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County Grievance Committee rejects Sheriff's pay request

by Kathy Williams
Sheriff Harold Eavenson has been asking the Rockwall County Commissioners for a market-adjusted pay increase for four years, but in his opinion, has only been offered token yearly raises, despite the fact that the commissioners voted themselves a 19.5% raise in 2008. On Monday, Aug. 18 Sheriff Eavenson took a step he had tried to avoid, by bringing the issue before a grievance committee public hearing.

The nine-member committee included Public Member Cliff Wischnewsky, Public Member Terry Northcutt, Public Member Mike Gilbert, Sheriff Harold Eavenson, Rockwall County Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Barber, County Treasurer Bill Sinclair, County Clerk Lisa Constant, District Clerk Kay McDaniel, and Acting Criminal District Attorney Craig Stoddard.

County Judge Chris Florance presided over the hearing, and County Commissioner Bruce Beaty, Precinct 3, represented the commissioner's court.

Several members of the community spoke on behalf

of the sheriff. Dewayne Cain of Rockwall cited the Waters Group market analysis study, commissioned and paid for by the county in 2006, showed the sheriff's salary at that time to be 29% below market value. He said the study must be taken into account to be able to attract, hire and retain quality people in the county.

Rockwall resident David Hairston told the committee that the county has "never had a sheriff's staff like this before. I shudder to think what will happen when these people retire." He also asked the committee to consider the findings of the Waters Group study and support the sheriff's request. Hairston reminded the committee that the study cost the county about \$18,000 and the results should not be ignored.

Bill Morrow of Rockwall put the issue into business terms. He said businesses routinely pay for high performance, professionalism and experience. He told the committee that the sheriff and his staff meet these criteria and should be compensated for such a high level of performance. He reminded the committee that the sheriff commands a staff of 116 people and oversees the jail. He said Sheriff Eavenson is highly regarded in the State of Texas and around the country. Morrow said, "As a taxpayer, I believe in fair pay for competent performance."

Sheriff makes his case
Eavenson, who has been Rockwall County Sheriff since January 2001, began his remarks by reminding the committee that his first concerns about the pay adjustments were for his staff. "My first year in office, I requested the commissions court adjust the pay for depu-

ties by over 20% because we were about \$9,000 behind both Rockwall and Rowlett police departments in starting pay."

"I requested an adjustment of over 10% for the detention officers to get their pay to a competitive level in our area. Both requests were approved," he said. "I addressed the problem from the bottom up, not the top down."

Eavenson said he did not begin addressing his concerns for the sheriff's salary until 2004, at which time he felt he had "a history of accomplishment that I could talk about with the commissioners." He cited an almost 50% pay disparity at that time between the sheriff's salary and the Chiefs of Police in Rockwall County.

A nine member citizens committee, made up of community leaders gathered by Sheriff Eavenson to review the pay issue, drafted a letter in May to county commissioners supporting the sheriff's original pay requests.

Requested increases
The increases requested for 2008-2009 were 15% each for the sheriff, chief deputy and jail commander, 12% for Lieutenant David Davis, and 7% for the three sergeants. The sheriff has requested increases for the 2009-2010 budget years of 12% for the sheriff, chief deputy and jail commander, 10% for the lieutenant, and 4% for the three sergeants.

The citizens committee members included Chairman Dwight Walker, retired Captain of the Dallas Police Department; Bob Amick, Retired Army Colonel; Dewayne Cain, owner Rest Haven Funeral Home;

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An Academy parent volunteer, Mary Evelyn Mason posts special stars on the main preparation for the 2008-09 school year. Part of an in-house program entitled, "When ar..." the names of different teachers are recorded on the stars with an item that can be shared with the teacher. Evelyn and her husband Paul Mason are the parents of HCA fourth grade student and three month old Brayden Mason.
Photo by Tim Burnett

News Briefs

Ten Day planned for Saturday
Gardeners of Rockwall County will host the first Open House from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Changes to include the Children's Garden, which is set to include the rose trials, which are under way. Come see the Tour of Gardens in early May and what has changed in the area has experienced over the summer. Be on hand to answer horticultural questions, and various points of interest to gardeners will be given. The event is located at 875 Riding Club Road, Rockwall.

PTA hosts orientation today
Elementary PTA will host its annual Pop In & Look event at 6 p.m. today, with classroom assignments posted. Parents can meet teachers, pick up pre-ordered items, raise new spirit wear, join the PTA and purchase items.

Church marks 122nd birthday
Baptist Church, 1388 S. Hwy. 205 in McLendon-Chisholm tradition in the celebration of the church's 122nd birthday, which falls this month, will be celebrated Sunday. Saturday night events begin at 6 p.m. with a hamburger supper, games and fellowship, including a contest and handmade ice cream. Church services on Sunday are "era dress and worship" from the 1880s. The "Back to the Future" service begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information call 972-722-3099.

Saturday is Farmers Market
Town Rockwall invite everyone to attend the next Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in August at Rockwall Town Rockwall. Local growers will offer fruits, vegetables, homemade jams, jellies, honey and other items.

GED citizenship class registration set
ESL, GED and citizenship classes at the Rockwall County Library will take place from 10 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the new library location, 1215 E. Yelene (off Hwy. 205) for the registration sign at the front door. New students must register to have a place in class. Classes begin Sept. 8; space may be limited. For information call 972-722-3099.

Book Sale planned in RC
Library Book Sale will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the C.F. Goodwin Public Library, 309 N. Arch St., Rockwall.

Chamber plans auction, dinner
Chamber of Commerce will host a fundraiser for programs benefiting youth and economic development and Mexican fajita dinner will be at Garland's Ballroom, 2121 Rowlett Road. At 6:30 p.m. a variety of items for bid while participants enjoys cocktails and the dinner.

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County library staff prepares for Sept. 8 grand opening

by Kathy Williams
Everywhere you look in the new Rockwall County library, the attention to detail is evident. It's in the light fixtures that look like birds and clouds. And in the wallpaper that seems to stare back at you with equal intensity. And in the library's homage to Rockwall - its own version of a rock wall leading up the stairs to the wonders on the second floor.

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Rockwall County Head Librarian, Kathy Melston, sits by the architectural plans for the new Rockwall County Library (front). In the background is the entrance to the children's library.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Sheriff pay increase...

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Ken Dickson, Oil/Gas Investor; David Hairston, owner Horizon Car Wash; Bill Morrow, retired from Texas Utilities; Larry Parks, SVP Business Development, American National Bank; Corky Randolph, Branch President, Alliance Bank, and Tom Richardson, retired Lieutenant, Garland Fire Department.

Eavenson said he believes if the community committee had not been actively involved in supporting the pay adjustment requests for the sheriff and command staff, "these adjustments would not have occurred."

Commissioner response

Speaking on behalf of the County Commissioners, Bruce Beaty said he believes the commissioners have been responsive to the sheriff's requests over the years. He said, in response to repeated mention of the Waters Group study, that in order to bring the sheriff's department salaries into alignment with departments across the state, it would cost the county over \$1 million just in the first year.

"Pay increases have long-reaching consequences. We have to pay people every year, not just one year," he said. He reminded the gathering that a pay increase or adjustment does not cover just salary, but add-ons such as insurance, incentives, phone allowances, and other negotiated items.

Beaty also said the county has not raised taxes since 1999 and that salaries are 80% of the county's budget.

First Draft Budget

The commissioners first draft budget for 2009 shows a pay increase for the sheriff of a little more than 7% over his 2007 salary. The commissioners court approved a salary market adjustment for all elected officials except Sheriff Eavenson last year. The commissioners committed to work on a market salary adjustment in 2009 for the sheriff and his command staff.

The sheriff's base pay, under the county's first draft, would increase from his current salary of \$72,379 to \$80,915 in 2009. This amount includes a phone allowance and longevity pay, among other incentives. The sheriff also has a vehicle provided by the county.

The sheriff's first proposed market adjusted pay increase request would have brought his base pay to approximately \$87,000. Eavenson said even with a salary of \$87,000, the sheriff's pay would be approximately \$33,000 below that of the Rockwall Chief of Police.

Eavenson said he doesn't believe he should make less than surrounding police chiefs—he and his staff supervise more employees than all three county police departments combined, and oversee the only jail in the county, managing between 270 and 300 personnel daily.

It was noted in materials made available to those in attendance that in 2008 the sheriff declined to receive a larger pay increase than other department personnel, believing it unfair for him to receive more than the cost of living adjustment his staff was given. The staff did not receive an increase beyond the COL adjustment. The sheriff's increase was 5.3%, rather than the proposed 7.1% increase.

Eavenson said he decided to use his grievance hearing option after receiving a routine letter from the county judge showing the proposed salary and expenses for his office. All elected officials receive this letter during the budget process and have five days to respond to the judge with comments or recommendations. Eavenson's revised base pay request of \$105,000 is approximately the average annual salary of the Chiefs of Police of Rockwall, Roysse City and the Heath Department of Public Safety. The highest salary of the three is \$118,000 and the lowest is \$92,000.

Beaty pointed out that the base salary is not the only number to look at. When all incentives are added in, including insurance, retirement, phone allowance, longevity pay, and other negotiated items, the amount for salary and benefits is actually \$111,349 per year. Under the sheriff's revised market adjusted proposal, with benefits and incentives, the total is \$143,307.

Confusion in the courthouse

As participants continued to discuss the issue, committee member Lisa Constant asked, "Will this committee be allowed to make a recommendation of its own or just vote on the request made (by Sheriff Eavenson)?"

Judge Florance replied, "Based on the statute, we'll just consider only what the sheriff has requested." He then called Assistant District Attorney Brian Williams to the microphone, asking him if the answer was correct. Williams replied, "If this committee chose to, if they wanted some other form, they could make a recommendation on whatever that would be."

Constant then asked, "Then we would take a vote on the request, then if we wanted to take a second vote, we would be allowed to do that?" Florance asked, "Is that correct, Brian?" Williams answered, "Yes."

Later in the proceedings, after all general discussion was complete, Judge Florance called for a motion on the request, which was offered by the sheriff. If a second was given on the motion, it is not heard on the audiotape of the hearing.

Discussion on the motion was called for, but none was offered. Florance called for a vote of the committee, stating that if they agree to the \$105,000 salary increase for the sheriff, they should raise a hand. Two hands were raised in support of the motion.

Florance again called Williams to the microphone, asking him, "Can you please tell us again what our parameters are on this vote? Can we take another motion after this?"

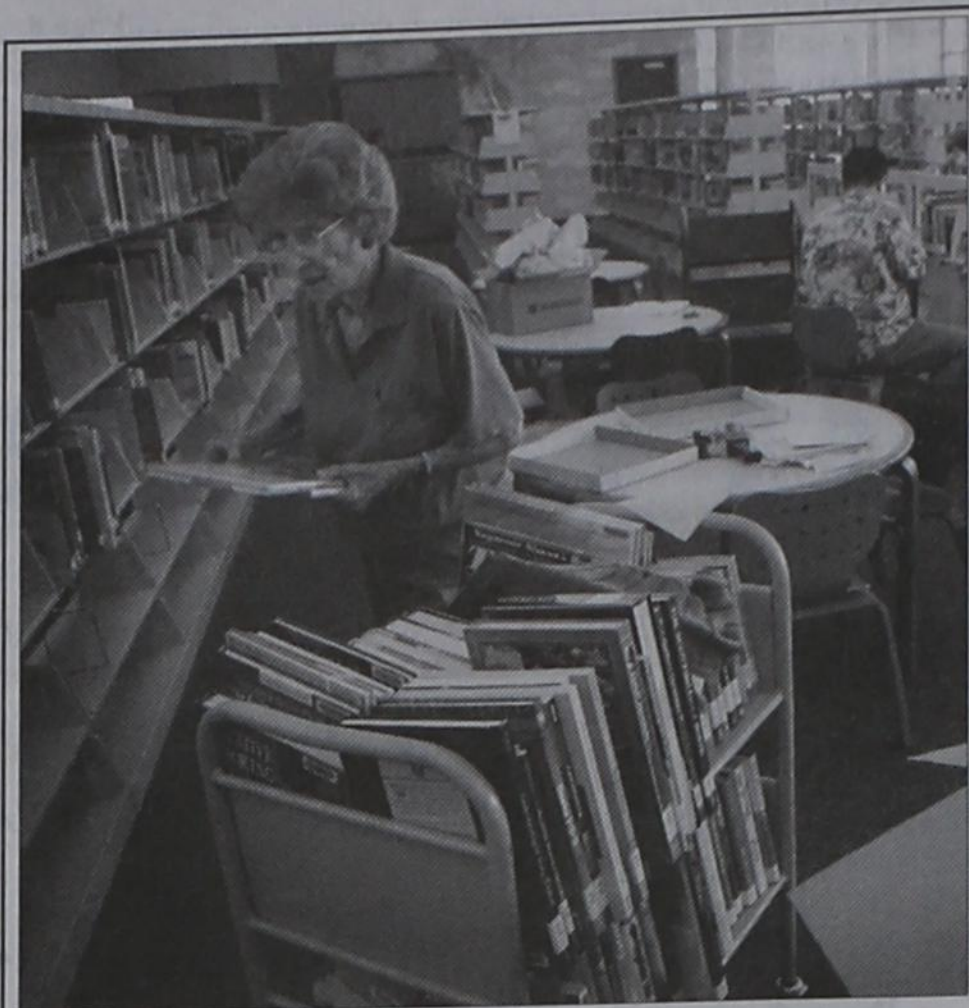
Williams appears to backtrack from his earlier statement by responding, "I think that if the committee wants to discuss and make a recommendation to the commissioners court on any alternative at any time, they can do that after this meeting. Their primary responsibility was on the sheriff's request. But, if they want to discuss any further recommendations, they can do that."

Florance said, "That's provided we have the votes based on the statute?"

Williams replied, "That's right. If they want to sit around and discuss it, make a recommendation and decide to do so among the committee, they can do that."

Florance then explained to the committee that if six to eight members of the panel agree to the request, it would be recommended to the commissioner's court. If there are not six votes, according to statute, the issue is dropped. He also reminded the committee that the budget is only a first draft and anyone can make a recommendation to the commissioners court.

He began to say at that point that they did not have the necessary votes, but again



Rockwall County Library volunteer Betty Irwin (left) assists in stocking the new library. Shelving books in the in the back are library staff members Jimmy Fancher (left) and Laura Brosie (right).

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

New library opening...

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Without giving away all of the surprises to be unveiled at the dedication ceremony on Sept. 7, head librarian Kathy Melston offered a sneak peak of the first building specifically built as a library. This is the library's fourth location since it first opened in 1945.

The library's first home was a room at the Rockwall County Courthouse. In 1978, it was moved to a vacant church at Washington and Fannin Streets. The third move in 1991 took the library to the building just vacated, the former post office on Hwy. 66. The library's new home is at 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane, across from Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

Melston said the library staff had input into the design, which is a delight for the eyes and other senses. "The designer would suggest things. We vetoed a few ideas, suggested some things of our own," she said. "Our interior designer was very imaginative. She made us think outside the box."

A must-see is the bathroom in the children's area. As Melston said, "It's not every day you hear someone say, 'come see my bathroom.'" If you lose your child while browsing the shelves, check the bathroom.

If the designers had asked young children to design a room, the Storytime Room would surely be the result. If young readers choose not to walk through the door on their own two feet, they can crawl in on all fours through the dog house.

Melston said during the planning stage, focus groups were invited to offer input as to what they wanted in a library. A teen focus group was gathered to offer ideas for the teen section. They had input on everything from the fabrics and color scheme, to the wall coverings. Look very closely at the wallpaper in the teen area; see what we mean when we say it stares back with equal intensity. The light covering and computer desk designs have a sail effect, as is often used to remind people they are in a lake community.

A new area being set up is the World Language section for non-English speakers. Melston said she has seen this offered in other libraries and decided

called on Constant. She said, "I want to make sure we have the opportunity to take a second vote, because I would like to make another motion."

Florance said he didn't think they could make another motion at that time. Williams added, "If the committee wants to discuss another recommendation that they feel they want to make, they can discuss it and make a recommendation to the commissioners court, but I don't think it's with the same authority as before."

Florance said, "I don't believe that the statute allows that to happen, and the reason being, it allows a recommendation to the commissioners court if it's over six votes. It doesn't specify if there's under six votes what you can do."

Constant said that she believes the county has excellent service in the sheriff's office. She said her apprehension to vote was she understands the county is in a budget crunch and doesn't want to add to that problem by voting for something that could be a burden on the budget. But she added, "My intention was to make a motion in that regard after that (the first) vote, but it looks like I'm not going to get that opportunity."

Florance said that, based on the statute as he understands it and as it was explained to him by the legal department, they needed six votes to go to the commissioners court and, "we don't have that and I've explained the rest, so this hearing is adjourned."

to try it here. The hope is that patrons will use the library, branching out to book the language.

The Friends of the Library will have an array of book bags and other items to support the library for brochures and public announcements. The library and want to leave flyers or ask us to have any room. Now we have a place for

The library offers walk-in and drive-thru in the future they plan to have a drive-up library is in place, but she said more staff is needed come in time," she said.

The second floor features reference materials, computer terminals, a technology center rooms, large print books, and a balcony and relaxing. A quiet room in the northeast phones, laptops and anything else that making a book in a quite, comfortable environment.

The book collection at the former library room according to Melston. She said the number 60,000, with room to grow. "And that's so

Library hours will remain the same as before and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday

The ribbon cutting celebration will be from Melston said refreshments will be served and as patrons explore the different areas of the library

Volunteer Suzanne Vancil, who helped to the new library is like "moving from a two million dollar house. Before, we couldn't move around corners, and now we have all this room

Melston said the move has been a lot of work. "We have such wonderful volunteers, and our staff is really dedicated. They are just what

Behind the Badge Banquet set

The 2008 Annual Behind the Badge Banquet is a Law Enforcement Support Committee, will be held at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

The Hilton's executive chef will prepare a meal for the public will have the opportunity to meet law enforcement officers.

Officers from the Heath Department of Public Safety, Sheriff's Posse, the Rockwall Police Department and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

scheduled to receive special awards and recognition. Following the meal, comedians from the area will provide live entertainment, and J.D. Cobb and Bill

live music. Tickets to the event cost \$50 and may be purchased from law enforcement officer or by calling Mike Burton at 214-683-8122 or Dee at 214-325-3849.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.27 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 2, 2008 at 6pm City Council Chambers 385 S. Goliad St.

The second public hearing will be held on September 15, 2008 at 6pm City Council Chambers 385 S Goliad St.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: William Cecil, Cliff Sevier, Glen Farris, Margo Nielsen, Matt Scott
- AGAINST: Mark Russo, David Sweet
- PRESENT and not voting:
- ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Rockwall last year was \$193,357 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.4865 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$940.68 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Rockwall this year is \$196,556 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.4788 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxed imposed this year on the average home would be \$941.11 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.5088 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$1,000.08 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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RCHF planning Sept. 21 Cotton Pickin' Party

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Fundraising Committee met recently to generate invitations for the 3rd Annual Cotton Pickin' Party.

This year's fundraiser will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 21 at the museum.

The event will include a barbecue dinner, entertainment, an auction and a cotton-picking contest.

Reservations and tickets are necessary for this family-oriented observance. Cost is \$15 per ticket.

Proceeds from the event and memberships will be used to enhance the museum and its grounds, as well as promote and preserve Rockwall history.

For more information or tickets, call 972-771-8976.

Rockwall ISD fall 2008 open house schedule

- Amanda Rochell Elementary, Sept 9, Grades Pre-K - 6, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, Grades K-3, 6 p.m., Sept. 2; Grades 4-6, Sept. 4, 6 p.m.
- Celia Hays Elementary, Grades Pre-K - 6, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.
- Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary, Grades K-3, Sept. 2, 7-8 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Sept. 4, 7-8 p.m.
- Pullen Elementary, Grades K-3, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Dorris Jones Elementary, Grades Pre-K - 2, Sept. 9, 6-7 p.m.; Grades 3-6, Sept. 9, 7-8 p.m.
- Grace Hartman Elementary, Grades K-2, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.; Grades 3-4, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.; Grades 5-6, 7 p.m., Sept. 11.
- Howard Dobbs Elementary, Grades K-6, Sept. 9, 7-8 p.m.
- Nebbie Williams Elementary, Grades K-3, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.; Grades 4-6, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 9.
- Springer Elementary, Grades Pre-K - 6, Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m.
- Shannon Elementary, Grades Pre-K - 6, Sept. 4, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Reinhardt Elementary, Grades 3-6, Sept. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Grades K-2, Sept. 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- J.W. Williams Middle School, Grades 7-8, August 28, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Maurine Cain Middle School, Grades 7-8, August 28, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Rockwall High School, College Night at Rockwall-Heath High School, Sept. 15, 6-8 p.m.; Open house all grades at RHS, Sept. 22, 7-9 p.m.
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W. Judson and Jane Russell

Judson and Jane Russell feted on 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. Judson Russell recently were honored with a 50th anniversary celebration in Austin.

Jane R. Wells and W. Judson Russell were united in marriage on Aug. 23, 1958, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dennison, Ohio. Following their wedding the couple spent their honeymoon-traveling old Route 66 to California where he attended Cal Poly University.

His career took the couple and their family to New York, Florida and Ohio before moving to Rockwall in 1970. He retired from Lucent Technologies and she retired from the USPS.

The Russells were honored with a celebration hosted by their five children: Susan, Scott, Gregory, Christopher and Pamela, their spouses and 10 grandchildren.

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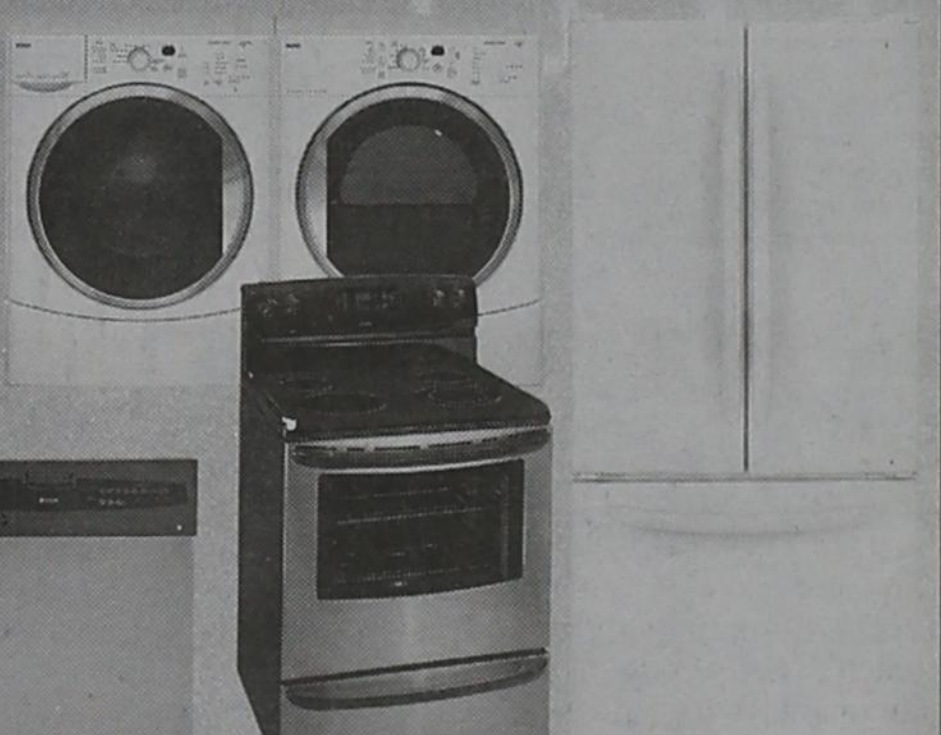
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School Open House for Rockwall Royse City ISD

Rockwall ISD Schedule Pickup: 4 p.m., Friday, August 22, 8-10-11 a.m./5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 21

4 p.m., Thursday, August 21
 2, 5-7 p.m., Thursday, August 21

Rockwall ISD School Cafeteria Information:
 Students 7-12 \$2.50

Rockwall ISD School Times:
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 Kindergarten, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Royse City ISD School Times:
 Grades 9-12, 8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
 Grades 7-8, 8:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
 School, Grade 6, 8:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
 DAEP, 8 a.m.

First Day of School Dates and Times:
 August 21, 7 p.m., Thursday, August 21
 School, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 21
 Day, August 21, Grade 1 at 5:30 p.m., Grade 2 at 5 p.m. First day of school, report to homeroom.
 August 22, 6 p.m., Friday August 22. First day of school, report to homeroom.

Thursday, August 21, Grades K, 1 & 2, 6-6:30 p.m. First day of school, report to cafeteria at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 21, Grades Pre-K - 1, 6-7 p.m. First day of school, report to assigned classroom. Assigned classrooms with a parent or family member.

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Poetry Community Christian School (PCCS) Dads taking a break from construction and landscaping tasks during preparations for the first day of classes are (left to right) Carey Citty, Randy Countryman and Carey Hembey.
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Poetry Community Christian School (PCCS) Moms organizing and stockpiling school supplies before the first day of classes are (left to right) Dyana Agee and Duncan. PCCS parents volunteer over 10,000 hours for the school.
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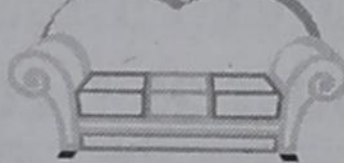
Rockwall Elementary Schools

August 25:
DELI SDW -TURK & CHEESE
Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza
Stuffed Potato
Mixed Vegetables
Chicken Noodle Soup
Fresh Apple
Choc Chip Cookie
Fruit Juice, Apple, Orange
Fruit Juice, App/Cheri
Mixed Fruit Juice
Milk: Choice
Milk, Vanilla, 1%
Milk, Choc, FF
Milk, Strawberry 1%
Mayonnaise, Mustard Heinz
Bacon Bits, Jalapenos, Salsa
Leftovers

August 26:
Teriyaki Chicken Strips
Steamed Rice, Sausage Roll
Chef Salad
CRACKERS, SALTINES 1(4 CT)
Chef Salad w/ Diced Egg
Steamed Corn, Oriental
Vegetables
ORANGE SMILES
Apple Crisp
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August 27:
Beef Tamales
Grilled Chicken Sandwich
Stuffed Potato
Spanish Rice, Yvonne Beans
Lett/Tom/Pickle Side
Peas w/ Baby Carrots
Fruit Cocktail
Fruit Juice, Apple, Orange
Fruit Juice, App/Cheri
Mixed Fruit Juice
Milk: Choice
Milk, Vanilla, 1%
Milk, Choc, FF
Milk, Strawberry 1%
Mustard Heinz, Mayonnaise
Ketchup, Salsa, Bacon Bits
Jalapenos, Ranch Dressing
Leftovers

August 28:
Spaghetti w/ Meatballs
Bread Sticks, Hot Wheat Roll
Chicken Bites
Fajita Salad
Crackers, Saltines 1(4 CT)
Chef Salad w/ Diced Egg
Chef Salad, Garden Salad
Mashed Potatoes
California Vegetables
Strawberries & Bananas
Fruit Juice, Apple, Orange
Fruit Juice, App/Cheri
Mixed Fruit Juice
Milk: Choice
Milk, Vanilla, 1%
Milk, Choc, FF
Milk, Strawberry 1%
Parmesan Cheese
Ketchup, Ranch Dressing
Salad Dressing Variety
Country Gravy
Leftovers

August 29:
Hamburger on Bun
Cheeseburger
TUNA SANDWICH

Shoe String Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Hamburger Salad
Vegetable Sticks
Mandarin Oranges
Fruit Juice, Apple, Orange
Fruit Juice, App/Cheri
Mixed Fruit Juice

Royse City ISD customer care

The Royse City Independent School District effort Aug. 6 with a workshop presented by B Region 10 Education Service Center program. Three Royse City ISD staff members attended the workshop, "180 Ways to Walk the Customer." The workshop was designed for front office staff teaching and how to make work environments positive. The school district has made a three-year contract with ESC to have follow-up workshops to reinforce customer friendly.

Heath DPS Citizens' Academy

The Heath Department of Public Safety will host a Citizens' Academy from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on August 28. The program will offer a behind-the-scenes look through classroom instruction and hands-on experience with equipment and vehicles. Topics taught by Heath DPS include training in police and fire operations, as well as training. Participants also will learn about special services. "During the Citizen Academy, HDPS personnel will provide information on the various services that can last far past each participant's graduation. This is an ongoing exchange of information and ideas." Academy participants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license. The application process will include a background check. For more information or an application, contact Bob Burton at bburton@heathtx.com.

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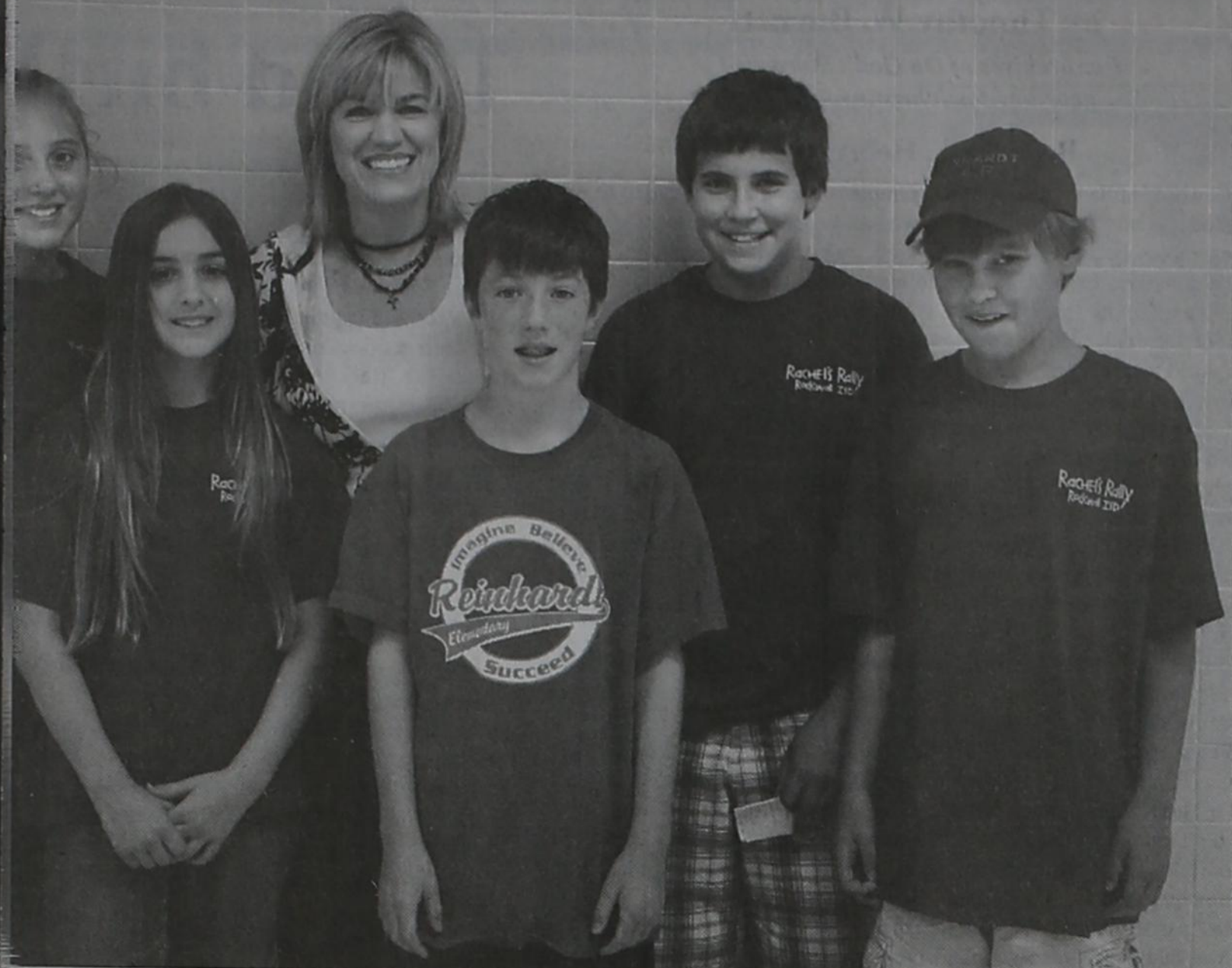
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2008-09 PTA president Kathleen Evans along with Reinhardt Kids Acting on Principle (KAD) students recently at the New Student Orientation are (left to right) Cale Merritt, Samantha Paleri, Sam Evans, Will Morris and students presented information about activities and programs available for students attending Reinhardt Elementary

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sign up, parents and students receive a personal log in and password from the campus. For more information on signing up and using Family Access, contact a campus assistant principal. Truancy is commonly confused with the 90 Percent Attendance for Credit rule, which requires that students must attend 90 percent of each class, per semester, in order to receive credit regardless of their grades. All types of absences are counted towards the 90 percent rule, excused and unexcused absences. This normally means that once a

student misses more than nine classes of a course (18 days for an elementary school year), they will be denied credit unless that time is made up. Unlike truancy violations, these absences can be recouped in order to regain credit for the class, which may be needed to advance to the next grade level. A three-hour Friday night school offered for \$10 can recoup lost days to meet the 90 percent attendance standards. Students can make up as many as 12 hours per semester in Friday night school. Campus assistant principals assign Friday night schools or develop plans to make up the lost time.

Contact information for campus assistant principals and counselors can be found at www.rockwallisd.org under the RISD Schools link.

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Believing... Hebrews 11

God's word is filled with fantastic examples of people believing to receive from God. As students of the Bible we can benefit greatly from studying these examples, because according to God, they are for our learning.

God emphasizes examples for us to learn from in Hebrews chapter 11. It starts by explaining that believing is the substance or title-deed of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The world teaches that we must see first, and then believe. God said to believe first, and then we see the results. Hebrews 10:35 teaches us to "cast not away" our confidence, which has "great recompense of reward." It further reads, "For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." The result is always receiving the promise.

Verse 2 reads, "For by it the elders obtained a good report." They bore witness to a good report. They believed God and bore witness to the truth of God's word. In so doing, they did that which was pleasing to God. Anyone who wants to know how to please God only needs to go to His recorded word to learn how.

As it is written, "But without faith [believing] it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Hebrews 11:23 gives a wonderful example of people who pleased God. Believing God, Moses' parents hid him for three months. They were not afraid of the King's commandment to toss all the newborn sons in the river. More light can be shined on this in Exodus 2:2 where a woman conceived and bore Moses. She saw that he was a "goodly child," and she hid him for three months against the will of the King of Egypt.

Moses' parents revered God like the midwives did in Exodus 1:17. The result was that Israel was able to receive God's promise of deliverance. They patiently believed, so that afterward they might receive the promise.

Believing God's word energizes dynamically desirable results. See 1 Thessalonians 2:13, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of [from] men, but as it is in truth the word of God which effectually works in you that believe."

Church to mark 122nd birthday

The Chisholm Baptist Church, located at 13 Chisholm, will mark its 122nd birthday with a hamburger supper and Sunday.

On Saturday night a hamburger supper, game, a church 'spoons' contest and handmade jigsaw puzzles will be sold. Activities will begin at 6 p.m.

Church services on Sunday will feature 'era of the 1880s. The 'Back to 1886 Worship Service' begins at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 972-563-0230.

Rockwall Obituaries

R. Leah Ansley

Services for R. Leah Ansley, 64, were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Chaplain Cindy Lichau officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Aug. 14.

Born Oct. 12, 1943, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Edward A. and Minnie Martha (Pickett) Hall, she lived in Rockwall for 30 years. She was an accountant for Atlantic Richfield in Dallas for 20 years and M-Tex Fixture Company in Rockwall for 14 years.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Larry Ansley of Rockwall; her daughters, Jannine McElfresh and husband, Jason Clough and husband, Shawn, of Rockwall and Am Jonathan, of Memphis, Tenn.; five grandchildren: Ansley, Justin Hernandez, Christina Bates and Joselyn and five sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Frances Lanelle Eason

Services for Frances Lanelle (Leath) Eason of Heath were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Sunday, Aug. 17, at her home following a brief battle with leukemia.

Born May 9, 1925, in Henderson to John T. & Thelma (Brown) Leath, she graduated from Henderson High School and the former Texas State College for Women (now TWU) in Denton in 1946 with a Bachelor of Science. She moved to Dallas following college and worked in the advertising industry and real estate. It was through this real estate connection she met her future husband, Haywood. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 17, 2008.

The couple worked together in real estate and the business for many years in Dallas, Richardson and founding board member of Helping Hands and the N chapter in Rockwall, was awarded the Life Master American Contract Bridge League in 1997 and was the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include her husband, Haywood Eason; a daughter and husband, Ernie; and her grandchildren, Shannon and all of Heath; her sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Rockwall; and many cousins, relatives and friends throughout the East Texas area.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and daughter, Anne Marie Eason.

Susan Heth

Services for Susan Kay Heth, age 64 of Rockwall, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Shawn Risinger officiating.

She was born December 8, 1943, in Kansas City, MO to Kenneth & Francis Louise (Burns) Heth.

Heth was a lifelong school teacher of special needs children and a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

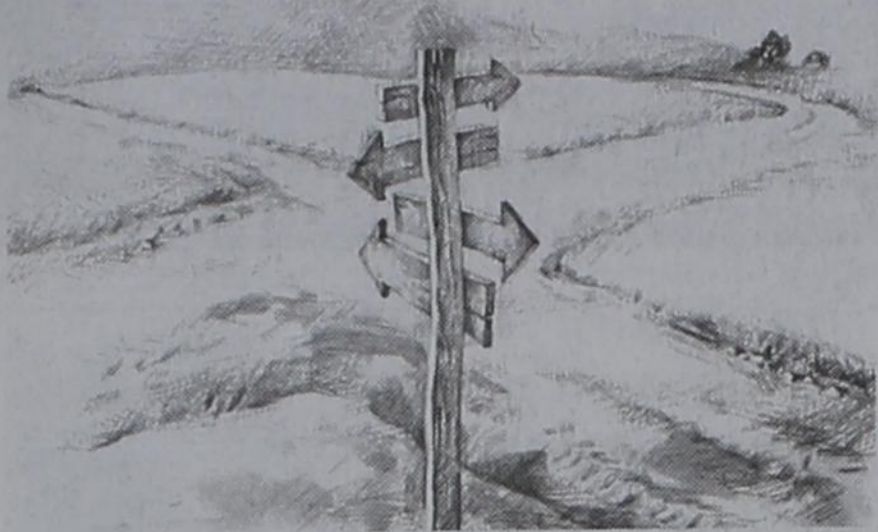
Survivors her children, Daryl Risinger & wife Kelly, Tracy Risinger, Shawn Risinger & wife Mary, Kyle Risinger & wife Shari, Amanda, Lauren, Jay, and Megan Maes, Linda; and grandchildren, Ashley, Bethany, Megan Hunter, Pierce and Devnn.

The family received friends Thursday evening at the 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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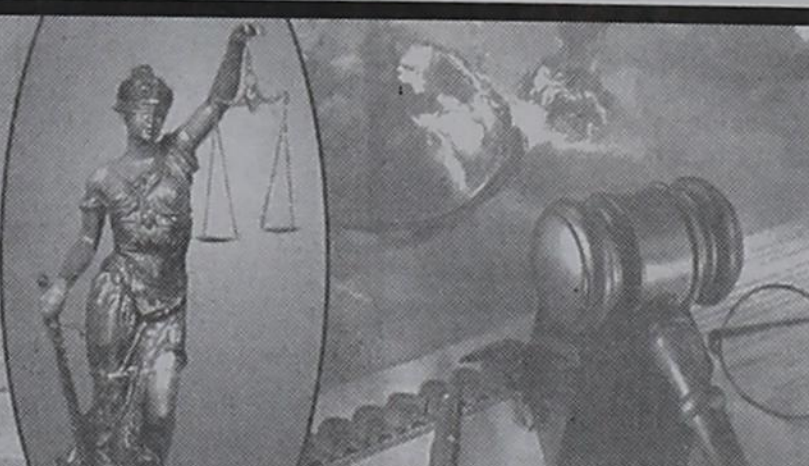


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The other day, while the most competitive local mortgage companies were offering rates at around 6.00% with no points, I received a call from a valued client who was financing for the third time. Although she had always been a very loyal customer, some concern that the "zero point" rates she found on the Internet were not real.

"What's the deal, Danny?"

After all these years, and all the customers I've referred to you, why are you trying to rip me off?"

Everyone has heard the old adage about things that "sound too good to be true" - mortgage rates are no exception. Upon hearing the doubts created by the advertisements I felt compelled to research the credibility of the rates on the mortgage rate monitor website and found a rate of 5.625% and zero points.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Maude White, and his brothers, George Jr. White and Ralph White.

The family has requested donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Lakeside Civic Chorus opens auditions

Auditions are being scheduled for the Lakeside Civic Chorus, which will begin its fall season Sept. 2 at Rockwall High School. For more information contact David Bush at 972-679-4227 or 972-772-0832 or e-mail bushdl@swbell.net.

Crawfish to perform Thursday

Crawfish will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Each event in the Concert by the Lake series is open to the public, and admission is free.

Doggie Splash Day scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will celebrate the dog days of summer with a Doggie Splash Day beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers Park Pool. Dogs can swim at a cost of \$5 each; swimming for owners will be free. A dog-paddle race, retrieving contest and a swimsuit contest are scheduled. Owners must bring proof of rabies vaccinations.

RHHS presents improv comedy show

Rockwall-Heath High School's advanced theatre class, Centerstage, will present an evening of comedy beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 as teams battle in a championship of improvisational wit. The event will take place in the RHHS Black Box Theatre. Cost for admission will be \$5.

Fall auditions set for Children's Chorus

Rockwall Children's Chorus Fall Auditions will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 6 at the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall. Call Lori at 972-722-8187 to schedule an audition.

Next Lunch & Learn set Sept. 7

The next Lunch & Learn event, sponsored the first Sunday of each month by the Zaner Robison Historical Museum at Royse City, will be conducted Sept. 7. The topic will be "Bulldog Days of Glory." Cost will be \$6 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Tea, reception planned for grandparents

In conjunction with September's Grandparent's Day observance, the charter members of the Grandparent Century Club of the Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation Inc. and Foundation Staff will host a tea and reception at 3 p.m. Sept. 9 at the RISD Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall. To join the Grandparent Century Club, it is necessary to either have or have had grandchildren in the RISD school system and contribute \$100 to the Foundation. For more information contact Cindy Benefield at 972-771-0605.

Square dance lessons begin Sept. 11

Lessons for beginner square dancing will begin Sept. 11 in the Williams Administration Building, 1050 Williams St., in Rockwall. The first two lessons will be offered free of charge. Wayne Shoemaker will serve as instructor. For more information, contact the Rockwall Square and Round Dancing Club's Don or Natalie Hagler, 972-771-2802; John or Charlotte Chupik, 469-338-0021 or 214-538-7746; Claudine Bendorf at 972-557-2869; or the City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, 972-771-



Last Thursday's Harbor District entertainment included the driving sounds of Mars Hill Band members (left to right) Annagrey Labasse, band leader Dave Barnett (back) and Keith Anderson on the saxophone. The talented Dallas based group audience with various styles of Rock mixed with some Blues and Jazz. For more information visit online at www.marshillband.com
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Sports Notes

Meet the Jackets to feature silent auction

Saturday's Meet the Jackets event at the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium will include a silent auction designed to generate enthusiasm for the upcoming season and proceeds for the Jacket Backers Athletic Booster Club's general fund. The auction will begin at 5 p.m., followed by Meet the Jackets at 6 p.m. To donate products or services to the auction, contact Jody Raymond at 214-229-8275 or e-mail raymondjody@aol.com.

Class to focus on fitness, agility

A class dedicated to agility training, upper- and lower-body strength conditioning, jump roping and other fitness activities will run from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each Saturday beginning this week through Sept. 6, at the Myers Park E. Pavilion. Individuals ages 16 and older are eligible to participate in the class, which is part of the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's summer activities program. Cost is \$40.

Ladies Golf Night Out offered Mondays

Monday evenings are Ladies Golf Night Out at Stone River Golf Club. Beginners are welcome to the one-hour group lesson for women of all skill levels. The weekly event will run from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the driving range; cost is \$20 per person. Basic golf fundamentals will be taught and practiced during each session. For more information or to sign up contact Randy Wade at 972-636-2254.

Red, White & Blue Tournery set Aug. 30

The Red, White & Blue Tournament at the Stone River Golf Club will begin with a 2 p.m. shotgun start on Aug. 30. The event will feature a pick-your-own-partner, two-man format. Best ball from the red tees (holes 1-6); alternate shot from the white tees (holes 7-12); scramble from the blue tees (holes 13-18). Cash payout. Cost is \$50 plus tax per player (\$25 must be in cash). Must have more than 10 teams to flight the tournament. Skins \$10 per man/\$20 per team - optional. Payout \$500 purse, \$250 per flight. Skins \$200

DimeBox announces upcoming schedule

Fans of the western movie genre will enjoy some of their favorite flicks over the next few weeks at the DimeBox Theater in Royse City.

- Sept. 6 - "Borrowed Trouble" with Hopalong Cassidy
 - Sept. 20 - "Idaho" with Roy Rogers
 - Oct. 11 - "The Devil's Playground" with Hopalong Cassidy
 - Oct. 25 - "Arsenic & Old Lace," a comedy with Cary Grant
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The Rockwall City Council oversees the funding collected through hotel/motel occupancy taxes, and applications in connection with the 2008-2009 budget year are currently being accepted.

Applications will be made available at the HOT workshops. Attendance at one workshop is required. The remaining workshops will be conducted in the City Hall Council Chambers from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday and from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday.

Interested organizations should contact Lea Ann Ewing of the city's finance department, 385 S. Goliad, at 972-771-7700.

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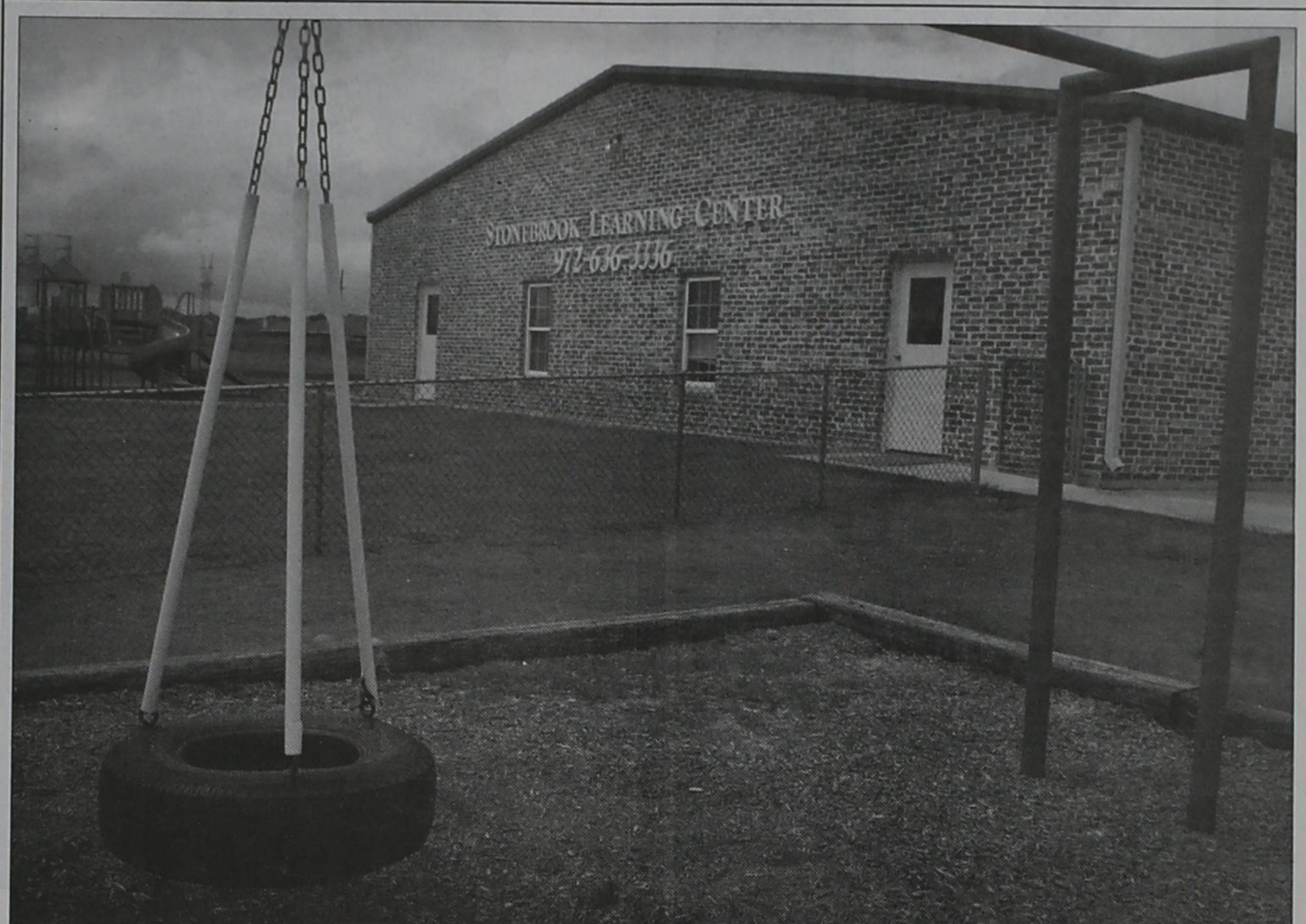
Rockwall County Business Review

Stonebrook Learning Centers a family environment

Center now offers two locations in Royse City. The center is operated by the Benedetto family: John, Pam, Matt and Ty. Ty is originally from Rockwall and is deeply rooted in the community. Matt Benedetto sits on the city council, and Ty is on the chamber and chamber board of directors, on-site every day.

The center is located at 201 N. Hickory Hill in 2002. Recognizing the growth of the area, the second center opened at 3200 FM 548 in Royse City. The centers offer over 37,000 square feet of play areas.

The centers are family-based and create environments where children receive reinforcement. This helps feed a child's self-esteem to help them make good decisions. The result of this program is to create problem solvers, life-long learners and professional teachers for both schools, and while both centers are a part of a private school, they do not have the high costs of a private school.



Stonebrook Learning Center at the intersection of Elm and Highway 66 in Royse City. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Stonebrook is a custom made program called "The Learning Program," derived from four different curriculum programs. The programs are to enhance the development of reading, writing, and math skills and to promote family involvement in the curriculum. The program provides hands-on learning for Social Studies and Math, Art, Gross and Fine Motor Skills and other activities that provide opportunities for growth.

The classroom is equipped with age appropriate centers for block building, dramatic play, science and nature, and problem solving activities.

As a learning center, they offer child care, as well as preschool. Each room has two teachers and is in compliance with state regulations. Both centers have a full kitchen and full time professional meals, again in compliance with the state.

The center is open for infants four to eleven months old and has a secure environment with identity passcodes and a highly secured environment for ages 12 to 17 months and offers age appropriate activities. The tot's room is for ages 17 to 23 months and is staffed with two teachers. There is also the two year old room, a young pre-k class and older pre-k class with appropriate décor. Three separate playgrounds are also available to promote teamwork and social skills.

The center is open at eighteen months, a building process taught by the program helps get the child ready for kindergarten by teaching social skills, shape and color recognition, motor, language and problem solving skills.

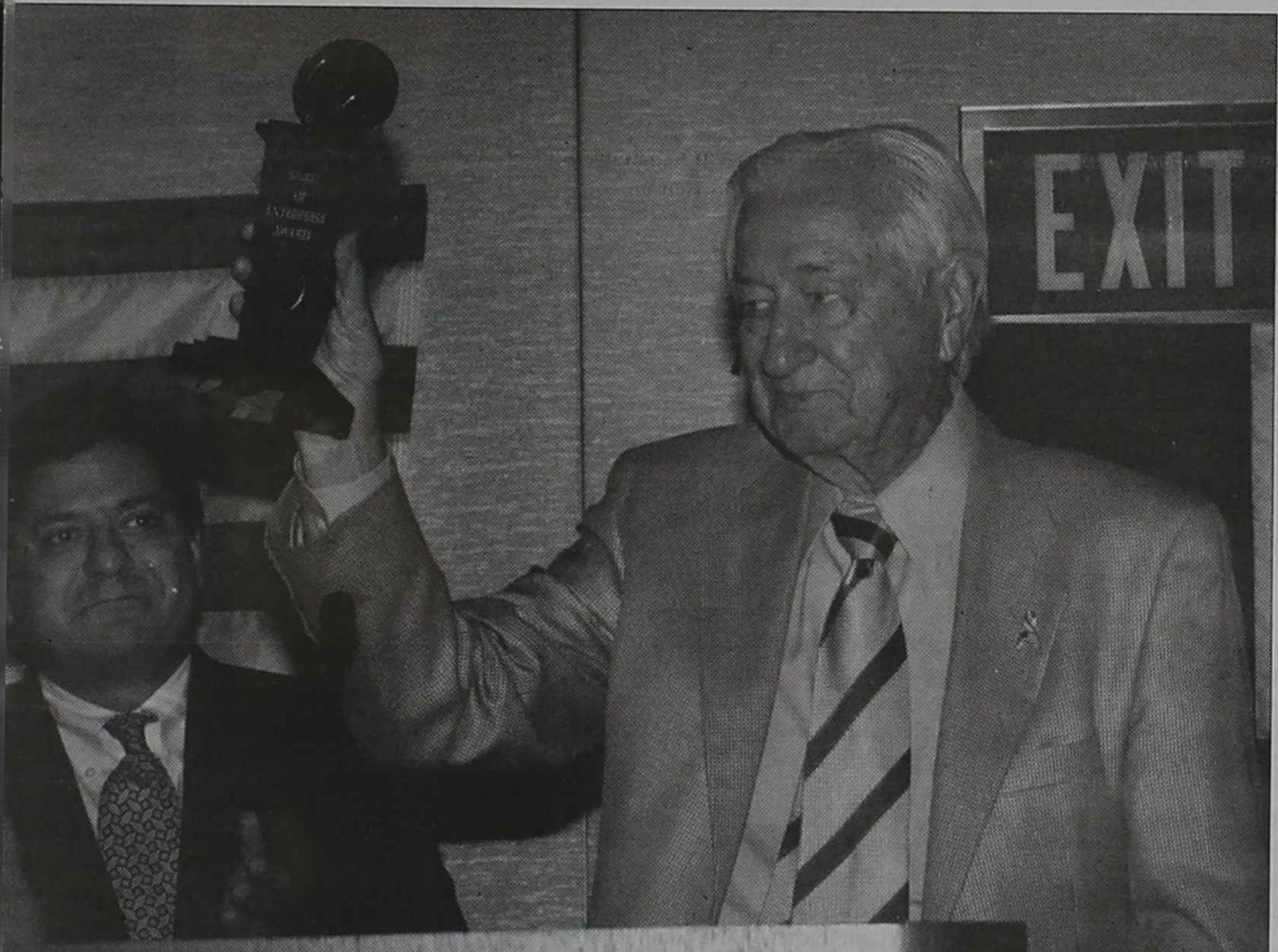
Parents in the area recognize when a child has been in the center. "They have a jump start on the learning

The after-school program is for children from kindergarten to fifth grade and offers transportation to and from Royse City schools, designated areas for homework, with help if needed, and large, age appropriate playgrounds.

The summer months are a combination of fun and learning for kids from kindergarten through fifth grade. Field trips on Mondays and Fridays include bowling, skating, and movies. Tuesdays and Thursdays are swimming, and Wednesdays are for group activities. Gymnastics, dance and private swim lessons also are offered.

Last week the Hickory Hill location celebrated its annual pre-k graduation with approximately 50 students. This Friday, August 22, the first pre-k graduation will be held for 24 students at the FM 548 S. location. The graduation and end of summer bash included bounce houses, train rides, popcorn and cotton candy, sno-cones and hotdogs.

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Congressman Ralph Hall honored at Chamber luncheon

Congressman Ralph Hall of Rockwall County receives "The Spirit of Enterprise" award during Wednesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Bella Harbor Hilton. Presenting the award is U.S. Chamber Regional Manager John Gonzales of Irving. Gonzales serves in the U.S. House of Representatives on the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. During his speech, Hall spoke of the importance of State's rights and the benefits of free enterprise.

by Tim Burnett

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Lake Pointe recognized for newborn screenings

Lake Pointe Medical Center, like hospitals across the state, screens newborns for hearing loss as part of a statewide public health initiative to prevent infants from suffering developmental delays due to undetected hearing loss. Lake Pointe, however, has been recognized by the State of Texas as one of the best hospitals screening newborns for hearing loss.

The Medical Center earned top marks with its recent certification in the Distal Newborn Hearing Screening Program, the highest possible by the THA for a birthing hospital in Texas," said Dr. John C. Smith, CEO of Lake Pointe Health Network.

The program is to ensure that newborns with hearing loss receive the early intervention they need to develop speech, language and learning skills.

Lake Pointe Medical Center earned its recognition by ensuring families receive quality services during their hospital stay.

The Department of State Health Services monitors hospital screening programs to ensure specific quality benchmarks are met. To be certified, a hospital must screen newborns for hearing loss, provide follow-up testing to audiologists; and inform family members of hearing screening results.

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Vlad the Ass

by Bill O'Reilly
The violent history of Eastern Europe inspired the classic horror character Dracula in 1897. A Romanian ruler named Vlad Tepes, who, in incredible atrocities like impaling thousands of people.

For this Tepes was called "Vlad the Impaler." Now we have Vladimir Putin, the Russian murderer in Georgia in order to show the world that he is in fighting form. Using the old Third Reich "Russians" living in Georgian territory, Putin has angered most decent people.

For this Putin should be known as "Vlad the Ass." Why is Putin doing this? Well, like Dracula, Soviet Secret Police director, Putin has no other way to achieve his goals. Under his presidency, Russia where dissenters (and Putin's business competitors) are imprisoned and, on occasion, murdered.

There is no question in my mind that Putin is a monster in Russia despite the election of his protégé Dmitri Medvedev. Putin's vision is a Russia that dominates the world, competes with the United States and China for global supremacy. Everything he can do to weaken America — including developing the Tor-M1 air defense system, and the development of intercontinental ballistic missiles. Obviously, Putin is no friend of ours.

The United States has tweaked Putin back by joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the resulting conflict. Realizing that the Bush administration could not conflict right now, Putin decided to show the world that America's friend, Georgia, without a meaningful ally in doing that.

Down the road, either John McCain or Barack Obama will defeat Vlad the Assailer. This dour, brutal man senses weakness in Europe, weakness that will drive him to become like Vlad Tepes understands is the stick.

But how to wield it is the question. As with Iraq, to deter Putin because Europe needs Russia's natural gas, to challenge Russia by supporting sanctions. So it will be States vs. Russia, mano a mano.

Putin is one tough customer. It will be interesting to see if the United States will elect a leader who can effectively neutralize him. Old Vlad, like Dracula, will commit suicide if he is defeated.

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Patterns of Black Excellence

by Walter E. Williams
Most people know the tragic state of black education today. We know that billions of dollars are spent on federal government programs such as No Child Left Behind and the billions spent by state and local governments. If you were to ask an education "expert" to explain the tragedy, you'd get answers such as racial discrimination and underfunding.

My colleague Dr. Thomas Sowell has written volumes on black education and an article worth reading is one he wrote some years ago in *The Public Interest* (Spring 1976) and reprinted in his book "Education: Assumptions Versus History." Washington's Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School is one black school that Sowell writes about. From 1870 to 1955, most of Dunbar's graduates went off to college, earning degrees from Harvard, Princeton, Williams, Wesleyan and others. As early as 1899, Dunbar students had higher scores on citywide tests than students at any of the District's white schools. Dunbar's attendance records were generally better than those of white schools and its rate of tardiness was lower. Latin was taught throughout the period from 1870 to 1955 and in the early decades, Greek was taught as well. Large classes were the norm, 40 students per teacher. It was more than 40 years before Dunbar had a lunchroom, which was then so small that many children had to eat lunch on the street. Blackboards were old and cracked. It was 1950 before the school had a public address system. Most of the parents of Dunbar students worked in unskilled and semiskilled occupations. White-collar and professional parents totaled 17 percent.

Sowell also writes about Baltimore's Frederick Douglass High School, whose education tragedy was featured last June in the HBO documentary "Hard Times at Douglass High" and my column "Black Education" (July 23, 2008). Frederick Douglass was founded in 1883 as the Colored High and Training School before it was renamed in 1892. It survived for decades with inadequate support, located in a succession of hand-me-down buildings that whites had discarded, old textbooks used years before by white students, refinished desks from white schools, secondhand sports equipment and so on. Teaching styles at Douglass approximated those of rigorous colleges: discussion rather than lectures, reading lists rather than day-to-day assignments and papers rather than reliance on "objective" tests. The interest of teachers in the students was reciprocated by the parents. According to alumni, "The school could do no wrong" in the eyes of parents.

Douglass produced distinguished alumni, such as Thurgood Marshall and Cab Calloway, as well as several judges, congressmen and civil rights leaders. Douglass High was second in the nation in black Ph.D.'s among its alumni. Dunbar High's distinguished alumni included U.S. Sen. Ed Brooke and physician Charles Drew. During WWII, Dunbar alumni in the Army included "nearly a score of Majors, nine Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels and a Brigadier General."

These successful black schools and others contradict what the "experts" say is needed to improve black education. Today's Dunbar and Douglass High schools' teachers and students have resources that would have been the envy of their predecessors. Class sizes today are a fourth of what they were yesteryear. What about the argument that segregated schools, as in *Brown v. Board of Education*, are inherently unequal? Or, as argued in *Serrano v. Priest*, that equalization of expenditures per student is essential for equal education. These observations are not arguments for segregation or unequal school financing; they merely challenge assumptions that have become gospel.

Former teachers and alumni, whom Sowell interviewed, said that the most basic characteristic of their school was law and order. Respect was the term most used to describe the attitudes of students and parents toward the schools. "The teacher was always right" was a frequently used phrase. Without a civilized learning environment, academic excellence is impossible no matter how much money is spent.

By the way, out of respect for these two great Americans, Frederick Douglass and Paul Laurence Dunbar, the two schools should be renamed Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton High.

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War in Georgia Shows U.S. Foreign Policy Is a Bust

by Sheldon Richman
The tragic events in the nation of Georgia show that U.S. foreign policy is a bust. In particular, NATO must go. This may seem counterintuitive, but this relic of the Cold War has nothing to contribute to peace. On the contrary, it is a destabilizing tool of America's provocative imperial foreign policy.

Let us stipulate that the Russian government would undoubtedly be interested in having Georgia in its camp even if NATO did not exist. The Russian elite has always seen itself destined for a major role in world events, and that dream of course included a large sphere of influence where friendly regimes saw things the Russian way.

Nevertheless, NATO — and the U.S. empire for which it stands — is a major aggravating factor in the tensions between Russia and its neighbors. Not long after the Soviet Union imploded and the Cold War ended, the U.S. foreign-policy elite began talking about expanding NATO to include former Soviet satellites and republics.

Considering that NATO was ostensibly created to counter the Soviet Union in Europe, how could expanding the organization up to the Russian border not be provocative? What was the point, except to show the Russians who's boss?

Georgia has been angling for membership in NATO for years. President Mikheil Saakashvili's Russian policy was nothing short of a pro-American in-your-face policy strategy. The Bush administration encouraged it by training and equipping the Georgian military. All of this stirred Russian suspicions about U.S. objectives in its "backyard." In return, Georgia sent troops to assist in America's misguided mission in Iraq.

The U.S. policy toward Georgia is part of a pattern that, naturally, is justified in the name of the "war on terror" and the spreading of democracy, although some of the Central Asia republics have odious authoritarian governments. But the Russians, hearing talk of anti-missile systems in the new NATO countries, don't see the strategy as benign. They see encirclement. Who can blame them?

The immediate cause of the recent clash was Georgia's violent move to put down separatist activity in South Ossetia, one of two break-away areas with sympathies toward Russia. Russia undoubtedly has helped advance secessionist sentiments there and in Abkhazia. Its brutal bombing inside Georgia is to be condemned, but that does not mean that Saakashvili's government is blameless.

Did the Georgian president get a green light from the Bush administration? We may never know. But the question is not essential. What we do know is that U.S. policy created a moral-hazard problem.

In other words, the Bush administration's words and deeds almost certainly emboldened the Georgian government with respect to South Ossetia and Russia, encouraging it to take measures it probably would not have taken otherwise.

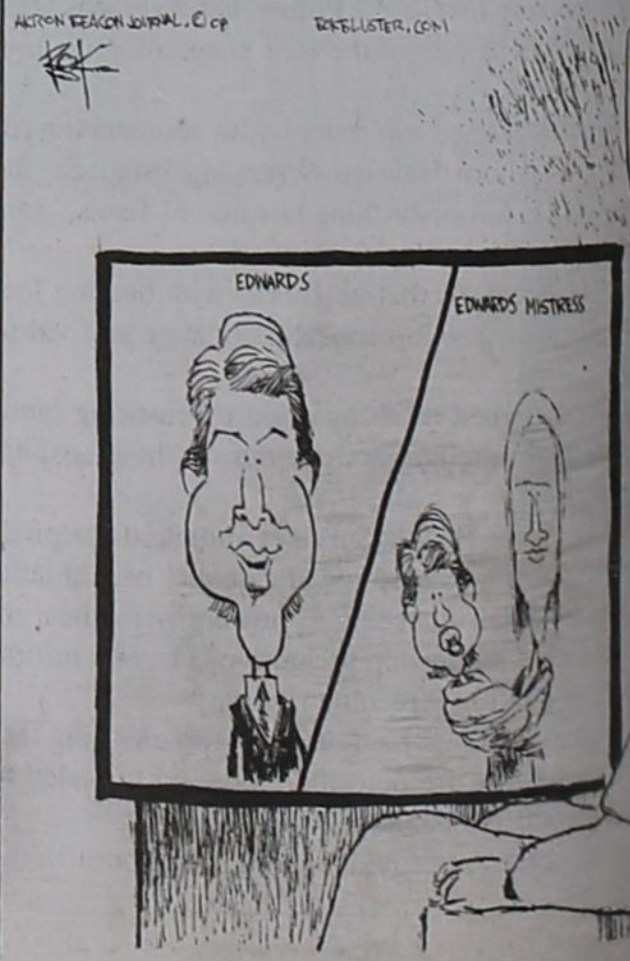
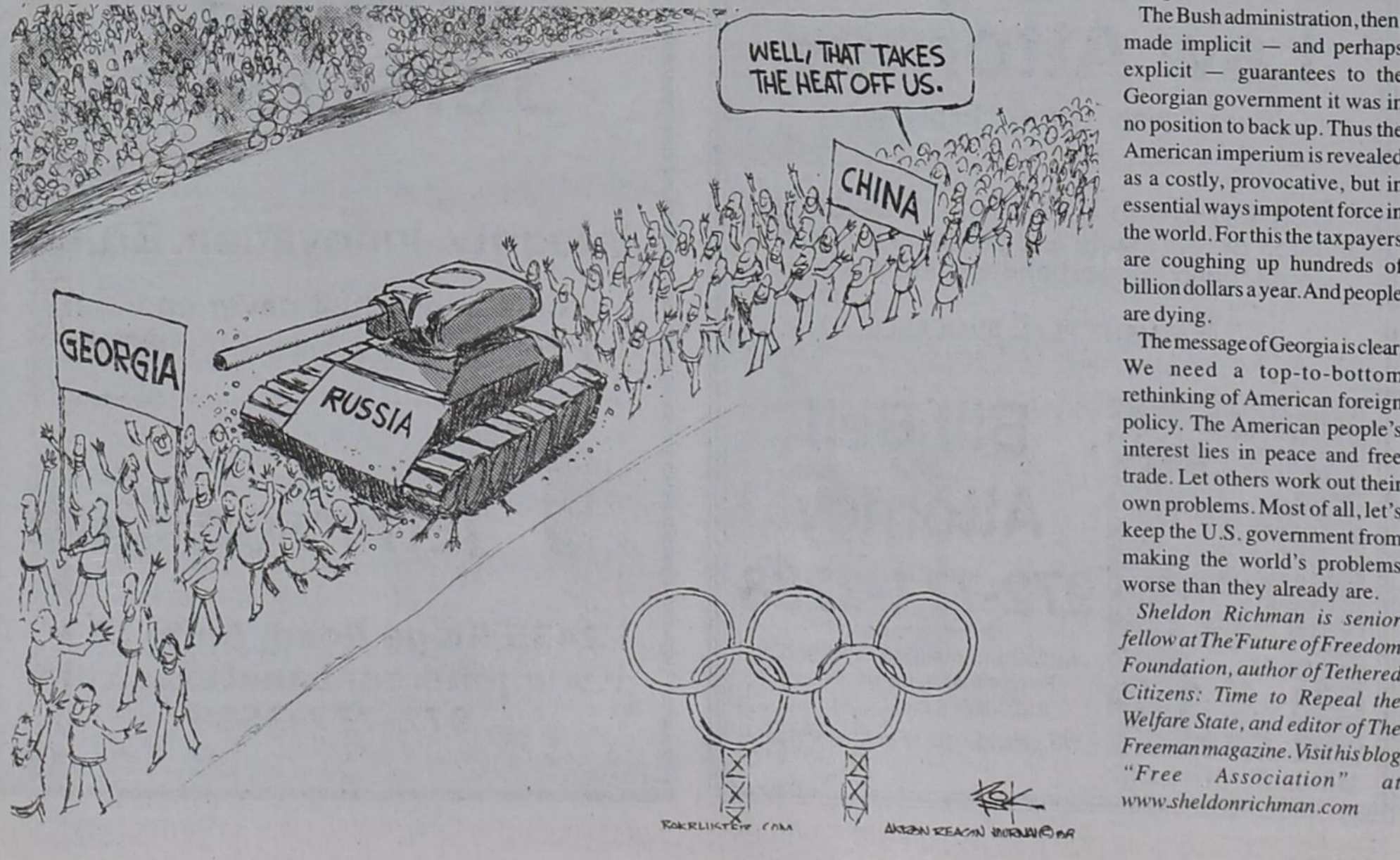
As we saw, it was a major miscalculation. Saakashvili may have been counting on U.S. support, but what could he possibly have hoped for? The U.S. military, spread thin already in Iraq and Afghanistan, has no forces to spare.

But even if that were not the case, did Saakashvili really think the United States and Europe would go to war against Russia? Memories of the bloody 20th century are too fresh in Europe to make that a realistic expectation. It is one thing to invade and occupy Iraq, quite another to take on Russia. It was out of the question.

The Bush administration, then, made implicit — and perhaps explicit — guarantees to the Georgian government it was in no position to back up. Thus the American imperium is revealed as a costly, provocative, but in essential ways impotent force in the world. For this the taxpayers are coughing up hundreds of billion dollars a year. And people are dying.

The message of Georgia is clear. We need a top-to-bottom rethinking of American foreign policy. The American people's interest lies in peace and free trade. Let others work out their own problems. Most of all, let's keep the U.S. government from making the world's problems worse than they already are.

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Fire believed to have been started by a lightning strike destroyed the second floor of a house in the 1800 block of Wildrose Street. All occupants of the house got out safely. (Photo courtesy)

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Lightning suspected in Rockwall house

Rockwall firefighters were called to a home in the 1800 block of Wildrose Street in the early hours of Friday, Aug. 15 after receiving a call that a house was on fire, possibly the result of a lightning strike. No one inside the house was injured.

Fire Chief Brad Poindexter said the initial call was received at 3:49 a.m., as a severe thunderstorm pounded Rockwall with heavy rain, wind, thunder and lightning. Firefighters were dispatched at 3:50 a.m. and arrived on the scene at 3:53 a.m. A total of 28 firefighters responded to the call.

When firefighters arrived, flames could be seen coming out of the attic at the back of the house. The homeowner reported that she

heard a loud boom that shook the house. She saw smoke and damage, and finding none, returned to bed. She heard one banging loudly on her front door, yelling "Fire." Everyone in the house, a man, woman and two children, got out safely.

Poindexter said the homeowner believes the fire was caused by lightning. The official cause of the fire is still under investigation. No firefighters were injured battling the blaze.

The second floor of the house was a total loss. The first floor had some water damage, but no fire damage to the floor or the garage.



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Construction projects improving RISD athletics facilities

Rockwall these days without seeing construction. New homes are being built. And there's plenty of masonry work going on around the schools. Construction is part of a \$198-million bond issue designed to upgrade facilities from its current 10,500 students to an estimated 15,000 in 2010.

Construction is providing new or upgraded athletic facilities are having an impact on the district's athletic venues. The last two home volleyball matches were moved to Lovejoy — not because of construction in the Rockwall area but because of projects in areas of the school near Williams Middle School because they're redoing the gym in the athletic complex attached to the (RHS) director Mark Elam.

Because of electrical problems and because new lockers are being installed, for a time RHS boys "may have dressing rooms

without lockers." Elam added, however, that "We're getting encouraging news," and volleyball coach Damon Wilson said he expected the Lady Jackets to be back in the RHS gym for their next home match Tuesday, Sept. 9, against Richardson Berkner.

The news is better for the Rockwall soccer and track teams. They'll have new dressing rooms at the Mickey Florence Multi-Purpose Building. That would alleviate "overcrowding on the girls' side," Elam said.

Even the newer Rockwall-Heath High School is undergoing construction. It will have its own multi-purpose building, housing a gymnastics center and wrestling workout area. "We hope to be in the facility Sept. 1," Elam said.

The most noticeable long-term changes will be to Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

Currently, Yellowjacket Way isn't accessible east of Route 205, but not because of stadium construction. That wouldn't begin until Monday, Nov. 10, three days after the district's final home game (Greenville at Rockwall) at Wilkerson-Sanders.

Instead, construction on the new county library has Yellowjacket Way

down to one way westbound. See? We told you there's construction all over.

That portion of the street would remain one way for at least another month.

"We lost some parking," Elam said, "but we can use the county library parking Friday and Saturday nights, and there will be parking at the Methodist church."

He said the district expects four or more games this season to draw overflow crowds — the Rockwall vs. Rockwall-Heath instant rivalry, Rockwall-Allen, Rockwall's homecoming against Royse City and Rockwall-Heath's game against Highland Park.

The post-season stadium renovations will include additional seating. Elam explained, "The home side will have a remodeled look with about 6,500 capacity. The visiting side will have new restrooms and concessions."

Other construction has begun near the stadium.

The former Utley Freshman Center is being remade into a junior high school.

The old field house in the north end zone is being demolished, to make room for a new aquatic center. It would open in August 2009, at the same time as the renovated Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

That means that Rockwall swimming meets would move from the YMCA.

In addition, restrooms and team dressing rooms will be relocated from the north end zone. For this season, between 1,500 and 2,000 bleacher seats there will accommodate bands and drill teams, which had been in the south end zone. The tennis courts will be moved from behind the home side of the stadium.

Elam said, "It will be dramatic, improved change."

Lovejoy edges Lady Jackets

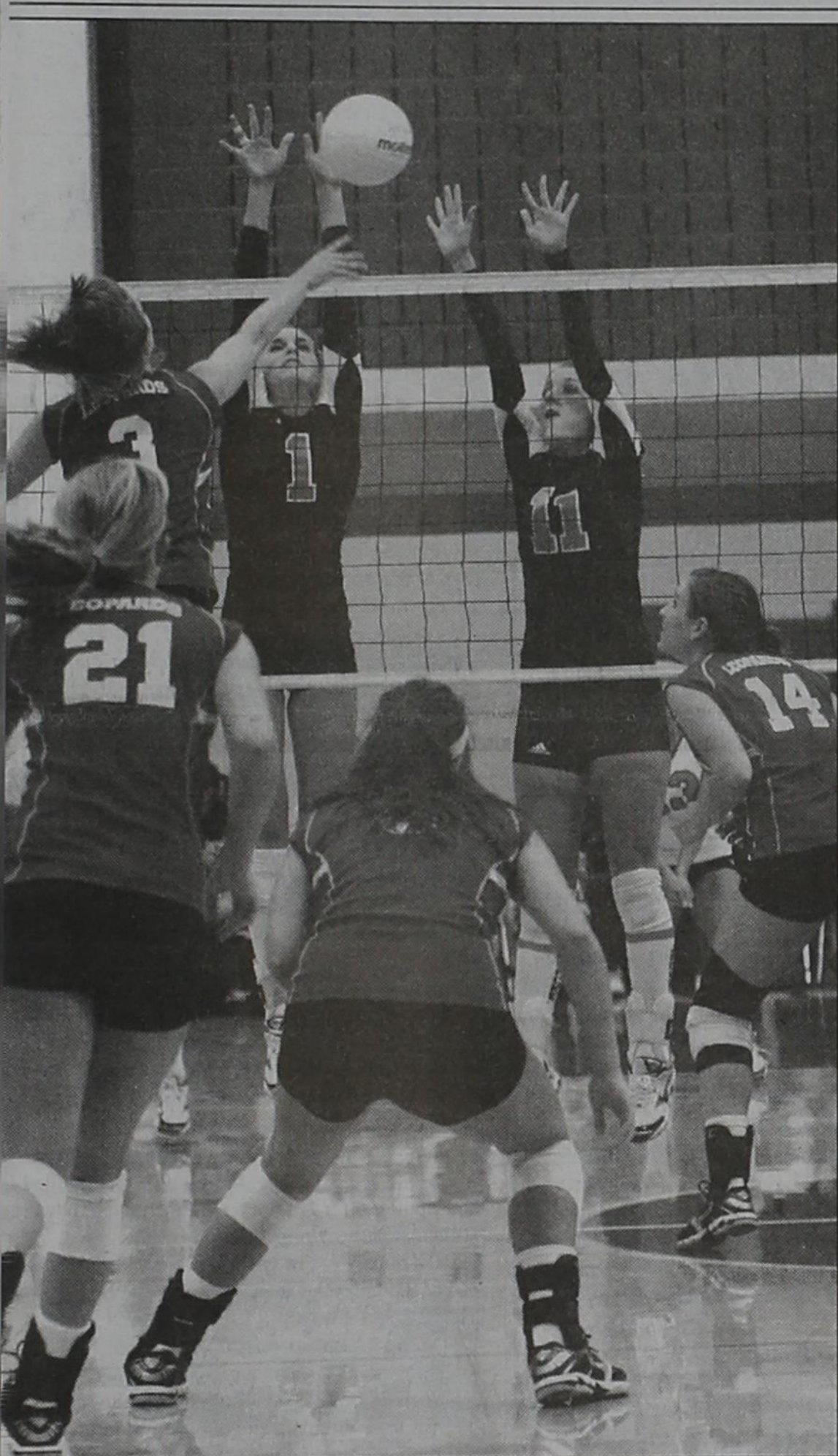
Only the freshman B team defeated the Lady Leopards. However, the junior varsity pulled off a dramatic comeback before losing in a marathon third game that decided the match, the freshman A squad also went to a decisive third game

before losing and the varsity lost late leads in two games to lose their match against Lovejoy's top squad in three games.

"There were a lot of encouraging things about tonight," varsity coach Damon Wilson said after his

team's 25-18, 25-22, 26-24 loss at Williams Middle School.

"I felt like we were much more consistent against a very good team. Lovejoy went to the Wimberley Tournament and got third place." The Lady Leopards, ranked sixth in the state 3A poll, lost in the semifinals to the host school, which won the 3A title last year.



Emilee Moffatt (1) and Emilee Moffatt (11) defend at the net for the Lady Jackets volleyball team in a recent game here against Lovejoy. (Photo by Carl McClung)

Wilson continued, "Did we win? No. But we were in position and we had opportunities to win."

Those opportunities came in the second and third games. In the second, the Lady Jackets trailed by as many as four points but came back to tie on one of Kim Grinnan's five kills. RHS then took a 21-20 lead before errors down the stretch helped Lovejoy win.

In the third game, Rockwall led 9-4, lost that advantage, then went back ahead 23-22. The Lady Leopards' strong net play again brought them back, but the Lady Jackets (6-4 this season) held off one match point before losing.

Leading RHS were McKenna Abbott with nine kills, Anna Thomas with nine assists and Melissa Donham with six digs.

"Where we are today vs. last Tuesday is that we were a lot more solid in our attack," Wilson said.

A week earlier, the Lady Jackets had lost in three games to North Mesquite. In the Garland Tournament Saturday, they came back to avenge that defeat. Rockwall won five of seven matches there. Richardson Canyon Creek Christian Academy, the defending TAPPS 4A state champion, eliminated the Lady Jackets.

"Overall, it was a good tournament," Wilson said.

That was also the opinion of the freshman coaches about their teams' play in the Crandall Tournament. The A team finished second in the Gold bracket, losing the final match to Waxahachie. "We show a lot of potential and a lot of depth," coach Heather Kraft said.

Kelly Walker coached the freshman B team to a third-place finish in the Silver bracket at Crandall.

It was Walker's team that won against Lovejoy. Rockwall took the first game 25-7 before losing 25-23 and coming back for a 15-7 victory in the deciding third game.

The freshman A team rallied from a 25-15 first-game loss to win 25-16 in the second, but Lovejoy won the third game and the match 15-8.

Rockwall's junior varsity (2-1) didn't go to a tournament last weekend, but packed plenty of volleyball into its match against Lovejoy. The Lady Leopards won the first game 25-20, but RHS came back to force a third game with a 25-18 victory. That third game was scheduled to go to 15 points, but neither team could take a two-point lead until Lovejoy prevailed 31-29.

Lady Jackets coach Tosha Ridgeway said of her team, "I'm very proud of them." She said her team was looking forward to the Crandall JV tournament Thursday and Saturday.

Rockwall's varsity traveled south to Pearland for a tournament Thursday through Saturday.

"Meet the Jackets" event helps student scholarship funding

Saturday's annual Meet the Jackets Night allows family, friends, fans and the Rockwall community a chance to meet the athletes and teams that represent Rockwall High School.

This year, the evening at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium will include the Jacket Backers' silent auction to benefit the Jacket Pride Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund.

A look at the auction items indicates that plenty of money will be raised to provide college scholarships for one male and one female athlete from RHS.

As of Wednesday, 68 sponsors had contributed more than 100 items up for bid. The individual items are valued up to \$600. Rockwall's new Sports Authority has made the biggest donation, with \$4,500 worth of items available.

The auction will open at 5 p.m. and close a few minutes before the last of the Yellowjackets' teams and support groups are introduced. That should be about 7 p.m.

The marching band is scheduled to be introduced first and will perform at 6 p.m. The Stingerettes drill team and cheerleaders then would perform before teams in all the sports — not just the fall teams — are introduced.

Meet the Jackets Night will give you a chance to see the athletes who work hard to bring entertainment and enjoyment to the community, as well as a chance to obtain auction items that will benefit some of those athletes with scholarships.

Local youth shine at Puerto Rico baseball tourney

by Matt McGillen

With the help of two Rockwall area players, the Dallas Patriots 10-and-under baseball team captured their third major title in as many years, as they held off the Puerto Rico Orioles 4-1 in the championship game of the Willie Mays American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series Aug 3.

Michael Neustifter, a sixth-grader at Amy Parks Heath Elementary, and Jacob Hyvl, a fifth-grader at Doris Cullins-Lakepointe Elementary were part of the 10-player squad that traveled to Puerto Rico for the tournament July 31-Aug 3.

Michael Neustifter, the son of Angela and Dan Neustifter, got the save in the championship game, hurling two scoreless innings against the Orioles. Jacob Hyvl is the son of Bruce and Amy Hyvl.

After opening with a 13-3 victory over the eventual runnerup Orioles, the Patriots knocked off Brooklyn, NY 12-4 before stumbling against the tournament host Catano Royals 10-7.

The Patriots, who won 11 of the 12 tournaments they played in on the way to a 68-6 record for the season, came right back, however, and pounded the Royals 12-3 to earn a bye into the finals based on a runs scored/runs allowed formula.

Although they came out on top in the championship game, the Patriots had to battle more than just the other team on the field.

"We were used to going to our other tournaments that had maybe 50 people in the stands," said team coordinator Angela Neustifter. "Suddenly we were playing in front of 2,000 people in a big stadium with constant loud music and even bongos. It was very much a distraction. I was really proud of them for the way they stayed focused at such a young age."

Part of the Patriots' success could be attributed to the fact that they have been together virtually intact for three years.

"They're really a good little team," Angela Neustifter said. "They play really well together, they're really in sync. They even finish each other's sentences."

And they also finish major tournaments together. As winners. The Patriots won the 2007 USSSA World Series in Kansas City as well as the 2006 Super Series World Series in Dallas.

They also won the South Plains regional tournament in Tulsa, OK in July to qualify for the World Series, after winning their own league, Boys Baseball Incorporated with a spotless 24-0 record.

"Hopefully they'll continue to jell and grow," Angela Neustifter said.

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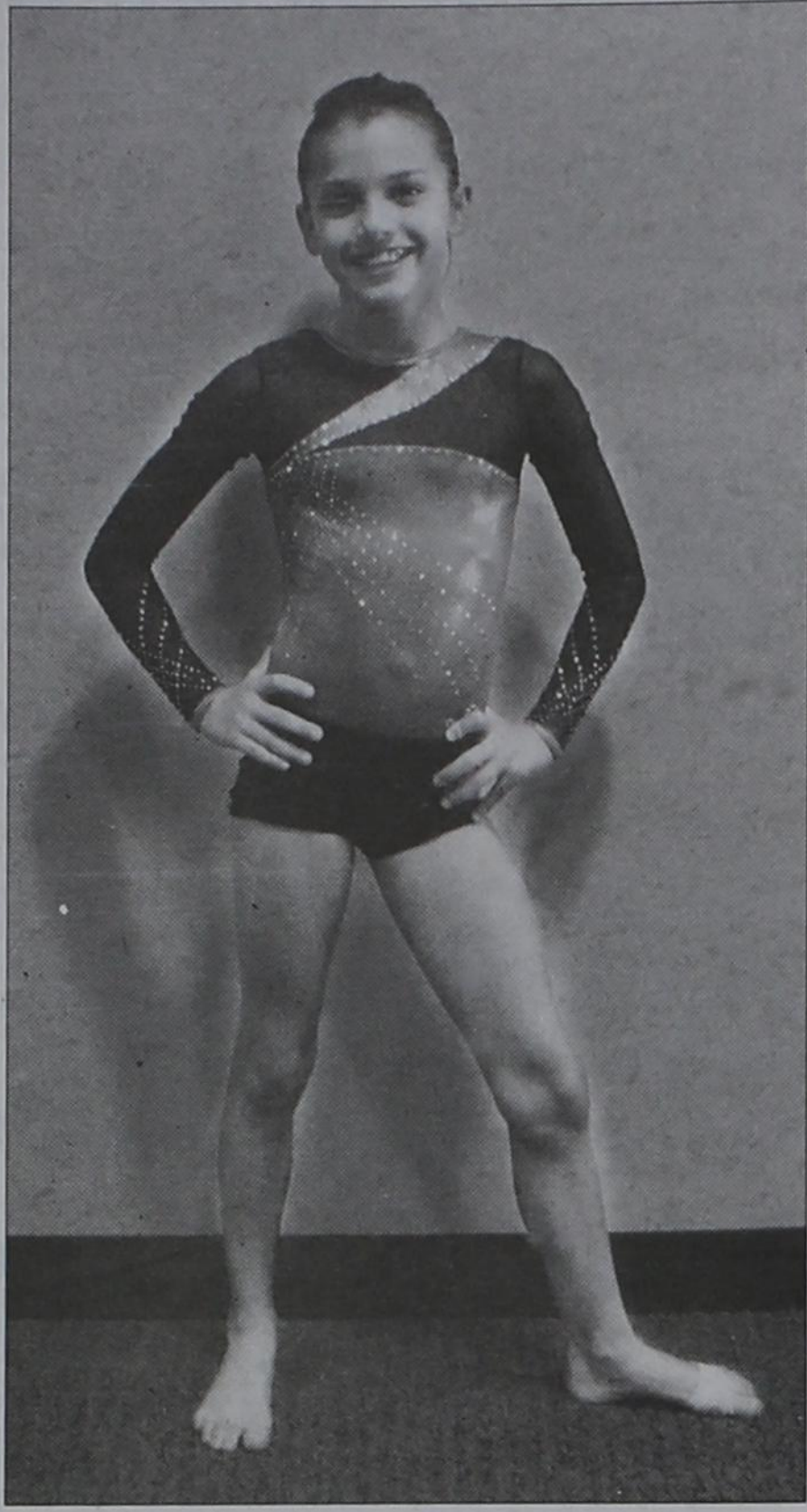
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Madeline Clark

Clark Sisters win first place in state talent competition

Madeline and Erica Clark of Heath competed in the SPJST State Czech Heritage Society Youth Day on Aug. 9 in Killeen. Both won first place in their respective specialties at district competition in June to advance to the state event in Killeen.

Madeline, a fourth grader at Pullen Elementary School, performed a gymnastics routine to "See You Again." She trains at United Elite Gymnastics in Rockwall.

Madeline, who is a competitive gymnast, has been taking gymnastics since she was three years old. Last year, she placed fifth in State competition. This fall she will be competing at Level 6 on the United Elite Gymnastics team. She says she loves the sport, especially staying up late at night to watch the Olympics on television.

Erica performed a ballet solo to "Concrete Angel." She is in the second grade at Pullen Elementary School and studies at Royalty Dance Academy in Rockwall. She has been studying dance since she was three years old. In 2007 Erica won first in talent in Rockwall and at State competition in the International Miss Beauty Pageant.

Older sister Raychel, 17, is a senior cheerleader at Rockwall-Heath High School. She was also a competitive gymnast and dancer before making cheerleader in her freshman year.

The fourth sister, Miranda, 26, of Dallas, graduated from Rockwall High School in 2000. Miranda was a dancer and a member of the Stingerette drill team at RHS.

Proud parents of the girls are Steve and Marlene Clark of Heath.



Erica Clark

Hawks football team test skills in Friday scrimmage

by Matt McGillen

On the one hand, the Rockwall-Heath football team hopes to find out just how good it might be when the Hawks face off against the Rowlett Eagles in a controlled scrimmage Aug. 22 at Homer B. Johnson stadium at 7 p.m.

"It will give us a better measuring stick of where we are at this point," said first year Heath coach Mickey Moss.

On the other hand, the semi game will also serve a more basic purpose: "We're tired of hitting each other, we just want to line up against someone else and hit them," Moss said.

Rowlett will offer a stiff out-of-the-gate test, having qualified for the 5A playoffs each of the last two seasons.

"They are a strong 5A playoff team," Moss said. "Rowlett's a pretty good team."

Moss hopes the Hawks will offer a good account as well. "We got to know them (his players) pretty well in the spring. The kids are working hard," Moss said. "We'll just have to see. You never know."

The Hawks' defense will be anchored by Moss' son Austin Moss, who plays middle linebacker and is one of the most sought after high school defensive players in the country. When Heath has the ball, strong-armed quarterback Drew Hollingshead and all-state running back Kendial Lawrence should provide some fireworks.

Heath, which finished last season 7-4 and just out of the playoffs, will take another step up in competition on Aug. 28, when they entertain 5A regional qualifier Skyline in a another scrimmage at Wilkerson Sanders Memorial Football Stadium.

The freshmen team opens the Rowlett scrimmage at 5 p.m. before the junior varsity takes the field at 6.

Hawks cross country teams open practice

by Matt McGillen

Second-year cross country coach Libby Holley greeted 18 boys and 28 girls for the first day of practice at Rockwall-Heath high school Aug. 11.

"Those numbers will hopefully get larger as soon as school begins," said Libby, who coaches not only the boys and girls varsity and junior varsity cross country teams, but is also the head girls track coach for the Lady Hawks in the spring.

Among those expected to lead Heath are junior Andrea Moeller, one of five returning varsity runners for the girls.

"She went to state her freshmen and sophomore year," Libby said. "I expect great things this year as well."

Also returning for the Lady Hawks are regional qualifiers Amanda Penney, Lenica Morales, Aimee Arceneaux, and Cassie Munoz. Newcomers expected to make an impact include Aly Coughlin and Vanessa Bovee.

On the boys' side, Hunter Beauchamp, Mitchell Howell, and Tyler Kirwan return from last year.

Like virtually all high school sports, just because school is out doesn't mean the athletes aren't training.

"Most of the team does run throughout the summer," said Libby a former high jumper who also ran the 200 and 400 meters. "They are either involved in a summer track team, play soccer during the summer, or run on their own. Cross country is definitely a self-disciplined and very committed sport."

The team is currently doing track workouts one day a week while also running hills as well as doing surge runs, long runs, intervals and repeats in preparation for its season opening Sept. 6 at the Plano Invitational.

"I have really enjoyed coaching and teaching so far at Rockwall Heath High School," said Libby, who previously coached at John Horn High school in Mesquite. "It is a great community and school to be a part of."

Lady Hawks contests at G volleyball tournament

by Matt McGillen

Playing well at times and struggling at others, the Lady Hawks volleyball team split its six matches at the Garland IS which was held at Sachse, Rowlett and Naaman FC

"Practice, practice, practice," said Heath coach Mickey Moss watching her team even its season record to 4-4 in some reassurance that we are preparing to play to c

The Lady Hawks downed RL Turner and J Sachse in pool play to finish 2-1 in their division and

ship bracket where they had the unhappy task of fa 3A private school champion Canyon Creek Christian

Returning their entire team - including all s showed the Lady Hawks how they rolled out to a 3-2 ing Heath by a score of 25-19, 25-10.

Mixing power and finesse, CCCA bolted to a 1-0 led all the way back to 17-15, at which point the

selves and closed out the first game. The Cougars do jumping to a 5-0 lead and then outscoring the Lad stretch for the easy win.

"It's good to play a team like that," Younger said see how it's supposed to be done."

Heath bounced back from that loss to upend M back and forth match in which Mabank fought off a succumbing on a wide serve in the opening game.

In the second game, the Lady Hawks trailed 22- and ripping off a 7-0 run to end the match, powered Hill and one by Morgan Hawkins.

Obviously out of gas after five matches in two da out of the tournament by Mesquite, getting swept by 19.

Mesquite used a pair of 9-1 runs to win the open three points in the second game to send the Lady Haw

"I thought we'd be a little further along at this poi we still have three players out (with injuries). It comes and realizing every point is game point."

Next up for the Lady Hawks will be the Mesquite t

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Bulldogs sweep rank in volleyball

win of the 3A state tournament. "We lost our setter and an all-state outside hitter (to graduation)." Converted defensive specialist Autumn Landers delivered 23 assists as the new setter to spark the Lady Bulldogs. The 5-3 senior also had 12 digs.

"Each day and each practice she is getting better and better," said Sharp, who previously coached in the Mesquite and Richardson school districts.

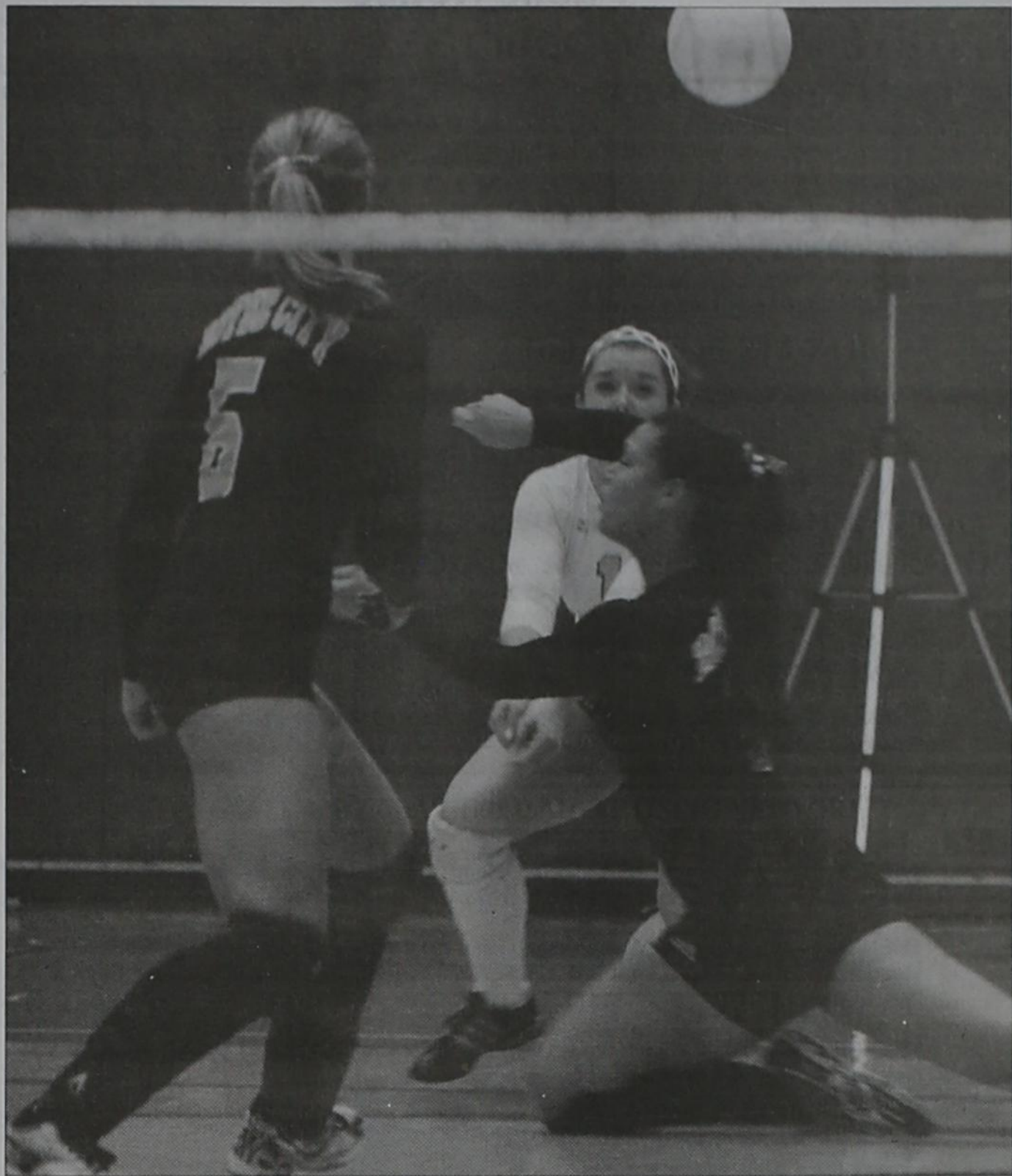
Fayrina Merrick added five kills and 11 digs while Shelby Pille and Taylor Jordan added three kills each, with Jordan also

contributing six digs.

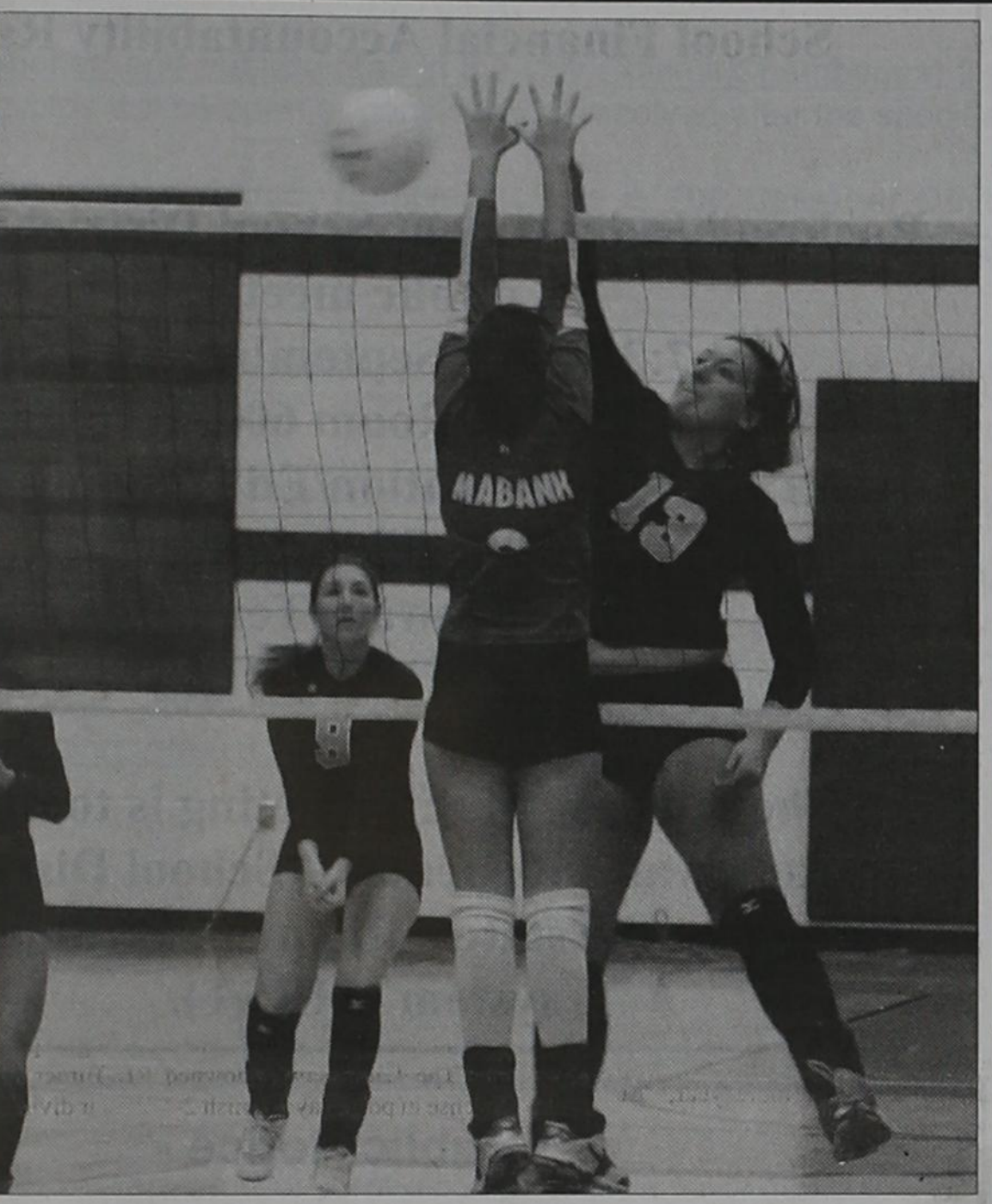
Because of increasing enrollment Royse City is now in the 4A ranks and will face off with natural geographic rivals Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath when district action begins.

"They put us in the biggest 4A district in the state," Sharp said. "But the girls are up for the challenge. They are pumped and they want to make the playoffs. But we've got a lot of work to do."

The Lady Bulldogs travel to Waco this weekend for a tournament before hosting North Garland in their home opener Aug 26.



Lady Bull Dog senior Shelby Pille (10, right) stretches to stop the ball as senior Lacy Osborn (1, back) stands ready for backup during the August 18 Royse City High School volleyball game at Mabank. Also in the play is Alysia Null (5). Staff photo by Tim Burnett



ers (2), Sydney Cole (9) and Kellie Wyrick (13) stand tall in the Royse City Lady game August 18 at Mabank. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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The triathlon will begin and end at the Rockwall YMCA, according to Nicole Bowen, Kiwanis treasurer and office manager at Pat Turner, CPA. Swimmers take to the pool at 7:30 a.m. for a 300-yard swim, then jump on their bicycles for a 14-mile bike race, and finish with a 2.9-mile cross country run.

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For the 2.9-mile run, runners will run along Caruth Lane and on the trails behind the Y. Bowen said the runners like the shady, cool area to finish a long morning of racing.

Proceeds from the race are used to support local organizations, including the Rockwall YMCA, Equest, and Helping Hands, according to Bowen. Kiwanis also awards college scholarships to local students.

USA Triathlon sanctions the race. Points are awarded to members for various criteria that can lead to participation in bigger races, such as the Boston Marathon or New York Marathon. For more information on the triathlon or to sign up, go to www.ironheadrp.com.

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- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following item:

A2008-003
Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex land of approximately 1505.26-acres generally located along the south side of SH 276 and west of FM 550, and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEING a 1505.26 acre tract of land situated in the J.H. Robinett Survey, Abstract No. 182; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 22; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 34; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 45; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 46; J. Lockhart Survey, Abstract No. 137; T. Heath Survey, Abstract No. 113; T. Heath Survey, Abstract No. 114; T. Heath Survey, Abstract No. 115; W. Briscoe Survey, Abstract No. 31; J.B. Marrs Survey, Abstract No. 152; H.K. Newell Survey, Abstract No. 167; in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the most southern corner of Abstract 31, Tract 22 (171.5 ac) and the North Right of Way line of FM 550;

THENCE N 45° 36' 29" W following along said Tract 22 West property line for a distance of 3613.00 feet to a point;

THENCE N 45° 15' 24" E following along said Tract 22 Northwestern property line for a distance of 856.00 feet to a point;

THENCE S 89° 14' 56" W following along the South property line of Abstract 22, Tract 7 for a distance of 1677.00 feet to a point;

THENCE N 0° 15' 34.66" E following along the East boundary of the Equestrian Meadows Addition Ph. 2 for a distance of 1103.116 feet to a point;

THENCE S 89° 11' 4.67" W following along the North boundaries of the Equestrian Meadows Addition Ph. 1 & 2 for a distance of 3417.21 feet to a point on the west Right of Way of Dowell Road;

THENCE N 00° 35' 40" W continuing with the West Right of Way of Dowell Road for a distance of 1516.547 feet to a point;

THENCE N 00° 46' 09" W a distance of 185.00 feet more or less, to a point;

THENCE N 20° 54' 16" W a distance of 46.00 feet more or less, to a point;

THENCE N 20° 54' 16" W a distance of 78.00 feet more or less, to a point;

THENCE N 30° 23' 02" W a distance of 99.00 feet more or less, to a point;

THENCE N 89° 26' 53" W departing the West Right of Way of Dowell Road for a distance of 103.00 feet to a point;

THENCE N 89° 45' 55" W following the North property line of Abstract 167, Tract 3-10 for a distance of 906.00 feet to a point;

THENCE N 89° 45' 55" W following the South property line of Abstract 182, Tract 1-2 for a distance of 155.00 feet to a point;

THENCE N 04° 52' 57" W following the City of Rockwall Limits of the for a distance of 436.67 feet to a point;

THENCE in a Northerly direction along the meanders of Brushy Creek and the City of Rockwall Limits as follows:

THENCE N 01° 18' 04" W a distance of 336.00 feet to a point;

THENCE N 16° 04' 47" W a distance of 287.78 feet to a point;

THENCE N 20° 48' 51" E a distance of 39.99 feet to a point;

THENCE N 25° 06' 29" E a distance of 183.45 feet to a point;

THENCE N 04° 55' 56" W a distance of 326.62 feet to a point;

THENCE N 07° 40' 13" E a distance of 1188.15 feet to a point;

THENCE N 28° 12' 33" E a distance of 394.36 feet to a point;

THENCE N 06° 28' 58" E a distance of 228.81 feet to a point;

THENCE N 30° 35' 29" W a distance of 245.61 feet to a point;

THENCE N 09° 26' 02" W a distance of 296.87 feet to a point;

THENCE N 89° 22' 50" E a distance of 141.63 feet to a point;

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THENCE N 89° 09' 27.88" E following the South Right of Way of State Highway 276, a distance of 3975.41 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 2700.00 feet;

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THENCE S 54° 03' 39.25" E a distance of 1046.74 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left having a radius of 3490.38 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the left, through a central angle of 15° 36' 54", a distance of 951.24, a chord bearing of S 64° 30' 0.00" E, chord length of 948.29, tangent of 478.58 to a point;

THENCE S 04° 58' 19.44" W a distance of 80.455 feet to a point;

THENCE N 88° 52' 36.12" E a distance of 367.075 feet to a point;

THENCE S 84° 42' 1.79" E a distance of 269.92 feet to a point;

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THENCE S 38° 47' 34" W following the City of Rockwall extraterritorial jurisdiction line, a distance of 110.49 feet to a point;

THENCE S 88° 23' 59.94" W along the North boundaries of the Westview Phase 2 and 3 Additions a distance of 3680.95 feet to a point;

THENCE S 01° 41' 21.11" E along the West boundary of the Westview Phase 2 Addition a distance of 2716.24 feet to a point on the South Right of Way of View Drive;

THENCE N 88° 43' 37.01" E along the South Right of Way of View Drive a distance of 1485.10 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 10350.00 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the left, following the City of Rockwall extraterritorial jurisdiction line, through a central angle of 13° 06' 45", a distance of 2368.67, a chord bearing of S 22° 15' 32.59" E, chord length of 2363.50, tangent of 1189.53 to a point;

THENCE S 44° 17' 0.00" W along the North Right of Way of FM 550, a distance of 1387.125 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 1505.26 acres of land (65,569,218.01 square feet) more or less. The above description to follow all existing City of Rockwall City Limit boundaries where noted.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions.

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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Rockwall Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST).

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following item:

A2008-002
Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex land of approximately 162.88-acres generally located east of FM 1141, north of FM 549, and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEING a 162.88-acre tract of land situated in the W.M. Dalton Survey, Abstract No. 167, in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the Southeastern corner of Abstract 72, Tract 4, (6.11 ac) and the West Right of Way line of FM 549;

THENCE S 89° 17' 15.10" W following along said Tract 4 southern property line for a distance of 2146.88 feet to a point;

THENCE S 89° 17' 15.12" W following along Abstract 72, Tract 24 southern property line for a distance of 669.10 feet to a point;

THENCE S 89° 17' 15.13" W following along Abstract 72, Tract 22-05 southern property line for a distance of 813.73 feet to a point;

THENCE S 88° 43' 7.09" W following along Abstract 72, Tract 22 southern property line for a distance of 528.41 feet to a point;

THENCE S 88° 58' 13.58" W following along Abstract 72, Tract 17 southern property line for a distance of 1285.18 feet to a point on the East Right of Way of FM1141;

THENCE N 00° 36' 31.82" W along the East Right of Way line of FM 1141 for a distance of 835.68 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 562.88 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the right, through a central angle of 31° 58' 08", a chord length of 310.01, chord bearing of N 18° 34' 43.21" E to a point;

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THENCE S 62° 02' 55.74" E along the West Right of Way line of FM549 for a distance of 269.22 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 714.00 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the right, through a central angle of 64° 04' 19.96", a chord length of 725.54, chord bearing of S 30° 34' 59.12" E to a point;

THENCE S 01° 16' 46.65" W a distance of 595.17 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 162.88 acres of land (7094931.87 square feet) more or less. The above description to follow all existing City of Rockwall City Limit boundaries where noted.

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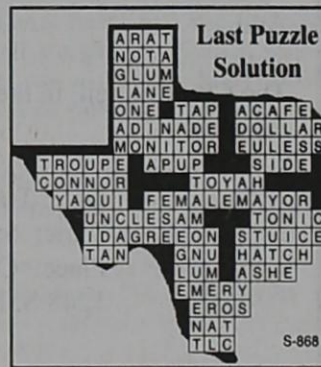


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Application has been made for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit with FB for El Potrillo Corp., DBA El Potrillo de la Sandia Mexican Restaurant at 2101 Summer Lee Drive, Bldg K #105, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas.

Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

Ana Maria Rayas, Pres/Dir
Sandra Elizabeth Cruz, Sec/Dir

Notice of Sale

In accordance with the revised Civil Statutes of Texas, Chapter 59 as revised in 1985, Bayview Marina will conduct a public sale of the vessels listed below to satisfy a mortgage lien. Sales will be conducted at Bayview Marina, 600 Cooke Drive, Rowlett, Texas 75088; 972-412-1977 Lake Ray Hubbard on 08/30/2008 beginning at 10:00am for CASH only, to the highest bidder. All successful bidders shall take possession and remove all vessels from the marina immediately.

Bayview Marina reserves the right to withdraw any vessels from the sale and reject any bid. All vessels are sold "AS IS" with no warranty expressed or implied. Member name and general description as follows:

Barry Petrie 1984 Regal Commodore 31' Cabin Cruiser Hull# RGM07952M84B
Johannes Koenen 1997 Cruisers 28' 7" Cabin Cruiser; Hull# CRSUM76H798

Also available at auction:

- 1976- 20' O'Day Sailboat (no minimum)
- 1977- 23' Glastron Sailboat (no minimum)
- 1999- 20' Bayliner Capri Ski Boat (minimum bid \$6,000.00)
- 1999- 21' Tige 21V Ski Boat (minimum bid \$14,000.00)
- 1999- 25' Sun Tracker Signature Series Pontoon Boat (minimum bid \$7,500.00)
- 1984- 75' Sumerset Houseboat (minimum bid \$55,000.00)
- 1988- 43' Wellcraft Portofino Cabin Cruiser (minimum bid \$65,000.00)

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Rockwall County News is accepting applications for sports reporters:

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Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Rockwall will hold public hearings to hear comments regarding the proposed 2008-2009 budget. The hearings will be held on Tuesday September 2, 2008 and Monday September 15, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 385 South Goliad Street. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on June 27, 2008, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2007, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$275 million over the current Oncor rates or a 10.9% increase over adjusted test year revenues. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the

proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an August 8, 2008 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 35717, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning & Zoning Commission, in the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas will conduct a Public Hearing:

Date: Thursday, September 4, 2008
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
1248 S. Highway 205

At such time and place the Planning & Zoning Commission will hear comments regarding:

- Re-Plat of Lot 3, Block A Quail Creek Addition, Phase I

And

The City Council, in the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas will conduct a Public Hearing:

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
1248 S. Highway 205

At such time and place the City Council will hear comments regarding:

- Re-Plat of Lot 3, Block A Quail Creek Addition, Phase I

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Deborah Sorensen
City Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

The City of Rockwall City Council provides general operating support to eligible organizations under Title 3 Local Taxation, Subtitle D, Chapter 351, Municipal Hotel Occupancy Taxes, Subchapter B, Section 351.101 in exchange for advertisement of events promoting Tourism, Arts and historical preservation projects held inside the Rockwall city limits. The City is accepting applications for funding for its 2008-2009 budget year from eligible organizations. Interested organizations should contact Lea Ann Ewing, Finance Dept., City of Rockwall, 385 S. Goliad, 972-771-7700. Application deadline is September 8, 2008.

Applications are available at the H.O.T. Workshops. Attendance at one workshop is required. Workshops will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers on the following dates:

Wednesday	August 13	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Thursday	August 14	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday	August 20	8:00 am – 9:30 am
Thursday	August 21	11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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5". 150 Johnson motor. Motor
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Garage Sales

Multi-Family Yard Sale,
139 Smirl Dr. 8 to 5, Fri/Sat.
8-22/23.

ESTATE SALE

Friday 8/22 to Sunday
8/24, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 117
Westson Court, Rockwall.
Vintage Precious Moments
figurines, "Whippit" print,
Antiques, furniture, glassware
(some depression), computer,
collectibles, toys, clothes, Pool
Table and China Cabinet. All
Must Go!! No Early Birds!

Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF
OBLIGATION
OF THE CITY OF
ROCKWALL, TEXAS**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that it is the intention of the City
Council of the City of Rockwall,
Texas, to issue one or more
series of the interest bearing
certificates of obligation of the
City for the purpose of paying
all or a portion of the City's
contractual obligations to be
incurred in connection with:
(i) acquiring equipment

Estate Sale

Estate Sale

Home of Bob & M
5221 Hilltop, Gree
Thurs. - Fri. -
Sept. 4, 5

Contents of home with
collectibles including b
by Norman Rockwell, K
Newelware and others;
by Chuck DaHaan with
printer trays & letters,
old cameras, washer, d
freezer, gas cook stove,
wash pot in frame, safe
adjustable bed, TVs; gar
misc. and assorted tool
list entire collection.

and vehicles for the police,
parks, recreation and street
departments;

(ii) acquiring, constructing,
installing and equipping
additions, extensions and
improvements to the City's
waterworks and sewer system,
and the acquisition of land and
interests in land necessary
therefor;

(iii) constructing and
installing storm water drainage
improvements, and the
acquisition of land and interests
in land necessary therefor;

(iv) constructing,
reconstructing and improving
streets and roads, bridges
and intersections including
utility relocation, landscaping,
sidewalks, traffic safety and
operational improvements and
related drainage and other
costs, and the acquisition of land
and interests in land necessary
therefor; and

(v) paying legal, fiscal,
engineering and architectural
fees in connection with these
projects.

The City Council tentatively
proposes to adopt an ordinance
authorizing the issuance of said
certificates of obligation at a

NOTICE OF PUBL

of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale w
September 9, 2008 at 1760 I 30 East, Rockw
Property will be sold to highest bidder for c
moval and cleanup may be temporarily requ
right to not accept any bid and to withdraw
Property in each space may be sold item-by-
lly by the space. Property being sold includes
of the following tenants, with brief description
All American Remodeling - Lumber, ladder,
construction goods.

Sonia E. Carrasco - Pressure hose, plastic b
household goods.

Mary J. Phillips - Bikes, dressers, clothes &
goods.

Home Town Movers - Miscellaneous constr
& lots of boxes.

Billy Molly - Dressers, lots of bags & misc.
goods.

Richardo Garcia - Tools, tools & more tool
tion goods.

Kassandra L. Logan - Washer & dryer, lots
hold goods.

Mary E. Schwartz - Kid's Toys, pictures &
goods.

Anthony Ewen Wilson - Construction dry w
room furniture, ladders & misc. construction g
Contact Mary Lou Garza
972-771-0138 - Rockwall Mini-Store
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