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News Briefs

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Mulching for Dummies' class set
The "Mulching for Dummies" class, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the Harry Myers Community Center. The class will be taught by Sara Beckelman, a master composter registered with the National Composting Council. The cost will be \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Guitar show, swap meet planned
The annual Rockwall Guitar Show & Swap Meet will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Vendors, live local bands, guitar lessons, beginner guitars, music supplies and other items will be available. Vendor space is free and available. Musical guests include Out of Shadows, The Unknown and The Rockwall Band. For more details, call the event's host, The Square at Rockwall, at 972-772-8406.

Conservatives & Coffee event slated
The Rockwall County Conservatives and Coffee is a grassroots organization of citizens dedicated to the belief of conservative values and betterment of the community. The group, open to citizens of all ages, meets at 10:30 a.m. each Saturday at the Harry Myers Community Center, 2435 Ridge Road, in Rockwall to discuss issues affecting the nation, state and local community. Katrina Williams will lead this week's conversation. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Trip to Clymer Meadows set
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a trip to Clymer Meadows from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$7 for residents, \$11 for non-residents. Participants will depart The Square at Rockwall at 10 a.m.; those interested in following in their own vehicles should call 972-771-7740.

Memorial Day observance organized
Families are invited to celebrate Memorial Day at Rest Haven Memorial Park, 2500 State Hwy. 66 East, in Rockwall from 10 a.m. on Monday. Special speakers and music are planned. Flags will be available for families of veterans to display at the ceremony. For more details call 972-771-8641.

Chandler's plans Memorial Day event
Chandler's Landing Yacht & Tennis Club, 501 Yacht Club Drive, will host its 34th annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday. Speakers will include Rockwall Mayor David Dyer and Congressman Ralph Hall. Guest speaker will be a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel who served 30 years and author of "The Military View" weekly column. The event will be open to the public.

Lunchbox Series 2009 continues
A series of updates on state and federal laws affecting Rockwall will be presented from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the City Council chambers. Cost for the catered lunch is \$10. For more information call the Rockwall Area Chamber at 972-771-7740. Reservations must be made by Tuesday.

RHHS theater event planned
Rockwall-Heath High will present an evening performance of Centerstage Productions' Senior Directed Scenes II class' original "Stylized Fairy Tales" at 7 p.m. Monday in the RHHS Black Box Theatre. Tickets will cost \$10.

Concert to feature Me and My Monkey
The Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event for 2009 will feature the band Me and My Monkey. Admission is free. The concert, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor Center, will be free. Those planning to attend should bring lawn chairs. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Stars on the Rock set May 28
A singing class offered by members of the Texas Vocal Society will be offered from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday at Harry Myers Park. The event will be open to individuals ages 10 and older. For more details, visit rockwall.com/StarsOnTheRock.

RHHS plans Drama Camp
Rockwall-Heath High School Theatre Arts Department will host its third annual Drama Camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 1-5. A final showcase performance set for 2 p.m. June 5 at the HHS Black Box Theatre. Students entering grades 6-12 are eligible. Cost is \$125 per camper, \$100 for each child in the same family. Enrollment limited to 30. Call Leigh Reid at 469-698-2600. Registration due May 22.

Defensive driving course slated
The AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving course will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. on May 29 and July 31 at The Center. The course is for individuals ages 50 and older, cost will be \$12 for AARP members, \$18 for non-resident AARP members and \$20 for non-members who live outside of Rockwall. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Older Americans Day event set
The Rockwall County Committee on Aging is planning an Older Americans Day celebration. Each May, local organizations and individuals nominate outstanding seniors for an award for making a difference in the community. For more information call 972-771-7740.

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While most families were tending to their farms during the week, Saturdays or special holidays offered a reason to travel to town. Pictured, area residents stand on the southeast corner of the square during a special celebration in 1911. The Bailey Drugstore occupied the building on the corner for more than fifteen years.
Photo Courtesy of Rockwall County Historical Foundation

Rockwall May 30 Founder's Day celebrates 155 years of history

Although the City of Rockwall actually turned 155 years old on April 17, the official party doesn't happen until Saturday, May 30, when the Sixth Annual Founder's Day celebration kicks off with food, music, shopping and more fun than a barrelful of the Critterman's snakes.

Vendors will open their booths for the free event at 10 a.m. at the Rockwall Downtown Square and entertainment for the kids starts at 10:15 a.m. Parking is also free, but plan to show up early as parking around the Square is limited.

Dog lovers will especially want to attend to check out the new dog-friendly car that will be on display. The Rockwall Animal Services Department, in partnership with Toyota of Rockwall, will present the new Toyota Venza, which among other animal friendly features, includes a back seat dog harness that allows Fido to sit up and see out the window, but not move around to be injured or distract the driver.

Entertainment Schedule
10:15 a.m. The Critterman Texas Safari returns to Founder's Day to kick off the day with an educational and fun program about critters found in the Rockwall County area and around the state.

11:45 a.m. Jeanne Lay and Fat Tuesday sing popular songs of today.

1:30 p.m. Mike and the Mix offer songs for every taste, from AC/DC to the Eagles, Miranda Lambert to Van Morrison.

3:15 p.m. Denton's nuclear polka band, Brave Combo, brings its own brand of music to the stage.

5 p.m. Singer Woody Lee from Dallas offers traditional country music in the same vein as George Jones and Merle Haggard.

6:45 p.m. Cavalcade of Stars band features celebrity look-alikes.

8:30 p.m. The Three Redneck Tenors, Billy Bob, Billy Joe and Billy Billie, bring their own brand of foot stompin', knee slappin', music to the stage. The three are also known as Broadway and opera stars Alex Bumpas, Matthew Lord and John Wilkerson.

Sip and Stroll
Visitors to Founder's Day are invited from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to Sip and Stroll around the Square.

Select downtown merchants will be offering a complimentary wine tasting with selections from the San Martino's Winery and Vineyards. Several shops will also have featured artists showing their work, most of them members of the Rockwall Art League.

Visitors can also register to win a gift basket of goodies from the shops on the Square.

Shopping and Food
Merchants on the Square will be open for business during the event and many vendors will have booths selling their homemade crafts or items from their shops.

Plenty of food and cold drinks will be for sale, but visitors are welcome to bring their own food for a picnic on the Square lawn, just like in the "olden days."

Rockwall History

The area that is now Rockwall was occupied by Caddo Indians in the early 1800s. The Creek Indians began to arrive and the two tribes were in conflict. The first Anglo settlers came to this area in the early 1840s.

In the mid-1840s, the National Road of the Republic of Texas was constructed northeast from the Red River to Peters Colony, near the site of present day Dallas. The cities of Rockwall and Heath were founded along this road. In 1852, farmer Terry Wade discovered an underground rock wall while digging a well near what is now the Downtown Square. Debate still continues today whether this is a natural formation, or is as local folk tales continue to say, that it was built by prehistoric natives. When the

town of Rockwall was founded, it was named for the rock formation.

In 1836, this area was established as part of Nacogdoches County. When Texas joined the Union in 1845, it was included in Henderson County. In 1847, when Kaufman County was formed, the area now known as Rockwall County was placed in Kaufman County.

Rockwall was platted as a community on April 17, 1854 by Elijah Elgin, who purchased a 40-acre tract from W.B. Bowles. This was a small part of the 572-acre homestead owned by Benjamin F. Boydston. The county seat of Kaufman was thought to be too inconvenient for Rockwall citizens, and in 1873, Rockwall County was formed.

Rest Haven Memorial Park to observe 35th Annual Memorial Day Celebration

Veterans and area families are invited to celebrate Memorial Day at Rest Haven Memorial Park located at 2500 State Hwy. 66 East, in Rockwall. The program will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, May 25.

The guest speaker will be retired Chaplain (Colonel) Lyle

R. Metzler. Col. Metzler served in the United States Army for more than 33 years, receiving numerous awards during his tours of duty, including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Special music will be provided by The 55+ Community Chorus. This special group of singers

was organized as a way of providing community seniors an opportunity to share their pride in our country at Rest Haven's community wide Memorial Day Celebration.

The 32-member chorus rehearses at the Rockwall

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The Rockwall School of Music 55+ Community Choir has spent several weeks preparing to sing Battle Hymn of the Republic and America the Beautiful at the May 25 Memorial Day ceremony which will take place at Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall. The choir will also lead the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. More than 25 members of the community have joined the choir, which will join community leaders, citizens and veterans in honoring those who have died in the nation's service. The event will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, May 25 at Rest Haven Memorial Park, 2500 State Hwy. 66 East, in Rockwall. Members of the choir are (back row left to right) Luwan Townsend, Wanda Taylor, John McLaughlin, Bill Townsend, Dan Buchanan, Arb Owen, Gene Minor, Tom Rowland, (middle row left to right) Wanda Porter, Shirley Perkins, Sally Mace, Alice Caldwell, Annie Cornelius, Donna Partee, Jean Vaughn, Marilyn Landrum, (front row left to right) Judy Hooker, Myrna Buchanan, Mary Castillo, Jerri Butts, Mary Ogilvie, Clyde Vaughn and Jan Vestal. Accompanist for the choir is Mary Louise Williams on piano and the choir's director is Russ Porter from the Rockwall School of Music.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

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This year's event will feature Congressman Ralph Hall beginning at 1 p.m. May 29 in the Rockwall County Library. For details call 972-771-9514.

Founders Day Festival set May 30

The 6th Annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 30 in Rockwall's historic downtown square. The celebration will include vendor booths, children's activities, food and day-long entertainment. A sundown concert will begin at 6:45 p.m. Admission will be free. For more information call 972-771-7740.

Farmer's Market closed on Founder's Day

The Downtown Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Friends of Downtown and the City of Rockwall, will not open May 30 in observance of the community's Founder's Day celebration. The market will reopen June 6.

Drum Circle set June 1

A community drum circle will begin at 5:45 p.m. June 1 at the Granger Recreation Center in Garland. During the event, each participant will be given a hand drum to play while the facilitator leads the group in an interactive effort to create music involving a chorus of drums, percussion and vocals. Anyone can participate, regardless of musical background. Admission will be \$7; drums will be provided. For details call David Cox at 940-867-0646.

Night for Networking scheduled

Harbor Mail's Night for Networking will run from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. June 3 in the Harbor Mail Store. Participants are encouraged to bring business cards, samples and coupons to share with other business representatives. For more information call Alma at 972-722-3807.

Concert by the Lake slated

Admission is free to the Concert by the Lake events conducted weekly at The Harbor. Upcoming bands include, on June 4, Blaze of Glory; June 11, VooDoo Blue; June 18, Hanna's Reef; and June 25, Professor D. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Pools to open June 5

The Harry Myers Park Pool and the Gloria Williams Park Pool will open for the season on June 5. Pools will be open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission will be free to children through the age of 24 months, 50 cents for children ages 2 through 17, \$2.50 for individuals ages 18 and older and \$5 for a family (six individuals residing in the same household).

Dinosaur Exploration Camp set

Youths ages 6-8 can attend a Dinosaur Exploration Camp from 9 a.m. to noon June 8-12 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$80 for Rockwall residents, \$120 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch event is June 12

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at various restaurants. This month's location is the Cracker Barrel on June 12. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

RHS All-Class Alumni Banquet set June 13

The 58th Annual Rockwall High School All-Class Alumni Banquet will begin at 6 p.m. June 13 in the RHS cafeteria. Members of the classes of '39, '49, '59, '69, '79, '89, '99 and 2009 will be honored. Tickets cost \$15 at the Community Bank and American National Bank or e-mail rockwallhighschoolalumni.com. Space may be reserved by e-mailing info@rockwallhighschoolalumni.com or calling Mary Grace Frasier, 214-863-6960. Tickets must be purchased or reservations made to accommodate the event's catering order.

Pirate Island Art Camp slated

An art camp with a pirate theme will be offered for children ages 3-6 at the Harry Myers Community Center from 9 a.m. to noon June 15-19. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.



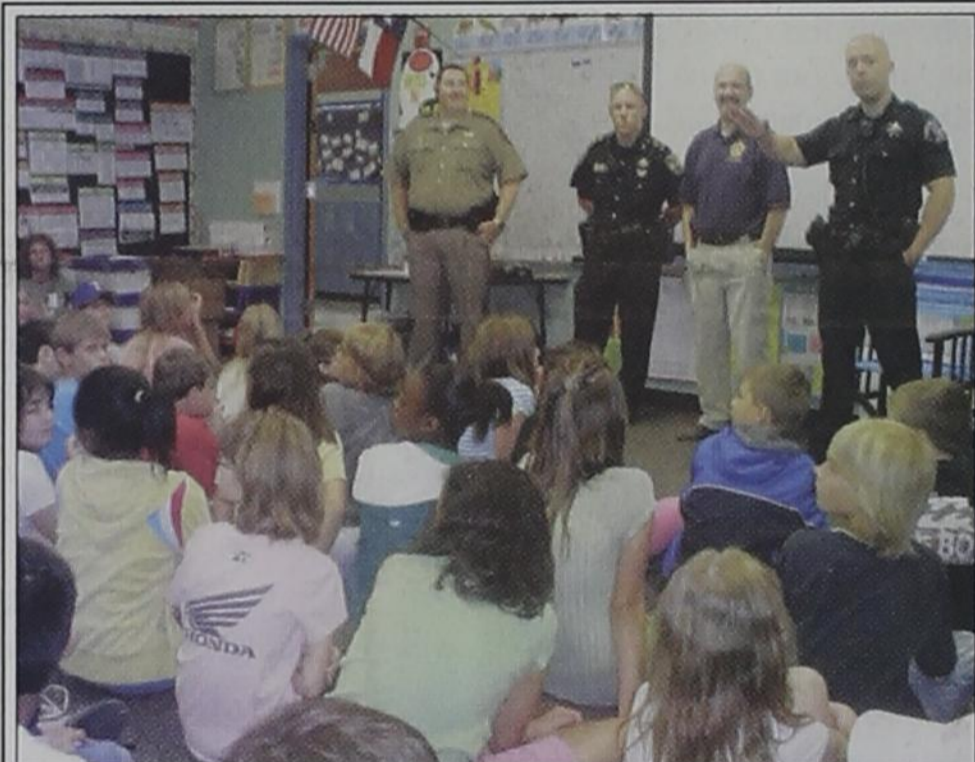
Nebbie Williams Elementary School third graders did not let the rain spoil their plans to visit The Ballpark in Arlington on Monday, May 11. They enjoyed a guided tour of the dugout, press box, private box suites, training areas and had lunch in the covered stands. They also had a field trip was a HOME RUN! The students were (left to right) Mark Nabonne, Gage Lindsey, Jake Spray, Nathan Breen, Brandon Nicholas Tormey, Lane Pollock, Kayden Brady, Ryan Rigert, Hannah Mason, Jordin Rowe, Alaina McWhirter, Rachel Green, Gabby April Valentino, Natalie Vita and third grade teacher Jennifer Smith.

Photo Courtesy of Renee Ramirez



Cinco de Mayo was celebrated at Dobbs Elementary on Tuesday, May 5, with songs and dances. Flamenco dancers and a cowboy demonstrating rodeo skills. Principal Teresa Twedell (left) and Assistant Principal Jaime Cardenas (right) show off their colorful traditional Cinco de Mayo outfits at the celebration.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Costello



Springer Elementary students recently had the opportunity to meet with a sampling of local law enforcement officials during National Law Enforcement Week. Shown speaking to fourth grade students are Brent Chambers, FBI special agent; Donny Breytspraak, Rockwall Police Department officer; Department of Public Safety Lt. Monty Kea; and Rockwall County Sheriff's Department Deputy Jason Stefankiewicz. The officers talked about their roles in the community, discussed their backgrounds and talked about how they found their way to law enforcement careers.

Rush Creek to host weekend regatta

The Rush Creek Yacht Club will host its 1st Annual Founder's Regatta Saturday and Sunday.

The event will be an open regatta for all boats that file a proper entry form and pay the entry fee. Expected classes include Melges 24, J-22, Aux, MC Scows, 420, Lightning, Laser and Sunfish. Five boats will comprise a fleet.

The regatta will be sailed under modified rules in effect at Rush Creek's founding in 1969.

Excerpts from the 1969 USYRU Rules will be augmented by the 2009-2012 ISAF Racing Rules, pertinent class rules, the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing and the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions will take precedence in case of conflict. The event will be a Category A event.

Activities will begin today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with on-site registration and pre-registration package pick-up.

On Saturday, coffee, juice and doughnuts will be served beginning at 8 a.m., sidelined by on-site registration and pre-registration package pick-up until 9:30 a.m. At that time the skippers' meeting will be conducted. Warning Signal Race No. 1 will begin at 10:30 a.m., with additional races back to back. Lunch will be as permitted by the Race Committee, and afternoon races will continue as conditions permit. Following Saturday's races will be the Founder's Day Dinner and 40th Anniversary Celebration.

On Sunday, a continental breakfast will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the warning signal for the first race at 9:30 a.m. Lunch and awards will be conducted at noon.

Registration costs \$45 for dinghy classes, \$75 for other classes. Registration fee includes the skipper's lunch for Saturday and Sunday; other classes include three lunches for Saturday and Sunday. Meals for additional crew and other guests need to be reserved at registration time. Extra lunches cost \$7.50 per meal.

Scoring will be according to the USYRU 1969 Low-Point system, with throw-outs as defined in the sailing instructions. A minimum of one race constitutes a regatta.

The Founder's Regatta Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the largest fleet participating in the regatta.

For more information, visit the RCYC Web site at ryc.org or call the clubhouse at 972-771-6500.



The year's final Friends of the Library meeting was recently in the home of Karen Hall. Officers for the 2009-10 installed. They include, bottom row, from the left, Leigh Phillips, president, and Darlene Bealmear, president; second row, Si treasurer, and Linda Garrett, president-elect; third row, recording secretary, Dori Hillman, second VP fundraising, Buie, third VP membership; and fourth row, Kathleen VP programs, and Elizabeth Reese, second VP fundraising. The Celia Hays Award was presented to Ceelia Gavaldon, who has had the children's program for six years, and the Hartman Award presented posthumously to Phyllis Pierce for more than 10 years of FOL support. The group's next meeting will be Sept. 8.

Memorial Day celebration

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School of Music and is under the direction of Russ Porter. Also participating is The Civil Air Patrol - Lakeshore Squadron, the American Legion Post #11 and the Tri-Counties Honor Guard.

Flags will be available for families of veterans to place in a cemetery in honor of their loved ones. Refreshments will be served at the ceremony.

For more information please call 972-771-8641.

Springer Elementary Concert in the Park

Springer Elementary proudly presents "A Concert in the Evening of the Beatles," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 26 at Harry Myers Park Amphitheatre.

Together with the sixth grade Guitar Ensemble, students through fourth grades will sing many of our favorite songs from the Fab Four, The Beatles. So join Spring Stallions for a night of Shout, Yellow Submarine, Hard Days Night and more. Be sure to bring a blanket, lawn chairs, coolers, and a night of nostalgia as the night air is filled with the beautiful voices of children singing some of the best songs from the past. Admission is free. For more information, contact the school at 972-771-7160.

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 ...by Tim Barnett

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 ...of "Kiss Me Kate"...
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 ...Saturday, May 23 and...
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...Rockwall High School F...
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 ...Membership: Colton Jam...
 ...Award; and Casey Jon...
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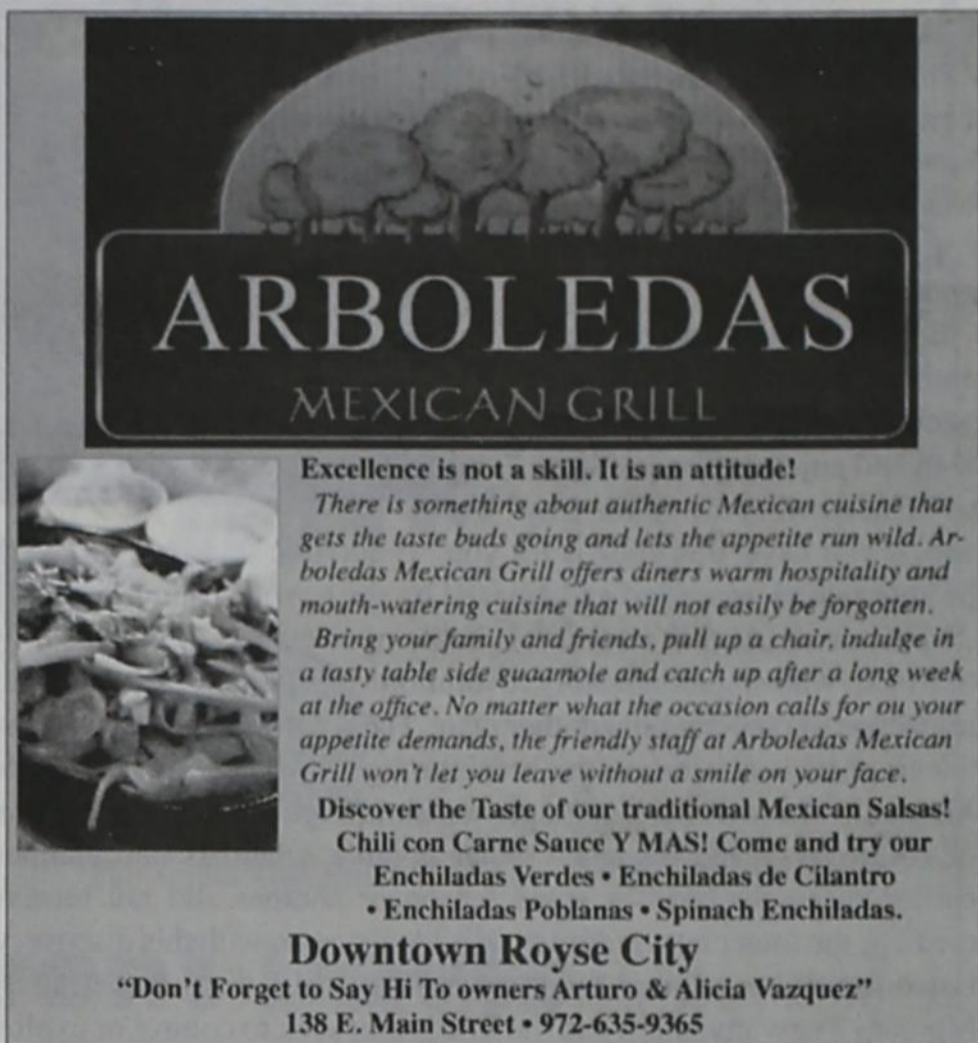
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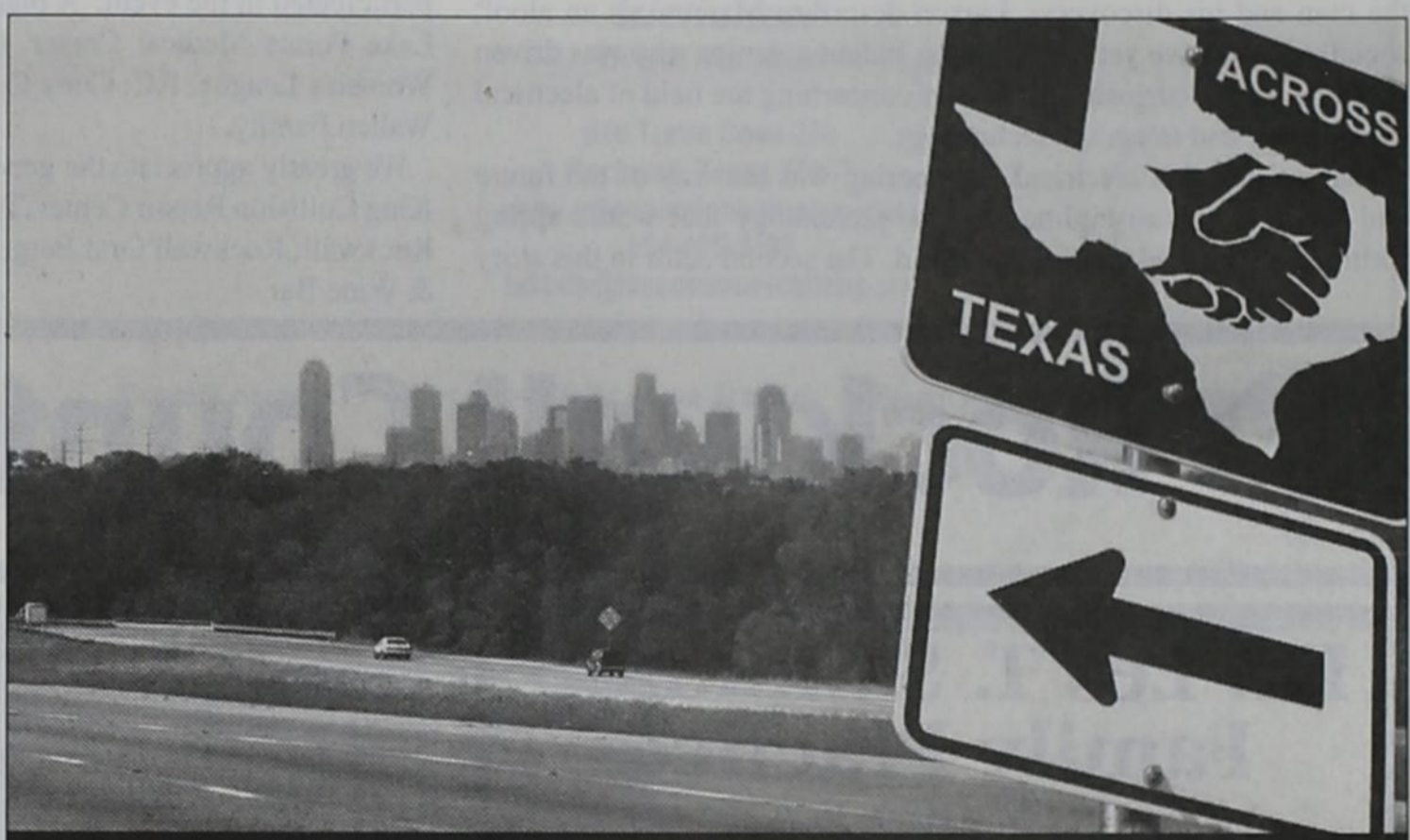
Performing in Rockwall Community Playhouse's play-within-a-play, "Kiss Me Kate" are (left to right) Chris Bell, Jacob Thomas, Nathan Hobbs, Jack Eidson, David Mitchell and Lindsey Yarborough. The show has its final run this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 22, 23 and 24, at the RCP in Rockwall.

'Kiss Me Kate' final weekend at Rockwall Community Playhouse

Rockwall Community Playhouse's spring musical "Kiss Me Kate" is in its final weekend of performances Friday, Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24. The show is directed by Barbara Doudt. The production features Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" and Cole Porter's "Kiss Me, Kate" lyrics. "Kate" is

a play-within-a-play, where each cast member's on-stage life is complicated by what is happening offstage. Familiar musical numbers include Why Can't You Behave, So In Love Am I, Wunderbar, Tom, Dick or Harry, Too Darn Hot, Brush Up Your Shakespeare, Always True to You (In My Fashion) and Another Op'nin, Another Show.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for senior and students. To purchase a ticket, contact the RCP at 972-722-3399. The Rockwall Community Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk.



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Rockwall High School FFA chapter members were recognized for outstanding service to the organization. Pictured from the left are several who were lauded at the chapter's recent awards recognition including Bobby Fowler, adviser; Ray Stovall, Outstanding Senior; Henrietta Holmes, honor membership; Colton James, Outstanding Agriculture Student; Conner Defebaugh, Agriculture Award; and Casey Jones, adviser. The Rockwall FFA was chartered in 1930 and currently has 11 members.

Bailey Herod takes first in Z Museum contest

The Z Museum will award antique car coloring contests beginning at 2 p.m. and first place will go to 5-year-old Bailey Herod.

5-year-olds Kylie Crawford and Dusty Stroud, 9-year-olds Mikey Morshawn, Simon Alfanel and Tony Morales, 10-year-old Emily Pratt and 11-year-old Jamie Williams.

Each entrant who attends the awards ceremony will receive a free Kid's Meal card from Applebee's in Rockwall and a Hot Wheels car courtesy of Roysse City Mayor Jerrell Baley.

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Carlton Macher becomes bachelor's May 17

Carlton Macher, son of K. Macher and Anne Macher of Rockwall, graduated from Marlboro College in Vermont, with a bachelor's degree in political science/theory on May 17. Macher studied the relationship between knowledge and power, focusing on the political courage.



Lucile Tate (right) with her son Garvin Tate

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'Thunderstruck' by Erik Larson

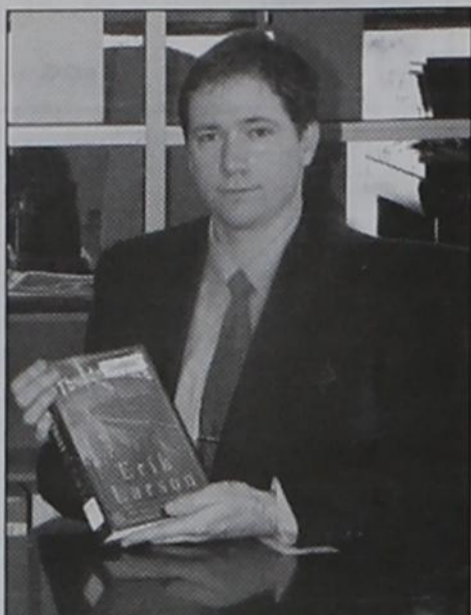
Review by Gavin Sheaffer
Reference Librarian

For this month's review, I chose Erik Larson's "Thunderstruck." "Thunderstruck" is a work of non-fiction but it reads like a mystery novel. The novel consists of two divergent plot points that converge to form a spectacular conclusion.

Erik Larson is a prominent author in the non-fiction novel genre. You might have already read and enjoyed "Isaacs Storm" or "The Devil in the White City" and, if you have, this book is for you. If not, don't despair. You will be entertained, mortified and amazed by the novel "Thunderstruck."

"Thunderstruck," at its heart, is a tale of scientific achievement by one man, who single-handedly revolutionized communication and its impact on the schemes of another man. The achievement was wireless telegraph transmission and this breakthrough is attributed to Guglielmo Marconi. The wireless telegraphy breakthrough entailed a great deal of controversy and dispute. Other notable scientists had claimed earlier successes but, for some reason or another, did not receive credit or the financial windfall that suddenly came with this discovery. Larson describes in great detail the various battles that break out over Marconi's new invention and the forces that seek to control or exploit the man and his discovery. Larson describes Marconi as an aloof, socially insensitive yet hardworking Italian inventor who was driven by an insatiable curiosity, especially concerning the field of electrical engineering and telegraph technology.

Marconi felt that electrical engineering was the way of the future and he knew this discipline, and the technology that would spring forth from it, would change the world. The second actor in this story



is a mild mannered doctor named Hawley Harvey Crippen, who happens to be a Doctor of Osteopathic medicine, who is blessed with sharp business acumen and the good fortune to be at the right place, at the right time. Crippen is married to a domineering woman who openly flaunts convention whenever possible, yet is embraced and adored in several prominent British social circles. Before the end of the book, Crippen will be at the center of a worldwide manhunt, with several police agencies acting in unison in an attempt to track down the elusive doctor. It is in this chase scenario that the very real implications of Marconi's discovery are realized.

Erik Larson seamlessly blends history, crime and mystery into an intensely readable work of non-fiction. The twin characters of Marconi and Crippen are identical in so many ways, yet their ambitions and means to achieve them are devastatingly different. If you prefer a good mystery and a well-written non-fiction volume, then "Thunderstruck" is the book for you. "Thunderstruck" is available at the Rockwall County Library in the Adult non-fiction collection.

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The 2009 Rockwall County Relay For Life was a huge success this year with over \$100,000 in donations raised by the teams and our sponsors. It wasn't easy this year, with adversity facing us from every direction: economic woes, Swine Flu scare, and the threat of showers and thunderstorms...but Rockwall County pulled through. It was our second biggest Relay total ever!

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We would also like to thank all the committee members who shared their passion and commitment in the fight against cancer. We can't wait for Relay 2010 and invite everyone in Rockwall to join us. It'll change your life!

Sincerely,
Lori Gerritsen & Carla Brooks
Co-Chairs of Relay 2009

RHHS plans Drama Camp

Rockwall-Heath High School's Theatre Arts Department is holding its third annual Drama Camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 22-24. The weeklong event will conclude June 26 with a performance of "Gary Grinkle's Battle with Wrinkles" in the Black Box Theatre.

Students entering grades one through eight in the fall are invited to participate.

In addition to being involved in the camp production, each participant also will receive an official Drama Camp T-shirt, a mid-morning snack, a pizza lunch on the final day and a DVD with events and activities from the week.

Cost is \$125 for camper or \$100 for each additional child in the same family. Registration, limited to the first 30 students, is completed by May 29.

For more details or a registration form, contact Leigh R. Iwlesley at 698-2600 or e-mail iwlesley@rockwallisd.org.

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MRSA is methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, a potentially dangerous type of staph bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics and may cause skin and other infections. As with all regular staph infections, recognizing the signs and receiving treatment for MRSA skin infections in the early stages reduces the chances of infection becoming severe. MRSA is spread by having direct contact with another person's infection, sharing personal items such as towels or razors that have touched infected skin or touching surfaces or items, such as used bandages, contaminated with MRSA.

The signs and symptoms of MRSA like most staph skin infections appear as a bump or infected area on the skin that may be red, swollen, painful, warm to touch, full of pus or other drainage and may or may not be accompanied by fever.

If you suspect an MRSA skin infection cover the area with a bandage and contact your healthcare professional. It is especially important to contact your healthcare professional if signs and symptoms of MRSA skin infection are accompanied by fever.

Treatment for MRSA skin infections may include several regimens such as having a healthcare professional drain the infection and in some cases, prescribe an antibiotic. Do not attempt to drain the infection yourself as doing so could worsen or spread it to others. If you are given an antibiotic, be sure to take all of the doses (even if the infection is getting better); unless your healthcare professional tells you stop taking it. If you are hospitalized in an acute care hospital such as Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall you would typically be placed in "Transmission Based Precautions" or "Contact isolation Precautions" that include the hospital staffs use of "Personal Protective

Equipment" (PPE) such as gloves, fluid resistant and meticulous hand hygiene processes when entering and exiting the patients "contact isolation room" as the patient would be asked to wear this PPE as well. The reasoning for this is as not only might you, the patient be a carrier or infected with MRSA but the inanimate items in the isolation room may be also. Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall takes every precaution and measure to protect all patients, visitors, employees and physicians from MRSA.

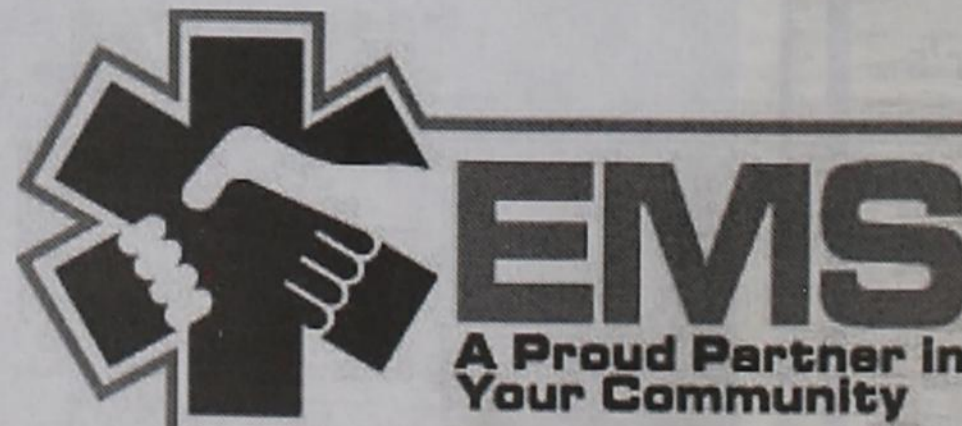
You can protect your family from MRSA skin infections by knowing the signs of MRSA and getting it treated early, keeping cuts and scrapes clean and covered, encouraging good hygiene such as washing hands frequently and discouraging the sharing of personal items such as towels and razors.

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Pamela Cross, Scott Hayse wed April 25

Pamela Lynn Cross and Scott Alan Hayse were married at 6 p.m. on April 25 at the Williams Square Water Pavilion on Lake Carolyn in Las Colinas. The Rev. Mary Younklin officiated the ceremony. Following the wedding, a reception followed at the La Cima Club. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cross of Rockwall. The groom is the son of Nancy Hayse of Denton and the late John Hayse. The couple now is at home in Las Colinas following a weeklong wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Irs. Scott Alan Hayse

berly Jenneman, Danial Keahey wed April 25



Mr. and Mrs. Danial Keahey

berly Jenneman and Danial Keahey of Terrell, were married at 4 p.m. ceremony on April 25 at the Williams Square Water Pavilion on Lake Carolyn in Las Colinas. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Mary Younklin. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jenneman of Terrell. The groom's parents are James Keahey of Greenville and Elisa Keahey of Rockwall. The ceremony was a "country casual" ceremony in a setting filled with cowboy hats and boots with a touch of hunter's camouflage. The bride wore a strapless dress and matching veil with a touch of hunter's camouflage on her dress and the groom also featured a camouflage vest. The bride's hair was styled in a updo and she carried a bouquet of red, white and blue and white flowers. The wedding cake was decorated with miniature wheat stalks. The bride's honor was the bride's sister, Carolyn Keahey of Rockwall. Each bridesmaid wore a chocolate dress and carried a small bouquet that resembled the bride's bouquet. The bride's maid of honor was Emma Yost, a cousin. She carried a basket filled with red roses. The groom was dressed in a black tuxedo accented with a camouflage vest. The groom's best man was Tyler Huck of Rockwall. The groom's officiant was Wylie, the pastor. Each wore a white shirt and blue jeans.

The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to Hot Springs, Ark. The bride, a 2004 graduate of Wylie High School, is a homemaker. The groom graduated from Rockwall High School in 2003 and is an oil rig roustabout. The couple is at home in Terrell.

Rockwall School of Music offers summer classic rock guitar class

The nine-week class is designed for teens and adults who have always wanted to learn to play these songs but needed some instruction into the specific skills needed for each of the technically unique songs. The class will be offered at 6:30 p.m., on Mondays or Tuesdays, beginning June 8 by Grammy Award winning instructor, Chuck Pangburn. To find out more about the class or to register, please contact the Rockwall School of Music at 972-722-6874. Enrollment is limited.

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Jesus meekly gave his life...

After Jesus Christ faced Jewish and Roman judgement, he endured a most excruciatingly painful punishment and death. More information can be found in Matthew 27:26-56, Mark 15:15-41, Luke 23:26-49 and John 19:16-37.

Actor/Director Mel Gibson directed a movie about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Although we found it difficult to watch, we were able to stay with it from beginning to the end. Had Mr. Gibson depicted the events more accurately, very few Christians would be able to endure it to the end.

According to God's word in the Old Testament, Jesus' closest companions would not have recognized him. It says in Isaiah 53:2, "...he has no form nor comeliness. And when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him..." This verse is part of scripture in Isaiah that explains what happened, and why it happened.

The subject is revealed in Isaiah 52:13, "Behold, My servant..." This is about God's servant Jesus Christ who gave himself to be the final Passover lamb for all of mankind. The related scripture continues to Isaiah 53:12, "Therefore will I [God] divide him [Jesus Christ] a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong because he has poured out his soul unto death. And he was numbered with the transgressors. And he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

According to Isaiah 52:14, he was physically marred more than any man. His form or appearance was also disfigured beyond what any other person has ever experienced. We learn from Isaiah 53:3 that Jesus Christ was a man who felt great sorrow and fully understood the depths of grief. Why? See the next verse, "Surely he has born our griefs and carried our sorrows..." Continuing with verse 5, "But he was wounded [pierced] for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him. And with his stripes we are healed."

While Jesus Christ hung on the tree, a soldier pierced his side allowing his blood and fluids to pour out. It is now available for anybody to be cleansed by his blood that was spilled on that day. All that is needed is to believe with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. According to Romans 10:9-10, it is with the heart that people believe God raised him from the dead unto righteousness. To be righteous simply means to be filled with holy spirit. And when we are filled with holy spirit we become one of God's beloved saints.

With the many painful and unbearable stripes that were plowed over Jesus' body, all of God's saints have full and complete access

to mental and physical healing (1Peter 2:24). Because of what Jesus Christ did for all of mankind, those who believe can live the more than abundant life that Jesus referred to in John 10:10b.

Jesus could have cried out to his Father for help, and over 72,000 angels would have come to his rescue. But instead, he served his Father faithfully and allowed himself to be beaten profusely, scourged with nail laden whips, struck on his head with a thorny crown, spit on, mocked, laughed at and much more. He endured all of this because he trusted his Father would raise him from the dead. Furthermore, he did it out of love...out of God's love for the world.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Annie Lee Brown

Services for Annie Lee Brown, 84, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2009, in the Ridgeview Baptist Church in Rockwall with the Rev. Matt Geisinger and the Rev. Dennis Luckey officiating. Burial was at 2 p.m. in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Cooper. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall was in charge of arrangements.

She died May 15.

Born Aug. 29, 1924, in Delta County to Cleo and Jewel (Harris) Pagan, she was a member of the Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Garland.

Survivors include her daughters, Vicki Roberts and her husband, Ronnie, of Yellville, Ark., and Karma Harmon and her husband, Eddie, of Garland; her son, Jeff Brown and his wife, Lisa, of Rockwall; her sister, Janice Banks of Grand Prairie; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Roger L. Nielsen

Memorial services for Roger L. Nielsen, 63, of Rockwall were conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2009, in the Lakeshore Church with Chaplain Bob Reeves and Pastor Brad Howard officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall was in charge of arrangements.

He died May 18 following a battle with cancer.

Born Dec. 17, 1945, in Bartow, Fla., he served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam. He was vice president of Joske's of Texas when he and his family moved to Rockwall in 1985. As president of Roger L. Nielsen and Associates, he managed the Rockwall Economic Technology Park and Rockwall Housing Development Corp. (The Meadows). He was a member of Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church and the American Legion in Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife, of 38 years, Margo (Averill) Nielsen; his daughter, Jennifer Tyson and her husband, John, of Rockwall; his

grandson, Jack Tyson; his sisters-in-law, Jodie Parnell and band, Jerry, of Steinhatchee, Fla., and Dolly Ritchie and Bill, of Portland, Ore.; his nephew, Will Watts of Lake City his stepmother, Lucille Nielsen of Tallahassee, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and (Smith) Nielsen.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donation to Rockwall County Helping Hands, P.O. Box 375, Roy 75087.

DimeBox Theater continues spring schedule

Movies fans will enjoy some of their favorite flicks over a few weeks at the DimeBox Theater in Roysse City.

- June 13 - "Terror of Tiny Town"
- June 17 - "Sabrina," with Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart
- June 19 - "North by Northwest," Cary Grant
- June 20 - "Law of the Pampas," with Hopalong Cassidy
- July 11 - "Red Blood of Courage," Kermit May Sheridan
- July 15 - "I Cover the Waterfront," Ben Lyon, Claude Rains
- July 17 - "39 Steps," Hitchcock thriller with Robert Powell
- July 18 - "Reunion in France," John Wayne as an Aviator in WWI

Admission costs 10 cents. Screenings begin at 2 p.m. 10 or more are asked to make a reservation. The theater is located at 127 FM 2453.

The DimeBox Theater is typically open on the first Saturdays of each month; however, additional screenings are available.

For more information on the DimeBox, which is dedicated to classic entertainment, contact James Cornelius at 972-636-9200.

Rockwall HS invites alumni June 13 All-Class Banquet

The 59th Annual Rockwall High School All-Class Banquet will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 13 in the Rockwall High School Gymnasium. Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase at the Rockwall American National Bank and Alliance Bank in Heath.

Tickets can also be purchased online at www.rockwallhighschool.com. For more information, contact Mary Grace at 214-863-6960. Tickets must be purchased or reservations made by June 10.

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Romans 10:13

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Friday Opinions

Foreign Policy Caused the Taliban Problem

7. Hornberger
 Americans are now concerned not only with a Taliban resurgence in Afghanistan but also a Taliban takeover in Pakistan. These problems, however, are the result of the U.S. Empire itself. Americans now view President Bush's Iraq War as a "bad war," but the perception is that Bush's invasion of Afghanistan was a "good war" (the fact that he went to war without the constitutionally required declaration of war). The notion is that the U.S. government was invading Afghanistan and ousting the Taliban regime from power and al-Qaeda conspired to commit the 9/11 attacks. One big problem with that belief: it's unfounded. The fact is that Bush ousted the Taliban from office was that the Taliban refused to comply with his unconditional demand to deliver Osama bin Laden to U.S. officials after the 9/11 attacks. The Taliban responded to Bush's demand by asking him to furnish evidence of bin Laden's complicity in the 9/11 attacks. Upon receipt of such evidence, the Taliban would turn him over to an independent tribunal instead of the United States.

Hornberger explained why the Taliban's conditions were unreasonable. In the federal judges in the Jose Padilla case, the Zacarias Moussawi case, and many others have confirmed, terrorism is a federal criminal offense. While it's not unusual for one nation to seek the extradition of a criminal to stand trial for a criminal offense, it's just as reasonable for a nation to request to be provided evidence that the person has, in fact, committed the crime.

The U.S. is currently seeking the extradition from the United States of a Cuban, Luis Posada Carriles, who is accused of bombing a Cuban airliner over the Caribbean skies, a terrorist act that succeeded in killing everyone on board and the United States have an extradition agreement. Nonetheless, the U.S. government is refusing to extradite Posada to Venezuela. The reason? Venezuela fears that Venezuelan authorities will torture Posada. (Another reason is that Posada was a CIA operative.)

Of course, a valid reason for refusing an extradition request is that the person wouldn't be treated the same way with respect to the laws of the United States. I think everyone would agree that if bin Laden had been turned over to the CIA or the Pentagon, he would have been brutally tortured, perhaps even executed, without ever going to trial before a fair and independent judicial tribunal.

The Taliban's request that Bush provide evidence of bin Laden's complicity in the 9/11 attacks? That request is precisely what is done in extradition proceedings. When one nation seeks the extradition of a foreigner, the receiving nation requires it to provide evidence to support the request.

It is remarkable about the Taliban offer was that there wasn't even an agreement between Afghanistan and the United States. The Taliban demanded bin Laden to an independent tribunal even though the U.S. did not require it, so long as U.S. officials provided the same evidence that is ordinarily required in an extradition proceeding. The Taliban refused to consider either the Taliban's offer or its request for a position was effectively this: "We are the world's sole remaining superpower. We have the most powerful military on the planet. We have the technology to smash you and remove your regime from power. You will submit to our demand, unconditionally and immediately."

The Taliban refused to comply with Bush's unconditional demand. In 2001, when the United States invaded Afghanistan, it not only went to war, it also took sides in Afghanistan's civil war, taking the side of the Northern Alliance. Ousting the Taliban from power in a classic regime change, U.S. officials installed Hamid Karzai into office, who has been a friendly, and compliant member of the empire ever since, but one who is now under constant attack by those who were ousted from the U.S. Empire.

U.S. officials promised to disclose evidence that the Taliban had conspired with al-Qaeda to commit the 9/11 attacks, that evidence was never fulfilled and it was ultimately forgotten. The likely reason they never had such evidence. After all, if they had evidence of bin Laden's complicity, they would never have wasted time demanding that the Taliban turn bin Laden over. They would have simply declared war against bin Laden for having attacked the United States.

It would have been the ideal way of handling bin Laden? The same way the United States handled Ramzi Yousef, one of the terrorists who committed the 1993 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Treating that attack as a military problem, U.S. officials simply waited Yousef out, relied on good intelligence, and finally were able to effect his arrest in Pakistan. He is now in a U.S. federal penitentiary. No bombs, no missiles, no destruction, no Pakistani wedding parties, and no needless production of new weapons for the United States.

Regarding the capture of bin Laden as a military problem, U.S. officials killed and maimed countless innocent people, wreaked havoc on Afghanistan, effected regime change, created new enemies of the United States... and failed to capture bin Laden.

Given the military invasion of Afghanistan, the aim of that invasion was limited to going after bin Laden rather than being used as an excuse to effect regime change at the same time.

That's precisely what happened after Pancho Villa killed seven Americans in a raid on Columbus, New Mexico, during the Mexican Revolution. After the raid, U.S. officials sent an expeditionary force into Mexico to capture him and bring him back to justice. While the expedition was underway, what was noteworthy about it was that the expedition force limited itself to capturing Villa, not taking sides in Mexico's civil war. It would be remiss if we failed to keep in mind the role that U.S. foreign policy played in bringing into existence and supporting the Taliban. In a 2001 article, Congressman Ron Paul pointed out:

"The U.S. could recognize that American tax dollars helped to create the very government that now wants to destroy us. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the U.S. was very involved in the training and funding of various fundamentalist Islamic groups in Afghanistan, some of which later became today's Taliban government. In fact, the U.S. government admits to giving the Taliban over \$6 billion dollars in military aid and weaponry, a staggering sum that is even larger in today's dollars."

Bin Laden himself received training and weapons from the CIA... In 2001, in May the U.S. announced that we would reward the Taliban with an additional \$43 million in aid for its actions in banning the cultivation of opium to produce heroin and opium. Taliban rulers had agreed to end their senseless drug war by declaring opium growing "against God..."

The Taliban regime refused to comply with Bush's unconditional demand to turn over bin Laden, the U.S. Empire did what it had done and tried to do in many other countries - Iran, Guatemala, Chile, Cuba, Indonesia, etc. - bring about regime change by ousting a recalcitrant regime and to comply with the unconditional orders of the U.S. Empire - a policy that the U.S. Empire itself had helped to create - and replacing it with a pro-empire regime. In the process, the empire succeeded in bringing the United States into one more foreign conflict, one that has now become a nuclear-armed Pakistan.

Another "success story" in the life of the U.S. Empire and its interventionist foreign policy.

Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom



State gestapo action?

Libertarians to Testify Against State Checkpoints SB 298
 The Libertarian Party of Texas will testify against the state checkpoints in Senate Bill 298 at today's Criminal Jurisprudence hearing.

"These checkpoints, combined with proposed laws allowing police officers to draw blood, are an intrusive government assault on privacy," said Texas Libertarian Chair Patrick Dixon. "These checkpoints are unconstitutional searches, and even the FBI says they are ineffective."

In a January 2003 FBI report, Jeffrey Greene states, "Overall, measured in arrests per hour, a dedicated saturation patrol is the most effective method of apprehending offenders. Such concerted efforts also may serve as a general deterrent if their activities are publicized and become widely known."

"In addition to the effectiveness problem, we have seen that other states with similar laws abuse them to search for undocumented immigrants, drug possession, and a range of other issues," said LPT Executive Director Robert Butler. "In some cases, checkpoints were set up based on the race and ethnicity of the neighborhood. These checkpoints are advertised as sobriety checks, but the driver's license, registration, the vehicle's contents, proof of insurance,

and other facts will all be under scrutiny."

In May 2007, the Columbus Dispatch reported that a sobriety checkpoint was set up in a Hispanic neighborhood during Cinco de Mayo celebrations. "I feel like on Saturday they were looking for Latinos," a man said in Spanish. "They asked me for my license. They didn't ask if I had been drinking."

On December 12, 2008 the California Highway Patrol, in conjunction with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept and USMC military police, conducted a sobriety checkpoint. This act was in direct violation of the 1878 Posse Comitatus Act which bars military from engaging in civilian police activity. CHP News

In Washington DC, checkpoints were used to "seal off" neighborhoods. According to the Washington Examiner, "At least six officers will man cordons around those zones and demand identification from people coming in and out of them. Anyone who doesn't live there, work there or have "legitimate reason" to be there will be sent away or face arrest."

"We know that checkpoints do not result in more DUI arrests," said Dixon. "So let's stop the potential for abuse before it begins."

On Af-Pak: Stop "Helping"

by Congressman Ron Paul
 While much of the country's attention is on other issues, a serious situation is developing in Pakistan that threatens to plunge us into another fruitless and bloody war. It is very frustrating to see that many who were so vehemently against the wars of the last administration have suddenly lost interest in foreign policy simply because we were promised change.

Those still paying attention know that nothing could be further from the truth. Very little has changed, except perhaps rhetoric, but what does that matter when the bombing missions are only getting deadlier? Rather than drawing down violent military interventions into the affairs of other countries, the new administration is escalating the foreign policy of the previous administration.

In Pakistan that entails the continuation and even escalation of military interventionism just across the border with Afghanistan. The targets are believed to be enclaves of Taliban militants, however, many innocent civilians have been caught in the deadly crossfire, severely damaging our image in the region. Many ordinary Afghans and Pakistanis that never had cause to take up arms against us are being provided with motivation as family and friends are killed and maimed by our clumsy and indiscriminate bombs. Is it worth it for us to be involved in this way at such a high cost of blood, treasure and goodwill? Is there anything to be gained by this policy?

We are helping the Taliban and other enemies to actually gain numbers and strength, while driving them down from the mountains in the border regions deeper into Pakistan, where they have been making a menace of themselves. As our bombings follow them, beleaguered villagers have little choice but to leave their homes and join the swelling numbers of refugees or take up arms and join the fight against us.

Nonetheless, instead of recognizing the cascading unintended consequences of trying to deal with Pakistan's problems, all signs in Washington point to further escalation. Both the House and Senate have newly introduced bills

to triple foreign aid to Pakistan, from \$500 million to \$1.5 billion, with every indication that the leadership in Pakistan is taking advantage of the situation with the Taliban to milk more aid from the US taxpayer. We are broke. This is money we don't have, and it is an insult to the American people to run up the national credit card for this type of military adventurism after many Americans thought they were voting for peace.

The bottom line is our involvement in Pakistan's internal problems is not making us safer. In fact, we are adding to the numbers of our enemies and increasing the threats to our security here at home. We are inciting the very terrorism and extremism we are trying to stop. Every dollar we send, even if it is for humanitarian purposes, frees up resources to make war and potentially prop up unpopular leaders. The factions and politics of the Middle East are irrational and dangerous. We play with fire when we meddle in their affairs, and we isolate ourselves diplomatically by making more enemies than friends. We need to bring our troops home, end all foreign aid, and maintain a neutral stance on the world stage. It, in fact, is the only foreign policy we can afford right now, and it would gain us more friends and trading partners than our bombs ever could. Besides, that's what the Constitution permits and our founders strongly advised.

Defend the constitution, not the nation

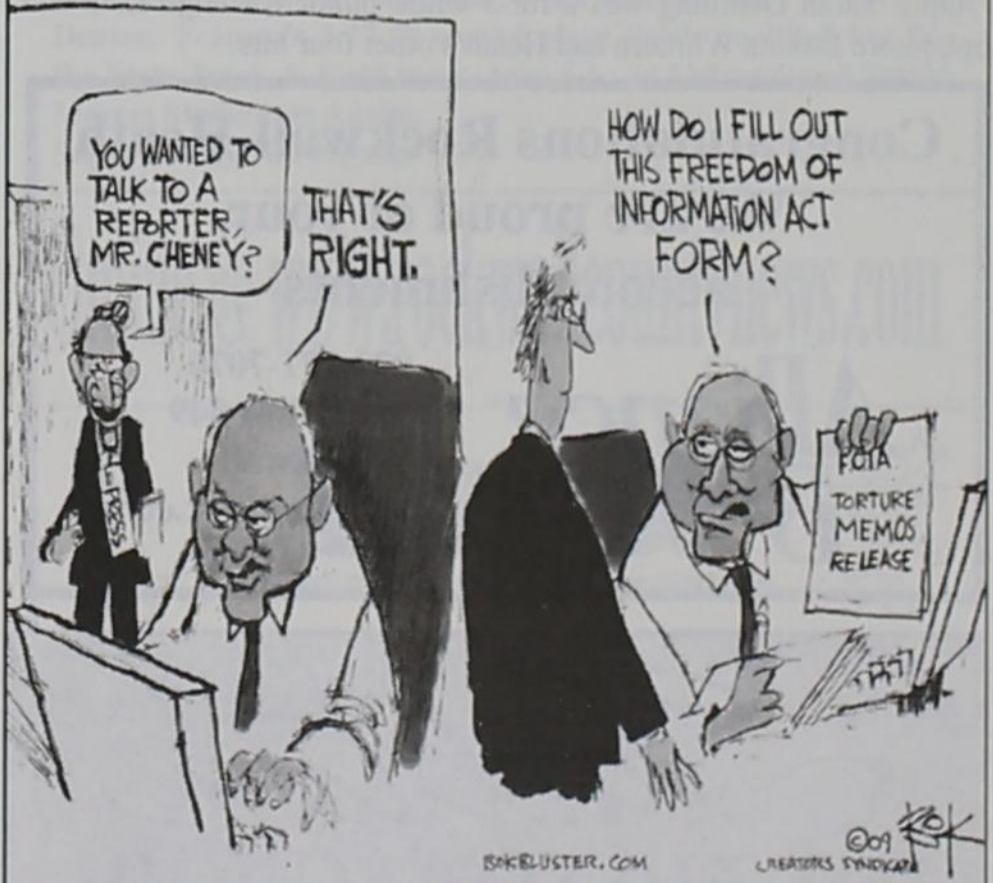
by Wesley W. Burnett
 Last week I saw and heard former Vice President Dick Cheney in a television interview declare that he took an oath of office to "protect and defend the United States from all enemies, foreign and domestic."

I almost came out of my chair, and in fact, I raised my voice in a fit of frustration... "You are wrong, Mr. Cheney, you did not take an oath to defend the United States, you took an oath of office to defend the Constitution of the United States!"

Therein, I strongly believe, lies the major problem with our local, state and national government officials. They actually think they are sworn to defend "the nation," but in fact, they are simply sworn to defend our constitution.

If they would stick to their primary purpose, our nation would be in a lot better condition, especially economically. Thousands of government programs would be dismantled and put in the trash bin where they belong. Socialism would die from starvation. Taxation would be limited as it was intended when this nation was founded.

Shame on those who so casually discard their oaths of office. This nation deserves better.



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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall-Heath's Jasmine Williams takes second in 100 to advance to state track meet

by Matt McGillen

Rockwall-Heath senior Jasmine Williams qualified for the state meet by finishing second in the 100 meters at the UIL Region II track championships May 12-13 at the University of North Texas.

Williams was clocked in 11.66, just .08 behind regional champion Chandrell Stephens of Forney, who crossed the finish line in 11.58.

The speedy senior, who has signed to run for the University of Mississippi, also finished fourth in the 200 with a time of 24.41, but missed another state berth by about .03 of a second and two places, as only the top two finishers in each event move on to the state meet June 5-6 at the University of Texas.

Perennial track power Lancaster won both the boys and girls team championships.

Other Heath regionals participants: Girls - 300 hurdles Brittany Hugget 14. (48.90), Triple Jump Brianna Richardson 6. (39-0), 4 x 400 relay 12. (4:10.09), Discus Cybill Owusu 13. (98-9.25). Boys - High jump Cameron Wilson T7. (6-2), Discus David James no mark.

Season comes to an end for Lady Hawks in third round with 4-0 loss to Frisco Wakeland

by Matt McGillen

Unlike the last two years, when their trips through the playoffs came to gut-wrenching ends, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks' season-stopping 4-0 loss to Frisco Wakeland at Plano East High School May 19 was one of those cases where the other team was just better.

For one game at least.

Although the Lady Wolverines managed just two bloop hits against pitcher Chelsey Eddy (23-8), they took advantage of some shaky Heath defense - the Lady Hawks committed four errors - and some great execution in their own short game to improve to 30-6-2 for the season.

Heath, meanwhile, ended another very successful year with a 28-10 mark. The Lady Hawks, who lost in the first round two seasons ago to Frisco 1-0 in nine inning and in the second round last year to Little Elm when they surrendered three runs in the bottom of the seventh in a 5-4 loss, also finished as the runnerup in District 10-4A.

The 9-4A champion Lady Wolverines got the only run Wakeland pitcher Alexis Cantu (25-5) would need in the second inning when they used an error, a soft single just beyond the reach of shortstop Sarah Deimling, a walk and a ground out to score an unearned run for a 1-0 lead.

They added another unearned run in the fourth on a walk, a fielder's choice and another error to make it 2-0.

Wakeland then added a pair of runs on only one hit in the fifth, using perfectly executed back-to-back squeeze bunts to push the score to what would prove to be an insurmountable lead of 4-0.

Although Cantu gave up six hits, the tall righthander struck out 13, with several of the punch outs coming when she needed them most. With a runner on second in the third she ended the threat with a strikeout, as she did in the fourth with runners on first and second by striking out the last two hitters.

In the fifth she ended a first-and-third Heath uprising with back-to-back strikeouts, and left a runner at first with her final strikeout in the bottom of the seventh.

Eddy, meanwhile, pitched masterfully herself, striking out eight with four walks and didn't allow a single hard hit ball, with both of the looping hits she gave up barely getting beyond the infield dirt. She finished her season with 283 strikeouts.

The Lady Hawks lose six seniors to graduation, including a pair of starters that were unavailable for the Wakeland game. First baseman Hailey Galloway, who was injured in an automobile accident last week and remains hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries, and Sarah Long, last year's leading hitter for the Lady Hawks, missed the game.

Long, who had a 32-game hitting streak coming into the season, missed the entire year with what was at first thought to be a stress fracture in her back. A recent diagnosis, however, is that she has a benign tumor in her spine and will have back surgery after the school year ends.

Also moving on to college will be Eddy, Devin Edgemon, Taylor McLoughlin (2-for-4) and Taylor Blair.

Junior Sarah Deimling was 2-for-3 while junior Kaeleigh Lutz and sophomore Dakota Whittern had Heath's other four hits.



Lady Hawks' Jasmine Williams (center) pushes through the 100M dash for a second place finish during last Wednesday's UIL Track meet at UNT, Denton. Finishing in 11:66, Williams will advance to the State Track meet, June 5-6 University of Texas Stadium, Austin.

Staff photo by Erin Strahm



Lady Hawks' Kaeleigh Lutz (2) takes a swing with eyes focused on her target during Tuesday night's game against Frisco Wakeland at Plano East High School field. Warming up in the back is teammate Dakota Whittern (19). The number 15 jersey hanging on the fence to teammate Haley Galloway who is reportedly recovering from injuries caused by an automobile accident last Thursday in Heath. A to Heath Coach Kourtny Westerfeld, the team hung the jersey as a reminder that although Galloway could not be there for the game, I was with them. Westerfeld also explained that the jersey was a visual representation of the fact that they were playing for her.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Thompson, Benefield lead Hawks to 10-0 win over North Dallas to earn rematch with Highland Park

by Matt McGillen

When North Dallas brought in reliever Jason Gonzalez with the bases loaded and no outs in the third inning against explosive Rockwall-Heath in the Region II Area championship game May 19 at Wylie High School, the Bulldogs were probably hoping he could somehow keep the Hawks from increasing their 2-0 lead.

And after setting the first two hitters he faced down on strikes and getting two strikes on senior Drew Benefield it looked like he might get the Bulldogs completely out of a tough situation.

Or not.

Benefield, instead, drilled the next pitch he saw about 365 feet to straightaway center for a grand slam to give the Hawks (25-8) a 6-0 lead that they would eventually expand into a 10-0 win to put them into the Region II quarterfinal against District 10-4A rival Highland Park. (23-12).

The Hawks and Scots will square at 7:30 p.m. May 21 and May 22 at Scotland Yard. A third game, if necessary, would start at 1 p.m. also at Highland Park.

All three games are at the Scots' home field because Highland Park wanted to play a one-game-winner-take contest while Heath wanted a best-of-three series. As a compromise, the teams will play a best-of-three set but the Hawks will be on the road for all of the games.

District runnerup Heath, winners of 18 of their last 19 games, came from behind to beat the fourth-place Scots in both of the teams' earlier meetings, 4-3 and 7-3. North Dallas, District 11-4A champs, ends its year 17-11.

Heath and Highland Park are the only teams from 10-4A still alive in the playoffs after third-place Newman Smith and district champion Rockwall were both eliminated. "We are very excited to be in this position," said Heath coach Greg Harvey. "Facing Highland Park will be an exciting series. We are very familiar with each other. They are a great team with tremendous tradition."

Pitcher Crayton Bare (9-3) leads Highland Park, which swept McKinney 7-1 and 4-1 in the Bi-District round before ousting Hillcrest by scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh for a 6-5 win.

Freshmen Jake Thompson (6-1), who leads the Hawks with six homers, went the distance for the win, allowing just four hits while striking out six and walking two.

"We had several guys with multiple hits and a couple of big blasts by VerHagen and Benefield," Harvey said. "Jake Thompson did a great job

on the mound. He threw strikes and was in command the entire game. Heath jumped out to a 1-0 lead after one inning, 2-0 after two and 7-0 after three. They added two more in the fifth for a 9-0 lead and one more in the sixth to end the game due to the run rule, a lopsided victory in a row.

The Hawks eliminated Centennial 11-1 in the third game of the District series, with Benefield, Heath's catcher, hitting two home runs and driving in six.

Drew VerHagen added a towering solo home run to left field in the bottom of the seventh to give the Hawks a 10-0 lead. VerHagen's winning streak that ended with a 1-0 loss to Centennial in the game of their best-of-three series.



Celebrating after a grand slam by Hawks' Drew Benefield (14) during Tuesday night's Area playoff game against North Dallas are (left to right) Nick Peterson (21), Benefield, Jake Thompson (6), Matt Bielski (1), Drew VerHagen (3), and Drew Baxter (13). The game was played at Wylie High School. The Hawks won 10-0.

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Rockwall County Sports

Regional champ Kennard, Janke qualify for state track

by Lary Bump

Rockwall will send two pole vaulters to the state high school track and field championships again this year. The difference is that both RHS competitors will be girls.

Shelby Kennard, who placed second in last year's 5A competition at 12 feet, 9 inches, won the Region II championship Wednesday at a height of 12-0. Right behind her was Lady Jackets teammate Alicia Janke at 11-6. The top two finishers in each event qualified for the state meet.



Jackets' Shelby Kennard soars to a UIL Region 2 championship in the Pole Vault event with a height of 12' 9" at Wednesday's Track & Field meet at UNT, Denton. She will advance to the State meet, June 5-6 at University of Texas Myers Stadium in Austin.

Staff photo by Erin Strahm



Lady Jackets' Alicia Janke clears the bar for second place height of 11' 6" in the Pole Vault event during last Wednesday's UIL Regional Track & Field meet at UNT in Denton. Janke cleared the way to compete in the State Track & Field meet, June 5-6, at Myers Stadium, University of Texas Austin.

Staff photo by Erin Strahm

A year ago, Grant Gunderson qualified for the 5A boys' pole vault and placed third in the state. In this season's District 10-4A meet, he didn't qualify for the regionals. That was in part because teammate Ryan Hughes finished ahead of Gunderson with a district-best vault of 16 feet.

Hughes just missed qualifying for the state meet, placing third at 15 feet. His five team points in that event represented the Jackets' only scoring. They placed 26. Lancaster won the regional title with 101 points.

Kennard and Janke were the only Lady Jackets to score points. Their 18 enabled RHS to tie for eighth place. Lancaster also won the girls' meet with 102.

The state championships will be June 5 and 6 at Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Frausto qualifies again for UIL state track & field meet

by Lary Bump

Royse City's move up to 4A competition didn't stop Megan Frausto from qualifying for the state track and field championships for the second consecutive year.

Frausto placed fourth in the state 3A long jump last year at 18 feet, 1 1/2 inches. She jumped nearly a foot farther in this season's Region II-4A meet Wednesday at the University of North Texas.

That jump was good for fourth place. However, just the top two finishers in the regional meet qualified for the state championships. Frausto did qualify for the 2009 championships in the 800-meter run, finishing second in 2 minutes, 22.10 seconds, barely a second behind the winning time.

No other Lady Bulldog placed in the regional meet. Frausto's 12 points alone put Royse City in a tie for 19th with 12 points. Lancaster won the Region II championship with 102 points.

No RC boys qualified for the state meet. The only Bulldog to score was Joseph Beck, who tied for fifth in the pole vault at 14-6. His 1.5 points put Royse City in 34th place. Lancaster also won the boys' event with 101.

The state championships will be June 5 and 6 at Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.



Megan Frausto (#578) keeps a steady pace in the lead pack during last Wednesday's UIL Regional Track & Field meet at UNT in Denton. Frausto's 2:22.10 second place finish qualified her for the State Track & Field meet, June 5-6, at University of Texas' Myers Stadium in Austin.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Wylie Jackets reach regional semifinals against Poteet

The Wylie football team had plenty of reasons to smile Tuesday night, but their teeth weren't all intact.

The problem didn't result from the post-game cupcakes celebrator Audrey Farfan's birthday and the Lady Jackets' 9-4 regional victory over Frisco Centennial. It was a collision with catcher Kristen Hill that chipped one of center fielder on's teeth that night at Wylie High School.

"Enough," said head coach Shadie Acosta. "She went right and finished the game. It doesn't matter what happens to competitor, an upperclassman and a leader by example."

But, the Lady Jackets (27-11) are tough - certainly tough-

enough to be for their best-of-three regional semifinal series against Poteet (31-7-1). Rockwall is sixth in the state 4A. Poteet is coming off a 2-0 upset of fifth-ranked Waco.

The Lady Pirates would play at Wylie Thursday and Friday and a third game is needed, it would be at noon Saturday. All of the games are at Wylie.

"At this point, you've got to expect strong competition. This year, everyone's strong that's left in the playoffs. There are 16 teams across the state, of course, is Rockwall.

"I'm proud of my kids," Acosta said after the Centennial game. "They played in a manner, when it counted."

Wylie out-hit the Lady Titans just 10-8, but made the most of it and took advantage of three Centennial errors to win the game early. Errors by RHS third baseman Matt Hill and winning pitcher Kat Brown led to Frisco runs. There were a couple of times when we gave them momentum, but we missed some of those things that occurred in the game. We want that to happen in these games coming up."

The Jackets again will be at full strength against Poteet. Harmon's appointment Wednesday, but is expected to play Thursday. The Jackets' Jenkins, one of four Rockwall players with batting averages above .400, returned from an arm injury to go 3-for-4 and score two runs.

The Pirates have their own hot hitters, five at .400 or better. Matt Barsoum was leading the team with a .560 average to go with 20 runs batted in and a team-high 18 stolen bases. Junior pitcher Eddie Baker, who shut out Midway, has 23 wins and more strikeouts. The Jackets will counter her with the one-two punch of senior Laycee Holcomb (13-6) and sophomore Laycee Holcomb (13-5).

"They have a little bit different pitching styles. Being able to hit them lets us give their hitters two different looks. They're hitting their spots. Poteet is like McKinney North and Poteet because they have really tough batters in their lineup. We didn't meet in a game this season, but Poteet was Rockwall's first scrimmage back in February.

"I could recognize Baker's ability and Poteet's potent hitting using that scrimmage as a gauge. She said, "We're both teams now."

Wylie Yellowjackets' schedule

May 21 - Varsity softball: at Region II semifinals vs. Poteet, Wylie High School, 7 p.m.

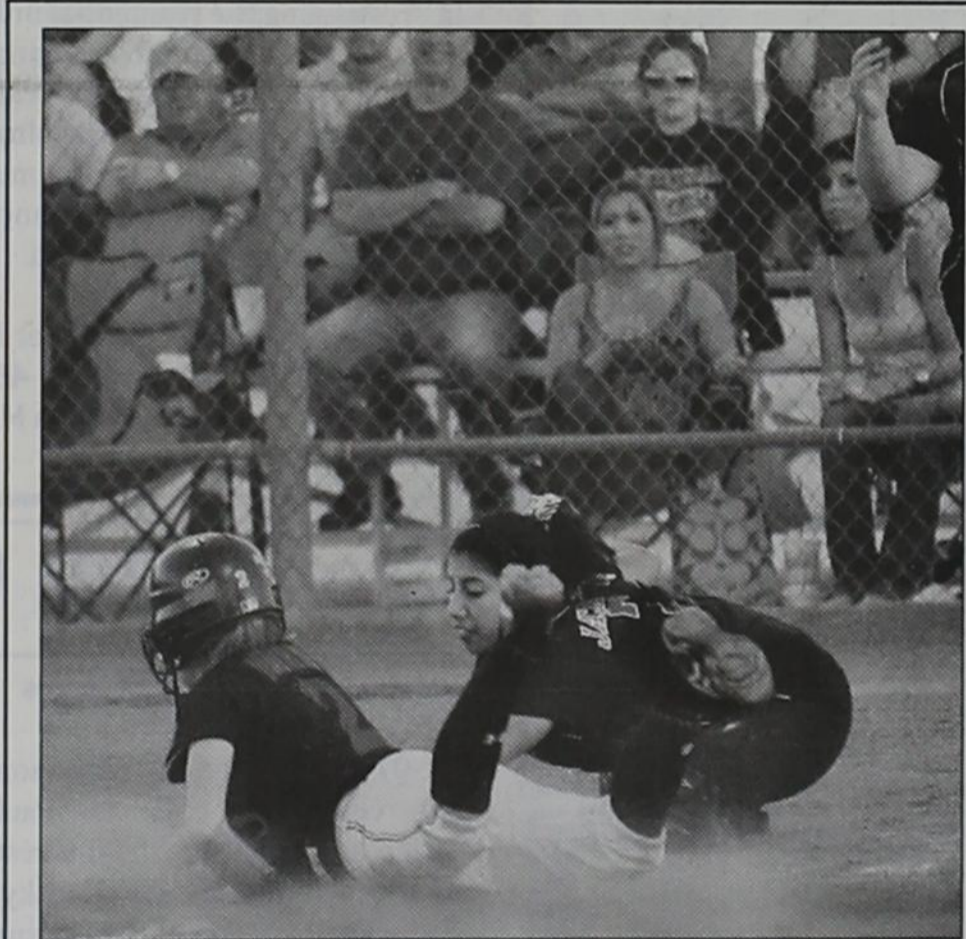
May 22 - Football: Spring game at Rockwall High School, JV varsity 7:30 p.m.

Varsity softball: at Region II semifinals vs. Mesquite Poteet, Wylie High School, 7 p.m.

May 23 - Varsity softball: at Region II semifinals vs. Poteet, Wylie High School, noon (if necessary)

2005 Rockwall High School graduate, Brett Clow received the George Rogers Award as the outstanding male athlete of the year during the Bethel College's all sports ceremony on Thursday, April 30, in North Newton, Kansas.

Under the direction of Head Coach Mike Moore, Clow led Bethel College's football team as quarterback to two KCAC championships as a sophomore and junior while earning second team All Conference honors



Lady Jackets' catcher Audrey Farfan reaches for a tag against a Frisco Centennial runner during Tuesday night's Regional Quarterfinal game at Wylie High School.

Staff photo by Roy Heath

Rockwall spring football game: Orange vs. Vanilla

The hard part of spring practice is over for Rockwall's football team. The fun comes Friday night in the friendly intrasquad scrimmage known as the spring game.

"We'll divide the kids up so they're even and let them play. It's more for them than the coaches," said RHS head coach Scott Smith.

He said the team will use the same basic offensive and defensive systems as last season, but admitted, "We made some tweaks."

However, don't go to the spring game - actually games, with the junior varsity playing at 6 p.m. and the varsity at 7:30 - expecting to see even the slightest twinge of a tweak revealed.

"It will be plain vanilla," Smith said.

One team will wear orange, the other white. Last year's starter, Adam Dingwell, will quarterback one of those, with Alan Reed, up from the JV team, as the other starting quarterback.

The spring game concludes 21 days during which the Yellowjackets practiced 18 times. The schedule was divided into three-day segments. On the first day (Monday and Thursday), the Jackets practiced in shorts and shoulder pads. On the second (Tuesday and Friday), they worked in full pads. On the third day (Wednesday and Saturday), they scrimmaged.

Smith said, "We had a great spring. I was impressed with the kids' enthusiasm, their excitement. We grind, but they came to work out."

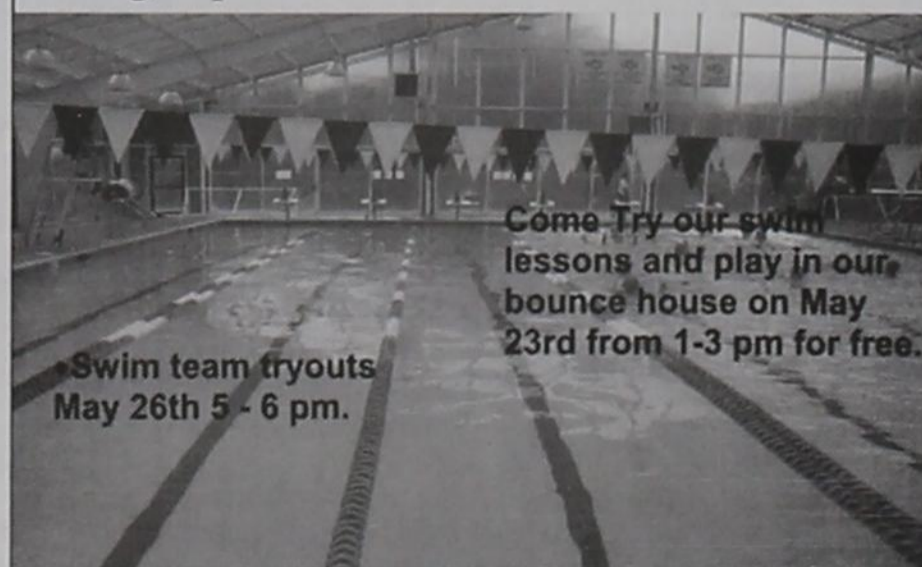
Part of the reason for the enthusiasm is that the Jackets expect improvement over last fall's 4-6 season. Rockwall missed the playoffs, but Smith said, "I was real proud of our team last year. We just didn't get started soon enough. It was a salty district, a pretty good district, but we kept improving and didn't ever give up."

during both years. As a senior, Clow set the single season record in yardage and completion percentage, and was named the Offensive MVP for the 2008 season and participated in the NAIA Senior Football Classic, April

25 in Platte City, Missouri. The son of Wayne and Donna Clow of Heath, Brett played football for Rockwall High School during his junior and senior years in the position of quarterback.

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Shelley Caprice Green - Director / Secretary

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

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
1248 S. Highway 205

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

- Amending Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Section 27A.1, 27A.5, and 27A.6 of 27A Creating a Planning and Zoning Commission

And

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

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
1248 S. Highway 205

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

- Amending Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Section 27A.1, 27A.5, and 27A.6 of 27A Creating a Planning and Zoning Commission

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Rockwall County Public Records

Rockwall County Divorces For April 2009

- 1-07-1199 Caprice Wilkerson Swiercinsky and Michael Paul Swiercinsky and in the interest of Briton Lawrence Seiercinsky, Joshua Thomas Swiercinsky, Lexus Michaela Swiercinsky, and Niki Caprice Swiercinsky, Children. All other Dispositions 4/30/2009.
- 1-08-346 Smith, Susan R. vs. Bruce T. Smith and in the interest of Tyler Kole Smith, a child. Agreed Judgment 4/01/2009.
- 1-08-515 Brian Thornton and Sela Thornton Agreed Judgment 4/03/2009.
- 1-08-557 Rickey Don Channell and Pamela Dorese Channell All other Dispositions 4/03/2009.
- 1-08-596 Paige Dalayn Forte and Rocky Bryon Forte and in the interest of Sailee Pain Forte, and River Cain Forte, Minor Children. Agreed Judgment 4/29/09.
- 1-08-598 William Howard Anderson and Leslie Ann Anderson and in the interest of Sarah Adaline Anderson and Hannah Nicole Anderson Agreed Judgment 4-27-2009.
- 1-08-613 Janette Marie Markee and Todd Edward Markee and in the interest of Allison Markee, A minor child. Agreed Judgment 4/24/2009.
- 1-08-786 Keith Howard Thedford and Corrie Kay Thedford Agreed Judgment 4/30/2009.
- 1-08-799 Richard Johns and Cindy Johns and in the interest of Timothy Paul Johns, Zachary Caleb Johns, Jacob Richard Johns, Matthew Joseph Johns and Andre Michael Johns, Children Agreed Judgment 4/22/2009.
- 1/08/893 Margaret Anne Ellis and Samuel Lee Ellis and in the interest of Claire Nancy Ellis, A child. Agreed Judgment 4/24/2009.
- 1/08/899 Cheryl Joann Hall vs.

- Rickey Glenn Hall land in the interest of Jordan Nachole Hall A child Agreed Judgment 4/16/2009.
- 1-08-1025 Tonya Lawrence and Thomas W. Lawrence Jr. All other Dispositions 4/24/2009.
- 1-08-1029 Kayla Nicole Jones and Jeffrey Allan Jones and in the interest of Blake Allan Jones, Alexandria Jade Jones, and Kaiyah Jakob Jones, children. Agreed Judgment 4/22/2009.

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- 1-08-1029 Calvin A. Woody and Joslyn Nichole Woody and in the interest of Julia Marie Woody, child. Agreed Judgment 4/15/2009.
- 1-08-1037 Cathy Louise King and Stephen Timothy King and in the interest of Sydney Louise King and Samantha Elizabeth King, children Agreed Judgment 4/17/2009.
- 1-08-1118 Jamie Lynn Brown and William Ray Brown and in the interest of Zachary Tyler Brown, and Peyton Zane Brown, Minor children Agreed Judgment 4/15/2009.
- 1-08-1198 Delena Ann Poolland Kerry Alan Pool and in the interest of Britian Hunter Pool, child Agreed Judgment 4/15/2009.
- 1-08-1256 Jennifer Leigh McClenny and Sean Vincent McClenny

2009. Proposals will be publicly opened Finance Conference above stated address received after proposal will be returned until to adopt the most proposal, to reject proposals, waive if are on file and av Purchasing Office, Hall, 385 South Goliad, Texas. For additional contact the Purchasing Agent at 972-771-7700.

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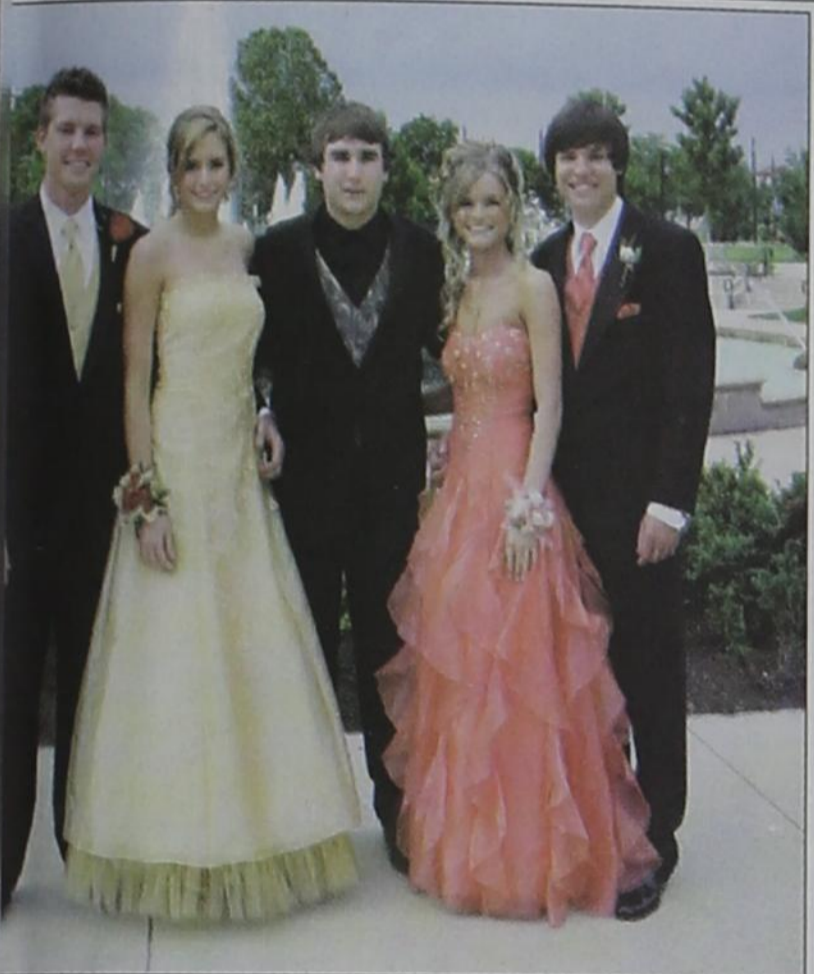




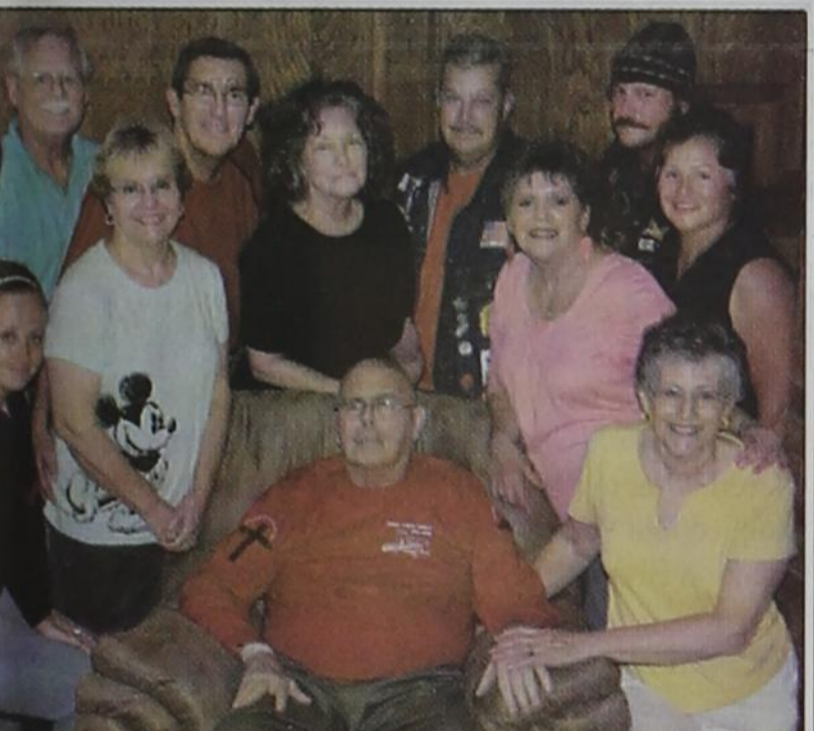
White Medical Center Human Resources employee Kimberly Slater waits while her car is washed at the National Nurses/National Hospital and Health Care Center's Friday, May 15 car wash in honor of National Nurses. A donation, staff could get their car washed by department managers and administrators. Participants were (left side beginning with two at center of car) Bobby Montgomery, Marketing; Lois Rayl, Support Manager; Susan Miklis, Medical Staff Office; Carolyn Jackson, CEO (hidden between Jennifer Humpal, Director of Medical/Surgical/Pediatric Units; Rebecca Mikolai, Director of Therapy; Cotrina Washington, Respiratory Therapy Supervisor, (right side from back) Thresa Cox, Director of Nutritional Services; Kimberly Slater, HR Representative (right); Jackie Cox, Emergency Department Supervisor (by bin at right); Christie Eastep, Dietician (back window); Marsha Bardwell, PACU/Recovery Coordinator and Kim Henson, Director of Staff Photo by Kathy Williams



The Williams Middle School seventh grade drill team performed "Working Day and Night," as special guest dancers at the Saturday, May 16 Rockwall High School Stingerettes Spring Show held at Royce City High School. The seventh grade team performed at the 1 p.m. show, while the eighth grade team took to the stage at the 7 p.m. show. Under the direction of Williams teacher Stacey Lewis, the seventh grade team is (standing left to right) Savannah Miller, Simone Gunter, Megan Conner, Makenzie Houchin, Taylor Minty, Kara Killingsworth, Whitnee Bomkamp, (middle row left right) Bailey Fergeson, Elizabeth Pop, Haley Welch, Julie Dickerson, Alyssa Oursbourn, Jessica Moore, Brianna Tyson, Macy Puckett, (front on floor) Elisha White and Aimee Johnson. The eighth grade team is directed by Jana Helmer. Staff Photo by Kathy Williams



Rockwall-Heath High School seniors (left to right) Zack Young, Mitchell, Brad Westerman, Lacey Walls and Kyle Mayborn are the nines for their senior prom, which was held Saturday, the Hilton Bella Harbor in Rockwall. The RHHS Class of 2009 is the first graduating class to attend all four years at the new school. The seniors continued their celebration with an all night long party at Shenanigans. Courtesy of Jen Hickman



Friday friends and family welcomed back Norm Baker from Baylor Hospital. Participating in the event (back row left to right) April Strong, Joe Cobb, Janet Rice and Bob Rice of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Terrell, Kay Ray Palmer, Nancy Cobb, Monty Hill, Julie Rodriguez, (front row) Amanda Eubank, Norm Baker and wife Jean Baker. The Rockwall Motorcycle Association arranged to escort Baker from the hospital to his home. Baker was in the hospital for three months being treated for Leukemia with a bone marrow transplant. Photo by Tim Burnett



Methodist Hospital of Rockwall ended its National Nurses/National Hospital and Health Care Week activities with a cookout on Friday, May 15 for employees. The hospital's management prepared burgers and all the fixings for staff members. Taking part in the festivities in the hospital courtyard were (left to right) Bob Westerman, Director, Facilities Management; Christy Thornton, Director, Administration Executive Assistant; Tami Hawkins, Director, ER Services; and Andy Kauffhold, Director, Business Services. Photo by Kathy Williams

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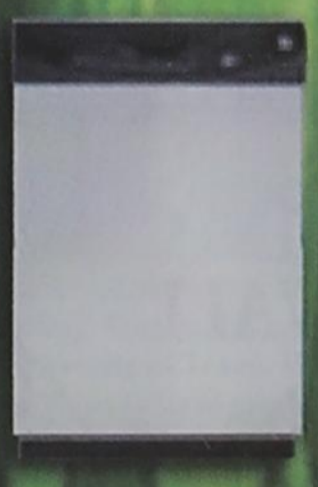
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The senior members of the Rockwall High School Stingerettes drill team and their fathers share a dance at the conclusion of the group's spring show, Under Construction. Due to ongoing construction at Rockwall High School, and postponements by Rockwall ISD as a precaution against the H1N1 Swine Flu virus, the Saturday, May 16 show was moved to the new theater at Roysse City High School. After dances by the entire drill team, solos by the officers, performances by the Williams Middle School seventh

and eighth grade drill teams, and special appearances by the RHS cheerleaders and the Dance Connection Combination Class, the seniors danced to a medley with their Dads, including the favorite, "YMCA." The drill team then performed their popular Traditional Strut to "If They Me Now," and finished with their fan favorite high-kick routine.

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Rockwall-Heath High School Wind Ensemble at the Murchison Performing Arts Center at the University of North Texas campus on May 8.

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Heath bands take top honors at Denton

Three Rockwall-Heath High School concert bands performed at the Murchison Performing Arts Center on the University of North Texas at Denton campus on May 8, and all three groups received superior ratings across the board.

Each band received straight superior ratings from the judging panel that included Brian Merrill, retired director from the Duncanville Independent School District; Joe Gunn, re-

tired director from Trinity High School in Euless; Jerry Fennell, retired director from the Plano Independent School District; and Brandon Brewer, Wylie band director.

In addition to winning superior ratings, the wind ensemble also earned the title of Best Band in 4A Classification.

A number of students also received Outstanding Soloist & Section awards, including:

- Wind Ensemble Outstanding Soloist – Lauren Peek, piccolo; Carlos Maldonado, saxophone; Madison Fullington, saxophone; Carlos Silva, saxophone; Matt Krusz, euphonium; Amy Hwang, flute; Arleena Sivoravong, flute; Courtney McKinley, flute; Emily Davis, oboe; Cynthia Martinez, bass clarinet; and Brian Lee, trumpet.
- Outstanding Sections – clarinet section; percussion section;

trombone section

- Symphonic Band Outstanding Soloist – Brandon Hays, oboe; Ashley Kissel, clarinet; Graham Ivers, saxophone; Wesley Hays, percussion; Austin Roberts, trumpet; Christian McCusker; Bethany Vaugan; and Steve Ibarra.
- Outstanding Section – percussion section; tuba section.
- Concert Band Outstanding Soloist – Jorge Velazquez; Ryan Lorey, oboe.
- Outstanding Section – saxophone section.

The festival, sponsored by the Rockwall Area Chamber Music Festivals, band programs from throughout the state.

The wind ensemble performed at the Murchison Performing Arts Center on May 12 and at Caruth Auditorium on the SMU campus in Irving on May 19.

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