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Preliminary work underway for FM 740 road expansion

by **Thy Williams**
The beauty is painful and true, Rockwall County may well one day be the most attractive county in the state once the expansive road

work now underway and in the planning stages finally comes to an end. Pink construction flags and dots of fluorescent pink paint have cropped up in the last week along FM 740/Ridge

Road from Horizon Road south to the Laurence Drive intersection, a clear indication work will soon be underway to widen that section of road. However, many things must

happen before the old roadway is pulled up and the new road is poured to carry the ever-increasing traffic along the north/south corridor. In a report to the Heath City Council, Rockwall County Commissioner Laurie Grinnan said there are still right-of-way issues that must be addressed and utilities will need to be moved before the road can be widened. She said the design of this project, Phase I of a larger road improvement Bond package approved by voters in the November 2008 general election, is about 95% complete.

Phase I will be broken into two separate construction projects. The first section will run from FM 3097/Horizon Road south to the Laurence Drive T-intersection, with the second half continuing from there to the Laurence Drive intersection with FM 549 just past Rockwall-Heath High School.

Plans for the first half are complete and Grinnan said residents may begin to see "some activity" by April. Details for the second half of the project are not complete but are ongoing. Grinnan said officials are hoping for a seamless construction project, anticipating that by the time the first section is complete, approval will have been given for the second section to begin.

Grinnan said the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) does not assign a project number or release money for a project, called "letting," until a municipality can show their road project is 100% designed and they are "ready to turn dirt" within 120 days. In addition to other criteria, the project must be environmentally cleared.

She also said TxDOT, Rockwall County, local mayors

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Marking FM 740 (Ridge Road) south of IH 30 this week reminds motorists of future road expansion as part of last year's road improvement bond issued approved by voters.
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

News Briefs

Raffle to benefit Meals on Wheels

A 42-inch Phillips HD LCD television will be given away as part of a fundraising raffle that will benefit Meals on Wheels of Rockwall County. Tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets may be purchased at the Rockwall County Committee on Aging office, 950 Williams St., Helping Hands Complex, Bldg. C.

RC Business After Hours planned

The Roysse City Chamber and Southern Junction will co-host the first Business After Hours event beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday. 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@roysecity-chamber.com.

Electronic recycling event set

An electronic recycling event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday 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. Saturday 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.

Flu shots offered for \$5 each

The Health Center of Helping Hands is offering \$5 flu shots thanks to a donation of vaccine from Dr. Roberto Lopez of Rockwall. Flu season, which runs through April, is under way. The Health Center is located on the lower level of the Reeves Service Center on First Street between Rusk and Washington in Suite B. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. For more information call 972-772-8194.

RHHS PTA to meet Monday

The Rockwall-Heath High School PTA will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday in the RHHS cafeteria. Following a brief business meeting to select a nominating committee and announce fundraising plans, a Shattered Dreams information session will begin at 7:15 p.m.

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 meets Tuesday

The Teen Writer's Group will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 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 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. Tuesday. 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 set

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.

Churches plan Day of Blessing

River Church will join Crossroad Baptist in offering a Day of Blessing on Feb. 28 beginning at 9 a.m. The congregations will offer free clothing, household items and other items to individuals and families in need. The distribution will take place at 7900 Chiesa Road in Rowlett.

Noon Lions plan meeting

The Rockwall Noon Lions meet the first and third Mondays of each month at noon at Joe Willy's on South Goliad. Guests are welcome.

'Daddy Day Camp' is featured flick

The March First Wednesday Flick, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be "Daddy Day Camp," a comedy. The movie will be screened at 3 p.m. March 4 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.

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The Rockwall Children's Choir brought the gift of song to the Rockwall County News on Friday, Feb. 13 when they gifted the newspaper staff with three songs in celebration of Valentine's Day. The choir's only fundraiser each year is to sell singing telegrams to support its programs. Sharing their gifts were (back row from left) Emily Ullom, Kaylee Chuang, Crista Janich, (front row from left) Brenna Talley, Ryan Ullom and Brooke Janich.
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

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Rockwall Computer Council to meet

The Rockwall Computer Council will conduct its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 4 at the Center at Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. Lisa Frazier of Lisa Frazier Training & Service will be guest speaker. The meeting will be open to anyone interested in the use of computers for home or office, and individuals of all types and degrees of expertise are welcome. For more details contact Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

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 and 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.

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2008 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2007, you won't need to reapply for 2008 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2008. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

Rockwall County Appraisal District
841 Justin Road
972-771-2034

For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:



Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, TX 78711-3528
or call: (800) 252-9121

or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper.

Rochell Elementary fundraiser slated

The Rochell Elementary fifth grade class is raising money for its Sky Ranch Camp trip in May. From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Applebee's in Rockwall, 695 E. I-30, breakfast and all the fixin's will be served at a cost of \$7 per person. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the school or at the door. All proceeds will benefit camp fees.

ARC 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 AED training. Cost will be \$80 for residents, \$120 for non-residents. For more information on the Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored event call 972-771-7740.

RCP auditions set

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's "Kiss Me Kate" production will take place March 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, 1200 W. Yellowjacket Lane, beginning at 10 a.m. and on March 8 at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 205 S. Fannin, at 1 p.m. Callbacks, if needed, will be on March 9. Performances will be May 8-24, with rehearsals beginning March 10. Singing and non-singing roles will be filled (no children's roles available). Singers should be prepared to sing 16 bars; dancers should bring dance shoes. Accompanist will be provided. Bring headshots. For details call 972-722-3399 or visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

RARTA meeting set March 9

The next Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association meeting will be at 1:15 p.m. March 9 in the RISD Administration Building. Speaker will be Mayor Bill Cecil. The meeting will be open to all retired school personnel and their guests.

VNA offering grief support program

The Visiting Nurse Association will conduct a five-session grief support program, "Sharing the Journey: Coping with Grief," beginning March 10 and running through April 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Kaufman. Meetings will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. For more information call Clayton McCord at 972-962-7500 or 1-800-345-0576.

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 other 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 Resaurante Firewheel on 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.

Noon Lions plan meeting

The Rockwall Noon Lions meet the first and third Mondays of each month at noon at Joe Willy's on South Goliad. Guests are welcome. Spring Break Camp offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer the ROCK 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 6-12 will include trips to the Dinosaur Valley State Park, Texas Freshwater Fisheries, Dallas Zoo, Science Place, Imax and the aquarium. Pre-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. Cost (transportation, admission and guided tour) is \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

'One for the Books' set March 29

"One for the Books," an original revue featuring songs from Broadway shows and performed by six generations of local performers, will be performed at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 29 at the library. Seating for the event, sponsored by the Capital Campaign of the Friends of the Library, will be limited. To reserve tickets or for more details e-mail cplagens65@aol.com. Tickets cost \$20 for the fundraiser, which will benefit the Capital Campaign.

'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 dying, cooking decorating and hunting for hidden goodies, is set for 1 p.m. April 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.

Easter Egg Hunt set April 4

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's seventh annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. April 4 at the Tuttle Athletic Complex (Field 1, up to age 2; Field 3, ages 3-4; Field 2, ages 5-6; Field 4, ages 7-12). Candy and special prize eggs will be offered. Other activities are planned. For more information call 972-771-7740.

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"Taking Care of Your Skin" will be offered April 8 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the free workshop will explore summer skin care, as well as the signs and symptoms of common skin problems. The event will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 972-771-7740.

April 10 is Out-to-Lunch event

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Out-to-Lunch Bunch for seniors will be at Love and War in Texas, Plano on April 10. 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.

RISD sets weather make-up days

Rockwall Independent School District students will attend classes on April 10 and 13, which have been scheduled as an in-school weather make-up days, according to a district news release. For more details contact the school district. For more information call rockwallisd.com.

Babysitter training offered

An American Red Cross training for future babysitters, ages 14 to 14, will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 11 at The Center. Cost is \$60 for residents, \$83 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Casino trip for seniors scheduled

A day trip to the Choctaw Casino in Durant, Okla., will be offered by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department on April 15. Open to individuals 50 and older, the trip will include an 8 a.m. departure and a 6:30 p.m. return. Cost will be \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Family Fun Fridays begin April 17

Family Fun Fridays, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run April 17 through May 8. Free activities begin at 7:30 p.m. each Friday, including contests, disc golf, pool, pick-up wiffle ball games, face painting, fishing and a movie. A movie is set for 9 p.m. each week. Families should bring picnics, lawn chairs, blankets and FM radios. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Environmental Action Day set

The City of Rockwall will host an Environmental Action Day beginning at 8 a.m. April 18. Rockwall residents may dispose household chemical wastes by calling 972-771-7700. Trash collection volunteers (individuals and/or groups) may reserve their site spots by calling 972-771-7740. Trash collection volunteers will be served breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at The Center.

Noon Lions plan meeting

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Class to focus on effective disciplining

Effective Disciplining, offered free of charge by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will begin at 5:45 p.m. April 28 at The Center. The workshop, open to individuals ages 18 and older, will focus on consistent parenting in our fast-paced world. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Road improvement work

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and city council members are all banding together to "push the envelope" to keep the county's road projects at the top of the funding list and avoid getting lost in a sea of proposals from other counties seeking improvement dollars.

Phase 1 has a \$15.5 million price tag, Grinnan said. It is expected it will take between 18 months to two years to move the project along FM 740, although Grinnan said, "we do not intend to do that in two years."

The consortium and Grinnan met with the Chandler's Land Homeowners Association to discuss proposed changes to entrance and exits into the gated community and the surrounding road. She said there are drainage concerns around the neighborhood. The project will be addressed, construction and resident entrances will be addressed with more space for cars to line up without backing up traffic on FM 740 and the "S" curve at the Rockwall/Health limits will be smoothed out.

The City of Heath will have first bidding rights to the vacant lot at the curve. City council members are discussing the possibility of a gateway or sign welcoming visitors to the city on the site, but a decision has been made on a final design.

Grinnan said traffic will not be closed on FM 740 during construction. She said crews will work on the west side of the road first with no road closings to keep traffic moving. When the project is complete, the road will be a four lane divided roadway with grassy median.

There will be an area alongside the roadway graded for a hike trail, although concrete will not be poured as part of the project. The cities can decide on their own later if they want to on the expense of paving the trails.

Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe said, "This is the first time since we moved to Heath that I've felt TxDOT is moving in unison with us and we are getting some momentum. I'm not ready to declare victory yet, but we are on the front burner and we need to keep the project there." Ratcliffe said since his move to Heath in 1999, he had heard that FM 740 would be improved many times, and he said, "We can't keep letting them push us back."

Now, with plans in place and construction imminent, he said, "the first time in my life, I'm looking forward to that kind of day."

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Career Day for Women set Feb. 28

A Career Day for Women will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Crowne Plaza Suites Hotel in Arlington.

Sponsored by the Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of Women in Insurance and Financial Services, the event will offer area women the opportunity to explore career options available in insurance and financial services. Participants are encouraged to bring their resumes and meet with representatives of North Texas firms.

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Eastridge Church of Christ Children's Church Group present a check for \$967.92 to Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall President Ken Bryce (second from right) with Eastridge Church of Christ associate minister Greg Parks (right) joining in the event.
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Children raise funds for pediatric patients Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall

Kathy Williams, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, said the youth of Eastridge Church of Christ. The children's Church members have given their pennies, dimes and quarters over the past few weeks to give to the hospital for pediatric patients. The total amount given was \$967.92.

The first year of the program, the children's ministry gave \$800 to Boles Children's Home in Quinlan. This year's project came about after discussions among the youth and with Ken Teel, President of Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall and a member of Eastridge. He advised them of some of the needs at the facility and the youth decided how to meet their project.

When addressing the children and church members at Sunday's check presentation at Presbyterian, Teel said, "I appreciate your generosity. I also want to thank the parents for loving your kids in the right direction." He said the books, toys and games will "help kids who are patients here to take their minds off their stay."

Dr. Ken Bryce, Presbyterian Chief of Staff, said, "This is an example of a community hospital serving its community. We are a part of this community and are in turn supported by the community."

"This money will be used for kids. The hospital is mostly adult-based and this donation will help turn it into a hospital for kids and meet their needs if they visit the E.R. or have to spend the night."

Bryce said the visitors from the church would be given a tour of the hospital and hoped "the kids would go back to school and talk about what they saw and come back with their schools for a tour. If they ever have to come here through here E.R. or for surgery, there will be a familiarity in place."

Parks said approximately 40-50 children between the ages of two years and second grade participate in Children's Church.

giving Moment in conjunction with Children's Church two years ago, according to Eastridge Associate Minister Greg Parks. He said during the regular Sunday service, the children gather at the front of the church for a quick lesson called Children's Church. They decided to do something for others with the focal point being children helping children.

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Judges named for weekend music contest

For the 13th annual Artists Solo and Chamber Music Competition, set for Saturday at the Health Methodist Church, have named judges for Saturday's on I and II panels will list Jesus Castro-Balbi, Peter Steffens, violinist Reynolds and pianist Brison.

Castro-Balbi performs nationally and internationally as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician. Additionally, he has developed a studio of talented cellists from throughout the world at Texas Christian University. He is also a member of the Clavier Trio and the Castro-Balbi Duo. He has won first prize at the First Latin American Competition in Mexico, the Aldo Parisot Prize at Yale and the Schwartz Foundation-Virtuosi Award in New York City.

Steffens and Reynolds are both members of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Steffens was a member of the Hubbard Chamber Ensemble for many years and is well known to Rockwall-area residents.

Students from throughout the United States will travel to Rockwall to compete for cash prizes and performances. Two grand prize winners will receive \$1,000 and two performances.

Saturday's competition is open to the public; a \$5-per-person donation will be requested at the door. The competition will run from 9 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m. For more information visit the Web site at hubbardchambermusic.com or call Michele McDonald at 972-772-7692.

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Saturday's competition is open to the public; a \$5-per-person donation will be requested at the door. The competition will run from 9 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m. For more information visit the Web site at hubbardchambermusic.com or call Michele McDonald at 972-772-7692.

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Rockwall Christian Academy Varsity (back row, left to right) Coach Ryan Hankins, James Rhodes, Landry Lee, Michael Uvere, Jaymes Becker and Jordan Ogle, (front row, left to right) Shawn Sheffer, Charlie Wilson, James Lee, Tre Willis, Elijah Ruiz and Sherman Peoples.
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Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles and niece Carolyn Bryan

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Matthew Scott seeks re-election to Rockwall City Council

Rockwall City Council member Matt Scott recently announced his bid for a third term on the Rockwall City Council.

"I can't believe it's been four years since I first ran for council," he said, "but I think the last four years have been four of the most productive years in our city's history. We've done so much to better our community. We've improved our local economy, improved our quality of life and built for our present and future."

"We're about to complete the three-year journey of annexing Lake Rockwall Estates. We finished The Harbor. We brought Presbyte-

rian Hospital to Rockwall and in the process developed an entire medical corridor. We constructed a new Animal Adoption Center. We are in the process of constructing two new fire stations. We brought The Plaza to Rockwall. And last but certainly not least, we've improved our roads. We built a brand new seven mile road entirely from scratch, and did it on time and under budget. In total, either on our own or in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation, we've added or replaced over 19 miles of roads in the city. That's a productive four years," Scott said.

Scott also pointed to other issues he is proud to have played a role in over the last four years.

"We opened up the take-line to homeowners to use and enjoy," he said. "We passed ordinances making it more difficult for registered sex offenders to live in Rockwall and that protect our children from child predators. We passed an ordinance allowing us to tow uninsured vehicles. We helped bring an active senior center to the community. We've strengthened our commercial building standards, and we made city government more responsive and customer friendly."

But Scott said he feels there is more to do, and he wants to spend his final two years planning for the city's future.

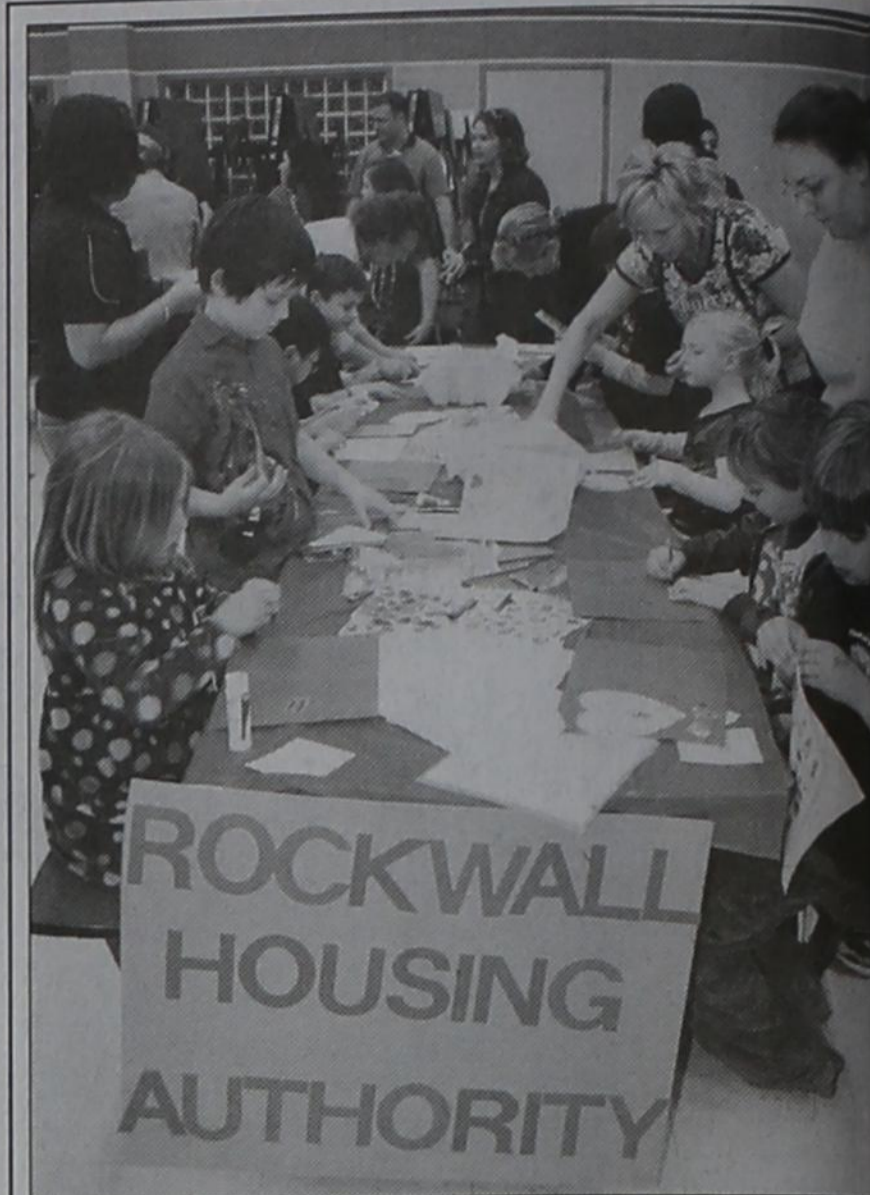
"So much of what we've done the last four years was to play catch-up," he said. "With those projects done or nearly complete, we need to look toward our 10 and 20 year future. I don't want a council member in 10 years saying, 'Sure, they did what was obvious, but they did not plan for our future.' Now is the time for us to plan for our future. None of us want to make the advances we've made only to fall behind again because we failed to continue to plan."

At the same time, Scott said the current national economy requires a more reserved approach to new projects. "We have plans for our future, but we also have to be realistic about today -- this is the worst national economy since the Great Depression. We have people losing jobs and record home foreclosures. We have to be careful not to tax people out of our community," he said. "The city is starting to retire some old debt, and this might be a two-year period where we put plans in place for the future -- but we might not be able to implement them immediately unless the national economy turns around faster than expected."

Still, Scott said, the Rockwall economy is strong. "While everyone is feeling the pinch, our local economy remains strong. Our sales tax revenue was nearly double what we projected last year," he said. "Also, the Rockwall area was listed as one of the top places in the country for new jobs, thanks in large part to the city's efforts to bring businesses to Rockwall, and the city's close work with the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation. While things are tough now for everyone, Rockwall has been blessed."



Matthew Scott, Rockwall City Council member.



Grace Hartman Elementary students and their families gathered recently for the school's first Family Services Night. Tables, including the one pictured above, were set up to provide all of the supplies needed for students to undertake service projects. Projects include making cards for U.S. troops in Iraq; baby blankets for Project Linus; placemats for Meals on Wheels; Simple Hearts bags for homeless; table décor for Rowlett Nursing Center residents; and valentines for Rockwall Housing Authority residents. The event, coordinated by principal Susan Gallander, was designed to teach students about the importance of reaching out to others in the community.

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Laurie Grinnan (left) and Mary McClure (right) are pictured with several of the more than 200 student art pieces to be featured in the live auction scheduled as part of the Feb. 28 Rockwall Education Foundation's annual Celebration event. Scheduled to take place at Southfork Ranch, the event is expected to generate funds to be used for each RISD campus's art department, as well as to aid the foundation in the awarding of grants to RISD teachers who "go above and beyond the call of duty." Seating for the event is open to the public; individual seats may be reserved for \$50. Table seating for teachers may be sponsored for \$200; table seating for a public party of eight costs \$400. For reservations information call 469-698-7032.

Fundraiser to aid Rochell fifth grade

A fundraiser set for March 7 at Applebee's in Rockwall will help the Rochell Elementary fifth grade class raise money for the upcoming Sky Camp trip.

From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., breakfast with all the fixin's will be served at Applebee's, 6611 I-30, at a cost of \$7 per person. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the school, local 899 Rochell Court, or at the door. All proceeds will be used to offset camp fees.

Rockwall County News Congratulates Poetry Christian Community School Varsity Basketball Team



Poetry Christian Community School Varsity Pioneers are (back row, left to right) Jordan Wood, Joshua Senkevech, Nick McTaggart, Brennan Sapp, Tyler Donnerwerth, Josh Newman and Reid Harrison (front row, left to right) Caleb Mitchell, Hiroki Ishida and Justin Krodell.

Local boy national

Michael Gerritsen, a 10-year-old boy from Rockwall, is sponsored by the National Association of Rocketry, to continue his interest in rocket building.

Michael's father, John Easum, became interested in rocketry when his son, Michael, began teaching him about space. His interest in rocket building never looked back.

Michael's father, John, and a few friends began meeting and building rockets in Rockwall County. The group would meet informally at Michael's house sketching rockets, using their imagination and computer design software to build their first rocket. It took more than fifteen attempts before they were better than the boys learned more about rocket design with each attempt.

As their success grew, Michael became interested in participating at the national level at the America Rocketry Challenge (ARC). The rules state that the rocket must reach 750 feet in altitude while holding a raw egg inside the rocket.

Michael's first year was characterized by many failures and damage to our rocket. It was difficult to keep the egg from coming up with some protection for the egg, said Easum.

In the next few years, the club tried unsuccessfully to qualify for TARC. Once Michael qualified for TARC, he recruited a club sponsor, Leslie Reese, head of the science department, and a mentor, Sprague, a mentor and member of the National Association of Rocketry, to continue the club, consisting of Easum, Michael Gerritsen and Michael Nally, now tenth grade at RCHS, continues to set it up.

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RHS UIL team earns top finishes

The Rockwall High School University Interscholastic League team recently captured a number of wins at an academic tournament at Crandall High School.

The computer science team, coached by Bruce Charbonneau, took first place, with Tim Adkins taking second place, Cole Brosie, third, and Andrew Shell in the fifth individual position.

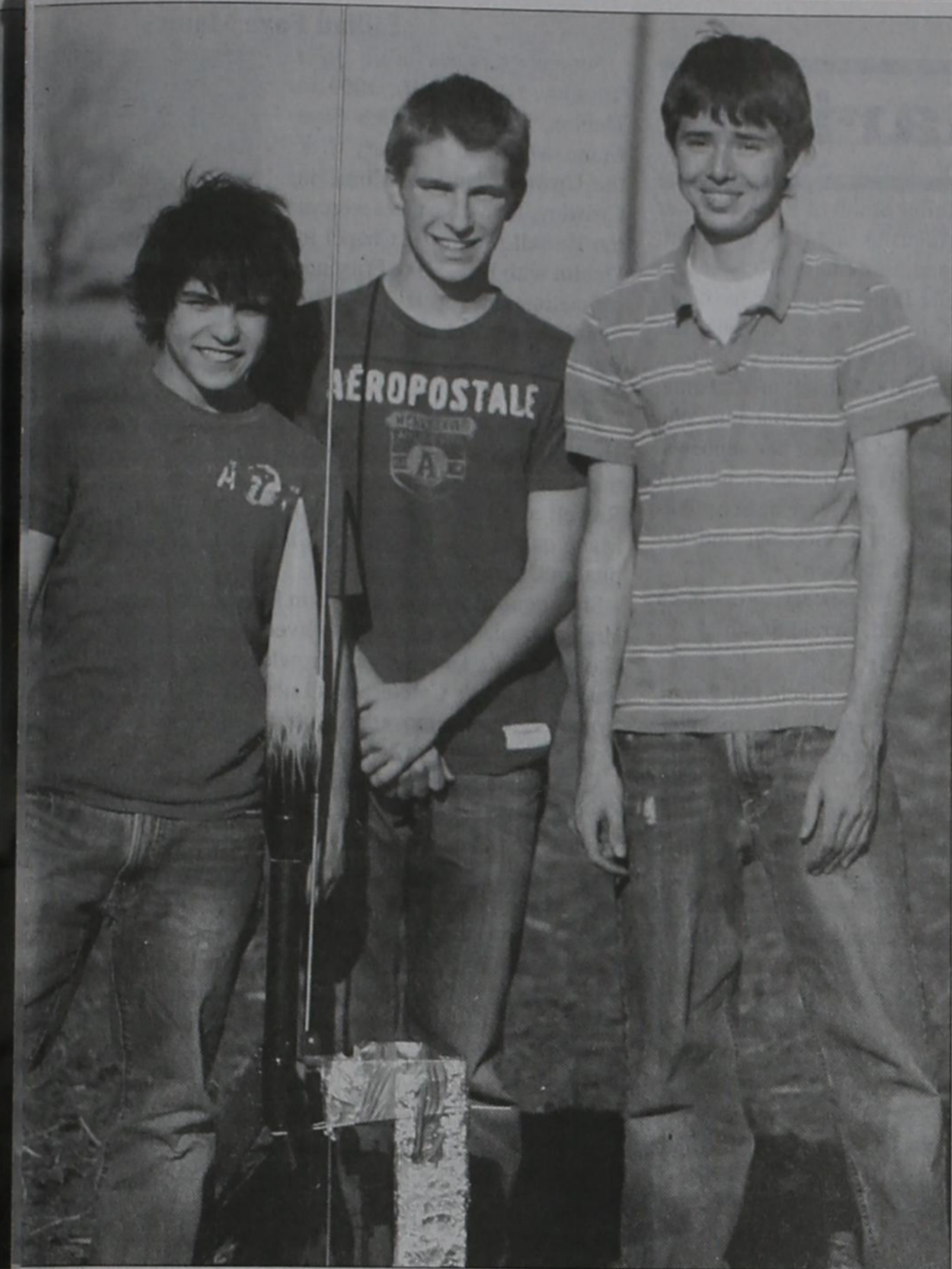
The computer applications team, coached by Kim McKenzie, scored well against the 22 schools participating, Zak Martinez placed fourth, Megan Doyle placed fifth and Sara Clark took sixth place.

The accounting team, coached by Linda Burrows, consisted of Daniela Arzola, fourth place, Dominique Gittens, eighth

place, and Bryan Wolfe, 14th place. The team took second place overall.

In journalism, which is coached by Peggy Elvington,

Joey Williams placed fourth in news writing, while Alexandra Hudson finished third in news writing and in fifth place in feature writing.



McNally, Michael Gerritsen and John Easum (left to right) are working to qualify for the Team America Rocketry Challenge set for May 16 in The Plains, VA. The team, all 10th graders at Rockwall High School, is sponsored by RHHS science teacher Leslie Reese and mentored by George Easum, a member of the National Association of Rocketry.

Photo Courtesy of Lori Gerritsen

Local boys aim high in National Rocket contest

Contributed by Lori Gerritsen
 John Easum became interested in rockets and aerodynamics when his Cain School science teacher, Mark Rakow, began teaching about space. His interests include rocket building and never looked back.

In eighth grade, John and a few friends began meeting and building rockets with the Rocket Club, the first of its kind in Rockwall County. The club members would meet informally at home sketching rockets, using their imagination and computer design software to build their first rocket, which they launched more than fifteen

attempts were better than the first and the boys learned more about rocket design with each launch. As their success grew, they became interested in participating at the national level at the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC). The rules state that the rocket must reach 750 feet in altitude while holding a raw egg inside the rocket.

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For the next few years, the Rocket Club tried unsuccessfully to qualify for TARC. Once at Heath High School, they recruited a club sponsor, Leslie Reese, head of the science department, and Bruce Sprague, a mentor and member of the National Association of Rocketry, to continue the club, consisting of Easum, Michael Gerritsen and McNally, now tenth graders at RHHS, continues to set its

sight on the TARC competition. This year, the team must qualify by April 6, with only the top 100 teams invited to the finals on May 16 in The Plains, VA., outside Washington D.C. More than \$60,000 in prize money and scholarships will be awarded to the top ten teams.

Twice a month, the club gathers in empty fields with their school sponsor and mentor and launches rockets repeatedly while making small adjustments to increase altitude and decrease wind resistance.

"I must admit," said Gerritsen, "those first two years we had some near misses with rooftops and trees. We would also sometimes lose a rocket when its parachute would be taken by the wind and the rocket would land in wooded areas."

But, the boys persisted and now in their third year, they seem confident in their chances of qualifying for nationals. "I really think we can make Nationals," Colt McNally said. "This may be our year."

"Our biggest concern right now is the cost of the rocket materials and the engines we use. Each engine costs between \$15 and \$20. We tend to use a lot of engines and therefore our building costs and test costs add up very quickly," said Easum.

The Rocket Club is now looking for sponsorships where businesses can have their decals placed on the two-foot rocket and the rocket launch stand for advertising. The boys feel it is a good investment in not only advertising, but for the future of kids who love science.

"We are looking to the future, and hope to leave a legacy for more rocket teams at not only RHHS, but at Rockwall High School and both Cain and Williams Middle schools as well," Easum said.

Easum wishes to one day attend

Embrey Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida and major in aerospace engineering.

And it's all because of his seventh grade teacher.

Rockwall County News Congratulates Rockwall Christian Academy Varsity Basketball Team



Rockwall Christian Academy Lady Warriors Varsity (back row, left to right) Coach Steve Turner, May Uvere, Tori Hogden, Jessica Widner, Danielle Robison and Manager Alanna Gomez (front row, left to right) Megan Mooney, Shonda Boulware, DaVondra Jones, Lauren Rorie and Dawnetta Peal.

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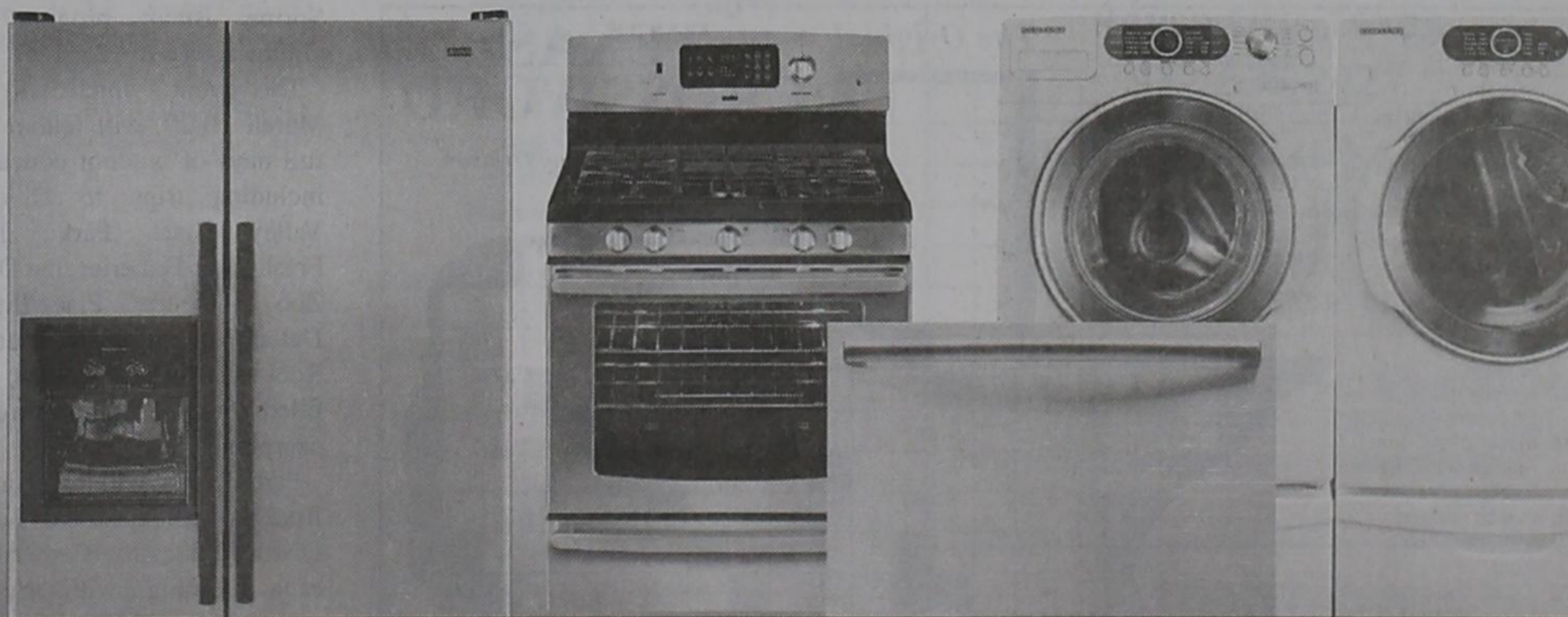
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Terri Beth Abbey

Services for Terri Beth Abbey, a former Rockwall resident, were to have been at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial was to have followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Monday, Feb. 16, after having suffered an aneurysm on Feb. 9.

Born Aug. 31, 1961, in Albuquerque, N.M., to Ralph and Kathy Langer, she married Jeffrey Abbey of Washington state in 1982. They lived in Chandler's Landing in Rockwall from 1995 to 2003, where they were a part of the tennis community and attended numerous sporting events involving their children. She enjoyed her friends, reading, boating, scuba diving, horseback riding, tennis, her dogs and her family. A devoted wife, mother, sister and daughter, she carried the nickname of "Mamma Bear."

Survivors include her husband, her daughter, Nichole, and son, Garrett, all of Camano Island, Wash.; her parents, residents of Chandler's Landing in Rockwall; and her sister's family, Tammi and Britt Starnes, niece Samantha and nephew Slade, all of Dallas.

In lieu of flowers the family has suggested donations be made to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, 269 Hanover St., Bldg. #3, Hanover, MA 02339 or visit bafound.org.

Samuel Stuart Arterburn

Graveside services for Samuel Stuart Arterburn, infant son of Tony Jr. and Erin (Toney) Arterburn, were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at Macomb Cemetery in Whitesboro. The Meador Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Feb. 11 at Baylor Medical Center in Garland.

Lereta Ellen Cox

Services for Lereta Ellen Cox (Ponder), 67, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Feb. 15.

She was born May 25, 1941, in Colt, Ark., to Thomas Howard and Clarsey Ellen (Black) Ponder.

Survivors include her daughters, April Ellen Scott and her



husband, Monte, of Rockwall and Jennifer Smith of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Troy Edward, Clinton Augustus and Rebekah Scott; her sisters, Helen Hendon and her husband, Jim, Martha Karsten and her husband, Jack, of Florida and Sheila Ponder and her husband, Bob Dodd, of Virginia; one brother, Curt Ponder of Arizona; her nieces, Beth Allen and her husband, Jim, of Florida, Nancy Paddock of Arkansas, Amy Johnson and her husband, Michael, of Alabama, Gloria Paddock of Florida, Katherine Bland of Alabama and Michelle Hopson and her husband, Robert, of Dallas; her nephews, Rick Hendon and his wife, Kelly, of New Jersey, James Hendon of Florida and Scott Ponder and his wife, Erin, of Georgia; her great-nieces, Amanda and Casey Hendon and Sarah Hopson; and her great-nephews, Michael, Kevin and Thomas Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Griz Marek and Margaret Ponder; and her former husband, Gerald Smith.

Carlton W. Hearn Jr.

Services for Carlton W. Hearn Jr., 82, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Feb. 13.

Born Sept. 13, 1926, in Hallsville to Carlton Wood Hearn and Geneva (Carter) Hearn, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and lived in Royse City for 45 years. A senior machinist in the physics department of the University of Texas at Dallas until his retirement, he was a member of the Church of Christ in Garland.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Hearn of Royse City; one daughter, Brenda Payne and her husband, Jerry, of Red Oak; one son, Stephen Hearn and his wife, Kathy, of Royse City; his sisters, Frances Hansen of Oklahoma and Theresa Dodson of Longview; three grandchildren, Rachel Key of Garland, Sarah Taylor of Waxahachie and Ashley Payne of Red Oak; and five great-grandchildren, Lyric, J.J., Garrett, Carson and Grayson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings, Paul, Clarence, Wynona, Hettie, Barbara and Nelwin.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the SPCA of Texas, 362 S. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207.

Rockwall Parks & Rec to host spring programs

Registration is under way for preschool, youth and adult programs offered by the City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department.

Spring programs will include Texas Freestyle Karate for ages 4 and up, Tuesdays, one-hour classes at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Stretch n' Grow chil-

dren's fitness beginning March 2 for children ages 18 months to five years, 9:30 a.m.; Romp n' Stomp, ages 18 months to four years, on Fridays beginning at 10 a.m. Feb. 27 at the RISD Education Center gym; and Young Rembrandts Preschool Drawing, ages 3 to 5 years, Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

For details information or information on other preschool and youth programs, visit the FunGuide at rockwall.com.

Adult classes include Jazzercise for ages 16 and older on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Ballroom Dancing on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Yoga on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; Texas Freestyle Karate for adults, Tuesdays at 8 p.m.; and Cardio Ballroom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 12:45 p.m.

To register, visit The Center at 108 E. Washington or mail the registration form included in the FunGuide to FunGuide, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall, TX 75087.

ROCK Spring Break Camp returns in March

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will again host the ROCK Thru Spring Break program for youths ages 6 to 12.

The event, which will run March 16-20, will feature five full days of outdoor education, including trips to Dinosaur Valley State Park, Texas Freshwater Fisheries, the Dallas Zoo, Science Place/IMAX/Dallas Aquarium and a day at Rockwall's Harry Myers Park filled with fishing, cooking and camping.

Participants will meet at the Rockwall Independent School District Education Center Gym each morning, with the day running from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Each child will be required to bring his or her own lunch and snacks.

Pre-registration is required; space is limited.

Cost is \$75 for Rockwall residents, \$113 for non-residents. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt.

For more information or to register, go by The Center at 108 E. Washington or call the Parks & Rec office at 972-771-7740.

Lillian Faye Mann

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in Dublin, Texas for Lillian Faye Mann who died February 7 at the Crowley Nursing Home in Crowley, Texas. Services were at the Harrell Memorial Chapel in Dublin with Rev. Mike Fritscher officiating and special music by Fannie Chambers and Nina Rae. Burial was at the Dublin Liveoak Cemetery.

Mrs Mann was born February 16, 1927 in Knox County, Texas, the daughter of Carman Lorene Rowell and Alton Theodore Voyles. She married Raymond Mann on Sept. 5, 1947 at the Camp Pendleton Marine Station in California.

She attended several schools in Knox County and later at Lubbock High School, Texas. She also lived in Big Spring, Anaheim, Clovis N.M., Dublin and Crowley. She was a homemaker, worked at Furr's Cafeterias in Lubbock and Clovis. After retiring from Furr's, Faye moved to Dublin, where she was a member Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mann was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Belinda Sue Scott, step-son James VanLoon, sisters Alta Voyles, Charlsie Maxine Alvord and Marylon Joyce Reber.

She is survived by her husband Raymond Mann of Hico, Teddy Lynn Mann of El Paso, Donald Lloyd Mann of Illinois, Glenn Mann and his wife Genie of Lake Isabel, Calif.; Rita Loren Mann of Palmdale, Calif.; daughter Paula Kay Moncrief her husband Al of Crowley; grandchildren Maria Diane Ma Huntington Beach, Calif.; Mandy Lynne Mann of Houston, Lea Ramirez and her husband Alex of Lake Isabel, Calif.; Dionysia Marino and her husband Patrick of Simi Valley, Roger Aaron Mann (currently deployed in Iraq) and his wife Christopher Stephen Mann and his wife Amber of Sulphur Springs, Tex.; Dawn E. Maguire of Vienna, Mo.; Jesseka Meahgann Mo of Crowley, Thomas Allen Moncrief of Crowley, 13 great grandchildren;

Brother Rex Douglas Voyles and his wife Johnnie of Hobbs, sister Patsie Ruth Burnett and her husband Wes of Rockwall, Aunt LaVerne Mercer of Silverton, Tex. as well as numerous nephews.

Pallbearers were grandsons Chris Mann, Thomas Moore Matt Jones, nephews James Burnett, Tim Burnett and friend Moncrief.



Rockwall County News Congratulates Royse City High School Varsity Basketball Team



Royse City High School Varsity Bulldogs (back row, left to right) Coach Dale Brewer, Coach Jason Hodges, Nick Stone, Demarco Thomas, Cory Stapleton, Coach Bobby Reynolds, Head Coach Anthony Howerton, (middle row, left to right) Scotty Arterberry, Justin Jacobs, Wynn Posey, Stephen Edwards and Manager Hunter Webb (front row, left to right) Stephen Reed, Da'jon Avery and Cory

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- 23 TX Larry Hagman old TV show: "_____ of Jeannie"
- 24 Larry of film "Medium Rare" with TX Meat Loaf
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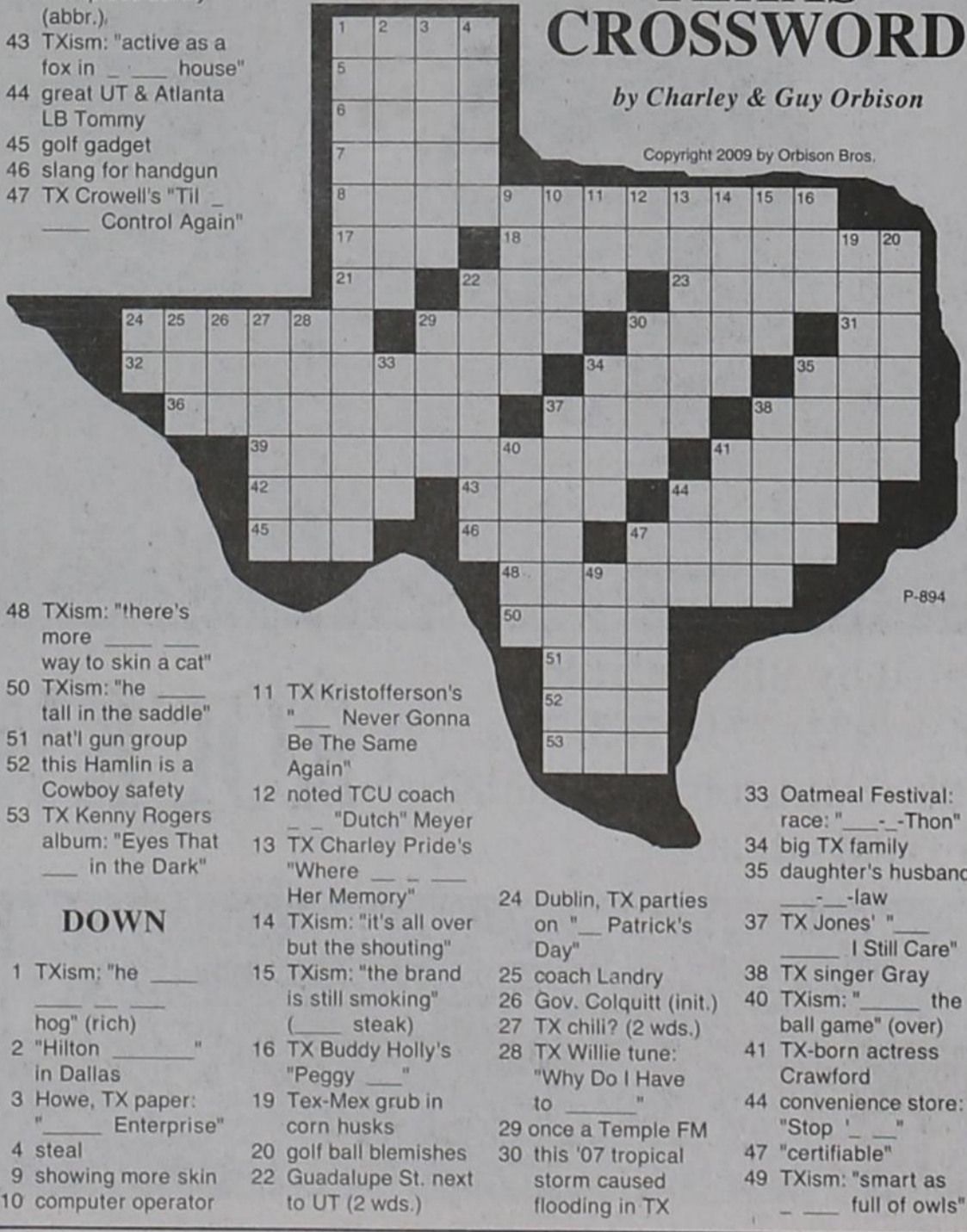
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- 10 computer operator

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Date of Jesus Christ
Due to the fact that the date of Jesus Christ's birth is not known, the Gospels together with the important details, lay out the chronological events very nicely. We present this series on the date of Jesus Christ by pinpointing the exact day and hour that occurred.

Book, Jesus Christ Our Seed (Chapter 6), concluded that the date of Jesus' son occurred on the 11th of March, 3 B.C.

Reasons: Wierwille's calculations of sixteen early sources who dated the birth between 4 and 3 B.C. He also noted the reference in the Antiquities of Josephus (Antiquities of the Jews, Book XVII, Chapter 10) that a lunar eclipse occurred prior to Herod's death.

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Rockwall County Religious Life

First United Methodist Church Celebrates Shrove Sunday February 22, 2009

The event includes a children's parade, entertainment by band, a pancake supper and more! The festivities begin at 5 p.m. Proceeds from the pancake supper benefit the FUMC youth ministries.

"Join us as we 'clear the house' in preparation for Lent," said Valerie Englert, Associate Pastor. "Children are invited to bring bikes, trikes, and wagons for the parade."

The church will also hold an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25. This is a reflective service with imposition of ashes, Rev. Englert said. First United Methodist Church is located at 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane in Rockwall. Contact the church at 972-771-5500.

Focus on Marriage Simulcast at Lake Pointe Church, February 28

Lake Pointe Church's Adult Ministry invites you to attend Focus on Marriage™ Simulcast on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Pier 4:19 Student Center. This landmark Focus on the Family® will show you what your relationship looks like through God's eyes. Focus on Marriage™ will help you understand the higher purpose of your marriage, while providing practical insights to help with day issues.

Speakers include Beth Moore, founder of Living Proof Ministries; Dr. Gary Smalley, author of The DNA of Relationships; Dr. Trent, author of Breaking the Cycle of Divorce; Gary Thomas, author of Sacred Marriage; Dr. Del Tackett, Focus on the Family Truth Project® and special musical guest Jeremy Camp.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. For tickets, call the church office at 469-698-2200. For information, visit lakepointe.org.

Operation Prom Dress

The Lake Pointe Girls' Ministry is sponsoring the "Form Yours" dress sale at the Hilton Bella Harbor on Saturday, March 7. Gently used formal dresses and accessories will be sold at a discount with the proceeds benefiting orphan care in South Africa.

Donations of formal dresses and accessories are being accepted and can be brought to the Pier 4:19 Student Center during weekend business hours.

For more information, please contact DeeDee at 469-371-1800, deeannachoate@sbcglobal.net.

Williams MS to host 'Aim for Success'

The 'Aim for Success' motivational program will be presented to the students and parents of J.W. Williams Middle School in Rockwall.

The nationally acclaimed program addresses the problems of pregnancies, STDs and problems associated with teen sexuality. The program is designed to demonstrate to students that "waiting sexual activity until marriage provides freedom from pregnancies, STDs and regret while giving them the freedom to fulfill dreams and goals," according to a press release about the upcoming presentation.

The parent program, set for 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in the WMS cafeteria, is a preview of the student presentation where parents will learn alternative ways to talk about sex with their children and encourage them to avoid sexual activity until marriage.

"This is a must-see event for anyone concerned about the problems associated with teen sexual activity," said Marilyn Morris, president of 'Aim for Success.'

The student program is set for March 5 during the school day. The program is being funded by the Williams Middle School PTA.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
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Date of Jesus Christ's birth...

God gives us a perfect picture of Jesus Christ's birth. Gospels together not only provide important details, but also lay out the chronology very nicely. We include this series on the birth of Jesus Christ by pinpointing the day and hour that he was born.

In the book, Jesus Christ Our Seed (Chapter 6), we concluded that the birth of Jesus occurred on a calendar day that was our Wednesday, 11, 3 B.C.

Of 3 B.C. was chosen for several reasons. Wierwille's list of sixteen early sources who dated the birth between 4 and 3 B.C. simply dated it after the fact. He also noted the reference in the Antiquities of Josephus (Antiquities of Book XVII, Chapters 10-11) that a lunar eclipse occurred prior to Herod's death.

The word "wonder" comes from the earlier known Greek word "semeion," which was of-

ten used in reference to zodiacal signs. The one constellation that symbolizes the woman is Virgo. It says the woman was "clothed with the sun." On the horizon, the sun was positioned at mid-body in Virgo. According to Wierwille, in the year 3 B.C., Virgo and the sun were in this position for approximately a 20-day period from August 27 to September 15.

Wierwille noted that in 3 B.C. the moon was positioned under the feet of Virgo on what would be our September 11th. According to Luke 2:8 Jesus Christ was born at night. This means that his birth would have been between sunset and moonset on the Hebrew calendar day that corresponds to our Wednesday, September 11th, 3 B.C.

Wierwille laid out the significance of the Hebrew day on which Jesus was born. That day was originally the first of the new calendar year, or Tishri 1. This requires some extensive biblical research, but his main point was that Jesus Christ was born on a special day called The Day of Trumpets. During this day, Trumpets would be heard

from morning until night. It was the day to recognize Jehovah as the one true King. It was also the day of coronation ceremonies for new kings (see 2 Kings 11:12-14). In short, the birth of Jesus Christ was literally heralded by the blowing of trumpets. They not only recognized the ultimate Kingship of God, but they heralded the birth of His son who would rule by authority from God.

In The Companion Bible, Appendix 179, E.W. Bullinger expounded on the September birth of Jesus Christ. Bullinger opined that Jesus' birth would have occurred on the 15th day of Ethanim (also known as Tisri, or September 29) in the year 4 B.C. Although he did not support his choice of 4 B.C. in the Appendix, Bullinger did give reasons for choosing the month and day.

The 15th day of the Jewish month of Tisri was the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles during which trumpets were blowing in honor of a new king, among other reasons. The date of the age old "Festival of Michael and All Angels" was held on September 29 (Western reckoning), which

could correspond with the unnamed angel who announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. Bullinger explained that if according to Hebrews 1:6, all the angels of God worshipped Him when His first-born was brought in, then it stands to reason that Michael the great prince and archangel would have been the one to make the announcement to the shepherds. In applying logical common sense, Bullinger also explained that the shepherds would not have been in the fields during the cold wintry time of December.

This author tested the above theories by utilizing the McDonald's Observatory Star Map, found online. Amazingly, the precise conditions seen in Revelations 12:1-2 were seen in the map for the date of September 11, -2 (2 B.C.) at 5am Universal Time. The dates of 3 and 4 B.C. were not tested as of this writing because the Star Map is currently not working, but this author plans to test the dates.

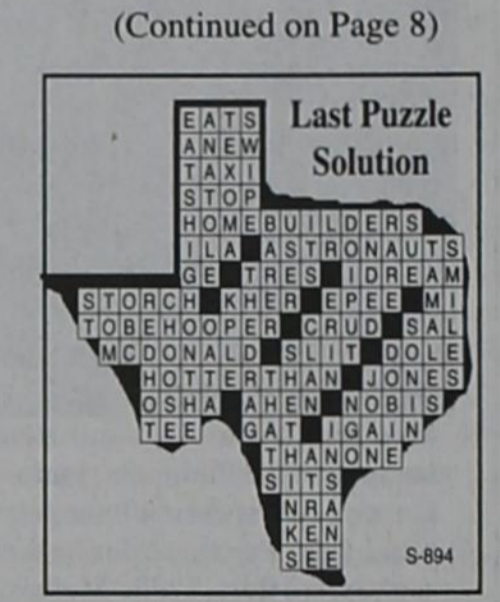
According to the Star Map, the constellation Virgo was on the horizon at dawn with the sun directly over it. It was literally

bathed by the sun. The moon was shown to be at the foot of Virgo. The planet Venus was at the head of Virgo and Jupiter was positioned over the star, Regulus in the constellation Leo. The planet Venus symbolizes Jesus Christ as the bright and morning star (see Revelations 22:16), for it is Venus that shines brightly at dawn and dusk when no other stars can be seen.

It was no doubt significant to the Magi when they noted Jupiter, the kingly planet, massing with Regulus. You see... Regulus is the star that sits at the foot of the constellation Leo. Recall that Israel blessed Judah

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Recall that Israel blessed Judah



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Proverbs 18:7

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"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."
Mark 11:24

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Members of the Rockwall High School band selected for All-Region Band honors are (back row from left) Patrick Rock, sophomore bassoon; Will Edmonds, junior baritone saxophone; Adriana Soniat, senior French horn; Meagan Rolling, junior cornet/trumpet; Sam Garner, senior cornet/trumpet; Jordan Garrison, freshman cornet/trumpet; Kyle Canada, junior cornet/trumpet; Alex Calderon, junior tuba; John Perish, senior bass clarinet, (front row from left) Andrew Smetana, freshman clarinet; Emily Tolle, senior flute; Anna Wright, sophomore flute; Callie Mulkey, junior flute and Sarah Williams, senior clarinet. Not pictured are Gregg Fox, senior alto saxophone and Agethe Renard, senior French horn.
Staff photo by Kathy Williams



Kyle Geyman (left), a freshman percussionist, and Courtney Rogers (right), a sophomore clarinet player, were both selected for the All-Region Band. The students are members of the Rockwall City High School Bulldog Band.
Staff Photo by Erin Strahm

Rockwall County students selected for All-Region, All-State bands

by Kathy Williams

After a series of recent try-outs, musicians from Royse City High School and Rockwall High School were chosen for All-Region Band honors.

Two students from Royse City High School received All-Region honors. Kyle Geyman, a freshman percussionist, and Courtney Rogers, a sophomore clarinet player, were both chosen for the Symphonic All-Region Band.

Rockwall High School had 16 students named to the All-Region roster. Patrick Rock, a sophomore bassoon player, was chosen for both All-Region and All-State honors. Rock traveled with his school band directors to San Antonio last week to attend the Texas Music

Educators Association (TMEA) spring conference. As part of the conference, All-State Band members from around Texas presented a concert on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Members of the All-Region Band from RHS are Gregg Fox, senior on alto saxophone; Will Edmonds, junior on baritone saxophone; John Perish, senior on bass clarinet; Andrew Smetana, freshman on clarinet; Sarah Williams, senior on clarinet; Sam Garner, senior on cornet/trumpet; Meagan Rolling, junior on cornet/trumpet; Jordan Garrison, freshman on cornet/trumpet; Kyle Canada, junior on cornet/trumpet; Adriana Soniat, senior on French

horn; Agethe Renard, senior on French horn; Emily Tolle, senior on flute; Callie Mulkey, junior on flute; Anna Wright, sophomore on flute and Alex Calderon, junior on tuba.

While in San Antonio, more than 24,000 Texas music educators, students and parents participated in a variety of concerts, conferences, exhibitions and enjoyed the sights and sounds around the Alamo City. A special treat during the conference was the 2009 President's Concert, featuring the 52-member United States Air Force Concert Band and the Singing Sergeants. They were joined by the TMEA member choir.

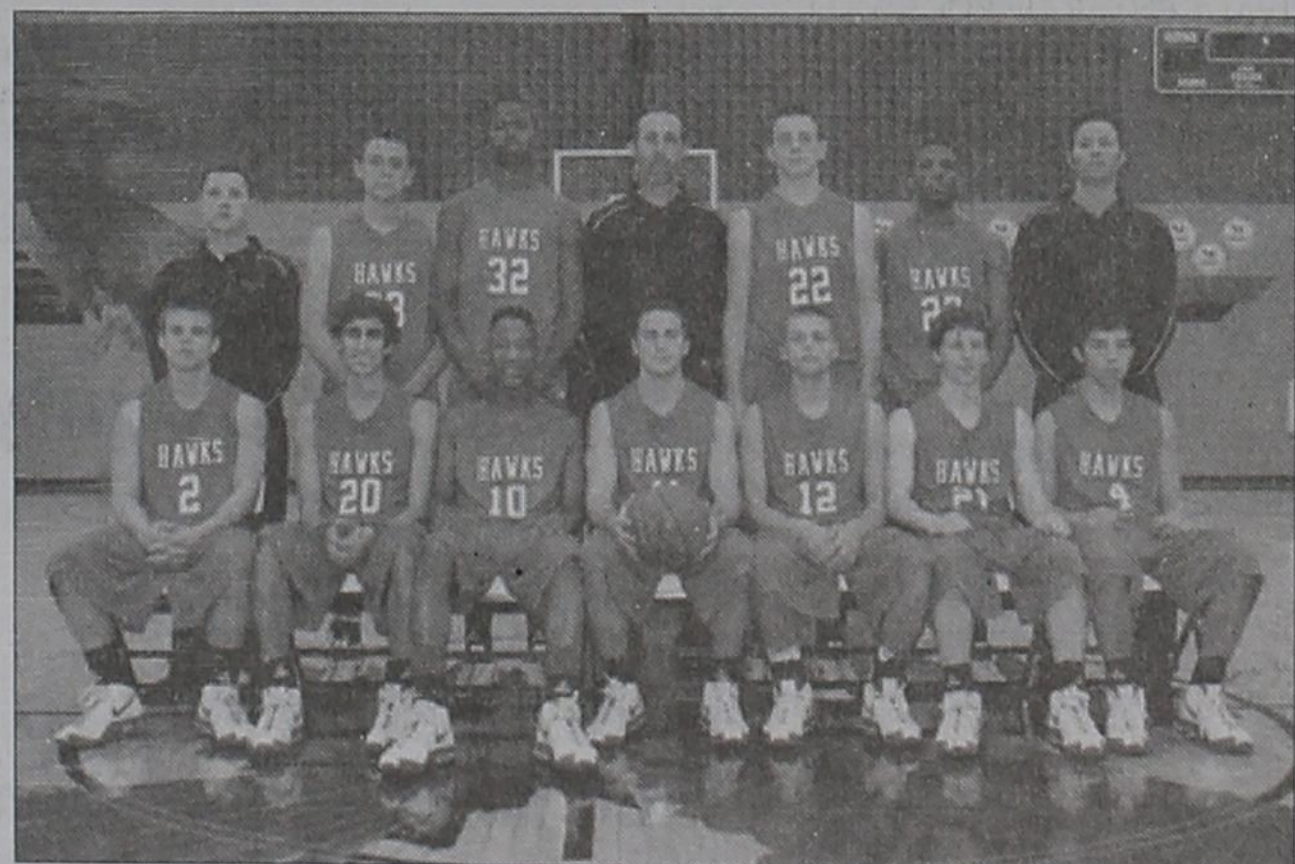
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Royse City High School Varsity Bulldogs (back row, left to right) Coach Dale Brewer, Coach Jason Hodges, Nick Stone, Demarco Thomas, Cory Stapleton, Coach Bobby Reynolds, Head Coach Anthony Howerton, (middle row, left to right) Scotty Arterberry, Justin Jacobs, Wynn Posey, Stephen Edwards and Manager Hunter Webb (front row, left to right) Stephen Reed, Da'jon Avery and Cory Kawesa.

Rockwall County News Congratulates Rockwall-Heath High School Varsity Basketball Team



Rockwall-Heath High School Varsity Hawks are (back row, left to right) Coach Kevin Walker, Jeremy Casebolt, Demi Leonard, Coach Justin Morrett, Andrew Twedell, Lewis Snowton, Coach Brad Waters, (front row, left to right) Cameron McClung, Chase Nielsen, T.J. Tennison, Kyle Whittle, Preston Wynn, Erik Larsen and Dustin Morett.



Patrick Rock

"Barefoot in the Park" final weekend at Rockwall Community Playhouse

Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" enters its final weekend of performances at the Rockwall Community Playhouse this weekend, 20, 21 and 22. Show times are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

The cast of the production includes Ashton DeGroot as Corie, Matt McCleary as Paul Bratter, Johnna Leigh as Mrs. Banks, Perez as Harry Pepper, David Kierski as the Delivery Man and Persons as Victor Velasco.

The show is under the direction of Dennis Gullion and assisted by Christina Swanson.

Tickets may be purchased for \$15 for adults and \$12 for senior students by calling 972-722-3399. The Playhouse is located at 205 S. Fannin.

Auditions planned for 'Kiss Me Kate'

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's "Kiss Me Kate" production will take place March 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, 1200 W. Yellowjacket Lane, beginning at 10 a.m. and on March 8

at the Rockwall Wedding Center, 205 S. Fannin, at 1 p.m.

Callbacks, if needed, will be held on March 9.

Performances will be May 10-11 with rehearsals beginning on March 10.

Singing and non-singing roles will be filled (no children under 16 available). Singers should be prepared to sing 16 bars of music and bring dance shoes. Accompanist will be provided. Bring headshots.

For details call 972-722-3399 or visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Just Say Yes Saw It In "The Court News"

On God's Word ...

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by referring to the lawgiver that would be born out of the loins of the lion. Leo is the lion constellation.

After tracking the significant celestial events over a period of time, the above mentioned event must have completely grabbed the Magi's attention to the point of recognizing that a King was born, and would have begun their journey to the place where they would find the two year old child with his parents. They paid homage to the child Jesus with such meek hearts, and gave him special gifts.

Just think of how blessed Mary might have been during that visit! There she was, with her two-year-old toddler, being comforted and exhorted by God through the Magi's arrival. Any mother who has worked with toddlers might understand what this event must have meant to Mary.

Amen and praise God!

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Rockwall-Heath High School Varsity Lady Hawks are (back row, left to right) Coach Donna Walker, Lyndsey Renta, Brooke Eddy, Sidney Horton, Shanae Lowrance, Katelyn Morris, McKenzie White and Coach Priscilla Vela (front row, left to right) Manager Nicole Bass, Heidi Holmes, Macall Smith, Ali Coughlin, Meredith Deere and Manager Amberly Beaty.

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 10 Years Ago
 February 16, 1999
 ... a graduate of Rockwall High School...
 ... Senate hearings involving...
 ... off the bus, he had to push his...
 ... on the capitol. He enjoyed...
 ... the hearings.
 ... Arlie Demien of Rockwall...
 ... Caleigh Ashton. Caleigh was...
 ... weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces.
 20 Years Ago
 February 17, 2000
 ... Auto Sales had new financing...
 ... cars. Warranties were available...
 ... For instance, a 1983 Coupe DeVille...
 ... 10 Blazer 4-wheel drive was \$4,999...
 ... bought for \$399, including tax.
 30 Years Ago
 February 16, 2001
 ... Perry Brothers Variety store, located...
 ... was a new member of the Rockwall...
 ... accepted the membership pla...
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 ... Rannels III announced his candid...
 ... Place 3 Board of Trustees chair...
 ... High School and the University of...
 ... office in Terrell.
 40 Years Ago
 February 16, 2002
 ... residents protested the announcem...
 ... acres of land had been purchased...
 ... disposal site. The land was loc...
 ... Rockwall Estates. The Mayor of Ho...
 ... eventually forcing him to go ba...
 ... Herman Sparks was re-elected Rockw...
 ... Party. The other officers electe...
 ... Bill Stevenson, Secretary-Trea...
 ... Chairman.
 50 Years Ago
 February 21, 2003
 ... basketball teams of Bourn Avenue S...
 ... Celina. Sixteen teams participated...
 ... girls beating Colbert, OK, in the...
 ... to the finals, beating the Celina te...
 ... Mrs. Billy Ray Sears were victi...
 ... their home. Mrs. Sears heard a l...
 ... her husband and little son, Mik...
 ... the living area to see a speeding au...
 ... The 1954 Ford had run off the...
 ... wheels and flipped end over end...
 ... residence.
 60 Years Ago
 February 22, 2004
 ... Mercantile Company had a co...
 ... Line Cow Feed. They also had a...
 ... fancy groceries. For more inform...
 ... 74.
 ... PTA met after the Founder...
 ... "Wanted," which was presented b...
 ... was called to order by PTA Presid...
 ... was given by Peggy French.
 August 12, 19...
 ... Three Methodist Church in Rockw...
 ... A.B. Harrell and his family will...
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Rockwall County Yesteryears

by Judy Schneider
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10 Years Ago February 16, 1999

...ent, a graduate of Rockwall High School, went to Washington, D.C. for Senate hearings involving President Bill Clinton. When he got off the bus, he had to push his way through thousands of people to get to the hearing. He enjoyed watching all the senators' hearings.

...and Arlie Demien of Rockwall announced the birth of their daughter, Caleigh Ashton. Caleigh was born at Lake Pointe Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces.

20 Years Ago February 17, 1989

...ll Auto Sales had new financing available with easy terms on new cars. Warranties were available on cars from 1983 to the current. For instance, a 1983 Coupe DeVille Cadillac ran only \$6,350, a 1980 Blazer 4-wheel drive was \$4,950 and a 1978 Lincoln Mark III was bought for \$399, including tax, title and license.

30 Years Ago February 16, 1979

...y Brothers Variety store, located in the Ridge Road Shopping Center, was a new member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce. The store accepted the membership plaque from Chamber Manager ...

...Runnells III announced his candidacy for the Rockwall School Board 3 Board of Trustees chair. Dr. Runnells graduated from Rockwall High School and the University of Texas in Austin. He had a home in Terrell.

40 Years Ago February 16, 1969

...sidents protested the announcement by the City of Rockwall that 47 acres of land had been purchased for the location of a garbage disposal site. The land was located on Buffalo Creek, south of Rockwall Estates. The Mayor of Heath was overruled with citizen protests, eventually forcing him to go bat for his community.

...man Sparks was re-elected Rockwall County Chairman for the 1969 term. The other officers elected were Duane Curfman, Vice Chairman; Bill Stevenson, Secretary-Treasurer and Dr. Frank Miller, Chairman.

50 Years Ago February 21, 1959

...ketball teams of Bourn Avenue School took part in a tournament in Celina. Sixteen teams participated in the tournament, with the girls beating Colbert, OK, in the first game. They made it all the way to the finals, beating the Celina team with a score of 10-7 for the win.

60 Years Ago February 22, 1949

...kle Mercantile Company had a complete line of Chicken Feed and Line Cow Feed. They also had a complete line of staple, dry and fancy groceries. For more information, they could be reached at 744.

...ath PTA met after the Founder's Day play, "The Valentine Wanted," which was presented by Mrs. Adams' pupils. The play was called to order by PTA President Mrs. John Lasater and a prayer was given by Peggy French.

August 12, 1932

...e Methodist Church in Rockwall welcomed a new pastor, A.B. Harell and his family will move to Rockwall shortly. The former pastor, will move to Missouri.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The editing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and is edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters that 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 a phone number or address for verification.

Opportunity to support Habitat for Humanity

If you are still looking for an opportunity to help with the Habitat for Humanity build that is taking place in Royse City, the workers could use your help on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 28. The breakfast can be as simple as doughnuts or bags of burritos or home-made hamon rolls. It is totally up to you. Coffee is already being provided.

Contact Mike Humphrey at 972-978-4143 if you are able to help. Thank you.

Mike Humphrey
 Executive Director
 Rockwall County Chamber of Commerce

The Fulton School Gala set for Saturday

Nine years ago, The Fulton School's annual fundraiser began as a pasture party held in a barn with barely enough room to accommodate Fulton family members.

This year, The Fulton School is hosting its Mardi Gras-themed Spring Gala and Fundraiser at the Hilton Bella Harbor, with plenty of room for 500 guests, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are limited to the first 500 sold.

The gala is The Fulton School's primary fundraiser and supports scholarships and building and operation funds. The school hopes to raise \$100,000 for construction of its gymnasium, cafeteria, library and classroom expansion.

The festivities include a Cajun-inspired menu of blackened chicken, shrimp, dirty rice and other bayou favorites, a live auction, raffles and a live performance by Dallas blues band Dr. Atomix & The Rhythm Addicts.

A silent auction and a Texas

Hold 'Em poker tournament complete the festivities.

A sampling of donated auction items includes a \$1,000 gift certificate from Affinity Salon and Spa located in the Harbor, a 50-person dinner party from Chiloso's Mexican Bistro and a weekend rental of a RX Lexus Hybrid from Sewell Lexus.

"The Fulton School has always supported the Rockwall community and Hilton Bella Harbor has supported the school since the hotel opened two years ago," said Gala Chair Jerolyn Finnell. "We are incredibly grateful to have such a beautiful facility for this event that is the heart of the Fulton family."

For tickets and additional corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities, go to

www.auctionsourceonline.com/fultonschool or contact Jerolyn Finnell at (214) 236-3442 or jfin56@msn.com.

For more information on The Fulton School visit www.thefultonschool.org.



VoiceMale, a male quartet of tenor and bass voices, will perform a wide variety of music including sacred and secular music beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the 1st Christian Church in Rockwall. Patrick McClendon, tenor, David Bush, tenor, Edwin Walker, baritone, and James Williams, bass, make up the ensemble pictured above. They are accompanied on piano by Ken Frerichs. Pieces will include "Shenandoah," "Danny Boy," "Scarborough Fair," "I Only Have Eyes for You," "Alleluia," "Beautiful Savior," "Gloria," "All You Need is Love" and "Earth Angel." Donations will be accepted.

Katie Baxter has received a pair of scholarships from Johnson and Wales University in Denver, Colo., including the Presidential Academic Scholarship of \$5,000, which is renewable each year for four years, and the \$1,000 Prostart Scholarship, which also is renewable each year. Baxter, a student of the Royse City High School Culinary Arts Program, recently received a third \$1,000 scholarship for four years. Johnson and Wales University is the alma mater of several famous chefs, including Emeril Lagasse and Tyler Florence.



Rockwall County Responders

Rockwall County Sheriff's Department Weekly Report

- Calls (Feb. 6-12) - 255
- Arrests (Feb. 6-12) - 46
- Warrant unit arrests (week of Feb. 9) - 16

Rockwall Responders Calls for Service Feb. 9-15

Rockwall Fire & EMS

Car fire 1, Fire Alarm 2, Grass fire 4, Motor vehicle accident 1, Smell smoke 3, Wires down/transformer arcing 1.

Rockwall Police Department

- Monday, 9 February: Theft, 1000 block IH 30.
- Tuesday, 10 February: Theft, 900 block W. Yellow Jacket Lane; Theft, 1000 block Yellow Jacket Lane.
- Wednesday, 11 February: Theft, 700 block IH 30; Theft, 2800 block Hampshire Lane; Theft, 600 block FM 552.
- Thursday, 12 February: Burglary, 2000 block Summer Lee Drive.
- Friday, 13 February: Burglary, 600 block Forest Trace Lane.
- Saturday, 14 February: Burglary, 2000 block Kristy Lane.
- Sunday, 15 February: Burglary, 1200 block IH 30.
- Other Service Calls: Abandoned property 8, All alarms 46, Animal complaint 9, Assist citizen 28, Civil matter 5, Criminal assault/rape 3, Criminal mischief 3, Criminal trespass 1, Fire call 2, Investigation 46, Forgery 5, Grass fire 1, Injured or sick person 14, Major disturbance 1, Major traffic accident 1, Meet complainant 40, Minor disturbance 13, Minor traffic accident 35, Missing person 3, Narcotics 2, Open building 11, Ordinance violation 11, Reckless driver/possible DWI 18, Shots fired/shooting 1, Street hazard 4, Suspicious person 48, Welfare concern 7.

Heath DPS

- Monday, 9 February Theft, 800 block W. Laurence Drive.
- Wednesday, 11 February: Theft, 6600 block Horizon Road.
- Thursday, 12 February: Theft, 6600 block Horizon Road.
- Other Service Calls: Animal complaint 5, All alarms 20, Assist citizen 1, Criminal assault/rape 1, Criminal mischief 1, Fire call 1, Injured or sick person 8, Investigations 3, Meet complainant 2, Minor traffic accident 1, Narcotics 1, Open building 1, Ordinance violation 2, Reckless driver/possible DWI 1, Suspicious person 5, Welfare concern 3.



Members of the Sports and Entertainment class at Rockwall High School recently competed and won first place in the Knowledge Matters Virtual Sports Challenge. This is a national online competition that allows students to manage a virtual sports team and sports complex. Students are responsible for making all business decisions that concern managing a professional sports team, such as ticket prices, advertising and promotions, endorsements sponsorships and parking lot revenue. Derrek Clinard, Tim Yeager and John Noble (left to right) were ranked as the Most Profitable Team in Texas and were awarded first place in the state. Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Faunce



The Small Town Strings Cello Choir performed at the first ever Rockwall-Heath High School Mighty Hawk Band Dinner Concert at the school on Monday, Feb. 9. Members of the choir are (left to right) Kevin Kim, Isaac Smith, director Tracy Davis, Sarah Boronkay, Alyssa Garrett, Alyson Davis, Andrew Marien and Greg Witwer. Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

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Heath artist Vicky Hoarty, right, recently completed this oil painting commissioned by Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall president Ken Teel and his wife, Becky, to commemorate the facility's founding. All 34 of the hospital's founding directors signed the painting, which hangs in the administrative conference room on the facility's second floor.

Heath artist creates painting to mark hospital's founding

A Heath artist is responsible for the creation of a large oil painting commissioned to commemorate the founding of Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall one year ago.

Vicky Hoarty completed the painting, which has been signed by all 34 founding directors of the hospital. The work, "Where There is Unity... God Commands a Blessing," now hangs in the administrative conference room on the hospital's second floor.

The idea for a commemorative piece of art evolved after Hoarty contact hospital president Ken Teel during the facility's construction and suggested artwork from local artists be placed in the new structure, the artist said.

"The Teels wanted something extraordinary, not just a plaque with names," she said. "Listening to Mr. Teel share his journey and

speaking so highly of the founding directors, my thoughts went directly to a sermon I heard a pastor preach one Sunday morning he based on Psalm 133 in the Bible. The words will be forever engraved in my heart: 'Where there is unity, God commands a blessing.' I could feel the word coming to life with Mr. Teel's respect and gratefulness he felt about the founding directors of the hospital."

Hoarty created a sketch of the proposed piece, and soon afterward the hospital president and his wife and partner, Becky, gave her the go-ahead to produce the artwork.

The multi-colored, earth-toned 36" by 48" painting, which features six hands of mixed races co-mingled and reaching upward, is interpreted as people working in unity with God's

blessing to follow, according to the artist. An olive branch extends across a portion of the piece.

"The hands represent Hoarty said, "and the olive branch represents the blessing." "Vicki did an absolutely beautiful job," said Becky Teel. "I wish everyone could see this masterpiece."

"We're so very happy to be able to place such a beautiful work from a local artist at the hospital," her husband said. "It's a real work of love as the hospital has been founded by founders."

Since the painting's completion, all 34 founding directors have signed their names to the artwork.

The painting may be viewed at vhoarty.com.

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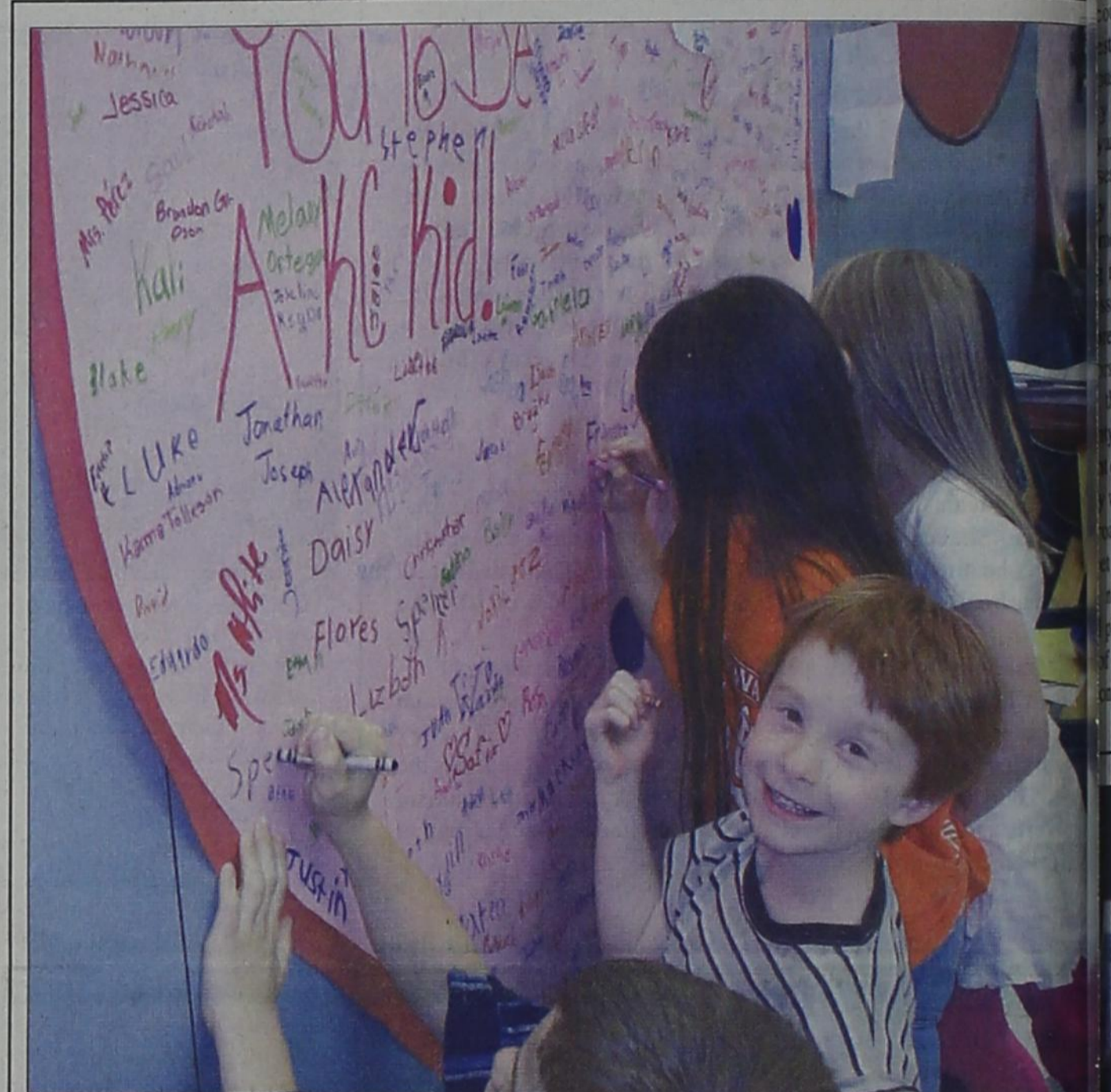
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From the left, Spencer Cross, James Riemenschneider, Tori Mercado and Loren Raines were among the Springer Elementary students pledging to make kindness and compassion contagious at their school. The heart pictured above was created by the KC Club, which strives to promote positive interactions among students.

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Rockwall County Sports

Farewell to the Great Eight: thanks for the memories and good luck in the future

Matt McGillen

It's unprofessional, but I couldn't help myself. I've been given the privilege of covering the Rockwall-Heath football team starting with last spring's annual scrimmage then on to the beginning of two-a-days in August and continuing day until their heart-wrenching loss to eventual state champion Springs in the regional final. I formed a certain attachment to

as with a certain internal glee that I pulled for them in their with like-wise unbeaten Highland Park back in November at n-Sanders Stadium. The winner of course, would emerge with ct 10-4A title.

le for writers covering a game in the press box is no cheering if team does good. Or groaning, when things go bad. Objectivity indard.

of six writers in the not-too-large press box that night, I'm re I was the only one that thought the Hawks would end the rep-year run without a district loss, not to mention their 45-game streak.

erse, in defense of those guys from other papers, they hadn't had seat in the house as I had for every single play of the Hawks nine games.

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we music, indeed.

ow in the final step for that statistically small group of high ayers - about five percent - that go on to play at the next level, Heath's finest signed their National Letters of Intent to play at I football universities Feb. 4 at RHHS.

The road ahead, however, is littered with potential speed bumps and deadends, as only about half of all signees actually complete their four years of eligibility. About the same percentage actually get their degrees.

Injuries and poor academic performance are the two biggest reasons for a lack of success in college sports. And, especially at the Division I level, it is a business and coaches often recruit and sign several highly-talented players at the same position.

It can be easy sometimes to get lost in the shuffle. Clashes with coaches, poor work habits and difficulty in managing ones time can lead to the non-renewal of what is essentially four one-year contracts between the school and the player.

Still, in the afterglow of a 13-1 record and buoyed by the best wishes and hopes of Hawk Nation, we send these eight off to hopefully accomplish great things.

David Abercrombie (6-5, 245 offensive tackle - Montana State) A mountain of a young man who helped the Hawks produce over 4,000 rushing yards his senior season, Ambercrombie, a 2008 All-District selection, should help the Bobcats, who finished 7-5 in the Big Sky Conference.

Darius Jones (5-10, 175 defensive back - Montanta State) The speedy Jones earned All-District honors at cornerback as a senior. He had 54 tackles with three interceptions and two fumble recoveries. He is also being considered as a kick returner by MSU.

Everett Gilbert (5-9, 175 wide reciever/running back - Montanta State) A danger any time he had the ball in his hands, Gilbert rushed for 1,085 yards and caught 55 passes for another 755 with 18 scores. He rushed for for a season-high 216 yards against Hillcrest and turned in his best performance against Sulphur Springs with 193 yards and five touchdowns after Lawrence went down with an injury the week before. He could play right away for the Bobcats.

Ryan Moseby (6-0, 205 linebacker - Kentucky) One third of what Heath coach Mickey Moss called "perhaps the best linebacking trio in the state", Moseby is one of four linebackers signed by the Wildcats' coach Rich Brooks. UK went 7-6 last year including a Liberty Bowl win, its third straight bowl victory. Moseby had 96 total tackles for the Hawks.

George Bamfo (5-11, 195 linebacker - Houston) Another of the Hawks' triumvirate second line of defense, Bamfo finished with the second most stops for Heath with 131 through 13 games. A first team All-District selection who runs a 4.5 40-yard dash, he could help the Cougars, who went 8-5 last year, finishing with a win in the Armed Forces Bowl over Air Force, their first postseason win in 28 years.

Austin Moss (6-2, 210 linebacker - Arkansas) The heart and soul of the Hawks' defense, Moss was not only selected as the District 10-4A defensive player of the year, he was also tapped as first-team All-State selection. The 21st ranked middle linebacker in the country, Moss had a team-leading 155 tackles six sacks and one fumble recovery.

The Razorbacks, who suffered through an off season in 2008, finished just 5-7 overall and 2-6 in conference play, signed only two incoming freshman linebackers.

Drew Hollingshead (6-4, 200 quarterback - Houston) A second-team All-District choice, Hollingshead passed for 1,826 yards and 14 touchdowns while completing 68.3 (129-of-189) of his passes with just one interception. He saved his finest performance of the season for the Hawks' final game, completing 16-of-27 passes for 256 yards and four scores without an interception. He is one of six QBs on the Cougars' roster.

Kendial Lawrence (5-10, 185 running back - Missouri) What can you say about the man named "Showtime" that hasn't been said: District 10-4A MVP, first team All-District, first team All-State. The Elusive Lawrence rushed for 2,686 yards and scored 46 touchdowns, averaging over 200 running yards a game, and should fit in well with the Tigers' spread offense. Missouri finished 10-4 and won the Alamo Bowl in 2008.

His finest single-game effort came against the Scots, when he ran for 365 yards and all five heath TDs.

Publisher's Note: We extend our apology to the Rockwall-Heath High School seniors and to sports writer Matt McGillen for inadvertently placing the wrong story under last week's photograph of the football players earning collegiate scholarships. We also incorrectly credited Matt McGillen as the writer of the story that ran incorrectly last week.



Rockwall-Heath High School senior football team members signing collegiate letters of intent are (left to right) David Abercrombie, Austin Moss, George Bamfo, Kendial Lawrence, Darius Jones, Everitt Gilbert, Drew Hollingshead and Ryan Moseby. The team is coached by Mickey Moss (standing). Staff photo by Carl McClung

Rockwall Hockey dominates Birdville, falls to Arlington Martin

Chawn Rogers

A four goal, two assist performance, Wylie senior Stefan Skinner led Rockwall hockey varsity team in a dominating performance against a struggling Birdville squad (7-10-1) at the Grapevine Star Feb 12th. The win stopped a two game skid that saw the Jackets 3rd place in Metroplex standings.

In the 4th game in a row, the Jackets were slow off the initial puck and allowed the Hawks a quick goal. But that would be it for the Jackets.

Rockwall got the equalizer at 4:19 in the first when team co-scoring Rockwall senior Chris Thirion took the pass from sophomore Preston Roberts and found the back of the net.

Skinner put the hammer down with a four goal run. The first of the end of the 1st period off a set up from Rockwall sophomore Thirion and Rockwall-Heath senior Brandon Bambico. The next power play mid-way thru the 2nd with assist from Wylie junior Chris Cook.

Then late in the 2nd, Skinner scored back to back goals both with assists from Rockwall-Heath senior Chris Rogers and Cook.

Early in the 3rd, the same line added to the scoring fest, this time with Cook scoring from an assist by Rogers and Skinner.

At 7:18 in the final period, Rockwall sophomore Preston Roberts found the net with an unassisted goal.

Capping the scoring the scoring line of Skinner, Cook and Rogers found the net again, this time with Rogers adding the netter with Cook and Skinner assisting.

Rockwall-Heath junior David White recorded his seventh win in eight starts improving his save percentage to 0.891

The Jackets (15-3-0) will next face a Hurst/Eules/Bedford (4-13-1) Feb 19th, at the Eules Star Center.

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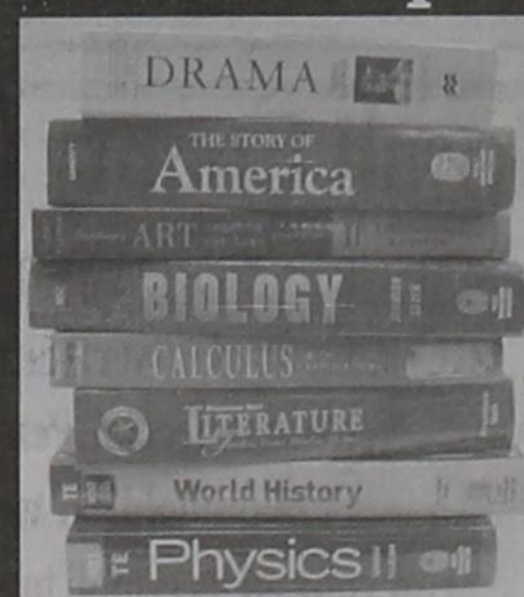


HCA seniors awarded during recent sports banquet

Heritage Christian Academy seniors receiving awards during the annual Fall Sports Banquet at Sabine Creek Ranch are (left to right), Zach Read, Josh Points, Brandi Hawkins, Noah Ward, Audrey Salter, Kevin Prater, Sarah Hurst, Spencer McAfee, Leah Crowe and Josh Peschell.

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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks fall into tie with Rockwall with 53-45 loss, play again Friday for final berth

by Matt McGillen

If Rockwall-Heath was going to finally lock up its first post season berth in school history the Hawks would need to do two things: 1) slow down Rockwall's leading scorer Kyle Sandlin and 2) find a way to score some points themselves against the Jackets most stingy defense, Feb. 17 at RHS in the final regular season District 10-4A game for both teams.

One out of two just wasn't good enough.

Although Heath limited Sandlin to just nine total points on a miserable 2-for-15 shooting night, Sandlin the rest of the Jackets defense, second-ranked 4A in the Metroplex, pretty much stuffed all of the Hawks except their leading scorer Dustin Morrett, coming out on top 53-45 to force a one game tie-breaker for the fourth and final playoff spot.

Finishing district play with identical 7-7 records, the same two teams will square off again Friday at Mesquite Potet at 7:30 with the winner moving on and the loser relegated to making plans for next year.

Having beaten Greenville 61-54 Feb. 13 to keep their slim one-game lead heading into the regular season finale, the Hawks trailed by as many 16, 42-26, with less than three minutes left in the third period.

The Jackets had built that lead with an incredible run of three-point shooting, turning a 10-8 first-quarter deficit into that double digit lead by making 11 field goals, including all nine treys they would hit for the game.

The Jackets' Blake Sandlin and hunter Jorgensen both connected three times with Kyle Sandlin hitting two.

Heath, meanwhile had just two threes for the entire game, one in the opening period from Morrett, who led all scores with 18 points and one from Jeremy Casebolt three minutes into the fourth quarter.

The Hawks managed to slice Rockwall's lead to just five, 47-42, with 2:06 remaining, but unlike the first meeting between the cross-town rivals won by the Hawks 62-59, Heath simply couldn't come up with the big shot to get any closer.

Rockwall, which has yielded just 47.9 points per game, second only to Highland Parks 41.3 in the DFW area among 4A schools, closed out the game more or less at the free throw line, making 5-of-11 in the last eight minutes.

Overall neither team turned the ball over much, with Heath giving it up 11 times and Rockwall just eight.

Blake Sandlin finished with a team-high 12 points while Jorgenson added 11 and Tim Yeager 10. No other Hawk besides Morrett reached double figures, though sophomore Demi Leonard had eight points and a game-high seven rebounds.

The Jackets shot just 33 percent for the game (16-for-48) but made up the difference with their three point baskets.

Heath converted a little bit better, 38 percent (19-of-50) but connected on just 5-for-14 free throws (36 percent). Rockwall hit 10-of-16 from the foul line.

Heath	10	7	14	14 - 45
Rockwall	17	12	15	9 - 53

Heath (45) - Dustin Morett 18, Demi Leonard 8, Lewis Snow Jeremy Casebolt 3, Preston Wynn 2, Andrew Twedell 2, Tony Ter 2, Chase Nielsen 2, Eric Larson 2.

Rockwall (53) - Blake Sandlin 12, Hunter Jorgensen 11, Tim 10, Kyle Sandlin 9, Jarron White 7, Luke Wardell 4.



Hawks' senior, Dustin Morett (4), drives for the basket during Tuesday's game against Rockwall High School in the RHS gym. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Simmons' three goals, Brady's 12 blocks lead CMS 8th grade soccer to 3-0 win

Rachel Simmons produced a hat trick and Ivy Brady turned away a dozen shots as the Cain Middle School seventh grade soccer continued its unbeaten ways by shutting out cross-town rival Williams Middle School 3-0 Feb. 12 at RHHS.

The win improves the seventh graders record to 5-0-1. The lone blemish on the lady Mustangs record was a 1-1 tie against Williams earlier in the season.

Simmons scored the first of her three goals just over 10 minutes into the game off an assist from Jacklyn Granstaff. She then pushed the lead 2-0 at the 25:04 mark with an assist by Taryn Wheeler before closing out her fine day by scoring again 45:23 into the contest.

She was assisted on her final score by Madi Lemmons and Jillian Granstaff. The Lady Mustangs out shot Williams 23-12, with Williams' goalie making 20 saves.

In a very exciting and physical as well as evenly played eighth-grade game, Williams scored the only goal in the contest 22:11 into the first half for an eventual 1-0 win.

The loss drops the eight-graders to 1-4-1 for the year.

The Lady Mustangs had several chances to tie the score on free kicks by Tawny Deshotel, but the powerful kicker couldn't quite find the net.

Cain goalie Ashton Hierholzer and Williams' keeper both made numerous outstanding saves, with Hierholzer recording an amazing 21 stops.

Both CMS teams return to action Feb. 19 against Lovejoy Middle School, with the seventh grade game starting at 5:30 and the eighth grade team to follow.



Cain Mustangs' Molly Nelson (14) sprints to dribble the ball downfield against McMillan during last Thursday's 8th grade game at the RHHS field. McMillan won 0-1. Photo by Michelle Hierholzer

Hawk track teams open 2009 season at home with Rockwall Yellow Jacket Classic

by Matt McGillen

With both the men's and women's teams returning a regional qualifier from last season, both Rockwall-Heath track squads look primed for a successful season, which opens Feb. 21 with the Rockwall Yellow Jacket Classic.

Because of the renovation at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, the meet will be held at RHHS.

"I'm looking forward to the track and field season," said Heath women's coach Libbey Holley, who led the both men's and women's cross teams to the regional meet last fall. "We have some great sprinters."

The best of those for the women will be regional-qualifier senior Jasmine Williams, who has been clocked in 11.64 in the 100 meters and 24.61 in the 200, fast enough to earn a full track scholarship from the University of Mississippi.

While Williams qualified for regionals in both events, Aly Coughlin qualified in the 800. Coughlin, however, had major knee surgery in December after being injured playing point guard for the Lady Hawks basketball team. Her status is uncertain.

Another sprinter, senior Sharniece Pratt, a member of the Heath volleyball team, and Cybill Owusu, who throws both the shot and discus, are also expected to make an impact.

Also returning is junior distance runner Andrea Moeller, who runs the 1600 and the 3200 after having a stand-out cross country season.

On the men's side, who are coached by Michael Stephens, senior Darius Jones, an All-District 10-4A defensive back on the Hawks' district champion and regional runnerup football team, will look to return to the regional meet.

The speedy Jones posted a 14.96 in the 100 meter hurdles to make it out of district last season. He best time in the 300 hurdles is 41.6.

Others expected to play a big part for the men's team are junior Armondo Villa, another Heath football player who competes in the 400 meter dash as well as running a leg of the 4 x 100 relay and anchoring the 4x400 relay.

Both Hunter Beauchamp and Tyler Kirwan will run the distance triple: 3200, 1600 and 800 meter, while Cameron Wilson, who high jumped 6-2 at the 2008 district meet and Bryan Foster, who throws both the shot and discus.

Another competitor for the men's team could be All-State running back Kendal Lawrence, who signed a letter of intent to play football for the Missouri Tigers.

The top three places in each event at the district meet advance to regionals where the top two in each event move on to state.

Heath Hawks baseball reloading after missing 2008 playoffs, opens at Granbury tourney

by Matt McGillen

Hoping to build on a season-ending, five-game winning streak softened somewhat the disappointment of a 2008 season that started with high expectations but ended without a trip to the postseason Rockwall-Heath baseball team prepares to open the 2009 season defending their title at the Granbury Tournament Feb. 26-28.

"We are very excited about this season," said Heath coach Garvey, who lost eight players to graduation from last year's team finished 16-9 overall and 8-6 in District 10-4A, missing the playoffs one spot for the second year in a row.

However, with the expansion in the number of teams that move to the postseason from three to four, the Hawks figure to be right at the end of the season once again despite having to fill those eight spots left by the departing seniors, including two of their top four hitters.

They could also benefit from the departure of Forney and Mesquite Potet, who were a combined 4-0 against Heath, having been moved to another district because of realignment.

Although he won't be able to pitch after suffering a stress fracture last season, senior Drew VerHagen returns as the Hawks top hitter, he compiled a .433 average with three home runs and 17 RBI. VerHagen who has been clocked in excess of 90 miles an hour on the radar gun went 3-2 last year with a ERA of just 1.40, will man first base for the Hawks.

Also returning is the Hawks' second-leading hitter, junior catcher Drew Benefield (.383 average and a team-leading 22 RBI) as well as senior second baseman/shortstop Charlie Martin, who hit .378 while stealing a team-high 18 bases.

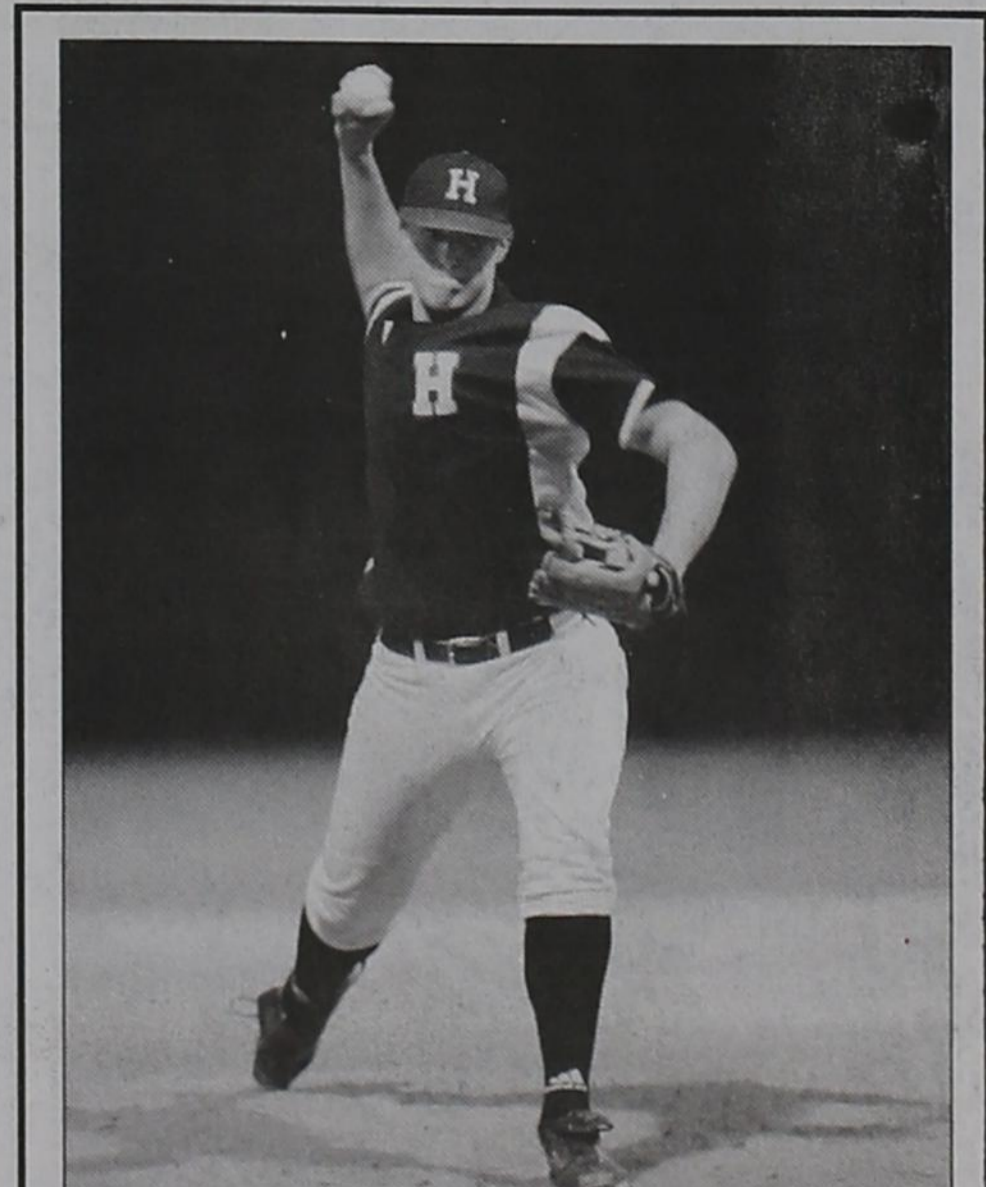
Taking the mound to lead the Hawks will be junior James Baunert 2-0-1 with a perfect 0.00 earned run average.

Also expected to help Heath will be Benefield, who traded in his pitching gear at times last season to fashion a 4-2 record and a 2.22 ERA. According to Harvey, some newcomers to watch are sophomore outfielder Nick Peterson, who already has outstanding defensive tools will have to hit his way into the lineup.

Also expected to make an impact are a pair of freshmen: Jake Thompson who will pitch, play first and DH for Heath this year and Jovan Hernandez who will pitch at times and serve as back-up catcher to Benefield. Harvey, a former major league pitcher, sees the district breaking down into three groups.

"This is a great baseball district," Harvey said. "I think there are teams that are all very even. In my opinion - and not necessarily in order - Heath, Rockwall, Highland Park and Newman Smith would be the top four. Roysie City and Pearce are on the next level, but are dangerous. Greenville and R.L. Turner are below those two, but surprised some teams in the past."

The Hawks won last year's Granbury Tournament with a 4-1 record, beating Cleburne 4-3 in the championship game.



Hawks' freshman pitcher Jake Thompson. Staff photo by Carl McClung

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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Jackets beat Liberty, meet Seagoville in Area round

by Lary Bump

Frisco Liberty knew what to expect from Rockwall's Peyton Adamson, the Metroplex's leading scorer.

The surprise awaiting the Lady Redhawks in Monday's Bi-District playoff game was freshman Alyssa Lang.

Liberty hounded Adamson with a box-and-one defense, but she still broke loose for 34 points, even better than her 28-point average in the Lady Jackets' 74-62 victory at Garland Naaman Forest.

She was able to do that in part because the Lady Redhawks had to pull in their defense in on the 6-foot Lang, who was scoring a career-high 22 points to raise her average to a modest 8.0 per game. She also led her team with an unofficial nine rebounds.

RHS head coach Jill McDill said, "It was a great first playoff game for her. All year long, she's been getting better and learning more. She certainly did not look like a freshman. She got on the boards, and she used some post moves to score."

"We told her we needed her to score, and to go by their post. That's really pretty much how she played."

Because of that inside-out combination, the Lady Jackets will travel to North Mesquite to play Seagoville in an Area round game Friday at 7:30 p.m.

In the first half Monday, it appeared that Rockwall could have a rout. With Adamson scoring 15 points and Lang 12 by halftime, the Lady Jackets led 34-22. The advantage grew to as many as 17 points (47-30) with 3 minutes, 14 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

McDill said, "Frisco Liberty sure never gave up. They gave us a good challenge. We'd get it up to (16 or 17 points), and they'd cut it back down. We knew they could hit 3s and they had good shooters."

Liberty sophomore Emily Mital, averaging 16.6 points per game, had just four in the first half. She caught fire to finish with 21, 13 of those in the fourth quarter.

Twice in the second half, the Lady Redhawks (14-16 overall) moved within nine points of the lead. They went on an 8-0 run to make the score 47-38 with 1:52 left in the third quarter, but RHS came back on a basket by Vertashia Dean and stretched its lead back to 15. A 6-0 run by Liberty brought the score to 55-46 with 4:41 to play, but Lang put in her own rebound and the lead stayed in double figures until the end. Still, just two

of this season's opponents have scored more points against Rockwall than the Frisco team's 62.

Adamson scored 13 of her points in the fourth quarter, with 11 of those in the final 3:48.

It was a different Peyton Adamson from the one we've been used to seeing. She leads the Metroplex with 117 3-point field goals, but had only one against the Lady Redhawks. More often, she would fake a shot or a pass, pull the ball down and drive. Adamson also made 9 of 10 foul shots.

"Peyton hit the looks when she had them. She worked hard on both ends of the court," McDill said. Defensively, Adamson blocked two shots and came up with a steal.

The Lady Jackets, ranked 10th in the TABC's 4A state poll, improved to 25-9 with their 12th consecutive victory. Their next challenge will be Seagoville (18-10), which has won nine in a row. The Lady Dragons, the District 11-4A co-champions with Dallas Carter, have scored at least 70 points in eight of those games.

The game will match the two highest-scoring 4A players in the Metroplex, Adamson and Seagoville's 5-foot-9 senior post, Chariety Miller (20.5 points per game). She scored 26 Monday as the Lady Dragons won their Bi-District game 78-69 over Dallas Samuell. Junior guard Patrice Flanagan, who finished the regular season with 13.2 points and 6.3 assists per game, had 20 points against Samuell.

The only common opponent has been South Oak Cliff, which Rockwall overcame 73-24. Seagoville defeated district opponent SOC twice, 56-43 and 82-65.

The only scores that matter now are the ones on the court for each playoff game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Frisco Liberty	10	12	18	22	62
Rockwall	13	21	19	21	74

Frisco Liberty: Emily Mital 21, Jasmine Vasquez 15, Haley Pilcher 13, Amber Fleet 6, Branay Hicks 3, Kristine Nwosu 2, Elana Frank 2.

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 34, Alyssa Lang 22, Kayla Kimmons 6, Vertashia Dean 6, Raven Turner 4, Jordan Anterhaus 2.

RHS holds off Hawks to set up Friday rematch

by Lary Bump

When Rockwall-Heath cut Rockwall's 16-point lead to five entering the final minute Tuesday, Yellowjackets head coach Alan Simmons and sophomore Blake Sandlin could have been thinking about games that got away this season.

Instead, one word came into their thoughts: "Sachse."

That's because a year ago, with the Jackets needing a win to stay alive for the playoffs, Sandlin stepped to the foul line and made two shots to turn a one-point deficit into a 41-40 victory.

Tuesday, the Hawks' 16-5 run had Rockwall on the ropes, clinging to a 47-42 lead. With 58.6 seconds to play, chase Nielsen fouled Sandlin as RHS tried to control the clock.

He made the foul shot. Rockwall-Heath called a timeout. Sandlin came back and calmly made another.

Two more foul shots by Jarron White sewed up the deal, and Rockwall won the final regular-season game 53-45. The victory before a packed RHS gym pulled the Jackets (7-7 in District 10-4A, 14-14 overall) into a fourth-place tie with the Hawks (7-7, 11-16).

Only one of those teams can make the playoffs. They split their two district games, with Rockwall-Heath rallying to win at home. So Rockwall's win allowed the Jackets to stay alive for a playoff play-in game against the Hawks Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Mesquite Potet.

With the confidence of youth, Sandlin said, "It was really big for us to win this game. Now we can finish it out Friday."

When asked whether he had been thinking about Sachse when he stepped to the line Tuesday, Sandlin smiled and said, "A little bit. I knew I was going to hit them."

Simmons was thinking similar thoughts, with one concern nagging at his brain.

He said, "We executed well at the end and hit some free throws. I was thinking that we had the lead over there (at Rockwall-Heath) too."

"In the second half, we went brain dead for about three possessions. They've got such good shooters that if we go down and miss don't score and they make a shot, it could be like a nine-point swing with 3s. During a timeout, I told the team, 'We've got to make sure we're playing to win, and not playing not to lose.'"

The Jackets had used their own nine-point to take control of the game late in the first quarter. After Dustin Morett drove for a basket to put the Hawks ahead 10-8, Rockwall made three 3-point shots in the final 1:29 for a 17-10 lead. The last of those was Sandlin's long heave at the buzzer.

In the second quarter, Sandlin hit another 3-pointer and his brother, Kyle Sandlin, also connected from long range for a 23-14 lead. With just 2.4 seconds left in the first half, Blake Sandlin hit another 3-pointer for a 29-17 lead.

"We only had one turnover in the first half. It was the best execution on offense I think we've had all year," Simmons said.

In the third quarter, it was Hunter Jorgensen's turn to connect on three 3-point bombs, giving Rockwall nine for the game.

Blake Sandlin led the Jackets with 12 points. Jorgensen scored 11 and Tim Yeager added 10 to go with seven rebounds.

Simmons said, "We did a good job. Everybody did their role, and did it well."

When asked if this win gives the Jackets an advantage for a game three days away, the coach said, "I think it's going to be a war for both teams and another great basketball game. Whoever executes best offensively and values the basketball will win."

Friday's winner will advance to a Bi-District playoff game Monday or Tuesday against District 9-4A champion Sherman (12-2, 24-6).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	7	9	16	9	41
Royse City	6	7	15	10	38

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 14, Hunter Jorgensen 12, Tim Yeager 3, Jarron White 3, Luke Wardell 3, Blake Sandlin 3, Adam Dingwell 3.

Royse City: Stephen Edwards 10, Scotty Arterberry 8, Justin Jacobs 6, Cory Stapleton 4, Wynn Posey 4, Thomas 2, Cory Kawesa 2, Dalon Avery 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	10	7	14	14	45
Rockwall	17	12	15	9	53

Rockwall-Heath: Dustin Morett 18, Demi Leonard 8, Lewis Snowton 6, Jeremy Casebolt 3, Preston Wynn 2, Andrew Twedell 2, Tony Tension 2, Chase Nielsen 2, Eric Larson 2.

Rockwall: Blake Sandlin 12, Hunter Jorgensen 11, Tim Yeager 10, Kyle Sandlin 9, Jarron White 7, Luke Wardell 4.



Lady Jackets' Raven Turner (15) races down court against Liberty during Monday's Bi-District basketball action at Naaman Forest Garland.

Photo by Roy Heath

Walters to represent RHS at state swimming

Walters qualified for the UIL swimming meet by turning in a 1 minute, 3.75 seconds for the 100-yard breaststroke in the 4A meet Saturday at Southlake Carroll.

His time was good for fifth place in the region, and it gave him a chance to compete at the state level for the first time. He will compete at the state level for the first time Feb. 27 and 28 at the University of Texas' Jamail Swimming Center in Austin. Walters also placed eighth in the 100 butterfly in 58.82 minutes.

Walters had the highest finish in the regional meet, placing fourth in the 100 freestyle in 1:49.03. His personal best was two seconds faster in the preliminaries, but he missed qualifying for the state meet. He placed fifth in the 100 backstroke in 58.83 minutes.

Walters and Lang were joined by sophomores Jared Tokuz and Jarron White on two relays that advanced to the regional finals. In the 400 freestyle relay, they placed sixth in 3:29.69. They finished seventh in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:46.55.

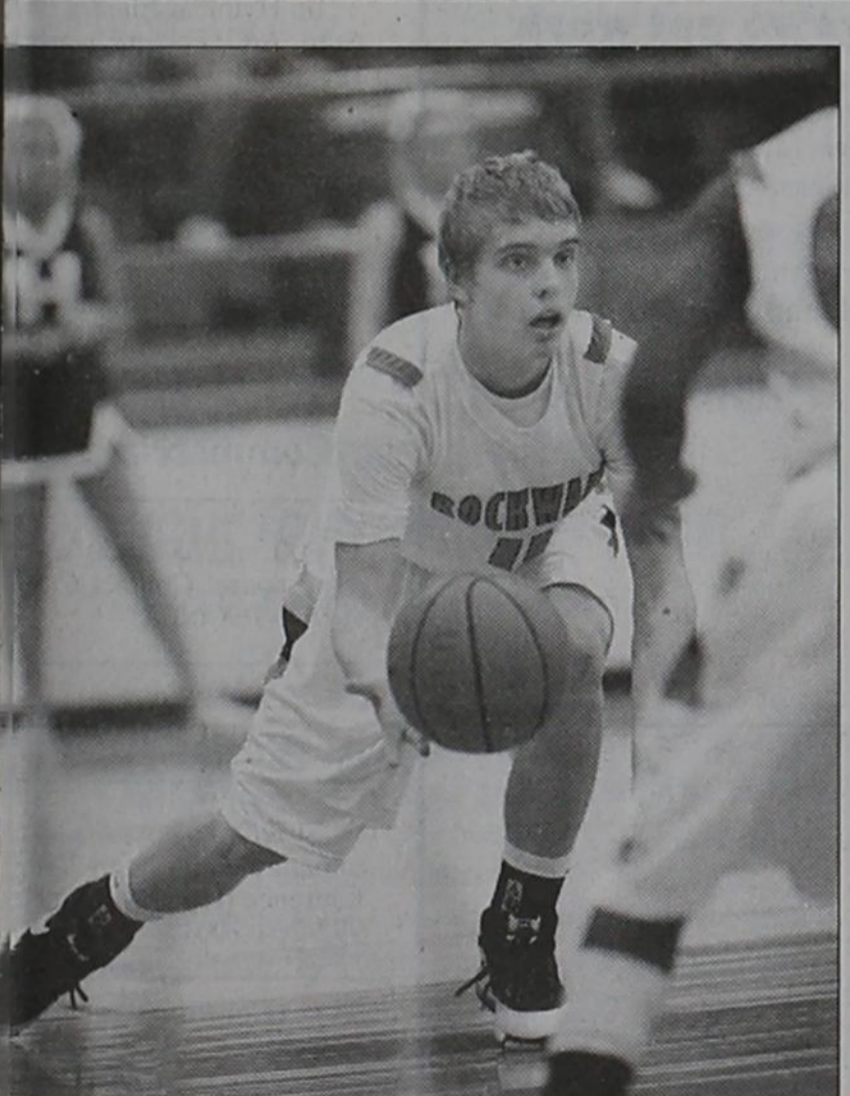
Rockwall girls' 400 freestyle relay team of Aly Heuer, Hannah Heuer, Rebekah Young and Dominique Cordova finished seventh in 4:18.55.

Highland Park and Frisco dominated the competition. HP won the girls' 400 freestyle relay with 167 points to runner-up Frisco's 68. The Raccoons took the boys' 400 freestyle relay with 107.5 to Highland Park's 93.

In the boys' 200 freestyle relay, the Yellowjackets finished tied for eighth in the boys' meet with 12 points. Seventeen boys' teams scored in the meet. The RHS girls' 400 freestyle relay team scored 4 points earned by the 400 freestyle relay team.

Jackets head coach Brad Quintz was pleased. He said, "We had a great showing at the region meet with many season- and lifetime-best records."

Information provided by Barbara Tokuz.



Jackets' Hunter Jorgensen (11) pushes the ball toward Jarron White (00) during Tuesday's game against Rockwall-Heath Hawks in the RHS gym.

Photo by Carl McClung

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Friday, Feb. 21 - Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Flower Mound Marcus Center, Bridlewood Golf Club, 7:30 a.m.

Varsity power lifting: at Highland Park, 8:30 a.m.

Varsity and JV track: RHS Jacket Classic, Rockwall-Heath High School, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 23 - Boys' Black golf: at Waxahachie, Waxahachie High School, 8:30 a.m.

Varsity baseball - home scrimmage vs. Forney, 5 p.m.

Varsity baseball - vs. Plano Vines, Plano High School, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24 - JV girls' golf: Rockwall tournament, The Shores Country Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity tennis: home vs. Lake Highlands, 4 p.m.

Varsity soccer: home vs. Frisco Wakeland, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Varsity soccer: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26 - Freshman boys' golf: Rockwall tournament, The Shores Country Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity baseball: at Waco Invitational, Waco ISD Complex

Varsity softball: at Allen Varsity Tournament, Allen High School, vs. Lakeview Centennial, 6 p.m.

Varsity baseball: at PISD JV Tourney, Plano High School

Varsity tennis: at Justin Northwest JV tournament

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Friday, Feb. 27 - Varsity boys' golf: at Austin Westlake tournament, Jimmy Clay Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity tennis: home vs. Lake Highlands, 4 p.m.

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

Girls' soccer: at Rockwall-Heath, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Gymnastics: Optionals at Arlington ISD Webb Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Varsity swimming: State Championships at Jamail Swimming Center, University of Texas, Austin

Varsity wrestling: State Championships at Austin ISD Delco Center

Varsity baseball: at Waco Invitational, Waco ISD Complex

Varsity softball: at Allen Varsity Tournament, Allen High School, vs. McKinney North 11 a.m. and vs. Irving Nimitz 1 p.m.

JV Orange baseball: at PISD JV Tourney, Plano High School

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 You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M. before the Honorable 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on SEPTEMBER 3, 2008, A.D., in this case numbered 1-08-846 on the docket of said court, and styled, CHARLIE MCLEOD; RICHARD HALE; vs. GERARDO CHAVEZ; ERNESTINA MARTINEZ.
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: CHARLIE MCLEOD AND RICHARD HALE FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST GERARDO CHAVEZ INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT AT OR NEAR S FM548 ROYCE CITY, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS IN WHICH PLAINTIFF SUFFERED DAMAGES.
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- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold **two (2)** public hearings on **Monday, March 2, 2009** in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the annexation below.

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The **second public hearing** will be held at **6:30 p.m.** on Monday, March 2, 2009, in the City Council Chambers.

A2009-002
Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex land in accordance with a previously approved Chapter 212 Texas Local Government Code Development Agreement, specifically for approximately 106.90-acres along FM 550 south of SH 276, and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEING a 106.90-acre tract of land situated in the JT Spillers Survey, Abstract No. 203; T Heath Survey, Abstract No. 114; and WM Briscoe Survey, Abstract No. 31; in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the most southern corner of Abstract 31, Tract 22 (171.5 ac) and the North Right of Way line of FM 550, also being a point in the existing City of Rockwall City Limit boundary;

THENCE N 44° 17' 6.40" E along the North Right of Way line of Farm to Market Road 550 and city limits line, a distance of 1387.125 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 10350.00 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the left, following the City of Rockwall city limits line, through a central angle of 13° 06' 45", a distance of 2388.67, a chord bearing of N 22° 15' 32.59" E, chord length of 2363.50, tangent of 1189.53 to a point lying in the South Right of Way line of Westview Dr;

THENCE N 89° 3' 45.14" E along said South Right of Way of Westview Dr, a distance of 1226.967 feet to a point in the North Right of Way line of Farm to Market Road 550;

THENCE S 37° 56' 47.290" W along said North Right of Way line of Farm to Market Road 550, a distance of 185.616 feet;

THENCE S 44° 13' 32.163" W along the North Right of Way line of Farm to Market Road 550, a distance of 2793.126 feet;

THENCE S 45° 27' 15.75" E along the North property line of Abstract 203, Tract 4, a distance of 2282.39 feet;

THENCE S 44° 33' 8.44" W along the Southeastern property line of said Tract 4, a distance of 1491.158 feet;

THENCE N 45° 26' 51.569" W along the Southwestern property line of said Tract 4, a distance of 2196.674 feet;

THENCE N 31° 48' 50.655" W a distance of 82.41 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 106.90 acres of land (4,656,609.28 square feet) more or less. The above description to follow all existing parcel lines and City of Rockwall City Limit boundaries where noted.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning department at (972) 771-7745, or visit our website at www.rockwall.com/planning/annexation.asp, with any questions.

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Rockwall County Public Records

PERMITS ISSUED, City of Rockwall

1-27-2009 FIRE ALARM SYS 3142 HORIZON RD #206 ROCKWALL, REGIONAL HOSP. ROGERS - O'BRIEN CONSTRUCTION, WOMEN'S DIAGNOSTIC, fee \$150
 1-12-2009 BANNER 1401 IH 30 E MCCALLUM, DARRELL 60 DAY COMING SOON BANNER, fee \$50
 1-30-2009 SIGNAGE 2083 SUMMER LEE DR. #109 LISA DOWNS, JT TURNER, INC. fee \$75
 1-27-2009 BANNER 1225 SH 276 COSTCO WHOLESALE, TD FARRELL CONSTRUCTION, INC. 60 DAY COMING SOON BANNER ON CONSTRUCTION TRAILER fee \$50
 1-29-2009 BANNER 2845 RIDGE RD.# 209 STEGER, TOWNE CROSSING II BAM REALTY 30 DAY BANNER fee \$50
 1-30-2009 SIGNAGE 108 GOLIAD ST S TATELAND 60 DAY COMING SOON BANNER fee \$50

SUBTYPE: ACC BLDG

1-21-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2261 TEAGLE MARINO, STEFANO & GLORIA, MARION, STEFANO & GLORIA, ACCESSORY BUILDING \$1,200 fee \$35

1-5-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 505 HEATH HERRING, TERRY D. HERRING, TERRY D. MULTIPLE ACCESSORY BLDG. \$1,000 fee \$50.25

1-2-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3410 POST OAK MENDOZA, MIGUEL MENDOZA, MIGUEL 8'X10' STORAGE SHED \$500 fee \$35

1-13-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3014 DOUBLE OAK TERRY, KENNETH W & DANA TERRY, KENNETH W & DANA STORAGE BUILDING \$1399 fee \$62.45

1-22-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2620 EGANRIDGE RICHARD & EILEEN PIERSON FIVE STAR REMODELING ACCESSORY BUILDING \$1,500 fee \$65.50

1-9-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2250 TIMBER CREEK DR GIDDENS, ANTHONY & JEREL GIDDENS, ANTHONY & JEREL ACCESSORY BUILDING \$2,100 fee \$35

1-21-2009 COMM 980 SIDS RAYBURN, COUNTRY ELECTRIC WIND TURBINE SYSTEMS WIND TURBINE EWS0 \$50,000 fee \$655.25

SUBTYPE: ADDITION

1-26-2009 SCHOOL 1215 TL TOWNSEND BLVD. ROCKWALL, ISD PAUL POGUE CONSTRUCTION UTLEY STADIUM ADDITIONS \$14,000,000 fee \$54,335.91

1-13-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 769 SUNSET HILL LAUN, MICHAEL DEAN CATHEY HOMES (4) CAR GARAGE ATTACHED \$44,000 fee \$594.65

1-21-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 703 SHERMAN ROCKWALL, AREA HABITAT JW CONSTRUCTION PATIO COVER \$1,680 fee \$71.60

1-30-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2723 CAPSTONE WAY ABRAHAM, ABY K & SUSAN M WATERMARK BLDG ROOM ADDITION \$20,000 fee \$332.75

SUBTYPE: ALTERATION

1-12-2009 COMM 2504 RIDGE RD. #100 BROOKS, RICHARD

L. MD SUNBELT SOUTH CONSTRUCT MEDICAL ARTS PLAZA (DR. BROOKS MD) ALTERATION \$15,000 fee \$262.75

1-9-2009 COMM 2005 GOLIAD S LAKESIDE, CHEVROLET CO, ECOTECH LAKESIDE CHEVROLET REPLACE PAINTBOOTH \$60,000 fee \$725.25

1-15-2009 COMM 2800 DISCOVERY L-3 COMMUNICATIONS PEAK, PAINTING & REMODLING L-3

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COMM/RELOCATE INTERIOR DOOR & LIGHT SWITCH \$6,895 fee \$150.75

SUBTYPE: BOAT HOUSE
1-29-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1160 CRESTCOVE BROWN, MICHAEL & PAIGE K LAKE HUBBARD DOCK BUILD BOAT HOUSE \$34,000 fee \$493.65

SUBTYPE: BUSINESS
1-9-2009 CO 507 GOLIAD ST N JOETTA W. CURRIE ADVENTURES STUDIO \$0 fee \$75

1-14-2009 CO 633 NATIONAL DR. D & A REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LTD. WESLEY LANDS TRIPE CROWN ROOF & COATING, LLC \$0 fee \$75

1-14-2009 CO 1290 IH 30 E CTE PHASE 1 PARKER CODDINGTON SHENANIGANZ \$0 fee \$75

1-12-2009 CO 2245 RIDGE RD. # 125 ONE RIDGE PLACE, L.P. MAXIMUM SMILES \$0 fee \$75

1-8-2009 708 IH 30 ANN COX PRAMUKH ASHISH INC, DBA SCHLOTZSKY'S \$0 fee \$75

1-2-2009 CO 629 NATIONAL DR. D & A REAL ESTATE PARTNER'S REFINISH SPECIALISTS, INC. \$0 fee \$75

1-7-2009 CO 1007 RIDGE RD. 7-ELEVEN, INC. 7-11 CONVENIENCE STORE #24632 \$0 fee \$75

1-14-2009 CO 990 RALPH HALL PKWY # 104 TEVOR BONILLA ROCKWALL ORTHODONTICS \$0 fee \$75

1-27-2009 CO 2951 RIDGE RD. # 109 REGENCY, CENTERS LP PALIO'S PIZZA CAFÉ \$0 fee \$75

1-8-2009 CO 202 WASHINGTON ST E WALKER, TOM & SUE A A ACCREDITED LOCK & SAFE \$0 fee \$75

1-8-2009 CO 811 YELLOW JACKET LN # 107 LANDLOW, LLC THE DESIGN SYNDICATE \$0 fee \$75

1-20-2009 CO 1401 IH 30 E DARRELL MCCULLUM FURNITURE & APPLIANCE OUTLET \$0 fee \$75

1-27-2009 CO 811 YELLOW JACKET LN #105 ANTHONY J. MOORE AJM GRAPHICS \$0 fee \$75

1-22-2009 CO 2804 RIDGE RD

PEOPLES, BILLY W VALERO \$0 fee \$75

1-8-2009 CO 331 RANCH TRAIL RON WILLIAMS HOMES BY BOWEN \$0 fee \$75

SUBTYPE: CONCRETE
1-8-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 5616 CAMBRIA LARRY ELLIOTT LARRY ELLIOTT CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY \$4,000 Fee \$108.75

1-8-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1420 COASTAL DR. MADDEN, THOMAS M & MADDEN, THOMAS M & PRIVATE WALKWAY IN THE TAKELINE \$1,000 fee \$50

1-16-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2020 CLUB LAKE SLAYTON, JIMMY D & PEGGY POTTER CONCRETE WIDEN DRIVEWAY 12X42 \$1,200 fee \$57

1-16-2009 COMM 3012 RIDGE RD. MIKE WILLS HOMES BY BOWEN WILLIS SEALOCK-HANDICAP RAMP \$1,000 fee \$50.25

1-21-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 703 SHERMAN ROCKWALL, AREA HABITAT F JW CONSTRUCTION CONCRETE SLAB \$1,000 fee \$50.25

SUBTYPE: ELECTRICAL
1-6-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 986 CHAD WAY GIBSON, MONTE ROY & BELIN TOM DOOLEY ELECTRIC ADDING ONE PLUG IN THE ATTIC FOR WATER HEATER \$50 fee \$35

1-7-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 103 HENRY M CHANDLER SHIVERS, MIKE MILESTONE ELECTRIC REPLACE SVC DISCONNECT & INSTALL GROUND ROD \$1,288 fee \$59.40

1-9-2009 COMM 1952 PORTOFINO DR. MARIAH, BAY DEVELOPMENT ODOM ELECTRIC T-POLE (POWER FOR HILTON-BMW CONFERENCE) \$135 fee \$35

1-15-2009 COMM 1670 HWY 66 ROCKWALL, PROPERTI CORP ROYCE CITY ELECTRIC T-POLE FOR FLOOD LIGHTS (TX-DOT PROJECT) \$800 fee \$44

SUBTYPE: FENCE
1-12-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 108 MULBERRY LN, LUIS FUENTES 6' WROUGHT IRON FENCE WITH STONE POSTS \$2,000 fee \$35

1-8-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1430 PEBBLE HILLS MATTHYS, CHARLES D & JANI OMNI FENCE & DECK 7' WOOD FENCE W/STEEL POSTS \$6,100 fee \$35

1-9-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 886 IVY LN BROTHERS CUSTOM HOMES NTFW 5' WROUGHT IRON FENCE-PROWDER COATED BLACK \$3,500 fee \$35

1-2-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 311 JULIAN GEIGER, FAMILY REVOCABLE L&C FENCE NEW 6' WOOD FENCE W/METAL POSTS \$3,200 fee \$35

1-6-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1850 ASHBOURNE PONDER, KENNETH & ELMA R 4' WROUGHT IRON FENCE TODD ON THIS ONE \$1,400 fee \$35

1-20-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1933 LAKESHORE SCHREMP, CLYDE & VIOLET GREG YELLE FENCE REPLACEMENT \$4,215 fee \$35

1-13-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1827 TUMBLEWEED CIR. DR HORTON HOMES ACE FENCE

6' WOOD FENCE WITH METAL POSTS \$1,200 fee \$35

1-20-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 102 INDEPENDENCE MUIE, DEBORAH C MUIE, DEBORAH C 4' IRON FENCE, 4" CENTER, INTERMEDIATE 18 IN \$3,500 fee \$35

1-21-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 710 ROSEWOOD LN MHI-COVENTRY HOMES SOAK N GROW 6' WOOD FENCE W/ STEEL POSTS \$500 fee \$35

1-21-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 717 MCFARLIN PLACE MHI-COVENTRY HOMES SOAK N GROW 6' WOOD FENCE W/ STEEL POSTS \$500 fee \$35

1-20-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3406 WATERVIEW MCDONALD, CHRISTOPHER S 5' WROUGHT IRON FENCE \$4,000 fee \$35

1-16-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1-26-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 205 DARTBROOK MONZINGO, SAM M MONZINCO, SAM M REPLACE 6' FENCE \$1,700 fee \$35

1-21-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 703 SHERMAN ROSS, LESLIE JW CONSTRUCTION 6' TO 8' WOOD FENCE W. METAL POSTS \$2,200 fee \$35

1-27-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 207 STONEBRIDGE DICKEY, CLYDE E & FELITA DICKEY, CLYDE E & FELITA 8' FENCE & PARTIAL RETAINING WALL \$1,000 fee \$35

1-29-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3015 PAINT BRUSH SEELYE, FRANK R & BARBAR/ SEELYE, FRANK R & BARBAR/ 6' WOOD FENCE W/ METAL POSTS \$500 fee \$35

1-22-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3126 MARBLE FALLS LN. DAVID WEEKLEY HOMES T-BAR FENCE 6' WOOD FENCE W/METAL POSTS \$6,770 fee \$35

1-22-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 707 BRAZOS WAY DAVID BESSER HOMES T-BAR FENCE 6' WOOD FENCE W/ METAL POSTS \$1,680 fee \$35

1-22-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3113 WIMBERLEY LN. DAVID WEEKLEY HOMES T-BAR FENCE 6' WROUGHT IRON & 6' WOOD FENCE W/ METAL POSTS \$3,564 fee \$35

1-23-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 219 DARTMOUTH BALCH, BRYAN M BALCH, BRYAN M EXTEND FENCE (FENCE IS 7 1/2' WOOD FENCE W/METAL POSTS) \$150 fee \$35

1-29-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3040 LONGHORN LN. D R HORTON HOMES ACE FENCE 6' WOOD FENCE WITH METAL POSTS \$1,200 fee \$35

SUBTYPE: INTERIOR
1-27-2009 CO 104 RUSK ST E JIM HENDRICKS THE FRENCH PEAR \$0 fee \$75

1-29-2009 CO 493 IH 30 CHANG K KIM SHOGUN EXPRESS \$0 fee \$75

1-6-2009 CO 1375 RIDGE RD BRIGETTE KOETTER DENTAL PROFESSIONALS OF ROCKWALL \$0 fee \$75

SUBTYPE: IRRIGATION
1-12-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1344 PETALUMA DR. PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS LP CHOATE IRRIGATION LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM \$1,400 fee \$70

1-13-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3628 LAKESIDE BRYAN, DEBORAH & SLATER LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEM \$3,487 fee \$35

1-16-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 717 MCFARLIN PLACE MHI-COVENTRY HOMES TURF - A-GATORS IRRIGATION SYSTEM \$2,000 fee \$35

1-16-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 710 ROSEWOOD LN. MHI-COVENTRY HOMES TURF - A-GATORS IRRIGATION SYSTEM \$2,000 fee \$35

1-22-2009 COMM 3136 HORIZON RD. ROCKMED, PARTNERS LP ROCKWALL LANDSCAPE & M/LAKEPOINTE ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MED. OFFICE (IRRIGATION) \$5,800 fee \$35

1-26-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2507 WATERSTONE LN CAPITAL LAUS, INC STENSON LANDSCAPE LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM \$2,100 fee \$35

1-27-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 707 BRAZOS WAY DAVID BESSER HOMES ML JOHNSON IRRIGATION SYSTEM PLANS RECEIVED \$1,100 fee \$35

1-27-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3010 LAKESIDE DR SANTIAGO PLANAS TERRELL CRUISE IRRIGATION SYSTEM (PUT IN 08) PER JLS-NO PLANS REQ \$500 fee \$35

SUBTYPE: MECHANICAL
1-6-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1118 WHISPERING GLEN MALONE, ANTHONY R & TESF DALLAS UNIQUE INDOOR COMFORT REPLACING 2 CONDENSERS \$6,119 fee \$150.75

1-7-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 5803 YACHT CLUB WRIGHTSON, DAVID J & LUCY DALLAS UNIQUE INDOOR COMFORT REPLACING FURNACE ONLY \$6,000 fee \$136.75

1-7-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1211 SKYLAR ALLEN, L. KEITH & BETTY L AL'S AIR CONDITIONING & HE REPAIRS 4 TON FURNACE \$2,000 fee \$80.75

1-15-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 512 COLUMBIA CROWELL, KEVIN S & SHANN ARROW MECHANICAL INSTALLING AIR HANDLER \$2,200 fee \$94.75

1-15-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 410 SHORETRAIL GAUSMAN, ROBERT W. & BREI SERVICE CONTRACTORS 3 TON FURNACE \$1,100 fee \$53.50

SUBTYPE: MULTIPLE
1-7-2009 SIGNAGE 2827 MARKET CENTER DRESS BARN 3 WALL SIGNS \$0 fee \$225

SUBTYPE: NEW
1-13-2009 COMM 1205 TL TOWNSEND BLVD ROCKWALL, ISD PAUL POGUE CONSTRUCTION AQUATIC CENTER FOR UTLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL \$17,000,000 fee \$65,285.91

1-30-2009 COMM 560 IH 30 E LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE, INC. CROWN BUILDING & DESIGN LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE \$850,000 fee \$8,888.20

1-14-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2025 PONTCHARTRAIN DR. ALYSSIAM HOMES ALYSSIAM HOMES NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$131,184 fee \$3,588.98

1-16-2009 COMM 3009 GOLIAD N AMOL FERNADO XLNT GROUP, INC. CHILDRENS LIGHTHOUSE \$1,300,000 fee \$10,223.58

1-14-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1819 TRAIL DR. D.R. HORTON-TEXAS LTD DR HORTON HOMES NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$122,018 fee \$30

1-15-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2806 FM 549 N TIM & STACEY WATSON WATSON & COCHRAN INC. SINGLE FAMILY NEW \$200,000 fee \$1,565.25

1-15-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 739 BLACK OAK LN ALTURA HOMES, LP ALTURA HOMES, LP NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$275,000 fee \$4,389.78

1-28-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 491 SAUSALITO DR. PULTE HOMES PULTE HOMES NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$130,176 fee \$3,583.38

1-28-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 497 SAUSALITO DR. PULTE HOMES OF TEXAS LP PULTE HOMES NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$130,176 fee \$3,583.38

1-21-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 5031 SAUSALITO DR. PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS LP PULTE HOMES NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$132,288 fee \$3,594.58

1-16-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2735 CAPSTONE LN. DAVID BESSER HOMES DAVID BESSER HOMES NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$161,904 fee \$3,756.98

1-16-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 736 BLACK OAK LN DAVID BESSER HOMES DAVID BESSER HOMES NEW SINGLE FAMILY \$202,272 fee \$3,986.58

1-27-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 3033 LONGHORN DR. HORTON-TEXAS LTD D.R. HORTON-TEXAS LTD SINGLE FAMILY NEW \$179,952 fee \$3,857.78

1-28-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1350 PETALUMA PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS LP PULTE HOMES SINGLE FAMILY NEW \$123,168 fee \$3,544.18

1-28-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1356 PETALUMA PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS LP PULTE HOMES SINGLE FAMILY NEW \$120,576 fee \$3,557.38

1-28-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1337 VENTURA PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS LP PULTE HOMES SINGLE FAMILY NEW \$143,568 fee \$3,656.18

1-28-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1331 VENTURA PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS LP PULTE HOMES SINGLE FAMILY NEW \$199,296 fee \$3,969.78

1-28-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1338 PETALUMA PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS LP PULTE HOMES \$213,456 fee \$4,048.18

SUBTYPE: PATIO COVER
1-21-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 2261 TEAGLE MARION, STEFANO & GLORIA MARINO, STEFANO & GLORIA PATIO COVER \$3,150 fee \$108.75

1-15-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 466 SONOMA DR. WANN, JAMES B. & MELODY I STATEWIDE REMODELLING 13'X16' INSULATED PATIO COVER \$5,250 fee \$136.75

1-16-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 1511 STEWART LUNA, CESAR LUNA, CESAR PATIO COVER \$1,500 fee \$65.50

SUBTYPE: PLUMBING
1-19-2009 SINGLE FAMILY 209 MULBERRY LANE MOERSCHHELL, RICHARD S K & H PLUMBING INSTALL HOT WATER HEATER \$175 fee \$35

1-5-2009 SINGLE FAMILY

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Bipartisan "Stimulus" Nonsense

by Sheldon Richman

The cynicism and shallowness of politics have been abundantly on display throughout the debate over the "stimulus" bill.

The Democrats insult the intelligence of the American people by peddling the following sophistry: Republicans were big spenders when they controlled the government. Republican criticism of Democrats for being big spenders is hypocrisy. Therefore, arguments against big government spending are invalid.

This fallacy is more common than it should be. The problem with hypocrisy is not that what the hypocrite says is necessarily wrong, but that he does not practice what he preaches. What he says must be judged independently. It may be right or wrong, but we cannot tell by the fact that he does not follow his own advice.

It is no counterargument against the Republicans to say, "You did it, too." That's a childish response, but children need time to learn logic. We should expect more from grown Democrats.

In fact there are many good arguments against trying to stimulate the economy through government spending. Frédéric Bastiat, the 19th-century French economist, summed them up well with his fable of the broken window. A young boy throws a rock through a shop window, and as the townspeople lament the shopkeeper's sad fortune, someone finds a silver lining. The shopkeeper's spending on a new window will stimulate the local economy because his money will pass from hand to hand in a burst of commercial activity.

The fallacy becomes obvious if we try to extend the "logic" and propose to really stimulate the economy by smashing all the windows in town. What the optimist in the story forgot is that if the window had not been broken, the shopkeeper would have used his money some other way in order to increase his welfare. Now he has to spend the money just to restore his condition to what it was before the window was broken. He, and therefore the community overall, are poorer, not richer, but the losses are unseen while the glassmaker's gain is obvious.

The lesson for the current situation is that if the government were not about to borrow close to \$800 billion, that money would be available for private investment to create jobs and improve living standards. But since we can't see what we would have gotten for that money — just as the townspeople couldn't see what the shopkeeper would have done with his money — those forgone benefits are not counted as losses. But they are real losses. In effect, we have traded consumer-oriented investment for politically motivated projects. It's a bad deal.

The Republicans have been no better in the debate. With rare exceptions, they have all conceded that the government must stimulate the economy. But they would rather do it through tax cuts than through spending. The fallacy here is subtle. As a rule, cutting taxes — leaving money in the hands of the people who earn it — ought to stimulate economic activity. Taxes are productivity killers.

But what the Republicans ignore is the budget deficit. If you cut taxes without cutting spending, you simply increase the government's borrowing. So while the politicians would seem to be leaving money in the private sector, they would also be taking an equivalent amount away through their borrowing. Where's the gain?

Alas, a "stimulus" bill will pass because politics is perverse. At Barack Obama's town meeting in Fort Myers, Florida, people in the audience stood up and directly told the president of the United States they were hurting because of the recession. He listened sympathetically and eloquently explained how he will help them. It was all captured on television.

It takes some understanding of economics — which most people lack — to comprehend what's wrong with that picture. Those people are victims of the state's misguided interventionist economic policies — after all, the central government has been the steward of the U.S. economy for generations. Yet Obama, the latest chief executive of this economy-wrecking organization, stood before them as their salvation. The news media reinforced that narrative at every step.

This is why it is so difficult for economic sense to make headway. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.



Opinions



The hell with our constitution

Walter E. Williams

Robert Higgs, senior fellow at the Oakland-based Independent Institute, penned an article in *The Christian Science Monitor* (2/9/2009) that suggests the most intelligent recommendation that I've read to fix our current economic mess.

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His article gives his recommendation away: "Instead of doing anything, do nothing — seriously." Higgs package debate is over how much money should be spent, and some should given to the National Endowment for the Arts, to sexually transmitted diseases or bail out Amtrak, our failing transportation system. Dr. Higgs says, "Hardly anyone, however, is asking the important question: Should the federal government be doing any

thing at all? "Until the 1930s, the Constitution served as a major constraint on federal economic interventionism. The government's powers were limited to be just as the framers intended: few and explicitly enumerated in our founding document and its amendments. Search the Constitution as long as you like, and you will find no specific authority for the government to spend money on global-warming programs, urban mass transit, food stamps, unemployment insurance, aid, or countless other items in the stimulus package and, even today, in the regular federal budget."

Dr. Higgs is whistling Dixie. Americans have long ago abandoned the Constitution for the constitutional limitations placed on the federal government. Our elected representatives represent that disrespect. I'd ask Higgs: Isn't it unreasonable to expect a politician to do what he considers to be political suicide, namely conduct himself in violation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution?

While Americans, through ignorance or purpose, show contempt for the Constitution, I doubt whether they are indifferent between a growing or stagnating economy. Dr. Higgs tells us some of the economic history of the U.S. In 1893, there was a depression; we got out of it with a stimulus package. There was a major recession of 1920-21; it sharply, it quickly reversed itself into what has been called the "Roaring Twenties." In 1929, there was an economic downturn, most

Fear is a great motivator

Bill O'Reilly

Fear is a great motivator. Back in 1958, one small nun controlled 60 kids in the third grade class at St. Brigid's School in Westbury, N.Y. All learned to read and do math. We all memorized our prayers. Fear. That good sister wielded a mean ruler.

Politics, fear also can get things done. President Bush used the threat of another terrorist attack to convince Americans to support the Iraq War and an aggressive worldwide war against terrorism. The results were mixed, but Bush had little problem getting the money and the jobs he needed.

Now, President Obama is using a page from the Bush playbook. He is saying that if the country doesn't embrace his giant stimulus package, the United States will experience "a catastrophe." He uses the word often. He is very clear about the fear.

Interestingly, during the campaign, Obama derided both Bush and John McCain for using the fear factor. Speaking in Ohio on March 18, Obama said: "America is at its best when it's not fearful. I mean, I think about our history, our most shameful times have been when we were afraid."

How quickly times change. Obama is now very afraid that the economy will get worse, and he is not shy about saying so. How should we the people process the fear equation?

When George W. Bush and Barack Obama agree on something, I give them my attention. Bush was genuinely concerned that the U.S. financial system would melt down last fall unless a massive government bailout was passed immediately. And it was. Who knows if the TARP bailout was smart, but the financial system is still ailing, if not exactly on solid ground.

Obama implies we are heading for another Great Depression without a trillion dollars in government spending to "create and save" millions of jobs. And he is going to get the money. The interesting thing about the "create and save" scenario is that it is impossible to calibrate. How many jobs are "saved"? This is a smart ploy on the accountability front.

Americans will rarely accept political warnings. Many Americans simply trust the government to look out for them. And I believe that cynicism is sometimes warranted. Both Republicans and Democrats have led the U.S. economy to implode. What, they got smart all of a sudden?

notably featured by the stock market collapse, after which came massive government intervention — you might call it the nation's first stimulus package.

President Hoover and Congress responded to what might have been a two- or three-year sharp downturn with many of the policies President Obama and Congress are urging today. They raised tariffs, propped up wage rates, bailed out farmers, banks and other businesses, and financed state relief efforts. When Roosevelt came to office, he became even more interventionist than Hoover and presided over protracted depression where the economy didn't fully recover until 1946.

Roosevelt didn't have an easy time with his agenda; he had to first emasculate the U.S. Supreme Court. Higgs points out that federal courts had respect for the Constitution as late as the 1930s. They issued some 1,600 injunctions to restrain officials from carrying out acts of Congress.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned as unconstitutional the New Deal's centerpiece such as the National Industrial Recovery Act and the Agricultural Adjustment Act and other parts of Roosevelt's "stimulus package." An outraged Roosevelt threatened to pack the Court, and the Court capitulated to where it is today giving Congress virtually unlimited powers to tax, spend and regulate. My question to my fellow Americans is: Do we want a repeat of measures that failed dismally during the 1930s?

A more fundamental question is: Should Washington be guided by the Constitution? In explaining the Constitution, James Madison, the acknowledged father of the Constitution, wrote in *Federalist Paper 45*: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined.

Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce." Has the Constitution been amended to permit Congress to tax, spend and regulate as it pleases or have Americans said, "To hell with the Constitution?"

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With unemployment accelerating and millions of Americans suffering, I think we have to give the powers that be the benefit of the doubt despite our suspicions. But we should be honest. Obama does not know whether the trillion-dollar rescue strategy will work because no one knows.

That being said, President Obama is right about one thing: He was elected to deal with America's problems, especially the economy. Now he has the chance.

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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Bulldogs seek revenge in playoff opener vs. Frisco Centennial

by Lary Bump
Not many of the Roysie City girls' basketball players have been to the playoffs before, but head coach Dallas Bookout has.

In fact, this year's Lady Bulldogs' role as David to the larger schools in District 10-4A reminds Bookout of where he was just last year. That's when he coached Nevada Community, one of the smallest schools in their 3A district, to the Area round of the playoffs.

Bookout said, "It's been a good accomplishment for these girls to move up to 4A and finish in second place, especially second to Rockwall, coming down from 5A. We showed we can compete with them."

The next step will be for Roysie City, one of the smaller schools in 4A, to compete in the playoffs. In the Bi-District round, they'll face Frisco Centennial, which finished third in 9-4A with a 10-4 district record, 18-13 overall. It will be a rematch of the Lady Titans' 63-55 home victory back on Nov. 18.

"The coaches were breaking down the Centennial film, and we could look at it and seem how much better we are now. Our individual skills have improved. It's my first year here, and you don't know what your teammates as well as you do now that we've played 30-plus games," Bookout said.

"We don't have players with much playoff experience. Taylor Howard and Kellie Wyrick have played in playoff games, and Raven (Alexander) played some in the one they had last year."

Said Wyrick, a senior, "Our original goal was we wanted first place in the district. Now that we've made the playoffs, we want to go far."

"Personally, I think we can go pretty well. We've got the talent and the leadership."

But what about experience?

"It's going to help us, the district we play in. We went up against teams with size, good shooters, quick guards. We'll see people like that in the playoffs."

"We have to practice hard. We need to finish all four quarters. Our past experience has been that we play hard in the beginning of a game and then lay back. Or we won't start off strong and then decide we have to step up."

"Centennial has made some improvement, but so have we. In rebounding, girls are really going aggressively for the ball. Our shooters are better. We're handling the ball better. Our confidence has gone up with every win."

The Lady Bulldogs finished their first 4A regular season 12-2 in the district (both losses to Rockwall, the TABC's 10th-ranked 4A team in the state) and 27-5 overall. They defeated Carrollton Newman Smith 64-59 in two overtimes Friday, then blew out Carrollton R.L. Turner 65-32 Tuesday.

Against Newman Smith, Roysie City took a 32-23 halftime, then had to hang on as the Lady Trojans' Lauren Jumao-as made her first seven 3-point attempts and 8 of 10 overall. That brought Newman Smith back to a 51-51 tie at the end of regulation play. The teams stayed tied through one overtime before the Lady Bulldogs outscored the visitors 7-2 in the second extra period.

Bookout said, "We ran everything we had at them - man, a regular zone, a box-and-one. We made some young mistakes, but even if you shoot like that in practice with nobody on you, you're doing well."

"It was Senior Night, an emotional kind of night, but we got the job done. Ariel Freese stepped up big in the overtime with a couple of baskets."

RC used a balanced attack against Newman Smith, with Alexander scoring 16 points, Wyrick 13, Howard 12 and Tayler Young 10.

Against Turner, Alexander again led with 17 points. Howard added 12 points and Wyrick 10.

Going far (four wins) into the playoffs could mean another opportunity to beat a district opponent. If Roysie City and Rockwall advanced that far, to the regional final, they would face each other.

Wyrick said, "Both times we played them, we made a few mistakes. We know what we can do. We want that chance again."

First, there's a score to settle with Frisco Centennial.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT1	OT2	Final
Newman Smith	13	10	13	15	6	2	59
Roysie City	18	14	7	12	6	7	64

Carrollton Newman Smith: Lauren Jumao-as 26, Kim Neziyana 16, Rani Hadley 8, Sharika Nash 6, Cassandra Florence 3.

Roysie City: Raven Alexander 16, Kellie Wyrick 13, Taylor Howard 12, Tayler Young 10, Ariel Freese 8, Ashlei Jordan 3, Alyssa Null 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Roysie City	18	16	20	11	65
R.L. Turner	8	3	12	9	32

Roysie City: Raven Alexander 17, Taylor Howard 12, Kellie Wyrick 10, Shelby Brown 7, Tayler Young 4, Taylor Jordan 4, Ariel Freese 4, Jennifer Null 3, Alyssa Null 2, Amanda Boudreaux 2.

Carrollton R.L. Turner: Briseida Escobedo 10, Autumn Whitton 8, Melissa Carrillo 6, Anita Longoria 2, Kyrh Lewis 2, Denise Garcia 2, Denise Bonilla 2.

Foster wins regional 50 free title; three individuals and three relays move on to state

by Matt McGillen
Following his district championship in the 50 freestyle with a regional title by the slimmest of margins, Rockwall-Heath junior Mitchell Foster led the Hawks to a fourth-place finish at the regional swimming meet at Carrollton-Farmer's Branch Natatorium Feb. 14.

Mitchell, who out-touched a rival from Frisco by just .01 of a second, will be part of a contingent of three individuals and three relay teams that will move on for Heath to compete in the Class 4A state swimming meet in Austin Feb. 27-28.

Shaving almost a second of his time in the prelims, Mitchell was clocked in 21.69 in the final. He also qualified for state in the 100 back-



Lady Bulldogs' Kellie Wyrick reaches high for a shot against Frisco Centennial during Tuesday's Bi-District game at Mesquite Poteet High School. Assisting is teammate Ashlei Jordan (back right).
Staff photo by Roy Heath

Bulldogs eliminated from basketball playoff contention

by Lary Bump
Roysie City can't make it to the boys' basketball playoffs, but the Bulldogs also could knock Rockwall out of contention by beating the Yellowjackets Friday.

A victory then also would pull RC (4-8 in District 10-4A, 12-15 overall) into a tie for fifth place with the Jackets (5-7, 12-14). Rockwall still has hopes of passing Rockwall-Heath, one game ahead, for the district's final playoff berth.

The Bulldogs had been eliminated last Friday at Carrollton Newman Smith, where the TABC's top-ranked 4A team broke away from a 30-22 halftime lead for an 84-45 victory. The Trojans are 12-0 in the district and 28-2 overall.

Roysie City bounced back from that rout with one of their own Tuesday, when the 'Dogs defeated winless Carrollton R.L. Turner 81-44. The Bulldogs steadily pulled away from the Lions (0-12, 0-26), leading by seven points after one quarter, 18 at halftime and 29 after three quarters before finishing with a 37-point victory.

The 81 points marked Roysie City's highest offensive output this season, and more than the 72 RC had scored in its previous two games combined.

Cory Stapleton had his biggest game this season, with his 20 points matching Stephen Edwards' total for the game high.

Edwards also led the Bulldogs with 15 points at Newman Smith, with Wynn Posey adding 10.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Roysie City	6	16	14	9	45

Newman Smith 12 18 29 25 84

Roysie City: Stephen Edwards 15, Wynn Posey 10, Scotty Arterberry 4, DaJon Avery 4, Cory Stapleton 3, Thomas 2, Nick Stone 2, Cory Jacobs 2, Justin Jacobs 2.

Carrollton Newman Smith: Amos Wilson 19, Blaken Zamudio 12, Randall Joyner 12, Steven Natale 7, Jalil Speed 6, Cale Lasker 4, Jacori Greer 4, Chris Scaife 3, Matthew Agnew 2.

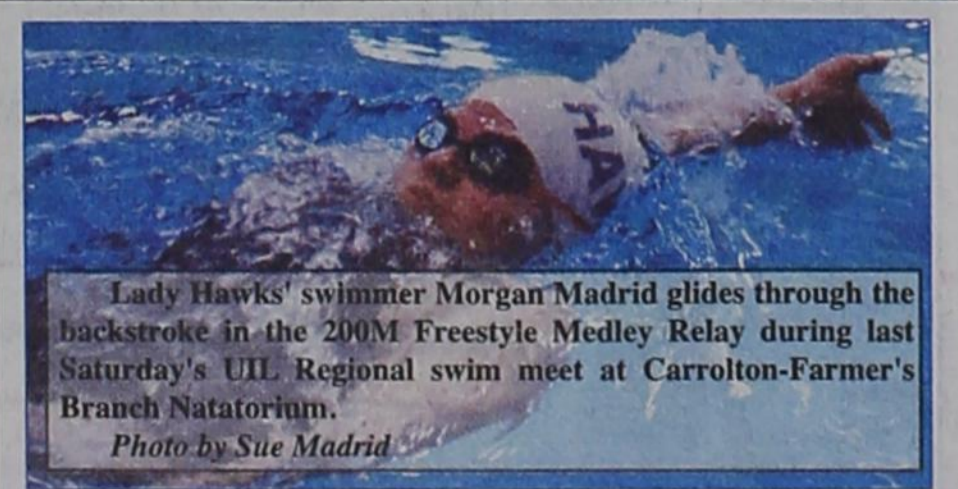
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
R.L. Turner	12	7	5	20	44
Roysie City	19	18	16	28	81

Carrollton R.L. Turner: Mikal Patterson 17, Maui Puebla 10, Whitehead 6, Travis Cleghorn 5, Ryan Stremel 4, Larence Davis 2.

Roysie City: Cory Stapleton 20, Stephen Edwards 20, Wynn Posey 12, Nick Stone 8, Scotty Arterberry 8, Thomas 7, Cory Kawesa 4, S Reed 2, DaJon Avery 2, Justin Jacobs 1.



Bulldogs' Josh Barlow (30) reaches for the ball after Yellowjackets' turnover during last Friday's game in the Roysie City gym. Jackets' defenders are Luke Wardell (50) and Jarrod White (00).
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Lady Hawks' swimmer Morgan Madrid glides through the backstroke in the 200M Freestyle Medley Relay during last Saturday's UIL Regional swim meet at Carrollton-Farmer's Branch Natatorium.
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