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Heath DPS helps break theft ring

Heath Department of Public Safety investigators, working with other agencies including the Rockwall Police Department, recently broke a theft ring that targeted heavy farm equipment, according to a City of Heath news release issued this week.

The stolen equipment was valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the crimes were linked to organized criminal activity in at least three states, according to the news release.

"Our investigation began in May 2010 when a backhoe was stolen in the City of Heath," said Heath detective Sgt. Scott Trammell. "A backhoe was also stolen in Rockwall."

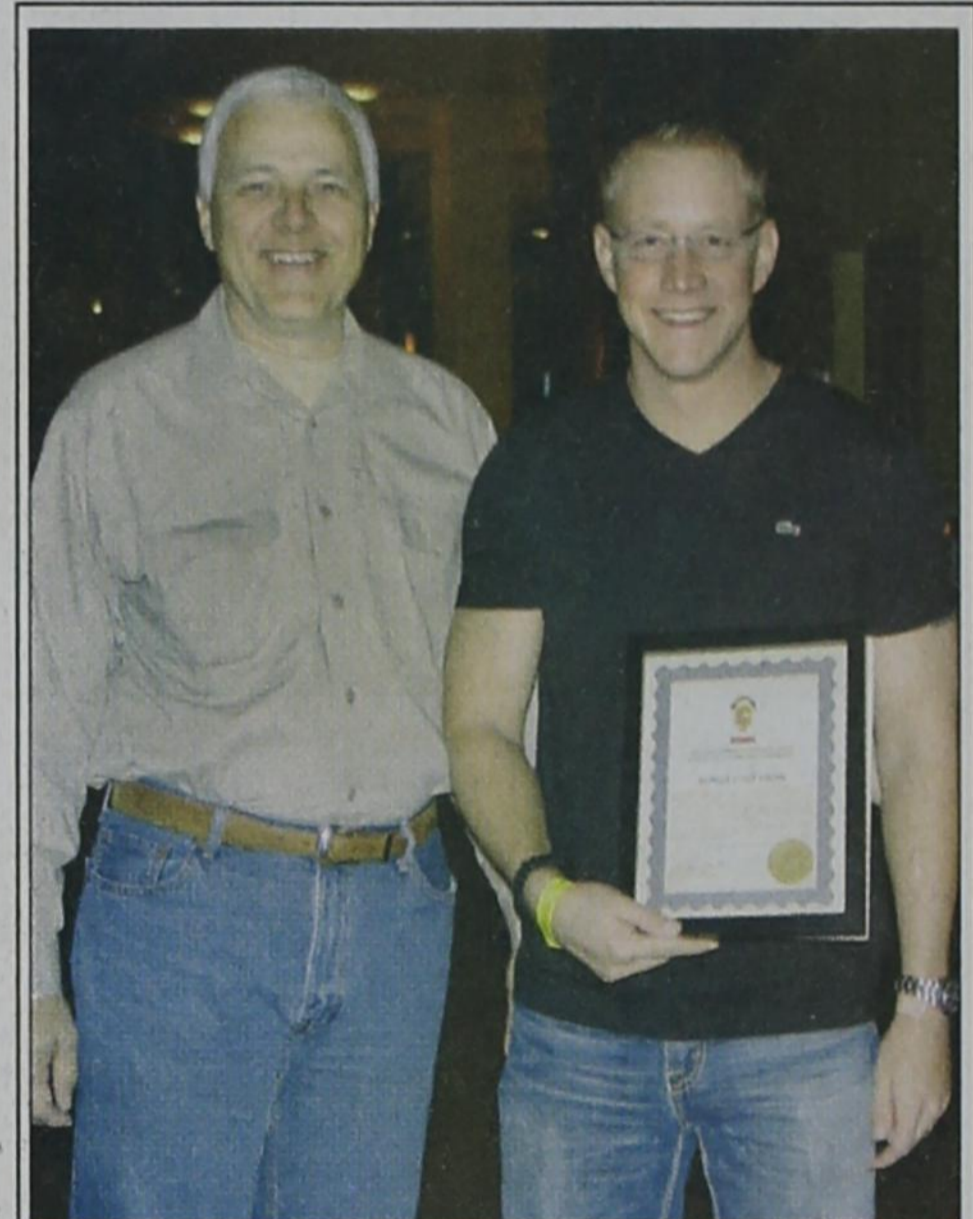
A break in the case came when an investigator with the Mississippi Agricultural and Livestock Theft Bureau discovered the missing Heath and Rockwall equipment on a farm in his state.

"The case is very intricate, but using our many tools we were able to link the information on the equipment back to Rockwall resident Stacey Peter Singh," said Brian Burton, a detective in Heath. "We issued a warrant for his arrest, took him into custody and obtained a full confession."

According to reports, the confession led to the implication of others involved in the criminal ring and the recovery of 10 pieces of stolen equipment valued at more than \$250,000.

"The odds of recovering this equipment were not in our favor," said Trammell. "It is a unique type of case that is rarely solved. The success of the

investigation is a direct result of many agencies working together and investigators who were willing to do the research and take the many extra steps required in an intricate case."



City of Heath Department of Public Safety Chief Terry Garrett is shown presenting a Public Safety Commendation Award to DPS Officer Tyler Young. Young was commended for his actions during a 2010 structure fire that saved the life of a fellow officer. After freeing the officer and rendering first aid, Young continued his duties at the fire for an additional eight hours prior to being relieved.
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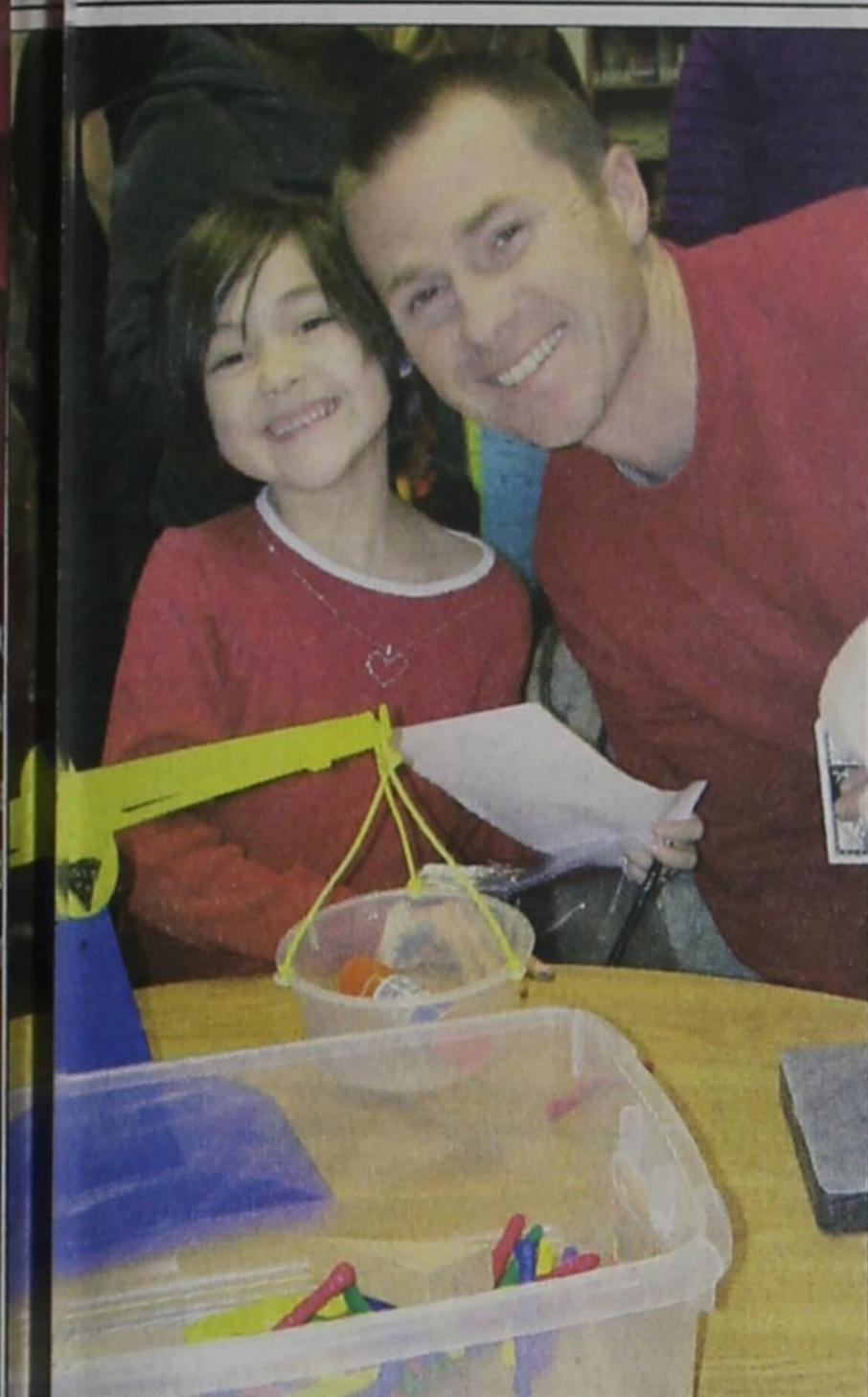
Rockwall Fire Department tapped for \$210,164 grant

The Rockwall Fire Department will receive a grant of \$210,164 to support firefighters and their work as first responders, according to a Jan. 27 news release from U.S. Sen. John Cornyn's office.

The funding, made available through the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration, can be used for training and support operations, and to purchase firefighter safety and rescue equipment.

"This funding will help make sure first responders at the Rockwall Fire Department will have the resources necessary to keep the surrounding community safe," Cornyn said in the release. "We have a responsibility to support those working on the front lines every day to protect families, homes and property."

The award aims to enhance first responders' ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel, with respect to fire-related hazards.



Robbs Elementary student Summer Thibodeaux and her father, Skylar, are shown at the school's recent Family Math Night. Students and their families reinforced math skills while having fun. Activities included sharing pizza snacks, participants visited stations with games and activities facilitated by their teachers.
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Rockwall County News Briefs

Preschool Association meeting slated

The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. Feb. 4 at the Free Methodist Church across from Nebbie Williams Elementary, 315 Dalton Rd., Rockwall. The program will be "Keeping Romance Alive." New members are welcome any time. For more information on the group, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

'Beauty and the Beast' offered

The RHS Fine Arts Department will offer four performances of the musical "Beauty and the Beast" in the RHS Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 and 5 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 6. Reserved seats cost \$15 and may be purchased from Margaret Mayo, RHS Counseling Center. Call her at 469-988-1133 or e-mail mmayo@rockwallisd.org.

Patriot Paws plans new volunteer orientation

Patriot Paws Service Dogs will conduct an orientation for new volunteers beginning at 10 a.m. Feb. 5 at the organization's training center at 254 Ranch Road Drive, Rockwall. Lori Stevens, founder and executive director, will lead the orientation. Orientation is open to anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about the nonprofit group. There are many opportunities available to assist Patriot Paws in its efforts to provide quality service dogs to disabled American veterans. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to 972-772-3282.

FOL to meet for book review

Friends of the Library will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 at the library for a book review entitled "Teddy Roosevelt" by Ken Frehill. The Cake Factory will provide refreshments at noon. Reservations required; e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

Brown Bag Series continues

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Lecture Series will continue at noon Feb. 11 in the historic courthouse. This lecture will focus on S. Fowler's new book, "Rockwall: Then and Now."

Free NAMI support groups to meet

Free NAMI support groups – one for individuals with mental illness (Room 121) and one for their family members (Room 123 B Building) – will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the First United Methodist Church, 1201 Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield, 972-412-5038 for more details.

Group to offer singing telegrams

The Rockwall Children's Chorus is offering singing telegrams as part of its fundraiser. For \$25, a group of choristers will offer a Valentine's Day telegram, with three songs and the presentation of a card and a bag of cookies. For more details call Karen at 972-772-0371 or e-mail karen@slateria.net.

RARTA meeting set Feb. 14

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 14 in the RISD Administration Building. The meeting will include a book review by Cindy Sandell.

RISD to host multi-cultural event

On Feb. 15 the Rockwall ISD will host an event celebrating the many cultures represented in the student body. The RISD Multi-Cultural Celebration will feature student artwork, essays, cultural performances and a parade of flags beginning at 7 p.m. at the new performing arts center at Rockwall-Heath, 301 Laurence Drive, Heath. The event will be open to the community; admission will be free.

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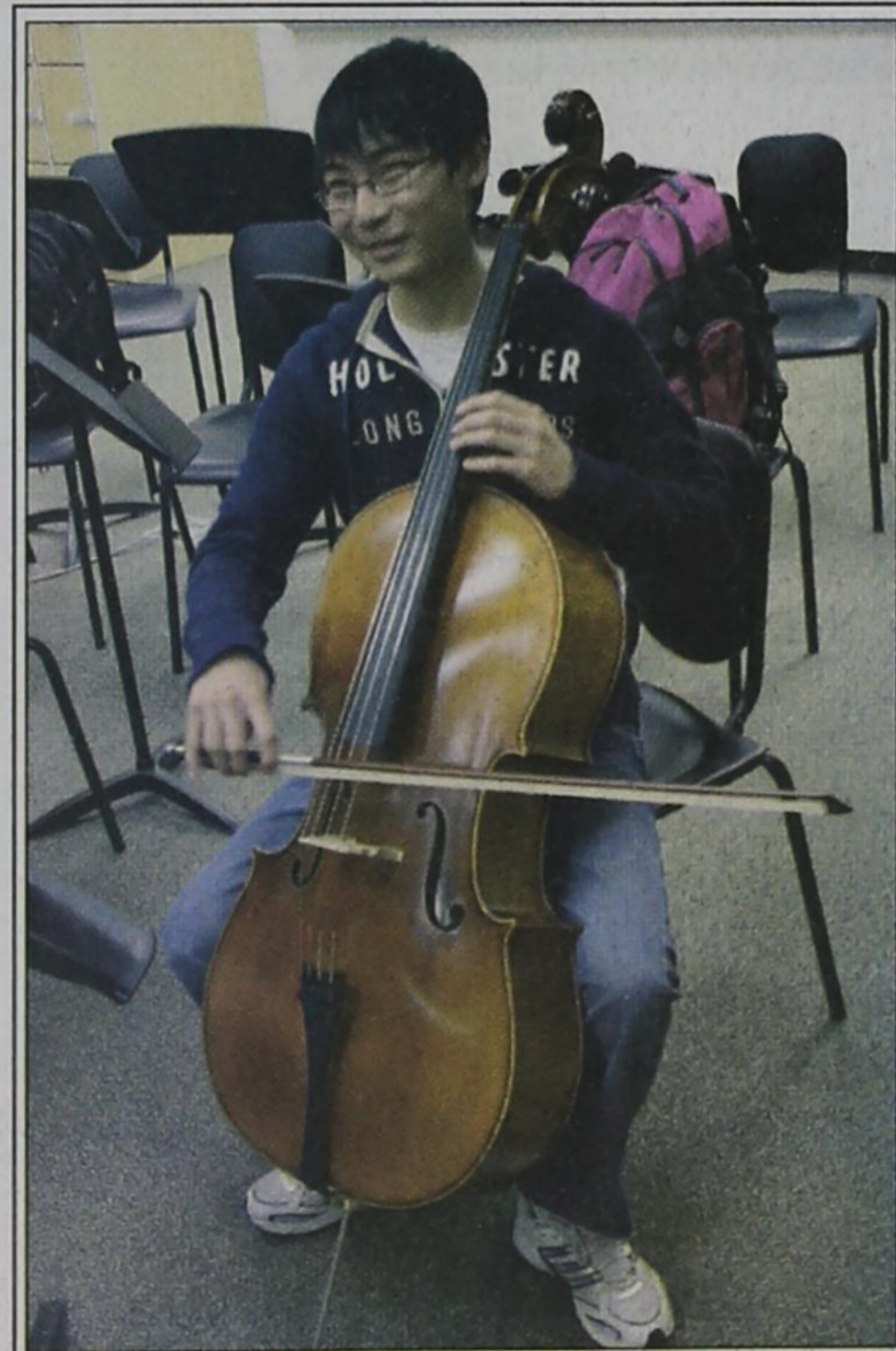
Rockwall HS student to return to All-State Orchestra

by Brettney Birdwell

Rockwall High School junior Eugene Kim was selected as a member of the All-State Orchestra for the second year in a row on cello.

All-Region is the first level of the competition and outstanding musicians can advance to All-State.

"I feel excited that I'm maintaining some status over many other cellists in the state," Kim said. "No matter how many honors I make at All-State, I'm



Rockwall High junior Eugene Kim has been selected as a member of the All-State Orchestra for the second straight year. Kim plays the cello.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

always proud of what hard work mixed with determination can do for me."

Tracy Davis, the RHS orchestra director, is proud to teach Kim.

"Students who audition for All-State want to because the work it takes to be selected to audition is an accomplishment," Davis said. "Those who do make it know that this was the year that their work paid

off. They know the honor it is to be in the All-State Orchestra.

"Eugene has accomplished this two years in a row. Last year he represented RHS in the All-State Orchestra, too. Eugene's resume for college will be seen by many universities looking for dedicated students, not just in music, but in many fields of study."

The standards for All-State Orchestra are set extremely high. All-State demands students with high levels of skill and mastery of musicianship because of the music's difficulty.

"The preparation needed to practice and rehearse the All-State music is countless hours; dedication to achieve is astounding. Colleges and the workforce are looking for these students, not just in music, but in other fields of study," Davis said.

"The students have to learn two complete etudes to prepare over the summer. In August they are given anywhere from five to eight excerpts from symphony orchestra literature. They are also given additional music to prepare for All-Region Orchestra auditions."

After making All-Region Orchestra, students must tape auditions and send them to Austin.

Kim maintained a high level of dedication from the start of the process to the end. He said he was diligent in his practicing and refining of the music.

"I start practicing these etudes almost right after they came out, soon adding up to months of practice," Kim said. "With daily one hour practicing sessions, I can play this confidently by the time the auditions came."

"All-State Orchestra is a very high honor. It's approximately 20,000 students across the state of Texas who audition for All-State. It's less than 2 percent that make it. The level of competition at All-State is the best in Texas," Davis said.

"The level is tough and the rewards are great. The All-State Orchestras are the best musicians in Texas. Texas is known throughout the nation for their music education and the level of performers."

Kim is not new to the orchestra scene. In addition to being a part of the All-State Orchestra for two consecutive years he has also won numerous other awards and honors throughout his musicianship.

"Eugene is a very talented musician. Recently he won the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra Concerto competition where he performed the Saint Saens Cello Concerto as soloist at the Meryerson Symphony Center," Davis said. "He works hard with countless hours of practice to achieve these and many more honors. He knows what it takes to obtain a goal and is dedicated to achieve it."

Over his eight years of cello experience Kim has come to enjoy the many

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Rockwall-Heath PTSA plans cyber law program

The Rockwall-Heath PTSA will sponsor an event for all freshman girls at Rockwall-Heath High on Feb. 10 in the RHHS Performing Arts Center. The program, "Cyber Law 101," will be offered by Michele Ratcliffe during the students' advisory period.

Ratcliffe, the wife of Heath mayor John Ratcliffe, is a former federal prosecutor and cyber law expert. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, she had a private practice that focused on civil litigation primarily involving, representing and protecting the rights of children who were injured or traumatized.

Ratcliffe left her private practice when recruited by the Department of Justice to help handle the increasing caseload of Internet crimes involving children.

She served as director of the Justice Department's Project Safe Childhood for five years, investigating and prosecuting cases for the FBI, the U.S. Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security.

Ratcliffe now has returned to private practice in Rockwall to serve children who are crime victims or injured in accidents. At the presentation, she plans to share some of the information to help educate students about how the law impacts them and their cyber activity.

The presentation will be open to all female students in grades 9 through 12, but will be required for all freshman girls.

PTSA officials said in a news release they hope to sponsor a similar program for male students in the future.

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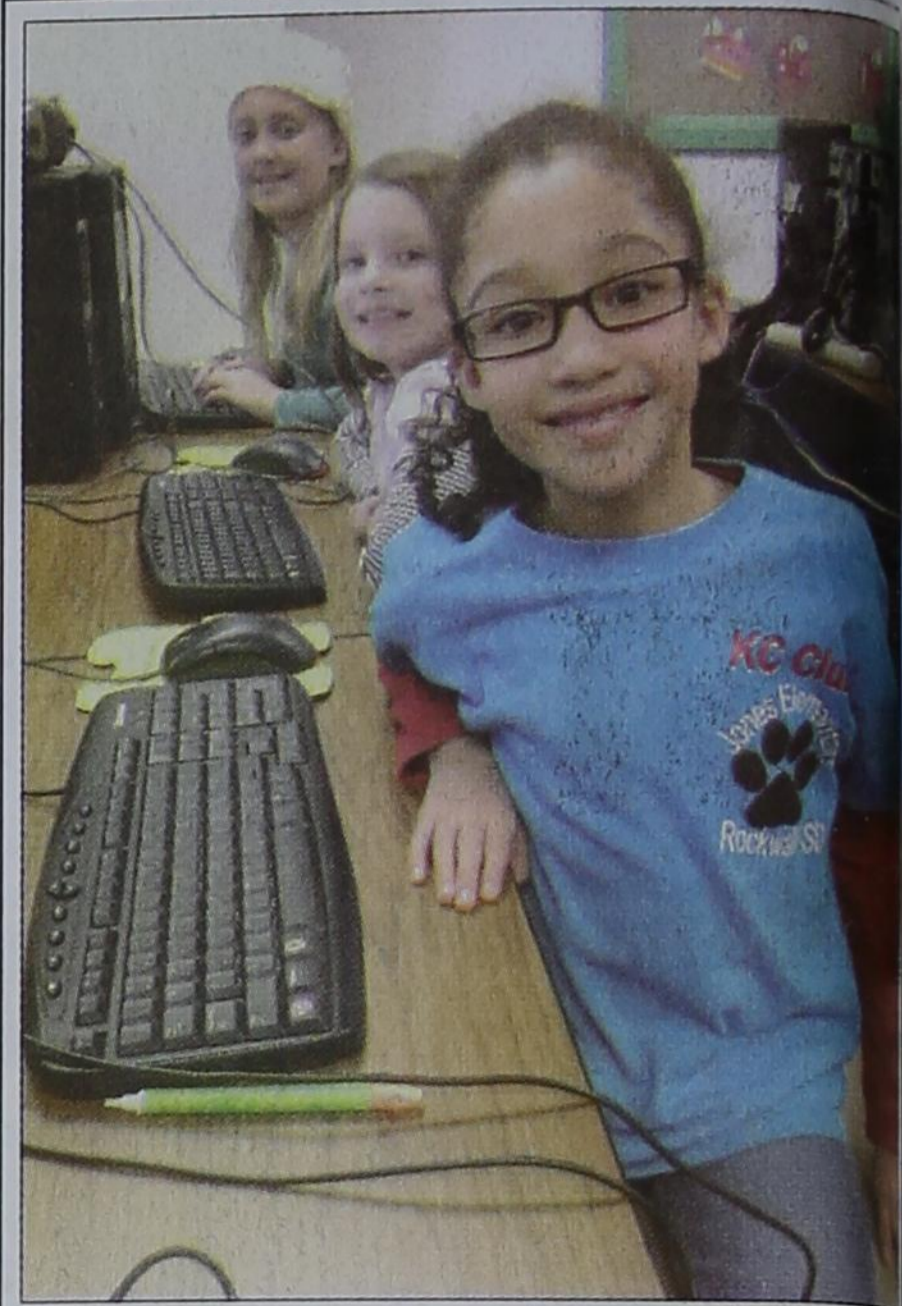
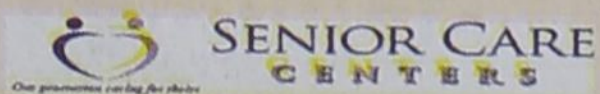
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KC Leaders Alexis Britton, Emily Kimbrell and Sarah Phillips are shown wearing Jones KC Leaders Club T-shirts. The T-shirt is one of many items included in each of the duffel bags the students helped fill for children in the Kaufman County Children's Shelter. Children served in the shelter, who are in the midst of a family crisis, often arrive with nothing and are grateful for the items in the duffel bags. Above, the girls of the Kindness and Compassion Leaders group at Jones Elementary are using Microsoft Publisher to create fliers for the club's latest service project. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

All-State Orchestra

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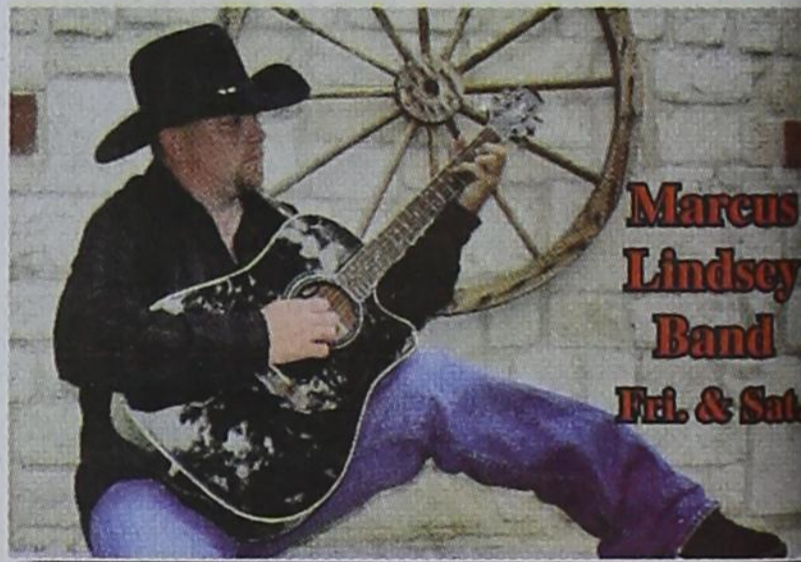
aspects of being a musician.

"Of course I love orchestra-although playing solos can be much more enjoyable than playing only a harmony of a piece," Kim said. "I have heard people come together and work as a whole to produce the music everyone loves, with more volume and texture than a person playing a solo."

One of the greatest lessons that Kim said he has learned is not only the importance of hard work, but the pairing of that hard work with perseverance. "Having the ability to play cello at the state level is great, but I always remind myself that I should continue to strive harder in order to improve myself," Kim said. "For there are many steps left in the path before I know for sure I've reached my greatest potential."

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Fourth grade students from Dobson Elementary recently received tips on flag etiquette from members of the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard. Shown below are some of those tips into action. From left, Pamela J. Jones, Lucy Ragsdale, Gene Christian Robinson, Alan Allen and Daria Ellis.

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Swim-Bailey family welcomes Lindsey Lorraine

Sarah Lindsey Swaim and Gregory Alan Bailey of Rowlett have announced the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Lorraine Bailey, at 11:08 a.m. on Feb. 24, 2011, at the Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlett.

The infant weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

She was welcomed home by a sister, Anna Dior Bailey, 4, and a brother, 2-year-old Gregory Kole Bailey.

Grandparents are Catherine and John Swaim of Plano, Greg and Cynthia Bailey of Rowlett and Jim and Berberly of Denison. Great-grandparents are Judith Hunnicutt of P.O., Beverly Swaim of Wylie, Lorraine Knowles of Bryan and Cecil Harrington of Denison.

Candidate packets available for RISD

Candidate application packets for the 2011 Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees elections are available in the RISD superintendent's office in the Administration/Education Center, 105 Williams St.

Packets may be picked up from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

Candidates may file for places on the ballot beginning Feb. 14 at the Administration/Education Center.

Deadline for filing is 5 p.m. March 14.

The election is set for May 14. Two three-year positions will be filled, including Place 6, which currently is held by Leigh Plagens, and Place 7, held by Stan Lowrance.

For more details, call the RISD at 972-771-0605.

Rockwall schedules fall Citizens Police Academy

The spring Citizens Police Academy is full, but plans are under way for the fall class scheduled for 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Aug. 13 through Dec. 6.

The course is an interactive education program designed to enhance knowledge about the role of the city police department and to raise awareness about the community and crime prevention strategies.

Topics covered include Crimes against Persons, Crime Scene Investigation, the Criminal Justice System, Identity Crimes, Sex Offenders and Registration, Narcotics Enforcement, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and other areas of law enforcement.

Applications for the fall class are available at the Fitzwater Community Services Center at 1113 Ridge Rd. in the Brookshire's Shopping Center or in the lobby of the police department at 15 W. Rusk St.

Registration will be limited to the first 24 applicants.

For more information, contact Officer Jay Shipley at 972-772-6708 or Officer Jeff Welch at 972-772-6704.

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Builder Models for Sale in Royse City



Many of the custom homes in Hidden Creek feature beautiful stone and brick exteriors. This builder model at 1205 Northwood has been reduced from \$179,900 to \$147,900.

Caruth Builders is closing out their 2010 model homes in Hidden Creek Estates in Royse City.

The first model home located at 1205 Northwood has approx 1700 square feet of living area and has a 2 car garage. The home was originally priced at \$179,900, but has been reduced to \$147,900 for a quick sale. The house has 3 bedrooms with two bathrooms. The family room is large and has a beautiful gas fireplace with full mantle and custom trim. The dining room is large and open to allow plenty of space for entertaining and family gatherings.

The kitchen features custom built oak cabinets, upgraded hardware, smudge proof stainless appliances, gas range, stone-look counters and breakfast bar. The custom cabinets throughout the home were built by the same cabinet maker who is renowned for his custom cabinets in many of the million dollar homes throughout the Dallas area.

The master suite is luxurious with walk in closets, dressing area and separate tiled shower and soaking tub. The split bedroom arrangement also has comfortably sized secondary bedrooms.

The covered patio is perfect for those evening cookouts, the fenced back yard has a full automatic sprinkler system, sod, gutters plus an oversized rear drive.



This spacious builder model at 1620 Woodlawn features 2334 sq. ft. and has been reduced from \$240,000 to \$209,900 just in time for the spring market.

Another model home with close out pricing is located at 1620 Woodlawn in Hidden Creek Estates. It has 2334 square feet of living space with a 2 car garage and covered patio. It has three bedrooms with a study that can easily be utilized as a 4th bedroom. Both the family room and dining room are expansive. The kitchen has many upgrades including tall custom cabinets, exquisite granite counter tops, tumbled stone backsplash, gas range, stainless appliances and tiled floor. A large breakfast bar opens to the family room.

Many of the walls have upgraded designer texturing plus tall ceilings. The master suite is spectacular and similar in size to custom homes that cost twice as much and easily accommodates large pieces of furniture. The luxurious master bath has a separate garden tub and shower plus a linen closet. Two of the secondary bedrooms feature a decorative ledge and one of the bedrooms also features a window seat.

This beautiful home at 1620 Woodlawn has been reduced from \$240,000 to \$209,900. This home also has a full landscape package, gutters and automatic sprinkler system. The exterior is a beautiful combination of custom stone and brick.

Hidden Creek Estates is the premier master planned community in Royse City. It features a large community pool and clubhouse. Lighted tennis courts are part of the club complex. A fenced children's playground is a gathering place for moms and small children. The teenagers and families enjoy the sand volleyball court. Soccer fields are located along the tree lined creek. A fishing pond is located near the clubhouse and a wonderful place for Dad to take the kids after work or on a Saturday afternoon.

The Homeowners Board of Directors and the management team work diligently together to create the most family friendly neighborhood imaginable. Special events are offered throughout the year. Weekly gatherings for game night, Bible study, and summer volleyball leagues are the norm. Annual events like the Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th festivities, October Halloween carnival and the Christmas festival are enjoyed by the residents of all ages.

Christina Reeves, the Director of the community said, "Not only do I work here, my husband Greg and our children live here. We previously lived in the Dallas area and I was working here at Hidden Creek. Once I experienced the wonderful sense of community here in Royse City, we made the decision to move to Hidden Creek. We absolutely love it! Our teenage daughter spends lots of time at the pool with her friends. Our son is thriving in the Royse City School District and has made a lot of friends quickly. The teachers in the school system genuinely care about the kids and you can see the positive difference it makes."

The model homes will be open this weekend from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment by calling Louretta or Christina at 972-636-9300 or e-mail Christina@whittledevelopmentinc.com.

Approximately 200 families already call Hidden Creek home. There are still many lots available for building including large cul-de-sac lots, sites backing up to creeks and ponds, and oversized lots. Call 972-636-9300 or e-mail Christina@whittledevelopmentinc.com for lot information.

Rob Whittle, the developer of Hidden Creek Estates said, "Hidden Creek is one of the most beautiful, secluded, tree covered communities you will ever see. However, all of those trees and creeks and seclusion make it tough to find the first time you visit. You don't necessarily need a compass and map, but you need to follow the directions closely to find the community. When we first started the community I thought our motto should be, "Hidden Creek - Hard to find, but worth the search."

When so many families started buying in the community our sales team changed it to "Hidden Creek - where families thrive." Whittle said, "As it turned out, both slogans are appropriate. Families do absolutely love the community and take advantage of all of the fabulous amenities. And it is still really hard to find nestled behind all of those majestic tree lines, creeks and ponds."

To visit Hidden Creek Estates, take I-30 east to the Royse City exit FM 548. Turn left and go to Main Street (St Hwy 66). Turn right and continue east approx 1 mile to FM 1777. Turn left on FM 1777 about 400 yards to the entrance of Hidden Creek Estates.

For more information about Hidden Creek Estates visit <http://www.whittledevelopmentinc.com/hidden.html>



Tickets available for Rockwall HS' 'Beauty and the Beast'

Performances of the musical "Beauty and the Best" will be offered by Rockwall High School's Fine Arts Department at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 and 5 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 6 in the RHS Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive.

Cast members include Emily Ragsdale (Belle), David Hobbs (Beast), Jack Eidson (Gaston), Isaac Niems (Cogsworth), Blake Hollowell (Lumiere),

Roy Samra (LeFou), Lizzy Eidson (Mrs. Potts), Katie Edsall (Madame De La Bouche), Katy Peterson (Babette), Alex Johnson (Maurice), Trent Rush (D'Arque), Cooper Neill (Chip), Aly Brown, Nicki Dearick, Taylor Davis, Whitnee Bomkamp (Silly Girls), Shelby Butler, Giovanna Florencia, Kaylea Hanes, Sarah Walters, Haley Welch, Elisha White, Titus Brown, James Hoover, Joseph Niems, Bryan Oliveira, Adam Simonitch, Drew Mitchell, Sean Taylor, Alex Dennard, Kat Besadesky, Amber Britton, Olivia Britton, Elisa Calde-

ron, Chelsea Day, Catherine Dorsey, Caitlin Ford, Rose Garrett, Nicole Stormy Herrera, Josey Jagielo, Amy Meyers, Caroline Munden, Jenni Jessica Saucedo, Maddie Teague, Libby Tolle, Abbey Joo, Kristi Kneed Loden, Jessica MacCormack, Lyyli Matson, Mady Townsend, Krystal V Mary White, Alyssa Wickham, Regan Purnell, Kennedy Purnell, Lucy dale and Riley Eidson (villagers, etc.).

Serving on the crew are Lorenne Tellia and Dejana Neskovic (assistant rector/stage manager); Kaiti Ahmann, Paige Roberts, Caitlin Conley (ing); Sebastian Hernandez (sound); Jessica Beckwith, Hannah Jelic, F Kreun and Kyla Motley (backstage).

Band members are Anna Wright, flute; Tracey Taylor and Andrea clarinet; Bob Gent, oboe/English horn; Kaan Toy, bass; Gary Thom Jordan Garrison, trumpet; Greg Witwer, cello; Miriah McNabb, horn; Bruner and Jonathan Saunders, percussion; David Bush, synthesizer; and Frerichs, piano.

Members of the production staff include Becky Henderson, director; Thomas, choral/music director; Stacia Woodlan, dance choreographer; Matt Mitchell, fight choreographer.

Reserved seats cost \$15 and may be purchased from Margaret Mayo, RHS Counseling Center. Call 469-698-7213 or e-mail mmayo@rockwall.org for more details.

General admission tickets cost \$12 and may be purchased from Mayo at the following locations: American National Bank (main branch, Express or north) for Women, Rockwall; Eyes of Texas; Groovy's; Half-Price Books, Rockwall; Merle Normetics, Rockwall; The Music Shop at Rockwall; Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce; wall ISD Administration Office; Rockwall Super Drugstore; Sabrina's, Texas Traditions Fine Jewelry; and Horizon Car Wash.

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Jack Eidson, as Gaston, and Roy Samra, a.k.a. LeFou, are shown discussing Gaston's attributes in a scene from the RHS production of "Beauty and the Beast." Final productions of the musical are set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 and 5 and 2 p.m. Feb. 6 in the RHS Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus.
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'Charlie Brown' coming to HCA theatre

Heritage Christian Academy is presenting the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," based on the Peanuts comic strip by Charles Schultz, on Feb. 24, 25 and 26.

The 7 p.m. show times on those dates are for a dinner theatre production, with tickets priced at \$16 for adults and \$13 for children under age 12.

The Feb. 26 date also includes a dessert matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets for the afternoon show are \$13 adults and \$10 children under age 12.

Seats are by reservation only and can be purchased by calling 972-772-3003.

The school is located at 1408 S. Goliad in Rockwall.

The cast includes Charlie Brown-Andrew Wood; Lucy-Cate Walker; Sally-Lana Whittington; Snoopy-Molli Devine; Schroeder-Blake Cheek; Linus-Garrett Blankenship; The Little Red-Headed Girl-Victoria Engel; Frieda-Amy Adams; and Woodstock-Payton Oliver.

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Miss Texas Ashley Melnick is pictured with Laura and Kaden Adair following the October Miss Texas competition. The girls attended the competition to see a relative compete, but Laura brought along her "Flat Stacie," a paper doll that represents a project of Girl Scout Troop 1926. Melnick is shown holding "Flat Stacie." Each troop member travels with her "Flat Stacie," snaps photos and shares them with the troop to illustrate the places they visited and the people they've met.
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Nebbie Williams Elementary students, led by their Student Council, recently raised \$635 for the American Red Cross Puppy program. For every \$100 raised for the program, a Puppy stuffed animal is given to comfort a child affected by disaster. Pictured at front are Bayleigh Bennett, treasurer, and Maddy Conselman, president. Shown at back are Adele Deming, secretary of the Red Cross; Madi Arenas, secretary; Travis Bomkamp, vice president; and Keith Bridges, Red Cross. Funds raised also will help provide shelter, meals, cots and blankets for families in need following a disaster. For their efforts, the school was awarded an ARC Certificate of Appreciation.
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Out with cancer altered physician's perspective

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 a radiologist at Baylor University Medical Center, Dr. Ken Ford knows the importance of screening for cancer. For men, an important screening test is measurement of the level of prostatic antigen (PSA) in the bloodstream. These blood tests can be used to detect the presence of cancer cells before the patient experiences any symptoms. He learned during a routine physical examination at the age of 42 that his PSA level was slightly above normal, Ford opted to just watch his levels for a while. Although his grandfather had had prostate cancer, Ford's own grandfather had not, so he was not overly alarmed. But a year-and-a-half later, when a second blood test was repeated, his PSA levels had risen significantly. "That was the moment I knew. But still I thought, 'I can't have prostate cancer. That's an older man's disease,'" Ford said. A large portion of Ford's day is spent reading CT scans and also mammograms. He is the first person to know if someone has cancer and is often the one who has to break the news to the patient. This time the tables were turned on, since he was now the patient.

"When I went in to meet with my urologist, I had done my homework. I was thinking that there's no way I have prostate cancer. The odds are less than 1 percent for a 44-year-old man," he said. Unfortunately, his urologist expressed his concern and advised him to have a biopsy as soon as possible. The results of the biopsy came back positive. "The irony of the situation wasn't lost on me. I give that news, I don't get that news," Ford said.

Further testing confirmed that not only did Ford have cancer, but his was aggressive and had spread throughout the prostate, all the way to its edges. According to the radiologist who read his MRI scan, the possibility of the cancer metastasizing beyond the prostate was very high. "I thought if I'm only 44 years old with prostate cancer, and if it's metastasized, then I could die from it," Ford said. "I felt like I had an alien multiplying inside of me. It feels so invasive — like you're being violated and robbed of your health."

There were two things Ford said he wanted: a smart plan conceived by experts and hope. He decided on a robotic radical prostatectomy. "The doctor was sitting at a gaming console under a hood across the room from me," Ford said. "There were three separate cameras in my pelvis. The doctor used the slow, steady arms of the robotic arms to carefully remove the cancerous prostate and leave the healthy tissue."

Thankfully, the surgery was a success, the cancer had not spread and Ford did not need chemotherapy or radiation treatments. Sixteen months later, he is still cancer-free.

But his story doesn't stop there. Cancer is a life-changing event, Ford said, but it's not all bad. He feels blessed by his experience in more ways than one. Primarily, cancer gives the blessing of time.

"It sounds ironic, because cancer can steal time," he said. "But with a sudden accident, heart attack or stroke, you pass away from this life with no time at all. But cancer gives you time that can be used as an opportunity to evaluate your life and its impact. It gives you the time to set things right and to change your course if you need to."

"Getting a diagnosis of cancer is like getting a progress report on your life. Men spend the first half of their lives searching for success in their careers and the second half searching for significance in their lives. Having cancer gave me a precious opportunity to evaluate and make changes," he said. "It's such a big, scary situation, and people really respond to it. They tell you through their actions the effect you have on their lives by sending cards, e-mails, visiting, and bringing meals. It caused me to make the decision to become increasingly involved at church. I thought that if I could affect all these people for time, why not affect people even more for eternity?"

Ford said he thinks it takes a brush with death to hit someone hard enough to make substantial changes in their lives. He also credits cancer with giving him a renewed perspective on life.

"I can tolerate annoying things better. Nothing is as big of a deal, because I've had cancer," he said. "Also, the sweet things seem sweeter."

In order not to forget all that good that has come from the disease, Ken keeps a "Top Ten Lessons from Cancer" list on his phone to remind him of the revelations he's experienced. He has taken his lessons with him into the office, as well.

"I read a lot of scans for cancer patients. My job is to deliver accurate information, but now I am actively rooting for my patients," he said. "Having had

cancer changes the filter or lens you view your profession through. I remind myself to always do a great job and care about my patients, because I was once one of them. Above all, remember that true character and faith are forged in the furnaces of tribulation."

Last year Ford was the keynote speaker at Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. He credits the efforts of Relay participants with raising the money that is necessary to discover new groundbreaking techniques like the robotic radical prostatectomy that was successful in his treatment. He views these Relay participants as givers of hope that helped to change his own life.

Rockwall County Relay For Life is set for April 29 at Cain Middle School. For more information visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx.com or contact Relay Chair Carla Brooks at cbrooks_heath@sbcglobal.net.



Holly and Dr. Ken Ford were participants at the 2010 Relay For Life in Rockwall. This year's event is scheduled for April 29 at Cain Middle School. For more information visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx.com or contact Relay Chair Carla Brooks at cbrooks_heath@sbcglobal.net.
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Members of the Rockwall High School Chain Reaction team presented leadership training to 83 sixth grade students at Celia Hayes Elementary on Jan. 20. The training is intended to grow leaders reduce bullying and build self-esteem. Pictured are John Burgos and Lacey Pate discussing the qualities of a good leader.
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Rockwall seeks applicants for boards, commissions

The Rockwall City Council is soliciting applications for the city's Planning & Standards Commission, Historic Preservation Advisory Board and the Main Street Advisory Board, according to a city news release. Anyone interested in serving should submit an online application by visiting the Boards & Commissions section of the City of Rockwall's website at rockwall.com/secretary. Applications also may be submitted in person or by mail to Kristy Berry, city secretary, at 385 S. Main in Rockwall. Applications must be received to the city by Feb. 4. For more details call 972-772-6614.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

A.C. Corley

Services for A.C. Corley, 84, of Rockwall were conducted at 11 a.m. Feb. 1, 2011, in the M.L. Jones Chapel of the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Swofford, the Rev. Rick Lemons and the Rev. C.D. Walker officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 28.
Born Feb. 18, 1926, in Martins Mill to Luther and Emma (Morris) Corley, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Philippines and Japan and received the Purple Heart. He was called into the ministry in April 1953 and attained his master's degree in theology from the North American Theological Seminary, where he later served on the Board of Trustees. He served on the National Personnel Committee, the State Mission

Committee, the Dallas County Mission Committee with the Baptist Missionary Association and the State Youth Department.

He pastured Old Bethel Church in Canton, New Hope Church in Winkler, New Harmony Church in Tyler and Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Dallas, where he remained for 30 years. He was affiliated with China Grove Baptist Church and Sunnyvale Baptist where he was ordained. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall.

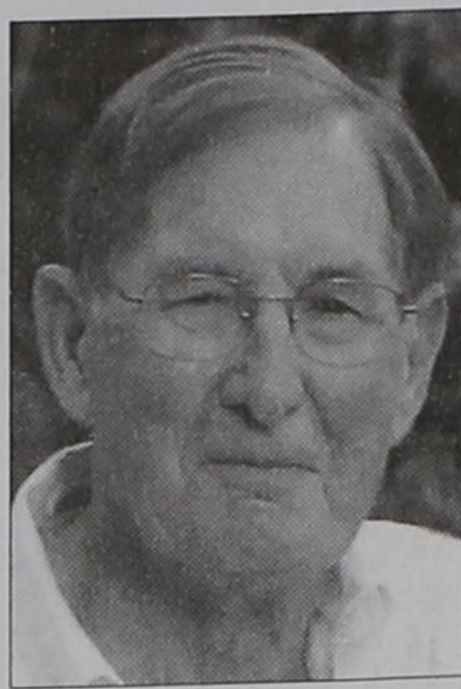
Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Mary Corley of Rockwall; his daughter, Sherry Bounds of Rockwall; his sister, Ann Wooley, and her husband, Gordon, of Waco; his brother, R.L. Corley, and his wife, Nancy, of Terrell; his grandchildren, Amy Clark and her husband, Ryan, of Rockwall and Brooke Minihan and her husband, Brian, of Austin; his great-grandchildren, Lindi, Landon, Lila and Luke; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Lessie Turner; and his brothers, Lester Ayres and Clifton Partin.

Clyde Hicks

Services for Clyde Hicks, 89, of Roys City were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 31, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Roys City with the Rev. Ann Willet officiating. Burial followed in the Roys City Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roys City Chapel.

He died Jan. 28.
Born Dec. 31, 1921, in Rockwall County to Tom and Lula (Kridler) Hicks, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Roys City, Masonic Lodge No. 663 since



1971 and a life member of the VFW in Garland. He worked as a farmer for his entire life and was a member of the board of directors of the Rockwall Farm Bureau and Veterans Land Board for Rockwall County.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force at the 1074th Army Airbase as a military policeman. A graduate of Roys City High School, he was a member of the football team that won the Onion Bowl his senior year. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and making rocking horses for children.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian (Miller) Hicks of Roys City; six

nephews; eight nieces; and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Claud Hicks; sister, Lois Mae Cookston.

Patricia Belle Scott Newhall

A memorial service for Patricia Belle Scott Newhall, 78, a resident of Rockwall, will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, 2011, in the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall. Burial will be conducted at a later date in Bellwood Memorial Park in Temple.

She died Jan. 17 at Lake Pointe Medical Center, Rowlett.

Born Dec. 1, 1932, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Allen Harnage and Ada (Foreman) Scott, she and her twin brother, Patrick, grew up in Oklahoma City and Temple. She graduated from Temple High School in 1950 and attended Mary Hardin Baylor College where she was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

In 1957 she was employed at KCEN-TV in Temple where she met and married her husband, Robert C. Newhall. The majority of her employment was in the printing industry. She worked at the Storm Printing Co. and American Signature Graphics for 29 years, doing editing and paste-up. She worked for Old Navy and Eckerd/CVS in sales. She enjoyed ceramics and various kinds of arts and crafts.

Survivors include her two daughters, Elizabeth and her husband, Joe Cotner, and Ellen and her husband, William Hutchens; six grandchildren, Sarah, Alex and Jefferson Hutchens and Kevin, Mitchell and Steve Cotner; two great-grandchildren, Kaden and Kaleb; one brother, William Alexander Scott; and one sister, Nan Allen Cheatham.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, including her twin, and one sister.



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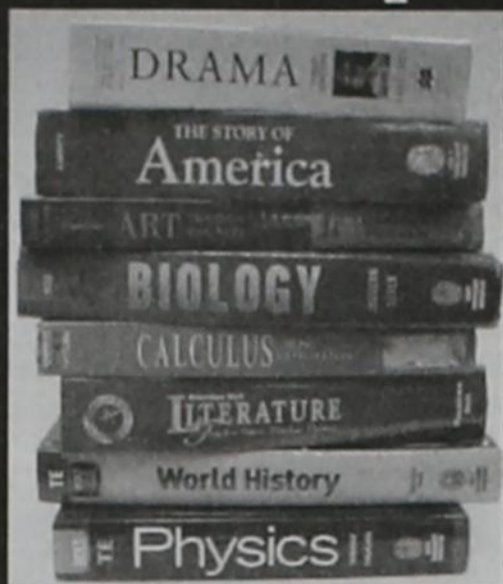
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Opinions

"K2", "Spice" and "Genie" to be banned by State

Andrew Leonie
 Texas State Senator Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) recently introduced SB 31 to ban the possession, manufacturing and sale of synthetic marijuana as "K2", "Genie" or "Spice". This move follows the actions of many Texas cities enacting municipal bans last year. The City of Rockwall was also among those cities taking action to prohibit the sale of K2, doing so on October, 2010.

K2 is a mixture of dried herbs which has been sprayed with a synthetic chemical designed to produce hallucinogenic effects similar to the psychoactive ingredient THC in marijuana. Since 2008 K2 has been sold primarily through the internet, in smoke shops and in "head" shops as "leaf" and target marketed to teens and young adults. Though smoked, K2 is often intentionally packaged and sold as incense in packages about the size of sugar or artificial sweetener packages. But instead of the expected "high", Dr. Anthony Scalzo, a toxicologist at St. Louis University, said that there are apparent toxic side-effects of the chemicals that cause psychotic hallucinations but also severe agitation, elevated heart rates, vomiting and seizures.

Additional medical reports have indicated that users also experience lowered blood pressure, psychotic episodes, non-responsiveness and withdrawal and dependence syndromes. For the year 2010, the Poison Control Centers in the U.S reported receiving over 2000 calls relating to

products spiked with synthetic cannabinoids. Dallas Southwestern Medical Center pediatric cardiologist Dr. Colin Kane, has reported that recently he has treated three teenagers for heart attacks caused by synthetic marijuana, something he had never heard of before.

In November 2010, the DEA took action to regulate K2 by issuing a notice to "emergency schedule" five synthetic cannabinoid substances among federal Schedule 1 controlled substances, because of the imminent public hazard, particularly because of the lack of production regulation and oversight. The estimated strength of the synthetic THC is up to 10 times that found in regular marijuana. The DEA reports that they are unaware of any recognized therapeutic uses of these drugs and that they have a high potential for abuse. Routine urinalysis does not detect the presence of K2 cannabinoids.

Synthetic cannabinoids were invented in 1984 by Dr. John W. Huffman at Clemson University in South Carolina in an attempt to identify cannabinoid receptors in the brain. Over 450 such compounds were developed. Several of these began appearing in Europe around 2004. Four weeks after Germany attempted prohibition of K2 in the form of JWH-018, a variant replacement compound, JWH-073, was on the market. The control of synthetic pot proved to be a challenge because street chemists could simply restructure the chemical compound as needed to stay one step ahead of the law.

Following the City of Dallas ban of K2 in August, 2010, the Dallas Morning News criticized that ban in an editorial arguing that such a move was not yet supported by science and statistics and that teen alcohol abuse was a far more serious problem than K2. They noted that the federal government reports that marijuana use among teens is less than 7% and is declining while alcohol use among teens was above 50% and climbing. The DMN urged that such bans "should be guided by science and statistical evidence, not emotions".

The legislation introduced by Senator Shapiro a few weeks ago would ban six currently unregulated sub-compounds that comprise most of the forms of K2 currently sold. The new law would make possession, manufacturing and sale of synthetic marijuana a felony, a more severe punishment level than for normal marijuana.

We can applaud Senator Shapiro and all the other co-sponsors of this legislation, as well as Representative Aaron Pena (R-Edinburg) in the House who has filed a companion house Bill. We can urge the expected passage, not because of "emotions" alone, but because reasonable evidence of the available relevant science that we do have indicates K2 to be a uniquely dangerous drug to be kept away from our kids as best we can.

Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived with his family in Rockwall County for over twenty years. The views expressed are his own.

To Rockwall City Council: Defend our constitutional rights

Wesley W. Burnett
 Last week we published a story about the Rockwall City Council considering the imposition of an ordinance restricting the constitutional right of free speech, although the proposed ordinance is called a "no picketing" regulation (Rockwall County News, January 28, 2011).

Whether matter how glossy the language, the proposed ordinance directly restricts people from exercising their inherent right to express themselves on publicly owned property. The city council, apparently responding to complaints from an unspecified number of "concerned citizens," attempts to impose a fine and potential imprisonment of people who dare to stand at street corners with signs asking for help.

Not only is the ordinance unconstitutional, it is simply impractical and cannot be effectively enforced. Naturally, those promoting the need for

such an ordinance, cite "exemptions" for those people who get permits from the city.

So, as is the case for the nationally unconstitutional "Obamacare," the city regulation will not be equally enforced. It's a double slam at the right of free speech and of the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I wonder if our elected officials have bothered to read and understand the importance of our constitution and the rights it was created to protect and guarantee.

The right to express oneself is inherent ... it comes from our Creator, not from government.

Unfortunately it seems apparent that a few complaints from "constituents" of city council members is more important than the rights that will be denied to those people who wish to stand on street corners giving other people the

opportunity to donate to a good cause or to a homeless family.

Our municipal police and courts have much more serious criminal activities to pursue than to harass people exercising their right of peaceful and lawful expression in a public place. There is no need for enforcement of people with signs unless they violate the rights or property of others. Soliciting help is not a crime in the eyes of our constitution.

Surely our city council has more important pressing matters than this unlawful imposition and attack on our God-given inherent right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Let us remember, government which has the power to silence any one of us has the power to silence all of us.

I pray our elected officials will stand up for our rights and dump this ordinance in the trash can of bad ideas. It is their obligation to secure our rights, not destroy or restrict them.

What does county government do for its citizens?

Jerry Hogan
 Rockwall County Judge
 When I was campaigning for county judge, I knocked on about 3,500 homes in Rockwall County and had the opportunity to talk with many of our citizens. One conversation especially stands out.

When I knocked at this particular address, a lady came to the door and

I talked with her about why I thought she might want to vote for me. Her answer set me back. In her words, "You know, I live here in town. The town provides my water, my streets, my garbage collection, my police and fire protection, and when I have a problem I call City Hall. I don't even know what the county does for me or why I have to pay county taxes, and I don't even know what I get for the taxes I pay. I don't really care who the judge is."

Many of our citizens, unfortunately, have this same view. Let me see if I can help explain what the county does.

There are 254 counties currently in the State of Texas. They were established primarily to provide a state government local presence. Most of the official responsibilities for the counties center on law enforcement and record-keeping.

For example, in the areas of law enforcement the courts system resides at the county level. This includes the district judges, court-of-law judges, justices of the peace, district attorney, constables, sheriff and the jail.

In our county, 71 percent of our county employees are involved with law enforcement. None of the towns within our county have a jail; it is provided by the county. None of the towns or cities provide police services outside their city limits; it is done by the sheriff. None of the towns have a courts system to bring prisoners to trial; it is done by the DA, our judges and the justices of the peace. None of the police in our towns are required to serve tax warrants, summons and legal notices; it is done by the constables.

The lesson here is clear. The less crime we have, the lower our law enforcement costs... and the lower our taxes.

The second major function of the county is to be the official depository for all legal records. Every time a civil or criminal trial is held, a record of the trial is produced. Every time a baby is born, a person dies, someone is married, someone is divorced, a land title is recorded, a subdivision of land is platted, a record of that transaction is created that must be filed, stored and made available to the public. The county clerk and the district clerk of our county share this responsibility, with 9 percent of our employees involved in this function of government.

The remaining 20 percent of our employees are involved with the collection of taxes, operating our county library, providing emergency management planning, maintaining our 130 miles of county roads,

providing miscellaneous services and providing a leadership group, the Commissioners Court, which provides fiscal guidance and management of our county activities.

There are some strange things in county government. One of the hardest to understand for someone like me with a military and corporate background is the concept that no elected official has a boss. Only the citizens who vote can tell an elected official what to do. And this applies all the way from the President of the United States to the state governor to the county judge to the constable in each precinct. No elected official has a boss. So if you are unhappy with the way some function of government is operating and you call up your county commissioner or county judge and suggest they "go straighten that elected official out because you don't like the way they are doing their job," don't be too surprised if the answer you get is something along the lines of, "I am really sorry, but that person doesn't work for me and I can't make them do anything except obey the law."

Strange but true, as this is the way our founders set up our system of government here in the State of Texas.

The second thing that is hard to understand is the concept that as county judge or county commissioner, we who are charged with the fiscal management and county leadership direction, cannot unilaterally make a decision and tell someone to go do it. Instead, the state specifically established in the Constitution of 1876 the idea of "decentralized" power where no one person at the county or state level can direct others to do what they want. Instead, at the county level there are four county commissioners and one county judge on the Commissioners Court. This court provides the vision and direction for the county, but this direction only can be implemented when there is a majority vote of at least three of the five members agreeing what should be done.

Draw your own conclusions. Yes, it is not very efficient and yes it sometimes takes a long time to get agreement, but sometimes more input ends up with better decisions.

Please go see and talk with your county elected officials. Each one of us lives in a precinct where we have a commissioner who is our representative on the Commissioners Court where the vision and direction for the county is set. Make sure that person knows your views so they can vote the way the citizens want.

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. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

"Obama mode" right here in Rockwall?

As the City Council adopted the Obama model? I'm talking about the so-called "enhanced recycling program."

Enhanced means charging us more for less for a "feel good" so-called "green" program and telling us we will be having two enormous 95-gallon tubs that will sit out all week because no one has room for them in the garage. The council will then pass an ordinance saying we cannot leave the enormous tubs outside in view, so we will have to move our cars out to the driveway for the tubs.

We get trash service cut from twice a week to once per week and we have to pick-up from once per week to once every two weeks, and we pay more money as our neighborhoods look like an industrial area with all these huge containers sitting out. I'm sure the smell will attract lots of fly critters. But Allied Waste gets to cut service, cut employees and the city council can tell us how "green" they are. How lovely.

Please tell me again how wonderful this is.

Al Schwaneke, Rockwall



Farmers Electric Cooperative's charitable foundation recently donated AEDs - devices that automatically diagnose heart rhythm problems and directs the user to deliver an electrical shock to re-establish normal rhythm - to every school district in its service area. Pictured above are Nancy Runge, marketing and communications specialist for Farmers; David Magness, director for Farmers; and Andy Hancock, superintendent for the Roysse City ISD. The foundation is funded by Farmers Electric's members through the Operation Round Up program. About 80 percent of Farmers Electric members participate in the program, which allows electric bills to be rounded up to the next dollar. Funds are distributed to local social, charitable and civic programs that benefit the community. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



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Students at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary who have been caught "shining" during the school year were recognized at a cookie reception Jan. 20. The Shines program encourages character development that instills core ethical and civic values such as respect, honesty and compassion. Above, students are shown enjoying some of their sweet rewards. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Rebbie Williams Elementary kindergarten teacher Katie Walker is shown helping her students sample nutritious foods as part of Nutrition 101 class taught by child nutrition campus manager Elizabeth Williams. During the class, Williams introduced students to unusual produce using the school's cafeteria mascot, Webster, and edible props to make learning fun and enticing. Students had the opportunity to see, touch and sample a variety of healthy and interesting fruits and vegetables, including start fruit, mango, kiwi, radish, turnip and bean sprouts. Some of the more commonly seen foods - tomato, cucumber, apple and orange - also were available for sampling. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Shown standing are Katherine Stevener, Patsy Flowers and Doris Cullins, the hostesses of the Friday Study Club's January meeting conducted in Flowers' home. Seated is hostess Peggy Smith. Club president Leigh Plagens presided over the meeting, with June Frawley reading the bylaws as is traditionally done in lieu of a program in the January meeting. Plagens asked members to work on a "ladder of success," which included getting to know each other better. Summers reported that in December club members contributed \$610 and items to be used for patient gifts to the Terrell State Hospital. *Photo courtesy Nancy Hill/Rockwall County News*



Williams Middle School played host to the 2011 District UIL Competition last month. Utley Middle School's eighth grade finished in second place, while the seventh grade contestants earned an overall third place finish. Pictured above are some of the contestants from the two-day event, including Joe Ogden, Brittany Chanhmisay, Cody Jones, Cameron Johnson, Madison Torres, Madison Apuan, Victoria Darrington, Shlebi Court, Nicole Smith, Patara Ogunc, Leslie Jaeger, Jasmin Larez, Hannah Passon, Alisha Beilin, Heath Terry, Paul Forness, Larry Parker, Amelia Meno, Branson Long, Tyler Vega, Justin McCloskey, Blaise Cole, Grace Fowler, Kai Robinson, Rebekah Johnson, Chloe Harfield, Katrina Bond, Bailee Wilson and KeNesia Sumpter. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



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Hubbard chamber music event set
The Hubbard Chamber Music 25th anniversary and 15th annual Solo and Chamber Music Finals Competition Concert will begin at 5 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 305 S. Fannin, Rockwall. Seating will be limited; reserved tickets recommended. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Visit hubbardchambermusic.com.

HCA to present 'Charlie Brown'
Heritage Christian Academy will present dinner theater performances of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7 p.m. Feb. 24, 25 and 26. Tickets cost \$16 for adults and \$13 for children under 12. A dessert theater production of the show will be offered at 2 p.m. Feb. 26; tickets cost \$13 for adults, \$10 for children under 12. Only reserved seating will be offered. Call 972-772-3003 to secure tickets.

RFA tutor training set Feb. 26
A Reading for Adults tutor training session is set for Feb. 26. The program's second semester is under way, with an enrollment of more than 300 adults in ESL, GED, Citizenship Preparation and Adult Literacy Classes. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Gloria Bishop, 972-204-7705.

Celebration planned at South Fork Ranch
The Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Inc. will conduct a celebration honoring Innovative Teaching Grant recipients, Century Club members and the board of directors at South Fork Ranch Feb. 26. The event will include live entertainment, a student art exhibit, dinner and auction. For details call 469-698-7032 or visit riseducationfoundationinc.com.

RHS to host UIL tournament
Rockwall High will host its first Tournament of Service UIL Academic Tournament on Feb. 26. All UIL academic events will be offered, as well as speech and LD debate. Registration is open at joyoftournaments.com.

Flu shots offered until March
The Health Center of Helping Hands has flu vaccine that will be available until March. Prices range from \$14 to \$20. Go by the Health Center, 102 S. First St., or call 972-772-8194 for an appointment.

Preschool Association meeting slated
The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. March 4 at the Free Methodist Church across from Nebbie Williams Elementary, 315 Dalton Rd., Rockwall. The program will be "Get Your Home and Life Fit." New mem-

bers are welcome any time. For more information on the group, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Sock Hop set March 5
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Sock Hop beginning at 7 p.m. March 5 at The Center. The event will include a crazy socks contest and plenty of rock 'n' roll music. Cost will be \$10 per local resident, \$15 for non-resident. For more details call 972-771-7740.

March 12 Quilt Show planned
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Quilt Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 12 at The Center. Handmade quilts will be displayed. Admission will be free. For information call 972-771-7740.

Roysse City to host circus
The Roysse City Chamber has signed a contract with the Kelly Miller Circus for a March 23 show. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m., with the tent raising set for 9 a.m. Two performances - 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. - are set for this "old-style" circus. More information is available at info@royssecitychamber.com or call 972-636-5000.

Preschool Association meeting slated
The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. April 1 at the Free Methodist Church across from Nebbie Williams Elementary, 315 Dalton Rd., Rockwall. The program will be "Frugal Moms of Rockwall County: Local Insider Deals, Meal Plans & More." New members are welcome any time. For more information on the group, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Baseball sign-ups ongoing
The Rockwall Baseball Association is taking online sign-ups. Walk-up registration will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 5 at Dicks Sporting Goods. To register or for more details visit rockwallbaseballassociation.com.

Softball tourney slated Feb. 19
The Texas 6 Shooter Softball Tournament, a six-game guarantee tourney, will take place Feb. 19 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Divisions offered will include men's, men's church, co-rec and church co-rec. USSSA rules will apply. For more details contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Softball registration under way
Sign-ups for the Rockwall Girls Softball Association will run through Feb. 28. To register, visit rockwallgirlssoftball.com or call 972-841-2939 for more details.

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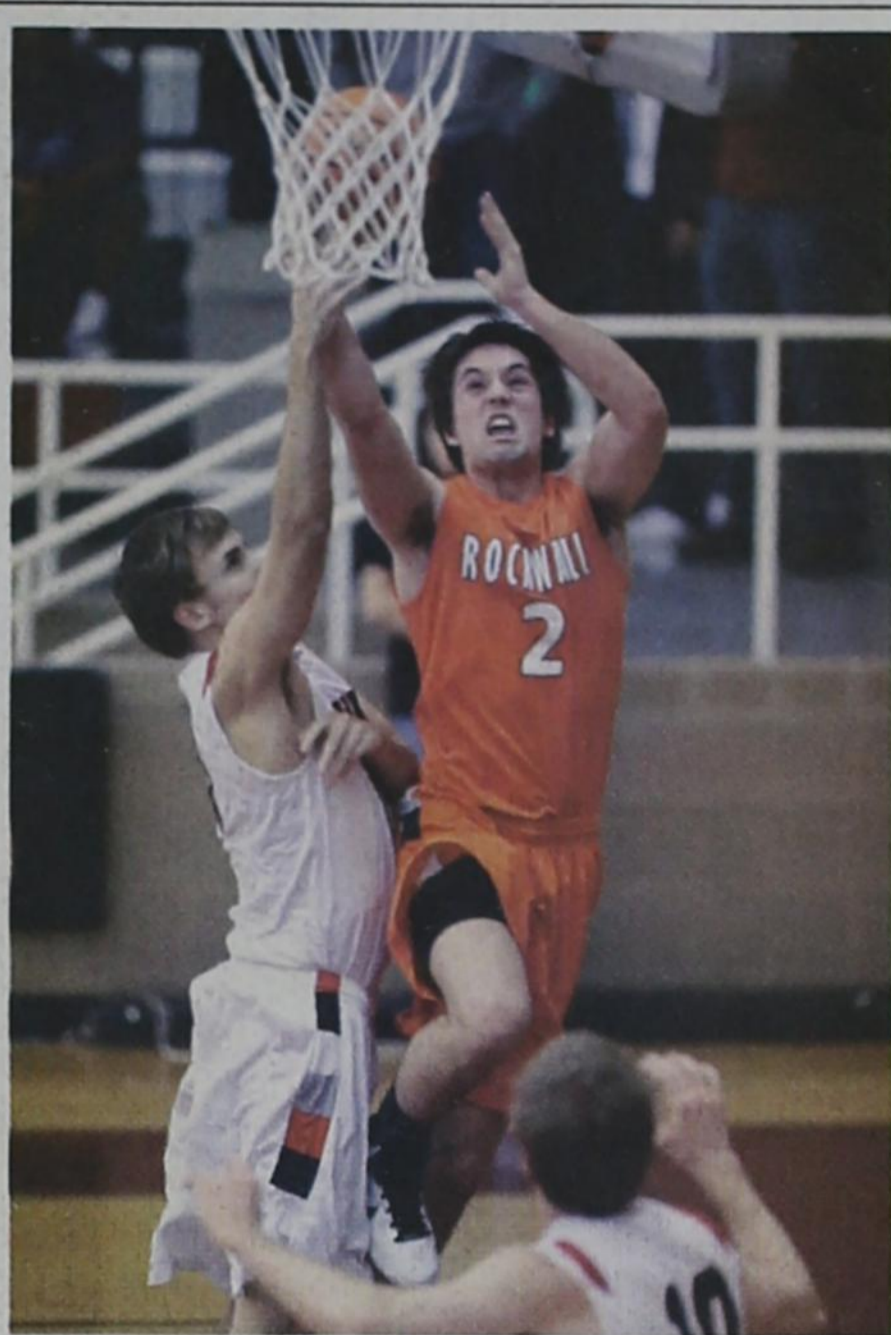
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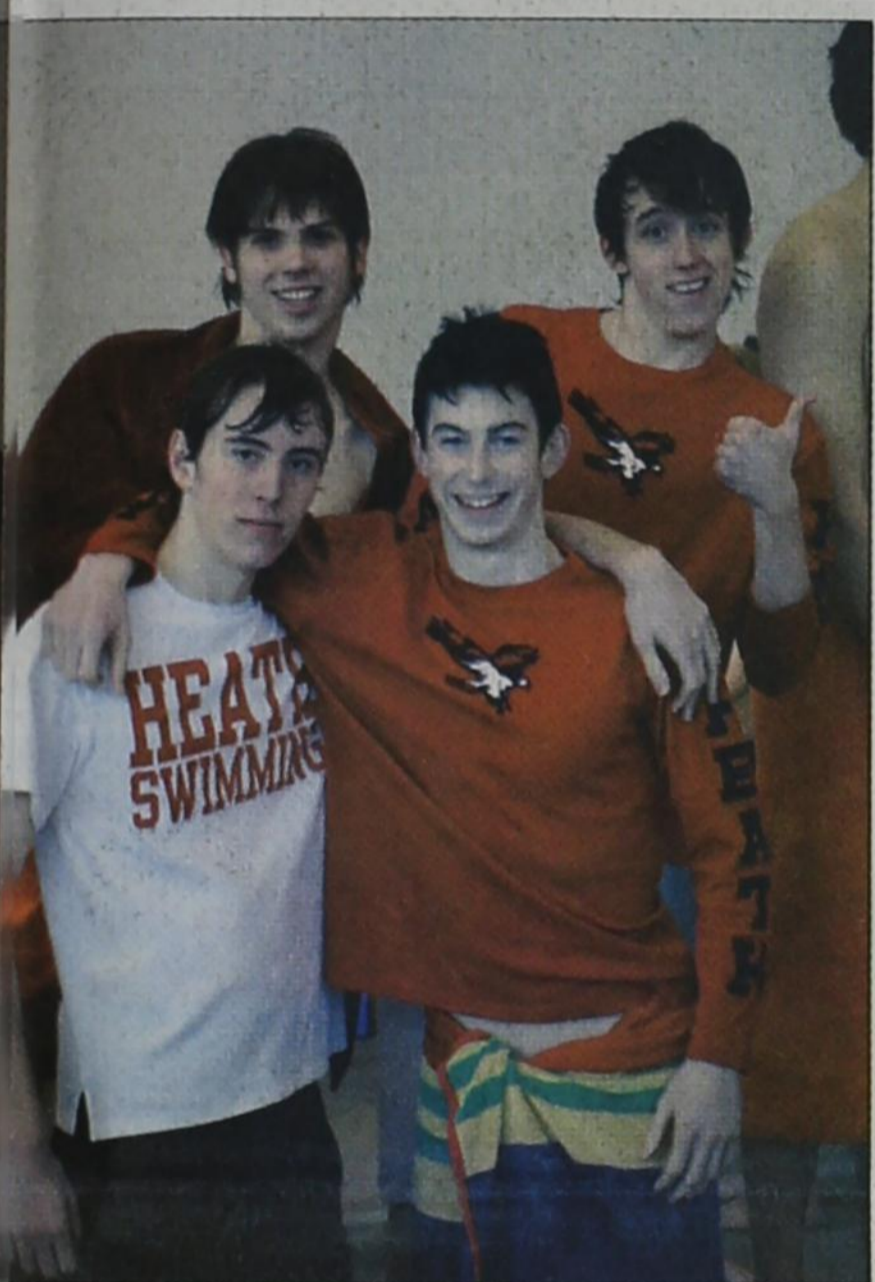
Nathan Fuller (3) drives in for a Hawks' lay-up shot against Rockwall defenders Landon Knight (32) and Weston Richey (50).
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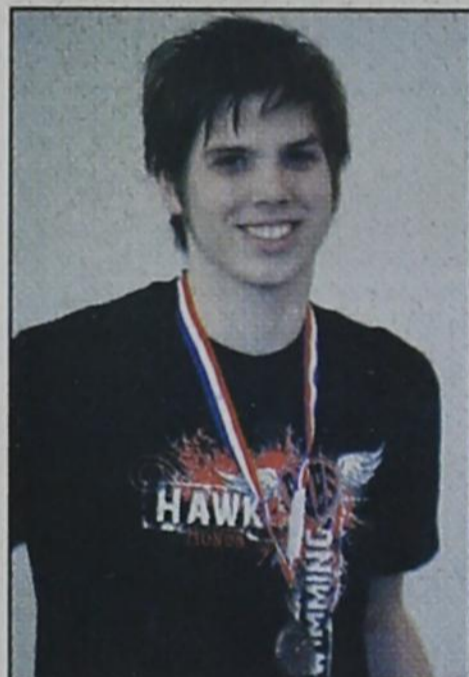
Yellow Jackets' Tanner Humm (2) drives the baseline for a basket against Rockwall-Heath's John Taylor (50) and Landon Duhon (10).
Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



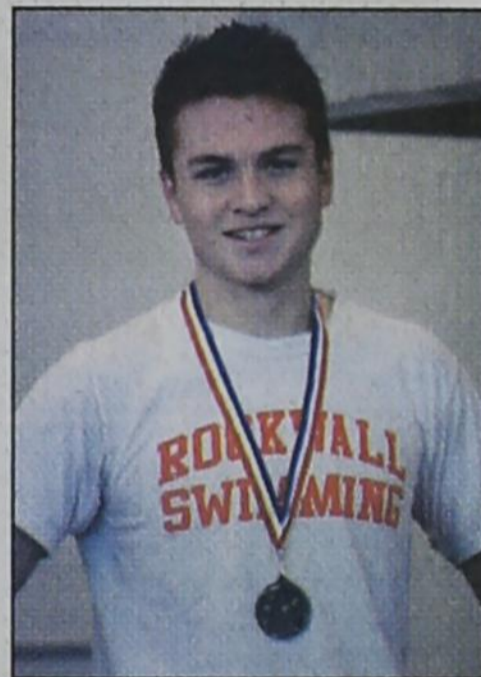
Cain Middle School's Katie Webster (23) puts up a shot against Utley Middle School.
Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



Hawks' 400 Free Relay team placing third at the District meet are (back row left to right) Andrew Brown, Jon Sherwin, (front row) Myle Perlitz and Chase Nelson.
Photo by Sue Madrid/Rockwall County News



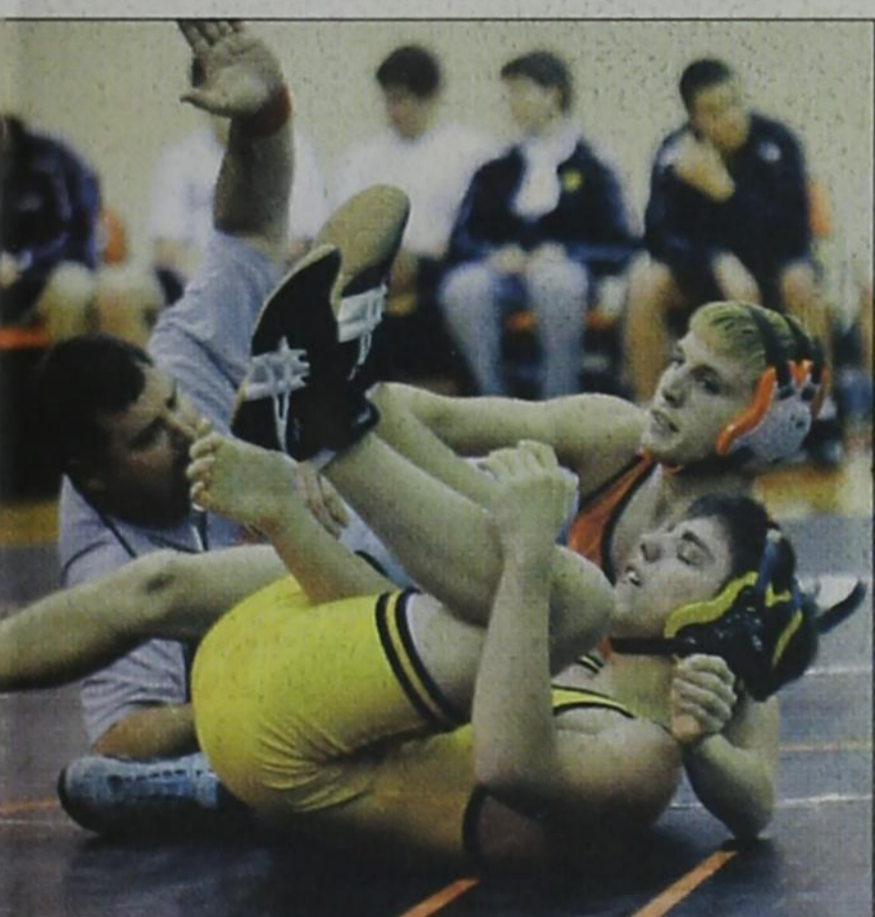
Hawks' Sophomore Andrew Brown placed third in both the men's 100 Backstroke, and the 100 Fly during the District swim meet.
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Yellowjackets' Junior Nicholas (Alex) Fontenot won the District Championship in the 100 Backstroke, and placed second in the 100 Butterfly.
Photo by Sue Madrid/Rockwall County News



Heritage Christian Academy Sophomore point guard Erika Mendoza drives to the basket while teammates Rachel McMillan (10) and Taylor Powers (33) wait for the rebound.
Photo by Bob Woodfin/Rockwall County News



Yellowjackets' Senior Josh Holloway wins by fall in the 135 lb class, last week against Highland Park's Max Grisz.
Photo by Bill Carter/Rockwall County News



Receiving medals during the District swim meet are (left to right) Lady Hawks' Katie Chandler, Madeline Kipput, and Lady Jackets' Mallory Harvey. Harvey and Kipput tied for first place with a time of 57.60, and Chandler was awarded third place. Harvey was also designated District Champion for the Girls 50 Free, and was a member of the second Place 200 Free Relay, and the second Place 400 Free Relay teams. Kipput also placed third in the 200 Free, and swam with the second place Medley Relay (backstroke), and the third place 400 free Relay. Chandler also placed 6th in the 50 Free.
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Lady Hawks' Brooke Eddy (5) takes a shot over Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (32). Assisting in the play is Lady Jackets' (?).
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Hawks' Senior Jon Sherwin wins the District Championship in the men's 50 and 100 free.
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Lady Jackets and Lady Hawks relay team members placing third and second in the 200 Relay are shown (left to right) RHS' Rebecca Yount, Shannon Lockhart, Katelyn Crook, RHHS' Morgan Madrid, Maddie Kipput, Nina James and Katie Chandler. RHS team member not pictured is Summer Scown.
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Helping Hands recognizes volunteers at annual event

Two couples and seven individuals were honored recently for their outstanding service to Helping Hands in 2010.

Honorees included Carl and Dixon Glaze and Dr. John and Susan Wright, the Ethel Moss Award; Dr. Carlos Arauz-Pacheco, the David B. Lensch Award; Greg Tudor, Chairman's Award; Paul Hamm, Director's Award; Jo Ann Cullins, Health Center Volunteer of the Year; Diane Moore, Thrift Store Volunteer of the Year; and Helen Vaughn/Sally Akins, Assistance and Referral Volunteers of the Year.

"We couldn't do our job without our volunteers," said Margo Nielsen, Helping Hands executive director, in a news release. "Individuals, schools, churches and business and civic groups combine to produce our volunteer force. Their dedication and contributions are vital to Helping Hands, and our achievements are so much greater because of them."

The awards were presented at the agency's Jan. 24 board meeting.

Honoring the giving spirit

Carl and Dixon Glaze and John and Susan Wright continually step forward to offer assistance in good and bad economic times, according to Helping Hands officials.

"They truly demonstrate the giving spirit of this big-hearted community, and they exemplify the spirit of the Ethel Moss Award of distinguished service and outstanding commitment to the mission and goals of our agency," said Nielsen.

Moss, a longtime business partner in Goliad Place with Eloise Cullum, was a Helping Hands benefactor.

The Wrights have been involved with and generously supported Helping Hands for 20 years.

Susan Wright, an attorney and a Helping Hands Board member, established her local practice in 1997. She helped set up the Rockwall Legal Clinic that has met monthly at Helping Hands since 1992. John Wright is the chair of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences at Baylor Dental Clinic.

The Glazes are also long-time supporters of Helping Hands. Carl served on the board of directors from 1995 until 1997. He is senior counsel with the Jackson and Walker Law Firm. Dixon is a homemaker, mother and grandmother. They have supported Helping Hands along with other worthy organizations including the North Texas Food Bank and the SPCA.

"It is because of giving supporters such as these couples that Helping Hands is able to accomplish its mission," said Nielsen. "We salute their benevolence and thank them for their support."

Pacheco is a doctor of endocrinology and internal medicine specializing in diabetes and metabolism. He has volunteered one Saturday a month for four years at the Health Center, giving of his time to work with diabetic patients with complications.

"Dr. Pacheco is so deserving of this award for the amazing work he contributes to our patients, our community and our Health Center through his volunteer efforts," said Maggie Fuller, Health Center practice manager. "We

truly appreciate all that he does."

The award was named in honor of the Health Center's longtime volunteer physician and medical director.

Tudor, a former board chair who serves on the board of directors as past chair, received the Chairman's Award from current chair Bennie Daniels. This is a new award given at the discretion of the chair for service and commitment to Helping Hands.

"Greg is a consistent and tireless worker on behalf of the agency whether he's participating in a fund raising event or giving counsel during committee and Board meetings," said Daniels.

Nielsen presented the Director's Starfish Award to volunteer Hamm.

"Paul is a quiet man, but a tower of strength to his wife, Sherry Hamm, as she directs and manages the complexities of the Assistance and Referral Program," Nielsen said. "I see Paul everywhere — setting up offices systems, sorting or putting food away and hauling boxes of toys and food baskets. There just isn't a way to adequately express how much it means to have a spouse support the work we do."

Helping others helps

To fill her time after retirement six years ago, Adkins has greeted clients seeking help in times of crisis. Her work, she said, is "just a small part of

helping people that are in need. I just can't even describe how much from helping."

According to Sherry Hamm, "Sally's smile and welcoming spirit those who come in immediately feel comfortable and at ease."

A dedicated volunteer for 15 years, Vaughan started out doing a little everything at the agency. Now she interviews clients, a position she enjoys. "Helen is a good listener and shows sincere concern for our clients," said Sherry Hamm. "She is aware of local resources so she does a wonderful job in determining the best way to assist and in making great referrals."

Assembling patients' charts at the agency's Health Center, Cullins she enjoys the people she works with, noting, "I started volunteering after my husband's death and just keep doing it because I like it, and they to appreciate me."

Fuller labeled Cullins a treasure because she is always willing to help. "We love Jo Ann because she is reliable and consistent and really part of our family here at the Health Center," Fuller said.

Always a "thrift store junkie," Moore was thrilled when friends told Rockwall newcomer about Helping Hands. Her first visit to the Thrift Store was on Bag Day where her expertise at filling a small bag with large amount of merchandise got her an invitation to join the volunteer staff.

"Diane has played a huge role in the development of the Roysse City and she has been a faithful volunteer for eight years," said thrift store manager Melody East.



Paul Hamm, recipient of the Director's Award, is pictured with Margo Nielsen, Helping Hands executive director. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Greg Tudor, recipient of the Chairman's Award, is pictured with Helping Hands board chairman Bennie Daniels. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Dr. Carlos Arauz-Pacheco



Sally Akins

Four local residents earn degrees at OU

Two Rockwall residents and two Heath residents were among fall graduates at the University of Oklahoma Norman campus, according to a university news release.

Heath residents receiving degrees were Laci Elizabeth Brown, Bachelor of Business Administration, and Jake Pierce Wardell, Bachelor of Arts.

Rockwall residents were Benjamin Timothy White, Bachelor of Arts in liberal studies, and Peggy Kristine Sefko, BS in health and exercise science.

Locals included on Baylor's Dean's List

Several area students were included on the Dean's Academic Honor List for the fall semester at Baylor University in Waco, according to a university news release.

Honorees included, from Heath, Joshua Ryan Arnold, Hankamer School of Business; Candice Lin Lu, Arts and Sciences; Joshua James Luxton, Arts and Sciences; Megan Marie McKenna, Arts and Sciences; and Adam Russell Nedella, School of Engineering & Computer Science.

Rockwall residents named to the list included Elizabeth Caitlin Brewer, Arts and Sciences; Daniel Andrew Brezik, Hankamer School of Business; Lillie Therese Coltharp, Hankamer School of Business; Gregory Chandler Fox, Arts and Sciences; Roxanne April Lammare, Arts and Sciences; Courtney Renee Murphy, Arts and Sciences; Rebekah Anne Radney, Hankamer School of Business; Elyse Nicole Rimmer, School of Education; Sarah Kathryn Shelton, School of Education; Melissa Ann Shirley, Arts and Sciences; and Richard Wade Watkins, Hankamer School of Business.

Brittani Elaine Alsbrook of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing was the sole Dean's List representative from Roysse City.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.



Helen Vaughn



Jo Ann Cullins



Diane Moore

Bressler earned Dean's List nod

Eric J. Bressler of Heath was named to the Dean's List on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus for the fall semester, according to a university news release.

Students on the Dean's List achieved a grade point average of 3.66 or higher while taking 12 or more credits.

Ray recognized at Southwestern

Cristopher Ray of Rockwall was named to the Dean's List at Southwestern University in Georgetown for the fall semester, according to a university news release.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded hours and be in good standing with the university.

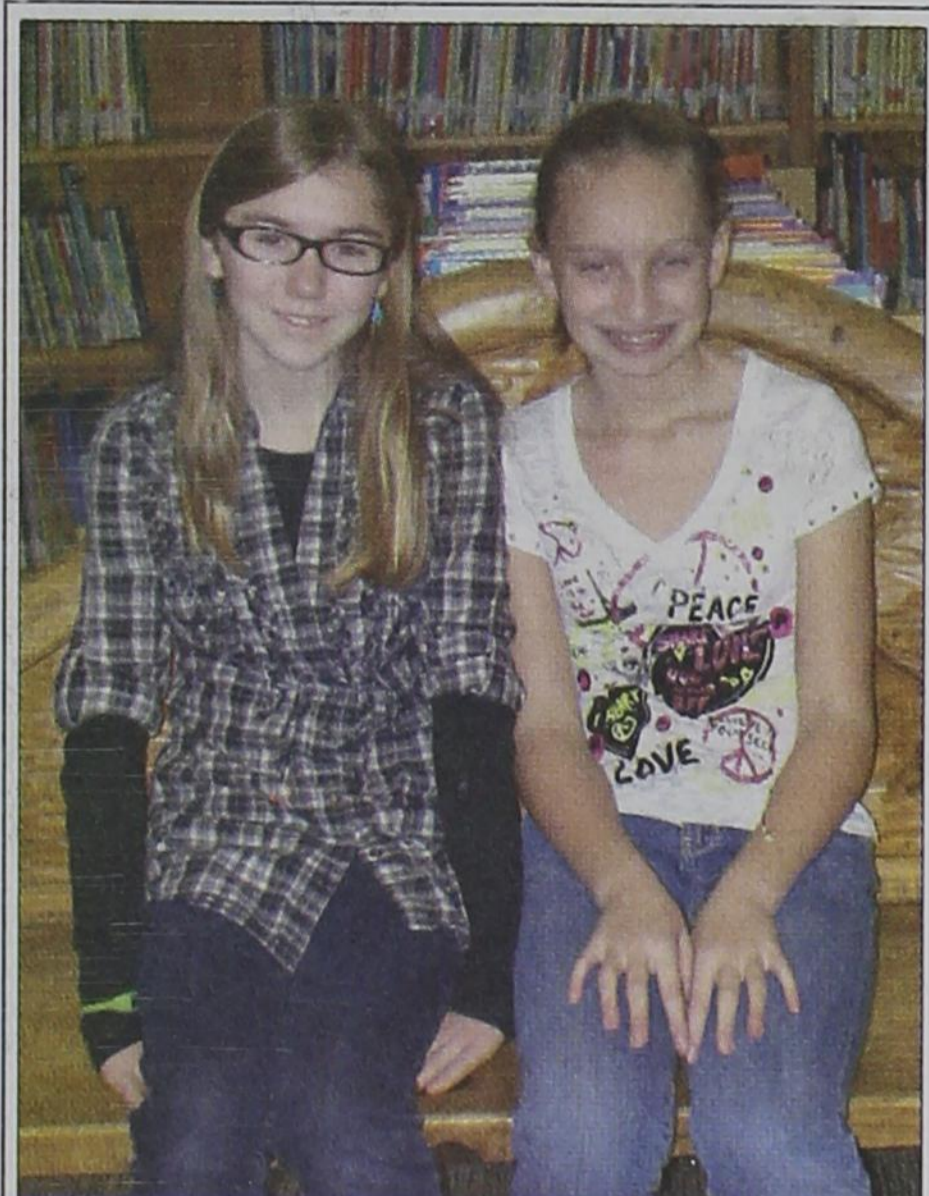
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Carl and Dixon Glaze, center, are pictured with Margo Nielsen, Helping Hands executive director and Bennie Daniels, board chairman. The Glazes were recipients of the Ethel Moss Award. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Dr. John and Susan Wright, center, are shown with Margo Nielsen, Helping Hands executive director and Bennie Daniels, board chairman. The Wrights recently received the Ethel Moss Award. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Dobbs Elementary student Summer Thibodeaux and her father, Skylar, are shown at the school's recent Family Math Night. Students and their families reinforced math skills while having fun. After sharing pizza snacks, participants visited stations with games and activities facilitated by their teachers. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Weather delays Habitat planning

This week's inclement weather has delayed a final decision on whether it will be feasible to work Saturday at Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity site at 803 Peter's Colony.

According to an e-mail sent Tuesday, some contractor work remains that needs to be completed before volunteers can resume working.

"If that gets finished and if the ground is not too wet, we may be able to continue," the e-mail reads. "Watch for Friday update."

For up-to-the-minute information on work plans visit rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com.

The art auction is a fundraiser for the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity. The proceeds are used to purchase materials for the construction of the Habitat. The auction is held at the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity site at 803 Peter's Colony. The auction is open to the public and is a great opportunity to support a good cause. For more information, visit rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com.

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Rockwall PAWS to host Not So Sub-Zero Shootout

A different sort of fundraiser will fly into Rockwall on Feb. 12 when the Rockwall Disc Golf Association will host a day of activities and tournaments benefitting Rockwall PAWS. The Not So Sub-Zero Shootout will take place at Harry Myers Park.

Rockwall PAWS is a non-profit organization that works closely with Rockwall County residents to help pay for the sometimes high costs of animal health care and spay/neuter surgeries. PAWS also works with Rockwall Animal Services to provide heartworm treatments and adoption awareness.

This year's tournament will have a festival-like atmosphere, with not only a disc golf tournament, but also pre-tournament activities such as a pet adoption drive, Frisbee dog demonstrations, bounce houses for kids, face painting and vendor booths. Information will also be available about the new Rockwall Dog Park, to be completed by May 1 at Harry Myers Park.

The activities start at 10 a.m. with the tournament to follow at 1 p.m.

Disc Golf is a relatively new sport that is growing rapidly in popularity. It is played on a course much like golf, except the ball and cup have been replaced by highly specialized discs, much like Frisbees, and targets that utilize chains and a basket to catch the discs.

Harry Myers Park, at 401 E. Washington, has one of the top rated 18-hole disc golf courses in the state of Texas. A course was also built last spring at the Lake Rockwall Estates community center as an Eagle Scout project.

"This is an opportunity for the community to come out and see what Rockwall PAWS is doing to help the animals in our community and see what Disc Golf is all about at the same time. It's a win for both groups," said Mike Spracklen, a leader and organizer with the Rockwall Disc Golf Association. "We want the community see that we are not just about Disc Golf but also working to make this community better by partnering with groups like Rockwall PAWS."

For sponsorship opportunities and tournament information call 214-205-7894 or 972-672-2683.

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The art auction is a favorite part of the program of the annual Celebration for the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Inc. District art students contribute art pieces that are auctions off, and 50 percent of the proceeds are returned to the schools for use in future projects. Last year's "Miro Tapestry," created by students from Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary, was purchased by Ed Grand-Lienard Special Products & Mfg. Shown above with Grand-Lienard and his artwork is Melissa Dorn, art teacher at Doris Cullins. This year's Celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 26 at South Fork Ranch. For reservations or information call 972-771-0605.

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Rockwall HS Students take honors at state meet

Several Rockwall High School Youth and Government students returned home with honors following the state meet conducted over the weekend in Austin.

Winning first place appellate team in the state were Kalil Armstrong and John Meacham. Winning eighth place judicial team in the state were attorneys Kaylee Bishop and Andrew Braun and witnesses Abdelrazik, Kyle Chaffin, Nicole Salom and Ellen Stein.

Bruner was named a senate distinguished delegate, and Rachel Phillips was invited to apply for the national Youth and Government Conference on National Affairs.

"22 of the students who went represented RHS incredibly well," said Melissa Nelson, sponsor.

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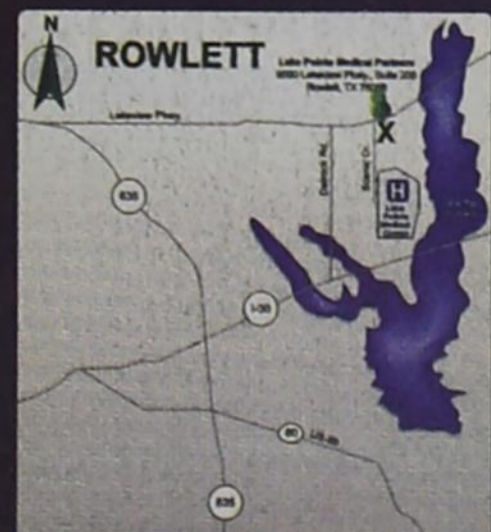
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Paul is a Licensed Physical Therapist with a Master's of Physical Therapy Degree. Paul earned his degree at the University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Paul's professional experience has been in outpatient orthopedics and sports rehabilitation. He has professional training in manual therapy, spinal rehabilitation, orthopedic injuries, shoulder rehabilitation for the overhand thrower, and TMJ rehabilitation.

Paul is accepting patients in our Rockwall office.

Misty Hurley, RPT



MISTY HURLEY, MPT
Physical Therapist

Misty graduated from the University of Central Florida in December 1998 with a Bachelors degree in Health Service Administration and a minor in Health Science. In 2000, she earned her Master's degree in Physical Therapy at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in St. Augustine, Florida. Her professional training involves outpatient orthopedic experience including spinal rehabilitation with core stabilization/Pilates programs, manual therapy techniques, vestibular rehab, work comp related injuries including FCEs and work conditioning programs as well as treatment for a variety of musculoskeletal and sports related injuries.

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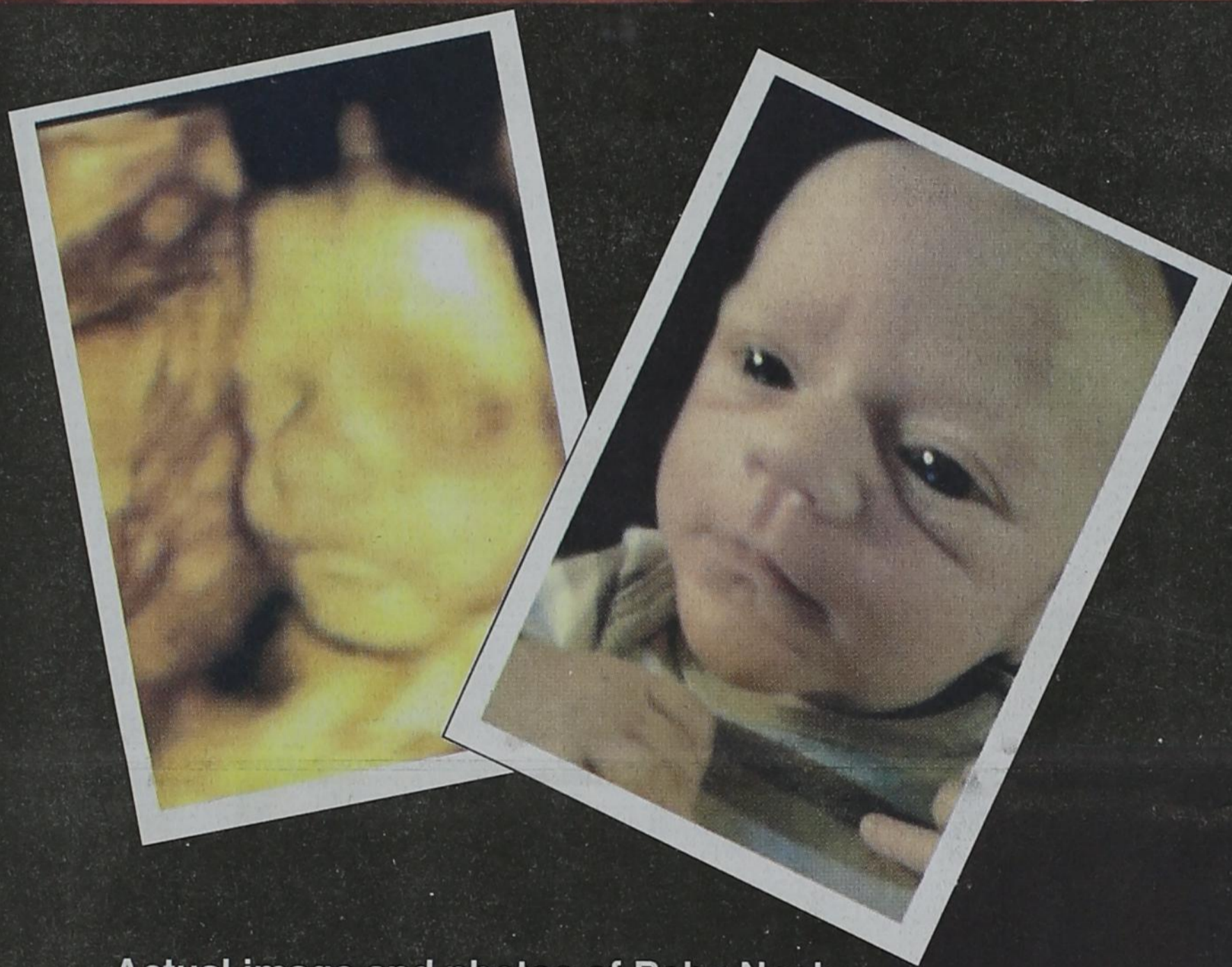
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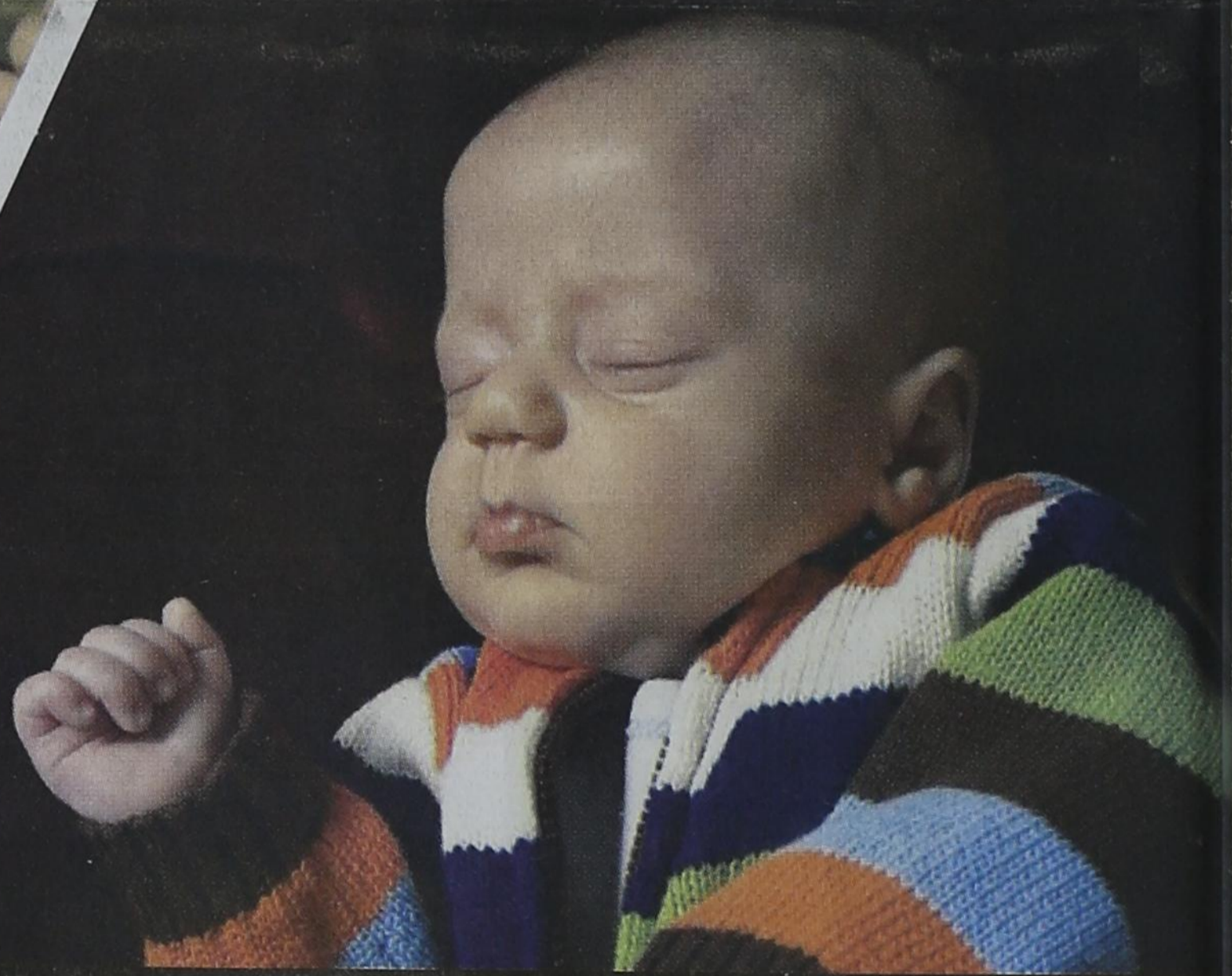
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