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News Briefs

RPA to meet today

Rockwall Preschool Association will observe its final meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. today at the Free Methodist on Milton Road. Amy Parks Elementary Principal Dan will speak on preparing children for kindergarten and for more details, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

'Bolt' picked for park screening

Movie "Bolt" will be screened at Harry Myers Park on Saturday as part of the Family Fun Fridays/Movie in the Park weekly event by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Activities begin at 7:30 a.m.; the movie will begin at 9 p.m. Families should bring blankets or lawn chairs, as well as a FM radio to listen to the music.

Relay for Life set this week

Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society will run on Saturday in Rockwall County. Register teams by calling 972-711-1605; become a sponsor, 972-524-9976; to register, 469-273-3097; or buy luminarias by e-mailing rlb@global.net. For details visit relayforlife.org/rockwall.

Down Town Farmer's Market opens Saturday

Down Town Farmer's Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking area of the historic courthouse. The market will be open each Saturday through Sept. 26. The RHS will perform this week.

Pumrose School plans Spring Fling

Pumrose School of Rockwall will conduct its annual Spring Fling family fun that raises funds for a local charity, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. An assortment of activities is planned, and all are invited to attend.

Feral Friends Adoption Weekend set

Feral Friends will host an Adoption Weekend Saturday and Sunday at PetSmart in Rowlett. The group also will accept donations of supplies (kitten milk replacement, dry or canned kitten food, PetSmart gift cards) and funds to offset vet bills. The event runs from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Donations also may be made at feralfriends.org (click on the "Adopt a Kitten" link).

Animal shot, microchip clinic planned

Animal Services will host a shot/microchip clinic from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Loftis vet office, 2001 S. Main St. Rabies shots will cost \$8 (one-year) or \$24 (three-year); basic shots, \$8 each; microchipping \$20 while supplies last. Must be on leashes, cats in carriers. For details call 972-750-1500.

DAR meeting scheduled

Roger Canard, medicine man of the Creek Nation Indian will be the guest speaker for the 10 a.m. Saturday meeting of the Rockwall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. All speak on Native American culture and ceremony. The meeting is in Room 110 (north side) of the Eastridge Church of Christ, 485 E. FM 549 in Rockwall, will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a meet-and-greet. The public is invited.

Giving Back Event slated

Giving Back Event, a benefit honoring those who continue to fight for the year-old Nate Oxford in his ongoing battle against leukemia, will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Rockwall Elementary. The event will include a vintage car show, a raffle, celebrity auction and children's activities. Proceeds benefit Nate's care and cancer research. For details call Lana Lane at 972-268-0133.

Trail ride to benefit St. Jude's

American Paint Horse Foundation will host a scenic trail ride Saturday along Lake Benbrook, with proceeds benefiting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, therapeutic riding and other programs. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Benbrook Park, 10401 Benbrook Blvd. For more information call 817-433-3433.

Z Museum plans yard sale

After visiting Farmer's Market on Roysse City Main Street on Saturday, stop by the Z Museum, 124 Arch, for its yard sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum's first fundraiser will include vintage items, tools and treasures, and oddities. For more details call Cornelia at 972-816-9626 or Robbie McMillan at 972-635-3433.

Republican Lunch Bunch set Wednesday

Informal social gathering of the Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Luigi's Italian in Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required. All Republicans are welcome. For details call Dalton Kenimer, 636-4444.

RCC sets Wednesday meeting

The Rockwall Computer Council meeting will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at The Center, Rockwall City Place. Computer Guy's Bill Hair will speak on computer usage, followed by a Q&A session. The meeting is open to anyone interested in computers for home or office. For details call Joe Conrad at 972-777-712.

Friends of the Library to meet

Friends of the Library meeting will be at 11 a.m. on May 12 at the home of Judge Brett Hall and his wife, Karen. Officers for the new year will be installed, and the Hartman and Celia Hays awards winners will be announced. Southern Comfort will cater. Reservations required by May 8 (972-771-8976 or cplagens65@comcast.net).

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Fran Evans receives first DAISY nursing award at Lake Pointe Medical Center

by Kathy Williams

Lake Pointe Medical Center has awarded its first ever DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses to Fran Evans, RNC-OB, MSN. The 40-year nursing veteran was awarded the honor in a ceremony at the hospital on Tuesday, April 21.

The DAISY Foundation was created in 2000 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at the age of 33 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.

The awards ceremony was attended by Patrick's parents, Bonnie and Mark Barnes.

The award was created "to recognize the extraordinary work nurses do every day in hospitals everywhere." In addition to the nurse recognition program, the Foundation's goals include funding research to improve treatment and ultimately cure ITP and related illnesses, to assist and inform people with ITP, and to encourage bone marrow and blood drives, as the treatment for ITP can require massive amounts of both, according to the Foundations literature.

Trish Batsell, RN, Director of ICU at Lake Pointe Medical Center, said Evans was nominated by many of her co-workers and received "multiple nominations from the families she has cared for." The long list

of adjectives used to describe Evans includes caring, attentive, knowledgeable, genuine, loved, devoted and remarkable.

Batsell said, "Fran is an extraordinary nurse and the DAISY Award is for extraordinary nurses. Evans is well-respected by her peers and loved by the patients. One of the nominations says 'she consistently shows love and concern to all of her colleagues and patients.'"

Evans has been employed full-time in the Obstetrics Department at Lake Pointe since 2005, and came to Lake Pointe with a long history of accomplishments in the Perinatal field and more than 40 years of nursing experience.

"During her tenure at Lake Pointe, she has consistently demonstrated her commitment to high quality, patient focused, compassionate care, complimented by her desire to share her knowledge with her peers. Being selected as our first DAISY Award recipient is an honor Fran has earned and deserves, as her passion for nursing and dedication to patient care are recognized throughout the facility," said Dawn Phillips, Director of Women's Services for Lake Pointe Medical Center.

The hospital has been a participant with the DAISY Foundation since January of this year.

Recipients are presented with a certificate proclaiming them



Fran Evans, RNC-OB, MSN

an "Extraordinary Nurse," a special DAISY Award pin and a hand-carved Shona sculpture entitled, "A Healer's Touch." The sculptures are made by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe and are meaningful because of the respect the Shona people pay their traditional healers. According to the DAISY Foundation brochure, Shona healers are regarded as treasures and the safety and well-being of the healer is "of community-wide importance." The brochure

states, "This describes exactly how we feel about nurses."

The purchase of the sculptures also sends much-needed funds to the politically unstable country, which has not tourist trade to contribute to the economy.

In addition to those gifts, the DAISY nurse's unit is decorated with a celebratory banner for a month, proclaiming an Extraordinary Nurse works there and highlighting the special role nurses play in patient care.

Early voting continues in city and school district races through Tuesday

Early voting in the May 9 election is under way and will continue through Tuesday.

Voters may cast early ballots from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

Early polling places are as follows:

- Rockwall - Election Office, 107 E. Kaufman
- Heath - Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence
- Roysse City - Roysse City Hall, 305 N. Arch St.
- Fate - Fate Community Center, 104 S. W.E. Crawford
- McLendon-Chisholm - Chisholm-Chisholm City Hall, 1248 S. Hwy. 205
- Rowlett - Lake Pointe Medical Center, 6800 Scenic Dr.

Voters are going to the polls to decide trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District and council members for the cities of Roysse City, Heath, Fate and

McLendon-Chisholm.

The following is an overview of the remaining elections to be determined by Rockwall County-area residents, according to reports and information collected from governing body Web sites:

Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees

- Place 1 - Tony Fisk, Chris Cunny
- Place 2 - Earl Milner, Russ Childers, Norman Quintero
- Place 3 - Craig Zurek

City of Roysse City City Council

- Mayor - William J. Archer, Connie Goodwin, Jerrell Baley
- Place 1 - Xavier Cortez, Brooks M. Williams, Janet Nichol
- Place 3 - Bill Bell
- Place 5 - James Branch, Mark Plemmons

City of Heath City Council

- Place 1 - Robert (Bob) Hille
- Place 2 - Karen Lewis
- Place 4 - Steve McKimmey
- Place 6 - John Koerner, Rich Krause, Tommy Goodson

City of Fate City Council

- Place 1 - Autumn Lobinsky, Kerry Wiemolky
- Place 3 - Forest Murley, Wilbur "Willie" Williams
- Place 5 - K.C. Erwin, Ryan Pfuhl, Brad Bianucci
- Place 6 - David Hill, Tammy Ryan

City of McLendon-Chisholm City Council

- Place 1 - Beverly Stibbens, Jess Lovell
- Place 3 - Jerry P. Moss, Patrick Short

- Place 5 - James S. Parnell, Gary L. Moody

Elections to fill vacant positions on the Rockwall City Council and the Roysse City Independent School District Board of Trustees were canceled. All incumbents for the City of Rockwall filed for reelection, including Bill Cecil, mayor; David Sweet, Place 1; Glen Farris, Place 3; and Matt Scott, Place 5; however, no one filed in opposition of the incumbents. Similarly, in the RCISD incumbents Don Palmer, Place 3, Rhonda Phillips for Place 4 and Charlie Carroll, Place 5, filed as the sole candidates for full, three-year terms, while Julie Stutts was the lone candidate for an unexpired one-year term to be filled for Place 7.

For a list of Election Day polling places, see next week's issue of the Rockwall County News.



The Rockwall Community Playhouse romantic comedy, "Kiss Me Kate," featuring Alicia Alford as Lilli (left) and Jacob Thomas as Fred (right), begins its three weekend run on Friday, May 8. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Rockwall Community Playhouse. Watching the rehearsal from the front row is Barbara Doudt (Director), as Assistant Director Sharron Hale controls the audio through a computer.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

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"Bedtime Stories" is park movie this week

The movie "Bedtime Stories" will be screened May 8 at Harry Myers Park as part of the Family Fun Fridays/Movie in the Park weekly event hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; the movie at 9 p.m. Families should bring snacks, blankets or lawn chairs and a FM radio to hear the movie.

Voting locations changed for election

Because of the reconstruction of Utley Middle School, voters in Precincts 1, 1B, 1C, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4B, 4C and 4D will be required to vote in the Rockwall County Public Library for the May 9 election. The library is located at 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane adjacent to the Utley facility.

Community Band plans concert

The Rockwall Community Band will present its spring concert at 7 p.m. May 9 at Rockwall High School. Admission will be free. For more information call 972-841-1942 or visit therockwallcommunityband.org.

Newcomers Club meeting set

The Rockwall Newcomers Club will meet on May 14 at Chandler's Landing. New board members will be installed, and a program, "Books to Broadway," will be featured. The coffee social will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a brief business meeting and program and installation of the new board. A luncheon will follow; cost will be \$16. Call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-771-3491 or Ann Small at 972-771-1748 by 6 p.m. May 10 to make reservations.

Red Cross benefit set May 12

The local American Red Cross chapter will benefit from a May 12 fundraising event at Culver's. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on that date, 10 percent of sales will be earmarked for the ARC. Rockwall Fire Department members will be at the restaurant with their firetrucks, and raffles will be conducted.

RCCHS play in state-level contest

The Royse City High School's one-act play will advance to the state-level competition with its production of "The White Rose" on May 15 in the Hogg Auditorium at the University of Texas. Anyone interested in attending the contest should contact the RCCHS front office.

'Beethoven' to be screened at park

The movie "Beethoven" will be screened at Harry Myers Park as part of the Family Fun Fridays/Movie in the Park weekly event hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department on May 15. Activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; the movie at 9 p.m. Families should bring snacks, blankets or lawn chairs and a FM radio to hear the movie.

'Night at the Opera' planned

The Lakeside Civic Chorus will sponsor an event that will unite four accomplished singers - Jennifer Sanchez, Barbara LeMay, John Hines and Bryce Westervelt - in "A Night at the Opera" beginning at 7 p.m. on May 15 at the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rockwall. Tickets will cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.

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.

Concert by the Lake

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



The Rockwall County Sheriff's Office hosted its first Community Open House on Saturday, April 25. Residents were invited to the jail and offices, blow the sirens and turn on the lights of card and emergency vehicles and learn more about the importance of the Sheriff's Office to the safety of the community. In the above, Rockwall County Sheriff's Deputy Hank Havens with the German Shepherd talks about the role of the K9 unit in work. The Sheriff's Office plans to have more events such as one in the coming months.

Staff Photo by Roy Heath

Eagle Scout project to create community orchard at Helping Hands

Rockwall Helping Hands is about to get a sweet addition to its campus in the form of 32 fruit trees to be planted by Life

Scout Josh Bernal of Troop 83. The service project is a requirement for Bernal to receive his Eagle Scout award, the highest award given by the Scouts of America.

Bernal said the community orchard, which will feature a variety of fruit trees including peach, pear, plum and nectarine, will supplement the Helping Hands food pantry. Bernal and his volunteers will also be installing plumbing to provide water to the site and that will be used for the individual trees through 32 "tree gators" that has purchased.

A small arbor with benches will be placed among the trees to round out the project. The planting and construction will take place on Saturday, May 2.

The project allows the community and show leadership planning and carrying out project and by directing a group of volunteers who assist in the project.

Bernal said the total cost of the project would be about \$5,000. He said donations from the community would be appreciated and may be directed to Josh Bernal c/o Lakeside Medical Group, 7600 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 200, Rockwall, TX, 75088.

Bernal added that any received in excess of the cost of the project would be donated to Helping Hands.

In addition to money donations, volunteers are welcome to help plant the orchard. Anyone who needs service hours or is interested in helping out, call (972) 772-9476 for more information.

Rockwall YMCA spring T-Ball baseball sign up underway

Sign up for the Rockwall YMCA T-Ball season has begun, with plenty of spots still available for boys and girls in several age groups.

Registration continues through April 26. Fees range from \$40 for Family, \$60 for Youth and \$85 for Program memberships.

Late registration will run from April 27 until teams are full.

The season for Small Fry T-Ball, for 3-year olds, begins May 20.

Boys and Girls T-Ball for ages 4, 5, and 6 will begin when the YMCA Soccer season is over, which is tentatively scheduled to end on May 16. The actual end date will depend on the number of rain out dates that occur before then.

Girls Softball, for ages 7-14, and Boys Baseball, also for ages 7-14, will also tentatively begin on May 16, with the same rain-out stipulation in place. Ages for the Boys and Girls teams are as of July 31, 2008.

A coaches meeting for all ages groups will take place at

11 a.m., Saturday, April 25 at the Rockwall YMCA, 1210 N. Goliad.

Information on fees is available at the Y. Financial assistance is

available.

For more information, contact Gina Lancaster, Rockwall County News, 772-9622.

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The mosaic pictured is a replica of the City of Rockwall's logo created by Amy Efeney's art students at Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary School. The piece was one of 14 articles auctioned off at the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Inc.'s annual Celebration in February. Half of the funds raised were routed to schools while the other half will be used to fund grants given to RISD teachers who strive to "reach beyond" in their classroom. Pictured from the left are Efeney; Jimmy Strohmeyer of the SHW Group, winner of the mosaic; Mayor Bill Cecil; and Renee Demianovich, the elementary school's principal. Strohmeyer donated the piece to the City of Rockwall.

Republican group plans May 9 event

The Rockwall County Young Republicans will host the 1st Annual Charity Sporting Clays Challenge on May 9 at the Elm Fork Shooting Club, 10751 Luna Rd., in Dallas.

The event will benefit Helping Hands, Habitat for Humanity and the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Teams will consist of four shooters. Registration fee will be \$600 per team, including entrance fee, ammunition, lunch, one ticket per shooter for a Beretta shotgun giveaway, and a goodie bag.

The shotgun start will be at 9:30 a.m. Sign-in will begin at

8 a.m.

Teams will try their aim at 12 stations. Participants will have their choice of three divisions: open, ladies and elected officials. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each division.

Co-sponsoring the event are the Beretta Gallery, Lakeside National Bank and the Culpepper Steak House.

At additional cost, participants

can try their aim at the .22-caliber pistol contest. The winner will receive a .22-caliber pistol as the prize. Other shooting games also will be offered.

For more information on the event or to register, contact Aaron Moore at 972-489-3648, e-mail amooreyr@yahoo.com or visit rockwallry.org.

Rockin' Riders Club ropes in awards debut Horse-O-Rama performance

Rockwall County Rockin' 4-H Horse Club made an excellent debut at this year's Tarrant County Horse-O-Rama, claiming an impressive number of ribbons and buckles for the newly formed club. A major Open Horse Show sponsored by Tarrant County AgriLIFE in Cice, Horse-O-Rama was held March 13-15 in Justin and Watt Arenas at the Rogers Memorial Equestrian Center in Fort Worth.

Heather Rowe, a sixth grader at Spring Elementary School, received accolades from the judge after his performance in Showmanship. Trevor Rowe, a fourth grader at Grace Hartman

Project includes programs for youth who own or have access to horses and those who do not, but still want to learn about the science of equine care and

month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information on the club and its activities, visit www.orgsites.com/tx/rockwallcounty4-hhorseclub/.



Heather Rowe puts Daisy through her paces at the Rockin' Rider 4-H Horse Clubs first showing at the Tarrant County Horse-O-Rama March 13-15. Photo Courtesy of Carol Boronkay

more than 200 riders participated in the beginning of the Tarrant County Horse Show. Exhibitors range in age from youth riders to old champions and show horses in a friendly but competitive setting.

Rowe, a sixth grader at Spring Elementary School, was the Rockin' Riders Showmanship Champion. Reserve High Point and silver buckle in Speed in Friday night.

Boronkay, a fifth grader at Parks Heath Elementary School, was unable to compete due to an injury but coordinated all the club's activities and care of the horses. The Rockwall County Rockin' Riders 4-H Horse Club is designed for youth in third through 12th grades with an interest in horses and horse events. The program provides experiences to help members develop leadership, citizenship, self-esteem and social skills as well as becoming better horsemen and horsewomen.

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management. Activities include everything from educational and fun club meetings, to trail rides, workshops and clinics, horse shows and service projects. Members hold club offices, give public speeches and demonstrations, participate in special projects and spend time with their favorite friends, both human and equine. Meetings are held in the Rockwall ISD Ag Building at the Rockwall County Fair Grounds on the fourth Tuesday of every

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For further information contact: Kathy Wanderer, R.N., L.A.C. at 972-772-3327 or the Rockwall Parks and Recreation Dept. at 972-772-7740

Friday Study Club conducted its annual spring luncheon recently at the Eastern Hills Country Club. In attendance were Jinkie Patton, Barbara Allan and Rene Norris. Co-hosted this year by Mary Byrd and Billye Wood, the yearly event provides an opportunity for guests to meet members and learn about Rockwall's oldest club.



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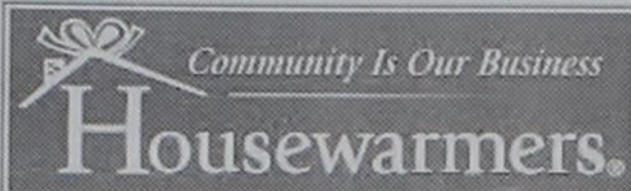
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One Flower, One Student, One School, One World at Dobbs Elementary School Power of One Project

Many hands helped make Howard Dobbs Elementary School a colorful example of the "Power of One." Staff and students celebrated Earth Day by working together to beautify the school grounds and spread the message of preserving our Earth.

Fourth grade students worked with Kindergarten students planting flowers to

share with friends and family. Lowe's Home Improvement Store donated compost bags, which the second grade students delivered to every student and staff member.

Third graders divided flowers

to plant at home. First and fifth graders collected items to be recycled and sixth grade students worked hard pulling weeds, planting flowers and picking up trash to recycle.

Sixth grade teacher Courtney

Butler organized a wide event. Howard Dobbs Elementary School was a day of engaging activities that it only takes "Power of One" to make a difference.



Fourth graders at Dobbs Elementary School work side by side with Kindergarteners to plant flowers for the celebration of Earth Day.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Costello

Patrick SHORT

for

McLendon-Chisholm City Council | Place 3

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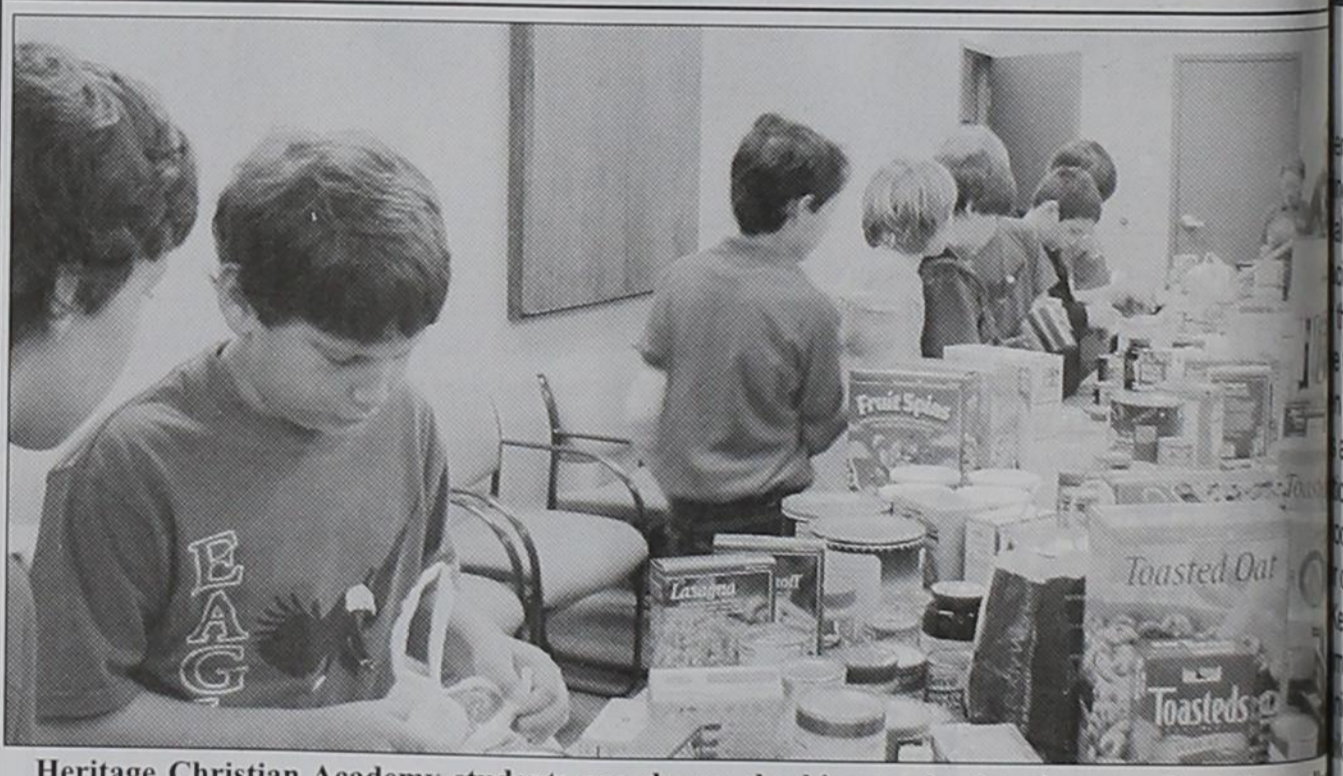
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The Sharon Shannon KSTR Team, which conducts a live broadcast each morning of classes to students about math, Spanish, weather, sports and current school news, recently toured the KTVU television studios. Students visited the news studio and gained insight into media careers from several representatives, including anchor Scott Sams and meteorologist Mike Burger. Pictured above at the desk are, front row, Serenity Gary, Eliseo Villareal, Shelby York, Lauren Stillely, Brynn Hoover, Segura, Sydney King and Kiran Kaur. Shown at back are Jordan Akrum, Susan Guzman (art teacher), Knostman (ITS), Dustin Jackson and Sandra Butler (music teacher).



Heritage Christian Academy students are shown checking expiration dates on food they collected recently for Helping Hands. Students also gave the pantry a \$200 gift card to purchase needed items. Stocked pantry shelves, toured the facility and learned what the nonprofit agency does to offer assistance with rent and utility payments, food and clothing and housewares for Rockwall County families. For more information or to make a donation to Helping Hands call 972-771-HELP.

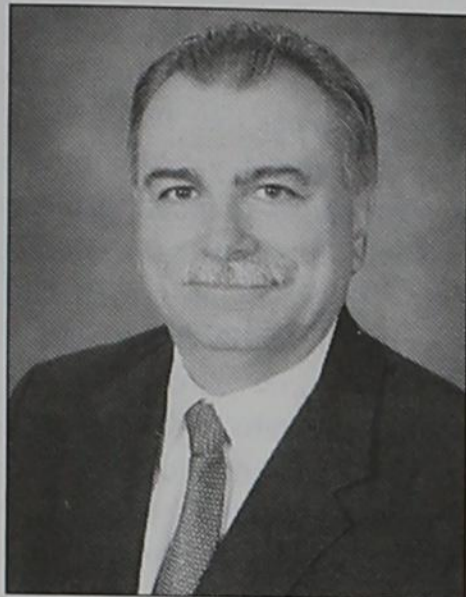


The Rockwall Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Class of 2009 hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony recently at the Sabine Creek Ranch, their partners in the construction of the first ropes course in Rockwall. Pictured above are members of Soroptimist International of Rockwall, which donated to the project. Fundraising on the ropes course project is ongoing; plans call for Phase I of the course to be completed later this month. For more information, visit LeadershipRockwall2009.org or SabineCreekRanch.com.

Rockwall ISD Superintendent Page

Learning the Learned: New Visioning for Designing, Creating and Improving Schools

Superintendent of Schools, Rockwall ISD



As we debate that the 21st century will have made the impact on American history, and most of the following accurately captures what is going on within our first decade of the 21st century: change and skeptical thinking. So, Americans in the twenty-first century are looking for answers, not one another. As new technologies, people seized more control over their lives – checking in at the office while pursuing the kids with e-mailing Mom in Florida every day. They felt obligated to help others. (Sosnik, Dowd and Fournier, *Amica*, p. 131-132)

As only part of the 21st century, American communities are going through dramatic changes. No longer confined by traditional relationships, communication devices and thinking, citizens of the new millennium are encountering new ways of reclaiming some old values noted below: school reform has been a hot topic in many conversations. American culture now in the midst of reflection and its own sports schools are being challenged more than ever to mirror the values while creating new pathways to prepare for tomorrow's future opportunities. The authors of *America* introduced their book with the following by philosopher Eric Hoffer: "In times of change, learners lead while the learned find themselves beautifully deceived with a world that no longer exists" (Sosnik, Dowd,

and Fournier, p. 1). In educational circles, this quotation is very insightful, for it references the importance of developing informed roadmaps for transforming schools to meet the needs of 21st century communities and their learners.

The community of Rockwall has always supported the transitional path of their schools. There have been many milestones along this course, and the 2009-2010 school year marks one of the most current. The 2009-2010 school year ends the district's current 10-year Strategic Plan. As the district looks toward the future, research is very clear that knowing a destination is paramount to defining a journey – regardless of the traveler. Knowledge of destination and journey are no different for a school district forging a new pathway.

The year 2009-2010 will allow the district to operate on parallel tracks to accomplish two major objectives: On the first track (Objective 1), the district will reflect on the current Strategic Plan. In a written format, the district will review the destination determined in the 2001-2010 Plan, and it will analyze the success rate for reaching targeted goals and objectives. On the second track (Objective 2), rather than re-creating a traditional Plan, the district will develop a five-year Strategic Thinking model titled New Visioning, which will allow all participants to imagine, design, and create the future. During the next five years, the district will continue abandoning bureaucratic frameworks while moving toward becoming a true learning organization by embracing the needs and expectations of a learned community.

By now some are probably asking, what is a Strategic Plan, what is Strategic Thinking, and what purpose do they serve? According to Cambridge Strategic Services, a Strategic Performance System, a Strategic Plan evolves through the process of Strategic Thinking and includes "the means by which [a] community continuously creates artifactual systems [concepts] toward extraordinary purpose [unprecedented possibilities]" (cambridgestrategies.com). In other words, Strategic Thinking is the process strategic organizations undergo (along with their community and business members, parents and students) as they concentrate all their efforts, resources, activities, and energies toward a single goal. This one goal is to create a Strategic Plan for imagining, designing and creating the best schools for the future.

Rockwall ISDs 2009-2010 process for accomplishing the two objectives (for both the current and new Plan) include creating about a 300-member community partnership to help facilitate the process. According to information located on the website of Cambridge Strategic Services, "Strategic planning is not an end within itself. It is to be judged only by the results it produces, therefore it cannot be so rigid that it must be served, instead of serving the purpose"

(cambridgestrategies.com).

The district's partnership with community members, business partners, parents and students will assist the district in the following ways: Help identify what the district wants, the strategies to attain them, action plans for getting there, and timelines to accomplish the objectives. The focus will be on determining where the district has been, where it is today and where it needs to be in the future in order to achieve the status and provide the offerings of a true learning community.

In Rockwall ISD, we are looking forward to next year – a time when Rockwall Independent School District will engage in Strategic Thinking. A 300-member committee comprised of district administrators, teachers, auxiliary staff, business/community members, parent and students will be assembled to reflect on the past and project into the future by drafting the district's next Strategic Thinking model, New Visioning. This Plan will highlight district beliefs, mission, objectives and strategies. Specific action plans designed to achieve the strategies identified in the Plan will follow and ultimately be approved by the Board of Trustees.

The next Strategic-Thinking phase in our journey is for Rockwall Independent School District to become a true Learning Organization. Our collaborative effort with our community emphasizes that our schools belong to our citizens, and we are grateful for the time we spend together in the process of imagining, creating, and designing the best schools around. Because of our community's commitment, the future of Rockwall ISD includes setting standards for other communities to model.

Royse City HS debate students compete at state

Royse City High School students Sean Smallwood and Camille Flores earned a fifth-place finish out of 32 teams competing at the 99th Annual University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Tournament.

The event was conducted March 20.

This marked the school's first year to compete at the 4A level.

Morgan Morman and Stacy Hood also traveled to state as the 10-4A CX alternate team.

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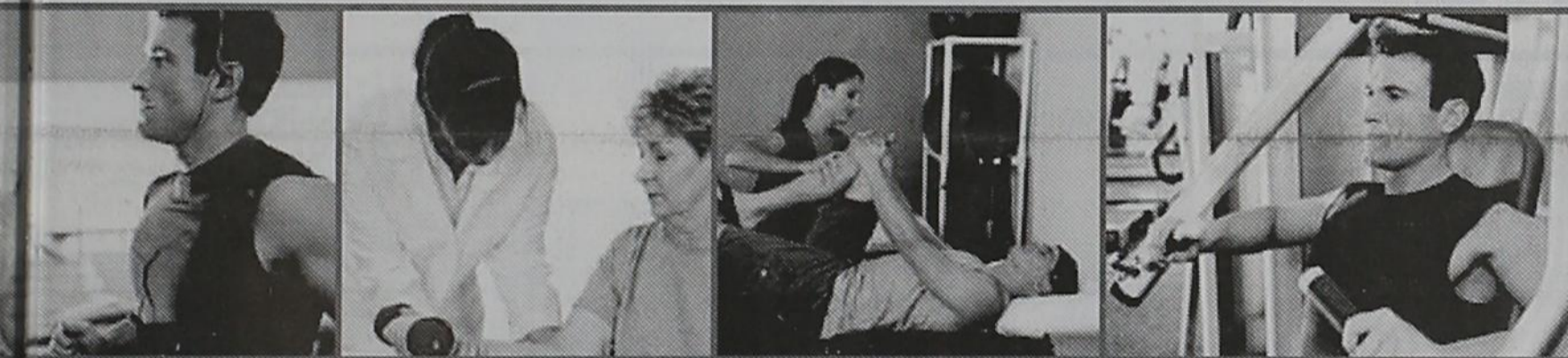
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After the bone has bonded with the implant, the next step is to create the crown. In a few appointments, your dentist will attach a post (called an abutment) to the implant, take impressions of your teeth, and check for proper fit and color

of the crown.

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Jesus faces Pontius Pilate (continued) ...

Last week we stopped at Jesus' response to Pontius Pilate's question in John 18:33-38. Pilate gave an honest response by asking, "What is truth?"

According to Mark 15:3-5 and Matthew 27:13-14, Pilate questioned Jesus Christ again. This time Jesus was silent. Pilate "marveled greatly" over Jesus' silent restraint, while facing false accusations by his people.

In Luke 23:13-15, Pilate addressed the chief priests, rulers and the people. He said, "You have brought this man unto me, as one that perverts the people: and behold, I having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof you accuse him. No, nor yet Herod. For I sent you to him, and nothing worthy of death is done unto him."

All three Gospels record Pilate's discourse with the Jewish leaders concerning the release of Jesus. This is found in Matthew 27:15-26, Mark 15:6-15, Luke 23:16-25 and John 18:39-40. Pilate offered to free Jesus Christ, but the Jewish leaders cried out, "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas" (Luke 23:18 and John 18:40). Barabbas was a robber or highway bandit (John 18:40). He was imprisoned for murder during an insurrection in the city (Mark 15:7 and Luke 23:19). According to Matthew 27:16, Barabbas was a "notable prisoner."

Matthew 27:15, Mark 15:6, Luke 23:17 and John 18:39 reveal that Pilate had a tradition of releasing one prisoner to the people for the feast of Passover. Knowing their envy, Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to release unto you the King of the Jews?" The chief priests moved or vehemently stirred up the people to call for the release of Barabbas. Pilate asked again, "What will you then that I shall do unto him whom you call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" Then Pilate said, "Why, what evil has he done?" And the people cried more exceedingly to crucify him. Three times, Pilate entreated the people to let him release Jesus to them, and three times they cried out to crucify him.

The record in Matthew 27:19 adds some new information. While Pilate was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife told him to have nothing to do with "that just man." She said, "For I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him." She had the eyes to see that Jesus Christ was a "just man," and it grieved her to the point of having a bad dream about him. The record does not indicate whether or not God played a role in her dream. But her account was important enough to include in the Gospels.

According to Matthew 27:24, when Pilate saw he could not prevail over the people's will, he washed his hands before the people and said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it." Then the people declared, "his blood is on us, and on our children." Pilate did the best that he could to judge rightly. But he still had to be good for his word. And since he promised to release the people's choice of prisoners, he had to back his word.

The Jewish leaders and people did not know that the blood of Jesus Christ could truly cleanse them of all unrighteousness some day.



Citizens from around Rockwall County gathered at Rockwall City Hall to express their displeasure with recent activities and measures taken by the Federal Government to fix the many social and economic issues facing the current administration. TEA Parties were held across the country on Wednesday, April 15, Tax Day in the U.S., to let the country's leaders know that the people are tired of more taxes and spending. Rockwall citizens let their signs speak for them as they gathered to listen to local leaders express their concerns about recent government measures.
Staff Photo by Roy Heath

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. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack on an individual character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include a telephone number or address for verification.

Proud to Protest

Last week my husband and I attended our local Tea Party. I met lots of people there that I've known for 20-plus years. My acquaintances that I've seen at ball games, the grocery stores, my 91-year old mother and her 85-year old mother-in-law, also attended their local Tea Party in another part of the county.

Then a report came out that Homeland Security suggested we should be wary of our neighbors and friends. I feel one bit unsafe being with my neighbors and friends. I just never know. After all, Airport Security is always there. I might be a terrorist because she sets off the metal detector. I might be a terrorist because she sets off the metal detector. I might be a terrorist because she sets off the metal detector. I might be a terrorist because she sets off the metal detector.

CNN taught me something new this week. I learned that "bagging" means. Gosh, first phone sex and now tea bagging. I learned that "bagging" means. Gosh, first phone sex and now tea bagging. I learned that "bagging" means. Gosh, first phone sex and now tea bagging. I learned that "bagging" means. Gosh, first phone sex and now tea bagging.

Never having protested in my life, it felt good to publicly express my displeasure for the unbridled and unrestrained borrowing of money from the Washington, the likes of which has never been seen before. And yes, I objected to Bush's spending but it didn't compare to the mega borrowing and spending now witnessing. The Democratic Head of New Hampshire Tea Parties were an "unhinged mob" and that they had been protesting. Contrary to this opinion, I knew I was protesting. Living within my means and avoiding debt never saddle my children or grandchildren with my debt. It's a shame our Government doesn't feel the same way.

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Matthew 7:7

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."
Psalm 150:6

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10:13

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"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."
Matthew 5:8

"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Lord', and believe in your heart that God sent Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9

"Therefore I say unto you, Whatsoever ye desire, when ye pray, believe ye receive them, and ye shall have them."
Mark 11:24

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."
Proverbs 10:13

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Rockwall-Heath HS Theater Arts presents Student Written Show Friday, Saturday

33. Epic playwright
Bret and composer
collaborated on the
"Seven Deadly Sins,"
the story of a wom-
an with her worldly
desires and her tran-
sient self.

Rockwall-Heath High
Theater students chose
to examine these
mythic downfalls
in their student written
show as the countermea-
sure. They often take to be-
trifling.

Students will present
the Third annual
Student Written Show at 7 p.m.
and at 2 p.m. May
1 and 2 at the Rock Box Theatre at
the school. Admission is \$5.

The show centers
on the "Seven Deadly Sins"
of "everyman's"
virtuous and righ-
teous. The set is abstract,
built with ran-
dom elements. The audi-
ence includes the ac-
cused, farming
only a jacket, an
accent piece.

Members of this effort
have become al-
leged to Brechtian
play. The play is more
of a representation of reality
than a reality itself," according
to Theater Arts director
Sydney Allen. The show
is kept at bay,

aware of this distance, moved not
to an emotional attachment to the
characters but jolted to a critical-
ly self-reflective state. What the
audience sees in this production
is truly a collaboration of genius
- a depth of thought not often
seen at the high school level.

Act 1 will include seven
scenes. The first scene, Snow
White and the Seven Sins, writ-
ten by Rachel Bryant, includes
cast members Sara Woodard as
the Narrator, Rachel Hilton as
Snow White, Rachael Bower as
Gluttony, Andee Aulbaugh as
Sloth, Zane Brown as Pridey,
Jackson Moore as Greedy, Tsuki
Campbell as Wrath, Mariam
Khan as Envy, and Tyler Russell
as Lusty.

The second scene, The
Earnestness of Being Important,
created by Evan Brumbelow
and Travis McClung, with Tyler
Russell as Lix Pestis.

Scene three, Museum Robbery
by Jackson Moore, includes cast
members Andee Aulbaugh as the
Robber, Trevor Walker as the
Guard and Zane Brown as the
Cop.

Before a Fall, written by
Sydney Allen, is the title of scene
four. Cast members are Rachel
Bryant as Callie, Travis McClung
as Billy, Evan Brumbelow
as Ingram, Trevor Walker as
Richard, Jackson Moore as Percy
and Sara Woodard as Mom.

Scene five is titled, You Do
Look Fat in that Dress, and was
written by Mariam Khan. Cast

members are Rachel Hilton as
Beth, Zane Brown as Elijah,
Jennie Eilts as Courtney, Tyler
Russell as Lix Pestis, Mariam
Khan as Kim, Andee Aulbaugh as
Judy, Sydney Allen and Jackson
Moore as the Teenagers.

Scene six, titled Ctrl + Alt +
Delete, was written by Evan
Brumbelow and stars Tyler
Russell as Lyle and Tsuki
Campbell as R.I.T.A.

The final scene in Act 1,
Replay, written by Rachel Hilton
and Trevor Walker, stars Sara
Woodard as the Psychiatrist and
Travis McClung as the Patient.

Act 2 is made up of five
scenes. Scene 1 is titled, Why
is That Guy Still on Stage?, and
was written by Travis McClung
and Tyler Russell. The scene
includes Tyler Russell as Weak
Guy, Tsuki Campbell as Gym
Manager, Evan Brumbelow as
Strong Guy and Rachael Bower
as Hot Girl.

Scene two is titled, To Be Titled.
Written by Tsuki Campbell, cast
members are Zane Brown as Zel
and Jennie Eilts as Cel.

Scene three, Bed by the
Window, was written by Rachael
Bower and Andee Aulbaugh. Cast
members are Evan Brumbelow
as Earl, Jackson Moore as Peter
and Rachel Hilton as the Nurse.

Too Late to Apologize, written
by Jennie Eilts and Sara Woodard,
includes cast members Zane
Brown as Duke, Rachael Bower
as Paige, Andee Aulbaugh as

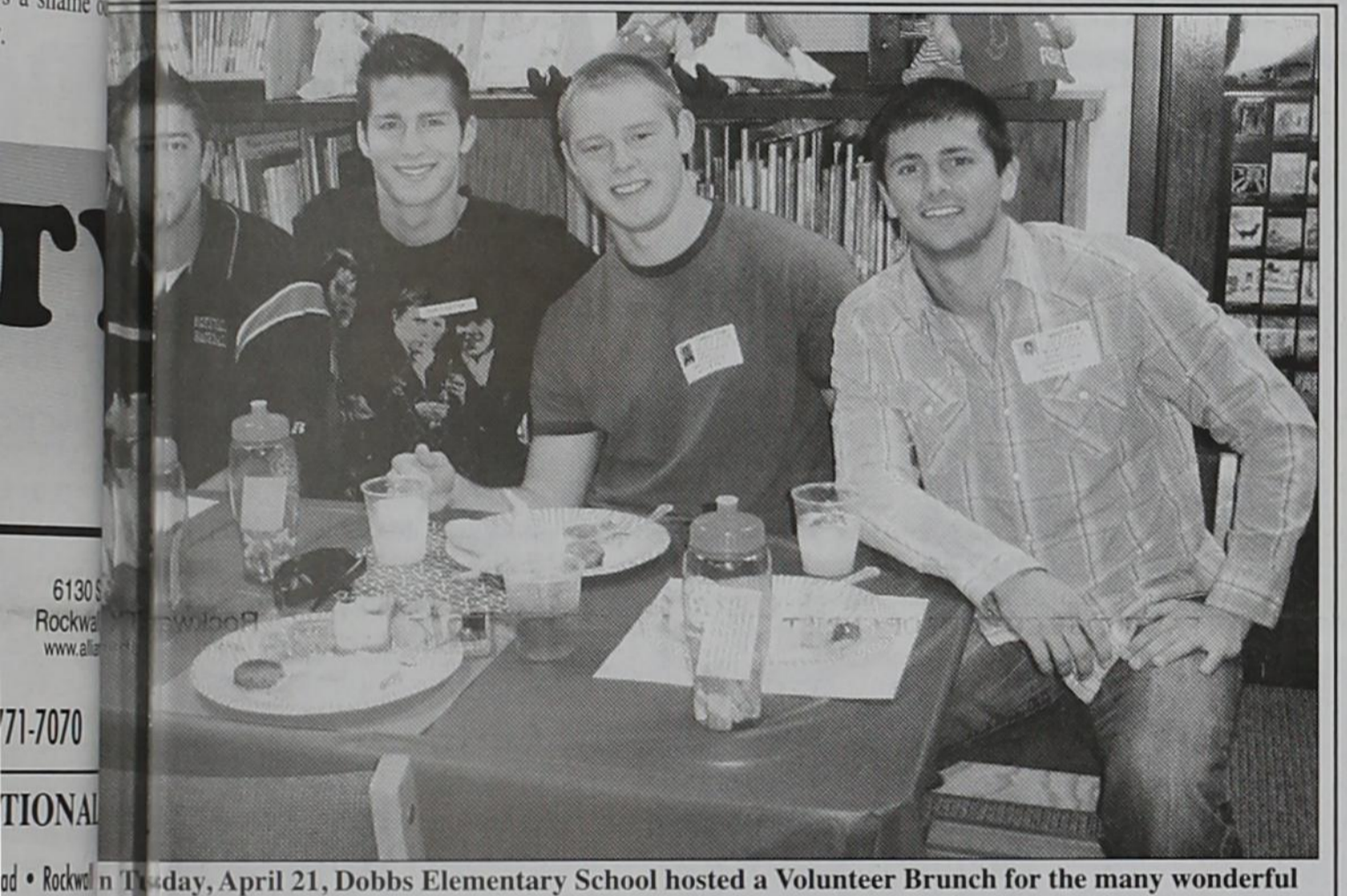


Snow White, played by Sara Woodard, serves a questionable apple pie to the Seven Sins during the Rockwall-Heath High School Student Written Shows to be presented Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at the school.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

Brooke, Mariam Khan as Aubri
and Rachel Bryant as Brittney.

The final scene in Act 2 is Clean
up on Aisle Wrath, written by
Zane Brown and Choreographed
by Travis McClung and Rachael
Bower. Cast members are Zane
Brown as Ricky, Jennie Eilts
as Oldy, Travis McClung as
Marcus, Trevor Walker as Travis,
Evan Brumbelow as Creeper and
Rachel Bryant as Rachel.

Crew members for the week-
end event are Stage Manager
Sara Woodard; Lights, Hunter
Pemberton, Ryan Geiser and
Jennie Eilts, Technical Theatre
I-II; Sound, Clayton Evans,
Jose Balderas, Travis McClung
and Jackson Moore; Set and
Props, Rachel Bryant, Evan
Brumbelow and Trevor Walker,
Technical Theatre Students I-II;
Publicity, Andee Aulbaugh,
Mariam Khan, Tyler Russell
and Zane Brown; Costumes,
Rachael Bower, Sydney Allen,
Rachel Hilton and Tsuki
Campbell; Scenes Directed by
Leigh Reid, Sydney Allen and
Kristin Dodgen.



Today, April 21, Dobbs Elementary School hosted a Volunteer Brunch for the many wonderful teen who have helped at the school this year. Among them were four young men from Rockwall School. Pictured left to right are Tim Parish, Ryan Hughes, Grant Gunderson and Drew Beddow.
Photo courtesy of Mari Kay Parish

Rockwall HS Stingerettes Spring Show is 'Under Construction'

Rockwall High School Stingerettes are "Under Construction" is not only the title of their show, but also the theme of their upcoming Spring Show. The girls are experiencing the same challenges as the school undergoes extensions, but it is also the theme of their upcoming Spring Show.

The ongoing district projects, five-year projects, Director Jessica Schaefer and the Judges are choreographing and the Elite Team won First Place in Team Lyrical. Lt. Kassie Armendariz and Captain Holly Gibson honored the team as the Winner and First Runner-Up in the solo competition.

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paring for the show upon their return from Hawaii, where they competed in the Showmaker contest. The teams came home with Best in Category for Officer Jazz, Officer Modern and Team Modern. They also earned Outstanding Showmanship, Outstanding Precision and Outstanding Choreography.

The Officer Team won Outstanding Technique and the Judges Award. The Elite Team won First Place in Team Lyrical. Lt. Kassie Armendariz and Captain Holly Gibson honored the team as the Winner and First Runner-Up in the solo competition.

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Captain Holly Gibson qualified as an automatic finalist in the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader Tryouts.

New Officer Line for 2009-2010 has been chosen and includes Captain Kassie Armendariz, 1st Lt. Nicole Barton, Lt. Katie Moses and Lt. Meredith Rimmer.

The newly announced team will perform at the Spring Show, as well as the 2008-2009 Officers who will feature a jazz routine performed on scaffolding, for which they were named National Champions at a recent competition.

The Stingerette Drill Team plans and hopes for a huge Rockwall Community audience that will help them close an award winning and memorable year. Director Jessica Jackson said, "We are so excited for our show, "Under Construction." The Stingerette Show is a huge event. The girls and I have been planning this show all year, and hope everyone can come support us."



Waterline project set May 4

The City of Rockwall has announced that, weather permitting, the Lakeside Village Waterline Project will begin construction the week of May 4. The construction includes a new 8" waterline, additional fire hydrants and relocation of the current water meters away from the buildings to the parking lot.

Access will be maintained as much as practical to the parking

lot. There will be short periods of time in which parking in certain areas will not be possible. The City will keep residents informed of construction progress and of any temporary water shut-offs required to transfer water services to the new waterline.

Completion of the Lakeside Village Waterline project is anticipated to be August 2009.

For questions regarding this

construction, call Jim Raines, City of Rockwall Construction Inspector, or Kathleen Lappen, City of Rockwall Project Manager, at 972-771-7746.

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Rockwall County Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
April 27, 1999

Lauren Godfrey was on her way to becoming Rockwall's top country singer. Lauren attended Utley Middle School and received first place in the Area Vocal Contest. She was also selected as a finalist in the Dennison Main Street Country Music Showcase Talent Contest.

Jose G. Carrillo, a 1998 graduate of Rockwall High School, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

20 Years Ago
April 25, 1989

Lenny King and Derek Roberts carried home 26 fish that were caught on chartuse jigs with a white lead head between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. near The Shores Country Club.

The Rockwall High School varsity and junior varsity tennis teams completed in the Grapevine Tournament. Varsity team members included Kelly Coley, Laura Albright, Xue Zhen Fong, Stephanie Krahenbuhl, Virginia Wood, Liz Morton, Tim Smith, Dean Johnson, Scott Williams, Tom Shaw, Terry Taylor, Mead Coley and Shaun Fong.

30 Years Ago
April 27, 1979

Ed Neal, Director of Tennis at The Shores Country Club, played in the \$4,000 Pro-Am Tournament in Georgetown. Neal paired with Earl Dalrample and defeated pro Conrad Geslin and partner Morris Black. They then lost a close match to a couple from Houston.

Valerie Miller of Rockwall was elected to serve as Executive of the Youth Cabinet of the Dallas Area Association of Christian Churches for 1979-80. She was one of eight high school students in the Dallas Metroplex elected by their peers to serve as planning and coordinating leaders in the youth program of the Christian Church.

40 Years Ago
May 2, 1969

The Rockwall Classroom Teachers Association met and elected officers for the 1969-1970 school year. Mr. Howard Dobbs, Principal of Rockwall Elementary School, installed the new officers, including Miss Donna Kay Nelson, President; Mrs. Amy Parks, Vice President; Mrs. Sue Cook, Secretary - Reporter and Mrs. Bess Hays, Treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Passons of Rockwall observed their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house at 604 Kernodle. The couple married in 1919.

60 Years Ago
April 29, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jones and their son, Jeffery, of Dallas spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Smirl.

Ms. Asmundsen arrived in Rockwall to start work on the Famous Biblical Drama, "The Light Eternal," sponsored by the Rotary Club to help raise funds for equipment for the fire truck. The play was a Biblical dramatization in which many prominent people of Rockwall would take part.

September 25, 1891

P.A. M'Lendon had a wide variety of merchandise with the most varied stock of any store in Rockwall County to take care of everyone's needs. It was said he had the best selection of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes. Some prices of the day included, New Orleans molasses for 35 cents per gallon, \$1 for 15 pounds of granulated sugar, calf boots \$1.25 per pair and ladies slippers for 75 cents per pair.

Kyle Cornwell makes Dean's List

Kyle S. Cornwell, son of Lonnie and Debbie Cornwell, was named to the Dean's List at Midwestern State University for the fall 2008 semester.

Cornwell is a 2008 graduate of Rowlett High School where he was captain of the varsity soccer team.

A kinesiology major, Cornwell was recruited to play soccer with the Mustangs, who have advanced to the NCAA Division II National Quarterfinals for two straight years.

Morgan, Dahmer earn DC trip with essays

Royle City High School students Shelby Morgan and Kristina Dahmer will travel to Washington, D.C., next month for a nine-day Youth Tour trip sponsored by Farmers Electric Cooperative.

FEC sponsored an essay contest for its Youth Leadership Tour, and Morgan and Dahmer were selected as two of the four finalists. Each then was asked to give a speech on the future of energy in Texas, and Morgan and Dahmer were named winners.



Feral Friends Adoption Weekend Saturday, Sunday

Spring is 'kitten season,' and the Feral Friends Community Cat Alliance will see an abundance of unwanted, abandoned and surrendered litters of kittens in the next several months.

Unfortunately, some of these kittens are motherless and need to be bottle fed every five hours, around the clock. This takes a patient foster parent to accomplish, and Feral Friends is lucky to have such volunteers.

"We are reaching out to the public for help in caring for these kittens," said Nikki Williamson, public relations and fundraising officer for Feral Friends. "The kitten replacer milk (KRM) is very expensive, and we are asking for donations of KRM, canned and dry kitten food, gift cards to PetSmart or Wal-Mart and of course monetary donations to help us with veterinary bills for these little babies."

Feral Friends Community Cat Alliance, in conjunction with Take Me Home Pet Rescue, will collect donations during their Adoption Weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

To adopt, visit PetSmart at Rowlett from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays or go online at feralfriends.org or takemehomepetrescue.com.

To donate online at feralfriends.org, click Donate and choose Kitten Shower in the drop down.

Rockwall County Spotlight On ...

Ashley Denson, 23, is a long-time resident of Rockwall. In May 2003, she graduated from Rockwall High School with a 99.8 GPA, ranking her in the top 5% of her graduating class. She was also the recipient of the coveted 2003 Robert & Cecilia Hawk Citizen of the Year Award for her dedication to academic advancement and service to the Rockwall Community.

Denson went on to attend Howard University in Washington, DC, where she majored in Spanish and Administration of Justice. She graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2007 with several honors, such as Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, acceptance into Golden Key International Honour Society, National Dean's List Honors and a 3.68 GPA.

She served as member and officer of several campus organizations, such as the Howard University Undergraduate Student Assembly Secretary, Public Relations Director for the 2006 Homecoming Steering Committee and Advisor of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Incorporated, Alpha Tau Chapter, while also being a Resident Assistant in an on-campus dormitory.

In addition to all of these accolades and endeavors, Ashley also completed a semester abroad in Quito, Ecuador at la Academia Latinoamericana de Español in South America.

When she was not completing school work, attending extracurricular activities or participating in community service projects, Denson interned in the office of Congressman Ralph Hall. She currently still works there as his Legislative Correspondent/Legislative Assistant, advising Congressman Hall on small business and postal legislation, as well as labor and social security issues. Denson is extremely proud of her latest accomplishment, obtaining membership into the Northern Virginia Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. When asked to share her ultimate life's dream, Denson replied that she dreams "to live a life not measured by monetary success, but by the number of lives that she has positively affected." We know that Ashley has had a positive impact in all that she has done in Washington, DC, as Congressman Hall assures us that he is "extremely proud of Ashley and all of her accomplishments. I couldn't imagine my office without my little Rockwall friend."



Rockwall County Responders

Rockwall County Sheriff's Department

- Calls (April 17 thru April 23) -- 262
- Arrests (April 17 thru April 23) -- 44
- Warrant unit arrests (week of April 20) -- 7

Royle City Police April 17 to April 23

- Friday, 17 April: Medical assistance, 800 block E. I-30; 2 block Oak Grove Lane; Assault, 1200 block Mexia Court; 2 I-30 at the 78 mile marker; Medical assistance, 300 block Hill Road; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Kaufman County's warrant to identify arrest, FM 2642 and SSR

- Saturday, 18 April: Suspicious person, 300 block N. Noise disturbance, 2600 block Spruce Street; Alarm, 2300 Burglary, 1200 block Evergreen Street; Theft, 200 block A.

- Sunday, 19 April: Domestic disturbance, 800 block Oak Criminal mischief, 700 block W. Main Street; Public intoxication, block W. I-30

- Monday, 20 April: Noise disturbance, 400 block A. Theft, 1300 block E. Main Street; Unauthorized use of motor Failure to identify/Controlled substance/ Marijuana possession rests, 300 block I-30

- Tuesday, 21 April: Theft, 700 block FM 2642; 2 assaults, FM 2642; 2 disorderly conducts, 700 block FM 2642; Criminal pass, 700 block FM 2642; Theft, 200 block S. Elm Street; 300 block N. Hickory Hill Road; Criminal mischief, 600 block Street; Assault, 600 block Live Oak Street

- Wednesday, 22 April: Controlled substance/Public intoxication rest, 100 block I-30; Drug paraphernalia possession, I-30 marker

- Thursday, 23 April: Medical assistance, 500 block Baldwin; Alarm, 400 block Pin Oak Lane; Disorderly conduct, 1400 block 1777; Suspicious activity, 2600 block FM 35; Marijuana (43 session arrests x 2, I-30; Unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Pullen Street; Theft, 700 block FM 2642

Rockwall Responders Calls for Service April 19 to 26

Rockwall Fire & EMS

- Barns/ outbuildings 1, Car fire 1, Dwelling 2, Emergency 1, Fire Alarm 6, Fire not classified 1, Minor traffic accident down 1.

Rockwall Police Department

- Monday, 20 April: Burglary, 100 block Topside Drive; 1800 block IH 30; Theft, 600 block FM 552; Theft, 1400 block Sand Drive; Theft, 205 West Rusk Street; Theft, 1500 block Drive.

- Tuesday, 21 April: Burglary, 2000 block Summer La. Burglary, 1600 block Lake Forest Drive; Theft, 1800 block Drive; Theft, 1700 block Science Place; Theft, 2800 block Drive.

- Wednesday, 22 April: Burglary, 2600 block Painted Burglary; Theft, 1500 block Fieldstone Drive; Theft, 900 block Theft, 1200 block SH 276.

- Thursday, 23 April: Burglary, 900 block Yellow Jacket Burglary, 1000 block IH 30; Burglary, 2000 block Summer La. Burglary, 1000 block Shores Court; Burglary, 700 block Court Road; Theft, 200 block Rock Brook Drive; Theft, 1900 block Theft, 205 West Rusk Drive; Theft, 700 block Justin Road; Theft, block IH 30.

- Friday, 24 April: Burglary, 900 block IH 30; Theft, 900 block Yellow Jacket Lane; Theft, 1000 block Williams Street.

- Saturday, 25 April: Theft, 700 block IH 30.

- Sunday, 26 April: Theft, 900 block Sun Point Circle.

- Other calls: Abandoned property 8, Animal complaint 1 (all) 47, Assist citizen 29, Civil matter 10, Criminal assault 1, Criminal mischief 9, Criminal trespass 1, Drunk 6, Fight 2, Fire call 1, Investigation (all) 48, Forgery 4, Injured or sick person 15, Major accident 2, Meet complainant 47, Minor disturbance 15, Minor traffic accident 36, Missing person 3, Non-Open building 3, Ordinance violation 31, Prowler, Possible Street hazard 4, Suspicious person 58, Telephone harassment 1, complaint 8, Welfare concern 13.

Heath Department of Public Safety

- Monday, April 20: Theft, 100 block Shepherds Glen Road.

- Tuesday, April 21: Burglary, 600 block Leichy Court, Peninsula Court.

- Wednesday, April 22: Theft, 6600 block Horizon Road.

- Sunday, 26 April: Burglary, 900 block West Yellow Jacket Lane.

- Other calls: Abandoned property 1, Animal complaint 4 (all) 18, Assist citizen 5, Criminal assault/rape 1, Criminal mischief 1, Fire call 4, Injured or sick person 3, Investigation 2, Meet complainant 3, Minor traffic accident 2, Ordinance violation 1, Possible Suspicious person 9, Welfare concern 1.

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time in Rockwall, it must be time for the annual Aspasians Arts and Crafts Fair. This year's too place on Saturday, April 25 on the Downtown Square. Growing over the years from an t w i just one row of vendors, the now overflowing mass of booths surround the Rockwall there with more joining the fun each fall and spring. Entertaining the crowds was "The witholly Adams on bass and vocals, and brothers Nathan Mathura on guitar and vocals and ira drums.

Students correspond with U.S. president

students at Amanda and families should be provided with nice houses, clothes and other items. These suggestions were written out, stuffed in envelopes, addressed, stamped and mailed to President Barack Obama. In the responses from the White House, the president thanked the students for their congratulatory notes and their suggestions. Additionally, each student received an autographed picture. "He really listened to us?" the students asked. "It's really nice of him to send us his picture."

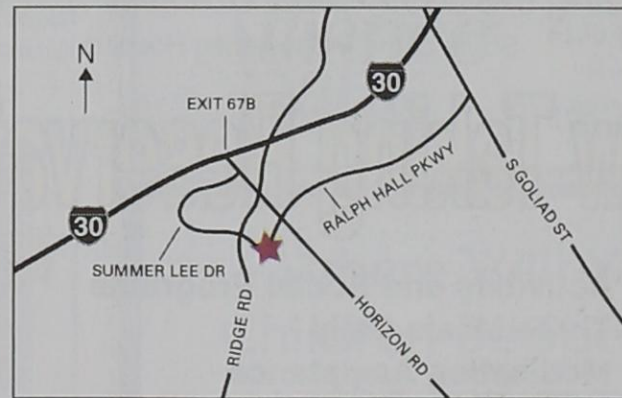
Local students are high scholars at U of Nebraska

Two local students were among those honored at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, according to a university news release. Corrie Danielle Benton of Royse City, Stefan Luke Welof of Rowlett and other undergraduate students were honored in conjunction with UNL's All-University Honors Convocation at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. The local students were recognized as High Scholars, who represent students in the top 10 percent of their class. Students were recognized for their cumulative academic achievements.

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Boy Scout Troop 314 calls out eight for Order of the Arrow

Despite the rainy weather, twenty-one Scouts and six adults from Boy Scout Troop 314 traveled to the Clements Scout Ranch near Athens April 17-19, for a weekend of teambuilding activities. Each patrol was responsible for planning menus, purchasing supplies and cooking their own meals. For some of the Scouts in attendance, this was their first chance to experience a

Boy Scout campout. Seven of the troop's older Scouts and one adult were called out for the Order of the Arrow. Four Scouts and one adult were also inducted into the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood. There are more than 180,000 members of the Order of the Arrow in the United States. This is an honor given to Scouts who "best exemplify the Scout Oath

and Law in their daily lives." The goal of the OA is to inspire others to live these ideals as well and to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit. Once a Scout or adult is called out for the OA, they go through a training exercise called, "The Ordeal." After ten months of service, the Scout can then apply to be inducted into the Brotherhood.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 314, (left to right) Brad Steinmeyer, Ethan Smith, Michael Stiles and Blake Hollowell, build the Order of the Arrow bonfire prior to the Call Out ceremony weekend of April 17-19 at the Clements Scout Ranch near Athens. Photo Courtesy of Mary Thacker

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Members of Girl Scout Troop 1920, from the left, Hope Wallace, Kaelyn Gross, Cailyn Brook Mason, won first place for Best Decorated Booth at this year's International Girl Scout Think Rockwall High. Their exhibit, representing Venice, Italy, included hand-made Venetian carnival masks, a 3-D gondola photo booth and posters illustrating the cultural and geographical features of the city. The girls also served Venetian butter cookies and dressed in gondolier costumes. They also won first place for Best Game/Activity for an interactive game of bocce ball they set up for their visitors.

Area mayors, citizen to pray at May 7 Rockwall County Mayors Prayer Breakfast

Six area mayors will join their counterparts across the country on Thursday, May 7 as they join together to pray for their communities, their states and their country during the third annual Rockwall County Mayors Prayer Breakfast, to be held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer.

Mayors Bill Cecil of Rockwall, John Harper of Rowlett, John Ratcliffe of Heath, Jim Mellody of Royse City, Michael Donegan of McLendon-Chisholm and Bill Broderick of Fish will host the non-denominational event at

The Center at City Place, 108 W. Washington Street, which is just north of Rockwall City Hall.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. event that includes a free continental breakfast.

People of all theological and philosophical faiths are welcome to participate in the Rockwall County Mayors Prayer Breakfast in accordance with their own beliefs, which is what Congress intended in establishing a National Day of Prayer. All who want to pray for our nation are encouraged to do so in any way, in any faith, as each individual feels is appropriate.

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Rockwall Computer Council to meet May 6

The Rockwall Computer Council will observe its monthly meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 6 at The Center, Rockwall, 108 E. Washington St.

A program covering many aspects of computer usage, including 'Hardware/Software Upgrades, Basic Operating System Updates and Video and Picture Options,' will be presented by Bill Broderick of Fish.

A question-and-answer session will follow.

The RCC is open to individuals with all types and degrees of computer experience who are interested in computers for home and/or office use.

For further details call Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

Rockwall County Sports

RHHS Lady Hawks face McKinney Lady Lions first round best-of-three Bi-District matchup

McMillen
a lot of similarities between the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks and their playoff opponent, the McKinney Lady Lions. The two teams have nearly identical season records - Heath is 25-8 while McKinney is 23-1 - and almost the same league marks, with the Lady Hawks 12-2 in District 9-4A and the Lady Lions 12-2 in District 9-4A.

Heath and McKinney are pegged one after the other in the state 4A rankings, with Heath at No. 6 and McKinney at No. 7. Both teams have at least four players hitting above .400, and several pitchers even have ERAs of less than 1.20.

The two teams square off at 7 p.m. Friday, May 1 at RHHS in the first game of a best-of-three series, the two things that should give the Lady Hawks' favor will be the quality of that pitching and the prowess of the rest of the two batting orders.

The Lady Lions will trot out junior Jennifer Gilbert and her sister, sophomore Chelsey Eddy, who has the same number of wins, at 20-6, with an ERA of just 1.05.

Whittem, is much more of a power pitcher, with 57 more strike-

outs, 244-187, and is coming off a string of 26 shutout innings during which she yielded just two hits, including closing out the Lady Hawks' district schedule by throwing back-to-back perfect games.

"They are a solid club, they're young with only one senior and well-coached, but they haven't seen anyone like our pitcher," said Heath coach Kourtny Huey, who has led her team to the playoffs for the third straight season and showcases all five of her active seniors in her starting lineup. "Chelsey will do a good job with them."

Offensively, the Lady Lions, who finished in a three-way tie for the district championship but dropped to third by virtue of tiebreakers, are led by Gilbert and her .481 average, followed by Ashley Thomas (.427), Meredith Baker (.424) and Gina Guajardo (.421).

After the top four, however, the averages plunge off the charts, with no other starter hitting above .260, with two front-line players hitting less than .160.

Heath, runnerup in District 10-4A, meanwhile, counters with not only five hitters over .400: Kaeleigh Lutz (.494), Sarah Deimling (.487), Taylor Blair (.416), Devin Edgemon (.413) and Taylor McLoughlin (.405); but three other starters over .300: Hailey Galloway (.388), Dakota

Whittem (.350) and Eddy (.314).

Victoria Combs, the Lady Hawks number two pitcher with a 5-2 record and a sparkling ERA of her own of 1.38, rounds out the starting lineup with a .279 average while playing first base or serving as the designated hitter.

Aside from senior Sarah Long, who led the Lady Hawks in hitting last season and owned a 32-game hitting streak, but has been out all season with a stress fracture and will not play, the rest of Heath is at 100 percent.

"Unless there is a miracle, it doesn't look good for her (Long)," Huey said. "But everyone else is good to go."

Huey, the only coach that the Lady Hawks have had since the program's inception, is cautious but plans no major changes for the postseason.

"If you're not ready, they (McKinney) can jump up and get you," Huey said. "But what we've been doing has been working."

The two teams will meet again on Saturday, May 2 at McKinney at 4 p.m. for the second game. If necessary, a third game will follow 30 minutes after the completion of the second game.

Hot Hawks sweep Red Oak to run winning streak to 14, close out district against HP May 1

McMillen
turn the calendar back to March 20 of this year, and cast a glance at the District 10-4A baseball standings, you'd see a pretty impressive record for Rockwall-Heath.

At the time the Hawks just 1-2 in district, they were riding a three-game winning streak that had dropped their season record to a very so-so 1-2.

It was them (the Hawks) in the early part of the season, that we were really good, and staying focused on what we were trying to do," coach Greg Harvey. "We told them when we start to click, it's going to be special."

After hearing the words of the coaching staff, the Hawks closed out a school-record 14 wins in a row, including a double-overtime win over Red Oak at home April 25 by scores of 2-1 and 3-2 to improve their record to 21-7.

On Friday, the Hawks have risen to 11-2 in district, clinched a playoff berth and are currently in second place, trailing only McKinney (12-0, 24-3), a team that was an 11-0 victim during the streak

And with one district game left May 1 at Highland Park, the Hawks can close out the regular season with 15 straight wins.

"Fourteen in a row is something that's hard for any team to do," Harvey said. "We've gotten hot at the right time. Our defense has been good for the most part, our pitching has been great and our hitting has been pretty strong. It's been really fun and I am really proud of them."

Finishing off the regular season against fourth-place Highland Park (8-5, 20-11) may only be appropriate, because it was the first meeting between the two teams April 3 that turned the winning streak from a three-game mini effort to a full blown specialness buy-in by the Hawks.

"When we came from behind in the last inning against Highland Park (for a 4-3 win) that's when the guys said 'we're for real,'" Harvey said. "We've been clicking faster and faster ever since."

They have also beaten everyone since, winning only two games by less than two runs, both of those coming last weekend against Red Oak (7-4, 18-10) the third place team from District 15-4A.

Junior James Baune improved to 7-1 in the opener, scattering eight hits to pick up the win and lower his ERA to a minuscule 1.16. Although the

Hawks got just six hits, three of those were doubles by Charlie Martin, John Branum and Matt Bielski.

In the second game, freshman Jake Thompson (5-1) got the win, combining with Peyton Desmond, who got the save, to limit Red Oak to four hits.

Heath also managed only four hits but three of those went for extra bases as Cody Sargent, Nick Peterson and freshman Jovan Hernandez each had a double.

The Hawks will begin the postseason next Thursday in a best-of-three series against an as yet undetermined opponent from District 9-4A.

There remains a slim possibility that the Hawks could end the district tied with Rockwall if they beat Highland Park, and Rockwall should lose to last place Greenville May 1, necessitating a one-game playoff for title.

"That would be nice," Harvey said. "But we aren't really even thinking about that. Our ultimate goal was to make the playoffs. Now we just want to beat Highland Park."



Rockwall-Heath High School senior baseball infielder Connor Lewis signed a National Letter of Intent on Friday, April 10 to attend Southern Arkansas University and become a member of the #1 ranked Division II SAU baseball team. Celebrating Lewis' signing are (standing) his grandparents, Garry and Elaine Eubanks of Rockwall, and (seated) parents Cliff and Becky Lewis. Also with him are his two brothers, Dylan, a seventh grader at Cain Middle School and Grayson, a member of the RHHS junior varsity baseball team. Staff photo by Kathy Williams



Lady Hawks varsity softball team seniors recognized during their recent game against R.L. Turner are (left to right) Chelsey Eddy, Haley Galloway, Devin Edgemon, Taylor McLoughlin, Taylor Blair and Sarah Long. Staff photo and graphics by Carl McClung

Royse City Rangers win Corinth tournament

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Royse City Rangers 12U team members with their championship trophies from last weekend's Nations Baseball 12U metro tournament at Corinth are (back row left to right) Coach Jerry Richardson, Coach Brad Sherman, Coach Bart Steffen, (middle row) Reagan Fischer, Lincoln Fischer, Cole Wallace, Cody Austin, Ryan Sherman, (front row) Jordan Ankrum, Sean Lopez, Tristan Varvil, Chance Damron, Jared Richardson and Joseph Steffen. Photo courtesy of Jerry Richardson

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Rockwall County Sports

UIL postpones postseason until May 11 because of "Swine" flu threat

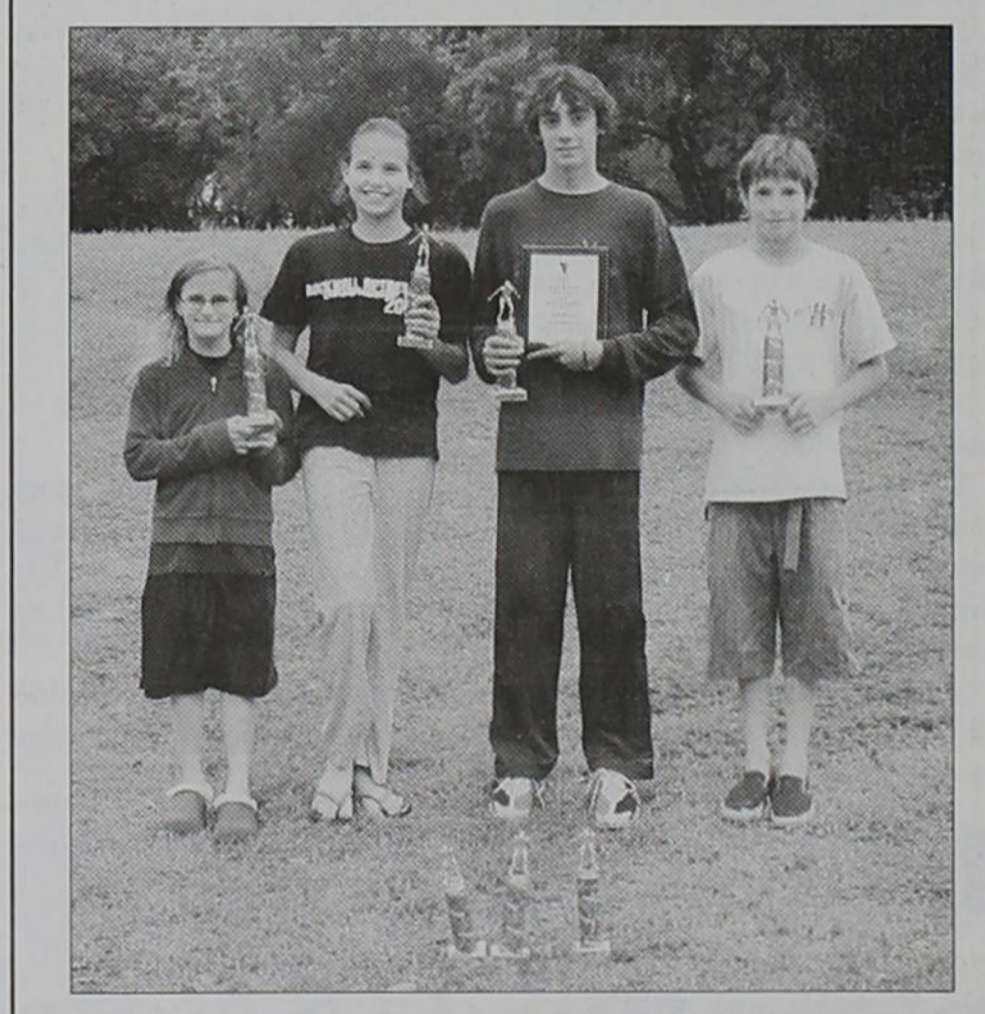
by Lary Bump
Texas' University Interscholastic League announced Wednesday that it would suspend all UIL activities until at least Monday, May 11, as a precaution against spreading swine flu across the state.
Dr. David Lakey, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and Robert Scott, commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, recommended the suspension, according to a UIL release.
"The health and safety of our student activity participants is of the utmost importance," Dr. Charles Breithaupt, the UIL's executive director, said in the release. "Taking every possible precaution to prevent the further spreading of this disease is an important contribution to the welfare of our great state, and altering the schedule of our events is a way to keep our participants safe."
Academic and arts events, as well as athletic events, are being affected by the suspension.
For the Rockwall and Royse City independent school districts, baseball, softball and track and field are the sports that will be affected.
The final district baseball games, scheduled for Friday, will be

postponed until at least May 11.
The Bi-District round of the UIL softball playoffs, scheduled to begin Friday, also have been postponed until at least May 11.
The Region II-4A track championships, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, have been canceled, along with the following weekend's regional qualifiers meet.
As a result, the state meet has been expanded from two days to three. It will be held from Thursday through Saturday, May 14-16. The state qualifiers will be the top four performers in all of the district meets for each of the four regions.
The softball and baseball playoff schedules will be condensed.
After the Bi-District softball round, which now must be completed by May 16, four rounds in the Area and Regional quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds would be completed over a two-week period ending May 30. The state tournament will be June 4-6. The baseball playoffs would have a similar schedule, but pushed back one week. The Bi-District round now must be completed by May 23, and the state tournament will be June 10-13.

Three swimmers lead Riptides to second place at Coppell

The Rockwall Riptides finished second behind the host team in last weekend's Dallas Metropolitan Spring League Championship in Coppell.
Leading the Riptides to the high finish were three swimmers who were the second-high point scorers in their age group: Emily Manly in 9-10 girls, William Rapp in 11-12 boys and Justin Tokuz in 13-14 boys.
In addition, Samantha Wang had the second-highest point totals among 6 and under girls, and Michael Rodriguez was second among 6 and under boys.
Manly set three team records, even breaking one of her own by swimming the 50-yard breaststroke in 38.90 seconds. She also had team-record times in the 100 breaststroke (1 minute, 23.72 seconds) and 100 individual medley (1:11.57). She now holds 10 Riptides records for short courses. At Coppell, she won both breaststroke events and the 200 IM, and placed second in the 100 IM, 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke.
Rapp placed first in the 50 and 100 free and the 100 IM. He was second in the 50 back and 400 IM, and finished fifth in the 50 breaststroke.

Tokuz had first-place finishes in the 100 and 200 free and 50 butterfly. He placed second in the 400 IM and 100 fly, and third in the 500 free.
Finishing with the third-best point total in their age group were Haley Brechley in girls 13-14, Hunter Arnold in 11-12 boys and Brooke Arnold in 9-10 girls.
Brechley was first in the 100 IM; second in the 50 and 100 breaststroke and 100 free, and third in the 200 IM and 50 free. Hunter Arnold was first in the 100-yard backstroke; second in the 50 and 200 free and 50 fly, and third in the 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke in a division dominated by Coppell's Jerik Wong. He won all of his events. Brooke Arnold placed first in the 100 fly; second in the 50 and 200 free, 50 fly and 100 breaststroke, and fourth in the 50 backstroke.
Helping the Riptides edge Benbrook for third place was the 14-and-under boys' 200 free relay. It won Sunday's race in a time of 1:48.63. The individual legs were 28.52 for Cole Perlit, 28.14 for Hunter Arnold, 26.95 for Rapp and 25.22 for Tokuz.



Rockwall Riptides swim team members returning with trophies from the Dallas Metropolitan Spring league Championship swim meet at the Coppell YMCA are (left to right) Brooke Arnold, Emily Manly, Justin Tokuz and Hunter Arnold. Photo courtesy of Barbara Tokuz.

Rockwall Trident's D-FW Area Water Polo Champions

by James Hummingbird
The D-FW Area Junior Water Polo Championships were held at Southlake State Marks School in Dallas. The sixth grade and under Trident's finished their first ever season in organized water polo with a perfect 6-0 record. They punctuated this with two victories to earn the trophy as D-FW's best with a first place finish.
In the opening round, Plano/Colony gave the Trident's all they could get in a 3 game. Scoring for Rockwall were Evan Scown (3), Raena Eldridge (2), Jordan Hummingbird (2) and Jake Hollander (1).
In the championship game, where they faced Southlake, the Trident's would not be denied the trophy as they blew out the opposition 11-0. Scoring for Rockwall were Evan Scown (3), Jordan Hummingbird (1), Christopher Vu (1), Mitchell Eldridge (1). Jordan Hummingbird recorded two goals and Jake Hollander had one and Mitchell Eldridge helped to hold Southlake to a shutout.
Evan Scown was named Offensive MVP for the tournament. Four players from Rockwall were named to the sixth grade and under "All Area Team." They are Alex Rodriguez, Evan Scown, Raena Eldridge and Eliso Villarreal.
The sixth grade and under Trident's finished their season in an

exciting manner, facing Southlake in the opening round of the tournament. The Trident's goalkeeping helped keep them in a very close game, with a five save performance by Jordan Hummingbird and another recorded by Landon Coronado in a 9-8 loss. Leading the scoring were Rilee Fisher and Alex Rodriguez with three each. Collin Vu and Evan Scown added one apiece.
As a result of the loss, Rockwall played Plano/Colony in the consolation bracket for fifth place. Rilee Fisher's five goal performance led Rockwall to a 9-6 victory. Alex Rodriguez scored three goals and Raena Eldridge added one. Jordan Hummingbird posted four saves in goal with Landon Coronado adding another. Making the "All D-FW Area Team" for the eighth grade and under for Rockwall were Rilee Fisher and Briana Williams.
The State Water Polo Championship games were held at the Southlake/Carroll Natatorium on Sunday, April 26. The eighth grade and under teams were split so the boys and girls play separately. Rilee Fisher, Alex Rodriguez, Evan Scown, Collin Vu, Eliso Villarreal and Landon Coronado were playing for a Dallas area boys only team.
Briana Williams, Summer Scown, Raena Eldridge and Jordan Hummingbird have been invited to join a Dallas area all girls team to play for the state title.
More information will be forthcoming on the Trident's website at riptides.wiki.zoho.com/Water-Polo.htm.
The Rockwall Trident's are sponsored by the Rockwall YMCA and coached by Andres Rodriguez.



Tri-Rock Triathlon volunteers (left to right) Glen Faris, Michael Bowen and Robert Bollman, are all smiles despite the early hour as they work at the 8th annual triathlon sponsored by the Rockwall Kiwanis Club. The event is a fundraiser for the club, with proceeds going towards student scholarships and support for local community agencies. The popular swim-bike-run drew close to 400 racers from around the state. Photo courtesy of Pat Turner

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall Yellowjackets can clinch district baseball title Friday

by Lary Bump

Rockwall has a six-game winning streak, including the last four games by one run each, but most important would be one more victory.

That victory now wouldn't come until at least Monday, May 11. The not-so-classic battle of the first-place team in District 10-4A baseball against its last-place team was scheduled for Friday at Greenville, but it has been postponed as part of the UIL's precautions against the threat of a swine flu outbreak.

When the game does take place, the Yellowjackets will be taking nothing for granted and leaving nothing to chance.

"We're not taking Greenville lightly," said RHS head coach Jeff Payne. "They have played many people close. They just haven't had the knock-out punch late to beat one of the elite teams."

The Jackets (12-1 in the district, 24-3 overall) clearly are an elite team. They're ranked second among the Metroplex's 4A teams after Saturday's 5-4 victory at Dallas W.T. White (13-0 in District 9-5A, 19-4 overall).

If the Jackets defeat Greenville (1-12, 6-18), they would clinch the district title in their final regular-season game. But an upset loss to the Lions coupled with a Rockwall-Heath victory at Highland Park would leave the two RISD teams tied for first place and necessitate a one-game playoff for the championship.

Payne said, "I've told the guys that we don't want to share the district championship with anybody. We control things and hope to take care of business Friday. We want to hit the playoffs on an upswing and we need to play well at Greenville."

In the Bi-District playoffs, the district champion would meet the fourth-place team from District 9-4A, and the second-place team would take on 9-4A's No. 3 team. Going into their final district game, three

teams — Frisco Wakeland, Frisco Centennial or McKinney North — could finish fourth in 9-4A. Those three teams or Sherman could place third.

Rockwall's win at W.T. White followed a familiar recent pattern. The Jackets took a lead and held off their opponent's rally.

On Saturday, RHS led 5-1 behind Wesley Cox's pitching and timely,

patient hitting.

"We only had four hits. Some patient at-bats, though, enough to win. Many got on via walks.

"W.T. White has a very good lineup. We felt fortunate they didn't hit them."



Rockwall High School Yellowjackets baseball team seniors being recognized with their families during last Friday's game at Highland Park are (left to right, in uniforms) Quin Baker, Travis Ballew, Jonny Blake, Derrek Clinard, Klayton Estes, Michael Herrera, Dakota Herrera, Tim Parish, Josh Steward, Ian Zembower and Kyle Turansky. Photographer, Sam Ballew (right) is the father of Travis Ballew.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Lady Jackets wait for playoffs against McKinney North

The Rockwall softball team will have more time to celebrate its District 10-4A championship.

The players knew, as head coach Shadie Acosta reminded them frequently, that there are bigger games to play.

However, instead of having just a one-week turnaround to prepare for the playoffs, the Lady Jackets now will have at least 17 days. The UIL has postponed all of its scheduled events until at least Monday, May 11, as a precaution against the threat of a swine flu epidemic.

Acosta said, "We were excited about the championship, but that was here and not it's past. We're about the games coming up."

Those games will be the best-of-three Bi-District playoff series against McKinney North. The Lady Jackets (13-1 in the district, 23-10 overall) will take a 10-game winning streak into the series. The original schedule had the teams playing the first game at McKinney North — with the second game and third, if necessary, back at the Campbell Complex.

This is not a typical Bi-District series between a first-place team and a fourth-place team from another district.

The Lady Bulldogs (10-4, 22-8) have won nine of their last 10 games. They lost twice to Rockwall, 5-2 and 3-1, but that was back in February. In the first of those games, Baylor-bound shortstop Kathy Shelton did not play for North.

"They have a couple of pretty good college-bound players. They have a lot of speed and power hitters. They're well rounded. They don't have an ace pitcher, but it's a strong team we're playing," Acosta said.

"We just need to focus on what we do well. We've spent a lot of time tightening screws."

McKinney North's team has changed over the last two months, but so has Rockwall's.

Acosta said, "We're like a different team. We're getting a lot more quality at-bats up and down the lineup. We had a slow start because of pitching injuries and illnesses, but they're (Laycee Holcomb and Kat Brown) back now. We had a lot of errors early on, but we're finding team chemistry."

"At the beginning of the season, some of our younger ones were a little bit timid, but they've come out of their shell. Our experienced players have stepped up to be strong leaders."

Lady Jackets place third in state UIL gymnastics

Scoring season highs in both the compulsory and optional events, the Rockwall girls finished third in the state gymnastics meet Saturday and Sunday at the Garland Special Events Center.

The Lady Jackets' point total of 228.275 was within 3 1/2 points of state champion San Angelo Central's 231.725. Humble Kingwood was second with 230.325.

Sarah Beasley was RHS' leading performer, placing sixth in the floor exercise and ninth all-around. Laura Robertson took eighth place on the uneven bars, and Lindsay Loy was 10th in the floor exercise.

Said head coach Denise Hedges, "The girls did an incredible job and represented Rockwall High School with class and pride. They worked very hard to make this happen."

The third-place state finish was Rockwall's highest since the girls' basketball team won the state 5A championship in 2006-07.

RHS boys return sixth place in state gymnastics

Led by Bradley Meyer's sixth-place finish on the pommel horse and 10th on the high bar, Rockwall moved up to finish sixth in the state gymnastics meet Saturday at the Garland Special Events Center.

The Yellowjackets totaled 326.350 to 343.250 for state champion Bryan. They finished ahead of three teams that had defeated RHS during the season.

"Whenever the team needed to step it up, they did. This really was a team effort for the guys," said head coach Cameron Sweny.

"It seemed like any time we really needed a hit routine, we got one. The guys have been working on upgrades to their routines all season long and it finally paid off, especially on high bar. Daniel Strong nailed his new high bar routine on the last event of the day to finish off what was a very solid meet for him and the team."

"State was a different meet for our guys. This team would have placed without their performance on high bar. In addition to winning these teams all season long, we have also been beaten in every meet until now."

In Sweny's first year as coach, he said, "This season felt like a great one. I did not get a chance to work with the guys until this year began."

That might have been a problem early this season, but Sweny said, "With a full off-season to work for next year, we're more prepared. It will be sad to see our two seniors go. We have a great group of juniors who will take on leadership roles. They're headstrong, confident, prepared and talented next year."

Jackets begin spring football practice Saturday

Rockwall's road back to the football playoffs begins Saturday when the Yellowjackets will begin three weeks of spring practice.

Head coach Scott Smith said he expects 170 players, a slight increase over last year, when RHS' current ninth-11th grade players report. They'll begin at 6:30 a.m. with a practice in shorts and pads. The junior varsity then will practice from 9 to 11 a.m., with the varsity working from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

On weekdays, the JV team will practice from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and the varsity from 4:30 until 6:30.

Smith said, "They've been growing up a year. We'll be building on the positive things we've done. This is a time for working on technique,

fundamentals and discipline. We'll put our nose to the grindstone to go to work."

"The fun thing about the spring is that you're always ready for anything. We can take our time and we should see a big difference in some players because of the season work on strength, speed and flexibility."

Spring practice will conclude with the annual spring game on Friday, May 8. The junior varsity will play at 6 p.m. and the varsity at 7:30 p.m. The game will be at Rockwall High School because Sanderson Stadium still is under construction.

Pille, Lady Bulldogs softball take a break

Alicia Pille and her Royse City softball teammates will be well rested for the playoffs.

They had been scheduled to open a best-of-three Bi-District series at home Friday at 7 p.m. That was before the UIL suspended all athletic events until at least Monday, May 11, to guard against a possible spread of swine flu.

At that time, the Lady Bulldogs (11-3 in the District 10-4A, 22-10-2 overall) would play Frisco Centennial (the 9-4A second-place team at

11-3 and 18-14). The original schedule had the first game at Centennial.

RC has a score to settle with the Lady Titans; Centennial defeated the RC girls' basketball team in the Bi-District.

The Lady Bulldogs won their final regular-season game at Carrollton Newman Smith. Pille pitched a one-hitter for her first season. She takes a 21-9 record with a 1.06 earned run average and more than two strikeouts per inning over 158 innings.

Royse City Bulldogs wait to end baseball season

A disappointing season will last a little longer for the Royse City baseball team.

The Bulldogs had been scheduled to finish their season Friday at Carrollton R.L. Turner, but the game was postponed as part of the UIL's suspension of interscholastic athletics because of a possible swine flu outbreak. Now the game wouldn't be played before Monday, May 11.

It does give RC (3-10 in its first season in District 10-4A, 8-17 overall) a chance to finish on a positive note. Playing at home April 3, the Bulldogs defeated the Lions 4-0 on Richard Morrison's no-hitter. Turner

is 1-12 and 2-16.

Morrison was the losing pitcher last Friday when Royse City used its pattern of holding the district's best teams to narrow the Bulldogs lost to third-place Carrollton Newman Smith 6-3.

Each team had seven hits; five of RC's went for extra bases, belted two triples. Dalton McAden hit a home run and Kevin and Angel Hernandez had doubles. Six errors contributed to Royse City's loss.

RCHS Bulldogs begin spring football practice Monday

The new-look Royse City football team will begin to take shape Monday, when spring practice begins.

"We graduated 36 seniors, so we'll be looking to fill 22 positions," head coach Greg Strahm said by phone from Kansas, where he was preparing for his father's funeral.

Last fall, the Bulldogs reached the playoffs in their first season in 4A. One goal is to return to the postseason in 2009. That will take hard work.

Strahm said, "We want to make this spring a very physical and very productive time. With a good program, there's always going to be a little

fluctuation of talent. We know some kids will step up and some won't. We want to put them in a position where they can be their best."

"We have some young kids, both next year's juniors and seniors who will be vying for a spot and could play on Friday nights."

"You'll always look very shaky to begin with, but after a week we expect the team to be (respectable) in the district. It's a challenge, and that just makes it more exciting," the coach said.

The four weeks of spring practice after school Monday through Thursday will lead up to the spring game, which will be Saturday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m. at RCISD Stadium.

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