive nights to help Royse City improve to second in the district and 21-10-2 overall.

The Lady Dawgs defeated Highland Park Monday and Carrollton Tuesday, both by 10-0 scores. In each game there were no runs, hits or errors.

In the first RC out-hit HP 11-2 and in the second Royse City won 10-0. Each game ended early because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Highland Park lost in five innings, and Newman Smith held on for the win. Pillie increased her team-leading home run total to five, but she was out in the bottom of the 10th.

Against the Lady Scots, Pillie pitched a no-hitter. She struck out five batters and walked one.

Shelby Pille had two doubles. The next night, Ashley Heinaman contributed a double.

Royse City most likely will go into the playoffs on a roll. After winning two games against teams that won't reach the playoffs, the Lady Dawgs will finish the regular season Friday against another. They'll travel to sixth-place Carrollton R.L. Turner (3-10, 10-19) for a 5 p.m. game.

RC's Bi-District playoff opponent will be the second-place team from District 9-4A, but that could turn out to be any of the four teams that have clinched playoff berths in that district.

It's possible that Friday's games could leave McKinney, Frisco Centennial and McKinney North tied for second place. It's also possible that Frisco Wakeland, currently leading the district by one game, could fall into a tie with McKinney or Centennial, creating other playoffs or tiebreakers to determine the second-place team.

## Royse City Bulldogs' schedule

**Saturday, April 25** - Freshman baseball: home vs. North Forney, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 1** - Baseball: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Track: Region II-4A meet at Fouts Field, University of North Texas, Denton

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## Geoffrey Nelson sails to ninth place at International Easter Optimist Regatta

by Dawn Nelson

Geoffrey Nelson, a seventh grader at Cain Middle School, placed ninth at the 2009 International Easter Optimist Regatta in Braasemmermeer, The Netherlands.

Over the three days of sailing in light and shifty breeze, the TEAM USA had scores of 23, 16, 8, 2, 3, and 24 in his individual races.

In the final day, the Dutch officials separate the sailors into gold, silver, bronze and blue. Nelson donned his "golden" orange jersey and sailed in the top 90 sailors from eleven countries.

Nelson earned a 3 and a 29 in his gold medal races; each race lasted approximately 1 1/2 hours on the trapezium course. The course was a series of upwind, downwind, windward, leeward, reach, windward and downwind legs.

On the first day of competition, Nelson did not get a perfect start; he was the eighth boat at the first mark rounding. By the third mark, he had worked his way up to tenth.

"I realized I was going faster in a lull than another boat was in a puff. It just felt right."

On the second day, Nelson was in sixth, and then used clear sailing to move to fourth position. Sweden 4297, Mikael Hoije, tacked on Nelson as a defensive measure to try to prevent Nelson from passing.

A tacking duel commenced in which both boats would "tack" to get a better position on the other.

Nelson's superior boat handling skills gained an advantage when he tacked his boat even with the Swede. The USA parent boat, on the sidelines, could no longer see the competitors as they were behind the stems of the finish line boats. However, the Americans' approval when Nelson's mast top was seen to edge past the finish line by a few inches for the third place finish in the race.

After the waiting began as the race officials tabulated the final scores, Nelson was in 19th place; he was not in the top 20 when he had moved up or down in the standings as it all depended on how his competitors had finished in relation to him.

At the trophy presentation, when the fifteenth place was announced, Nelson was in 19th place.

Nelson thought he had gone down in the rankings. He was shocked when he heard, "In 9th place, from the USA, 1..5," a pause as the European announcer struggled for the English word, "7...5...7. Geoffrey Nelson."

Nelson gladly accepted his ninth place trophy, a leaded crystal Easter Egg. In a wonderful display of sportsmanship, the competitor that Nelson edged out traded a flag for Nelson's TEAM USA winter hat, and Nelson spent the rest of the afternoon socializing with the European sailors until it was time to celebrate with his countrymen at the TEAM USA Farewell Dinner.



Cain Middle School student Geoffrey Nelson received a crystal Easter Egg trophy for his ninth place finish at the XXIV International Easter Optimist Regatta held over Easter weekend in Braasemmermeer, The Netherlands.

## Tidwell qualifies for states; Lady Jackets fall just short

Shirley Tidwell qualified for the state girls' golf championship at the Region II-4A tournament Tuesday. However, she and her teammates each wish they could have cut just one shot off their score.

The Lady Jackets missed qualifying for the state tournament by only one shot. The Lady Jackets were one of two teams among the 15 regional qualifiers advanced to the state tournament.

On May 11-12 at Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin, Highland Park won the regional title, posting a score of 638 for 36 holes.

The second qualifying spot came down to a second-place battle between Rockwall and Frisco Wakeland. The final scores came out 694 for Rockwall and 695 for Frisco.

"The girls played their hearts out only to miss the state tournament by one shot," said Lady Jackets head coach Matt Claborn. "I'm proud of the way the girls competed."

In addition to the winning teams, the two best individual scores from golfers who weren't on a qualifying team will go to the state tournament.

Tidwell shot 81 Monday, but came back with 76 Tuesday to take fifth place among individuals at 157, 13 over par on the Wildhorse Golf Course in Robson. Wakeland's Taylor Newlin had the best individual score, 148.

Rockwall's other scorers were Hayley Bingham 85-83 - 168, Brittany

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Bobi Call, applicant in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application for Independent Administration in this estate on February 24, 2009, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs of Linda Gail Seitz, 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 Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road, Suite 206, in Rockwall, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said 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.

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Lisa Constant, County Clerk  
Rockwall County, Texas  
By: Tina McClaine, Deputy Clerk



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### TxDOT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CSJ: 0009-12-073

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the City of Rockwall, will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 21, 2009 for the proposed interchange at Interstate Highway (IH) 30 and John King Boulevard (formerly known as State Highway 205 Bypass) in the City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas. The project limits extend along IH 30 from approximately 1.4 miles west of Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 549 to approximately 0.27 miles west of FM 549, a distance of approximately one mile. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the anticipated social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project. The Public Hearing will be held at Rockwall High School, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Prior to the Public Hearing, an Open House will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to allow for questions and review of project exhibits. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the Open House. The Public Hearing portion will begin with a formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

The proposed project would involve the construction of a new location interchange with entrance/exit ramps and the reconstruction of IH 30 within the project limits to accommodate John King Boulevard. The reconstruction would involve the main lanes and adjacent frontage roads. The four main lanes would be reconstructed (two in each direction) to accommodate the proposed interchange. These lanes would transition into two, three-lane bridges (one with the three eastbound lanes and the other with three westbound lanes) spanning John King Boulevard. The third lane for both the eastbound and westbound traffic would serve as an auxiliary lane connecting the entrance/exit ramps on either side of the proposed bridges. At the proposed interchange, John King Boulevard would consist of six lanes (three in each direction) and two left turn lanes. The frontage roads would be reconstructed as two-lane, curb and gutter roadways along the eastbound and westbound main lanes of IH 30.

Existing IH 30 right-of-way is approximately 300 feet wide. The right-of-way width of the proposed project would range between 300 to 360 feet. Approximately 2.32 acres of additional right-of-way and 0.77 acres of drainage and construction easements would be required for the proposed project. No residential properties would be displaced. One commercial business property would be displaced and require relocation. Finally, the proposed project would not affect the 100-year floodplain.

The project's environmental document along with maps and drawings showing the project's location and geometric design will be presented at the Public Hearing. This information is also available for public inspection and reproduction at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, located at 4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150. Project information is also available at the City of Rockwall Engineering and Public Works Department, located at 385 South Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Information concerning the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displaced as well as information about the tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction may be obtained from the TxDOT Dallas District Office.

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Persons requiring special communication or accommodation needs should contact the TxDOT Dallas District Public Information Office at (214) 320-6100 at least two (2) working days prior to the Hearing so appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the Hearing will be conducted in English, any request for language interpretation or other special communication needs should also be made at least two (2) working days prior to the Hearing. Every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs will be made.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project may be presented at the Public Hearing. Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing may be presented either in person or by mail to:

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Written comments submitted after the Public Hearing must be postmarked on or before Monday, June 1, 2009, to be included in the Public Hearing record. For additional information please contact Mr. John R. Hoffman with URS Corporation at 214-741-7777.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Lady Hawks take third at district track; qualify four individuals and two relays for regionals

by Matt McGillen

Led individual champions Cybill Owusu and Jasmine Williams, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawk track team finished third at the District 10-4A track meet April 16-17 at Roysie City High School.

In addition to Owusu, who won the discus with a throw of 93-4.5 and Williams, who captured the 100 in a time of 12.32, the Lady Hawks also qualified three other individuals and two relay teams for the regional meet to be held May 1 at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Williams was the only double-qualifier, finishing second in the 200 with a time of 25.06 to advance in that event as well.

Heath finished with 101 points, trailing runnerup Roysie City, which had 125 points and district champion Highland Park, which racked up 201.5

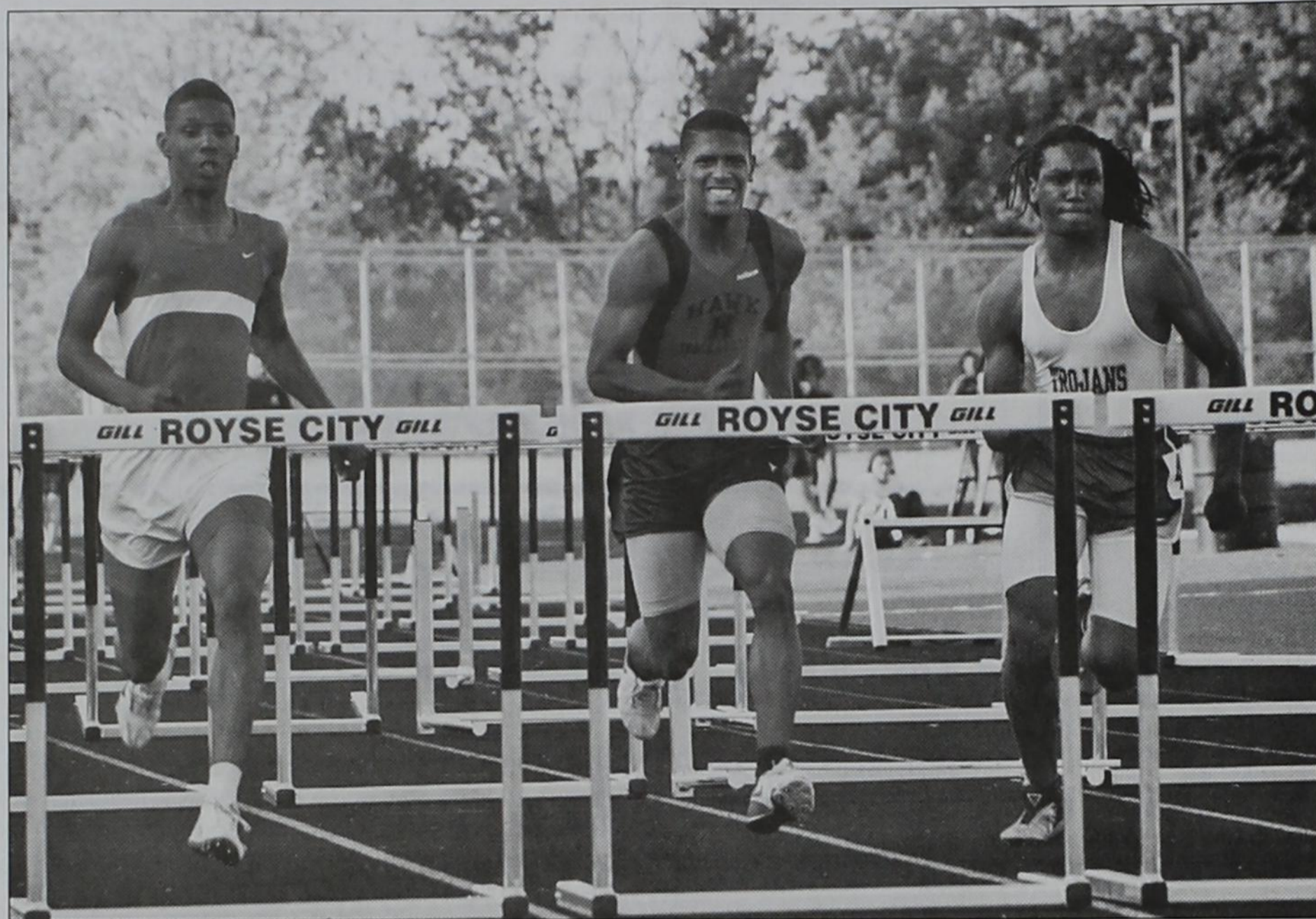
On the boys' side of the meet, David James, second in the discus with a toss of 125-5, and Cameron Wilson, third in the high jump at 5-10, will also advance to the regional meet.

Regional qualifiers: girls - Cybill Owusu, 1. discus (93-4.5), Brianna Richardson 2. triple jump (38-9.5), Jasmine Williams 1. 100 (12.32), Jasmine Williams 3. 200 (25.06), Brittany Huggett - 2. 300 hurdles

(46.74), Andrea Moeller 2. 3200 (13:49), 2. 4x100 relay (4:46.74), Huggett, Jasmine Williams, Sharniece Pratt, Brianna Richardson, Sarah McKimmey, Jackie Myers, Rachel Garcia). 3. 4x100 - Sharniece Pratt, Brittany Huggett, Jackie Myers, Brianna Richardson, Sarah McKimmey, & Jasmine Williams. Boys - David James 2. discus (125-5), and Cameron Wilson high jump (5-10).

Other participants: girls - Cassie Munoz 3200 (13:25), 3200 (13:42), Amanda Penney 800 (2:38), Jackie Meyer Arianna Motlaugh 100 hurdles 18:28,

Boys - Carlos Zaldivar 8. 1600 (4:59.10), Andre Jones 4.300 hurdles (41.723), Jeb Smart 4. 400 (5:11.0), Jones 5. 110 Hurdles (15.626), Kendial Lawrence 6. 100 (12.32), Sarah McKimmey 100, 13.65), Jackie Meyers 400 (1:07.0), Motlaugh high jump (4-8), Jasmine Williams long jump (14-7.25), Brittany Huggett long jump (14-7.25), Brianna Richardson (16-10.75), Cybill Owusu shot (29-3), Mindy McGowen 4.5), Brittany Wenger pole vault (8-0).



Hawks' sprinter Darius Jones (center) pushes through the 110M Hurdles during last Thursday's UIL District Track Meet at the RCISD Stadium in Roysie City.  
Photo by Erin Strahm

## Lady Hawks erupt for 11 first inning runs to bury Turner 14-0 on Senior Night as Eddy twirls perfect game

by Matt McGillen

It looked like it might be a triumphant fairy tale return for Rockwall-Heath's Sarah Long as she stood at the plate with two outs and the game-ending run at third, in the Lady Hawks' District 10-4A game against RL Turner April 21 at RHHS.

Long, Heath's leading hitter last season and normal starting shortstop, had been out all season with a stress fracture in her back but returned for Senior Night as she and five of her teammates played at home for the last time in their brilliant careers.

It was not to be, though, as Long, still not looking 100 percent, fouled off a bunt with two strikes for a strikeout to end the inning in her only regular season at bat.

Not that it really mattered much in the end - a Long hit would have enacted the 15-run rule after three innings - as the Lady Hawks were already up by two touchdowns at that point against the Lady Lions, in a contest that would end 14-0 when Chesley Eddy finished off a five-inning perfect game with her 12th strikeout.

Having beaten Richardson Pearce 6-1 April 20, the Lady Hawks now stand 11-2 in district and 23-8 for the season, and barring a minor miracle, will close out the year as the No. 2 team from 10-4A if they can beat lowly Highland Park (3-8, 6-18-2) on the road April 24. Turner fell to 3-10, 10-19.

The miracle would be district-leading Rockwall (12-1, 21-8-1), stumbling to last place Greenville (2-9, 11-11) also on April 24, forcing a one-game, mini-playoff with Heath for the district championship.

Along with Long and Eddy, the other four seniors honored for having played all four years since the program's inception at Heath - and earning three straight playoff appearances in the process - were Taylor Blair, Taylor McLoughlin, Devin Edgemon and Hailey Galloway.

It took just four batters before the Lady Hawks would give Eddy (18-6) all the runs she needed, as they eventually rolled across 11 runs in the bottom of the first.

Junior Sarah Deimling had a single and double and drove in four runs in the first inning alone while Edgemon and Victoria Combs added run-scoring singles as Heath pounded out six hits and drew three walks in the opening frame.

Deimling finished 2-for-2 with four RBI and two runs scored while Edgemon ended up 2-for-2 with two RBI and three runs scored.

Eddy whiffed the first nine batters she faced and only allowed three balls to be put into play, two of those bunts by Turner in the fourth inning, even though they trailed 14-0 at the time. She finished the game by striking out the side in the top of the fifth.

Against Pearce, Eddy was slightly less dominating, leaving after six innings with 6-0 lead, having yielded two hits while striking out eight to

bring her season total to 220.

Holding just a 1-0 lead after five innings, the Lady Hawks pushed across four runs in the sixth to put game out of reach.

After Deimling reached on an error, Kaeleigh Lutz delivered a swinging bunt before Galloway one-hopped a ball off the center field fence for a long two-run single to make it 3-0. Combs then hammered another pitch off the fence, this time in right center, before Eddy ripped an RBI single to score Galloway. Combs then scored on McLoughlin's sacrifice fly.

Heat added an insurance run in the seventh when sophomore Dakota Whittemer roped a shot up the middle to score Edgemon who had singled.

## Rockwall sends 10 plus relay to regional track meet

by Lary Bump

Ryan Hughes' 16-foot pole vault, which set Rockwall and Roysie City ISD Stadium records, highlighted the Yellowjackets' performance in the District 10-4A track and field championships Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16.

Hughes achieved one of four first-place finishes for RHS. Cody McCoy won the discus with a throw of 130 feet, 9 inches, Shelby Kennard took the girls' pole vault at 12 feet and the boys' 4X100-meter relay won in 43.340 seconds. The relay team of Jarron White, Josh Broach, Jeff Hinkson and Antonio Stephens also set a Rockwall record.

Both the boys, who totaled 97.5 points, and girls, with 73, were fourth in the district.

In all, the Rockwall boys are sending five individuals and a relay team to the Region II-4A meet Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, at the University of North Texas' Fouts Field in Denton. The Lady Jackets will have five individuals and a relay team at the meet.

Jacob Phillips placed second in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races, with times of 4 minutes, 43.226 seconds and 10:13.847.

Alicia Janke also had two seconds, in a 1-2-3 finish with Kennard and Lindsey Loy in the pole vault. Janke also cleared 12 feet, but had more misses than Kennard did; Loy's height was 10-6.

RHS' other qualifiers with third-place finishes were Cody Jackson (boys' long jump, 21-4 3/4); Thorne Pettigrew (boys' 800, 2:08.204); Randi Soldat (girls' 300 hurdles, 47.767); Kelli Hardenbrook (girls' 1,600, 5:30.769), and girls' 4X200 relay (1:49.179).

The top six finishers in each event earned points for the team. Boys in fourth place were Pettigrew (long jump, 21-2 3/4); Grant Gunderson (pole vault, 14-0), and White (100, 11.579). For the girls, Hardenbrook was fourth in the 3,200 (12:09.212) and Raven Turner finished fourth in the 200 (25.999).

In fifth place were boys C.J. Fregia (discus, 116-2); Broach (100, 11.632); Stephens (200, 23.242), and the 4X200 relay (1:32.784), and girls Soldat (800, 2:30.508) and the 4X400 relay (4:11.135).

Sixth-place finishers were McCoy (shot put, 43-9); Chase Lawshe (pole vault, tied at 13-0); Hallie Elledge (3,200, 12:48.141), and girls' 4x100 relay (52.178).

## Hawks clinch first-ever baseball playoff berth with winning streak at 11 wins over RC and Pearce

by Matt McGillen

After running its winning streak to 11 straight games, Roysie City 7-5 April 20 and shutting out Richardson Pearce 2-1, the Rockwall-Heath baseball team finds itself in an unusual position in its quest for a share of the District 10-4A lead.

Cheering for the Highland Park Scots.

Yes, that same Highland Park that seems to win most of most every sport, including over 700 victories in football, there was that one minor stumble to Heath last fall that ended its winning streak and will go down in Texas high school football history as one of the greatest games ever.

In order for the Hawks (10-2, 18-7), who clinched their berth in school history with the win over the Bulldogs, to win the district crown and force a one-game playoff, they would need to win their final two games, against last place Turner (1-11, 2-12) on May 1 and then the fourth-place Scots (8-4, 19-10) on May 1 in the regular season finale.

At the same time the Hawks need to have someone - most likely Pearce - upset first-place Rockwall (11-1, 22-3) which has won Park April 24 before closing out its district slate by traveling to Greenville (1-11, 4-17) May 1.

In the first game between the Jackets and the Scots, Highland Park 7-6 but committed three errors in a 4-3 loss.

Junior James Baune ran his record to 6-1 by holding Pearce to three hits and has surrendered only six hits in his last two games.

The Hawks supported Baune with 10 hits, including a double by Connor Lewis, as well as error-free defense, to help lower their shrinking ERA to a tiny 1.15.

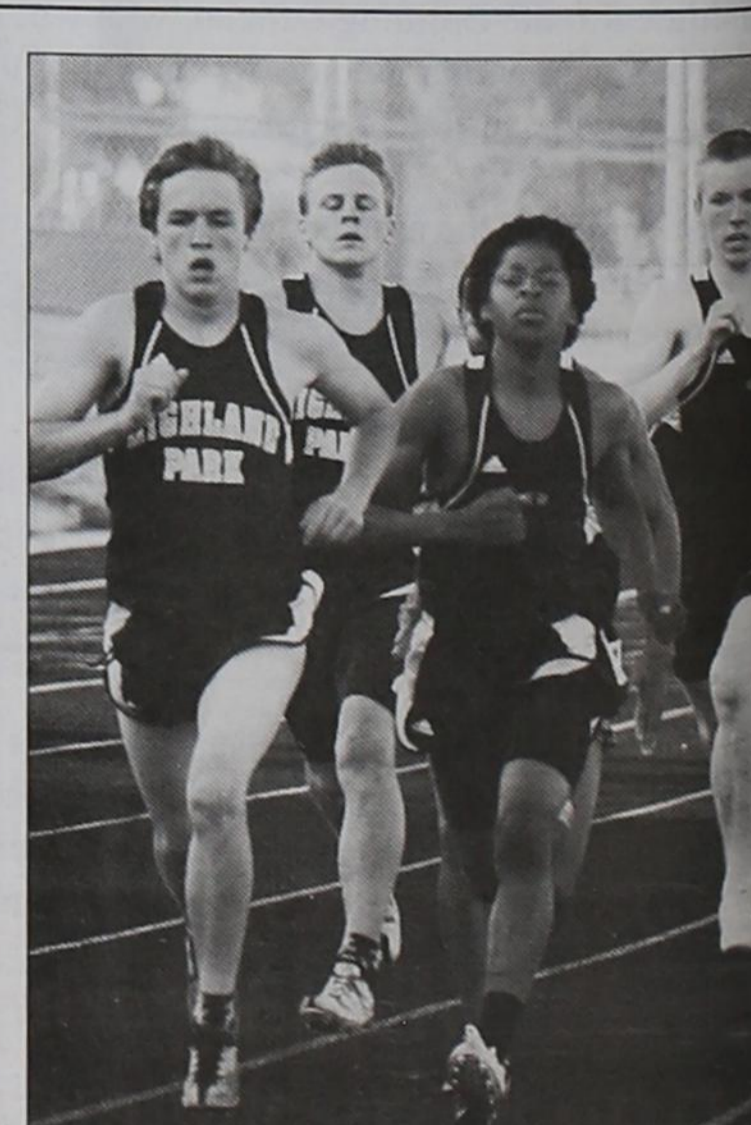
Against the Bulldogs, it was Drew Benefield (2-0) - a starter - who picked up his second win in as many games, returning from an injury.

Benefield gave up seven hits and struck out eight in three innings, while being touched for two earned runs. Connor Lewis replaced Benefield and finished out the game for the save.

Offensively, the Hawks had another 10 hits but committed two errors.

Charlie Martin was 3-for-4 for the Hawks while Drew Benefield helped his own cause with a double and Connor Lewis and Jon Branun also collected an RBI each.

"This was a bit of a sloppy game, but we came out and clinched a playoff berth," said Heath coach Greg Harvey.



Thorne Pettigrew takes the lead for the Yellowjackets in the 800M run during last Thursday's UIL District Track meet at the RCISD Stadium. Other teammates shown in the photo are Nathaniel Robinson (hidden behind Pettigrew) and Jack Hammond (center).  
Photo by Erin Strahm

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