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Volunteer Tutors

Students are needed Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Rockwall County Library to help adults pass the GED. Interested volunteers should call the front desk of the Rockwall County Library. Teaching experience is desired. Training will be provided. Areas needed are math and

Book Sale

Rockwall County Library Book Sale will be held April 25-26 at the Harry Community Center. The hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds go to the Rockwall County Child-Summer Reading Program.

New Telephone

Rockwall County Library's telephone number has changed. The new number is (972) 204-7700.

Garage Sale

First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall is holding a fundraising garage sale from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on May 3. The sale is located at 602 White Hills Dr. Wal-Mart.

Singers Needed

Rockwall's Relay For Life is looking for singers to be a part of the Relay Community Choir which will sing at the Memorial Lighting Ceremony on May 2. The choir will practice on May 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., April 27 and from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., April 30 at First Methodist Church of Heath, located at 100 Smirl Dr. The choir is open to anyone who wants to participate. Candy Smith (214) 796-9286.

Lakeland Academy

Lakeland Academy will host its "Jointly Fundraising Auction at 10 p.m. on May 1. Donations of gently used items are needed. No clothes or shoes. Items will be used for scholarships, classroom materials and equipment. Call (972) 636-3777. Lakeland is a professional school located on a 70-acre site in Union Valley.

Trace Hartman Carnival

Trace Hartman PTA will host a carnival from 2 to 6 p.m., May 4. There will be games, food auction, and more. All proceeds benefit PTA. Marti Kirk (972) 722-6257.

Rockwall Relay For Life

Relay for Life is seeking sponsors for the May 2-3 fundraiser at Caine School. Benefits include logo on T-shirts, company name on banner and/or program, verbal recognition at opening ceremony, list of all participants in event media and company logo displayed on signs around track. Minimum level of commitment. To become a sponsor, call Chris. (214) 500-7007.

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Vote bars sex offenders from HOAs

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Registered sex offenders now have fewer places to live in Rockwall after a unanimous vote by the city council on Monday.

The ban on registered sex offenders now includes schools, parks and open spaces located inside independent communities and districts managed by homeowners associations. Such offenders are no longer allowed to reside within 1,000 feet of such areas.

Public parks and recreation areas were already banned, said Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil, due to a restrictive ordinance passed several years ago. While the first plan covered much of the city, it did not include more private locations like HOA communities. Monday's vote was the

final approval of a request by several HOA communities to extend the ban onto their property.

"When we passed the original ordinance, we certainly didn't actively recognize HOA communities and leave them out," Cecil said. "It was really just an oversight, and they asked us to go back and fill it in."

The ban is not retroactive, and will apply only to sex offenders seeking to move to Rockwall.

Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch said Texas law requires law enforcement agencies to keep tabs on registered sex offenders and publish their residences, but geographic restrictions are left to municipal governments to determine.

There are currently 20 registered sex offenders living in Rockwall, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Twenty-three live in Royse City while two live in both Fate and Heath.

The Rockwall County Sheriff has slightly different totals, counting 21 registered sex offenders in Rockwall and 16 in Royse City. The totals do not include homeless or transient offenders.

The city of Rockwall is also investigating the possibility of a "total ban" on registered sex offenders, which would involve increasing the number or limitations on kid-friendly areas until the entire city is covered by a restricted zone. The ban was suggested when the council first approached the ordinance several weeks ago.

Cecil said city staffers are currently conducting a legal review of such a limitation, and it may or may not come to fruition. Links to registered sex offender lists can be found on Web sites for the city of Rockwall, Rockwall County and the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor, city council at odds over FM 549 roadwork plan

By **MARCUS FUNK**
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The Texas Department of Transportation was more than willing to give up the roadway—it was a member of the Rockwall City Council that was hesitant.

A roadwork plan on a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 549 became a flash point at a council meeting Monday night, ending with an unusual 6-1 vote and rebuke of Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil.

The plan involved exerting municipal control over a stretch of FM 549 between Interstate 30 and FM 276.

The roadway has been scheduled for renovation since voters approved a \$5.5 million bond initiative in 2005, according to Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch, but a variety of factors prevented the overworked TxDOT agency from granting the roadway a high priority.

TxDOT suggested releasing the roadway to the city as a means of expediting the renovations and relieving pressure on the overburdened state agency, and Couch said the proposal was a logical step and a common technique for cities across the state.

While the release could take up to a year, the move would ultimately drive down the costs of the project and reduce delays and state-mandated paperwork. It would also give city engineers a faster timeline for developing roadway plans and right-of-way acquisitions without stalling the process.

Six of the seven council members supported the plan, many

of them vocally, which they said would be faster and cheaper in the long run. They said the costs would be covered by the last bond election, which was specifically designed for roadway renovations.

"I, for one, am tired of waiting on TxDOT," said council member Matt Scott. "What we're talking about is spending money we already had a bond initiative to spend, we're just keeping it instead of giving it to TxDOT to rebuild the same road."

Cecil was hesitant to endorse the plan, and said more research was needed before making a final decision. He highlighted a new reimbursement program with TxDOT that was not available in 2005 and that, he felt, had not been given enough attention by the city staff.

Cecil said he was unsure that the 2005 bond pertained directly to FM 549, as some supporters claimed, and recommended waiting a few weeks until after residents vote on an upcoming bond election.

"I've brought up several things that we have not given thorough thought to in terms of the best allocation of our money," Cecil said before the vote. "I understand your desire to move forward, but I think there are certain aspects we can do more research on and cover this in better detail."

None of the council members acted on Cecil's request for a delay. The proposal now moves on to the TxDOT regional office in Dallas before moving on to Austin. The plan will not alter construction on the I-30/FM 549 overpass.



Cecil



Scott

Castro continues Idol run

By **BRITNEY TABOR**
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Jason Castro dodged a bullet not being eliminated from the "American Idol" cast Wednesday after one judge called his Tuesday night performance a "train wreck" and another described it a "miserable."

This week's "American Idol" performances were dedicated to "The Best of Broadway" with music from Andrew Lloyd Webber. Singing "Memory" from the famed musical "Cats," Castro, a Rockwall resident, said he was tense prior to his performance on Tuesday.

"I'm really nervous. This is kind of a popular song," he said in a pre-recorded interview prior to his performance.

After concluding the two-minute per-



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TxDOT to divert traffic on SH 205

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will close down the intersections of State Highway 205 at Interstate 30 beginning at 10 p.m., April 26, to divert traffic onto newly paved outside lanes.

TxDOT will be removing the existing pavement sections that are currently being used after switching traffic onto the new pavement. Work is expected to last through late afternoon, April 27, weather permitting.

Paul Williams, TxDOT's northeast Dallas County area engineer, said that doing this all at one time was good.

"It will allow traffic to be interrupted once and will allow our contractor to get a better turning radius for traffic wanting to access I-30 in this busy intersection," he said. "Detours will also be available."

When the weekend work is

completed the state's contractor, Balfour Beatty Construction, will be able to get into the center section of State Highway 205 to begin construction of new lanes.

The 4.3-mile project, which began Jan. 29, 2007, stretches from SH 66 to SH 276 and includes widening SH 205 to a six-lane, urban, divided highway.

Drivers will have multiple options to avoid the weekend construction. SH 205 northbound will have access by FM 740, or motorists can use FM 549 northbound to SH 66 westbound to get to SH 205.

Southbound traffic on State Highway 205 will have access to the interstate by following FM 549 southbound to State Highway 276 westbound.

The entire \$40 million project is expected to be completed in 2011.

Saving Grace

Trainer gives new life to retired racehorse

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Horse trainer Shelly Vaughn spends her days fulfilling her dream of helping people conquer a variety of emotional issues through JoyRide, an equine-assisted psychotherapy program in Terrell.

Vaughn, who has been training horses for 25 years, recently moved JoyRide and her other business, High Gate Riding Academy, from Rockwall to Terrell. Both businesses now operate at the Falcon Equestrian Center, located off State Highway 205, about three miles north of Wal-Mart.

Craig Bennight, a quarter horse breeder who spends his days working as a Dallas Police officer, purchased the property about two years ago. Renovations are still underway, but once work is completed, the center will offer a covered arena that will allow year-round training. The equestrian center is

a full-service operation, offering boarding, training and lessons.

Vaughn works full time at the facility, overseeing the care of two dozen horses that are an integral part of her therapy and riding academy programs. Her four-legged assistants include several rescue animals. Vaughn's newest co-therapist is Grace, a retired thoroughbred racehorse she first met in 2003. The granddaughter of Affirmed, a Triple Crown Winner, Grace walked off the track and into Vaughn's life several years ago. Vaughn had been working with a trainer friend at a boarding stable when she first met the grey mare, bone-thin, with a history of abuse and neglect.

With Vaughn's help, Grace was back to a safe weight in three-and-a-half months and was ready to start training. In the meantime, her owner was building up a large sum



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Shelly Vaughn gets a close-up visit with Grace, a retired thoroughbred racehorse, which now works as a co-therapist in her equine-assisted psycho-therapy program.

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Youth string orchestra makes concert debut

By BRITNEY TABOR
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A concert will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at The Harbor on Lake Ray Hubbard to celebrate the introduction of a new orchestra program being implemented in the Rockwall school district for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ranging in grades from three to 12, Rockwall students already trained in performing string music have formed a group, the Rockwall String Orchestra, and they will provide the music for the event. The concert is free and open to the public.

Tracy Davis, Rockwall Independent School District head string orchestra instructor, said she's excited to kick off the new program at 12 area elementary schools. Starting with students in the fifth- and sixth-grades, she said the program will be piloted at Rockwall's elementary schools and as initial members began to grow and move on to higher grade levels, string orchestra programs will be implemented at the district's secondary schools. Students who enroll in the program for next year will take the orchestra course as an elective.

Davis said until a orchestra program is implemented at the secondary schools, the

Rockwall String Orchestra will still be open for students in grades three through four and seven through 12 who are currently trained in playing string instruments. The group still plans to perform at events throughout the city, she said.

Davis said by providing programs such as a string orchestra, research shows that a student's brain growth is enhanced and that it also improves "their problem skills and their skills for college." Davis added that research shows that the advantage for students who participate in some form of musical program is that it benefits their education, creativity and academic growth overall.

"I think it's great. It's fantastic because we're meeting the needs of our students and community," she said. "We're happy that we have this."

Information regarding the program has been sent home for parents to view, Davis said, and classes currently are formed for the opening of the fall semester. Parents who want more information about the program or are interested in enrolling children who will be in either the fifth or sixth-grade next year can still do so by contacting Davis at tracydavis@rockwallisd.org.

Grace

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of debt and was unable to pay for her board and training.

In the midst of Grace's recovery, the owner stole her from the pasture in the middle of the night, leaving behind months of boarding rent, training fees, and rehabilitation fees. For the next 14 months, Grace disappeared, leaving Vaughn devastated and heartsick.

"There was just something about that mare," Vaughn said, referring to the special bond the pair had formed during Grace's rehabilitation process.

In 2006, Vaughn, who was fortunate enough to find Grace through a fellow counselor, learned the horse was for sale.

When Vaughn went to see Grace, she was horrified to find the horse housed in a small pen, knee-deep in manure. Once again, the horse was malnourished and, according to Vaughn, in a poor psychological state.

Vaughn wanted to buy Grace. She wrote the owners a check and said, "Take it or leave it." They took it.

Reunited again, Vaughn began working with Grace to help her conquer her fear of other horses and resolve other psychological issues that had been created by her history of abuse and neglect. Vaughn had major breakthroughs with the mare and her well-known riding coaches again

thought Grace had great potential for the A-Circuit ring in dressage and jumping.

Grace recently had to go through another eight-and-a-half months of in-stall healing due to a leg injury that required 65 stitches. According to Vaughn, Grace's injuries were the result of psychological trauma with other horses and the struggles of adjusting to her new environment.

Today, Grace is continuing her training and his healthy once again. Vaughn hopes to start showing her in the fall.

An integral part of JoyRide, Vaughn's equine-assisted psychotherapy program, Grace is now working to help students learn how to build relationships and intimacy.

Unlike equine-therapy programs for physically handicapped individuals, JoyRide is designed to assist individuals with emotional problems, something that was virtually unheard of when Vaughn entered the field a quarter of a century ago. The hands-on program teaches people how to relate to the world around them through the use of horses as co-therapists.

"The horse is an essential tool in assisting the participant to open his awareness to self, others and the environment. Horses are highly sensitive animals and provide an unbiased source of feedback. They interpret our human emotions oftentimes before we are aware of them," Vaughn said.

Vaughn said when working with horses, participants must use their intellect, emo-

tions, sensory system and spirituality.

"From this heightened state of awareness, new choices can be made that create clarity and balance in a person's life," she said.

Although JoyRide's original targeted clientele was children and adolescents, the therapeutic program has since expanded its population to include adults, families, small groups and corporate administrators.

Through JoyRide, Vaughn has worked with clients as young as 4 and as old as 72.

Vaughn said her fascination with horses began at the age of three-and-a-half when she began riding. Through the encouragement of a counselor who thought a horse would help her with balance issues associated with ADD, her parents bought Vaughn her own horse at the age of 6.

Vaughn decided she wanted to become a counselor as a teenager. Although her first counseling experience was working with drug addicts, Vaughn quickly decided she wanted to do more and fig-

ured out a way to counseling with horses.

After graduating Highland Park High School, Vaughn continued education at Baylor University where she received her master's in social work, then completed her at the University of Arlington.

Today, Vaughn continues to work in her dream combining her love of horses and her love of helping others.

Although Grace is the newest assistant, Vaughn has several other horses, co-therapists also have several other horses.

Vaughn already has a number of students participating in a variety of programs. However, she has other plans on the horizon including a Western summer riding camp and weekend experiential shops.

For more information on High Gate Riding Academy or JoyRide, contact Vaughn at (214) 477-7439 or by email at shellyvaughn@earthlink.net.

Castro

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performance Castro turned to Idol judges for the critiques. Randy Jackson kicked off the evaluations stating that he didn't think "Memory" was the type of song for Castro.

"It's not your thing dude," he told him.

Paula Abdul followed Jackson approving of the song choice.

"I think it was a very wise choice for you to do this song

because once again it allows you to put your influence into it, and it further identifies your unique being as an artist," she said.

Idol's final critic of the night, Simon Cowell, summed up Tuesday's performance stating that he could tell Castro was miserable singing it and he "was partly miserable throughout" listening to the song. Overall, Cowell told Castro that the song choice was a "struggle" and not his "style of music."

Prior to Castro's perfor-

mance in a pre-recorded interview, Webber, this week's Idol mentor, said he never thought he would see a man with dreadlocks singing "Memory," and found it to be a "little bit of a jolt." While working with Castro, Webber advised him that he had to let himself go in ways he's "never done before in a song." Webber said while he's not sure he would have chosen the selection for himself, he believes Castro "made a very brave choice" in taking on the song.

Despite a pretty shaky

week for Castro where his fate seemed to be up in the air, he was able to seal enough votes to advance to the top five and compete in next week's show on April 29. The live one-hour performance will air on Dallas television station FOX 4, KDFW-TV at 7 p.m. followed by a one-hour results show at 8 p.m. April 30. For more information on Castro, visit www.americanidol.com.

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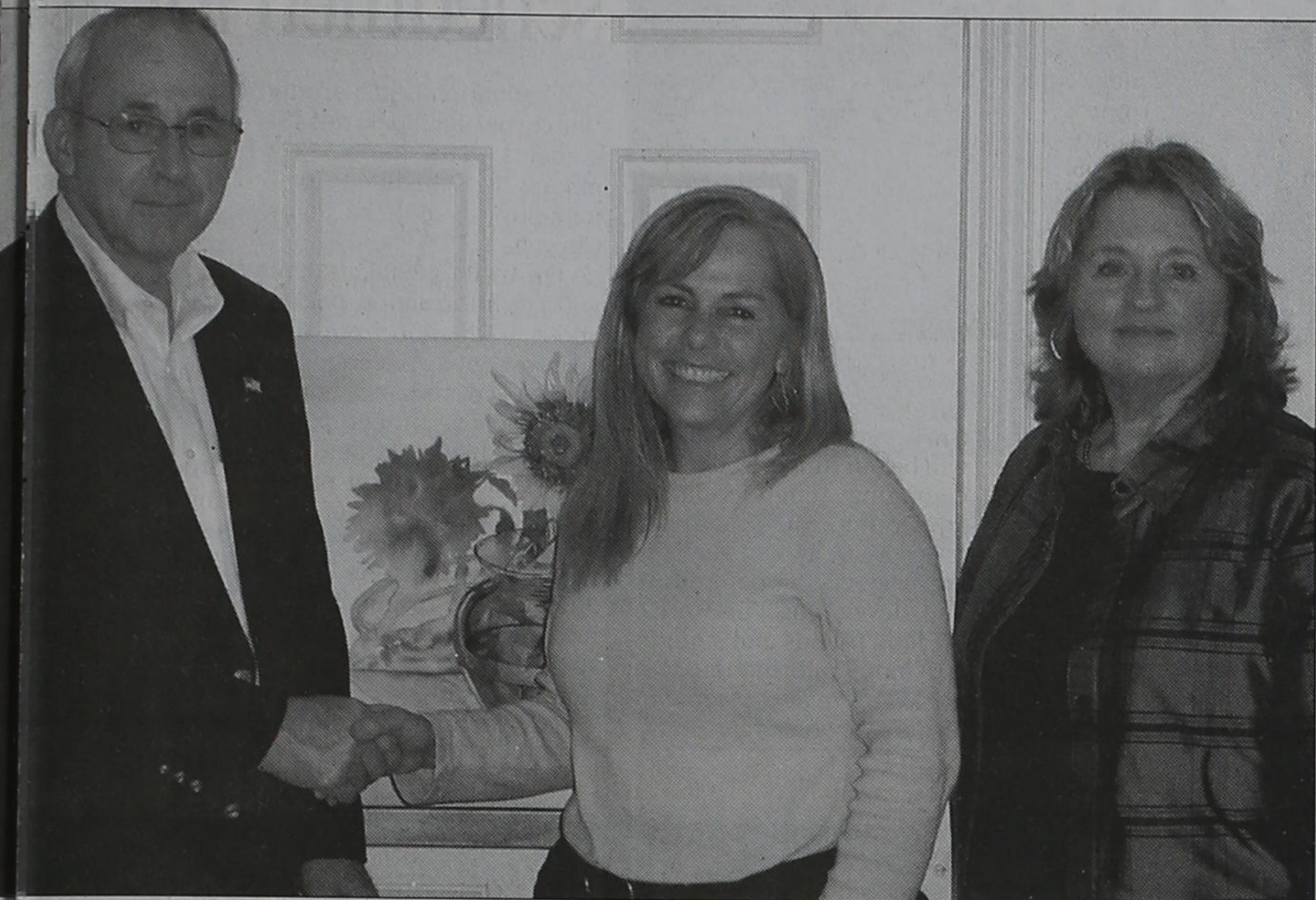
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Bill Cecil of Rockwall (left) joined Joyce Faulkner, a renowned watercolor artist and published author, and Rockwall Art League president Ginger Glover at the Artists Forum in March.

Mayor Bill Cecil of Rockwall was among the many guests at the Artists Forum in March. The event, sponsored by the Rockwall Artists League, featured Joyce Faulkner, a renowned watercolor artist and published author. Faulkner offered demonstrations and taught Art League members during the event. "I enjoyed the demonstration and the fellowship. I was

truly amazed with how Joyce applied values, color and glazing to define and capture the light coming through the glass vase. My biggest surprise was what she can see in a photo and how she brings every aspect of it to life in the painting. I was truly impressed with Joyce's talent and dedication to helping others get the most from watercolor painting," Cecil said.

FOL to swear in new officers

The Rockwall County Friends of the Library will conduct their general meeting at 11 a.m. May 13 at the home of Karen and Brett Hall, 2710 Whispering Oaks Trail in Rockwall.

New officers for 2008-2009 term will be sworn in by Judge Chris Florance.

The Annual Hartman Award will be presented to the person voted as the

Friend who has given the most freely and happily for the good of the library and Friends this past year.

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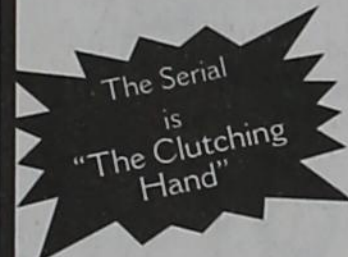
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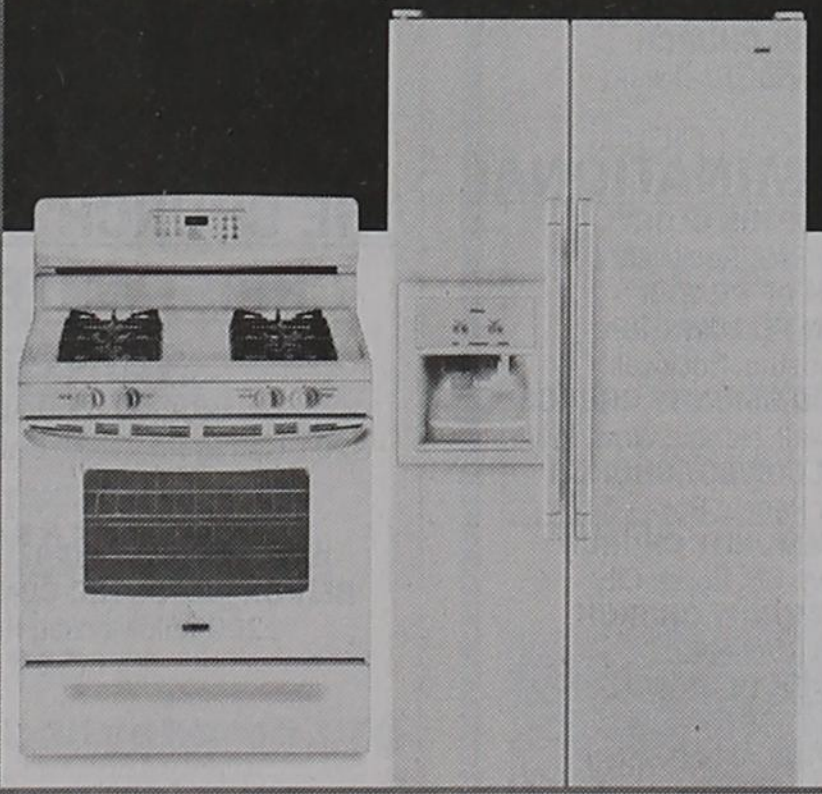
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The Class Of 2008, Lone Star Chapter of the National Charity League, was honored on April 5 at their annual Senior Presentation for their volunteer work in the Rockwall County area. The National Charity League is a philanthropic organization that encourages young ladies and their mothers to volunteer in as many as 30 Rockwall area non-profit organizations.

This year's Senior Class features girls from Rockwall and Rockwall Heath High Schools. Heather Adams, Julia Ballou, Lisa Balew, Laura Bennett, Megan Bonny, Kelli Burkhardt, Kelly Case, Julia Conrad, Megan Kinney, Kelli Jennings, Rebekah Radney, Lauren Smith, Deanne Whipple, Chandler Wilde, and Andrea Wilkinson have contributed almost 1800 volunteer hours. Then Non-Profits that

benefited include The Rockwall Academic Boosters, the American Cancer Society, Equest, Hubbard Chamber Music, Keep Rockwall Beautiful, Lake Pointe Medical Center, Lakeside Singers, Friends of the Library, Rainbow Room, Rockwall Community Playhouse, Rockwall Helping Hands, Summer Ridge Assisted Living, Terrell State Hospital, Texas Special Olympics, and Habitat for Humanity.

This year's Senior Presentation was held April 5th at the Hilton Bella Harbor Ballroom. The event featured an elegant dinner followed by dancing. Tuxedo clad fathers presented their daughters and participated in the traditional father-daughter waltz. The girls then presented their mothers with a single yellow rose, the logo for the Lone



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Star Chapter of NCL.

The National Charity League is comprised of more than 130 chapters in 15 states. The Lone Star Chapter is the oldest in Texas. The Chapter began with 10 mothers and daughters and has now grown to almost 200 members, with girls in the grades 7-12. The goals of National Charity League include fos-

tering a spirit of volunteerism among young ladies who will be our future leaders, encouraging a mother-daughter relationship that builds on mutual respect and giving back to the community and developing a network of life long friends and support. For more information, visit our Web site at www.nationalcharityleague.org.

RISD graduation scheduled for June

Graduation is just around the corner for Rockwall ISD students. The annual ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 6 at Lake Pointe Church.

On April 23, 2008, students will get information packets about graduation from their government or economics classes. If a student is not enrolled in government or economics, they must pick up a packet RHS assistant principal Ray Harton. A list of graduation names will be posted outside Harton's office. Students are responsible for making sure their names are spelled correctly for graduation.

Baccalaureate will be held

at 5 p.m. May 18 at Rockwall High School RHS.

All graduates must be at graduation in order to receive their diploma on June 5, 2008 from 1 p.m. at Lake Pointe Church.

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As Barak led the Israelites against the Canaanites, the Canaanite commander, Sisera, abandoned his chariot and fled on foot to the tent of Jael, wife of Heber, a Kenite and a distant relative of Moses' father-in-law.

Jael welcomed Sisera to her tent and hid him. She gave him milk to satisfy his thirst.

Sisera instructed her to tell anyone who came searching that no one was there.

While Sisera slept, Jael took a tent peg and a hammer and drove the peg through his temple and he died.

When Barak came seeking Sisera, Jael showed him what she had done.

On that day God subdued Jabin, the Canaanite king and the Israelites destroyed him.

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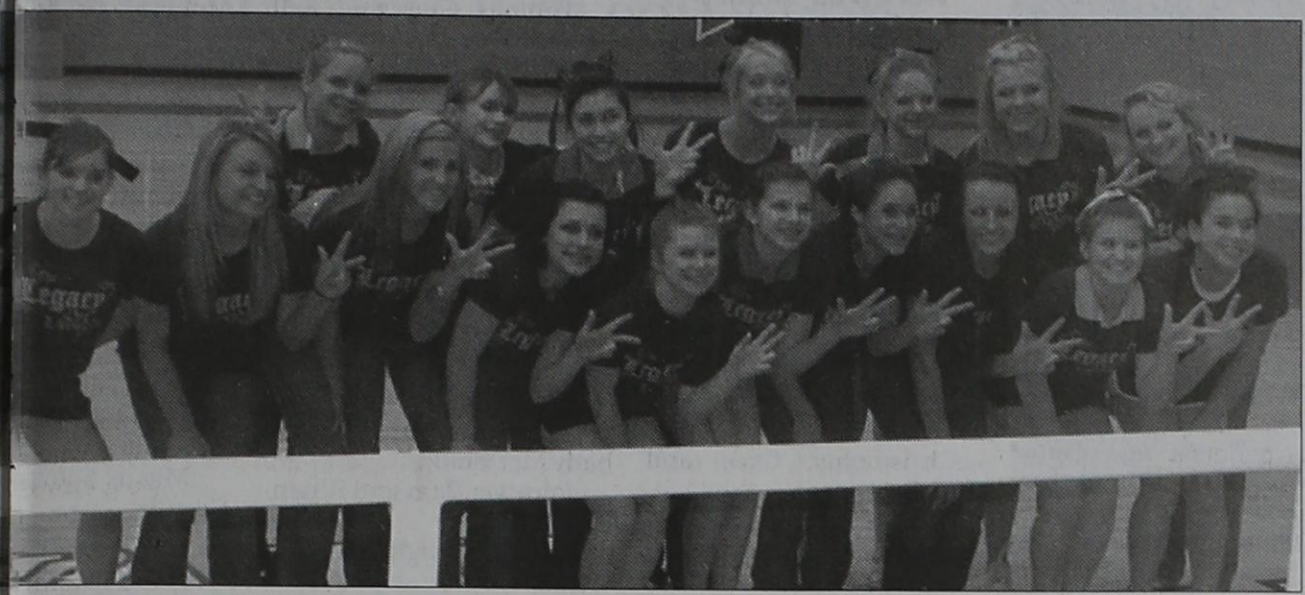
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Auditions under way for Rockwall Childrens Chorus

The Rockwall Childrens Chorus is currently auditioning for the 2008-2009 season.

Auditions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, May 17 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 Yellow Jacket Lane, located across from the Utley Freshman Center. To schedule an audition, please call (972) 722-8187 (home) or (214) 789-2888 (cell).

The Rockwall Childrens Chorus is a childrens community choir for boys and girls who are committed to excellence in choral music. The chorus is for children in grades second through ninth. Rehearsals are Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. for second and third-graders and 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for fourth through ninth-graders during the school year.

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For the audition, students sing a song of their choice. No experience is necessary.

Students are invited to audition for the choral group that has become a recognized tradition in the Rockwall area. For more information, visit the Web site at: rockwallchildrenschorus.com. The Rockwall Childrens Chorus is an Risd community education partner.

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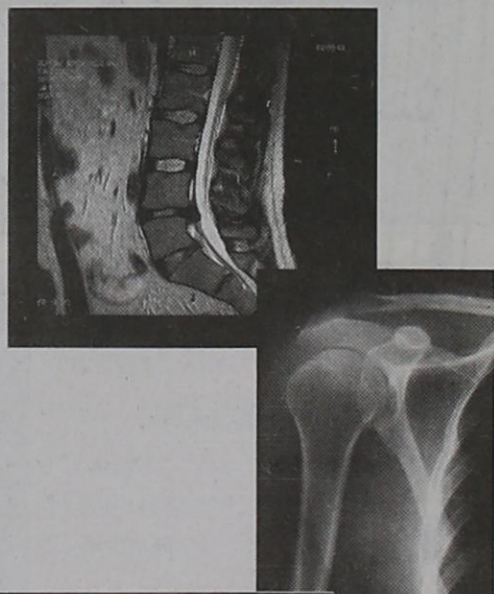
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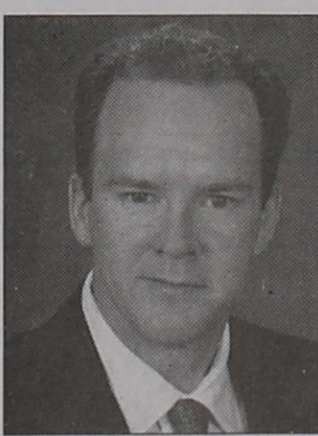
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Local Baptist pastor urges Congress to make the needs of hungry and poor a priority

A group of 21 pastors and educators affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) - including Andrew Daugherty of Christ Church, A Baptist Community at Rockwall - recently urged members of Congress to make the needs of hungry and poor people a priority. The group visited Congress as part of a trip organized Feb. 11-13 by the CBF, a collective Christian voice urging the nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

The pastors and educators spoke to members of Congress and their staff about Bread for the World's 2008 Offering of Letters - a nationwide campaign in which people of faith contact Congress about a specific legislative issue in order to make laws more fair and compassionate to people in need. This year's campaign is pushing for more and better U.S. poverty-focused development assistance to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Daugherty visited with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's staff and with Congressman Ralph Hall.

"We can alleviate extreme poverty and hunger in our time," said Daugherty. "But we need change at the level of laws and structures to make this happen. The good news is that people of faith have the moral power to do something about this. We must

educate our political leaders on how to better take care of the suffering people Jesus cares about."

"I see more clearly now the connection between the MDGs and the importance of holding our legislators accountable so that the goals become attainable," said Rebecca Bennett, CBF curriculum writer. "Often we do not take the opportunity to be an advocate because we just don't know where to begin. [I now have a] better understanding of how to go about putting feet to my faith by being a voice for those whose voices have not been heard."

The trip was a time of learning and fellowship as the group explored how using their voices to talk with their elected representatives is an integral part of "being the presence of Christ in the

world." The group also met with the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and was briefed on the 2008 Offering of Letters by Bread staff.

"I felt empowered by God's spirit to take this step of faith to speak truth to those in power and now feel better equipped to take additional action in the future," said Devita Parnell, CBF missions education specialist. "The experience was spiritually formative and one that I hope many other Baptist Christians will also seek."

As a result, Christ Church at Rockwall will conduct an Offering of Letters campaign on Sunday morning, May 18. For more information on Bread for the World's 2008 Offering of Letters, visit www.bread.org/take-action/ol2008/

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Former students find education to be life changing experience

Commerce, Texas - Four former students of Texas A&M University-Commerce, they find education to be a life changing experience.

Active in the Dallas community, she has chaired major fundraising events for The United Cerebral Palsy Association and the Crystal Ball, a non-profit organization that raised a record-setting \$3 million for underprivileged children in Dallas County.

and very little in the way of hope.

"Something happened to me here. I was transformed from someone who cared very little and tried even less into somebody who cared a great deal and tried very hard," the author said.

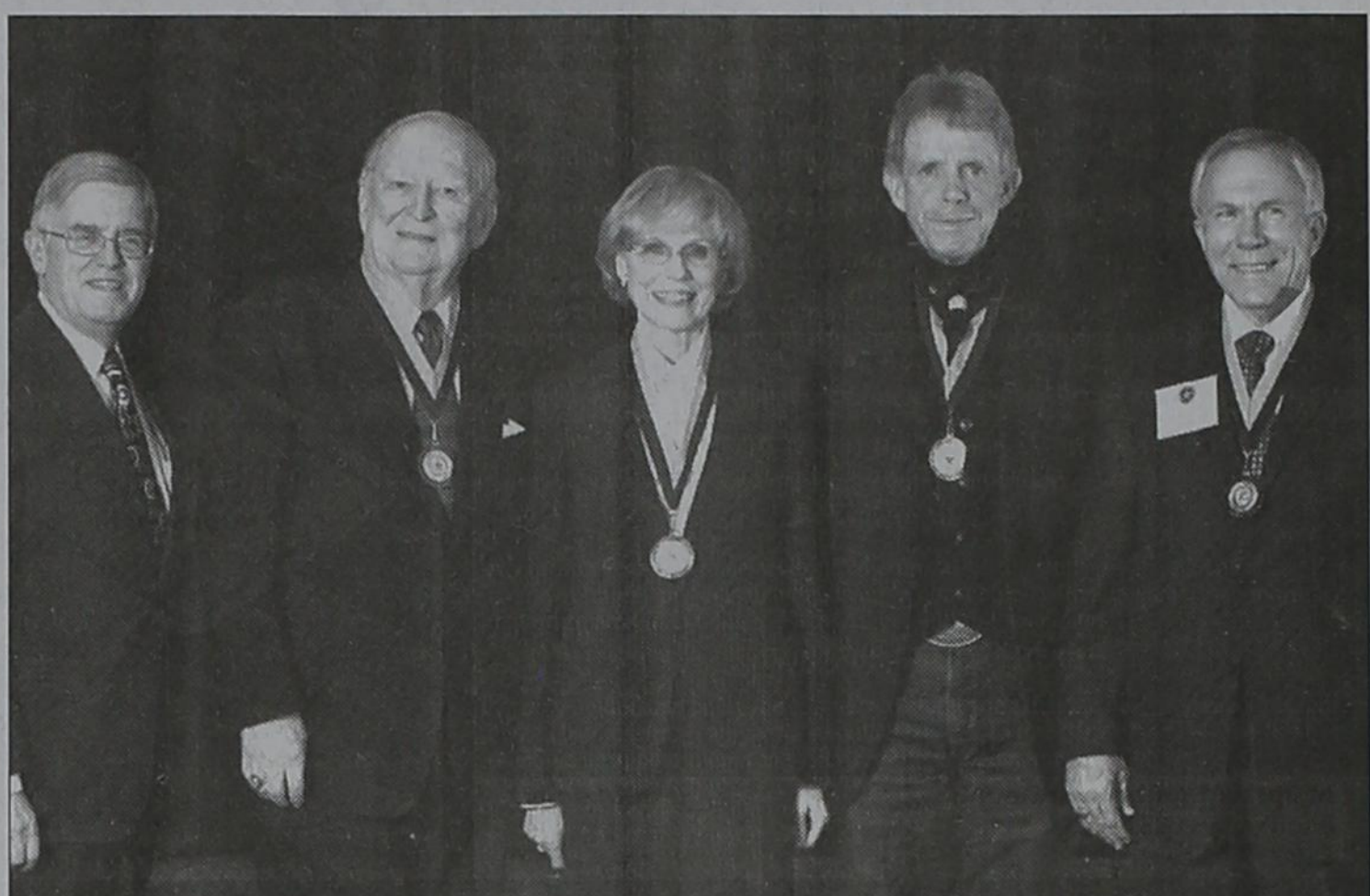
Johnson thanked former A&M-Commerce professors and staff members Jerry Lytle, Fred Tarpley and Sam Cochran for being an inspiration to him. "They held a light for me," he said.

Tarpley, who earned a bachelor's degree in 1951 and master's in 1954, is known for his vast knowledge of the dialect, geographic names, history and lore of the northeast Texas region.

He has written over 15 works, including scripts, articles and books about the names, people and places in Texas. His most influential works include "From Blinky to Blue John: A World Atlas of Northeast Texas," "10001 Texas Place Names," and "Jefferson: Riverport to the Southwest."

A&M-Commerce Professor Emeritus of Literature and Languages, Tarpley is active in the Commerce community. He was the founding director of the city's Bois d'Arc Bash, a festival held each September, now in its 22nd year.

The Leonard native and graduate of Hooks High School said his parents were supportive of him and insisted that he get an education. When he arrived at East Texas State Teachers College, he began a "life-altering adven-



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Four Texas A&M University-Commerce graduates have been honored as 2008 Distinguished Alumni for their career achievements. From left are A&M-Commerce President Keith McFarland, Fred Tarpley, Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, Michael L. Johnson and H. Dan Farrell.

ture."

Tarpley said he hoped his books on northeast Texas lore, literature and language, had "instilled pride and appreciation" in the region.

Active in the Alumni Association, Tarpley said he was honored to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

The Professor Emeritus said he has fond memories of instructors and colleagues "whose influence is so deeply ingrained in my life." He mentioned Paul W. Barrus, Eusibia Lutz, Margaret Lee Wiley, William T. Jack, Adelle Clark, Dean Margaret Berry,

Robert Lee Jones, Otha C. Spencer, D.C. Butler, Virginia Mason Renfro, Belle Hays Chasteen, and Edna B. Stephens.

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Kiwanis, Chamber host car show, dinner

CEDAR CREEK LAKE - If crawfish with all the trimmings served outdoors is just what the doctor ordered to cure your spring fever, or if you just long for the good ol' days and enjoy wandering around "remembering when" as you check out beautiful hot rods, trucks, muscle cars and more, you won't want to miss the family event at Mabank Pavilion on May 3.

Last year, the Cedar Creek Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cedar Creek Kiwanis Club partnered to produce a joint fundraiser that proved to be highly successful for both groups. The Cedar Creek Lake Car Show & Kiwanis Krawfish Boil combined the best of two existing events to bring residents of the area and out of town visitors a day of show cars, great food, music and fun for the entire family.

Mabank Pavilion is located just off Bus. State Highway 175 between Highway 198 and State Highway 175, and the cars will start rolling in about 8 a.m. to register. The Car Show is free to the public and promises an "up close" view of some of the best-looking hot rods, cars and trucks in the region and from around the state. Entrance to the Car Show is free.

The 2007 event featured almost 100 cars from around the region and chamber president Jo Ann Hanstrom reports that by all indications the 2008 show will be even more popular.

"Besides all of the wonderful show cars, we're going to have on display a rare 2008 Shelby GT Mustang - a car that has already brought a lot of excitement to car buffs. The Shelby is a limited edition (no. 259 of only 2,000 made) and visitors to our show will be able to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win the car. Tickets are only \$10 and all proceeds benefit the East Texas Crisis Center. This will be the inaugural showing of the Shelby as a fund raiser for the Crisis Center," Hanstrom said.

The car will be given away at 4 p.m. Feb. 22 at Harvey Convention Center.

For those who have a car to show in the competition, entry forms are available at the chamber office, located at 604 S. Third St., Ste. E in Mabank. There will be entries in 20 classes (including Jr. Dragster), door prizes,

goodie bags and T-shirts for the first 100 entries, raffles and 50/50, plus professional DJ Tom Pollard playing cruise tunes all day.

Registration for the show is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Judging is from noon to 1 p.m. and the awards will be presented at 2 p.m. The cost to enter is \$20 if pre-registered (first 60 entries guaranteed under the roof of the 28,000 square foot Mabank Pavilion) and \$25 the day of the show. For an application, call (903) 887-3152 or email info@cedarcreeklakechamber.com.

Entries also can be downloaded by visiting, www.cedarcreeklakecarshow.net.

The Kiwanis Club will be serving crawfish with all the trimmings for \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 servings. The

\$20 flat has crawfish, corn on the cob and potatoes for four people. The Chamber of Commerce Grill Team will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage on a stick for those folks who don't care for crawfish, plus frozen candy bars will be available for dessert. The Grill Team's motto is, "Eat a hot dog, save a crawfish" Besides the grill items, breakfast will be available at the concession for early birds and souvenir T-shirts and other items will be on sale throughout the day.

For more information, call The Greater Cedar Creek Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at (903) 887-3152 or email info@cedarcreeklakechamber.com. For a complete list of chamber events and a categorized member

list, visit www.cedarcreeklakechamber.com.

Hays Road to be closed

Hays Road in the City of Rockwall will be closed to through traffic from May 1-June 30. The closing is necessary due to construction of a section of John King Blvd. (State Highway 205 by-pass).

Traffic access to the homes south of Farm-to-Market Road 552 will be provided. Through traffic will be detoured to Farm-to-Market Road 1141 and State Highway 205.

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Sunday, April 27: Rockwall MusicFest presents the Greater Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra and the Select Girls Chorus of Williams Middle School in concert. Rockwall-Heath High School at 4:30 pm. Tickets available at rockwallmusicfest.com.

Wednesday, April 30: Rockwall Art League will host artist Janice Hamilton of Dallas, TX, who will demonstrate pastel and acrylic wash techniques on Kitty Wallis paper. Harry Myers Park Community Building at 7:00 pm. Visit www.rockwallartleague.org for more information.

Saturday, May 3: An Art Exchange Program is on display at the Rockwall County Library, featuring students' art from Poetry, TX and Poland. Visit the library from 1:00-3:00 pm for an Open Reception being hosted by the sponsors, the Polish-American Foundation of Texas.

Sunday, May 4: Rockwall Children's Chorus will perform a concert at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall at 11:00 am.

Friday, May 9: Rockwall Community Playhouse presents "Grease" on stage. Weekend performances are May 9-11, 16-18, and 23-25. Friday and Saturday performances at 8:00 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now at www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Saturday, May 10: Rockwall Community Playhouse will hold auditions at 10:00 am for "Schoolhouse Rock, Jr.," a Children's Theater Summer production. Visit www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org for information.

Monday, May 12: Rockwall Children's Chorus Community Concert at 7:00 pm. Visit www.rockwallchildrenschorus.com for location information.

Saturday, May 17: Rockwall Children's Chorus will be holding auditions from 9:00 am -12:00 pm at First United Methodist Church.

Saturday, May 31: Founder's Day Festival Visit us at the ART Commission's booth on the Town Square and see a living "Discovery" statue!!

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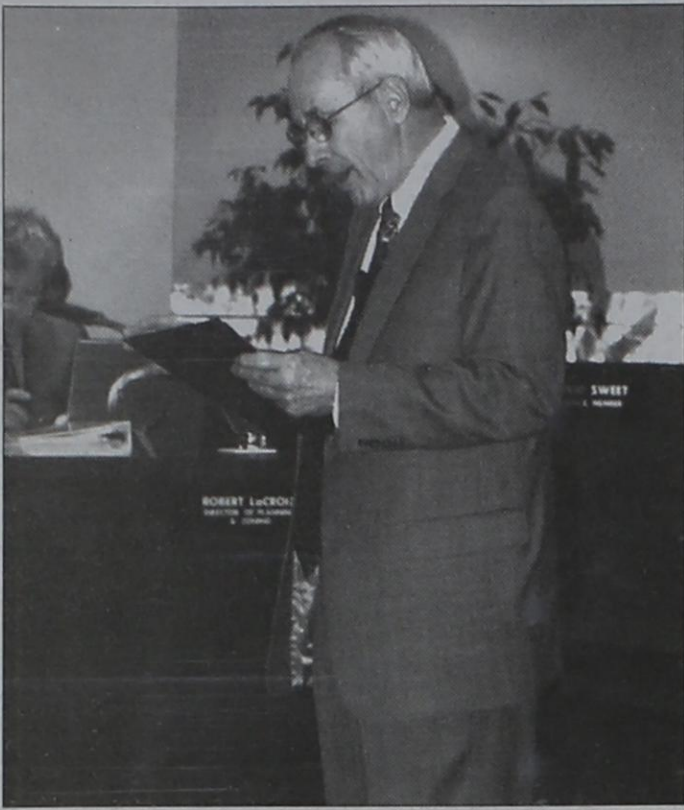
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Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil declares April "Happy Birthday Rockwall" month at a city council meeting early this week. On April 17, 1854 - 154 years ago - settlers originally discovered the rock wall that became the city and county's namesake. He said that, as the legend goes, no one is certain if the wall was natural or manmade.

Destination expert coming to Rockwall

Independent business owners in Rockwall will have the opportunity to hear nationally-known business consultant Jon Schallert at The Center at Rockwall City Place from on May 13, 8-9:30 a.m., sponsored by the city of Rockwall. Schallert will present his acclaimed business improvement session, "Increasing Sales & Profits by becoming a Destination Business" in a 90-minute session.

Schallert teaches independent business owners how to turn their businesses into consumer "Destinations." His consulting firm, The Schallert Group, Inc. in Longmont, Col., is noted for providing competitive tools to independent business owners that are typically used exclusively by large corporate chains to dominate a marketplace.

"The challenge for any business today, regardless of its location and surrounding demographics, is to create such a compelling offering that it is repeatedly visited by consumers. For a business to

be a true Destination, it must also be able to draw customers from other cities and towns, miles away, past other larger more dominant competitors," says Schallert.

Schallert has been working with independent business owners since 1983, and he contributes his business strategies to national publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and Entrepreneur Magazine. Schallert speaks and consults with thousands of

entrepreneurs annually.

To learn more about Schallert, visit his company website at www.JonSchallert.com.

"Most independent businesses that fail today would not have adapted to easily recognizable marketplace changes and focused on becoming Consumer Destinations," says Schallert. "It's an oversimplification to say that all small Mom and Pop businesses are doomed because

of superstores or because of the proliferation of big box stores throughout the country. Schallert is a member of the National Speakers Association, the National Street Network and the national Downtown Association.

Business owners interested in attending the session may contact Debbie Henson at the city office at (972) 772-6400 or via email at dhenderson@rockwalltx.com.

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Jason R.E. Glatzer vs. Gunnar and Linda Skarbrevik, Appeal from JP

Jason R.E. Glatzer vs. Gunnar Skarbrevik DBA All American Remodeling, Appeal from JP

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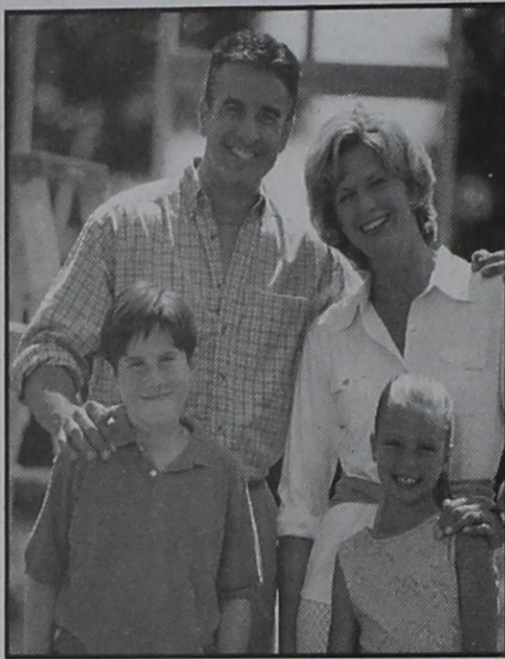
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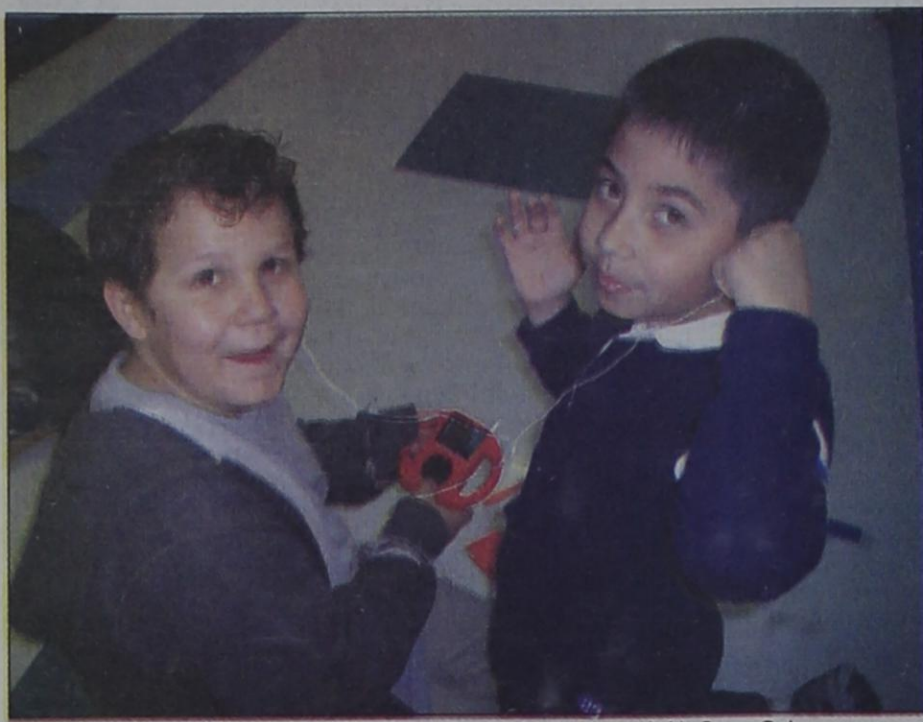
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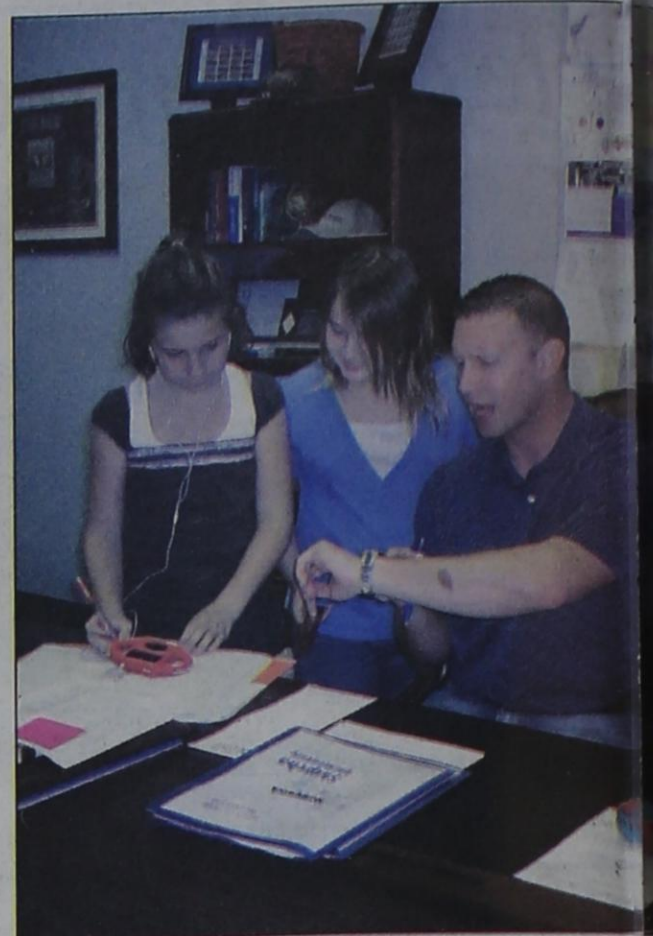
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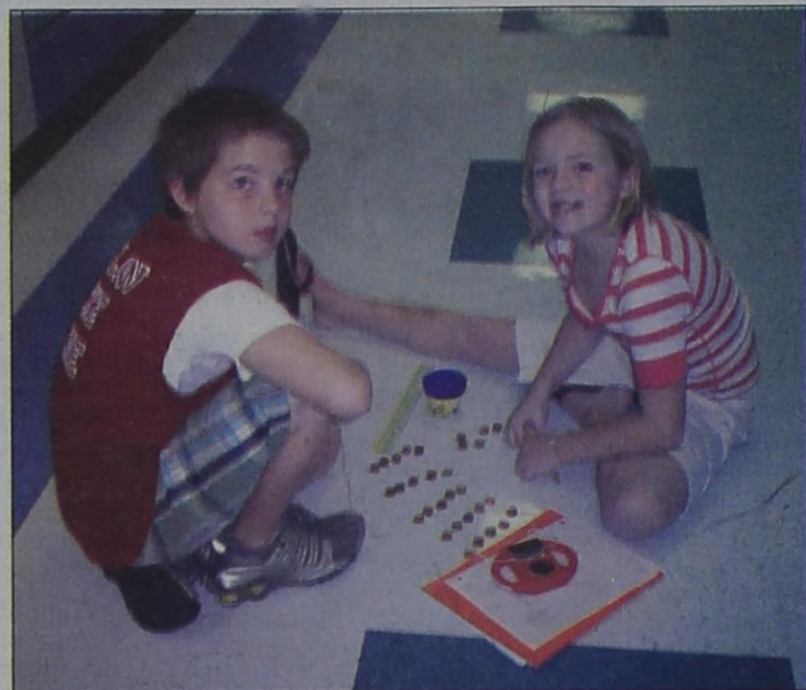


Amy Parks Heath Elementary fourth-grade students (from left) Greg Scheenann and Beto Aranda measure floor squares to determine the perimeter during an iPod math project designed to help them prepare for math benchmark tests.

Mission Math Measurement



Amy Park Heath Elementary fourth-grade students (from left) Kaitlyn Parker and Courtney Walraven visit with principal Stan Crawford during Mission Math Measurement, a math project designed to help them prepare for math benchmark tests. The students used video iPod instructions to help them learn math skills.



Amy Parks Heath Elementary School fourth-graders (from left) Kelton Morrow and Kacy Holloway recently reviewed math skills through an iPod project called Mission Math Measurement. The students, acting as secret agents, were given a video instructions to help them practice skills such as measuring, counting and telling time.

Rockwall County volunteers to be honored

Rockwall County volunteers will be honored for their service to a number of area organizations during National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3.

The purpose of the week is to recognize and encourage people who seek ways to engage in their community and meet challenges by working together.

Rockwall County individuals can choose from a number of different organizations where they can donate their time such as schools, the library, the YMCA, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for abused and neglected children, Helping Hands or the city of Rockwall.

Volunteer opportunities also are available at hospitals, nursing homes and churches as well as local arts groups.

Another volunteer opportunity is with the Rockwall County Committee on Aging. The committee's mission is to keep senior citizens safe and independent in their own homes by providing Meals on Wheels, advocacy/ombudsman services, benefits counseling, distribution of emergency food, donated items and caregiver support. They also host health fairs and seminars for seniors.

More than 61 million people volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2006 and September 2007,

according to a recent survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That represents more than a quarter of the entire U.S. population.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration of volunteering. Every president since has signed a proclama-

tion promoting the week.

As the 2008 National Volunteer Week presenting sponsor, Target is helping significantly expand national awareness to increase participation through advertising campaigns, in-store promotions, online marketing and support of the President's Volunteer Service Award. National Volunteer Week is an

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LESSON LEARNED?

By LARY BUMP
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RHS girls head to playoffs after tests in District 10-5A

This weekend, Rockwall's softball team will find out just how much it learned from frustrating losses to District 9-5A powers Garland and Rowlett.

That's because the third-place Lady Jackets' opening-round playoff opponent will be Plano West, which finished second in District 9-5A at 12-2 and 24-6 overall.

They'll meet in a best-of-three series that begins April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Plano West. The second game would be at Rockwall on April 25 at 7:30 p.m., with a third game at Wiley the following day at 2 p.m. if necessary.

Head coach Shadie Acosta of RHS (10-4, 19-11-2) promised a surprise for the bi-district series against the Lady Wolves.

"We're looking at some different things. We've been working them out this week and we've got a lot of options."

Those options could include the Lady Jackets' starting pitcher for the opening game. Candidates include Kieley Harrison (8-2) and Kat Brown (5-2). Laycee Holcomb's 6-7 record is deceiving. Acosta pointed out, "Laycee had our

toughest games, including both games against Garland and Rowlett. Kat and Kieley had some tough games too."

Both Rockwall and the Lady Wolves enter their series on hot streaks. Plano West has won its last eight games, outscoring opponents 66-5 during that stretch. The Lady Jackets have won their last four by a combined margin of 74-6.

Acosta said, "Offense is always a challenge, being able to adapt to new pitchers. I wish we had a few more Garlands and Rowletts in our district. We don't get to play teams of that caliber very often."

However, Plano West is of the same caliber as Rowlett and defending state champion Garland.

"They're a sound team all around," Acosta said. "They definitely have speed. They have slappers and power hitters. The top five in their lineup are so good that keeping them off the bases would help us a lot."

Rockwall counters with first baseman Haley Lemons, batting .548 with

36 runs batted in, and shortstop Shelby Frierson, at .533 with 35 RBI. Brown has been the leading power hitter with four home runs.

RHS' last four games were against teams below them in the district standings. The most recent was Saturday's 14-3 victory at Sachse, which reached the playoffs as 10-5A's fourth-place team. The Lady Jackets scored nine runs in the fifth inning to wrap up a victory under the 10-run rule. Kelsey Harmon drove in two of those runs with a single.

As a senior, Harmon knows the importance of Rockwall's fifth consecutive trip to the playoffs.

"It's always been very important. Now we're looking forward to our first year in the playoffs under Coach Acosta. We can start a new tradition so the younger girls can have something they can look forward to passing on and improving on."

"It's real exciting as a senior. For a lot of us it will be their last game, and they don't want it to end," Harmon said.

"Garland and Rowlett have better pitching and defense than other teams we played. In the preseason we played other good teams too. So we're prepared mentally."



Rockwall County News / JD BRYANT

Laycee Holcomb may be 6-7 but did so in pitching against powers Garland and Rowlett. Holcomb is one of three reliable Lady Jackets could use in their playoff series against Plano

Royse City teams ready for bi-district playoff opponents

By CLIFF GIBSON
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Each team securing 2 seed in District 10-5A's baseball and softball teams are set to be-playoffs in the coming days.

The Bulldogs (21-4, 19-13) will test the postseason first in a bi-district playoff against Little Elm (19-13) that will begin on Friday.

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Dezy Arrendondo lead the offense. Landers led the team in batting average (.400) while Arrendondo batted .394 with team-highs in runs (28) and home runs (4).

Julia Zielinski (21) and Sarah Stutts (18) lead in RBI while Shelby Pille's 32 hits and 14 stolen bases are also team-highs.

The Bulldogs (14-8, 7-3) will also face 9-3A's No. 3 seed when they meet Princeton (14-7, 9-5) in the bi-district round.

Dates, times and locations for this playoff matchup were still being discussed at press time and were not available.

The Bulldogs had a chance to earn a bye and the district title but dropped their last two games in losses to Quinlan Ford, 4-3 on April 18, and Emory Rains, 8-6 on April 22.

Royse City outthit the Wildcats, 16-11 and committed just one error to Rains' three but still couldn't get the victory.

Scot Lane and Richard Morrison will lead Royse City into the postseason. Lane leads the club with a .375 batting average and has a 5-1 record with a 2.10 ERA on the bump.

Morrison is hitting .351 and has a 4-2 pitching record with a 2.94 ERA.

Lane (68) and Morrison (48) are also the teams strike-out leaders.



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Rockwall-Heath shortstop Sarah Long leads the Lady Hawks on the field and at the plate and will be a big factor in Heath's bi-district playoff series against Little Elm, which starts Friday at McKinney HS.

Lady Hawks take blazing bats into postseason against Little Elm

By MATT MCGILLEN
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With an offense that features nine players hitting .340 or better - led by Sarah Long's almost unbelievable .586 average - Rockwall-Heath figures to score some runs against Little Elm when the two teams square off in the bi-district playoffs at McKinney High School, beginning at 7 p.m. on April 25.

Heath (17-12) will meet Little Elm (22-9-1) again at 1 p.m. and, if necessary, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, also at McKinney.

Long, the Lady Hawks' slick fielding junior shortstop, leads Heath not only in averages, but in hits (51), runs (30), RBI (28), stolen bases (16) and home runs (2).

Sophomore Sarah Deimling isn't too far behind Long, hitting at a .434 clip and is also second in RBI with 24.

Dakota Whittern (.423, 10 RBI), Kirsten Embrey (.378, 20 RBI), Taylor McLoughlin (.378, 15 steals), Hailey Galloway (.367, 16 RBI), Kaeleigh Lutz (.361, 23 RBI) and Taylor Blair (.343) are also blistering the ball.

The big question for the Lady Hawks, however, is whether junior Chelsey Eddy's surgically repaired elbow on her pitching arm is back to full strength.

Sidelined by surgery in December, Eddy, a first team 10-4A All-District selection last season, did not return to the field until the later part of March.

Eddy (3-3, 1.43 ERA) pitched well initially after her return but suffered pain in her elbow in back-to-back losses to Mesquite Poteet and Forney on March 28 and April 1.

She was sidelined again until making a triumphant return in the decisive game against Pearce, allowing just three hits and one run with eight strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings of relief.

Backing up Eddy will be sophomore Victoria Combs (14-6, 1.90 ERA).

Leading the way for the Lady Lobos is pitcher Brittany Talley, who brings a 16-6 record and a miniscule 0.73 ERA into the playoffs. Talley has struck out 245 batters and is averaging 12.4 strikeouts per seven innings pitched.

Offensively, Little Elm is paced by Lauren Witzke, who leads the Lady Lobos in average (.449), hits (44), runs (29), RBI (33) and stolen bases (19).

This will be the Lady Hawks second playoff appearance in a row, following last season's heartbreaking, nine-inning 1-0 loss to Frisco in the opening round.

Jackets clinch playoff berth, second seed

By LARY BUMP
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The Yellowjackets are in the baseball playoffs for the seventh consecutive season.

The question now is whom they will meet in the first round.

Going into their final regular-season game April 25 at Sachse, Rockwall is second in District 10-5A with a 9-4 district record (15-9 overall).

The Mustangs (5-8, 11-14) are out of the playoffs, but they have played RHS tough over the last two seasons. Their ace pitcher, Daniel Fails, has defeated the Jackets in all three games in 2007 and '08.

Lakeview Centennial (8-5, 10-9) currently is third in 10-5A, so the Patriots could move into a tie for second by winning Friday if Rockwall loses to Sachse again.

In that case, the Jackets and Lakeview would play a one-game playoff the following day.

Rockwall took a big step forward April 22 by defeating Naaman Forest, 3-1.

That victory ensured that the Jackets would finish no worse than third in the district.

As the fourth-place team, they would have had to meet Plano West (28-0), the top-ranked team in the state, in the playoffs' first round.

The Jackets would play Allen (9-5, 16-11) if they finish third in 10-5A. A second-place finish would mean a playoff date with Wylie (19-11) or Plano East (14-14-1).

Those teams tied for third in 9-5A at 8-6.

Rockwall's finish could depend on whether it defeats Sachse.

Heath ends year with big victories, but falls short of lofty expectations

By MATT MCGILLEN
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James Vaughn fired a one-hitter and Zach Frazier homered twice as the Rockwall-Heath Hawks ran their winning streak to five games to close out an otherwise disappointing 2008 season by blasting Greenville, 16-1 on April 22.

The Hawks, who also got home runs from Sean Graves and Drew Benefield against Greenville, also beat Richardson Pearce, 12-9 on April 18 to finish the year 16-9 overall and 8-6 in District 10-4A.

In a season of high expectations after their initial year of varsity competition brought them to within one win of the postseason in 2007, the Hawks were all but eliminated in the first two weeks of district play.

Losing to Mesquite Poteet, Forney and Highland Park - who would go on to take the three Dis-

trict 10-4A playoff berths - Heath dropped to 0-3 and to the bottom of the standings.

A four-game win streak seemed to give the Hawks new life, but another sweep by the Big Three put the playoffs out of sight for good.

"We just performed below expectations against Poteet, Forney and Highland Park," said coach Greg Harvey, "and played real well against everyone else. We also had a couple injuries that hurt us in district play."

The biggest injury may have been to senior pitcher Drew VerHagen.

The hard throwing right-hander, who had been clocked at over 90 miles an hour on the radar gun, suffered a stress fracture in his elbow and last appeared on the mound for the Hawks on March 19.

Unable to pitch, VerHagen led the Hawks at the plate, com-

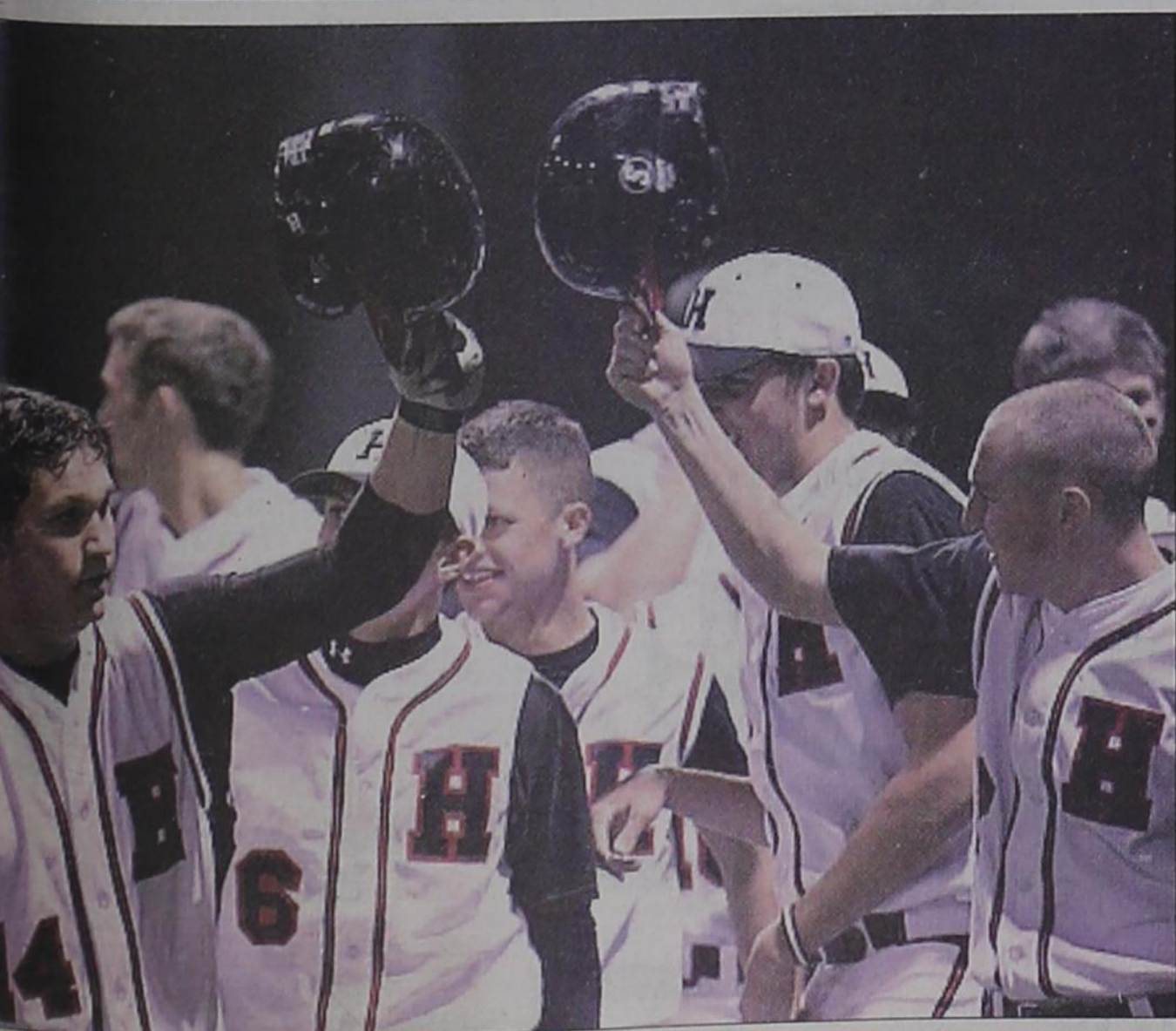
pling a .438 average. Benefield (.386), Graves (.380) and Frazier (.375) also swung the bat well for the Hawks.

Benefield led the team with 22 RBI while Frazier had 22, VerHagen 17 and Colton Court 13. Charlie Martin led the way on the base paths with 17 steals with Frazier leading the team in home runs with four.

Benefield added three round trippers and Graves two.

On the mound, VerHagen went 3-2 with a 1.40 ERA, with Benefield putting together a 4-2 record and a 2.20 ERA and Cody Sargent a 3-1 mark and a 4.77 ERA.

The Hawks graduate a total of eight players - Micah Headley, Calvin Wallen, Kevin Davis, Jace Hudson and Cass Johnson as well as Court, Frazier and Graves.



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After falling just one game short of the baseball postseason, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks had high expectations entering the 2008 campaign. Untimely injuries and a trio of district powerhouses - Mesquite Highland Park and Forney - led to another disappointing finish as the Hawks again finished in the District 10-4A standings and just missed the playoffs.

fishingreport

Northeast Texas Fishing Report for weekend of April 25-27

ATHENS

Water stained; 59-66 degrees; 0.37' high. Black bass are fair to good on Senkos, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on prepared baits and night-crawlers.

BOB SANDLIN

Water off color; 59-66 degrees; 0.11' high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigged lizards, wacky rigged worms and chatterbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and jiggling spoons. Catfish are fair on cut and prepared bait.

BRIDGEPORT

Water stained; 58-65 degrees; 1' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and Stanley Ribbits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs and live shad. Hybrid striper are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are good on cut and prepared bait.

CADDO

Water stained; 57-65 degrees; 1.45' high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigged Brush Hogs and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are fair on Rooster Tails and minnows. Yellow bass are fair on jigs and shrimp. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

CEDAR CREEK

Water lightly stained; 58-65 degrees;

0.01' high. Black bass are fair on flukes, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. White bass are good on slabs and Humdingers. Hybrid striper are fair on live bait and slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on cheese bait and night-crawlers.

COOPER

Water lightly stained; 58-66 degrees; 2.56' high. Black bass are fair on Senkos, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Hybrid striper are fair on slabs, live shad and Sassy Shad. Catfish are fair on night-crawlers and prepared bait.

FAIRFIELD

Water fairly clear; 60-76 degrees. No report available.

FORK

Water fairly clear; 59-66 degrees; 0.43' high. Black bass are fair to good on red Rat-L-Traps, tubes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

GRAPEVINE: Water stained to murky; 59-67 degrees; 5.77' high. Black bass are fair on wacky rigged finesse baits, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs, with more being caught in the marinas. White bass are fair to good on slabs and Humdingers. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

JOE POOL: Water off color; 59-66 degrees; 1.7' high. Black bass are fair to

good on jerkbaits, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on minnows and slabs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

LAKE O' THE PINES

Water stained to murky; 59-67 degrees; 0.59' high. Black bass are fair on flukes, Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

LAVON

Water stained to murky; 58-66 degrees; 3.21' high. Black bass are fair to good on 4" Senkos, Texas rigs and chatterbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut shad and prepared bait.

LEWISVILLE

Water off color; 59-66 degrees; 1.44' high. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Hybrid striper are fair on slabs and Sassy Shad. Catfish are good on prepared bait and cut shad.

MARTIN CREEK

0.06' high. No report available.

MONTICELLO

Water fairly clear; 68-82 degrees; 0.23' low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, flukes and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

PALESTINE

Water stained; 59-66 degrees; 0.35' high. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and tubes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Hybrid striper are fair on topwaters, Sassy Shad and live shad. White bass are fair to good on Humdingers. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

RAY HUBBARD

Water stained; 59-67 degrees; 0.04' low. Black bass are fair to good on flukes, Senkos, spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs (moving shallow). White bass are fair to good on TNT slabs and Humdingers. Hybrid striper are fair on Humdingers. Catfish are fair on cut and prepared bait.

RAY ROBERTS

Water stained; 58-64 degrees; 1.56' high. Black bass to 9 pounds are good to excellent on Booyah Boogie Baits and 3/4oz. spinnerbaits (slow rolled). Crappie are moving to the shallows. White bass are good on Humdingers and CC Jiggling Spoons off deep water points or by following the birds. Catfish are good over baited holes on prepared baits.

RICHLAND CHAMBERS

Water off color; 58-66 degrees; 0.06' high. Black bass are fair to good on Senkos, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are fair on slabs and live shad. Hybrid striper are fair on slabs and live shad. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

TAWAKONI

Water lightly stained; 58-66 degrees; 0.89' high. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and tubes. Crappie are fair on split shot rigged Ring Fines. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad and night-crawlers. Catfish are fair on stink bait.

TEXOMA

Water off color; 58-66 degrees; 0.89' high. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, flukes and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Hybrid striper are fair to good on TNT slabs and Humdingers. Catfish are fair on cut and prepared bait.

WEATHERFORD

Water stained; 58-66 degrees; 1.45' high. Black bass are fair to good on Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Hybrid striper are fair on prepared bait and cut shad. White bass are fair on slabs and live minnows.

WRIGHT PATMAN

Water lightly stained; 58-66 degrees; 14.54' high. Black bass are fair on flukes, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut and prepared bait.

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RFD to participate in Fill the Boot campaign

The Rockwall Fire Department and the Muscular Dystrophy Association are teaming up this year to raise money for neuromuscular diseases, treatment and research.

April 24 through 26, Rockwall Fire Fighters will participate in MDA's Fill the Boot campaign.

The firefighters will go out each day asking local residents to drop cash into fire boots to support local families living with neuromuscular diseases.

The funds raised enable

MDA to provide the very best in patient care and services, including clinic visits, orthopedic equipment, support groups and a worldwide research effort seeking treatments and cures for the 43 neuromuscular diseases.

In North Texas, MDA serves over 3,000 families who are affected by neuromuscular diseases.

For more information on MDA or the Rockwall Fill-the-Boot you can visit www.mda.org or contact Tatiana Higdon at thigdon@mdausa.org.

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The United States Tennis Association announced that a Recreational Coach Workshop will be held at Rockwall-Heath High School from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 24.

The workshop is one of over 200 events taking place across the nation in 2007 as part of a national initiative by the USTA.

Recreational Coach Workshops (RCWs) are interactive, on-court training programs designed for tennis teachers, coaches, and parents working with players at the recreational level.

Each workshop is six hours in length and conducted by a certified tennis professional that is specifically trained for the RCW Program.

The goal of the program is to help all teachers, coach-

es, and those interested in learning how to become a recreational coach, with instruction, fresh and innovative ideas and easy-to-follow resources.

"We understand the importance of those teachers and coaches who are working with players at the recreational level," said Kirk Anderson, director of recreational coaches and programming for USTA.

Every workshop participant will receive lesson plans and sample equipment in an effort to make the learning process fun and easy.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$10 and participants must bring their own racquet.

To sign up, contact JR Rahmanzadeh (972) 771-8883.



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Rockwall High School Agriculture Mechanics Show Team members (from left) Matt Burgess, Ryan Harris, Tyler Hughes and Connor Defebaugh competed in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Agriculture Mechanics Project Show.

ISD students bring home blue ribbon

Rockwall ISD students participated in the 2008 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo from March 2-18.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a charitable event that benefits the youth of Texas. Since the show's beginning in 1932, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has contributed more than \$1 billion to scholarships, endowments, and other educational programs.

Students work many months to earn his or her place competing among the finest junior livestock in the state.

feeding and preparing my pig, Chief, during the time in Houston that I ever thought possible. Getting Chief when he weighed 20 pounds until I showed him in Houston at 256 pounds helped make great senior year memories," Josh Owens, RHS senior said.

Each year, the Houston livestock show draws Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors from across the state to compete at the world's largest livestock show.

Students work many months to earn his or her place competing among the finest junior livestock in the state.

Participation in the Junior Livestock Division is limited to Texas resident students, who are members of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and who have continuously owned and personally fed and cared for their animals

under the direct supervision of a county extension agent or agricultural science teacher.

RHS Agriculture Mechanics Show Team members Matt Burgess, Ryan Harris, Tyler Hughes and Connor Defebaugh competed in the Agriculture Mechanics Project Show.

Building a 16-foot utility trailer in RHS Agriculture Mechanics classes, under the supervision of Agriculture Instructor Bobby Fowler, began in November in anticipation of the March show event.

Representing the Agricul-

ture Mechanics classes the AG Mech Show Team met with a panel of judges who judged the trailer based on design style, materials, weld types and intricate details of the trailer.

Based on the showmanship and mechanics of the building of the trailer the judges awarded the students the coveted blue ribbon.

"These guys worked really hard and showed commitment to the project. I am proud of their efforts and we are already making plans for next year's project," Fowler said.

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RHS horse judging team competes in Gainesville

Rockwall High School's Future Farmers of America Horse Judging team recently competed in the Area V FFA Horse Career Development Event at North Central Technical College in Gainesville.

Students evaluate horses based upon their conformation, muscling, appearance, structural correctness, agility, willingness to cooperate

with a rider, and their overall performance.

Judging teams consist of four members and the three highest scores are combined to determine points and place.

RHS team members are Dylan Devereaux, Bradley Devereaux, Garret Phillips, Jake Termin, Kyle Jones and Kirk Jones.

Casey Jones, RHS agriculture instructor supervises the Horse Judging Team.

"We're all rookies this year and we all have high hopes, but we know it's a learning experience this year. We all have said that next year we will be seasoned veterans and other teams better be watching out," sophomore Jake Termin said.



Rockwall High School's FFA Horse Judging team (from left) Kyle Jones, Jake Termin, Garret Phillips recently competed in the Area V FFA Horse Career Development Event at North Central Technical College in Gainesville.

Registration remains open for entries into the 21st annual MS 150 ride

There is still time to sign up for the 21st Annual Sam's Club MS 150 ride toward the cure for multiple sclerosis.

The two-day ride begins May 3 and 3,000 cyclists are expected to participate in the ride from Frisco to Fort Worth.

Organizers hope to raise \$2.4 million from the effort that is presented by Subway and Pure Protein.

The fundraiser supports research to end and fund programs through the National Mul-

tiple Sclerosis Society, Lone Star Chapter.

Cyclists start at the Frisco RoughRider's Dr. Pepper Ballpark and finish at Sundance Square in Fort Worth following an overnight stay at the Texas Motor Speedway.

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Wylie teens drown in Lake Lavon

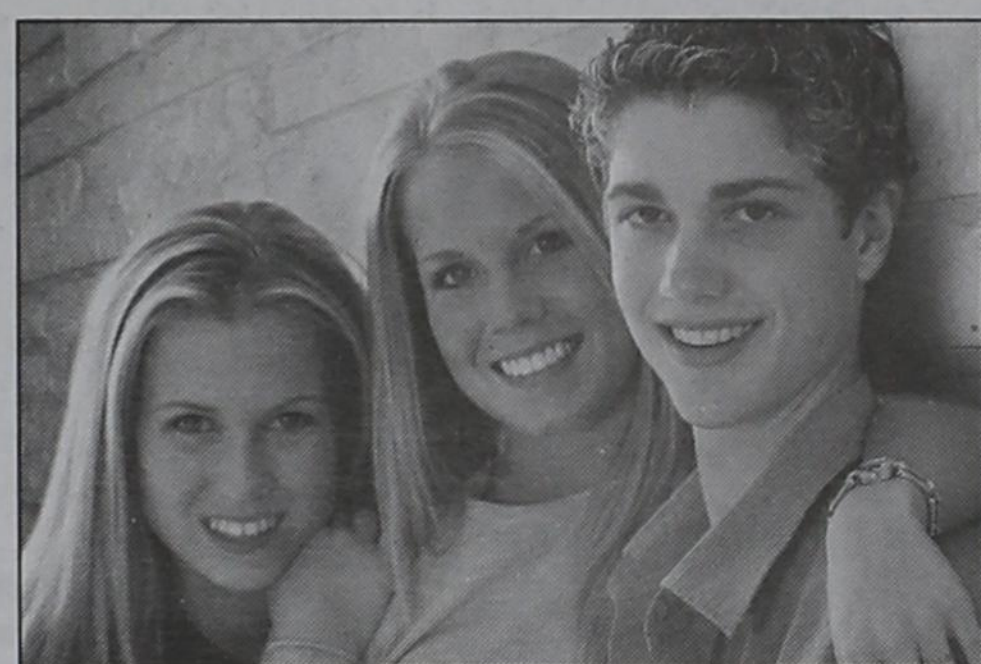
WYLIE - The bodies of two 19-year-old best friends were recovered from Lake Lavon April 22.

Justin Wayne Russell, of Wylie and Brock Alan Banks, of Sachse were fishing on the lake when their flat-bottomed aluminum row boat overturned near the south end of the lake at approximately 4 p.m. Witnesses told Wylie police they saw the boat flip and go over a spillway that leads into Trinity River.

The dam was closed, allowing the water to drop 8 feet, to allow rescue teams to search for the pair. Their bodies were found at 6:30 p.m. Wylie police and fire crews were assisted in the search by state game wardens and Collin County emergency personnel. The boat was discovered underwater near the State Highway 78 bridge and the bodies were found nearby.

Some bystanders attempted to help the pair by throwing a rope and going into the water, but the current was too strong.

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Legal Notices

NO. PR08-23

ESTATE OF ROBERT BAKER SHIRLEY, DECEASED. IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE OF ROBERT BAKER SHIRLEY

Administration of the estate of Robert Baker Shirley, deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original letters testamentary to the undersigned on March 5, 2008, by the County Court of Law, Rockwall County, Texas, acting in Cause No. PR08-23, styled Estate of Robert Baker Shirley, Deceased, in which court the matter is pending.

All persons having claims against the estate are notified to present them to its undersigned's attorney, at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

David L. Campbell, Esq.
Campbell & Cobbe, P.C.
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Dallas, TX 75202
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PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the City of Rockwall Building & Standards Commission on Thursday, May 8, 2008. The following property will be addressed during the public hearing: 221 Dartmouth Dr. The meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

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Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2008
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Chisholm Baptist Fellowship Hall
1388 S. Highway 205

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

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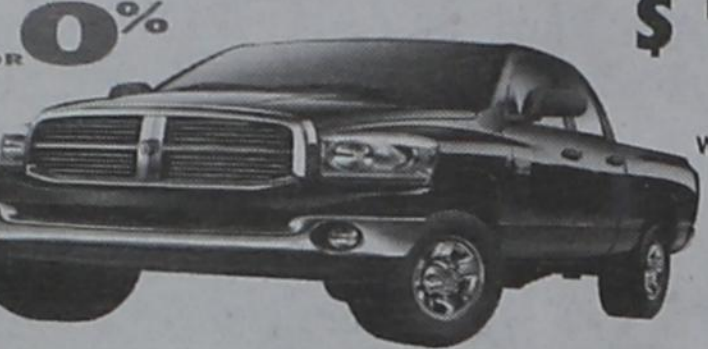


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