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The final monument for the old Wilkerson-Sanders stadium in Rockwall came down Wednesday, January 15 when the scoreboard was removed as part of a major renovation project. The scoreboard was installed in 2000 by Daktronics, recording the victories and defeats of local

teams through the past nine seasons. A new scoreboard, also to be installed by Daktronics, home-side stands, concessions, restrooms, and locker room facilities will be upgraded and improved in time for the 2009 football season.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Historic school clock added to Royse City Museum collection

By Kathy Williams

A Seth Thomas brand wall clock, believed to have hung in the Royse City school house in the early 1900s, has been purchased by the Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Royse City and put on display.

Acquired in 1960 by a collector in Arkansas, the clock was recently purchased from the estate by clock collectors and restoration specialists Gary and Donna Mahan of Searcy, Arkansas.

The clock was discovered on the Internet sales site E-Bay by Joe and Jane Gilliland, owners of GraphicPhotoDesigns in Royse City, who in turn notified the museum's curator, Ann Cornelius, of the clock's existence.

Cornelius visited the E-Bay site and initially made a \$100 bid on the clock, but "it didn't even shake the reserve amount." She contacted several friends who made contributions towards the clock's \$300 reserve price. She was also in contact with the Mahans to make sure the clock was authentic and actually from Royse City. "We spent a great deal of time both researching the story and restoring the clock," Gary Mahan said.

A yellowed typewritten note found taped inside the clock read, "The clock was installed in the Royse (Royse) City, Texas elementary school in 1885. The school was destroyed by fire in the 1940s." Mahan said he confirmed with Royse City officials that the elementary school burned down when the note indicated, but he believes the clock was not placed in the school until after the turn of the century. He said it could have been installed as early as 1913, which is when that model clock, a Seth Thomas "Office 16" model clock regulator, first appeared in the company's catalogs.

"When we received the clock, it still retained the almost illegible Seth Thomas metal dial. We installed a correct dial directly over the original," Mahan said. "We believe the clock began life as a mechanical clock and was later converted to battery or electricity and is made the "master" clock, for there is another note inside calling the "master" clock. It would have run several smaller clocks in a school."

Mahan said at some point the clock was converted back to a mechanical clock. "It is amazingly accurate, keeps absolutely perfect time and swings a two pound pendulum ball."

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Returning the Royse City Elementary School historic clock are (left to right) Glenda Smith, Donna Mahan, Museum Curator Ann Cornelius and Gary Mahan.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

Local schools take advantage of special fund raising campaign

Four local schools have joined the Rockwall County News subscription campaign as of Tuesday, January 13. Amy Parks Elementary, Scott Elementary (Royse City), The Fulton School and Poetry School are taking advantage of the special fund raising project.

"We're pledging 50 percent of new subscriber payments collected by any participating county school or its designated organization," publisher Wes Burnett emphasized. The special campaign offers new subscribers a two-year mailed subscription for only \$30. "Each participating school will earn \$15 for each new subscriber," Burnett added.

Schools or school organizations interested in participating should contact Rockwall County News subscription coordinator Sandy Webber at 972-722-3099.

"This is a great way to assist our school programs and provide a valuable benefit to new subscribers," Burnett said.

News Briefs

Road to re-open this afternoon

The left lane (turn lane for northbound Goliad) of eastbound Washington between Alamo and Goliad, which has been closed since Monday, will reopen at 5 p.m. today (Jan. 15), according to a City of Rockwall news release.

Toastmasters meet each Thursday evening

Interested in learning to become a better communicator and leader? Meetings of Toastmasters of Rockwall take place at 7 p.m. each Thursday in the Community Bank building conference room, 201 E. Kaufman St. For more information, contact Robert Dillender at 214-908-7448.

First CASA info session set tonight

A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteer information session will begin at 6:30 p.m. today in the Lone Star CASA Office at 950 Williams St., Building C, in Rockwall. Other sessions are planned for 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church Recreation & Outreach Building, 403 N. Catherine St., in Terrell and at 2 p.m. at the Kaufman County Children's Advocacy Center, 500 S. Washington St., Kaufman. The non-profit organization trains and supports community volunteers who speak for children who are in the court system because of child abuse or neglect. For more information, call 972-772-5858 or e-mail director@lonestarcasa.org.

American Legion to meet tonight

The Rockwall American Legion Post No. 117 will have its first quarterly meeting of the year today at the Community Center at Harry Myers Park. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a chili supper, followed by a 7 p.m. business meeting. The guest speaker, Sheriff Harold Eavenson, will speak at 7:30 p.m.

Library plans closure for added construction

The Rockwall County Library will be closed through Monday for the completion of construction, according to a recent library news release; however, ESL, GED, citizenship classes and Teen Game Night will be conducted as scheduled.

Busy Bee 4-H to meet Monday

The next meeting of the Busy Bee 4-H will begin at 7 p.m. Monday at the Rockwall Independent School District ag facility. Meetings take place the third Monday of each month. For more information, contact the AgriLIFE Extension-Texas A&M System office at 972-204-7660.

Grief support classes begin Wednesday

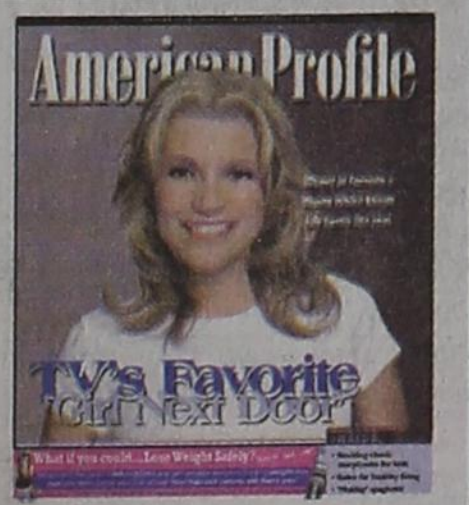
Rest Haven Funeral Home will offer free grief support classes for Rockwall, Rowlett, Royse City and surrounding communities beginning Wednesday. Classes will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every other Wednesday at the Rockwall County Library conference room. Classes will be conducted by Dr. Aubrey Patterson and open to anyone dealing with the recent loss of a loved one. For more details call 972-771-8641.

Tutor training planned at library

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Adult Literacy/ESL Program. Training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Rockwall County Library. Neither teaching experience

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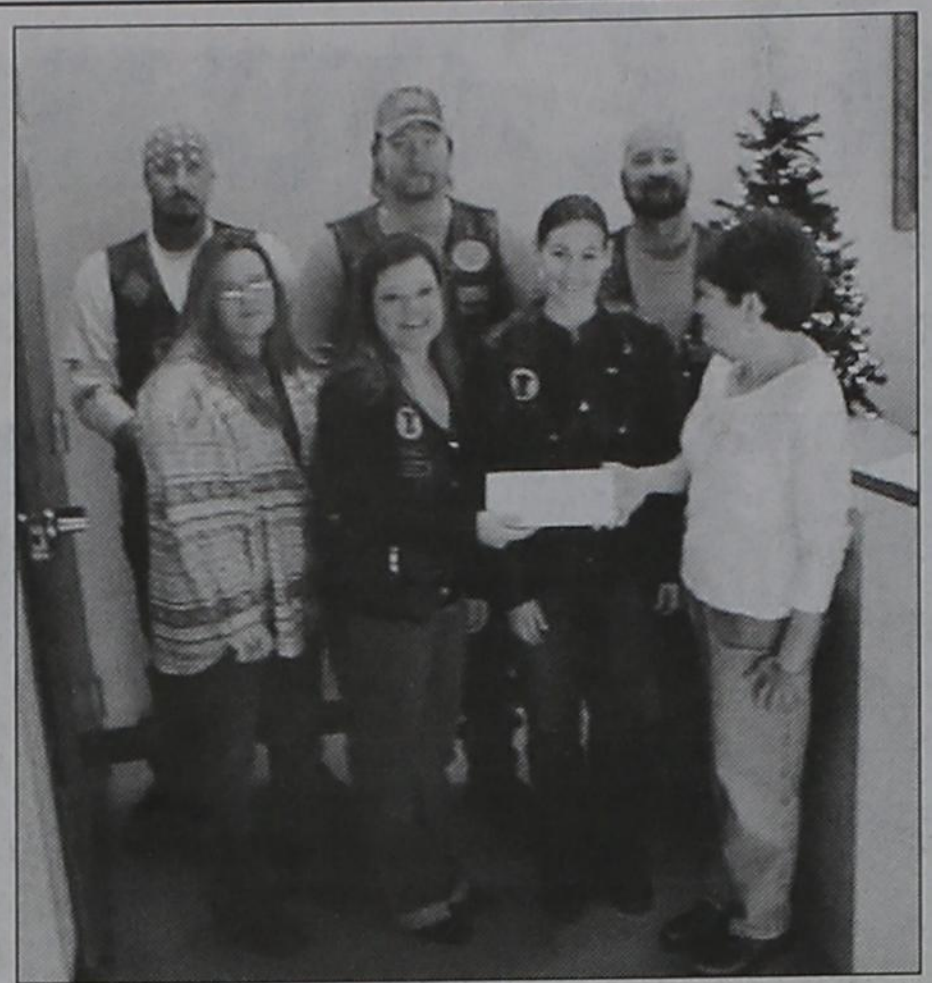
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Members of the Junkyards Dawgs Motorcycle Club organized a canned food drive in December to benefit Rockwall Helping Hands. The club was able to donate a generous amount of food along with a \$200 cash donation. Helping Hands Program Manager Sherry Hamm (front right) accepts the donations from club members (back row from left) Todd, Andy, Steve, (front row from left) Natalie, Misty and Lindsey.
Photo courtesy of Misty Leeder



The Fulton School Upper School students (left to right) Kier Tatum, Whitney Vaughn and Stewart Draheim delivered canned goods to Helping Hands on Dec. 18 and helped stock the shelves to prepare for the Christmas season. Fulton students of all grade levels collected the food items during the month of December.
Photo courtesy of The Fulton School

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nor the ability to speak Spanish is necessary. Anyone interested in participating should register in the ESL classroom located off the lobby of the new library or contact Gloria at 972-204-7705.

Valentine's special deadline is Feb. 5

A special Valentine's Day edition of the Rockwall County News published Feb. 10 will include the very popular "Grandma Brag Pages" packed with color photos of grandchildren. Deadline for the special edition is 5 p.m. Feb. 5. Favorite photos of grandchildren may be brought to the office at 107 E. Bourn, mailed to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, TX 75087 or sent by e-mail (jpgs) to rcn.advertising@yahoo.com; be sure to include names of children and grandparents. Three sizes -- \$20 (limit two children to a photo), \$40 or \$80 -- are available. See the promotional ad in the Rockwall County News or call the newspaper office at 972-722-3099 for details.

Chamber member, awards dinner set

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce annual member and awards dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at The Hilton Bella Harbor.

Friends of the Library to meet Feb. 10

The February general meeting of the Friends of the Library will be in the Community Room of the new Rockwall County Library beginning at 11 a.m. on Feb. 10. The program, presented by MusicFest, will be "A Touch of Music... A Touch of Youth." Catered lunch will be served at a cost of \$15; reservations and/or cancellations are required by 5 p.m. Feb. 6. Call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com. Self-guided tours of the library will be available following the meeting.

Business After Hours program beginning

The Roysse City Chamber and Roysse City Main Street are starting Business After Hours, a business-to-business networking opportunity. Chamber members will have the opportunity to attend a monthly BHA event, with the "host" providing light refreshments and the opportunity to make new business contacts, entertain clients, reward employees and spend time with co-workers. BAH also can coincide with grand openings, the opening of new locations or to show off business remodels. To schedule an event call 972-636-5000.

RISD sets weather make-up day

Rockwall Independent School District students will attend classes on April 13, which has been scheduled as an inclement weather make-up day, according to a district news release. For more details, contact the school district.

Low-cost animal shot, microchip clinic set

Rockwall Animal Services will host a low-cost shot and microchip clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2 at the Loftis veterinary office, 2001 S. Goliad. Rabies shots will be offered for \$8 (one-year) or \$24 (three-year). For more information call RAS at 972-771-7750.

City of Heath reduces waste collection fees, considers sewer service partnership

by Kathy Williams

Having been approached by several surrounding towns and unincorporated areas concerning sharing sewer service with the City of Heath, the Heath city council opened discussions on the subject at its Jan. 6 meeting.

Kim Dobbs, Heath Assistant City Manager, said Heath has been contacted by Forney, McLendon-Chisholm and representatives from unincorporated areas to discuss their hooking up to the existing sewer lines in Heath. Heath and Rockwall currently are on the same lines supplied by the North Texas Municipal Water Line.

"The Council expressed a desire to work with our neighbors. We also have to look at all the possibilities and the ramifications," Dobbs said. As Heath grows and develops, she said, so too will the demand on the sewer system. The council wants to ensure in the future, the system can handle the additional flow from Heath residents and any town that eventually taps into the lines. No formal action was taken by the council and Dobbs said will continue looking into the issue.

The council did take action to reverse an increase in fees for waste disposal to help offset the rising cost of gasoline. The city's waste collection company, IESI TX Corporation, asked for and was granted a temporary rate adjustment in May 2007 due to the rising price of gas.

In a letter to Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher, IESI Municipal Marketing Manager Dick Demien said, "IESI thanks the City of Heath for granting us a fuel surcharge as fuel prices were increasing, and remained at historically high levels. Recently, fuel prices have receded and the fuel surcharge program is no longer necessary. IESI is in agreement with you that we can suspend the program beginning this month (January 2009)."

Proposed collection service fee adjustments include residential curbside with recycling, from the currently monthly fee of \$15.11 to a proposed \$14.61; residential carry out with recycling, from \$20.00 to \$23.54; commercial 3-cubic yard container, from \$81.50 to \$80.70; commercial 4-cubic yard container, from \$94.95 to \$93.00; commercial 6-cubic yard container, from \$116.86 to \$115.18.

The council adjourned to executive session to discuss property issues and the ongoing discussion of the city's newspaper of record. During the executive session, Heath City Attorney Pete Eckert informed the council of a letter sent to him by Rockwall County News attorney Don Richards of Lubbock. No details of the discussion were revealed and no action on the newspaper issue was taken.

The letter from Mr Richards to the City Attorney:

Dear Mr. Eckert:

We have conducted a careful review of documents provided by the City of Heath City Secretary regarding the November 4, 2008 decision by the City of Heath City Council in its designation of the Dallas Morning News as its newspaper of record.

It is clear from the bid proposal, as well as the signed agreement, that the Dallas Morning News failed to submit a complete bid in accordance with the City Secretary's request for proposal letter. The request specified that the bid include advertising rates for publishing legal notices.

There are two forms of legal notices required to be published by the City: (1) classified word ads (2) notices inside a border as display advertising with specified column width and depth. The Dallas Morning News submitted only a bid for word ads (measured by a line rate), but failed to submit a bid for the required display advertising rate. You will note that the Rockwall County News fulfilled the requirements for the bid proposal, including rates for both by the word and by the column (display advertising) rate.

Therefore, because the Dallas Morning News failed to submit a complete and satisfactory proposal, we contend the designation is void *ab initio*. We urge that the City Council is obligated to recognize the invalidity of the current agreement at its earliest opportunity, and award the newspaper of record designation to the Rockwall County News, which is the only newspaper which complied fully with the city's request for submitting an advertising services proposal.

I also have not heard back from you following our telephone conference. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Richards, Elder & Green, L.L.P.

By *Don Richards*

Don Richards
Attorney for the Rockwall County News

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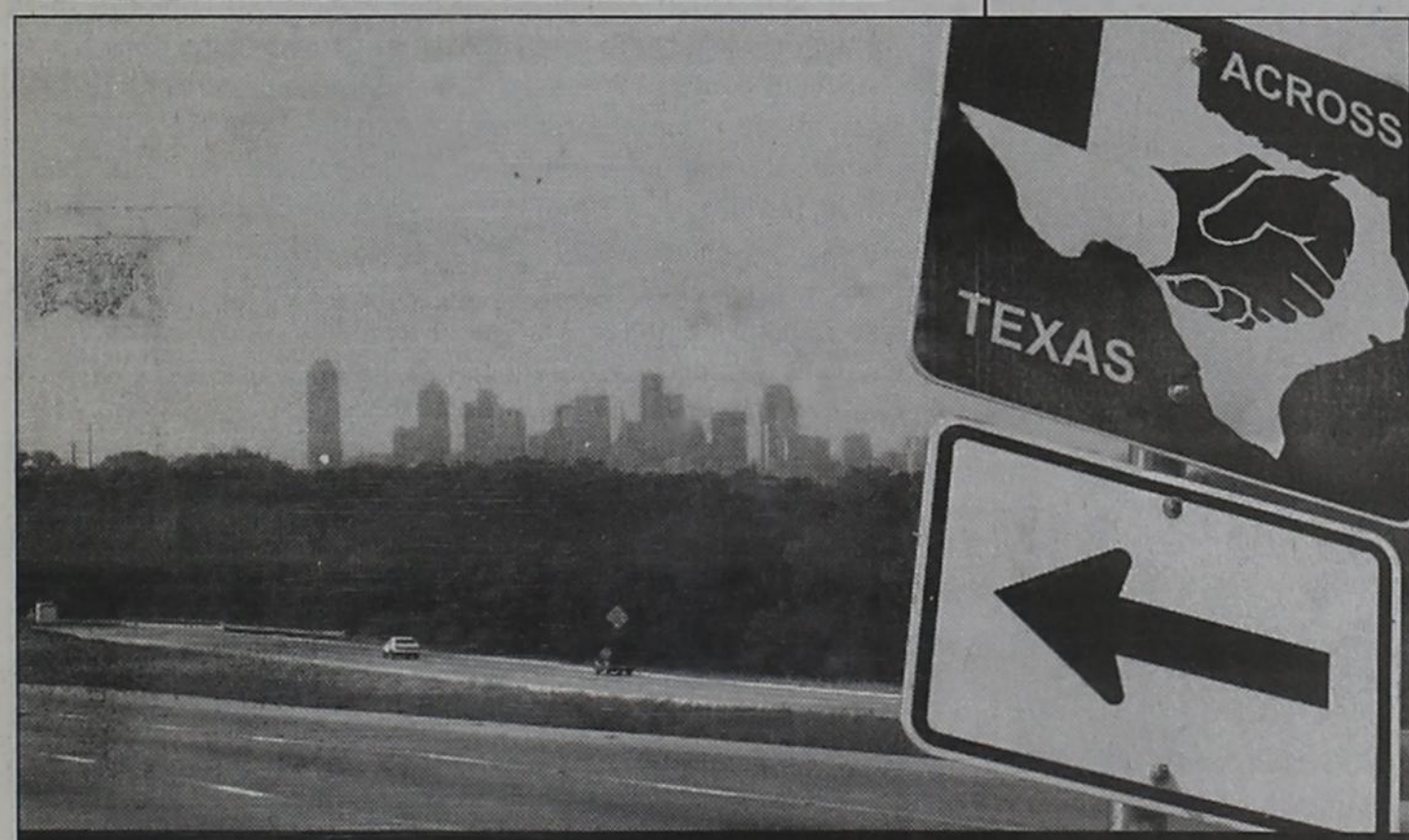
Historic Clock

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Cornelius said it is wonderful that the clock has "come home." It is so rewarding that so many people are going to be able to enjoy it.

Contributors to the clock were James Cornelius, Kay Cornelius Clements, Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Rosanne Fett, Mr. Mrs. Gilliland and Mrs. Self. Tax deductible donations are still needed to help pay the balance of the clock's purchase price. Cornelius said any former students who wish to make a contribution may contact him at 972-816-9626.

The museum, located at 107 S. Arch Street in Roysse City, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Groups may contact Cornelius at the phone number above to schedule tours on Wednesday.



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Joseph Proffitt visits local schools, details life at Naval Academy

Contributed by Michele Jensen and Mary Thacker

Rockwall High School graduate Joseph Proffitt, MIDN USN, spent part of his Thanksgiving break in Rockwall visiting area schools, catching up with former teachers and friends, letting others know how he is to be a student at Naval Academy. He said, "I graduated in 2004 and I am still to be a Yellowjacket!"

During his holiday, he visited both Rockwall and Rock-Heath High Schools. The schools invited him to talk to students interested in the Naval Academy, located in Annapolis, or who wanted to know military life in general.

Proffitt said, "I spoke with Mrs. Knight and her daughter, Mrs. Knight) always made stayed out of trouble and... At RHS, I talked with Teddi Cherry and my best friend's mother, Kim Williams (school counselors). Her husband, and I have remained buddies."

They introduced me to a few of students and also allowed me to set up an advertisement at lunch. I had the pleasure of talking with soon-to-graduate of RHS and again answered any questions regarding the military or the Naval Academy in general. After lunch was a Q&A session in the principal's office," Proffitt said. "I was very humbled at the variety of the questions and foresight some of these young men and women have in

regards to planning their future. At Rockwall-Heath, I spoke with many of the faculty and one student in particular who has begun to apply to the Naval Academy and take the proper steps in the direction to attain acceptance."

Proffitt had the opportunity to speak with Heath Head Football Coach Mickey Moss and wish him and his team luck on their upcoming playoff run.

Proffitt also visited Cain Middle School, which he attended. "My former teacher, Mrs. Tomlinson at Cain, has a daughter who was in one of the classes I spoke with and boy, did that make me feel old. I also would like to give a special shout-out to the talented and gifted class I spoke with because they were so lively and funny, it helped me remember all those friends I grew up with in school and the bonds we have made over the years," he said.

"It was a blessing to be able to see so many warm and familiar faces, students and faculty, that I once again say thank you and it was an honor to be allowed to talk to everyone."

The only non-school event scheduled for Proffitt was with a Boy Scouts of America troop in Heath.

Proffitt said he chose to attend the Naval Academy for several reasons. "I wanted to be a pilot and the best pilots in the world have come out of that community, as well as giving back to the great country we live in. After investigating all of the military academies and what they had

to offer, the Naval Academy seemed to be a perfect suit," he said.

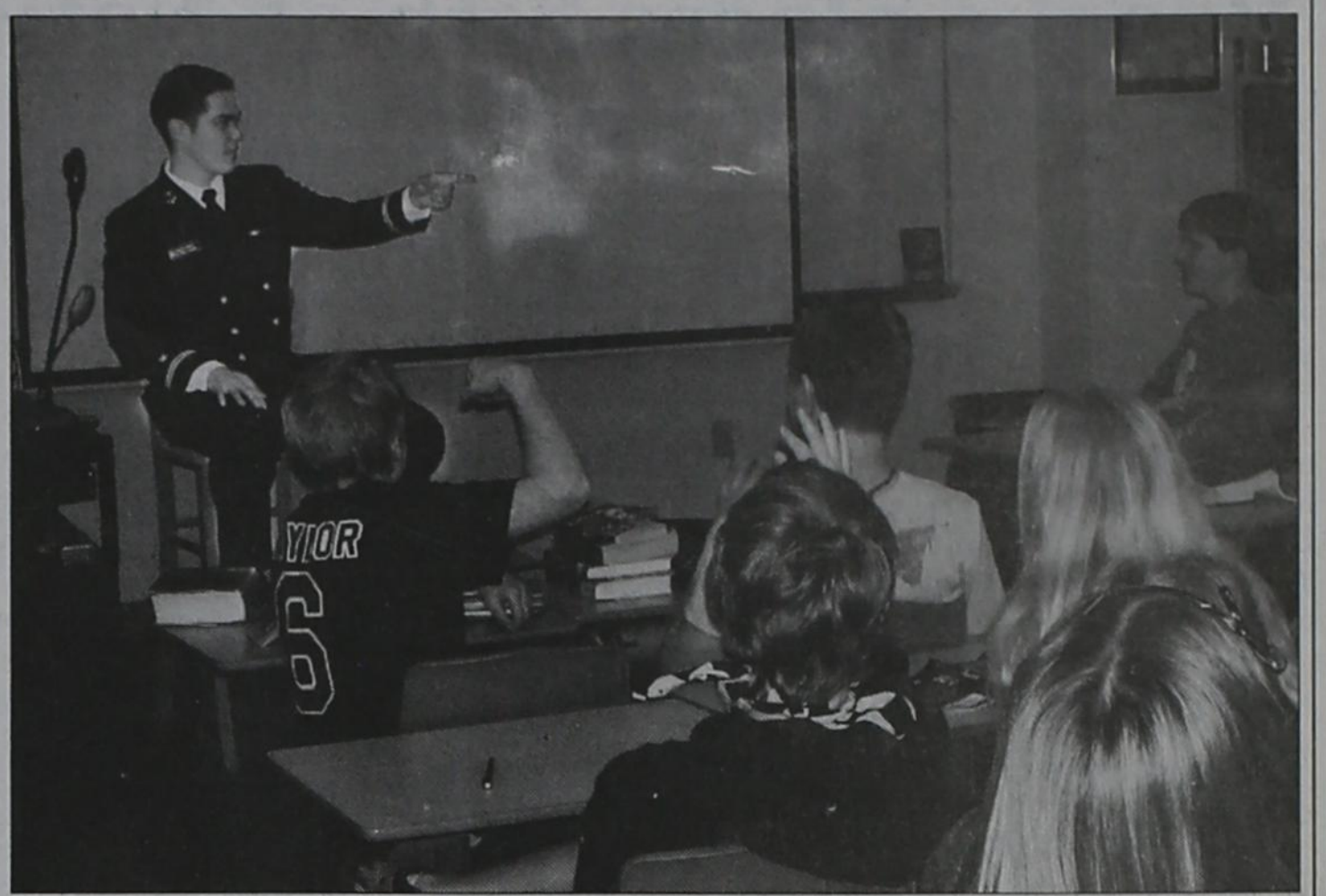
"It has been an amazing education. It has allowed me opportunities to see and do things not many people my age have been allowed to experience, and to reiterate: give back to the free and Godly country I live in."

"They also had the best football team out of every service academy and I played football for the Naval Academy my freshman and sophomore years," he said. "I think I watched Top Gun too many times!"

Proffitt is majoring in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations. On Nov. 19, 2008, Proffitt learned he had been accepted into the Naval Pilot's community. He reports to Pensacola, Florida this summer to begin training and will graduate from the Naval Academy in May.

Proffitt's proud parents are Gary and Becky Proffitt. His brother, Andy Villarreal, is a Rockwall Police Officer. His parents moved to Klondike, Texas in 2005 and have established Triple P Ranch, which they all now call home. His brother and his wife, Abbey, live in Rockwall and have two daughters, Maddison and Reagan.

Proffitt added, "God has granted me the opportunities to do this and I am thankful He has allowed me to grow up in such a welcoming hometown as Rockwall, with friendly people, good athletics and Texas pride!"



Rockwall High School graduate Joseph Proffitt visited with Cain Middle School students when he returned home from the Naval Academy for a Thanksgiving break. He spoke about being a student at the Naval Academy and military life in general. Proffitt will graduate from the Academy in May.

Photo courtesy of Michele Jensen

PHR celebrates first year, names executive committee

Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall recently celebrated its first anniversary.

The first full-service community hospital in the city was a year old in December.

"The past year has been incredible," said Ken Teel, PHR president. "We felt from the beginning this hospital would be a success and to see how well the community has accepted us has been a dream come true."

The hospital opened with 110 employees and 89 physicians. Today, almost 400 employees work in the facility, along with nearly 300 physicians.

"Our employees and physicians are the backbone of this facility," said Teel in a hospital news release. "All the credit of our success goes to their hard work and dedication."

As the hospital prepares for the new year, its first Medical Office Building is under construction. The MOB should be completed by March.

"Completion of the MOB will allow us to expand our service lines," said Nikki Mutschler, PHR marketing director.

The MOB will house the hos-

pital's outpatient therapy services as well as Rockwall's first dedicated Women's Imaging Center. The hospital's bariatric program, Your Surgical Weight Loss Solution, also will be located within the new building.

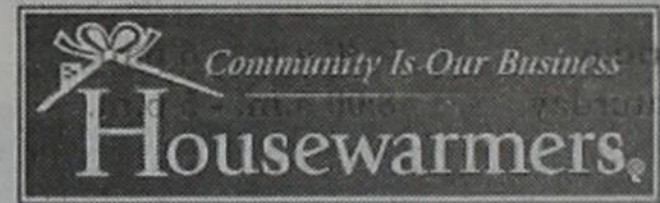
"This is a very exciting time for the hospital and for health care in the Rockwall area," said Mutschler. "We are thrilled to be able to continue meeting the health needs of our community."

In addition to the personnel and physical expansions of the facility, hospital officials also

are celebrating the naming of new medical staff leadership for 2009. Members of the new Medical Executive Committee include Dr. Ken Bryce, president; Dr. Marc Brown, vice president; Dr. David Lensch, secretary/treasurer; Dr. Shahin Chowdhury, Medicine Committee chairman; Dr. Monique Chavez, Medicine Committee vice-chair; Dr. Maureen Ribail, Surgery Committee chair; Dr. Dan Aldrich, Surgery Committee vice-chair; and Dr. Tim Bray, past-president.

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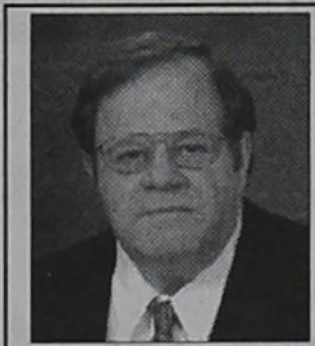
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Pictured above are Rockwall Women's League members, from the left, Vicki Alexander, past president and ball chairman; Debbie Daniels, president; Kendra Jones, ball chairman; Lisa Johnson, first president-elect; and Tonja Bridges, programs chairman. The league, a charitable organization, is dedicated to supporting the Rockwall community in a variety of ways, including an annual ball. This year's event theme is Mystique. The ball, which is open to the public, will be conducted at the Anatole Dallas on April 18. Funds generated by the RWL are used for scholarships and agencies that serve Rockwall County residents. For more information, contact Amy Butler at 214-763-9614 or Melody Hall at 214-232-2891.

Food Drive for Friday

A blood drive will take place on Friday, January 17 at The Shores Club, 2600 Champion Drive, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

The blood drive is being organized by Rockwall High School student Jonathan Holloway as a requirement to earn his Eagle Scout rank. Jonathan is currently a Life Scout with Troop 989 in Rockwall.

Contact Jonathan Holloway at 972-722-0921 for more information or to sign up for a time slot. There will also be a poster set up for those who would like to sign up for organ donor registration.

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Brooks places fifth at National Figure Championship

by Stephen Woods
For some women, fitness is a hobby. For Kimmie Brooks, it's a way of life. After drawing inspiration from a close friend and workout partner, Brooks began an amazing journey into the world of fitness. Recently, she flexed her way onto the national stage by placing fifth at the National Figure Championships in Atlanta, GA. The competition judged Brooks' overall conditioning, appear-

ance, and body tone and she didn't disappoint. With her model-like stage presence and perfectly symmetrical figure, she represented the Lone Star State like a true professional. Impressive, considering Brooks has only been competing locally for a few years. While Brooks was working as a personal trainer a few years ago, she noticed a friend who was clearly experiencing success with her fitness goals.

Brooks decided she wanted a piece of the action.

"I fell in love with healthy living and wanted a venue to show others how fitness can positively affect your life," Brooks said.

She began training for four months and found the courage to sign up for the Ronnie Coleman Classic in Grapevine. Once there, she found herself among seasoned vets who were at home on the fitness circuit.

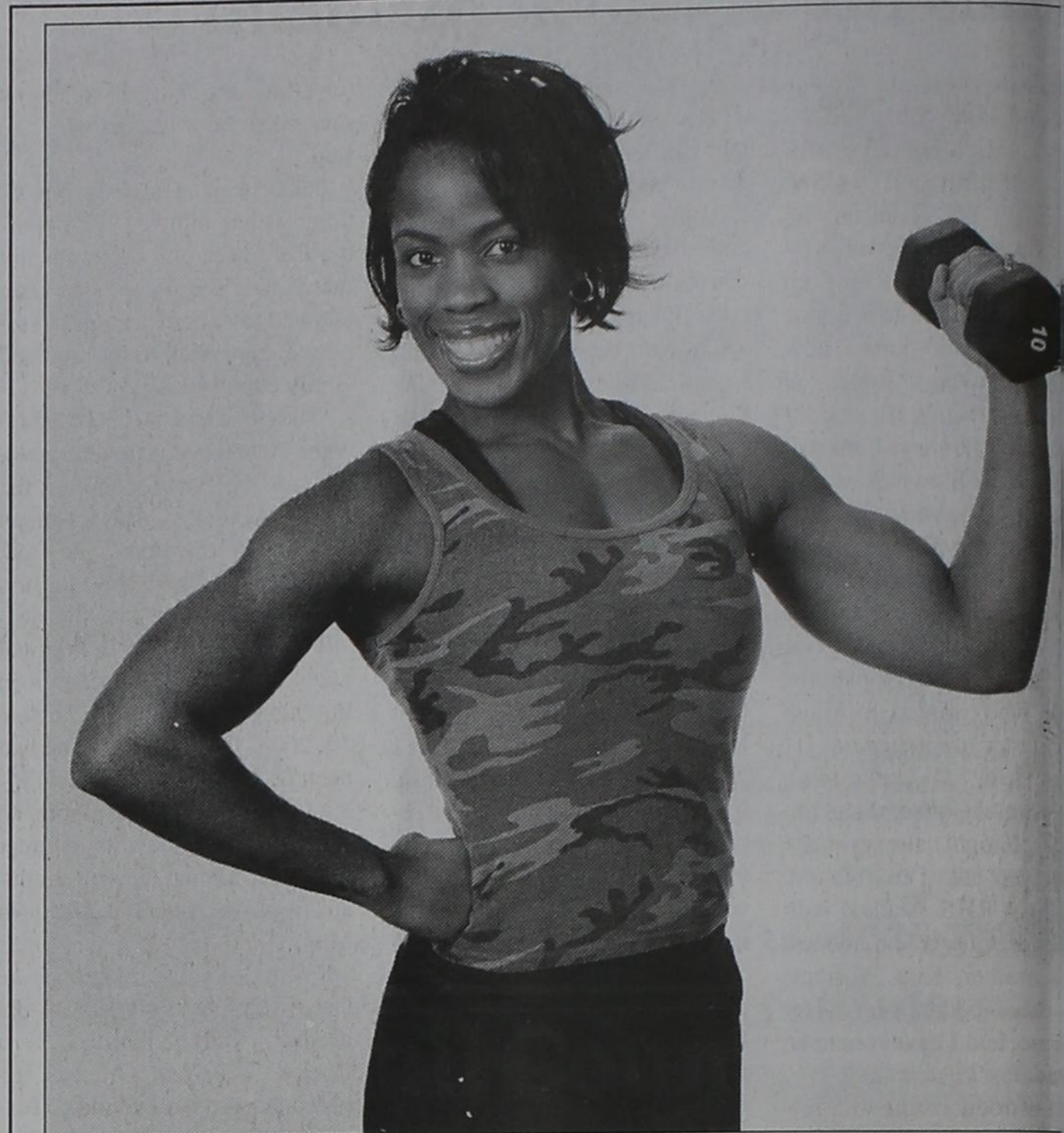
"Initially, I was afraid to compete but I was able to draw strength from my family and God," she said.

Regardless of her inexperience, Brooks managed to place in the top five in her height class. Other competitions followed soon after. When the Ronnie Coleman Classic rolled through her hometown of Mesquite in April of 2008, it was a no-brainer. She entered and placed fourth in the fitness category out of more than 30 contestants. This time around her high finish earned her a ticket to compete in the National Fitness Championships in Atlanta.

However, the stiff competition she was about to face demanded that she had to once again commit to another season of training. To get in prime shape, Brooks worked out six days a week for three hours a day. To maximize her results, she worked with her trainer, Jerome Givens, to constantly challenge her body's potential. For cardio, some days she would jog on the treadmill and others she would do kickboxing routines. When the conditioning began to take its toll, Brooks relied on her husband, Trevor, to keep her focused.

"He has always been there helping me cook meals and providing emotional support," said Brooks.

At the National Figure Championships, Brooks dazzled the judges with her sculpted poses and earned a fifth place trophy.



Kimmie Brooks

By placing in the top five at the highly respected competition, Brooks received the recognition that she was indeed on track to reach her goals.

"Ultimately, I want to model in fitness magazines to promote the healthy living lifestyle," Brooks said.

Her photograph was placed in numerous magazines. In an industry where exposure is everything, she hopes the added attention will one day lead to an endorsement deal with a product she believes in. From energy drinks and vitamins, to sportswear by Adidas and Puma, the sky's the limit in the fitness community.

"Whatever product I endorse in the future, I want it to promote healthy and nutritional living that the average person could benefit from," Brooks said.

As a personal trainer at Remarkable Care in Rockwall, Brooks uses her knowledge to help people reach their conditioning goals. By combining medical procedures with a sound physical therapy regime, she has helped others improve the quality of their lives. Her clients are impressed with her dedication to her craft.

"My program was individualized for my fitness level. I have progressed at a consistent rate and I am very pleased with my results," said Zach, a client of Brooks'.

"Kimmie is very professional with her training but still maintains a personal approach. I love

working with her. I actually look forward to working out," said another client, Shelby.

Even fellow co-workers are inspired by her work ethic.

Remarkable Care Office Manager Myra Jackson said, "Kimmie is very dedicated and devoted to the health goals of her patients. Her patients admire her motivational training and the skills she shares in helping them reach their individual goals. Their results have been phenomenal."

"Kimmie leads her patients to wellness and fitness through her example. She is the first one in the training room everyday and is patient and encouraging to all," said Dr. Ann Klesmit.

It is apparent Brooks practices what she preaches in training and nutrition. To be able to compete with some of the most physically fit women in the nation, Brooks must adhere to a demanding nutrition program. This program consists of eating six meals a day, which are high in protein and low in carbohydrates. If it's not chicken, fish, or egg whites, then you'd be hard pressed to find it on her daily menu.

"I pack all of my meals before work. Before I walk out of the door in the morning, I have everything I need to refuel my body throughout the day," said Brooks.

In addition to a high protein diet, Brooks must drink two gallons of water a day to replenish her body after grueling

workouts. For the average fitness enthusiast, these guidelines may seem easy but they are very necessary. One slip-up may cost her a competition.

"While preparing for my first competition, I celebrated my husband's birthday by going off my nutrition protocol. It took two weeks of core lifting and cardio to get back on track," said Brooks.

Although she learned a lesson, Brooks isn't afraid to try her favorite foods after a competition. She loves enchiladas with rice and beans on the side. Consider the work she puts in, it is well deserved.

At the age of 34, Brooks plans on training for at least a few more years. She wants to expand her talents into competitions where more dance moves are incorporated into her routines. Later in life she wants to stay active only for appearances, but she wants to stay healthy as well. In the time, Brooks looks forward to spending more time with her loved ones. Her children, Jayla and Jayla, are beginning to show interest in athletics and Brooks is playing peewee football and Jayla will be practicing drill team.

Throughout her travels, Brooks credits her family and the strength in her life. She keeps her focus on her goal of earning her place among the elite in the fitness world.

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...Harrison LLP, a national labor and employment law firm, has added Matthew R. Dalton as a partner in the firm's Dallas office.

...member of the Rockwall County Council, is a former partner in Bell Nunnally and LLP in Dallas.

...focuses his statewide practice on representing management, labor and employment law. He has represented employment cases of discrimination, other civil rights violations, district court and appellate court cases on day-to-day employment and revising of handbooks, employment and separation agreements, and other applications.

...was named one of the 'Best Lawyers' Magazine and was named 'Best Lawyer' in his field. In addition, he is a member of the Texas Bar of Texas, the Federal Bar of Texas, and the American Bar Association. He was named chair of the Fifth Circuit's Public Charge Advisory Committee and has published articles on employment law.

...passionate about the practice of law. His passion rebounds to the community. He is a managing partner of the law firm and is very pleased that he is able to give back to the community. He earned his law degree from the University of Texas at Dallas and has specialized in labor and employment law.

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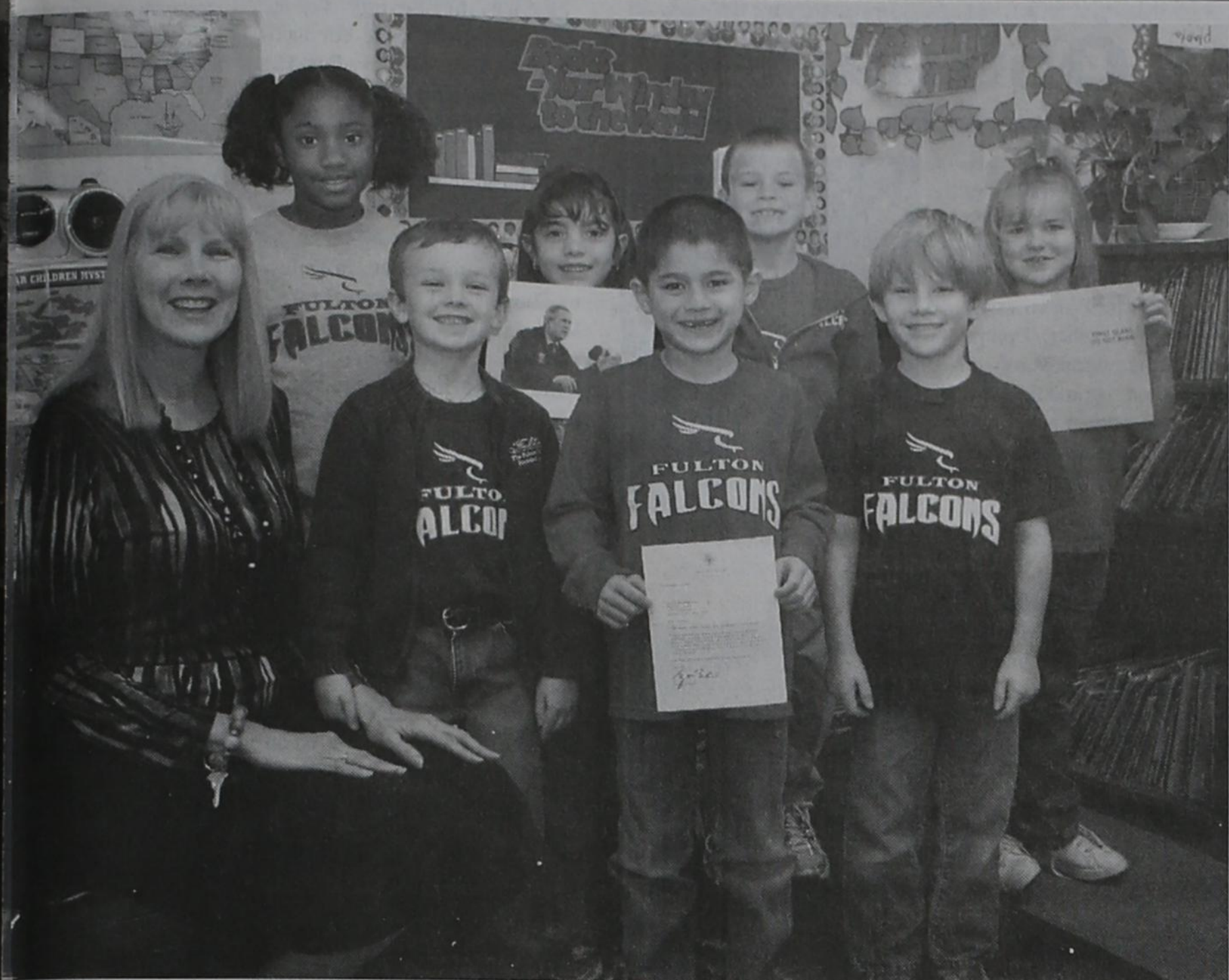
“Love in Shakespeare” presented by Rockwall-Heath

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

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

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

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



Mrs. Hansley's second grade class at The Fulton School shows off the letter and picture sent to them by President George Bush after the class sent letters offering reasons he and Mrs. Bush should relocate to the Rockwall area after leaving the White House at the end of January. Proudly showing their response are (back row from left) Jasmine Cloud, Tuti Huertas, Kayden Steen, Katie Crawford, Connor Bryant, Hunter Jefferey and Hayden Davenport.

Staff photo by Kathy Williams

Fulton students invite President Bush to move to Rockwall area

As a new president about to move into the White House, the president is about to move out. But where to go?

Mrs. Hansley's second grade class has an idea where President Bush can live after the Jan. 20 inauguration and recently sent letters to the First Couple letting them know that the Rockwall area is a great place to be. Although the Bushes have chosen a house in North Dallas, they wrote to the class asking them for their thoughts and encouraging them to work on a list.

In their letters, the students, Jasmine Cloud, Tuti Huertas, Kayden Steen, Katie Crawford, Connor Bryant, Hunter Jefferey and Hayden Davenport, listed the good points of living this side of the lake. The lake itself and the recreation it offers are high on the list, with boating and water skiing suggested as activities now that running the country will no longer take much time. The students also listed low gas prices, little shopping, proximity to the Harbor and being near, too near, to Dallas as incentives for considering a move to the area.

Once the issue of the Bushes new home was settled, the students took on a new topic, offering suggestions to the incoming president on his search for a family dog. The students have written letters to President-Elect Barack Obama suggesting breeds of dogs they think would be family-friendly and be at home in the White House.

Jasmine and Tuti both suggested a Shih Tzu, Kayden a German shepherd, Katie a Golden Retriever, Hunter a beagle, Hayden a Catahoula Leopard dog (the official state dog of Louisiana) and Connor a Labrador retriever. Connor told the Obamas that they should buy their Lab from a pet store because he “bought mine from someone and now it's crazy.” Good advice.

As of press time, the search for the Obama's dog continues and Mrs. Hansley's class is waiting to hear if one of their suggestions will be the next First Dog.

Cott joins law firm in Dallas

Ford & Harrison LLP, a national labor and employment law firm, has added Matthew R. Cott as a partner in the firm's Dallas office.



Cott is a member of the Rockwall County Council, is a former partner of Bell Nunnally and Associates LLP in Dallas.

Cott focuses his statewide practice on representing management in labor and employment law cases of discrimination.

Other civil rights violations in federal and state court at the district court and appellate court levels. He also routinely handles clients on day-to-day employment issues and assists with drafting and revising of handbooks, policy and procedure manuals, severance and separation agreements, arbitration agreements, competitive agreements, drug testing policies and procedures and employment applications.

Cott was named one of the ‘Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40’ by Business Magazine and was named a ‘Texas Rising Star’ by Texas Business Magazine. In addition, he is AV® Peer-Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He is a member of the Dallas Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, the Federal Bar Association, and he was honored as being named chair of the Fifth Circuit Labor & Employment Law Advisory Committee. He has also authored numerous publications on employment law, civil rights law and litigation practices.

Cott is passionate about the practice of labor and employment law and that passion rebounds to the benefit of our clients,” said Jayasankar, managing partner of Ford and Harrison's Dallas office. “We believe in our core belief of the right response at the right time and we are very pleased that he is joining us.”

Cott earned his law degree from Drake University in 1995. He is certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Gladys Dyson

Graveside services for Gladys Dyson, 87, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.



She died Jan. 6.
Born Feb. 15, 1921, in Cooper, she had been a resident of Rockwall for more than 50 years. She was a former City of Rockwall secretary. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, baking cakes and playing dominoes. At the nursing home at which she resided, she tended to other residents and worked with the activities director.

Survivors include her son, Jim Dyson and his wife, Carol, of Winnsboro; her daughter, Sherry Dyson of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Michele Brown and her husband, Ricky, of Rowlett, Lana Johnson of Rockwall and Samantha Kral and her husband, Kevin, of Bedford; five great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; her brother, Alvis Harrington of El Centro, Calif.; and her sister, Tina Ralston of Elkins, W.Va.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dick Dyson; one son, Odis Lee Dyson Jr.; and one sister, Ruth Surratt.

John Clayton Hill

Private family memorial services for John Clayton Hill, 51, of Rockwall will be conducted. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 5, 2009.

Born Oct. 2, 1957, in Dallas to John Daniel and Bamma (Allred) Hill, he was formerly employed as an architectural design engineer for Custom Wood Works of Rockwall.

Survivors include one son, Joshua Clayton Hill of Mesquite; one daughter, Kaylyn Lindsay Bohmer and her husband, Daniel, of Mesquite; one sister, Debbie Schumann and her husband, Bill, of Rockwall; a brother, Chris Hill of Coppell; his granddaughter, Alexia Hill; and his dog, Trouble.

His parents preceded him in death.

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

Betty Carolyn Lowe

Services for Betty Carolyn Lowe, 68, of Rockwall were to be at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial was to follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Monday, Jan. 12.

Born Dec. 6, 1940, in Greenville to William Aubrey and Jewell Lena (Bullard) Baker, she was a personal nurse for Dr. Brooks and Dr. Sandknopp for many years, as well as for Baylor Hospital in Garland. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Odis Lowe of Rockwall; her daughter, Terry Shoemaker, and her husband, Scott, of Rockwall; her sons, Keith Wilson of Heath and Chuck Wilson Jr. of Rockwall; one brother, Dennis Baker and his wife, Mary, of Crockett; her grandchildren, Dusty Roan, Brennan and Keith Wilson Jr.; and her great-grandchildren, Shaylee and Sidnee Roan.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Michael Lee Manning

Memorial services for Michael Lee Manning, 60, were conducted at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with the Rev. Joe Pool and the Rev. Jeff Garrett officiating.

He died Jan. 6 following a long battle with kidney cancer.

Born in 1948 in Richardson to Frank and Frances Manning, he attended Hexter Elementary School and graduated from Stamford High School in 1966.

He attended Southern Methodist University where he met his future wife and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1970. He served in the U.S. Navy as an officer and F4 fighter pilot and was stationed at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Va., where he attained the rank of lieutenant. On July 8, 1972, he married Lynn Etta Gilmore in McAllen. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Erika Manning; one daughter and son-in-law, Molly and Jon Ruttly; his grandsons, Ryan and Matthew; his father, Frank Manning of Dallas; one sister, Patty, of Alpine; one brother, Robert, of Houston; a brother-in-law, John Gilmore, of Dallas; a nephew, Evan Gilmore, of Houston; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lily Frances Manning.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Rockwall, c/o Jon Ruttly at 26 Pringle Lane, Rockwall, TX 75087 or CaringBridge Donation Processing Center, P.O. Box 131447, Houston, TX 77219-1447 or the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Nita Carter Miller

Services for Nita Carter Miller, 77, of Rockwall will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

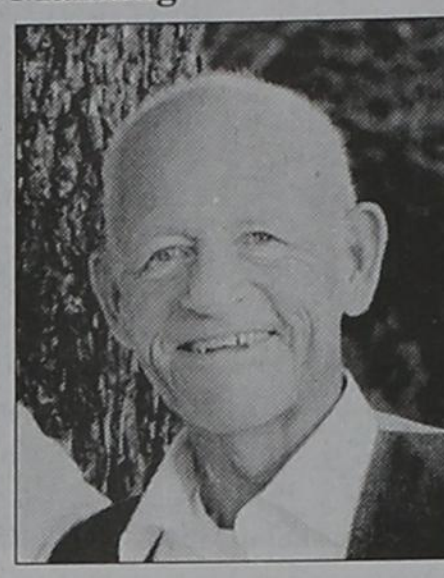
The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She died Jan. 9.

Born Feb. 20, 1931, in Fife to Arthur Lonnie and Hazel Lenora (Sanders) Carter, she attended Sam Houston State Teachers College and was named Miss Bathing Beauty of 1949. As a result, she was invited to participate in the Rose Bowl festivities on New Year's Day 1950, where she rode in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, Calif. She married her husband of 52 years in 1950 and graduated from college in 1952. She dedicated her life to raising children and enjoying the lives of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other members of her extended family. She enjoyed flowers and gardening, as well as collecting and organizing family photographs.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen Hall, and her husband, Ronnie, of Rockwall; her sons, Kyle Miller and his wife, Lisa, and Ken Miller and his wife, Peggy, all of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Nora Kubeska of Houston; her grandchildren, Joshua, David, Kyle and Jennifer Miller, Margaret Mabury, Jon and Todd Coker and Kathleen Kilpatrick; and her great-grandchildren, Miller and George Mabury, Kai and Keely Coker, Tristen Geddie and Orion and Ian Kilpatrick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Archie; and two brothers, Leroy and Arthur Lonnie Carter Jr.



Beverly Taylor

Services for Beverly Taylor, 62, of Mesquite were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Jan. 7.

Born Dec. 20, 1946, in Dallas to Thomas and Odessa (Lewis) Wheeler, she was a GE dispatcher.

Survivors include her sons, Chuck Hall and his wife, Linda, of Mesquite and David Hall wife, Jennifer, of Mesquite; her grandsons, Cory Hall of and Cameron Hall of Mesquite; and her brothers, Ricky Wheeler of Mesquite and Carl Wheeler of Mesquite.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to American Cancer Society, Area V Memorial Program, 1560089, Dallas, TX 75356 or the American Kidney Fund, Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20582.

Arlene Thrash

Graveside services for Arlene Thrash, 97 of Rowlett were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, in the Valley Memorial Gardens in Mission. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Jan. 9.

Born Sept. 11, 1911, in Rosebud to James Edward and Ora (Little) Griffin, she lived in McAllen for 55 years where she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and president of the Women of the Church, a group members visited nursing homes and hospitals. She enjoyed others and preparing meals for those who needed them. She was Gordon's Jeweler in McAllen for many years.

Survivors include her son, James Thrash and his wife, Barbara; grandsons, Philip John and his wife, Diane, and Paul James; great-granddaughter, Kelsey Thrash; one sister, Joyce E. niece, Becky Garza; and two nephews, Don and Dan Hester. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. Thrash; son, Eddie; her parents; and four sisters.



Rockwall County Religious Life

Blood Drive January 25 for Betty Taylor

The Carter BloodCare mobile unit will be in the parking lot of Christian Church Rockwall from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 to benefit Betty Taylor, the churches Organist/Musician. She is undergoing very difficult treatments that necessitate receiving blood.

Anyone wishing to donate is welcome. You may sign up at www.carterbloodcare.org Click "Donate Blood," Community Blood Drive." Fill in the location as Rockwall zip code is 75032. Appointments are encouraged but drop-ins welcome.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good general health and weigh at least 110 pounds. Please bring a photo ID. Eat a meal within four hours before giving. Drink lots of water before and after donating. Avoid strenuous activity for 12 hours after donating.

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Rockwall Ministerial Alliance Announces Monthly Pastors' Prayer Time

Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month for a Pastor's Prayer Time in the Helping Hands conference room. Pastors are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and a drink. The next gathering is at 12 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Helping Hands is located at 951 Williams St. (Hwy. 66), Caruth Lane, next to the Rockwall ISD Administration Building. For more information, please call 972-771-5526.

Sixth Generation Baptism at FBC Heath

Lindsey Hardman was baptized December 13, 2008. Lindsey was baptized with her mother, is the sixth generation of her family to have been baptized at First Baptist Church of Heath.

Lindsey's great-great-great grandparents, Milton and Lily were charter members of the church. Mr. Evans served as pastor and Mrs. Evans taught Sunday School.

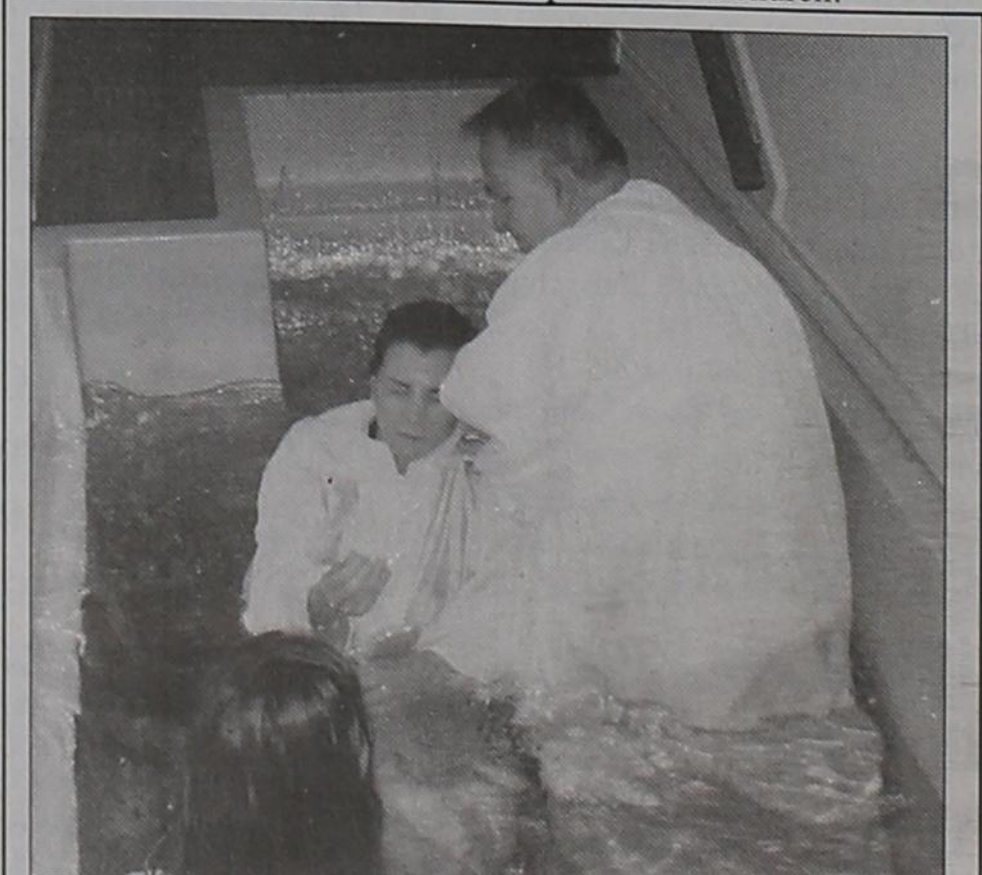
Her great-great grandparents, Clarence and Gladys Smith were raised in the church.

Her great grandparents, Dennis and Theresa Lindsey, served in the church and were recently honored for 50 years of faithful service.

Her grandmother, Denise Hendley, currently teaches Sunday School in the Children's Ministry.

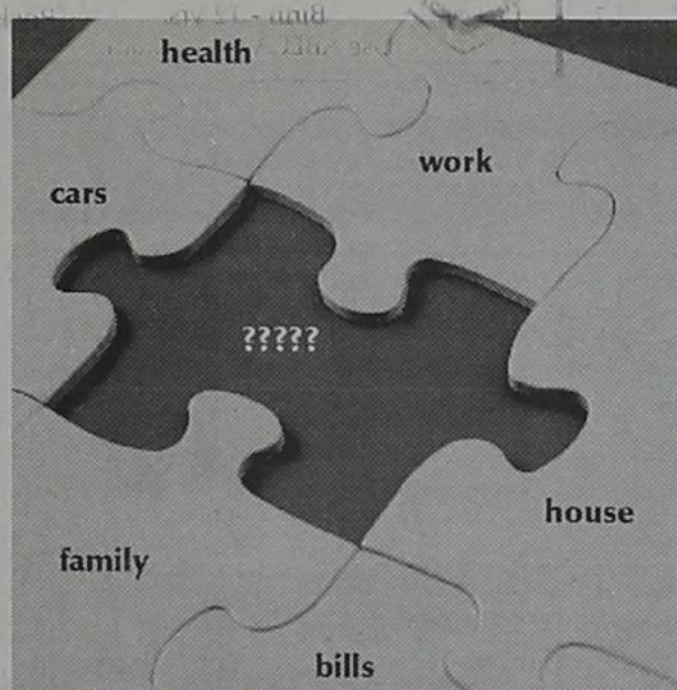
Her father and mother, Drew and Melody Hardman, were baptized in the church.

"I am sure that she celebrated the day by having a big lunch together," said Pastor Paul Jacobs, First Baptist Church of Heath pastor, who had the privilege of baptizing this young daughter. "This is so much the custom of the church and close family."



Lindsey Hardman (center) and Pastor Paul Jacobs (right)

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Birth of Jesus Christ...the magi

When God in heaven heralded the birth of His son Jesus Christ, He sure there would be no confusion. Six different times He con- d that Mary's child was His son. They are listed as follows: 1. h's encounter with the angel, 2. Elisabeth's prophesy right after 's salutation, 3. The angel's instructions to the shepherds on the of Jesus' birth, 4. The prophesy of Simeon during Jesus' cir- cision, 5. Anna's prophesy, and 6. The Magi's arrival at the home seph and Mary. The above six events included direct encounters Mary and Joseph that plainly revealed the child to be God's son. e Companion Bible, E.W. Bullinger noted the spiritual signifi- ed the "human number." He noted that man was formed, made eated on the sixth day. Bullinger also explained the numbers and three. The number two denoted "difference." In context it olized the principle that if two different people agree in testi- y, then it is conclusive or established.

number three denoted completeness as three straight lines com- a geometric plane. Based on this information it can be seen that God etely established for Mary that she was carrying His son (3x2=6). n we add Mary's initial encounter with the angel Gabriel, the t comes to seven. Bullinger explained that the number seven del spiritual perfection. He noted it was "the number or hallmark y Holy Spirit's work."

continue with the records of Jesus Christ's birth in Matthew 1, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to alem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.'"

During the time of Jesus' birth, an unnumbered group of men iden- tified a star that signified the birth of the "King of the Jews." Who were these men? What star did they see? What was so special about this star? In short, the "wise men" were an elite cast of people who committed their lives to tracking the stars. Biblical scholars have sug- gested they were descendants of the magicians who were instructed by Daniel (see Daniel 2:2, 47-48).

If Daniel instructed them, then they were surely instructed accord- ing to the truth of God's word. They would have also been instructed on God's word written in the stars. They would have understood the true meaning of the constellations and the stories that were told as they passed over. They would have known the true meanings and names of the different significant stars, including the roaming stars or planets. Genesis 1:14 reads, "And God said, 'Let there be lights in the firm- ment of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.'" God put the stars in the heavens for signs of things to come, for seasons of appointed times, and for days and years. Psalms chap- ter 19 beautifully opens up the subject of God's word in the stars. The "wise men" of Matthew 2:1 no doubt had a solid grasp of the signs and seasons laid out in the heavens. Their knowledge would have been passed down from generation to generation as they con- tinued to track the heavens for the signs of things to come, and the seasons of appointed times.

During the time of Jesus' birth, they were already observing very significant signs in the heavens. The astronomical events would have been so significant that they went to Jerusalem to inquire about the birth of the "King of the Jews." They were even prepared to pay homage to the King.

There was no doubt in their minds that a "King of the Jews" was born. It was only a matter of finding him. The next series of articles on the "wise men" and Jesus' star will utilize the excellent research and books by authors Ernest L. Martin, Victor Paul Wierwill and E.W. Bullinger, all of whom reverently synthesized astronomy with God's word written in the stars.

Main Street Board applicants sought

The City of Rockwall is accep- ting applications for individuals interested in serving on the new Main Street Advisory Board, a group that will work closely with the city's Main Street manager and the Texas Main Street staff and resource team.

Applicants must reside within the City of Rockwall.

Rockwall recently was named a 2009 Texas Main Street City by the Texas Historical Commission. The Main Street program is a revitalization effort based on a four-point approach of organiza- tion, design, promotion and eco-

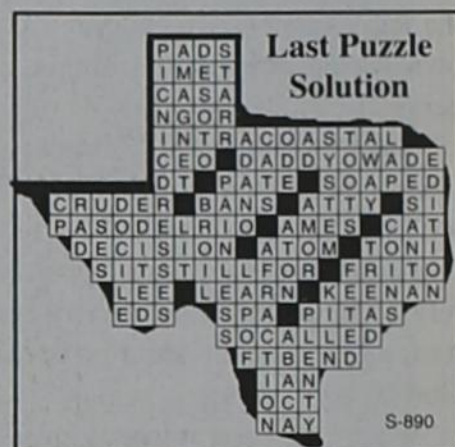
nomic restructuring within the context of historic preservation.

More than 140 Texas cities have participated in the program to date.

Rockwall will receive techni- cal advice and assistance in the areas of design, board develop- ment, strategic planning and economic development from the THC's Texas Main Street Program staff.

Individuals interested in this project should contact Kristy Ashberry, city secretary, at kas- hberry@rockwall.com.

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Fit To Serve class at Lake Pointe Church offers fitness for mind, body and soul

by Amy Van Vleck
Fitness. It is on everyone's mind. Consistently reaching the top five in New Year's Resolutions lists, health and fitness are popular goals this time of year. Health clubs and diet centers are teeming with those seeking to improve their health.

There is a special "fitness" class coming soon, as part of the Hot Topics series offered at Lake Pointe Church, that approaches health and fitness from an unusual perspective. While we are all familiar with fitness for cardiovascular health, fitness for rehabilitation, fitness for relaxation, and even fitness for recreation, what does it mean to be fit to serve?

Dietitian Stephanie Dean has written a book to be used in the class that combines the need for physical and spiritual health.

Fit to Serve, the class and the book, are based on the importance of staying both spiritually and physically fit. In the first week, Dean looks at one of the basic spiritual disciplines of studying God's Word, the Bible. In the book, she explains why studying the Bible is important and how the Bible can help in everyday situations. Dean uses the example of her own struggle with determining a career path and the direction she received by studying God's Word.

"Nutrition can be a ministry," she said, as she described her journey into the healthcare profession. "There is a tendency to be consumed with looking a certain way," she added. Giving in to this pressure leads to all sorts of physical, emotional, and spiritual derailments. "We tend to rely more on our crutch than we rely on God," Dean said. "But once we remember that our identity is in Christ, we can really recognize who God is."

"We are all on a spiritual journey," she added. "The physical side [of health] is a choice everyday; that's why I focus on preventative medicine."

"But in the book of Deuteronomy and in Matthew 22, we learn that we

are to love God, then love others. So, how can I move beyond myself—to a neighbor—if I am not healthy, if I am unable?"

"That's where serving is involved. For Christians, called to be good stewards, we must consider the gap between our physical and spiritual abilities."

What a concept!

Designed for use in group meetings such as the Hot Topics class, the book contains five lessons each week for six weeks that combine spiritual disciplines, nutrition and exercise for a comprehensive wellness program. Dean coordinated with Don and Carol Mathus, fitness experts, and Julie Bender, a dietitian, to create a step-by-step plan to improve one's well-being. The plan centers on the spiritual condition as the foundation for a healthy life.

Each daily lesson includes a spiritually focused topic and a Health Bite with tips and specific exercise guidelines. The spiritual portion is divided into six disciplines: Bible study, prayer, worship, service, solitude and simplicity. Spiritual topics such as anxiety, forgiveness and faith are studied from a biblical perspective. The Health Bites include tips for staying motivated, exercising correctly, eating a balanced diet and setting goals—all with the over-arching theme that "health improvement is forever."

The uniqueness of this class, connecting our ability to serve with fitness, leads one to wonder where it fits in the life committed to Christ. Dean says that service solidifies your relationship to the church.

"I needed my co-writers to do what they do best," she said. "They are gifted in different ways. We are one body with many parts, and we are designed to work together."

Fit to Serve is not only a six-week class and a book, it is a Bible study to be shared with other believers who want to shed some light on their struggles—within a Christian context—while shedding some pounds



Stephanie Dean

and releasing some tension. It is one of several "Hot Topics" classes being offered at Lake Pointe Church beginning the weekend of January 24/25. These one-hour classes take place during weekend services and childcare is provided.

The Fit to Serve class is offered at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays beginning January 25. To register, visit lakepointe.org.

Rockwall County Book Review

"Sea Swept" by Nora Roberts

Contributed by Laura Brosie, Library Assistant

I admit it. I was a snob. With an undergraduate degree in Mass Communications, I rarely read fiction. In fact, I can't remember a time prior to two summers ago when I read fiction. I was a news junkie and found myself reading serious non-fiction books and watching serious television.

Well, no more. Suddenly, the world was serious enough whether or not I took notice. And so it was, on that long, hot summer afternoon that I read my last paragraph of non-fiction. It was a very important book, I'm sure. But I set it aside and declared myself free to enjoy reading for pure pleasure.

And I've never looked back.

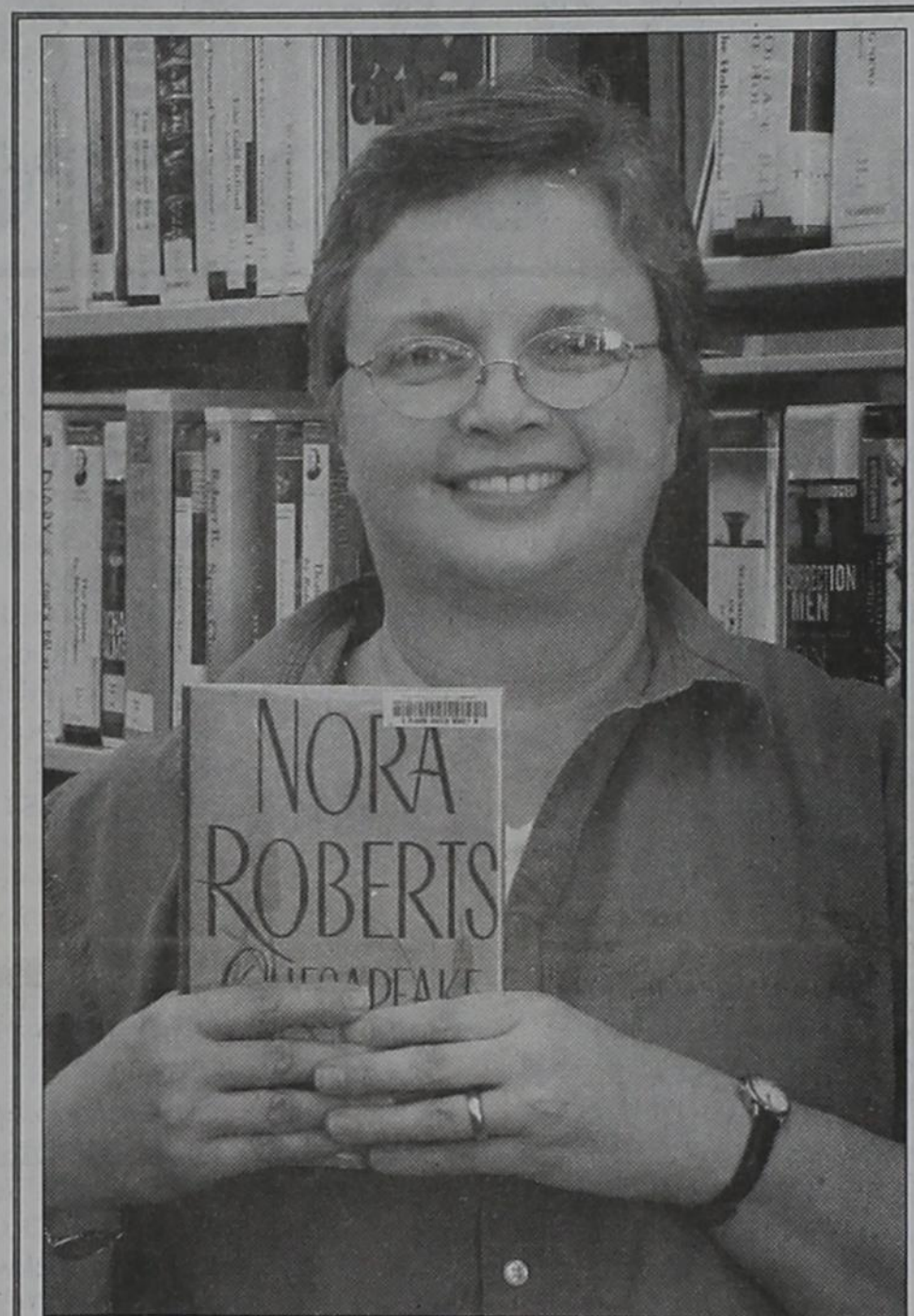
I've read more than one hundred titles since I made my declaration to fiction. But the very first title remains one of my favorites. Perhaps it's one of yours, too.

'Sea Swept, the first title in the Chesapeake Bay series by Nora Roberts, brings all of the elements of real life into focus. With Roberts, it's all about family. Roberts, in real life, was the youngest of five children and the only girl in her family. Perhaps that is why the men in her novels are so believable.

Cameron "Cam" Quinn is the oldest of three foster-children, adopted by Ray and Stella Quinn, a loving older couple in a small town on Maryland's eastern shore. And, though we first meet a grown Cam as a successful international boat racer, absently (rather comically) romancing a super model after his latest win in Monaco, his priorities realign abruptly when he receives word his father has been critically wounded in a car crash.

Losing their mother several years earlier, Cam and his brothers now return home in time to hear their father's dying wish and to say goodbye to the only father they've ever known. And, on his deathbed, their father introduces them to their newly adopted brother, Seth. Their promise? To come back to Maryland and make a home for this brooding, young stranger. And, unanswered until the third installment of the series, what connection did this rebellious teen have to their father?

Unlike most romance novels, Sea Swept is more a story of the hero, rather than the heroine. Anna Spinelli, the social worker assigned to decide whether or not the Quinn men can provide a suitable home for Seth, is no pushover. Obviously attracted to Cam—and who wouldn't be?—she takes her job seriously and, because she has a past of her own,



Laura Brosie

maybe a bit too personally.

There are a few surprises, a bit of romance, some colorful language, but all of it is neatly woven by Roberts in the tales of these men and what they had to do as children to survive and how unconditional love can change everything.

The series is about each man, struggling to be more than their past. And, in their own way, keeping their promise to save a boy who is so much like they were. Who better to take him in than men who were taken in themselves? And, in taking him in, honor Ray and Stella Quinn, who meant so much to them all.

Rediscover Nora Roberts. She writes the books you never want to put down and the stories you never want to end.

Rockwall Chamber of Commerce Director

Margie Hooper roasted at Orchestra fundraiser

by Susan Lyles

When asked if I'd like to represent the Rockwall County News at Saturday's Rockwall Music Fest's fundraiser, which sponsors and supports the Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra, I hesitated just long enough to decide if I would prefer having a cold turkey sandwich at my place or dinner at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

I did my own version of dress-up by adding high heels to my ev-

eryday attire. Since this was my first week on the job, Tim Burnett, the RCN Assistant Publisher, gave me a five-minute lesson on how to use the company camera and off I went to Hilton Bella Harbor.

The highlight of the program for the evening was the Margie Hooper Celebrity Roast. Margie is the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce President.

I had been by the Chamber of-

the opportunity to meet Margie. My first impression of her was formed as I watched the old photos appear on the large screen in the Hilton's Ballroom prior to dinner. I felt a close bond when I saw the big teased hair and the grade school group photo. I have some similar photos in my own albums.

Kevin Fowler, Vice President of American National Bank and Master of Ceremonies for the event, showed the large crowd his many talents as he continued to add to the Margie antics after each Roaster finished their roasting.

The roasting started with childhood and life-long friends Tim McClendon and Greg Wimmer, who got the audience warmed up. I'm not sure how many of the stories told about Margie were true, but as the night progressed, my calculations went from 50% to 99.9%, no matter how unbelievable the story seemed. The roasting continued with Margie's

sorority sister from Texas Tech, Leslie Hix, her former business associate at AT&T, Pam Rossman, Current Chairman of the Board, Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, Rockwall City Councilman, and Adfinity Business Owner, Glen Farris and included all of Margie's children.

If you attended the event, you more than likely walked away with far more knowledge of your Rockwall Area Chamber President than you had before. If you missed the event, then you missed a fun night with lots of laughter and a very good dinner.

It takes a very special person to allow themselves to be roasted by friends, co-workers and family members, especially when all the laughs are on you. Margie Hooper was the one who laughed the loudest. She is, as many described her, a true gem and I walked away feeling as though I have known her for years.

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Rockwall County Yesteryears

Compiled by Judy Schneider
From The Archives of the Rockwall County Library

10 Years Ago

January 12, 1999

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Roach celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple lived in Rockwall and married in 1948.

Rockwall ISD held a parent meeting concerning a new grade element. This included sixth grade students being incorporated into elementary schools and ninth grade students moving to their own facility. This would allow more space in the high school. However, the administrators proposed it would be at least 10 years before Rockwall School reached capacity and the district would need a new high school.

20 Years Ago

January 17, 1989

Richard E. Dunnahoe, II announced the opening of his family dental practice, which was located at Heritage on the Lake in Rockwall. Dunnahoe was a second generation Rockwall resident. Dunnahoe and his wife, Robin, worked together as a dental health care team. Dunnahoe advertised a special offering an oral exam, cavity detecting x-ray, complete consultation for \$1.00.

Seth Krummrich of Rockwall made the Faculty List from Sulphur Springs Academy, a college preparatory school in Arkansas. Needing at least a "B" average, he was among 45 students to make the list. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Krummrich of Rockwall.

30 Years Ago

January 12, 1979

George Lyons and Wayne Krider attended their first meeting of Rockwall's commissioners.

"The Dessert Place" opened for business at 109 Kenway in the Hill Shopping Center. The store's specialty was Polar Bear Ashburn Cream. They featured thirty-three different flavors of ice cream and yogurt.

40 Years Ago

January 17, 1969

The Rockwall Riding Club met at the County Court House and elected new officers. About 120 people were present. The officers included James O. Vance, President; H.L. Mays, Jr., Vice President, Kenny T. Secretary and Doyle Bice as Treasurer.

60 Years Ago

January 14, 1949

The Heath PTA met with Mrs. Curtis Hall in charge. Mrs. Criswell sang at the meeting with Mrs. Fisher on piano. The meeting agenda included a book review by Mrs. J.E. Dickey of "I Captured the Castle."

Several Rockwall teachers were entertained by Home Economics. The girls prepared lunch for teachers Mrs. Wooldridge, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Travis. Mary Frances Irving and Joan Peterson were the cooks and Arbyree Harrell, Nancy Riggs and Joe Nell T. were waitresses.

June 7, 1889

The Stage Line train out of Rockwall carried passengers and/or packages from Rockwall to Terrell. The Stage Line would leave Rockwall at 1:30 p.m. and arrive in Terrell at 6:00 p.m. The train ran on Tuesdays and Saturdays only and the fee to ride was \$1.00.



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om beginning to end, RHHS senior Heidi Holmes excelled on the court and in the classroom

athy Williams

Heidi Holmes has a very special distinction at Rockwall-Heath High School. She is the only senior and last charter member of the Lady Hawks basketball team and is the only female basketball player to take the court all four years the school has been open. While playing basketball since the age of 10 has channeled her natural and competitive nature in a positive direction, it has also helped her excel in the classroom and as a leader among her peers. One of her recent achievements includes becoming a published author in TeenInk Magazine.

Holmes said the article, which gave support to John McCain in his bid for the U.S. Presidency, originally began as a history class assignment to write a political paper. She said when her English class was instructed to write an article that would be submitted for publication consideration, she thought of the History paper. Holmes rewrote her original idea from start to the finished piece that was accepted for publication in TeenInk Magazine. "I submitted a poetry piece and the English paper, and they chose the paper," she said.

TeenInk is a national magazine that accepts opinion pieces, book and music reviews, poetry, art and many other submissions by and for teens.

Holmes has many other academic achievements in addition to her published article. She is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, an international academic recognition organization founded by Claes Nobel, whose family created the Nobel Prizes; is a member of the Duke University Talent ID Program; is a three time People to People Ambassadors nominee; is a six-year member of D-Fyit, a drug prevention program and is a member of FCCLA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America. She attended the FCCLA leadership conference in September 2008.

She is also active with campus and community service projects. She was a 2008 Fish Camp volunteer at RHHS, participated in a toy drive for victims of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav and has volunteered to collect supplies for Women in Need.

Holmes' mother, Tonya Holmes, said Heidi was 10 years old when she first took up basketball. "She was the youngest on the team, but the other girls welcomed her right away." Mrs. Holmes said Heidi tried many sports as a young girl, but it was taekwondo that taught her patience and discipline and focused her competitive spirit. She said the skills Heidi learned in martial arts have carried to the basketball court.

"Heidi is the shortest girl on the team but she is very aggressive on the court. Her teachers tell me about her leadership ability and strengths and that is what I see in her," her mother said.

As a member of the Lady Hawks basketball team, she was the 2007-2008 Junior Varsity Captain and was named the 2008 Basketball Sweetheart during Homecoming Week.

After graduation in May, Holmes would like to study biophysics in college at either Texas Tech in Lubbock or Blinn College in Brenham.



RHHS Senior Heidi Holmes

HS grad Laura Twedell member of Blinn College championship team

Rockwall High School graduate Laura Twedell is a member of the Blinn College Buccaneers ladies volleyball team that recently captured the 2008 National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) National Championship. A 2006 graduate of RHS, the 6'1" Twedell is a middle blocker on the Brenham, Texas team.

According to a Blinn College athletics department press release, the Buccaneers have made five previous trips to the championship game, winning the top prize with a win over the University of Arkansas-Springfield at the finals in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The team finished the season with a record of 33-2.

Twedell, who was named Academic All-American, District MVP and 2nd Team All-District, is on the schedule for Twedell, a nursing major, are tryouts with universities interested in signing her to play on their volleyball team.

Twedell is the daughter of Ron and Teresa Twedell of Rockwall.

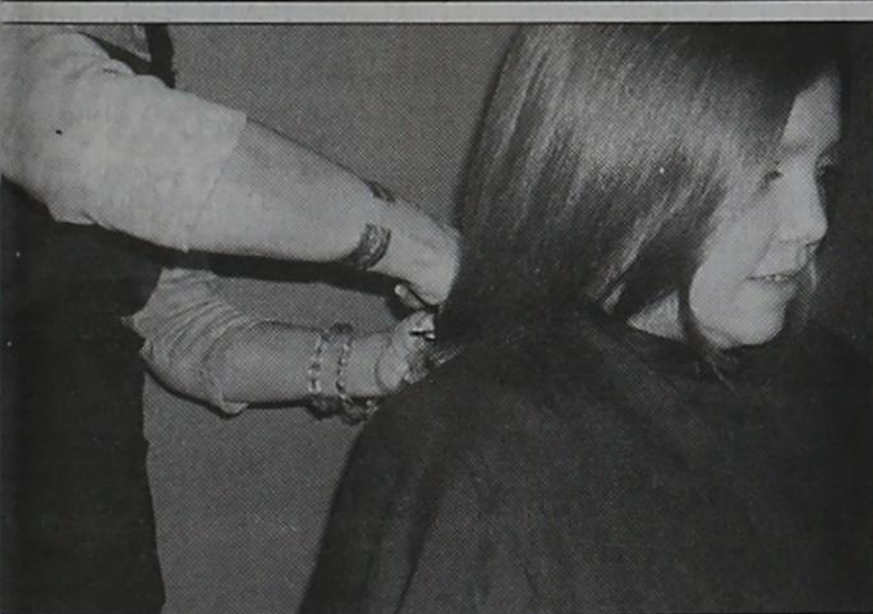


Rockwall High School graduate Laura Twedell



Pictured above are, from the left, Kory Davis, Drew Baxter, Anthony Wilson and Spencer Hall, team members who earned a fifth-place finish in the Grades 9-12 Division of the Dallas Area Stock Market Game Program. The students, who are in Linda Rodgers' E-Commerce Marketing class at Rockwall-Heath High School, were recognized at a banquet recently conducted at the Towers Club in Dallas and sponsored by Merrill Lynch and the Texas Council for Investor Education. Rodgers and the winning students were invited to make a short presentation on investment strategy, selection, which stocks did well and what they learned as a result of their project.

Say You Saw It In "The County News"



Katelyn Cruze, a fourth grade student at Shannon Elementary, recently donated 12 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that helps provide hairpieces for children who have lost their hair because of illness. Katelyn's long hair represents growth from as far back as her first grade year, and she decided to participate in a Locks of Love donation because she said it was "nice." Donating the haircut was the Mirror Mirror Salon in Rockwall.



News and photos you won't find anywhere else!



The Rockwall YMCA Adventure Guides Program, formerly known as Indian Guides, recently had its annual turkey shoot contest, giving participants the chance to test their BB shooting skills. The contest was divided by age group, with winners receiving several prizes, including a gift card for the purchase of a turkey from a local grocery store. The winners were (back row from left) first grader Kaleigh McKown, second grader Amberly Smith, third grader Jake Mishler, (front row from left) kindergartener Luke Statham, first grader Ryan Blair, kindergartener Alison Grundelman, second grader Philip DeMeyer; and third grader, Jessica Wallis.

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Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

Legislature urged to remember vulnerable ones

When Texas lawmakers head to Austin this month they will be challenged with many unmet needs raised by the voices of those facing tough economic times. We hope they don't let the noise drown out the needs of the smallest, most vulnerable Texans, whose only voice in court is often a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer.

At 14, Steven not only had been abused and neglected at home, but after being removed from home, he spent years bouncing between foster homes and residential treatment centers. The plan was for Steven to turn into a self-sufficient adult by age 18 and to live on his own, but that didn't seem likely.

It was at this point that a community volunteer named Tom was appointed by a judge to serve as Steven's CASA. Tom made sure that everyone involved in the case understood that Steven deserved and still hoped for a permanent home. After finding a great foster mother for Steven, Tom met every month with her and with social workers to figure out how to best transition Steven into her home. Tom stood up in court and explained to everyone that this child needed a safe, permanent home and he made sure Steven got one.

That's one success story among the more than 47,000 children that passed through the Texas foster care system last year. In Rockwall and Kaufman Counties, Lone Star CASA recruits, trains and supports volunteers to serve as CASAs to the more than 120 foster children in our counties. But, we only have enough volunteers for less than half of the children in CPS custody in our area. Indeed, less than half of all the foster children in Texas have a CASA volunteer to stand up for them in court. That just doesn't make sense for the children or for taxpayers.

Research shows that children with a CASA volunteer are substantially less likely to spend a long time in foster care, defined as three years or longer. And, when a CASA volunteer is involved, a child is less likely to move from home to home, and they are less likely to re-enter the foster care system once they find the right home.

CASA is a good investment for Texas children and for taxpayers. The Texas Senate Jurisprudence Committee recently recommended that the Legislature increase state funding to help recruit and develop more CASA volunteers, reasoning that "The child protection system and courts depend heavily on Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers to provide effective and efficient ... services for children in CPS cases."

If the Legislature provides additional needed funds over the next two years, CASA can provide volunteers to an additional 4,000 children who need a CASA to guide them to a safe, permanent home, as well as continue to provide advocacy for the over 20,000 children a year currently served.

Times are tough and lawmakers can't fund everything. But children in CPS custody are the State's children. They are our children - there is no choice but to help them. The numbers make the case for increased state funding, but the most important number is 1 - that one child, like Steven, who may not find a permanent home unless they have a CASA volunteer fighting for them.

To find out more about CASA, go to www.BecomeACASA.org, or you may contact Lucille Bell, the executive director of Lone Star CASA, at 972-772-5858 or director@lonestarcasa.org.

Lucille Bell
Executive Director, Lone Star CASA

New president faces huge challenges

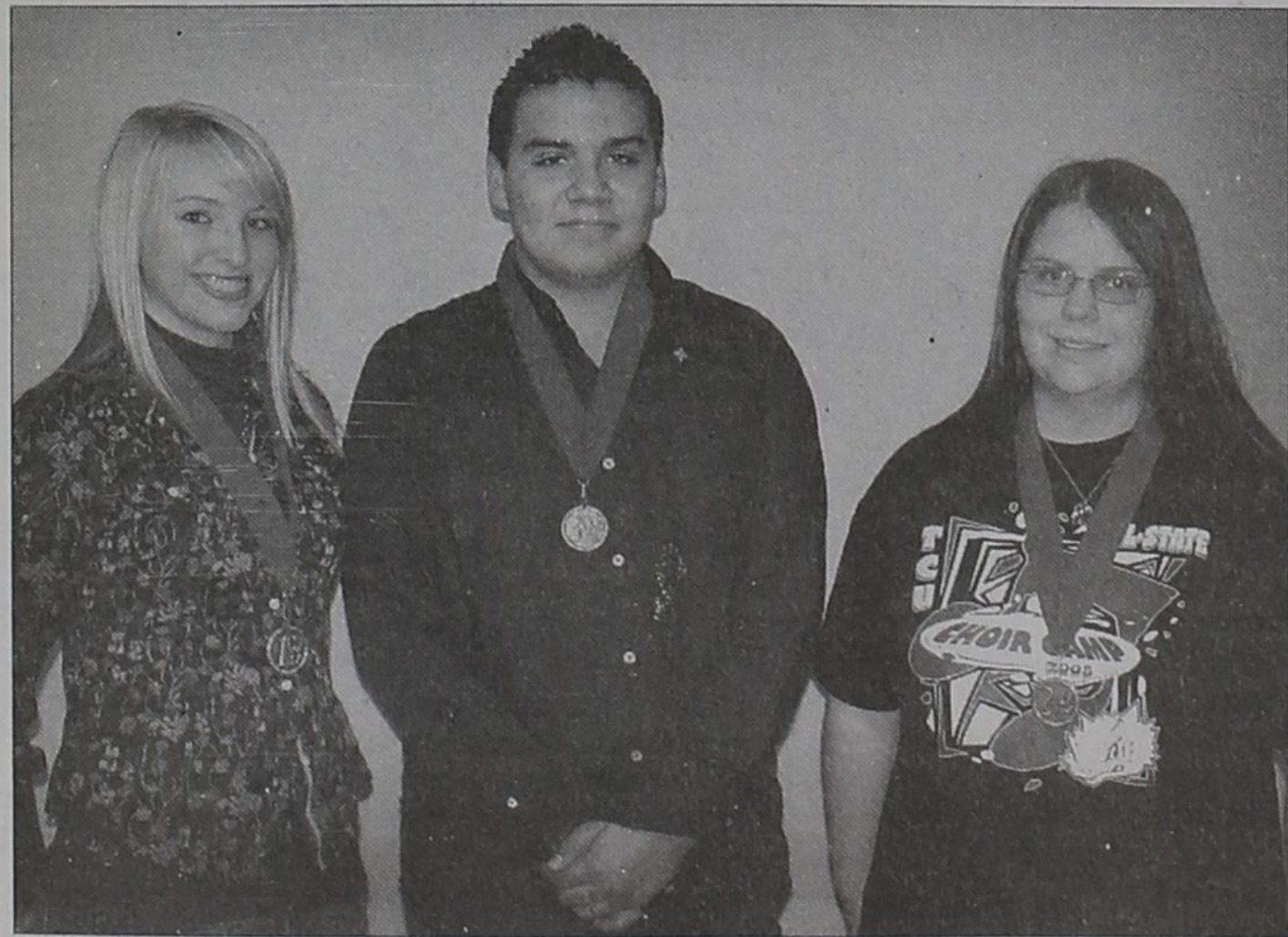
On Jan. 20, 2009, the first African-American president-elect will take the oath of office and assume leadership of our country. Many of our citizens feel that this will mark an important milestone in granting equal rights to all citizens as afforded in the Constitution.

President Obama will face challenges of historic proportions as he assumes office next week. He has expressed a desire to work in a bipartisan manner to meet these challenges, beginning with an economic stimulus plan. I hope that he will reach out to both parties to develop good policy solutions to the economic struggles that have hurt every American family. By working together, we can provide relief for today and hope for tomorrow.

This swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol is expected to attract the largest number of attendees in our nation's history. I received more than 2,000 requests for tickets from constituents for the 198 tickets that were available for members of the House of Representatives. These were allocated based on timeliness of constituent requests and with the goal of striking a balance among all the regions in my district.

I am pleased to host an open house following the inauguration for folks from the Fourth District. My office also is assisting them by providing up-to-date information about security and logistical restrictions to help ensure that they have a safe and meaningful visit to our nation's Capital for this historic occasion.

Congressman Ralph M. Hall



The Rockwall High School UIL Computer Applications students placed in the top three places at a Dec. 14 competition at Greenville High. Eighteen schools competed in the tournament. Pictured from the left are Sara Clark, first place; Zak Martinez, third place; and Megan Doyle, second place. Kim E. McKenzie is the students' coach.

Rockwall County Responders

Rockwall Fire & EMS Calls for Service

Jan. 5-11

- Outbuildings 1, Car fire 1, Fire Alarm 5, Gas spill 1, Grass fire 3, Investigation 1, Natural gas leak 2, Other fire not classified 2, Smoke smell 6, Wires down 1.

Rockwall PD Calls for Service

Jan. 5-11

- Monday, 5 January: Burglary, 1200 Hampton Bay Drive; Theft, 800 block Steiger Towne Drive.
- Tuesday, 6 January: Burglary, 2800 block Bent Ridge Drive; Burglary, 1400 block Greenbrook Drive; Burglary, 1600 block Deerwood Drive; Burglary 1600 block Hickory Creek Drive; Theft, 200 block West Rusk Drive.
- Wednesday, 7 January: Burglary, 1400 block Foxwood Lane; Burglary, 1600 block Laguna Street; Theft, 2400 block Ridge Road; Theft, 2000 block Summer Lee Drive; Theft, 500 block IH 30.
- Thursday, 8 January: Burglary, 1200 block of Townsend Drive (2); Burglary, 2900 block Ridge Road; Burglary, 600 block Parks Avenue; Theft, 2900 block Ridge Road; Theft, 2000 block South Goliad Street.
- Friday, 9 January: Burglary, 4000 block Poplar Point Drive; Burglary, 2000 block Summer Lee Drive.
- Sunday, 10 January: Theft, 4000 block Poplar Point Drive.
- Monday, 11 January: Theft, 1600 block Stonybrook Drive.
- Other service calls: Abandoned property 11, Animal complaint 2, Burg/fire alarms 57, Car fire 1, Civil matter 2, Criminal assault/rape 5, Criminal mischief 8, Criminal trespass 2, Dead person 2, Drunk/DWI 9, Fire call 2, Follow up investigation 7, Forgery 5, Injured or sick person 24, Investigation 19, Meet complainant 28, Minor disturbance 15, Minor traffic accident 35, Missing person 3, Motorist/assist citizen 19, Open building 5, Ordinance violation 14, Reckless driver/poss DWI 15, Shots fired/shooting 1, Street hazard 8, Suicide 1, Suspicious person 66, Telephone Harassment 3, Welfare concern 8.

Heath DPS Calls for Service

Jan. 5-11

- Tuesday, 6 January: Theft, 6600 block Horizon Road.
- Wednesday, 7 January: 100 block Blue Heron Lane.
- Other Service Calls: Alarms 12, Criminal assault/rape 2, Criminal mischief 1, Fire call 1, Injured or sick person 3, Investigation 1, Meet complainant 2, Minor disturbance 1, Missing person 1, Motorist/assist citizen 3, Suicide 1, Suspicious person 8, Theft 2, Welfare concern 1.

Rockwall-Heath HS produces first musical, "Into The Woods"

Cinderella finds her Prince. Little Red saves her Granny. Jack rescues his family from poverty upon discovery of a world of fantasy and of course, gold. But once the desires of these celebrated figures are attained, what then becomes of their EVER AFTER?

Join Rockwall-Heath High School's Fine Arts Department for the school's inaugural musical theatre production, Into the Woods. With a creative and witty book by James Lapine, combined with a challenging and dynamic musical score by Stephen Sondheim, RHHS students will send you once again to that wonderful Once Upon A Time.

Into the Woods is a Tony Award winning musical showcasing musical numbers such as No One is Alone, Children will Listen, and of course, Into the Woods. Lapine's witty and dynamic humor creates a fairy tale unlike those ever seen before. This collision of familiar Brother's Grimm fables takes us to a world of questioning and chaos. Childhood characters walk us through themes of good verses evil, community responsibility, and parent-child relationships to a complete abandonment from the tales of which we are so accustomed.

Performance dates and times are 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29; 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30; 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1. The show will be in the school's Black Box Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting Kristin Dodgen (kwoodard@rockwallisd.org) at RHHS. Tickets will be available starting Jan. 20 with limited seating.

The show is directed by Kristin Dodgen, RHHS theatre instructor, with musical direction by Natalie McCollough, RHHS choir director.

Is it always Happily Ever After? Join Rockwall-Heath in the Black Box Theatre to find out not only if wishes do come true - but if they should.

Rockwall Road Closing

The left lane (turn lane for north bound Goliad) of eastbound Washington between Alamo and Goliad will be closed due to construction starting at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12 and re-open at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21.



The 6-year-old Siamese-mix female pictured above, Cuddles enjoys being picked up and petted. Initially quiet, she quickly transforms into a "snuggle buddy" who gets along well with other cats, but would prefer to be the only feline in a household. Cuddles is playful and good with children, but it is unknown whether she tolerates dogs. She is spayed, litter-box trained, and up-to-date on her shots. To adopt Cuddles or another cat or kitten from the Feral Friends Community Cat Alliance visit feralfriends.org or call 972-671-0429.

Hawk Band fundraiser set for January 22

Join the Rockwall-Heath High School Mighty Hawk band sweet fundraiser at Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream in Rockwall Thu. Jan. 22. Baskin-Robbins, located near Kroger just south of the intersection at Ridge and Horizon Roads, is donating a portion of its day's proceeds to the band. The award winning band is currently preparing for its annual spring trip, this year traveling to the Coast Music Festival in Corpus Christi in April.

RISD candidate filing

Candidates for the May 9 Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees election can begin filing for a place on the ballot beginning Feb. 9, according to a district news release.

Applications will be accepted at the RISD Administration Center, 1050 Williams St. Filing deadline is 5 p.m. March 9.

Three three-year terms up for election this year include Place 1, currently held by Dr. David Jackson; Place 2, presently held by Lamberth; and Place 3, which is held by Craig Zurek.

Candidate application packets may be obtained during normal business hours in the superintendent's office at the Administration Center.

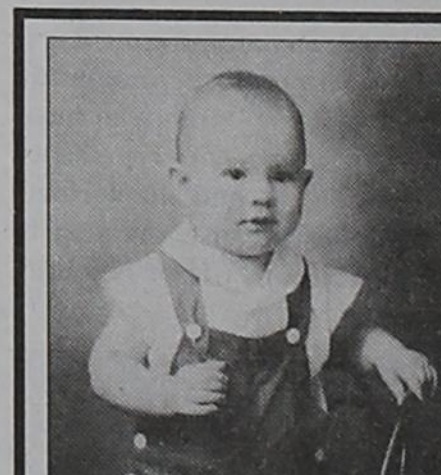
For more information contact the RISD at 972-771-0605.

School Meal Program assistance still available

Families with children attending Rockwall Independent School District schools may apply for the School Breakfast and Lunch Program at any time during the school year, according to a district news release.

Applications are available at all schools or the Child Nutrition Office located at 1050 Williams St. in Rockwall during business hours Monday through Friday. Online applications are also available at the Rockwall ISD Web site at rockwallisd.com, click on the "Parents" tab. For additional information regarding the application process call 972-772-8201. Applications may be mailed directly to the Nutrition office at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Students who qualify for the meal program use their current ID number to purchase meals just like all other students. Status of students who participate in the program is confidential.



Happy Birthdays

May you enjoy many more right turns ...

- Love you, Pat
- Tim
- James & Gail
- Kim, Allen, Alyssa, Caitlyn
- Whitney, Lindsey



Members of the Rockwall Busy Bee 4-H Club canvassed neighborhoods around the county Saturday, Dec. 13 collecting food, which was donated to Helping Hands of Rockwall. The donations were distributed to needy families in the area to help provide them with a holiday meal. Residents of the Woodcreek, Stoney Hollow and East Riding Club Estates neighborhoods opened their hearts and pantries to support the effort. Collecting the food were (left to right) Kylee Adams, club reporter and council delegate; Victoria Reynolds, secretary and Morgan Reynolds, president.

Photo courtesy of Robert Adams

Obama's Big Gamble

by Bill O'Reilly

Who knew Leon Panetta was really James Bond? The 70-year-old former congressman is considered a very nice guy in the political world, a world that is anything but nice. But now President-elect Obama has tapped Panetta to be a tough-guy spy, the head of the CIA.

The choice is perplexing. Panetta is very smart, but has absolutely no intelligence experience unless you count his days as Bill Clinton's White House chief of staff. Some old hands inside the CIA are reportedly aghast at the choice. Former CIA guy Michael Scheuer, who headed the agency's bin Laden unit, put it succinctly: "I think they pulled his name out of a hat."

Besides his lack of experience, Panetta opposes many of the CIA's anti-terror measures. He's against any kind of coerced interrogation, wants the FISA overseas wiretap law repealed, and would completely disband the rendition program whereby the CIA sends captured terror suspects to be held and interrogated in other countries.

Without those tools, which former CIA Chief George Tenet and others say have been very effective in uncovering terror plots, the agency's ability to disrupt potential attacks would be gravely damaged. In fact, it was just last February when 68 senators, some of them Democrats, voted the FISA wiretap strategy into law. For the record, Obama declined to vote on the issue.

But now Obama can't sit these things out. He must decide how to wage the war on terror, and by selecting Panetta as his point man he's taking a huge gamble. If terrorists again attacked the United States, Obama's soft intelligence-gathering approach would also come under attack. Simply put: A successful terror mission could bring President Obama down.

So why is Obama putting himself in this position? The media have convinced many people that the Bush administration degenerated into a bunch of criminal torturers, people who persecuted innocent Muslims worldwide. Now the committed-left media are demanding that Obama reject any experienced intelligence people who have supported President Bush's terror initiatives. That's why Leon Panetta was chosen, to appease the left-wing zealots.

It seems to me that common sense, not ideology, is vital in preventing terrorists from killing us. Could Panetta learn on the job to run the CIA? Certainly. Should he be in charge when we are fighting two wars and terrorist bombs are going off all over the world? No way.

As for tapping calls to suspected terrorists overseas, come on. Judges have to see the data after the fact, and federal law still applies to any abuse. A private detective named Anthony Pellicano just got a harsh prison sentence for violating the wiretap law.

It's the same thing with coerced interrogation. The president should have the power to order it when lives are in imminent danger from a terror threat. However, Panetta recently told a newspaper that all interrogations should abide by the Army Field Manual, which prohibits making any captured person "uncomfortable."

Well, that kind of restriction should make you uncomfortable. Because in the war on terror, a lack of quick intelligence could make you dead.

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Opinions



Rich people versus Politicians

Walter E. Williams
 Sometimes I wish there were a humane way to get rid of the rich. The rich for whipping boys, we might be able to concentrate the best for the 99 and a half percent of the rest of us. Bill and Melinda Gates, with about \$60 billion in assets each, are America's richest men. With all that money, what can they force us to do? Can they take our house to make room so that another person can live there? Can they force us to buy an auto dealership or a casino parking lot? Can they force us to put our money into the government-run retirement Ponzi scheme called Social Security? Can Bill and Melinda force us to bus our children to school out of our neighborhood in the name of diversity? Unless they are overthrown by politicians, rich people have little power to force anything. A lowly municipal clerk, has far more life-and-death power than the rich. It's they to whom we must turn to for permission to build a house, to get a license, to open a restaurant and a myriad of other activities. Politicians, not rich people, who have the power to coerce us. Our lives miserable. Coercive power goes a long way toward political corruption. Rod Blagojevich's hawking of Barack Obama's vacated U.S. Senate seat; Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charlie Rangel's tax writing favors; former Rep. William Jefferson's business and the Jack Abramoff scandal are mere pimples on the current corruption landscape. We can think of these and similar examples of legal corruption. They pale in comparison to what's for sale for the same thing, but simply legal corruption. For example, according to the Miami Herald, by March 2008, the Florida Fanjul sugar family had given over \$300,000 to politicians and political committees. They didn't fork over all that money to help politicians to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution. Businessmen who approach Charlie Rangel, Rod Blagojevich and William Jefferson, they give politicians money because they want a return — namely import restrictions on sugar so they can

charge Americans higher prices. In the case of the Fanjuls, and thousands of others buying favors, they are engaged in legal corruption. Legalized corruption is widespread and that's the job of 35,000 lobbyists in Washington, D.C., lobbyists earning millions upon millions of dollars. They represent America's big and small corporations, big and small labor unions and even foreign corporations and unions. They are not spending billions of dollars in political contributions to encourage and assist the White House and Congress to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution. They are spending that money in the expectations of favors that will be bestowed upon them at the expense of some other American or group of Americans. This power helps explain, for example, why a seat on the House Ways and Means Committee, not to mention its chairmanship, is so highly coveted. For the right price, a tax loophole, saving a company tens of millions of dollars, can be inserted into tax law, ala the Charlie Rangel scandal. At state levels, governors can award public works contracts to a generous constituent. At the local levels mayors can confer favors such as providing subsidies for sports stadia and convention centers. When politicians can give favors, they will find buyers. The McCain-Feingold law was to get "money out of politics" but more money was spent in the 2008 election cycle than ever. The only way to reduce corruption and money in Washington is to reduce the power politicians have over our lives. James Madison was right when he suggested, "All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree." Thomas Jefferson warned, "The greatest calamity which could befall us would be submission to a government of unlimited powers." That's what today's Americans have given Washington — unlimited powers. Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2009 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Government Can't Really Stimulate the Economy

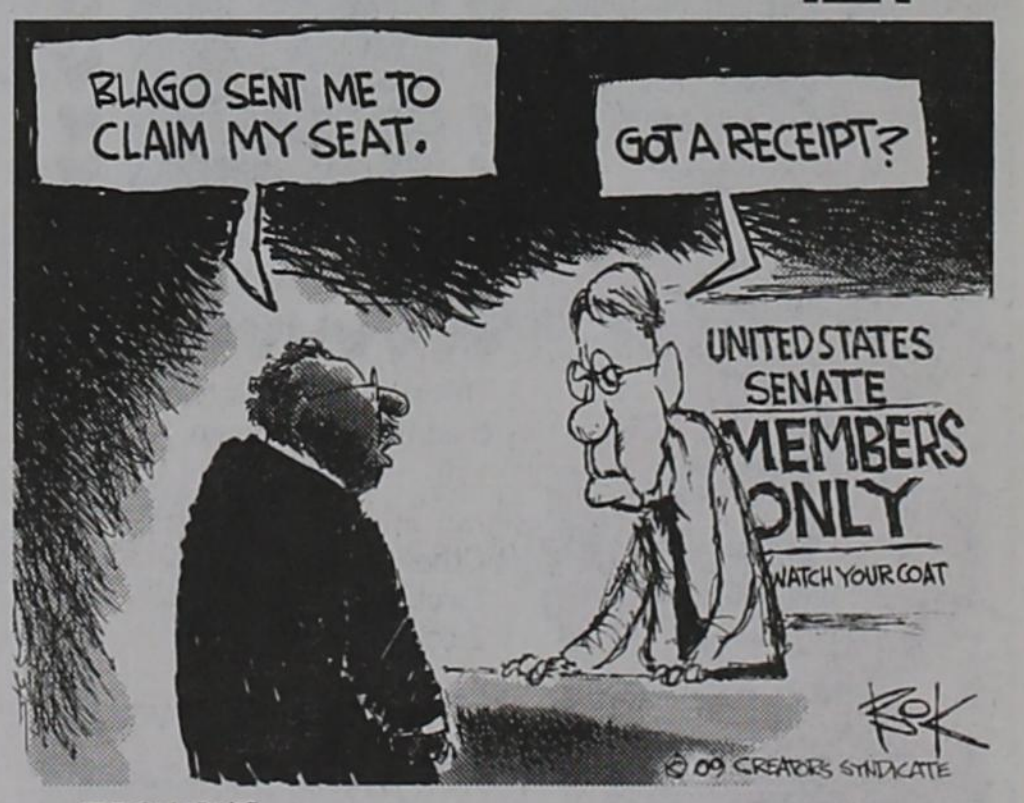
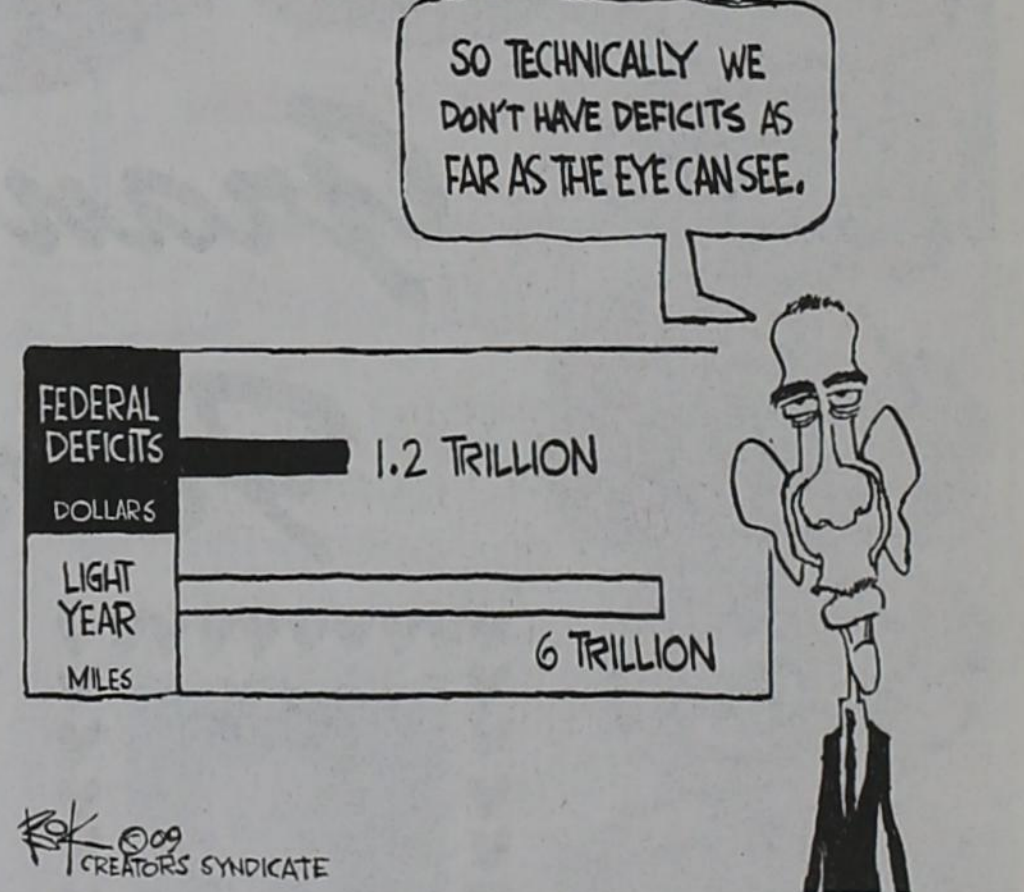
Sheldon Richman
 Money sluices are about to open wide on Capitol Hill. With a new president about to take office, we are seeing record-shattering government expenditures. All inhibitions on deficit spending, as weak as they have been in recent years, are removed. The motto among those in control is: Spend now! To "stimulate the economy." Well, that's a lousy reason. The economy doesn't need stimulation. It needs freedom. More precisely, freedom — to pursue our ends through production and trade by know-nothing politicians in Washington and the 50 states. Bureaucratic spending on infrastructure, food stamps, unemployment benefits, R&D, or whatever else the political (parasitic) class in mind is precisely the opposite of what is needed. The statement about the economy that contains a mechanical metaphor is more than likely wrong. We're told government must "jump start" the economy. How can it? Think about what happens when a car is started. Cables connected to a charged battery convey juice to the battery. Energy is injected into the broken-down car from the battery. Engineers and court economists want us think this is analogous to the government's jump starting the economy. But it cannot be. Since the government has no money lying around waiting to be spent, it will have to go close to a trillion dollars to carry out the program President Obama and the congressional leadership are planning. But printing money for their pet projects injects nothing into the economy. It just moves money from where it currently is in the economy to where politicians want it to be. How is that a stimulus? The debt will be covered (monetized) by the Federal Reserve creating money out of thin air. That money will then be spent on the government's pet projects, but notice the problem. Creating money is not the same as creating wealth. Imagine you were stranded on a desert island. You see a plane. It drops a large box down to you. Excitedly you open the box expecting to find food and water. But instead you find printing press and a large supply of green paper. An instruction sheet says: "Print all the money you need." Is that a better off? Resources are scarce. A quantity of steel, for instance, can be used to make a washing machine or a machine to produce more steel. It can't be used for both at the same time. When the Fed creates money, it increases the demand for scarce resources — but no new resources. How can that lead to prosperity? Rather, it's a path to higher prices and lower wages. More than that. Since the new money gets into some hands

rather than others first, monetary expansion — that is, inflation — changes the pattern of prices and production that would have resulted from voluntary exchange under sound money. Among the prices distorted are interest rates. By doing so, inflation transfers resources from those who produce wealth to others. Inflation, therefore, is one more government income-distribution program. The lucky early recipients of the fresh fiat money gain purchasing power — command over scarce resources — at the expense of everyone else. The market process is thereby corrupted. In the absence of inflation (and other government interference), it is a system in which entrepreneurs pursue profit by pleasing consumers. What makes this work amazingly well is the price system, which communicates to producers and consumers the relative scarcities of products and factors of production, the relative demands for such things, and the degree to which people prefer goods in the present to goods in the future. This permits production to be guided by consumers' preferences. Inflation distorts those relative prices, garbling the signals and ill-serving consumers. In the end society is poorer than it would have been. When the inflation is finally stopped, the economy suffers depression and mass unemployment as it corrects for the malinvestment. Or, if the inflation accelerates to hyperinflation, as it did in Germany in the 1920s and in Zimbabwe today, society will be thrown into chaos. This is where the Obama-congressional "stimulus" plans will lead. Nothing is more dangerous than a politician who thinks he must "do something now." 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.

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Jacob Way mission to build water wells in South Africa

Contributed by Kay Maxwell

In the summer of 2008, just before starting his senior year, Rockwall-Heath High School student Jacob Way participated in an eight-day faith-based mission trip to South Africa sponsored by Lake Pointe Church.

During his trip to the community of Mahlabathini near Port Shepstone, Jacob witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in South Africa. He also observed the many villagers who struggled mightily each day simply to satisfy the most basic of human needs - the need for clean water. Village women make multiple trips each day to the closest water source to get water for drinking, cooking, bathing and cleaning. In each trip, a woman returns, weighed down by carrying a heavy, water-filled jug on her head.

Sometimes a single water jug weighs as much as 40 to 50 pounds. Often the jug contains water that is of very poor quality. The contaminated water is known to often cause illness and sometimes death among the village residents. The pain, the illness, and the daily struggles that Jacob saw during his time in South Africa caused him to return from his trip with a passionate heart for a personal mission - raise funds needed to dig a water well and provide a clean water source for his village in South Africa.

While many students were giving their attention to fall activities in high school, Jacob set about his fundraising mission for his South African village. His plan was to organize a fundraising dinner complete with entertainment, prizes, speakers, T-shirts and other mementos, with proceeds going to the well project.

As he began to work on his project, Jacob quickly determined that the effort required more than he could possibly do alone. So he be-

gan to encourage fellow students at Rockwall-Heath High School to join his fundraising effort. His commitment and his determination to give hope to his village proved contagious, and other students, their parents, and community members soon signed on to the Hawks Care effort at Rockwall-Heath High School.

Fellow student Kurt Hickman helped design the logo and T-shirts for the fundraising campaign. Kim Hickman, Kurt's Mom, and another avid supporter of the project, Janine Dillow, generously gave countless hours of their time to the many dinner details, making arrangements for the food and drinks, table settings, floral arrangements, and much more. The RHHS Student Council gave immense support to the project and helped raise funds by selling T-shirts during lunch time at school.

Other schools, notably Rockwall High School and Community High School, also brought in funds for the project by selling T-shirts. And the students of Lake Pointe Church donated several hundred dollars for the well.

In early December 2008, all of Jacob's plans, his tireless efforts, and the hard work of the many supporters who joined him, came together as Jacob exceed a fundraising dinner at Rockwall-Heath High School on behalf of his South African village. As he envisioned, the dinner agenda included good food, T-shirt and memento sales, door prizes, entertainment, and speeches. Local singer and songwriter Joel Warren, who made the summer trip to South Africa along with Jacob, and others composed and performed a song especially for the occasion called "Awaken." Jacob and some who have made mission trips in recent years to South Africa shared their experiences with those in attendance.

By all measures, the event was a resounding success blessed with

donations in excess of \$10,000, an amount that more than the original \$5,000 fundraising goal. Enough money was raised only to build a well, but also to supply medications and other of an orphanage whose small residents are infected with the AIDS virus.

Though the successful dinner event is behind him now, fundraising efforts continue. He is working now to raise additional funds for his village and for his return trip to South Africa in the summer of 2009 to help build the well.

Jacob and others from Lake Pointe Church will be traveling to South Africa in the summer of 2009, partnering with the Themba Foundation (pronounced Tim-ba, the Zulu word for hope), a based non-profit organization based in Rockwall. The Foundation was created following a fact-finding trip to South Africa in November of 2006 sponsored by Lake Pointe Church. In a passionate response to experiences on the trip, Pastor Steve Trovati and Rockwall businessman Ken Hickman were compelled to create the Foundation.

The vision of the Themba Foundation is to provide God's mercy, and hope to the people of South Africa devastated by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in partnership with existing South African organizations. The mission of the organization is to work in partnership with faith-based community organizations in South Africa to identify community needs and develop responses that will have a positive impact on the lives of villagers.

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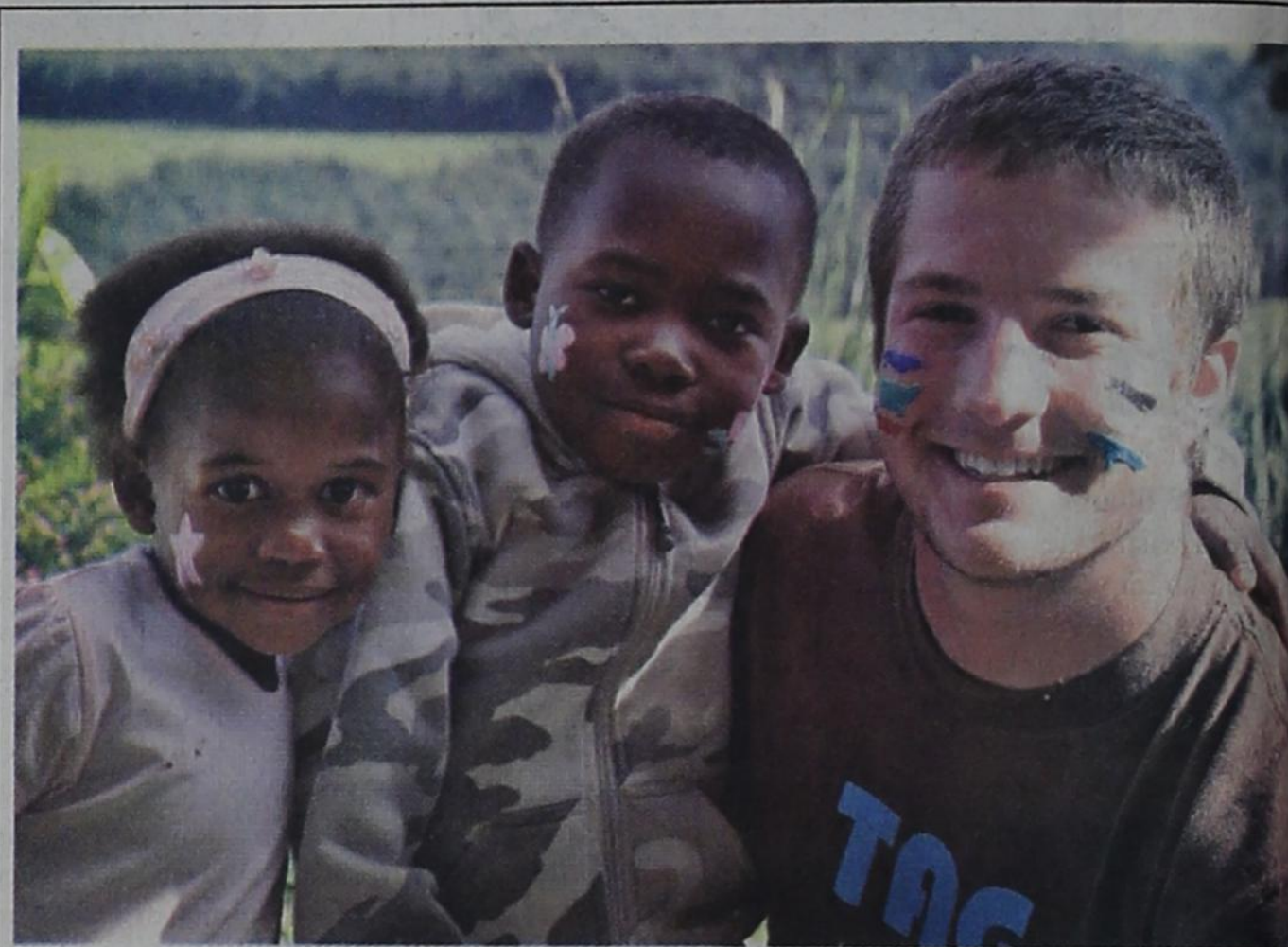
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Jacob Way, a senior at Rockwall-Heath High School, plays and paints faces with children near Durban, South Africa during a mission trip with Lake Pointe Church last summer. He will return to the area in the summer of 2009 to build a water well funded with money he and many community volunteers raised during the local event last fall.

Photo courtesy of Beth and Mark Way

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George Bamfo (left) receives

Monday's RHHS football b... Hawks' Head Coach Mickey Mos... Staff photo by Carl McClung



Charlie Wilson (center) res... Monday's RHHS Football Ban... Mickey Moss (right) and Don W... Academic All State team, Eli... Staff photo by Carl McClung



Austin Moss (center) recei... Monday's RHHS Football Ban... Moss (right) and Lee Wilkins (l... Staff photo by Carl McClung

Rockwall County Sports

Snowton steps in for injured teammate to lead Hawks past Turner 67-47

Carl McClung
 Lewis Snowton stepped in for the injured Tony Tennison, who broke his nose and quickly trailing 3-0, things didn't start out for the Rockwall-Heath Hawks in their District 10-4A matchup place Carrollton Turner Jan. 9 at RHHS. Snowton, stepping in for the injured Tony Tennison, who broke his nose in the game's opening minute, produced his best performance of the season, scoring 18 points and pulling down nine rebounds to lead the Hawks back to a 67-47 pounding of the Lions. Snowton not only lifted the Hawks to 8-13 for the year, but even tied the district mark at 2-2, putting them in fourth place. The top four in the district will advance to the playoffs. With the loss, the Lions fell winless for the year, falling to 0-4 in district and to 0-18 overall.

they never relinquished. Morrett leads the Hawks with 15.6 points per game.

Although the Lions pulled to within one at 19-18, Heath slowly built its lead over the rest of the game, taking its biggest advantage at 21 points, the last time at 63-42 with about three minutes to play.

Energetic 6-7 sophomore Demi Leonard topped all rebounders with 10 and also scored seven points. Leonard is the Hawks top board man, averaging 5.3 per game.

The Hawks next action will be Jan. 16, when they travel to Highland Park to take on the district-leading Scots.

Rockwall-Heath also won the junior varsity game, downing the Lions 68-42.

Turner	15	7	16	9-47
Heath	19	15	19	14-67

Turner (47) - Dakota Whitehead 13, Mikal Patterson 10, Joseph Brumfield 10, Travis Cleghorn 8, Maui Puebla 3, Jaime Rangel 2, Cody Holmes 1.

Heath (67) - Lewis Snowton 18, Dustin Morrett 18, Cameron McClung 7, Demi Leonard 7, Preston Wynn 6, Chase Nielsen 4, Andrew Twedell 3, Kyle Whittle 2, Jeremy Casebolt 2.



RHHS Hawks' Lewis Snowton soars for a shot during last Friday's game against RL Turner at Heath.
 Staff photo by Carl McClung

Lowrance scores 30 as Lady Hawks bury Turner 83-22 to move into tie for third

Carl McClung
 Shanae Lowrance struggled most of the season to generate consistent offense, but Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks exploded against RL Turner, as they defeated the Lady Lions 83-22 Jan. 9 at Turner High School. In the decisive win, the Lady Hawks rose to 6-12 for the year and their District 10-4A record at 3-3, putting them in four-way tie for first place in the district with Greenville, Newman Smith and their opponent, Highland Park, which travels to Heath Jan. 16 for a rematch.

Rockwall, at 6-0, is currently in first place in the district with Roys City just a game behind at 5-1.

"This win throws us back into the race," said Heath coach Donna Walker, "if we can just keep winning some games. As far as Highland Park, they lost to Smith and we beat Smith, so I think we'll be pretty even."

There was nothing even about the game against the Lady Lions, who failed to score more than seven points in any quarter and finished with just nine field goals total for the contest.

"The kids played very well, everybody got a lot of playing time," Walker said. "Our turnovers were down and we looked a lot better."

On the other side of the stat sheet, junior Shanae Lowrance looked the best, pouring in 30 points on a 12-for-17 shooting night. The 5-11 post also added a game-high 14 rebounds for another double-double.

"She played very well. They didn't have anyone who could contain her," Walker said about Lowrance.

Lyndsey Renta and Macall Smith also reached double figures with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Leading 16-2 after one quarter, the Lady Hawks saw their advantage grow to 36-9 at the half and 56-16 after three periods. Heath then rolled out their biggest single-quarter of the year by finishing off the Lady Lions with 27-6 effort in the final eight minutes.

With an open date on Jan. 13, Walker and the Lady Hawks are looking forward to the matchup with the Lady Scots.

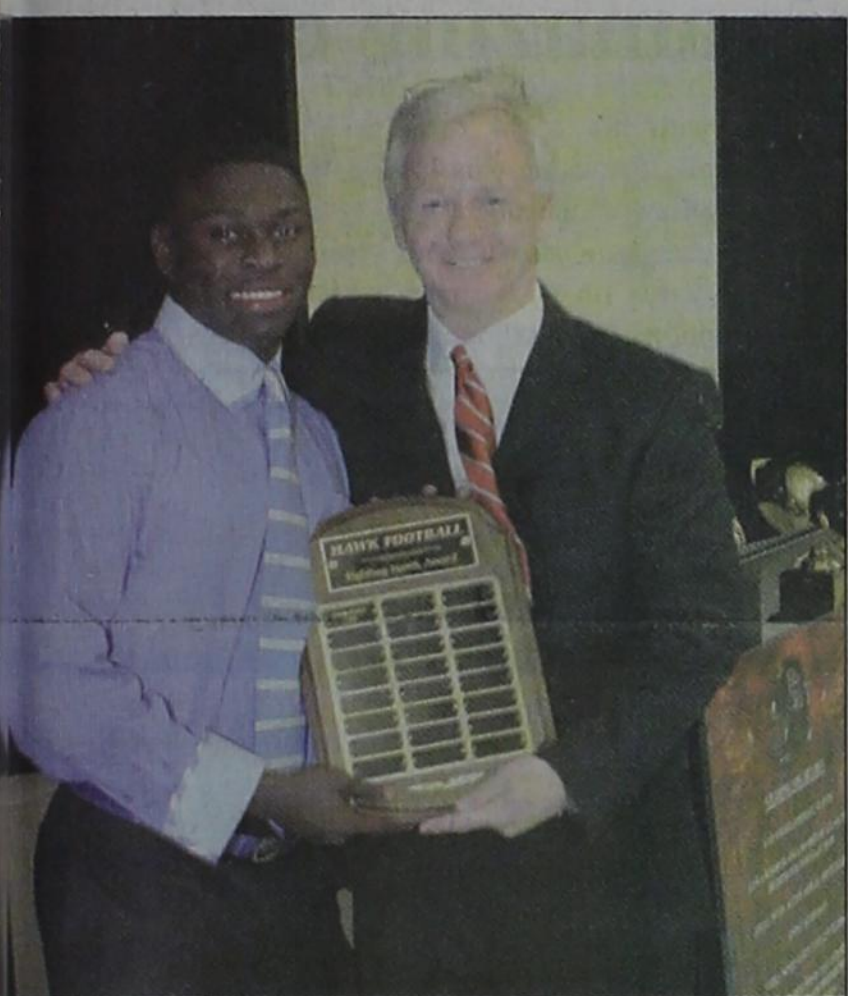
"It would sure help our cause to put that one in the books," Walker said.

Following the Highland Park game, the Lady Hawks will travel to Rockwall for a rematch with the front-running Lady Jackets, who thumped them at home Dec. 12 by a score of 64-36.

Heath	16	20	20	27-83
Turner	2	7	7	6-22

Heath (83) - Shanae Lowrance 30, Lyndsey Renta 14, Macall Smith 12, Katelyn Morris 8, Heidi Holmes 8, Brooke Eddy 6, Mc Kenzie White 5, Meredith Deere 2.

Turner (22) - Briseida Escobedo 8, Ashley Flower 4, Melissa Carrillo 4, Laura Berumen 4, Autumn Whitton 2.



George Bamfo (left) receives the Fighting Hawk Award during Monday's RHHS football banquet. Standing with Bamfo are Hawks' Head Coach Mickey Moss.
 Staff photo by Carl McClung



Charlie Wilson (center) receives the Academic Achievement Award during Monday's RHHS Football Banquet. Standing with Wilson are Hawks' Head Coach Mickey Moss (right) and Don Woods (left). Wilson was also recognized for making the Academic All State team, Elite Level.
 Staff photo by Carl McClung



Austin Moss (center) receives the Defensive Player of the Year Award during Monday's RHHS Football Banquet. Standing with Moss are Head Coach Mickey Moss (right) and Lee Wilkins (left).
 Staff photo by Carl McClung



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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall-Heath swim teams host Lovejoy HS at meet

contributed by Jan Miller

The Rockwall-Heath High School swim teams hosted a home meet against Lovejoy High School Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Rockwall YMCA pool, finishing the day with 29 top three finishes overall.

The women's top scores went to Coral Davenport, who placed first in both 200 Free and 100 Butterfly; Jacey Hodan, first in both 200 Individual Medley and 100 Breaststroke; Katie Langdon, first in 100 Free, second in 50 Free; Morgan Madrid, first in 100 Backstroke, second in 100 Butterfly and Rosie Hughes, second in 100 Breaststroke.

Last year's state relay team of Madrid, Hodan, Davenport and Langdon, took first place in both the 200 Medley and 400 Free Relays.

The relay team of Brooke Wagner, Danielle Muniz, Coral Pickar and Catrina Lewis placed third in the 200 Free Relay.

The Hawks men's top finishers included Mitchell Foster, first in both the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Backstroke; Josh Swiercinsky, first in the 200 Free, second in 100 Free; Zach Crumpley, first in the 200 Butterfly; Tyler Fassett, first in 500 Freestyle, second in 200 Free; Taylor Prothro, first in 100 Breaststroke, third in 200 Individual Medley; Jonathan Sherwin, second in both the 50 Free and 100 Backstroke; Sean Wong, second in 100 Butterfly; Brandon Bamberg, third in both the 50 and 100 Free, and Mike Lossing, third in 100 Breaststroke.

The Hawks men's relay team

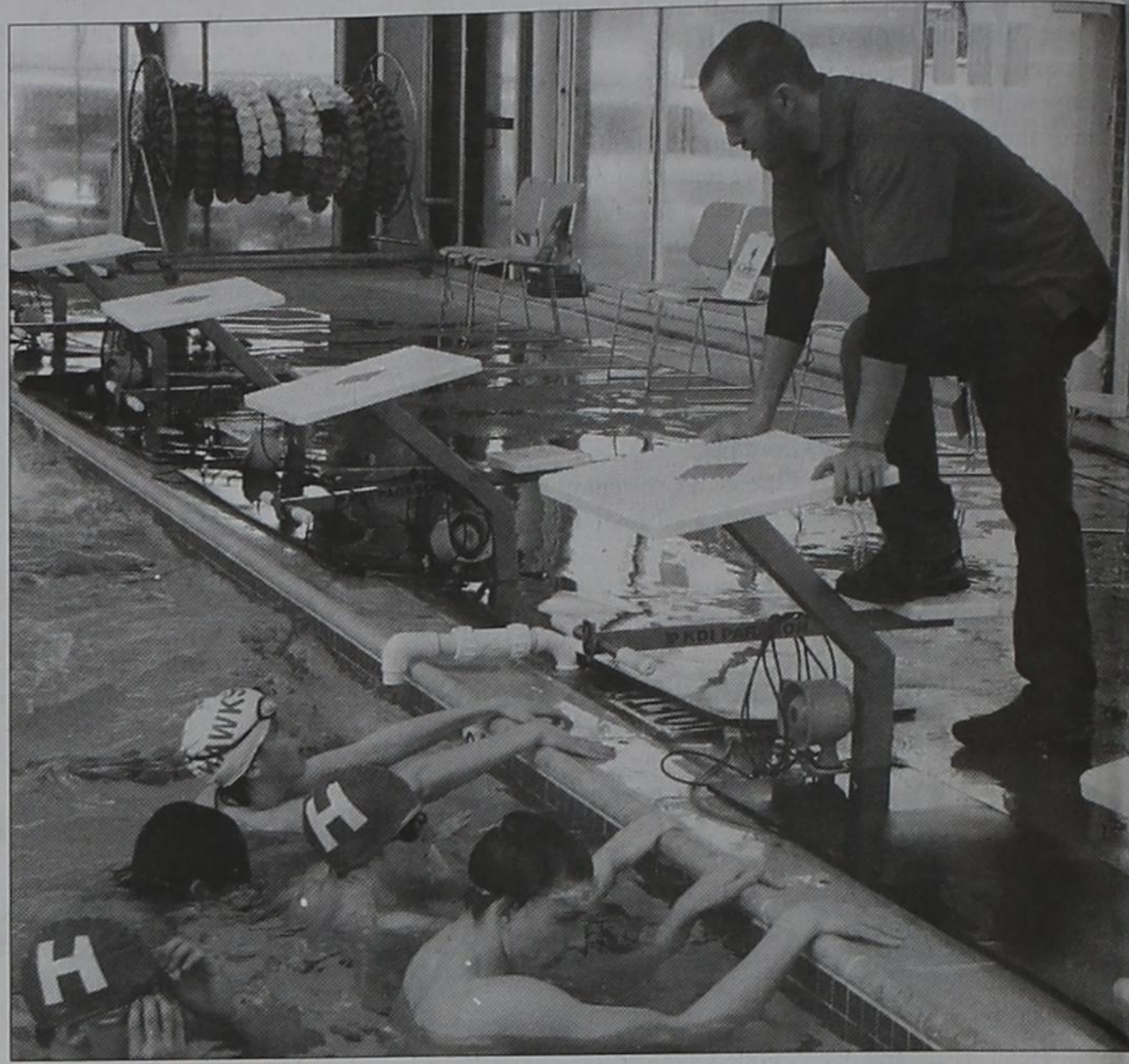
of Foster, Prothro, Crumpley and Sherwin took first in the 200 yard Medley Relay.

The relay team of Foster, Crumpley, Swiercinsky and Wong won first in the 400 yard Free Relay.

Also competing at the meet were Hawks swimmers Garrett Crumpley, Nick Eskalis, Nick Daniels and Matt Morrison.

The Hawk men ended the meet with a win over Lovejoy 88 to 55, while the Hawk women fell to Lovejoy 70-85.

The Hawks are preparing for the upcoming District Championship meet, which will take place Friday, Feb. 6 at the Carrollton-Farmers Branch natatorium.



Rockwall-Heath High School Swim Coach Tommy Sacco gives his swimmers last minute strategy before Saturday's meet against Lovejoy High School held at the Rockwall YMCA. Photo courtesy of Jan Miller, Hawks swimming media relations coordinator

Lady Hawks down Longview 2-0

by Matt McGillen

Sarah McKinney and Amanda Penny each scored a goal and goalie Kylie Robinett delivered a shutout, as the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks soccer team opened

the season under first-year coach Marco Duran with a 2-0 non-district win at Longview Jan. 9.

Penny scored in the first half off an assist by McKinney to

give Heath a 1-0 advantage over the Lady Lobos. McKinney then pushed the lead to 2-0 when she scored in the second half, assisted by Kacy Frericks.

"We have a great group of returners with seven starters coming back from last year," said Duran, who came over to Heath last year as the junior varsity coach after being the head coach at Mesquite Horn for six years. "We are also a very young group with six of our kids being sophomores and freshmen. We look forward to our tough pre-season schedule hoping that it will prepare us for one of the toughest districts in our area."

The Lady Hawks were scheduled to travel to Poteet for another non-district matchup with the Lady Pirates Jan. 13 before playing in the Little Elm tournament Jan. 16-17.

Heath and Longview played to a 1-1 tie in the junior varsity game.

Heath/Cain schedule for Jan 15-21

Thursday, Jan. 15

RHHS JV boys soccer @ RHHS JV tournament
RHHS varsity boys soccer @ Aledo tournament
RHHS girls soccer @ Little Elm tournament
RHHS gymnastics @ RHS 6:30 p.m.
RHHS JV tennis @ Terrell 3:34
RHHS wrestling tri meet @ RHHS 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16

RHHS boys basketball @ Highland Park 6, 7:30
RHHS girls basketball vs. Highland Park @ RHHS 6, 7:30
RHHS swimming @ Carrol ISD Aquatic Center 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17

RHHS district wrestling @ Quinlan Ford 10 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 19

CMS boys soccer @ Williams MS 5:30, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

RHHS boys basketball @ Greenville 6, 7:30
RHHS boys soccer vs. West Mesquite @ RHHS 5:30, 7 p.m.
RHHS girls basketball vs. Greenville @ RHHS 7:30 p.m.
RHHS girls soccer @ Frisco Centennial 5:30, 7:15 p.m.

Hawks' Lawrence adds first team All-State to his amazing career

Putting the finishing touch on a career that will likely never be surpassed by any future Hawk, Rockwall-Heath running back Kendial Lawrence added All-State to his resume.

Actually, he added first-team All-State, as the 5-11, 200-pounder was named to the second team in 2007.

The 2008 District 10-4A Most Valuable Player finished the season with 2,686 rushing yards and 46 touchdowns while leading the Hawks to a 13-0 record before a shoulder injury against Ennis in the regional semifinal ended his season and high school career.

The Hawks lost their next game without him in the lineup to eventual state champion Sulphur Springs, 52-47.

Lawrence averaged an amazing 9.43 yards a carry and 206.6 yards per game and scored 43 rushing TDs. He added 14 receptions for 131 yards and two scores and on the first kickoff he fielded during the season, he streaked 97 yards for yet another score. He added a two-point conversion along way to finish with an easily the Metroplex-best 278 points.

Coupled with his 1,734 rushing yards and 25 touchdowns his junior year, Lawrence ended his final two years as a starter with 4,706 total yards on 477 carries and 28 receptions and a whopping

71 scores. Perhaps his least known stat was that he averaged a mind-boggling 56 yards on six kickoff returns his junior and senior seasons.



Kendial Lawrence (center) receives the Offensive Player of the Year Award during Monday's RHHS Football Banquet. Standing with Lawrence are Head Coach Mickey Moss (right) and Chris Mosely (left). Lawrence was also recognized for making the All State first team. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Rockwall Hockey overcomes Midlothian

contributed by Shawn Rogers

The Rockwall Hockey Varsity team relied on special teams and strong net-minding to overcome a tenacious Midlothian club in a hard fought 3-1 victory at the Duncanville Star Center Jan. 8. The win, the ninth in a row and 12th out of 13, keeps the Jackets one game out of the lead in the Metroplex Silver league.

"We had some cobwebs from the holiday break," said Mark Thirion, assistant coach. "We had good lead man rushes in the offensive zone but Midlothian was very quick to cut off the passing lanes."

Like so often this season, the Rockwall defense was the deciding factor. The Jackets special teams converted two penalty kills

into scoring plays.

The first occurred late in the first period when Rockwall junior Joey Ullmann cleared the puck out of the Jacket zone to Wylie junior Morgan Cook, streaking past the Panther defense for the breakaway score.

The second occurred late in the third when Rockwall sophomore Preston Roberts forced a turnover in the neutral zone, outskated the defense, and chipped the puck past a prone Midlothian goalie.

The Midlothian offense had many scoring chances as Rockwall had difficulty clearing the puck from their zone for much of the game. The Panthers outshot the Jackets 24 to 16, but Rockwall-Heath junior David White held the

line with 23 saves and not his sixth win this season, raised his save percentage to .899.

The play of the game came in the middle frame. With Rockwall on a power play, Cook split the defense at the left circle, passed between his legs to Wylie sophomore Stefan Skinner who drew the fense then returned the biscuit Cook open in the low slot writer past the Panther goalie.

"Stefan set up the play well timing the defense moving and timing the puck in front of the net Morgan to score," said Thirion.

Rockwall will next face Midlothian (5-7-1) who is coming off a 6-0 loss to Richardson, Jan. 11 at the Dr. Pepper Star Center in Duncanville.

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Peyton Adamson leads Lady Jackets in 65-49 win over Highland Park

Lary Bump
 Peyton Adamson Week for the Rockwall girls' basketball team was Peyton Adamson Week for the Rockwall girls' basketball team. Three days after setting an RHS record with 41 points while outscoring Carrollton Newman Smith's entire team, the junior guard poured in 39 points in Friday's 65-49 victory at Highland Park. The wins kept the Lady Jackets undefeated (6-0) in District 10-4A. They will complete the first half of the district schedule Friday when Greenville (3-3) visits Rockwall for a 7:30 p.m. game. The game will be Autograph Night, with Rockwall team posters available for players to sign. Adamson's outburst in the 74-35 home victory over Newman Smith set the individual game record of 37 points. Haley Day, now starting sophomore at SMU, reached that total twice and Adamson once. Lady Jackets head coach Jill McDill, "Peyton has been shooting all really well. We're looking for her all the time, and she's been shooting great." The entire team has been playing well, winning its last three games by an average score of 66-37. In the game against Highland Park (3-3), McDill said, "I've been pleased. I thought tonight we were a little up and down. But for us to win by 16 was good." The up-and-down nature was most apparent in the fourth quarter. RHS scored 22 points, 53-31, after three quarters, but a 7-0 run quickly pulled the Lady Scots within 14 at 54-40 with 3 minutes, 59 seconds to play. The lead fell to 12 points, 55-43, with 2:12 remaining. McDill said the team it feels like a two-point lead because of the crowd. I told them to try to finish strong instead of trying just to hang on to win. We wanted to win the last quarter, but I guess we didn't do it." Rockwall (16-9 overall) did take the home crowd out of the game with its own 8-0 run. The last four were on foul shots by Adamson, who scored 9 of 10.

we had seven offensive boards. They did a lot of it in a game that got physical." Unofficially, Lang pulled down 12 rebounds, and Anterhaus and Dean had seven apiece. Lang also scored 11 points. "Raven Turner did a good job when they would go to the press, getting people the ball." The senior point guard led RHS with six assists. McDill added, "I thought we did very well against (Stephanie Dekkers and Hartley Hobson), their leading scorers." Dekkers finished with 19 points, including two 3-point shots during HP's fourth-quarter rally. Hobson scored 11 before fouling out. With no game until Friday this week, the team had a rare Saturday off before preparing for Greenville. "We'll work on us," McDill said. "There are areas where things can improve. We'll talk about the first half of district, then we'll talk about Greenville." She said the Lady Lions "have some quick little guards and good, quality athletes. They beat Heath." After the Greenville game, the Lady Jackets can widen their district lead Tuesday when they play at second-place Royse City (currently 5-1 district, 20-4 overall). Rockwall's junior varsity and freshman teams both continued to win. The JV team rolled throughout its game to defeat Highland Park 52-24.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	17	18	18	12	65
Highland Park	11	12	8	18	49

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 36, Alyssa Lang 11, Kayla Kimmons 5, Jordan Anterhaus 5, Raven Turner 4, Vertashia Dean 4.
 Highland Park: Stephanie Dekkers 19, Hartley Hobson 11, Emily Boone 8, Bryn Townsend 3, Dabney Rice 3, Amy Eckerberger 3, Katherine Krause 2.



Lady Jackets' Peyton Adamson (22) launches a three-point shot during last Friday's game at Highland Park. Adamson scored 39 points during the game.
 Staff photo by Roy Heath

Lady Jackets improve their game despite past soccer losses

Lary Bump
 Rockwall's highlight was taking the lead in its first girls' soccer game at the Allen Tournament Friday. On the scoreboard, it was all downhill from there, but head coach Melissa Garcia noted improvement even though the Lady Jackets tied one game and lost another two in the tournament. In a little more than 10 minutes of playing at Allen Ford Middle School in the first game, Rockwall took a 2-0 lead over Rowlett on Danielle Kelley's penalty kick. The Eagles came back to tie the game on a penalty kick with 2:37 left, and the game ended in a tie. Garcia said she was disappointed that the Lady Jackets couldn't

hold the lead, but noted, "After getting dominated last year by four or five goals against Rowlett, the girls really stepped up." Rockwall then lost 1-0 to Garland Naaman Forest Friday and 2-0 to Mesquite Horn Saturday. The Lady Jackets played well enough that two of them, Shelby Soldat and Allie Wentzel, were named to the all-tournament team. "The whole team played great!" said the enthusiastic Garcia. "We were a little out of steam at the end of the weekend, but those are the breaks when you don't get a chance to practice over the holidays." "It was an eventful weekend. We had some sickness on the bus and

some fatigue, but all in all it was a very informative weekend." With just 14 players on the roster, Rockwall was caught short-handed because of the illness. "We tried to keep them hydrated," Garcia said. The Lady Jackets were playing on unseasonably warm evenings Thursday and Friday. She predicted, "There will be some great soccer to look forward to this season!" The season resumed with Tuesday's scheduled game at Richland. The Lady Jackets then traveled to the Richardson Ice Bowl Tournament to play North Crowley Thursday, Belton Friday night and Sachse Saturday at noon. The first two games were sched-

uled for Richardson Pearce, and the Sachse contest at Richardson Berkner.



Lady Jackets' junior Randi Soldat (2) takes-off with the ball during last Tuesday's game against Garland at the RHS soccer field.
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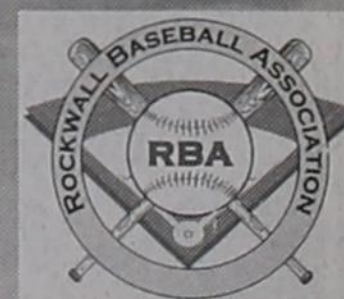
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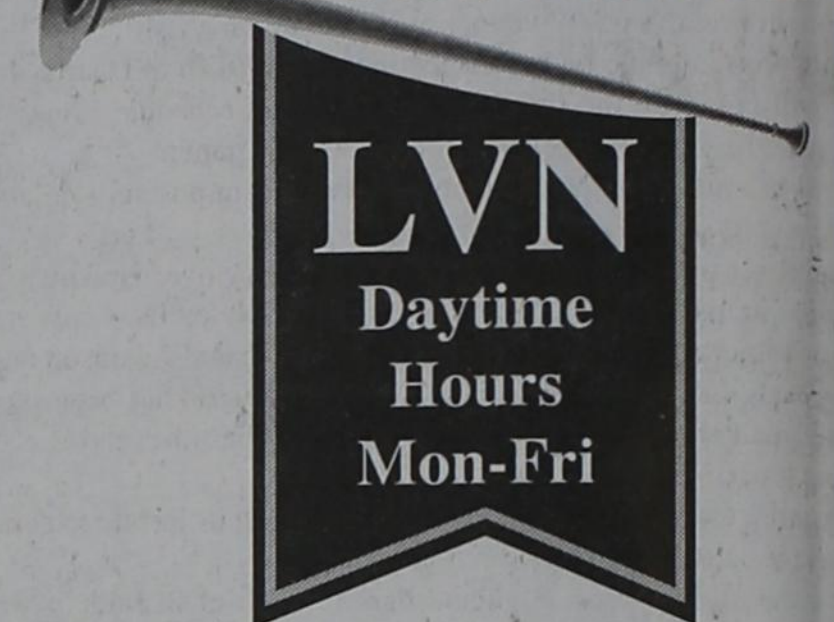
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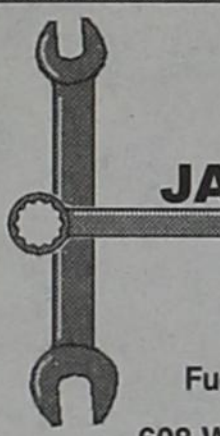
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Yellowjackets' Matt Claggett places first at Cy Ridge Tournament

By Bump
Claggett's first place highlighted Rockwall's fourth-place finish in the weekend's Cy Ridge wrestling tournament. Yellowjackets went to Houston after winning a dual match at 1-36 on Jan. 7. Claggett's pin at 189 pounds in that match put him ahead 37-30, then Robert Hinton took a 13-2 decision at 215 to take the victory. Claggett responded to their coach's disappointment with their year-over performance at the Grapevine Duals. "Grapevine, I called them out," head coach Brent Pohorsky said. "I mind losing, but it's how you lose." Claggett and Plano came out strong. Nich Hyde (112 pounds) fell after 2 minutes, 48 seconds and Josh Holloway (119) took a decision for a 10-0 team lead. Pohorsky said, "Our little guys at 12 and 19, Nich and Josh, kind of

set the tone. I was happy especially for Josh. This could be a turning point for him." Holloway followed up with an eighth-place finish at Cy Ridge. The Wolves howled back to go ahead 24-19 before Dacoda Hicks (152), Matt Roland (160) and Sims Hazel (171) all pinned their opponents. Hicks recorded his fall with just eight seconds remaining in the match. Pohorsky said, "Even the kids who lost went out fighting. I was real pleased with the effort." At the 45-team Cy Ridge meet, six other Rockwall wrestlers besides Claggett and Holloway placed. Hinton was second at 215. Hazel took fifth place at 171. Finishing sixth were Hicks (145), Roland (152) and Dylan Deveraux (160). Chris Carter (135) was seventh. RHS was scheduled to wrestle Thursday at Rockwall-Heath.

Jackets lose late lead to Highland Park

can't high school boys' basketball games last just three quarters must be what head coach Alan Simmons and the Rockwall Yellowjackets must be wondering after losing the lead in the fourth for the third consecutive game. At Highland Park at home Friday, the Jackets raced to a 10-point lead, 8-0, in the first quarter. The Scots rallied to trail 29-23 at halftime, but still led after three quarters 36-35. Highland Park's 19-10 fourth-quarter advantage left Rockwall on the field of a 54-46 score. The Jackets dropped the Jackets to 1-3 in District 10-4A and 8-10 overall. Sandlin led RHS with 18 points, and Hunter Jorgensen added 14. The game was the latest in a disturbing trend for Rockwall. The Yellowjackets led Richardson Pearce at home 40-32 after three quarters on but Pearce outscored them 23-14 in the fourth quarter to eke out a win. Three days later, RHS went to Carrollton Newman Smith and led 49-33 after three quarters. But again the Jackets were outscored 23-14 in

the final period and lost 70-63. Sandlin scored 26 points in that game, and received help from Jorgensen's 14 points and 10 from Luke Wardell. If there's any consolation, it's that Newman Smith (20-2 overall) and Highland Park (14-4) are tied for the district lead at 4-0. The Jackets have shown that they can play with 10-4A's best teams; the next challenge is to stay with them. Rockwall is in a three-way tie for fifth place in the district, and just one game behind Rockwall-Heath for fourth place and the final playoff spot. The Jackets can make a stride forward Friday when they visit Greenville for a 7:30 p.m. game. The Lions, along with Royse City, are in the fifth-place tie with Rockwall.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highland Park	8	15	12	19	54
Rockwall	18	11	7	10	46

Highland Park: Daniel Edwards 18, Max Malone 16, Josh Thurman 13, Tucker Robinson 5, Matt McKee 2.
Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 18, Hunter Jorgensen 11, Tim Yeager 5, Luke Wardell 4, Jarron White 3, Blake Sandlin 3, Collin Schmucker 2.

Boys' soccer coach encouraged despite losses

Rockwall opened its boys' soccer season with three losses in the Templeton, and another non-district defeat against Duncanville. After losing 5-1 to Odessa, 2-0 to Kaufman and 5-0 to Midway in the first three games, new head coach Troy Williams was encouraged. "Despite the three losses, I thought the tournament was a great building experience. If we're going to be successful, the team has to buy into the team concept and play as a team." Williams said. "I think the overall score line, I thought we played really well in the first two games. We lacked consistency. We strayed away from the game plan and tried to force too many balls up the center of the field rather than leading the opponents out with cross-field movement." The Yellowjackets started well in each of the tournament games. Odessa

had just a 1-0 lead at halftime, and the other two games were scoreless at the midway point. Williams said, "We got consistent contributions from Tapp Hazel, Zachary Galloway, Houston Smith and Nathaniel Cook." Hazel scored RHS' only goal in the second half against Odessa, with Grant Gunderson assisting. Rockwall played somewhat shorthanded in the tournament. Brandon Perkins will miss this season following knee surgery, and Cameron Canada and Justin Mayfield also were injured. Williams had said he would use the non-district schedule to try different combinations, and one of those moves already seems to be paying off.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule this week


Monday, Jan. 17 - Varsity wrestling: District Duals at Quinlan Ford, 7:30 p.m.; swimming: home vs. Texarkana Texas and Tyler Lee, Rockwall, 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 - JV White girls' basketball: at North Forney, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 20 - Boys' basketball: home vs. Royse City, freshman JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.; girls' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 22 - Varsity and JV wrestling: home vs. Frisco and Haltom, 6 p.m.; boys' soccer: vs. South Garland at McKinney Tournament, 6 p.m.; girls' soccer: vs. Forney at Chick-Fil-A Lady Lobo Invitational, 6 p.m.; girls' soccer: vs. High School, Grass Field, 8 p.m.; boys' soccer: at Richardson Tournament, Richardson High School, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23 - JV wrestling: at Frisco Centennial JV Tournament, 10 a.m.; basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.; boys' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.; boys' basketball: vs. Rockwall-Heath at Cain Middle School, 7:30 p.m.; girls' basketball: vs. Rockwall-Heath at Williams Middle School, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; boys' soccer: vs. Fort Worth at McKinney Tournament, Ron Poe Stadium, 6 p.m.; girls' soccer: at Chick-Fil-A Lady Lobo Invitational, 6 p.m.; girls' soccer: vs. High School, Grass Field, noon, and Frisco at Stadium, 6 p.m.; boys' and JV gymnastics: at Rockwall, 7:30 p.m.; boys' soccer: vs. South Garland at McKinney Tournament, 6 p.m.; girls' soccer: at Richardson Tournament, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24 - Varsity wrestling: at McKinney Boyd, 7:30 a.m.; girls' soccer: at Chick-Fil-A Lady Lobo Invitational, 6 p.m.; boys' soccer: at Richardson Tournament, 6 p.m.

Williams Wildcats' schedule this week
Tuesday, Jan. 20 - 7th grade boys' basketball: at McMillan, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.; 7th grade girls' basketball: at McMillan, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.; Boys' soccer: at Cain, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 22 - 8th grade boys' basketball: at McMillan, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.; 8th grade girls' basketball: at McMillan, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.; Girls' soccer: vs. Burnett at Rockwall High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23 - 8th grade B boys' basketball: at B Tournament at Allen, 4:30 p.m.; 8th grade B girls' basketball: at B Tournament at Lovejoy, 4:30 p.m.; 7th grade B boy's basketball: at B Tournament at Allen, 4:30 p.m.; 7th grade B girls' basketball: at B Tournament at Lovejoy, 4:30 p.m.

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Lady Bulldogs' winning streak reaches 7 game

by Lary Bump

The challenge for Roysie City's girls Friday will be to avoid overlooking Carrollton R.L. Turner. The Lady Bulldogs (20-4 overall and 5-1 in District 10-4A) are second in the district, and Turner (7-11, 0-6) is in last place. RC is coming off a 47-44 victory last Friday at Carrollton Newman Smith (6-15, 3-3) that extended the Lady Bulldogs' winning streak to seven games. But coming up is Tuesday's home game against the 500-pound gorilla known as the Rockwall Lady Jackets.

Bulldogs to get back on track against Turner

Roysie City's first season in District 10-4A boys' basketball began well with a 45-42 victory over Greenville, but since then the Bulldogs have lost three consecutive district games. Those losses all came against teams ahead of RC in the 10-4A standings. Most recently, the 'Dogs lost at home Friday to Carrollton Newman Smith 75-54. The Trojans (20-2 overall) are tied with Highland Park for the district lead at 4-0. Rockwall-Heath is fourth at 2-2, including a victory over Roysie City. There is hope on the horizon. Friday at 7:30 p.m., the Bulldogs will host Carrollton R.L. Turner, which is 0-4 in the district and 0-18 overall. Roysie City's 1-3 district record is good for a three-way tie for fifth place with Greenville and Rockwall, which play each other Friday. With Rockwall-Heath scheduled for a game at Highland Park Friday, a victory over Turner could move the Bulldogs' three-way tie up to fourth place and return them to the thick of the playoff race.

Lady Bulldogs soccer drop to McKinney Boyd

Against Newman Smith, RC fell behind 34-22 at halftime, but rallied to pull within nine points at 52-43 after three quarters. The Trojans accelerated to a 23-11 fourth-quarter advantage to blow away the Bulldogs. Stephen Edwards led Roysie City with 14 points, and Scotty Arterberry added 11. In the preceding game at home against Highland Park Jan. 6, RC had an extremely tough fourth quarter. The Scots outscored the Bulldogs 16-0. Things hadn't been going well up to that point, either. HP led 29-16 after three quarters and finished with a 45-16 win. Trey Crutchfield's four points led Roysie City.

Carrollton Newman Smith: Nick Ross 18, Blaken Zamudio 16, Caleb Price 8, Amos Wilson 7, Aundrey Barr 7, Randall Joyner 6, Al Lasker 5, Todd Rozelle 3, Matthew Agnew 3, Jalil Speed 2. Roysie City: Stephen Edwards 14, Scotty Arterberry 11, Cory Kawesa 7, Wynn Posey 5, Justin Jacobs 5, Trey Crutchfield 5, Cory Stapleton 3, Nick Stone 2, DaJon Avery 2.

Rockwall leads 10-4A at 6-0. Over the past two-plus seasons, the Lady Jackets have a 21-1 district record. Their 16-9 overall record masks losses to top 5A and TAPPS schools in Texas. Rockwall has won three in a row since a loss to Seton Keough of Baltimore, Md. More important, the Lady Jackets handed Roysie City its only district loss back on Dec. 9 at Rockwall, 62-50. That game was at Rockwall, and Lady Bulldogs head coach Dallas Bookout believes playing at home with added experience for his young team could make a difference. RC is 5-0 at home this season. Against Newman Smith, Roysie City built a 28-17 halftime lead, but the Lady Trojans came back in the second half. They cut the lead to six points

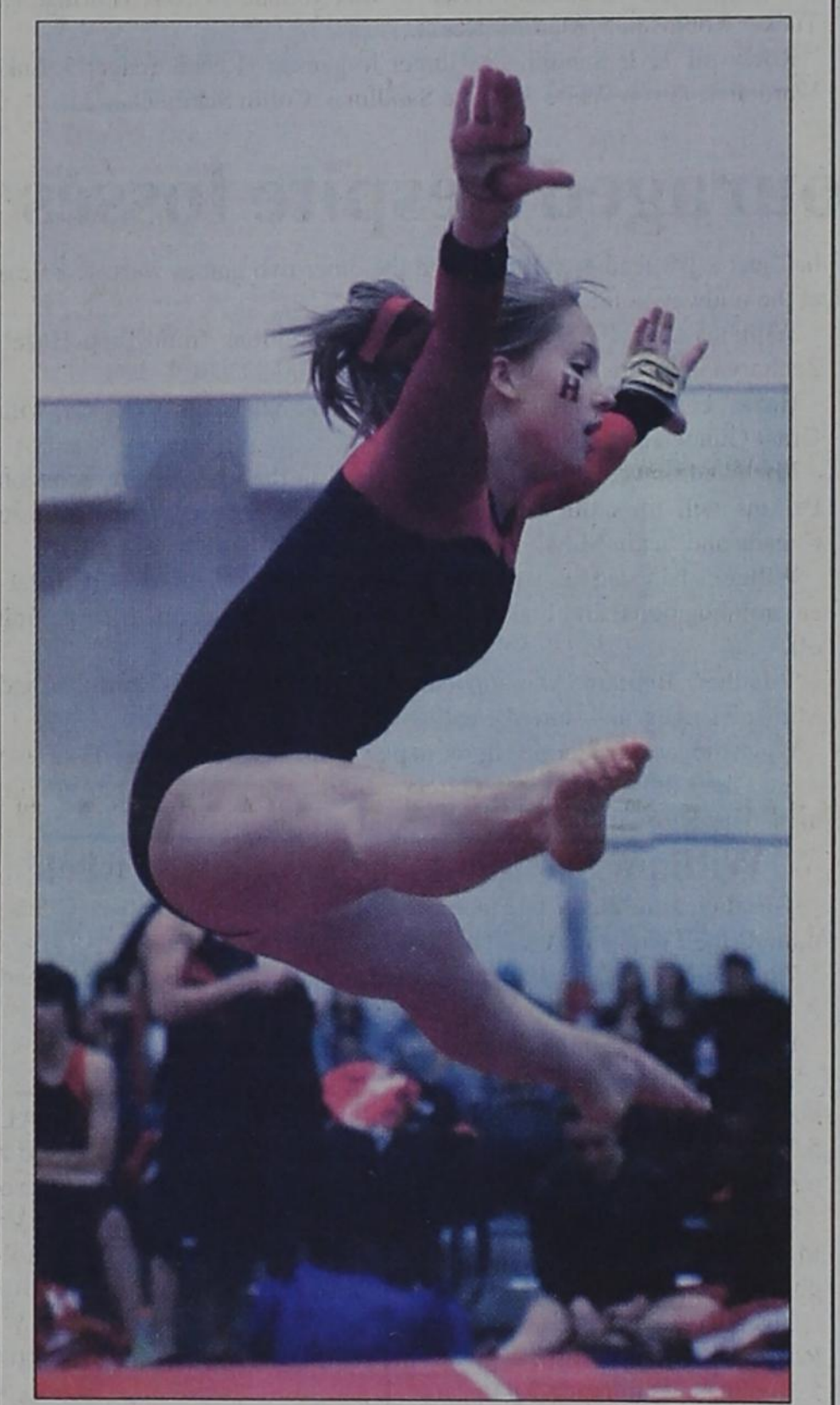
Royse City Bulldogs' schedule this week

Saturday, Jan. 17 - 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball: at Tournament
Tuesday, Jan. 20 - Girls' basketball: home vs. Rockwall, freshman JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: at Rockwall, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 22 - 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball: at Terrell 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23 - Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Waxahachie Consolidated, College Station, 5:30 p.m.
 Boys' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Girls' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
 Varsity boys' soccer: home vs. Waxahachie, 7:30 p.m.

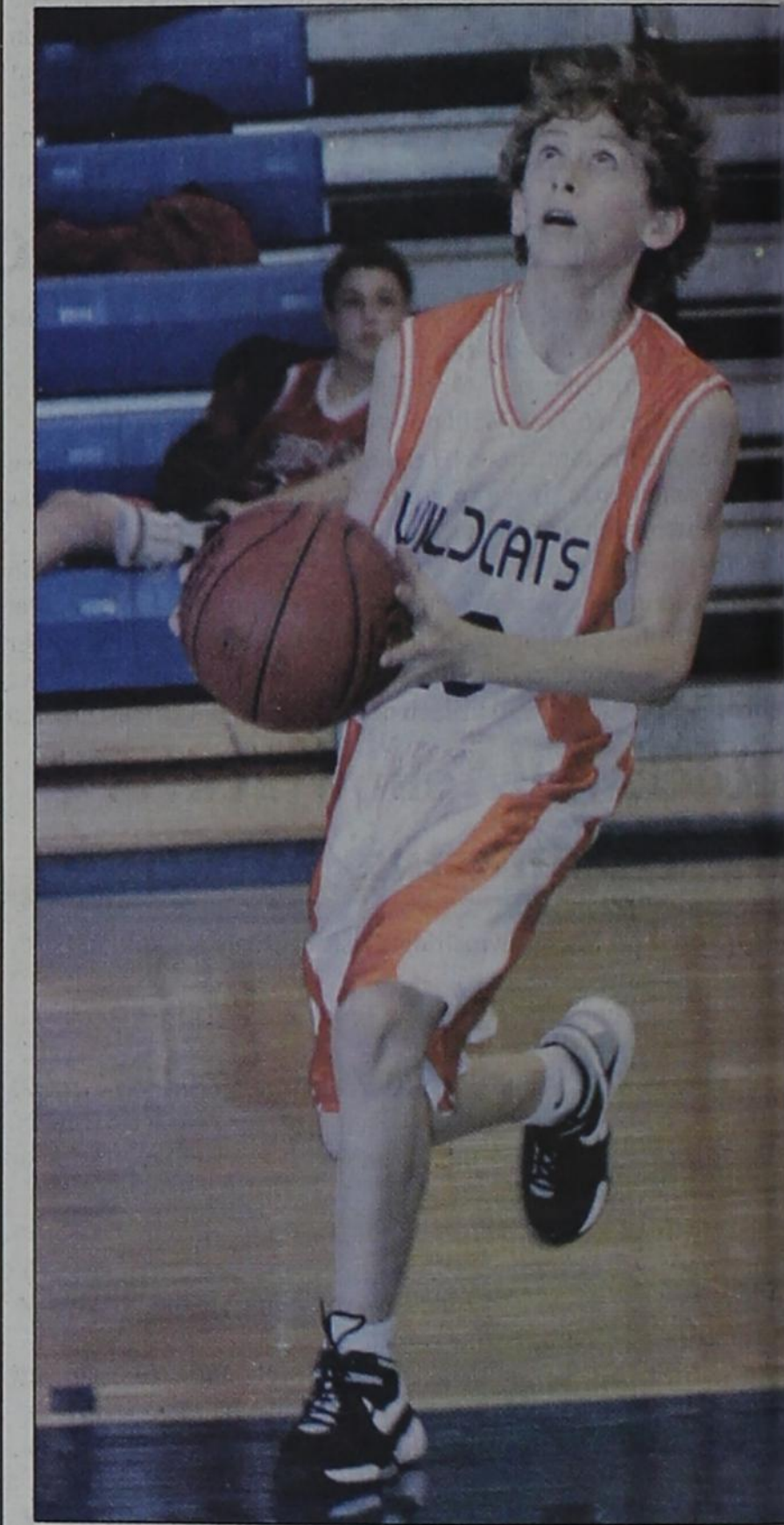
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Newman Smith	15	19	18	23	75
Roysie City	10	12	21	11	54

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Roysie City	9	19	8	11	47
Newman Smith	7	10	13	14	44

Roysie City: Taylor Howard 12, Tayler Young 10, Kellie Wyrick 6, Raven Alexander 6, Ashlei Jordan 5, Ariel Freese 4. Carrollton Newman Smith: Kim Nezyanya 22, Brakeysha Smith 10, Lauren Jumao-as 5, Rani Hadley 4, Mariah Bell 4, Sharika Nash 4.



Lady Hawks freshman gymnast Mallory Hosey goes airborne in a floor routine during last Thursday's RHHS gymnastics meet. Staff photo by Roy Heath



Williams Wildcats' Will Matthews (20) drives in two points for the eighth grade A team during last Thursday's game against Lovejoy in the Williams gym. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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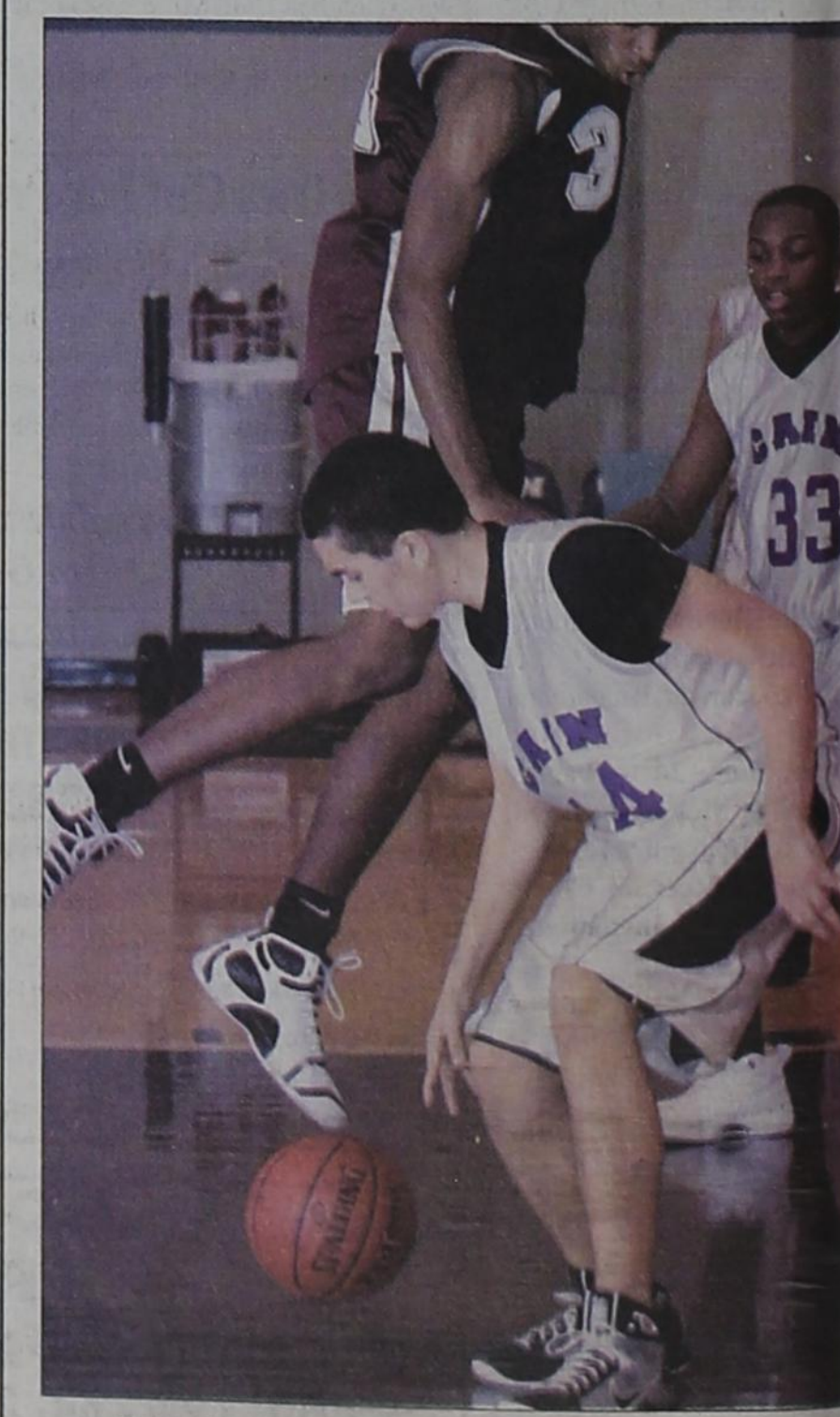
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Cain Mustangs Austin Tasset (44), with the eighth grade A team, gains control of the ball during last Thursday's game against McMillan in the Cain gym. Assisting in the play is Raquan Davis (33). Staff photo by Tim Burnett