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News Briefs

Friends of the Library to meet

The February meeting of the Friends of the Library will be in the Community Room of the Rockwall County Library beginning at 11 a.m. today. The program, presented by MusicFest, will be "A Touch of Music... A Touch of Youth." Catered lunch will be \$15; reservations/cancellations required by 5 p.m. Friday. Call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

Finding Love workshop set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a workshop, "Finding Love after the Loss of a Loved One," from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. today at The Center. The event will be open to individuals 50 and older. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Teen Game Night set at library

Game Night will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the event will include pizza for the first 20 student-participants.

Relay for Life captains plan meeting

Captains for the Rockwall County Relay for Life will meet at 3:30 p.m. today in the cafeteria of the Presbyterian Hospital, Rockwall. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Applicants for Citizen Fire Academy sought

Applications are being accepted for the Citizen Fire Academy sponsored by the Rockwall Fire Department. Classes will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday nights from Feb. 12 through April 23 (no class on March 19) at Fire Station No. 2. The program is designed to give participants a broader understanding of the fire department. Applications are available at the station and City Hall. For more details, call Tony Santoro at 972-771-7770.

Seniors Out-to-Lunch set Friday

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Out-to-Lunch for seniors will be at Siciliano's Taste of Italy in Garland on Friday. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Brown Bag Lecture slated

The first program of the 2009 Rockwall County Historical Foundation Brown Bag Lecture series will begin at noon Friday at the Historic Courthouse on the square. The topic will be "The History of the Rock Wall." No reservations needed; admission free and open to anyone interested.

Mental illness support groups to meet

Two NAMI free support groups - one for individuals with mental illness and one for their family members - will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church. Family members will meet in Room 206, B Building, and the other meeting will take place in Room 205. Call Hal or Whitfield at 972-412-6030 for more details.

Pink Dance set for Saturday

The Williams Middle School PTA, Student Council and Memorial Junior Honor Society will co-host a Pink Dance from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday in the WMS gym to benefit cancer research. All WMS students are encouraged to wear pink in honor of those they love who are affected by cancer. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Memorial hearts to be decorated and displayed during the dance will be sold for 25 cents during the event this week.

Noon Lions plan meeting

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

Library closing announced

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Feb. 16 in observance of President's Day. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. on Feb. 17.

Basic computer class offered

A class on computer basic will be offered by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department Feb. 17 and 19 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the class will run from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Chicago-style bridge tourney slated

A bridge tournament featuring Chicago-style scoring will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at The Center. The event will be open to individuals ages 50 and older, and each participant must have a partner to play. For more information call 972-771-7740.

RC Business After Hours event planned

The Royse City Chamber and Southern Junction will co-host the first Business After Hours event beginning at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 19. The event will include live music, two-for-one steak dinners, dancing and more. Admission to the event will be free. For more information contact the chamber office at info@roysecitychamber.com.

Electronic recycling event set

An electronic recycling event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Rockwall Wal-Mart parking lot, 782 I-30. Computer CPUs, keyboard, laptops, scanners, printers, copiers, fax machines, phones, cartridges, stereos, microwaves, air conditioners and other specified items will be accepted free of charge. Monitors and TVs will be accepted for a nominal fee. For more information, visit trashbusters.org.

Teen Anime Group to meet

The Teen Anime Group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 19 in the second-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the meeting will include the election of officers for the group.

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Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity volunteers devote their time, energy and resources in constructing a home in Royse City for Deidra Culp and her children. Staff Photo by Roy Heath

Building continues on latest Habitat for Humanity home in Royse City

by Roy Heath

Work began on a new home, courtesy of Habitat for Humanity, for Deidra Culp and her children, Sarah, Sophia and Seth, on Jan. 31 in Royse City with most of the ground level framing completed. Last week's progress included framing for the front porch, sheathing the outside of the home and adding the Tyvek moisture barrier that will help keep the home dry for many years.

Onsite were approximately 25 volunteers helping to make the dream on Joe Bailey Street come true, with everyone from the architect who designed the home down to a trio of high school students pitching in to lend a hand.

Director of Construction Victor Isaak estimated that the project would take around five months to complete. It is the twenty-third home that the Rockwall Area Chapter has undertaken and fair weather is helping it to move faster than they had expected.

Many of the volunteers onsite are active within the Habitat organization, including Jim Beebe, who explained that all the money donated to Habitat is used to procure land and materials for the projects. Even the money from Deidra Culp's mortgage payment

will be put back into Habitat's next project.

Although there were plenty of hands on deck Saturday, the need is continual. Anyone wishing to help in building these homes can contact Mike Humphrey, Habitat Volunteer Coordinator, at www.volunteer.coordinator@yahoo.com. The only requirement is that all persons onsite must be at least 16 years old. Construction experience is not necessary.

Construction trucks face new safety checks by Rockwall County Constables

by Kathy Williams

Rockwall County Constables Randy Parks and John Cullins, in response to calls of concern and complaint from area residents, have begun looking more closely at the many construction trucks crisscrossing the county to ensure their loads are properly contained and the trucks themselves are equipped to handle those loads safely.

Constable Parks said he has received many calls and had several visitors complaining of damage to cars as a result of rocks and gravel falling out of large construction trucks. Parks said his office is "checking that the load they are hauling is secured with tarps and to be sure they have mud flaps on the trucks to keep rocks and gravel from blowing out and damaging property."

Parks said the goal of the new inspection program is to cut down on the damage to taxpayers' property and make the roads safer to travel during the lengthy construction projects. He said the constables will write a citation during a stop if needed.

Parks is constable for Precincts 1 and 4, which encompass the county north of SH 276 to the Collin County line and from the Dallas County line in the west to the Hunt County line in the east.

Constable Cullins is also on the lookout for unsafe gravel and rock hauling trucks in Precincts 2 & 3. This area includes the county south of SH 276 and the west side of Goliad to Hwy. 66.

The Rockwall County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety both also have deputies and officers who work commercial traffic beats checking that loads are properly secured and safe. Parks said if he needs to have a construction truck weighed, he can contact the sheriff's deputy or DPS to check for oversized loads.

Constables are elected to a four-year term, with one constable for every two precincts in Rockwall County. The first Texas constable, Thomas V. Alley, was appointed to the post in 1823, to "summon witness and bring offenders to justice." Constables serve all kinds of civil papers through the Rockwall County courts and throughout the State of Texas.

The Rockwall County Constables Office works warrants in the county and works patrols around the precincts. Parks said he serves as bailiff for the Justice of the Peace in Precinct 1 and oversees foreclosures and evictions. Cullins serves as bailiff for Precinct 2 and also oversees foreclosures and evictions in the precinct.



Constable Randy Parks

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RHHS PTA to meet Feb. 23

The Rockwall-Heath High School PTA will meet at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the RHHS cafeteria. Following a brief business meeting to select a nominating committee and announce fundraising plans, a Shattered Dreams information session will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Senior class will explore the Net

A class for individuals ages 50 and older interested in learning to surf the Internet will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays Feb. 24 through March 12 at The Center. Sponsored by the Rockwall

Parks & Rec Department, the class will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each class day. Cost is \$50 for residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Teen Writer's Group meeting set

The Teen Writer's Group will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the big first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the meeting will include the election of officers for the group.

Library plans 'Fairy Fun' event

The Rockwall County Library will host "Fairy Fun," an event for children ages 4-10, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 24. Participants will make fairy crafts, while librarians will read fairy stories.

VNA offers bereavement seminar

The Visiting Nurse Association will offer a bereavement seminar for adults, "Coping with Grief," from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at the VNA branch office, 102 W. Grove St. in Kaufman. Topics to be covered include common grief experiences, coping with grief and myths about grief. There is no cost to attend; however, reservations should be made by calling Clayton McCord at 972-962-7500 or 1-800-345-0576.

Community Seminar Series gets under way

The Lake Pointe Health Network will kick off its 2009 Community Seminar Series with a presentation by Dr. Umar Burney, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon on staff at the center, who will present "Advances in Arthritis Care." The presentation will review current alternatives, both surgical and non-surgical, for the treatment of degenerative conditions afflicting the joints of the human body. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Lake Pointe Professional Development Center, 9400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 113A in Rowlett in the Scenic Square Shopping Center. To attend or for more information call 1-866-525-5762.

Senior trip to Canton planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department is planning a seniors bus trip to Canton Trade Days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Noon Lions plan meeting

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

"Daddy Day Camp" is featured flick

The March First Wednesday Flick, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be "Daddy Day Camp," a comedy. The movie will be screened at 3 p.m. March 4 at The Center, and admission is open to individuals ages 50 and older. Cost is \$1 for residents, \$2 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Rockwall Computer Council to meet

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

Spring Fling Ballroom Party set

A Spring Fling Ballroom Party, hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 at The Center. Participants can enjoy dance hits, practice dance steps and learn new ones. Light refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be given away. Partners not required; dress will be semi-formal. To register or for more information call 972-771-7740.

ARC-taught first aid class available

An American Red Cross-taught first aid class will be offered March 7 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 15 and older, the class will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include information on basic care of injuries and sudden illness, as well as CPR and AED training. Cost will be \$80 for residents, \$120 for non-residents. For more information on the Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored event call 972-771-7740.

Workshop to focus on eye care

Eye care will be the focus of an hour-long March 11 workshop at The Center. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the event will include information on cataracts, glaucoma and other eye diseases, as well as signs, symptoms and treatments. The workshop will begin at 3 p.m. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Seniors Out-to-Lunch set March 13

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Out-to-Lunch Bunch for seniors will be at Esteban's Resaurante Firewheel on March 13. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Noon Lions plan meeting

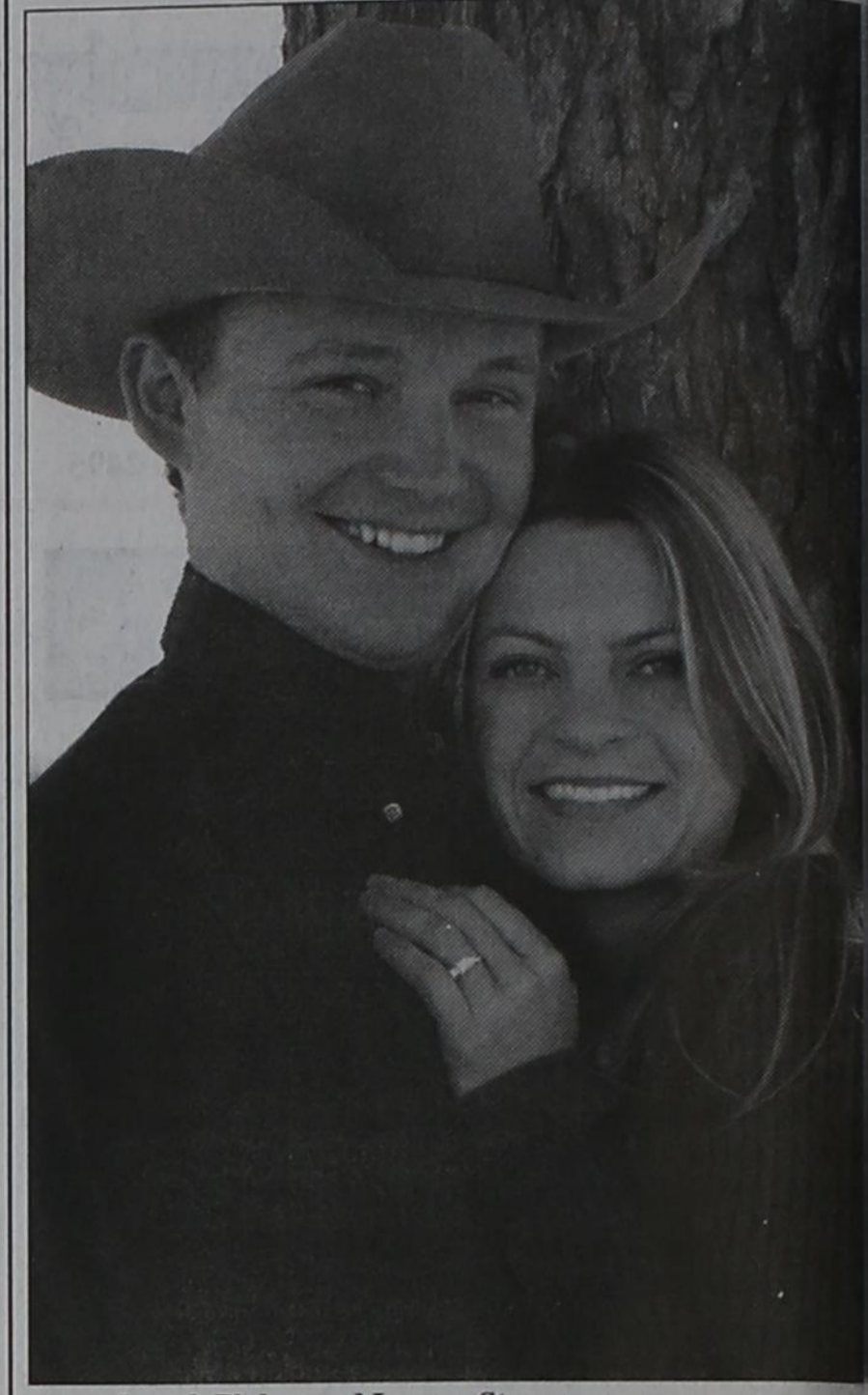
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Spring Break Camp offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer the ROCK Spring Break Camp March 16-20 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the RISD Education Center Gym. Activities for children ages 6-12 will include trips to the Dinosaur Valley State Park, Texas Freshwater Fisheries, Dallas Zoo, Science Place, Imax and the aquarium. Pre-registration is required; space is limited. Cost is \$75 for Rockwall residents, \$113 for non-resident. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Trip to Heritage Museum slated

A trip to the Heritage Farmstead Museum, open to individuals ages 50 and older, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 27. The event is sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Cost (transportation, admission and guided tour) is \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.



Joseph Pluhar and Lauren Stevenson

Lauren Stevenson, Joseph Pluhar plan June wedding

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Stevenson of Rockwall are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lauren Stevenson, and Joseph Jenkins Pluhar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Pluhar of Rockwall.

The bride-elect, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stevenson and Helen Junod of Rockwall and the late James Junod, is a senior animal science major at Texas A&M University.

The prospective bridegroom, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pluhar of Angela, Mont., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jenkins, is a senior biomedical science major at Texas A&M.

Following their May graduations, the two plan to wed June 13 in Sunnyvale and reside in College Station.

Williams MS to host 'Aim for Success'

The 'Aim for Success' motivational program will be presented to the students and parents of J.W. Williams Middle School in College Station, Texas, during the school's 2010 informational program beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in the RHHS cafeteria.

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

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

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

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

Truck safety check

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The constable's office has also initiated a new program, "Are You There?" In this program, constables will check on a son's welfare when a loved one calls to say they have not been in contact with a family member, friend or neighbor.

In addition to Constables Cullins and Parks, the Rockwall County Constable's Office has non-paid reserve officers on staff to assist with the many duties of the office. These deputy constables are certified Texas peace officers who are just as dedicated to serving the public and making Rockwall County a safe place to live.

Constable Parks advised if he can be of any help concerning this matter, please contact him at 972-204-7240.

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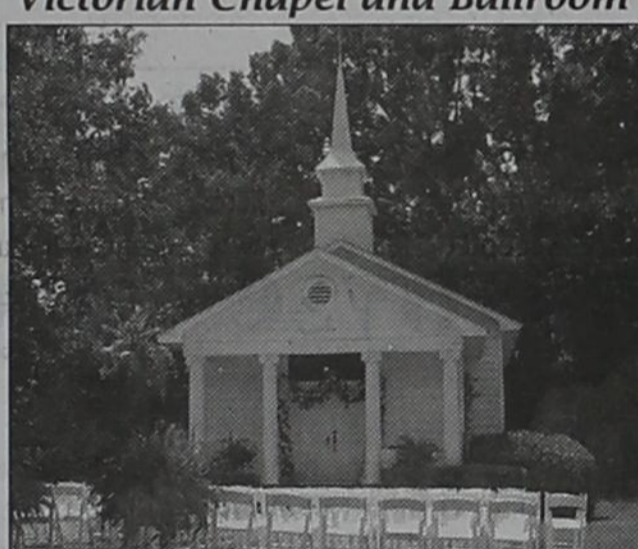
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Glen Farris, center, was named Director of the Year at the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and Member Appreciation Banquet Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Farris, the out-going Chamber Board Chairman, received his award from Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil, left, and Rockwall Chamber President Margie Hooper, right. Photo Courtesy of Sharon Vidito



American National Bank Vice President Kevin Fowler (left), received the Our Spirit of Rockwall Award from Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil (center) and Rockwall Chamber President Margie Hooper (right) at last Thursday's annual Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce Awards and Membership Appreciation Banquet at the Hilton Bella Harbor. The award is given each year to a member who is active in the Chamber as well as the community. Photo Courtesy of Sharon Vidito



Nora Bollman, left, was named Ambassador of the Year at the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and Member Appreciation Banquet Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Bollman received her award from Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil, left, and Rockwall Chamber President Margie Hooper, right. Photo Courtesy of Sharon Vidito



The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce named Jordan Houser and Flournoy, LLP, Small Business of the Year at its Annual Awards and Member Appreciation Banquet Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Bill Houser, center, received his award from Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil, left, and Rockwall Chamber President Margie Hooper, right. Photo Courtesy of Sharon Vidito

Members recognized, honored at Rockwall Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

More than 180 members and guests gathered at the Hilton Bella Harbor on Thursday, Feb. 5 for the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and Member Appreciation Banquet. The Hilton Bella Harbor, Rockwall Flowers & Design Studio, Alliance Bank, Atmos Energy, Lake Pointe Medical Center and Texans for Bob Deuell sponsored the event.

Bob Deuell, District 2 State Senator, welcomed guests. He then presented Margie Hooper, President of the Chamber, with a State Commemorative clock from State Representative Jodie Laubenberg in recognition of the Chamber's 80th Anniversary. Hooper commented that the direction of the Chamber has been dramatic in the last few years, going to that "Big Boy/Big Girl" phase.

Incoming Chamber Board chairperson Sandra Doyle told the group, "We're not participating in the recession, and neither should you." Doyle also went on to say that The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce is in the top ten best mid-size chambers in Texas - stable, strong and ready for whatever the future economy has to bring. "Our chamber reaches way beyond the normal information and networking activities and we have a significant economic impact on our business community."

Doyle introduced and honored past Chairmen of the Board as leaders who had come before and

built "our solid foundation."

The heart and soul of the evening came with the awards presentation. The first award, Small Business of the Year, was presented to Jordan, Houser and Flournoy, LLP, with Bill Houser accepting the award. Houser was described by Hooper as a dedicated board member, leader and supporter of the Chamber.

Randall Noe Auto Group/Rockwall Hyundai was selected the Corporate Business of the Year and Randall Noe was praised by Hooper as a driving force behind Chamber events and a dedicated board member.

The "Our Spirit of Rockwall" Award is presented each year to a person who is involved and active in the Chamber and also is involved in many other leadership activities and organizations in Rockwall. Kevin Fowler, Vice President of American National Bank received this award and was recognized for his volunteer service on many non-profit boards and for his support of the Chamber.

Out-going Board Chairman, Glen Farris, was named Director of the Year by his peers.

Ambassadors who represent the Chamber throughout the year at various events were also honored during the banquet. Hooper

recognized all those present and awarded the Ambassador of the Year to Nora Bollman of Lakeview Image Magazine. "Bollman represents the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce with professionalism, courtesy and integrity. She and the other ambassadors are an integral part of the Chamber," Hooper said.

Brian Davis, sports writer for The Dallas Morning News who covers the Dallas Cowboys, was guest speaker and delivered a

witty and insightful look at the Cowboys and the various Big 12 school teams. He kept the audience entertained with his insight into the business end of sports and controversies that are big news headlines.

The evening concluded with thanks to all those in attendance and a reminder to look forward to a successful 2009 as members of the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.

RHHS PTA plans 'Shattered Dreams' meeting February 23

Rockwall-Heath High School PTA will host a Shattered Dreams 2010 informational meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 at the RHHS cafeteria.

Following a brief business meeting to select a nominating committee and announce upcoming plans, a Shattered Dreams information session will start at 7:15 p.m.

PTA will sponsor the Shattered Dreams program for the 2010 school year. The PTA, Health Department of Public Health and the RHHS administration brought the program to Rockwall Independent School District for the first time for members of the junior and senior classes and will again to present the program prior to the Class of 2010 senior prom.

Because of its size, required time commitment, costs and the complexities involved in organizing the agencies involved, Shattered Dreams is produced every other year. It takes a large group of volunteers several months to plan and implement the program.

Committees will begin forming the night of the meeting. Students interested in the program are welcome to attend.

Although the program is performed for students who will be juniors and seniors during the 2009-2010 school year, parents of all high school students are welcome, as are community members.

For more information, contact Connie Nelson at 214-796-2720 or e-mail her at conniel@aol.com.

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Two together in Texas' offered

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Beside Relationship Services, Rockwall is offering free marital workshops through state's new 'Two together in Texas' program.

2008 Texas Legislature passed a Healthy Marriage Initiative that allows any couple to get a marriage license to receive eight hours of free pre-marital counseling and receive instruction on their marriage license, as well as an exemption from the standard 72-hour waiting period.

Two together in Texas' workshops provide an opportunity for couples to learn more about their future or current spouse through fun and interactive activities. Couples will discuss topics such as learning effective communication skills, developing higher levels of emotional intelligence, tools for resolving conflict, building and maintaining romance and intimacy, reliable planning, life goals and celebrating strengths.

This is an approved 'Two together in Texas' provider, offering workshops to all interested Rockwall area couples. To join a class, visit lakesiderelationshipservices.com and click on Find a Workshop link.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

Lt. Col. Paul Pecena awarded Bronze Star

Lt. Col. Paul Pecena of Rockwall was awarded the Bronze Star Jan. 16 in Baghdad, Iraq for exceptionally meritorious service in a combat zone.

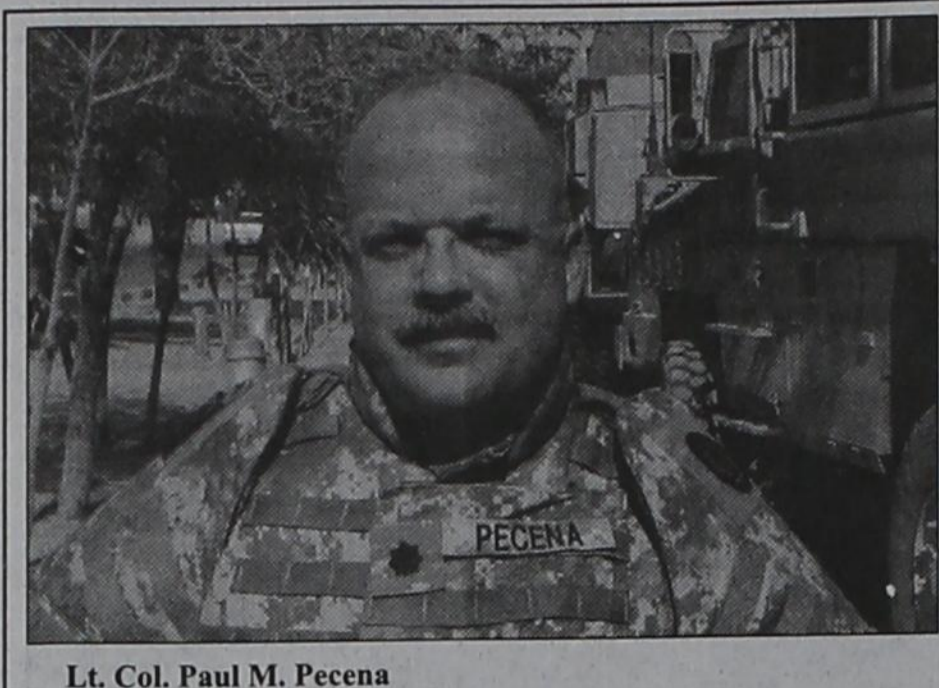
Lt. Col. Pecena was assigned to the Red Team of the XVIII Airborne Corps command group.

He began his tour in Iraq in January 2008. Pecena returned home on Monday, Jan. 26.

Pecena is the son of the late Bill Pecena and the late Mrs. Lee Pecena. He is a 1982 graduate of Rockwall High School and lives in Rockwall with his wife, Leslie, and four children, Caroline,

Will, Alice and Jane.

The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after 6 December 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; or while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.



Lt. Col. Paul M. Pecena

The Bronze Star Medal was established by Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (superceded by Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, as amended by Executive Order 13286, 28 February 2003).

The certificate awarded to Pecena states the Bronze Star Medal was awarded to "Lt. Col. Paul M. Pecena for exceptionally meritorious service in a combat

zone with the exposure to risk of hostile action during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His outstanding duty performance during combat operations in Iraq contributed to the overwhelming success of the command's mission. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon him, multi-national corps-Iraq and the United States Army."

RC Chamber seeks volunteers

The Roysce City Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers to help organize community events planned for the coming year.

Help is needed with the following events and activities:

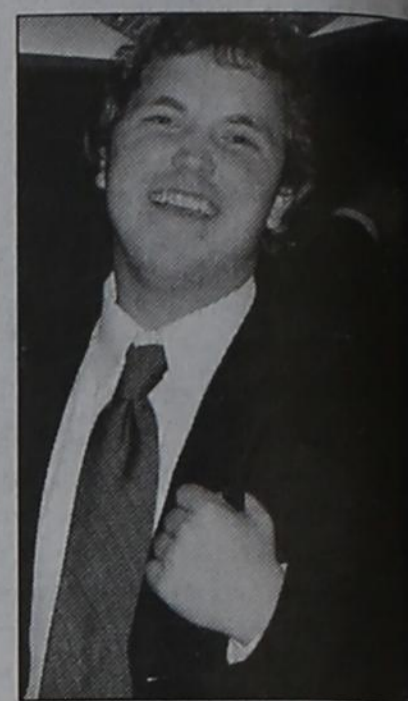
- Rockwall Business Expo (date to be determined) – design a booth; coordinate with members to create 'goodie bags' for distribution
 - Chamber Golf Tournament & Scholarship Fund, April 24 – advertising; obtaining sponsorships; collecting prizes; coordinating 'goodie bags'; hiring a caterer; assisting at the golf course on the day of the event
 - Awards banquet/installation of officers, May 15 – design, address, stuff and mail invitations; research entertainment; research and order awards
 - Fourthfest, July 4 – advertising; parade committee; recruit groups to host a game area; seek donations for refreshments; research entertainment; decorate stage
 - Silent auction/Casino Night, Aug. 21 (tentative) – advertising; seek donations for the auction; design, address, stuff and mail invitations; research businesses who provide 'casinos'; seek donations for prizes/door prizes
 - FunFest, Oct. 17 – advertising; send out letters seeking vendors; obtain sponsorships; organize an event; doggie contest, karaoke contest, pie-eating contest, dunking booth; help mark vendor spots; organize vendors
 - Christmas festivities, Dec. 12 – advertising; help organize chili cook-off (invitations, rules, set-up, awards, etc.); parade committee (invitations, lineup, awards, work parade, etc.); parking committee; decorate Santa's stage/Christmas tree.
- Volunteer input can be as much or as little as the volunteer chooses. For more information, call 972-636-5000 or e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com.

Timmy Clark elected Lieutenant Governor at YMCA Conference

Timmy Clark, a junior at Rockwall High School, was elected Lieutenant Governor at the 62nd annual State Conference of the YMCA Texas Youth in Government in Austin.

He proudly represented not only the Rockwall/Rockwall-Heath High School Youth and Government delegates, but also District 5, which nominated him during the District Meet in December.

The mission of the YMCA Youth and Government program is, "Democracy must be learned by each generation in order for it to succeed." Students involved in this outstanding program learn and participate in all aspects of the legislative, as well as the judicial, process. Delegates from across the state that attend the conference have the privilege of presenting and debating bills in the actual State Capital House and Senate. The bills are then



Timmy Clark

voted on and presented to Governor for signature.

The Lt. Governor presided over the Senate while it is session, as well as serving the Governor's Board.

Clark will next represent Rockwall High School at YMCA Conference on National Affairs in North Carolina July.

VIP needs volunteers for exercise

The Rockwall County Cities Readiness Initiative: Volunteers formed and Prepared (VIP) and the Rockwall County Sheriff's department will conduct a full-scale pod site activation exercise from a.m. to noon on March 21 in the Rockwall High School parking lot.

Three teams of volunteers are needed for planning, exercise execution and exercise participation. Various types of volunteer positions will be available for individuals with varying levels of interest.

The exercise will simulate the drive-through mass dispensation "antibiotics" through the distribution of M&M candies. The exercise will provide dispensing time and process improvement data. Volunteers are free to enjoy the candy.

The Rockwall County VIP program is a volunteer organization developed to support officials during county public health emergencies where local hospitals and medical providers may be unable to prevent or handle the number of individuals seeking preventative care. The program operates under the direction and guidance of county judge, the county's public health coordinator and the sheriff's office.

Volunteers need not reside in Rockwall County to be eligible to participate.

For more information, call 972-204-7001, visit rockwallvip.com or write Rockwall County VIP, Attn.: Volunteer Coordinator, 972-Townsend Drive, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Russ Childers announces candidacy for Rockwall ISD School Board Place 2

Russ Childers has announced his candidacy for Place 2 Trustee position on the RISD school board, previously held by Brad Lamberth.

Childers and his wife of 17 years, Alanna, are the parents of Abby, 11, a sixth grade student at Grace Hartman Elementary School, and Justin, 9, a third grade student at Hartman.

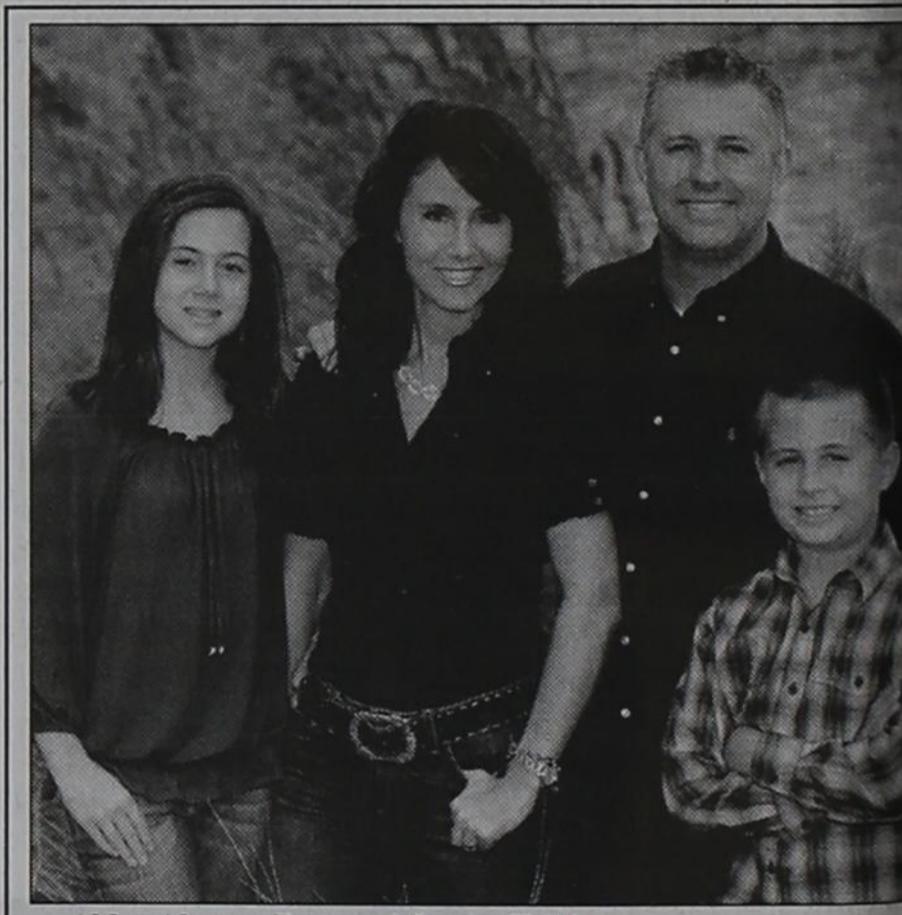
Childers moved to Rockwall in 2000. He attended Texas Tech University and graduated in 1992 with a Bachelors of Science degree. He is the owner of Lakeside Insurance in Rockwall.

Alanna graduated from Rockwall High School in 1987. Her father, Charles Johnson, served two terms on the Rockwall school board from 1989 to 1994.

"It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to give back to this great community and follow many outstanding men and women who have given so freely of their time and energy to create a unique community that truly emphasizes the quality of education for our children," Childers said.

"My desire is to provide leadership for the young people of the Rockwall community that encourages them not only to excel academically, but also prepares each of them to accept the rewards as well as the responsibilities of continuing the legacy that makes Rockwall a special place. Our focus must be centered upon making educational opportunities available for all children within Rockwall ISD as well as providing strong support for the teachers and administrators of the RISD system."

A fiscal conservative, Childers is President-Elect of Rockwall Noon Rotary Club, where he has served as the "Hot Rocks" Bike Race Chairman and as its Boy Scout liaison. He is active in local schools, serving on the Campus Improvement Committee at Grace Hartman, as well as various volunteer activities at Grace Hartman, Rockwall High



Abby, Alanna, Russ and Justin Childers

School and Rockwall-Heath High School. Alanna Childers currently serves as President of the Grace Hartman PTA.

The Childers are members of LakePointe Church, where they have served for many years in the children's department and

as leaders in Sunday school. Childers is a member of Leadership Rockwall, a Promoter's leader and currently serves on the Board of Youth Alive, Inc., a Christian youth camp serving underprivileged children.

Jackson, Lucas tapped for REDC board

Carolyn Jackson and Mike Lucas have been named to the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation's board of directors.

Jackson is CEO of the Lake Pointe Health Network, which includes a 112 bed acute care hospital and six outpatient clinics. Prior to her appointment as CEO, she served as COO for the network associate with Tenet Healthcare. She also serves on the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce board and as the Healthcare Committee chairwoman for the Rockwall Independent School District Business & Education Council.

A member of the American College of Healthcare Executive, Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Delaware and a master's in business administration from Harvard Business School. Lucas is the owner/principal of Aqua Terra Engineering Consultants LLC and ATEC, a professional civil engineering company providing comprehensive water resources and surface water management services strategically focused in the areas of floodplain management, drainage, hydraulic and hydrology. A current member and former board president of Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club, he is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Council of Engineering Companies. Lucas received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University.

Jackson and Lucas join John Floeter, Dale Morgan, Corky Randolph, John Hohenshelt, Bill Houser, Kevin Fowler, Roger Frazer and Tim McCallum in rounding out the REDC board.

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Holiday and Awards Luncheon honors Heath city employees



The City of Heath presented several awards at its recent employee recognition luncheon. Shown at the left are City Manager Ed Thatcher; Mayor John Ratcliffe; Mayor Pro-tem Karen Lewis; Public Works Employee of the Year Susan Garrison; City of Heath Employee of the Year Randy Patton; Finance Employee of the Year Carla Tindall; City Manager's Office Employee of the Year Alyssa Cumpton; DPS Employee of the Year John Taylor; and council members Julie Zurek and Bert Hille.

Photo Courtesy City of Heath

City of Heath employees were recognized for outstanding performances in 2008 at the Holiday & Awards Luncheon in December.

Randy Patton of the Department of Public Works was named City of Heath Employee of the Year. Patton serves as parks/building maintenance supervisor and has been with the municipality for two years.

"Randy's talent as a leader who is efficient, honest and hard working was quickly noticed," said Ed Thatcher, city manager. "This is a person who does so much for us, and he always does it with a smile."

Recognized as the Department of Public Safety's 2008 Employee of the Year was Officer John Taylor.

"Accountability and trust are critical in our work, and John exemplifies these values and more," said Chief Terry Garrett, director of the DPS. "He is always willing to put in that extra effort to go beyond his regular duties, and most recently has taken on the challenge of coordinating our rifle program."

The Public Works Employee of the Year was Susan Garrison, who began working with the city in 2006 in customer service and joined public works in 2007 as an administrative assistant.

"Susan is essential to the efficiency of our department and through her attention to detail and planning she consistently saves time and money for the city," said Pedram Faranhak, director of public works and city engineer. "She is not just in-

involved in our projects, but fully committed to the success of every endeavor."

Carla Mason Tindall was named Finance Department Employee of the Year.

"In a year when we were short-handed due to the happy arrival of babies and maternity leave, Carla was always willing to take on more to help her fellow employees and to keep us moving forward with new projects and daily operations," said Laurie Mays, director of finance. "She has done her job and so much more exceedingly well."

Alyssa Cumpton, executive assistant, was named City Manager's Office Employee of the Year.

"Alyssa covers many areas for us, including human relations," said Kim Dobbs, assistant city manager. "Always calm, concerned and caring, Alyssa is a highly organized professional who helps us get where we need to be with our projects and programs."

Four employees also were recognized for their tenure with the city. DPS Detective

Sgt. Scott Trammell and DPS Administrative Assistant Renee Kelly were recognized for 10 years of service, while DPS Officer Dee Livingston and DPS Community Resource Officer Brian Burton were both recognized for five years of service.

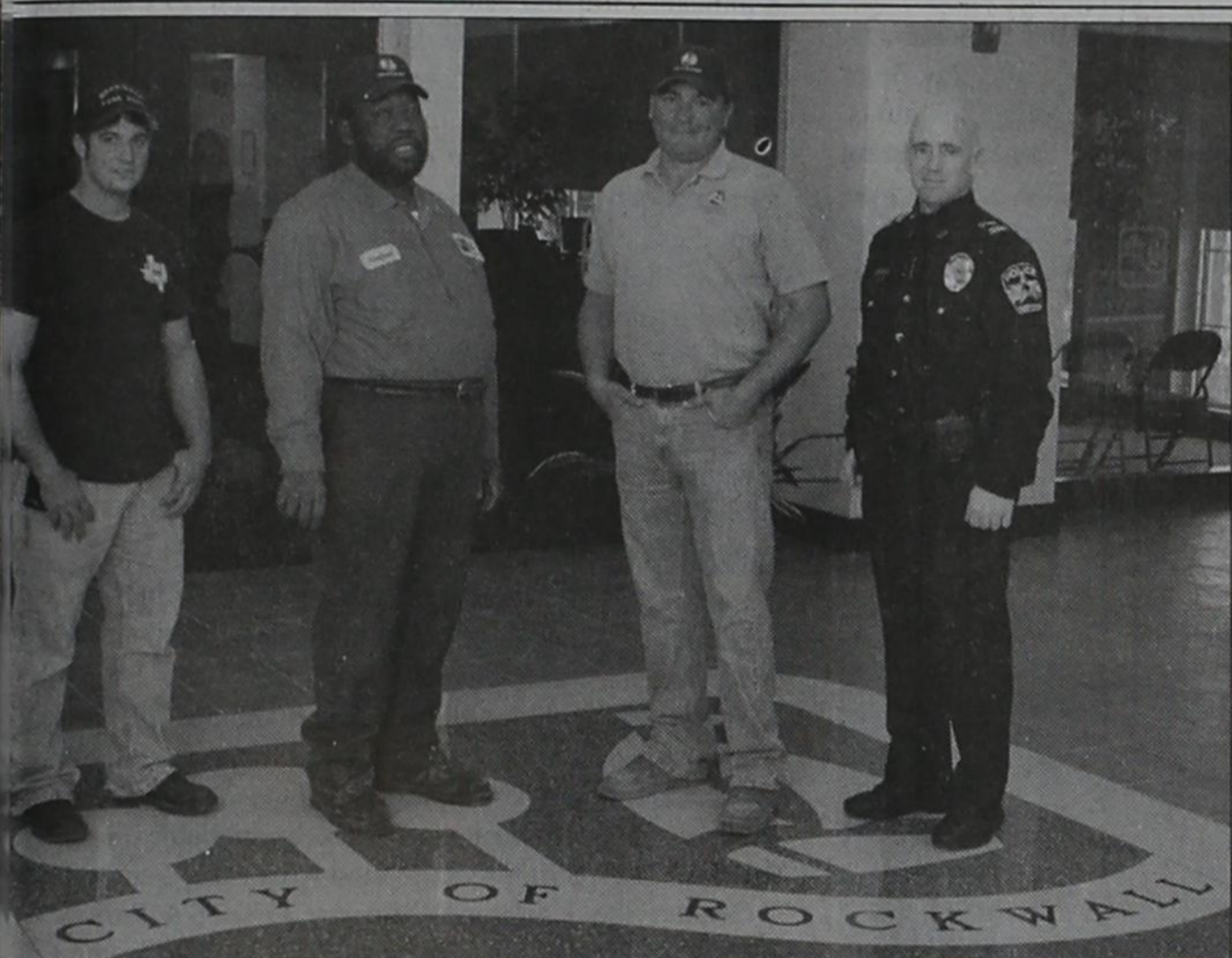
West joins Legacy advisers

Award-winning author Thomas West has joined the Advisory Board of The Legacy School, according to a recent news release.

West writes and speaks internationally about the link between "giftedness and learning differences such as dyslexia."

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Matthew Hearn, Herford Jackson, John Cranson and Douglas Waters (left to right) were honored by the City of Rockwall as Employees of the Year for 2008 at the employees Christmas luncheon in December. Cruse, a volunteer firefighter, was named Public Safety Volunteer of the Year. Jackson, equipment operator in the street department, was named Field Employee of the Year. Cranson, instruction inspector, was selected Office Employee of the Year. He also was given the Director's Choice Award, given to the employee selected by the City's Directors who best exemplifies the City's values. Waters, a Rockwall police officer, was selected Public Safety Employee of the Year.

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Matthew Hearn, a Williams Middle School student, took top honors in the Rockwall County Spelling Bee conducted earlier this month. Also pictured is Sudeshna Pontula, a HEAR student, who finished in second place. The regional spelling bee is set for March 21.

Photo Courtesy Rockwall ISD

Matthew Hearn wins county spelling bee

Matthew Hearn of Williams Middle School was recognized as the winner of the Rockwall County Spelling Bee conducted Feb. 3. Sudeshna Pontula, a HEAR student, earned the alternate spot in county competition.

The regional event will run from 11 a.m. to noon in the WFAA studios in Dallas on March 21. The event will be broadcast on Channel 8.

Among the list of Rockwall County contestants were Erin Kenzie, Kenzie Chapa, Alexandria Sims, Komal Karelia, Evan MacKenzie Mullins, Kyle Pliska, Lochlen Jones, James Donovan Webb, Rachel Farrow, Andrew Wilson, Harkiran and Alysha Joseph. They represented campus winners from Rockwall Independent School District elementary schools, middle schools, Fulton Academy and HEAR (Home Educational Resources Inc.).

The spelling bee was held at the Rockwall County Center for students in grades four through eight in Rockwall County. The event was sponsored by The Dallas Morning News.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Ellen Hunt

Born Mary Ellen Harris on October 10, 1929 in Houston, Texas to Elizabeth Connally Harris and R. Harris. She lived with her parents most of her younger years in Detroit, Michigan before returning to Texas.

She graduated from Amon Carter High School in Ft. Worth. After graduation she married William "Bill" West and had three sons Dan West, Bob West and Walt West. Ellen lived several years in El Paso and Van Horn, Texas as the owner and operator of the El Capitan Motel. In the 1960's she remarried Robert L. Hunt and moved to Rockwall, Texas. She and Robert were developers in the town of Fate, Texas and surrounding areas.

Robert and Ellen had one daughter Robin Hunt Brinkley. Ellen was a prominent business woman in the Rockwall area owning and operating Ellen Hunt Realtors for more than 40 years.

She served as president of several professional organizations as well as multiple boards of Realtors. She took great pride in her career and accomplishments. Ellen retired to the Kingsland area in 2006. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her son Bob West.

Survivors include: Sons Dan West of Chicago, Ill.; Walt West and daughter in law Cheryl West of Bryson, Texas. Daughter Robin Hunt Brinkley son in law Shay Brinkley of Burnet; Granddaughters Ashley West, Laura West, Kristy West, Balley Brinkley, Sierra Brinkley, Paris Brinkley and grandsons Clint West and Matthew West.

Pallbearers will be Shay Brinkley, W.T. Cozby, Mike Rockafellow, Ronnie Waggoner, Trey Carpenter, Clint West, and Matthew West.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, February 13, 2009 at the Hoover's Valley Chapel. Interment will follow at the Hoover's Valley Cemetery.

Officiating will be Rodney McGee. Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet is in charge of arrangements.

Neta Faye Smirl Jones

Services for Neta Faye Smirl Jones, 80, a lifetime resident of Heath, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, in the First Baptist Church of Heath with the Rev. Paul Jacobs officiating. Burial followed in the Heath Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died at her home Feb. 7.

Born Aug. 14, 1928, to Clarence and Gladys (Evans) Smirl, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Heath and retired from Great American Insurance after 38 years.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Wayne Jones; a son, Jeffrey Jones and his wife, Joyce; her sisters, Clarice Isbell, Carolyn Bryan and her husband, Tommy, and Theresa Lindsey and her husband, Dennis; her grandchildren, Melody and Bryan Miller of Heath, Travis Jones of Caddo Mills and James Ashley and Mary Jones of Rockwall; and her great-grandchildren, Kirsten, Cody and



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Cade Miller and Devin, Kayla and Jean Marie Jones.

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

Pallbearers included Alan Smirl, Blake Bryan, Randy Jones, Tootie Costa, Gene Boss and Jerry Jayroe.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Heath or the Heath Cemetery Association.

Colton Lyndon Maberry

Services for Colton Lyndon Maberry, 5-week-old son of Derek and Amanda Maberry of Lavon, were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Lynn Christie officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Feb. 4.

He was born Dec. 28, 2008, in Garland.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Riley Maberry, and a sister, Mackenzie Maberry, both of Lavon; his grandparents, Dick and Charlotte Hargrove of Lavon, John and Cathy Jayroe of Farmersville and David and Cathy Maberry of Dallas; his aunts, Audrey Harding and Richard Herrera of Lavon, Crystal Yoesting and her husband, Rick, of Norman, Okla., Janis Glass and her husband, Brian, of Fairfield and Caitlin Jayroe of Farmersville; her uncles, Lyndon Hargrove and his wife, Marilyn, of Lavon and Lynn Jayroe of Plano; her great-grandparents, Nita Bruce of Sachse, Jeanne Holmes of Mesquite, Jeanne Hardin of Garland and Jim and Nancy Hardin of Richardson; his cousins, Katherine and Chandler Harding of Lavon, Trip Hargrove of Lavon, Chris and Crystian Clinton of Norman, Hunter Yoesting of Norman and Collin and Trinity Glass of Fairfield; and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Roy Bruce and George and Flora Hargrove.

John L. Roettger

Services for John L. Roettger, 62, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Deacon Jesus Cerrato officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Feb. 2.

Born Nov. 10, 1946, in St. Charles, Mo., to Raymond Frank and Esther Catherine (Burkemper) Roettger, he graduated from St. Dominic High School in O'Fallon, Mo., in 1964, received a bachelor's degree from Quincy College in Quincy, Ill., and earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. He was a letter carrier for 25 years for the U.S. Postal Service in Dallas.

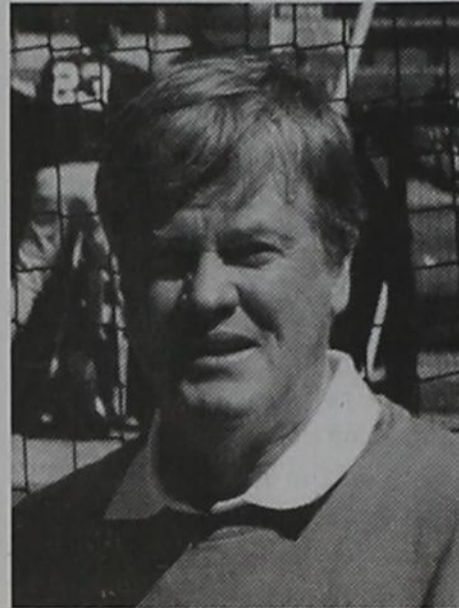
Survivors include his father, Ray Roettger of Bridgeton, Mo.; a sister, Judy Webb of Wentzville, Mo.; a brother, Jim Roettger of Warrenton, Mo.; five nieces and nephews; and two godsons.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Busy spring calendar of events for Heath United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church of Heath has planned an exciting schedule of events for Spring 2009, beginning with the Valentine's Day Romantic Evening UMC Youth Babysitting Service from 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Feb. 14 at the church. Sign-up is at the church.

A new Christian couples/marriage workshop, Fireproof, will begin Feb. 15. The class will be from 6-8 p.m. at the church, with childcare services provided. A \$10 manual fee will be



Rockwall County Religious Life

Valentine Tea at Joy Lutheran Church

Joy Lutheran Church in Rockwall invites women in the Rock Rowlett area to a Ladies' Tea on Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m.

"We encourage those attending to wear hats," said Nelda Harlow, a member of Joy's Outreach and Fellowship Committee. She said the program will include a competition for the most interesting Snacks, desserts and tea will be served. This is a free event.

Joy Lutheran Church is a small, family-oriented church with pastor is the Rev. Paul Appel. The congregation will celebrate its 13th birthday on March 29. Each Sunday, education classes for all ages begin at 9:15 a.m. and worship with communion is at 10 a.m. A nursery with an attendant is available from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. Joy is located at 302 N. Goliad (Hwy. 205) in Rockwall, block north of the Rockwall County Courthouse.

Ott Ordination

Woodcreek Bible Church in Fate closed its doors at the end of December; however, many members followed Woodcreek's pastor Aaron Ott, to Gateway Fellowship in Royse City where, Pastor says, they adopted him into their pastoral staff as the community discipleship pastor. Gateway Fellowship has scheduled an ordination ceremony for Pastor Ott at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

"This will be a significant event for me since ordination is the start of a minister's life and career," Pastor Ott said. In Christian church ordination is a rite for the dedication and commissioning of a minister. The essential ceremony consists of the laying of hands on the ordaining minister upon the head of the one being ordained and prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and of grace required for carrying out of the ministry. The service also usually includes public examination of the candidate and a sermon or charge concerning the responsibilities of the ministry.

Additionally, Gateway Fellowship is announcing an exciting children's program starting Sunday. Gateway is gathering for ship at the Stonebrook Learning Center located one mile south of I-30 on FM 548 South. Services begin at 10:30 a.m., and are invited to come early and fellowship with others at the coffee and muffin bar. To contact the church, call 972-635-7511 visit welcometogateway.org.

Father/Daughter Date Night

Feb. 27, 7 p.m. A special evening for fathers and their daughters in kindergarten through grade 5.

This event includes dinner, entertainment, pictures and The cost is \$25 per couple, with \$10 for each additional daughter. Tickets are limited and are on sale at the Children's Ministry in the South Foyer. Tickets will also be available during the week at the Children's Building Reception Area from 8 am to 5 pm.

Contact the Children's Ministry Office, 469.698.2300, bethh@lakepointe.org. This event will be held in the Lake Pointe Church gymnasium.

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You've asked the questions, you've read the books, you're ready to improve your marriage. Now there is an opportunity to hear reputable speakers discuss issues on marriage at one location one day. And, if you are among the next 150 to call for tickets, the cost is only \$50 per couple.

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

Speakers include Beth Moore, founder of Living Proof Ministries; Dr. Gary Smalley, author of The DNA of Relationships; Dr. Trent, author of Breaking the Cycle of Divorce; Gary Thomas, author of Sacred Marriage; Dr. Del Tackett, Focus on the Family's Truth Project®; and special musical guest Jeremy Camp. Conference begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm on Feb. 28.

For tickets, call the church office at 469.698.2200. For more information, visit lakepointe.org.

National Charity League, mothers and daughters serving communities together

Seventh grade members of the Lone Star Chapter of National Charity League (NCL) learned to make quick snacks and drinks for family and friend gatherings at a meeting they attended in January.

After a brief business meeting run by the girls, they learned to prepare food for the upcoming Super Bowl. The girls also participated in cultural events together with their mothers and classmates, as a volunteer at approved charities in Rockwall County.

The Lone Star Chapter was founded in 1983 and was the first chapter in Texas.

National Charity League, Inc., is a non-profit national organization of mothers and daughters who join together in community involvement within local chapters throughout the United States. NCL's goal is to foster a sense of community, responsibility and strengthen the mother-daughter relationship. Daughters participate in a six-year program of philanthropic work, educational activities and cultural events.

Amedisys earns ACHC accreditation

Amedisys Home Health of Rockwall recently earned accreditation status by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care for home health and hospice services.

ACHC, a private, not-for-profit corporation, was developed to provide home care and community-based providers to help companies improve business operations and quality of patient care.

Accreditation is a voluntary activity where healthcare organizations submit to peer review of internal policies, processes and patient care delivery against national standards.

RCISD seeks input on naming schools

The Royse City Independent School District is seeking community input in the naming of two intermediate schools.

The school district traditionally has named its campuses after outstanding educators who have worked within the district.

Name suggestions, along with a short paragraph about why the individual is being recommended, should be submitted to community relations director Jo Nell Melody's office by Feb. 27. The address is: Jo Nell Melody, Royse City ISD, P.O. Box 479, Royse City, TX 75189. E-mails also may be sent to mellody@rcisd.org.

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- 1 TXism: "___ as a stump"
- 5 TX Ernest Tubbs' "Walking the Floor ___ You"
- 6 book about a TXin: "Queen Bess: ___ Devil Aviator"
- 7 how an Astro got to 2nd base
- 8 TXism: "___ as a three-dollar bill"
- 9 Queen ___ Fishing Pier in Cameron Co.
- 17 this Armstrong spoke from Tranquility Base to Houston
- 19 TXism: "ain't got to ___ (tired)"
- 21 Friona h.s. class of the month
- 22 TX Ross Perot's Vietnam concern
- 24 TX Greer Garson film: "___ Curie" (43)
- 30 a new Cowboy (2 wds.)
- 34 elected gov. in '06: ___ Campbell
- 35 TXism: "mad ___ -eyed cow"
- 36 TXism: "at the drop of ___"
- 37 San ___ is named for the river it's on
- 39 University of ___ has several colleges
- 43 horse gaits
- 45 to give life to
- 46 TX "Pretty Woman" singer (init.)
- 47 Christmas song made a hole in one
- 49 TXism: "rarin' ___ go"
- 51 spring rains can cause Rangers to ___ play
- 54 distress signal
- 55 TX microchip giant
- 56 Jack Ruby had a Dallas strip ___ joint
- 57 TXism: "big enough to shade an ___ (fat)"
- 60 a hunk of bacon
- 61 bikini top
- 62 authorizes
- 63 TXism: "if I ___ any better I couldn't stand it"

DOWN

- 1 this Sarah designed 1st Lone Star flag
- 2 home of Southwest TX Junior College
- 3 seat of Bosque Co.
- 4 "I'm a born and ___ Texan!"
- 9 TX Freddie Fender tune "Living ___ Down"
- 10 TX gunslingers or marble players
- 11 Houston has big ___ space industry
- 12 chicken's nose
- 13 LBJ was 1st congressman to ___ after Pearl Harbor
- 14 TX Crawford was Lucille ___ Sueur
- 15 famous TCU coach "Dutch" Meyer (init.)
- 16 TXism: "riled up"
- 18 middle name of TX billionaire Hunt
- 20 Gilmer hosts East Texas ___ boree
- 24 LBJ line: "___ fella 'Murkins'"
- 25 TXism: "honest ___ the day is long"
- 26 TX Perot founded Electronic ___ Systems
- 27 Texas Stadium & Reliant Stadium both southern neighbors
- 29 he starred with TX Fess Parker in "Daniel Boone"
- 31 Lubbock's winner of '92 Nat'l Sci. Bowl (abbr.)
- 32 TXism: "wet as a drowned ___"
- 33 sincere
- 38 this Pat was in TX-made "State Fair"
- 40 Palo Duro's ___ Monkey Railroad
- 41 Panna Maria's ___ Joseph's Museum
- 42 TX anglers catch large ___
- 44 Neil Bush ___ was involved in ___ & scandal
- 50 petroleum products
- 52 In Jefferson Co., ___ Rim State Park
- 53 TXism: "flash in the ___ (one time)"
- 58 TXism: "bend an ___ (drink)"
- 59 hooded jacket

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On God's Word

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God protects His child Matt 2:12-23

Week we looked at the arrival of the Magi so they could pay homage to the "King of the Jews." While en-route to Bethlehem were filled with great joy because they saw "his star" reach its celestial point just over where Jesus lived. Upon their arrival saw the "young child" in a house with his mother Mary. As determined, they gave gifts to Jesus and paid him proper homage. We now continue with Matthew 2:12-23.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to their own country another way." God loving and gracious to all who reverence Him. The Magi were raelites. Yet they were humble to the signs in the heavens. were meek to search out the scriptures and begin their journey to Jerusalem and ultimately to Bethlehem. Even their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrror were not held back. And they showed proper respect to the child. God truly looks upon the heart.

Continuing with 2:13, "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to slay him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Out of Egypt have I called my son.'" There is no doubt that Joseph was a man after God's own heart. He obeyed the Lord and His word first on his list of priorities.

When Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men from the east, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men." There it is...right in God's word. Herod discovered that the child was around two years old when he questioned the Magi (recorded in verse 7). His choice of two years and under was not random, but a result of diligent enquiry into the Magi's astronomical observations. We can also note that this event was one of many spiritual attempts by the devil to kill the seed of the woman prophesied of in Genesis 3:15.

Matthew 2:17, "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy [Jeremiah] the prophet, saying, 'In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.'"

"But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.' And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, 'He shall be called a Nazarene.'"

Once again, Joseph received God's word and meekly moved. We can see throughout these accounts that God truly picked the best of His people to raise His beloved child Jesus Christ. They put God's will first in their lives. Their example of faithfulness and meekness was seen in Jesus' life when he said, "...nevertheless not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:37-46).

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Charity golf tourney slated for March 30

The Rowlett Women's Club will host the Blazing Balls Charity Golf Tournament from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 30 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Course, located at 624 Country Club Drive in Rockwall.

Buffalo Creek earned a four-star rating in 'Golf Digest.'

The four-person scramble will include dinner, snacks, prizes and more. Cost is \$110 per person or \$400 per team. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Funds raised through the event will help provide scholarship opportunities for women in need.

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Valentine's Day linked to Roman and Christian history

by Sheri Lewis

Cards, candy and flower sales will spike this week as Americans celebrate the sweetest of all holidays – Valentine's Day – on Saturday.

But how did this observance and its related activities come about?

According to historians, Valentine's Day can be linked to both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

The History Channel Web site, history.com, details several "legends" that may have been the basis for today's Valentine's Day observance:

- Valentine was a Roman priest during the third century. When the Roman emperor outlawed marriage with the idea that single men made better soldiers than those with wives, Valentine defied authority and continued to perform marriages in secret. Upon discovery of Valentine's actions, he was put to death.

- Valentine may have been killed for helping tortured Christians escape from Roman prisons.

- Valentine may have sent the first 'valentine' while in prison. It is believed he fell in love with a young girl, perhaps the daughter of one of his jailors, and prior to his death penned a letter to her that was signed 'from your Valentine.'

So, is Feb. 14 marked as Valentine's Day to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death in approximately 270 A.D.? No one knows for sure, according to The History Channel Web site, but another theory suggests that the Christian church determined the celebration date to help "Christianize" the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, a fertility celebration.

According to the infoplease.com Web site, it was not until the 14th century that the celebration was specifically linked to the romance and love with which it is associated today. Henry Ansgar Kelly, an author and UCLA medieval scholar, maintains it was Chaucer who first tied the observance with romance with his composition of a poem honoring the engagement between England's Richard II and Anne of Bohemia.

The observance evolved over the centuries. In 18th century England, gift giving and the exchange of lacy handmade cards featuring cupids and hearts was commonplace on Valentine's Day. The tradition only became widespread in the U.S. in the 1850s, when a Worcester, Mass., printer and artist, Esther A. Howland, began mass-producing her own handmade cards – Worcester Valentines.

Today, the distribution of Valentine's Day cards ranks second only to that of Christmas cards and accounts for approximately 25 percent of all cards purchased each year, according to information from various Web sites.

Rockwall County Book Review

"The Year of Fog"

by Michelle Richmond

Review by Eileen Conway

Circulation Supervisor, Rockwall County Library

We all know that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover. Unfortunately for me, when I pass a book in the library that has an appealing cover, it literally jumps off the shelf and into my arms. There is nothing like a brilliant photograph or illustration to pique my interest and make me want to flip open the cover and read the "tease" on the front flap.

Such was the case with "The Year of Fog" by Michelle Richmond. Little did I know that when I chose to look further into the story behind that incredible cover illustration, I would be treated to one of the most compelling plots and some of the most beautiful prose that I had read in a very long time.

Abby Mason, photographer, fiancée, and soon-to-be-stepmother lives for the mornings she spends on the beach with 6-year old Emma. Her love for Emma is every bit as strong as if she had given birth to her. Together they collect seashells, ocean glass, pebbles and all the wonderfully colorful treasures that fill a six-year-old's pockets and imagination. So when Emma runs ahead and disappears into the thick San Francisco fog, a family is torn apart. At first Abby thinks Emma is playing hide-and-seek. She becomes angry when Emma won't answer. Then panic sets in.

Abby becomes obsessed with finding Emma. She searches beaches, roads, restaurants and places nearby. Grasping at tidbits of information, she travels far and wide trying to restore the life they once had. Days drag into weeks and into months while she attempts to recover the little girl she lost.

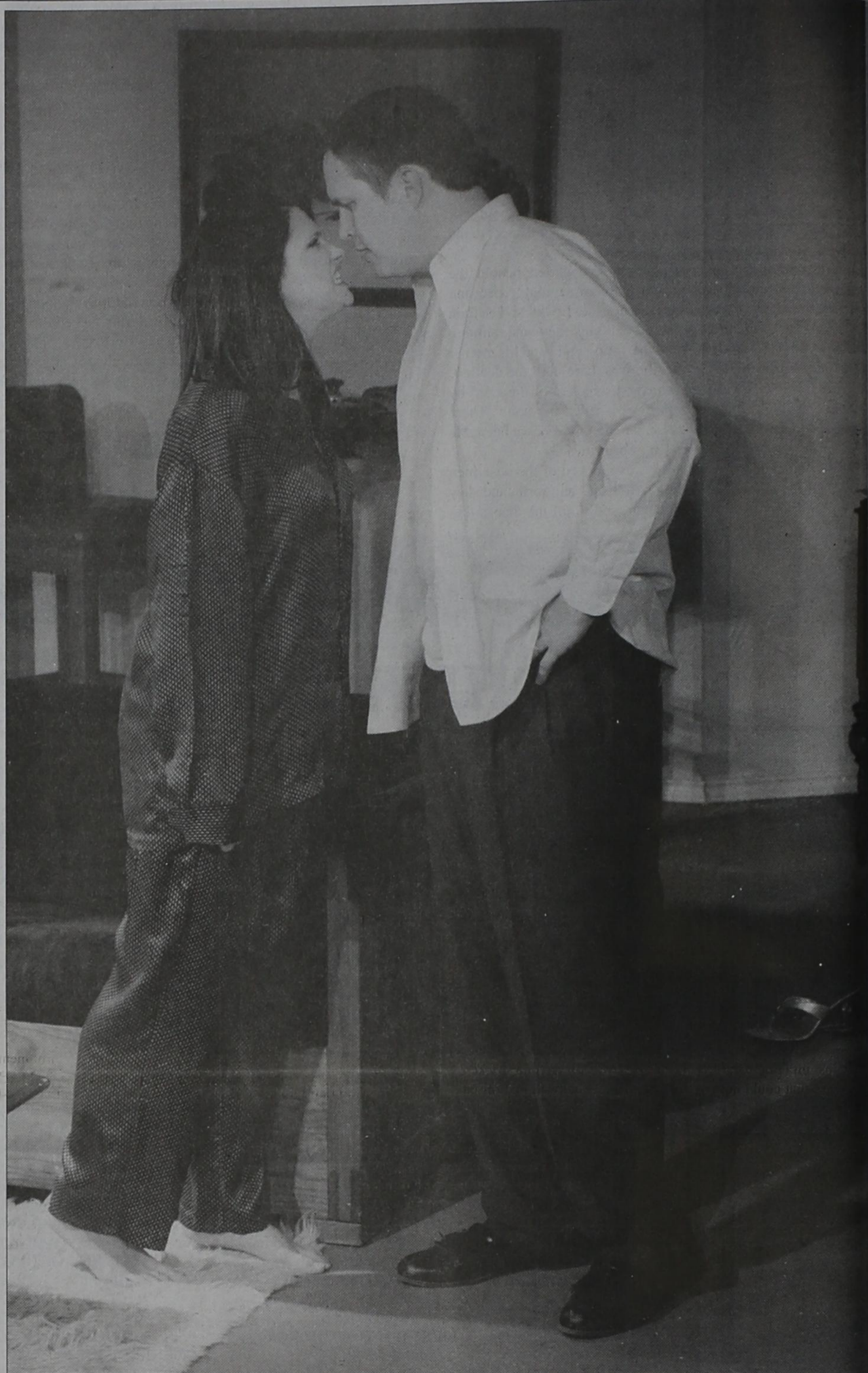
Emma's father becomes distant, although he claims that he doesn't blame Abby. He finds comfort in religion and tries to come to grips with the truth - his little girl is forever lost. He recognizes that Abby blames herself and he tries to convince her to move on, but she soon realizes he means for her to move on without him.

With the weight of an almost unbearable guilt, Abby vows to provide Emma's father with closure and perhaps restore some of the life they had. She leaves San Francisco for a country thousands of miles away. There, on another beach, she makes a most terrible discovery.

Michelle Richmond paints pictures with words. She teases us with memory games shrouded in "fog" so that we want to flip back and forth to see what she didn't see when Emma disappeared. She creates a story so profoundly moving that we rush to the end and at the same time we regret that it is over. It was published in 2007. Think you might have read it? If you can't remember, then you didn't. Think you know how it will end?

If you have ever grieved for the family of a child - if you have ever loved a child - you must treat yourself to "The Year of Fog." And do judge a book by its cover. You will find the most wonderful treasures.

**Just Say You Saw It
In the "County News"**



Corie and Paul Bratter square off as newlyweds trying to adjust to a new life together in the Rockwall Community Playhouse production of "Barefoot in the Park," featuring Ashton DeGroot as Corie and Matt McClearn as Paul. The show continues its run Feb. 13, 14 & 15 and Feb. 20, 21 & 22. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Call 972-722-3399 to purchase tickets. The Rockwall Community Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk Street.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

RHS students share book with younger students

English students from Rockwall High School recently visited Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary to emphasize the importance of reading.

Twenty-seven high school students read stories to their kindergarten counterparts.

"They were amazing," said junior Justin Jimenez of the younger students. "I asked them about the point of the story and they started talking about the importance of appreciating what you have and being grateful. They're pretty smart."

Junior Malcolm Walker had the younger students laughing as he read a Dr. Seuss book, using funny voices to capture the kindergarteners' attention.

"I couldn't believe it," Walker said, remarking on the vocabularies of the kindergarten students. "One boy told me that the character was gullible, and he actually used the word correctly. I was shocked that this was a kid in kindergarten."

The kindergarteners, too, seemed impressed by the high school students. Some didn't want the older students to leave.

"One kid came up to me and hugged me before we left," said L.T. Tassi. "He asked, 'Do you have to go already?' It made me feel good."

Some of the RHS students enjoyed the outing so much that they hope to return and repeat the process.

"I had a great time, and I want to see if their teacher will let me

come read to these kids again," said Healani Ah-Ching.

Kindergarten teacher Debbi Schmucker agreed that the effort was a great learning opportunity for students of both schools.

"This is great for our kids the older kids, because they learn something," she said. "I'm so pleased that we were able to do this."



Kindergarten students Lego Horalan, William Humphrey and Faith Ramseur listen to Junior Braden Henson as he reads "The Lion King." Henson was one of several Rockwall High students who recently went to Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary to read to younger students.

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 February 9, 1999

Smith of Rowlett and Mike Rogers of Rockwall entered their the Dallas-Area Largest Car Show, which hosted more than trucks and motorcycles. Ivan Angott of Rowlett entered his ning motorcycle, which the year before won first place in the and Best Engine category and was named one of the 12 Best-Bikes in the county.
 Jean Hampton was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the ster at Texas State Technical College in Waco. Hampton was n the Dental Assistant Program and is the daughter of Charlotte Heath.

20 Years Ago
 February 10, 1989

Goldston became the City of Rockwall's first female police of- e had been a police officer in Lubbock for two years. Tanya rensic anthropology at Texas Tech University and decided to enforcement because she enjoys working with people and her was a police officer.
 Myers, a graduate of Rockwall High School, was presented Achievement Medal for Meritorious Service by the Secretary vy. Myers was currently working as a drill instructor at the rpor Recruit Depot in San Diego. He is the son of the late Harry id Loretta Myers.

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 February 9, 1979

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40 Years Ago
 February 9, 1969

rown of Rockwall soloed his fourth student at the Rockwall air- Bounds, who was sixteen years old at the time, made the usual tern from the local airport with a return trip to the Caddo Mills trip. Mr. Brown estimated a training period for girls averaged rs before their solo flight and for males, about 8-15 hours.

50 Years Ago
 February 14, 1959

irling Wheeler, Vice President in charge of public relations at Methodist University, spoke to the Rotary Club. He empha- Rotary is the only international organization whose purpose is others rather than one's self.
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60 Years Ago
 February 15, 1949

es of land was for sale just six miles south of Rockwall for \$25 at the Will Dove's Farm.
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September 9, 1927

ew 1928 Buick introduced a higher standard of luxury than ever efore. The interior was exquisite with many different colors rich to choose. The new Fisher bodies were low-swung without o headroom. The cost of a Sedan was \$1,195 to \$1,995. Coupes 195 to \$1,850 and Sports models were \$1,195 to \$1,525.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

Response to Utley MS Proposed Zoning Plan

I am writing in response to the article in the February 5, 2009 Rockwall County News which included comments by Rockwall ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gene Burton regarding the zoning plans for Utley Middle School. Utley will be the third Rockwall ISD middle school serving seventh and eighth grade students.

Dr. Burton stated the Task Force used the following criteria as they worked towards a fair zoning proposal:

A. Criteria: "The 'neighborhood school' concept:

Analysis: Plan 6A breaks up more elementary schools than any other plan proposed by the Zoning Task Force. If, per Dr. Burton, Plan 6A best supports 'neighborhood schools,' then why is Plan 6A affecting 11 neighborhoods and splitting four elementary schools and Plan 10B2 only affects splitting one elementary school and only a couple of neighborhoods?

B. Criteria: A reasonable balance in projected school enrollment:

Analysis: Dr. Burton's 'reasonable' balance in school enrollment means one of the three schools (Cain Middle School) has 30% more students than the other two schools. If Rockwall has an explosion of growth over three years in our nation's worst economic recession on record, then that gap will narrow to 5% more students at Cain vs. Utley and 16% more students at Cain vs. Williams. I disagree with Dr. Burton's 'reasonableness.'

C. Criteria: A reasonable balance of ethnic and socioeconomic groups:

Analysis: All three plans have a reasonable balance. The actual percentage per campus changes under each plan, but not a significant amount.

D. Criteria: Distance of Travel time to each campus:

Analysis: In at least two meetings with Dr. Burton, he represented that the School District's Transportation Department's first choice was plan 10B2 over the other two plans. My assumption from Dr. Burton's statement is that 10B2 is the best choice under the criteria.

E. Criteria: Boundary lines should be clearly defined:

Analysis: This should be clearly communicated. This is a very subjective area of criteria. The analysis of the maps reveals that 6A breaks up at least 11 neighborhoods (assuming that houses on separate sides of a major thoroughfare are in separate neighborhoods). Plan 10B2 breaks up two neighborhoods.

F. Criteria: Fewest possible of number of students affected:

Analysis: The district has not provided enough information to the public to review the criteria.

In conclusion, A, B, D & F clearly support Plan 10B2, C does not appear to affect any plan and F does not give enough information to the public.

Cain Middle School currently has 1,022 students enrolled. Under Plan 6A, the difference in enrollment for next year would only be about 56 students as compared to the size of this year's seventh grade class at Cain. Cain currently has one-way hallways, portables in the back of the school and overcrowded lunches.

I strongly encourage Dr. Burton and the Board of Trustees to fully consider how the economic recession might affect future enrollment. The population projections used by the district were done in March 2008. We would all like to go back to the economy we had in March of 2008.

I strongly encourage our Board of Trustees to have our projections updated with current economic realities and revisit the zoning recommendations.

Sincerely,
 Brian and Judy Schneider

Rockwall County Responders

Rockwall County Sheriff's Dept.

- Calls (Jan. 30-Feb. 5) -- 191
- Arrests (Jan. 30-Feb. 5) -- 50
- Warrant unit arrest (week of Feb. 2) -- 8

Royse City Police Dept.

- Jan. 30-Feb. 5
- Friday, 30 January: Assault, 300 block N. Hickory Hill Road
- Saturday 31 January: Noise disturbance, 200 block Texoma Street; Rowlett PD warrant arrest, 300 block Elm Street; Two marijuana (32.8 lbs) possession arrests, I-30 at the 80 mile marker
- Sunday, 1 February: Assault, 800 block Brookhaven Drive; Verbal disturbance, 800 block Loganwood Drive; Three marijuana (19.7 lbs) possession arrests, I-30 at the 78 mile marker
- Monday, 2 February: Medical assistance, 200 block May Street; Medical assistance, 1200 block Tyler Court; Theft, 1300 block E. Main Street; Public intoxication arrest, 200 block E. Main Street
- Tuesday, 3 February: Criminal mischief, 200 block S. Houston Street; suspicious activity, 100 block N. Hickory Hill Road; suspicious activity, 200 block Howard Street; suspicious activity, corner of Old Greenville and May Street; suspicious activity, 200 block E. Mackenzie Drive; two burglaries of motor vehicles, 1400 block High Meadow Drive; Criminal mischief, 700 block N. Josephine Street; criminal mischief, 500 block E. I-30; verbal disturbance, 200 block W. I-30; suspicious activity, 700 block FM 2642; medical assistance, 100 block W. Main Street; criminal mischief, 100 block E. Main Street
- Thursday, 5 February: Welfare check, 200 block Bell Street; indecency with a child, 700 block FM 2642

Rockwall Emergency Responder

- February 2 - 8, 2009
- Rockwall Fire & EMS Calls for Service
- Calls for Service: Dwelling 2, Fire alarm 5, Grass fire 4, Mercantile 1, Minor traffic accident 1, Motor vehicle rescue 1, Other fire not classified 2, Other rescue 1, Smell smoke 2.

Rockwall PD Calls for Service

- Monday, February 2: Burglary, 700 block Throckmorton Street; Theft, 1900 block IH 30, Theft, 1300 block Misty Cove Drive; Theft, 200 block IH 30.
- Tuesday, February 3: Burglary, 200 block Kristy Lane; Theft, 900 block IH 30, Theft, 1500 block Fieldstone Drive; Theft, 1800 block IH 30; Theft, 700 block IH 30.
- Wednesday, February 4: Theft, 600 block FM 552; Theft, 900 block IH 30.
- Thursday, February 5: Theft 900 block IH 30 (2); 1500 block Fieldstone Drive; Theft, 900 block Yellow Jacket Lane (2); Theft 1000 block IH 30; Theft 500 block Steger Towne Drive; Theft, 1400 block Madison Drive.
- Friday February 6: Burglary, 2200 block Falls View Drive; Burglary, 300 block Becky Lane.; Theft, 200 block Dial Lane; Theft, 2900 block Ridge Road; Theft, 4700 block Steeple Chase Lane; Theft , 2900 block Oak Lane; Theft, 800 block West Rusk Drive; Theft, 100 block South Clark Street; Theft, 800 block Steger Towne Drive; Theft, 400 block IH 30; Theft, 200 block National Drive; Theft, 1700 block IH 30.
- Saturday, February 7: Burglary, 1400 block Brittany Way; Burglary, 3000 block Limestone Hill Lane; Theft, 900 block IH 30; Theft, 2000 Summer Lee Drive; Theft, 1900 block IH 30; Theft, 1000 block IH 30
- Other Calls for Service: Abandoned property 5, Alarms (all) 53, Animal complaint 9, Assist citizen 23, Criminal assault/rape 1, Criminal mischief 23, Criminal trespass 2, Drunk (all) 7, Fight 2, Fire alarm 1, Fire call 1, Investigations (all) 60, Injured or sick person 38, Meet complainant 40, Minor traffic accident 30, Missing person 2, Narcotics 4, Open building 15, Ordinance 7, Meet complainant 83, Welfare concern 5.

Heath DPS Calls for Service

- Wednesday February 4: Burglary, 400 block High Meadow land; Theft, 600 block Willow Springs Drive.
- Saturday February 7: Theft, 900 block Bridal Path Court.
- Other Calls for Service: Alarms (all) 10, Animal complaints 3, Drunk 1, Fight 1, Fire call 2, Injured or sick person 3, Investigation 4, Meet complainant 4, Minor traffic accident 2, Narcotics 2, Possible DWI 1, Street hazard 1, Suspicious person 10, Traffic complaint 1.

Three named to dean's list

Three former Rockwall High School students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Stephen F. Austin State University, according to a news release issued last week.

Jalyn Alyssa Jacobson, a nursing major; Michael Edward Noel, a criminal justice law enforcement major; and Charlcie Lynn Owens, a professional accountancy major were tapped for the honors list.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a students must be enrolled in 12 ore more semester hours and maintain a grade point average of no less than 3.5.

Hanrahan tapped for UNT honors

Kathleen Hanrahan was named to the President's List for the fall semester at the University of North Texas, according to information from the university.

Hanrahan earned a 4.0 grade point average with a course load of 12 or more semester hours to be awarded the distinction.

Storbakken named to Dean's List

Nick Storbakken of Heath, a 2006 graduate of Trinity Christian of Cedar Hill, was named to the Dean's List for the 2008 fall semester at Baylor University.

Storbakken had a 4.0 grade point average.
 To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be registered full time and earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

Rockwall County A&M Club recently awarded four endowed A&M scholarships outstanding Texas A&M students from Rockwall County. Pictured are A&M Scholarship Committee members Allison Geiger and Lesli Johnson with recipient Taylor Trammel ('10), center. Endowed scholarships and recipients included Duke Trammel ('10), center. Endowed Scholarship, Sarah Trammel ('10), center. Endowed Scholarships, Margaret Davidson ('10) Endowed Scholarships, Day and Tyler Dodd; Jim ('60) and Beth Trammel ('10) Endowed Scholarships, Mathew Trout ('10) Endowed Scholarships, Christopher Belew. Endowed Scholarships are awarded to returning students during a break between the fall and spring semesters.



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Area residents celebrated the beginning of renovations at Heath's Terry Park on Jan. 29. Pictured from the left are Park Board members Kathy Manuel and Amy Ganci; City Council members Lorne Liechty and Julie Zurek; Park Board member Bryan Pope; Mayor John Ratcliffe; Mayor Pro-tem

Karen Lewis; Councilman Robert Hille; Park Board chairman Mitchell Smartt; Councilman Steve McKimney; Park Board chairman Ginny Jackson; and Park Board members Becky Burkett and John Curtis.

Terry Park renovations begin with groundbreaking in Heath

Members of the Heath City Council, Park Board, municipal staff members and local residents, along with Rockwall County Commissioners Lorie Grinnan and Dennis Bailey, participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Terry Park renovation project on Jan. 29.

Once completed, the seven-acre waterfront park will include a state-of-the-art, two-lane boat ramp with two courtesy docks, walking trails, landscaping, lighting features, a new restroom facility, paved parking and erosion control.

"This is the exciting step that our leadership and community have been working together to reach," said Ginny Jackson, chairman of the Park Board. "People are truly amazed when they see the beautiful plans for this gem. It's going to be the park citizens want and deserve."

The city awarded the bid for park renovations to KW Construction of Emory. The park closed Sunday for work to begin. Estimated completion date is set for July.

Special guests at the groundbreaking were family members of Leon

Charles Weiss Jr., a former city council member and Planning Zoning Commission member who died Jan. 24. His family memorialized Terry Park for memorial contributions.

"Leon Weiss made significant contributions to our community through his service and will continue to do so as friends, family, fellow citizens share his vision for making this beautiful park a reality," said John Ratcliffe, Heath's mayor.

To view the plans for the park visit heathtx.com and select Trails under the Living Here menu.



The Rockwall Noon Lions Club recently decided to sponsor an activity each month to benefit different age groups in Rockwall. The primary focus of Lions Club International is to serve the visually impaired with eye exams and eyeglasses. Vision chairman Larry Jost, pictured above second from the left, has taken on the responsibility of setting up used eyeglass collection boxes throughout the community. Shown with Jost are, from the left, Megan King, secretary; Jost; Misty Park, treasurer; and Justin Holland, president. The group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at Joe Willy's on South Goliad. New members are being accepted. For more details visit rockwallnoonions.com.

Photo Courtesy of Leigh Plagens



Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association program chairwoman Anita Gregg, left, is shown accepting the Power of One symbol from Rockwall Independent School District counselors Rochelle Eddy, center, and Dina Rowe. Eddy and Rowe were speakers at RARTA's February meeting.

Photo Courtesy of Leigh Plagens

RARTA hears Power of One program

During their February meeting, members of the Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association received a presentation given by Rockwall Independent School District counselors Rochelle Eddy and Dina Rowe.

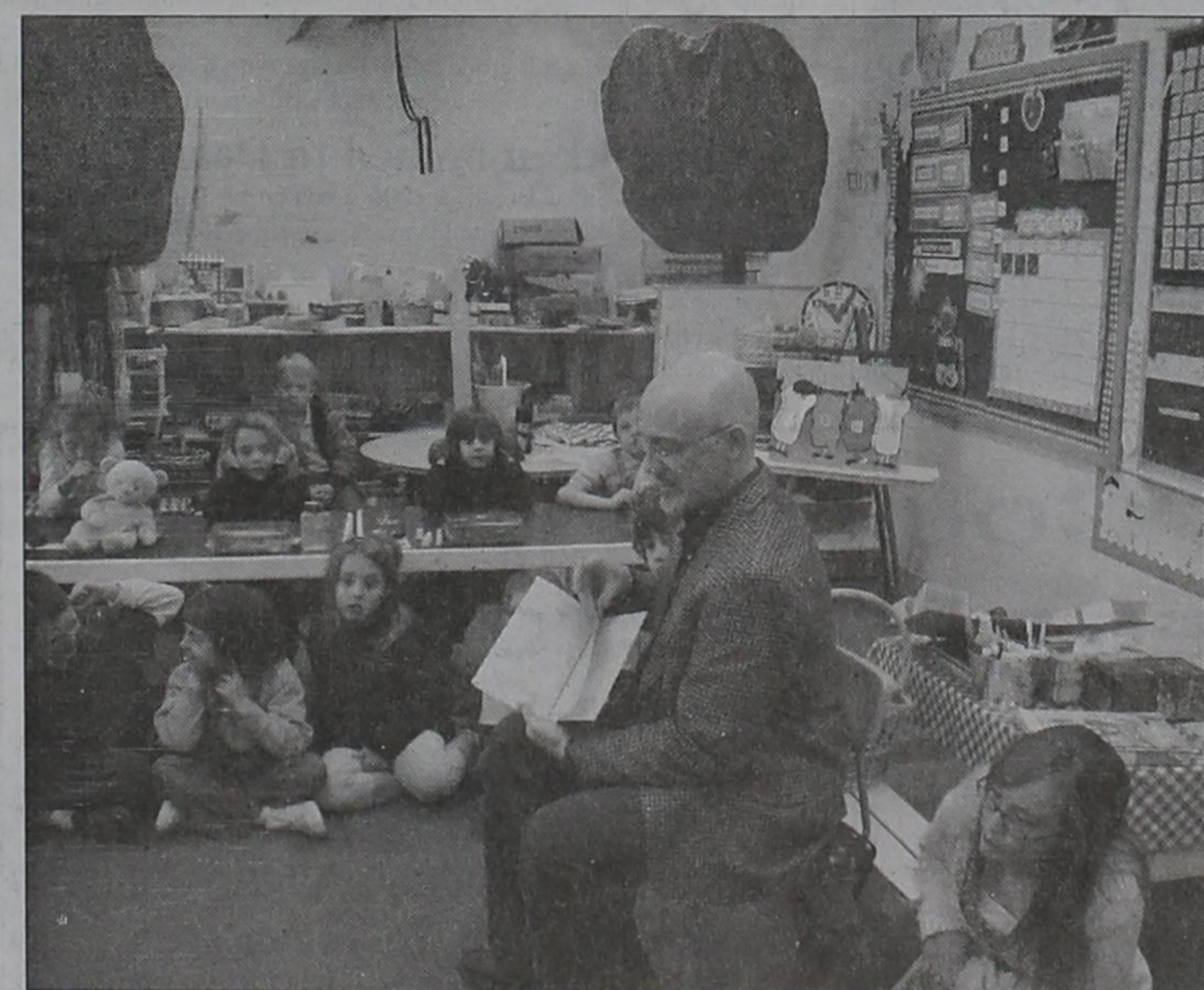
The presentation focused on "Rachel's Challenge," a national program, and its follow-up pro-

gram, "The Power of One," which was developed by the RISD. Adopted by school districts across the nation, the programs teach how kindness counts and "proves the far-reaching effects of even the smallest considerate gesture made toward another person."

Hostesses for the meeting in-

cluded Susan Reinhardt-Billye Wood, Leigh Plagens and Jannie Clark.

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



Author R. David Hollingsworth recently opened his book tour by visiting the Poetry Community Christian School where he read his work, "Sydney and the Crown Maker," to primer and first grade students. The newly published book will go on sale in stores March 1.

Photo Courtesy Poetry Community Christian School

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More than 30 Grace Hartman Elementary School students participated in this year's spelling bee. Winners were, from the left, Lina Kim, second place; Mackenzie Mullins, first place; and Matthew Hunt, third place.

Photo Courtesy of Christy Wendt

The Royse City High School Interscholastic Athletic Association is sponsoring the Royse City Animal Shelter. Shown is Kristina Dahmer with their sponsor, and delivering it to the shelter. Photo courtesy of Jo Nell Melloy.

Leigh Plagens, member of the board of trustees, is shown with a collection of items donated off at the foundation's recipients, Century Club members. The artwork, all of which was created by district teachers, is being auctioned. The Celebration is set for Feb. 28. Tickets are available at a cost of \$50. Table seating for a pull-out table is available at \$200. Contact the foundation at 469-698-1111.

NA plans

Visiting Nurse will conduct a bereavement support program for those grieving the loss of a loved one. The program is called "The Journey: Coping with Loss."

Krista Heinrich, Cassie Mullins, and Sarah, Sophia and Seth are expected to be complete. Staff Photo by Roy Heath.



The Roysse City High School Interact Club held a pet food drive before Christmas to benefit the Roysse City Animal Shelter. Shown are (left to right) students Brittany Rogers, Shelby Morgan and Christina Dahmer with their sponsor, High School Art Teacher Renee Wallace (right) unloading bags of food and delivering it to the shelter.

Photo courtesy of Jo Nell Melody

Lisa Frazier to address RCC Mar. 4

Software specialist Lisa Frazier will be the guest speaker at the March 4 meeting of the Rockwall Computer Council.

Frazier, of Lisa Frazier Training & Service, has operated her own computer training company for the past 10 years. She is scheduled to talk about software applications and comparisons, as well as password administration, and will share tips about building databases for client information, inventory and the use of templates available within software applications.

The RCC is open to anyone interested in the use of computers for home or office, regardless of expertise in computers.

The meeting is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Center at Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St.

For more information contact Joe Conrad, program coordinator, at 972-771-8712.



Rockwall-Heath High School senior Karli Wagoner, shown at right, presided as the regional vice president of community service at the Family, Career & Community Leaders of America meeting conducted Jan. 30 in Plano. During the event, Wagoner presented Leta Durrett, director of career and technology for the Rockwall ISD, with a FCCLA honorary membership. The RHHS and other regional FCCLA chapters recently collected more than 600 new pairs of shoes to be donated to Shoes for Orphans Souls.

Photo Courtesy of Julie Durst



Leigh Plagens, member of the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation and the school district's board of trustees, is shown with some of the more than 200 pieces of artwork to be sold and auctioned off at the foundation's annual 2009 Celebration honoring Innovative Teaching Grant recipients, Century Club members and the foundation's board. Funds generated by the sales of the artwork, all of which was created and donated by RISD art students, will aid the foundation in awarding grants to district teachers who "go above and beyond the call of duty to inspire students." The Celebration is set for Feb. 28 at Southfork Ranch. Seating is open to the public; individual seats are available at a cost of \$50 each. Table seating for teachers may be sponsored at a cost of \$100, while table seating for a public party of eight costs \$400. For reservations or information contact the foundation at 469-698-7032 by Friday.

Photo Courtesy of Marcia Gilbert



RHS DECA students state qualifiers (left to right) are Cadee Paul, Malori Dillard, Alicia Smith, Tessa Stevenson and Ashley Dillon. (Not available for photo Justin Hammer).

Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Faunce

RHS DECA students headed to state

Six Rockwall High School DECA students will compete at a state-level competition Feb. 26 in Galveston thanks to wins earned in January at the DECA District VII Career Development Conference in Dallas. More than 1,100 students from across the Dallas-Fort Worth area at-

tended the conference, according to Margie Scott, RHS marketing teacher.

DECA is an organization for students enrolled in marketing education, allowing students from across the nation to compete in numerous marketing

events, including advertising, entrepreneurship and fashion marketing.

Justin Hammer, Malori Dillard, Tessa Stevenson, Ashley Dillon, Cadee Paul and Alicia Smith will advance to the state contest, according to a news release issued by the school last week.

NA plans support program

Visiting Nurse Association will conduct a mission support program for its grieving the loss of one.

Meeting the Journey: Coping

with Grief" will meet Tuesdays, March 10 through April 7, at the First United Methodist Church, 208 S. Houston St., in Kaufman.

Meetings will run 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

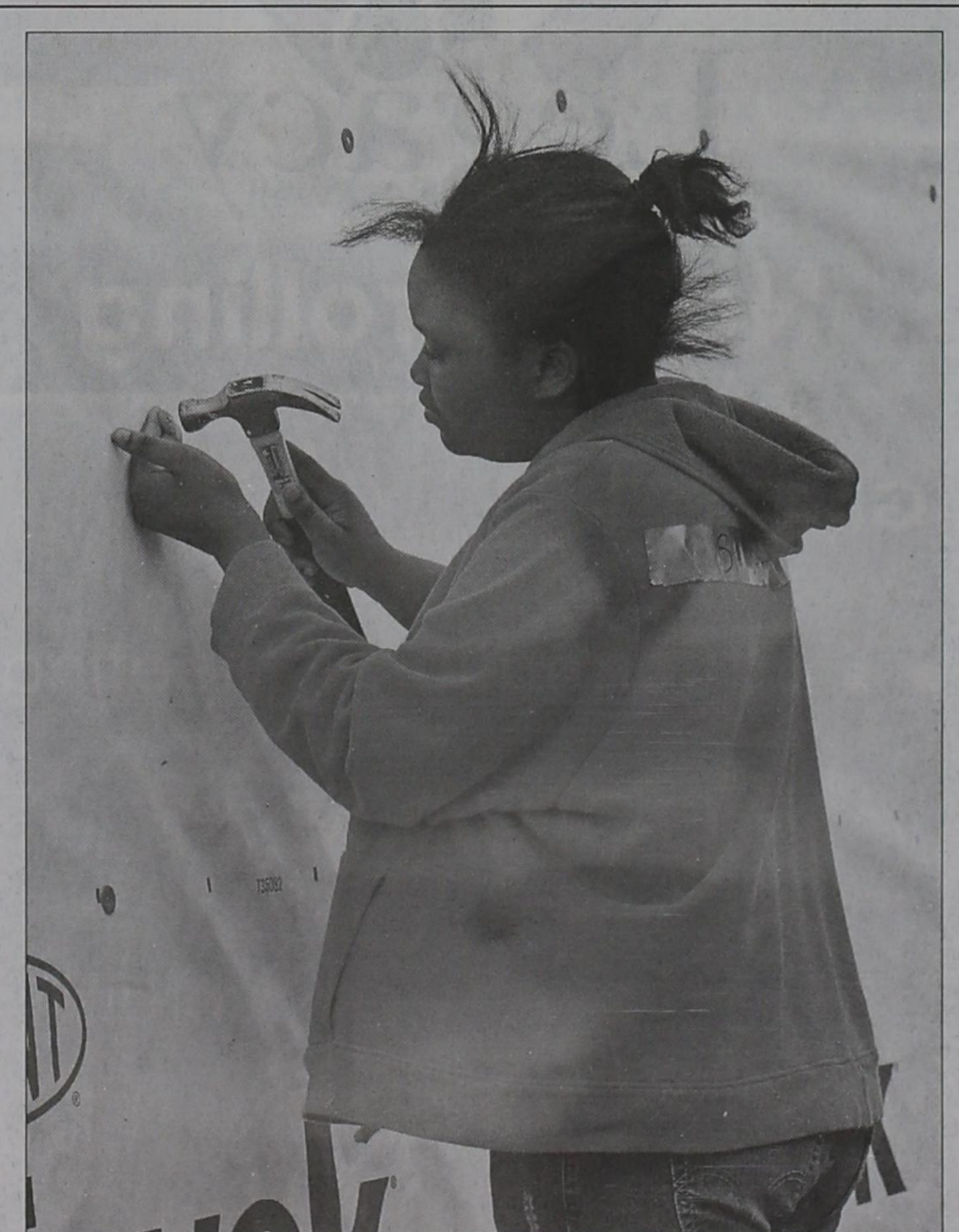
Participation in the program is free of charge.

For more details, contact Clayton McCord, hospice chaplain and bereavement coordinator, at 972-962-7500 or 1-800-345-0576.



Krista Heinrich, Cassie Munoz and Vanessa Boice (left to right) move windows and other supplies as they volunteer at the latest Habitat for Humanity home building site in Roysse city. The house is expected to be completed in about five months and will be owned by Deidra Culp and her children, Sarah, Sophia and Seth.

Staff Photo by Roy Heath

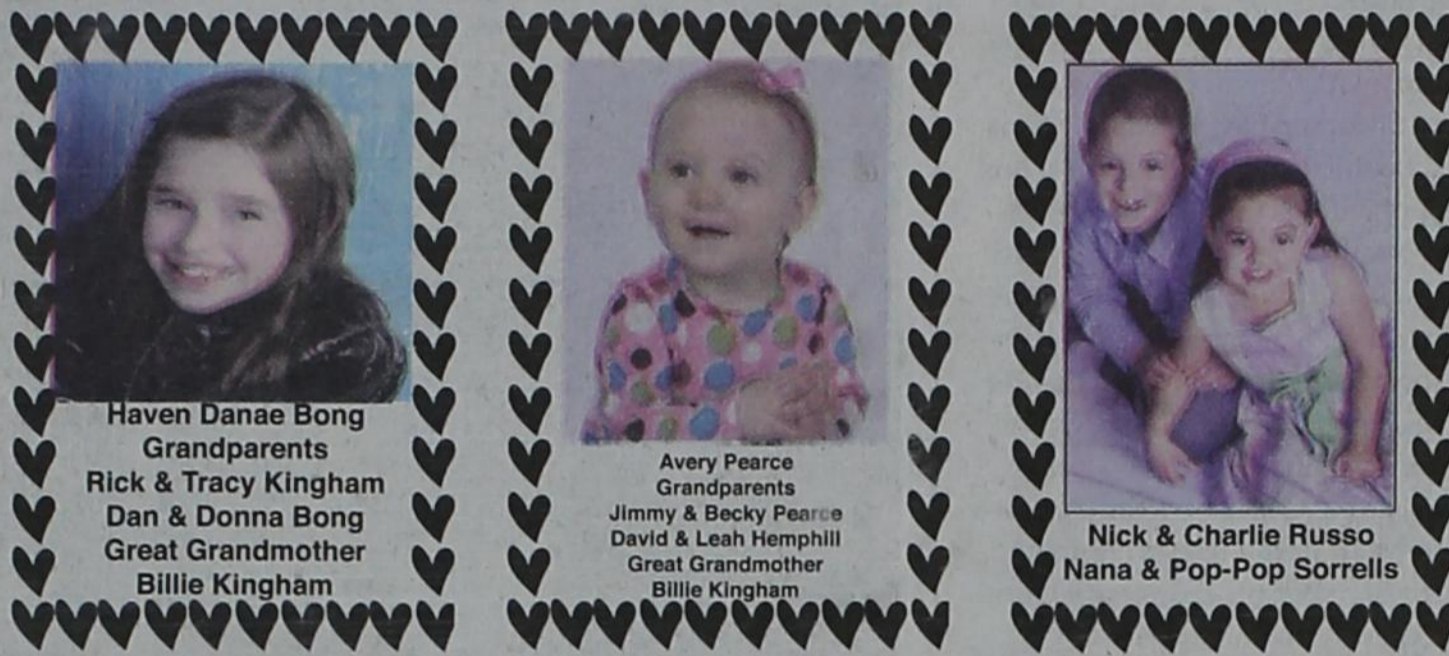


Sarah Culp of Roysse City pounds nails to attach moisture barrier to the walls of what will become her home thanks to Habitat for Humanity and a host of community volunteers. Sarah, her mother, Deidra Culp, brother, Seth, and sister, Sophia, are all putting in "sweat equity" by helping to build their home, which is expected to be completed in about five months. This is the twenty-third home that the Rockwall Area chapter of Habitat has undertaken.

Staff Photo by Roy Heath

Happy Valentine's Day

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Grandparents
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Great Grandmother
Billie Kingham

Nick & Charlie Russo
Nana & Pop-Pop Sorrells

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"



Grayson and Gavin H

Grandparents:
Steve and Shirlee Ram



The Hilton Bella Harbor recently hosted 70 cars and 1,000 car enthusiasts as part of the Experience-7 Series, a three-city tour that began at the Chateau Elan in Atlanta, Ga., before descending upon Rockwall and finishing up in La Costa of San Diego, Calif. The six-day event involved dealers managers and service managers from throughout the U.S., providing training on the new 7 Series model. Attendees were treated to two Ride-and-Drive experiences during the program, including a highway route and one back road drive. The program also included a consultation module a competitive piece, with cars fueled, washed, detailed and serviced on site.

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Patrick Moore named to Dean's Honor Roll

Patrick Parker Moore of Rockwall was named Dean's Honor Roll based on academic achievement in 2008 semester at the University of Oklahoma, according to university news release.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.50 for at least 12 credit hours.

Moore is a student in the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

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Improved Lady Jackets to face Frisco Liberty in playoffs

Senior Bump
 day's Senior Night, Kayla Kimmons revealed that her greatest sitting at the end of the bench when Rockwall won the 2006-07 state basketball championship.

Kimmons won't spend much time on the bench Monday when the Lady Jackets begin what they hope will be another long playoff run. In the Bi-round at 7 p.m. at Garland Naaman Forest, District 10-4A's undefeated champions will meet Frisco Liberty, against whom they scrimmaged on Nov. 1.

As a senior captain and starting guard, Kimmons can look back on her first significant playoff playing time.

"It's crazy," she said of the playoffs. "The team really comes together. I really get a sense of 'This could be our last game.'"

Kimmons turned this time. I'm kind of used to it now. I'm not really nervous. I just have to step up and play my game."

Kimmons played her game, in two different ways, during the two most important games of the season. She led the team to 11 consecutive wins for Rockwall (14-0 in the district, 24-9 overall).

Head coach Jill McDill talking about Kimmons' performance in her 77-42 victory over Highland Park. "Kayla did a great job being their leading scorer, No. 10 (Stephanie Dekkers). She stepped up and scored great." Dekkers scored just eight points.

Rockwall won 62-36 at Greenville Tuesday, Kimmons made eight shots and finished with 14 points.

As a senior Lady Jackets captain, junior Peyton Adamson, also was there at the state championship win in March 2007. She didn't play in that game, but Adamson had played in some regular-season and playoff games after being promoted from the junior varsity team.

Adamson was the Lady Jackets' leading scorer the last two seasons, including 29 points in the 62-36 win over Highland Park and 31 at Greenville. Adamson has the most playing time of anyone on this year's team.

Over the last four seasons, Rockwall advanced at least to the 5A district quarterfinals. That's as far as the defending state champions have gone last year before losing to Pflugerville.

Adamson took that loss hard, with plenty of tears. "I was really sad," she said. "In the back of my mind, I know what it's like to be defeated. You think you should. I don't want to lose these seniors too soon. This year, I was very, very nervous. This year, I'm glad I have the experience."

As a senior Lady Jackets' third captain, Jordan Anterhaus, also started last season. She said, "There's so much more intensity in the playoffs. You're either all or nothing. Everybody goes all out. I was so nervous I was going to throw up when we played Allen. Then I looked out and all I could see was a sea of orange. The whole entire crowd was wearing orange."

Adamson's recollection of a team they scrimmaged three months ago, but Anterhaus recalled that Frisco Liberty (6-8 in District 9-4A, overall) is "real athletic outside on the perimeter."

Kimmons said, "They've gotten better, but both teams have improved. We've improved the most in finishing games and in the fourth quarter. We've pulled together and stuck through hard times."

Adamson and Anterhaus, part of the job will be to acclimate and adjust to less experienced teammates for the playoffs.

McDill said, "The seniors have stepped into huge roles. Jordan plays with some experience, and she has helped (freshman) Alyssa Lang."

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The less experienced teammates now include four players promoted from the Rockwall's unbeaten, district-champion junior varsity. Sophomores Bre Castillo, Caitlin White and Brittany Griffin and freshman Kayla Smith may all be at the end of the bench, but they'll be absorbing emotion and fond memories.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highland Park	11	2	7	22	42
Rockwall	14	16	23	24	77

Highland Park: Hartley Hobson 10, Stephanie Dekkers 8, Sara Kelly 6, Dabney Rice 4, Bryn Townsend 3, Allie Klein 3, Amy Eckerberger 3, Emily Boone 3, Eleanor Aldous 2.

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 29, Alyssa Lang 16, Jordan Anterhaus 11, Raven Turner 9, Vertashia Dean 5, Kayla Kimmons 4, Virginia Sealock 2, Aimee Coleman 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	16	17	9	20	62
Greenville	9	12	11	4	36

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 31, Kayla Kimmons 14, Raven Turner 7, Alyssa Lang 6, Vertashia Dean 4.

Greenville: Rocio Medrano 17, Myneshia Crow 8, Olivia Carter 7, Jessica Franklin 4.



Lady Jackets' Aimee Coleman (24) receives a pass against a Highland Park full court press during last Friday's game in the RHS gym. Assisting in the play is Alyssa Lang (32, back).
 Staff photo by Roy Heath

Walters, Lang lead Rockwall to regional swimming

Seven swimmers - seven boys and seven girls - will represent Rockwall High School in this weekend's Region 2-4A meet at Southlake.

Walters and Lang qualified at the District 10-4A Championships in Carrollton on Saturday. No Rockwall swimmer won an individual event, but the male individuals and a relay team placed second.

The results helped RHS' boys place third among the 10 teams that competed in the district meet. The Lady Jackets were sixth among the 11 girls' teams that scored. Highland Park dominated both sides of the pool with its girls outscoring second-place Richardson Pearce 216-72 and the boys' totaling 175 points to runner-up Pearce's 97. The Lady Jackets were a strong third at 83. The Lady Jackets' 30 points put them behind Carrollton Newman Smith with 65, Rockwall-Heath at 51 and Joplin with 41.

Walters' second-place finishes were Ryan Lang (200 freestyle in 1:53.08 seconds, .85 seconds away from first); Jono Walters (100 freestyle in 1:04.45, just .62 second behind the leader; Sean Eldridge, 100 freestyle in 5:20.63) and the boys' 200 medley relay (Lang, Walters, Tokuz and Matt Lang).

The boys' 400 free relay of Eldridge, Tokuz, Walters and Ryan Lang placed third in 3:34.13.

The Lady Jackets' best finishes were Aly Heuer's fifth places in the individual medley (2:31.22) and 100 breaststroke (1:18.05).

Other qualifying individual finishes were Ryan Lang's fourth in the 100 breaststroke (58.49), Walters' fourth in the 100 butterfly (59.13), and Walters' fifth in the 100 freestyle (1:04.45).

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Wrestlers win titles as Jackets take district crown

Rockwall again will send 11 wrestlers to this season's regional tournament. The Yellowjackets dominated the District 19-4A tournament Saturday, scoring 205 points to 138 for Lancaster and winning six individual titles.

Five half-dozen, along with five second-place finishers, will represent Rockwall in the Region 3-4A championships Friday and Saturday in High School.

The Yellowjackets' champions included Josh Holloway (26-22 at 119 pounds), Matt Hicks (33-8 at 145) and Sims Hazel (36-13 at 171), who won the 119-pound title. Nick Hyde (26-19 at 112) took a 15-1 major decision, and Matt Pettit (45-4 at 19) won a 9-0 major decision.

The day's most unusual match, Rockwall 215-pounder Robert Heuer (35-9) won by default over Rockwall-Heath's A.J. Chapman in 5:51 seconds. The match actually took more than half an hour. Heuer stopped repeatedly because Chapman couldn't stop bleeding from his nose. Finally, the tournament's training staff stuffed gauze in both nostrils and kept the gauze in place by wrapping tape around Chapman's head. He continued to wrestle until 9 seconds remained, when pain in his neck caused him to default.

The Yellowjackets' five runners-up were Bradley Devereaux (25-12 at 105), Zach Howell (25-16 at 125), Chris Carter (26-20 at 135), Zach Everett (26-14 at 140) and Matt Roland (37-18 at 152).

After losing in the finals, Devereaux and Everett had to come back to challenge match against the third-place finisher in their weight class. Both RHS wrestlers pinned their challenger.

Head coach Brent Pohorsky said, "That's tough. You talk about adversity, they lost their finals, then they've got to come back and wrestle Brad and Zach both stepped up."

Pohorsky seemed more concerned about the ones that got away, the wrestlers who didn't advance past the district tournament.

"It's bittersweet at the end," he said. "You want to see everyone go one, but sometimes it's over all of a sudden."

He pointed out Dylan Devereaux, who had been sick but wrestled well enough to place third at 160 pounds, and Zane Knochel, who was unable to wrestle.

Claggett, who was an alternate to go to the state tournament last season after finishing fifth in the region, would seem to have the best chance to go far again this year.

"The experience definitely helps," he said. "Wrestling is tough when you get there."

He was excited that so many of his teammates still will be competing this weekend.

"It's great. We get to stay together as a team. That's always better."

If Claggett does well enough in the regional and possibly state tournament, the senior could face a decision if colleges recruit him for wrestling. The Yellowjackets linebacker said most of the interest in him from colleges has been to play football.

He said he doesn't really have a preference. "I really like both. They both promote hard work, accountability, integrity and perseverance. That's the Rockwall mentality."

Pohorsky said, "Claggett and Hazel and Carter and Hicks and Holloway and Everett have all been there (to the regionals) before, but we'll work to get all 11 to the state tournament. We don't try to focus on who's got the best deal. All 11 are as important as the next."

The top four finishers in each weight class will advance from the regionals to the state meet Feb. 27 and 28 in Austin.

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Lady Bulldogs seek revenge in playoff opener vs. Frisco Centennial

by Lary Bump

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

In fact, this year's Lady Bulldogs' role as David to the larger schools in District 10-4A reminds Bookout of where he was just last year.

That's when he coached Nevada Community, one of the smallest schools in their 3A district, to the Area round of the playoffs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

But what about experience?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT1	OT2	Total
N Smith	13	10	13	15	6	2	69
Roysie City	18	14	7	12	6	7	64

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

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

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

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

Carrollton R.L. Turner: Briseida Escobedo 10, Autumn White 10, Melissa Carrillo 6, Anita Longoria 2, Kyrah Lewis 2, Denise Gaudin 2, Denise Bonilla 2.

Bulldogs upset Jackets, eliminated from basketball playoff contention

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

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

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

Roysie City bounced back from that rout with one of their own Tuesday, when the 'Dogs defeated winless Carrollton R.L. Turner 81-44. The Bulldogs steadily pulled away from the Lions (0-12, 0-26), leading by

seven points after one quarter, 18 at halftime and 29 after three quarters before finishing with a 37-point victory.

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

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

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

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Roysie City	6	16	14	9	45
Newman Smith	12	18	29	25	84

Roysie City: Stephen Edwards 15, Wynn Posey 10, Scotty Arterberry 5,

DaJon Avery 4, Cory Stapleton 3, Thomas 2, Nick Stone 2, Cory Reed 2, Justin Jacobs 2.

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

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

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

Roysie City: Cory Stapleton 20, Stephen Edwards 20, Wynn Posey 10, Nick Stone 8, Scotty Arterberry 8, Thomas 7, Cory Kawesa 4, DaJon Avery 2, Justin Jacobs 1.

Yellowjackets' gymnastics slip behind Lakeview

Rockwall gymnasts tied for the high score in two individual events and posted the best score in two team events, but that wasn't enough to stop Garland Lakeview Centennial from taking first place in a boys' triangular meet at RHS Thursday, Feb. 5.

As a team, the Yellowjackets had the highest combined score in the parallel bars (26.400) and tied for the top score (26.200) in the vault. Those were the only events that Lakeview did not win outright. Rockwall placed second behind the Patriots in every other event. The team scores were Lakeview Centennial 156.3, Rockwall 150.5 and Garland 116.8.

For the Jackets, Bradley Meyer tied for first in the rings with a 9.00 score and Chad Geiger's 9.00 tied for the best on the parallel bars.

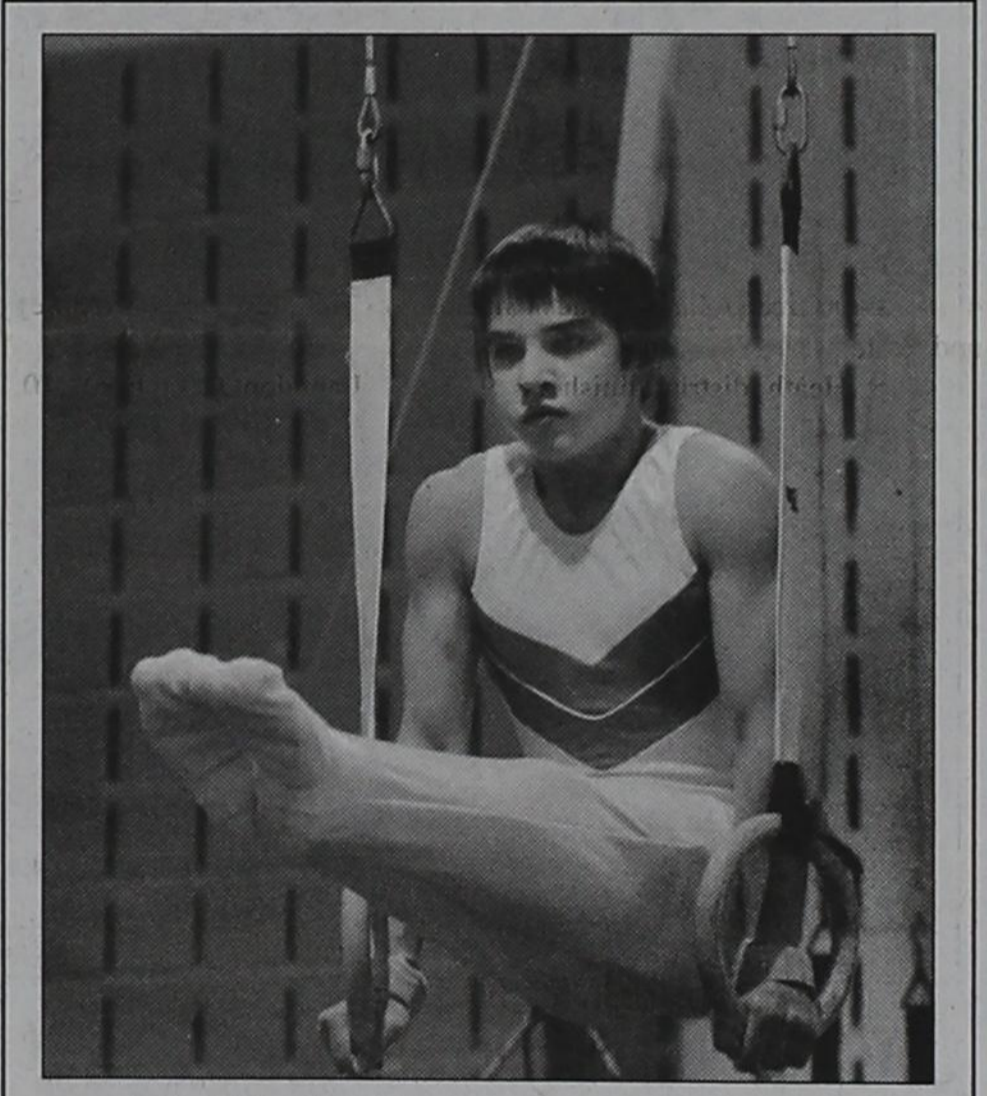
Meyer was third overall. He also placed third on the pommel horse and parallel bars. Meyer was fourth on the high bar and fifth in the floor exercise.

Geiger also placed sixth on the floor.

Daniel Strong was fourth overall. He also finished third on the high bar, fourth in the vault and fifth on the parallel bars.

Robert Johnson showed some versatility by finishing fourth in the vault, fifth in both the pommel horse and parallel bars and sixth on the high bar.

Other Yellowjackets who placed were Craig Brannon, third in the vault; Jeremy Scott, fourth on the pommel horse, and Mark Von Schwarz, sixth on the rings.



Jackets' Bradley Meyer scores 8.2 on the rings finishing 3rd overall during last Thursday's gymnastics meet at RHS. Staff photo by Roy Heath

Jackets place in 3 events at Rockwall Frozen Ball tennis tournament

Alex Phillips took third place in girls' singles and Josh Miller and Logan Metcalf-Kelly combined to finish third in boys' doubles, the top finishes for Rockwall tennis players in Friday's Rockwall Frozen Ball tournament.

The other top finish for the Yellowjackets was fourth place in girls' doubles by Ali Hudson and Samantha Haight.

Miller and Metcalf-Kelly defeated teams from Lake Highlands, Seguin and Kilgore before losing to Tyler Lee's James and Mitch Martell. The RHS pair came back to win the third-place match.

Haight and Hudson defeated pairs from Tyler Lee and Mansfield Summit before losing to Lake Dallas' team and coming back to take third place.

Twelve teams competed in the event.

West Mesquite breaks loose against Lady Bulldogs

Roysie City's girls opened their District 23-4A play well, but West Mesquite (6-3-1) broke loose in the second half for a 6-0 soccer Tuesday.

"We held them pretty much the whole first half," said head coach Shelby Henry. "Then we had a couple of quick goals scored on us that we couldn't come back from that."

"They're pretty good. We actually played pretty well, better than we have the last couple of weeks."

The Lady Bulldogs' next game, their second in the district, is Friday at 6 p.m. at Kaufman.

West Mesquite blanks Bulldogs

It wasn't the best introduction to playing soccer in district playoffs for Roysie City's boys Monday night.

West Mesquite, one of the preseason favorites for the District 23-4A title, took a 4-0 halftime lead on the way to a 6-0 victory before a crowd of a hundred people in the 20,000-seat Mesquite Memorial Stadium.

The Wranglers (9-6-5) led 4-0 at halftime, and headed in two goals in the second half.

West Mesquite controlled the ball, passing it around at midfield often waiting for a wing to break free and take a long pass into the Bulldogs' goal.

RC had three reasonably good scoring chances in the second half but the Bulldogs missed a shot wide right and headed the ball just to the midway through the half. In the final minute, the Wranglers' goalkeepers were out of the goal to stop a one-on-one shot.

Said Roysie City head coach Chad Lancaster, "What I liked was the hustle and not giving up. They played the best they could."

The Bulldogs' next game will be Friday against Kaufman.

Roysie City Bulldogs' schedule

Monday, Feb. 16 - Middle school boys' basketball: at Lakeview Centennial 5:30 p.m. and Gold 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Boys' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, Frisco 7 p.m., and JV 6 p.m., and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: at Terrell, 6 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: Bi-District playoff vs. Frisco Centennial at Mesquite Potent, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20 - Varsity girls' soccer: at Forney, 6 p.m.

Jackets zip up Greenville to keep playoff hopes strong

by Lary Bump

It's very tempting to think about Rockwall-Heath's impending first visit to the Rockwall High School gym as a defining moment that will decide which RISD team will reach the boys' basketball playoffs.

But first, there's the matter of Rockwall's game Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Roysie City. Win that game and the Yellowjackets would be playing Rockwall-Heath for at least a tie for fourth place that would set up a playoff game just to get into the playoffs.

For Jackets head coach Alan Simmons that's nothing new. "I told them tonight they're in the playoffs already," he said after Tuesday's 61-41 victory over Greenville at RHS.

The Jackets (5-7 in District 10-4A, 12-14 overall) began the evening two games behind the cross-town Hawks with three to play in the regular season. Because of illness, Rockwall's active roster was down to 10 players, and scoring leader Kyle Sandlin didn't start.

When Greenville took a 15-7 lead after the first quarter, Rockwall's "playoff" run seemed in jeopardy.

After that, RHS righted its ship to take a 21-20 halftime lead.

At halftime, Simmons decided to go with a lineup the Jackets hadn't used this season - five guards, or at least forward Hunter Jorgensen and four guards.

The coach said, "We went small. We're not really big anyway, but we figured the only way they could hurt us was by taking the ball inside. They tried that a couple of times early but we stopped them."

After that, the Lions (2-10, 6-21) had a difficult time even bringing the

ball into the forecourt, let alone into the paint. Rockwall's defense had been more passive and stole the ball only once in the first half but it away five times in the third quarter alone.

At the offensive end, it was The Hunter Jorgensen and Jarron Show. They accounted for all of the Jackets' scoring in the quarter. Jorgensen scoring 11 of his game-high 22 points and White adding RHS' 16-8 bulge in the quarter gave it a 37-28 lead going into the quarter.

During the final eight minutes, Sandlin scored six points and Dingwell put in five to lead Rockwall to a 24-13 advantage.

Simmons said, "I'm proud of our big men, Tim (Yeager) and Adam (Show), accepting what we were doing in the third quarter and then coming in and doing a good job off the bench."

After the game, the team learned that Rockwall-Heath's rally had been short in a 49-46 loss to Highland Park, so the Jackets had moved up a game of the Hawks (6-6 in the district).

All nine Yellowjackets who played scored at least two points, grabbed at least one rebound. Jorgensen led the way with his all-around game - adding unofficial team highs of seven rebounds, three assists and two steals.

From the junior varsity game, Rockwall had received a preview of what they were able to do. The junior Jackets (5-6 in the district) were scoreless in the third quarter, and allowed just four points in the half points, on the way to a 59-31 victory.

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Hawks drop two of three, cling to last district playoff spot with two games left

by Matt McGillen

Given not one but two opportunities to all but lock up the final District 10-4A playoff berth, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks instead went 1-2 last week, falling to second-place Highland Park 49-46 Feb. 10 as well as third-place Richardson Pearce 68-49 Feb. 3.

The double loss, together with their thrashing of winless Carrollton Turner, 73-53, Feb. 6 leaves the Hawks with a 6-6 district mark and 10-15 for the season.

But while the Hawks are currently in fourth place, just ahead of Rockwall (5-7, 12-14), there is very little room for error with just two games remaining, including a rematch with the Jackets in the regular season finale Feb. 17 at RHS.

The Hawks will host Greenville Feb. 13 while Rockwall will travel to Roysie City the same night. If the Hawks get by the Lions and the Jackets lose to the Bulldogs, Heath gets the final playoff spot, with the rematch being for nothing more than bragging rights.

If the opposite happens, however, Heath would need to beat Rockwall just to force a tiebreaker game that they would also need to win to get the last berth.

If they both win Friday, then a Hawk win in the season ender would send them to the playoffs. A Hawk loss in the final district game would also force a playoff between the same two teams for the last postseason position.

Second-ranked Newman Smith (12-0, 28-2) holds a one game lead over the Scots (11-1, 21-5) for the top seed from the district, with the two teams meeting Friday also.

Pearce (8-4, 12-16) has wrapped up the third spot.

Against the Scots, the Hawks overcame most of a 12-point deficit at the beginning of the fourth period to crawl back to within 45-41 with 2:02 to play.

The Scots, however, hit three free throws to push their lead back to seven, 48-41 with :39.5 seconds to go to seemingly put out the game out of reach.

But after sophomore Demi Leonard hit a turnaround jumper with 26 seconds remaining, the Hawks forced a turnover which led to Dustin Morrett's long three-pointer with just 6.2 ticks on the clock to pull Heath to within 48-46.

Highland Park's 6-7 Daniel Edwards then made his second shot after missing the first in the double bonus, with the Hawks inbounding the ball

and getting it quickly up court to Jeremy Casebolt.

Casebolt - who had already hit three treys - couldn't find the mark with his potential game-tying shot as the buzzer sounded, however.

Morrett finished with a team-high 14 points, including three threes, while Casebolt added nine points and Leonard and Lewis Snowton eight each.

Edwards ended his night with game-highs of 17 points and 11 rebounds. His post mate, 6-9 Max Malone, added seven rebounds and seven points.

The Heath junior varsity team also lost to Highland Park, falling by a score of 33-31.

In the win over Turner (0-12, 0-26) senior Chase Nielsen scored a career high 27 points to lead the Hawks to the easy win.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highland Park	11	17	12	9	49
Heath	9	10	11	16	46

HP (49) - Daniel Edwards 17, Josh Thurman 8, Max Malone 7, Tucker Robinson 6, Joey Landess 6, Ryan Fanning 4, Ryan Massad 1.

RH (46) - Dustin Morett 14, Jeremy Casebolt 9, Lewis Snowton 8, Demi Leonard 8, Jonathan Fuller 3, Preston Wynn 2, Chase Nielsen 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	11	22	17	23	73
Turner	3	16	17	17	53

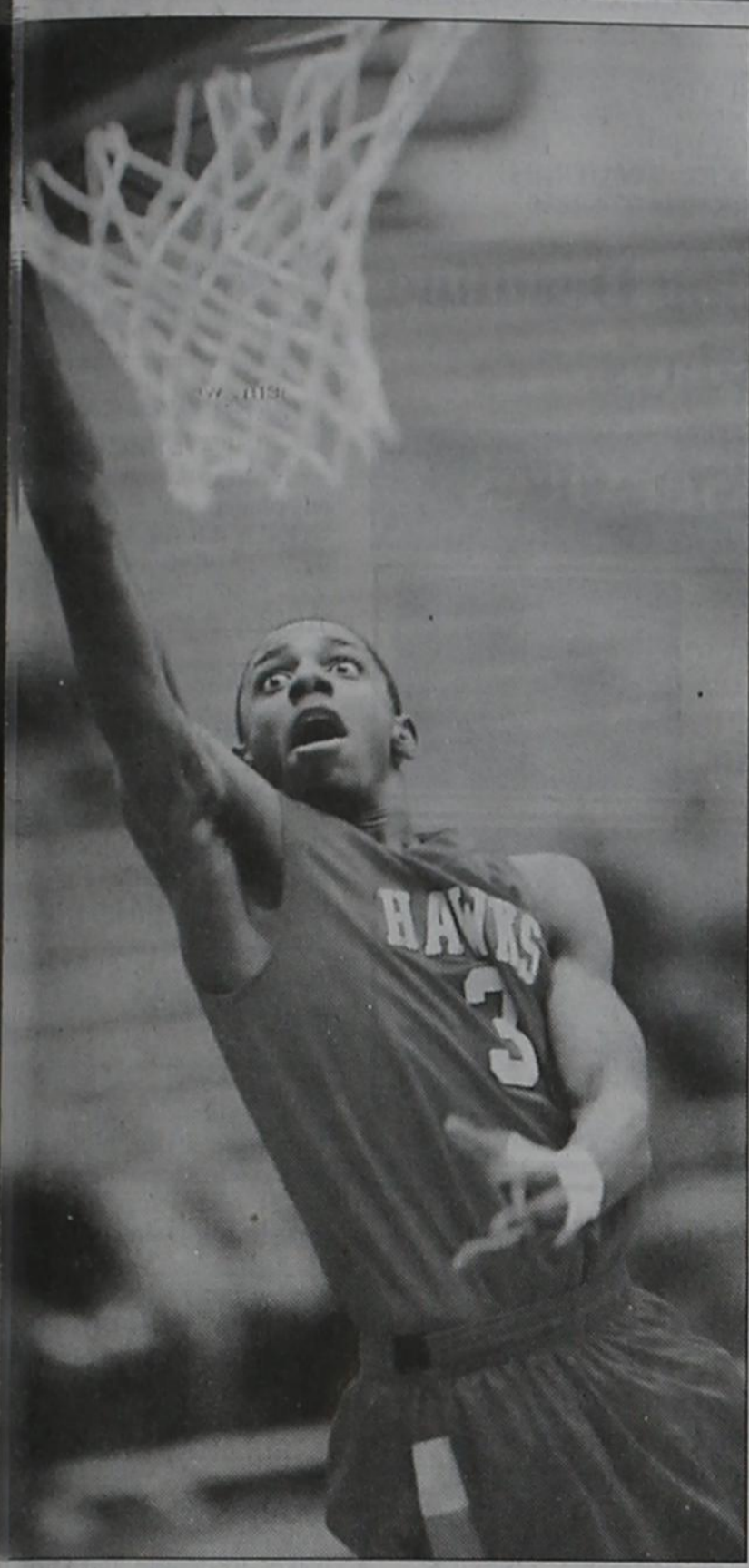
RH (73) - Chase Nielsen 27, Dustin Morett 17, Jonathan Fuller 8, Demi Leonard 7, Tony Tennison 4, Jeremy Casebolt 4, Preston Wynn 3, Cameron McClung 3.

Turner (53) - Mikal Patterson 23, Dakota Whitehead 13, Paul Mata 7, Travis Cleghorn 7, Cody Holmes 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	19	20	12	17	68
Heath	12	23	4	10	49

Pearce (68) - Bruce Smith 25, Zubin Teherani 9, Chris Bowie 9, Jake Allen 7, Cole Holland 6, Connor O'Reilly 4, Chase Blakeley 4, Kenny Slocum 2, Rakesh Patel 2.

RH (49) - Lewis Snowton 14, Demi Leonard 10, Dustin Morett 8, Chase Nielsen 5, Preston Wynn 4, Jonathan Fuller 4, Tony Tennison 2, Eric Larson 2.



Hawks' Jonathan Fuller (3) stretches for a crowd pleasing during last Friday's game against Carrollton R.L.

Staff photo by Carl McClung

Hawks swimmers place 4th at district, 12 individuals and four relays advance to regionals on Feb. 12, at Carroll ISD Natatorium

g home a total of eight top-three finishes, including two gold / junior Mitchell Foster and one by sophomore Jacey Hodan, the -Heath High School swim teams made an impressive showing 9 District Championship meet Feb. 6 at the Carrollton-Farmers Natatorium.

ing a total of 12 individuals as well as four relay teams to at the Region 3 meet Feb. 12 at the Carroll ISD Natatorium in e, both the mens and womens teams finished fourth overall. o six finishers in each event advance to regionals individual qualifiers: 1. Foster (50 free), 2. 1. Foster (100 back), (100 breast), 2. Coral Davenport (50 free), 3. Davenport (100 Morgan Madrid (100 back) 5. Madrid (100 fly) 5. Jonathan (50 free), 5. Tyler Fassett (500 free), 6. Zach Crumpley (100 osh Swiercinsky (100 free), 6. Swiercinsky (50 free by tie-swim-off).

relay team qualifiers; 3. women's 200 medley Madrid, Rosie Hughes, Coral Davenport and Katie

Langdon), 3. men's 200 medley (Foster, Taylor Prothro, Zach Crumpley and Sean Wong), 3.men's 200 free (Garrett Crumpley, Swiercinsky, Jonathan Sherwin and Sean Wong), 5. women's 200 free (Katie Langdon, Catrina Lewis, Morgan Madrid and Coral Davenport), 4. mens 400 free (Jonathan Sherwin, Garrett Crumpley, Zach Crumpley and Foster).

Others Heath district finishers: 9. Katie Langdon (100 free), 10. Langdon (50 free), 11. Rosie Hughes (IM), 12. Hughes (100 Breast, 22. Catrina Lewis (100 free), 25. Lewis (50 free), 7. Taylor Prothro (200 IM), 8. Lewis (100 breast), 7. Jonathan Sherwin (100 free), 8. Casey Hamilton (200 free), 9. Tyler Fassett (200 free), 11. Sean Wong (100 free), 11. Mike Lossing (100 breast), 14. Brandon Bamburg (100 free). The Hawk women finished behind champion Highland Park, runnerup Richardson Pearce and third place Carrollton Newman Smith while the Hawk men trailed Highland Park, Richardson Pearce and Rockwall.

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Heath Lady Hawks end disappointing season with 60 loss at Highland Park

ing up a disappointing season by losing seven of their last eight he Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks closed out the 2009 campaign g 67-60 to Highland Park on the road Feb. 10.

r after finishing as District 10-4A runnerup to advance to the with a 12-2 mark while posting a sparkling 28-6 overall record, / Hawks ended up just 4-10 in district and 7-19 this season.

he win, Highland Park (7-7, 19-12) wraps up the fourth and final spot. Rockwall (14-0, 24-9) won the district championship foloyse City (12-2, 27-5) and Greenville (8-6, 10-9).

y key injuries and the loss of the perhaps the best overall player istrict, leading scorer and rebounder Sequeena Thomas, Heath d to compete with the stronger teams in the district.

ut Thomas, who averaged about 20 points and 14 rebounds last nd starting point guard Aly Coughlin who suffered a season-knee injury in December, the Lady Hawks opened the season e straight losses and never recovered.

e Lowrance led the Lady Hawks against the Lady Scots with a gh 19 points. The 5-11 junior ended the season averaging 16.2 nd 12.1 rebounds a game. Her rebounding total is the second best etroplex among 4A teams.

loses just one player from this year's team, senior guard Heidi

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	18	8	16	18	60
Highland Park	13	17	19	18	67

RH (60) - Shanae Lowrance 19, Macall Smith 10, Brooke Eddy 10, Katelyn Morris 9, Lyndsey Renta 4, Meredith Deere 4, Mc Kenzie White 2, Brianna Richardson 2.

HP (67) - Stephanie Dekkers 25, Hartley Hobson 17, Emily Boone 6, Katherine Krause 5, Amy Eckerberger 5, Dabney Rice 4, Eleanor Aldous 4, Sara Kelly 1

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Turner	2	2	10	14	28
Heath	24	16	20	16	76

Turner (28) - Briseida Escobedo 18, Sabrina Molina 4, Autumn Whitton 2, Kyrarah Lewis 2, Denise Bonilla 2.

RH (76) - Shanae Lowrance 13, Macall Smith 12, Katelyn Morris 11, Lyndsey Renta 9, Meredith Deere 8, Heidi Holmes 7, Brianna Richardson 6, Brooke Eddy 6, Mc Kenzie White 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	13	11	15	14	53
Pearce	7	18	19	17	61

RH (53) - Shanae Lowrance 17, Lyndsey Renta 14, Katelyn Morris 10, Brooke Eddy 9, Macall Smith 3.

Pearce (61) - Megan Siebert 14, Anna Gerber 13, Corrie Forcier 11, Elyssa Aft 11, Cara Tolmas 6, McKenzie Russell 4, Haley Marstella 2.

Hawks wrestlers win three titles to finish third at district tourney; four to regionals

istrict champions Ryan Sauer at 130 pounds, Austin Mike- at 152 and Alban Tomaj at 160 the Rockwall-Heath wres- am finished third in the district tournament Feb. 7 at RHS. ockwall took the team title with 205 points followed by Lancaster 8 and Heath with 133.

the top two finishers in each weight class advancing to the i tournament Feb. 13-14 at Allen High School, the Hawks alified Nakona Brawner, who took the runnerup spot at 119. ooked it might get a fourth individual winner or at least a regional r when the Hawks A.J. Chapman and Rockwall's Robert Hinton

squared off for the 215-pound title.

But after the match was stopped several times to control bleeding from Chapman's nose, the match finally ended in a default at 5:51 when Chapman went down with a knee injury.

Because of the injury default, the third place finisher in the 215 class, Tim Welk of Quinlan Ford, was allowed to challenge Chapman for the second and final berth to regionals.

Welk won a decision to advance to next weekend, ending Chapman's season.

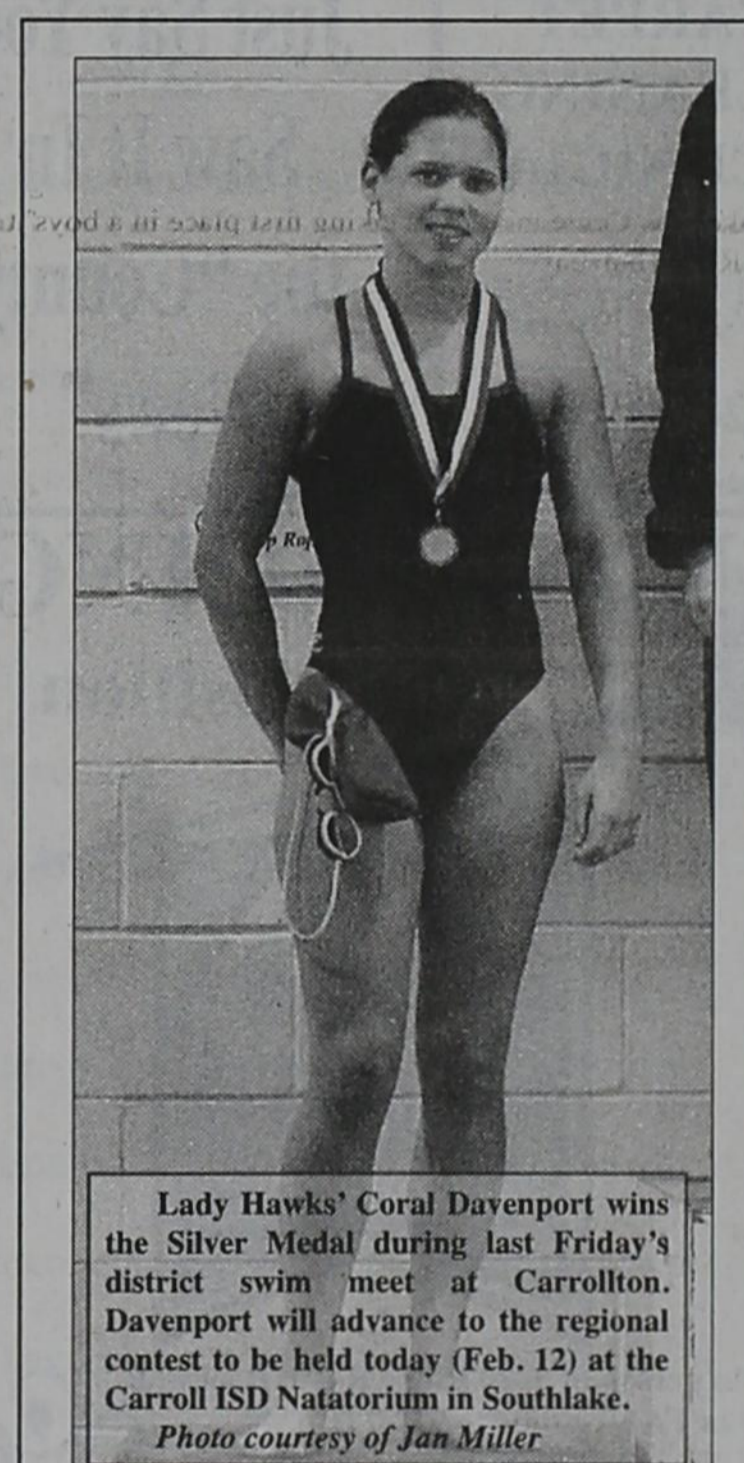
Doobs provides all the offense Lady Hawks need to slip by Wylie 1-0; Rockwall next

Doobs scored the game's only goal and goalie Kylie Robinette her eighth shutout of the season as the Rockwall-Heath Lady beat Wylie 1-0 in the home opener at RHHS soccer stadium.

y used an assist from Amanda Penney to give Heath all the of- would need to improve its overall record to 7-5-1 in the final istrict game for the Lady Hawks.

The Lady Hawks open the district portion of their schedule with their first-ever meeting with cross-town rival Rockwall at RHS at 7:15 p.m.

Rockwall dropped down from Class 5A to 4A this season and stand 4-5-4 for the year.



Lady Hawks' Coral Davenport wins the Silver Medal during last Friday's district swim meet at Carrollton. Davenport will advance to the regional contest to be held today (Feb. 12) at the Carroll ISD Natatorium in Southlake. Photo courtesy of Jan Miller



Hawks' 200M relay swim team members winning the bronze medal during last Friday's district meet at Carrollton are (left to right) Mitchell Foster, Sean Wong, Taylor Prothro and Zach Crumpley. The team advances to today's regional contest at Carroll ISD Natatorium in Southlake. Photo courtesy of Jan Miller

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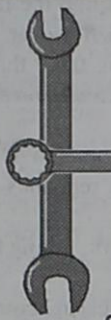
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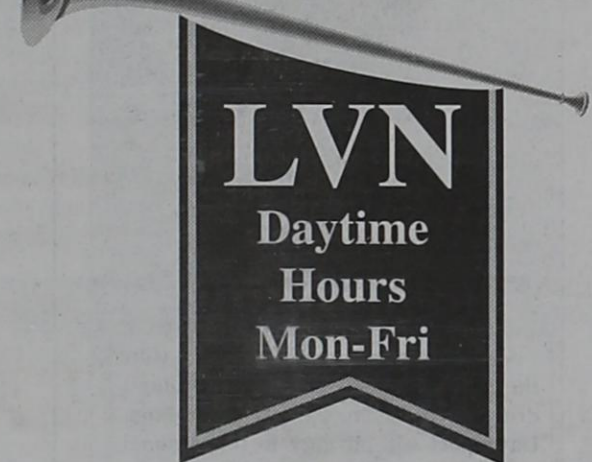
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Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- **Airport Rd. Phase 2**.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Completion time is **90 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. Depending on bid, a Performance and or Payment Bond will be required. A Maintenance Bond (**2-year**) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined and procured at the Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers- 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), at a non-refundable cost of \$25.00, beginning, February 12, 2009.

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Pug Puppies, AKC, 972-0505.

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Horse Trailer, gooseneck 3 horse, with dressing and tack room. AC, excellent condition, tires, with new spare. \$3,500. 977-40731.

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CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-08-003693

EX PARTE: § IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 § TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
 § TEXAS MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY – II §
 § 261ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER OF COURT AND NOTICE OF TRIAL

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons who reside or own property within the political boundaries of the Texas Municipal Power Agency ("TMPA"), including the Cities of Bryan, Denton, Garland, and Greenville, and to anyone claiming any right, title, or interest in any property or funds to be affected by TMPA's public security authorization or by TMPA's issuance of public securities described below:

TMPA has filed an action under Texas Government Code Chapter 1205, in which it seeks a declaratory judgment to validate and confirm public securities entitled TMPA Subordinate Lien Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds Series 2008A, in an amount not to exceed \$434 million, as authorized by TMPA's Resolution No. 2008-10-1. A full description of the relief sought is contained in the Petition, Ex Parte Texas Municipal Power Agency - II, Cause No. D 1 GN 08 003693, filed in the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.

- a) TMPA is authorized by law to issue the Texas Municipal Power Agency Subordinate Lien Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds Series 2008A (the "Bonds");
- b) the Bonds, when issued and executed pursuant to the procedural requirements provided by law, including approval by the Attorney General of Texas, will constitute lawful and valid obligations and contracts of TMPA, enforceable according to their respective terms;
- c) all proceedings taken or proposed to be taken in connection with the issuance and execution of the Bonds are validated and confirmed;
- d) all provisions for the payment of, and pledges, liens and security provided for such debt and the interest thereon will constitute valid and binding obligations and contracts of TMPA under the laws of the State of Texas;
- e) each expenditure or proposed expenditure of the money relating to the Bonds is a legal and valid expenditure of TMPA;
- f) the Bonds have been confirmed and approved by this Court;
- g) the Court's judgment in this lawsuit shall constitute a permanent injunction against the institution or prosecution by any person or entity of any new or existing action or proceeding contesting: the validity of the Bonds; the authorization of the Bonds; the expenditure of money relating to the Bonds; the provisions made for the payment of the Bonds or of interest thereon; the funds authorized to pay for the Bonds; any matter adjudicated by the Court's judgment in this action; and any matter that could have been raised in these proceedings.

It is hereby ORDERED that this action will proceed to trial on March 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Travis County District Court of Judge John K. Dietz, 250th Judicial District Civil Court, located in the Travis County Courthouse, 1000 Guadalupe, 3rd floor, Austin, Texas, 78701. All persons described above have a right to appear at this trial and show cause why the petition should not be granted and the public security authorization validated and confirmed. The Court may in open court continue the case to additional dates and times without further published notice. All interested persons shall be present at the trial to ensure notice of additional hearings. Upon this notice being provided in accordance with Sections 1205.041 and 1205.043 of the Texas Government Code, all persons described above are considered parties to the lawsuit and the Court has jurisdiction over each person to the same extent as if that person were individually named and personally served in this action.

Signed this ___ day of _____, 2009.

The Honorable John K. Dietz, Presiding Judge

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Legal Notices

Ciudad de Fate
 Anuncio de elecciones generales

La eleccion especial
 Para los votantes registrados de la ciudad de Fate, Texas, presente se da aviso de que el lugar de votacion que figuran a continuacion estaran abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 9 de Mayo de 2009, para la votacion en una eleccion general para elegir a tres miembros del consejo por un periodo de dos años para cada lugar 1,3 y 5. Y una eleccion especial para elegir a un miembro de consejo de un año de plazo para el lugar 6.
 Centro Comunitario de Fate
 104 South WE. Crawford
 La votacion anticipada en persona, deberan estar disponibles en la direccion antes mencionada a partir del lunes, 27 de Abril de 2009 al martes, 5 de Mayo de 2009 durante el horario normal de trabajo de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m., con la votacion prorrogarse horas del sabado, 2 de Mayo de 2009 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.
 Las solicitudes de voto por correo debera ser solicitada a Rockwall y enviado por correo a la oficina de Elecciones de condado del los administradores. Las solicitudes de voto por correo deben ser recibidos no mas tarde del cierre de actividades el 1 de Mayo de 2009.
 Dated this _____ day of _____, 2009.
 Eddie Sturgal, TRMC, CMC
 City Secretary
 City of Fate, Texas

CITY OF FATE
 NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of the City of Fate, Texas, notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 9, 2009, for voting in a general election to elect three (3) Council Members, for a term of two (2) years each for Place 1,3 and 5. And a Special Election to elect one (1) Council Member for a one year term for Place 6.
 FATE COMMUNITY CENTER
 104 South WE. Crawford
 Early voting by personal appearance shall be available at the above address beginning on Monday, April 27, 2009 through Tuesday, May 5, 2009 during the normal working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. with extended voting hours on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 4, 2009 and May 5, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Applications for ballot by mail shall be requested from and mailed to Rockwall County Election Administrators Office, Attn: Glenda Denton, 107 E. Kaufman Street, Rockwall, Texas, 75087. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 1, 2009.
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Rockwall County Sports

Cain Middle School seventh-grade Lady Mustangs remain undefeated with 2-1 win over Burnett

Amy McNally scored early and Jillian Granstraff scored late as the Cain Middle School 7th grade Lady Mustangs rallied past Burnett Middle School 2-1 to remain undefeated for the season Feb. 5 at Wylie East High School.

After Burnett had tied the score 1-1 at the 25:12 mark, neither team scored until the 65th minute when Granstaff hammered home what proved to be the winner to

lift Cain to 4-0-1 for the year. CMS goalie Ivy Brady had eight saves, while Burnett's tender turned away 16 Lady Mustang shots. McNally scored at the 18:21 mark to give Cain a 1-0 lead.

In the 8th grade game, Kelsey Robinson's successful penalty kick at 44:55 allowed the Lady Mustangs to escape with a 1-1 tie.

CMS goalie Ashton Hierholzer gave up a goal early, as Burnett

took a 1-0 lead just 3:19 into game, but then slammed the rest of the contest, producing 11 saves. The tie gives the graders a 1-3-1 record.

Both teams return to action 12 against McMillian Middle School at Rockwall-Heath School, with the 7th grade getting underway at 5:30 p.m. and the 8th grade contest at 7

Williams 8th grade girls lose in A semifinal

The season didn't end as well as it had begun and stayed through January for the Williams Middle School 8th grade girls' A basketball team.

In the district A Tournament, the Lady Wildcats advanced into

Saturday's semifinals, where Allen Curtis upset Williams 44-29. WMS pulled within 33-29 in the fourth quarter, but a succession of missed shots and turnovers allowed Curtis to stretch its lead. The Allen team scored the game's

final 11 points, including seven the foul line.

The Williams 7th grade girls team lost Friday in the first round to Allen Erickson.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Saturday, Feb. 14 - Softball: scrimmage at Corsicana, vs. Corsicana 11 a.m., Midway 12:30 p.m. and Nimitz 2 p.m.

Swimming: at Region III-4A Championships, Southlake Carroll

Wrestling: at Region III-4A Championships, Allen

Monday, Feb. 16 - Varsity girls' basketball: Bi-District playoff vs. Frisco Liberty, Garland Naaman Forest, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Varsity 2 and JV girls' golf: vs. Rowlett, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.

JV baseball: home scrimmage vs. Plano East, Orange 4 p.m. and White 6 p.m.

Varsity baseball: scrimmage at Plano East, 4 p.m.

Varsity tennis: at Kaufman Dual, 4 p.m.

Softball: home vs. McKinney North, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

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

Girls' soccer: at Lovejoy, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Freshman boys' basketball: vs. Rockwall-Heath, Williams Middle School, 6 p.m.

JV tennis: at JV Mustang Invite, Grapevine

Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Boys' Black golf: vs. McKinney Boyd, Oak Hollow Golf Club, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19 - JV power lifting: home vs. Greenville, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' gymnastics: Optionals at Saginaw Invitational

Friday, Feb. 20 - Varsity 1 girls' golf: vs. Flower Mound Marcus, Bridlewood Golf Club, 7:30 a.m.

JV Orange baseball: home scrimmage vs. Allen, 5 p.m.

JV White baseball: scrimmage vs. Allen, Utey Freshman Center, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19 - Girls' soccer: at Wylie Cooper, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20 - Girls' A gymnastics: at RISD All Girls' Rockwall High School, 6:30 p.m.

Varsity baseball: scrimmage Allen, 5 p.m.

Girls' soccer: home vs. Colony, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' soccer: at The Colony, 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' gymnastics: home Rockwall-Heath

Girls' gymnastics: Optionals Saginaw Invitational

Williams Wildcats' schedule

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Jackets keep playoff hopes strong ...

Last Friday, Rockwall lost 54-39 at Highland Park. Sandlin scored a game-high 21 points, but RHS was without White, who was on the end of the flu bug that struck the team.

Simmons said he expected every player on the roster to be healthy and ready to play at Roysse City.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	4	14	11	10	39
Highland Park	9	19	11	15	54

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 21, Luke Wardell 7, Hunter Jorgensen 7, Yeager 4.

Highland Park: Daniel Edwards 20, Max Malone 12, Josh Thurman 6, Matt McKee 6, Tucker Robinson 5, Ryan Massad 3, Joey Landess 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Greenville	15	5	8	13	41
Rockwall	7	14	16	24	61

Greenville: Jarel Nelson 12, Ladarrin Green 12, Chase Wofford 10, Dijoun Sheppard 4, Corey Bosworth 4, N.J. Mason 3.

Rockwall: Hunter Jorgensen 22, Kyle Sandlin 9, Jarron White 8, Yeager 7, Adam Dingwell 5, Luke Wardell 3, Carson Brooks 3, B. Sandlin 2, Josh Barlow 2.

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and Saturday. The boys' 200 free relay of Nathan Eldridge, Nathan Oakes, Sean Eldridge and Matt Lang was fourth in 1:41.37. The girls qualified their 200 free relay (Heuer, Hannah Krue, Mandy Adams and Dominique Cordova),

fourth in 1:53.20, and 400 free relay (Adams, Katie Crook, Doyle and Brooke Baird), sixth in 4:46.40. Cordova missed qualifying as an individual in the 100 by .51 seconds, finishing seventh

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Opinion

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Walter E. Williams

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's fraudulent practices. The SEC is a type of illegal pyramid scheme that has duped thousands of New Englanders into investing in a Ponzi scheme that is now collapsing. As Circuit Court Judge Paul J. Walker ruled in the recent Bernard Madoff fraud case, the Ponzi scheme is a type of investment scheme that promises high returns to investors until the whole scheme collapses. The recent Bernard Madoff fraud case appears to be the end of the Ponzi scheme. The Ponzi scheme is a type of investment scheme that promises high returns to investors until the whole scheme collapses. The recent Bernard Madoff fraud case appears to be the end of the Ponzi scheme.

Opinions

How will the U.S. debt be paid when the money machine fails?

by Wesley W. Burnett

The U.S. government is soon to be in debt to the tune of 14 trillion dollars or more. Sen. Mitch McConnell gave an example of the enormity of that debt: If you spent one million dollars per day from the day Jesus was born, you would not be able to reach one trillion by the year 2009.

As most common sense financial observers note, the United States government will never be able to repay its current debt nor not even the interest owed on that debt.

That raises an important question: how will the debt be collected by the banks and other countries who hold the notes owed by the U.S. government? The people who loaned the money are at some point in time going to demand payment.

In the ordinary world where most of us live, those who default on financial obligations end up losing whatever assets they own through foreclosure or liens on their property.

Assuming that China and other foreign countries will insist on getting paid, how will that be accomplished when the U.S. defaults on its payments? How will the big banks and foreign "central banks" collect on U.S. debt?

Will they file foreclosure on the U.S. and place liens on its property? How will the foreclosures be enforced? Will the United Nations step in with "peace-keeping forces" to assist in the collection process?

Let's remember that most of the real property owned by the U.S. government is land, buildings and government facilities, such as military bases and equipment.

Imagine the uproar when Americans flock to the People's Republic of China Yosemite National Forest, or Japan's Yellowstone National Park. But that is the real possibility created by the U.S. Congress and its uncontrolled borrowing of money from the "central banks" of the world, including the unconstitutionally created and operated Federal Reserve Bank. As G. Howard Griffin points out so clearly in his book "The Creature from Jekyll Island," there is nothing "federal" about the FRB and there are no "reserves" in that privately owned bank chartered by the U.S. Congress.

And isn't it a bit puzzling why the U.S. government borrows money from a private bank, when it has the power and authority to mint coins for the payment of its obligations?

Thomas Jefferson said it best in a letter to a friend after his presidency. Jefferson said that if he could change one thing in the constitution, he'd remove the power of congress to borrow money.

I suggest that we amend the constitution with the provision that all members of congress and the executive branch who vote for and approve borrowing, be personally held liable for their share of the debt. It'd be a rare day those officials would suggest a debt of one million dollars, never mind one trillion.

You see, it's real easy to spend someone else's money ... it'd be a big difference if they individually were held accountable for repayment. Let's have a vote on that amendment put on the next ballot.

Maybe we should insist the Texas legislature use the same method to protect us from local officials who obligate property owners on bond issues?

When is it okay to steal?

God said, "Thou Shalt Not Steal"

He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, except to help the poor."

He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, unless government needs more money."

He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, but it's okay if stealing helps feed the homeless."

He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, other than to take from those who have and give it to those who have not."

God's word is solid, complete, simple and profound ... there are no "exceptions" to his commandment:

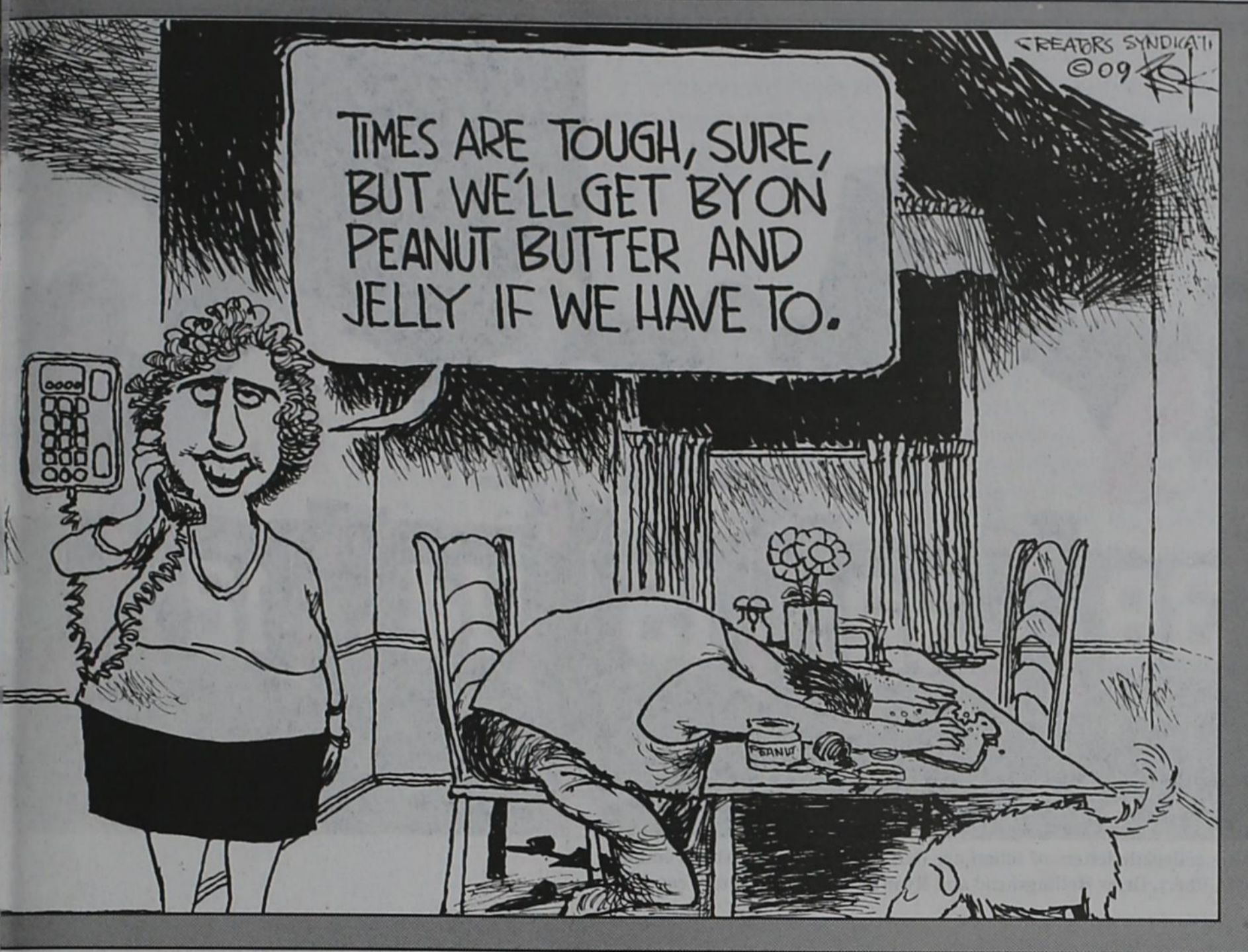
Thou Shalt Not Steal!

Stealing:
Taking property without the owner's permission.

Taxation:
Taking property without the owner's permission.

Those who claim to follow God's Commandments can not justify or support taxation.

Abolish all taxes: The quickest and surest way to "stimulate" the U.S. economy.



The national Ponzi scheme

Walter E. Williams

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) was set up to prevent fraudulent practices. The SEC's website explains that "Ponzi schemes are a type of illegal pyramid scheme named for Charles Ponzi, who duped thousands of New England residents into investing in a stamp speculation scheme back in the 1920s." It goes on to say, "Over time, the Ponzi scheme continues to work on the 'rob-Peter-Paul' principle, as money from new investors is used to pay off investors until the whole scheme collapses." That is how the SEC created the recent Bernard Madoff \$50 billion Ponzi scheme, "a classic fraud that appears to be of epic proportions."

A Ponzi scheme does not generate any wealth whatsoever; that is why it ultimately collapses. As Circuit Judge Anderson said in the 1922 case, *W. Brown v. Brown*, the Ponzi scheme was "simply the old fraud of the earlier comers out of the contributions of the later comers." In other words, the fraudulent scheme has life.

We have a national Ponzi scheme where Congress collects about \$1 trillion in Social Security taxes from about 163 million workers to pay for \$585 billion to 50 million Social Security recipients. Social Security's trustees tell us that the surplus goes into a \$2.2 trillion trust fund to meet future obligations. The problem is whatever difference between Social Security taxes and benefits paid out is spent by Congress. What the Treasury Department does is give the Social Security Trust Fund non-marketable "special issue government securities" that are simply bookkeeping entries that are IOUs.

According to Social Security trustee estimates, around 2016 the total of Social Security benefits paid will exceed taxes collected. That is one of two things, or both, must happen: Congress will raise Social Security taxes and/or slash promised Social Security benefits. Each year the deficit will get worse since the number of retirees is predicted to increase relative to the number in the workforce paying taxes. In 1940,

there were 42 workers per retiree, in 1950 there were 16, today there are 3 and in 20 or 30 years there will be 2 or fewer workers per retiree.

Social Security is unsustainable because it is not meeting the first order condition of a Ponzi scheme, namely expanding the pool of suckers. Social Security has been one congressional lie after another since its inception. Here's what a 1936 Social Security pamphlet said: "After the first 3 years — that is to say, beginning in 1940 — you will pay, and your employer will pay, 1.5 cents for each dollar you earn, up to \$3,000 a year ... beginning in 1943, you will pay 2 cents, and so will your employer, for every dollar you earn for the next 3 years. ... And finally, beginning in 1949, twelve years from now, you and your employer will each pay 3 cents on each dollar you earn, up to \$3,000 a year. That is the most you will ever pay." The pamphlet also said, "Beginning November 24, 1936, the United States government will set up a Social Security account for you. ... The checks will come to you as a right."

That's another lie. In *Flemming vs Nestor* (1960), the U.S. Supreme Court held that you have no "accrued property rights" to a Social Security check. That means Congress can do anything it wishes with Social Security. There is little or nothing that can be done to prevent the economic and political chaos that will result from the collapse of Social Security.

Today's recipients of Social Security, along with their powerful AARP lobby, represent a powerful political force. Few politicians are willing to risk their careers alienating today's senior citizens for the benefit of Americans in 2040. After all what do today's seniors and politicians care about a 2040 calamity? They will be dead by then.

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Light is more than enough

Bill O'Reilly

A stunning announcement that a California woman had given birth to octuplets was greeted warmly in some circles. The birthing was all smiles, and the media hyped the "human interest" part of the story. Eight babies! Wow!

Behind the high-fives lies a very troubling situation. This may be the most abusive at the highest level.

Here are the facts: The mother, Nadya Suleman, is a 33-year-old mom already raising six young children in the small home of her mother. Nadya is a health care worker who, according to her mother, became pregnant with all the children through in vitro fertilization. It was not enough for Nadya, so last spring she allowed multiple embryos to be implanted in her womb. Subsequently, the octuplets were born on January 26.

In Great Britain, Nadya and her doctor would be under arrest. There, the law permits only two embryo implants at a time. But in California, there are no rules at all. Fertility clinics and the doctors who make big money in them can do anything they want.

Now Nadya has eight new babies all of whom weigh less than three pounds. The littlest is about a pound and a half. Doctors say there is a 50 percent likelihood that some, if not all, of the children will experience significant health problems growing up.

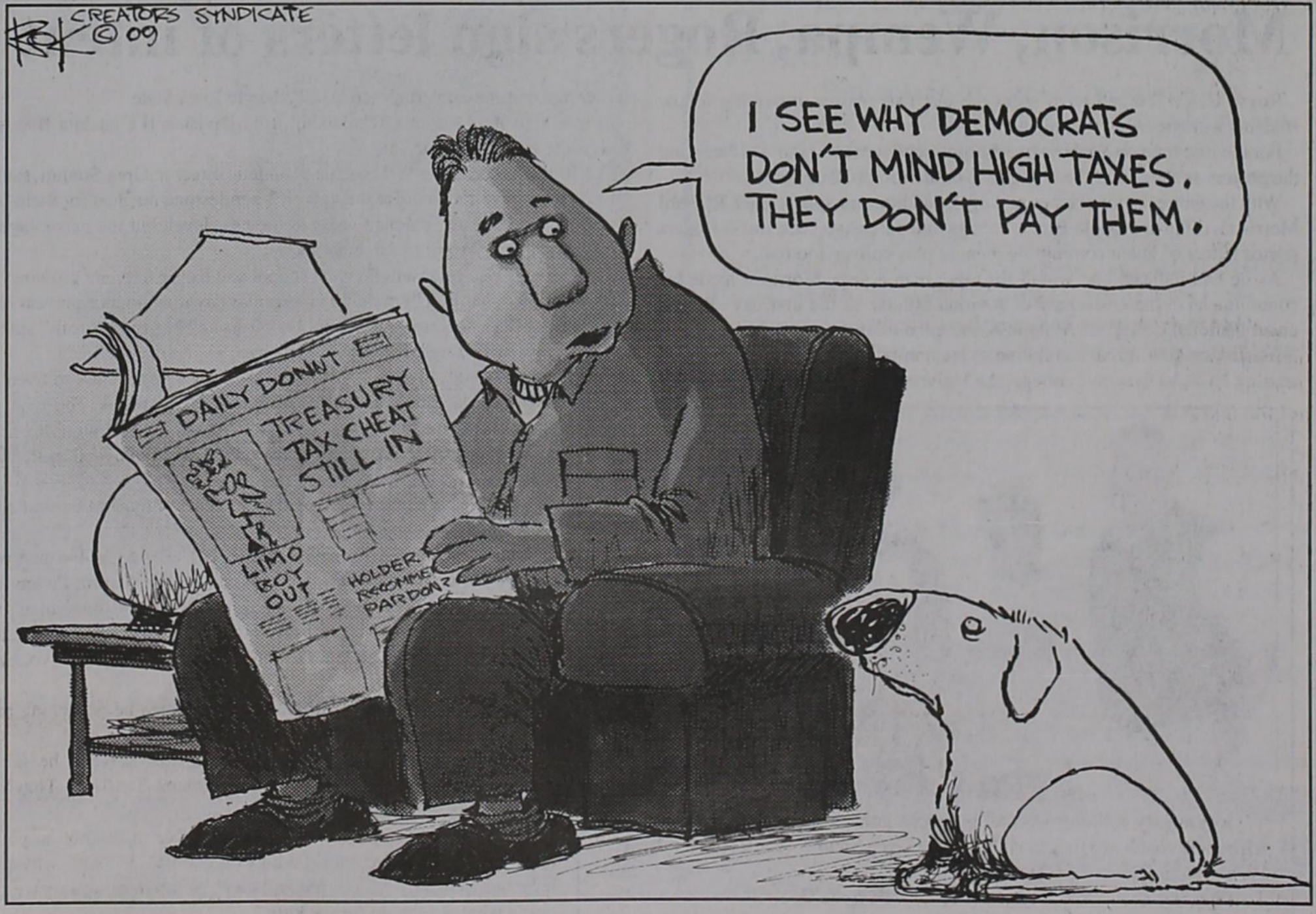
When the babies finally leave the hospital in suburban Los Angeles, they will be taken to a three-bedroom house in Whittier, Calif. Seventeen babies will be living in that house. Eight babies will have to be washed and cared for around the clock almost simultaneously. Who will pay for that? Chances are, the taxpayers. Nadya has little money and her parents have filed for bankruptcy. By the way, the total bill for the octuplets and mom is estimated to be around \$1.3 million.

Nadya seems to have a plan. She has hired a "spokesperson," a woman named Joann Killeen. Killeen has been running around on TV shows telling the world what a great person and mother Nadya is, what a joy to be around she is. When asked whether the world of the year wants major money to tell her story, Killeen dodges the question.

This is child abuse of the worst kind and few seem to care. The taxpayers will wind up paying for much of Nadya's irresponsibility, and the children will pay an enormous price, just wait and see. In the meantime, a callous media and a largely apathetic state medical establishment will watch to see whether it will be Oprah, Barbara or Katie who will give the babies their first starring TV roles.

America is a great country. This is the worst of it.

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Rockwall County Sports



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

'Texas Football' gives nod to RHHS Hawks

by Matt McGillen

The Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks have been named the Army Strong Team of the Week for Division 4A by Dave Campbell's "Texas Football" magazine, according to a news release issued by the publication.

Rockwall-Heath capped a 10-0 regular season by upsetting Highland Park in overtime, 38-31, last week.

The Hawks were selected for recognition "because of their teamwork, dedication, discipline, personal courage and integrity, values shared by U.S. Army soldiers," according to the news release.

"The Hawks upset Highland Park in a battle of unbeaten to capture their first-ever district title," said Adam Hochfelder, general manager of the magazine.

The award will be presented to the team at a time to be determined this week by a representative of the U.S. Army.

"The U.S. Army is recognizing the student-athletes at Rockwall-Heath

for demonstrating qualities similar to those exhibited by a U.S. Army soldier, who is mentally, emotionally and physically strong," said Capt. Brad Parker. "We expect to see some of these young men competing at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, the college level or maybe even professionally in the future."

The U.S. Army supports high school athletes through programs like Army Strong Team of the Week and the Texas Football Classic. The Army also is sponsor of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl conducted each January in San Antonio's Alamodome. The Bowl showcases 80 elite high school athletes, many of who will go on to play at the collegiate and professional levels. In its seventh year, the 2008 U.S. Army All-American Bowl also will feature the U.S. Army All-American Band, comprised of the best high school musicians from across the country.

Dave Campbell's "Texas Football" is an annual publication that previews football teams in the state of Texas. It is the only publication to

preview every team in Texas -- from the NFL's Dallas Cowboys and Texans, through every level of college football, to the roughly 1,300 schools, both public and private, in the state.

The magazine, known as the "bible" to football fans, started published in 1960 under Dave Campbell, a longtime Texas sportswriter. The magazine is owned and operated by Host Communications of Dallas.

Except for a stint with the U.S. Army 14th Armored Division in Germany during World War II, Campbell spent 51 years as a member of the editorial staff at the Waco Tribune-Herald. Hired by the news in 1942, Campbell became sports editor in 1953 and held that position until retirement in 1993. The list of accolades and honors Campbell has stretches as long as his career. Along with winning the Bronze Star for achievement during World War II, Campbell has been presented the McGraw-Hill Award and the Jake Wade Award, the highest honors given by the Football Writers' Association of America and the College Sports Information Directors of America, respectively.



Four members of the Rockwall High School football team signed National Letters of Intent on Wednesday, Feb. 4 to play football in college. Shown after the signing are (left to right) Aaron Arterburn with parents Tony and Laurie Arterburn, John Noble with parents Dave and Leslie Noble, RHS Head Football Coach Scott Smith, Ugo Nkalari with father Andy Nkalari and Cody McCoy with mother Molly McCoy and sister Morgan McCoy. Cody's father, Mark McCoy, was not able to attend the signing. Arterburn will attend Texas A&M University, Noble will attend the University of North Texas, Nkalari will attend Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR, and McCoy will attend the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

It's official! Arterburn, Noble, Nkalari, McCoy to play college football

by Lary Bump

Four Rockwall Yellowjackets joined their families, well-wishers and media members Wednesday morning at RHS to sign letters of intent to college football.

Linebacker Aaron Arterburn hobbled into the girls' basketball of crutches following foot surgery, but was well enough to make his commitment to Texas A&M official.

The other National College Athletic Association Division I signee, defensive tackle John Noble, set to play for North Texas.

Defensive end Ugo Nkalari signed with Division II Ouachita Baptist in Arkansas, and guard Cody McCoy committed to the first-year Division program at Incarnate Word in San Antonio.

Thus, the lineup was split between Divisions I and II, between offense and defense and between the intensive tradition at A&M and the brand-name of Incarnate Word.

The college choices offered something for everyone, and the Yellowjackets chose them for different reasons.

For the 6'2", 223-pound Arterburn, it was A&M's "family environment." "I got to go to my recruiting coach's house and meet his family. It went down there. I knew it was the place for me."

In a week, he said, "I'll be off the crutches and I can start working. The surgery repaired a torn tendon in the ball of his left foot."

Arterburn said he hadn't been told whether he'd be playing outside linebacker in the Aggies' 4-3 defense. For a college major, he said he was thinking about going into business.

Noble was excited by UNT's "potential to be great and really to program around." He cited the university's commitment to building stadium to add to other facilities that impressed him, the positive attitude among the players and a chance to play in head coach Todd Dodge's "spread offense."

The 6'5", 285-pound Noble said he expected to do a lot of pass blocking with the Mean Green. "My coach has been telling me to walk through halls backward," he said, shuffling backward while raising his hands in pass-blocking position.

In the classroom, he said, "I'm thinking about engineering."

Nkalari is going to the college that had the best record among the Division II schools; Ouachita was 7-3.

He said, "It seemed everything was right for me. I like the small campus. It's not too small, but not too big. It's only 3 1/2 hours from home. The coaches are real nice and easygoing. The players are cool. It's a very good program."

Nkalari added that a move from outside linebacker to defensive end last season "worked out well."

"I was able to make more plays and contribute to the team."

He also was able to attract the attention of Ouachita, which wants him at end. The 6'3" Nkalari has bulked up from his 203-pound weight last season to 230, and can add 10 more pounds to reach his team's desired weight of 240.

The former Jacket has his academic future mapped out: "I want to do business and then go to law school."

The 6'1", 278-pound McCoy was attracted by the chance to step help start a new tradition, in a dynamic city, at a college that offers what he wants.

He said, "It's a great atmosphere. It's right in the city. The coaches are great, real nice. It's one of the few schools in Texas where I could go into athletic training."

"They only have 10 offensive linemen on scholarship, so I should get a lot of playing time."

Head coach said he expects other athletes from Rockwall's football and other athletic teams are likely to sign letters of intent.

"We tell them today isn't the end of the process, it's the beginning."

Morrison, Wempa, Rogers sign letters of intent

Royse City's football team spent the last two seasons providing fellow students with great entertainment.

For the first time on Wednesday, the high school made a show of honoring the players as they enter the next phase of their football careers.

With the entire senior class crowding the auditorium, quarterback Richard Morrison, offensive tackle Brock Wempa and defensive back Justin Rogers signed letters of intent committing them to play college football.

As he had indicated he would for more than a year, Morrison made his commitment to the University of Arizona official on the first day allowed under National Collegiate Athletic Association rules.

Illustrating how verbal commitments are non-binding, Wempa signed with another NCAA Division I college, the University of Louisiana-Monroe. He

earlier had committed verbally to UTEP, then to Iowa State.

Rogers signed to accept a scholarship from Division II Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR.

The Bulldogs' head football coach and athletic director, Greg Strahm, said, "It's a proud day. It's great for the kids. It's a milestone reached for them. A lot of players have aspirations to play at the next level, but the percentages are against them. We get to celebrate today."

The signings also represent how the school and Royse City are growing. Strahm noted that RCHS hadn't had a similar day to announce players recruited by colleges because the school hadn't had a "big-time recruit" since Lewis Mapps signed with SMU four years ago.

The coach also said, "We couldn't have asked for a better class to open a new classification when we moved up from 3A to 4A. These boys and girls set the bar and said, 'You know we can still win.' It's not just the football team, but girls' basketball, and volleyball made the playoffs."

"The three of them who signed today will continue to be student-athletes. We anticipate a few more will sign."

Strahm mentioned defensive backs B.J. Farrar and Cameron Nichols, linebacker Oscar Hernandez and kicker Kollin Padon as other football players who still could receive scholarships. In addition, state champion Megan Frausto from the girls' track and field team could be signing a letter of intent, as well as Skyler in volleyball or track and field.

Strahm noted one major difference from when he was being recruited to play college football: the Internet.

"Players can help the recruiting process themselves," he said. "They send out a lot of their own highlights on YouTube. They're on Facebook."

"If you're not technically sound and capable of promoting your kids, you're doing them a little bit of a disservice. That's why we have our website, roysecityfootball.com. We try to make sure we're doing what we can do for the kids."



Royse City Bulldog football players signing collegiate letters of intent with their coach are (left to right) coach Greg Strum, Justin Rogers, Brock Wempa and Richard Morrison.
Photo by Erin Straum courtesy of Royse City ISD

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Kathy Williams says beauty is painful and true, Rockwall County and every well one day be the attractive county in the state since the expansive road



Marking FM 740 (Ridge Road) expansion as part of last year's road program.
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The Rockwall Children's Charitable Foundation newspaper staff with three songs to help support its programs. Sharing the love with Breanna Talley, Ryan Ullom and...
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