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Public hearing set May 25 for area's 10-year water plan

A public hearing has been set for 7 p.m. May 25 for individuals to provide feedback on the Region C Water Planning Group's long-range plan for the 16-county North Central Texas region.

This month, the group approved a draft version of the long-range Region C Water Plan.

The plan is expected to be revised this summer following the receipt of public input and comments from various state agencies. Public input will be gathered until Aug. 1.

The May 25 hearing will be conducted in the Bob Duncan Center at Cliff Park, 2800 S. Center St., in Arlington. At that hearing, the WPG will present an overview of the draft plan and accept written comments from the public.

The draft plan, which includes a variety of recommended water management strategies to meet the needs of the rapidly growing region, will be made available for public review April 1 at regionwide public meetings. A copy also will be available in the local county clerk's office and at least one public library in each of Region C's 16 counties.

The recommended water management strategies in the plan are designed to meet the growing water needs of Region C over the next 10 years, according to a news release from Region C. From the year 2000 to the year 2060, Region C's population is projected to increase from a little more than 5.2 million to more than 13 million. Over the same period, water demand in Region C is projected to increase from 1.4 million acre-feet per year to 3.3 million acre-feet per year. With current Region C water supplies totaling 1.8 million acre-feet per year, the region will experience a shortfall of 1.5 million acre-feet per year by 2060 unless significant new water management strategies are developed.

Members of the public may submit comments in writing through the Region C Web site noted above or by sending comments via e-mail to the following: Amy Kaarlela, Freese & Nichols, 4055 Main Plaza, Suite 200, Fort Worth, TX 76109-4895 or comments@freese.com.

The planning group hopes to adopt the final plan and submit it to the State Water Development Board by Oct. 1 for approval and inclusion in the 2010 State Water Plan.

Improvements

Planned for Northshore Park

Rockwall residents can look forward to a bigger and better Northshore Park with improvement work set to be completed in the next few months.

When the City Council approved its budget, it also approved funding for the park upgrade and heard from staff last week that the work is under way.

The city partnered with the adjacent Virginia Reindhart Elementary School to share its facilities for parking and older children. The partnership allows the city to focus more funds on adding equipment and upgrading preschool-aged children.

The park's existing basketball courts will be recoated and flat surfaces such as foursquare and hopscotch will be added. Several new play fixtures, including a low-rope/net climber, will be added.

The park will have a teeter-totter-like fixture called a wave-rider, which safely accommodates more children than a traditional teeter-totter. It will also have a large interactive game called a Neos, which is played in a way similar to the old Simon electronic game.

The park also will get new swings. The equipment will have an orange and silver theme, the colors of the Rockwall Rockets.

All residents also can look forward to an art market joining the city's market on second Saturdays from May to October. The City Council approved the closing of the 100 block of San Antonio between Rusk and Washington streets for the effort.

'Golden Pond' auditions

Planned Saturday, Monday

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's upcoming production of "On Golden Pond" will take place Saturday and Monday.

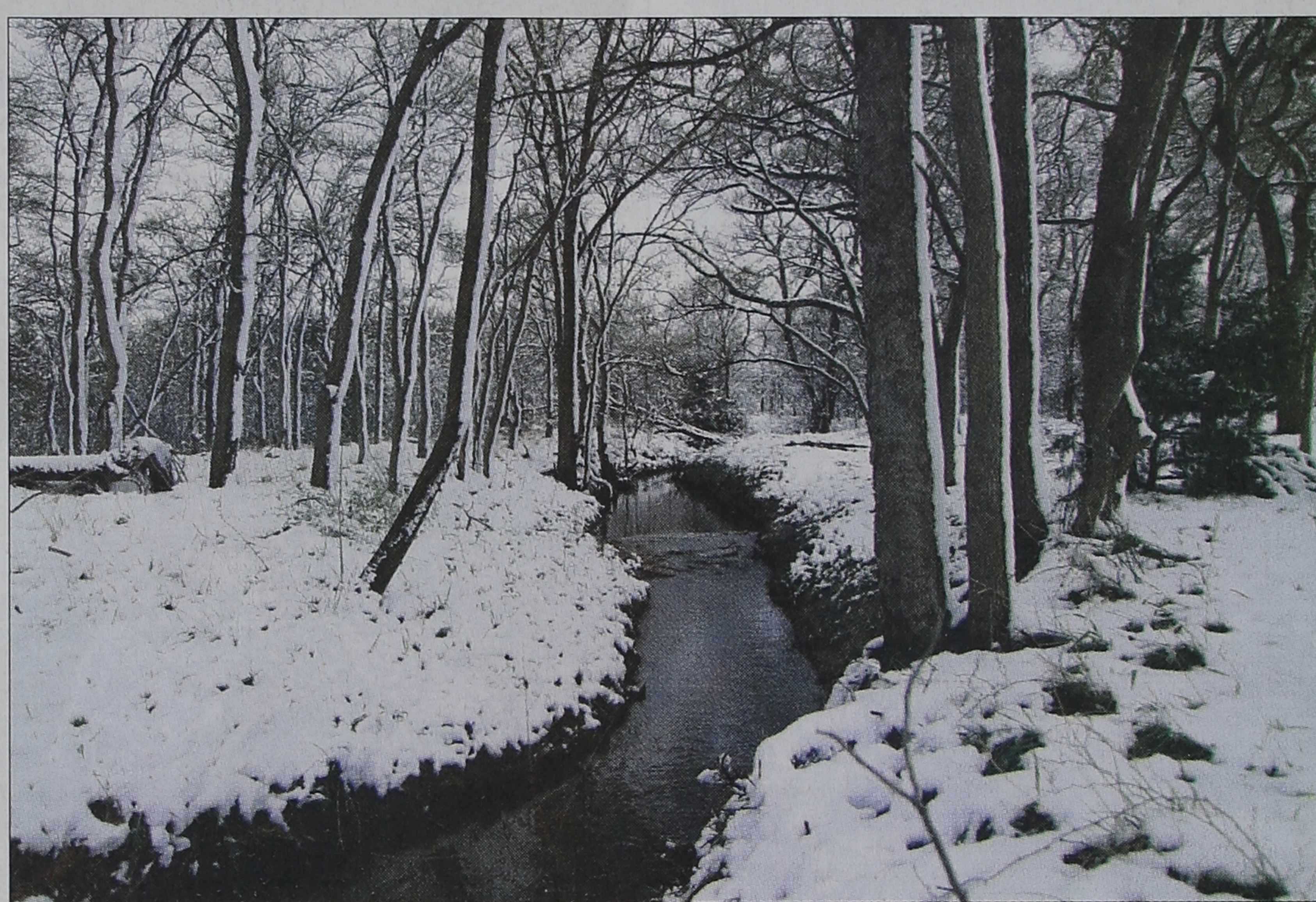
Saturday's auditions will begin at 1 p.m., while Monday's are set to begin at 10 a.m.

Directed by Lloyd Turner, the show, suitable for general audiences, will be performed on May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23.

Registration is being done for the following characters, according to a news release:

Norman Thayer Jr. - 60 to 80 years of age; at times boyish; at times and

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Another historic snowfall

Last Sunday morning brought us a bountiful snowfall measuring from four to six inches throughout Northeast Texas. Carl McClung captured nature's beauty south of Rockwall just outside the county line. Weather reports cited that the general snowfall was the latest measurable snow in North Texas since the 1930s. By midafternoon the mushy snow melted and all we have left are memories and photographs. As one northern transplant said Monday morning, "That's just fine with me, let it snow and let it melt soon after."

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Rockwall County News Briefs

Kid's Game Night set tonight

A Kid's Game Night, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be open for children ages 3 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the RISD Ed. Center gym. Age-appropriate activities are planned, and snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost will be \$5 for Rockwall residents, \$8 for non-residents.

RCP's 'Boys' set this weekend

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's production of "The Boys Next Door" will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday and April 2, 3 and 4. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for children, students and seniors and are available online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Interact Club plans garage sale

The Royse City High School Interact Club will have a garage sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the old Administration Building in Royse City. A silent auction also is planned. Proceeds will help fund service activities.

'Survived 205' event is Saturday

The City of Rockwall and Old Town Shoppes will co-sponsor a "We Survived 205" celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the Downtown Square, marking the completion of the SH 205 project. Food, music, bounce houses and door prizes are planned. A ribbon cutting is set for 10:30 a.m.

Easter egg hunt scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department-sponsored Easter egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Tuttle Athletic Complex. A bounce house, face painting and a visit with the Easter bunny are scheduled as part of the eighth annual event.

Easter cantata planned Sunday

The 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services at the First United Methodist Church of Heath will feature the church's annual Easter cantata, "A Joyful Celebration," performed by the Chancel Choir and orchestra. A procession of the palms will begin the service. A 9:45 a.m. Easter egg hunt also is planned for those ages 18 months to 8 years old.

McLean, Mimi to entertain newcomers

Sandra Mimi McLean and her puppet character, Mimi, will entertain the April 8 meeting of the Rockwall Newcomers Club at 10 a.m., followed by entertainment and lunch at Occasions on Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, east of Royse City. Contact Kitty Colquhoun, 972-722-5569, by Monday for lunch reservations.

Todd's work on display in April

Sueretta Todd, a member of the Rockwall Art League and other area art organizations, will display her water, oil and acrylic paintings in the Rockwall County Library lobby display during the month of April. For more details on the display cases, call 972-204-7700 or 972-204-7716.

Thursday is RWL grant app deadline

April 1 is the Rockwall Women's League deadline for grant re-

quests from nonprofit agencies that service Rockwall County residents. Proceeds from the organization's charity ball fund grants to nonprofits and scholarships to local high school seniors. For more information, call Joey at 972-771-0772.

RC Senior Center plans fundraising auction

The Royse City Senior Center, located in the meeting room of the Royse City Fire Department (corner of Main and Plum), will have a fundraising silent auction April 2. The center seeks auction items, as well as individuals willing to bid on items. Lunch is served at the center weekdays beginning at 11:30 a.m.; cost is \$1.25.

Rockwall Bible Church plans Easter events

Easter celebration services at Rockwall Bible Church, 801 Zion Hill Circle, will be at noon April 2, followed by a casual lunch. Easter Sunday sunrise service by the pond will be at 6:45 a.m. April 4, followed by breakfast in the gym. For more details visit rockwallbiblechurch.org or call 972-771-6179.

RCHS is site of April 19 banquet

Royse City High's 3rd Annual Career & Technology Education Advisory Board Banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. April 19 in the cafeteria. The purpose of the event is to gain knowledge from business people, parents and students to better impact students' futures. Anyone interested in attending should e-mail smithk@rcisd.org by April 6.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch trip planned

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will travel to Plano April 9 to visit Abuelo's Mexican food restaurant. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Historical Foundation to present awards

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will present Preservation Awards and discuss the history of the homes whose owners have maintained and protected the past for the future at a noon meeting April 9 in the Historic Courthouse. All programs are open to the public, free and family friendly.

CASA plans candlelight vigil

Lone Star CASA, a nonprofit organization that trains and supports community volunteers who work on behalf of children, will sponsor a candlelight vigil beginning at 7 p.m. April 9 at the Historic Courthouse on the Square in Rockwall. For more details visit lonestarcasa.org, e-mail director@lonestarcasa.org or call 972-722-5858.

'Know What 2 Do' offered

The City of McLendon-Chisholm will offer "Know What 2 Do," a meeting designed to provide families with practical information about handling bad weather, disaster situations and other emergencies, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 10 at the Chisholm Baptist Church, 1388 Hwy. 205. For details contact City Hall at 972-524-2077.

Blow to address FOL meeting

Dallas Morning News columnist Steve Blow will be the featured speaker at the 11 a.m. April 13 lunch basket meeting of Friends of the Library at the Rockwall Rotary Hall. Reservations required by April 9; cost is \$15 per person. Call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

Camp Broadway production set

The Rockwall Community Playhouse's Camp Broadway student production is currently in rehearsal. Performances of "All I Really Need to Know I Learned From Being in a Bad Play" will take place

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Publisher's apology

by Wesley W. Burnett

Last week we inadvertently published financial records for county judge candidates which were from the 2008 election cycle and earlier. Several names of contributors to candidates in those earlier elections were not intended to be published and for that we offer our sincere apology. We had intended to publish only those contributions from the most recent Republican Primary Election.

We pray our apology will be accepted by those whom we may have offended by this error.

Open house Saturday at RISD Ag Complex

The Rockwall Independent School District will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to showcase the new classroom and animal-holding facilities at the RISD Agricultural Complex, 875 Riding Club Road, in Rockwall.

The come-and-go family event will feature tours of the facilities, a student art show and an opportunity to view livestock projects. Refreshments will be served.

The open house is being offered in conjunction with the 56th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair.



At the Feb. 19 social dinner-dance event conducted by the Rockwall Newcomers Club, more than 100 participants were on hand to help solve the humorous mystery skit, "Who Killed the Roving Romeo of the Rockwall Newcomers Club?" Pictured above are some "suspects," including, from the left, Julie Grant (Jane), Patti Muggeo (Rose Ann), Yvonne Tiedke (Helen) and Lynnnda Bass-Allen (Agnes). Produced and directed by Geneva DeYoe with assistance from Diana Rooks, the skit also featured Deanna Tipton, Hal Hutchins, Leisa Hudson, Donna Williams, Beverly Weaver, Brenda Jarvis, Katherine Beebe and Phil Colquhoun.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

HOLY WEEK

Celebrations at First Christian Church Rockwall (Disciples of Christ)

Saturday, March 27, 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Scenes of the Passion - a 15 minute walking "tour" of scenes from Christ's last week on earth, as actors tell of the events leading to the crucifixion.

Palm Sunday, March 28, 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Worship Services
Sunday School for all ages at 9:50 a.m.
Celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 6:15 P.M. a light supper at the church is offered for your convenience.
7:00 P.M. Worship Service

Good Friday April 2, 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
The church will be open to the public for prayer and meditation at the "Stations of the Cross"

Easter Sunday April 4, 7:00 A.M. Sunrise service inside with glass wall to view sunrise
9:45 Brunch
10:15 Children's Easter Egg Hunt (thru 5th grade)
Celebratory services at 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

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After the field behind the tenant cabin on the Rockwall County Historical Foundation property at Harry Park was recently tilled, Turner brought his daughter Colby, shown at center, and Ella, to help plant Mississippi cotton seeds. Cotton, a cash crop for all of Rockwall County, is planted each year in the field so local residents can watch it grow until late fall. The field is of the RCHF's annual Pickin' Party each year.

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at 7:30 p.m. April 9, 10 and at 2 p.m. April 11. Tickets cost \$10. For details visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

Future babysitters ages 11 to 14 can take a Red Cross Babysitting Course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 10 at The Center. Training will include emergencies and illnesses, rescue breathing, communication skills and safety and hygiene issues. Cost is \$85 for Rockwall residents, \$128 for non-residents. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Library's Teen Game Night

The Rockwall County Library's Teen Game Night for April will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. April 13 in the first floor meeting room. Free pizza will be served to the first 25 participants. Games, music and prizes are planned.

RHHS's Fashion Show tickets

Tickets for the Rockwall-Heath High School LUX Fashion Show, set for April 14 at the "new" Kim Hoegger Home Boutique, 106 S. Goliah in downtown Rockwall, are available for purchase by calling Julie Durst at RHHS at 972-772-2474. Proceeds from the show will benefit the school's fashion design program and scholarship fund.

Fowler to speak for National Library Week

Local author Sheri Stodghill Fowler will give a special presentation, "Rockwall: Now and Then," celebrating National Library Week from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. April 15 in the Rockwall County Library large meeting room. The presentation will include historical photos and a history of the Rockwall area. Admission will be free.

Kid's Game Night set April 16

A Kid's Game Night, organized by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be open for children ages 3 to 10

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the RISD Ed. Center. Age-appropriate activities planned, and snacks will be provided. Cost for Rockwall residents non-residents.

Sale to benefit Clement

The April 17 Neighborhood Garage Sale at 1150 Shores Blvd., will benefit the family and Michelle Clement. Clement is battling cancer. Monetary donations to the family also may be made to the Brent Clement Chase Bank, 2994 Road, Rockwall.

Rockwall plans Environmental Action Day

The City of Rockwall is planning an Environmental Action Day on April 17. Transportation volunteers - individuals - may reserve a table by calling 972-771-7740. It will be provided at The 8:30 a.m. Individuals interested in disposing of household wastes properly should call 972-771-7700.

Rowlett Quilters Guild

The next meeting of the Quilters Guild will run from 9 a.m. to noon April 17 at Methodist Church, 440 St., Rowlett. The meeting will include a "garage sale" where members bring unused quilts and tools for others to purchase. Visitors are welcome.

B/GC plans spring garage sale

The Rockwall County Board of Geographic Names (More News Briefs on page 2)

'Golden Post' (Continued from Page 1)

• Ethel Thayer - 50 to 59 years of age; energetic
• Charlie Martin - 30 to 39 years of age, two years of age; has a great bell
• Chelsea Thayer - 40 to 49 years of age; nervous
• Billy Ray - 10 to 19 years of age; eager and bright, outgoing
• Billy Ray - 35 to 44 years of age; serious, but has a sense of humor
Character ages are listed in order of age. Actors who can play younger roles are encouraged to participate in the auditions.
For more information, contact the director at info@rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org

Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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Allan's First a Reader effort nets 15,700 books for local students

Barbara Allan, a Rockwall resident, has helped more than 15,700 books for her recently retired organization, First a Reader. Then a Leader.

Program, initiated in the fall of 1997, provided new and gently used children aged 3 to 12.

Due to the plethora of books contributed, she has received more than 100 from local charities, including the Rockwall Women's League and Rockwall Rotary Club.

Community played a large part as well – I was just a conduit to the aid Allan, a former principal and educator. "It was a community effort and I couldn't have done it by myself."

Allan volunteered at Helping Hands more than a decade ago, to cover the needs of several young students attending Dobbs Elementary.

"I saw all the articles about the extensive renovation for Dobbs Elementary and I knew children would not be able to return until November. I wanted to help bring home students' books," Allan said.

Nielsen, executive director of Helping Hands, gave her full support.

Allan presented her idea to Karen Sturgeon, president of Rockwall Women's League, as a special project for her presidential year. The project was approved.

Rochell, Jones and Springer Elementary Schools were included in the book drive.

"At the beginning, only new or gently used books were accepted," Allan said. "After we realized that there were a lot of good books that were in people's barn or attic, but just needed to be cleaned,"

In the first year of First a Reader, Then a Leader, more than 500 books were delivered to Dobbs Elementary.

Allan never concerned about how I was going to raise money to fund the drive," Allan said. "My goal was about getting more and better books to the children each year."

Allan estimates that it takes more than 500 hours to acquire, clean, sort, and box books each year.

"The pool table was always covered with books to be cleaned," Allan said. "My three-car garage could only hold one car because of all the books." Allan said she used to use the garage cans containing processed books.

"I used the books required using Windex and marking out previous owners' names on the insides and outsides of the books. Once they were cleaned, they were sorted and bundled."

"Dobbs Rotary helped me deliver the books for a long time," Allan said. "Once my husband Jim retired, he helped me too. We needed a pickup truck as we could get."

The members of First a Reader, Then a Leader included the Rockwall

Independent School District, Helping Hands, Rockwall County Library and Friends of the Library, The Rockwall Chronicle, The Success, The Dallas Morning News and Rockwall Women's League, S&A Systems, Lake Cities Pi Beta Phi and Rockwall Rotary.

For the past 13 years, in addition to volunteering in numerous Rockwall organizations, the Allan family has played Secret Santa to the residents of Reese Valley Manor, a Rockwall Housing Authority apartment building for seniors.

"Our first year, our youngest son, Brian, grilled Alaskan halibut and salmon out in the parking lot and local restaurants donated the sides," Allan said. "The Rockwall High School cheerleaders also sang carols and served dinner."

In 2009, representing Rockwall Rotary, Allan joined RISD Superintendent Gene Burton in joining a district-wide mentoring program to address the emotional and education needs of students of all ages.

"It's been a magical year," Allan said. "The Rotary team gave 110 percent and Dr. Burton's team gave the same. The energy given off from everyone was amazing. As a former teacher and principal, I will remember this year as one of the most rewarding."

On March 22, members of the RISD administration, along with the Board of Trustees, will recognize Allan and her Rotary team -- Mike Atkins, Jon Bailey, Larry Parks and Bill Sinclair -- for all their efforts and service given to the Rockwall ISD.

Though her work for First a Reader, Then a Leader now has ended, Allan said she remains adamant about the importance of reading to children.

"I would recommend the books that have received the John Newberry Gold Medal award," Allan said. "Don't give up... read, read, read to a child."



Barbara Allan

Births

Ayanna Jael Maldonado
Achelle Maldonado and Jahmil Foster of Rockwall are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ayanna Jael Maldonado, at 4:03 p.m. Feb. 19, 2010, in the Lake Pointe Medical Center. The infant, who weighed 7 pounds, 10 oz., and was 19 3/4 long at birth, was welcomed home by her siblings, Nadine and Savi. Grandparents are Frank and Jocelyn Maldonado of Rockwall and James and Lynett Foster of Kansas City.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Carol Anne Butler

Services for Carol Anne Butler, 66, of Rockwall will be conducted at noon Tuesday, March 30, 2010, in the First Christian Church of Rockwall with the Rev. Mark Irons officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



She died Monday, March 22. Born June 18, 1943, in Los Angeles, Calif., to William and Jane (Berkshire) O'Donohue, she was a member of the First Christian Church of Rockwall. A retired comptroller, she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and animals. She also enjoyed supporting her husband in all his ventures.

Survivors include her husband, David Butler of Rockwall; her sons, Joseph David Butler and his wife, Rose, of Rockwall, David Owen Butler Jr. and his wife, Colleen, of Sandy, Utah, and Lee Eggleston Butler and his wife, Stephanie, of Whittier, Calif.; her daughter, Sonya Jo Paul of Rockwall; her sister, Margaret Grinager and her husband, Micky, of Whittier; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her nieces and nephews, Deborah Vollers of Rockwall, Kathy McKim and her husband, Rod, and Kelly Agopian and her husband, Aaron, all of Whittier, Jack Ulrich II and his wife, Suzy, of Murietta, Calif., and Michael Grinager and his wife, Jolee, of Whittier; and her cousins, Shirley Inman and her husband, Ladd, of Laguna Hills, Calif., and Bev Scott and her husband, Bob, of Arizona.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, 3375 Ridge Road, Rockwall, TX 75087 or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356.

Ila 'Jean' Carder

Memorial services for Ila "Jean" Carder, 79, of Rockwall will be conducted at noon Friday, March 26, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to noon.

She died March 18.

Born July 1, 1930, in Pickton to Forney and Mae (Hitt) Wilcox, she en-

joyed crossword puzzles, cribbage and bridge. She lived in Hawaii for 35 years and enjoyed Hawaiian music. She retired from civil service in Honolulu after more than 30 years of service. She relocated to Rockwall in 1995. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her son, Danny Carder, and his wife, Brenda, of Cedar Hill; her brothers, Royce Wilcox and his wife, Bea, of Irving and Glenn Wilcox and his wife, Ruth, of Winnsboro; her sisters, Allene Davis of Purley, Dell D'Lizarraga and her husband, Bill, of Sulphur Springs and Glen-nis Kaczor of Mount Vernon, Texas; her grandchildren, Dennis "Jay Jay" Carder Jr., Sherre McCarroll, Danny "Bo" Carder Jr., Jeanie Lyn Brummett and Kristian Lumpkin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Dennis and Donald Carder; and three sisters, Letane Lemons, Princess Cope and Dee Matja-sic.

Mattie Catherine 'Sussie' Chase

Services for Mattie Catherine "Sussie" Chase, 93, of Paris, Texas, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel with the Rev. Ed Perry officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died March 20.

Born May 16, 1916, in Peerless to Samuel Newton and Mary Jane (Campbell) Pickle, she was a loving mother and grandmother and a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her daughters, Edith Crawford and her husband, Roy, of Blossom, Janie Baxley and her husband, Joe, of Corpus Christi, Nell Mitchell of Edgewood, Connie Chase of Paris, Texas, and Electra Miller of Royle City; her sons, Larry Chase of Canton and Ron Chase of Rockwall; one sister, Juanita Haney of California; 24 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, G.L. Chase; one daughter, Helen Sellers; and one son, Jack Chase.

Col. Leo Alexander Conner

Services for Col. Leo Alexander Conner, 89, of Rockwall, formerly of Granbury, were conducted at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Scott Holcomb-McLean officiating. Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the Holdenville Cemetery in Holdenville, Okla., with Dr. Mark Green officiating.

He died March 13.

Born Oct. 9, 1920, in Wetumka, Okla., to Woodford Grady and Nana (Belford) Conner, he attended the United Methodist Church and received an associate's degree from Oklahoma City College. He served in the U.S. Army, National Guard and Army Reserve, retiring with 28 years of service from Amoco Production Co. He was an active member of the Lions Club for many years.

Survivors include his sons, Mike Conner and his wife, Sharon, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Rick Conner and his wife, Ginger, of Bayfield, Colo.; his daughter, Cherry Conner of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Jason, Joshua, Kari, Steve, Jason, Amanda, Sarah, Seth and Kacy; and his great-grandchildren, Max, Luke, Leo, Bree, Meghan, Bailee, Skylee, Michael, John Michael, McKinsey, Taylor and Lola.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Lee Conner, who died March 19, 2010; his parents; and a grandson, Christopher Michael Conner.

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Norma Lee Conner

Services for Norma Lee Conner, 86, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Chapel with Pastor Scott Holcomb-McLean officiating. Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the Holdenville Cemetery in Holdenville, Okla., with Dr. Mark Green officiating.

She died March 19.

Born July 5, 1923, in Tecumseh, Okla., the fifth of six children, Jim and Addie (Wilson) Ward, she married Leo A. Conner in Apache, Okla., on Halloween night when he was on leave from the U.S. Army, when he arrived home for good from World War II was the happiest of her life. The couple made many friends in Texas at each place they lived, including Brownsville (1947 to 1957); Andrews (1957 to 1983); Goo (1983 to 2003); and Rockwall (2003 to 2010).

Survivors include her sons, Mike Conner and his wife, Sharon, of home City, Okla., and Rick Conner and his wife, Ginger, of Bayfield, Okla.; her daughter, Cherry Conner of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Jason, Kari, Steve, Jason, Amanda, Sarah, Seth and Kacy; and her great-grandchildren, Max, Luke, Leo, Bree, Meghan, Bailee, Skylee, Michael, Michael, McKinsey, Taylor and Lola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five siblings; her husband; and a grandson, Christopher Michael Conner.

Lola Grace (Irwin) Crowell

Services for Lola Grace (Irwin) Crowell, 96, of Royle City were conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, March 19, 2010, in the First United Methodist Church in Royle City with the Rev. Clay Womack and the Rev. Karen Beck officiating. Burial followed in the Royle City Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royle City Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died March 17.

Born July 8, 1913, in Woolsley to Robert Lee and Senorah (Harlan) Irwin, she was a public school teacher who retired from the Mesquite Independent School District. She also taught in Josephine, Royle City and Ham Point. She was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association and the First United Methodist Church of Royle City.

Survivors include her children, Mickey Crowell of Pittsburg, Texas, daughter, Rebecca Milam of Royle City; her grandchildren, Mike Crowell and his wife, Nicole, of Royle City, Natalie Pearce and her husband, David, of Missouri City, Chris Pecina of Mesquite, Adam Pecina of Annapolis, Md., Kristi Ellis and her husband, David, of Dallas and Sean Milam, wife, Lauren, of Royle City; and her great-grandchildren, Clayton, and Bella Crowell, Rylee, Ashton, Tyler, Kendall and Erin Pearce, Max and Jake Pecina and Makenna and Major Milam.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Crowell; a daughter, Virginia Williams; and a brother, C.B. Irwin.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the



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Club will host a spring carnival and garage sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010, in the First United Methodist Church in Royse City with the Rev. Clay Womack and the Rev. Ann Willett officiating. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel was in charge of arrangements. She died March 17.



Bonnie Fay Davis

Services for Bonnie Fay Davis, 95, of Royse City were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010, in the First United Methodist Church in Royse City with the Rev. Clay Womack and the Rev. Ann Willett officiating. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel was in charge of arrangements. She died March 17.

Born May 29, 1914, in Daingerfield to Bonnie Fernando and Dollie Mae (Truett) Mason, she graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1936 with a bachelor's degree in education. She married Harmon Glenn Davis in 1936 in Addison. She was a teacher and counselor who taught in Addison and Fate. She retired from the Royse City Independent School District. Davis Elementary was named for her and a fellow teacher, Mary Davis. Following her retirement, she was the first female to serve on the RCISD Board of Trustees. She was a member of the Soroptomist International, where she received the Woman of Distinction Award in 1993. She was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her children, Richard Davis and his wife, Pam, and Glenda Arnold and her husband, David, all of Royse City; her grandchildren, Kerri McMahon and her husband, Tim, of San Diego, Calif., Ashley Gray and her husband, Doug, of Denver, Colo., Nathan Davis of Dallas, Jack Carpenter of San Diego and Stephen Davis and his wife, Jenny, of Lake Dallas; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977 and two sisters.

Rose Holland

Services for Rose Holland, 78, were conducted March 10 at the Rockwall Cemetery.



She died March 7. Born Oct. 10, 1931, in Bloomberg, she worked for many years at The Dallas Times Herald. She worked at the Old Center in Rockwall for several years after the newspaper closed. She loved church and was generous to the needy.

Survivors include one son, Danny Lummus; three daughters, Jan Laviolette, Vickie Henry and Shiree McCoy and her husband, Dennis; eight grandchildren, Cindy Nalls, Amy Nalls, Dale Webb, Brandy Gleason, Tobbie Thibodeaux, Brad Wilson, Cooper Manning and Bridgette Lummus; 20 grandchildren; and one brother, Hoppy Hopkins. Family members have suggested memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Gloria Jean Yeager Riley

Graveside services for Gloria Jean Yeager Riley, 76, of Tyler were scheduled for 11 a.m. today, Friday, March 26, 2010, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died March 18. Born May 22, 1933, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Cleophus Alexander Porter and Elsie Porter, she attended Lake Pointe Church while in Rockwall. She was a bookkeeper until her retirement and in her spare time enjoyed gardening, gift-giving and caring for animals.

Survivors include her husband, Ray F. Riley of Tyler; her daughters, Kathie Young and her husband, Michael, of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Kristie Yeager and Thomas Ehlers of Pewaukee, Wis.; a grandson, Richard Young of Chapel Hill; and a sister, Wanda Turner, and her husband, Arden, of Lindale.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cap and Elsie Porter; her first husband, Richard Lee Yeager; and two brothers, George and Eugene Porter.



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Teen Movie Night set at library
 "Bueller's Day Off," rated PG-13, will be the film screened at the Teen Movie Night at the Rockwall County Library. The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the first floor meeting room.

Class on floral arranging offered
 A class on floral arranging, open to individuals ages 50 and older, will run from 10 a.m. to noon April 23 at The Center. Sponsored by Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, the class fee is \$15 for Rockwall residents and \$22 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/

Wii Afternoon planned at library
 A Wii afternoon for teens will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 24 in the Rockwall County Library's first floor meeting room.

Aspasians Spring Arts, Crafts Fair slated
 The Aspasians Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, set for April 24 in the Historic Rockwall Square, will feature jewelry, gifts, fashion, food, children's and other activities. Booth rental proceeds will fund scholarships for RHS and RHHS graduating seniors. For vendor information call 972-771-0212 or visit aspasians.com.

Teen Pop-in-and-Study event set
 The Rockwall County Library's Pop-in-and-Study event for teens will run from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. April 27 in the first floor meeting room. Teens are encouraged to bring their homework; the library will provide the pop-

Feral Friends plans Adoption Weekend
 Feral Friends will host an Adoption Weekend April 30 through May 2. The event will be ready for adoption at the PetSmart locations in Rowlett and Rockwall. Donations of kitten supplies will be accepted for kittens being adopted by the organization.

Vendors needed for May 1 craft fair
 Vendors are being lined up for the Rockwall High School Band Spring Fair set for May 1. For more details, call Liz Tarter at 972-772-

Founders Day Festival set May 22
 The City of Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will take place at the downtown square with vendor booths, children's activities, food, live entertainment and a band concert on the historic downtown square. Visit rockwall.com/foundersday.com for more details.

Dayspring plans week of Easter observances

Special Easter-related events have been planned by the Ministry of Dayspring Discipleship Institute in Rockwall. The week of observances will begin Monday and run through April 4 at the Dayspring Community Chapel and Prayer Garden, 511 E. Boydston. From 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, a Noon Devotional will be offered in the chapel. Each day will include study of the scriptures on the days leading to Calvary, as well as personal communion and reflection. Daily communion also will be offered daily, with private observances from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dayspring Chapel. On Thursday, a vesper service on "Could You Not Watch With Us?" will be offered in the chapel. Following the hour-long sermonium will be offered.

On Good Friday, April 2, the chapel will open at 7:30 a.m. Area residents are invited to share in chapel observances. Also scheduled is a guided scripture including, at 8:30 a.m., a review of overnight events; a 9 a.m. vigil; from noon to 3 p.m., a silent vigil in the darkened chapel; the last words of Christ; and at 6 p.m., burial. This event will provide a personal narrative of events and times of the day. Daily communion will be available throughout the day, with the chapel open at 7 p.m. The Easter sunrise service will begin at 6:45 a.m. April 4 in the prayer garden.

Church plans special Holy Week activities

Transformation Anglican Church will observe Holy Week starting with a Sunday procession at 10 a.m. Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, a service remembering Christ's Last Supper in the chapel will begin at 7 p.m. On Good Friday, April 2, praying through the Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. The Easter Sunday will include an Easter egg hunt for children under the age of 12. The egg hunt will begin at 9 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection will begin at 10 a.m. Transformation Anglican Church meets Sundays at Heritage Christian Center. Christian education hour is at 9 a.m., and the worship service begins at 10 a.m. For more information, visit the church Web site at transformationac.org.

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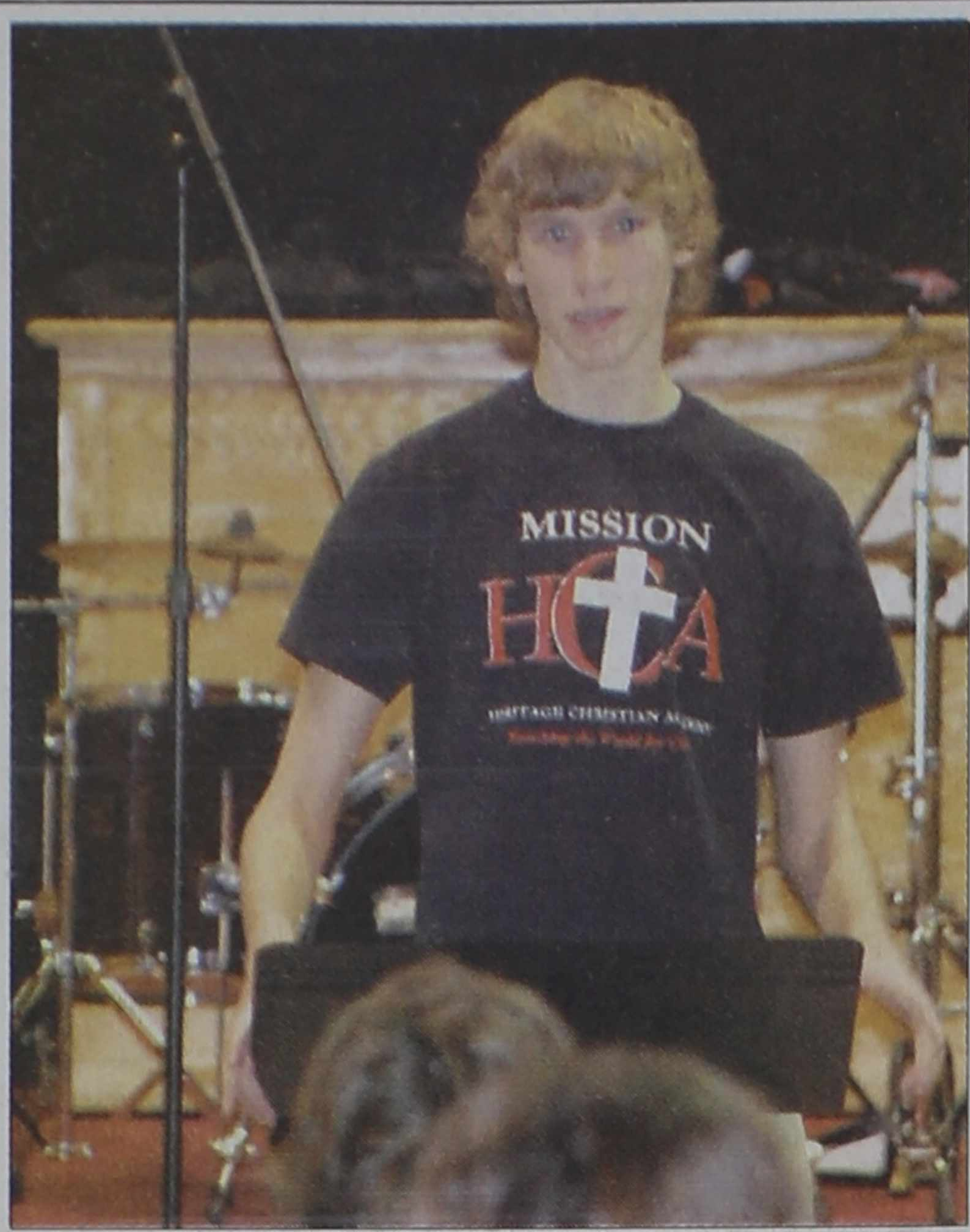
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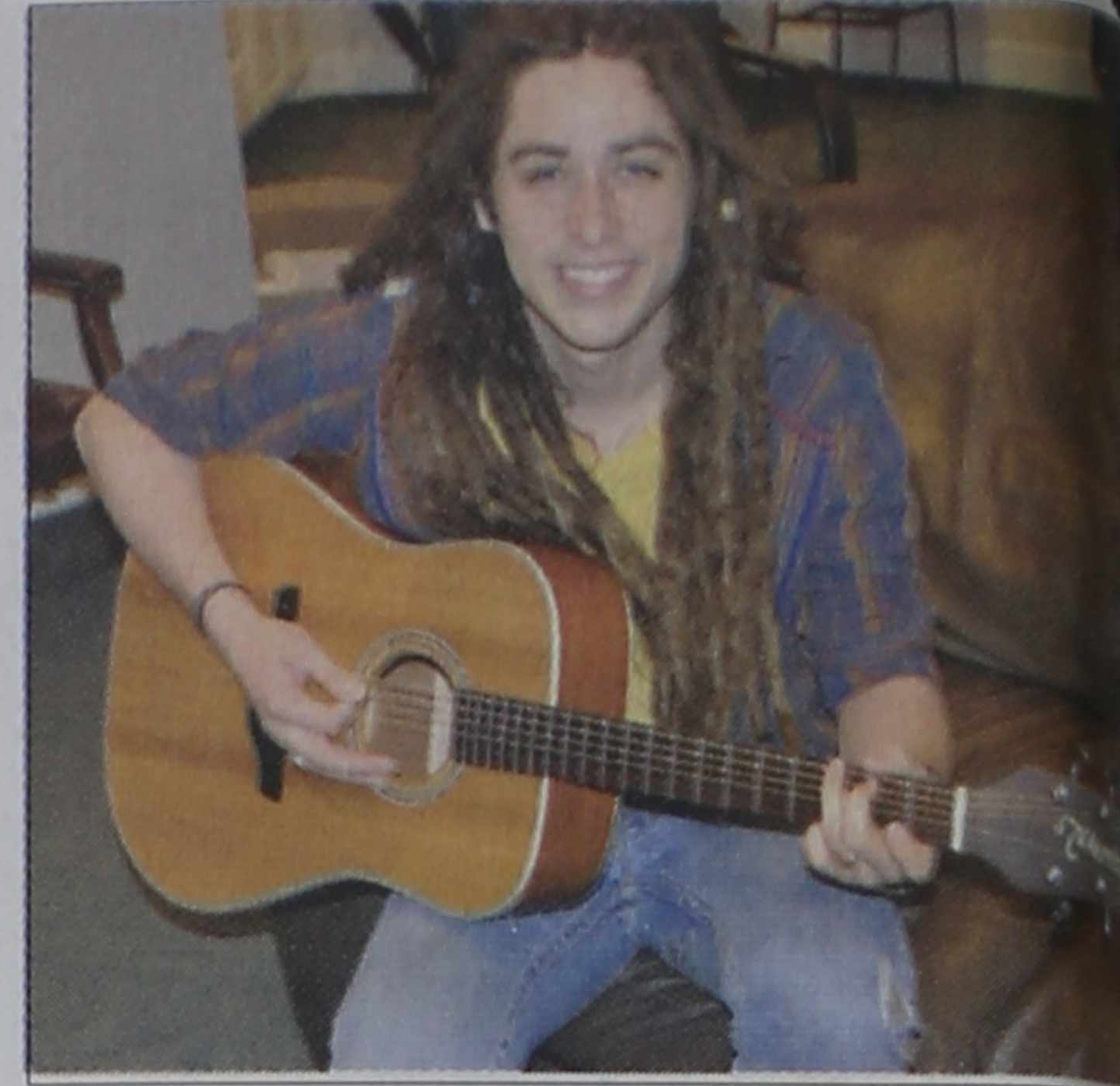
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Heritage Christian Academy junior Aaron Mateer recently spoke at a chapel event at the school about helping local refugees. Mateer worked as a counselor as part of the Great Commission Camps for refugee children conducted three weeks each summer. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Rockwall author Diane Box will be a participant in the Fulton ArtFest, which will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the school. Box wrote "Apples for Fred" and has visited Fulton, as well as other area schools, to read and share her writings. The public is invited to drop by, meet the author and get an autographed copy of the book. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Castro helps Relay for Life campaign. A guitar signed by Jason Castro will be given away as part of a Relay For Life fundraiser. Raffle tickets cost \$2 each or \$5 for \$25; tickets are available at the Rockwall location of the Community Bank or from any R4L Committee member or captain. The winner's name will be drawn on May 1; attendance is not required. The American Cancer Society's local R4L events take place April 30-May 1 at Cain Middle School, 6620 FM 1979, Rockwall. For more details contact one of the event's co-chairs, Carla Brooks, 972-772-8139, or Ron Hanna, 972-771-4884. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*

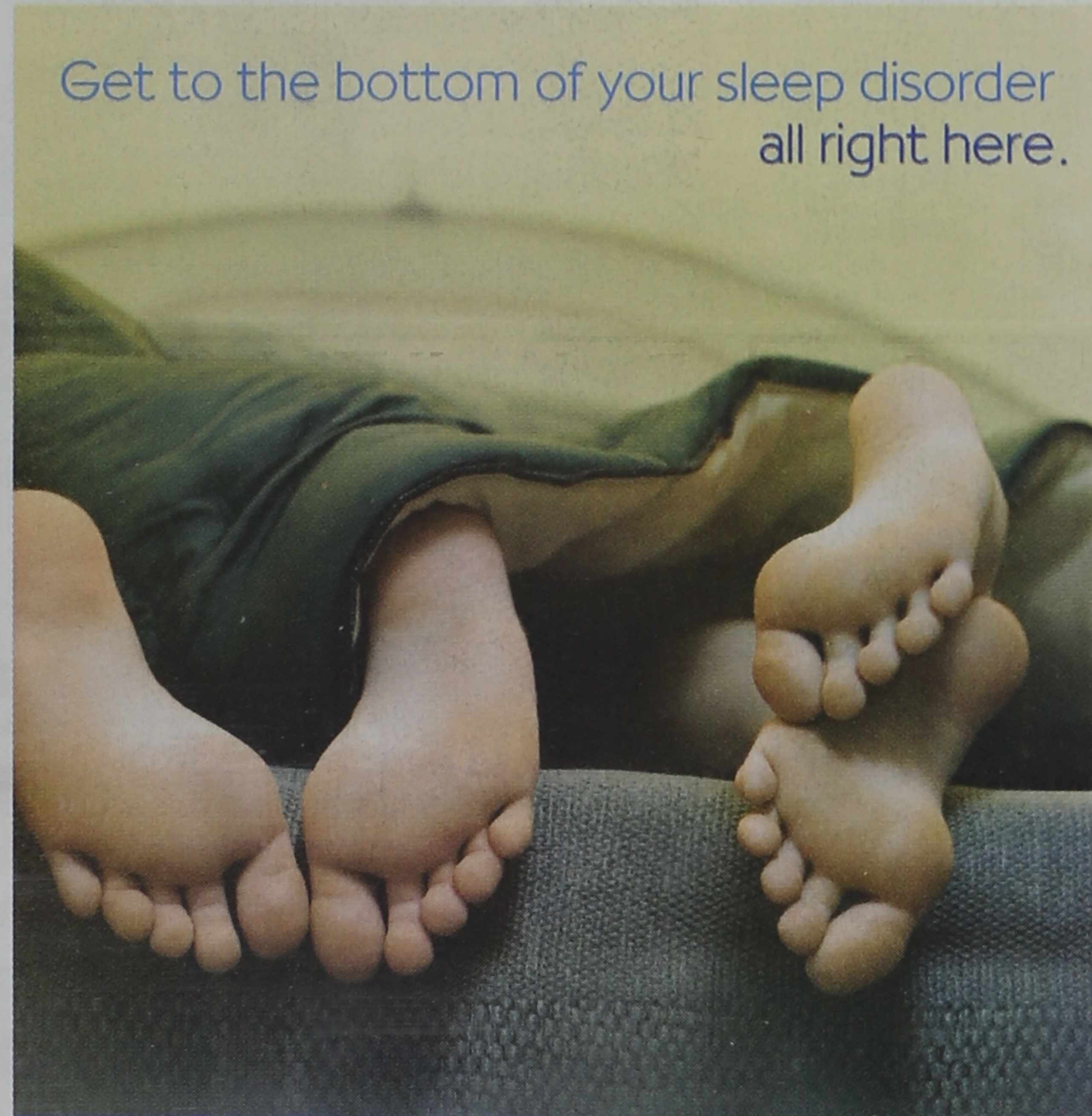
NCL Lone Star Chapter names Class of 2010

The Lone Star Chapter of the National Charity League introduced members of its Class of 2010 at the organization's annual Senior Presentation conducted March 6 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Class members include Megan Hasenyager, Kaitlin Kinney, Natalie Tarski, Kristin Glastad, Jenny Foster, Katie Foster, Anne Fox, Regan Allen, Kaleigh Loeffler, Emily Irvine, Coral Davenport, Hillary Kinsey, Katie Peisen, Maggie Brindock, Lucy White and Macall Smith.

The 16 seniors recognized earned more than 2,800 volunteer hours during their six years in the mother-daughter service organization, according to a news release from the organization. "It has been an honor to watch these young ladies blossom over the years," chapter president Audrey Bishop said in the news release. "I have had the pleasure to work beside them and watch them develop their personalities and reach their goals. I have no doubt each of these ladies will succeed in the years to come.

And I hope they will continue to serve with their soul and spirit as they begin their next journey. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of their lives." The NCL is a mother-daughter service organization dedicated to fostering mother-daughter relationships through philanthropy, leadership development and cultural experience. The Rockwall chapter includes 290 women and their daughters who attend grades seven through 12 in area schools.

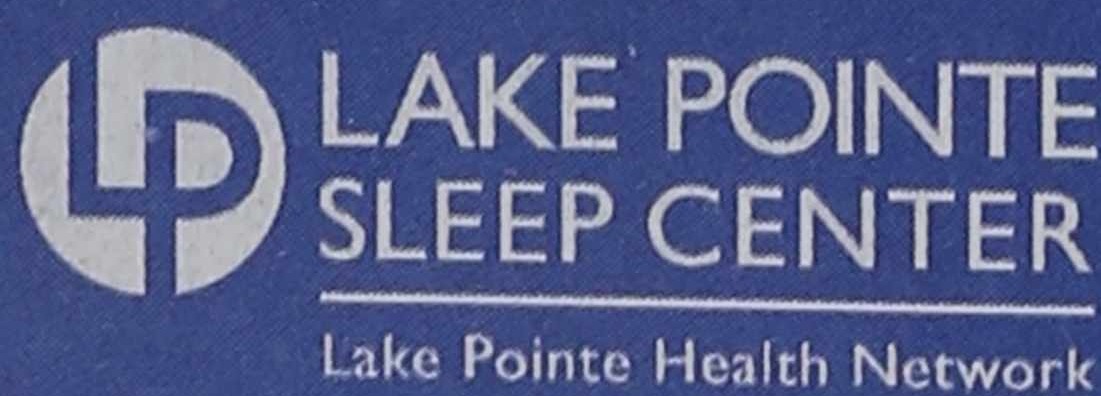
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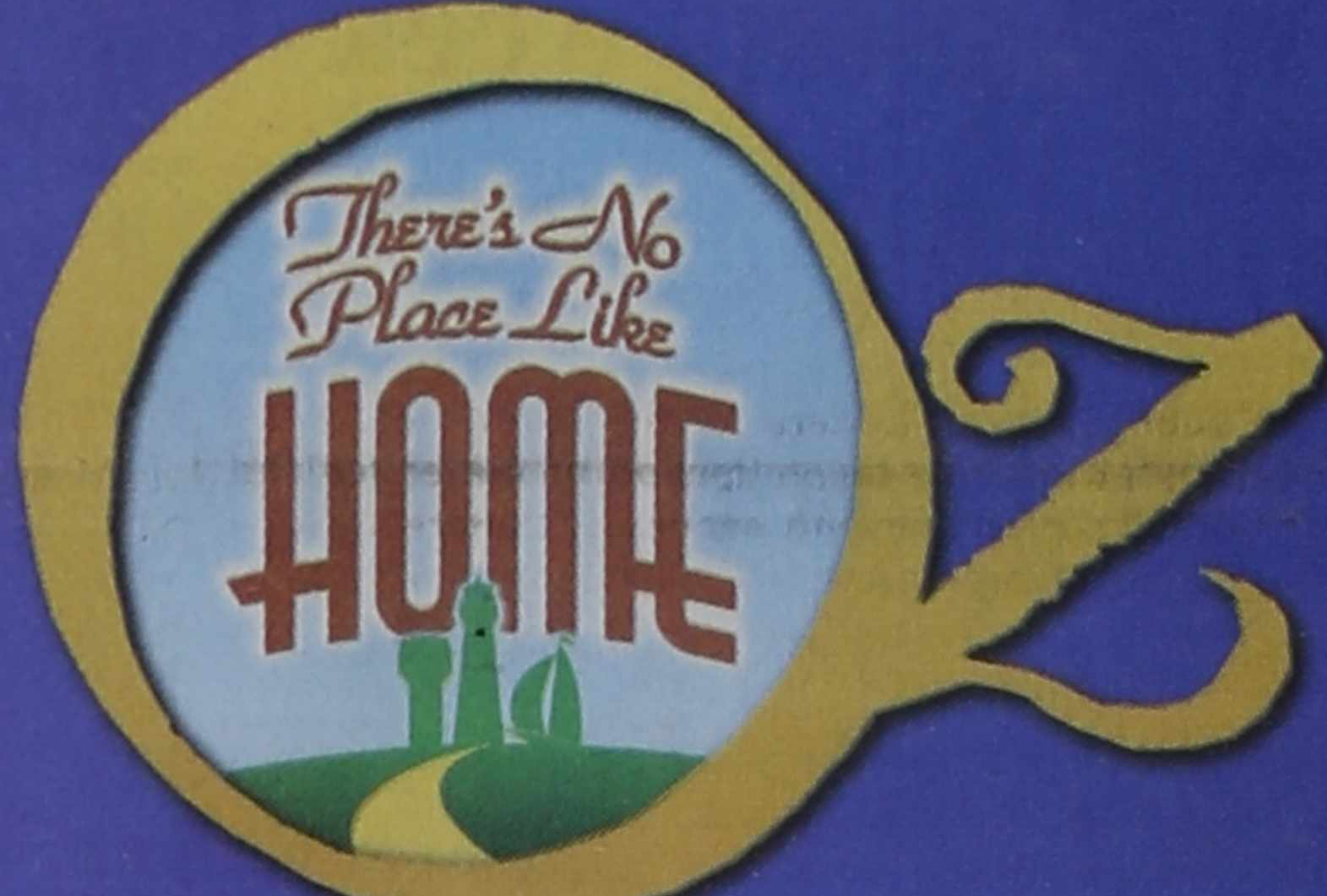
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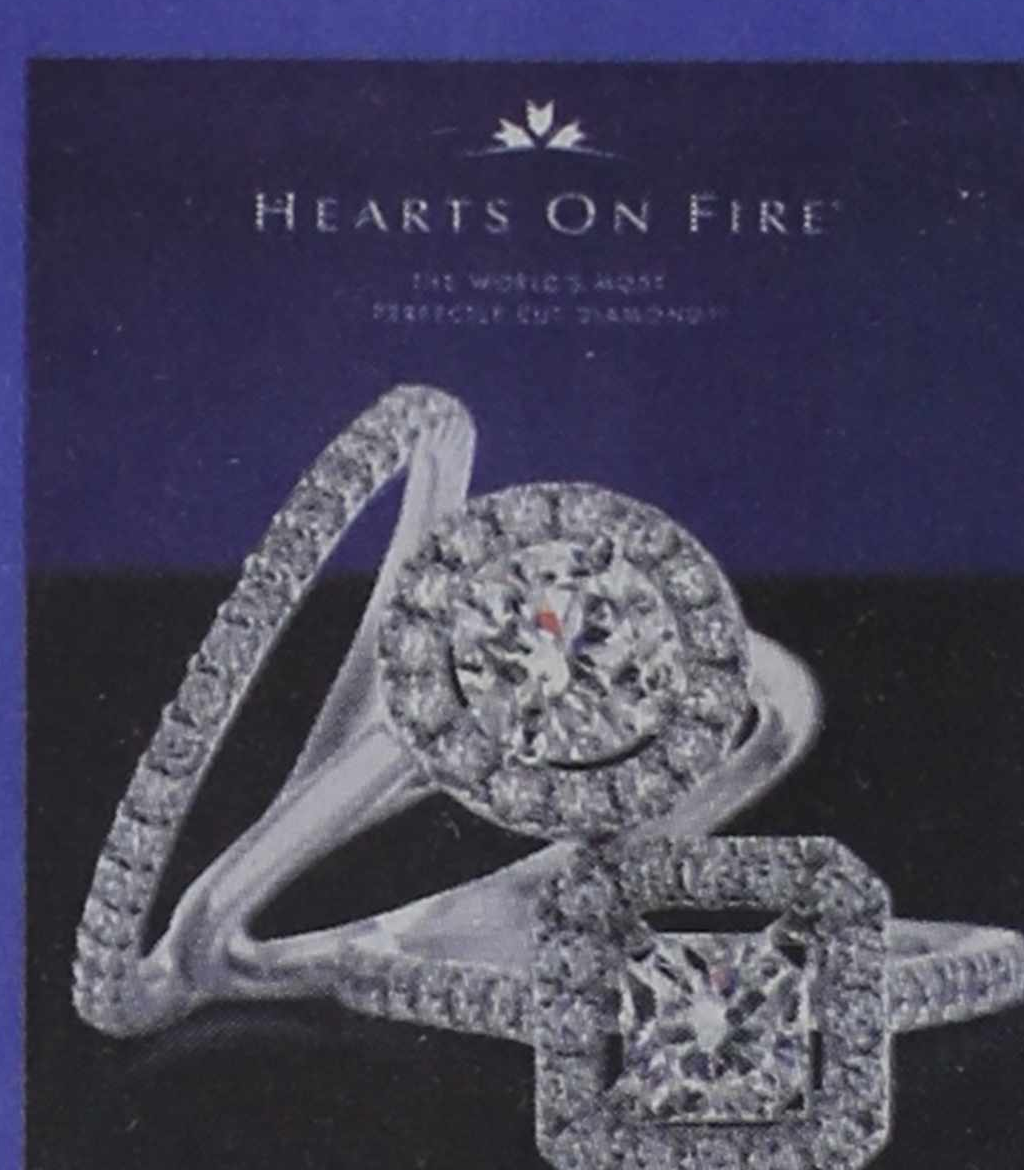
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Responding to unconstitutional congressional act

Note: Late last Sunday night (03/21/10) a thin majority of the U.S. House of Representatives completed the earlier constitutional act by the majority of the U.S. Senate, which was signed by the U.S. President. The following are comments from elected officials regarding the act.

Congressman Ralph Hall supports repeal of 'Health Care Reform'

Ralph Hall (R-TX/4) announced Tuesday (03/23/10) that he is cosponsoring two bills to repeal the health care reform legislation passed by the House on Sunday and signed into law today by President Obama. He is also cosponsoring another bill that would prevent any funds from being spent to implement those health care reforms.

Democrats ignored the will of the majority of Americans and crammed this bill through the House," Hall said. "They used special favors and political maneuvering to gain the votes of wavering Democrats, but this battle is not over. I will continue to work with my legislative colleagues and I who voted our districts and opposed this bill until we overturn this bill and start over with some common sense reforms that all Americans and both political parties can support." Hall said. "But the President and Democrats in Congress chose not to listen to the people and instead pushed this bill through." The measure passed the House by a vote of 219 – 212 late Sunday evening, with all Republicans and many Democrats voting against it."

Hall is the cosponsor of bills introduced by Reps. Steve King of Iowa and Tim Wirth of Colorado to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. He also is a cosponsor of a bill introduced by Rep. Ted Poe of Texas to prohibit funding to implement or enforce the individual mandate to purchase health insurance – a provision that raises Constitutional questions about the result in the hiring of thousands of IRS agents to enforce the man-

dated legislation will increase the burden on taxpayers, place current health care plans at risk, reduce benefits to our seniors, pave the way for the elimination of health care and federal funding of abortions, and cost jobs," Hall said. "I will add my name to any and all legitimate efforts to repeal this costly and unconstitutional government takeover of health care."

Attorney General explains constitutional challenge

Attorney General Greg Abbott and 12 state attorneys general today filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the recently enacted health care law. The bipartisan legal challenge explains that the new law violates upon Americans' constitutionally protected individual liberties; forces upon the states' constitutionally guaranteed sovereignty; forces upon the states billions of additional dollars on entitlement programs; imposes an unconstitutional tax; and violates the Tenth Amendment of the United

States Constitution.

Under the new law, for the first time in the nation's history, the federal government is attempting to force individual Americans to enter into contracts and purchase services from private companies—in this case, insurance companies—or face a penalty. The state attorneys general are challenging this so-called individual mandate requirement, explaining that such an imposition on the American people exceeds Congress' authority and violates Americans' constitutional rights. Additionally, the states are challenging provisions of the new law that will impose dramatic Medicaid spending increases on the states—including more than \$24 billion in mandatory spending increases in the State of Texas.

"The federal health care legislation signed today violates the United States Constitution and unconstitutionally infringes upon Texans' individual liberties," Attorney General Abbott said. "No public policy goal—no matter how important or well-intentioned—can be allowed to trample the protections and rights guaranteed by our Constitution. To protect all Texans' constitutional rights, preserve the constitutional framework intended by our nation's founders, and defend our state from further infringement by the federal government, the State of Texas and other states have filed a legal challenge seeking judgment from the courts that the federal health care take over is unconstitutional."

The thirteen-state coalition, which includes Texas, Florida, South Carolina, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Washington, Colorado, Michigan, Utah, Alabama, South Dakota, and Idaho, filed its legal challenge in the Federal District Court in the Northern District of Florida. It was filed shortly after President Barack Obama signed the bill into law. The legal action specifically challenges the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and names the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Treasury and Labor as defendants because those federal agencies are charged with implementing the Act's constitutionally impermissible provisions.

Encroachment on Individual Liberties

According to the states' legal action, the federal health care bill violates both Article I and the Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution: "The Act represents an unprecedented encroachment on the liberty of individuals living in the Plaintiffs' respective states, by mandating that all citizens and legal residents of the United States have qualifying healthcare coverage or pay a tax penalty. The Constitution nowhere authorizes the United States to mandate, either directly or under threat of penalty, that all citizens and legal residents have qualifying healthcare coverage. By imposing such a mandate, the Act exceeds the powers of the United States under Article I of the Constitution and violates the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution."

Explaining why the individual mandate is unconstitutional, Attorney General Abbott said: "Our nation's founding fathers had the wisdom to limit the federal government's authority by specifically enumerating the powers given to Congress. Today, the federal government is attempting an unconstitutional power-grab-and-relying upon Congress' authority to regulate Commerce to justify their unprecedented overreach. If there are to be any limitations on the federal government then 'Commerce' cannot be twisted to cover every possible human activity under the sun—including mere human existence. The act of doing absolutely nothing does not constitute an act of commerce, and today's legal challenge reflects the states' attempt to preserve the individual liberties that were intended by our founders and guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution."

Removes States' Discretion

The states also charge that the Act "converts what had been a voluntary federal-state partnership into a compulsory top-down federal program." As a result, the Act effectively removes the states' discretion and constitutes a "de-

rogation of the core constitutional principle of federalism upon which this Nation was founded...[and] exceeds the powers of the United States and violates the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution."

Unprecedented Encroachment on State Sovereignty

Further, the multi-state lawsuit explains that the federal health care law "represents an unprecedented encroachment on the sovereignty of the states" by imposing new federal Medicaid enrollment standards. According to the Texas Health & Human Services Commission, the Act will double the number of Medicaid recipients and therefore force the Texas taxpayers to spend an additional \$24.3 billion on Medicaid over the next 10 years. In addition to dramatic spending increases, the new law will shift substantial administrative costs to the states and therefore requires that state employees and agencies devote considerable time and resources to implementing the Act. The lawsuit also cites "several unfunded mandates that will cost state governments significantly."

Unconstitutional Tax

Finally, the states allege that the Act imposes an unconstitutional tax on the American people. According to the states' legal action, "the tax penalty required under the Act, which must be paid by uninsured citizens and residents, constitutes an unlawful capitation or direct tax, in violation of Article I, sections 2 and 9 of the Constitution of the United States."

Texas Will Oppose the Health Care Legislation

by Representative Jodie Laubenberg

Last night, America experienced a tough defeat. Congress ignored most Americans by passing the massive health insurance overhaul. Under this outlandish plan, health care spending will dominate and sink state budgets. It will take away our individual right to choose how we spend our money. It will tread on state sovereignty, and makes us all serfs to the federal government.

When the 82nd Legislature convenes in January, I will file legislation to reject this expensive and unconstitutional initiative. I cannot stand aside and condone a policy that will tank Texas' economy and destroy our state's successes.

Furthermore, I will file legislation that challenges the federal government's habitual encroachment on states' rights. We must reassert the 10th Amendment as an essential check on the federal government's power. Too many times the federal government has put our state's stability in jeopardy with its unfunded mandates and overreaching policy changes.

Last night, Attorney General Greg Abbott publicly announced his intent to formally challenge the health care overhaul. I am fully confident that he and Governor Perry will do everything in their power to prevent this legislation from taking effect in Texas. I will support them in their efforts, and am proud to live in a state with such leadership.

We cannot afford to let this piece of legislation slide through without a fight. If the federal government succeeds in thwarting the constitution in health care policy, then precedent will be set for the government to do the same in every other policy arena. I, for one, will not stand by while our liberty and opportunities are taken from us.

Representative Jodie Laubenberg is serving her fourth term on behalf of District 89.

Rockwall County letters to the Editor

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

Childhood obesity an increasing problem

Childhood obesity rates skyrocketing across the nation, more emphasis should be placed on teaching youngsters how to become more physically fit. Overweight children have an increased risk for heart disease in early childhood, the leading cause of death among Americans, and particularly in Texas. Today, nearly 10 million children and adolescents ages six to 17 are considered overweight.

I would like to personally thank Congressman Ralph Hall for helping to improve the health and well being of our children by cosponsoring the Fitness and Teaching (FIT) Kids Act. The bill would amend the No Child Left Behind Act to encourage schools to increase physical education for children the tools they need to stay fit and healthy through adulthood. Not only is a fit child at less risk for future heart disease, studies show they also achieve more academically.

I would also like to thank Congressman Hall for helping to give our nation's children a better start on physical fitness to reduce their risk for obesity-related diseases. His support of the FIT Kids Act will help kids lead healthier lives, be more effective and achieve more academically.

Pranith Khera
State Advocacy Committee
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Voters disapproved of new courthouse

Commissioners may not know, but twice we voted down bond elections for the new Rockwall County Government Center (now called courthouse). In 2004, we said no. In 2005, we said heck no. Yet, commissioners decided to spend \$30 million in debt without voter approval to build a costly building in a prime commercial real estate where it imperils vulnerable student populations.

I would like to oppose construction of the Rockwall County Government Center. In fact, I call upon Commissioners Court to stop all work and to select a less costly, reasonable location for holding criminal court.

By delivering my reasons to discontinue its construction, I wish to be very, very clear, neither the four County Commissioners nor the County Judge are evil. They are actually quite decent people. Nevertheless, they have made a bad choice.

My recommendation: Stop work immediately and research possible alternative building-box store opportunities. Enlist citizens willing to work with the County to communicate with the public and to make an exhaustive search for a less costly, but practical building.

In my mind how the \$30 million budget has already increased over 50 percent to \$37.2 million. Some construction professionals with whom I have talked speculate the final cost will be around \$50 million.

If you can contact your county commissioner and the county judge to express your desires. Several people have called me or written to ask about an injunction to stop construction. Not a legal expert, by any means, I can neither an answer as to the possibility of legal action, nor a desire to sue. Something in me causes me to think these five persons are actually reasonable people. Perhaps they will actually listen to you.
Contact 1 -- Jerry Wimpee jwimpee@rockwallcountytexas.com
Contact 2 -- Lorie Grinnan lgrinnan@rockwallcountytexas.com
Contact 3 -- Dennis Bailey dbailey@rockwallcountytexas.com
Contact 4 -- David Magness dmagness@rockwallcountytexas.com
Contact 5 -- Chris Florance cflorance@rockwallcountytexas.com
Phone (972) 204-6000 for all members of the court.

We are all very decent people. They don't need abuse from anyone, but they do need to hear from everyone. It's your money, it's your children's

money. The five points that will take a little time to read (<http://rockwallconser.com>). The time it takes to read and send your messages to Rockwall County Commissioners and the county judge is nothing compared to the time it will take your children to pay for it.

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Emergency planning sessions open to public

The McLendon-Chisholm City Council looked closely at emergency plans at a recent meeting with Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator Joe Delane at its last meeting.

Council members reviewed chains of command and communication capabilities and procedures as well as discussed matters of equipment access, insurance and cost accountability.

Residents interested in learning more about what to do in an emergency can attend a session of KnowWhat2Do -- Think.Prepare. Act, hosted by Rockwall County Emergency management at several

locations in the coming month. The program will be offered at the McLendon-Chisholm Baptist Church from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. April

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2010 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2009, you won't need to reapply for 2010 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2010. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

Rockwall Central Appraisal District
841 Justin Rd
Rockwall, Texas 75087

For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of

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12. Other dates include the Heath City Hall Community Room from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday and the Heath City Hall Community Room from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. April 8. Sessions are open to the

public; there is no fee.

For additional information contact the Rockwall County Emergency Management Office at 972-204-7080 or emergencymanagement@rockwallcountytexas.com.

Rockwall High School Spring Craft Fair

now accepting vendors for the May 1, 2010 show.
Please call Liz Tarter for more information
972-772-1846

"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timber land!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2010 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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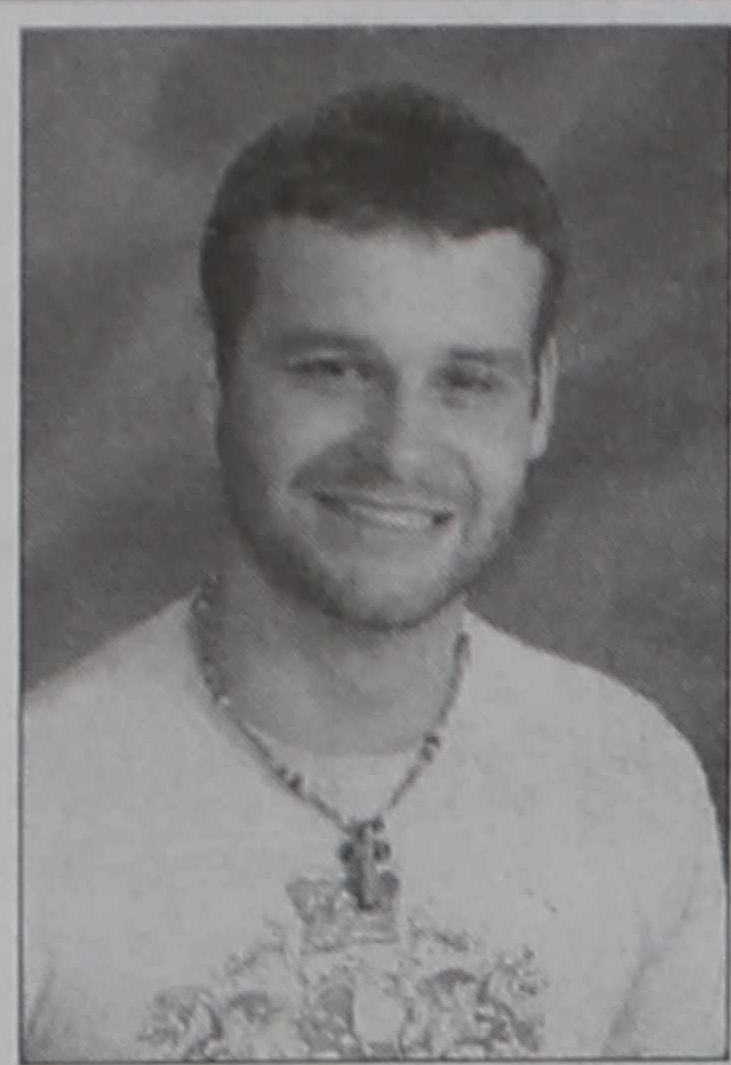
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Michael Krikorian of Rockwall will perform his senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ouachita Baptist University's McBeth Recital Hall in the Mabee Fine Arts Center in Arkadelphia, Ark. A musical theatre major and student of Glenda Secrest, OBU professor of music, he has served as president of the university's Theta Alpha Phi national honor fraternity for theatre arts. He and his acting partner were one of 32 pairs who advanced to the semifinal round in the recent Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship auditions at the Region VI Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in Amarillo. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*

McAfee tapped for LaTech recognition

Colin Thomas McAfee of Rockwall was among students named to the President's Honor List for the winter quarter at Louisiana Tech.

According to a news release issued last week, McAfee achieved at least a 3.8 academic grade point average on a minimum of nine semester hours completed with no grade lower than a B.

Rockwall's Smith studying in Chile

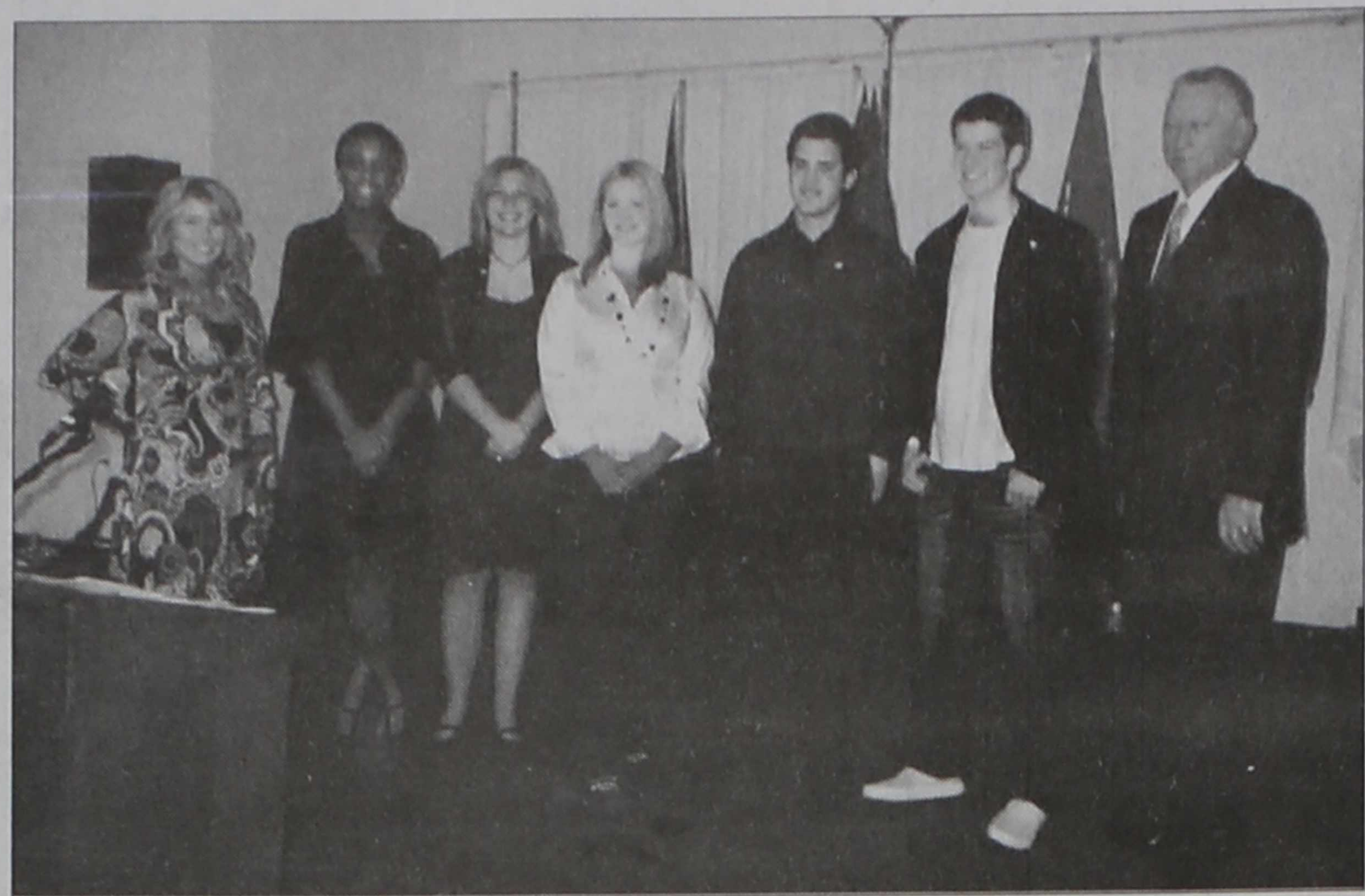
Harding University student Chad Smith of Rockwall is spending the spring semester traveling South America while studying at the university's international program in Chile, according to a university news release.

Smith, a sophomore, is living on the program campus in Viña del Mar, a seaside resort located 70 miles northwest of Santiago.

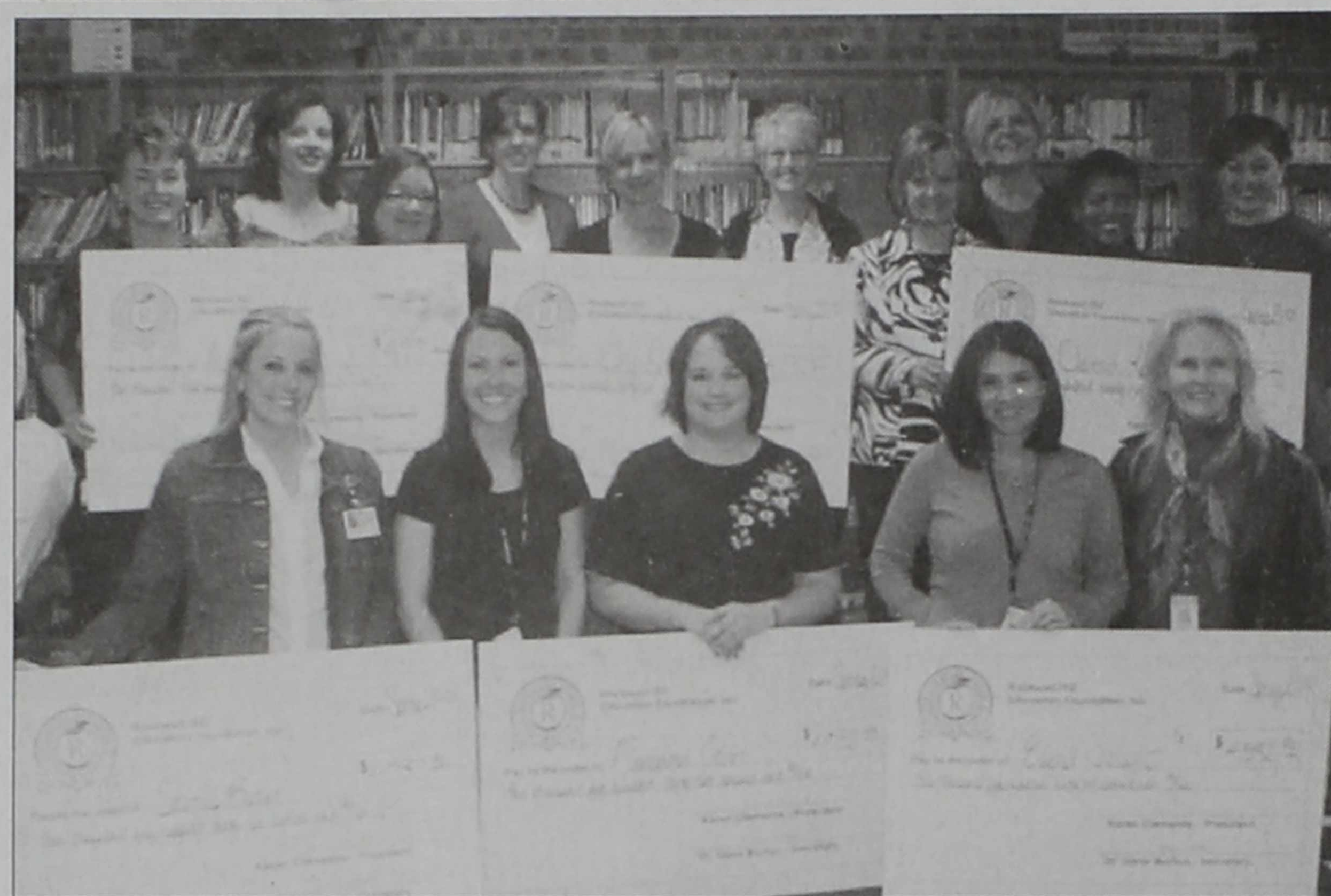
The program includes trips to Easter Island, the Lake District of Chile, Torres del Paine, the Atacama Desert region and Machu Picchu, Peru. A trip into the Amazon Rainforest also is planned.

Faculty members travel with program participants so students can take classes while learning about different cultures. Classes will focus on the Spanish language, culture and Latin American history.

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"



The Rockwall American Legion Post 117 held its annual birthday luncheon Sunday, March 21 with Boys and Girls State Representatives for 2009 being honored. Those recognized were (left to right) Hailey Dunn, Eziane Arizon, Kylie Robinett, Patricia Boyle, Chris Gaines and Tyler Fassett, with Rear Admiral Robert Smith (right). Not available for the photo are Boys State Representatives Sean Wong and Connor Defebaugh. *Photo Courtesy/Rockwall County News*



Two groups of Dobbs teachers recently were surprised by members of the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Prize Patrol. Teachers involved with two grant submissions - "V-Tube: Vocabulary on the Go" and "Camping with the Critters" - received grants totaling \$9,500. Teachers pictured are, top row, Dolly DeLaGarza, Carol Cruz, Melissa Padilla, Lisa Costello, Alissa Pettit, Cindy Waltrip, Connie Peterson, Robyn Gunderson, Deborah Lee and Erika Manning. Pictured at bottom are Courtney Butler, Deanna Wheeler, Mariemna Cobb, Elena Straight and Mary Akin. Not pictured is Sherri Naylor. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*

RHHS student tapped for Naval Academy seminar

Michael Gerritsen, a Rockwall-Heath High School student, will participate in the 2010 U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar program.

According to a Naval Academy news release, Gerritsen was one of approximately 2,250 young men and women selected to attend the program, which is a "fast-paced experience for high achievers who

have completed their junior year in high school and are considering applying for admission to USNA after graduation."

Summer Seminar teaches prospective applicants about life at the Naval Academy, where academics, athletics and professional training play equally important roles. Each student will attend a six-day session, live in a dorm, eat in a din-

ing hall, participate in academic and leadership workshops and join in daily physical training.

The program's academic focus includes eight 90-minute workshops covering subjects from information technology, naval architecture and mechanical engineering to oceanography, mathematics, history and meteorology. Students also will participate in seamanship and navigation classes and will cruise aboard a Navy Yard Patrol Craft to apply what they learn.

The seminar is run by Naval Academy students, or midshipmen, with oversight by active-duty Navy and Marine Corps officers.

Moon's work featured in OBU senior exhibit

Works created by Hannah Moon, a graphic design major from Heath, will be featured in the senior graphic design exhibit set for April 12-23 in the Hammons Gallery, Mabee Fine Arts Center, at Ouachita Baptist University.

The show will be comprised of several students' graphic design portfolio work, as well as paintings, drawings and other studio work. Moon is expected to exhibit approximately 10 to 12 pieces.

A reception marking the opening of the exhibit will take place at 6 p.m. April 13, according to a university news release.

Vernon students jump, raise money for AHA

Students at Miss May Vernon Elementary participating in a recent fundraising project for the American Heart Association, raising more than \$3,500 through Jump Rope for Heart.

Students asked for donations from friends and family members, and on March 12 jumped rope during physical education classes. A total of \$3,503.69 was raised.

P.E. teacher Rose Antony organized the event. This was her seventh year to serve as a Jump Rope for Heart organizer.



Members of the KC Club at Dorris A. Jones Elementary recently volunteered at the Stew Pot in Dallas serving breakfast and lunch to the children there and participating in Saturday School rotations with the youngsters. Pictured are KC Club members Myc Magnuson, Bryce Baxter, Megan Thorton, Breanna Biggerstaff, McKenzie Bryant, Jared Tucker, Hunter Gonzales, Breanna Pitt, Alexis Britton, Julia Dietz, Chelsea Sumpon, Alicia Parades and Caroline Curtis. The sponsor is Melissa Barnes.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

"What shall we do?"...Acts 2:38

After Peter answered the question, "What shall we do," he continued, "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are far off, even unto the Lord our God shall call."

And with many words he testified and exhorted them by saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation" (Acts 2:39-40). The promise was the gift of the Holy Spirit, and was directly tied with salvation.

To understand this better we need only look at the first example of people being baptized and receiving the promise of the Holy Spirit, found in Acts 2. Other people in the temple witnessed the disciples speak in tongues. In essence, they witnessed the disciples getting saved. Peter exhorted them to do the same. What happened next?

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and there were added about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). Here, the word "received" is translated from the earlier known Greek word dechomai, which meant to mentally receive information with a favorable frame of mind. It also fits perfectly with Romans 10:9-10 where it teaches that righteousness is the result of believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. It also fits perfectly with Acts 2:4 where we learn that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. The reason they were filled was because they already believed in Jesus from the dead. They received the information about God raising Jesus from the dead with a favorable frame of mind and were baptized. Having been baptized with Holy Spirit, they were counted as righteous.

Isn't that simply wonderful? On the same day nearly 3,000 people were added to the list of believing Christians. It says in verse 47, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Wow! This means that a large number of people did the same thing that the first disciples did in Acts 2:4. The word, like fire and many people were filled with the spirit of God and began to speak in other languages as the spirit gave the words. This can be verified in Acts 10:46-48 and 11:15 and 19:2-6.

"They continued with steadfastness in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread and in prayers. And reverence came upon every soul, and wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were added, and had all things common."

They sold their possessions and goods and distributed them among all as they had need. And they continued daily with one accord in the temple, breaking bread from house to house, eating their food with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God and having favor with all the people" (Acts 2:42-47).

This is such a fantastic record of the first people who became part of the church. When they were filled with the spirit of God and obtained salvation, they launched into a whole new life of spiritual liberty that was not known before.

They didn't fully understand what was available because the apostle Paul had not yet begun his ministry, but they did understand enough to praise God in their homes with singleness of heart and in unity of faith.

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God's word has not changed. The same promise is still available today. Believe with your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead unto being baptized with Holy Spirit and receive the Holy Ghost.

Benefits set for Clement family

Friends and family members of 37-year-old Brent Clement, who is battling colorectal cancer, are raising funds to help him, his wife, Michelle, and their three children.

Following weeks of chemotherapy and radiation, Clement was scheduled for surgery this week and will continue chemotherapy for approximately more months. The family has insurance, but circumstances involving the family's finances have proved challenging.

On April 17, Bogeys for Brent will take place at the Eastern Hills Country Club, 3000 S. Country Club Road, in Garland. Cost for individual players will be \$65 (includes green fee, cart fee and burger buffet); foursomes will be \$110 (includes green fees, cart fees and burger buffet for four); and platform sponsorship, \$310 (includes golf foursome, hole sponsorship sign and cart fee for four). Hole sponsorships cost \$60 apiece. Cost for buffet only will be \$15 per person.

Contests will include closest to the pin, longest drive and buy a drive. Registration will be at 9 a.m., with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The buffet begins at 3 p.m.

Deadline for registration is April 11. Contact Johnny Matthews at 681-0789; Bryan Clement, 972-741-8886; or Brittany Matthews, 214-775-7755. Checks may be made payable to Melinda Matthews/BFBC and mailed to 907 Meandering Way, Mesquite, TX 75150.

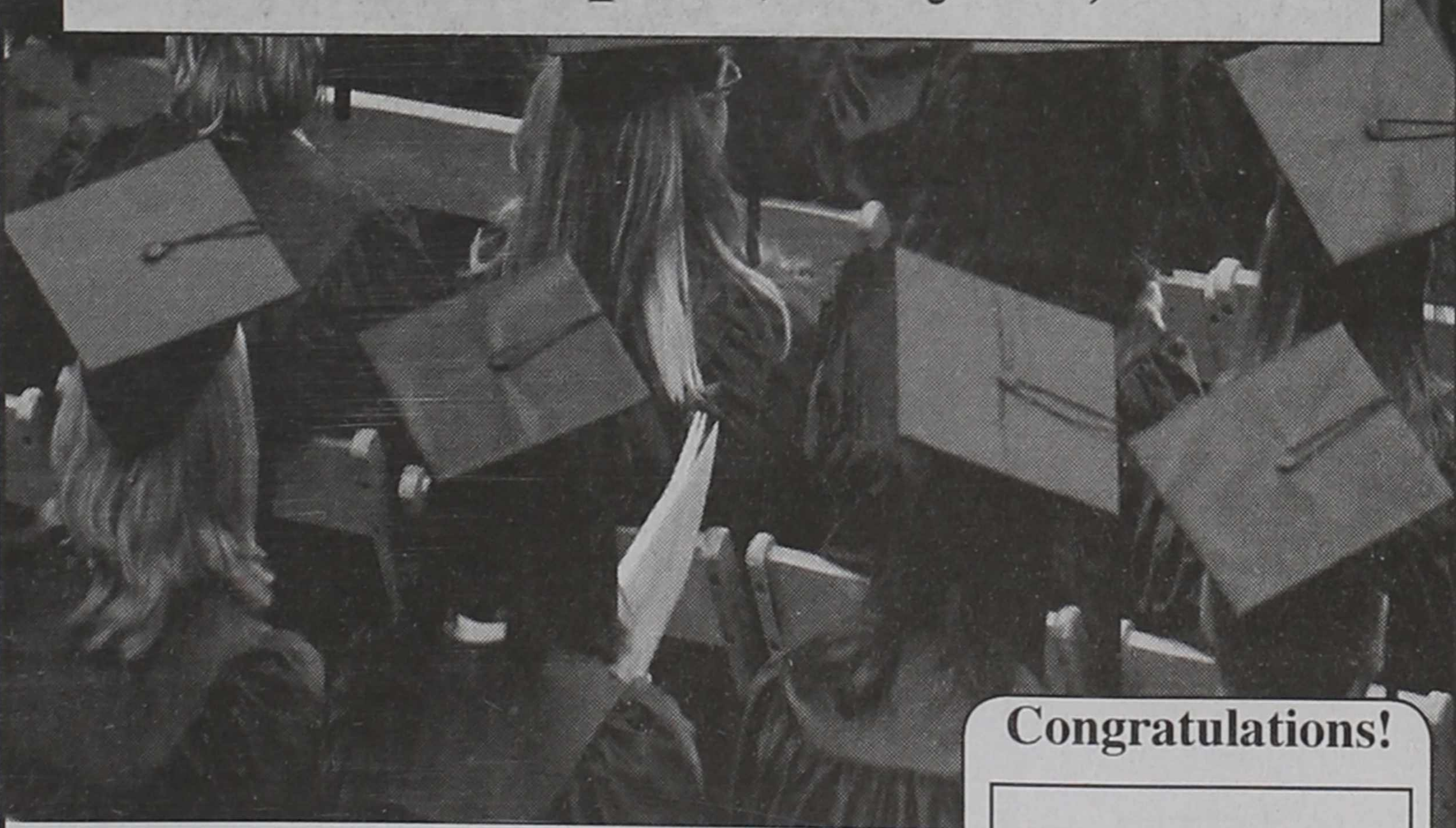
Additionally, the Shores Neighborhood Garage Sale, conducted twice a year, will this year benefit the Clement family. The event is set for the same day as the Bogeys for Brent event - April 17 - at 1150 Shores Blvd. in Rockwall.

Donations for the family also may be made to the Brent Clement Family Chase Bank, 2994 Horizon Road, Rockwall. For more information on donations, call Marie Allison at 972-722-1137.

Anyone interested in scheduling a fundraiser to benefit the Clement family should contact Allison at the number listed above.

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Salute to the Class of 2010
Friday, May 28
Deadline: 5 p.m., May 21, 2010



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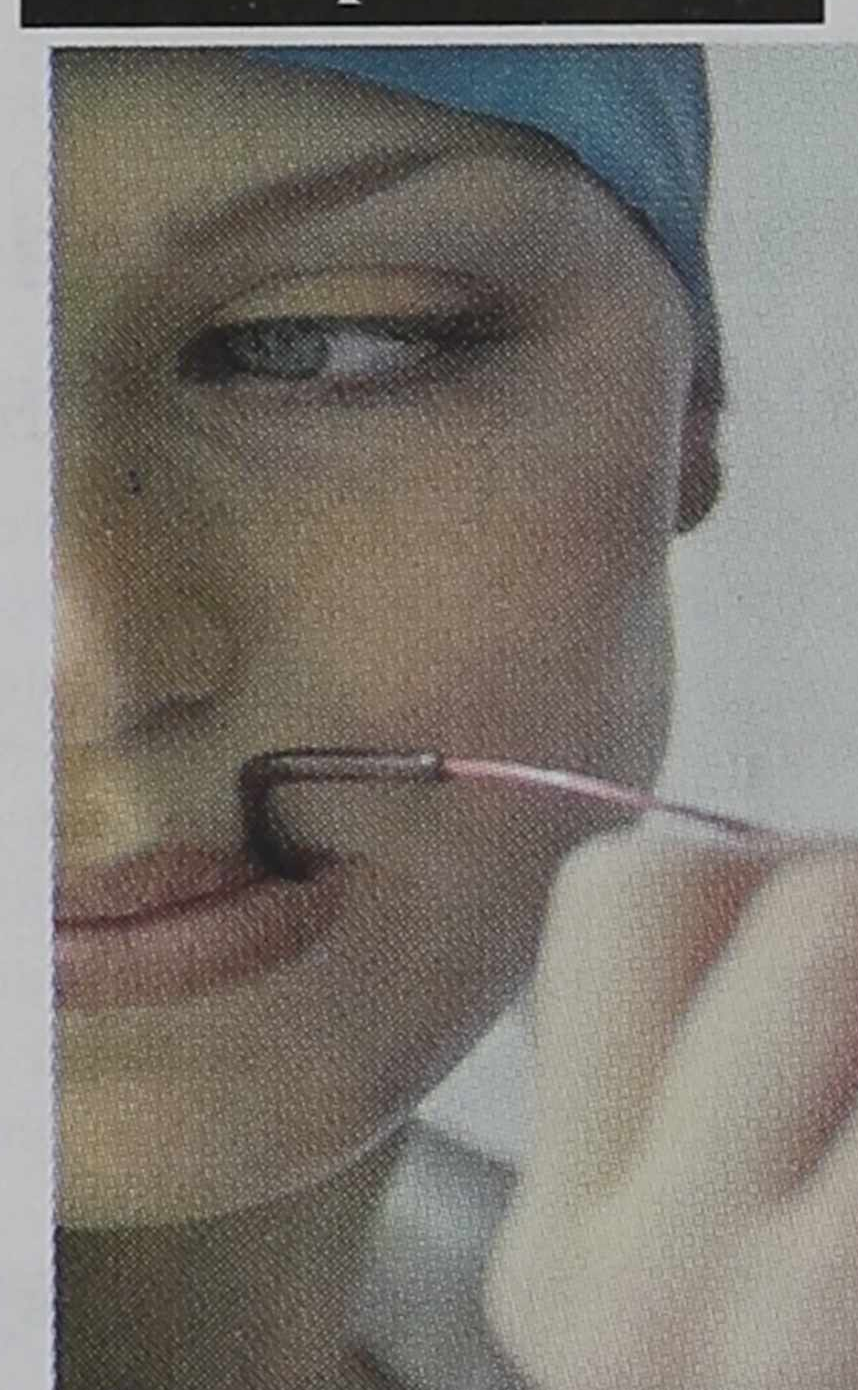
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS
 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
 Sealed submittals for Architectural Services addressed to Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Agent, City of Rockwall, will be received at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087 on April 19, 2010 at or before 2:00 pm, CST.
 Qualified firms interested in providing architectural and engineering services for the planning of a new Law Enforcement Center should contact Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Office, City Hall, or by calling 972-771-7700 x 6418 for a RFQ packet.
 The City reserves the right to reject any or all submittals, waive formalities, re-advertise, and consider the most advantageous submittal thereof.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Notice is hereby given that the Automatic Tabulating Equipment that will be used in the Primary Runoff Election held on April 13, 2010 will be tested on March 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast at all offices and all measures.

Conducted this the 17th day of March, 2010

Glenda Denton
 Elections Administrator
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Aviso de la prueba del equipo de tabulación automático

El aviso por este medio se da a eso el equipo de tabulación automático que será utilizado en la elección primaria de desempate celebrada el 13 de abril de 2010 será probado el 29 de marzo, 2010 en 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall, Tejas para comprobar que contará exactamente los votos echados para todas las oficinas y todas las medidas.

Publicó esto el 17th dia del marzo, 2010

Glenda Denton
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
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 CAUSE NO. 1-10-271
 MEETINGS:

If you have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. The ORIGINAL PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, was filed in the 382nd District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, on MARCH 12, 2010, against UNKNOWN FATHER, Numbered 1-10-271, and entitled IN THE INTEREST OF MELODY SHAVON HARRISON, A CHILD. The date and place of birth of the child (children) who is (are) the subject of this suit: MELODY SHAVON HARRISON, FEBRUARY 13, 2010, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Rockwall, Texas, this 15th day of March, 2010.

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Cheerleader and mascot tryouts at Rockwall-Heath High were conducted March 11, and new squad members are pictured. Shown at front are the mascots, Andee Aulbaugh and Chandler Cox. Also pictured, from the left, are cheerleaders Savannah Smith, Meagan Naegele, Meagan Delozier, Jordyn Leeuw, Coach Shanon Zais, Cayley Lott, Tara Woessner, Brittany Buchanan, Chasity Rooney, Alexis Roland, Holley Noe, Kaylea Wisner, Middle Row: Katelyn Brown, Morgan Iles, Ashley Fladland, Allie Lincoln, Rebecca Eddy, Rylie Mike-Mayer, Lauren Hartnett, Kayla Hall and Lauren Statham.

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Sarah Gerritsen SFA Dean's List

Sarah Gerritsen, a freshman at Stephen F. Austin State University, has been named to the Dean's List at the College of Liberal Arts for the Fall 2009 semester. She earned a 3.5 GPA and a 3.5 honor. Sarah is a 2009 Rockwall-Heath High School graduate and a History Major at SFA.

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Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

"It was a miracle"

That's the way Linda Jefferson describes her near-death experience in Galveston with her 81 year old mother. On the weekend trip to Galveston, Linda woke up the day after arriving with severe back pains. "I couldn't move, the pain was excruciating." She was admitted to University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston Hospital where she was diagnosed with kidney failure. While in ICU, hospital staff informed her mother about the seriousness of Linda's condition, not expecting her to live.

"I remained in a semi-conscious state for several days," Linda explained. "I was still in pain and couldn't walk or do anything for myself." After 10 days she was ready to be released from the hospital, with recommendations to

seek help in a rehabilitation facility to help her regain strength and be able to walk again. "I wanted to be close to home, so I told them to take me to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda said. "I was unable to make the trip back by car, so it was a seven hour ambulance ride to Royse City."

"I was at an all time low," she added, "but in a few days I slowly came out of that state, because the staff was so attentive and caring. They literally saved my life! I couldn't do anything by myself upon arrival, but every day got just a little bit better. They just kept encouraging me."

Linda is at home now, and returns to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center once a week as a volunteer. "I made some good friends there," she said, "and I enjoy calling bingo, it's a wonderful outing for me and I get to see my friends again."

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Linda Jefferson with Cherise Wright, O.T. (left) and Pam Ragsdill, P.T. (right)



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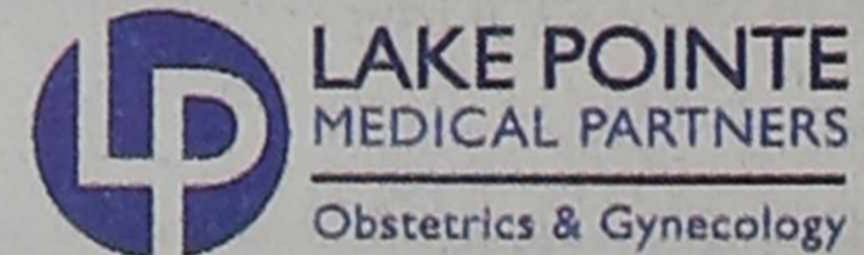
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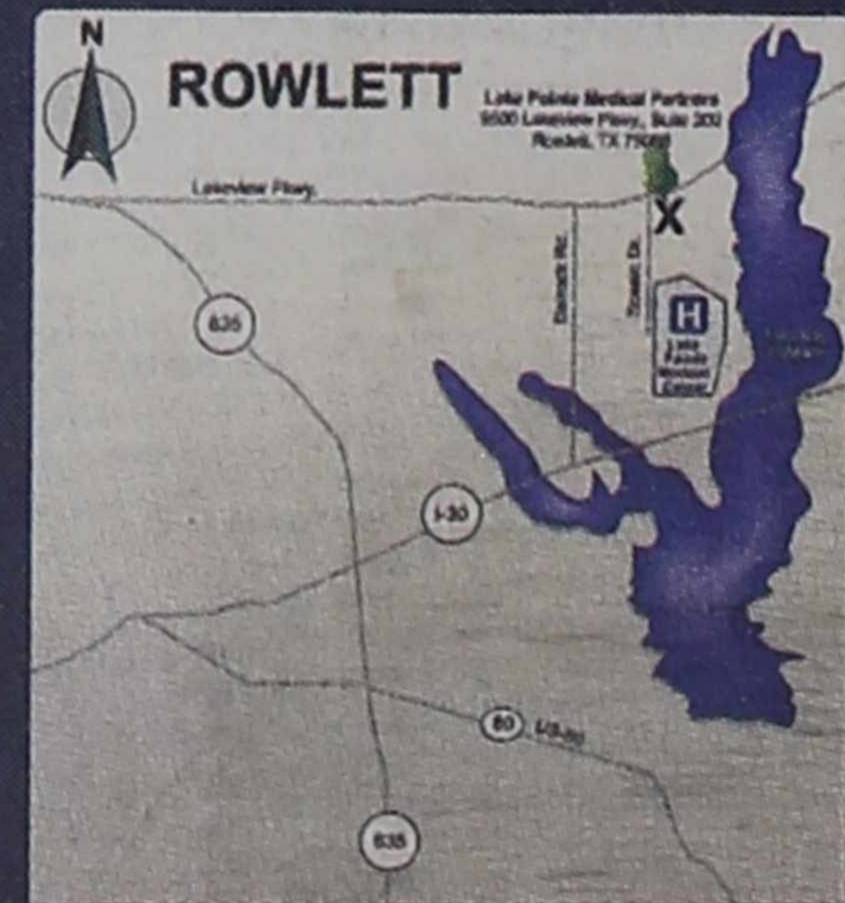


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Lady Jackets' Allie Wentzel (10) scores the second point of the Bi-District game against Bryan. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Lady Jackets' Junior Kara Miller floats through a routine on the beam during the recent District gymnastics meet in the RHHS gym. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News



Hawks' Chase Minter scores the first goal on a header shot during last Friday's UIL Bi-District game against Dallas Hillcrest during. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News



Hawks' Ryein Marks soars to Regional during the recent District meet at the RHHS gym. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager/Rockwall County News

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High school schedules

<p>Large Christian Eagles Tuesday, March 27 – at FBA Days, Dallas, 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 30 – Softball: at Canterbury Episcopal, 4 p.m. Thursday, April 1 – Softball: at Large Christian, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Rockwall Yellowjackets Wednesday, March 26 – Varsity 1 and JV softball: home for Jacket/Hawk Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club and Eastern Hills Golf Club, 8 a.m. Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Lady Panther Invitational, Tangle Ridge Golf Club, 9 a.m. Baseball: at Carrollton Newman Smith, Kelley Field, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m. Softball: home vs. Highland Park, 5 p.m. Tennis: at Galveston Beachcomber Tournament</p>	<p>Track: at Allen Eagle Relays, Allen High School Saturday, March 27 – JV White baseball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, 4:30 p.m. Varsity 1 and 2 boys' golf: home for Jacket/Hawk Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club and Eastern Hills Golf Club Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Lady Panther Invitational, Tangle Ridge Golf Club</p>
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The Rockwall girls' soccer team must be experiencing some déjà vu. Not treja vu – just déjà vu – because they're going somewhere only one other RHS girls' soccer team has gone, to the third round of the playoffs.

They began the postseason run by defeating Dallas Bryan Adams, the same as the 2009 team had. And after winning twice, they'll be facing District 21-4A rival Highland Park in the third round – again.

One difference is that instead of playing at Lovejoy, as last year's team did in a 2-1 loss, they were to play at Highland Park Thursday.

The Lady Jackets routed Bryan Adams 5-0 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium Thursday, March 18, then got by Mesquite Potet 2-0 Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Mesquite to stay alive.

Head coach Melissa Garcia said her team is as strong as it has been over the last two years.

"When we have our full squad, we play well together. Everybody contributes. Our seniors are great leaders. Randi (Soldat) leads the defense, and Jessie (Givens) is very good with the offense. Everybody builds off what she does."

Against Adams, Givens didn't

score a goal, but she was instrumental on RHS' final three goals.

Less than two minutes before halftime, she took a shot on the goal that rebounded out to Kayla Smith for Rockwall's third goal. Another rebound of a Givens shot in the 65th minute bounced out to Vicky King, who put the ball in the net. Nine minutes after that, Givens sent a free kick toward the front of the net, and Bethany Schomin headed the ball for the final goal.

The outcome was hardly in doubt against the Lady Cougars. A minute and a half into the game, Shelby Soldat scored on a header. The Lady Jackets kept up the pressure but didn't score again until the 34th minute, when Allie Wentzel beat the Adams defense and scored with her left foot.

Against Potet, Shelby Soldat and Wentzel again scored the first two goals, but there were no more to follow.

Rockwall played good defense in both games, but there was little for goalies Bekah Barton and Miranda Larkin to do. The ball didn't come within 25 yards of Barton until the first half's final minute. Larkin made three saves in the second half.

Garcia was able to use all 18 Lady Jackets in that game, and had several players at multiple positions.

She said, "We move everybody around. That gets people a little more open. The girls are versatile."

RHS' players will have to be moving at their best against Highland Park (19-2-2 overall). The Lady Scots defeated Dallas Thomas Jefferson 9-0 and Forney 1-0 in the first two rounds.

The player Rockwall (10-7-4) will have to watch is Kelly Nash. She scored twice against Jefferson and had the only goal against the Lady Jackrabbits. HP defeated the Lady Jackets 5-0 in Rockwall and 3-1 at Highland Park this season, with Nash scoring two goals each time.

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High school schedules...

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Tennis: at Galveston Beachcomber Tournament

Tuesday, March 30 –Varsity 2 girls' golf: at Richardson Pearce Tournament, Canyon Creek Country Club, 8 a.m.

JV tennis: at Arlington Martin JV Tournament, 8 a.m.

Gymnastics: Regional Compulsories at Highland Park, 1 p.m.

Baseball: home vs. Highland Park, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

JV White baseball: at Highland Park, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: at Greenville, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31 – Gymnastics: Regional Optionals at Highland Park, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 1 – Boys' golf: home for Rockwall Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity tennis: at Mansfield Legacy Varsity Tournament, 8 a.m.

Baseball: at Greenville, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

JV White baseball: at Roysie City, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: home vs. Roysie City, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath Hawks

Friday, March 26 – Varsity tennis: at Arlington Lamar, 6 a.m.

Red and Black boys' golf: home for



Lady Jackets' Shelby Soldat (9) kicks ball in for second point off pass from teammate Jesse Givens during Tuesday's Area Championship win against Mesquite Potet. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Deloach drills 3 homers in rout of Turner

Catcher J.D. Deloach hit three home runs and a double Friday, March 19, to lead the Rockwall baseball team to a 17-4 victory over Carrollton R.L. Turner.

Winning pitcher Thomas Anderson allowed just two hits. Steve Bean

and Blake Turner also each had a double for the Yellowjackets.

On Tuesday, Rockwall edged Richardson Pearce 3-1 to improve its record to 14-5-1 overall and 3-1 in District 10-4A. The Jackets will play at Carrollton Newman Smith

Friday and return home to Highland Park Tuesday. The Rockwall-Heath are their first place at 4-0, a game above RHS.

Lady Jackets stay in race by whipping Smith

Rockwall's softball team continued to perform well and win district games, but struggled again in tournament play.

The Lady Jackets (4-1 in District 10-4A) overpowered Carrollton Newman Smith to win 15-0 Tuesday. RHS made the most of just six hits, with Amanda Harmon's double the only one going for extra

bases, with the Lady Trojans committing errors and walking multiple batters. Newman Smith had just two hits against winning pitcher Laycee Holcomb.

Last weekend's Garland Tournament was limited to two days instead of three because of Saturday's cold weather. Rockwall opened with a 7-4 victory over

Sachse Thursday, then dropped a 3-2 decision to Mesquite Horn Friday. Flower Mound Marcus out the Lady Jackets 4-0. Rockwall then tied Bishop Lynch 4-4.

RHS has three games this week and will have to avoid looking to Thursday's home game against first-place Roysie City (5-0).

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Fun Run set Saturday

The Green Door 5K/1 Mile Fun Run will run from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Harry Myers Park in Rockwall. Children's Relief International is hosting the 5K run fundraiser to raise money to help poor, homeless and hungry individuals through the Green Door Project in Mozambique, Africa. The event is open to the public. To register visit childrensrelief.org/GreenDoor5Krun; walk-up registration will take place at 8 a.m. the day of the race.

Relay For Life Poker Run is Saturday

Saturday's Poker Run, slated to begin at 11 a.m. at Rockwall Honda Yamaha, will benefit the Rockwall County Relay For Life. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The competition will end at Softails in Terrell at 3 p.m., with three stops scheduled. At each checkpoint, each rider will draw a playing card. The cyclist with the best poker hand at the end wins. For details visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx or pre-register at Rockwall Honda Yamaha.

Saturday is Pitch, Hit & Run contest

The free Pitch, Hit & Run Competition, hosted by the City of Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex, 1600 Airport Road. Boys and girls ages 7 to 14 will compete in three different skills: pitching (throwing six baseballs at a target from 45 feet); hitting (baseball will be hit off a stationary tee); and running (timed sprints from second base around third and across home). Local winners in each age group will advance to the sectional contest to be conducted locally. For more details call Parks & Rec at 972-771-7740.

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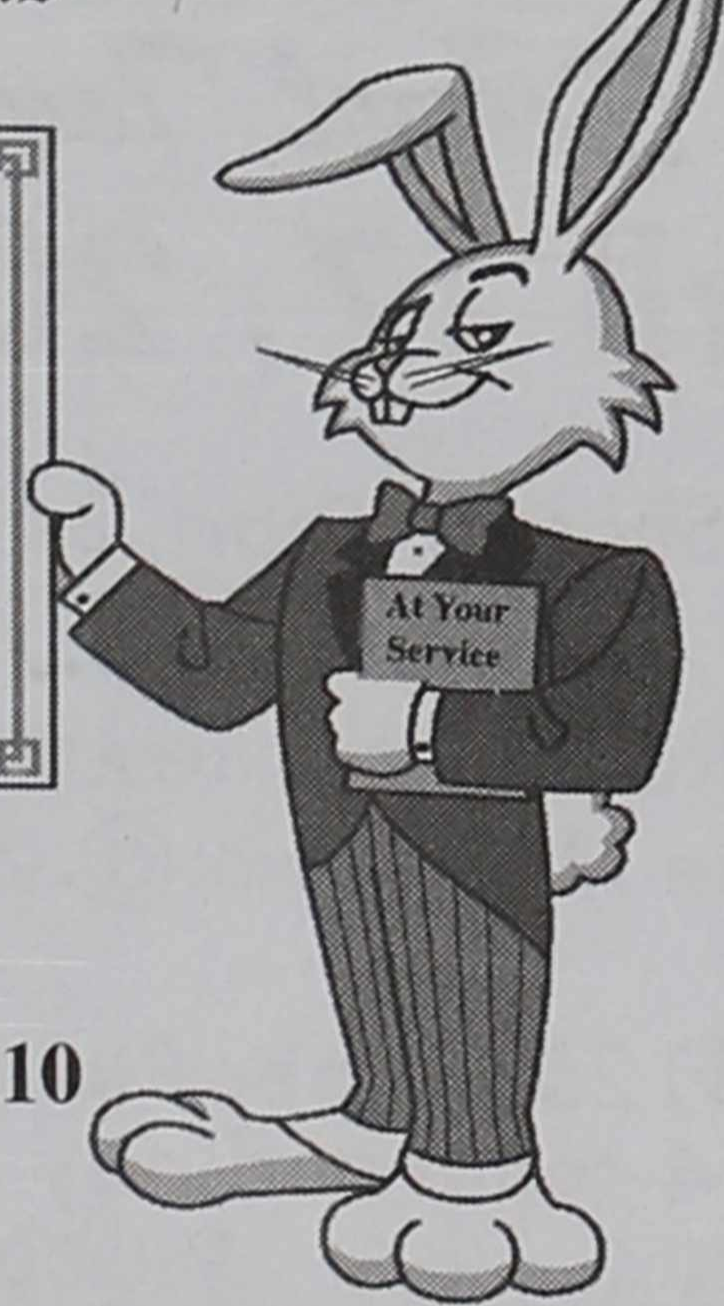
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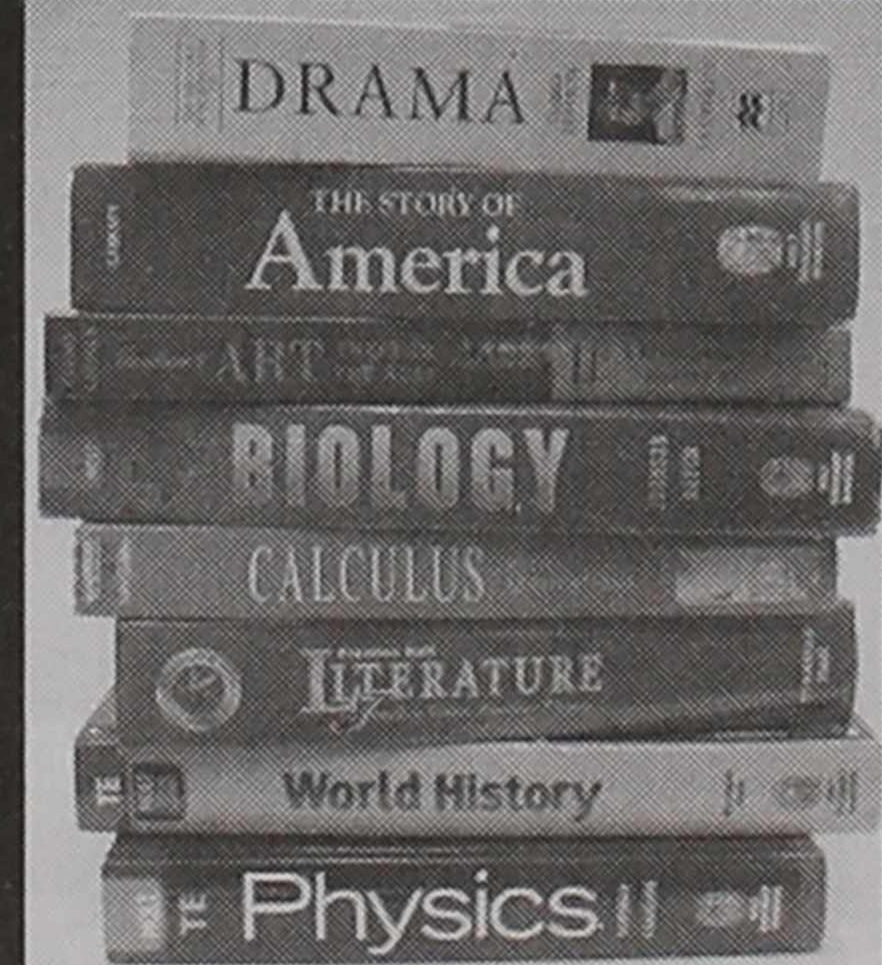
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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks blank 2 soccer playoff opponents, seize Area Championship

Lary Bump
Soccer teams playing at Rockwall-Heath know they have to stop the Hawks' potent offense. Hillcrest and Kaufman are the best, holding RHHS to zero goals in those two games. The Hawks' defense was even, shutting out both opponents. Hillcrest went down 2-0, March 19, on its home field, in the stadium, and Kaufman lost 1-0 at Hanby Stadium in Littleton, Colo.

Heath now advances to the second game against Dallas Kaufman Saturday at 6 p.m. at B. Johnson Stadium in Dallas. The Hawks are the third-place team in District 10-4A, almost took the upset early. A free kick sailed into the goal of players, and RHHS coach Cardenas had to make

a quick move to catch the ball. "That free kick was tough. I couldn't see it until the last second," Cardenas said. That was, in fact, the toughest of the six saves he had to make. Still, for most of the game Cardenas had to be wary because the Hawks couldn't put the home team away. They pressured Hillcrest's defense for most of the first half, but didn't score until a minute and 13 seconds before halftime, when Andrew Sullivan sent a long pass toward the front of the net. The pass intersected there with Chase Minter's head, and he propelled the ball into the upper right side of the net. Try as they might, the Hawks couldn't score again until the 72nd minute, when a Hillcrest hand ball gave RHHS a penalty kick. Minter



Hawks' Andrew Sullivan (23) attacks the Kaufman goal during Tuesday's UIL Area Championship game at Mesquite Hanby Field. Assisting at back is teammate Chris Logue. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Hawks survive scare, improve to 22-0

Heath withstood a close game against Dallas Kaufman Saturday at 6 p.m. at B. Johnson Stadium in Dallas. The Hawks are the third-place team in District 10-4A, almost took the upset early. A free kick sailed into the goal of players, and RHHS coach Cardenas had to make

enough offensive help, including a double by Jovan Hernandez. On Friday, March 19, RHHS came back with an 11-3 rout of Carrollton Newman Smith. Jake Thompson's pitching and 10 hits from the Hawks' lineup were more than enough against the Trojans. Hernandez, Drew Benefield, John Branum and Tyler Harding each hit a double for Rockwall-Heath.

RHHS improved to 4-0 in the district Tuesday on James Baune's two-hit shutout of Roysse City. Benefield hit another double in a game when the Hawks had hardly any trouble. Rockwall-Heath will play three games in the next week - Friday, Tuesday and Thursday - to reach the halfway mark of the district season. The Lady Hawks made the most

RHHS' Combs shuts out Lady Mustangs

Victoria Combs pitched a four-hit shutout to lead the Rockwall-Heath softball team past Richardson Pearce 3-0 Tuesday.

of just five hits, all singles, in the Tuesday, when Rockwall-Heath is scheduled to play at Highland Park. At 3-2 in the district, RHHS trails just Roysse City (5-0) and Rockwall (4-1). The district season will reach its halfway point

at Highland Park, Tuesday in the compulsory events and Wednesday in the optional.

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Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk set April 3
The Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk will take place on April 3, rain or shine, at 7 a.m. Registration (by March 26) is \$15; cost will be \$20 after that. Registration fee is \$10 in advance or at the race. Run begins at 7 a.m. at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. Proceeds will benefit the Trails System. Registration forms are available at heathtx.com or at the City Hall. Sign up online at signmeup.com. For more details e-mail us at heathtx.com.

RTU plans Easter doubles tourney
Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will conduct its annual Easter Doubles tournament from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 3 at the Rockwall-Heath High School courts. The event will be open to the public; all levels of players are welcome to participate. Cost will be \$15 for members pre-paid, \$20 at the door and \$20 for guests pre-paid, \$25 at the door. For more details or to register visit rockwalltennisunlimited or the RTU Facebook page, e-mail jennydehl1@sbcglobal.net or call 972-771-8883.

CROP Walk planned for April 11
Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a CROP walk at 3 p.m. at Tracy Williams Park to help combat world hunger. Proceeds will benefit Helping Hands, a ministry of the Church World Service, one of the first responders in the World War II relief effort. The event will begin at the East Pavilion at Harry DeSoto, 6 p.m. Adult and youth groups representing church, social, civic or other organizations are invited to participate. For details, contact Cheryl Taylor, coordinator of First Presbyterian, Rockwall, at 972-771-5701 or e-mail cheryl.taylor@gmail.com.

Bogeys for Brent benefit planned
The Bogeys for Brent golf event, a benefit for Brent Clement, will feature a shotgun start at the Eastern Hills Country Club, 3000 S. Country Club Road, in Garland. Deadline for registration is April 11. Individual play will be \$65; foursome, \$260 (both include green fees, cart fees and a buffet). Other sponsorship opportunities also available. Closest to the clubhouse is the longest drive and buy a drive will be offered. To register contact Jenny Matthews, 972-681-0789; Bryan Clement at 972-741-8886; or Jenny Matthews, 214-228-7755.

Rotarians plan Tax Day Golf Shoot-Out
Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club will host a Tax Day Shoot-Out Golf Tournament on April 15 at the Stone River Golf Club, Roysse City, with a shotgun start. Cost is \$75 per player (includes green fees, cart, additional food, awards and prizes). Proceeds from the four-man tournament will be split between the Assistance and Referral arm of Helping Hands and Haiti earthquake relief. To register e-mail or phone Dave Michie at dave.michie@yahoo.com, 214-455-6972, or George Russell, brogeo@att.net, 214-934-1142.

Golf tourney set April 16 in R-City
The Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser, sponsored by the Roysse City Chamber of Commerce, will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start April 16 at the Stone River Golf Club in Roysse City. Check-in will begin at 9 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places; prizes also are planned. Entry fee is \$75 per person. For more details, contact the chamber at 972-636-5000 or e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com.

Course offered on fly fishing
Classes on fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 at Harry DeSoto Park. Open to individuals ages 12 and older (ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult), classes will be taught by Dallas Fly Fishers Club members. Cost will be \$25 for Rockwall residents, \$38 for non-residents.

Vintage baseball game planned
A game of vintage baseball - played by 1860's rules - will begin at 3 p.m. April 24 at the RISD Campbell Spring Sports Complex, 900 Yellow Jacket Road. The game will feature the Rockwall Retros and the Farmers Branch Legends. Admission will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12; proceeds will benefit the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. Live music will be provided by the Heritage Brass Band. Fried pies, hot dogs, candy and drinks will be available, and an antique car exhibit will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. For ticket info call 972-722-1507 or visit rockwallcountyhistorical.org.

Kickball tourney set April 24
A kickball tournament open to competitors ages 8 and older will begin at 4 p.m. April 24 at Myers Field No. 1. Family, youth and adult divisions are available; a minimum of eight players needed per team (can be co-ed and/or mixed ages). Each team guaranteed three games. Cost per player of Rockwall County is \$25; non-residents, \$40. Deadline for entries is April 22. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Hawks, Lady Hawks 3rd in district gymnastics

Led by Jade Bowerman's first place in the uneven bars and second in the all-around competition, the Rockwall-Heath girls' gymnastics team placed third in the District 10-4A championships at home March 9 and 10. RHHS' boys also placed third. The Hawks' best performance was Trevor Newell's sixth place all-around. Both the Hawks and Lady Hawks will compete next in the regional meet

at Highland Park, Tuesday in the compulsory events and Wednesday in the optional. Bowerman scored 19.35 on the bars, and totaled 76.350, behind only Margaret Mayfield's 77.70 for champion South Garland with 227.80. The Hawks, with 224.150, also trailed second-place Rockwall's 226.65.

Lane leads Roysse City Bulldogs past J.J. Pearce

Winning pitcher Scot Lane also hit a home run Tuesday as Roysse City's baseball won 10-2 in a District 10-4A game at Richardson Pearce. The victory, which evened the Bulldogs' district record at 1-1, followed four losses in the weekend's I-30 Classic. Against Pearce, Jake Horbacz, Jacob Owen and Marcielo Arredondo also hit doubles. The Mustangs managed just five hits.

again 18-7 Friday. Dallas Christian held the Bulldogs to six hits, but those included a double and a triple by Horbacz and a double by Lane. Wylie, a 5A team, pounded the ball in both games against Roysse City. RC took a 9-8 lead into the seventh inning against Permian, but the Panthers rallied with two runs to win the game. Roysse City continues its district play Friday at 7:30 p.m. at home against Greenville.

Pille's two no-hitters keep Lady Bulldogs on top

by Lary Bump
What can you do to top perfection? If you're Roysse City softball pitcher Alicia Pille, you pitch a no-hitter against one of your top district rivals. Pille followed up a perfect game, retiring all 21 batters to face her, Friday, March 12, at Richardson Pearce with a no-hitter, allowing five baserunners, Monday at Rockwall-Heath. Each game was a 7-0 victory for the Lady Bulldogs, who lead District 10-4A with a 4-0 record. No-hitters are nothing new for the junior right-hander. But does she still get excited and nervous? "Oh, yeah," she said after the game against RHHS. "It always feels good to do something for your team." Was the perfect game even more exciting? "Not really. It's more for the team, and we always want to beat Heath and the Rockwalls, the teams we have to beat to win the district." Her teammates really helped. They pounded nine hits, including two doubles by Dezy Arredondo and one by Camille Flores, at Pearce. The Lady Bulldogs built up a 6-0 lead in the fourth inning at Rockwall-Heath. Catcher Ashley Heinaman drove in four of the runs with a two-run double in the third inning and a two-run triple in the fourth.

"Ashley did a great job hitting," said RC head coach Michelle Booker. "She got behind in the count but stayed in there. Number 8 (second baseman Mallory Baumann) stepped up with a couple of big hits." Baumann's single led off the three-run third. With two out in the sixth, she circled the bases on a drive to right field when the throw arrived late at third base. In between, there were the only anxious moments for the Lady Bulldogs. Lady Hawks third baseman Maddy Rice led off the fourth inning by drawing her second walk - the only walks Pille allowed. Then with two outs, two errors loaded the bases. Pille came through with a strikeout to end the inning. She finished with 15 strikeouts. One of those, a swing and a miss on a high pitch, resulted in the batter's reaching first base. Booker said, "It's good to get started off with wins in the district. As long as we keep our bats hot, we'll be OK." The bats stayed hot Tuesday, when RC won at home over Greenville 7-3. The Lady Bulldogs had nine hits, including Pille's triple and Baumann's double. Winning pitcher Kourtney Kelley allowed eight hits.

Rockwall Breakfast Rotary's Tax Day Golf Shoot-Out scheduled

Rockwall Breakfast Rotary will host its first annual Tax Day Shoot-Out Golf Tournament on Thursday afternoon, April 15th, 2010. The charity fundraiser will contribute 50% of the net proceeds to Haiti Relief and the other 50% to help fund the Assistance and Referral arm of Helping Hands. As Helping Hands President Margo Neilson recently explained, "we will have to find new ways in 2010 to help support the increasing demand for our services. Creative partnerships with Rockwall organizations, such as Rockwall Breakfast Rotary, will be a critical component to meet this increasing need." The golf tournament will be a Four Man Scramble hosted by Stone River Golf Club in Roysse City with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$ 75 per player and includes green fees, cart, lunch, additional food and awards

following the event, as well as prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and longest putt (plus a few other surprises). A putting competition will be held prior to the start. To register for the tournament, send an email or phone Dave Michie at dave.michie@yahoo.com, 214-455-6972; or Contact George Russell at brogeo@att.net, 214-934-1142 to sign up. Tournament Director Dave Michie has dialed up a perfect day of weather for everyone to come out and vent whatever tax day frustrations need to be released and all to give back to others in our community in great need of our support. Contributed by George Russell, Rockwall Breakfast Rotary.



PCCS athletes named to All-State, Region team

Poetry Community Christian School athletes named to the Texas Christian Athletics League All Region team are (left to right) Reid Harrison, Brennan Sapp and Nick McTaggart. Sapp and Harrison were also named to the All-State team. Photo courtesy of PCCS/Rockwall County News

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