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Organizers gearing up for 58th Rockwall Youth Fair

The 58th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair is set for March 30 through April 2 at the Rockwall Independent School District Agriculture Complex.

The event is designed to "promote the education, constructive talents and leadership skills of the youth of the community by conducting clinics, training demonstrations, shows and auction sales for youth and to cooperate with the Rockwall County Extension Service, Rockwall 4-H Clubs, Rockwall FFA Chapters and other youth organizations of Rockwall Public Schools," according to a news release issued last week.

"The Rockwall Youth Fair is the end result of the hard work of young ladies and gentlemen through their animal husbandry and AG mechanics projects producing leadership through responsibility, time management and economic accountability," said Travis Reynolds, Rockwall Youth Fair board president, in the release.

Fair activities this year will include two new events. A livestock-judging contest is set for March 30. The contest is open to anyone between the ages of 8 and in the third grade through 18 years of age and still in high school Texas. The Clothing and Textiles Show is open to students attending schools in Rockwall County. Divisions include clothing, embellished or decorated clothing, hand-

made accessories, pillows and quilting.

The fair will host its fourth annual Heritage Land Bank School Day on April 1. RISD third grade students will engage in interactive learning sessions ranging from learning about farm animals to fun and easy gardening. Rockwall 4-H and FFA students will lead tours of the animal project barn and discuss their experiences in raising livestock projects (swine, steers, rabbits, goats, sheep). Heritage Land Bank will sponsor the event through collaborations with the Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Farm Bureau.

The fair's highlight will be the Livestock Show and Market Sale. Young people from across the county in 4-H and FFA will demonstrate their skills and disciplines in breeding and market animals.

The show will consist of the following: Market Rabbits, Market Hogs, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Steers, Breeding Rabbits, Breeding Market Goats, Breeding Beef and Market Broilers.

The Market Sale will take place immediately following the livestock show. Market animals will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, giving local residents an opportunity to support Rockwall-area youth involved in agriculture projects.

Last year more than \$60,000 was

given back to Rockwall youth as a result of the market auction. Premiums often are saved for college or used to continue next year with another project.

"FFA exposes you to life lessons and values only God and nature can teach, said Rockwall High senior Zane Knochel, an eight-year participant in the Rockwall Youth Fair. "We learn how to manage and grow plants and animals so they can reach their full potential. When we fall short, we realize the fragility of life under poor care. In no other program can you learn how to turn a baby pig or a pile of scrap metal into something worth bragging about. Textbooks can't hold a candle to the abundance of knowledge we learn through these programs and our instructors."

Dates and times of the various Youth Fair divisions include:

- Agriculture Mechanics Show – noon to 5 p.m., March 30
- Livestock Judging Contest – 6 p.m., March 30
- Clothing & Textiles – 7 p.m., March 30
- Livestock Show – 5 p.m., April 1 (breeding beef, goats, rabbits, market lambs and market rabbits)
- Livestock Show – 8 a.m., April 2 (market hogs, goats, steers)
- Barbecue luncheon – noon, April 2
- Market Auction – 1 p.m., April 2



Bryan and Ginger Burke of Quinlan twisted the night away at the Rockwall Parks and Recreation department Sock Hop last Saturday at The Center. The event also included a crazy sock contest and a rock 'n roll music. For more events sponsored by P&R, visit the department's web site at www.pandrc.com. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Owner of dog accused in biting incident cited

The owner of a dog identified as the one which chased and bit a Rockwall-Heath High School track team member on Feb. 17 has been located and given a citation for "dog at large".

Patricia Lamb McDonald of Heath, owner of the Border Collie seen on RHHS security video running after the student, said in an interview with Rockwall Animal Control Officer Cap Evans that she did not know her dog had bitten the girl.

The freshman student, whose name is being withheld because she is underage, stated to Heath police

on Feb. 17 that she was jogging on campus after school when the dog darted out between several cars and ran after her and another female student. The other student was not injured.

The freshman was later taken to the hospital by her parents but did not require stitches for the small bite on her leg. According to the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center incident report, she received an antibiotic shot and two rabies shots.

According to information received from McDonald, the dog is current on its rabies vaccinations.

Heath police received a tip about the dog after a local resident saw a burgundy Ford SUV, similar to the one described from the school's security video, at Fox Chase Park about a week after the incident. The witness said a woman matching the description from the video let an unleashed Border Collie-type dog out of her car into the park.

The witness wrote down the woman's license plate number, took a photo of the pair and turned the information over to Heath police. They in turn contacted Rockwall Animal Services to continue the investigation.

Herndon students take wins UIL academic competition

Harry H. Herndon fifth grade students participated in the UIL academic meet on Jan. 29 in Greenville.

An Art Smart team of Lauren Atkins, Gabby Hernandez, Shyanne Phelps and Lexus Greschaw earned a second-place finish with Atkins placing first and Phelps finishing in second. The team was coached by Mrs. Sowell.

A Music Memory team of Lauren Atkins, Alana Matthews and Lexus Greschaw finished in second

place, with Codungog taking an individual fourth-place finish, Matthews in fifth and Frias in sixth. Their coach was Ronnie Carpenter.

Alyssa Lytle placed second in Listening Skills. Paris Slatton finished in third place. They were coached by Susan Bundy.

In Oral Reading, Hanna Smith took first place, followed by Brennan Wynn in second and Tori Flinchum in third. Their coach was Melissa Haynes.

Robert Estrada grabbed second in Dictionary Skills, which was coached by Patti Hoye.

McKenna Watson finished in first place, Flavio Mejia in fifth and Jayde Otero in sixth in Maps, Graphs and Charts coached by Richard Caldwell.

Justin Lloyd took first in Number Sense, which was coached by Claire LeServe.

Spelling contestants Darren Ingram and Mary Edwards took first and second places respectively, with Attley Bachman finishing in fourth place. Spelling was coached by Fern Richardson.

Giovanni Chavarri, Nathaniel Bennett, Parker Pogue and Kaitlyn Crawford also were participants.



Featured are members of the Harry H. Herndon Intermediate Art Smart team – Lauren Zepeda, Lauren Atkins, Gabby Hernandez, Shyanne Phelps and Lexus Greschaw – that placed second in the UIL meet conducted Jan. 29 in Greenville. Atkins placed first individually with a perfect paper, and Phelps took fifth place. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



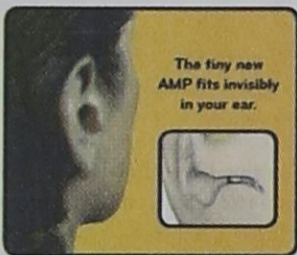
The Rock Wall Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized local seniors with its DAR Good Citizen Award March 6 in the home of Carolyn Duckworth, pictured at center. Shown with the hostess are honorees Ryon Brooks Hunter Phillips of Royse City High; Jack Michael Eidson, RHHS; Rachel Alexander Hilton, RHHS; Hannah Rose Justice, Forney High; Anna Jaynell Walker, Wylie High; and Lana Elaine Whittington, Heritage Christian Academy. Not shown are the American history essay contest winners – Emily Miller of Amy Parks Elementary and Madilyn Maldonado of Springer Elementary. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



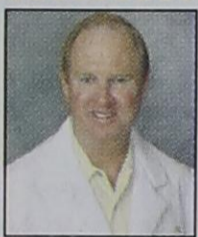
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Heritage Christian Academy receives 2011 Best of Rockwall Award

For the third consecutive year, Heritage Christian Academy has been selected for the 2011 Best of Rockwall Award in the Private Elementary & Secondary Schools category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies that they believe

have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Nationwide, only 1 in 120 (less than 1%) 2011 Award recipients qualified as Three-Time Award Winners. Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2011 USCA Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the USCA and data provided by third parties.

U.S. Commerce Association

(USCA) is a New York City organization founded by local business owners in towns, large and small, across America. The purpose of USCA is to promote local business through public relations, marketing and advertising.

The USCA was established to recognize the best of local business in their community. The organization works exclusively with business owners, trade groups, professional associations, chambers of commerce and other business organizations. The organization's mission is to be an advocate for small and medium size businesses and business entrepreneurs across America.

Birth



BrookeLyn Nabors and Luke Watkins of Rockwall are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Kae Watkins, on Nov. 30, 2010, at Lake Pointe Hospital in Rowlett.

The infant weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Larry and Diane Nabors of Rockwall and Tom and Mary Watkins of Wasilla, Alaska. Great-grandparents are Billy Peoples of Rockwall and Web Watkins of Athens, Texas.

Locals named to OU Honor Roll

Five local residents were among students listed on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus Honor Roll for the fall 2010 semester, according to a university news release.

In most colleges, students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale to be included on the honor roll.

Jamie Lynn Hannan of Rockwall was named to the President Honor Roll for her 4.0 grade-point average.

Listed on the Honor Roll were Peggy Kristine Sefko, Christina Marie Gwyn and Jeannine N. Foster of Rockwall and Michaela Elizabeth Tomalin of Heath.

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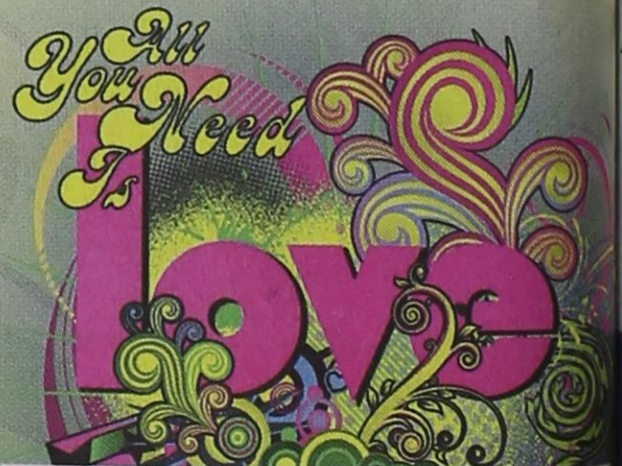
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Resident Pat Mills with her granddaughter Jennifer Wright (standing) and great-granddaughter Shelby Wright.



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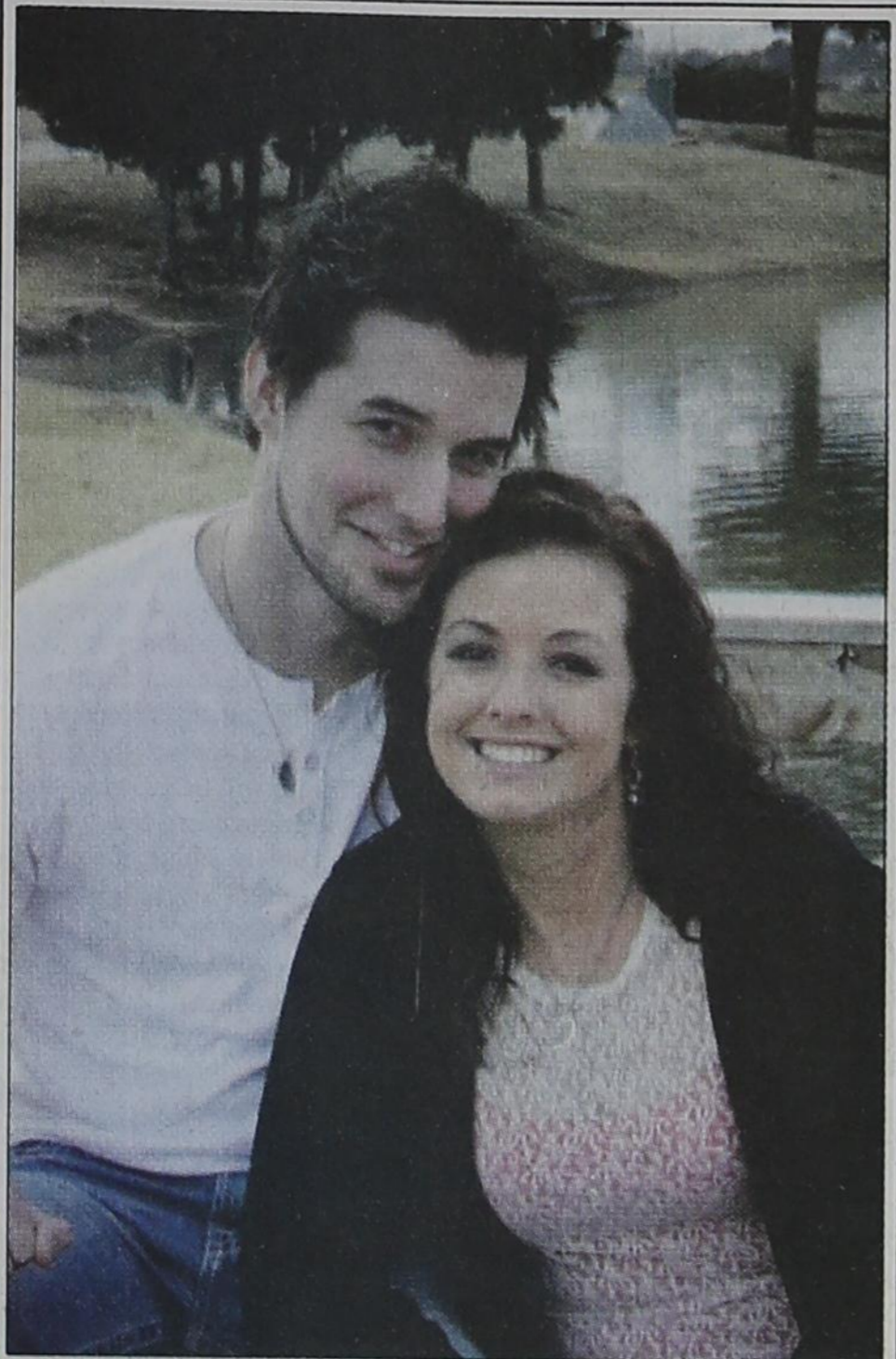
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Shepherd, Bryant plan Aug. 13 ceremony in RC

Scott and Janey Shepherd of Rockwall are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alyssa Corinne Shepherd, to Randall Ray Bryant of Rockwall, son of David and Liz Bryant of Garland.

A 2009 graduate of Rockwall High School, the bride-elect is a student at Texas A&M-Commerce and is employed at Chili's in Rockwall.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2005 graduate of Lakeview Centennial, is a student at Dallas Baptist. He, too, is employed at Chili's.

A 6 p.m. wedding on Aug. 13, 2011, at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City is planned.

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11 Wimbledon – This custom home in Buffalo Creek Golf Club has been reduced from \$349,900 to \$331,000 to attract a quick sale.

Caruth Builders has recently completed a new home at 11 Wimbledon in the area near the Buffalo Creek Swim and Tennis Club. The home has 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. It has two living areas and a large game room. The kitchen has beautiful custom cabinets and granite counter tops. It has a huge dining room. The open floor plan has a stunning fireplace and crown molding. The master bedroom includes a sitting area. The home has 2,904 square feet and feels even larger than that.

The stone and brick exterior gives the home the spectacular drive up appeal of custom homes that cost much more. The yard is fully landscaped with sod, trees, shrubs and an automatic sprinkler system.

The home was originally priced at \$349,900 but was reduced recently to \$331,000 to encourage a quick sale and closing. There are only a limited number of lots remaining in Buffalo Creek so the opportunity to own a new home is limited in this sought after neighborhood. Mortgage interest rates are still near historic lows and it would be hard to find a better time to buy a custom home in a neighborhood like Buffalo Creek.

The home is located within a very short walking distance to Pullen Elementary and Cain Middle School. There is a wide sidewalk and bicycle trail from the home to the schools which allows students to get to school in just a few minutes without taking the school bus or having parents drive them. The Lighthouse Academy Private School for nursery thru elementary is also just a few yards away offering both daily full time care and after school care for students.

The junior Olympic Buffalo Creek pool is adjacent to the home. It features swim lessons, summer swimming and more. The family who purchases this home receives the benefit of a pool without all of the expense and maintenance of owning a pool. The kids just walk next door and join their friends at the pool. It's so much more fun. It's not a lot of hassle for the parents. Kids enjoy joining their friends at the pool without parents having to arrange 'play dates'.

Also, next door is the fabulous Buffalo Creek Tennis Club offering 5 lighted courts. The resident Tennis Pro offers tennis lessons for all ages, tennis leagues, team play and clinics. Summer programs are also offered for children. See website at www.BuffaloCreekTennis.com.

Rob Whittle, the developer of Buffalo Creek, said "it is difficult to find a new home in Buffalo Creek below \$400,000. This home at 11 Wimbledon has a large yard for children, children can easily walk and bike to school, and it's literally next door to the swim and tennis complex. The lot is a large cul d sac lot that many homebuyers prefer. It is the perfect home for families with young children and middle school teenagers. And it is at a price that is rare in Buffalo Creek".

Jinkie Patton, the representative for Caruth Builders, said "I work with families all of the time that want to live in Buffalo Creek, but are just priced out with so many of our homes that are in the \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 plus range. Those families love the amenities and lifestyle that Buffalo Creek offers. They are aware of the strong resale value. They know that there are families with kids everywhere, with moms who volunteer daily at Pullen Elementary and Cain Middle School. The question for so many of those families is "how do I get into Buffalo Creek, without breaking the family budget?" The answer is this large family home with its reduced price and today's low mortgage rates. With 10% down, the principal and interest payment is only \$1,600 per month. It is less than many families pay to rent a home in Rockwall. For self employed professionals with a good credit score and 20% down payment, the builder's construction lender will consider an in house mortgage loan that does not require all of the typical mortgage underwriting. The loan is amortized over a 30 year period, but has an 8 year balloon. The interest rate is fixed and is ideal for the self employed professional or business owner who does not meet today's typical mortgage underwriting criteria.

The community features a wonderful park and playground. There is a magnificent nature area along the creek.



The magnificent Buffalo Creek Golf Course has been rated as one of the state's best

The Buffalo Creek Golf Course is rated as one of the top courses in North Texas. It was designed by PGA legend, Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish. The course has been host to several major tournaments including the final qualifying site of the US Open. Throughout the years, many of the golfers on the Rockwall High School Golf Team and on the Heath High School Golf team have lived in Buffalo Creek. Many of these student athletes actually started playing at Buffalo Creek in their grade school and middle school years. Whittle said, "I can't tell you the number of times that I have seen young people walking from their home to the course and driving range. Sometimes, it looked like the golf bag was bigger than they were. But sure enough, those kids would spend time out on the course instead of being inside glued in front of a video game after school. I guaranty that they had more fun than kids stuck in front of a TV set and they learned a sport and skill that they will be able to enjoy for a lifetime. And for parents, it doesn't require them to run the children somewhere in a car. They can simply walk down the street to the clubhouse and the driving range. The golf lessons, the Nike School of Golf, and the fun of being outdoors on a beautiful 200 acre golf course is simply a 10 minute walk from this stunning family home. Whittle laughed, "to not have the kids in front of a video game everyday would itself be worth the \$1,600 monthly house payment to a lot of families".

Whittle Development also has a limited number of golf course lots available priced from \$130,000 to \$290,000.

To visit the home, call Jinkie Patton at 214-477-5217 or at 972-771-5253. The home will be open this weekend from 1:00pm till 5:00pm www.whittledevelopment.com.

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and opening fitness trail

Royse City has postponed its grand opening ceremony for the municipal fitness trail at the new Sports Complex at the Royse City Sports Center. The opening ceremony was set for 11, but due to weather and wet conditions, it is being postponed. For more information call 972-840-1111 or email khollifield@roysecity.com.

begin on Habitat structure

are a few small tasks remaining at the 803 Peter's Colony site. Framing is scheduled to be started at the new site at 801 Peter's Colony. Remaining tasks on the existing site include some deck work, work on cabinets and electrical prep work for landscaping. Volunteers are needed to help out on the day. Please be reminded not to park in the church building. The lot of the church is OK for parking but parking is limited. For up-to-the-minute information on the build or in the event of bad weather, visit the blog at allhabitat.blogspot.com.

base of Rockwall, business expo set for April 28

The 18th Annual Taste of Rockwall Business Expo, co-hosted by the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club and the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Friday, April 28. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Rockwall High School located at 901 Yellow Creek Lane. The event attracted several exhibitors, with almost 80 businesses and 20 area restaurants. If you are interested in participating, please contact Barbara at 972-402-1300. For more information on the Business Expo, please visit www.rockwallchamber.com. Those interested in participating should contact the Chamber at 972-771-1111.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Robert Glenn Cook

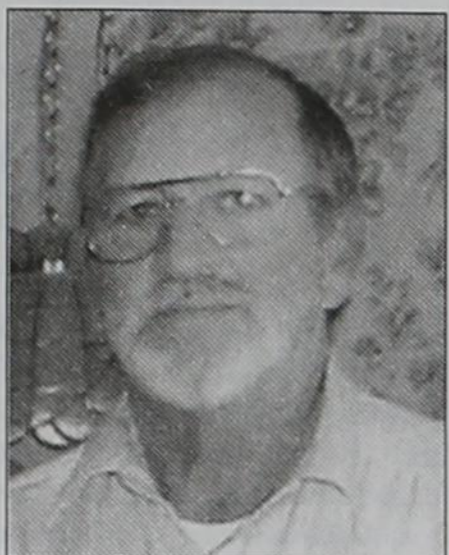


Services for Robert Glenn Cook, 51, were conducted at 10 a.m. on March 10, 2011, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Neil A. Craft officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 1, 1959, to J.T. and Irene Cook. He was the owner of Rockwall and Citations by Cooks on the Wall Square. A member of the East Masonic Lodge, he was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Linda (Rex) Cook of Rowlett; his daughters, Ali-nelle Cook of Mesquite and Lauren Elizabeth Williamson of Denton; a son, David Williamson of Rowlett; his mother, Irene Cook of Roysse City; a brother, A. Blythe and her husband, Larry, of Lewisville; a brother, Mike Cook and his wife, Delores, of Willow Springs, N.C.; and a large family in Texas, Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Charles W. Fulton



Services for Charles W. Fulton, 64, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. on March 4, 2011, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel with Joe Patton, pastor of the Church of God in Garland, and Randy Bird, pastor of the Higher Trails Church in Rockwall, officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery in Cooper.

He was born Dec. 1, 1946, in Cooper to Wesley Fulton and Sadie Keith Fulton. He was a carpenter in the construction industry and a member of the Church of God in Rockwall. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn (Pat) Fulton of Roysse City; his sons, John Fulton and his wife, Staci, of Rockwall; Danny Fulton and his wife, Jennifer, of Lavon; Garry Fulton and his wife, Cheryl, of Canton; Frank Fulton and his wife, Dana, of Mabank; and Glenn Fulton of Fort Campbell, Ky.; his sister, Martha Barger, and her husband, Gerald, of Garland; his brother, Glenn Fulton and his wife, Virginia; his mother-in-law, Ruby Blount of Roysse City; his grandchildren, Ryan and his fiancée, Lindsey Condon, Hayden, Halli, Caleb, Emma, Gage and many numerous nieces and nephews.

Bonnie Jean (Musslewhite) Knight

Services for Bonnie Jean (Musslewhite) Knight, 87, of Rockwall, formerly of Dallas, were conducted at 10 a.m. March 7, 2011, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. A luncheon followed at the family residence in Dallas. Burial was at 2:30 p.m. in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

She was born Sept. 4, 1923, in Troup to John and Ora Elizabeth (Thompson-Musslewhite), she was a seamstress and a wild traveler. She once traveled the world in a commercial airplane for four months and was the first American citizen behind the Iron Curtain in Communist Russia. She met the love of her life at the age of 9 and was orphaned at the age of 10. A member of The Lakeshore in Fort Worth, she was a member of the Hella Shrine Temple in Mamaroneck. She was a tireless worker for the Shrines which benefit the children's hospitals. Survivors include her daughter, Eland and her husband, Eland Patton of Rockwall; her daughter-in-law, Cindy Knight of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Ali-mez and her husband, Ray, of Rockwall; Nancy Kirk of Rockwall; and his wife, Angel,

of Richardson; and her great-grandchildren, Austin and Luke Tamez and Jessie Kirk.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clarence Dean Knight; and one son, Bobby Ewing Knight.

Lieselotte 'Lilo' Rae



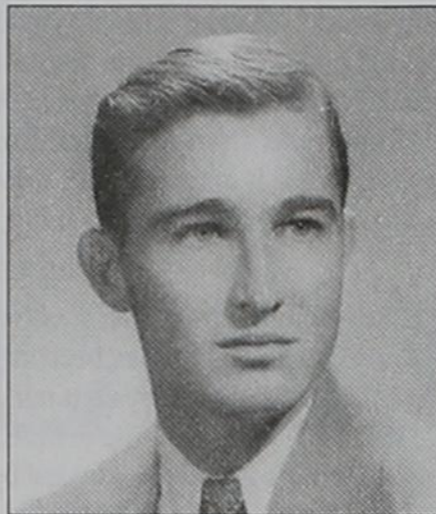
Services for Lieselotte "Lilo" Rae, 64, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. March 7 in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died March 2. Born May 10, 1946, in Wetzlar, Germany, to Anna Margarete (Hedrich) Im-schweiler, she worked for 20 years as a technician in accounting for AAFES.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Rae of Rockwall; her children, Jörg Rae of New York City, N.Y., Christine Rae-Iannini and her husband, Danilo, of Fort Worth and Tim Rae and his wife, Kim, of Rockwall; her sisters, Ilse Painter of Gray, Tenn., and Marion Hedrich of Germany; and her grandchildren, Caitlin Rae-Iannini of Fort Worth and T.J. Rae of Rockwall.

She was preceded in death by her mother and her brother, Karl-Heinz.

Raymond Lester Roach



Services for Raymond Lester Roach, 84, of Dallas were conducted at 1 p.m. March 10, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Jim Jordan officiating. Burial followed in the Heath Cemetery.

He died March 6. Born Nov. 23, 1926, in Heath to Edward and Bertha Pearl (Lemley) Roach, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and worked as an underwriter for Hanover Insurance. He was a member of Lakeside Baptist Church in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine (Ware) Roach of Dallas; his sons, David Ray Roach of Garland and Tommy

Hospital offering summer student volunteer program

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall will offer a new student volunteer program this summer. The program is designed to provide opportunities for good students ages 16 and older to learn about hospital-related service lines, according to a hospital news release.

Student volunteers will be assigned to work in patient care departments as well as support services. Texas Health Rockwall will make every effort to honor a student's requested area, but there will be no guarantees on placements at specific locations, according to the news release.

"The healthcare industry offers rewarding career opportunities," said Amy Conner, the hospital's volunteer coordinator. "We are very excited to provide educational opportunities to area students that might encourage more students to consider the healthcare field when planning for college."

The program will run June 16 through July 28, with a mandatory orientation class set for June 16.

At the completion of the program, student volunteers will receive certificates documenting their service hours.

Applications are available at the front desk in the hospital lobby.

Applications must be turned in by April 25. Interviews will begin in May, and students selected for the program will be notified following the completion of interviews.

Roach of Mesquite; his sister, Irene Bailey and her husband, Cecil, of Canton; and his grandchildren, Caroline, Steve and Sam.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ray Roach; and his sisters, Dorothea Roach, Bettie Young, Dot Roach and Arecia Rubilee.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla., 73123-1718.

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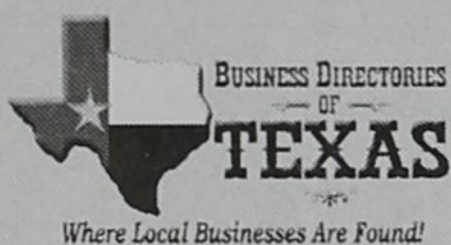
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Royse City to Host Circus
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It has been announced that the Royse City Chamber of Commerce, has signed a contract with the Kelly Miller Circus for the exhibition of an all new 2011 show. The circus will roll into town on Thursday March 24, 2011. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the animals being unloaded and fed, and the elephants raising the big top. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the tent will be raised at 9:00 a.m. Guides will be furnished for school groups and anyone attending.

The traditional "old style" circus will present two performances at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Support the Royse City Chamber of Commerce — buy your tickets in advance and save.

The 2011 season promises to be more exciting than ever with many new acts and entertainers to amaze and amuse you. Come out and enjoy a day of fun filled excitement at the circus.

E-mail info@roysecitychamber.com or call 972-636-5000

Herring to address program set today

Lee Herring will be the guest speaker and part of the program today's Rockwall County Historical Foundation and Rockwall Historical Commission noon program at the downtown Historic use.

The program, "Artistic Renderings: Highlights from Rockwall's Creative part of the monthly Brown Bag Lecture Series co-sponsored by the and the RCHC.

Herring graduated from Rockwall High before circling the globe, teaching and Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, earning his pilot's living in Guadalajara and Portland and returning to Texas to teach in Richardson. He has been featured in numerous art, education and publications.

Following a successful stint as an illustrator, he has devoted himself full time since 1975 to producing epic paintings of the American West, Texas and the traditional western scenes for which he is known.

Herring will discuss his artwork, including his commitment to historical accuracy. He often travels to places he depicts and researches various components.

Herring is a member of the Western Artists of America, the Texas Cowboy Artists Association, the National Western Artists Association, Artists of the West and the Texas Area Professional Artists.

The one-hour program will be free and open to the public. For more information contact Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.

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Opinions

Stay out of Libya ...

Sheldon Richman

It is good to see that the Pentagon is unenthusiastic about military intervention in Libya. But that hasn't stopped armchair generals such as John Kerry from pushing for a no-fly zone over that country.

Kerry thinks he can make his plan more appealing by couching it in nationalist terms, but we know the American people would bear the burden. Kerry is joined by Sens. Joe Lieberman and John McCain, the Senate's two most obnoxious militarists. Regarding Kerry's reluctance to take on another country, McCain said, "[They] seem to find reasons why you can't do something rather than why you can."

Maybe the Pentagon is acknowledging something that McCain, Kerry, and Lieberman seem to ignore: They are calling for war on a country that has not attacked the United States. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has called the discussion about a no-fly zone as "loose talk." He added, "I just call a spade a spade. A no-fly zone begins with an attack on the country and not worry about our guys being shot down."

Gates's cautionary language is welcome after Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's and President Obama's press secretary had referred to U.S. action as a "no-fly option." In typical Clinton fashion, the secretary said, "We are not taking any option off the table so long as the Libyan government continues

to turn its guns on its own people." Really? No option? Does that include a full-scale invasion? How about tactical nuclear weapons? Drones armed with Hellfire missiles have been particularly effective at killing innocent people in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Are they on the table too?

Gates was not alone in his warning. Gen. James Mattis, commander of U.S. Central Command, and other officials said that taking out Libya's air and missile defenses would be no small operation; hundreds of airplanes would be needed. Gates said he was advised that a no-fly zone "requires more airplanes than you would find on a single aircraft carrier." It would be, he said, a "big operation in a big country."

None of that stopped the Senate from unanimously passing a resolution prodding the UN Security Council to take up the question of a no-fly zone. And two U.S. amphibious warships were headed to Libya through the Suez Canal, supposedly for humanitarian purposes. But they aren't called "warships" for nothing.

For all the bluster about a no-fly zone, it's not quite clear what difference it would make. Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi is using ground forces primarily to battle rebels trying to drive him from power. According to the Associated Press, "Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that despite media reports of Libyan aircraft attacking rebel areas, the Pentagon had not confirmed any air attacks."

So a no-fly zone would be little more than symbolic. But it could be

a costly symbol. Mullen cautioned against underestimating Libya's air defenses. Moreover, establishing a no-fly zone would be an act of war, with consequences no one can foresee. Haven't we had enough of American politicians, sitting safely in their seats of power, sending young people off to war?

The case against U.S. intervention in Libya, however, goes beyond the prudential. There is no doubt that Qaddafi is a brutal and now desperate dictator willing to send mercenaries to mow down civilians seeking freedom from his iron grip. But that does not justify U.S. intervention, which would require the taxpayers to finance yet another open-ended military operation in the Arab and Muslim world. Regardless of how Obama and Clinton would intend the operation, the rest of the world would see it in the context of the long U.S. imperial record in the Middle East.

American presidents have sought to police the globe for generations. What has it gotten us? Endless war abroad, and big government and economic hardship at home. Instead of being a beacon of liberty, the country is a symbol of militarism and death. Obama, the fraudulent peace advocate, has followed the same interventionist course. He should not be allowed to extend it to Libya.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State, and editor of The Freeman magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

County planning future uses for new building

Jerry Hogan

You may have heard discussions in the coffee shops or among your neighbors about the county moving some departments and people. These discussions are true.

When the Commissioners Court decided to fund and build the new courthouse, they made the correct decision to construct the building for not only today's needs, but also for future growth. As a result of this decision, the design of the building includes four floors, each with about 30,000 square feet of space, and for the expansion needs, one of these floors, the third floor, was left empty.

In January the question was asked about the length of time it would take to fill this space was projected to be used. The answer was a little more than five years. In five years, it is projected that the county will require a new courtroom. When this happens, it will be necessary to build a new courtroom on the third floor for this function. The next use of this empty space will be a projected new district court. This will not happen until eight years from now. This will also require the need for a new courtroom on the third floor.

Each of these new courtrooms and associated office space for the new courthouse and their staff will require about 7,000 square feet.

Unless something was done now, all of the third floor would remain empty for five years, three-fourths of it would remain empty for eight to 12 years and the remaining half of the floor would be empty for over 12 years. At the same time that all of this space would be empty, several county departments would remain in older, cramped, inefficient buildings.

The answer was simple -- utilize the space in the new courthouse now

while at the same time keeping space available for expansion. As an added benefit, close the county leased facilities and close and dispose of several older facilities that would no longer be needed.

Such a plan has been developed.

The new courthouse will be ready for occupancy by mid-October of this year. At that time, all of the functions now located in the Government Center on Ridge Road (the old Cameron Building) will be moved to the first, second and fourth floors of the new courthouse. This will include our two district courts, our court-of-law, the district attorney, the district clerk and the county clerk. Replacing these functions in the Government Center will be the tax assessor, indigent health care, health coordinator, elections office, ag extension office and the driver's license office now located near Brookshire's.

These rearrangements will allow us to close and not renew on Sept. 30 three leased facilities -- the current location of the elections office, the current location of the driver's license office and the current location of the ag extension office.

We also are moving our technology department (IT) into the first floor of the library, a location that will allow them to service more quickly the more than 50 computers located in this building while also placing the department nearer to the new courthouse where, between the library and the courthouse, most of their work will be located. By doing this, we then will be able to close the annex, a historic building just off the square on Fannin Street.

To complete this movement, we then are going to move our existing two justice of the peace offices and their two constables to the third floor of the new courthouse. Additionally, as a result of the new census, we will

be required to add two additional JPs and two additional constables in Rockwall County. These offices will be added after the General Election in November of 2012, but we are going to go ahead and outfit the third floor now for these new positions.

These movements will allow us to close another building, 108 Fannin St., just across the street from the annex.

These actions will reduce the county facilities from 12 buildings to seven and will save us about \$125,000 per year in operating costs for those facilities. It will also allow us to fill about 8,000 square feet of the empty 30,000 square feet on the third floor.

You might ask, "Why don't you use more of the empty space on the third floor and close more facilities?"

Good question, and the answer all comes down to money.

No monies were placed in the construction budget for the third floor of the new courthouse. To outfit the floor with the needed construction, lights, heat and air conditioning, computer hook-ups, etc, will cost about \$85 per square foot. Thus to place the JPs and their constables on the floor will be about \$900,000.

The intent was to borrow the money for this fit out from our existing reserve fund and then repay the "loan" to ourselves when we sold the buildings to be vacated. With the plan outlined above, we cannot afford to fill additional space on the third floor.

We are now investigating other options that might allow additional use of the space. I suggest you contact your commissioner and let him/her know your thoughts on this.

Jerry Hogan is the Rockwall County Judge. He can be reached at jhogan@rockwallcountytexas.com. His phone number is 972-204-6000 or 214-394-4033.

Buying friends creates more enemies

Ron Paul

Last week Secretary of State Hillary Clinton testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and I had the opportunity to raise some of my concerns regarding US foreign policy and the costs of our interventionism around the world.

Many observers claim that the recent overthrow of governments in North Africa and the Middle East will result in more liberty for individuals in those regions. I sincerely hope this proves to be true, but history is replete with revolutions that began as a cry for freedom against oppressive governments but ended badly. There are no guarantees that Egyptians, Libyans, or others will be better off after these heralded regime changes.

To do know, however, that these conflicts in Africa and the Middle East can be made worse if the U.S. government attempts to intervene and support certain candidates or factions. Such intervention would not be in our US interests or win us new friends, but in fact would undermine the legitimacy of any government that may emerge after the end of old regimes. We would resent and reject any political force that came to power

here with the sponsorship of a foreign government, Egyptians, Tunisians, Libyans, and others are not likely to take kindly to what they view as one US puppet being replaced by another US puppet. It is ironic, but the US government's endless promotion of "democracy" overseas actually distorts and undermines democracy in targeted nations. The involvement of a foreign power often undermines true self-determination.

Radicals who understand this may use rising resentment and anti-Americanism as leverage to gain power, thus defeating the stated purpose of US involvement in the first place. I have never understood how the US government justifies subsidizing a newspaper or political party abroad in the name of promoting independence and pluralism. It makes no sense.

Unfortunately it seems to me that the administration has learned nothing from recent events in the Mediterranean region. Secretary Clinton emphasized several times at the committee hearing that "nothing is off the table" with regard to a US response to internal civil unrest in Libya. Since when is it our obligation to use political pressure or even military force to solve every problem overseas? Washington is currently buzzing with talk

of "no-fly zones" and even a land invasion of Libya to aid rebel groups seeking to overthrow the Gaddafi regime. Some military leaders, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates, have rightly warned the more enthusiastic interventionists that such military operations can be enormously costly both financially and in lives.

The costs of trying to run the world are unsustainable, and we simply don't have the money. Morally, it is inexcusable for the US to pick sides in such conflicts overseas, no matter how odious either side may be. Financially, it is no longer possible. The 2012 budget request from the administration for "international affairs," which is code for "foreign aid," is two and a half times larger than it was just nine years ago! As our economy shrinks at home, our obligations increase abroad. As our infrastructure crumbles at home, we continue to spend billions expanding infrastructure in places like Afghanistan and Iraq. If the interventionists have their way, no doubt we will be soon pay to reconstruct the infrastructure we destroy in a Libyan military operation. It does not take a genius to see that we are going broke, but Washington remains in denial and intent on business as usual. I fear that if we continue this way we may soon be out of business altogether.

An explanation about our opinion page

Wesley W. Burnett

Our readers will recognize from week-to-week that our opinion page supports our mission statement. Historically, American newspapers have called the people as "watchdogs" on government, seeking to inform and educate their readers about the actions of their elected and appointed government officials. The freedom to perform this critical function in a public form of government was respected and protected by the founders of our great nation (First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution).

We are dedicated to what we believe is our obligation, serving the people of Rockwall County as their "eyes" and "ears" on government behaviors. In addition, of course, the newspaper tells the stories to our readers. We strive purposely to separate opinion from facts. We understand the importance of the trust our readers have placed in us.

You will find opinions on the opinion page. And, in consideration of our mission statement, our opinion page is designed specifically to promote those principles so eloquently described in our American Declaration of Independence and our constitution.

Some of our readers may from time-to-time be offended by opinions expressed on these opinion pages ... and certainly there are going to be differences of opinion. We are not offended by those differences, in fact, we cherish diversity of opinion. That's why we publish letters to the editor, which often reflect opposing views that we hold dearly.

That's what our readers expect of us and that is what we do.

While this nation may appear to be slipping rapidly into a communist/socialist form of government, we hold firmly to the founding American principles, and will use all our resources to stand firmly against those who wish to "transform" America.

You'll read about those issues on these pages. We pray our words will challenge those who disagree with our view to take a closer look at the issues we present. We only ask that we maintain cordial and respectful discourse in our disagreement.

Rockwall County News Mission Statement

It is the mission of this newspaper to promote the rights of individuals, guided by the principles so eloquently described in the American Declaration of Independence. The right of life, liberty and ownership of property are the cornerstones of our freedom. The sole purpose of government is to enhance our liberty and freedom. Therefore, we hold every elected and appointed agent of government accountable to that standard.

Rockwall County Sports

Lady Hawks move up with 1st win over RHS

Bump — After two straight losses, the Lady Hawks moved up to second place in District 10-4A after a 2-1 victory over Rockwall-Heath on Tuesday night at Rockwall-Heath. RHS seemed likely in RHHS' first game against Rockwall. Less than 15 minutes before time would end, Lady Hawks' Bailey Bacon took the ball to Rockwall's end, but still some from the goal.

She kicked the ball on her right foot and hit a long kick directly into the goal. It was the only score in Rockwall-Heath's 2-1 victory. The Hawks defeated the Lady Jackets for the first time in the six games between them.

The Lady Hawks moved ahead of the Lady Jackets into second place in District 10-4A. The Hawks defeated Rockwall from clinching second place in the district, which would have earned them a first-place victory.

The Lady Hawks did that, with Bacon, who missed the final minutes because of a lower-leg injury, and goalie Ashton Hierholzer in starting roles. "She had a shutout and played well," Duran said of Hierholzer. RHS dominated play in the first half, but missed its best scoring chance when

and moved in alone on Hierholzer. The goalie came out and smothered Warnick's shot almost off her foot. Rockwall-Heath's resurgence had begun Friday, March 4, with a 4-0 victory at Quinlan Ford. The Lady Hawks improved to 13-5-

2 over 1 and 7-2-2 in the district. They have already qualified for the playoffs, and will be playing their final district game Friday at Lovejoy. A victory over the Lady Leopards would clinch second place for RHHS.



Lady Hawks' Bailey Bacon (21) takes control of the ball against the Lady Jackets' Nicole Meyers (6) and Kendall Smith (8). At back are Lady Hawks' Laura Dobbs (3) and Jenna Simmons (12). Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

Boys girls, boys qualify to come home to regionals

Rockwall placed first in both the boys' and girls' competition at the district gymnasium that finished Friday, March 11 at Rockwall High School. The boys' team qualified for the Regional Championships, which will be held at their home floor at RHS Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29 and 30.

Lacey Kenzie Hedges' first-place all-around score of 221.90 for runner-up followed by 201.00 for MacArthur was third and Irving's score of 77.90, 2.2 points below that of individual runner-up Carolyn Hedges of Rockwall-Heath, included in the girls' team's only 10.0 perfect score, in the girls' competition.

Bulldogs move closer to first playoff berth

Royse City had a chance to all but wrap up its first boys' soccer playoff berth Friday night, March 4.

The Bulldogs appeared to be in good position, holding the much more established Rockwall team scoreless through most of the first half before the Yellowjackets scored a goal — and two more in the second half for a 3-0 victory.

That didn't crush RC's spirit. The Dawgs came back Tuesday to defeat Wylie East 1-0 on Bryan Romero's goal.

With a much deserved rest in the form of a bye Friday, Royse City still is in position to reach the playoffs. A win over first-place Lovejoy Tuesday or a Rockwall victory over fourth-place Wylie would put the Bulldogs into the fourth and final playoff spot from District 21-4A.

The program has come a long way in just its third season in a soccer district. Taylor Pollock, who will play at McMurry University in Abilene next season, is the senior leader. Romero is the team's leading scorer, and Logan Humphries leads a group of promising sophomores.

Leverett leads Fulton to fifth in Crowley Nazarene Christian track meet

Dylan Leverett won the 100-meter dash and long jump to lead The Fulton School to fifth place Saturday among more than a dozen teams at the Crowley Nazarene Christian Lion Relays.

The Falcons senior finished the 100 in 11.4 seconds, and long-jumped 19 feet, 4 inches. Leverett also was second in the high jump at 5-3.

Lady Jackets open district softball with win

After breaking even while navigating a treacherous non-district schedule, the Rockwall softball team opened its District 10-4A schedule Tuesday with a 16-2 victory at Highland Park.

Every Lady Jackets starter had at least one hit — including extra-base hits by Cyndi Bertrand, Kennedy Harrison, Ashton Atwell, Taylor Lemons, Bailey Frierson and winning pitcher Laycee Holcomb.

The victory improved RHS' record to 8-7 overall and 1-0 in the district. Over the weekend, the Lady Jackets split six games at the Wylie Tournament. On Thursday, Rockwall dropped a 5-4 decision to Lovejoy before out-slugging North Mesquite 16-12. The Lady Jackets were out-hit 13-10, but six North Mesquite errors contributed to their scoring output. Audrey Farfan's double was the Lady Jackets' only extra-base hit.

Fulton's 4X100-meter relay team placed second, and the 4X200 relay was fourth. Dallas The Covenant School finished first in the meet. Heritage Christian Academy was third.

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12 this Dave plays with TX-born drummer Bryan Pitt in "REO Speedwagon"

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22 Dallas oil & gas co. "Oryx" ___

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28 TX-born Martin film: "All ___" ('84)

29 TXism: "neon light ___"

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31 these are featured at Oct. Tyler festival

35 oil cartel (abbr.)

36 last word of big TX co. TI

42 TX town on AR line near LA and OK

44 train tracks

46 choose a two stepper? (2 wds.)

48 TXism: "hard as dodging ___ a wedding"

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1 Dallas band that recorded "Western Union" in '67

2 TXism: "got too many ___ the fire"

3 '85 Costner film about road trip of five UT buddies

4 TX-based La Quinta ___ & Suites

9 ___ and gloom?"

10 TX Willie listened to taped teaching of TX priest ___ Taliaferro

11 TX ___ Jemison was 1st black woman in space

12 on July 6, 2010, TX George W. was 64 years of ___

13 TX McMurry's "Lonesome Dove" was this on TV

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15 rubber wheel noted TX concert pianist Samaroff

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33 TXism: "mi casa es ___ casa" (friendly)

34 "Hook ___ Horns!"

36 TX-born Eisenhower

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Rockwall County Sports

Pille pitches 2 no-hitters for Lady Bulldogs

by Lary Bump

Royse City senior Alicia Pille may be headed to Kansas after she graduates, but for now she could be the queen of Grand Prairie. And maybe Mount Pleasant.

The pitcher, who has signed a letter of intent to play softball at the University of Kansas, shut out both South Grand Prairie and Grand Prairie as the Lady Bulldogs split six games last weekend at the Wylie Tournament.

Saturday's 7-0 victory over Grand Prairie was a no-hitter with 16 strikeouts, but blanking SGP 2-0 on Thursday was an equally impressive achievement.

"She shut them down on one hit, and they have lots of hitting," said RC head coach Michelle Booker.

As if to illustrate her point, at the time Pille was pitching her no-hitter at Founders Park in Wylie, South Grand Prairie was beating up on Rockwall 12-6. The Warriors bashed three home runs against the state's 16th-ranked 4A team.

Royse City is ranked sixth, largely on the strength of Pille's pitching.

Three days after pitching her no-hitter against Grand Prairie, Pille pitched another no-hitter and struck out 19 as the Lady Bulldogs opened their District 13-4A season with a 5-0 victory at Mount Pleasant.

In that game, Royse City scored two runs in the first inning, one in the third and

Lady Hawks open district play with win

During the non-district softball schedule, Richardson Pearce won 10 games. Meanwhile, Rockwall-Heath was suffering injuries and suffering losses mounting into the teens.

When the teams got together Tuesday at RHHS for their District 10-4A opening game, the result might have seemed predictable: Someone was going to win by the 10-run rule.

That's exactly what happened, but it was the Lady Hawks taking a 15-5 victory over Pearce.

RHHS had just six hits, but seven errors by the Lady Mustangs helped produce a season-high 15 runs for the Lady Hawks. Desiree Calhoun was the winning pitcher; Pearce managed just three hits.

Rockwall-Heath had lost all five of its games over the weekend in the McKinney ISD Tournament.

On Thursday, Princeton took a 10-0 victory. The score was the same against Flower Mound Marcus the next day, when Mount Pleasant also won 13-5 over the Lady Hawks.

RHHS lost Saturday to Haltom and to Garland Naaman Forest 8-2. Against Naaman Forest, Katie Robertson and Ashlee Reese drove in the Lady Hawks' runs with ground outs.

Hawks qualify for regional gymnastics

Rockwall-Heath qualified for the regional gymnastics meet by placing second in both the boys' and girls' competition at the district meet Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4, at Irving High School.

The Region I Championships are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29 and 30, close to home at Rockwall High School.

In the girls' competition, the Lady Hawks trailed RHS just 230.75 points to 221.90, with Irving MacArthur placing third.

The RHHS boys totaled 304.40 to 325.50 for the Yellowjackets, with MacArthur third and Irving fourth.

The Rockwall-Heath girls' top all-around finishers were Carolyn Sherwin, second with 75.70 points; Jade Bowerman, third at 75.10, and Jacquelyn Doughty, seventh with 69.80.

Sherwin was second behind district all-around champion Kenzie Hedges of Rockwall in the vault (19.30) and floor exercise (19.10). The Lady Hawks' freshman also was third on the uneven bars (18.85) and sixth on the balance beam (18.45).

Bowerman, a senior, placed second on the bars (19.00), third on the beam (18.70), fourth on the floor (18.60) and sixth in the vault (18.80).

For the Hawks, Trevor Newell, Skylar Patrick and Cameron Callaway finished 5-6-7 with scores of 99.60, 96.90 and 95.00.

Jackets' win streak stopped by RHHS

by Lary Bump

Rockwall started slowly before breaking loose for its fifth consecutive boys' soccer victory Friday, March 4.

The momentum gathered during those wins, including Friday's 3-0 shutout at Royse City, came to a halt Tuesday. That's when Rockwall-Heath left RHS with a 2-0 victory that all but consigned the Yellowjackets to third place in District 21-4A.

With two games remaining, the Jackets are 11-8 overall and 7-3 in the district. They're two games behind second-place Lovejoy at 9-1. At 5-5-1 in 21-4A, fourth-place Royse City can't catch RHS.

RC frustrated Rockwall offense until just before halftime, when the Yellowjackets' Christian Soldat drilled a direct kick on one bounce past the Bulldogs' goalie for the game's first goal.

RHS added second-half goals by Trei Rodriguez and Kyle Crawford.

After the game, Jackets head coach Troy Williams said, "We've been tweaking positions and getting personnel in the right spot. I guarantee you the guys are hungry."

"We're a deeper team now. Injuries got us hard at the beginning of the season. At Garland, we only had one sub on the bench."

The Jackets are nearly at full strength. The only player missing, and he's a big loss, is injured senior Matt Bonfante.

Sophomore Soldat has been Rockwall's leading scorer all season. Williams said, "He's a kid who can score. His speed gets him out of traps."

Soldat is likely to cross the 30-goal threshold before RHS' Bi-District playoff game.

Bulldogs win 1 of 3 tight games at Invitational

Royse City's challenging non-district baseball schedule has left the Bulldogs with a 2-6 record.

They won one of three games at last weekend's David Crumpton Invitational at Mesquite, then dropped a tough 5-4 decision at DeSoto Monday.

RC defeated Dallas Skyline 7-6 Thursday at Tillery Field. The Dawgs had an 8-7 advantage in hits that included doubles by Jared Jordan and Marcielo Arredondo. Dylan Funderburk was the winning pitcher.

On Friday, Mesquite overcame the Bulldogs 5-3. Three of RC's hits were doubles — two by Taylor Hearn and one by losing pitcher Mitchell Venhaus.

Saturday's opponent was Ennis, which prevailed 7-1.

Monday's game was tied 4-4 entering the bottom of the seventh inning, when DeSoto pushed across the winning run. For Royse City, Funderburk belted a triple and losing pitcher Jordan hit a double.

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two more in the fifth.

The Lady Bulldogs had used the same kind of pecking-away offense to defeat Grand Prairie, putting runners on base and bringing them home with walks, outs and timely base hits.

Booker said, "Last year I felt we were lacking in moving runners along. We don't have the big power hitters like we did last year, but we do have base hitters."

"I don't much attention to the rankings, but it's OK. We keep telling the kids that because we're ranked, they've got to play to that level. Most of them are

Hawks still undefeated — in district play

Rockwall-Heath lost a baseball game for the first time this season on Saturday.

The 6-3 loss to Weatherford at the Burleson Classic was just the fourth in the last two seasons (53 games) for the Hawks. On the same day, they were

tied 4-4 by Crowley.

"We came out kind of flat on Saturday," RHHS head coach Greg Harvey said. "We play those things to work out the kinks and get ready for district."

District play began Tuesday night,

young, so they don't understand that yet. They're just glad to be here."

At Wylie, Pille also shut out heavy-hitting Mesquite Horn for seven in Friday. Using tiebreaker rules, each team scored a run in the eighth inning the Lady Bulldogs outscored Horn 3-2 in the ninth to take a 4-3 victory.

RC lost close games to Birdville 3-1 and to Prosper 4-0 with Kourtney pitching. Bishop Lynch defeated the Lady Bulldogs Saturday morning. I left that game, with sophomore Kyla Simmons coming in to pitch for the time in several years.

and — boy — were the Hawks ready.

In a game delayed 40 minutes because of lightning, pitcher Jake Thompson set down visiting Richardson Pearce in the top of the first inning.

In the bottom of that inning, the first two Hawks reached base, and Bret

Boswell belted a three-run homer. With two more RHHS batters out of bases, Timbo Duncan crushed another three-run homer.

It was still 6-0 when Rockwall-Heath came to bat in the second inning. Austin Stewart led off with a home run. The next batter, Jovan Hernandez also homered. So did Boswell. At that point, RHHS had a 9-0 lead based on five home runs with just three batters retired.

The pace let up after that, but the game ended after 4 ½ innings as a victory for the Hawks (9-1-1 overall, 1-0 in the district) and a four-hit out for Thompson.

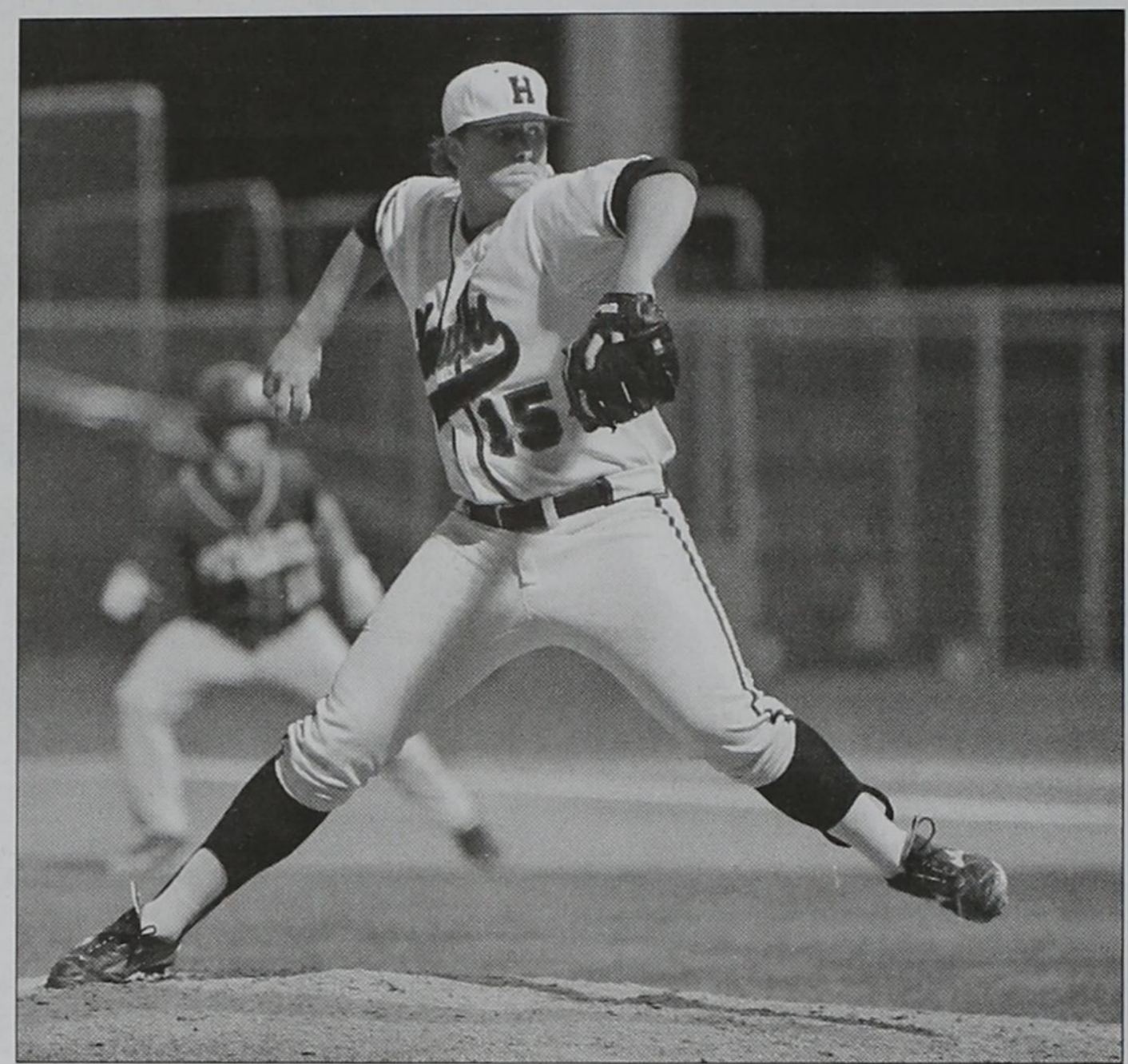
Harvey said, "Jake did a great job. He had to battle through a few errors with runners in scoring position, but he gave up didn't hurt him."

At Burleson Thursday, RHHS defeated North Crowley 9-5 with home runs by Hernandez and Duncan and doubles by Jake Baxter backing Thompson's pitching, and Mansel Timberview 13-1 with two home runs by Hernandez and one by Thompson supporting winning pitcher C. Copley.

Friday's games were closer — over Red Oak, with Baxter the winning pitcher and Duncan providing a triple, and 11-7 over Burleson. Boswell and Duncan slammed home runs to make Hernandez a win pitcher.

Those games enabled the Hawks to open the season with eight consecutive victories, which is impressive compared with last year's 38-0 start.

RHHS out-hit Crowley 13-6. Nick Peterson's double was Hawks' only extra-base hit as teams deadlocked 4-4. Weatherford won despite Hernandez's two double plays. Stewart was the losing pitcher.



Jake Thompson (15) winds up for a Hawks' pitch against Richardson Pearce. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

Despite loss, Lady Jackets still can win district

by Lary Bump

The Rockwall girls' soccer team left the field at Rockwall-Heath Tuesday night in what head coach Melissa Garcia called a "cloud of disappointment."

The Lady Jackets had just lost a district game for the first time this season. On top of that, it was the first time RHHS had defeated Rockwall in the three years they have been playing as district rivals.

In the 1-0 defeat, senior Kendall Smith left with what appeared to be a left knee injury 34 minutes into the game.

"It popped!" she shouted as she went down on the artificial turf. She was carried off the field, then returned on crutches with her leg encased in a brace during the second half.

Garcia said, "Kendall will be going to see a doctor (Wednesday); we are not sure about the extent of her injuries."

Entering the game, RHS was undefeated in District 21-4A, with seven consecutive wins and a nine-game unbeaten streak that included a tie.

The Lady Jackets held the upper hand for virtually the entire first half. They took three corner kicks to just one for RHHS. The third of those was Rockwall's best chance to score, but the kick to the front of the net was headed wide to the left.

Rockwall-Heath took more control in the second half. A sliding save and catch of a long direct kick were RHS' toughest saves, and the Lady Jackets missed their best chance when Lady Hawks goalie Ashton Hierholzer came to smother a shot by Savannah Warnick.

The frustration grew when RHHS' Bailey Bacon put in a 40-yard goal during the 66th minute for the game's only goal.

Garcia said, "Last night's loss was a tough one, but we are learning from our mistakes we make and using those lessons in the playoffs. We are in first place with a win on Friday night, we secure our first District Championship!"

The Lady Jackets (8-1-1 in the district) has clinched a playoff berth could be clinched first place by defeating Rockwall-Heath. They'll have chances to clinch by winning either of their final two district games, Friday against Quinlan Park or Tuesday vs. fourth-place Wylie.

On Friday, March 4, Rockwall had shut out Royse City 5-0. Kendall's sister Kayla Smith, scored her first three goals while playing in just her second soccer game this season. Nicole Salom and Shelby Soldat also put in goals for the Lady Jackets.



Lady Jackets' Bethany Schomin, Bekah Barton (goalie), Nicole Myers (6), Kayla Smith (12) defend against a strike by Lady Hawks' Kitty Winstel (5). Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

Jackets break even for week, lose district opener

After winning three of five games at last weekend's Dallas Jesuit Preparatory School Tournament, the Rockwall baseball team on Tuesday lost its District 10-4A opening game at Highland Park.

The Yellowjackets (6-4 overall, 0-1 in the district) broke on top, but HP (12-1, 1-0) came back for a 9-4 victory. RHS' offense came mostly from Steve Bean's home run and Corey Mills' double.

For the most part, the week was win one, lose one.

On Thursday at the Jesuit Tournament, the Jackets split two games. They defeated Mesquite Potee 9-0, with Thomas Anderson, the losing pitcher at Highland Park, throwing a two-hitter. Rockwall's offense countered those hits with three homers — by Spencer Edwards, Blake Turner and Chris Colavecchi. Texas defeated Rockwall 9-6. Bean also had a homer and a double in that game, with Edwards and Mason Holley contributing a double apiece. Josh Deloach was the losing pitcher

Saturday, when the Yellowjackets split two one-run games, was more of the same. RHS defeated Dallas Bishop Lynch 4-3 before losing to host Jesuit 8-7. Against Bishop Lynch, Turner cracked three doubles and winning pitcher Deloach had one. The Jackets out-hit Jesuit 8-7, including two doubles by Mills, but four errors hurt their cause. Clayton Garcia was the losing pitcher.

In between, Rockwall won the only game it played Friday, defeating Kyle Lehman 6-3. Mills homered, and Edwards pounded two doubles and a triple to support winning pitcher Brewer Money.

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First-place Hawks win 2 more shutouts

The two hottest boys' soccer District 21-4A squared off Saturday at Rockwall-Heath that was Rockwall-Heath that won from Rockwall with a 2-0 shutout.

Although the host Yellowjackets have games in a row, the outcome was a surprise.

Rockwall, RHHS is the district's top team. The Hawks are 9-1-1 (16-3-2 overall) and can win the boys' soccer district championship with a win or tie in their final game Friday at Lovejoy.

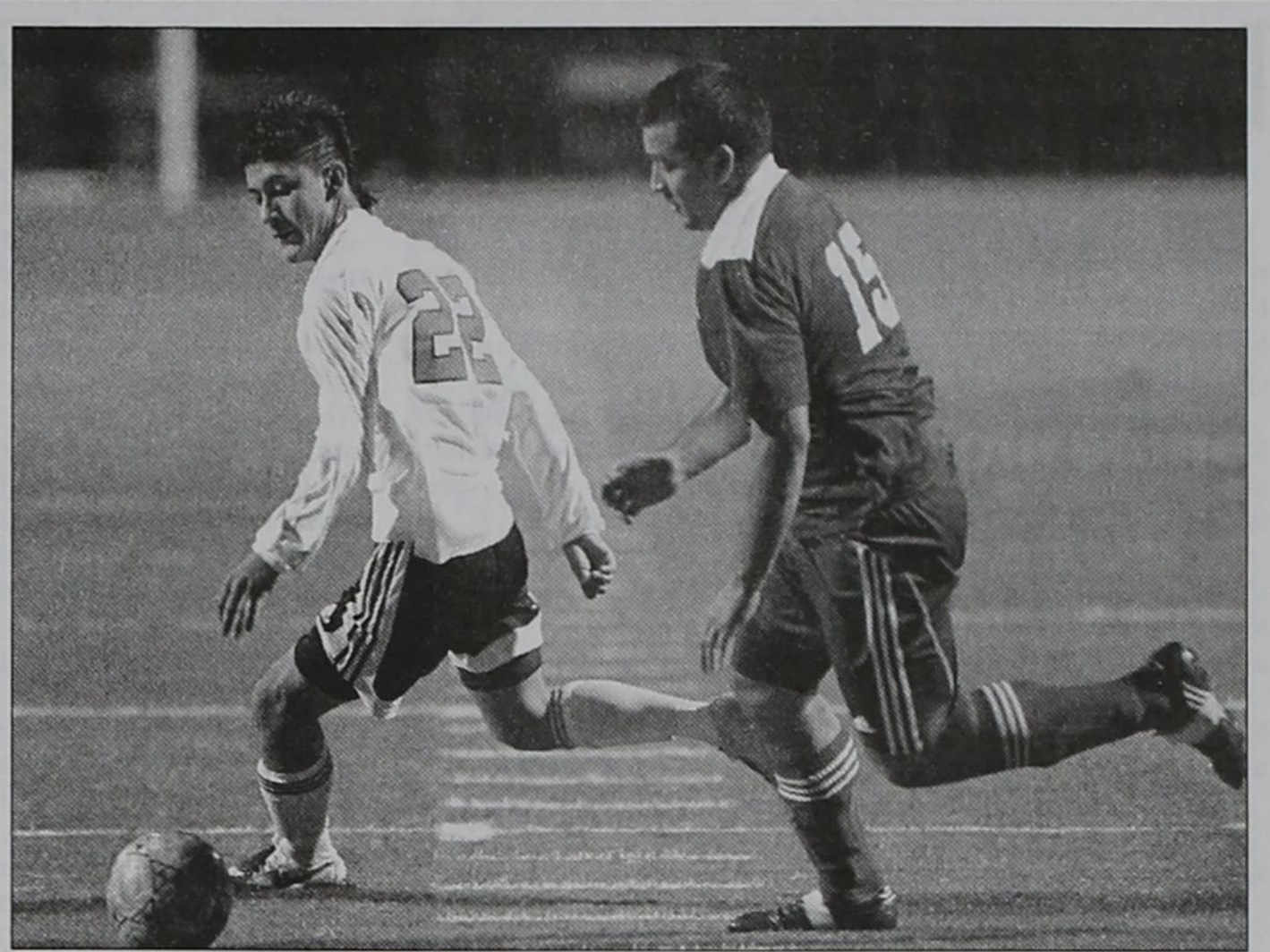
That's also an opportunity for Rockwall-Heath to avenge its only district loss, 2-1 to the second-place Leopards to end the first half of the district schedule.

At that point, RHHS was 4-1-1 and had outscored district opponents 28-7 the first time through the district. Since then, the Hawks have gone 5-0 with a 28-1 scoring advantage and four consecutive shutouts.

Before defeating Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath defeated Quinlan Ford 15-0 Friday night, March 4, behind Chase Minter's five goals.

Other scorers against Ford were Colt McNally with three goals, Carlos Alanso with two and Jay Anderson, Jose Contreras, Joseph Howell, Jeremy Jarvis and Christopher Logue with one each.

At Rockwall, Minter and Parker Swanson scored the Hawks' goals. They already have qualified for the playoffs, and can finish no worse than second in the district. Taking the district title would give RHHS a more favorable playoff seeding.



Hawks' Luis Garcia (22) battles for the ball against Quinlan.
Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

Heart of Heath 5k Run scheduled for April 23

Heart of Heath will host the 2011 Heart 5k Run/Walk on April 23. The family-friendly event will be held at Heath City Hall at 200 Laurence Drive. A race T-shirt will be given to every participant while supplies last, and drawings for door prizes donated by local merchants will be conducted after the race.

Early registration fee is \$15 (by April 20). Registration will be \$20 after April 20, including on the morning of the race. The youth registration fee is \$10 in advance and at the race.

Pre-registration packet pick-up will be from noon to 6 p.m. April 22 at Rockwall Running Center, 811 E.

overall. The age brackets are u-11; 12-14; 15-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; and 60 and up.

The run will begin at 8:30 a.m. rain or shine at Heath City Hall at 200 Laurence Drive. A race T-shirt will be given to every participant while supplies last, and drawings for door prizes donated by local merchants will be conducted after the race.

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Yellow Jacket Lane. Packet pick-up and registration at the race will begin at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:15 a.m. warm-up.

Online registration and forms are available at heathtx.com or at the Heath City Hall.

All proceeds from the run will benefit the Heath Trails System that will connect public areas, parks and neighborhoods.

For information on sponsorship or donating a prize to the race, contact Kim Dobbs, assistant city manager, at 972-771-6228 or kdobbs@heathtx.com.



Rockwall Summer Musicals is making plans for a pair of blockbuster productions this summer, including "The Sound of Music" on June 24-26 and "Music Man" July 29-31. Auditions for the shows begin in April. Pictured are RSM board members, including, at top, Jacob Thomas, Julie Meeger, Phyllis Johnson, Roberta Pavlov and Patrick Persons and, at front, Aimee Thibodeaux, Marvis Kisselburgh, Barbara Coleson and Barbara Doudt.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

'Sound of Music,' 'Music Man' planned for June, July by RSM

As the local weather begins to heat up, so will the local music scene with the premier season of the Rockwall Summer Musicals.

"The Sound of Music," June 24-26, and "Music Man," July 29-31, will be used as fundraisers for the Rockwall Independent School District and will be offered in the Rockwall Performing Arts Center.

The goal of the summer musicals program is to bring quality musical theatre into the area while working with the school district to mentor children in the performing arts. The organization also tentatively plans to offer summer camps in the future that would allow talented residents to share their skills in set-building, musical performance, acting and sound and lighting.

Barbara Doudt, a local vocal coach and choreographer, will direct both productions. She has been owner and director of the Performing Arts School in Garland-Richardson for 10 years and has performed in the Dallas Opera, Garland Summer Musicals, Footlight musicals and with the Mavericks Granny ACCS dance team. In addition, she has served as director for "Music Man," "Guys and Dolls," "Kiss Me Kate" and "That's Entertainment" for Rockwall Community Playhouse and for "Fiddler on the Roof" at the First United Methodist Church.

Producer of "The Sound of Music," Jacob Thomas is a graduate of the Conservatory of Theater Arts at Webster University in St. Louis. He spent his post-graduate years producing in New York City off-Broadway. He has produced and starred in countless shows over the years, including "All My Children" and several Shakespearean plays.

Serving as musical director for "The Sound of Music," Roberta Pavlov came to Rockwall 22 years ago after having spent her early career as a road and studio musician, composer and music retailer. Since that time, she has headed numerous area nonprofits including the Rockwall YMCA, United Way and

Rockwall Community Playhouse and served on other countless boards in the area. Currently she accompanies and performs while also taking roles on-stage and behind the scenes in various theatrical productions. Additionally, she works in marketing and graphic design while allowing time for her adjunct passions of painting, reading, skiing, tennis and horses.

The Rev. Alan Clark will be musical director of "Music Man." He is the minister of music and fine arts and has been at FUMC Rockwall for 11 years. He is a graduate of Duke University where he received a B.A. with studies in religion and music. He received his certification in church music from Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Clark has served in churches in Terrell, New Orleans, Monroe, La., Gallatin, Tenn., and Tyler. He has professional experience in drama and TV and video production and is the director of the Rockwall Children's Chorus. First United Methodist Church is providing financial support for the production.

Auditions for "The Sound of Music" will be conducted on April 9-10 at Utley Middle School. Children will audition April 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., while adults will audition from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. On April 10, adults only will audition from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Auditions for "Music Man" will be May 21-22 at the First United Methodist Church. Auditions on May 21 will be, for children, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and adults, noon to 5 p.m. The

May 22 auditions are for adults only, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For audition requirements, visit rockwallsummermusical.com or call 214-202-9673.

Sponsors are also needed.

RSM will be led this year by its board members, including Jacob Thomas, president; Julie Pfeiffer, secretary; Roberta Pavlov, parliamentary; Patrick Persons, treasurer; and officers Phyllis Johnson, Aimee Thibodeaux, Marvis Kisselburgh, Barbara Coleson and Barbara Doudt.

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Sports Notes

offers Spring Tennis Camp

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will offer an annual Spring Tennis Camp

from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 14-16 at the RHHS courts. Camp will be open to students of all levels of ability. Cost will be \$20 per day or \$50 for three days. Pre-registration is required.

For registration details contact Cindie Taylor at lamajo@sbcglobal.net or call 972-860-9000. For more details on the camp, visit the RTU website at rockwalltennis.usta.com.

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Rockwall County Sports Schedules

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles
Friday, March 18 – Track: at HSA Relays, Hurst L.D. Bell, 2 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors
Monday, March 15 – Varsity baseball: at Frisco Legacy, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17 – Varsity baseball: home vs. Flower Mound Coram Deo, Baseball Complex
Friday, March 18 – Varsity softball: home vs. Poetry Community Christian, Baseball Complex, 4:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets
Friday, March 11 – Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Frisco Centennial Invitational, Frisco Ranch, Denton, 9 a.m.
Varsity baseball: home for I-30 Classic vs. Corsicana, 10 a.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: home vs. Wylie, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: home vs. Quinlan Ford, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: at Quinlan Ford, 6 p.m.
Varsity baseball: at Forney Tournament

Friday, March 12 – Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Frisco Centennial Invitational, Frisco Ranch, Denton, 9 a.m.
Varsity baseball: at Wills Point, 2 games, noon
Varsity baseball: at I-30 Classic
Varsity baseball: at Forney Tournament

Monday, March 14 – JV White baseball: vs. Plano Vines at Plano Senior High School, 12 p.m.
Friday, March 15 – Baseball: home vs. Wylie, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Varsity baseball: at McKinney, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Varsity girls' soccer: home vs. Wylie, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Varsity boys' soccer: at Wylie, 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16 – Softball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Friday, March 17 – Softball: at Garland ISD Tournament, Winters Park, vs. Frisco 9 a.m. and vs. Garland 12:30 p.m.
Varsity baseball: at Royse City, JV Orange 10 a.m. and varsity 1 p.m.
Varsity baseball: home vs. Royse City, 11 a.m.

Friday, March 18 – Baseball: home vs. McKinney, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Varsity baseball: at McKinney, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 19 – Softball: at Garland ISD Tournament, Winters Park, vs. Frisco 9 a.m. and Garland Naaman Forest 2:15 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks
Friday, March 11 – Varsity baseball: home for I-30 Classic vs. Terrell, 10 a.m.
Softball: at McKinney, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Girls' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Boys' soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
JV Black baseball: at Forney Tournament
Saturday, March 12 – Varsity baseball: at I-30 Classic
JV Black baseball: at Forney Tournament
Monday, March 14 – JV Black baseball: home vs. Plano East, noon
JV Red baseball: vs. Plano Williams at Plano East Senior High School, 2 games, noon
Tuesday, March 15 – JV Red baseball: home vs. McKinney, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: at McKinney, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Baseball: home vs. McKinney North, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16 – Softball: at Rockwall, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Varsity baseball: vs. Lake Highlands at Rangers Ballpark, 6 p.m.
Friday, March 18 – JV Red baseball: home vs. McKinney North, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball: at McKinney North, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 19 – JV Red baseball: at Frisco Wakeland, 10 a.m.
Varsity baseball: vs. Frisco Wakeland at Dr. Pepper Ballpark, noon

Royse City Bulldogs
Friday, March 11 – Varsity baseball: home for I-30 Classic vs. El Paso Montwood, 10 a.m. JV2 baseball: at Mesquite Horn, noon
Softball: at Sulphur Springs, JV1 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.
JV2 softball: at Wylie East, 5 p.m.
Varsity and JV girls' tennis: at Nevada Community Tournament
Track: at Jacket Relays
Saturday, March 12 – Varsity baseball: at I-30 Classic
JV1 baseball: at Corsicana Tournament
JV1 softball: at Sulphur Springs Tournament
JV2 softball: at Wills Point Tournament
Monday, March 14 – Baseball: home vs. North Mesquite, JV1 10 a.m. and varsity 1 p.m.
Softball: at Texarkana Texas, JV1 3 p.m. and varsity 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15 – JV2 baseball: home vs. Texarkana Texas, noon
Baseball: at Texarkana Texas, JV1 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Girls' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Boys' soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, March 17 – Baseball: home vs. Rockwall, JV1 10 a.m. and varsity 1 p.m.
JV2 baseball: at Rockwall, 11 a.m.

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Carla Brooks fights back by chairing Relay For Life

by Mary Thacker

Carla Brooks has been chairman of the Rockwall County Relay For Life for two years and was the event's co-chair for two years before that. She became involved in the fundraiser for the American Cancer Society because her life was dramatically altered when her husband, Tommy, lost his second chance at life because of the disease.

Tommy Brooks was diagnosed with hepatitis C in 1990, the result of a blood transfusion in the 1970s when blood donations were not carefully screened. Hepatitis C attacks the liver, causing it to lose its ability to filter the blood.

In the '90s, the disease was treated with interferon, which caused terrible side effects and boasted only a 20 percent success rate. Tommy chose not to treat the hepatitis at that point and lived with the complications of the disease, which included tremors, seizures and edema, for the next 10 years.

"At one point," Carla said, "doctors drained 60 pounds of fluid from his body during a week-long period. Additionally, his liver was allowing ammonia to build up in his body, causing him to become disoriented."

Tommy was unable to drive due to the possibility of a seizure. Because of all the many problems her husband was experiencing, Carla was at the hospital with him so often that everyone knew her.

"People would stop me in the hall for directions," she said. Carla worked with her laptop in waiting rooms, relying on her company pager to get messages from the office. Unfortunately, Tommy's hepatitis C progressed faster than she knew. By the time the treatment of pegylated alpha interferon and ribavirin was determined to be effective, the disease was too severe for the medication to work.

In 1999 he registered with Transplant Services. He was just two points below the required number to be put on the transplant list for a new liver and

was told to come back in six months.

After enduring more than 10 years of suffering with liver failure, he was looking forward to a second chance for a healthy life. However, when Tommy returned to Transplant Services after the required six-month waiting period, his MRI revealed that his liver was filled with cancer, and he lost his eligibility for a transplant.

The cancer stole Tommy's life quickly, and he died on Father's Day 2000, just six weeks after his diagnosis.

Carla and Tommy's daughter, Victoria, who is now 23, said, "I never knew my dad, because he was always sick."

Carla decided to fight back against the disease, joining the Relay For Life Committee. Her church, First United Methodist Church of Heath, has a long tradition of participation in Relay For Life. Carla credits the congregation's willingness to help raise money for Relay to the overall compassionate nature of its members.

"Our church is filled with caring people. I couldn't have made it through Tommy's illness without the help of my church family," Carla said. "They would sit with Tommy, clean our house, do yard work, bring food, anything we needed."

Her church team, Walkers of the Light, earned more than \$10,000 in the 2010 Relay For Life. The team's members have been touched by cancer in a personal way. Lori Gerritsen, Dorothy Burriss and team captain Carolyn Keane are all cancer survivors. Kerrie Beurgerhouse and Mike Rask both have lost loved ones to the disease.

This year's Rockwall County Relay For Life is set for April 29 at Cain Middle School. The community is invited to participate by joining a team, registering as a survivor, sponsoring an individual or just being a part of the fun. For more information, visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx or call Carla at 972-771-8139.



Carla Brooks, right, has served as chairman of the Rockwall County Relay For Life event for the past two years. Brooks assumed the role after losing her husband, Tommy, to cancer. She is pictured here with a Relay For Life teammate, Lori Gerritsen. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

LPMC earns Level IV trauma designation from state agency

Lake Pointe Medical Center recently was designated a Level IV trauma facility by the Texas Department of State Health Services, according to a news release from the Lake Pointe Health Network.

A Level IV designation indicates that the medical center is staffed by physicians and healthcare professionals with advanced trauma training and is capable of providing care for patients who have experienced injuries resulting from auto accidents or who have had significant cardiac, medical or surgical emergencies.

"This designation reflects our commitment of caring for our community and providing the services necessary to help save lives in an emergency situation," said J. Eric Evans, CEO of the LPHN. "Add this designation to

our recent Primary Stroke Center Certifications and Lake Pointe is continuing to grow the level of care necessary to enhance the quality of life in our community."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, trauma is the leading cause of death among Americans under 44 years of age. Some of the top causes of traumatic injury in Texas include transportation, falls, assaults and burns/fires.

LPMC participates in the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council the Texas Statewide Trauma System and works closely with local EMS providers.

"We are committed to continually analyzing our physician and staff's performance and training to ensure we remain up to date with the latest trauma care standards," said Jackie Cox, director of the Emergency Department and Urgent Care Center at LPMC. "One of our greatest strengths is our people."



Pictured are Austin Taylor and Clayton Miser, both Webelos II, at the Cub Scout Pack 2125 Scouting for Food event at Rockwall Kroger Feb. 19. The scouts from Pack 2125 collected 1,483 items of food, which were then donated to the local food pantry at Helping Hands. This event was part of the Scouting for Food effort by Boy Scouts of America. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Lake Pointe Medical Center recently earned designation as a Level IV Trauma Facility by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Pictured from the left are Michael Mikesch, RN for LPMC; Mitch Ownby, owner, Rockwall County EMS; Jackie Clifton, RN, trauma coordinator for LPMC; Martin Ramirez, paramedic supervisor/FTO, Rockwall County EMS; J. Eric Evans, CEO for LPHN; Dr. Larry Dencklau, ED medical director, LPMC; Chad McClellan, LP/firefighter, Rowlett Fire & Rescue; Jackie Cox, RN and director of ED and UIC at LPMC; Barry Sullivan, EMT-P/firefighter, Rowlett Fire & Rescue; Ron Simmons, LP, EMS coordinator, Rowlett Fire & Rescue; and Ed Boon, director of medical staff development, LPMC. Photo courtesy of LPHN/Rockwall County News

Fulton School plans April 30 fundraiser

The Fulton School is organizing a Gala fundraiser, Escape to Margaritaville!, on April 30 at the Hella Shiner Grand Ballroom in Garland. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will feature a tiki bar serv-

ing Caribbean-inspired cocktails, hula dancers and a limbo contest. A d'oeuvre reception will kick off the evening, followed by a seated dinner, dessert, Watusi reggae band, live/silent auction and a best-dressed contest.

VIP tickets include admission to the Coconut Grove VIP Reception set for 5:30 p.m.

Organizers are hoping local businesses will help underwrite the event through sponsorships, which are tax-deductible. Sponsorship options begin at \$75.

"By serving as a help our local businesses can help our students engage young minds and create educational memories they'll cherish for a lifetime," said Matthew Burgy, Fulton's head of school. "You'll also be making a valuable investment in our country's future by supporting today's youth as tomorrow's leaders."

The Fulton School, located in Heath, is a private school that serves students in preschool through high school. Students come from Rockwall, Heath, Royse City, Mesquite, Garland, Rowlett, Wylie, Terrell and Forney.

More information on sponsorships is available at fultonschoolgala.org.

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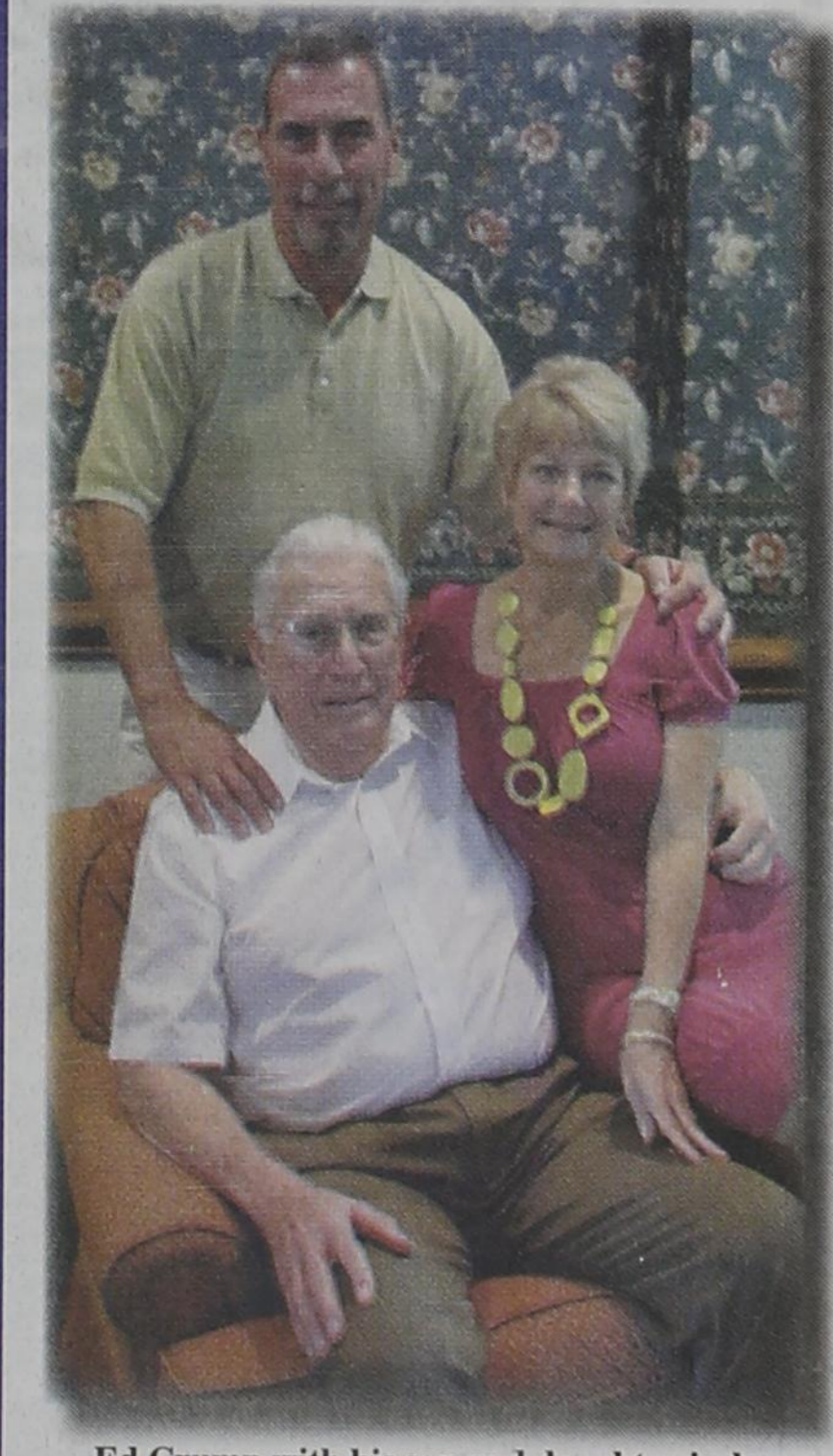
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Diabetes support classes offered

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall will offer a pair of free diabetes-support meetings this month.

The first offering, a support group for diabetics, will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. March 15 at the Medical Office Building, 3142 Horizon Rd., Suite 204, in Rockwall. Topic for this month will be Virtual Grocery Shopping, and those in attendance will learn the tools for healthy shopping.

The other session, Living Well with Diabetes, will run from 10

a.m. to noon March 19 at the same location. This class is for individuals who recently have been diagnosed or those who have lived with diabetes for some time. A certified diabetes educator will offer a variety of health tips. Anyone interested in invited to attend, including fam-

ily members and friends; however, class size will be limited and only one guest will be allowed per registered participant.

Call 469-698-1290 to register to attend either meeting.

For more information, visit phr-texas.com or call 469-698-1000.



Radio/video production students brought home several awards from the Skills USA District Competition conducted Feb. 25 at TSTI-Waco. In the Broadcast News division, RHS Chapter 2120 earned first place with Devyn Smith, anchor; Michael Songer, anchor; Alex Tutt, director; and Sam Howell, floor director. Second place went to the other RHS team comprised of Meagan Massey, anchor; Hunter Gerhart, floor director; and Justin Roy, floor director. In Television (Video) Production, RHS Chapter 2120 took second with Landan Coronado and Gustavo Rodriguez. Pictured at front, from the left, Smith, Massey, Roquemore and Rodriguez and, at back, Tutt, Gerhart, Songer and Coronado. The students pictured are eligible to compete at the state-level contest March 30 through April 2 in Houston, Texas.

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'Holocaust Experience' exhibit in Royse City

Students from a seventh grade gifted and talented class and an eighth grade Pre-AP English class at Royse City Middle School will offer an exhibit, "The Holocaust Experience," this month.

The students have spent recent weeks studying the Holocaust and its impact on the world during the 20th century. This resulted in the creation of the exhibit, which is funded by a grant from the Royse City Education Foundation.

Admission to the exhibit will be free and open to the public.

The exhibit will be located in the back portable building at the middle school, located at 1310 E. Hwy. 66, in Royse City. Exhibit hours will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 21; and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 22.

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Community service event, SO Day, slated March 26

Rockwall Independent School District students are preparing to participate in Service Others (SSO) Day on March 26.

Community service initiatives will take place at Wilkerson Memorial Stadium, as well as various sites within the community. Elementary students will be stationed at the stadium from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to lead hands-on projects for the Shuffle Staff Project, where students will be assembled for projects that are in need. Secondary students will be working with area nonprofit organizations for community service projects.

This is a result of the RISD's partnership with the Rachel's Challenge Organization. In the past, the RISD's director of counseling, and her staff have worked to promote the mission of Rachel's Challenge - kindness, compassion - within the RISD. This partnership between the two resulted in three major Rachel's Challenge events that celebrated the acts of kindness, as well as the Million Acts of Kindness project that allowed students to pass the district to package meals for Haiti.

Rachel's Rally on all 18 campuses on May 5, allowing every student to participate during the school day. Campus-based events and a universal video will recap the Rachel's Challenge-inspired events that have taken place throughout the school year, and parents and the community will have the opportunity to join online at rockwallisd.com.

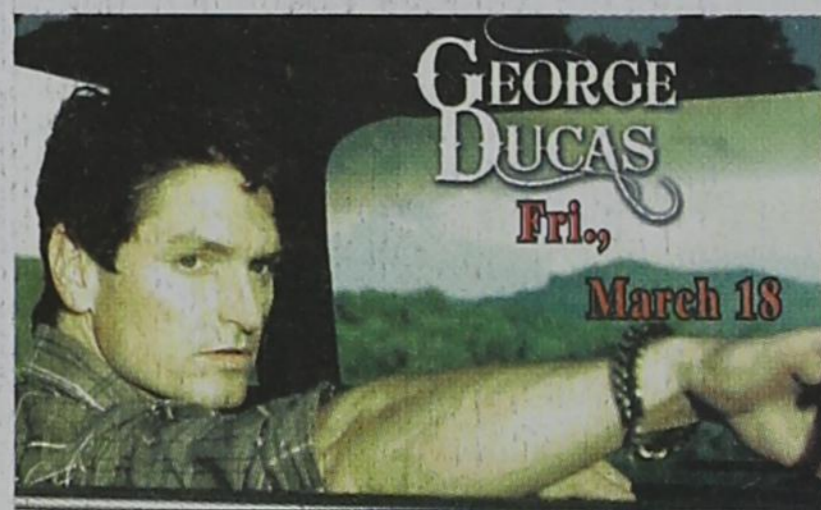
Additional community service project ideas are needed. Anyone with ideas should contact Donna Barnett at 972-771-0605.



Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members welcomed Lasting Impressions with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony March 8, 2011. Lasting Impressions is located at 812 W. Holiday Lane (Hwy 66). Helen Courge serves as General Manager (helen@ligardencenter.com).

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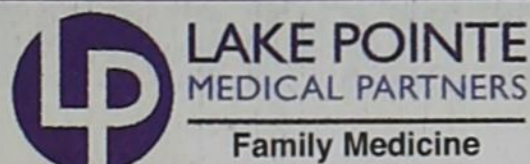
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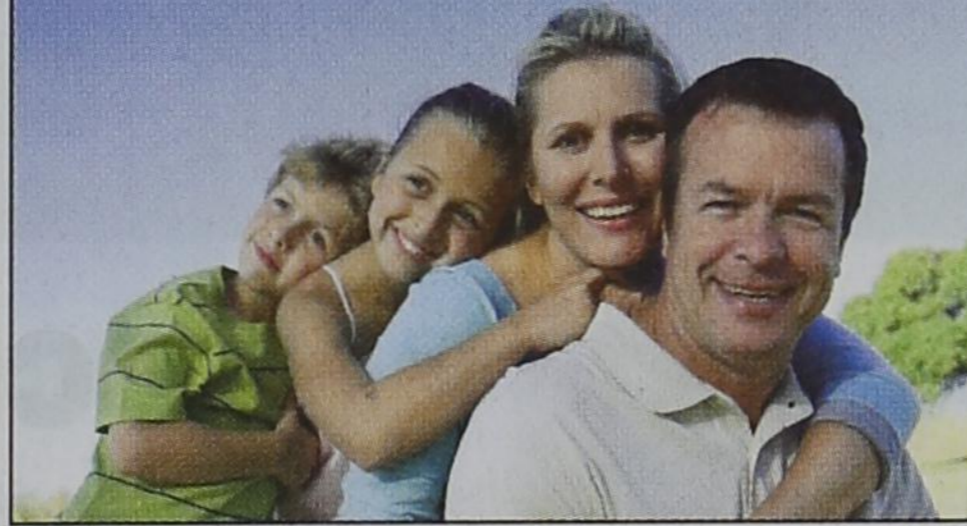


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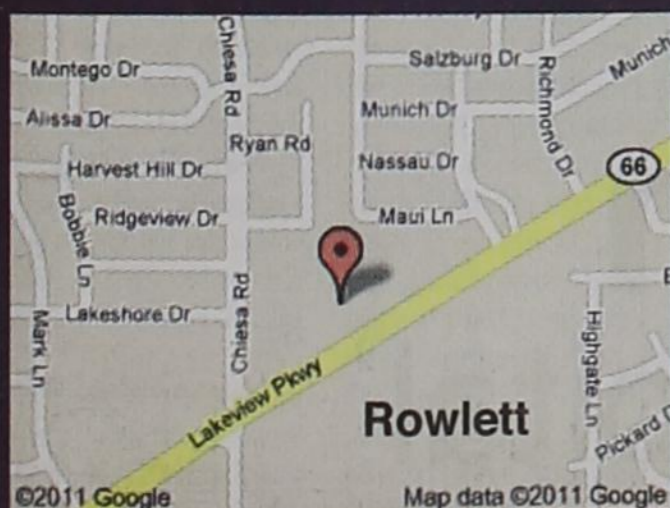
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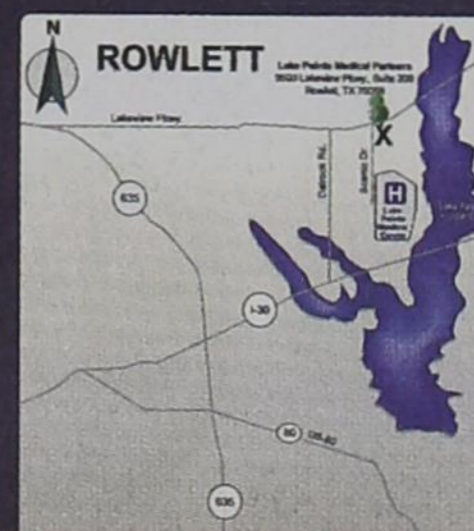
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