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American Red Cross Blood drive for toddler set June 7

The 1-year-old Raeligh Vasquez loves dolls, especially Barbie dolls, and dreams of visiting Disney World. Trips will have to wait as Raeligh is in the fight of her life since being diagnosed with a rare spine cancer in January. During her treatment, Raeligh has received six blood transfusions.

On June 7, Raeligh's daycare, Stonebrook Learning Center, will host an American Red Cross blood drive in her honor to help others in need of blood. The drive will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Royse City location at 3200 S. FM 548, Royse City.

"I probably never know the six people who took an hour out of their day to donate the blood Raeligh received," said Brittnee Hogue, Raeligh's mom. "Inviting the community to give blood at this drive is

one way I can give back."

Give blood for Raeligh

"Raeligh is one strong little girl—a real fighter," said Jeannie Massong, director, Stonebrook Learning Center. "We invite the community to drop by this blood drive to honor Raeligh, help save a life and enjoy the cook out."

All those coming to donate at the blood drive in Raeligh's honor will be treated to a cookout, courtesy of Suburban Propane. Suburban Propane is the official sponsor of the Red Cross 100 Days of Summer, 100 Days of Hope campaign.

Eligible donors are encouraged to choose their day to make a difference. Donors of all blood types—especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative—are needed. To make an appointment to give

blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Rockwall FFA students feted at awards banquet

The Rockwall FFA recently celebrated its members' accomplishments at the organization's annual awards banquet.

FFA president Will Morris, vice president Michala Nail, secretary Cale Merritt, reporter Shelbi York, treasurer Jackson Mulliken, sentinel Naomi Romero, adviser Reese York and historian Jared Bowker presented the following members with certificates of achievement for participation in leadership development events:

- Radio team – Emma Bishop, Naomi Romero, Annie Quill
- Senior creed speaking – Reese York
- Junior creed speaking – Matt Wilcox
- Chapter quiz – Will Morris, Cale Merritt, Shelbi York, Abbie Vinci
- Public relations – Reese York, Michala Nail, Jackson Mulliken, Chloe Elwinger

FFA Showteam participants recognized included:

- Market swine exhibitors – Jacob James, Ashlyn Stembridge, Cale Merritt, Aden Baker, Cade Herin, Jared Bowker, Will Morris, Reese York, Shelbi York, Daniel York, Emily Ullom, Ryan Ullom, Tyler Robinson
- Market goats exhibitors – Ashlyn Stembridge, Cole Schieberie, Ana Schieberie
- Market lambs – Ashlyn Stembridge, Rodolfo Limon, Naomi Romero, Zoey Ford
- Broilers – Ben Adams
- Rabbits – Sydney Lopez, Wesley Hicks, Carmen Gagnon, Skylar Boles, Paige Cullen, Chloe Elwinger, Michala Nail, Abbie Vinci

The following members received certificates of achievement for participation in career development events:

- Livestock judging – Naomi Romero, Cale Merritt, Trevor Rowe, Emma Bishop
- Ag mechanics – Will Morris, Zach Thomasson, Will Wilcoxson, Matt Holland
- Horse judging – Michala Nail, Julia D'Alessio, Abbie Vinci

- Ag mechanics projects – Dump trailer, exhibited by Blake Clarke and Zach Thomasson; 10-foot red utility trailer, exhibited by Cade Herin, Aden Baker, Cole Schieberie, Hunter Harpst, Ryan Ullom; 14-foot gray trailer, exhibited by Will Wilcoxson, Tristian Johnson, Andrew Keils; 25-foot entrance gate, exhibited by Will Morris, Jacob Hogue, Matt Holland, John Charles Terry; 1951 Ford 8N tractor-Houston, exhibited by Will Morris, Christian Tunnell, Camden Burrows.

FFA advisers Bobby Fowler, Billy Fowler and Kaitlyn Kelly presented Proficiency Awards to members who excelled in their supervised ag experience projects. Honorees included:

- Zach Thomasson, ag mechanics design and fabrication
- Will Morris, ag mechanics repair and maintenance
- Will Wilcoxson, ag mechanics energy systems
- Tristian Johnson, emerging ag technology
- Cale Merritt, swine production
- Naomi Romero, sheep production
- Ashlyn Stembridge, goat production
- Jacob Hogue, landscape management

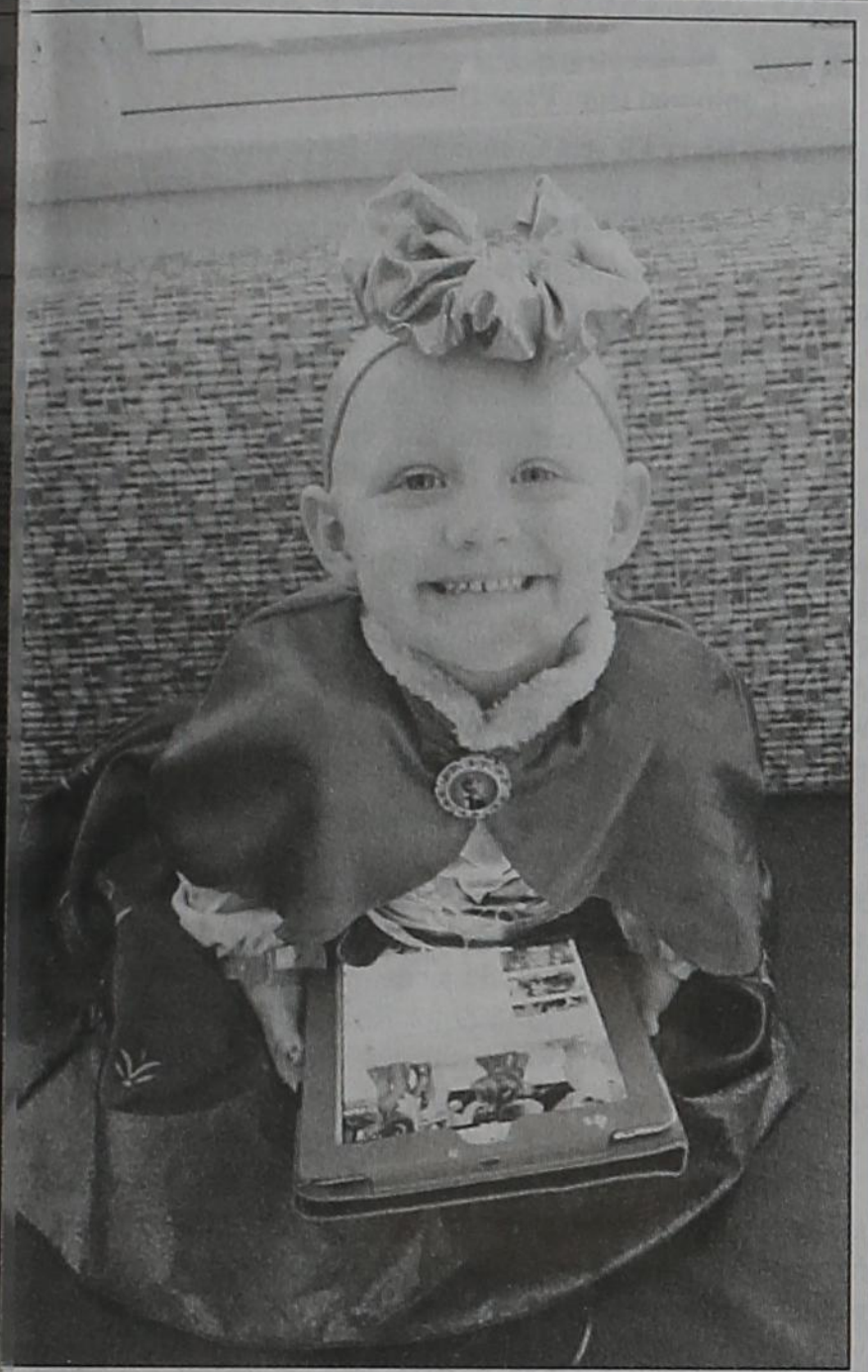
Star Degrees, awarded to students who went "above and beyond," were presented by Bobby Fowler. Honorees included:

- Emma Bishop, Star Greenhand
- Naomi Romero, Star Chapter FFA Degree
- Will Morris, Outstanding Senior Award
- Zach Thomasson, Outstanding Ag Mechanics Award

The honorary Rockwall FFA Chapter degree is the highest honor awarded. Michelle Morris was the recipient of the honorary degree.

The Rockwall FFA chapter is comprised of 117 members.

The FFA is the largest student-led organization in the U.S., with more than 500,000 members. The national organization strives to develop students' potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



Raeligh Vasquez

Royse City Chamber of Commerce hosts award luncheon

Millie Jean Coppedge

The annual Chamber of Commerce Awards and Installation Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 19, at the Occasions at Stone River.

Master of Ceremonies Bobby Montgomery, director of marketing for the Occasions at Stone River, emceed the program.

Awards given included Max Buck-Firefighter of the Year, Jim Melloy-Teacher of the Year, Comfort Care Dental-Corporate Sponsor of the Year, Chick-fil-A-Business of the Year, Bobby Montgomery-President's Award, Tom Shelton-Dr. Ron Jones Outstanding Service Award, David Mass-Big "R" Pacesetter Award, and Lucille Bell-Zaner Benetini-Teacher of the Year.

The Police Officer of the Year will be presented at a future date.

The board and officers for the 2015-2016 year are President-Vivian Brown, Vice President Jo Nell Melloy, Treasurer-James Harvey, Secretary-Julie Fowler, Royse City ISD-Jo Nell Melloy, American National Bank-Nanette McCoy, Farmers Electric Co-op-Jim Melloy,

RSM determines cast for 'West Side Story'

Rockwall Summer Musicals has completed casting for its August production of "West Side Story," the second of RSM's 2015 series, which will run Aug. 13 - 16 at the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus.

Cast members include Clayton Sackett as Tony, Joe Brittain as Riff and Chloe Poston as Anybody's, according to a RSM news release. Taped as members of the Jet Guys are Daniel Smith, Tim Gilliland, Chad Tharp, Chad Pfieger, Drew Mitchell, Rodney Morris and Ryan Ross. Jet Girls will include Tori Carney, Amy Adams, Elizabeth Dyer, Lily Smith, Victoria Steele, Brandi Deon Giles and Carmen Waters.

Cast as Maria is Amanda Childs. Other cast members include Quintin Johnson Jr., Bernardo; Teresa Natera, Anita, and Daniel Dean Miranda as Bernardo.

Representing the Shark Guys will be Robbie Castillo, Michael Christian, A.J. Vincent, Jamison Michael Green, Jordan Erebia and Ash Mathura. Shark Girls will be Tori St. John-Gilbert, Christina Austin, Raina McIlwain, Annalie Caruthers, Chandler Houston, Kellie Sanchez and Lydia McBee, according to the news release.

Ensembles members will include Makenzie Baird, Julie Pfieger and Adam Brown. Doc will be played by Jerry McCulley; Shrank by Steven Golin and Krupke by Kurtis Williams.

The original production opened on Broadway in 1957 and was nominated for six Tony Awards. The story is set in the ethnic, blue-collar Upper West Side neighborhood in New York City in the mid-1950s. Written by Arthur Laurents and inspired by Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," "West Side Story" follows the doomed trajectory of love between Tony and Maria, as their rival gangs, the Jets and Sharks, clash over territory and power. The musical score, written by composer Leonard Bernstein and lyricist includes favorites such as "Something's Coming," "Maria," "America," "Somewhere," "Tonight," "Jet Song," "Cool" and "Cool."

Tickets are available online at rockwallsummermusicals.org or at the performing arts center.

The Performing Arts Center is located in Rockwall at 1201 Townsend Drive. RSM's vice president of productions, Barbara Dyer, will serve as director.

Rockwall Summer Musicals is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Royse City Main Street-Paula Morris, Edward Jones Investment-Jesse Vaughn, Harvey's Bookkeeping-James Harvey, Keller Williams Reality-Kari Hollifield, Baker Spine and Sport-Dr. Brad Baker, ServPro Rockwall-Glen Caperton, Rockwall Co JP-Mark Russo, Inwood Bank-Karen Parks, Fowler Design studio-Julie Fowler, Rockwall Urgent Care-Leslie Wilson, and RE/MAX Heritage-Cathleen Lewis.

A motivational speaker famous for his humorous/tall tale storytelling, Byron Taylor entertained the attendees. Taylor's was far from a "speech." He entertained the audience with his lively personality as he quickly moved from side to side on the stage and acting out his deliverance, stemming from a conversation he had a couple of years ago with a 8-year-old girl.

Taylor said he had been waiting in a doctor's office and the little girl began talking to him, spilling out information that he had no interest in. Rather than giving her his undivided attention, he was reading messages on his cell phone. Plainly irritated, the girl reached up to him, took his face in her hands and said, "You need to listen to me with your eyes. You need to believe and start experiencing life."

Quite by accident, Taylor was introduced to Toastmasters, which is an international public speaking club. Its website states, "Every Toastmaster journey begins with a single speech." He decided to check them out and in May, 2014, Taylor, from Amarillo, won first place in the Toastmasters International World Champions of Public Speaking.

Eldridge, Banks named Nat'l Merit Scholarship recipients

Two local residents were among the National Merit Scholarship winners named in a Wednesday, May 27, news release from the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Raena L. Eldridge of Rockwall, a student at Rockwall High School, received the National Merit Texas A&M University Scholarship. Her probable career field will be genetics, according to the news release.

Kathryn E. Banks of Heath, a student at the Hockaday School in Dallas, received the National Merit University of Oklahoma Scholarship. According to the news release, Banks' probable career field will be international relations.

The two young women were among the approximately 2,200 winners recognized this week. The awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship, according to the news release.

RISD Summer Meal Program begins June 8

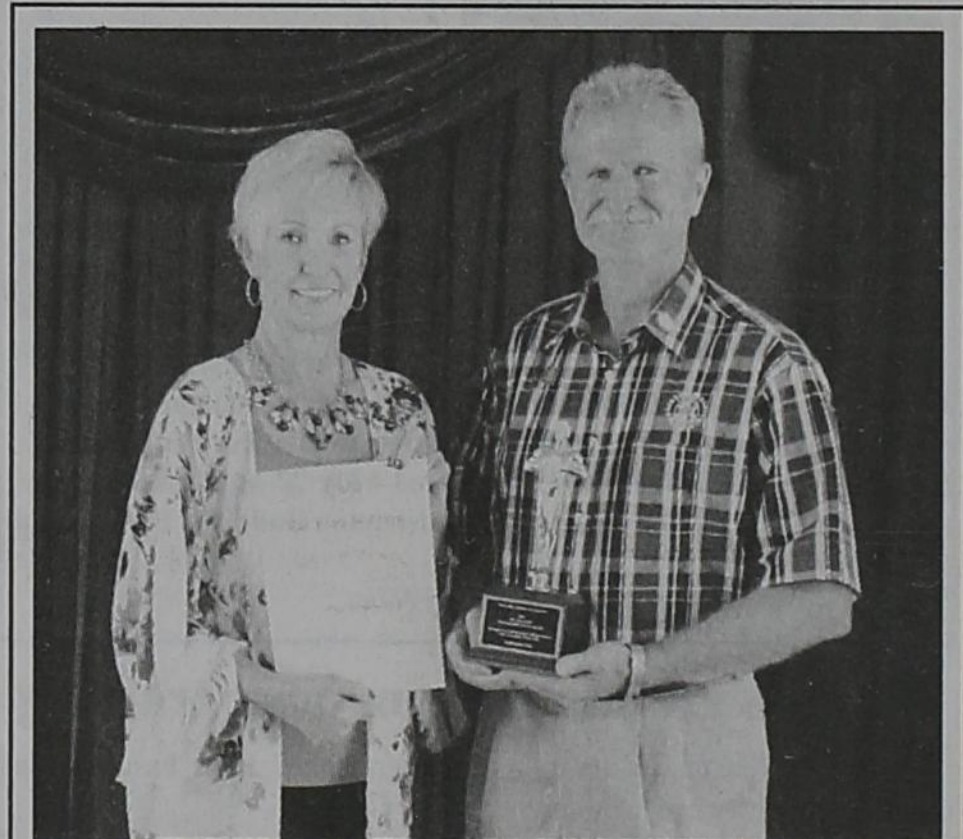
The Rockwall Independent School District's Summer Meal Program, which will provide healthy summer meals for children ages 1-18 at no cost, will run June 8 through July 31, according to an online flier about the program.

Meals will be served at Rochell Elementary, 899 Rochell Court, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Breakfast will be served at Dobbs Elementary, 101 S. Clark St., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., with lunch set for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The federally funded program will be closed July 3 in observance of the July 4 holiday, according to the flier. Meals are free to children ages 1-18; no forms need be filled out and no parental identification is required.

For adults interested in purchasing meals, cost will be \$1.75 for breakfast and \$3.25 for lunch.

For more information about the program, contact the district's Child Nutrition Office at 972-771-8201.



Mayor Janet Nichol presents Tom Shelton with the Dr. Ron Jones Outstanding Service Award at the Royse City Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. This award is given in appreciation for Shelton's dedication to the chamber, businesses and citizens of Royse City and surrounding communities.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

Harbor boat docks damaged, closed

A portion of the Harbor boat docks were damaged by storms last week and are closed, according to information provided by the City of Rockwall. City officials will provide updates as soon as the damaged areas are repaired and reopened.

Support group to begin meetings

The First Christian Church of Rockwall, 3375 Ridge Road, will host a new community outreach program, Light Two Candles, at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next meeting will be June 4. Open to those struggling with suicidal ideation and depression, the group is in no way intended as a replacement for professional counseling or professional group therapy; instead, it is designed to be a supplemental support and a place for struggling people to safely vent. For more information, contact Mark Irons at 972-771-5526, ext. 2.

Fate to offer Citizens DPS Academy

The Fate Department of Public Safety will host its inaugural Citizens DPS Academy on Thursday evenings June 4-July 30. Two additional daytime meetings also will be conducted for field-training activities. Participants must be 18 or older, have a valid Texas driver's license, complete a background check and reside in or work for the City of Fate. The training will share information about how the department is organized and the services it provides; how the community is served; and how citizens can partner with the department to accomplish public safety. For more details contact Lt. J. Taylor at 972-772-7994 or drop by the FDPS at 128 E. Fate Main Place and talk with an officer.

Republican Women to meet June 8

The Rockwall County Republican Women will host their monthly meeting on Monday, June 8, at the

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Jinnie Cloell (Terry) Barton

Graveside services for Jinnie Cloell (Terry) Barton of Rockwall were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2015, in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas with Pastor Duane Crane officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died May 24 in Lindale.

Born Oct. 25, 1937, in Rains County to Ernest C. and Hazel E. (Fulmer) Terry, she worked at a hospital as a nurse's aide. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband, Shirley Barton of Rockwall; her children, Louann Moseley and her husband, Keith, of Elmo, Daniel Dougherty of Elmo, Cora McKee and her husband, Pat, of Chandler and Ernest "Chuck" Dougherty and his wife, Jennifer, of Brenham; her siblings, Helen Wilson and her husband, Cozell, of Eules, Reba Wilson and her husband, Carell, of Brashear, Billie Harrison of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Linda Terry and Glenda Terry, both of Brashear; nine grandchildren; four great-grandsons; and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband, James Dougherty.

RHHS fashion students host fashion showcase

The ninth annual Rockwall-Heath High School fashion show took place May 22 at the Rockwall Independent School District's Administration Building.

About 250 guests attended the event, which included a luncheon and raffle.

Advanced fashion students were required to market and organize the show and work with local businesses. Fashion director for the show was Jessica Gomez, a senior who plans to attend North Texas where she will study fashion marketing.

The fashion students modeled clothing from several local shops, including Groovy's, Hazel & Olive, Hallie B's, Compass, Second Evolution, Not So Plain Jane, Maurice's, Wonderfully Made, Bella's House, Pow & Arrows and Southern Roots. Fashion Design students also created their own pieces for the showcase.

Also providing services for the show were Cindy Swanson, photography, and Greg LaRosa, emcee.



Hannah Fladeland and Omar Shalabi, pictured above, were two of the many models participating in the Rockwall-Heath High School fashion show conducted May 22 at the Rockwall Independent School District Administration Building. The event drew more than 250 guests.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Morales graduates from basic training

Army Pvt. Kristina Morales recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values and physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Morales is the daughter of Keri and James Anderson of Heath. She is a 2013 graduate of South Garland High School, Garland.

Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.

LOOK FIVE YEARS YOUNGER WITH BRIGHTER TEETH

We hardly need scientific evidence that whiter teeth make a person look more attractive and youthful, but a study conducted by a major manufacturer of oral-health products does just that. The study showed that whiter teeth can make a person look as much as five years younger and increase attractiveness by 20%. Brightened smiles also seem to increase the perception that a person is more successful, more employable, and better educated. Nearly one-third of the men surveyed think that white teeth demonstrate wealth and status and double the perception that a person has received education at a private university. With all this in mind, professional tooth whitening may be as helpful in getting a job as in getting a date.

Your smile needs deserve an exceptional dental office, with a professional team that provides leading-edge care and more comforts than you ever thought possible in a dentist's office.

At McNEW DENTAL, we want to do more than meet your expectations - we want to exceed them. We're located at 1300 E. Ralph Hall Pkwy., Suite 114. Please call 972.771.2213 to schedule an appointment. "Smiles are contagious and best when shared"

PS. The study mentioned above demonstrates that whitening one's teeth can exert as much of a rejuvenating effect as prescription anti-wrinkle creams.

www.mcnewdental.com

Minnette Pelphrey Goodson

Visitation for Minnette Pelphrey Goodson, 88, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2015, in the Harrell Funeral Home of Dripping Springs. Burial will be next to her husband, Dr. James H. Goodson, in the Wallace Mountain Cemetery in Dripping Springs.

She died May 29 at her home.

She was born in 1926 in Breckenridge, Texas, to Lasco Wheeler and Nauty Byrd Wornell Pelphrey.

The Goodsons were married in Gladewater, Texas, on Dec. 27, 1947. The couple moved to Dallas for his medical career and retired to Dripping Springs in 1993. They had discovered the community many years ago when they were camping with their children and had long planned to retire in the serenity of the Hill Country.

She was a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Daughter of the American Revolution.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Lasca Minnette and James Longacre of Dripping Springs; a granddaughter, Aubrey Longacre of New Braunfels; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, James Evan and Marion Neary Longacre of Dripping Springs; a great-grandson, James Lasco Longacre; a son, James Rush Goodson of Dallas; a daughter, Courtney Anne Sjoerdsma of Rockwall; James Ray Sjoerdsma of Redwood City, California; a granddaughter, Paige Allison Sjoerdsma of Indianapolis, Indiana; a grandson, Dustin James Sjoerdsma of Bellingham, Washington; a sister and brother-in-law, Rose Marie and Dr. Martin H. Boone Jr. of Springfield, Missouri; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and a sister and brother-in-law, Nauty Byrd Pelphrey Mayer and Gordon Joseph Mayer.

The family has suggested that memorials may be made to Founders Fund of Lee Public Library, 312 W. Pacific Ave., Gladewater, TX 75647.

Condolences may be sent to harrellfuneralhomes.com.

Cotner graduates from U.S. Naval Academy

U.S. Navy Ensign Stefanie Michelle Cotner, daughter of Jeff and Libby Cotner, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, on Friday, May 22, and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy, according to a news release from the academy.

Ens. Cotner completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training, resulting in a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in political science-America politics and law.

The mission of the United States Naval Academy is to develop midshipmen morally, mentally and physically for the privilege of serving as leaders of sailors and Marines who have volunteered to serve the U.S.

Following graduation, Ens. Cotner was assigned to Basic Divisional Officers Course where she will continue training in San Diego, California, and then proceed to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where she will begin service aboard the USS Halsey (DDG-97), according to the news release.

Ens. Cotner is a 2010 graduate of Rockwall-Heath High School.

Stone to study in Baja this summer

Kelsey Stone of Rockwall, a master's student in the Global Field Program from Miami University's Project Dragonfly, will travel to Baja this summer to study, according to a university news release.

Stone will study the desert and marine landscapes of two richly diverse biosphere reserves through ecological and social field methods, according to the release.

Locals named to UNT Dean's List

Several local students were among those named to the University of North Texas Dean's List for the spring semester, according to a university news release.

Honorees, according to the news release, include:

- Fate - Daniel Albert Segura
- Heath - Cleo Nash Bayoud

• Rockwall - Abijah Ayele, Gabriella R. Boyd, Alyssa Ann Canada, Priscilla Y. Gonzalez, Abbey R. Groom, Sydney Renee Hodges, Alana M. Irby, Josey Marie Jagielo, Shelby Jordan Lippold, Thomas Scott Matthews, Allison Paige McCaster, Andrew Marcus Nega, Thomas Austin Nelson, Truc H. Pham, Ashlee Nichole Reese, Allison Paige Rochier, Joelle Nicole Savage, Candace L. Schmucker, Caroline P. Sears, Erin Rae Seifert, Eric Alexander Woodward and Patrick Mark Worbs

• Roysce City - Megan L. Burton, Haley Brooke Chandler, Victoria Ann Finley, Samantha Nicole McDanel and Katrina Paulette Watson

To be named to the Dean's List, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Gallant named to Dean's List

Jordyn Gallant of Rockwall was among students named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring term at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts, according to a news release from the college.

Gallant is studying health science/pre-physician assistant.

Tilton tapped for honor roll

Midwestern State University recognized 916 honor students for the Spring 2015 semester, including Kara Tilton of Rockwall, who was named to the Provost's Honor Roll.

The Provost's Honor Roll included 261 students, according to a news release from the university.

A student who completes a semester schedule of at least 12 semester hours in one semester with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than C will be included on the Provost's Honor Roll. The student cannot have semester grades of I, WF or NC.

Smallwood earns master's degree

Sean Smallwood of Roysce City graduated with a master's degree in higher education and student affairs administration from the Graduate College of the University of Vermont on May 17.

Smallwood was among almost 3,000 students who received degrees during the university's 214th commencement, according to a university news release.

National Public Radio's legal affairs correspondent, Nina Totenberg, delivered the address to graduates.

McMillan graduates from Troy University

Paige McMillan of Heath was among the more than 880 students who graduated from Troy University in Troy, Alabama, following the spring 2015 semester.

McMillan received a bachelor's degree from the College of Education during commencement exercises that took place Friday, May 8, in the Trojan Arena.



Wayne Goza

A memorial service for Wayne Goza, 73, of Heath will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2015, in the Poetry Springs Event Center in Poetry. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died May 27.

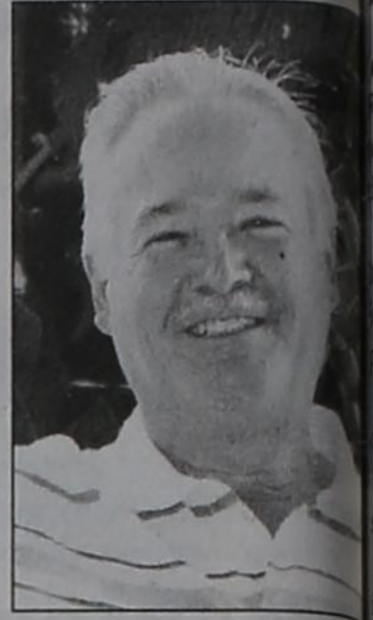
Born Dec. 5, 1941, in Camden, Arkansas, to Leroy and Minnie (Rogers) Goza, he was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and owner/operator of manufacturing companies. He attended Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, Becky (Vanderburg) Goza; his children, Darrell Goza and his wife, E. Jason Goza and Linsie, Andrea Gunderson and her husband, Scott, Kristy Pearson and her husband, Hank; his grandchildren, Blake, Roger, Philip, Zach, Kamlen, Lily, Camden and one on the way; a sister, Sue Clark, and her husband, Boyd.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family would like to express their appreciation to his long-time friends, Sandi Paschal and Jack McAllister, and Noby, Tori, Sam John and Christy for their excellent care.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Memorial Scholarship Fund for Wayne Goza at CFB Bank.



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8, at the Harry Meyers Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. program; subject of the program will be security. There will not be a July meeting; however, make plans to attend the annual Women of Influence Tea on Aug. 15. Speaker will be Republican National Committeewoman, Toni Anne Dashiell. Ticket cost \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Donna Rolater at 877-9891 or email donnarolater@sbcglobal.net.

Mobile animal spay/neuter event set

The Spay/Neuter Network (spayneuternetwork.org) will have a foot hospital bus in Rockwall on Friday, June 12, at the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. Surgeries will be performed on site. Low-cost packages available, and walk-up vaccines will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 972-472-3500 for an appointment; spaces are limited. Be sure dogs cannot slip their collars; cats must be in secure carriers. The event will be sponsored by Rockwall PAWS (rockwallpaws.com), a nonprofit that funds the treatment of heartworm-positive dogs.

Comic Book Camp set

Rockwall Parks & Rec will offer two Comic Book Camp sessions for youngsters ages 8-12 June 15-19 and June 22-26 at The Center. The session will focus on drawing the superhero; the second will emphasize drawing panels and scenes. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee for week one is \$135 (\$99 for Rockwall residents); week two is \$225 (\$149 for Rockwall residents). Fee includes supplies. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Cheerleading camp offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec department will offer Total Cheerleading a cheerleading camp, from 9 a.m. to noon June 22-25 at the Harry Meyers Community Center. Open to participants ages 6-12, the camp will offer skills in leading the crowd and supporting the home team while practicing cheer safety in cheers, hand and body movements and jumping techniques.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Cash tribute set at Concert by the Lake

A Johnny Cash tribute, Walking the Line, will be featured at the 14th Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Heath plans Movies in the Park event

The City of Heath will help area residents celebrate the opening of summer with a Movies in the Park event beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, at Towne Center Park. Dallas' top food trucks will be on hand, baseball activities and a community video Hawk pep rally are planned. The Heath district championship baseball and softball teams will join event to mingle with kids and boost sign-ups for Hawk summer sports camps. The featured movie, "Rookie of the Year," will be screened on a 36-foot big screen beginning at 9 p.m. All activities and the movie will be provided free of charge. For more details visit heathtx.com or visit Facebook page at facebook.com/heathtx.

Blaze of Glory set at Concert by the Lake

Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute band, will be featured at the 11th Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Concert by the Lake to showcase Vaughn tribute

Texas Flood, a Stevie Ray Vaughn tribute band, will be featured at the June 18 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Tickets available for 'Guys and Dolls'

Tickets for Rockwall Summer Musicals' "Guys and Dolls" production are now available. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. June 25-27 and 2 p.m. June 28 at the RHS Performing Arts Center at Utley, 1201 Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Cost are \$19.95 for adults, \$17.95 for senior students. Tickets are available online at showclix.com/events/9148 or calling 1-888-71-TICKETS.

Concert by the Lake to offer rock music

A rock variety band, Incognito, will be featured at the June 25 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Family Fun Friday set at Harry Myers Park

The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at Harry Myers Park on June 5. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and others will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "The Boxtralls" will be screened at dusk.

Random Axis to perform at Concert by the Lake

Random Axis will be featured at the July 2 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The group plays a modern/mix variety of music. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Concert by the Lake to feature Def Leggend

Def Leggend, an '80s rock band, will be featured at the July 9 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Concert by the Lake offers Stones tribute band

Stoneleighs, a Rolling Stones tribute band, will be featured at the June 23 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Lee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

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There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out fear. 1John 4:18

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Speaking in tongues ... wonderful works of God

We have been searching the scriptures out of the Bible on the subject of speaking in tongues.

It's written in 2 Peter 1:3, "According as His divine power has given unto us all things that are unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory and virtue..."

With this information, studying God's word becomes a joyous and exciting endeavor because it involves learning about all things that has been given unto us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Speaking in tongues was a dynamic part of the spiritual lives of God's beloved saints during the early church as recorded in Acts.

This event placed great emphasis on being filled with holy spirit and speaking in tongues.

God went so far as to give visions of fiery tongues pressing down upon each of the people who first started speaking in tongues. He must have known the importance of this, or else it would not have been necessary to give the vision.

Therefore, it is our reasonable service to at least dive into the scriptures and learn more about this dynamic manifestation of the Holy Ghost.

What else does it say about speaking in tongues?

1 Cor. 13:1, "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels..."

We will not know what we are speaking, but it involves speaking languages of people and of angels, as the Holy Ghost gives the words.

HFOT fundraiser generate funds for veteran's home

The second Homes for Our Troops fundraiser was conducted at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club in Rockwall on Friday, May 1. The tournament netted in excess of \$8,000, according to a news release from the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office.

The tournament was for Army Staff Sgt. Jeremy Breece, who lost both legs above the knees in April 2011 in Afghanistan while participating in a clearing operation, according to the news release. He stepped on a pressure-plated improvised explosive device.

The groundbreaking for Breece, his wife, Roxann, and their two children's new home in San Marcos took place earlier this year. The volunteer Day is June 27 and the official dedication of his home is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 1.

The HFOT program began in 2004 for veterans who were severely injured in combat in Afghanistan and Iraq. HFOT to date has built 187 homes and have 49 homes under construction. The average cost of a home according to the special design required is approximately \$430,000.

Sheriff Harold Eavenson of Rockwall County was contacted by HFOT in late 2013 regarding his interest in assisting in a fundraiser. He agreed to contact Kit Thomson, director of golf operations at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club. The first tournament took place in the spring of 2014. The initial tournament was for Marine Corporal Michael Fox, who lost both his legs below the knees in combat in Afghanistan in 2011. That tournament netted \$5,000.

HFOT built Fox's home in McLendon-Chisholm in the southern part of Rockwall County. Fox moved into his home Dec. 18, 2014.

A reception was conducted at his home to honor Fox and have HFOT officially dedicate the new home. There were approximately 200

Rockwall County residents in attendance at the dedication. He and his fiancé were married in April.

The Rockwall County Republican Men's Club, the sheriff's office and the athletic club decided to make this an annual event as long as HFOT builds homes for veterans. Eavenson plans to solicit corporate sponsors for next year's tournament and already has had one potential corporate sponsor contact him.

Next year the tournament will be named "The Homes for Our Troops Golf Challenge."

Eavenson and Fox have become friends and the sheriff looks forward to making this tournament bigger and more successful each year to assist the young veterans, according to the news release.

Saving America ... event set for June 14

Everyone is invited to attend the "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER" event, Sunday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., June 14, 2015 at Heritage Christian Academy- 1408 S Goliad St, Rockwall, TX. Join others to learn about "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER". The free event will include a live band. Guest speaker will be Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt. This will be our third "saving our country through prayer" gathering. The event takes place on the second Sunday Night of each month at the same time. This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested. For more information contact Mike Kennedy (972) 998-2680 or Kenneth Shores (214) 334-1206 or Jerry Minx (972) 896-7081

RCHS students earn honors in national arts competition

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives and Congressman Ratcliffe. The 2015 Grand Prize Winner is Aaron Tamez of Roysse City High School. Honorable mention came to Cole Wallace, also of Roysse City High School.

"I'm extremely impressed with the quality of artwork my office received this year. Aaron Tamez's artwork was sensational and will represent our district and Roysse City well in the halls of the U.S. Capitol," said U.S. Rep. Ratcliffe. "Mr. Wallace should be extremely proud of his work as well, along with the rest of the young artists that participated in this year's contest. All of these students have bright

talents. The Congressional Art Competition, themed An Artistic Discovery, is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district.

The competition is open to all high school students. The overall winning artwork of each participating district will be displayed for one month in the U.S. Capitol.

The 4th Congressional District of Texas winners were selected by judges from across the District, including college art department faculty, art league members and accomplished artists.

Each student who entered, with the exception of the Grand Prize Winner, will be eligible for the People's Choice Award, an online competition where constituents can vote. The People's Choice Award winner will also be featured in U.S. Representative Ratcliffe's D.C. office.

Tamez also will receive two round-trip airline tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend the winners' reception.

Best finalist artwork is currently featured at flickr.com/photos/442440mp.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Family Fun Friday set at Northshore
The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at Northshore Park on July 24. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and others will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Toy Story" will be screened at dusk.

Pirate Plunge planned at city pool
The City of Rockwall's Marry Myers Pool will be the site of the Pirate Plunge event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 25. Participants can show off their cannonballs, dive for gold, play Sharks and Pirates and compete in pirate fashion show. Cost is \$2 for children ages 2 and older (\$1 for City of Rockwall residents); admission will be free for children under 2.

Tickets available for "West Side Story"
Tickets for Rockwall Summer Musicals' "West Side Story" production are now available. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13-15 and 2 p.m. Aug. 16 at the RHS Performing Arts Center at Utley, 1201 Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Cost are \$19.95 for adults, \$17.95 for seniors/students. Tickets are available online at showclix.com/events/9148 or by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS.

Family Fun Friday set at The Harbor
The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at The Harbor on Aug. 28. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and others will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Big Hero 6" will be screened at dusk.

History of State Fair to be explored
The history of the State Fair, which began in 1886, will be explored Sept. 11 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Family Fun Friday set at Hickory Ridge
The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be conducted at Hickory Ridge Park on Sept. 25. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and others will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Paddington" will be screened at dusk.

Program slated on Parker Cemetery
Jan Willess Johnson will talk about one of the oldest Rockwall cemeteries, Parker Cemetery, on Oct. 9 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, at noon in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. The cemetery is the final resting place for some of the county's earliest settlers, including the Truitt, Hays, Orr, Collins, Parker and Willess families. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Nov. 13 program to focus on Rayburn
Sam Rayburn, one of Texas' best-known statesmen, will be the focus of the Nov. 13 program, part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Rock wall to be revisited
The history of the rock wall and recent developments about the unique underground structure will make the Dec. 11 program that will be part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Texas Health Presbyterian receives 10th A grading

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall once again earned an "A" Hospital Safety Score by The Leapfrog Group, according to a hospital news release.

Texas Health Rockwall has received an "A" in each of the grading periods for the last five years. The Leapfrog Group assigns U.S. hospitals grades ranging from A to F twice yearly based on preventable medical errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

"Without a doubt our first priority is to provide our patients with the best and safest care possible," said Cindy Paris, hospital president. "We are pleased to once again receive an 'A' Safety Score by this respected organization and applaud all of our staff for the importance they place on safety. They are truly the most dedicated care-givers I have seen throughout my career and it is most deserving that their efforts have been acknowledged once again."

The Hospital Safety Score is determined from careful analysis by some of the nation's leading safety experts. The seven-member panel evaluates 28 measures of patient safety such as staffing levels, falls and hand hygiene to determine a hospital's individual score. All of the data is publicly available and helps to provide patients a foundation for choosing the safest hospital for themselves and their family.

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1 popular dog breeds

5 TX Mildred _____ "Babe" Didrikson

6 TXism: "cautious as a small dog with bone"

7 Great _____ (dog)

8 TX Don Henley's "The _____ of the Innocence"

9 Fort Stockton has _____ Pete," largest roadrunner

16 TX legendary pitcher, Nolan

18 Lee Harvey Oswald, et al.?

21 TX Willie's "Ain't Necessarily _____"

22 this Paul wrote "It Doesn't Matter Anymore" for TX Buddy Holly

23 TX actor: Tommy _____ Jones

24 seat of Lynn Co. forbearers

30 Jason Witten pos. fine knitted fabric

36 scuttled

37 TXism: "attracted like _____ to a prairie dog"

39 Mark Cuban, e.g. TXism: "fought toe _____"

44 squirrel-sized zoo monkey

45 18-across has most _____ hitters in MLB

46 TXns Hugh & Karl of the "Sons of the Pioneers"

47 TXism for "leave"

49 "Lady Bird" Johnson was born in this Harrison Co. town

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53 TXns like it iced

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55 cylindrical drums beaten with the hands

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60 golf peg

61 Santa's helper

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2 Shackelford Co. seat

3 TXism: "_____ bat"

4 very wise person

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10 TXism: "as welcome _____ at a picnic"

11 TX "Cactus Jack" Garner said being VP "_____ worth a bucket of warm spit"

12 former famous Houston store: "_____ witz"

13 TXism: "fast _____ up a rafter"

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15 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't an _____ well in Texas"

17 TXism: "hog wash"

19 CBS was the one that aired "Dallas"

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31 TX Christopher Cross song: "Best that You _____ Do"

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33 trumpets sounded at Yom Kippur

38 "sharp as _____"

40 a Spur, Rocket, or Maverick, e.g.

41 "One _____ one Ranger"

42 Sunday dinner often (2 wds.)

48 TXism: "_____ high on the hog" (rich)

50 17th Greek letter

51 many TXns died in Viet _____

56 El Paso explorer: Juan de _____

57 TX-based La _____ Quinta, e.g.

Future of historical house of interest to RC Council

by Millie Jean Coppedge
A topic of interest at the City Council of Royse City regular meeting, May 26, is what over the years has become known as the home.

The house at 501 E. Old Greenville Road near the I-30 service road, built in 1913 by the Ellis family. About a year ago, David Webster, a real estate agent in Rockwall, and his wife purchased the home. Since then, the house has sat vacant and the property unattended. Council members were addressed by Webster and on the agenda was a rezoning application to have the house rezoned from Single Family Residential (SFR) to Commercial 2 (C2). Webster admitted that when he and his wife bought the house they did not intend to live there. He said that his wife fell in love with the house. They saw it as an investment for commercial advancement.

He said most of the property around the house is zoned commercial and his wife, who is an interior designer doing a lot of business in Dallas, plan to make the house into a consignment store. Each room in the house will be furnished and decorated. Webster said there would be no changes to the outside of the property, including all the outside storage rooms as they are. Only painting and landscaping would be done to the property.

The rezoning application was passed 7-0 by the council. The house is not presently in the Heritage District, but there is a possibility of having it put into the district, Mayor Janet Nichol said. "This is one old house that no one would want to see torn down, demolished, or changed in any way. I think the consignment store is a good idea."

City Manager Carl Alsbrook gave his regular updates to the council. The bad weather and excessive rain has slowed down the progress of Wal-Mart construction, but the air-conditioners have been delivered and referred to the helicopter arriving with the units last week. The event was posted to Facebook and exciting for onlookers to witness. The units were lowered onto the top of the building.

Alsbrook also announced that Hot Summer Nights at City Lake Park would start up again Friday night, June 5, with the movie "Big Hero 6." There will be movies or concerts almost every night through August. The movies and concerts are free and conducted outside. Citizens are encouraged to bring their families and lawn chairs and come enjoy a night out with neighbors and friends.

The KIDFISH event for kids age 16 and under that was scheduled for Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. until noon at City Lake had to be canceled due to bad weather. The date will be rescheduled. Check the Royse City website or Facebook for the new date.

All members of the City Council of Royse City were present for the meeting.

The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at the Police and Courts Building, 100 W. Main St.



This historical house in Royse City was sold more than a year ago, yet still sits vacant. The house was one of the topics of discussion at the May 26 city council meeting in Royse City.
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County library plans Teen Read activities

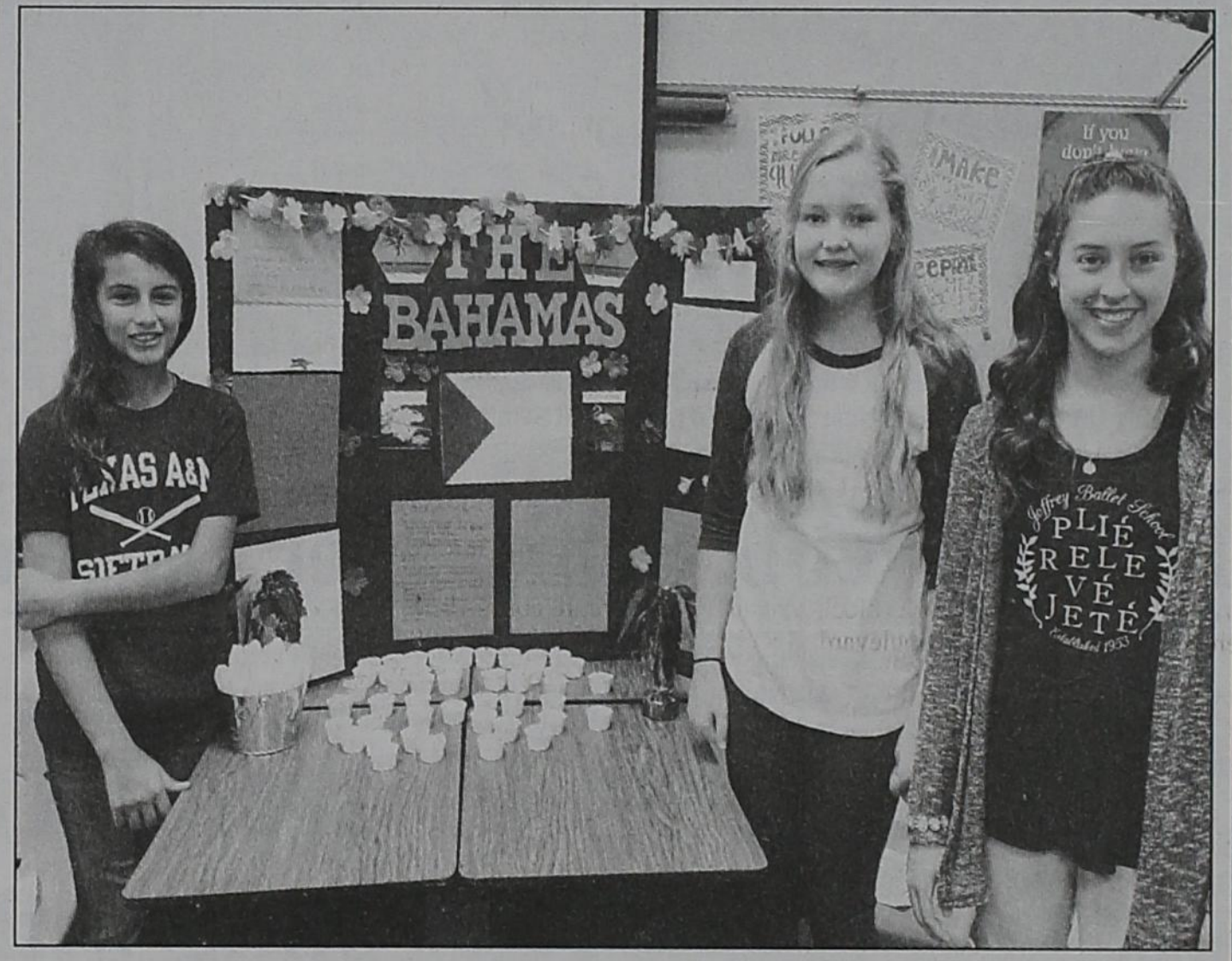
Officials with the Rockwall County Library have scheduled several events to boost reading in the local teen community. According to a news release from the library, the following events were organized as part of Teen Read 2015, which will run June 8 through Aug. 8:

- University – a live animal education show, 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 23
 - Reading with a Twist – at the library on Tuesday, June 23; registration required in person at the Youth Services Desk. Registration begins in person at 10 a.m.
 - Rockland Prairie Raptor Center – learn about raptors with live birds presented by the center, 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 30
 - Stream Mobile Art Studio – at the library on Tuesday, July 7; registration is required in person at the Youth Services Desk. Registration begins in person at 10 a.m.
 - Teen Movie Matinee – "Hunger Games: Mockingjay," 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 14
 - Stream Mobile Art Studio – at the library on Tuesday, July 21; registration is required in person at the Youth Services Desk. Registration begins in person at 10 a.m.
- Teen Read 2015 is open to students entering grades 6-12. All events are free of charge, and participation in an event counts as two hours on the reading log. Reading logs must be complete to be turned in. Reading logs must be returned to the Youth Services Desk at the library, located at 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall. Each completed log will entitle the participant to a raffle ticket for the Teen Read drawing.
- The drawing will be held on Monday, Aug. 10. Grand prize will be a \$1,000 cash prize. The complete prize list is available for review at the Youth Services Desk.
- If you are interested in registering, you may do so at the Youth Services Desk at the library.
- For more details visit rockwallcountytexas.com/library or call the Youth Services Desk at 972-204-7740.

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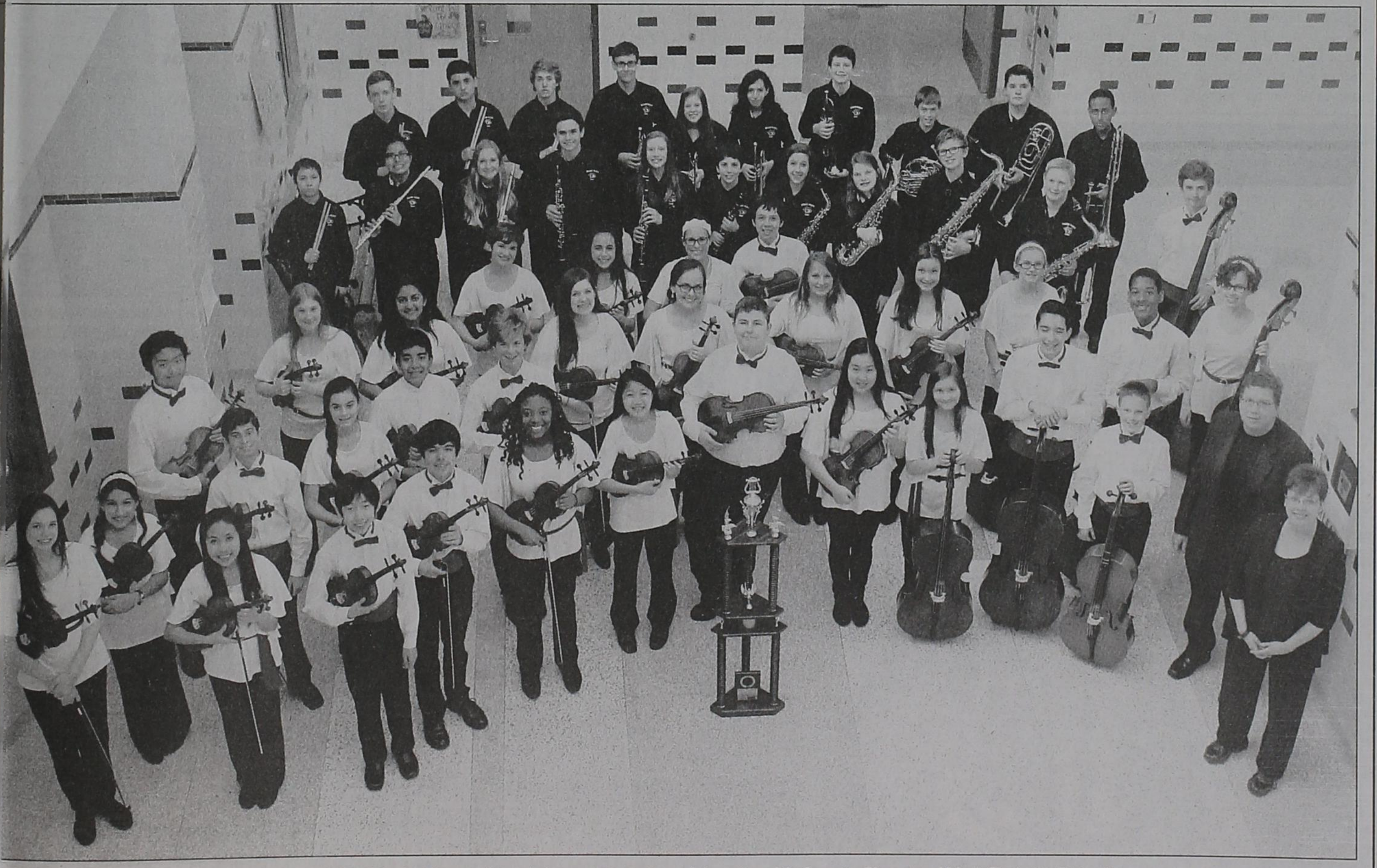
Cowboy Camp set at SpiritHorse

The SpiritHorse Therapeutic Center in Corinth will offer its Cowboy Camp Summer 2015 in two sessions: July 8-10 for ages 7-12 and July 15-17 for ages 13-18. Camps will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each participant should bring a sack lunch, sunscreen, bug spray and medication (if applicable). Cost is \$300 (includes daily snack, private riding lessons and a camp T-shirt); a \$50 deposit will hold a spot, with balance due July 1. Space is limited. The primary focus of SpiritHorse is "to assist individuals with special needs in reaching their full potential through interaction with horses." For more information visit spirit-horse.com.



Hartman Elementary sixth grade students recently completed their contemporary world culture studies with a world bazaar to showcase their knowledge. Pictured above are Madison Salazar, Deryan Simpson and Mekinna Knight and their contribution representing the Bahamas.
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The Williams Middle School orchestra, pictured above, was named grand champion of the Lonestar Showcase of Music Festival in Richardson on Friday, May 8. Students have been working since January to perfect their program. The group also is preparing a recording to submit to the Texas Music Educators Association Middle School Honor Orchestra competition in June. The orchestra was part of the Williams Middle School's Fine Arts Department's performances of "Willy Wonka" May 28-30 in the school cafeteria. Those who brought two canned food items can receive \$1 off admission (\$1 maximum discount per ticket). All food donations benefitted the local food bank.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Jackets go down fighting in Regional Semifinals

Rockwall's run through the baseball playoffs ended just short of the Region II-6A Finals.

The Yellowjackets handed the state's fourth-ranked team, Conroe Oak Ridge, just its second loss, 1-0 in 10 innings in Game 1.

Needing one win to advance, RHS stayed with the War Eagles (32-2) in each of the final two games before losing 8-3 and 6-2. In the deciding game, the Jackets (25-9) led with two out in the top of the sixth inning.

"We were four outs away from Round 5," Rockwall head coach Jeff Payne said, "but the War Eagles earned it and deserved to advance."

"Oak Ridge is the best team we faced this year, and that's how it's supposed to be in Round 4. They have the pitching to win it all, and I hope they do."

The Jackets went as far as they did because of their pitching. And it was pitching – certainly the pitcher – that won the first game against Oak Ridge on Thursday night at Baylor.

Matt Baker held the War Eagles scoreless for nine innings. With two out in the top of the 10th, he drove in the game's only run with a single.

"Baker had good run on his fastball all night," Payne said. "He stayed off their barrels, got quick outs and kept his pitch count down. He didn't exactly crush his RBI single, but it finished off a good AB and was very timely."

Trey Ochoa completed the seven-hit shutout for a save.

On Friday, Rockwall ran into the War Eagles' Luken Baker, the Gatorade Texas Baseball Player of the Year. He struck out 12 in a complete game. Still, the Jackets were tied 2-2 until Oak Ridge, ranked sixth in

maxpreps.com's national Xcellent 25, scored five runs in the fourth inning.

Ochoa, Levi McKinney and losing pitcher Brooks Helmer each hit a double for RHS, which was out-hit 13-7.

Rain moved Game 3 on Saturday to Mumford, where Luken Baker led off the game with a home run and Addison Moss held the Jackets hitless for 4 1/3 innings.

Then Charley Conselman had Rockwall's only hit, but it was a big one – a two-run triple for a 2-1 lead.

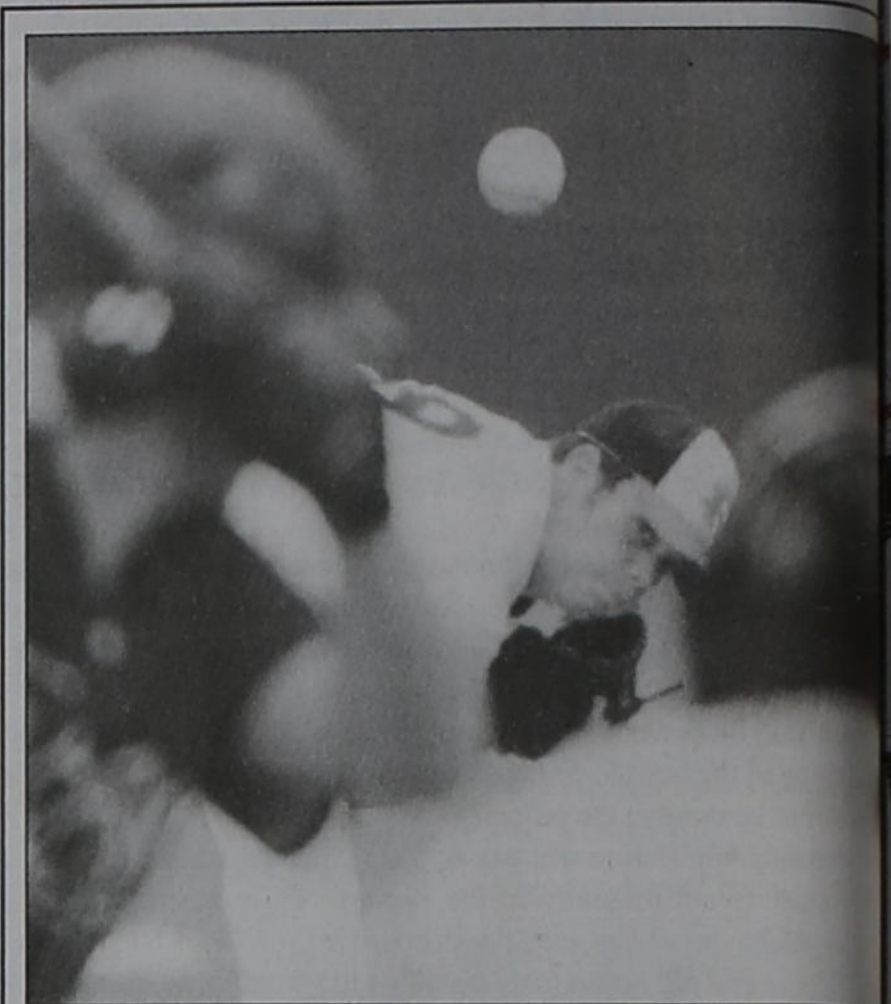
Payne said, "Conselman was due for a big hit. He was very confident all postseason, and really hit the ball well. We stranded too many runners, though, and it bit us in the end."

The 2-1 edge held up until Oak Ridge's Anthony Smith hit a two-out, game-tying single in the sixth.

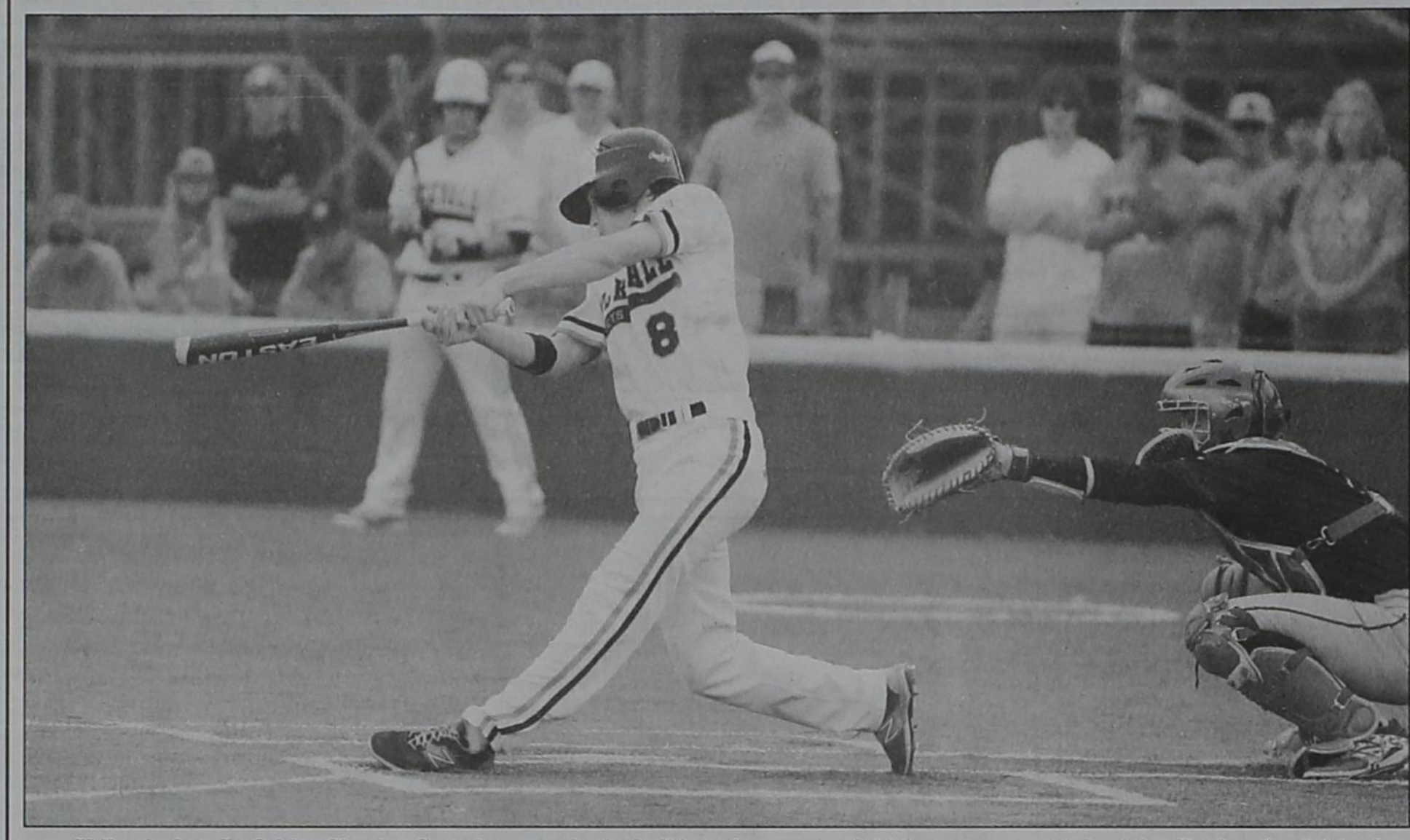
The game still was tied with two out in the top of the seventh. With the bases loaded Riley McKnight, who went 5 for 5 in Game 2, was hit by a pitch to force in a run. Michael Lawson followed with a three-run triple. Shayne Nance was the losing pitcher.

Payne looked ahead to next season, which could bring the Jackets' 15th consecutive playoff appearance.

"We are graduating some key positions up the middle. That is a concern. But we have as much depth with our young guys as we've ever had. Some JV players will need to grow up quickly, because we will be throwing them right out in the middle of it next spring."



Rockwall Pitcher Shayne Nance launches the ball over home plate against a Conroe Oak Ridge batter, Sat. May 30, 2015, during game 3 of the UIL Regional Semifinals at Mumford, Texas.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Yellowjackets In-fielder Charley Conselman sends the ball into deep center field for a two-run triple giving Rockwall a 2-1 lead during the fifth inning of game 3 of the UIL Regional Semifinals series, Sat. May 30, at Mumford, Texas.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

HCA's Webb, Schroepfer 1st-team All-State

For helping Heritage Christian Academy win the TAPPS District 2-3A championship and reach the Regional championship, sophomore pitcher Conally Webb and senior catcher Madeline Schroepfer were named to the 3A All-State first team.

HCA's Katy McEvoy was selected to the All-State second team, and Brooke Fauley received Honorable Mention.

The Lady Eagles dominated the 2-3A All-District team.

Webb was voted Most Valuable Player, and Schroepfer the Offensive Player of the Year. Joining them on the All-District first team were McEvoy, Fauley and Sarah Ross. Ali Barnett, Baylee Hawkins, Brittany

RC's Horn signs to play women's golf

Royse City senior Savannah Horn has signed a letter of intent to play golf at Central Christian College in McPherson, Kan.

Horn helped the Lady Bulldogs place third in the District 12-5A tournament this season.

She also played last summer in four events on the PGA North Texas Section Junior Tour, placing as high as seventh.

Horn could have a chance to step into CCC's varsity lineup this fall. Just three players are returning from last season's team.

Migneault and Emily Benton were named second-team All-District.

Schroepfer will continue her athletic career in the fall with the Southern Nazarene University women's basketball team.

2015 Jackets could sting with defense

Rockwall featured a record-setting offense last fall in winning the District 11-6A championship and finishing the season 12-1.

So it's a mild surprise that head coach Rodney Webb came out of spring practice talking about the Yellowjackets' defense.

"We feel like the defense will be the strength of our team this year," Webb said.

"We scored so many points last year, it was difficult for the defense to shine statistically. Both teams' possessions were magnified by the touchdowns we were scoring."

The Jackets totaled 687 points, nearly 53 per game

You could expect that RHS' offense would decline without running back Chris Warren, who signed to play at the University of Texas, and wide receiver Xavier Castille, who will be playing at SMU.

But even without Warren and the X Factor, Webb expects the offense to shine again under the leadership of senior quarterback Will Reed.

"Will is the master chef of the offense. He allows us to explore multiple facets offensively, and he does a great job of making his teammates better by putting them in advantageous situations.

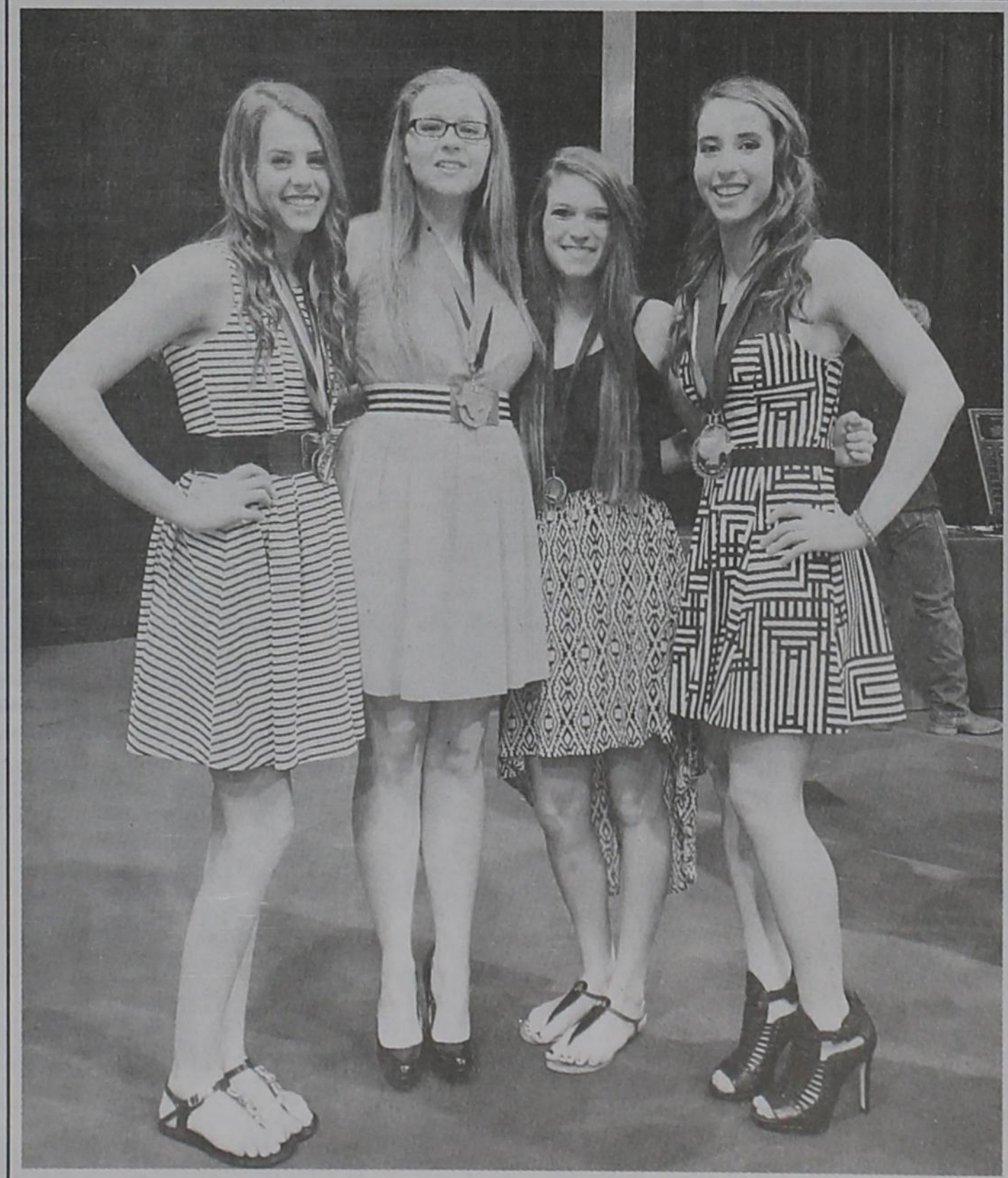
"Every team has its own unique strengths. The 2014 team had some great players with certain talents, and the 2015 team will have some great players with slightly different talents. It's the job of the coach to bring out the best in all of our players."

Webb did that last fall. He was back at it during the spring practices that concluded with Spring Swarm game on May 21.

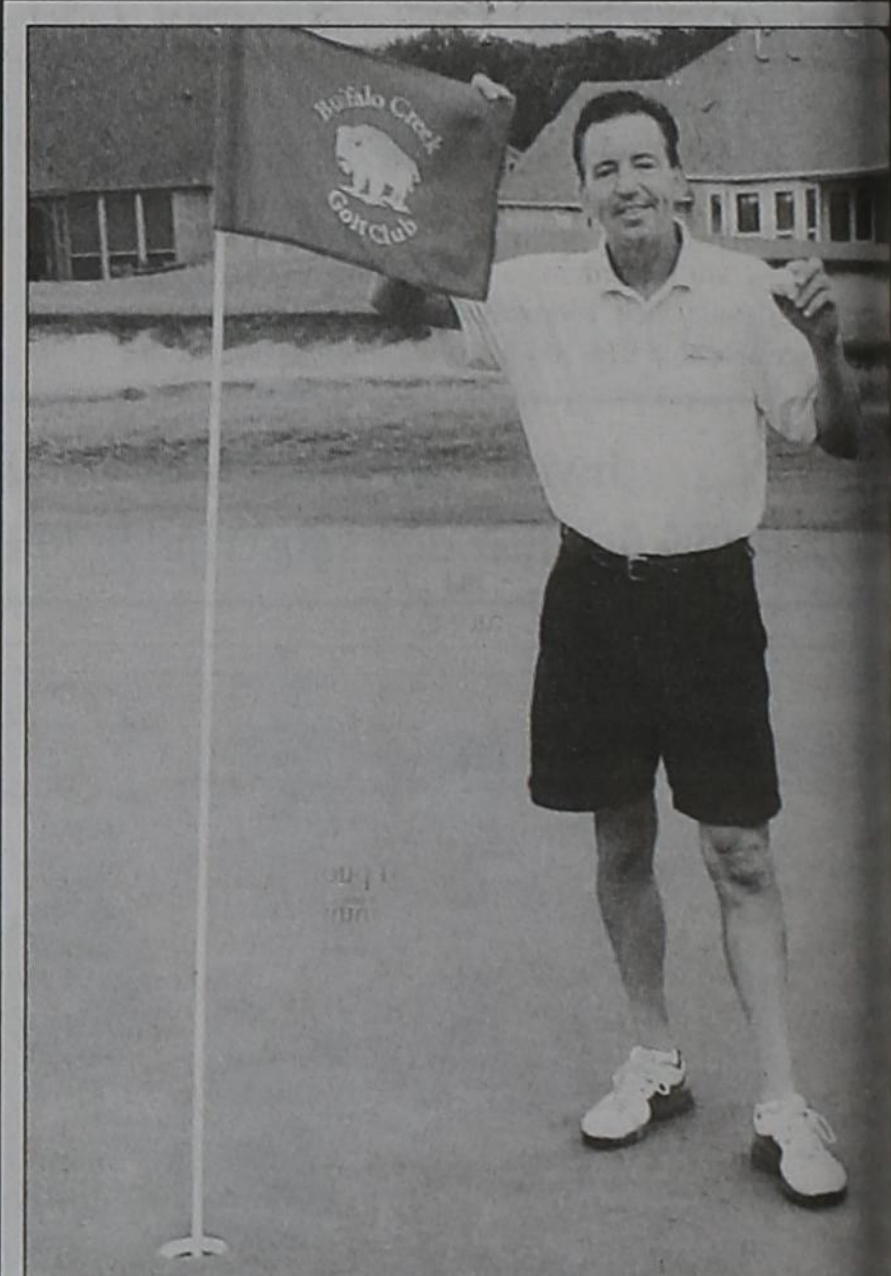
"I was very pleased with spring football overall," he said. "We didn't come out totally injury-free, which is always the goal, but overall we're pretty healthy."

"We had some spirited battles at positions on both sides of the ball. Our kids all felt that they had to bring their A game every day in order to compete."

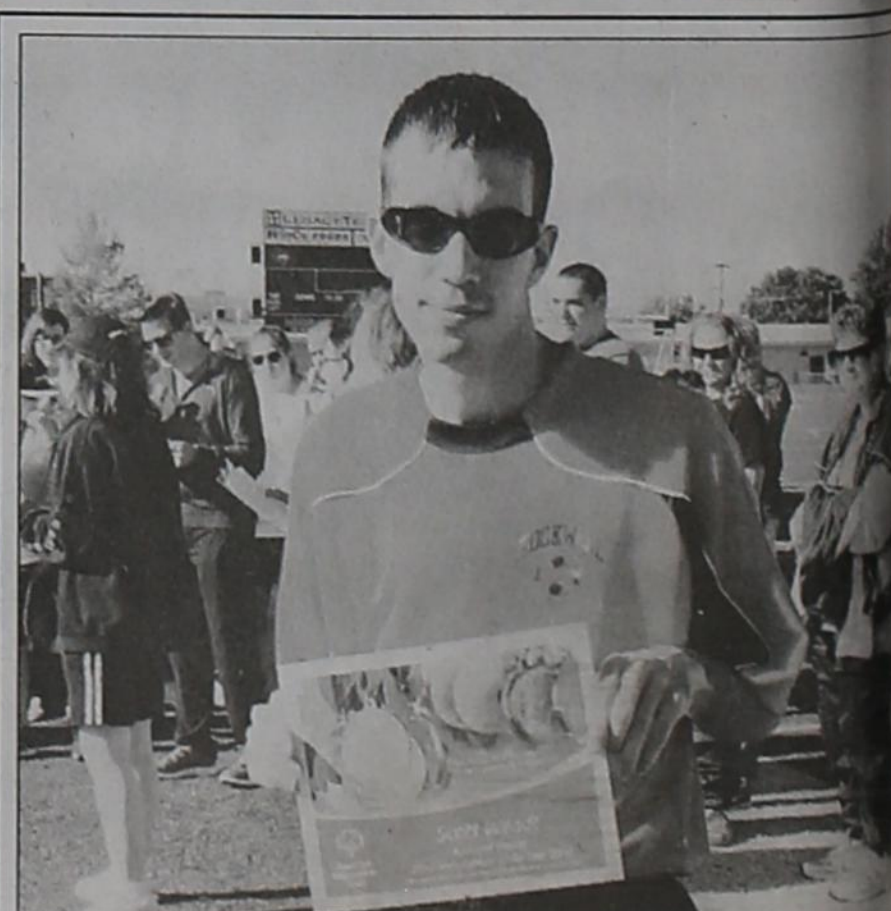
The season is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium against Denton Ryan.



Heritage Christian Academy softball players earning 2015 All State honors are (from left) Conally Webb, Katy McEvoy, Brooke Fauley, and Madeline Schroepfer.
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Buffalo Creek Golf Course certified that Mike Coggins shot a Hole in one, May 26, 2015, on number 17, 130 yds. using an 8 iron. The shot was attested to by Joe Rochier.
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Scott Wendt, a member of the Rockwall County Special Olympic Delegation, was recently awarded the Area 10 Male Athlete of the Year (Age 22+). Scott has been a member of the delegation since 2001 and he currently participates in six sports. He is also a member of the Area 10 Athlete Leadership Program and the Area 10 Input Council.
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