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Grad Austin Pennington equates Texas Tech with honors

By Jim Pennington
Austin Pennington, a Rockwall High School Class of 2005 graduate, graduated from Texas Tech University on Friday, May 8 with a Bachelor of Science degree, Magna Cum Laude with Honors. He will now receive a full scholarship from the Texas Tech School of Law to pursue his Juris Doctor Degree along with his Masters of Business Administration from Texas Tech.

At Texas Tech, Pennington was successful in founding the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) Fraternity on campus and elected as the first president of the new chapter and received membership from the initial 19 founding fathers, with over 80 men and a lodge on Greek Circle.

In his service to the local fraternity as President, he was one of three undergraduates on the National ATO Executive Board, which governs all 135 ATO chapters across the country. He was nominated out of the 6,500 ATO undergraduates by interview from a candidate pool of over 45

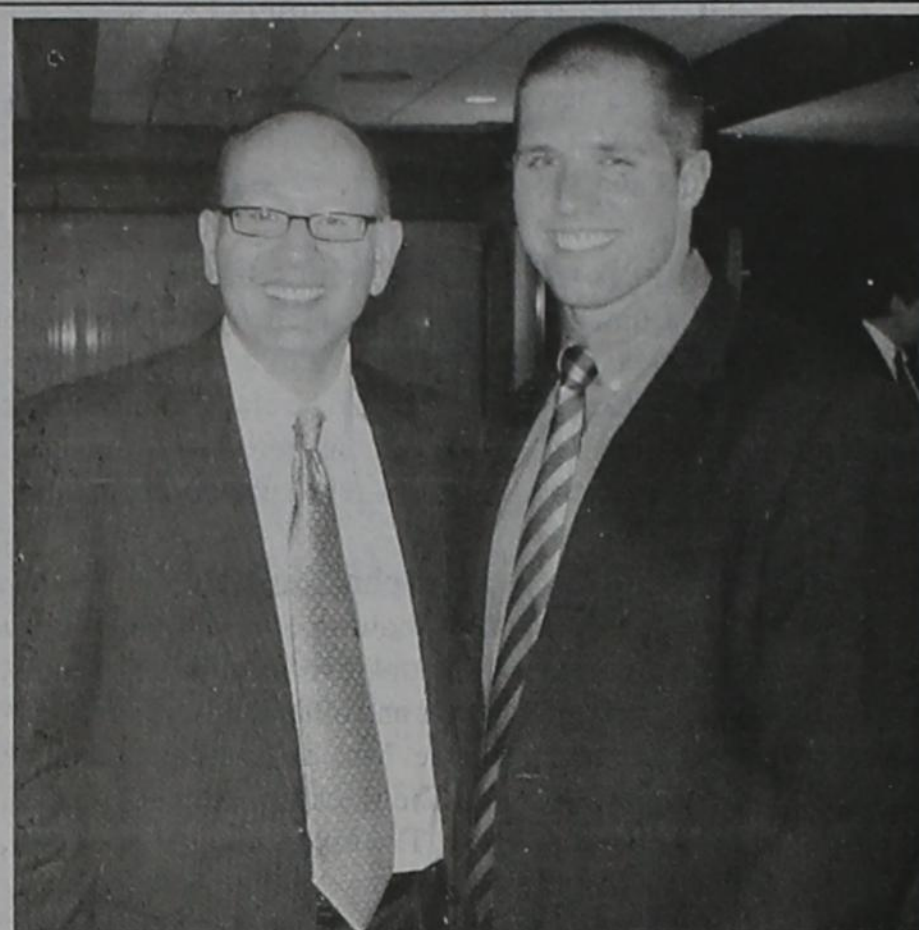
and was involved with making the student's voice heard on local Lubbock City Government issues. He took part in planning lobbying trips, accompanied by over 60 students, to both Washington D.C. and Austin to promote the Texas Tech student voice on issues facing our national and state legislature.

In addition, Austin served on the Student Judicial Committee in 2007-2008 where he reviewed judicial cases and passed judgment on expulsion, probation and responsibility of accused students.

In Pennington's senior year, he was elected to the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, which selects the Top 50 Seniors at Texas Tech based on academic, character, leadership and service.

Austin was elected to the Texas Tech Homecoming Court 2008 based on Resume and Interview.

Austin was also involved in many community service endeavors, including Habitat for Humanity, Lubbock Food Bank, Relay for Life, Race for the Cure and Reaching our Kids Ministry (ROK), an after school program for youth from low income families.



Rockwall High School graduate Austin Pennington (right) with Texas Tech University Vice President Dr. Michael D. Shonrock. Photo courtesy Jim Pennington

RHHS Drama Camp June 22-26

Rockwall-Heath High School's Theatre Arts Department will host its third annual Drama Camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 22-26.

The weeklong event will conclude June 26 with a 2 p.m. performance of "Gary Grinkle's Battle with Wrinkles" in the RHHS Black Box Theatre.

Students entering grades one through eight in the fall are eligible to participate.

In addition to being involved in the camp production, each participant also will receive an official Drama Camp T-shirt, a daily mid-morning snack, a pizza lunch on the final day and a DVD filled with events and activities from the week.

Cost is \$125 for camper or \$100 for each additional child in the same family.

Registration, limited to the first 30 students, should be completed by May 29.

For more details or a registration form, contact Leigh Reid at 469-698-2600 or e-mail lwesley@rockwallisd.org.



Dobb's Elementary School teacher Kathy Hutt was honored by friends, school and district staff on May 11. Hutt has been in the Rockwall ISD for more than 30 years and has been active as a teacher for 37 years. She was described as a hard working, diligent Master Teacher, bringing excitement and expertise to her students, her first grade team and the entire school. Students and staff presented her with gifts and a beautiful memory book containing notes from prior students and staff members. Hutt will be missed and remembered because she touched lives and made a difference. Pictured with her are (back row from left) Counselor Dina Rowe, Principal Teresa Twedell, Assistant Principal Jaime Cardenas, (front row from left) RISD Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joan Terry, honoree Kathy Hutt and Director of Staff Development Peggy Dickerson. Photo Courtesy of Lisa Costello

Lake Pointe Medical Center remains prepared for flu outbreak

Lake Pointe Medical Center has been closely monitoring the flu outbreak for over a week, stating in a press release that, "The health and safety of our staff and community very seriously is our top priority. On May 13, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, reported 29 total confirmed cases in the State of Texas, which included 10 reported deaths.

Lake Pointe placed a focus on emergency preparedness for this season. As a result, Lake Pointe has a strong team of physicians, administrators and support personnel in place to respond to emergencies, including this outbreak. In its press release, the hospital works on its response plans everyday, including training, drills, analysis and review of all its emergency events with local emergency response agencies.

Lake Pointe officials stated, "We wish to take this opportunity to reassure the community. It is important for you to understand that all our local public health workers are monitoring every door. While this outbreak is serious, this flu is not a pandemic.

By taking these steps, there are steps we, as individuals, can take to reduce the impact of this outbreak upon ourselves, our families, and our communities."

Wash hands regularly with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Always cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Avoid close contact with individuals. If you are a caregiver for a person who is sick, there are guidelines for review on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov. If you are sick, seek treatment, follow physician's advice and stay home.

Lake Pointe staff practices standard infection prevention procedures to limit the spread of diseases.

We take seriously the need to be ready. We encourage our community to do the same. In doing so, we can sensibly and calmly prepare for whatever the next weeks and months have in store," the hospital stated.

Lake Pointe Medical Center continues to serve the residents of Rockwall, Rowlett, Royse City and the surrounding communities. We are committed to the highest quality healthcare with a focus on customer service. Keeping citizens informed and educated is a top priority of the Lake Pointe mission that it takes seriously.

Lake Pointe Medical Center is a 112-bed acute care hospital located at 1800 S. Main Drive in Rowlett. Lake Pointe Medical Center serves the residents of Rockwall, Rowlett, Royse City and the surrounding communities since 1987. To learn more about Lake Pointe Medical Center, visit www.lakepointmedical.com.

News Briefs

Graduates offered free RCN subscription
Class of 2009 graduate of a Rockwall County high school is to receive a free one-year subscription to his/her hometown newspaper - the Rockwall County News - as a congratulatory gift. To receive a free mailing address, phone number and school name, email news@rockwallcountynews.com to get a subscription started.

Rachel's Rally set for Wednesday
Rockwall ISD's Rachel's Rally event has been rescheduled to Wednesday to provide a safe and healthy atmosphere for our community, according to a district news release. The rally is scheduled to the community-wide celebration at 7 p.m. at the Rockwall High School in Rockwall. For more details visit rockwallisd.org.

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News Briefs

Town hall meeting planned

A town hall meeting will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Rockwall City Place, 385 S. Goliad. Texas Main Street officials will be on hand to share findings from their initial assessment of the community and provide further insight into the Main Street program and its benefits to Rockwall. For more details call Bethany Golden, Main Street manager, at 972-772-6400.

Fast Lane to drive lake concert

The band Fast Lane will be featured at Thursday's City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event. The event is free, with music beginning at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor Amphitheater. Participants should bring blankets and lawn chairs. For more details call 972-771-7740.

'Mulching for Dummies' class slated

A "Mulching for Dummies" class, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the Harry Myers Community Center. The class will be taught by Sara Beckelman, a master composter registered with the state. Cost will be \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Guitar show, swap meet planned

The 2nd Annual Rockwall Guitar Show & Swap Meet will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Vendors, live local bands, guitars, basses, beginner guitars, music supplies and other items will be available. Vendor space is free and available. Musical guests will include Out of Shadows, The Unknown and The Rockwall Acoustic Group. For more details, call the event's host, The Music Shop at Rockwall, at 972-772-8406.

Trip to Clymer Meadows set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department is planning a trip to Clymer Meadows, one of the largest, most diverse and scenic remnants of the Blackland Prairie, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$7 for residents, \$11 for non-residents. Participants will depart The Center at 11 a.m.; those interested in following in their own vehicles are welcome to do so.

Memorial Day observance organized

Veterans and families are invited to celebrate Memorial Day at Rest Haven Memorial Park, 2500 State Hwy. 66 East, in Rockwall beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday. Special speakers and music are planned, and flags will be available for families of veterans to place during the ceremony. For more details call 972-771-8641.

RHHS theater event planned

Students from Rockwall-Heath High will present an evening of theater with Centerstage Productions' Senior Directed Scenes and the Theatre II class' original "Stylized Fairy Tales" at 7 p.m. on May 27 in the RHHS Black Box Theatre. Tickets will cost \$5.

Concert to feature Me and My Monkey

The City of Rockwall's Concert by the Lake Series event for May 28 will feature the band Me and My Monkey. Admission to the concert, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor Amphitheater, will be free. Those planning to attend should bring blankets and lawn chairs. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Stars on the Rock set May 28

A free stargazing class offered by members of the Texas Astronomical Society will be offered from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 28 in Harry Myers Park. The event will be open to individuals ages 10 and older. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Notice to Parents Intent to Destroy Records

In compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Volume 2, the Royse City Independent School District plans to dispose of confidential records for students that were in the Special Education Program that were dismissed, graduated, moved, or were assessed but did not qualify for the 2000-2001 school year. If your child was served through Special Education and you desire copies of the records, please notify the Special Services office at 972-636-9514 by August 3, 2009.

The records will be destroyed after the week of August 24, 2009.



Austin Woods, a junior at Rockwall-Heath High School, was presented a SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal by Dr. Allen Christian, president of the East Fork-Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Austin's mother had the privilege of pinning the medal on her son.
Photo Courtesy of Dr. Allen Christian



Olga Cooper, Susan Queen, Jana Hebron, Carol Edwards, Claudette Johnson and Mary Johnson are showing modeling some of the Rockwall Thrift Store's finest for a recent fashion show conducted in Royse City. Clothes, including designer garments, are available at "basement prices" at the Rockwall and Royse City Thrift Stores operated by Rockwall County Helping Hands, a critical assistance agency. The agency's annual campaign, The Season of Giving Isn't Over—It's All Year Long, is currently under way. Contributions or pledges may be made online through PayPal at rockwallhelpinghands.com or mailed to Rockwall County Helping Hands, P.O. Box 375, Rockwall, TX 75087. Donations also may be dropped off at 950 Williams St. in Rockwall.



The champion Garland Cubs are (back row left to right) Head Coach Jim Perry, Coach Mark Stines, Coach Mike Singleton, Coach Chris Ketchmark, players Kaleb Callaway, Hunter Henderson, Michael Ketchmark, Trent Singleton, Carson Childers, Rockwall, Bret Boswell from Rockwall, (bottom row left to right) Case Smith, Jared Jordan, Jr. Manager Sam Ketchmark, Coldiron, Lucas Wearden and Carlos Chavez.
Photo Courtesy of Amy Boswell

Rockwall players share championship honors on Garland's

Contributed by Amy Boswell
The Garland Cubs 14U Major Division Baseball Team went 6-0 to bring home the first place trophy when they traveled to Tulsa, OK May 8-10 to

compete in the 8th Annual OK/TX Shootout.

Two members of the team are Rockwall residents. Bret Boswell is an eighth grader at Cain Middle School will attend Rockwall-Heath High School in the fall. Carson Childers,

who attends Williams Middle School, will go the Rockwall High School. Both hope to play baseball for their high school teams.

In pool play, the Cubs faced the OK Blue Devils, the Oilfield Outlaws and the MW Mud

Dogs, defeating all three.

The Cubs were the only team to win all three pool games and were the #1 seed for the bracket play on Sunday.

The Cubs beat the Cobras 5-0 in the first round of the Championship. They then faced the Sluggers. In a nail biting game, the Cubs won 4-3. They came back to win 7-6 in the bottom of the seventh inning, their way into the Championship Game.

Facing the Texas Bears, the Cubs again had to come behind. Fighting hard and giving up, the Cubs defeated the Bears 6-5 for the Championship.

The Cubs began their season at the end of February, currently 31-5 and headed to the Shootout win, the First in the National Opening Pitch Tournament March and Second in the Travel Classic in Mexico.

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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Rockwall Texas TEA Party Tax Protest

TEA Party protest of people to do some-thing about the property tax appraisals that are due in May. As of the date of the protest, we need to push back, not continue to pay additional taxes.

Appraisal rates and consequent taxes seem to go up every second year with, seemingly, no limit. Not even the Federal Government can sell your homestead to recover owed income tax (Unless there is fraud). Your home is appraised for tax purposes by the Rockwall County Tax Appraisal District. The appraisals are not home specific. They are mass produced, generalized, and use complicated formulas to compare home values of very divergent homes.

Your home appraisal may or may not fit the mass produced appraisal and therefore, should be carefully reviewed to make sure you are being fairly appraised.

Listed here are some reasons that would allow you to reduce your appraisal.

Recent Sales price of nearby similar homes are lower than your appraisal (get comparable sales prices from a real estate agent).

Your appraisal is not equal to similar homes in your neighborhood. Go to www.Rockwallcad.com to check out your and your neighbors appraisals.

You have specific conditions that affect the Market value of your home. Easements preventing improvements, near commercial establishments (like condos, apartments, etc.), drainage problems.

If you feel that you might have a reason to protest your taxes, then immediately fill out the Protest Form that comes with your 2009 appraisal. (Rockwall hasn't been mailed out yet.) Or call the Appraisal District to have them mail you a copy.

Then you have three opportunities to present your case.

Informal review with appraiser at the district.

If Not Satisfied:

Formal review with the Appraisal Review Board.

a. This is a group of independent citizens who are PAID by The Rockwall Appraisal District to hear citizens protest.

If Not Satisfied:

Binding arbitration using a state appointed arbitrator to listen to your case. (Requires a refundable \$500.00 deposit).

Make sure you have documentation to prove your case, and the amount of your reduction requested is reasonable.

If you don't have the time, there are licensed professional Property Tax Consultants (listed in Dallas Yellow Pages) who can do the work for you for a fee. The fee is a percentage of the amount that they save you. You save or you don't pay.

You can get helpful hints from me, Nicholas Kreekon, Kreekon1@airmail.net, at no charge.

I protested my Appraisal to the Appraisal Review Board, on the basis of having a storm sewer easement, which prevented me from building on it and thereby reduced the market value. The Appraisal Review Board refused to hear my case because they were not into market value, and would only hear my case if I challenged the appraisal.

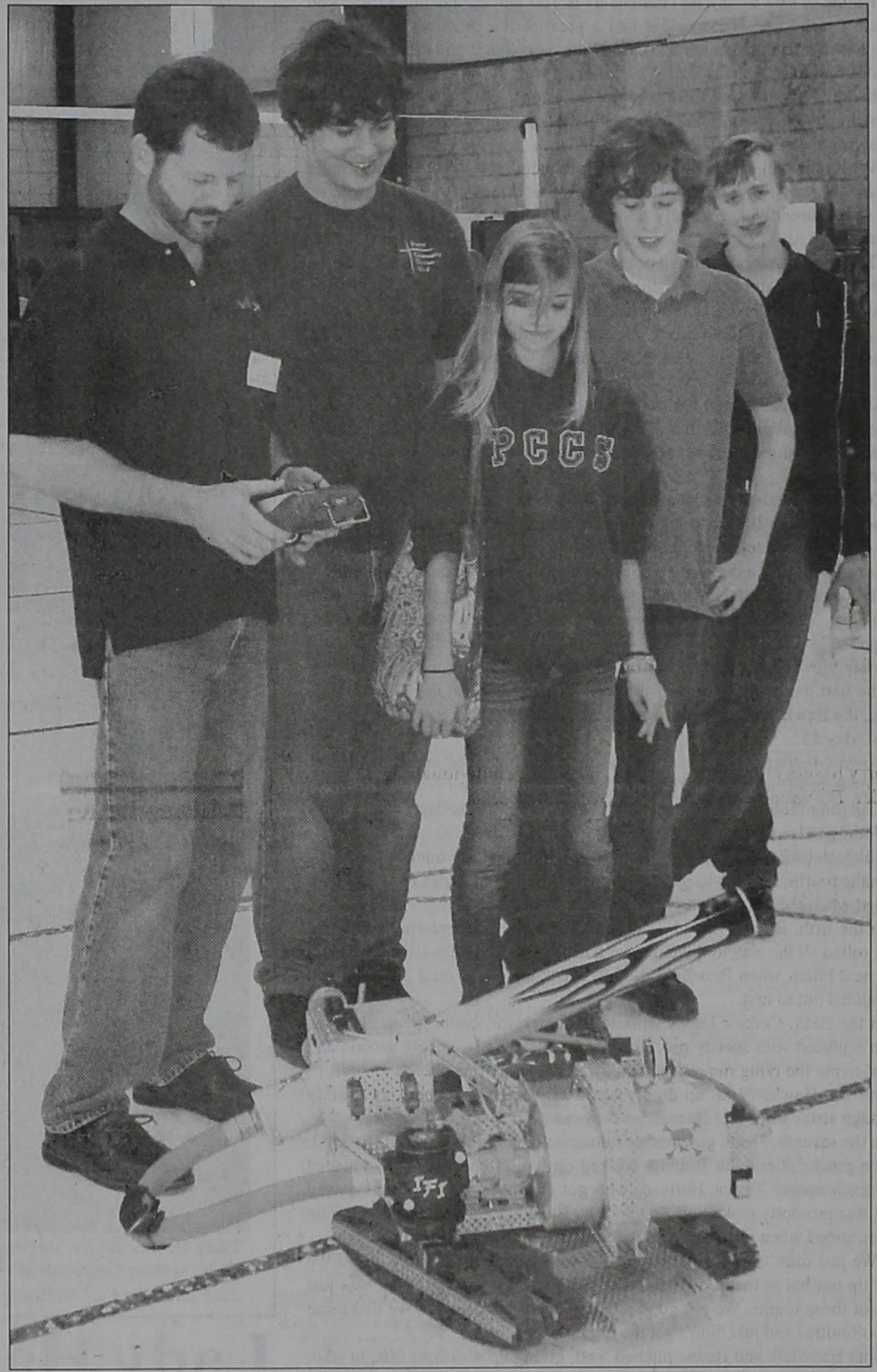
I went to the third step, binding arbitration. The arbitrator noted that I was also next to a condominium and awarded me \$25,000 reduction in land value appraisal for condo and storm sewer.

Let's start our Texas Tea Party by protesting our Property Tax Appraisal. Then we vote against Bond issues requiring a tax increase. Later we vote for candidates for local and state office who are sympathetic to Property Tax Relief.

Let's begin our TEA Party action by protesting appraisals which affect our property taxes. Nicholas Kreekon Rockwall



Helping Hands Food Pantry manager Marsha Chapman, left, and Eileen Conway, Rockwall library circulation supervisor, are shown checking the food drive box during the library's recent Food for Fines event.



Poetry Community Christian School hosted a High School Career Fair. Featured speakers included professionals from a broad spectrum of fields including medicine, veterinary, sales, cosmetology, missions, robotics, and laboratories. Among the participants were (left to right) Caleb Taramona, Megan Wood, Reid Harrison and Mark Foreman.

Wimpee lauded for job performance

Joe Wimpee has qualified as a 'championship agent' from Farmers Insurance thanks to his job performance.

Among the best of the best at Farmers who have a high sales volume for auto, home, life and business while maintaining high client retention and profitability," said Jim Carrigan, executive vice president of field operations for Farmers in a recent news release. "Through excellent customer service, Wimpee's continues to be Wimpee's customers' first choice for insurance needs. All of us at Farmers are proud of Wimpee's service to the local community."

In recognition, Wimpee is attending a "championship agent" award ceremony in Palm Springs, Calif., this month to discuss new business and key issues affecting customers. Only 251 agents nationwide earned the privileges to attend the four-day event.

Rockwall HS Choir hosts night of song and dance May 21

Rockwall High School Choir is hosting a continuous performance from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 21 in the cafeteria.

The event will be by the award-winning RHS gymnastics team, the St. Andrew's drill team, a dance team from Studio M, the theater group, piano students, soloists and the RHS

band. The evening will also feature a cake-walk, billiards competition, a pool shootout and the RHS cheerleaders. A live and silent auction will also be held.

Proceeds from the evening will go to Kidd's Kids, a national organization helping children with life-threatening illness. The guest speakers will be members from the Kidd Kraddick Radio Show. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Rockwall HS students share essays to open mic

Rockwall High School teachers have partnered with Barnes & Noble to host an Open Mic Night, at which seven RHS students will share essays that they have written. The event is scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday, May 21 at the Barnes & Noble located at 190 Cedar Sage Drive in Garland.

The students will share their "This I Believe" essays, with a portion of the proceeds going to Rockwall High School. Beginning in January through the semester, the students have been exploring their philosophies and values with a goal of identifying their core values. In the essays, they reflect on life experiences as well as family influences that have formed their identities.

"The essays are quite remarkable," said RHS Pre-Advanced Placement English teacher Michelle Ghormley. "My colleague, Mrs. Ghormley and I are so proud of the efforts and achievements of our students. We are looking forward to this event to honor them."

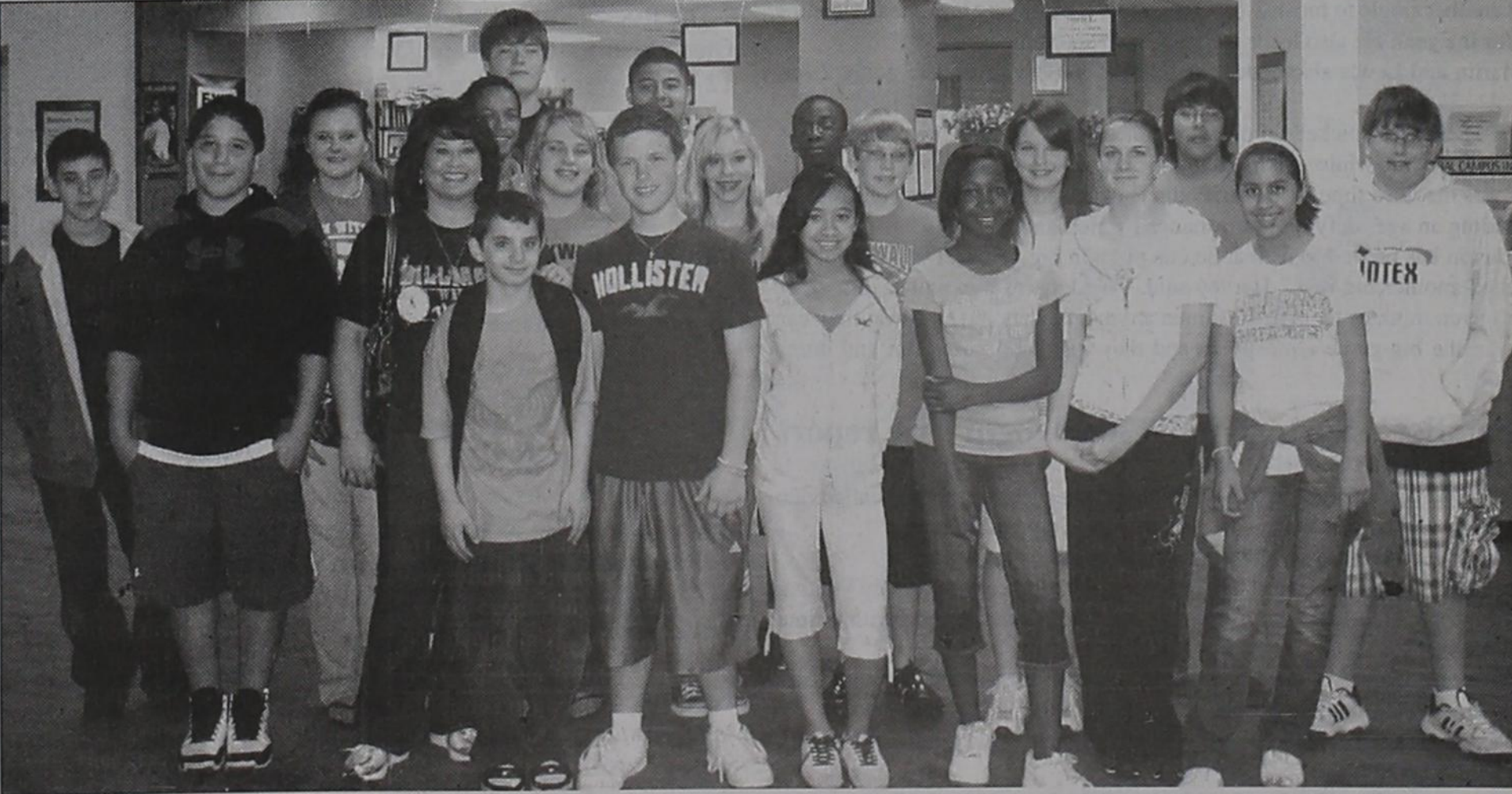
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AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students from Williams Middle School went to Eastfield College on Tuesday, May 12 to tour the college and were excited to learn about the many new programs the campus had to offer the students. They wrapped up the day with a fun afternoon at the International Pizza Co.. Members of the group are (front row from left) Ray Habib, Anthony Maxwell, Nia Cruze, Ka'briana Person, Jackie Martain, Selena Garcia, (middle row from left) Joseph Martinez, Class Sponsor Loretta Latus, Payton McNabb, Meagan McNabb, Patrick N'tehobo, Collin Sevier, Page Via, Alex Lopez, Brennon Holbrook, (back row from left) Caleb Rodriguez, Haley Birdwell, Randy Velazquez, Matt Atkins and Amine Elhaili. Also accompanying the group was Robyn Best, AVID counselor and Jennifer Givens, AVID Site Team Member.

Photo Courtesy of Stacey Hatten

Rockwall County Sports

Hawks capture Bi-District title

Benefield homers twice in 11-1 win over Frisco Centennial

by Matt McGillen

He's baaaack ... Sidelined by knee surgery for about half the district schedule, Rockwall-Heath's Drew Benefield struggled just a bit at the plate after returning to action, hitting only about .230 in his first 30 atbats.

Since then, though, the 6-foot, 230-pound senior catcher/pitcher has definitely amped up his performance, including a two-homerun, six-RBI game in the Hawks' series-clinching 11-1 win over Frisco Centennial (18-11) May 16 at Highland Park's Scotland Yard.

Now 24-8 for the year, the Hawks, who won the opening game of the series 15-0 before seeing their school-record 16-game winning string snapped with a 1-0 loss May 15, will meet District 11-4A champion North Dallas (17-10) May 19 at Wylie High School at 7:30 in a one-game showdown.

The winner will move on to the third round of the playoffs. "I think it safe to say he (Benefield) is 100 percent healthy now," said Heath coach Greg Harvey. "He had a great series, pitching on Thursday (the Hawk's 15-0 game one win), throwing a two hitter and then hitting two bombs Saturday with six RBI."

Having exploding for 15 runs in the series opener only to be shut out by Centennial ace Jordan Badarack (8-1) in the second, Harvey had an idea his team might explode again.

"We hit the ball so well in game one, and then faced a really, really tough pitcher in game two," Harvey said. "I knew that if they didn't have a pitcher for game three that was really good, we'd be able to hit and score some runs."

The Titans eventually trotted out four different pitchers to try and stop the Hawks' offense and none of them proved very effective.

After freshman Javon Hernandez (3-0) set the Titans down in order in the top of the first, Benefield drove in a run on a ground out before Drew VerHagen added an RBI-single and Cody Sargent walked with the bases loaded to give the Hawks a 3-0 lead.

After the Titans scored their only run of the game in the second off Hernandez, who allowed just three hits, struck out six and didn't walk a batter, Heath scored three more times in the bottom of the inning for a 6-1 advantage.

Charlie Martin led off with a ground-rule double to center and came around to score on Matt Bielski's single, before Benefield hammered a rocket off the scoreboard in left center about 375 feet way.

Benefield added a three-run moon shot way over the fence in dead leftfield in the third for a 9-1 Hawk lead before Heath closed out the scoring with two runs in the fourth when Sargent and Drew Baxter delivered run-scoring singles.

After blowing Centennial out of the water with that dazzling 15-0 rout in the first game of the best-of-three Bi-District series at the Titans' home field, the Hawks watched their win streak come to a silent end at the Hawks' Nest May 15.

Down 1-0 after the Titans scored a run in the top of the second off Heath starter James Baune (7-2), Heath failed to capitalize on several opportunities, getting the potential tying run on base in each of the last four innings, including twice as far as third, once with just one out.

But each time Titan starter Badarack (8-1) found a way out of trouble. In the fourth, the Hawks got a two-out walk by Hernandez but the inning ended when the next batter, Nick Peterson, struck out.

In the fifth, Bielski ripped a two-out liner over the centerfielder's head that rolled all the way to the fence for a triple. But that rally also ended with the next hitter, when Benefield tried to check his swing on a 2-2 pitch and grounded out to first.

In the sixth, Connor Lewis worked Badarack for another walk. He was then replaced with speedy pinch runner Baxter, who stole both second and third to put the tying run just 90 feet away with only one out.

But the Hawks came up empty again as VerHagen swung uncertainly through strike three and Hernandez flew out deep to left.

In the seventh, Heath got another runner on board, this time with one out, when pinch hitter John Branum walked on five pitches. He was replaced by pinch runner Trevor Holland, who got caught leaning the wrong way and was promptly picked off first base by Badarack for the second out. The game ended when Badarack struck out lead off hitter Martin.

"We just didn't get the clutch hit like we have been," Harvey said. "We just tip our hat to that kid (Badarack). He pitched a great game. It was just one of those nights. We got good pitching and great defense. We had some opportunities and just didn't get the big hit."

Both Badarack and Baune pitched well, giving up just three hits, in stark contrast to the opener of the series when the Hawks scored four times in the first inning and six in the second to put the game well out of reach, much to the chagrin of the stunned Titans as well as their mostly-silent fans.

After Bielski singled with one out in the first, Benefield walked and Lewis drilled one off the pitcher's leg for another single to load the bases for freshman Jake Thompson.

The big ninth grader took a strike - perhaps just to gauge wind and direction - and then launched a ball over the right field wall for his third grand slam of the season to make it 4-0. Thompson added a bases-loaded walk and another single to finish 2-for-3 with five RBI, giving him a team-leading 34 for the year. He also leads the team with six home runs.

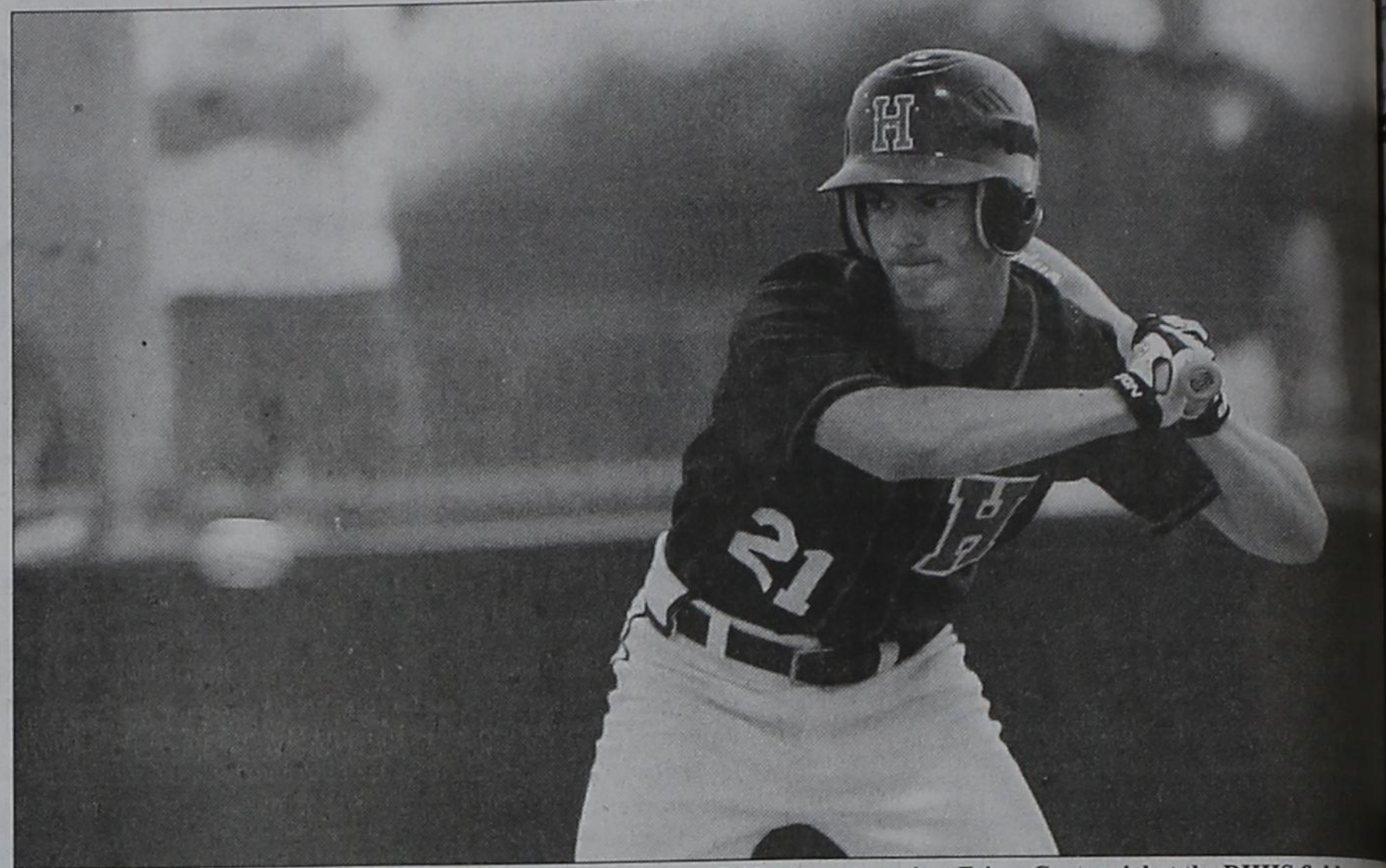
Martin and Lewis also ended the game 2-for-3 with Bielski going 2-for-4.

Benefield (3-0) picked up the win with another outstanding effort, allowing just two hits while striking out two and walking two.

It was the third time in the series the Hawks had yielded three or less hits, including an age-defying performance by Hernandez. "Javon has proved to us that he can pitch in big games. He went out and pitched another big one," Harvey said. "We look at him and Jake and we don't even think of them as freshmen anymore. They have proven they can play in the big-game atmosphere and they just keep going out and doing the job."

Chandler's Spring Wednesday Night race report

Contributed by Daniel Malak
The Chandler's Landing Yaght Club Spring race was almost called due to lack of winds, Wednesday, May 6, on Lake Ray Hubbard.
Both Fleets A and B covered the route "181 W 2.0 miles."
In Fleet A, Hotter Tuna/11 meter finished first place at 72 "hdcp" with a time of 7:54:41, as Overkill/Olson 30 came in second at 105 with a time of 7:56:48.
In Fleet B, Joint Venture/Catalina 27 finished first at 8:08:31, with Care Free/Hunter21 following behind with a time of 8:39:29.
Other results for Fleet A are, Hotsy Totsy/J29 (111 hdcp, 7:59:49), Geronimo/J-92 (4th, 105, 7:59:59), Superman's Cape/Evelyn32 (5th, 96, 7:59:56), Kathy/J-22 (6th, 174, 8:06:23), Maui Girl/Merit25 (7th, 168, 8:10:12), Silver Wings/Capri 25 (8th, 174, 8:11:15), Swale/S2 7.9 (9th, 168, 8:19:40), August Blaze/Bene-teau305 (10th, 156, 8:24:27) Gary/J-22 (11th, 174, 8:27:04), Orion/Hunter 31 (12th, 179, 8:34:08).
The results from the Dam Series Australian Pursuit race #7 on Saturday, May 9, for A and B Fleets (4, 182, 4, T, 1½) include an A Fleet first place by Orion/Hunter31. Finishing second was Three Sheets to the Wind/Hunter35 followed by Silver Wings/Capri 25.
In the B Fleet, Respit/Catalina30 finished first followed by Care Free/Hunter21.



Hawks' batter Nick Peterson locks his eyes on the ball during Friday's game against Frisco Centennial at the RHHS field. Staff photo by Carl McClung



Lady Hawks Taylor McLoughlin (6) starts to round third base as coach Kourtney Westerfeld shows a signal to stop during last game against Seagoville at the RHHS field. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Lady Hawks rout fireless Dragons 12-0 in drive to the state championship

Chelsey Eddy throws no-hitter

by Matt McGillen

The Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks are advancing to the Regional Quaterfinal softball championship series following a convincing 12-0 win over the Seagoville Dragons on May 15.

Unlike last year's second-round playoff series against Little Elm, which began with a marathon 24-inning win and ended with a heart-breaking bottom-of-the-seventh loss to end Rockwall-Heath's softball season, the Lady Hawks matchup with Seagoville at RHHS was virtually drama free.

Chelsey Eddy struck out 12 en route to a no-hitter as she and her teammates hammered the completely overmatched Dragons 12-0 in five innings.

But while there was no drama on the field for the sixth-ranked Lady Hawks, there was plenty off of it.

Hailey Galloway, the Lady Hawks' regular first baseman, was involved in a serious automobile accident earlier in the week and remains hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries. Galloway, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was driving alone when she was struck in the side by another vehicle and suffered a head or neck injury that resulted in some bleeding in the brain.

"She is doing a lot better today than yesterday," said Heath coach Kourtney Huey after the Lady Hawks had disposed of the Dragons.

"I talked to her for half an hour and she was talking and knew who I was, compared to yesterday when she would say a word or two and then fall back asleep."

No release date has been set for Galloway to leave the hospital. Now 28-9 for the year, the lady Hawks were scheduled to meet Frisco Wakeland (26-9-2) Monday or Tuesday in another one-game matchup at a neutral site that had not been determined by press time.

The two teams met earlier this season, with Heath winning 3-2, as Eddy (23-7) tossed a three hitter. Losing pitcher Alexis Cantu (25-5, 0.93 ERA) held the Lady Hawks to just four hits.

Against the Dragons, who managed to beat Samuel 12-0 in a one-

game playoff in the Bi-District round, the Lady Hawks scored runs in the top of the first and seven in the second to turn it into a laughter early.

Although the official box score will show that Heath poured 14 hits and took advantage of at least four Lady Dragon handful of balls that would have been fairly routine plays for teams, especially those from the defensive-strong District simply eluded the Seagoville players.

Sophomore Dakota Whittern led the Lady Hawks with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate, ripping a double and driving in two runs, including one with a sacrifice fly.

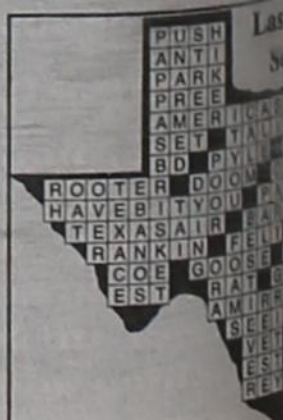
Kaeleigh Lutz finished 3-for-4 with an RBI while Victoria was 2-for-3 with a double, Taylor Blair 2-for-3, Taylor McCloughlin 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Devon Edgemon 1-for-4 with a pair of runs driven in.

From Huey's perspective, the Lady Hawks turned in a game against Seagoville pitcher Kaley Krause, who had two speed bumps and slower.

"Our kids hit the ball well, which is something we don't talk about against slower pitching," said Huey. "They did their job and made fair contact, none beyond the infield. Just three base runners allowed came on a walk in the second inning and she struck out on the side in the first and third."

Her 12 strikeouts gives her 275 for the year while the shutout gives her a string of 12 scoreless innings. In fact, Eddy has given up a score in only two of her last 47 innings in the circle.

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Rockwall County Sports

Perfect Lady Jackets reach softball regional quarterfinal

by Lary Bump

Laycee Holcomb and Kat Brown pitched a perfect game, and Rockwall's offense was nearly as good, as the Lady Jackets routed Dallas Pinkston 22-0 Thursday to advance to the Region II softball quarterfinals.

RHS also played errorless ball. Its pitchers barely needed a defense behind them as they struck out 13 of the Lady Vikings' 15 batters in an Area-round playoff game at Duncanville stopped after five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

The Lady Jackets (26-11) face a tougher challenge in the quarterfinals, which are limited to one game. The District 10-4A champions will face Frisco Centennial (19-16), which finished third in 9-4A. The Lady Titans won a best-of-three series from Royse City and took an 8-0 decision from Dallas Hillcrest in the Area round.

Rockwall head coach Shadie Acosta said the game will be played

Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Wylie High School.

The Lady Jackets might not be able to play as well as they did against Pinkston. Acosta said, "Their pitcher walked a lot of batters, but when she threw strikes our kids hit the ball. We had quite a few shots to the gaps."

Of RHS' 18 hits, 12 went for extra bases.

Six different players had at least a double. Shelby Frierson hit her team-leading second home run and added a double. Audrey Farfan hit two doubles, and Haley Lemons had two doubles and a triple. Holcomb helped herself with two triples. Amanda Harmon and Cyn-di Bertrand each hit a double.

"Laycee was outstanding," Acosta said of the starting pitcher. Holcomb pitched 3 2/3 innings. Then Brown, who recorded two wins in the Bi-District series against McKinney North, retired the final four Lady Vikings.



On the Road Again ...

With a big smile, Lady Jackets Shelby Frierson cruises to home plate for another run in the 22-0 Area Championship game against Dallas Pinkston. The Lady Jackets are advancing to the Quarterfinal at Wylie, 7 p.m. Tuesday vs. Frisco Centennial in a one-game championship.

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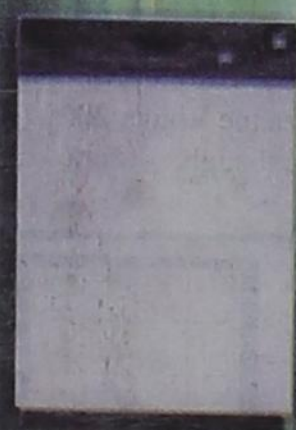
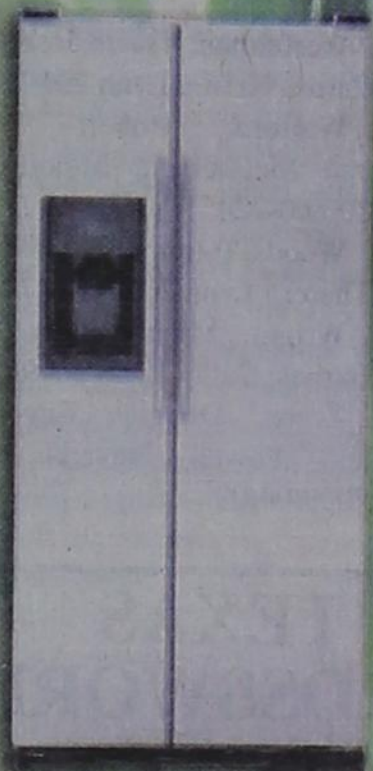
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McKinney North closes the door on Yellowjacket season

by Lary Bump

McKinney North upset Rockwall both Friday and Saturday to win the teams' best-of-three Bi-District playoff series and close the Yellowjackets' season at 26-5. On both nights, the Bulldogs scored a run in the first inning and never trailed. In Saturday's loss, the Jackets managed just five hits.

McKinney took a 6-2 win Friday evening in the team's third Bi-District series at one game each and forcing a third game.

"I'd say pretty much nothing went right," said RHS head coach Jeff Payne. "That hasn't happened often, and doesn't happen again."

The Bulldogs (17-9) handed Rockwall right-hander Tim Ballew (9-1) his first loss this season. Two of the Jackets' three runs came from Ballew's error in the bottom of the first. Ballew had trouble solving the sidearm pitching of McKinney North's left-hander Justin Scharf, who struck out 10 and allowed just one run.

Payne said, "We haven't faced a sidearmer this season very, very tough."

The Jackets (26-4) scored their runs when North second baseman Kenny George misplayed J.D. Deloach's two-out, fly ball to the ground, allowing Derrick Clinard and Michael Hatcher to reach base.

Rockwall's final threat came with two out in the seventh inning. Klayton Estes walked and Tim Parish singled to drive Scharf home. Reliever Chris Luman retired Clinard on a pop fly to the outfield.

It was a good night for relief pitchers. The Jackets' reliever Ballew allowed seven hits in 2 2/3 innings to lead to a 4-0 victory. In the top of the fourth, two Bulldogs reached base against Kyle Turansky and scored when Clinard allowed a single.

After that, only one North batter reached base, on a sacrifice error, and a double play took him off the basepaths.

Ballew's bad night continued after he left the game, when a ball struck his right leg in the dugout.

"Ballew says he's fine," Payne said. "He didn't look too good to me if he says he feels good."

The coach selected Wesley Cox (6-0) to start Saturday's game. Both batters he faced as Rockwall's final pitcher Friday.

"The relievers did well. They'll all be ready Saturday," Payne said.

That would include Parish (6-2), who pitched a one-hitter in Saturday's game as the Jackets won the opening game from McKinney North 7-1. Parish took a no-hitter into the seventh inning.

RHS never trailed after scoring two runs in the top of the seventh. The Jackets managed six hits, including doubles by Klayton Estes and Jonny Blake.

A McKinney North victory in the series would be considered an upset. The Bulldogs placed fourth in District 9-4A, the Lady Vikings finished fifth, and the Lady Titans finished sixth in the 10-4A championships.

The winner of the Rockwall-North series would play for the Bi-District championship in District 12-4A, or Dallas Woodlands in District 12-6-1, which finished third in 11-4A.

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