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## Utley Middle School zoning still under consideration by Rockwall ISD Board

Kathy Williams

Planning for the new Utley Middle School was a hotbed topic at the 26 Rockwall ISD board meeting, with trustees electing to table decision on a final plan until they are sure they have heard from residents on the issue.

Comments were invited from residents both during the planning process and at that night's meeting. Many residents expressed concern that information on the various options being considered by the zoning task force was not adequately communicated to the public. While only two people were on time to sign up to address the trustees, others in attendance were vocal in their agreement that the task force could have kept the public better informed during the decision-making process and that the trustees should keep that in mind when decisions of importance come up in the future.

Rockwall ISD Superintendent of Schools Gene Burton addressed the trustees, asking them not to take action on zoning that night because of the communication concerns. He gave a detailed explanation of how the Zoning Task Force studied as many as 26 zoning options for Utley, paring them down to the final three.

Burton said the Task Force used the following criteria as they moved towards a fair zoning proposal:

The "neighborhood school" concept should be continued.

A reasonable balance in the total projected school enrollment for each campus should be sought.

A reasonable balance in the number of students representing the various ethnic and socioeconomic groups on each campus should be maintained.

Distance and subsequent travel time to the campuses is an important consideration.

Boundary lines should be clearly defined and easily communicated.

The fewest possible number of students affected should be reduced.

### Schools Affected

The Zoning Task Force includes the principal and two teachers from each RISD school campus, campus improvement committee representatives, each school's PTA/PTO president and a PTA/PTO representative.

Under the proposed Middle School Plan 6A, 137 sixth graders would be affected by the zoning change, with nine from Rochell, 31 from Hays, 75 from Jones and 22 from Shannon Elementary Schools.

Students from Virginia Reinhardt and Howard Dobbs Elementary Schools would all be included in the new Utley zone under Plan 6A.

Schools and the surrounding neighborhoods that would be partially affected by the change are Celia Hayes Elementary, including Quail Run Valley 1&2, Caruth Lakes 6&8, Gilliam Addition and Woodcreek Addition; Sharon Shannon Elementary, including Williamsburg, Sterling Farms, Timber Creek Estates, Smith Acres north of North Fork Road plus additions including Sunny Circle, Sun Drive, Garza, Midlakes, Gentry Road and Amanda Lane; all of Dorris A. Jones Elementary, except the east side of Yvonne Drive and all streets east of Renee Drive and south of Evans Road, and Amanda Rochell Elementary, including Flagstone Estates and Highland Meadows #1 & #2.

When Utley opens its doors in the fall of 2009, it will only welcome seventh graders. Next year's eighth graders will continue to attend either Maureen Cain or J.W. Williams Middle School to avoid an additional school change before the next move up to high school. The 2010-2011 school year will be the first year Utley will have both seventh and eighth graders.

### Attendance Projections

Burton explained how the Task Force used demographic estimates to anticipate how enrollment at the three middle schools could be distributed as the population of Rockwall County grows in the coming years under each of the three final plans using low- mid- and high-range projections. He said Rockwall ISD utilizes a mid-range projection when planning schools.

Beginning in the school year 2010-2011, the first year all three middle schools will have both seventh and eighth graders, the heavier student load is projected to fall on Utley and Cain, with fewer students at Williams. Burton said some have expressed concern about the higher number of students at Cain under Plan 6A, but he said, with the mid-range projection plan in place, future growth on the north side of Rockwall County will send those students to Williams, thus leveling out the number of middle school students across the district.

Although the board stated that many parents had contacted them with concerns about sending their students to Utley when other students close to them would attend Cain or Williams, Burton said, "I feel that children are resilient. We are aware of the social and emotional challenges of that age. I feel that the staff at Utley will provide a quality education."

He also acknowledged that, although students already change schools when they graduate to middle school, "it will be a different change next year because we are splitting school zones."

Council member Doug Hamilton said he found some parents who contacted him may have misunderstood which schools would be in the Utley zone. He said he would be willing to wait to make his final decision on a zoning plan in order to clear up the misunderstandings.

Not needing a formal board motion or vote to table the issue, the trustees agreed to hold any decisions on the zoning plan until the next board meeting on Monday, Feb. 16.

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## News Briefs

### Valentine's special deadline is today

A Valentine's Day edition of the Rockwall County News to be published Tuesday will include "Grandma Brag Pages" packed with color photos of grandchildren. Deadline is 5 p.m. today. Favorite photos of grandchildren may be dropped off at 107 E. Bourn, mailed to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, TX 75087 or e-mailed to (jpgs) to rcn.advertising@yahoo.com; include names of children and grandparents. Three sizes -- \$20 (limit two children to a photo), \$40 or \$80 -- available. See the Rockwall County News ad or call the office at 972-722-3099 for details.

### RCISD course schedule meeting today

Parent informational meetings at Roysse City High conclude this week, with next year's senior class meeting today from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This is an information-only meeting; schedules will be set at a later date.

### RCISD seeks input on school names

The Roysse City Independent School District is seeking community input on names for two intermediate schools. The district traditionally has named campuses after outstanding educators who have worked within the school district. Name suggestions, along with a short paragraph about why the individual is being recommended, should be submitted prior to Feb. 27. Entries should be directed to: Jo Nell Melody, Roysse City ISD, P.O. Box 479, Roysse City, TX 75189 or e-mail mellodyj@rcisd.org.

### RPA plans Friday gathering

The Rockwall Preschool Association will conduct a general meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at the Free Methodist Church on Dalton Road. Doug Fox, founder and pastor of Cornerstone Church of Rockwall, will speak with his wife, Frani, on "How to Make Your Marriage Grow." For information on the RPA, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com. Childcare available with reservation.

### Mardi Gras celebration slated

A Mardi Gras celebration sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will take place at 1 p.m. Friday at The Center. The free event is open to individuals ages 50 and older. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### 'Finding Patriots in Your Family Tree' offered

The Rockwall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will present "Finding Patriots in Your Family Tree" beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday in Room 110 of the Eastridge Church of Christ, 485 N. FM 549 in Rockwall. The program will be free and open to the public. For details contact Faye Heil at 972-771-3033 or e-mail fshel12004@sbcglobal.net.

### Father-daughter dance set Saturday

The annual Father-Daughter Black & White Ball, which will feature a deejay and dancing, refreshments and photos, will run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Hilton. Cost is \$45 per couple for City of Rockwall residents, \$67 for non-residents. Tickets are now on sale at The Center, 108 E. Washington. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

### Bands to host dinner concerts, auction

The Rockwall-Heath High School and Cain Middle School bands will observe their first dinner concert and silent auction on Monday and Tuesday at the high school. The middle school bands will perform on the first night, with the high school bands performing on the second night. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and may be purchased through Sandra Nelson at 469-338-1864 or snelson1@classicnet.net.

### Friends of the Library to meet

The February meeting of the Friends of the Library will be in the Community Room of the Rockwall County Library beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The program, presented by MusicFest, will be "A Touch of Music... A Touch of Youth." Catered lunch will be \$15; reservations/cancellations required by 5 p.m. Friday. Call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

### Finding Love workshop set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a workshop, "Finding Love after the Loss of a Loved One," from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at The Center. The event will be open to individuals ages 50 and older. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Teen Game Night set at library

Game Night will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the big first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the event will include free pizza for the first 20 student-participants.

### Relay for Life captains plan meeting

Captains for the Rockwall County Relay for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the cafeteria of the Presbyterian Hospital, Rockwall. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

### Rockwall Newcomers to meet

The Rockwall Newcomers will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 12 for a coffee social, followed by a program, a short business meeting and lunch at Chandlers Landing. Storyteller, actress, author and ventriloquist Mary Burks Worchester will provide the program. Contact Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-5569 or Ann Small 972-771-1748 by 8 p.m. Sunday to make reservations for the luncheon; cost will be \$16 per person.

### Applicants for Citizen Fire Academy sought

Applications are being accepted for the Citizen Fire Academy sponsored by the Rockwall Fire Department. Classes will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday nights from Feb. 12 through April 23 (no class on March 19) at Fire Station No. 2. The program is designed to give participants a broader understanding of the fire department. Applications are available at the fire station and City Hall. For more details, call Tony Santoro at 972-771-7770.

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## County schools take advantage of RCN fundraising program

Area schools are participating in the recently announced Rockwall County News new subscriber fundraising program. About 50 percent of the \$30 new subscriber campaign are Amy Elementary PTO, Scott Elementary School, Poetry Christian School, Grace Hartman Elementary School and The Fulton School. The local hometown newspaper is donating \$15 to schools or their parent organizations from each new subscriber's payment. In addition to the financial benefit for the schools, subscribers get a two-year subscription for the regular one-year price.

"This is a whole lot easier and better than selling cookies," one school representative emphasized.

The campaign continues through the school year, and will be available next school year also.

Schools interested in participating in the campaign are encouraged to contact Sandy Webber at the Rockwall County News (972-722-3099). "We will be pleased to assist with organizing, and we have an attractive sign-up sheet and sign-up form," Webber added. The newspaper also provides adequate copies for distribution to potential subscribers.

"This campaign is an excellent way for people to directly support those important extras that our children need," RCN publisher W. Burnett said.



Director Becky Henderson, foreground, watches a rehearsal of the Rockwall High School theatre arts department production of "Man of La Mancha." The musical runs Feb. 5-7 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 7&8 at 2 p.m. at the Rockwall High School theatre. Seats are by reservation only and may be purchased for \$10 by visiting the Rockwall High School website at www.rockwallisd.org.

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### Seniors Out-to-Lunch set Feb. 13

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Out-to-Lunch Bunch for seniors will be at Siciliano's Taste of Italy in Garland on Feb. 13. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Brown Bag Lecture slated

The first program of the 2009 Rockwall County Historical Foundation Brown Bag Lecture series will begin at noon Feb. 13 in the Historic Courthouse on the square. The topic will be "The Mystery of the Rock Wall." No reservations needed; admission is free and open to anyone interested.

### Mental illness support groups to meet

Two NAMI free support groups - one for individuals with mental illness and one for their family members - will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the First United Methodist Church. Family members will meet in Room 206, B Building, while the other meeting will take place in Room 205. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030 for more details.

### Library closing announced

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Feb. 16 in observance of President's Day. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. Feb. 17.

### Basic computer class offered

A class on computer basic will be offered by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department Feb. 17 and 19 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the class will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Chicago-style bridge tourney slated

A bridge tournament featuring Chicago-style scoring will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at The Center. The event will be open to individuals ages 50 and older, and each participant must have a partner to play. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### RC Business After Hours event planned

The Royse City Chamber and Southern Junction will co-host the first Business After Hours event beginning at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20. The event will include live music, two-for-one steak dinners, dancing and more. Admission to the event will be free. For more details contact the chamber office at info@roysecitychamber.com.

### Electronic recycling event set

An electronic recycling event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Rockwall Wal-Mart parking lot, 782 I-30. Computer CPUs, keyboard, laptops, scanners, printers, copiers/fax machines, phones, cartridges, stereos, microwaves, air conditioners and other specified items will be accepted free of charge. Monitors and TVs will be accepted for a nominal fee. For more information, visit trashbusters.org.

### Teen Anime Group to meet

The Teen Anime Group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 21 in the second-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the meeting will include the election of officers for the group.

### Senior class will explore the Net

A class for individuals ages 50 and older interested in learning to surf the Internet will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays Feb. 24 through March 12 at The Center. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the class will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each class day. Cost is \$50 for residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Teen Writer's Group meeting set

The Teen Writer's Group will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the big first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the meeting will include the election of officers for the group.

### Library plans 'Fairy Fun' event

The Rockwall County Library will host "Fairy Fun," an event for children ages 4-10, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 24. Participants will make fairy crafts, while librarians will read fairy stories.

### VNA offers bereavement seminar

The Visiting Nurse Association will offer a bereavement seminar for adults, "Coping with Grief," from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the VNA branch office, 102 W. Grove St. in Kaufman. Topics to be covered include common grief experiences, coping with grief and myths about grief. There is no cost to attend; however, reservations should be made by calling Clayton McCord at 972-962-7500 or 1-800-345-0576.

### Community Seminar Series gets under way

The Lake Pointe Health Network will kick off its 2009 Community Seminar Series with a presentation by Dr. Umar Burney, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon on staff at the center, who will present "Advances in Arthritis Care." The presentation will review current alternatives, both surgical and non-surgical, for the treatment of degenerative conditions afflicting the joints of the human body. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Lake Pointe Professional Development Center, 9400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 113A in Rowlett in the Scenic Square Shopping Center. To attend or for more information call 1-866-525-5762.

### Senior trip to Canton planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department is planning a seniors bus trip to Canton Trade Days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### "Daddy Day Camp" is featured flick

The March First Wednesday Flick, sponsored by the Rock Parks & Rec Department, will be "Daddy Day Camp," a comedy. The movie will be screened at 3 p.m. March 4 at The Center. Admission is open to individuals ages 50 and older. Cost is \$7 for residents, \$2 for non-residents. For more information call 972-7740.

### Spring Fling Ballroom Party set

A Spring Fling Ballroom Party, hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 at The Center. Participants can enjoy dance hits, practice dance steps, learn new ones. Light refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be given away. Partners not required; dress will be semi-formal. To register or for more information call 972-771-7740.

### ARC-taught first aid class available

An American Red Cross-taught first aid class will be offered March 7 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 15 and older, the class will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include information on basic care of injuries and sudden illness, as well as CPR and first aid training. Cost will be \$80 for residents, \$120 for non-residents. For more information on the Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored class call 972-771-7740.

### Workshop to focus on eye care

Eye care will be the focus of an hour-long March 11 workshop at The Center. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the event will include information on cataracts, glaucoma and eye diseases, as well as signs, symptoms and treatments. The workshop will begin at 3 p.m. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Seniors Out-to-Lunch set March 13

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Out-to-Lunch Bunch for seniors will be at Esteban's Restaurant Firehouse March 13. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Spring Break Camp offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer the Rockwall Spring Break Camp March 16-20 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the RISD Education Center Gym. Activities for children ages 6-11 include trips to the Dinosaur Valley State Park, Texas Fresh Fisheries, Dallas Zoo, Science Place, Imax and the aquarium. Registration is required; space is limited. Cost is \$75 for Rockwall residents, \$113 for non-resident. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Trip to Heritage Museum slated

A trip to the Heritage Farmstead Museum, open to individuals ages 50 and older, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 27. The event is sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Transportation, admission and guided tour is \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### "Iron Man" is Wednesday flick

The April First Wednesday Flick, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be "Iron Man," a superhero tale. The movie will be screened at 3 p.m. April 1 at The Center, and admission is open to individuals ages 50 and older. Cost is \$1 for residents, \$2 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Old-fashioned egg hunt slated

An old-fashioned Easter egg hunt, complete with egg dyeing, coloring and hunting for hidden goodies, is set for 1 p.m. March 3 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the event will be free and will include a prize for the individual who brings the best-dressed basket. For more information call 972-771-7740.

## RISD board meeting ...

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### Additional Business

In other business, the board approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the addition of classrooms to the Agriculture Facility at Rockwall High School. The GMP submitted by Pogue Construction for Phase I of the project was \$950,893.

The project is to be funded by 2007 bond funds and will be included as an addendum in the Rockwall High School Expansion project.

The board also approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price for a 1,213 square feet swine barn to the RHS cattle barn. The estimated cost of the project is \$33,950.06, including a \$4,000 contingency.

The school's Vocational-Ag students will build the swine barn with assistance from the Rockwall ISD maintenance department. The project will also be funded by 2007 Bond funds and be included as an addendum in the Rockwall High School Expansion project.

In a final bit of business, the trustees approved a class size waiver for three elementary schools in the district. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) sets student/teacher classroom ratios but allows adjustments during the year.

Pullen Elementary School requested a waiver for one kindergarten class, Nebbie Williams Elementary requested waivers for one first grade class and Ouida Springer Elementary requested a waiver for one second grade class.

Burton said granting the waivers "is fairly standard. It is indicative of our growth and the campuses have done well to accommodate those students."

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# Cady Dicus is semifinalist for Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Cady Dicus, a student at Rockwall-Heath High School, has been named one of 2,142 semifinalists for the 2008-2009 Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Dicus was one of approximately 75,000 applicants to the program, which will award \$3 million in college scholarships this spring. Applicants are selected based on academic excellence, leadership and involvement demonstrated in school and community activities. Semifinalists will be asked to submit additional information to be reviewed this month by a committee comprised of 30 high school and university educators from throughout the U.S. Finalists will be selected, and these 250 students will travel to Atlanta in April to attend the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend. There, finalists will undergo an interview process that will determine whether they are designated a National or Regional Scholar. National Scholars will each receive a \$20,000 scholarship, while the 200 Regional Scholars will receive \$10,000 scholarships. Dicus is senior class secretary at RHHS, National Honor Society

treasurer and secretary of the Interact Club. She has been a school cheerleader for the past five years and earned NCA All-American Cheerleader each year. She has been involved in competitive cheerleading for the past 12 years, and in nine of those years she has spent competing with Cheer Athletics where her teams have won national titles and a world's title. A member of the RHHS Student Council, Dicus also is involved in Student Leadership Class, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Girls for God, Game Day God's Way, Mu Alpha Theta, D-FY-IT and the Class of 2009 Prom Committee. As a delegate to 2008 Girls State, she was treasurer of her city and a member of the House of Representatives. She also has received numerous other awards and recognitions during her high school career. An active member of Lake Pointe Church, Dicus enjoys volunteering in various community service organizations. She is ranked in the top 5 percent of her class and plans to study medicine or business at a major U.S. university. Dicus is the daughter of Brian and Vali Dicus.



Cady Dicus

# Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce awards February 5 awards banquet

The 3rd Annual Rockwall Area Chamber Awards & Appreciation event, open to all members and guests, will be conducted Feb. 5 at Hilton Bella Harbor. The event will open with a 6:30 p.m. networking reception, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 per person and may be purchased at the chamber by contacting info@rockwallchamber.org. Seating is limited. The keynote speaker will be Brian Davis, a sportswriter for the Dallas Morning News since April 2000. Davis covers the Dallas Cowboys having spent seven years focusing on Big 12 schools, including Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Baylor. He has won individual awards for his work as a national college football writer covering the Bowl Championship Series, in addition to the Final Four College World Series. A native of Forney, he graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in broadcast journalism in 1998.

Corporate Business Members of the Year nominees include corporate sponsor nominees Randall Noe, Lake Pointe Medical Center, Kroger, HomeBank@Rockwall, Alliance Bank, Hilton Bella Harbor, American National Bank and Bank of America. Small Business Member of the Year nominees include Jordan, House Flourmoy, LLP, Flip Insurance, Flower Box, Rockwall Flower & Design Studio, East Texas Golf Carts, Blue Canyon Restaurant and Rockwall Injury Rehab. Also to be awarded will be the Spirit of Rockwall Award, the Board of Directors - Director of the Year and the 2008 Ambassador of the Year Award. Past board chairmen also will be recognized. "The past leaders of the chamber made some very good decisions and helped build the foundation that has made the chamber the success it is today," said Sandra Doyle, incoming chairman. The following chairmen have been identified: Glen Farris, Lou Johnson, Michael Baldwin, Kevin Fowler, Jim Wood, Dan Liane, Michael Buffington, Thomas Haack, Dale Fleming, R.D. Vanderslice, Judy Harris, Rick Allen, Dr. Frank Miller, Andrew Tomalin, Rickard Daiker, Gary Johnson, Joe Williams, Cindy Tayem, Dennis Bailey, Vicki Bradley, Larry Parks, Otis Lowe, Leon Smith and Richard Slaughter. Anyone who served who is not listed should contact the chamber office at 972-771-5733.

# Electronic recycling events set Feb. 21

A series of electronic recycling events will be conducted Feb. 21 under the sponsorship of the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and the Environmental Co-op, a nonprofit environmental organization based in Rockwall. The local event will be conducted in the parking lot of the Rockwall Supercenter in Rockwall, located at 7821-30, while the second event will take place at the Wylie Wal-Mart location on Hwy. 78. Both events will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items that will be accepted include: computer monitors, keyboards, laptops, scanners, printers, copiers, fax machines, cell and corded phones, and laser cartridges, stereos, microwaves, shavers, mixers, fans, air conditioners and power tools, both rechargeable and non-rechargeable. Those dropping off items with their own vehicles will be responsible for picking up all information and depositing their electronic

trashbusters.org or e-mail environmentalco-op@cebridge.net.



Royse City Rotary Club Teacher of the Month Award

Renee Wallace, art teacher at Royse City High School, was tapped as Teacher of the Month for January by members of the Royse City Rotary Club. Wallace received a sign that gives her front-row parking, as well as an Office Max gift certificate, a note pad and pen.

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Lucile Tate (right) with her son Garvin Tate

Computer monitors will be recycled at a cost of \$5 each, televisions will be accepted as follows: \$10 each for TV up to 13", \$20 for sets 14" to 19" and \$30 for any television larger than 19". Organizers indicated in their release that the charge is necessary because of the process required to recycle the glass in monitors and TV sets. "We welcome everyone who would like to take advantage of these local events," Marilyn May, executive director of the Environmental Co-op Electronics contain toxic chemicals that contaminate soil and water if put in the landfill. It is a responsible thing and re-use them." For more information contact Environmental Co-op at 972-722-3099, visit the Web site at www.environmentalco-op.com

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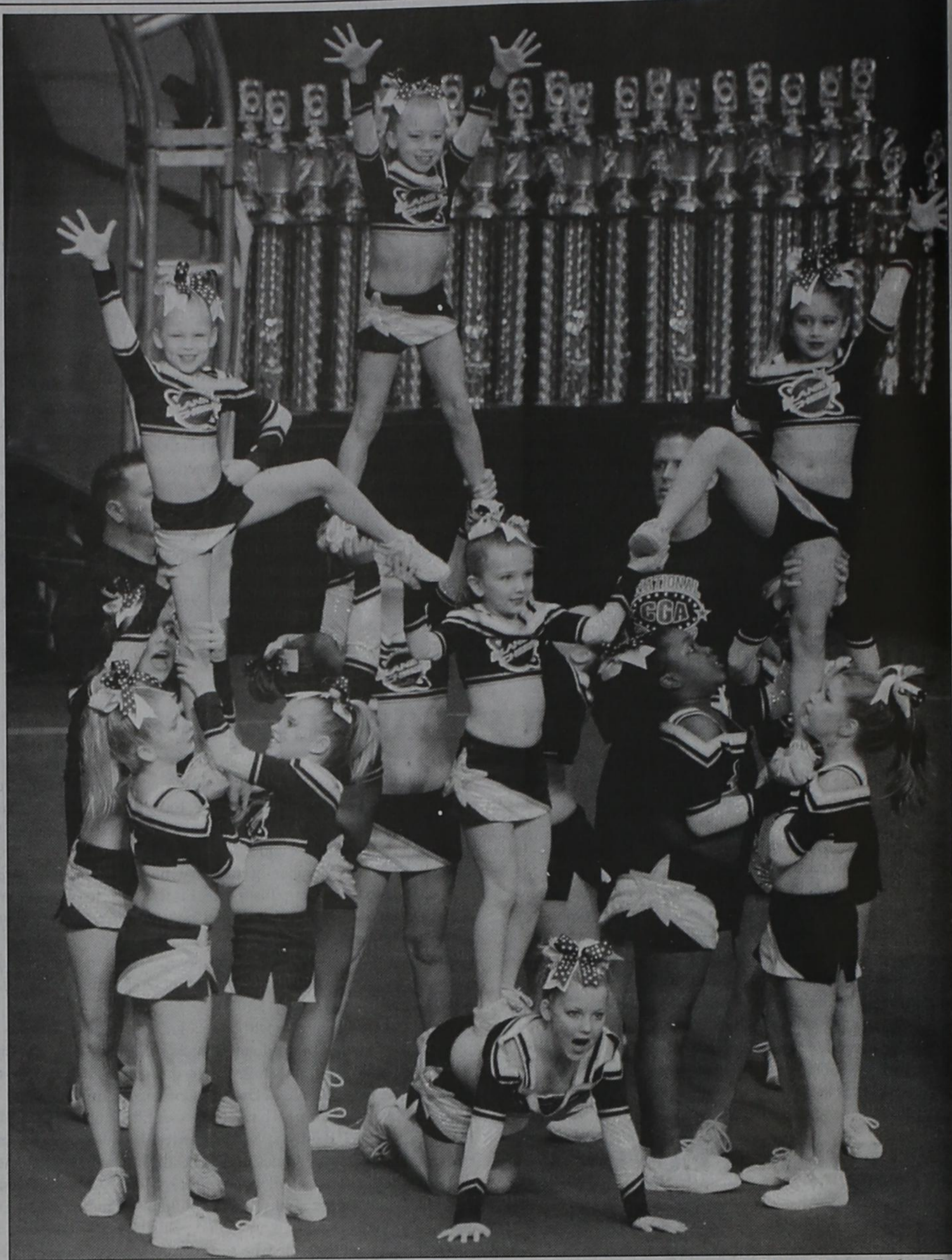
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Susan Reinhardt-Mills, a member of the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation's board of directors, is shown decorating a centerpiece for the foundation's upcoming 2009 Celebration. The event, set for Feb. 28 at Southfork Ranch, is designed to honor Innovative Grant recipients, Century Club members and the foundation's board members. The event will include live entertainment and an auction, a student art exhibit and dinner. Theme will be Reach for the Stars: A Celebration in Black and White; attire will be black and white. Seating will be open to the public, and individual seats may be purchased for \$50. Table seating for teachers may be sponsored for \$200, while table seating for a public party of eight will cost \$400. For reservations or more information, contact the foundation at 469-698-7032 by Feb. 13.



Jillian Doughty, 9, (center on hands and knees) holds the weight of the world on her small shoulders as the Planet Cheer team from Fort Worth competed in last Saturday's CGA Nationals at the Dallas Convention Center. Jillian, a fourth grader at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School, and her teammates on the Level 2 Shooting Stars Team placed third out of 13 teams. Her teammates are Holli Corbo, Samant Gibbens, Chyna Henderson, Macy Hitt, Kyndel Hopkins, Jasmine Jackson, Shelby Latham, Madison McQueen, Payton Powell, Addison Rowland, Kennedy Rowland, Kylee Sisson and Hannah Taylor. Nikki Sennifoff coaches the team.



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**VIP needs volunteers for upcoming exercise**

The Rockwall County Cities Readiness Initiative: Volunteers Informed and Prepared (VIP) and Rockwall County Sheriff's Department will conduct a full-scale pod site activation exercise from 8 to noon on March 21 in the Rockwall High School parking lot.

Three teams of volunteers are needed for planning, exercise execution and exercise participation. Various types of volunteer positions will be available for individuals with varying levels of interest. The exercise will simulate the drive-through mass dispensation of "antibiotics" through the distribution of M&M candies. The results will provide dispensing time and process improvement data. Volunteers are free to enjoy the candy.

The Rockwall County VIP program is a volunteer organization developed to support officials of county public health emergencies where local hospitals and medical providers may be unable to prevent or handle the number of individuals seeking preventative care. The program operates under the direction and guidance of the county judge, the county's public health coordinator and the sheriff's office.

Volunteers need not reside in Rockwall County to be eligible to participate. For more information, call 972-204-7001, visit [rockwallcri.com](http://rockwallcri.com) or write Rockwall County VIP, Volunteer Coordinator, 972 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087.

**Royse City Chamber of Commerce seeks volunteers for planning**

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers to help organize community events for the coming year.

Help is needed with the following events and activities:

- Rockwall Business Expo (date to be determined) – design a booth; coordinate with members to create 'goodie bags' for distribution
- Chamber Golf Tournament & Scholarship Fund, April 24 – advertising; obtaining sponsorships; selecting prizes; coordinating 'goody bags'; hiring a caterer; assisting at the golf course on the day of event
- Awards banquet/installation of officers, May 15 – design, address, stuff and mail invitations; research entertainment; research and order awards
- Fourthfest, July 4 – advertising; parade committee; recruit groups to host a game area; seek donations for refreshments; research entertainment; decorate stage
- Silent auction/Casino Night, Aug. 21 (tentative) – advertising; seek donations for the auction; address, stuff and mail invitations; research businesses who provide 'casinos'; seek donations for prizes
- FunFest, Oct. 17 – advertising; send out letters seeking vendors; obtain sponsorships; organize event; doggie contest, karaoke contest, pie-eating contest, dunking booth; help mark vendor spots; recruit vendors
- Christmas festivities, Dec. 12 – advertising; help organize chili cook-off (invitations, rules, stuff, awards, etc.); parade committee (invitations, lineup, awards, work parade, etc.); parking committee

Volunteer input can be as much or as little as the volunteer chooses. For more information, call 636-5000 or e-mail [info@roysecitychamber.com](mailto:info@roysecitychamber.com).

**Class to focus on families of mentally ill**

Enrollment is under way for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Family to Family education course at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall.

The free course is open to anyone with a family member suffering from a serious mental illness. Classes will run for 12 consecutive weeks on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon beginning Feb. 7 in the church's conference room. The format is lecture with discussion, and each participant will receive a notebook of materials written by a mental health professional and NAMI family member.

Subjects to be covered include schizophrenia, major depression, mania, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, anxiety disorders, dual diagnosis, brain function, problem solving, medication, communication skills, self care, potential recovery and advocacy.

Space is limited. For more information, contact Hall Whitfield at 972-412-6030.

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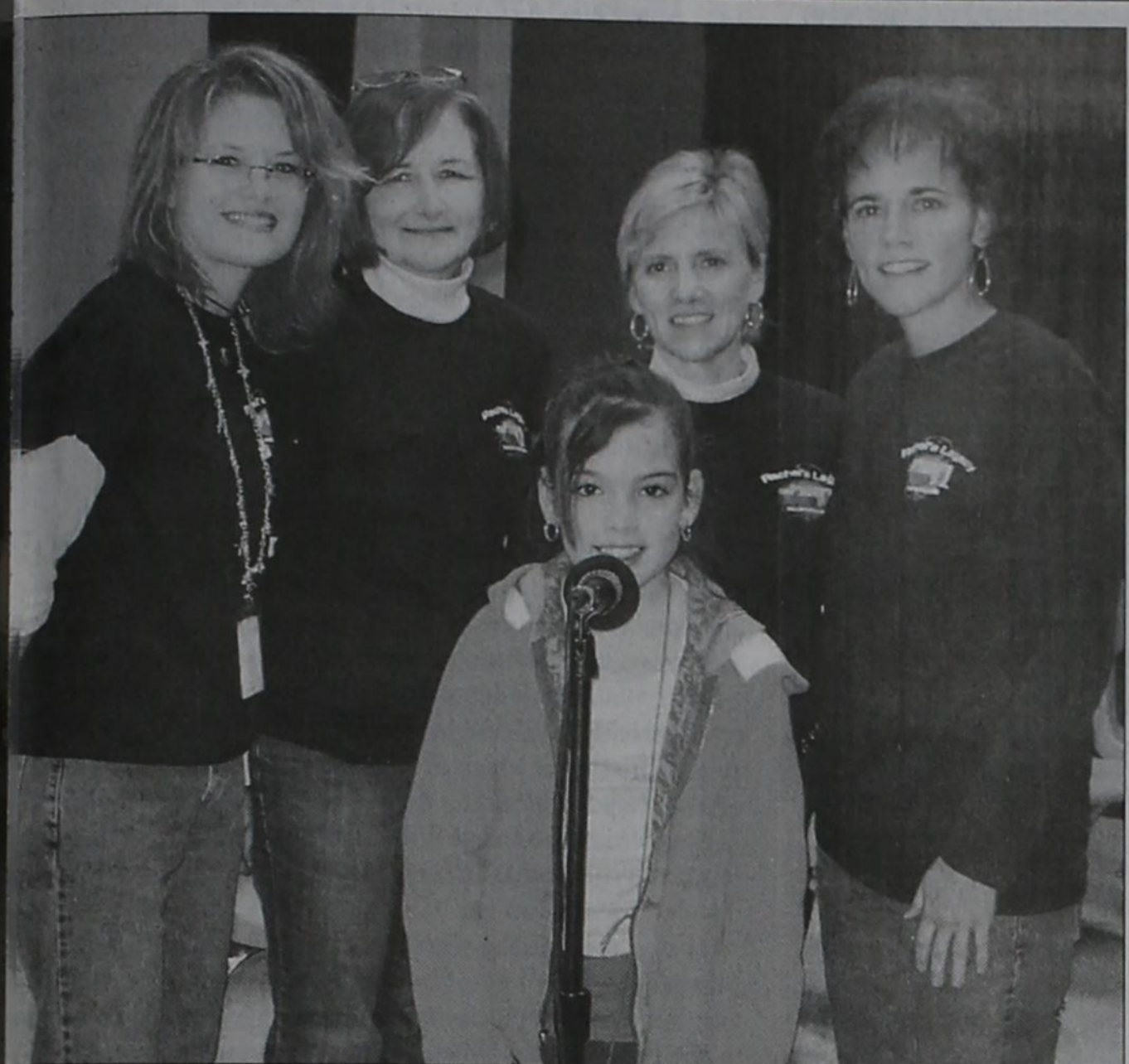
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### Estridge wins Williams Middle School geography bee

Chris Estridge, an eighth grade student at Williams Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 23 and a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 21st annual National Geographic Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Seventh and eighth grade students gathered in the school library to challenge their knowledge of geography. As the competition came to a close, the two students remaining happened to be brothers. Chris and Michael Estridge fought to a tiebreaker.

After five rounds, Chris, an eighth grade student, defeated his younger brother.



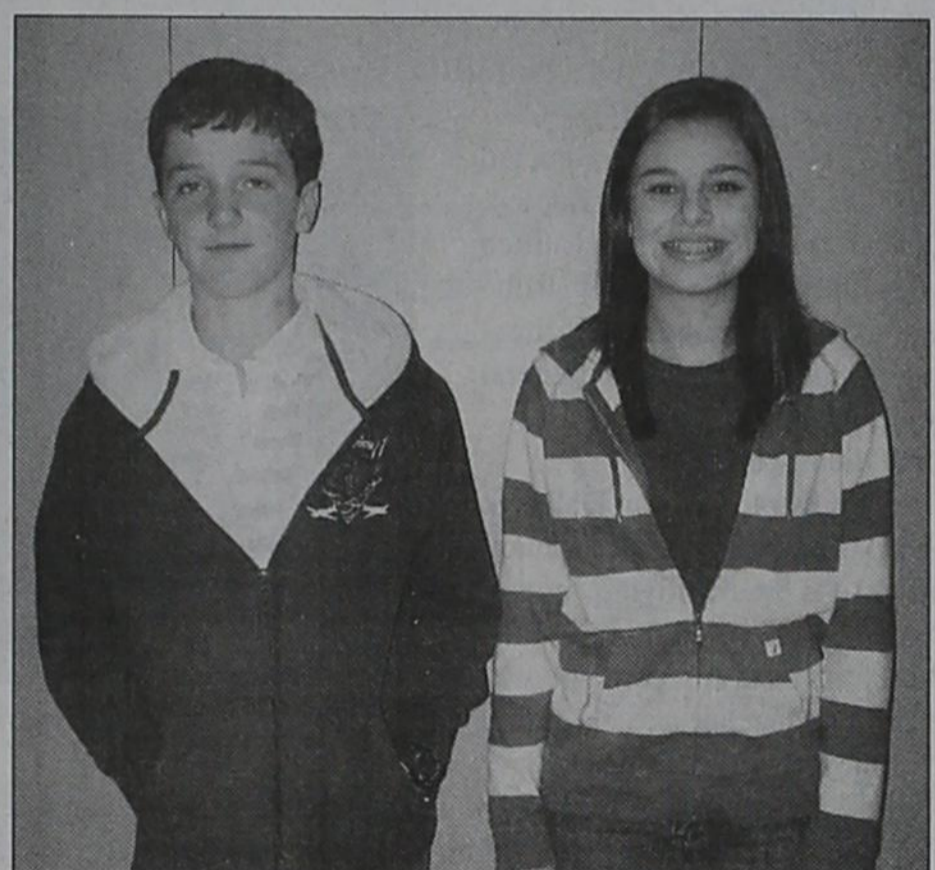
Kiran Kaur, a sixth grade student at Sharon Shannon Elementary, was top speller in the school's annual spelling bee conducted on Jan. 29. School namesake Sharon Shannon administered the words for the contest and is pictured above with the winner.

Enzie Chapa, a fourth grade student at Pullen Elementary, recently won the school's annual spelling bee. Thirty students in grades four through six participated in the event, which ran for an hour before being narrowed down to the final two competitors. Chapa, pictured here with teacher Jamie Brown, librarian Rhonda Martin, principal Renee Demianovich and teacher Julie Anderson, now is eligible to compete at the district level.

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The Howard Dobbs Elementary School PTA conducted its annual Donuts with Dad event on Jan. 29 with a Super Bowl theme. Fourth grade student Kailee Duzan is pictured here with grandfather, Ed Perry, as they enjoy some doughnuts.



Matthew Hearn, an eighth grade student, was the winner of the Williams Middle School spelling bee, with Carmen Maloney, also an eighth grade student, named runner-up. The contest drew 21 participants and involved six rounds. Hearn is now eligible to participate in the district contest at the Rockwall County Library.

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### Local residents earn degrees from SFASU

Rockwall residents recently received degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University during commencement exercises conducted at the William R. Johnson Coliseum.

J.J. Farrar earned a bachelor's degree in biology, Jalyn Alyssa Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in nursing, Angela Gayle Manbeck earned a bachelor's degree in general business, Justin James Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and Kimberly Kuzle obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting, according to a university news release.

### Local TCU grads named

Local residents were among Texas Christian University students who recently completed degree requirements and graduated at commencement exercises conducted Dec. 20 in the Daniel Meyer Gym at TCU.

According to a university press release, the following local residents received degrees:

- Leslie Ward of Heath, who majored in radio, television and film, earned a Bachelor of Science degree.
- Thryn Clements of Rockwall, who majored in management, earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.
- John Huston of Rockwall, who majored in marketing, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.
- James Satery of Rockwall, who majored in finance, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

### All students lauded for academic efforts

Local area residents recently have been recognized for their academic performances at various universities and colleges.

Following is a compilation of awards recently detailed in press releases received by the Rockwall County News:

- James Satery of Rockwall graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a major in finance from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.
- William Johnson, Leslie Ward and Kaitlyn Warman of Heath and Kaitlyn Watson, Rachel Bryson, John Byrom and Cameron Nash of Rockwall, were recently named to the Dean's List at TCU for the fall semester. The Dean's List includes full-time students who earned at least a 3.4 grade point average.
- Cameron Nash of Rockwall was named to the 2008 TCU Scholarship for obtaining a 4.0 GPA at TCU.
- Rockwall residents Taylor E. Kraft, Taylor A. Clamp, Robert B. French, Samantha A. Shaw and Adam D. French were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Texas State University-San Marcos.

### Four earn TSU degrees

Local residents recently received degrees from Texas State University-San Marcos.

During December commencement ceremonies, according to a university press release, included:

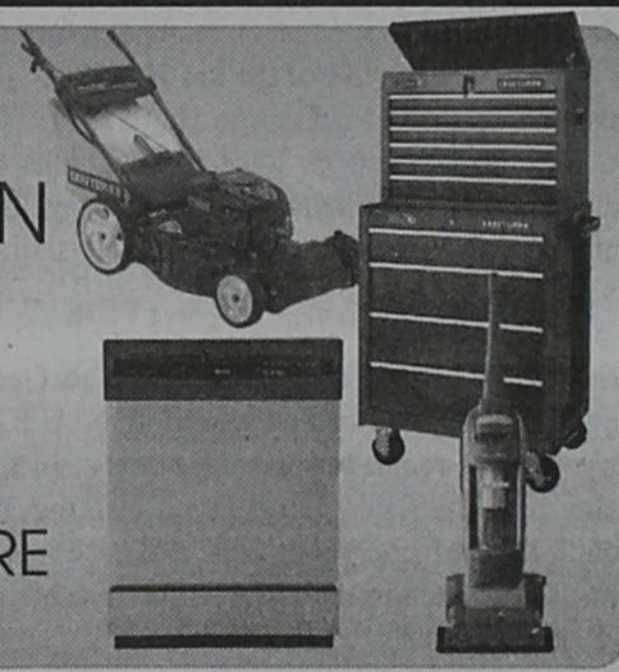
- Matthew L. Lites of Rockwall, who earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies.
- Kevin M. Hoye of Rockwall, who earned a bachelor's degree in communications studies.
- Katie S. Bartleet of Rockwall, who earned a bachelor's degree in international studies.
- Justin W. Quimby of Rockwall, who earned a bachelor's degree in management.

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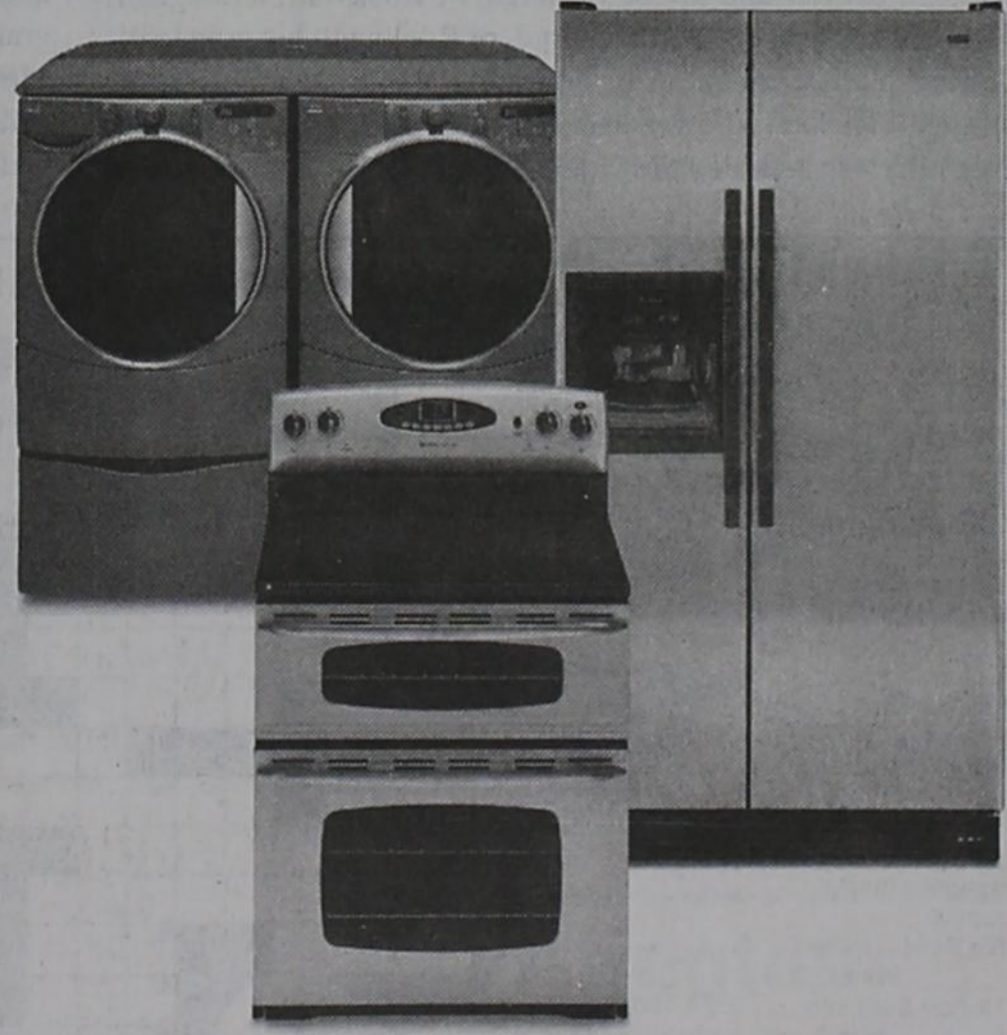
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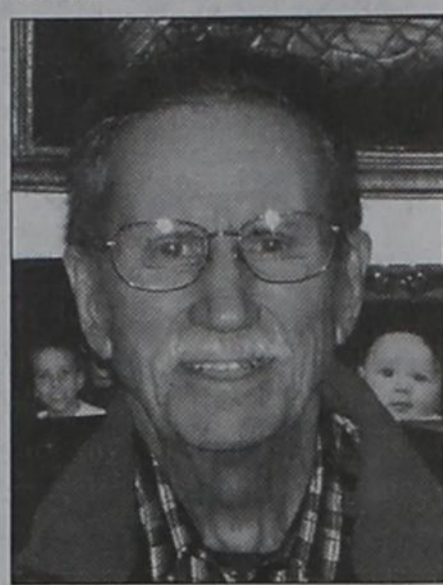
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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Roy C. Allman

Services for Roy C. Allman, 82, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Shannon Hassell of the Yantis Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas.



He died Jan. 29.

Born April 15, 1926, in Wylie to Roy and Madge (Kilgore) Allman, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He retired in 1983 from the U.S. Postal Service in Dallas following 35 years of service. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall, as well as the Masonic Lodge No. 328 in Yantis and the Shriners of Dallas.

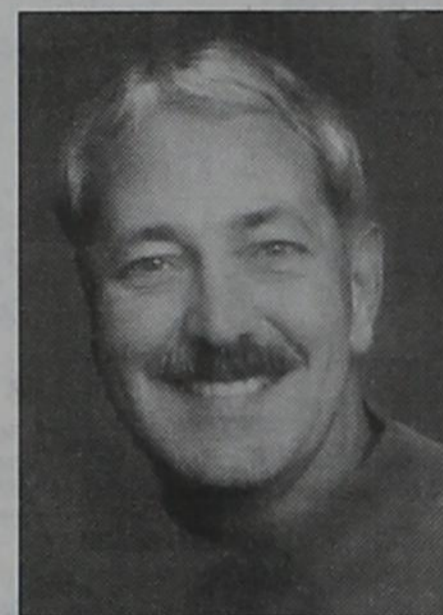
Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Jean Allman of Rockwall; his sons, Mike Allman of Canton and Ronnie Allman and his wife, Gay, of Tyler; a brother, James Allman of Silverhill, Ala.; his stepsons, Mike Heard and his wife, Patsy, of Rockwall and Ricky Heard and his wife, Nancy, of Forney; his grandchildren, Mike, Mark, Ronnie Jr., Chad, Hanna, Melissa and Jeremy Allman, Mindy Smith, Heather Darden, Marcie Beaty, Gina Schoch, Richard and David Heard and Caroline Allison; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Allman, in 1970 and his parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association, Dallas Division, 1615 Stemmons Frwy., Dallas, TX 75207.

## Mike Ash

Memorial services for Mike Ash, 63, of Richardson will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel with Aubrey Patterson officiating.



He died Jan. 30.

Born April 15, 1945, in Houston to Bernard N. and Annamary (Harris) Ash, he received an associate's degree from the University of Texas and was a retired commercial insurance agent from Keystone General in Rockwall. He had lived in the Dallas area for 34 years.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Ash, of Richardson; a son, Michael Ash, of Richardson; and a daughter, Kelly Ash, of Richardson; a brother, Bernard Alan Ash of Katy; a granddaughter, Skylar Lake Brown of Richardson; his mother-in-law, Bobbie Kidd of Houston; an aunt, June Harris of Duncanville; several nieces and nephews, Dena and Rick Pharr, Jerod and Allison Ash, all of Katy, Lillyanna Ash, Payton Pharr and Maekenzie and Hayden Sneathcamp; his cousins, John, Sue, Anne, Carol, Jaime and Kim; and his best friend, Mattie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a cousin, Barbara. The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to Richardson Animalul Inc., P.O. Box 831726, Richardson, TX 75083.

## George H. Brewer

Graveside services for George H. Brewer, 76, of Rockwall will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, in Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Feb. 2.

Born Jan. 25, 1933, in Newark, N.J., to George Harvey II and Susan (Lancaster) Brewer, he served in the U.S. Navy and was self-employed in the repair business. He was a spiritual man who began each day with the Bible. He enjoyed walking, nature and hiking in the southern California mountains and desert. A deacon at Hacienda Heights Baptist Church in Hacienda Heights, Calif., he attended Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Brewer of Rockwall; one son, George Brewer and his wife, Helga, of Rockwall; a daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Erik Nedrud, of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Jillian, Cassandra and Allyson Nedrud and Benjamin Brewer; his brothers, Richard Brewer and his wife, Eileen, of Cedar Hill and Noel Brewer and his wife, Joni, of Sayville, N.Y.; and a large

extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Page and Frank Brewer; and two daughters, Dorothy and Tish Brewer.

## Judith A. Castro

Services for Judith A. Castro, 59, of Mesquite were conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Roger Ratliff officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She died Jan. 29.

Born May 14, 1949, in Springfield, Ohio, to Ralph and Alice Perfater, she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed attending auctions in Cumby. She worked as a probe technician at Texas Instruments for 33 years and was a member of the Vansickle Baptist Church in Caddo Mills.

Survivors include her husband of 23 years, Joe Castro; her mother, Alice Perfater; one daughter, Amy Armstrong; a sister, Deborah Massie and her husband, Edward; a nephew, David Mace; a niece, Natalie Jones and her husband, Justin; her grandchildren, Kurtis Pelfrey, Matthew Armstrong and his wife, Tiera, Caren Armstrong and Brandon Bilbo Sr.; her great-grandchildren, Lanna Armstrong, Quintrell Clear and Brandon Bilbo Jr.; a great-niece, Gracie Jones; and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Perfater; her grandmother, Mary Grimsley; a nephew, Ralph Mace; and twin great-granddaughters, Lean and Aliana Pelfrey.

## Doris Miller Cox

Services for Doris Miller Cox, 71, of Heath were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, in the First Baptist Church in Heath. Burial followed in the Heath Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.



She died Feb. 1.

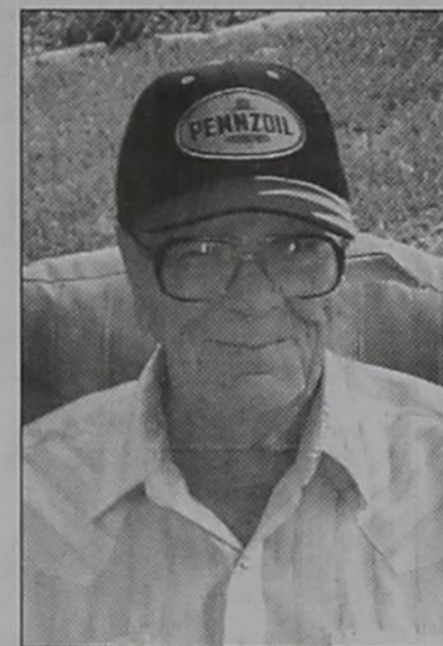
Born July 14, 1937, in Dallas to Wesley Eugene and Ora (Tennant) Miller, she was a loving mother and a member of the First Baptist Church of Heath, where she was active as a teacher and children's and youth coach for many years. She enjoyed athletics, particularly softball.

Survivors include her husband, Dwayne Cox, of Heath; a daughter, Wanda D'Ann Cox, of Heath; a son, Darrel Cox and his wife, Erika, of Heath; her grandchildren, Caden and Chandler Cox of Heath and Erin Jones of Quinlan; her great-grandchildren, Bailey and Noah Randall of Quinlan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, David Dwayne Cox; a daughter-in-law, Christi (Crawford) Cox; three grandchildren, Kaylyn Rae, Lauren and Cody Cox; her parents; and three brothers.

## Clint M. Flanagan

Services for Clint M. Flanagan, 83, of Garland were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Mount Zion Cemetery.



He died Jan. 30 surrounded by his family.

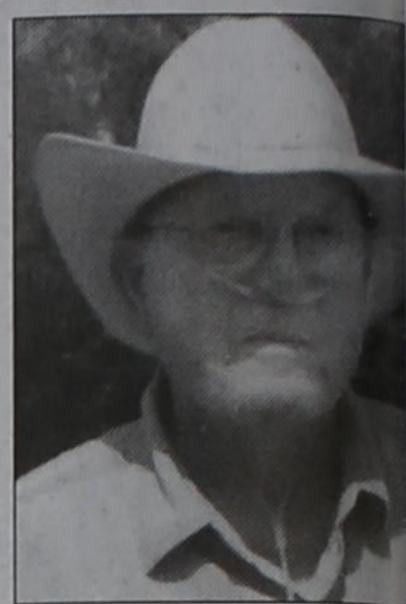
Born July 17, 1925, in Wylie to Melvin and Gracie (Branch) Flanagan, he served in the U.S. Army Paratroopers during World War II. He was a barber and had lived in Garland for 30 years.

Survivors include his children, Sandra Long and her husband, Houston, of Garland, Linda Garner and her husband, Charles, of Breckenridge, Brenda Allen and her husband, Brad, of Rockwall, Clint Flanagan Jr. and his wife, Terri, of Garland, and Jerry Flanagan and his wife, Leslie, of Garland; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his sisters, Hazel Gay of Garland, Lynn Pearl and L.D. Montgomery of Nevada, Texas, and Barbara Engledow of Garland; and a brother, Leon Flanagan and his wife, Glenda, of Garland. He was preceded in death by his wife, Corine Flanagan; his parents;

two sisters, Dorothy and Mattie Mae; and four brothers, Ken J.L., Albert and M.A. Flanagan.

## Phillip D. Mann

Memorial services for Phillip D. Mann, 71, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. Feb. 13, 2009, in the Children's Harbor Chapel in Kowaliga, Ala. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



He died Jan. 23.

Born Aug. 3, 1937, in Tallassee, Ala., to Raymond and Marjorie (Berry) Mann, he served in the U.S. Navy. A musician at heart, he was a member of the National Bluegrass Association and designed and created his own Web site: phil@bluegrassbanjo.org. He also was a talented photographer who enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Mann, of Rockwall; a daughter, Sharon Burrell and her husband, Wayne, of DeWitt, Mich.; sons, Christopher Mann of San Francisco, Calif., and Michael Mann of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three grandchildren; his mother, Marjorie Mann; a sister, Sandra Wilkerson and her husband, Benjamin Mann; a brother, William Mann, and his wife, Becky, all of Houston; devoted friends Jim and Janet Davis of Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his father and one daughter, D. Mann.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials be made to the International Bluegrass Music Association, c/o Janet Davis, Bella Vista, AR 72714.

## Michael C. Null

Funeral services for Michael C. Null, 63, of Rockwall were conducted at 4 p.m. Jan. 29, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial took place at 10 a.m. Jan. 30 in the Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas.

He died Jan. 24.

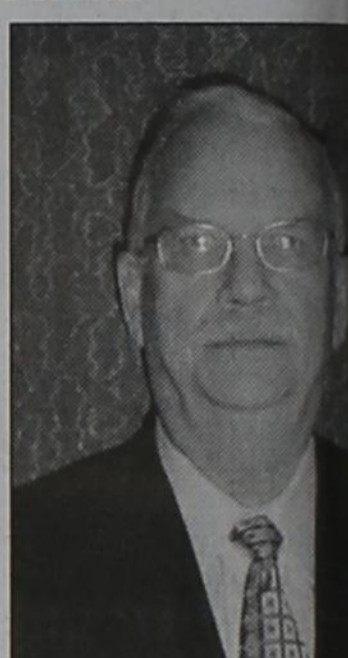
He was born April 3, 1946, in Dallas to William Tedrow and (Crenshaw) Null.

Survivors include several cousins, an extended family and loving friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

## Ronald West Perkins

Services for Ronald West Perkins will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in the Eastridge Church of Christ, 485 N. FM 549, in Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Cremation will follow the funeral service, and the ashes will one day be buried with those of his wife in the family plot in the Potosi Cemetery outside of Abilene.



He died Feb. 3 following a 10-month battle with cancer.

He grew up in Abilene and received a bachelor's degree in accounting and his MBA from Abilene Christian University. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1971 and had his own accounting firm in The Galleria area of Dallas prior to moving to Rowlett. During the 16 years he practiced in Rowlett he became involved in the community, serving on Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, including several years as treasurer. He was a past member of the Rowlett Rotary Club where he held the offices of president and treasurer. He enjoyed square dancing, and he and his wife joined the Kissin Kuzzins in Garland and later joined the Rockwall Squares, where he served as president.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Darlene; one son, Jeff; his wife, Dr. Linda Perkins; and many friends and family members.

## Earsie Fred Taylor Jr.

Memorial services for Earsie Fred Taylor Jr. will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in the Free Methodist Church, Dalton Road at Hwy. 205, in Rockwall. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Feb. 2 at Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlett.

Born July 12, 1930, in Rockwall County to Earsie and M. (Webb) Taylor, he was known as "Fred." He attended Rockwall schools, graduating in 1958, and married soon afterwards. In 1965 he moved to McPherson, Kansas, where he worked for Construction Co., building commercial buildings, churches and some homes. He enjoyed children and was a scout leader, taking scouts on camping trips to the Rocky Mountains. He returned to Rockwall in 1979.

Survivors include his children, DeRay Jones of Rockwall, Pam Schmidt and her husband, Chad, of McPherson; a sister, E. Lanier of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Josh Garvin of Austin, Texas, Ashley Ottant and her husband, Chad, of Cedar Park, Chastity C. of Kansas City, Kansas, and Malia Taylor of Garland; his nephews, Gilbert Lanier of Rockwall, Terry Lanier and his wife, Cathy Blue Ridge, Jeremy Lanier and his wife, Bridget, of Salem, Ore. and his wife, Karen, of Wylie, Lonnie Taylor and his wife, Donna, of Malakoff, and Dickie Taylor of Malakoff; and numerous friends and acquaintances.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James L. Taylor; and a son, Freddie Eugene Taylor.

## Cris Tranter

Memorial services for Cris Tranter, 38, of Rockwall County will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, in the White Rock Community Church, 9353 Garland Road, Dallas. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Feb. 1.

Born June 13, 1970, in Washington, D.C., he was the former owner and operator of Pro Techs Automotive in Rockwall. He was a master mechanic.

Survivors include his father, Harold Tranter of Caddo Mills; mother, Mary Catherine Kiel of Rowlett; a sister, Terri Tranter of Dallas; and his children, C.J. and Shelby Tranter of Rowlett.

## VNA to offer 'Coping with Grief'

The Visiting Nurse Association will offer a bereavement seminar for adults, "Coping with Grief," from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the VNA branch office, 102 W. Grove St. in Kaufman.

Clayton McCord, hospice chaplain and VNA bereavement coordinator, will cover topics that include common grief experiences, coping with grief, myths about grief, and resources for assistance. There is no cost to attend the seminar; however, reservations should be made by calling McCord at 972-962-7500 or 1-800-505-0576.

## Rockwall announces road closings

Alamo from Rusk to Washington is closed to through traffic because of reconstruction, according to a City of Rockwall press release.

The roadway closed Monday, and construction of this section should be completed in about two months, according to estimates by city officials.

The Police and Courts building parking lot is accessible on a short section of Alamo from Rusk; however, no parking will be available on Alamo.

Additionally, the Texas Department of Transportation has the eastbound left lane of IH-30 at SH 205 closed through mid-afternoon today in order to set beams for the I-30 bridge. The roadway is tentatively scheduled to be completely reopened at about 3:30 p.m.

**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "he's" — to walk the river with"

5 snake— kits are useful in TX

6 TXism: "blaze" — trail" (explore)

7 penny

8 TX-born Melora Hardin film: "The Chick"

9 TX Lamar Hunt founded this tennis tour in '68 (abbr.)

12 he'll replace TX Bush on 1/20/09

17 — Myers designed the TX capitol

19 Big Bend rare bird: "Warbler"

21 TX Fort Bliss site: "Mesa"

22 steak cuts

23 El Paso's 1st name meant " — the river to the north"

28 —gallon hat

29 TX Sally Parr film: "The Sun — at Dawn"

30 TXism: "a — and a snorter" (mean horse)

31 TX Betty Buckley TV show: " — is Enough"

35 TX song: "Is Anybody — to San Antonio"

36 TXism: "safe — up — a tree"

42 dude ranch activity (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

1 TX-born Harding film: "Biography of —"

2 In Wood Co. on 69

3 TXism: "hard as putting up —"

4 "Lonesome Dove" orphan boy

9 Cowboy LB DeMarcus

10 TXism: "useless as speaking"

11 TXns drink it iced

12 birth month of TX Jaclyn Smith (abbr.)

13 high-powered TX political figure

14 — vera

15 TXism: "green as —"

16 TX or IA town

18 " — it down"

20 TXism: "cold — a banker's heart"

23 TX George W.'s grandfather (init.)

24 birth month of TX Fess Parker (abbr.)

25 "got off — free"

26 Rangerettes wear short

27 in Shelby Co. on Hwy. 84

32 smartness number

33 TX-raised Oakland guard Upshaw (init.)

34 "howdy"

36 TX-born Sissy Spacek '86 film: "Violets — Blue"

37 opposite of "gulp"

38 fully grown folks

39 TXism: " — a little cane" (celebrate)

40 this TX Banks was "Mr. Chicago Cub"

41 borrowed money

43 this Majors was wed to TX Fawcett

45 ex-Cowboy guard Nate (init.)

47 '53 film: "How — A Millionaire"

48 TX milkman Borden

55 TX George W. in December '08: " — duck"

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# On God's Word

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## Magi's arrival to Bethlehem...Matthew 2:3-11

Week we looked at Matthew 2:2 and discussed one possi-  
dinate for "his star." In his book Jesus Christ Our Promised  
Victor Wierwille ascertained that "his star" was the kingly  
Jupiter. Both Wierwille and author, Ernest L. Martin discov-  
he occurrences of many significant celestial events before,  
and after the birth of Jesus Christ which involved the planet  
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we continue with the record of the Magi in Matthew 2:3-11.  
n Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and  
usalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief  
and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them  
Christ should be born. And they said unto him, 'In Bethlehem  
ear: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem,  
land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for  
three shall come a governor, that shall rule My people Israel.'  
demanded the chief priests and scribes of Jerusalem to tell  
his special king would be born so he could pay homage to

getting his answer he secretly called on the Magi to discover  
the star appeared. According to verse 8, he sent the Magi to  
hem and told them to "go and search diligently for the young  
and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I  
come and worship him also." It is interesting to note that the  
"child" comes from the earlier known Greek word "paidon."  
word is for a young child, and is distinguished from the word

"babe" in Luke 2:12 and 16 where it is "brephos," a new born or  
unborn child. As we continue, it will be seen why this distinction  
is important.

We come to verse 9, "When they had heard the king, they de-  
parted; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before  
them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When  
they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Wierwille  
and Martin both noted that "his star" reappeared after they left for  
Bethlehem. They explained that when Jupiter reached its ecliptic  
highest point in the night sky, a straight line could have been drawn  
down perpendicular to the horizon and that provided the direction  
to the special child.

It is also interesting to note there is no mention that the Magi  
moved on the brightness of the star, but instead on what it symbol-  
ized. They must have been very happy to see this for they "rejoiced  
with exceeding great joy." Their exceeding great joy would not have  
been due to its brightness. The scripture simply refers to "his star",  
which strongly suggests its symbolism was related to the kingly sta-  
tus of the one who was born. They rejoiced because a special king  
was born as symbolized by "his star".

According to verse 11, they finally arrived to see the child, "And  
when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with  
Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when  
they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold,  
and frankincense, and myrrh." Once again it was confirmed to Mary  
that Jesus' life was from God.

Please note that the Magi arrived at a house, and not the manger of  
an Inn. And the child was not newborn but as we will see next week,  
he was around two years old. What a truly wonderful and meaning-  
ful moment this must have been for Mary. Can't you just see it?  
Maybe the child was holding on to her leg, or holding her hand as  
the Magi began to respectfully bow down and pay homage to him as  
the newborn King of Israel, the true Messiah from God in heaven.  
Jesus was too young to understand the significance of the mo-

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ment. But you can bet your bottom dollar that Mary knew fully well  
what was going on, and was no doubt strengthened within her heart  
to faithfully serve God in rearing Jesus up to be a faithful, meek and  
humble servant for his Daddy.

## RHS parents to meet about prom

Parents of Rockwall High School seniors will meet at 7 p.m.  
Monday at Shenaniganz to work on final plans for this year's prom  
and after-prom events.

The prom is set for April 18.

All parents of RHS seniors are invited to attend.

## RHS After-Prom event sponsors needed

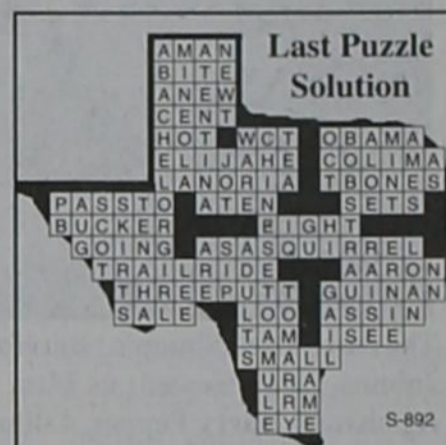
Parents of members of the Rockwall High School Class of 2009 are  
seeking sponsors and donations for this year's After-Prom event.

After-Prom is a parent-sponsored, alcohol- and drug-free celebra-  
tion for seniors conducted from midnight to 5 a.m. immediately fol-  
lowing the prom.

This year's event will be conducted at the newly opened  
Shenaniganz Entertainment Center in Rockwall.

Prizes, cash and food for the evening are needed. Anyone inter-  
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# Rockwall County Entertainment



The cast of Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" includes (left to right) Patrick Persons as Victor Velasco, Johnna Leigh (seated) as Mrs. Banks, David Kierski as the Delivery Man, Juan Perez as telephone repairman Harry Pepper, Ashton DeGroot as Corie Bratter and Matt McClearin as Paul Bratter. The show opens Friday, Feb. 6 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse and runs weekends through Feb. 22.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Rockwall High School "Man of La Mancha" cast members are (left to right) Piper Bardwell, Trevor St. John, Jim Crosswell, Hunter Barnes and Alex Johnson.

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Twenty-seven schools and one Talented and Gifted team from across North Texas gathered at Rockwall High School last Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31, for the annual Academic Decathlon Region X Meet. This year's theme was Latin America. The teams competed in such categories as interview, science, essay, mathematics, music and art. The Rockwall High School team, shown in the photo above sixth row from the left, and others wait in the school gym for the start of the Super Quiz Relay. Results for the Rockwall County teams are given in the accompanying article.

## RHS competitors qualify for state meet

The Rockwall High School Academic Decathlon Team qualified for the state competition over the weekend with a first place overall finish in the Region X Academic Decathlon meet conducted at RHS.

The team also won first place in Super Quiz relay and Super Quiz team.

The following individuals awards also were won, according to a news release from the school:

- Honors – Miguel Chavira, Silver in Music, Bronze in Social Studies, Gold in Language, Gold in Art, Bronze in Essay, Gold in Super Quiz and Gold Overall Individual; Emily Cariker, Gold in Music, Silver in Language and Literature, Silver in Art and Silver Overall Individual; Ginny Mitchell, Silver in Music, Gold in Social Science, Bronze in Interview, Bronze in Super Quiz and Bronze Overall Individual.

- Scholastics – Travis Kasinger, Gold in Music, Bronze in

- Economics, Gold in Social Science, Silver in Language and Literature, Gold in Art, Bronze in Essay, Silver in Interview, Bronze in Speech, Silver in Super Quiz and Gold Overall Individual; Allison Bowker, Gold in Math, Silver in Music and Bronze in Language and Literature; Chris Marsh, Bronze in Math, Silver in Speech and Gold in Super Quiz.

- Varsityes – Mark Welmaker, Gold in Music, Gold in Social Science, Silver in Language and Literature, Bronze in Music and Gold Overall Individual; Jonathan Holloway, Silver in Economics, Silver in Social Sciences and Gold in Super Quiz; and Austin Chappel, Bronze in Music, Silver in Art, Gold in Speech and Silver in Super Quiz.

## Heath Bands to host dinner concert, auction

The Rockwall-Heath High School bands and the Cain Middle School bands will host their first dinner concert and silent auction on Feb. 9-10 at the high school.

The middle school bands will perform on Feb. 9, followed by the high school musicians on Feb. 10.

"We have more All-Region Band finalists in this group than any other school in our district," said Carla Vaughan, Hawk Band Booster president. "These kids are simply the most talented group in North Texas. We're putting their talents together with some good Creole cooking for an evening you won't want to miss."

Tickets cost \$10 in advance and may be purchased by calling Sandra Nelson, dinner concert chairman, at 469-338-1864 or by e-mailing snelson@classicnet.net.

## Rockwall Community Playhouse schedules shows, auditions

by Kathy Williams

From newlyweds with adjustment issues and a meddling mother-in-law to backstage drama that spills on-stage, the Rockwall Community Playhouse offers fun, family-friendly fare throughout the 2009 theatre season.

"Barefoot in the Park," directed by Dennis Gullion and assistance director Christina Swanson, opens this Friday, Feb. 6 and runs weekends through Feb. 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

The story centers around newlyweds Paul and Corie Bratter, her mother, their upstairs neighbor who uses their window to climb the outside ledge to his apartment, a couple of nervous deliverymen and a broken skylight that snows into their sixth floor walk-up.

The cast includes Ashton DeGroot as Corie Bratter, Matt McClearin as Paul Bratter, Johnna Leigh as Mrs. Banks, Juan Perez as telephone repairman Harry Pepper, David Kierski as the Delivery Man and Patrick Persons as Victor Velasco.

The stage crew includes Macc Burris on lights and sound, Kay Gullion on costumes and props by Mary Waddle and Antonia Messina-Gates.

Auditions for the March presentation of "Arsenic and Old Lace" will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 and 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9 at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk in Rockwall.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" tells the tale of two old spinsters, Aunt Martha and Aunt Abby, who poison lonely old men with arsenic-laced elderberry wine, then bury them in the cellar. Their deluded nephew, Teddy, who thinks he's Theodore Roosevelt and that the Panama Canal runs through the cellar, digs what he says are locks for the Canal and the old men buried there died from yellow fever. His brother, Mortimer, discovers one of the unfortunate victims and mayhem ensues from there.

The show will run weekends March 20-29.

Auditions for the May production of "Kiss Me, Kate" will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 7 at First United Methodist Church in

Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane and at 1 p.m. Sunday March 9 at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 305 S. Fannin.

Actors should be prepared to sing 16 bars of a musical and dancing shoes. Singing and dancing roles will be available. Children's roles will be offered.

"Kiss Me, Kate" combines Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" with the music lyrics of Cole Porter. As the story of Porter's story prepare to take stage, the backstage antics of actors affects what happens before the audience. In 1949, "Kiss Me, Kate" won the first Tony Award presented in the newly created Best Musical category.

The show will run weekends May 8-24.

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk. To purchase tickets, call 972-722-3399 and leave a message. Tickets prices for musicals are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. For non-musicals, tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.

## 'Man of La Mancha' opens at Rockwall High School Thursday, February 5

It's curtains up for the Rockwall High School Theatre Arts department presentation of the powerful musical, "Man of La Mancha." The show opens Thursday, Feb. 5 in the RHS Theater.

Man of La Mancha tells the tale of Miguel de Cervantes and his assistant, Sancho. The Spanish Inquisition throws the two men into the prison in Seville after foreclosing on a church that has failed to pay its taxes. The other prisoners steal Cervantes's possessions, including a manuscript he convinces them is a pack of worthless papers.

He reenacts for them the story of Don Quixote of La Mancha, a "noble knight who lives in a world of madness and hasn't noticed that chivalry has died. His holy quest is a mission of salvation to find compassion, not for himself, but for others." He falls in love

with a fallen woman, convinces her to live a moral life and fights injustice and a few windmills along the way.

The show is under the direction of RHS Theatre Arts Director Becky Henderson, director; Shelba Gorham-Bell, choral director; RHS Fine Arts instructor Matt Mitchell, fight choreographer; and Barbara Doudt, dance choreographer.

Dates and times for the play are Feb. 5, 6, 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 7 and 8 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 with seating by reservation only.

Seats may be purchased by calling school registrar Margie Mayo at 469-698-7213 or by visiting the Rockwall High School website at [www.rockwallisd.org](http://www.rockwallisd.org) and checking the RHS calendar.

## Rockwall-Heath HS Theatre presents 'Love in Shakespeare' Feb. 12

The Rockwall-Heath High School Theatre Department is presenting a Dessert Theatre in time for Valentine's Day featuring "Love in Shakespeare," with select scenes from The Bard's plays with their own love.

The Advanced Theatre class, which includes 18 ninth to twelfth graders who have already taken Theatre I, will stage scenes from "Tempest, As You Like It, Twelfth Night, Taming of the Shrew, Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and Much Ado About Nothing. Leigh Reid, RHS theatre teacher, said the actors will "use the original language, but modern day clothes, with a modern day flavor. But, they will reflect the original characters."

"The students are choosing which scenes they want to do. Each scene is about love; being in love, discussing love, arguing about love, fighting about love," Reid said.

Dessert and coffee will be served at the performance. The single performance will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 in the school cafeteria. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$5 from Reid. She can be contacted at the school at [www.lwesley@rockwallisd.org](mailto:www.lwesley@rockwallisd.org).

## Father/daughter dance Saturday at Hilton

The annual Father-Daughter Black and White Ball, often referred to as the Daddy-Daughter Dance, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7 at Hilton Bella Harbor.

Because the event has, in the past, usually been a sell-out, this year the dance was moved to the Hilton in the hope that no one will have to turn away, said Angie Smith, the city's recreation superintendent.

"The Hilton will also add a certain ambiance to the evening for couples," she said.

The event will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and all ages are welcome. Tickets cost \$45 per couple for city residents and \$67 per couple for non-residents. The ticket price includes a photo, a special gift for father and a flower for the daughter.

Tickets may be purchased at The Center, 108 E. Washington St. For more information call 972-771-7740.

## Library plans teen activities

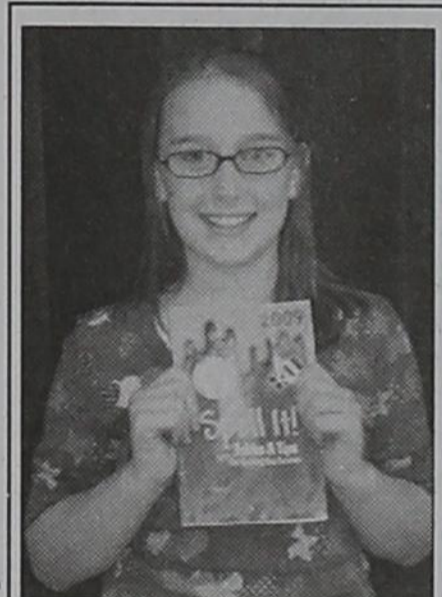
The Rockwall County Library has several teen activities planned for the month of February, according to a news release issued last week.

A game night for students in grades 7-12 will be offered from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the big first-floor meeting room of the library. The first 20 students on hand for the game night event will receive free pizza.

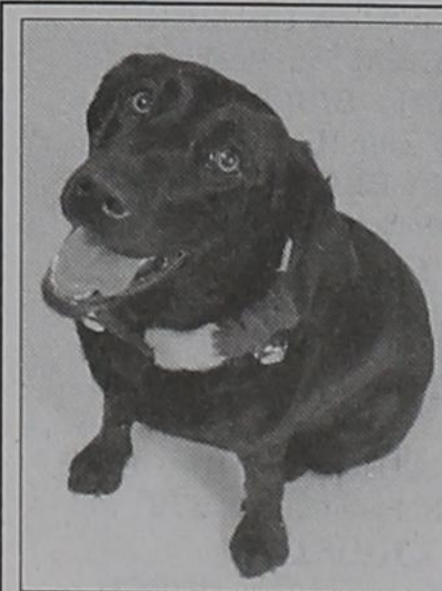
On Feb. 21, a Teen Anime Group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room. Free and open to students in grades 7-12 the meeting also will include the election of officers.

A Teen Writer's Group will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the big first-floor meeting room of the library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the group is scheduled to elect officers during this session.

For more information on any or all of the above scheduled activities contact the Rockwall County Library.



Sixth grade student Alex Simms, pictured above, recently was named the champion of the Ouida Springer Elementary School spelling bee.



This 3-year-old female black lab mix, Cookie, has golden brown eyes and a tummy that enjoys being rubbed. The dog enjoys playing catch, tugging on rope toys, playing with other dogs, cats and children, going for walks and being outside. One of her favorite activities is riding in the car. To adopt Cookie, contact Elise Bissell at Take Me Home Pet Rescue, 214-908-0074 or e-mail [bissellphotography.com](mailto:bissellphotography.com). More information also is available at [takemehomepetrescue.com](http://takemehomepetrescue.com).

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 ... The benediction was given b ...



# Rockwall County Yesteryears

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## 10 Years Ago February 2, 1999

Anna Peters, Tana Becker, Rachel Ellis and Rachael Shupp lip-synced their favorite songs at the Amy Parks-Heath Elementary talent

Baker was named Miss Lake Ray Hubbard. She was chosen from all young women. She won the Interview portion of the competition did very well in Talent with her rendition of, "Stand by Your Man."  
A graduate of the University of Texas in Austin, Baker spent of her time doing volunteer work, speaking around the Lake Ray Hubbard area and promoting her platform, "Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention."

## 20 Years Ago February 3, 1989

Edward Franza was born to Ed and Sheri Franza of Rockwall. He was born at Baylor Hospital, weighing 8 pounds and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are Bruce and Shirley Shoquist of Rockwall and Mrs. Gertrude Franza of San Antonio.

Rockwall High School students participated in the Academic Decathlon, bringing home four medals. RHS was also named Best A School in the competition. Chris Venner won a gold medal in essay event, Lynda Wilson won two medals in Speech and Megan won a bronze medal in Essay. The teacher coaches were Barbara Titzer and Ann Aduddell.

## 30 Years Ago February 2, 1979

Pat Patterson was named Rockwall High School Homecoming Queen at the Rockwall basketball game. Other nominees for queen were a Bryan, Robin Harris, Julie Grant, Cindy Wylie and Kara Morton. Rockwall played Terrell and lost 90-75.

Man Charles W. Olmsted from Rockwall was assigned to Chanute, Ill. after completing Air Force basic training. Airman Olmsted received specialized training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field.

## 40 Years Ago February 7, 1969

Frank Smith, Vice President and Cashier of The First State Bank, announced the night depository bag chute would now be locked. This new insurance company required the policy change.

Rockwall Board of Education met to consider a new Head Coach of Rockwall High School. Several men made good presentations to the Board, but Randy Roten was hired for the position. Mr. Roten is 49 years old, married and the father of two small children.

## 60 Years Ago February 4, 1949

G.B. Cullins was selling a jersey milk cow. You could phone her at 3W in Heath, TX.

"Warrior Guns and Rousing Thrills," starring Lash La Rue and Allyn "St. John," was the feature showing at the Rockwall Ritz Theater Saturday night and at the Saturday matinee.

## September 9, 1927

Rockwall schools were ready for business after spending three months on summer vacation. High school and grade school students gathered in the auditorium for a welcome-back assembly involving parents and students. The get-together started with everyone singing 'America', followed by the invocation given by Reverend J.E. Kerr. Board of Education President Dr. Paul Snow offered a few words, Miss Emma Zollner sang, PTA President Mrs. N.L. Lofland also gave a speech, Miss Mabel played a solo piece on the piano and Miss Ethna Anderson gave the benediction. The benediction was given by Reverend J.E. Kerr.



The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will receive \$14,713 from the Texas Department of Agriculture as part of a recent \$3.6-million appropriation to home-delivered meal providers who serve meals to homebound elderly and disabled Texans living in 30 North Texas counties. Funds are being provided through the TDA's Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program funded by the state legislature. Pictured with a check representing the full appropriation are Rep. Warren Chisum; Meals on Wheels and More Inc. board member Stewart Whitehead; MOW and More Inc. president and CEO Dan Pruetz; and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples.

# Cain MS takes second in UIL academic event

Cain Middle School students hosted a University Interscholastic League academic competition Jan. 31, finishing in second place overall. The seventh and eighth grade students each earned a second-place ranking as a team, according to information supplied by the school.

Individual results were as follows:

- Art 8 - Chris Folleras, sixth place
- Editorial writing 7 - Jamie Wenger, first place; Meera Joseph, fifth place; Samuel Scheele, sixth place
- Editorial writing 8 - Alec Kochan, first; Jennifer Stubbs, sixth
- Maps, Graphs & Charts 7 - David Keagon, fourth place; Aaron Stonecipher, fifth
- Maps, Graphs & Charts 8 - Tristan Barry, fourth place
- Modern Oratory 7 - Peter Temunovic, third place
- Modern Oratory 8 - Chris Ellis, first place
- Ready Writing 7 - Bobbie Carr, second place
- Ready Writing 8 - Alaina Smith, fourth place
- Calculator Applications 7 - Samuel Scheele, first place; Austin Lu, fourth place; Jacqueline Huang, fifth place
- Calculator Applications 8 - Mary Fields, sixth place
- Dictionary Skills 7 - Carlo Cruzet, first place; Samuel Scheele, second place
- Dictionary Skills 8 - Alysha Joseph, first place; Mary Fields, fifth
- Impromptu Speaking 7 - Samantha Montes de Oca, sixth place
- Impromptu Speaking 8 - Alec Kochan, fourth place; Sydney Brown, fifth place
- Spelling 8 - Alysha Joseph, second place; Chase Regian, sixth place
- Number Sense 7 - Colton Smith, first place; Jacqueline Huang, second place; Austin Lu, fourth place
- Number Sense 8 - Michael Logue, first place; Jacob Anderson, second place
- Listening Skills 7 - Peter Scheele, third place; Lena Davidson, sixth place
- Listening Skills 8 - Chase Regian, third place; Kayla Stubbs, fourth
- Mathematics 7 - Colton Smith, first place; Jacqueline Huang, second place; Austin Lu, fifth place
- Mathematics 8 - Jacob Anderson, first place
- Social Studies 8 - Ryan Ramirez, sixth place
- Science 7 - Cullen Clark, first place; Johnathan Young, fourth place
- Science 8 - Kyle Wilson, second place; Austin Tamez, fifth; and Chris Ellis, sixth place

# Rockwall County Religious Life

## Chocolate Festival this Friday

It's time for the annual Lake Pointe Girls' Chocolate Festival! This event, for girls in grades six through 12 and their moms, is where chocolate dreams come true. Join us this Friday as we indulge in chocolate madness with prizes, giveaways and the crowning of our 2009 Chocolate Queen.

Pull out your cookbooks and find the newest, tastiest chocolate recipe to enter in the taste-test contest. Or, make an old "family favorite" to challenge the other teams for the chocolate crown.

The cost is \$5 and all 6th-12th grade girls and their moms are invited. The Girls' Chocolate Festival will be held in Room C100 at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall.

For more information or to register, contact Rebecca Bradford, rebecca@lakepointe.org. Visit fourinone.com

## FBC Heath hosts Annual Agape Banquet

First Baptist Church of Heath will have its annual Agape Banquet this Sunday at 6 p.m. It will be a night of fun and fellowship and musical entertainment. The theme is "A Night on Broadway." Tickets are \$10 each. Call 972-771-8275 for reservations.

## Man Church to discuss 'Life in the Fast Lane'

What's Man Church? Man Church is a gathering for, well, men only. Having begun in the Lake Pointe gymnasium in September 2007, Man Church has now outgrown the gym and will be meeting in the main auditorium, where they will now have more room to wreak havoc.

The next Man Church will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Mike Flynt will talk about "Life in the Fast Lane." Mike is the guy who went back and played college football, completing his final year of eligibility at age 59.

Free, man-made burgers will be served at 6 p.m. No reservations are required (after all, this is Man Church).

On the serious side, Man Church encourages men to be servant leaders in their homes—recognizing that, in Christ, all are equal, and all should be loved. Man Church will teach men how to love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. But there's a sillier side too, that they get away with in the name of "being men." Man Church is for all men age 18 and older. Their motto reads:

- MAN CHURCH...
- \*is a place where men are motivated, taught and inspired to be spiritual leaders.
  - \*is a place where men who are hurting can come to be helped by other men who have been there.
  - \*is a place where men can be real - and admit to themselves that they don't have it all together.
  - \*is a place where men can laugh and have fun.
  - \*is a place where we take God and things of God seriously, but not ourselves.
  - \*is a place where we can have honest discussions about issues all men face.
  - \*is a place where you can bring your un-churched friends and they can see that Christian men are normal.

Lake Pointe Church is located at 701 E. I-30 in Rockwall. For more information, visit lpmanchurch.com

## Quilt to be given away in Royse City

A twin-sized quilt crafted by Marlene Roberts, a teacher at Scott Elementary in Royse City, will be given away in a drawing set for 2 p.m. Feb. 27. Roberts donated the quilt to the school to be used in a fundraising raffle. The quilt features swatches of various bulldog T-shirts and intricate quilted designs and is backed with white fabric marked with black polka-dots.

The quilt is currently on display in the school office. Raffle tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$2 each in the school office during normal business hours.



Hannan Elementary students Mattie Griffin, left, and Holly Burr were among students who raised money recently for the American Diabetes Association. Griffin, a fourth grade student, raised \$300, while Burr, a STAR class member, raised \$240 in a walk conducted at the school. Photo Courtesy of Ann Knostman

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# Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

### Wow!

We got off to a great start last Saturday on Deidre Culp's new house. Many thanks to the Royse City High School Culinary Arts Class for breakfast, Royse City Middle School Boys Athletics for cases of drinks and Meals Made Easy in Rockwall for lunch.

Now that we have gotten our feet wet, I need to get lunches in order for the rest of the build. If you are receiving this email, it is because you have either offered to help with lunches for our volunteer crews, or you have told me that you are part of a church or other group that may want to help with lunches during this build.

I need to set up a schedule of who is willing and able to provide lunches and when, starting this week. It is anticipated that this build will last into May. The work crew numbered 60-plus, week one. I expect that number to level off closer to 30... but that may not happen right away. The numbers will vary each week depending on the work effort, schedules, etc., and some weeks it may not be until Friday until we get semi-accurate numbers.

If you need ideas, some of the past meals have consisted of things such as: pizza, taco soup, spaghetti, lunch meat sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, chili, Chick-fil-A, hot dogs, burgers, sloppy-Joes. Some groups will purchase and deliver lunches, others will make and serve. Grab-and-go type foods work well on the job site. Everything is greatly appreciated. Coffee or juice in the morning is always a welcome sight also.

If you have a small group and don't know if you can provide for 30 to 40 folks, let me know and we might be able to pair you with another small group.

What I am asking at this time is that if you would like to provide lunch for the crew at some point, please let me know. If you have an idea of when, advise. I will do my best to accommodate everyone.

If you have questions, please let me know. You can also reach me at 972-978-4143.

Thanks to each of you for all of your support.

Mike Humphrey, Volunteer Coordinator  
Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity

### 6-1 Annexation Vote

To: Mayor Cecil, Council Members Nielsen, Farris, Scott, Sevier and Sweet: By your vote last night (Feb. 2) to annex Lake Rockwall Estates, you make me prouder than ever to live in Rockwall.

Thank you.

Jan Self

### What an outrage to Americans!

Every citizen of the United States should be outraged regarding the recent revelations that our "national leaders" have failed to pay their taxes when due.

First, we learned that Timothy Geithner, President Obama's choice for the Secretary of Treasury, failed to pay more than \$35,000 in Social Security and Medicare taxes from 2001 through 2004. Then we learned that Tom Daschle, the former-Senate Majority Leader and President Obama's initial choice to lead Health and Human Services, had to repay \$140,000 in back taxes for a car and driver provided by a corporate benefactor. Most recently, Nancy Killefer withdrew her nomination to be President Obama's Chief Performance Officer because of her "personal tax issue of D.C. Unemployment Tax."

The failure of our national legislators and leaders to abide by the tax laws which they impose on us and to pay the taxes which we are required to pay is an insult to every American. Rather than giving these people a free pass when they stand up and apologize for their "mistakes," we should be pursuing them to the fullest extent of the law.

Our elected officials are there to serve us, not to impose burdens upon us that they are not willing to bear themselves.

Lome O. Liechty

# Rockwall County Responders

### Rockwall Fire & EMS Calls for Service

January 26, 2009 - February 1, 2009

**Calls for Service:** Fire alarm 6, Fuel spill 1, Grass fire 1, Other fire/ not classified 2, Other rescue 2, Smell smoke 3, Wires down 2

### Rockwall PD Calls for Service

January 26, 2009 - February 1, 2009

**Monday, January 26:** Theft, 600 block FM 552; Theft, 1300 block Goliad Street; Theft, 2000 block Industrial Boulevard; Theft, 900 block IH 30; Theft, 1800 block Quail Run Road.

**Tuesday, 27 January:** Burglary, 900 IH 30 (2); Theft, 200 block West Rusk Drive; Theft, 1500 block Sunset Hill Drive.

**Wednesday 28, January:** Burglary, 100 block Kenway Drive; Theft, 2100 block Summer Lee Drive; Theft, 1100 block Ridge Road.

**Friday, 30 January:** Burglary, 1000 block Starlight Place; Burglary, 500 block North Alamo Drive; Theft, 1700 block Bay Watch Drive; Theft, 2800 block South Goliad Street; Theft, 700 block IH 30; Theft, 1000 block High Cotton Lane; Theft, 400 block IH 30.

**Saturday, 31 January:** Theft 1000 block IH 30; Theft, 800 block IH 30; Theft 3000 block Wildflower Way.

**Sunday, 1 February:** Theft, 500 block IH 30.

**Other Service Calls:** Assist Citizen 2, Abandoned property 2, Animal complaint 8, Burglar alarms 52, Criminal assault/rape 4, Criminal mischief 1, Dead person 1, Drunk 8, Follow up investigation 17, Forgery 5, Injured/sick/person 27, Investigation 17, Major disturbance 1, Meet complainant 19, Minor disturbance 12, Minor Traffic accident 37, Missing person 3, Narcotics 1, Open building 6, Ordinance violation 12, Possible DWI 12, Shots fired/shooting 2, Street hazard, Suspicious person 68, Telephone harassment 2, Traffic complaint 7, Welfare concern 9.

### Heath DPS Calls for Service

January 26, 2009 - February 1, 2009

**Congratulations to Heath DPS who had no major crimes this period.**

**Other Calls for Service:** Animal complaint 1, Assist citizen 1, Fire call 4, Injured or sick person 9, Investigation 2, Major traffic accident 1, Meet complainant 4, Minor traffic accident 4, Ordinance violation 1, Suspicious person.

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# Opinions



## There is hope for economic wisdom

by Sheldon Richman  
Should people who disagree with Barack Obama hope he succeeds in his presidency? Conservatives are caught in this question because their leading radio star, Rush Limbaugh, said he hopes Obama fails. Radio stars need regular public controversy to keep their listeners tuned in, so there's no point in analyzing what the Republican partisan might have meant. But the question may lead us to other insights.

Everything hinges on the underlying question: succeed or fail at what? If we assume Obama wants to use the power of government — the power of the gun, really — to redesign society, as some of his supporters would like, then advocates of individual liberty would hope he fails. The idea at the heart of the American Revolution was that society runs itself without a central plan. Government is already too involved in configuring the political economy, so a more comprehensive effort would only make things worse.

But if we define Obama's goal sufficiently abstractly, our answer would be different. Assuming that Obama wants a free, prosperous, and peaceful America, any proponent of a free society would certainly hope for success. The crucial questions are about means.

The best chance for freedom, prosperity, and peace is through a radical retrenchment of government at all levels and a full flowering of the free market — without political privileges and burdens.

We know that Obama is not planning to free the economy. On the contrary, he is embarking on a major Keynesian program of government spending financed by borrowing and central-bank expansion of money and credit. Based on sound economic theory and experience, we know this approach cannot create sustainable economic growth. We also know that the program will violate individual liberty because inflation is an implicit tax that transfers wealth from those who have earned it to those who have not.

Given this knowledge, it is moot whether or not we should hope it succeeds. In the nature of things, success isn't possible.

On the other hand, we can hope Obama succeeds in this sense: that he ignores his Keynesian advisers and discovers sound economics.

I'm not holding my breath, of course. The political breed finds it irresistible to not do something during a crisis. Unfortunately, undoing something doesn't count. So I suspect that even a president who realized that Keynesian prescriptions are self-defeating would find it hard not to increase deficit spending, monetary expansion, and regulation. The incentives, perverse as they are, would be too strong to ignore.

In our modern society we pride ourselves on being free of superstition, yet many people fall for the hoary and groundless belief that prosperity can come from government's borrowing and creating money. The Treasury and Federal Reserve System last year embarked on such a policy to "inject liquidity" into the financial system rocked by the failure of the mortgaged-based securities market. But how much thought does it take to see that government-created money is not wealth.

Money is a medium of exchange. A unit of money is recognized as an economic claim on some quantity of goods or services. In the normal course of events, people produce useful things and trade them for money. Thus a unit of money signifies that the holder had previously produced something of value. Thus indirectly goods trade for goods.

Show see what happens when government creates money. There is an increase in claims to goods and services without any increase in the goods and services. No general improvement can arise from this situation — quite the opposite. Prices will rise.

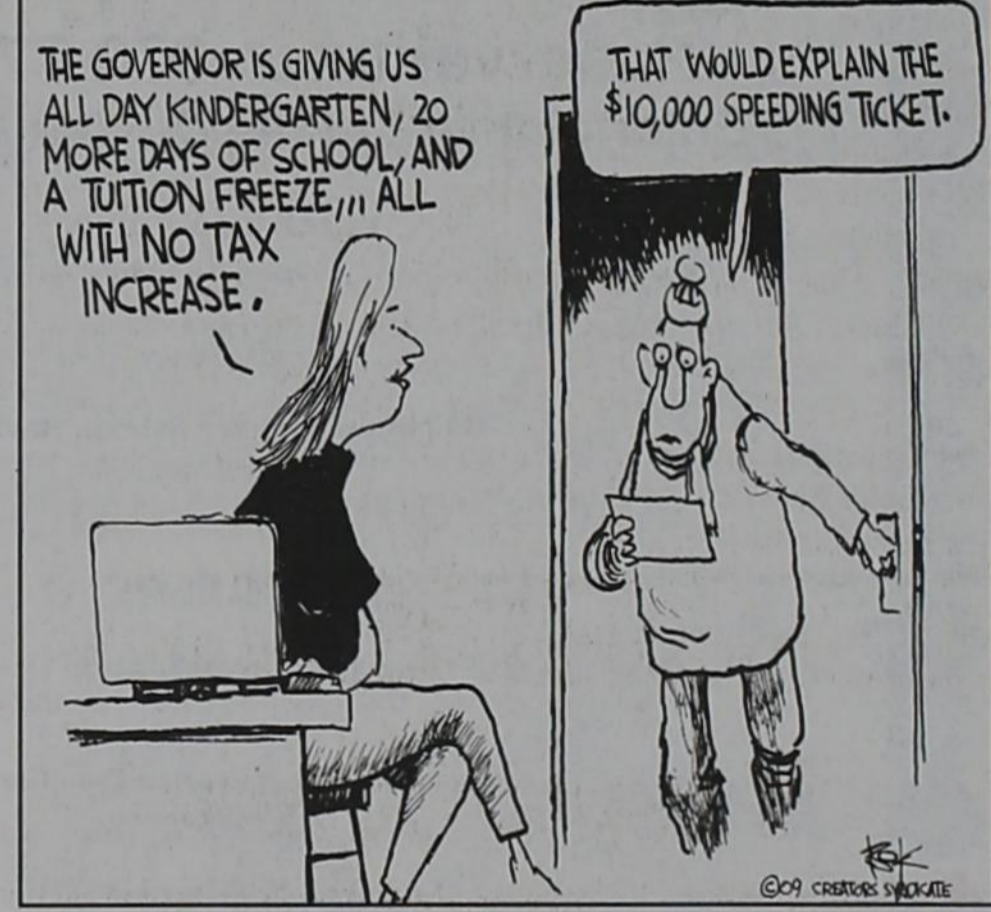
Worse, since the created money reaches some people before others, inflation is a subtle way for the government to transfer resources, with many victims being low-income people. And by tampering with interest rates, it also creates the conditions for recession.

The upshot is that inflation cannot make society better off.

One hopes Obama succeeds in ushering in an era of freedom, peace, and prosperity. But hope is idle. He will have to discover sound economic theory and a reservoir of courage to make it happen.

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# There is no Santa

Walter E. Williams

is what my George Mason University colleague Professor Wagner wrote, which was published by Office of the House Republican Leader: "Any so-called stimulus program is a ruse. The intent can increase its spending only by reducing private spending. Whether government finances its added spending by raising taxes, by borrowing, or by inflating the currency, the added spending will be offset by reduced private spending. Furthermore, government spending is generally more efficient than the government spending that would replace it because people act more carefully when they spend their own money than when they spend other people's money." A short translation of Wagner's comment is: There is no Santa Claus for Tooth Fairy. Let's examine the ruse.

Suppose the value of all that we will produce in 2009, our gross domestic product (GDP), totals \$14 trillion. There cannot be any stimulus package if Congress spends \$4 trillion, of necessity there is \$10 trillion left over for us to spend privately. In other words, if Congress is going to spend \$4 trillion, it must find a way to get us to spend \$4 trillion less. The most open and aboveboard method to force us to spend less privately is to tax us to the tune of \$4 trillion.

One might say, "Congress doesn't have to tax us \$4 trillion. They can just tax us \$3 trillion and run a \$1 trillion budget deficit." You have that right.

There is no way for Congress to spend \$4 trillion out of our 2009 GDP by getting us to spend only \$3 trillion less privately. It would have to be \$4 trillion less. Another method to force us to spend less privately is to print money and inflate the currency. Rising prices reduce our ability to spend privately since each dollar we hold will not buy as much as it once did.

Another way is for Congress to borrow, thereby reducing our ability to spend privately. By the way, all of this means that in any realistic sense the federal budget is always balanced. That is, if Congress spends \$4 trillion we must privately spend \$4 trillion less whether it is accomplished through taxation, inflation or borrowing.

The stimulus package being discussed is politically smart but economically stupid. It's that bedeviling, omnipresent Santa Claus and Tooth Fairy problem again. Let's say that Congress taxes you \$500 to put toward creating construction jobs building our infrastructure. The beneficiaries will be quite visible, namely men employed building a road. The victims of Congress are invisible and are only revealed by asking what you would have done with the \$500 if it were not taxed away from you. Whatever you would have spent it on would have contributed to someone's employment. That person is invisible. Politicians love it when the victims of their policies are invisible and the beneficiaries visible. Why? Because the beneficiaries know for whom to vote and the victims do not know who is to blame for their plight.

In stimulus package language, if Congress taxes to hand out money, one person is stimulated at the expense of another, who pays the tax, who is unstimulated. A visual representation of the stimulus package is: Imagine you see a person at work taking buckets of water from the deep end of a swimming pool and dumping them into the shallow end in an attempt to make it deeper. You would deem him stupid. That scenario is equivalent to what Congress and the new president proposes for the economy. A far more important measure that Congress can take toward a healthy economy is to ensure that the 2003 tax cuts don't expire in 2010 as scheduled. If not, there are 15 separate taxes scheduled to rise in 2010, costing Americans \$200 billion a year in increased taxes. In the face of a recession, we don't need that.

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# Computing America

Bill O'Reilly

One who spends time around young children or teenagers knows that high-tech has changed everything in Toyland. Today, the babes are running from a mean old landlord named Barnaby; they are dodging provocatively while doing X-rated stunts all over cyberspace. If adults are not vigilant, kids can grow up fast.

Even if parents closely monitor what their children see on the Internet, the lives of younger Americans are changing drastically because of machines. Used to be, you'd see kids playing sports in the yard and on playgrounds. I don't witness too much of that anymore. Instead, many kids are playing sports (SET ITAL) games (END ITAL) on the computer, where they can experience the thrill of victory without getting hurt or bloody. They are playing a game, not (SET ITAL) the (END ITAL) game.

Growing up on Long Island, sports literally saved me. In my neighborhood, there were the jocks and the hoods. I had friends in both. The hoods hung around the shopping center smoking cigarettes in the late 1960s, taking dope. I found that kind of stuff boring and dangerous. The hoods bottomed out; some even died. Most of the jocks were prosperous. Sporting competition builds discipline and perseverance. Smoking and taking dope builds nothing. I was lucky to have made the right choice.

In the fantasyland the Net can provide is almost like a narcotic. Kids can quite literally build their own worlds without ever leaving their homes. Highly motivated people still venture out to conquer the real world, but many folks are retreating into an artificial world that is just a few clicks away.

Believe the long-term ramifications of cyberspace are enormous for America and for the world. You can see it in the current recession. Many

private central bank issuing public currency is a greater menace to the liberties of the people than a standing army.  
We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt."  
Thomas Jefferson, Feb. 15, 1791

folks are stunned when they lose their jobs. They simply don't know what to do. A few days ago, a fired worker in Los Angeles murdered his wife and five kids before killing himself. Instead of starting over, the guy flipped out.

Life is hard. The Greatest Generation, shaped by the Depression and World War II, understood that very well. Baby boomers who were drafted into the Vietnam War quickly learned it, too. But now kids and many adults are becoming hypnotized by a technological world that requires little accountability and affords massive escapist possibilities.

Some old timers tell me they fear for America, that it has become a place of individual pursuits and selfish short-term desires. They say there is little sense of patriotism or civic responsibility anymore.

That fear is worth thinking about as the machines become more and more vital to our lives. Succeeding in the real world requires a lot more skill and determination than flipping a switch.

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### Emergency Preparedness Drill

EMS and Lake Pointe Medical Center personnel underwent a disaster drill last month with some assistance from a handful of Rockwall High School students. Simulating a tornado strike on the school, 15 "injured" RHS students were triaged at the scene then transported for treatment of their injuries to test the readiness of local emergency personnel.



Geoffrey Nelson (left) and Zachary Nelson (right) competed and placed at the United States Optimist Dinghy Association's Midwinter Championship held during the Thanksgiving holiday at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. Geoffrey, a seventh grader at Cain Middle School, placed overall to earn a spot on TEAM USA that will compete in Roelofarendsveen, The Netherlands. Zachary, a fourth grader at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School, earned his trophy a 10th place finish in the 10 and under age division. The boys were under the Chandler's Landing Yacht Club burgee.

Photo courtesy of Dawn Nelson

### RHS students aid in disaster drill

Fifteen Rockwall High School students were "injured" in a tornado strike - or so went the scenario at a recent disaster drill conducted by the Lake Pointe Medical Center.

At least two times a year, the LPMC conducts a disaster drill to help keep its staff experienced in handling mass casualty events. On Jan. 22, the LPMC, in conjunction with RHS and Rockwall Emergency Medical Services, established a scenario where a tornado hits the school. "Injured" students were triaged at the site, then delivered by ambulance to the LPMC.

Additionally, two employees played the roles of injured victims and walked into the new LPMC Urgent Care Center to test its readiness with the same type scenario.

Student participants included Kaitlin Akard, Becca Byrne, Logan Cain, Ryan Cerrato, Dominique Cordova, Jim Crosswell, Melissa Donham, Nikki Flores, Audrey Hale, Crystal Johnson, Lindi Jones, Becca Lorts, Cristina Morales, Ugo Nkalari, Randall Quill and Stephanie Shaw.

Also assisting were Ray Harton, RHS assistance principal, Teddi Cherry, Guidance Department chairman and counselor, helped coordinate the effort.



Geoffrey Nelson, a seventh grader at Cain Middle School, qualified to represent the United States in the 2009 International Easter Optimist Regatta to be held April 10-12 in Roelofarendsveen, The Netherlands. This will be his first international competition on TEAM USA. He qualified for the team by placing 27th overall in the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association's Midwinter Championship held at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans during the Thanksgiving holiday. Nelson was a member of the winning "Top Team" in his first international race in Holland last spring when he was 11-year old. He was also the youngest member of the U.S. team that competed in the Optimist North American Championship in Curacao last summer.

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**Friday's game in the RCHS gym.**  
**Staff photo by Carl McClung**

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Hawks bounce back from Smith loss, upend Bulldogs to hold onto 4th place in 10-4A

Matt McGillen

After still reeling from the thumping they suffered the night before in the second-ranked team in the state, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks looked completely out of sync the first three and a half minutes of a three-point game against Smith Jan. 29 in an important District 10-4A game at the Rockwall High School gym.

Not only did the Hawks lose the opening tip despite having an eight-point lead, they quickly trailed 13-0 before Eric Larsen hit a three-point shot to finally put Heath on the board with 4:44 left in the first quarter.

But that though, the Hawks began to assert themselves, chipping away at the Bulldogs' lead, finally catching and then passing them early in the second half on the way to a hard-won 54-50 victory. Heath won the game with a most identical score of 55-50 in the team's earlier meeting. In a game they were throttled 92-60 by district-leading Newman Smith Jan. 29, Heath now stands 5-4 in district and 11-15 overall in the 10-4A division, lying past the hard-luck Bulldogs (2-6, 9-13) and remains alone in 4th place for the fourth and final district playoff spot.

The Hawks have just five district games left and their postseason could come down to the regular-season ending contest against the Bulldogs on Feb. 3. Behind them in the standings: the Rockwall Yellow Jackets (12-1), Newman Smith (12-1), and the Rockwall Yellow Jackets (12-1).

In the 47-40 game in the final period, the Bulldogs fought their way within three, 50-47, when DaJon Avery made the front end of a layup with 1:21 left.

The Hawks' Demi Leonard then got loose for a back door layup to tie the game back to 52-47 with just over a minute to play.

The Bulldogs' Justin Jacobs rained in a three with 24 seconds on the clock to pull RC back to 52-50 before Kyle Whittle closed out the scoring with a pair of foul shots with 17.3 left to set the final margin.

Point guard Dustin Morrett topped all Heath scorers with 11 points, including two threes, bringing his season total to 69 for the season. Morrett also led the way in the lopsided loss to Smith with 18 points. The Hawks' leading scorer averaging 15.2 points per game.

Senior guard, a 6-7 sophomore who missed-timed the opening jump, allowed the Bulldogs' 5-11 Stephen Edwards to control the tip, just missed a

double-double, as he finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.

After pulling to within eight at the half, 33-25, Heath opened the third quarter with three consecutive three-point shots by Jeremy Casebolt to give the Hawks their first lead of the game, 34-33, with 6:15 to play in the quarter. Casebolt ended his night with nine points on his three threes and also pulled down five boards.

Nick Stone gave the Bulldogs the lead again with a pair of free throws before Cameron McClung nailed yet another three to give Heath a lead they would never relinquish at 37-35.

The Hawks were scheduled to host the team just ahead of them in the standings, Richardson Pearce (6-3, 10-15) Feb. 3, before taking to the road to take on winless Carrollton Turner (0-9, 0-23) Feb. 6.

Heath's junior varsity also defeated Royse City, pulling away from a 39-39 tie with 4:29 left in the game with a 12-5 scoring run for a 51-44 win.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	11	14	19	20	54
Royse City	19	14	7	10	50

RH (54) - Dustin Morett 11, Demi Leonard 10, Jeremy Casebolt 9, Andrew Twedell 5, Jonathan Fuller 5, Lewis Snowton 3, Cameron McClung 3, Eric Larson 3, Preston Wynn 2, Chase Nielsen 2, Tony Tension 1.

RC (50) - Justin Jacobs 11, Scotty Arterberry 10, Stephen Edwards 7, DaJon Avery 6, Wynn Posey 5, Nick Stone 4, Cory Stapleton 4, Cory Kawesa 3.

## Lady Hawks soccer fall 1-0 to Tyler Lee, host Wylie for first home game Feb. 3

Unable to generate any offense against 5A Tyler Lee, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks soccer team fell 1-0 to the Lady Raiders Jan. 30 TLHS.

Heath, which fell behind early in the first half, had several chances in the final 45 minutes to tie the game but couldn't get the ball in

the net and saw its record dip to 5-5-1.

The Lady Hawks will play their first home game of the season when they entertain the Wylie Lady Pirates Feb. 3. at the RHHS soccer stadium.

Heath opens district play Feb. 10 at Rockwall.

### Heath/Cain schedule

**Thursday Feb. 5**  
CMS Girls Soccer @ Burnet MS (Wylie) 5:30/7 p.m.

**Friday Feb. 6**  
CMS 7th grade boys bb @ Allen A tournament 4:30  
CMS 7th grade girls bb @ Allen A tournament 4:30  
CMS 8th grade girls bb @ Allen A tournament 4:30  
RHHS boys bb @ Turner 6/7:30  
RHHS boys soccer vs. Joshua 5:30/7  
RHHS girls bb vs. Turner 6/7:30  
RHHS softball (scrimmage) vs. Garland 4:30/6:30  
RHHS swimming @ District 10-4A Highland Park TBD  
RHHS tennis @ Lewisville HS 6 a.m.

**Saturday Feb 7**  
CMS 7th grade boys bb @ Allen A tournament 8 a.m.  
CMS 7th grade girls bb @ Lovejoy A tournament 8 a.m.  
CMS 8th grade girls bb @ Lovejoy A tournament 8 a.m.  
RHHS wrestling @ Rockwall UIL District 19 tournament 10:30 a.m.

**Monday Feb. 9**  
CMS boys 7th and 8th grade soccer vs. Williams MS @ RHHS 5:30/7 p.m.  
CMS gymnastics @ Saginaw HS

**Tuesday Feb. 10**  
RHHS JV baseball vs. Coppell (scrimmage) 4/6:30 p.m.  
RHHS baseball (scrimmage) @ Coppell 4:30 p.m.  
RHHS boys bb vs. Highland Park 6/7:30  
RHHS boys golf vs. McKinney North @ Heritage Ranch CC 8:30 a.m.

RHHS boys soccer vs. Rockwall 5:30/7 p.m.  
RHHS girls bb @ Highland Park 4:30/6/7:30 p.m.  
RHHS girls soccer @ Rockwall 5:30/7:15 p.m.  
RHHS softball (scrimmage) vs. McKinney 5:30/7 p.m.

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Smith	24	22	21	25	92
Heath	11	13	9	27	60

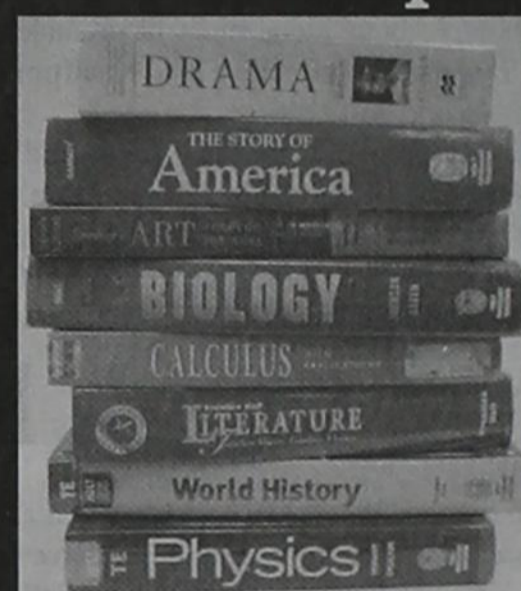
Smith (92) - Blake Zamudio 16, Al Lasker 15, Amos Wilson 9, Nick Ross 9, Jalil Speed 7, Chris Scaife 7, Steven Natale 7, Todd Rozelle 6, Randall Joyner 6, Matthew Agnew 6, Caleb Price 2, Jacori Greer 2.

Heath (60) - Dustin Morett 18, Chase Nielsen 14, Lewis Snowton 6, Jonathan Fuller 6, Kyle Whittle 4, Tony Tension 3, Cameron McClung 3, Preston Wynn 2, Demi Leonard 2, Andrew Twedell 1, Eric Larson 1.

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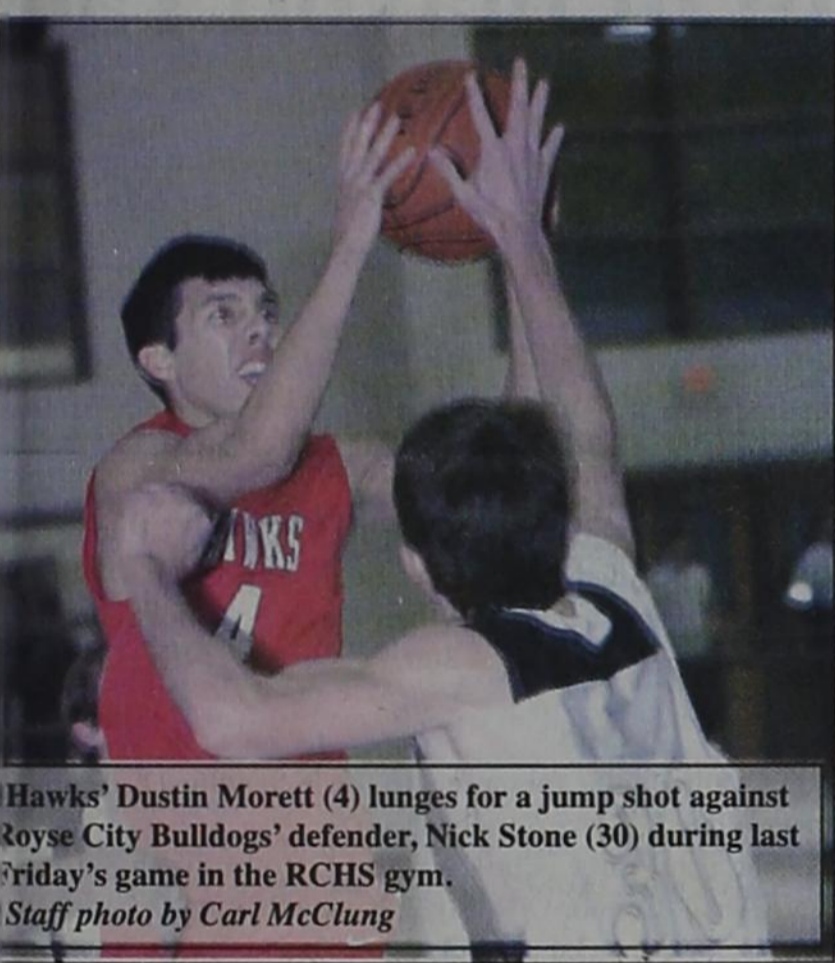
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Hawks' Dustin Morett (4) lunges for a jump shot against Royse City Bulldogs' defender, Nick Stone (30) during last Friday's game in the RCHS gym.  
Staff photo by Carl McClung

## Lady Hawks fall to Smith 56-50 and Royse City 70-60, next home game set for Feb. 6

Missing their fourth and fifth games in a row, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks saw their last visions of a playoff berth vanish with a pair of losses last week in District 10-4A action.

In the Lady Hawks fell by the slimmest of margins, 57-56 to Newman Smith Jan. 27, they came out on the short end of a 70-60 defeat to second place Royse City Jan. 30.

The double defeat drops Heath to a 3-8 in the district and to 6-17 for the season. The Lady Bulldogs (9-2, 24-5), meanwhile picked up their eighth straight win and eleventh in their last 12 games, with the lone loss coming at the hands of district-leading Rockwall (11-0, 21-9).

Shanae Lowrance led the Lady Hawks against Royse City with a double-double, scoring a team-high 23 points while pulling down a game-high 12 rebounds. Lowrance, a junior, hit on 7-of-10 shots.

New junior Katelyn Morris also had a double-double, with 13 points and 10 boards.

Royse City's Raven Alexander led all scorers with 25 points, as the Bulldogs used a big third quarter to break away from a one-point deficit, outscoring Heath 20-9.

In the narrow loss to Smith (5-6, 8-18), Lyndsey Renta was the top scorer for the Hawks, dropping in a career-high 20 points as she converted 7-of-12 field goal attempts and also collected six rebounds.

Renta added another double-double, with 14 points and 11 boards in the 6-of-12 shots.

Heath held the lead after the first and third quarters, but couldn't hold it off down the stretch.

The Lady Hawks take to the road Feb. 3 to take on Richardson Pearce (12-1) before closing out the home portion of their season Feb. 6 against last-place Carrollton Turner (0-11, 7-16). Heath then travels to Highland Park (6-5, 18-10) Feb. 10 for its final game of the year.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	18	13	20	19	70
Heath	12	18	9	21	60

Royse City (70) - Raven Alexander 25, Tayler Young 14, Jennifer Null 14, Jordan 6, Alyssa Null 5, Kellie Wyrick 3, Taylor Howard 2, Jada Boudreaux 1.

Heath (60) - Shanae Lowrance 23, Katelyn Morris 13, Lyndsey Renta 9, Jada Richardson 7, Macall Smith 4, Brooke Eddy 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	15	10	17	14	56
Heath	10	19	11	17	57

Royse City (56) - Lyndsey Renta 20, Shanae Lowrance 18, Katelyn Morris 9, Brooke Eddy 5, Mc Kenzie White 2, Macall Smith 2.

Heath (57) - Kim Neziyana 16, Lauren Jumao-as 16, Sharika Nash 8, Jada Bradley 6, Mariah Bell 5, Brakeyshia Samms 4, Shelby Whitley 2.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Lady Jackets clinch 2nd district crown in 3 years

by Lary Bump

The inevitable happened. Since Jan. 20, when the Rockwall girls' basketball team defeated Roysse City for the second time, it seemed just a matter of when there would be too few games for the second-place Lady Bulldogs to make up the difference in the standings.

The Lady Jackets still had to go out on the court and play. They have done that four times, including three in the past week.

And except for perhaps Tuesday's first quarter at Carrollton R.L. Turner, RHS has continued to play well. Thus, with two games remaining and a two-game lead on Roysse City, Rockwall (12-0 in District 10-4A, 22-9 overall) can do no worse than tying RC. And having defeated the Lady Bulldogs twice, the Lady Jackets win the tiebreaker.

"We're excited," said head coach Jill McDill. "We wanted to go to the playoffs. We played well and got the job done."

Over the last three seasons, Rockwall has a 39-1 district record and two district titles. The undefeated 2006-07 state champions were the 10-5A champions, but gave up the crown last year to Garland Naaman Forest. Each team won head-to-head meetings at home and finished 13-1, but Naaman Forest won a coin flip.

There will be no coin flipping this year in 10-4A, which the Lady Jackets have dominated.

Most recently, they won Thursday at Carrollton R.L. Turner 77-21, defeated visiting Richardson Pearce 74-48 Friday and took a 49-21 decision Tuesday at Carrollton Newman Smith. Rockwall, which has a nine-game overall winning streak, remained ranked 11th in the TABC 4A state poll.

After Tuesday's first quarter, RHS led just 14-10. Whatever McDill said between quarters about focus must have sunk in. Rockwall outscored the Lady Trojans 20-1 to take a 34-11 halftime lead and finished out an uneventful second half.

During the second quarter, Vertashia Dean and Jordan Anterhaus scored six points each, their only points of the game.

McDill said, "This was a much slower game than the last time we played them (a 74-35 RHS victory), but we did hold them to 21 points. Their number 31 (Kim Neziyana) has signed with a Division I school

(Missouri-Kansas City), and she was averaging 16 points a game. We held her to eight. We ran a whole game."

Newman Smith was able to cool Peyton Adamson's hot streak. She had averaged nearly 35 points in the previous seven games, including 31 against Turner and 37 against Pearce, but her game-high total was just 14 Tuesday.

Rockwall's Bi-District playoff opponent Feb. 16 or 17 will be Frisco Liberty (14-13), which will finish fourth in 9-4A unless fifth-place McKinney North could knock off district champion Frisco, seventh in 4A.

"We scrimmaged them in our first scrimmage of the year," McDill said of Liberty. "They have some good players, some athletic kids."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	20	20	20	17	77
R.L. Turner	8	4	3	6	21

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 31, Alyssa Lang 13, Kayla Kimmons 7, Katy Mueller 6, Sarah Hinton 5, Virginia Sealock 4, Jordan Anterhaus 4, Aimee Coleman 3, Raven Turner 2, Vertashia Dean 2.

Carrollton R.L. Turner: Melissa Carrillo 8, Denise Bonilla 5, Ashley Flower 4, Sabrina Molina 2, Briseida Escobedo 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	12	6	18	12	48
Rockwall	17	21	13	23	74

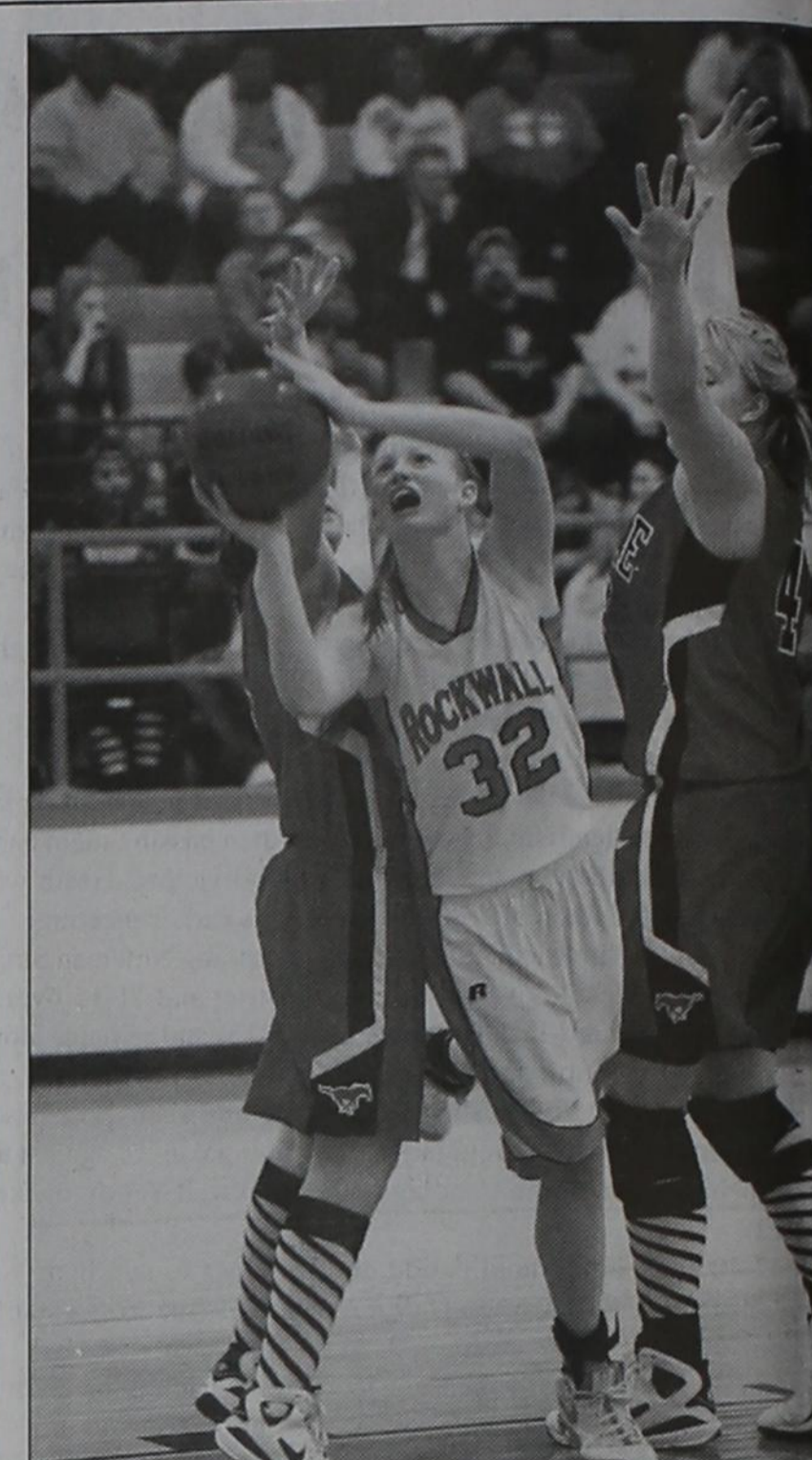
Richardson Pearce: Corrie Forcier 16, Megan Siebert 13, Cara Tolmas 5, McKenzie Russell 4, Haley Marstella 4, Elyssa Aft 4, Anna Gerber 2.

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 37, Alyssa Lang 15, Vertashia Dean 10, Jordan Anterhaus 8, Raven Turner 4.

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Rockwall	14	20	9	6	49
Newman Smith	10	1	4	6	21

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 14, Alyssa Lang 9, Kayla Kimmons 8, Raven Turner 6, Vertashia Dean 6, Jordan Anterhaus 6.

Carrollton Newman Smith: Kim Neziyana 8, Rani Hadley 6, Brakeysha Samms 3, Shelby Whitley 2, Cassandra Florence 2.



Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (32) muscles her way to basket for two points against J.J. Pearce last Friday in RHS gym.

Staff photo by Roy Heath

## After 2 tough losses Jackets still looking up in playoff race

by Lary Bump

Alan Simmons came away from what could have been a devastating loss at Richardson Pearce Friday with a bold prediction.

"The team will have to get ready for Newman Smith," the Rockwall boys' basketball head coach said. "They're probably not thinking much about us, but I expect to win. We're going to shock the state."

It would have been shocking if the Yellowjackets (11-13 overall) had beaten Carrollton Newman Smith, ranked second in the TABC 4A state poll, Tuesday. Instead, there was a scare followed by more heartache for RHS.

The Trojans (10-0 in District 10-4A, 26-2 overall) led by a single point, 48-47, entering the fourth quarter. Rockwall hung with Newman Smith until failing to foul the Trojans in an effort to catch up. They got on the bus back to Carrollton with a 64-53 victory.

"They're very good and we've played them very well, but that doesn't equate to anything but a loss," Simmons said sadly, but with his chin still up.

Following the two losses, four games remain, with Rockwall fifth in the district at 4-6. The Jackets are one game behind Rockwall-Heath (5-5), and guess who will visit RHS for the final regular-season game.

Rockwall might have to win that game and then a tiebreaker to take 10-4A's final playoff berth away from the Hawks. That's because the Jackets lost - what else? - a three-point heartbreaker - at Rockwall-Heath.

Friday's game at Pearce (7-3, 11-15) must have seemed like déjà vu for the Jackets. The Mustangs had won 55-54 Jan. 3 at Rockwall on Chris Bowie's last-second shot.

This time, the Jackets fell behind 19-11 at halftime but came back to lead by two points with three minutes remaining, fell behind again and tied the score 36-36 on Adam Dingwell's three-point play with 36.94 seconds to go.

Pearce set up for a final shot and called a timeout with just under

six seconds to play. Simmons figured the ball would go to Bowie. The coach's last words to the Jackets in the huddle: "Get in their faces, but don't foul them."

The ball went to Bowie; Dingwell got in his face. Bowie drove into the lane, put up a 10-foot shot while falling away.

Swish! Buzz! The Mustangs won 38-36.

Simmons said, "The kid made a great shot. We forced him away from the basket, and Adam had great defense on him."

"It's hard to lose to the same team twice at the buzzer. The kids executed well late in the game. (Pearce) had done a great job switching on picks. We adjusted and took advantage of that."

In Simmons' mind, the game wasn't lost at the buzzer, but earlier.

"The first half killed us as far as shooting the ball, and we had nine turnovers."

Rockwall was scoreless for 8 1/2 minutes spanning half of the first and second quarters. In one stretch while the Mustangs were changing a 5-2 deficit to an 11-5 lead, the Jackets turned the ball over on four consecutive possessions.

Hunter Jorgensen provided much of RHS' offense, with a game-high 18 points.

In last Thursday's 63-34 victory over Carrollton R.L. Turner, 11 Jackets scored. Jarron White had a game-high 13 points and Kyle Sandlin added 11.

Against Newman Smith, Sandlin kept Rockwall in the game with 20 points, followed by Blake Sandlin's 11.

The Trojans' 11-point deficit was their second-smallest in district play,

behind the seven-point margin when they won at home 70-63. The two games against RHS were the only 10-4A games which Newman Smith has not exceeded 70 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
R.L. Turner	6	8	7	13	34
Rockwall	14	17	16	16	63

Carrollton R.L. Turner: Travis Cleghorn 10, Cody Holmes Puebla 5, Dakota Whitehead 2, Phillips 2, Paul Mata 2, Ramiz Mikal Patterson 1.

Rockwall: Jarron White 13, Kyle Sandlin 11, Hunter Jorgensen 18, Tim Yeager 5, Adam Dingwell 5, Luke Wardell 4, Griffin Frasier 4, Barlow 4, Blake Sandlin 3, Wesley Davis 3, Collin Schumaker 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	5	6	13	12	36
Pearce 5	14	7	12	38	

Rockwall: Hunter Jorgensen 16, Kyle Sandlin 11, Adam Dingwell 11, Jarron White 2, Blake Sandlin 2.

Richardson Pearce: Chris Bowie 14, Bruce Smith 8, Cole Howard 7, Jake Allen 4, Connor O'Reilly 2, Kenny Slocum 1, Chase Blake 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Newman Smith	16	18	14	16	64
Rockwall	9	21	17	6	53

Carrollton Newman Smith: Al Lasker 21, Blaken Zamudio 11, Ross 8, Amos Wilson 7, Jalil Speed 7, Randall Joyner 7, Jacori 7.

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 20, Blake Sandlin 11, Luke Wardell 8, Jarron White 6, Tim Yeager 5, Hunter Jorgensen 3.

## RHS wrestlers fall to Highland Park

Rockwall has lost two of its last three wrestling dual meets, but had some success at the Frisco Centennial tournament.

Last Thursday, five consecutive victories between 119 and 140 pounds helped Highland Park win at Rockwall 48-33. That followed two dual meets a week earlier, during which Rockwall trounced Haltom 71-18 but lost a close decision to Frisco Wakeland 36-34.

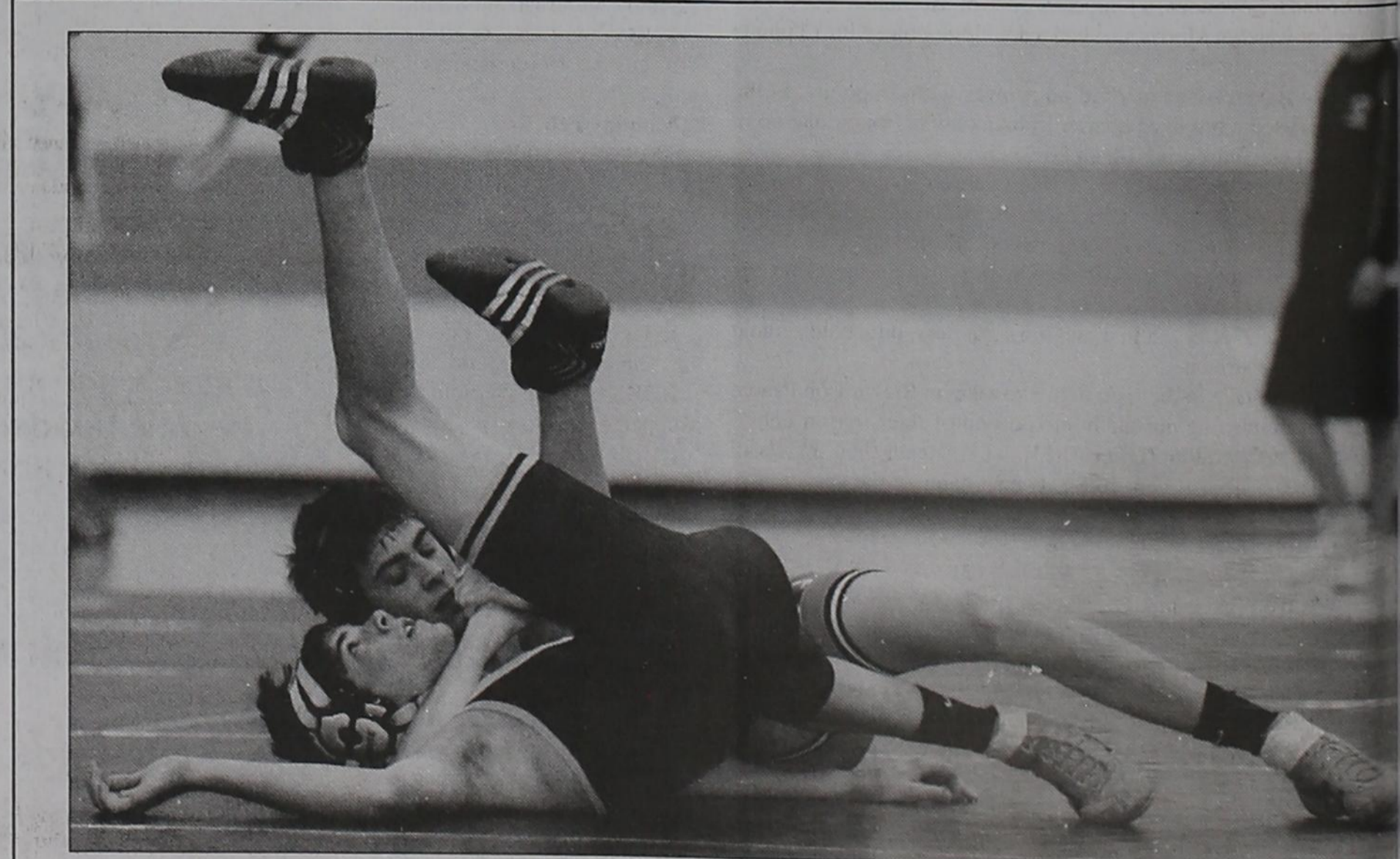
The Yellowjackets' winners against HP were Brad Devereaux (103 pounds), Nick Hyde (112), Dacoda Hicks (145), Baylor Black (160), Matt Claggett (189) and Robert Hinton (215). Hyde, Hicks, Claggett and Hinton recorded pins.

For the RHS junior varsity, Thorne Pettigrew, Justin Guzzardo, Tyler

Wells, J.D. Miramontes, Austin Farris, Andrew Hernandez, J. McKnight and Dylan Milhausen defeated opponents from Highland Park.

The Jackets placed eighth in the Centennial varsity tournament. Brad Devereaux and Dylan Devereaux (160) both placed second in weight class. Chester Howell (125) and Hinton were fourth.

A day earlier, the Jackets' JV competed in the Centennial JV tournament. Five Jackets - Brad Devereaux, Evan Martinez, Mil Black and Cody Jackson - won their weight class. Placing second were McKnight, Tyler Wright and Colin Hill. Landon Moreno placed third and Michael Basinger was fourth.



Yellowjacket's varsity wrestler, Nick Hyde, pins a Highland Park wrestler during last Thursday's meet in the RHS gym.

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Rockwall	14	13	16

Roysse City: Stephen Edwards 28...  
Cory Kawesa 7, Justin Jacobs 5...  
Greenville: Corey Bosworth 20...  
Aaron Johnson 4, Cal Crabtree...  
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# Rockwall County Sports

## Lady Bulldogs clinch 2nd place in district



Lady Bulldogs' Shayla Wright (33) passes the ball to teammate Kellie Wyrick (32) during fourth period action of Tuesday's game against Highland Park in the RCHS gym. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

by Lary Bump

Royse City was the team coming into Tuesday's girls' basketball game with a playoff spot secured. Highland Park was the team "playing for their playoff lives," according to RC head coach Dallas Bookout.

The teams had battled each other into the closing seconds and beyond, into overtime, when they met at Highland Park.

But this was a far different night. The Lady Bulldogs appeared to have much greater motivation, and they came out of the evening with a 65-45 victory and second place locked up in District 10-4A.

It was a totally different game from their 76-73 victory Jan. 6. Highland Park ran to an early lead in that one. Tuesday, it was RC getting the jump, breaking out to a 5-0 lead and also scoring the first four points in both the second and third quarters. The lead grew to as many as 30 points (60-30) before the Lady Scots ran off 10 consecutive fourth-quarter points.

"I thought we played well for four quarters, one of the first ones we've had in the district," Bookout said. "Everybody played and did a good job. It was the best game we've played outside of Rockwall."

With two games remaining, the Lady Bulldogs (10-2 in the district, 25-5 overall) are two games behind first-place Rockwall. But the Lady Jackets have wrapped up the district title based on their two wins over Royse City.

With their playoff positions locked in, 10-4A's top two teams now have turned part of their attention toward their Bi-District opponents Feb. 16 or 17. The Lady Bulldogs will play 9-4A's third-place team, which will probably be Frisco Centennial (9-3, 17-12) unless the Lady Titans could knock off district champion Frisco, ranked seventh in the TABC 4A poll.

Centennial defeated RC 63-55 on Nov. 14, but Royse City has improved greatly since then.

At times against Highland Park, even before the outcome was decided, the five Lady Bulldogs on the court included three sophomores -- Ariel Freese, Taylor Jordan and Jennifer Null -- and freshman Tayler Young.

"When you see that, you know you're going to be OK next year even though you're losing seniors. You've got a foundation," Bookout said.

The youngsters took center stage in the second quarter.

Royse City led 15-10 after the first quarter, but Young twice stole the ball and drove for baskets to increase the lead to 19-10. She scored six points in the quarter, and finished the game with 16. Freese grabbed five

rebounds during the eight minutes, and put one back for a basket.

RC's seniors took over in the third quarter, when the Lady Bulldogs had a 24-10 advantage over fourth-place HP (6-6, 18-11) to take a 25-point lead, 54-29. Kellie Wyrick scored the quarter's first basket and five points during the period, but Raven Alexander put in 11 points, nine of those in 54 sizzling seconds.

First, Alexander took a pass from Wyrick for a 3-point shot and a 42-27 lead with 2 minutes, 55 seconds remaining in the quarter. Then she pulled down a defensive rebound, dribbled downcourt and launched another 3-pointer while the Lady Scots' Stephanie Dekkers was knocking Alexander on her back. The ball went in, and so did her foul shot for a four-point play.

The Lady Bulldogs regained possession. Despite a missed shot, Alexander took an offensive rebound and scored at 2:01 for a 48-27 lead.

Bookout said, "That's what we call a heat check. When she threw up that 3-pointer, got fouled and made it, that pretty much tells you she can make just about any shot."

Alexander finished with 20 points, and Wyrick added 14.

Last Thursday, in a game twice postponed because of an ice storm, Royse City rallied from a one-point deficit after three quarters to edge third-place Greenville 55-54. Wyrick scored 12 points, Null 11, Alexander 10 and Young 9.

Null also played a big role in Friday's 70-60 victory at Rockwall-Heath (3-9, 6-19). She scored 13 points, including four 3-pointers. RC broke away from a 31-30 halftime margin. Alexander scored a game-high 25, and Young also had 14.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Greenville	13	14	17	10	54
Royse City	14	17	12	12	55

Greenville: Olivia Carter 24, Rocio Medrano 15, Jessica Franklin 8, Myneshia Crow 3, Sha'kia Whetstone 2, Ashley Abbott 2.

Royse City: Kellie Wyrick 12, Jennifer Null 11, Raven Alexander 10, Tayler Young 9, Taylor Howard 6, Taylor Jordan 4, Ashlei Jordan 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	18	13	20	19	70
RHHS	12	18	9	21	60

Royse City: Raven Alexander 25, Tayler Young 14, Jennifer Null 14, Ashlei Jordan 6, Alyssa Null 5, Kellie Wyrick 3, Taylor Howard 2, Amanda Boudreaux 1.

Rockwall-Heath: Shanae Lowrance 23, Katelyn Morris 13, Lyndsey Renta 9, Brianna Richardson 7, Macall Smith 4, Brooke Eddy 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highland Park	10	9	10	16	45
Royse City	15	15	24	11	65

Highland Park: Stephanie Dekkers 20, Hartley Hobson 14, Sara Kelly 7, Emily Boone 4.

Royse City: Raven Alexander 20, Tayler Young 16, Kellie Wyrick 14, Taylor Howard 7, Ariel Freese 4, Ashlei Jordan 2, Amanda Boudreaux 2.

## RCMS 8th grade A team resumes winning ways

David Fry scored 12 points to help the Royse City 8th grade A boys' basketball team defeat Mabank 36-32 Monday.

That victory followed on the team's championship in the Kaufman Tournament Jan. 17, when the Bulldogs defeated Ferris and Kaufman.

RC's overall record is 3-6, but it has lost three games by two or fewer points, including two on buzzer-beaters.

The recent success has come from Royse City's defense, according to coach Matt Rager.

"The boys are selling out to a defensive-first attitude. That has allowed us to be in games and have a chance to win even if we have a bad shooting night. We are getting better every day and with every game."

Against Mabank, Dustin Jackson took a charge during the closing seconds to prevent another last-minute loss. The coach also praised Irby Anderson, Wesley Brookshier, Gerard Jordan and Jamie Brecino for their defensive play.

"With continued hard work we hope to be playing at our best when the district tournament comes around," Rager said.

That will come after three more regular-season games.

Monday's other results included 8th grade B: Mabank 44, Royse City 24; 7th grade A: Mabank 44, Royse City 27, and 7th grade B, Mabank 24, Royse City 18.

## RC girls 3rd in Greenville power lifting

Royse City's girls placed third among seven schools in Saturday's Greenville Invitational power lifting meet.

The Lady Bulldogs totaled 22 points, to 48 for champion Nevada Community and 24 for Greenville. The RC boys placed eighth out of 16 schools with 12 points.

## Royse City Bulldogs' schedule

**Monday, Feb. 9** - Middle school boys' basketball: at Forney Warren, Black 5:30 p.m. and Gold 7 p.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: at West Mesquite, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 10** - Middle school girls' basketball: at Forney Warren, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, Freshman and JV 6 p.m., and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, Freshman and JV 6 p.m., and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' varsity soccer: home vs. West Mesquite, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 13** - Boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall, Freshman and JV 6 p.m., and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' varsity soccer: at Kaufman, 6 p.m.

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## Losses put Bulldogs in playoff jeopardy

Royse City is down, but not quite out of the District 10-4A boys' basketball playoff picture.

After coming back to defeat Greenville on the road in overtime Tuesday, the Bulldogs lost an eight-point halftime lead and a game the night at home against Rockwall-Heath. They completed a 1-2 week losing 62-27 at Highland Park Tuesday.

Three consecutive losses left RC sixth in the district with a 3-7 record, 4 overall.

With four games to play, Royse City is two games behind fourth-place Rockwall-Heath, but would lose a tiebreaker because the Hawks have defeated RC twice.

Any more than one loss would lock the Bulldogs out of the playoffs. A loss could come as early as Friday, when they travel to Carrollton to play Man Smith, the district leader and the TABC's second-ranked 4A team in the state.

Royse City's only district road win came in its 71-63 victory at Greenville (2-8, 6-19). Stephen Edwards tied the score 58-58 with 10.7 seconds remaining in regulation play, when he hit a 3-point shot. He then scored the first basket in overtime as the Bulldogs, who had trailed 43-37 after three quarters, ran off 10 consecutive points to emerge from the loss Den victorious. Edwards scored a game-high 28 points.

The Bulldogs won despite missing 12 of 31 foul shots. Greenville made 20 of 30.

It appeared to tire in the second half against Rockwall-Heath. The Bulldogs led 33-25 at halftime, but the Hawks (5-5, 11-15) took the lead in a 19-7 third-quarter advantage.

That started a scoring drought that reached 44 points in six quarters in the loss to second-place Highland Park (9-1, 19-5). Royse City's 27 points were 11 more than it had scored in a 45-16 home loss to the Scots Feb. 6.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
RCHS	18	7	12	21	13	71
Greenville	14	13	16	15	5	63

Royse City: Stephen Edwards 28, Scotty Arterberry 14, Wynn Posey 10, Cory Kawesa 7, Justin Jacobs 5, Nick Stone 4, DaJon Avery 3.

Greenville: Corey Bosworth 20, Jarel Nelson 19, Dijoun Sheppard 10, Aaron Johnson 4, Cal Crabtree 4, Ladarrian Green 3, N.J. Mason 2, Devon Stewart 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	11	14	19	10	54
Royse City	19	14	7	10	50

Rockwall-Heath: Dustin Morett 11, Demi Leonard 10, Jeremy Casebolt 9, Andrew Twedell 5, Jonathan Fuller 5, Lewis Snowton 3, Cameron McClung 3, Eric Larson 3, Preston Wynn 2, Chase Nielsen 2, Ryan Tennison 1.

Royse City: Justin Jacobs 11, Scotty Arterberry 10, Stephen Edwards 10, DaJon Avery 6, Wynn Posey 5, Nick Stone 4, Cory Stapleton 4, Cory Kawesa 3.

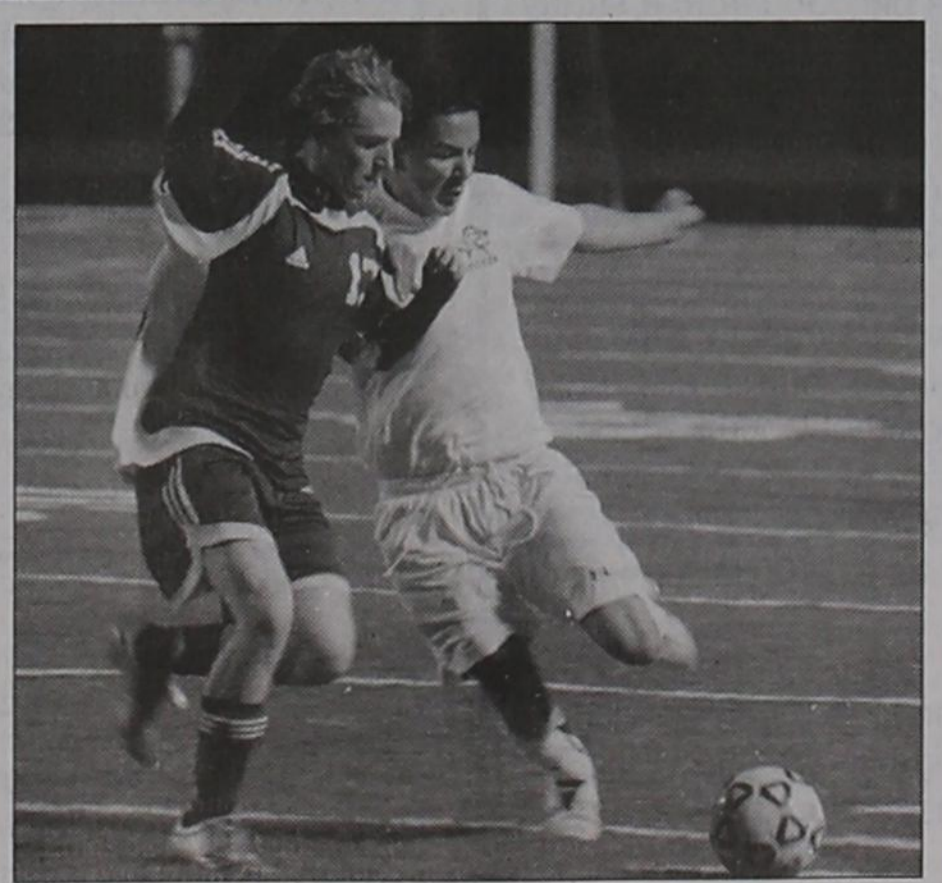
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	5	11	6	5	27
Highland Park	13	19	15	15	62

Royse City: Stephen Edwards 10, DaJon Avery 9, Cory Stapleton 3, Scotty Arterberry 3, Cory Kawesa 2.

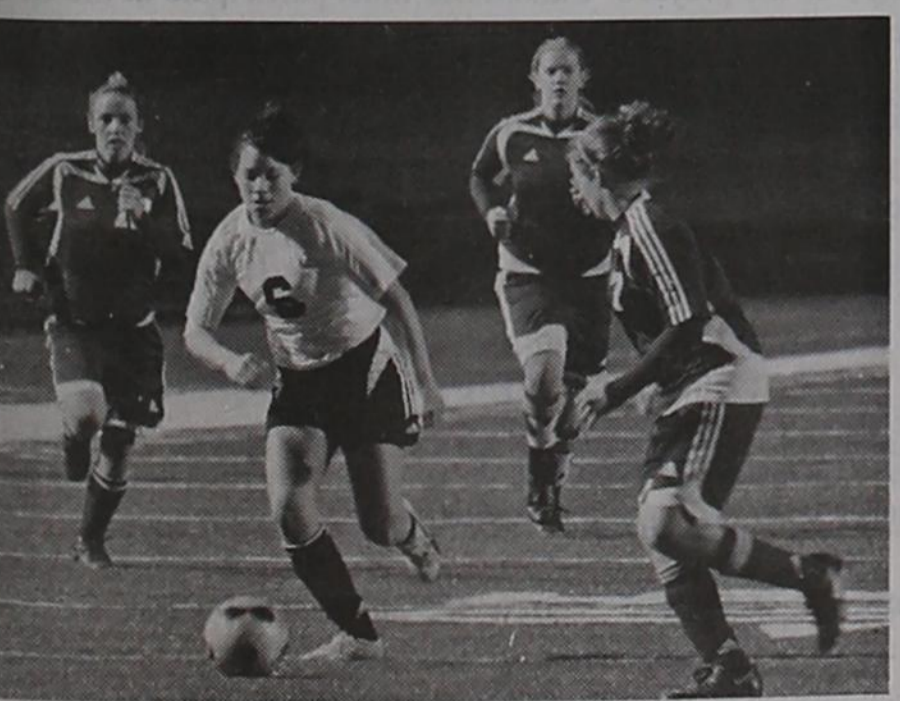
Highland Park: Daniel Edwards 16, Max Malone 14, Cav Walters 9, Tyler Robinson 7, Ryan Fanning 5, Matt McKee 4, Josh Thurman 2, Connor Starrs 2, Brooks Braden 2, Joey Landess 1.



Bulldogs' Stephen Edwards (31) soars through the air while targeting the basket during last Friday's game at Rockwall-Heath. Defending against Edwards are Hawks' Andrew Twedell (32) and Jeremy Casebolt (33). Staff photo by Carl McClung



Bulldogs' mid-fielder, Enrique Cortez (9) races to the ball against Eustice last Friday in the RCISD stadium. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Lady Bulldogs' Stacy Hood (6) protects the ball against Eustice defenders last Friday in RCISD Stadium. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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## Lady Jackets finally kick injuries

Rockwall girls lost both of their soccer games last week, but the important and encouraging part was the team's return to full strength.

For example, Friday night against Mesquite Horn, one of RHS' goalies was injured and the other was sick. Rockwall (4-5-4) scrambled but came up short.

Though Rockwall lost 3-2, head coach Melissa Garcia said, "It was an amazing game! The girls played at the next level, and this was very important to us as we head into district play on Tuesday night (Feb. 10) against (Rockwall-)Heath here at home."

For Tuesday's game at Plano West, the Lady Jackets were at full strength and playing well.

## Yellowjackets launch two comebacks

At the start of district play less than a week away, the Rockwall soccer team (4-10-1) has one match and tied another in the past week.

lucky break with the ball took an odd rebound off the goal post. We generated several close shots on goal by Grant Gunderson."

in the second half, and we began creating more offensive opportunities," Williams said.

After midfielder Janson Rector left in the second half because of a back sprain, Williams said, "We lost control of the midfield, and Frisco was able to organize too often."

To compensate for Rector's absence, back-up goalie Marshall Gowers played midfield. "He created a much-needed spark," the coach said.

Another slow start might have prevented the Jackets from winning in Tuesday's scoreless tie against Coppell.

Coppell had a chance to win late in the game, but Hernandez made a diving save.

The coach made some adjustments that seemed to help.

The final non-district game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at home against Dallas Hillcrest. Rockwall's first district game will be at Rockwall-Heath Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

"I moved two defenders, Tapp Hazel and Tyler Bynum, forward

## Jackets dominate power lifting at Wills Point Invitational

Rockwall power lifting brought home the first trophy from Saturday's Point Invitational. All nine jackets who competed in their weight class.

In first place were Zach Kuntz (114 pounds), John Ashley (132) and Chris Tanner (super heavy-weight). Taylor Fike (198) and Tyler Utley (220) placed second. Third-place finishers were Ben

Bittle (165), Jake Termin (275) and Jeff Walls (191), with teammate Darian Moseley placing fourth behind Walls at that weight.

## Varsity, freshmen complete Lady Jackets' sweep

Rockwall's top three girls' basketball teams all remained undefeated this season by winning Saturday at Carrollton Newman

Before the varsity clinched the District 10-4A title with a 49-21 victory, the freshman A team defeated the Lady Trojans 57-24 and the junior varsity romped 43-17.

Shelby Taylor led the freshmen with 13 points, including four 3-point shots. Kayla Smith and Brittany Griffin each scored nine points for RHS' JV team.

## Williams 7th grade boys win B Tournament

Williams Middle School B basketball team won three games to take the district B tournament championship.

Allen Ford, which had lost to the Wildcats during district play, defeated Williams 35-29.

Dalton Brewer paced the offense. District rules allow teams to press only in the second and fourth quarters, and the Wildcats took full advantage.

(Friday, Jan. 23, the Wildcats defeated Lovejoy Sloan Creek. They came back the next day in the semifinals for a one-point victory, 28-27, over Cain. The championship game was even, with Williams pulling out a 33 overtime win over Wylie.

Last Thursday, the six Williams boys' teams closed their regular season against Cain. The Wildcats won only one game, with three losses and two ties.

The schools' 8th grade B teams tied 29-29. Jeremy Small led Williams with nine points, and Jordan Tucker was the defensive standout with five steals. Cain's C team routed Williams 41-4.

The 20 turnovers kept the Williams 8th grade boys' B team advancing past the first round.

Williams' eighth-grade A team pressed its way to a 35-25 victory. That made the Williams Class of '09 (RHS '13) 2-0 against its Cain counterparts. Kerry Anderson and

The seventh-graders' scores were A: Cain 30, Williams 20; B: Cain 35, Williams 29, and C: Williams 23, Cain 23.

## Lady Mustangs 7th grade soccer shut out Williams Wildcats 2-0

Wyn Wheeler and Rachel Johnson both scored goals as the Middle School seventh-grade Mustangs shut out Williams Middle School 2-0 in soccer action, 29 to remain undefeated this season.

to give Cain a 1-0 lead before Simmons added an insurance score at the 52.01 mark. Simmons was assisted by Amy McNally and Jacklyn Granstaff.

Orozco and four by Ashton Hierhotzer, the CMS eighth-grade girls were beaten by Williams by an identical 2-0 score to fall to 1-3 for the year.

Wheeler scored at the 26:33 mark to assist by Jillian Granstaff

Goalies Ivy Brady recorded two saves for the Lady Mustangs, who improved to 3-0-1 for the year. Despite three saves from Amelia

Both teams play again Feb. when they travel to Wylie to take on Burnett Middle School.

## Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

**Thursday, Feb. 7** - Varsity and JV wrestling: home for District 19 tournament, 10:30 a.m.

Heath, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

image vs. Sachse, 4 p.m.

Varsity softball: round-robin scrimmage with Plano East at River Mound

Boys' basketball: home vs. Greenville, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

JV Orange baseball: scrimmage at Sachse, 4 p.m.

Varsity softball: round-robin scrimmage at Plano East

Girls' basketball: at Greenville, freshman A and JV 6 p.m., and varsity 7:30 p.m.

JV White baseball: scrimmage vs. Jesuit, Utley Freshman Center, 5 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 9** - Varsity baseball: home scrimmage vs. Plano, 5 p.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: vs. Greenville, Williams Middle School, 6 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Highland Park, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

White baseball: scrimmage at Plano Vines, Utley Freshman Center, 5 p.m.

Varsity swimming: at Region 3-4A Tournament, Southlake Carroll

Girls' soccer: at Highland Park, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Orange baseball: scrimmage at Plano, 5 p.m.

Varsity tennis: at Cedar Hill

Varsity wrestling: at Region 3 Tournament, Allen

White boys' basketball: home at Plano Williams, 6 p.m.

Varsity baseball: home scrimmage vs. McKinney North, Stage Ranch Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity wrestling: at Region 3 Tournament, Allen

Varsity soccer: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Varsity baseball: home scrimmage vs. McKinney North, Stage Ranch Golf Club, 8 a.m.

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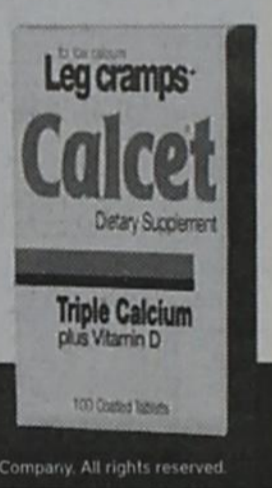
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# Rockwall County Sports

## Rockwall Hockey slips in loss to Plano Senior

by Shawn Rogers

On most nights, scoring five goals while putting up 51 shots on goal would have resulted in a win for the Rockwall Ice Hockey Varsity team. But the Jackets' league-leading defense could not put away an aggressive Wildcat special teams, handing Rockwall only their second loss of the season, 6-5, Jan. 29 at the Plano Star Center.

The Rockwall offense, which has sputtered since returning from the Christmas break, returned with a strong outing keeping pressure through out the game in the Plano zone.

The Jackets' power play was equally effective, scoring on three of the five opportunities.

But the Plano special teams were more damaging, scoring on three of five chances and adding a short-handed goal.

"Penalties really hurt us," said

Mark Thirion, assistant coach. "We had the game in hand but our penalties let them back in."

The Jackets wasted no time in getting on the board. Rockwall senior Chris Thirion caught the Wildcat defense slow to set up on the first possession.

But penalties in the second allowed the momentum to shift to the Wildcats as they capitalized with three quick strikes to take the lead.

"Turnovers in our zone set up several Plano scoring chances," Thirion said.

Rockwall knotted the score late in the period on a power play when senior Brandon Bambico and Kinnear combined to draw the defense before setting Wylie junior Morgan Cook up for a slap shot goal from the weak side circle. The goal was Cook's twenty-sixth of the season.

The Jackets made the Wildcats pay for another penalty early in the final frame when Rockwall senior Zack Jones drilled a slap shot into the net from the blue line.

But another costly turnover on a Rockwall power play at 3:42 in the period gave Plano a short-handed

break away goal and a score.

The final eleven minutes game were a battle of surges and defensive stops for both teams. Rockwall penalty was the decisive blow as the special teams crashed the net final minute with the main tag and got the winning goal.

Rockwall-Heath junior David White stopped 28 shots first loss of the season.

Next up for Rockwall is the awaited rematch with Arlington Martin (15-0-1), undefeated in Rockwall, Feb. 5, at the Grapevine Center.

The Rockwall Ice Hockey competes in the AT&T Metro High School Hockey League and is composed of athletes from Rockwall, Royse and Wylie ISDs.

Kenzy Pohorsky took first place in every girls' event, and Carter Smith posted the best boys' all-around score to help Williams Middle School defeat cross-town rival Cain 111.850-107.250 Monday at Rockwall High School.

Pohorsky totaled 37.70 - 9.7 on the vault, 9.5 on the uneven bars, 9.3 in the floor exercise and 9.2 on the balance beam. Teammates Kennedy

Abbott (36.55) and Taylor Schmitt (36.45) followed her. Samantha Montes led Cain with a 35.80 overall score.

Three different Wildcats won individual boys' events. Smith finished first in the rings (9.2) and high bar (7.5). Nathan Hogan was first in the vault (9.6) and parallel bars (8.7). Nick Winermute had the best

score (8.3) on the pommel horse. The top boys' overall scores were Smith's 48.20, 41.30 each for rings and Grant Workings' and Carter Smith's 40.30.

## Pohorsky, Smith lead Williams gymnasts past Cain

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Williams Wildcats' schedule

**Saturday, Feb. 7** - 8th grade A Tournament, Allen, 8 a.m. School, 7th 5:30 p.m. and boys' basketball: at A Tournament, Allen, 8 a.m. 7th grade A girls' basketball: at A p.m. Tournament, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.

**Monday, Feb. 9** - Boys' soccer: vs. Cain, Rockwall-Heath High vs. Lovejoy, Rockwall High School, 7th 5:30 p.m. and 8th 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 12** - Girls' soccer: vs. Lovejoy, Rockwall High School, 7th 5:30 p.m. and 8th 7 p.m.

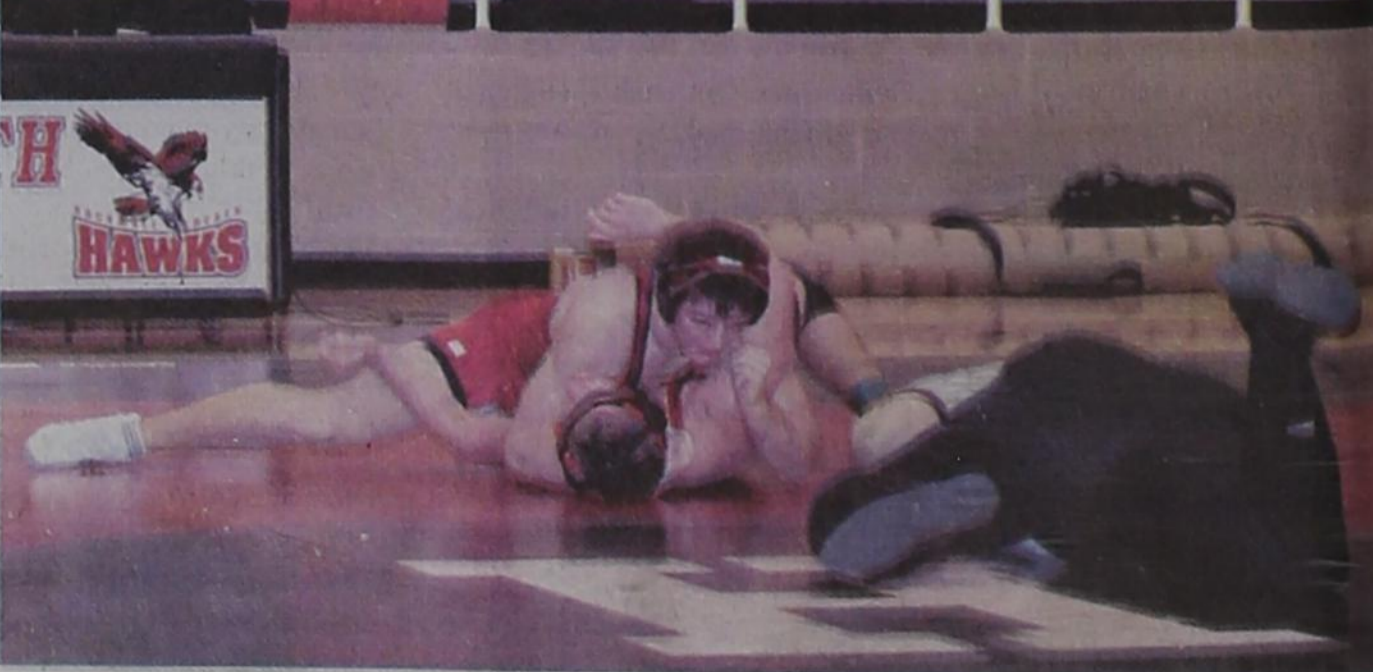


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