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## News Briefs

### Meet the Artist event set tonight

Meet the Artist Night will be conducted at the Rockwall County Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. today. This event will provide participants the chance for "An Evening with Curt Mega," a stage, screen and television performer. For more details call 972-204-7700.

### Tutor training planned at library

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Adult Literacy/ESL Program. Training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Rockwall County Library. Neither teaching experience nor the ability to speak Spanish is necessary. Anyone interested should register in the ESL classroom located off the lobby of the new library or contact Gloria at 972-204-7705.

### Great Bowls of Fire set Saturday

The Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-Off & Hallelujah Hoedown will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall, in the Elizabeth Cameron Christian Education Building. The event will include chili, singing, dancing, fiddle playing, a cake walk, an open mic and karaoke. Cook-off entry fee is \$20. Tickets are available at the church office at \$20 per family or \$7 per individual. For details contact Susan Knott at 972-772-4633 or knottnow@charter.net.

### RHS parent orientation slated

Parents of students entering grades 9-12 at Rockwall High School in the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to attend a parent orientation meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday at the RHS cafeteria, 901 Yellowjacket Lane in Rockwall. Presentations will be made by RHS counselors, department chairs and teachers regarding courses, special program placements and scheduling procedures. For more information, call RHS at 972-771-7339 or visit the Rockwall ISD Web site at rockwallisd.com.

### Auditions for LCC under way

Auditions for the spring season of the Lakeside Civic Chorus are being conducted this month. Rehearsals are conducted each Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Rockwall High choral room. To schedule an audition or for more information contact David Bush at 972-679-4227 or 972-772-3549 or e-mail him at bushdl@swbell.net. More information on the LCC is available at lakesidecivicchorus.org.

### Li'l Readers offered Wednesdays

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department is offering a 45-minute Li'l Readers program each Wednesday (through Feb. 11 and Feb. 25 through April 1) at 9 a.m. at Myers Community Center. Li'l Readers is open to children ages 1-3 and their parent/parents and includes themed stories, singing and short activities. The program is free for Rockwall residents; \$15 for non-resident participation. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Lunchbox Series continues Wednesday

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce's Lunchbox Series will run from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall in the council chambers, 385 S. Goliad. The meeting will include an update on some of the new federal employment laws passed in recent months. The session is free to members; lunch will be provided at a cost of \$10 (those wanting lunch should RSVP at 972-771-5733).

### Osteo-Health: Joints workshop slated

"Osteo-Health: Joints," an hour-long workshop will be offered at 3 p.m. Jan. 28 at The Center. The program is designed for individuals ages 50 and older. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

### 'Into the Woods' at RHHS

The Rockwall-Heath High School Theatre Department will present the musical, "Into the Woods," at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29, 30 and 31 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 1 in the RHHS Black Box Theatre. Reserved seats cost \$10 and may be secured through Kristin Dodgen in the RHHS Black Box between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by contacting her at kwoodard@rockwallisd.org.

### Rockall Chamber of Commerce banquet tickets

Tickets to the 2009 Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards & Appreciation Banquet, set for Feb. 5 at the Hilton Bella Harbor, are available at the chamber office. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dallas Morning News sportswriter Brian Davis will be the speaker. Seating is limited; reservations required by Jan. 29. Tickets cost \$45. For information call 972-771-5733 or e-mail info@rockwallchamber.org.

### 'Little Women' to be staged

"Little Women: the Broadway Musical" will be staged at the Heritage Christian Academy at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 and 31 at the HCA campus, 1408 S. Goliad. Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$7 for adults and are available during school hours at the HCA office or beginning at 6:30 p.m. on performance evenings. Doors open at 7 p.m. for open seating.

### Teen Book Club meeting at library

The Teen Book Club will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 3 in the big first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the club will discuss "When Zachary Beaver Came to Town" by Kimberly Willis Holt. Officers will be selected at the meeting.

### First Wednesday flick is "21"

The February First Wednesday Flick, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be "21," the story of six MIT students who used their intelligence to beat the odds and take Vegas for millions. The movie will be screened at 3 p.m. Feb. 4 at The Center, and admission is open to individuals ages 50 and older. Cost is \$1 for residents, \$2 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

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Pictured above is a portion of the cast of the Heritage Christian Academy's upcoming production of "Little Women: the Broadway musical." Shown are Spencer McAfee as Laurie, Jordan Miller as Jo March, Lana Whittington as Amy and Amy Adams as Meg. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 and 31 at the HCA campus, 1408 S. Goliad. Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$7 for adults and may be purchased at the school office during school hours or at 6:30 p.m. on performance evenings. Doors will open at 7 p.m. each evening for open seating. (See Page 8 for more school and community theater events)

Photo Courtesy of D'Ann Mateer

## County Commissioners study library improvements, road maintenance

Stephen Woods  
Rockwall County Commissioners Court, at its January 13 meeting, studied various issues about library improvements, road maintenance and a new county telephone system.

The first matter at hand was the topic of county road maintenance on Wanda Ridge Estates in Royse City. The private residence maintained its own roads throughout the subdivision for the past 25 years. Recently, the owners of the property have proposed that private roads be turned over to the county. Rockwall County Commissioner Pat Nesmith spoke on behalf of Wanda Ridge Estates regarding the condition of the roads and how they were maintained. "The roads were well kept during the two year observation period. All signs throughout the residence were still posted properly and the ditches were always clean," said Nesmith.

After a brief discussion, led by Commissioner David Magness, all agreed the county's takeover of the road's maintenances in the subdivision.

Another item on the agenda was the issue of a new telephone system for the county. The county sought approval for an eight-month maintenance agreement with Encover Contract Services effective January 2009 through September 30, 2009. The requested amount needed for a master voice network system was \$1,804.45, which would cover the cost of new switches and routers.

In addition to new system expenses, it was noted that all parts were covered under warranty and could be replaced for no cost during the term of the contract. The Commissioners Court approved the system and related issues.

Item number three on the agenda was concerning a 36-month maintenance agreement with Thomson West for the annual maintenance of the county's government law library. The updates will cost \$8,029.44 annually for the duration of the contract. Rockwall County Assistant District Attorney Brian Williams spoke on the issue and explained reasons for the proposal in further detail.

"This agreement is a standard subscription that is required by law for the county to maintain," Williams said.

Historically, the county legal staff has had to frequently update the law as new legislation was passed at the state level. Not only must the books be up to date according to state law, they must be easily accessible to the public.

The next action discussed concerned the approval of the Texas Library and Archives Commission Loan Star Libraries Grant

for the Rockwall County Library. The proposed grant, in the amount of \$10,298, was to be effective for the fiscal year of 2009. Marcine McCulley, Rockwall County Head Librarian, already has a plan set to see that the money is used appropriately.

"This grant will assist us in purchasing much needed audio/visual equipment, books on cassette and music CDs and DVDs for all ages groups to use," said McCulley.

Each year the Texas State Library Grant is awarded to public libraries that meet certain guidelines. Due to the fact that the money is awarded as a grant, the Commissioners Court is required to approve it in a government proceeding. The library staff requested the funds in October 2008 and they were approved earlier this month. After a brief discussion among the commissioners, the grant was approved.

Topics five and six on the agenda involved county road bond and space issues that were approved. The consent agenda included discussion of previous meetings as well as acknowledgements of the deputation of clerks Tina McClaine and Ashley McCoy.

Rounding out the meeting were issues concerning property acquisitions, non-emergency budget transfers and approval of accounts, bills, claims and payroll. The preceding topics went unopposed and were approved by the court.

## Rockwall Chamber appreciation banquet set for February 5

The 3rd Annual Rockwall Area Chamber Awards & Appreciation Banquet, open to all members and guests, will be conducted Feb. 5 at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

The event will open with a 6:30 p.m. networking reception, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$45 per person and may be purchased at the chamber office or by contacting info@rockwallchamber.org. Seating is limited.

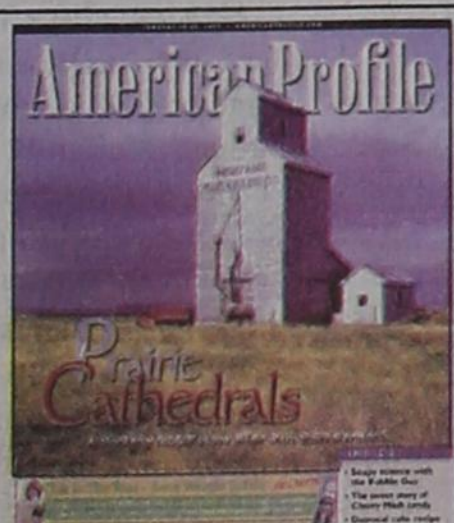
Keynote speaker will be Brian Davis, a sportswriter for the Dallas Morning News since April 2000. Davis covers the Dallas Cowboys after having spent seven years focusing on Big 12 schools, including Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Baylor. A native of Forney, he graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in broadcast journalism in 1998.

Corporate Business Members of the Year nominees include corporate sponsor nominees Randall Noe, Lake Pointe Medical Center, Kroger, HomeBank@Rockwall, Alliance Bank, Hilton Bella Harbor, American National Bank and Bank of America.

Small Business Member of the Year nominees include Jordan, House Flourmoy, LLP, Flip Insurance, Flower Box, Rockwall Flower & Design Studio, East Texas Golf Carts, Blue Canyon Restaurant and Rockwall Injury Rehab.

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Marona and Joe Hewitt of Rockwall with a painting presented to him by fellow artist Vicky Hoarty. She painted a picture of Joe painting a scene at The Harbor. Mr. Hewitt created two of the 51 paintings on exhibit through March 28 at the Hilton Bella Harbor Hotel.

Photo Courtesy of Joe Hewitt

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## News Briefs

### Instructors wanted

Individuals with skills or talents they are willing to share others are needed at the City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department. The department plans to expand its course offerings and is in need of preschool, youth, adult and senior instructors. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Computer Council sets Feb. 4 session

The Rockwall Computer Council will observe its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at The Center, Rockwall City Place, E. Washington St. Kaaren Mahoney, senior tax adviser at Block, will present the program, which will cover recent federal tax law changes. Meetings are open to anyone interested in computers for the home or office. For more details, contact Joe Clark at 972-771-8712.

### Valentine's special deadline is Feb. 5

A Valentine's Day edition of the Rockwall County News published Feb. 10 will include "Grandma Brag Pages" packed with color photos of grandchildren. Deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 5. Favorite photos of grandchildren may be dropped off at 107 E. Bourn Ave. or mailed to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, TX 75087 or e-mailed to [rcn.advertising@yahoo.com](mailto:rcn.advertising@yahoo.com); include names of children and grandparents. Three sizes -- \$20 (limit two children to a photo) \$40 or \$80 -- available. See the Rockwall County News advertisement at the office at 972-722-3099 for details.

### Mardi Gras celebration slated

A Mardi Gras celebration sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at The Center. Free event is open to individuals ages 50 and older. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Father-daughter dance set Feb. 7

The annual Father-Daughter Black & White Ball, which features a deejay and dancing, refreshments and photos, will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Hilton. Cost is \$45 per couple for City of Rockwall residents, \$67 for non-residents. Tickets are now on sale at The Center, 108 E. Washington. For more information visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks) or call 972-771-7740.

### Bands to host dinner concerts, auction

The Rockwall-Heath High School and Cain Middle School bands will observe their first dinner concert and silent auction on Feb. 9-10 at the high school. The middle school bands will perform on the first night, with the high school bands performing on the second night. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and may be purchased through Sandra Nelson at 469-338-1864 or [snelson@classnet.net](mailto:snelson@classnet.net).

### Friends of the Library to meet

The February meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held in the Community Room of the Rockwall County Library beginning at 11 a.m. Feb. 10. The program, presented by MusicFest, will be "A Touch of Music... A Touch of Youth." Catered lunch will be served for \$15; reservations and/or cancellations required by 5 p.m. Feb. 6. Call 972-771-8976 or e-mail [eplagens65@aol.com](mailto:eplagens65@aol.com).

### Finding Love workshop set

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will host a workshop "Finding Love after the Loss of a Loved One," from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 10 at The Center. The event will be open to individuals ages 50 and older. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Teen Game Night set at library

Game Night will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the big first-floor meeting room of the Rockwall County Library. Open to students in grades 7-12, the event will include pizza for the first 20 student-participants.

### Business After Hours program beginning

The Roysse City Chamber and Roysse City Main Street are beginning Business After Hours, a business-to-business networking opportunity. Chamber members will have the opportunity to attend monthly BHA events, with the "host" providing light refreshments and the opportunity to make new business contacts, entertain clients, reward employees and spend time with co-workers. For more details or to schedule an event call 972-636-5000.

### Seniors Out-to-Lunch set Feb. 13

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Out-to-Lunch for seniors will be at Siciliano's Taste of Italy in Garland, Feb. 13. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost will be \$11 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Basic computer class offered

A class on computer basic will be offered by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department Feb. 17 and 19 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the class will run from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Chicago-style bridge tourney slated

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

### Electronic recycling event set

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

### Teen Anime Group to meet

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

### Senior class will explore the Net

A class for individuals ages 50 and older interested in learning to surf the Internet will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 24 through March 12 at The Center. Sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, the class will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each class day. Cost is \$50 for residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

### Teen Writer's Group meeting set

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

### Senior trip to Canton planned

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

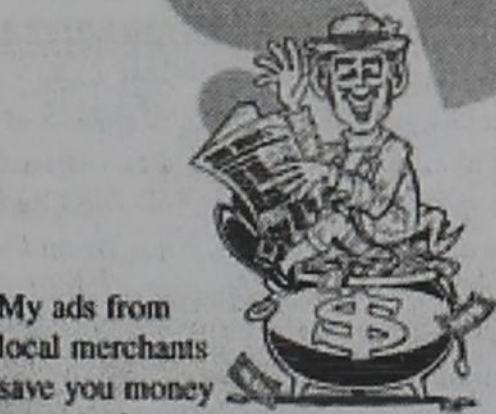
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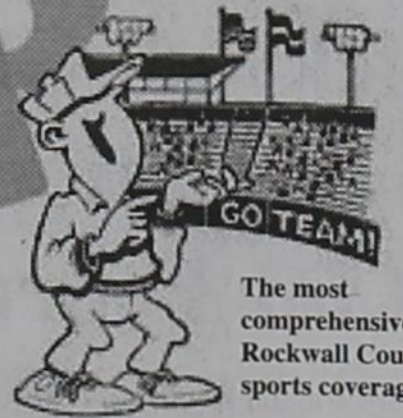
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New officers for the Rockwall County Historical Foundation recently were installed. Pictured at front, from the left, are Jan Johnson, Lorie Annan, Mary Wisdom, Linda Cardwell, Jan Self, Carolyn Duckworth and Leigh Plagens; middle row, Carolyn Francisco, Billye Wood and Annie Clark; and at back, Sheri Fowler and Cliff Cardwell.

## Rockwall County Historical Foundation elects new officers

Rockwall County Historical Foundation conducted its annual meeting and installation of officers by County Commissioner Lorie Annan on Jan. 11.

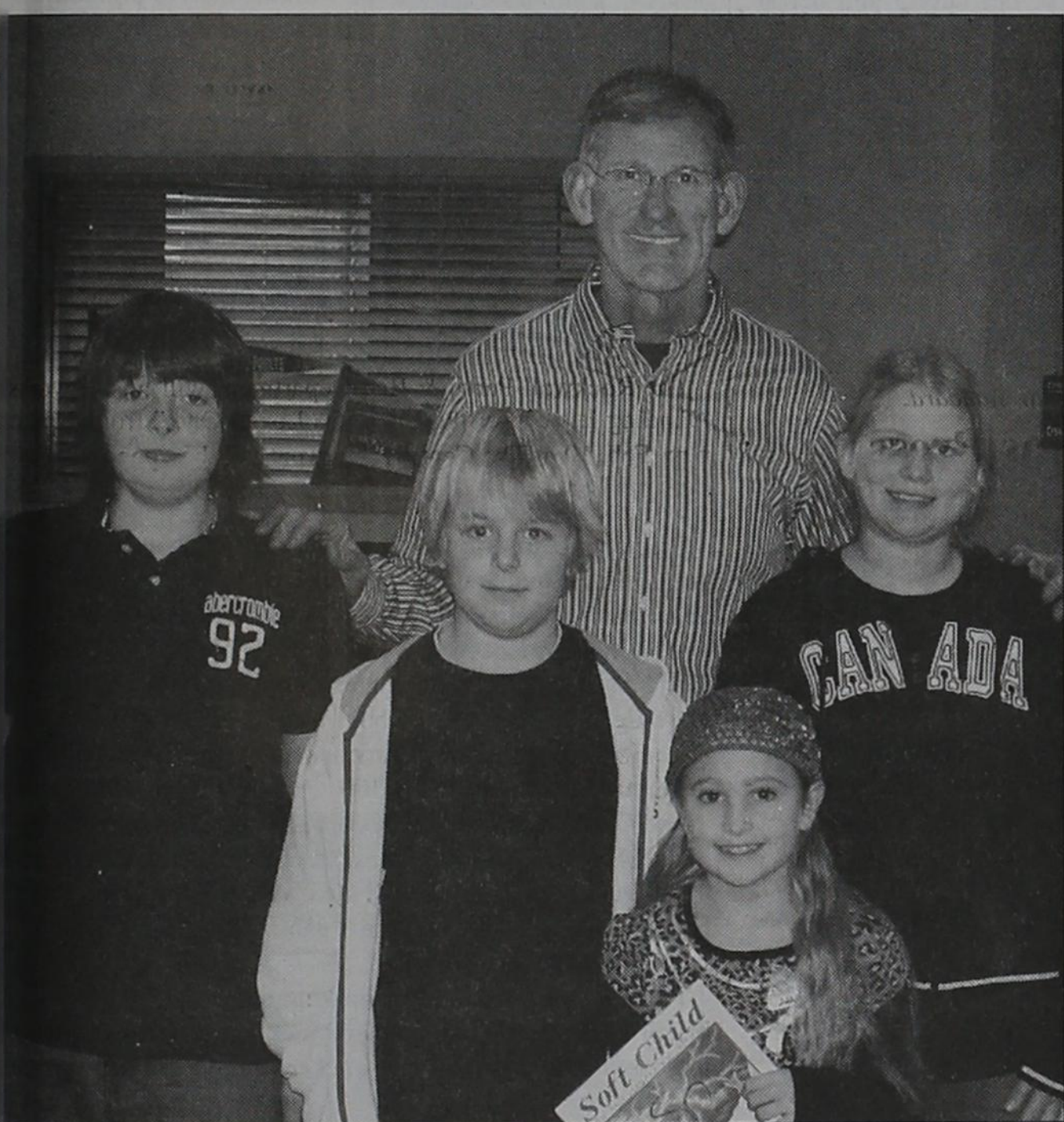
Outgoing co-presidents Jan Self and Leigh Plagens were presented with a cotton picking sack and a schoolhouse cookie jar from the 1930s, both of which will be housed in their honor in the tenant on the museum property at Harry Myers Park.

New officers installed included Carolyn Francisco, president; Annie Clark, first vice president/membership; Sheri Fowler, second

vice president/programs; Cliff Cardwell, treasurer; Leigh Plagens, recording secretary; Billye Wood, corresponding secretary; and Jan Self, ex-officio officer. Directors include Mary Wisdom, Carolyn Duckworth, Jan Johnson and Linda Cardwell.

Founded in 1978, the RCHF is open to all residents interested in preserving the heritage of Rockwall County. Memberships and dues for the 2009 year are being accepted.

The first lecture in the Brown Bag series will be conducted at noon on Feb. 13 in the Historic Courthouse on the Square. The programs are free and open to the public.



Author Joe Hayes is pictured with winners of the recent Cullins Lake-Pointe Elementary School folk tale writing contest. Pictured from the left with the author are Mitch McGarrett, Logan Rails, Carly Crotty and Alyssa Stephens.

## Chamber seeks breakfast club sponsors

Royse City Chamber of Commerce is seeking sponsors for its Networking Breakfast events for 2009.

Events were "a great success" last year, according to chamber news release, and businesses and/or individuals interested in serving as featured speaker in the coming year are sought. The speaker for each event will be allotted 10 minutes to make a presentation followed by a business card exchange for a door prize provided by the speaker/sponsor. A breakfast is served for a \$2 donation.

Events take place the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Denny's of Royse City, 2701 I-30 and Hwy. 548.

"This is a fun networking opportunity open to anyone," said chamber's Julia Bryant. "Bring a friend and see what it's all about."

For more information, e-mail jrb@roysecitychamber.com or call 972-636-5000.



Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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# Rockwall's Jamie Hullett enjoys success on the LPGA tour with full family support

by Stephen Woods

Rockwall native Jamie Hullett began playing golf at the age of five. Two years later she showed her competitive spirit by winning her first tournament held at the Dallas Municipal Golf Course. Although she was one of only four golfers competing, she faced off against fellow LPGA golfer Kelly Kuehne in a very tight match.

As she got older, her talents improved and she embarked on an impressive career at Texas A&M, where she majored in Sports Management. After graduation, Hullett decided that she wanted to join the LPGA Tour. It was then that her parents encouraged her to attend qualifying school to turn pro.

"They told me if I was willing to go, they'd help me out with tuition. It was just one of many things they have done to encourage my career over the years," said Hullett.

After placing 28th at the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament, she gained pro status in 1998. Since then she has appeared in numerous competition across the country. Hullett currently trains at the Dallas Athletic Club, where she has been a member since the 7th grade. During the off-season she spends about 2-4 hours a day practicing her skills.

This includes hitting balls and working on her short game. She does workout at a local gym but admits that most of her preparation occurs on the golf course. When the season approaches, her sessions on the green usually last more than six hours at a time.

The added practice time will give her a competitive edge as when she flies to Hawaii on Feb. 12 for her first tournament of this season. Afterwards she will begin a grueling weekly schedule that will require her to spend a lot of time away from home.

"My schedule makes it hard for me to see my family, but fortunately they have been very supportive," Hullett said.

In fact, she has had several members of her family join her at tournaments throughout the years. In 2006, her dad served as her caddy at the U.S. Open held in Denver. She ended up placing 13th amongst very stiff competition from the most talented female golfers in the country.

"Having my dad alongside me just added to the amazing experience of playing at one of the most prestigious competitions of the year," she said.

Last year, her brother was her caddy at a tournament in Tulsa, OK and she had the best finish of the 2008 season.

With an amazing career already secure, Hullett is now making plans to give back. As part owner of Genuine Jacks in Rockwall, she

is currently organizing efforts to bring the "Life is Good" event to the community. The organization holds annual festivals that proceeds for worthy causes.

"The 'Life is Good' company has been pivotal in my success as a professional golfer and retail store developer. They organize events to help others and I want to bring that effort to our community," said Hullett.



of the day, the "Life is Good" foundation was able to raise substantial funds for local children's charities. Hullett was very pleased with the results and credits such charity work as inspiration.

"My biggest goal in life is to use golf as a platform to give back to others," said Hullett.

One of the most successful festivals was held at Boston's Fenway Park two years ago. There the foundation raised more than \$900,000 dollars for charities such as the Shriner's Children's Hospital and Project Joy.

"I would love to have a similar event in Rockwall at either Harbor amphitheater or a nearby park," said Hullett.

With the amount of planning that is involved with such a project, Hullett realistically expects to bring the festival to the community sometime during the summer of 2010. In addition to the "Life is Good" festivals, she wants to found a charity of her own in the Dallas area. Until then, she will be working hard to promote her "Life is Good" campaign as a professional golfer and local businesswoman.

# Rockwall's Grace Academy Homeschool competing in Future City event Saturday

by Kathy Williams

Grace Academy Homeschool of Rockwall is participating in the Future City Competition for North Texas this Saturday, January 24. Each team in the competition consists of three students in the eighth or eighth grade, a sponsoring teacher and an engineer mentor.

The team builds a computer simulation city using SimCity software, writes an essay about a residential self-contained system and builds a three-dimensional scale model out of recycled materials costing less than \$100.

The Grace Academy team consists of students Andrew B. Scott, Marvin and Josh Robins, teacher Mary Jo Marvin and engineer Eric Marvin. All three students are homeschooled and belong to the HEAR group, an organization of homeschool families in the Rockwall area.

Together they have been working since October 2008 on the future city, Brightwater, and tackling the many challenges the competition, ending this weekend with a presentation before a panel of engineer judges.

Mary Jo Marvin said, "This project has very much been a family affair. We've had the most fun finding supplies. It's been so much fun to pick up trash or recyclables and think 'what could we use for?'"

A press release for the event explains that the Future City Competition asks middle school students from across North Texas to design cities of the future. They also tackle environmental initiatives as water conservation. This year's theme is Water. Students are asked to design systems to conserve and reuse our most precious resource.

Sponsored by the nation's professional engineering community and supported by Shell Oil Company, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics and IEEE in North Texas, Future City aims to stir interest in science, technology, engineering and math among young people. Students work in teams under the guidance of a teacher and a teacher engineer mentor to design and build a city of tomorrow.

They must also conduct research for an essay on a pressing environmental need. This year, the essay centers on ways to improve water management by creating a home system that minimizes the use of municipally supplied water for its daily requirements.

Future City competitions will be held in January in 40 cities across the country. In North Texas, the competition takes place Saturday in Nedderman Hall on the University of Texas at Dallas campus.

First place winners from each qualifying regional competition receive an all-expense paid trip to the 17th Annual Future City Nationals February 16-18 in Washington, D.C. during National Engineers Week. National grand prize is a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

More than 30,000 students from 1,100 middle schools are expected to participate nationwide. For more information on mentoring or judging in the Future City Competition, visit [www.futurecity.org](http://www.futurecity.org) or call 817-923-1032.

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# Electronic recycling events set

A pair of electronic recycling events will be conducted Feb. 21 under the sponsorship of Wal-Mart and the Environmental Co-op, a nonprofit environmental organization based in Terrell.

The local event will be conducted in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Rockwall, located at 782 I-30, while the second event will take place at the Wylie Wal-Mart location on Hwy. 78. Both events will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Most items will be accepted at no charge, including computer CPUs, keyboards, laptops, scanners, printers, copiers, fax machines, cell and corded phones, inkjet and laser cartridges, stereos, microwaves, shavers, mixers, fans, air conditioners and batteries, both rechargeable and non-rechargeable.

Those dropping off items with hard drives will be responsible for wiping out all information before depositing their electronics.

Computer monitors will be accepted at a cost of \$5 each, while televisions will be accepted as follows: \$10 each for TV sets up to 13", \$20 for sets 14" to 19" and \$30 for any television larger than 19".

Organizers indicated in their news release that the charge is necessary because of the process required to recycle the glass in monitors and TV sets.

"We welcome everyone who has old electronics to take advantage of these local events," said Marilyn May, executive director of the Environmental Co-op. "Electronics contain toxic chemicals that contaminate soil and water if put in the landfill. Do the responsible thing and recycle them."

For more information contact Environmental Co-op at 972-524-0007, visit the Web site at [trashbusters.org](http://trashbusters.org) or e-mail [environmentalco-op@cebridge.net](mailto:environmentalco-op@cebridge.net).

# Rockwall Business Police Academy seeks applications

Rockwall Business Police Academy, an interactive program led by the Rockwall Police Department, is now accepting applications. The academy is an educational program designed to raise awareness of commercial- and retail-related crimes and crime prevention. Topics include credit card abuse, check fraud and forgery, theft, criminal investigations and crime scene preservation, the criminal justice system, robbery prevention and survival, patrol response procedures, shoplifting scams and con games, and various persons and situations. The academy is offered free of charge and is open to all business representatives. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a "good standing" in their community with no previous felony convictions," according to a news release. The academy will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Tuesday starting Feb. 17 and running through March 31. Classes will take place at the Rockwall Police Department Training Room. Applications are available at the police department, located at 205 E. St., and at the Community Services Office, 1113 Ridge Street. Applications are due Feb. 16. For more information, contact Sgt. Andy Villarreal at 972-772-0000.

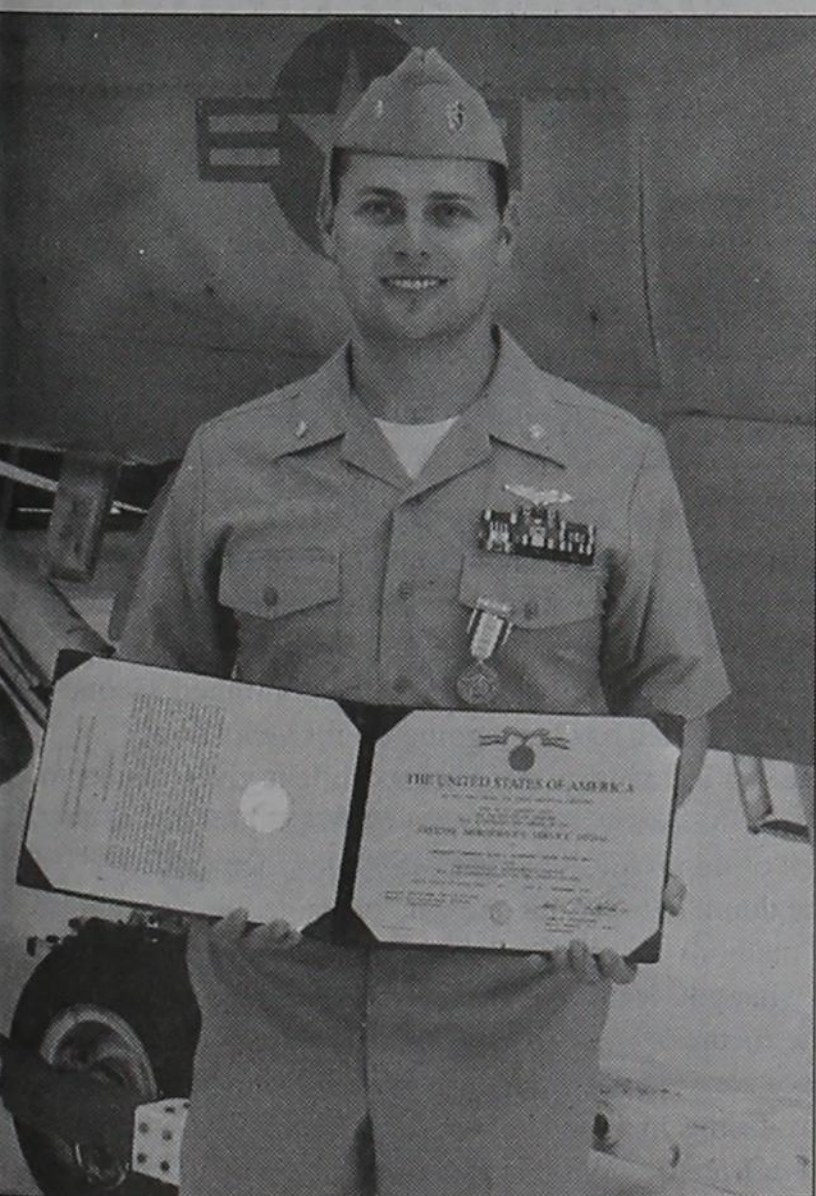
# Parent orientation Monday

Parents of students entering 9-12 at Rockwall High School are encouraged to participate in a parent orientation set for Monday in the RHS gymnasium, 901 Yellowjacket Lane. The orientation will be made by school counselors, department chairs and teachers regarding special program placement and scheduling procedures for the coming school year. For more information about scheduling and parent access call RHS at 972-972-9292 or visit the Rockwall Independent School District Web site at rockwallisd.com.

# Just Say You Saw It In The County News



The Rockwall ISD Education Foundation will host Reach for the Stars: A Celebration in Black and White, beginning at 6 p.m. on Feb. 28 at the SouthFork Ranch. The event is designed to pay tribute to local teachers who received Innovative Teaching Grants, with an emphasis on the 2008 recipients. It will include entertainment by the Rockwall High School Jazz Band, a video of the Prize Patrol, dinner, live auction and other activities. Pictured above are Roberta Pavlov, Nancy Archibald, Judy Harris, Leslie Milder, Melissa Jolliman and Leigh Plagens, some of the members of the foundation's board of directors, wearing black-and-white apparel, representing the theme of the event. For more information call Marcia Gilbert at 972-771-0605.



Commander Brian DeJarnett was awarded the U.S. Defense Meritorious Service Award for his service in Iraq. A 1994 graduate of Rockwall High, a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, a U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology graduate, he also was stationed on the Abraham Lincoln in the Persian Gulf and the USS John S. McCain in the Pacific Ocean. He and his wife, Christa, live in Rockwall, Texas. Photo Courtesy of Carol Pearce

RISD candidate filings begin Feb. 9. Candidates for the May 9 Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees election can begin filing for a place on the ballot starting Feb. 9, according to a district news release. Applications will be accepted at the RISD Administration/Educational Center, 1050 Williams St. The filing deadline is 5 p.m. March 9. The three-year terms up for election this year include Place 1, currently held by Dr. David Jackson; Place 2, presently held by Brad Smith; and Place 3, which is held by Craig Zurek. Candidate application packets may be obtained during regular business hours in the superintendent's office at the Administration/Educational Center. For more information contact the RISD at 972-771-0605.



The Rockwall ISD Education Foundation recently recognized the fall Innovative Teaching Grant recipients -- 37 teachers from seven campuses who received 14 grants recognizing classroom creativity and innovation. Pictured are recipients Brenda Kraft, Michael Oldham, Katie Braden, Traci Songer, Patricia Williams, Diana Firley, Ruth Johnson, Kimberly Yarbrough, Jennifer Doss, Alan Engle, Tammy Kea, Marlane Hildebrandt, Nancy Doudney, Robyn Gunderson, Deborah Lee, Melissa Padilla, Alissa Pettit, Susan Boyd, Janet Caporaletti, Kathy Riley, Kristina Cooper, Chris Ghormley, Patrick McClendon, Lisa Costello, Dolly DeLaGarza, Jay Fisher, Susan Segura, Elena Straight, Deanna Wheeler, Lynne Milner, Elizabeth Kelly and Ann Knostman.

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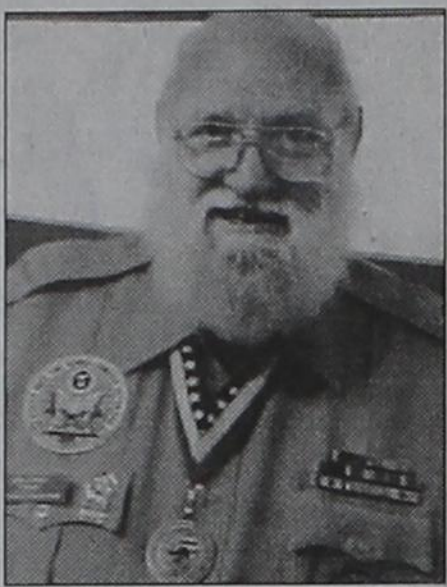
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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Ben Echols

Funeral services for Ben Echols were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at the Lake Pointe Church with Pastor Lynn Cyfert officiating. Burial followed in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 19. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



He died Jan. 13.

Born to Warren Carroll Echols and Elsie Varie Rose on Jan. 20, 1933, in Corpus Christi, he attended Del Mar College prior to joining the U.S. Air Force. He served in Korea with the 5th Air Force 4th Fighter Wing and was honorably discharged. Returning to Texas he continued his schooling at Del Mar College, where he won honors and was elected Student Council president. He married Elizabeth Victoria Butler on March 29, 1956. He transferred to the University of Texas in Austin where he earned a degree in business management and personal relations. While at UT, he was involved in student government and served as a teaching assistant.

His professional career spanned more than 30 years, including the position of president for United Tile Company of Dallas. He was elected to the position of National Southern Vice President of CISCA, serving for several years. He and his wife served as co-chairmen for the CISCA National Convention in Colorado Springs.

Other community positions included serving as a deacon at Northwest Bible Church, Dallas; Kiwanis; Jaycees; Big Brothers, Dallas; Dallas County Young Life board; and the University of Texas Ex. At the time of his death he was chapter chaplain for the Sam Johnson Korea War Veterans Chapter North Texas. He also was involved in Sons Of Confederate Veterans, member of Gen. Richard Taylor Camp 1308, Shreveport, La., and was selected by the Texas Society of Daughters of the American Revolution for his military service on the 50th anniversary of the Korean War at the annual state conference in 2002.

After his retirement he taught in several school districts, including

Royce City schools.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth B. Echols; his daughters, Karen Lea Echols Broman, Sharon Denise Echols and Leslie Carol Echols Pedlar; his sons-in-law, Robert E. Broman and H.D. Pedlar; his four grandchildren, Marine LCpl. Eric Christopher Broman, Benjamin Nelson Broman, Royal William Broman and Mariah Elizabeth Broman; his siblings, Shirley Dunlap of California, Nancy Echols Cook, John M. Echols of Denver, Colo., Alice Echols Cutler and Terence Warren Echols and their spouses; his nephews and nieces; and many cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials be directed to Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall, the Korea War Veterans Memorial at DFW Cemetery, c/o the Sam Johnson KWVA Chapter, or Dallas Seminary Student Fund, Dallas.

## Ralph Edgar Haught

Graveside services for Ralph Edgar Haught, 70, a 25-year resident of Mesquite, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor Alfred Smirl officiating.

He died Jan. 16.

He was born May 28, 1938, in Safford, Ariz., to Charles Lewis and Lavada (Sanders) Haught.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Haught; his children, Debbie and Eddie Abbott of Carrollton, Gerry and Stephen Hadley of Rockwall, Ralph Haught Jr. of Mesquite and Laura Haught and her husband, Jeff Dodd, of Tawakoni; his siblings, Mary Migleore of Pharump, Nev., James Haught of Wilson, Okla., and Nita and Andrew Necker of Hico; his grandchildren, Floyd, Chris, Ashley, Eva, Heather, Michael, Teresa, J.J., Gloria Ann, Will and Abby; and his great-grandchildren, Chandler, Tyner, Cheyenne and Madison.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Charles and Roy, and one granddaughter, Amber.

## Laura Kelling

Services for Laura Hambleton Kelling, 60, of Rockwall will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Theodore Boone officiating.

She died on Jan. 19, her 60th birthday.

Born Jan. 19, 1949, in Dallas to Richard Joy and Rosemary (Haskett) Hambleton, she graduated from Highland Park High School and attended Texas Tech. In 1970 she married Larry A. Kelling. They resided in Texas and Louisiana before returning to North Texas and settling in Rockwall.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Kelling; one son, Cameron Kelling; her daughters, Kathy Aronson and her husband, Ron, and Lesley White and her husband, Patrick; her granddaughters, Allison and Sydney; her mother, Rosemary Hambleton; her sisters, Holly Myers and her husband, Don, and Heather Thompson and her husband, Ron; her brothers, Richard Hambleton and his wife, Gwynn, and Paul R. Hambleton II; a brother-in-law, Jim Council, and his wife, Kelsie; a sister-in-law, Judee Nyfeler; her mother-in-law, Lahoma Kelling; 15 nieces and nephews; 15 great-nieces and great-nephews; and her Leitch family cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father and two sisters, Sallie H. Dennis and Susan H. Council.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, contributions to a cancer fund would be greatly appreciated.

## Brenda Sue Kent

A memorial service for Brenda Sue Kent, 49, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 at Church in the City in Rowlett.

She died Jan. 18.

Born Dec. 25, 1959, she was the daughter of Billy and Irene Lambert.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Wayne Kent, parents Billy and Irene Lambert of Lindsborg, KS, son Josh Naucke of Lewisville, her brothers and sisters and many other family members.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the ICU staff at

Rockwall Presbyterian Hospital for their tender care during Bill's illness. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Raymond Lis

A memorial service for Raymond Lis, 47, a 17-year resident of the Rockwall/Garland area, was conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel.

He died Jan. 17.

Born Aug. 29, 1961, in Fort Hood to Henry and Marga (Haas) Lis, he graduated from Parkland High School in El Paso in 1980.

Survivors include his brothers, Dennis Lis and his wife, Teri, of Rowlett, Michael Lis and his wife, Martha, of Dallas and Tom Lis of Collierville, Tenn.; his nieces, Jennifer Lis, Tammy Gossett and her husband, Bob, Lisa Lis, all of Rowlett, Mandy Lis and Justin Lis of Collierville, Matthew Lis and Megan Lis of Dallas; and many friends.



## Rockwall County Religious Life

### RMA announces pastors' prayer time

Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month for a Pastor's Prayer Time in the Helping Hands conference room.

The next gathering is noon Wednesday.

Pastors are to bring sack lunches; drinks and dessert will be provided.

Helping Hands is located at 951 Williams St. (Hwy. 66), just off Caruth Lane, next to the Rockwall ISD Administration building. For more information call 972-771-5526.

### Transform finances online

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Encounter practical ways to get out of debt and handle financial issues in a God-honoring way. Learn to build a God-honoring spending emergency fund, a plan to become debt free, saving for retirement and college and to purchase the right insurance plans. This is a course and open to the community. Registration is required at lakepointe.org.

### Enhance the journey with Hot Topic Classes

Hot Topic Classes, already under way at Lake Pointe Church, are designed to help individuals along their spiritual journeys. All classes are free, take place during weekend hours, and childcare is provided. For a detailed class listing or to register for any of the upcoming Topics classes, visit lakepointe.org.

## Church offers class for engaged couples

Engaged couples of those planning an engagement are invited to participate in the Purposeful Engagement Hot Topics Class during the weekend of Jan. 25.

This six-week course, according to the church's news release, "guide committed couples through the Biblical view of marriage, purpose and benefits of marriage, communication, conflict resolution, finding each other's love language, the consequences of divorce and much more."

The class begins on at 11 a.m. Jan. 25 in Room W310 at Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall campus.

The class will be free; childcare is available. To register for any of the upcoming Hot Topics classes, visit lakepointe.org.

## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

### Challenging Bill O'Reilly

Bill O'Reilly says it should make us uncomfortable that the might be bound by interrogation prohibitions listed in the Field Manual.

This is just another example of the continued second-guessing of the Army, which has been going on for years now.

It seems the average American, while it gives thanks to those who serve in the Army, can't get away from thinking of the Army as a bunch of dumb lugs who can't think for themselves.

The dumb lugs are the one who promote these backward interrogation methods that basically involve beating someone until they tell you what you want them to tell you, not the truth.

The methods the Army promotes to collect intelligence from detainees are a wonder in their ingenuity. They don't require beating. This brings me to one of the most effective strategies the Army used in Iraq to find hidden roadside bombs (IEDS) which have been used to attack them. They gain the trust of the local population.

The Army has found in Iraq that the local population, if treated properly, will inform it of IEDS which have been placed to attack them. Heavy handed tactics just inflame the anger of local populations against American troops, making them all the more likely to commit their own attacks against the soldiers.

Those of us who want to help the Army help turn the people of Iraq and Afghanistan into friends, not enemies, can go to the American web site. The difference we make may result in a coming home waving an American flag, rather than covered in blood.

Thanks,  
John Stettler  
President, J&M Plastics  
Royce City, TX

## RCC plans Feb. 4 session

The Rockwall Computer Council will conduct its next monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at The Center, located in the Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St.

Karen Mahoney, senior tax adviser at H&R Block, will present the program, which will cover recent federal tax law changes, including the addition of real estate taxes to the standard deduction for non-itemizers, credit for first-time home buyers, how to account for the stimulus payments received in 2008, and mileage rates.

Other topics will include capital gains rates, commonly overlooked itemized deductions and 2009 changes.

Questions will be welcomed. The RCC is open to anyone interested in computers for the home or office. Members of the community are invited to attend.

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8 Astros headwear

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21 inaugural processions in TX

22 TXism: "restless \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ church"

23 iron deficiency

28 Carrizo Springs AM station

29 Colorado Indians

30 Malaysian skirt

31 rodeo riders' bag

35 what TXns didn't ask for at Alamo

36 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a fight"

42 TXism: "lower \_\_\_\_\_ scum"

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10 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ put up wet"

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14 sheep cry

15 to cook in an oven

16 Bentsen State Park groove-billed birds

18 seize

20 ex-Ranger outfitter

23 TXism: "fun \_\_\_\_\_ feeding monkeys at the zoo"

24 TX Stuckey or King Cole

25 to be human

26 TXism: "have to \_\_\_\_\_ to spit" (thirsty)

27 Battleship Texas had guns measuring 14 \_\_\_\_\_

32 "good \_\_\_\_\_ boy"

38 TXism: "numerous as ants \_\_\_\_\_ worm"

39 TX Willie wrote "Hello Walls" for this Young

40 TXism: "independent as a dog \_\_\_\_\_"

41 TXism: "shoot dice over the phone"

43 legendary pitcher from Alvin, TX (init.)

45 San Jacinto general (init.)

47 TX \_\_\_\_\_ the Union in 1845

48 Texas Tech's \_\_\_\_\_ Murphy

55 TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ in her bonnet"

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## On God's Word

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### the birth of Jesus Christ: Who were the wise men

Continuing with this series on the birth of Jesus Christ, we now look closer at the "wise men from the east," as recorded in Matthew 2:1. Little is said about these men. We know that they were from the east. These men had a more perfect understanding of the constellations in the context of true spiritual meanings. This is seen in verse 2 where it is written, "...for we have seen his star in the east..."

Based on this scripture alone, we can ascertain that they knew exactly what star identified the "King of the Jews." It is also seen in the word that the "wise men" were the only people to identify "his son." There is no record that anybody else caught on to the birth of the son by observing the stars. Who were these men? Where did they come from? How did they learn about God's word written in the stars? These are reasonable questions that have been seriously addressed by a number of Biblical and astronomical scholars.

A sub-series on the "wise men" and "his star," borrows from the book Christ Our Promised Seed, by Victor Paul Wierwille. In it, Wierwille showed how the Bible and astronomy fit perfectly with regards to "his star." Wierwille cited (along with many other authors), Ernest L. Martin's book, The Birth of Christ Recalculated. The phrase "wise men" in Matthew 2:1 was a weak translation of the Greek word "magoi." This religious caste, called magi, can be traced back to Media and Persia before the rise of the Zoroastrian sects. They were thought to be worshippers of nature. The magi split into two sects, those who continued in the religion of Zoroaster, and those who went back to nature worship. Wierwille noted that a great number of the nature worship Magians later

arrived into the Roman Empire. And it was from them that we get the terms "magic" and "magician." He also noted that their influence on religion still remains today.

Now let's go back to the time of Media and Persia, and look at how the Magi learned about God's word written in the stars. This can be found in the book of Daniel. Here, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, brought the Judeans across to Babylon. The Judeans had great influence in the royal courts where the Magi also served. God emphasized four Judeans in particular. They were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. They were renamed Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego (respectively).

Although all four meekly demonstrated God's power and dominion before the king, it was Daniel who boldly spoke for God and interpreted the king's dreams. This meant so much to the king that according to Daniel 2:48, he made him "chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon." He was referred to in 4:9 as "master of the magicians..." More detail can be gleaned from Daniel 5:11 where it says he was made "master of the magicians, astrologers, chaldeans, and soothsayers."

This is significant because Daniel, being a meek and humble man before God, would have instructed the Magi on God's word written in the stars along with the rest of His recorded word. This would have been passed down through the generations of the Zoroastrian Magi who split from the nature worshippers. And even after 500 years, their descendants still had this knowledge. According to God's word in Matthew 2:1-2, they knew exactly what the star meant. This is why they journeyed to Jerusalem in order to ask, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

It is such a blessing to consider that these "wise men," who were not really part of God's Old Testament people, diligently studied and tracked the stars over many generations to the end that they were able to identify the timely celestial heralding of the birth of the king of Israel.

## VIP needs volunteers for upcoming exercise

The Rockwall County Cities Readiness Initiative: Volunteers Informed and Prepared (VIP) and the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department will conduct a full-scale pod site activation exercise from 8 a.m. to noon on March 21 in the Rockwall High School parking lot.

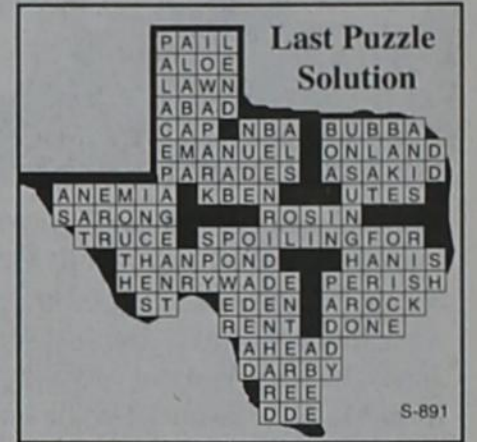
Three teams of volunteers are needed for planning, exercise execution and exercise participation. Various types of volunteer positions will be available for individuals with varying levels of interest.

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

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

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

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



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The cast and crew of the Rockwall High School production of Man of La Mancha includes (back row from left) Coleman Roughton, Bryan Oliveira, Arielle Engle, Emily Green, Blake Hollowell, Isaac Niems, Jim Crowell, Jack Eidson, Hunter Barnes, (third row from left) director Becky Henderson, Jolease Darrington, Trevor St. John-Gilbert, Piper Bardwell, Lizzy Edison, Olivia Britton, Chris Bell, Travis Griswold, Alex Johnson, David Hobbs, (second row from left) choral director Shelba Gorham-Bell, Lauren Jernigan, Cole Ragsdale, Blair Belt, Lindi Jones, Krystal Warren (sitting), Jessica MacCormack, Caroline Munden, (front row from left) Jason Bias, Lorene Tellia, Emily Ragsdale, Kyla Motley, Rachael Teague and James Hoover.

Photo courtesy of Mack Fleming



The cast of Rockwall-Heath High School's first ever musical production, "Into the Woods," includes (back row from left) Mekel Wright, The Wolf and Milky White; Mitchell Blom, Rapunzel's Prince; Sara Woodard, Jack's Mother; Jennie Eilts, Granny and Sleeping Beauty; Victoria Koepf Little Red Riding Hood; Jacob Way, Steward; (middle row from left) Brittany Wenger, Rapunzel; Zane Brown, Cinderella's Father; Amanda White, Stepmother; Nathan Hodgson, The Baker; Daltin Irwin, Jack; Callie Horner, Cinderella's Mother, Snow White; Laine Garrett, Lucinda; (front row from left) Evan Brumbelow, Narrator/Mysterious Man; Sydney Allen, Baker's Wife; Rachael Bower, Witch; Kelly Moses, Cinderella and Brooke Brundage, Florida. Tayler Dodgen (not pictured) will play the part of Cinderella's prince.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Rockwall High School Theatre Arts present 'Man of La Mancha'

The Rockwall High School Theatre Arts department is continuing rehearsal for its upcoming musical, Man of La Mancha. Opening is Feb. 5 in the RHS Theatre.

Man of La Mancha tells the tale of Miguel de Cervantes and his assistant, Sancho. The Spanish Inquisition throws the two men into prison in Seville after foreclosing on a church that has failed to pay taxes. The other prisoners steal Cervantes's possessions, including a manuscript he convinces them is a pack of worthless papers.

He re-enacts for them the story of Don Quixote of La Mancha, a "knight who lives in a world of madness and hasn't noticed that chivalry has died. His holy quest is a mission of salvation to find compassion for himself, but for others." He falls in love with a fallen woman, convinces her to live a moral life and fights injustice and a few winds along the way.

The show is under the direction of RHS Theatre Arts Director Becky Henderson, director; Shelba Gorham-Bell, choral director; RHS Arts instructor Matt Mitchell, fight choreographer; and Barbara Deane, dance choreographer.

Dates and times for the play are Feb. 5, 6, 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 7, 8 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10, with tickets going on sale Wednesday, Feb. 21. Seating is by reservation only.

Seats may be purchased by calling school registrar Margaret May at 469-698-7213 or by visiting the Rockwall High School website at www.rockwallisd.org and checking the RHS campus option.

## 'Into the Woods' offered at RHHS

The Rockwall-Heath High School Theatre Arts Department will present the musical, "Into the Woods," at 7:30 p.m. performances set for Feb. 29, 30 and 31 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the RHHS Black Box Theatre. Reserved seats are available for \$10 and may be purchased by contacting Kristin Dodgen in the RHHS Black Box between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or by contacting her at kwodard@rockwallisd.org.

Tickets went on sale to the general public this week.

The story of "Into the Woods" asks: What's beyond happily ever after? It explores the other side of everyone's favorite childhood fairy tale with characters walking the audience through fresh lessons of good versus evil, community responsibility and parent-child relationships. "Into the Woods" is a Tony Award-winning musical showcasing Stephen Sondheim's musical numbers.

Auditions for the show were conducted in late October, so students have pushed hard through the holiday season to ensure the performers are ready. Veteran students, as well as debuting performers, find places in the cast and crew list.

Cast members include Evan Brumbelow, narrator and mysterious man; Kelly Moses, Cinderella; Daltin Irwin, Jack; Sara Woodard, Jack's mother; Mekel Wright, Milky White and the Wolf; Nathan Hodgson, the baker; Sydney Allen, the baker's wife; Amanda White, stepmother; Brooke Brundage, Florida; Laine Garrett, Lucinda; Zane Brown, Cinderella's father; Victoria Koepf, Little Red Riding Hood; Rachael Bower, the witch; Callie Horner, Cinderella's mother and Snow White; Jennie Eilts, Granny and Sleeping Beauty; Brittney Wenger, Rapunzel; Jacob Way, steward; Mitchell Blom, Rapunzel's prince; and the voice of Tsuki Campbell, giant.

Crew members include Rachel Bryant, stage manager; Mariam K. assistant stage manager; Haley de la Garza; Tyler Russell; Mel Tomic; Arthur Johnson; Clayton Patrick; Kristine Wyatt; Jose Garcia; Brad Dunavant; Bradley Steinmeyer; Guy Kowalchick; and Humberto Pemberton.

The production staff includes Dodgen as director and Nancy McCollough, choral director.



Tom and Baylee Roberts are shown taking a spin at the City of Rockwall's Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. This year's event will take place Feb. 7 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Tickets cost \$45 a couple for city residents, \$67 for non-residents, and may be purchased at The Center. For more details call 972-771-7740.

## Bands to host dinner concert, auction

The Rockwall-Heath High School bands and the Cain Middle School bands will host their first dinner concert and silent auction on Feb. 9 at the high school.

The middle school bands will perform on Feb. 9, followed by the high school musicians on Feb. 10.

"We have more All-Region Band finalists in this group than any other school in our district," said Carla Vaughan, Hawk Band Booster president. "These kids are simply the most talented group in North Texas. We're putting their talents together with some good Creole cooking and an evening you won't want to miss."

Tickets cost \$10 in advance and may be purchased by calling Sarah Nelson, dinner concert chairman, at 469-338-1864 or by e-mailing sarah@classnet.net.

Funds raised will help support the RHHS Band in its pursuit of a marching band championship in the fall.

## Father/daughter dance set Feb. 7

The annual Father-Daughter Black and White Ball, often referred to as the Daddy-Daughter Dance, is scheduled for Feb. 7 at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

The event is a family tradition for the Roberts family - Tom, Jeri and 10-year-old Baylee.

"This is my daughters one chance a year to be Cinderella," said Tom Roberts. "She knows I will bring her flowers and jewelry."

The Roberts family was the first to buy tickets to this year's event said Jeri Roberts, who admitted she attends because "I just have to watch them. Tom and Baylee practice year 'round for this."

Tom Roberts said it's something the entire family enjoys.

Because the event has, in the past, usually been a sell-out, this year's dance was moved to the Hilton in the hope that no one will have to be turned away, said Angie Smith, the city's recreation superintendent.

"The Hilton will also add a certain ambiance to the evening for our couples," she said.

The event will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and all ages are welcome.

Tickets cost \$45 per couple for city residents and \$67 per couple for non-residents. The ticket price includes a photo, a special gift for the father and a flower for the daughter.

Tickets may be purchased at The Center, 108 E. Washington St.

For more information call 972-771-7740.



The Rockwall Children's Chorus is offering singing telegrams as part of its spring fundraiser. For \$25, a group of choristers, such as the group of youngsters pictured above, will serenade your special someone with three fun songs and present him/her with a bag of cookies and a card - a unique Valentine's Day gift. For more details call Sherri at 972-772-0171 or e-mail her at schuang@sbeglobal.net.

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## Lakeside Civic Chorus begins spring rehearsals

Lakeside Civic Chorus began its spring season last week as rehearsals got under way at Rockwall High School. The group is preparing for its performance of the Durufle "Requiem," featuring a mixed chorus, organ, soloists and orchestra at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 4:30 p.m. April 19. The chorus is a volunteer community chorus comprised of members from all surrounding communities. David Bush is director. Ken Bush is accompanist. Those interested in joining should contact Bush at 972-679-2227 or @swbell.net as soon as possible. Auditions will end this month. For ticket information or more information visit lakesidecivicchorus.com.

## Library plans teen activities for February

Rockwall County Library has several teen activities planned for the month of February, according to a news release issued last week. On Feb. 3, the library will host a Teen Book Club meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the big first-floor meeting room. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the event will center on a discussion of the book "When Zachary Beaver Came to Town," by Kimberly Willis Holt. A student will also be elected at the meeting. On Feb. 7, a movie night for students in grades 7-12 will be offered from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the big first-floor meeting room of the library. The first 20 students on hand for the game night event will receive pizza. On Feb. 21, a Teen Anime Group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the big first-floor meeting room. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the group also will include the election of officers. On Feb. 24, a Teen Writer's Group will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the big first-floor meeting room of the library. Free and open to students in grades 7-12, the group is scheduled to elect officers during the meeting. For more information on any or all of the above scheduled activities, contact the Rockwall County Library.

## "Barefoot in the Park" opens Feb. 6 at Rockwall Community Playhouse

The production of "Barefoot in the Park" is in its final days of rehearsal for its Feb. 6 opening at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. Dennis Swanson and assistant Christina Swanson direct the Neil Simon comedy. The cast members include Matt McClearin as Paul Bratter, Ashton DeGroot as Corie Bratter, Johnna Leigh as Corie's Mom, Ethel Banks, Patrick as Victor Velasco, Juan Perez as the Telephone Man and Dave as the Delivery Man. The show centers around Paul and Corie, newly married and just returning from their honeymoon. Paul is also a brand new lawyer who has won his first case, with damages awarded totaling 6 cents. Corie is a new bride, Corie is beautiful but as added as they come, and has moved them into a high rent sixth floor apartment - with no elevator. The apartment has no furniture, the skylight leaks snow, the paint job is shoddy, there isn't room for even a double bed, and the strange man who lives next door uses their apartment and the window ledge as the only access to his locked apartment. Paul is in her mother, furious fights that result in Paul's leaving then going back to throw Corie out since he pays the rent, and well-meaning neighbors, and you have a great night of hilarious fun at the Rockwall Community Playhouse. The play begins at 7 p.m. on Fridays, Feb. 6, 13 and 20; Saturdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21; and Sundays, Feb. 8, 15 and 22. Reservations may be made by calling 972-722-3399 and leaving a message or on line at www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for youth and senior. The Rockwall Community Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk in Rockwall.

## "Love in Shakespeare" presented by Rockwall-Heath HS Theatre Feb. 12

Rockwall-Heath High School Theatre Department is presenting Dessert Theatre in time for Valentine's Day featuring "Love in Shakespeare," select scenes from The Bard's plays with themes on love. The advanced Theatre class, which includes 18 ninth to twelfth graders who have already taken Theatre I, will stage scenes from The Taming of the Shrew, Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and Much Ado About Nothing. Leigh Reid, RHHS Theatre teacher, said the actors will "use the original language, but in modern day clothes, with a modern day flavor. But, they will reflect the original characters." The students are choosing which scenes they want to do. Each scene is about love; being in love, discussing love, arguing about love, fighting about love," Reid said. Dessert and coffee will be served at the performance. The single performance will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 in the school cafeteria. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$5 from Reid. She can be contacted at the school at www.lwesley@rockwallisd.org.

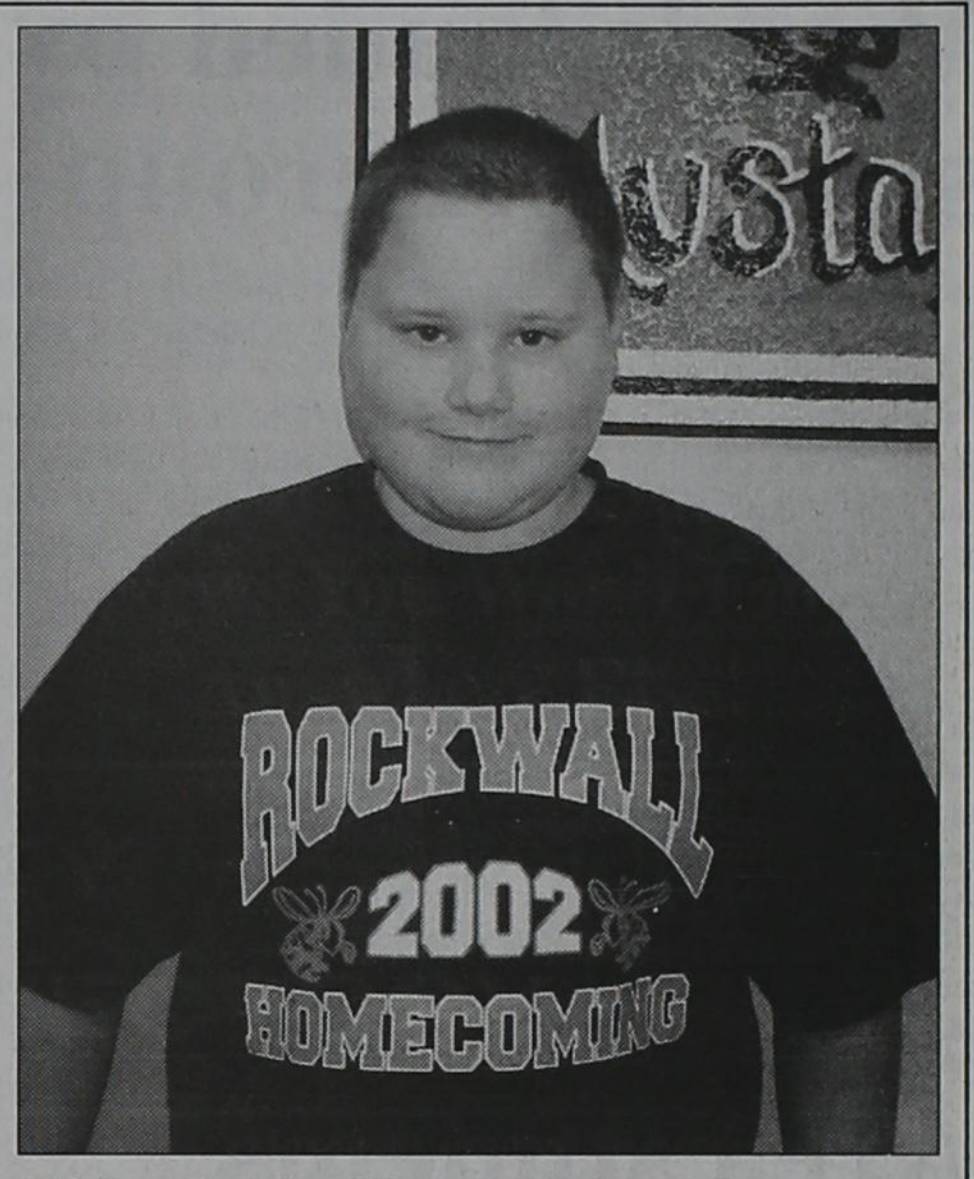


The competition was fierce but one emerged victorious at The Fulton School Geography Bee Jan. 14. Middle School geography instructor Kevin Cobb (left) congratulates runner-up Morgan Froelich (center) and contest winner Tim Brimelow (right). The top ten contestants were Laine Ellison, Moises Chapeton, Will Crutchfield, John Crutchfield, Jordan Steen, Nathaniel Wang, Andres Wilson, Connor Harold, Froelich and Brimelow. Connor Harold set a new Fulton School record by answering every question in the first seven rounds correctly before being eliminated in the championship round.

Photo courtesy of Moira Burgy



Kennedy Cross, a fourth-grade student at Lakeland Academy, earned the top spot in the Geography Bee conducted last week at the school. He competed against students in grades four through seven, outlasting all other competitors for more than a dozen rounds. The winning question was: The Yamana are a people indigenous to Tierra del Fuego, an island at the southernmost point in South America that is divided between Argentina and what country to the west? The answer: Chile. In an essay he wrote following the contest, Cross said, "I knew the answer because my mom bought me a shower curtain that has the world map on it, and when I'm in the shower I look at the map.... I remembered at the bottom of South America is Tierra del Fuego, right next to Chile." As winner, Cross now will take a written test to be submitted for scoring. One hundred Texas students will be invited to the state-level contest in Austin.



Eighth grade student Tristan Barry, pictured above, was the recent winner of the Cain Middle School National Geographic Bee. Other participants included Aysha Joseph, Lena Davidson, Ashley Davis, Kelly Dorsett, David Keaton, Ethan Kerbel and Samuel Scheele. Barry next will take a written test, which will be graded to determine whether or not he will advance to the next level of competition.

## RC Chamber seeks volunteers for planning

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers to help organize community events planned for the coming year. Help is needed with the following events and activities:

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

Volunteer input can be as much or as little as the volunteer chooses. For more information, call 972-636-5000 or e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com.

## News You Won't Find Anywhere Else!

## Main Street Board applicants sought

The City of Rockwall is accepting applications for individuals interested in serving on the new Main Street Advisory Board, a group that will work closely with the city's Main Street manager and the Texas Main Street staff and resource team. Applicants must reside within the City of Rockwall. Rockwall recently was named a 2009 Texas Main Street City by the Texas Historical Commission. The Main Street program is a revitalization effort based on a four-point approach of organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring within the context of historic preservation. More than 140 Texas cities have participated in the program to date. Rockwall will receive technical advice and assistance in the areas of design, board development, strategic planning and economic development from the THC's Texas Main Street Program staff. Individuals interested in this project should contact Kristy Ashberry, city secretary, at kashberry@rockwall.com.

## Area students tapped for OBU honors

A handful of area students recently were recognized for their academic performances at Ouachita Baptist University. Area students honored included Michael Krikorian and Joshua Lord, both of Rockwall; Molly Brown, Rachael Hermann and Holly Williams of Rowlett and Ryleigh Lay of Roysse City, according to a university news release. Each was named to the President's List for the fall semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must compile a 4.0 grade point average and be classified as a full-time student.

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Friday Study Club president Billye Wood is shown at the dessert table during the organization's recent holiday meeting in the home of June Frawley. Club members celebrated the annual gift exchange and honored the generosity of the 30 members who worked to make Christmas special for Terrell State Hospital patients. The Rockwall County Library and the hospital are two of the projects that have been supported by the club over the past several decades. Co-hostesses for the meeting included Mary Byrd and Dona Gene Gardenhire.

## Woods lauded by state CPA group

Rockwall student Jill Woods, a student at the University of Texas at Dallas, was awarded a \$1,000 Paychex/TSCPA Accounting Education Foundation scholarship.

Texas Society of CPAs' (TSCPA) Accounting Education Foundation honors Texas accounting students with scholarships for their academic achievements each year. This year, TSCPA has partnered with payroll and payroll tax company Paychex to offer a joint academic scholarship and the recipient of that scholarship has been announced.

Since 1957, the TSCPA Accounting Education Foundation has distributed almost \$5 million to promote, develop and advance accounting education in Texas. Through donations from Texas CPAs and interest on endowed funds, the TSCPA Accounting Education Foundation awards approximately \$235,000 annually in scholarships to the top students enrolled in accounting programs in the state.

TSCPA is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional organization representing Texas CPAs. The society has 20 chapters statewide and has 28,000 members, one of the largest in-state memberships of any state CPA society in the United States.

## Area students honored at SHSU

Several local students were recognized recently at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Johnna Marie Vecchic of Rockwall received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the university.

Molly A. Litteral of Rowlett, a freshman majoring in mathematics, was tapped for the President's Honor Roll and Dean's List, while two other Rowlett freshmen, Mariel M. Kanene and Ashley Marie Martin, also made the Dean's List. Kanene is a

political science major, while Martin is majoring in biology, according to a news release from the university.

To make the Dean's List, a student must be attending school full time and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above. In order to be named to the President's Honor Roll, a student must have a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester.

### Charity golf tourney slated for March

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

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

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

For more information visit rowlettclub.com or e-mail info@rowlettclub.com.

# Rockwall County Responders

### Rockwall Sheriff's Department

Calls (Jan. 9-15) -- 242  
Arrests (Jan. 9-15) -- 41  
Warrant unit arrests (week of Jan. 12) -- 10

### Royse City Police Blotter

- Jan. 9-15
- Friday, 9 Jan. -- Suspicious person, 100 block I-30
  - Saturday, 10 Jan. -- Alarm, 100 block E. Main Street; Criminal mischief, 800 block E. Old Greenville Road
  - Sunday, 11 Jan. -- Medical assistance, 100 block I-30; reckless driver, 600 block Love Lane; Disorderly conduct, 300 block County Line Road; Two public intoxication/One marijuana possession arrests, 200 block I-30
  - Monday, 12 Jan. -- Theft, 1000 block Pullen Street; Welfare check, 900 block Brookhaven Drive; Suspicious person, 1300 block Hunters Glen; Disorderly conduct fighting in public, 100 block I-30; Marijuana possession arrest, Corner of N. Houston and County Line Road; One Rockwall/Colony Police Department warrant arrest and one Log Cabin Police Department warrant arrest, Corner of Lakes Drive and Lavon Court
  - Tuesday, 13 Jan. -- reckless driver, I-30 at the 74 mile marker
  - Wednesday, 14 Jan. -- Suspicious activity, 300 block Sandy Lane; Suspicious activity, 300 block Howard Street; Welfare check, 1200 block Courtney Drive
  - Thursday, 15 Jan. -- Disorderly conduct, 700 block FM 2642; Minor accident, 100 block I-30; Accident, 2200 block I-30

### Rockwall Fire & EMS

#### Calls for Service Jan. 12-18

- Calls for Service: Alarm or poisoning 3, Fire alarm 8, Grass fire 2, Natural gas leak 2, Other fire not classified 4, Other rescue 1, Smoke smell/odor 5, Suspicious person, wires down arching/transformers, 2.

### Rockwall PD

#### Calls for Service Jan. 12-18

- Monday, 12 January: Theft, 800 block IH 30.
- Tuesday, 13 January: Theft, 1200 block IH 30.
- Wednesday, 14 January: Theft, 300 block Renfro Street.
- Thursday, 15 January: Burglary, 900 block Davey Crockett Street; Theft, 1800 block IH 30.
- Friday, 16 January: Theft, 600 block FM 562; Theft, 1000 block IH 30; Theft, 600 block FM 552.
- Saturday, 17 January: Burglary, 1200 block Ridge Road; Theft, 2900 block Ridge Road.
- Sunday, 18 January: Burglary, 3100 block Market Center Drive.
- Other Service Calls: Abandoned property 5, Animal complaint 11, Burg/fire/panic alarm 40, Criminal assault/rape 4, Criminal mischief 3, Drunk 3, Fight 2, Fire call 2, Follow up investigation 7, Forgery 9, Injured or sick person 21, Investigations 25, Meet complainant 37, Minor disturbance 21, Minor accident 27, Missing person 2, Motorist/citizen/assist 24, Narcotics 1, Open building 5, Ordinance violation 22, Reckless driver/poss DWI 24, Solicitor call 2, Street hazard 9, Suicide 1, Suspicious person 70, Telephone harassment 3, Traffic complaint 7, Welfare concern 7.

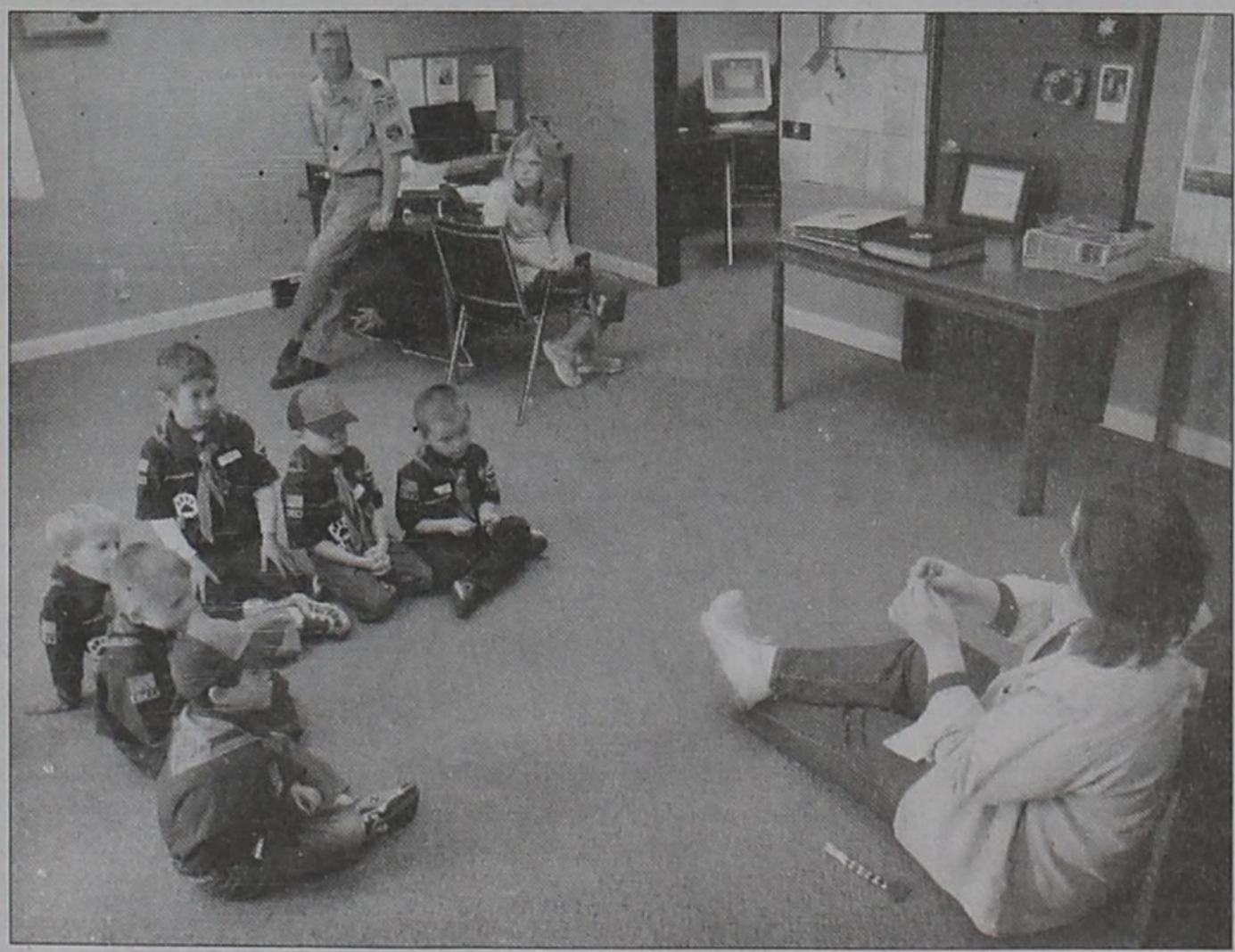
### Heath DPS

#### Calls for Service Jan. 12-19

- Thursday 15, January: Burglary, 600 block East Sorita Circle; Burglary, 1200 block FM 740.
- Friday 16, January: Burglary, 500 block Hubbard Drive.
- Saturday 17, January: Burglary, 1200 block FM 740.
- Other Calls for Service: Animal complaint 1, Burg/fire/panic/ alarm 15, Civil Matter 1, Fire call 7, Forgery 1, Injured or sick person 2, Investigation 1, Meet complainant 3, Minor disturbance.

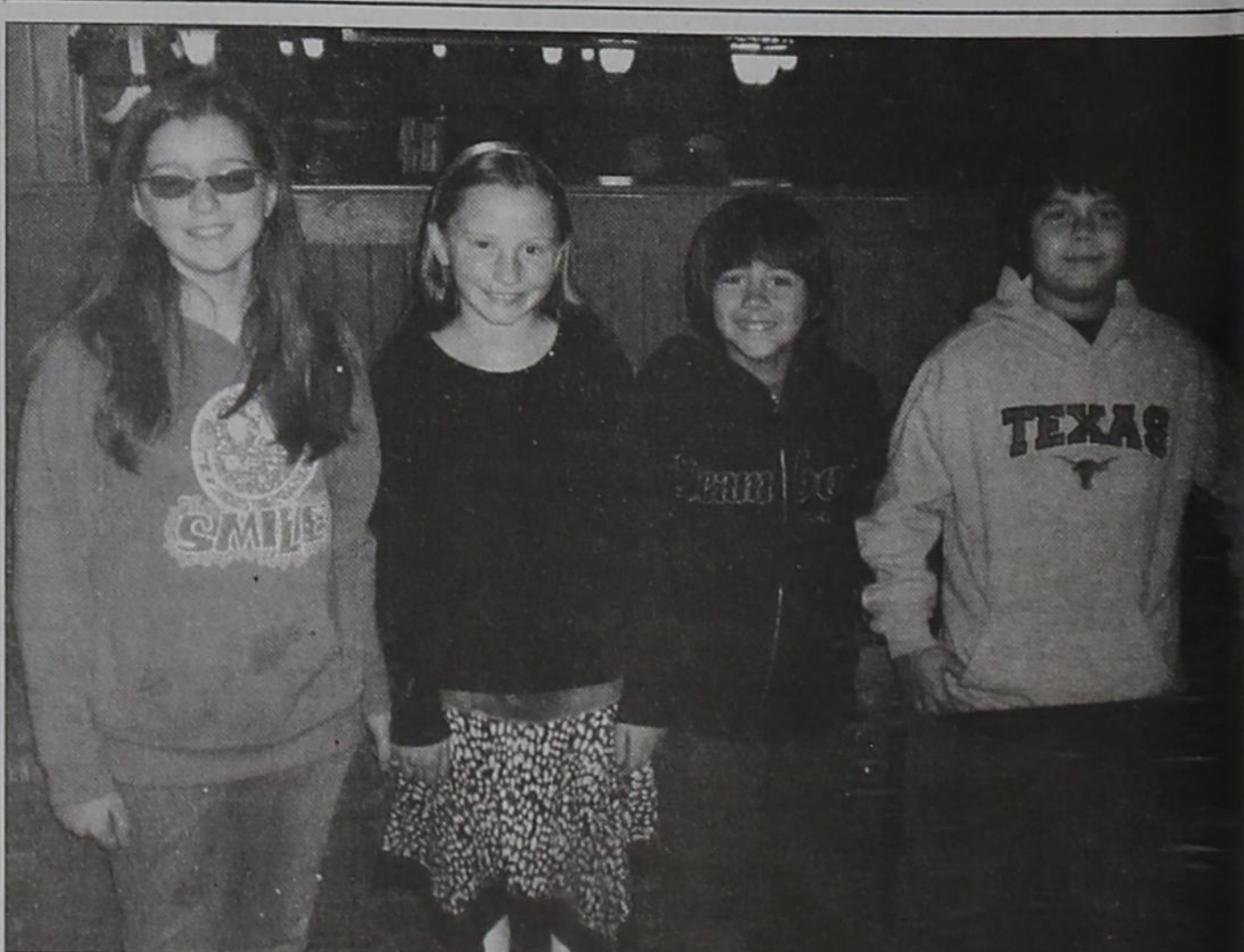


The Rockwall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently selected three essays dealing with American history to represent the local group at the state level. Pictured above are two Fulton students who represented the Rockwall DAR - Tim Borgen, whose topic was Columbus, and Morgan Froehlich, who wrote on the Gettysburg Address. Shown with the students are teachers Kevin Cobb and Moira Burgy. An awards ceremony will be conducted in the spring to recognize local students whose work was selected for the state event.



The Tiger Cub den from Cub Scout Pack 2125 visited the Rockwall County News on Saturday, Jan. 17 as part of a requirement to learn about their community. Editor Kathy Williams and photographer Tim Burnett taught the first graders what news is, how the staff receives its news, how to edit photos and how to design a news page. Each Tiger received a printed page with their den photo and Cub news created especially for their visit. Kenneth Smith of Rockwall is the Tigers' den leader.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett



The Unknown, a local band, recently performed at Taco Casa on Goliad and donated all of its earnings to local charities. Band members, pictured above, include Nathan Mathura, Adam Mathura, Amber Adams and Holly Adams. One of the band's donations benefited the Rockwall County Meals on Wheels program, which also received assistance from Brian Adams, the father of two of the band members and a representative of Farmers Insurance. Farmers Insurance also sponsored the New Year's Day holiday meal for the elderly and disabled in Rockwall County.

# Rockwall County Yesteryears

Compiled by Judy Schneider  
From the archives of the Rockwall County Library

### 10 Years Ago January 19, 1999

Drew Novy, the grandson of Dennis and Reva Allen of Rockwall, solicited all food and drink donations for 330 County youth for the "Connie Amosson Mission Possible." This one project benefited many Metroplex charities.

The Heritage Christian Academy girl's varsity basketball team over Dallas Liberty with a score of 54-32. They took an early lead by getting the ball inside and after that Dallas Liberty could not get them down. HCA forward Amy Collins scored 17 points.

### 20 Years Ago January 20, 1989

Jimmy Williams stepped down as Superintendent of Rockwall Schools, leading the district to a time of self-evaluation, since the next superintendent had not been selected. RISD held a public hearing where opinions could be heard to help decide what type of superintendent the community wanted.

David Elkins, a 15-year resident of Rockwall, replaced Bullock as a Rockwall City Councilman. Elkins was excited to be a part of a very fast growing city and he wanted to create a quality of life for the future.

### 30 Years Ago January 19, 1979

Jimmy Puckett, a junior at Rockwall High School, played on five Junior All-American Golf Tournaments. He also anticipates playing in tournaments in New York, North Carolina and all over Texas. In his off time, he was a referee for the "Y" soccer games. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Puckett.

The Rockwall High School Yellowjacket football banquet was very successful. John Hawkins and Leroy Kuzma were named Offensive Lineman. Kevin Mims was Most Valuable Player and Offensive Back. Harlan Webb won the honor for the Best Defensive Lineman. Jeff Copeland and Jimmy Lane were the Best Defensive Backs. The RHS Football Captains were John Hawkins, D. Loftis, Terry Hays and David Gaither. Robin Harris and Steve Hays shared the RHS Football Sweetheart honor.

### 40 Years Ago January 24, 1969

Woody from North Texas Grain & Elevator gave a few tips on how to care for your hogs:

\*Dig worms to go fishing Saturday and get Nutrena Hog Worm Supplement to feed free choice. It is cheaper than feeding sameal.

\*Be sure to get a good supply of Nutrena 22% Cattle Pellets to feed your calves.

\*Ask Rusty at the filling station why he charges to fix the who when only one side goes flat.

Dr. Hugh B. Lofland, Jr., of Rockwall was listed in the first issue of "World Who's Who in Science." This book contained 30,000 biographical sketches of scientists from antiquity to the present time. Dr. Lofland was a professor of pathology at the Baylor College of Medicine who did most of his research on fat metabolism and nutritional studies in man and experimental animals related to atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease.

### 60 Years Ago January 21, 1949

Nichols & DeWoody of Rockwall advertised that in case of fire they could remove and save anti-freeze from tractor tires the anti-freeze.

The average cost of natural gas meters rose from \$9.16 to \$11.00. The Lone Star Gas advertised they had less than pre-war pricing on piping hot water, silent automatic refrigeration and automatic hot water heaters for less than 15 cents per day.

Interesting Facts about January:

- January 1, 1863 - Final Emancipation Proclamation was issued.
- January 6, 1912 - New Mexico was admitted to Statehood.
- January 8, 1815 - Creditable land Battle of New Orleans was fought.
- January 17, 1706 - Benjamin Franklin was born.
- January 19, 1807 - Robert E. Lee was born.
- January 19 - Wesley W. Burnett, Rockwall County News publisher, was born.

### June 7, 1889

Dr. Brown Bell recommended Night Caps for the eradication of nervous headaches and all head diseases. Patients were cured by the sorption of the product into the head. You could purchase Night Caps at J.M. Hobson & Co. in Rockwall at 901 Elm Street.

## Say You Saw It In "The County News"

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# Bush Exits

by Bill O'Reilly

Partisan blather aside, let's take a no spin look at President Bush's two biggest legacy items: the terror war and the economy.

Bush leaves office with a 34 percent approval rating, according to a recent Gallup poll. That ties him with Jimmy Carter's approval rating when he left office in 1981, not exactly a place you want to be. However, the war on terror issue is still being defined and will likely help Bush when history is written down the line.

Immediately after the attack on 9/11, Muslim jihadists had a big wind at their backs. We saw TV images of Muslims dancing in the streets as the great Satan America was humbled by al-Qaida. Almost instantly, the invincibility of the United States was challenged and the physical safety of Americans, at risk. It was very possible that further attacks were close.

Moving quickly, the Bush administration reorganized the FBI into a terror-fighting organization and toppled the Taliban in Afghanistan, disrupting al-Qaida's command and control. Those successful tactics blunted a number of active terror plots and resulted in the capture of a number of al-Qaida big shots, all of whom broke under coerced interrogation. The information they gave up allowed the Bush administration to further damage the terrorist infrastructure.

Then came Iraq, an operation designed to cleanse the Muslim world of the huge terrorist enabler Saddam Hussein. The price of that war is still being debated, but what honest people don't dispute is that the al-Qaida foot soldiers who invaded Iraq hoping to defeat the U.S. military were eventually decimated. The price for America in Iraq has been enormous, but al-Qaida has also paid big.

Today, the terror threat still exists, but is no longer centralized and has lost most of its momentum. In short, the United States is winning the shooting war, and President Bush should get credit for that.

On the economic front, however, the picture is different. The dramatic rise in oil prices last spring was artificially driven by greedy speculators, some of whom worked out of brokerage houses like Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs. The oil company chieftains quickly realized they could make billions raising their prices to reflect the upward price speculation and did so with gusto. Thus, millions of consumer dollars were diverted to gas bills instead of other obligations. That lighted the fuse of the recession.

At the same time, banks were making risky home loans to unqualified consumers. The banks then sold many of those loans to quick-buck artists at places like Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers. When consumers began to default because money became tight, panic ensued and the recession roared in.

Where was President Bush while all this was happening? He continued to put forth that the economy was fundamentally strong when it was not. That is on the president. If his economic advisers misled him, he should have said so. But Bush is leaving office with no credible explanation for the collapse.

The Democratic Congress also stood by and did nothing to protect the folks. Last July, Congressman Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, told the world Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were "in good shape going forward."

A few weeks later those mortgage entities collapsed. Frank is now blaming the Republicans, but he is being flat-out dishonest in not taking any responsibility.

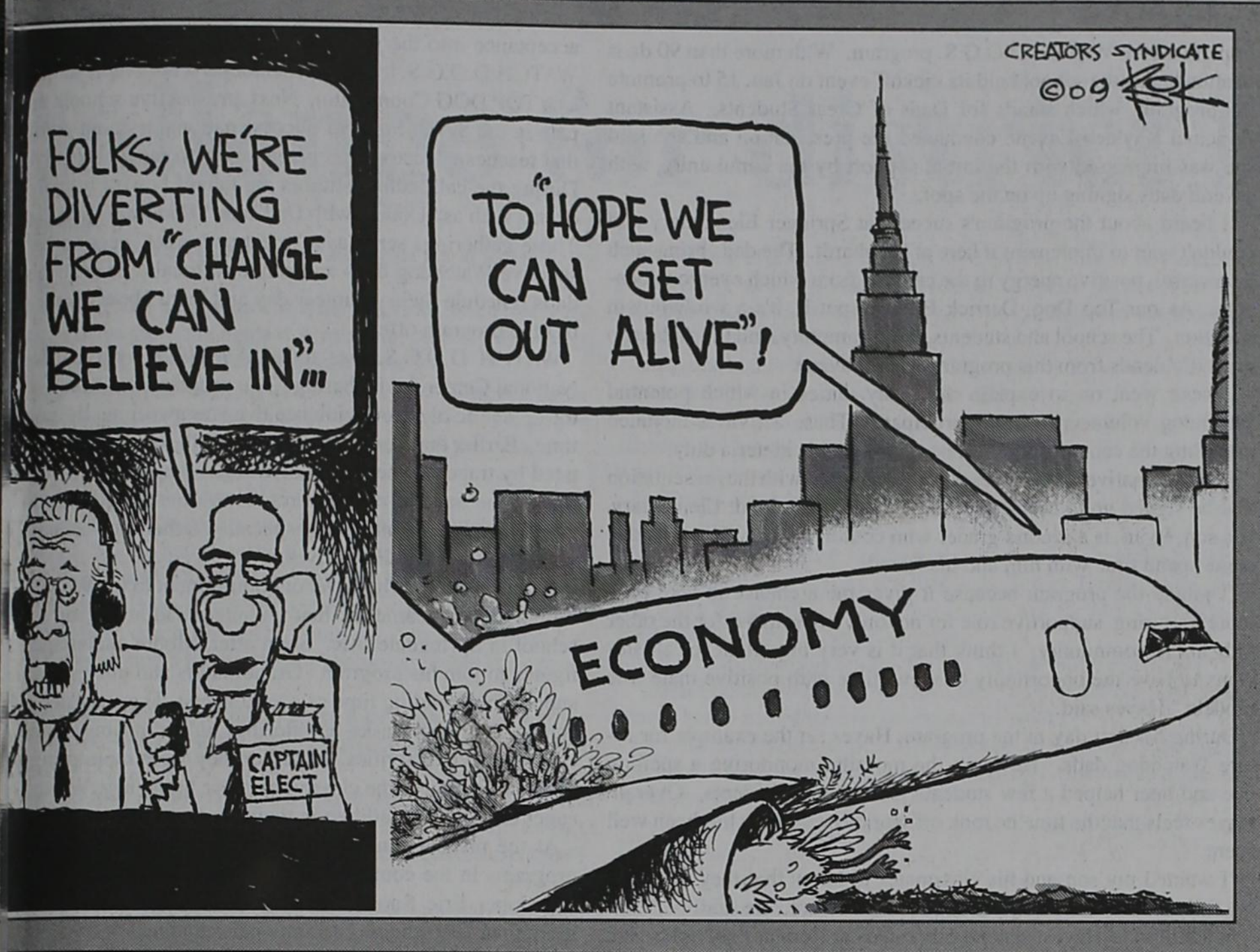
Like a sports team that loses big, the head coach is the main guy. After Iraq and the wobbling economy, the folks lost confidence in President Bush, and Barack Obama capitalized on that.

The truth is that the Bush administration did very well in protecting us against terrorist killers — but not so well in protecting us against Wall Street greed heads.

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# Opinions



## Congress' financial mess

Walter E. Williams

Media people, often plagued with little understanding, fail in their duty to inform the public. This is particularly evident in reporting on the current financial meltdown, suggesting it was by deregulation and free markets.

Professor David Henderson, research fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution, writes about regulation in "Are We Ailing From Too Much Regulation?" in Cato Policy Report (November/December 2008). The Federal Register, which lists new regulations, annually averaged 72,844 between 1977 and 1980. During the Reagan years, the average was 54,335. During the Bush I years, they rose to 59,527, to 71,590 during the Clinton years and rose to a record of 75,526 during the Bush II years. Employees in government regulatory agencies grew from 9 in 1980 to 238,351 in 2007, a 63 percent increase. In the banking and finance industries, regulatory spending between 1980 and 2007 tripled, rising from \$725 million to \$2.07 billion. So here's my question: What are we to make of congressmen, talking heads and news people who tell us the financial meltdown is a result of deregulation and free markets? Are they ignorant, stupid or venal?

A New York Times article, "Fannie Mae Eases Credit To Aid Mortgage Lending" (9/30/99), reported, "Fannie Mae, the nation's biggest writer of home mortgages, has been under increasing pressure since the Clinton Administration to expand mortgage loans among low and moderate income people..." The pressure was the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act that was beefed up during the Clinton Administration. It required banks to make high-risk loans they would not have otherwise made. Failure to comply meant fines and difficulty in getting approval for mergers and branch expansion.

As questions began to arise about government policy that required lenders to make high-risk loans, we received professional assurances. At hearings investigating the solvency of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Rep. Barney Frank said, "The more you exaggerate these problems, the more pressure there is on these companies, the less we will see in terms of affordable housing." In a

speech to the Mortgage Bankers Association, Frank advised, "People tend to pay their mortgages. I don't think we are in any remote danger here. This focus on receivership, I think, is intended to create fears that aren't there." Protesting against greater controls against lax mortgage lending, Sen. Harry Reid said, "While I favor improving oversight by our federal housing regulators to ensure safety and soundness, we cannot pass legislation that could limit Americans from owning homes and potentially harm our economy in the process."

One-third of the \$15 trillion of mortgages in existence in 2008 are owned, or securitized by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae, the Federal Housing and the Veterans Administration. Wall Street buyers of repackaged loans didn't mind buying risky paper because they assumed that they would be guaranteed by the federal government: read bailout from the taxpayers. Today's housing mess can be laid directly at the feet of Congress and the White House.

Congress and the White House aren't finished with the taxpayers yet. Once a bailout parade gets started, it has a momentum of its own. President Bush, citing danger to the economy, signed a \$17 billion bailout for the auto industry. According to the Wall Street Journal article "Shovel-Ready on Campus" (December 17, 2008), presidents of 36 state government universities have called for bailouts; they call it a "federal infusion of capital." Soon, if not already, state governors and city mayors will descend on Washington seeking bailouts. California is \$15 billion in the hole, Florida \$5 billion and things are so bad in Michigan that the governor has shut down one prison to save money.

What kind of assumptions do politicians and news media make about the intelligence of Americans to expect us to buy the idea that our current mess results from deregulation and free markets? I do not find that assumption flattering.

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## Heath City Council sets up big advertising cost increase

Wesley W. Burnett

City of Heath agreement with the Dallas Morning News for advertising services comes with a big price tag. Surprisingly, the city is unable to provide an estimate of what that cost will be.

In answer to a recent Texas Public Information Act request, Heath city attorney Stephanie Galanides replied to us that the city has no records revealing the display advertising rates being charged by the Dallas Morning News. Simply put, the city agreed to an advertising contract which does not specify the rate for display advertising.

This means that when the city publishes its required display ads, such as those specified for sizes "not less than one quarter page," the city has no idea what those ads will cost. By accepting an incomplete contract from the Dallas Morning News, the city council put the taxpayers on the line for thousands of dollars more advertising cost than was expected.

This decision is an example of poor stewardship as well as sloppy administration of the city's fiscal responsibilities. We don't know what the city newspaper charges for display advertising, but we do know from an on-line search that the Sunday display advertising rate is \$708 per column inch. A quarter page ad is 31.5 column inches... that would be \$22,202.

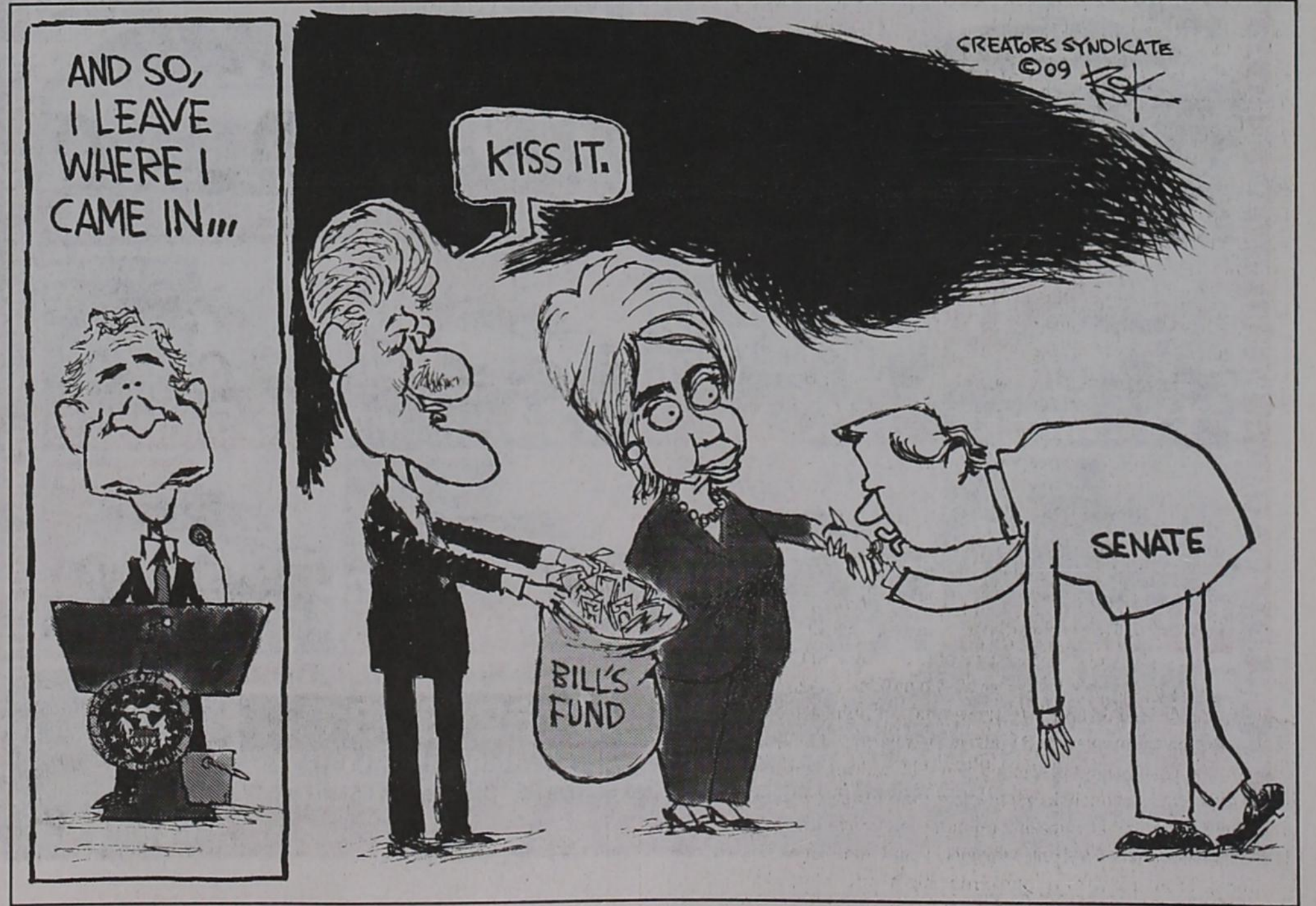
The city council rejected the much lower bid from the Rockwall County News at \$10 per column inch, with city staff explaining that the city was paying a lower rate for its advertising.

Members of the Heath elected officials have responded to our requests for explanation of their decision. More puzzling is the city council's recent refusal to terminate the current contract with the big city newspaper and designate the Rockwall County News as its newspaper of record. Not only would that action bring the city into compliance with the law, it would save the taxpayers thousands of dollars in advertising costs and fulfill the city council's desire to "seek lower advertising rates."

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The citizens and taxpayers of Heath are due an explanation from the city council for its violation of the Texas Government Code, as well as its obvious squandering of tax funds.

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# Rockwall ISD implements WATCH D.O.G.S. mentoring program for dads, father figures

by Stephen Wood

Several schools in the Rockwall ISD are using a unique mentoring program to involve fathers in what has traditionally been considered a mom's territory — assisting in classrooms and around the school with different events.

Virginia Reinhardt Elementary is just the latest RISD school to

implement the WATCH D.O.G.S. program. With more than 90 dads in attendance, the school held its kickoff event on Jan. 15 to promote the program, which stands for Dads of Great Students. Assistant Principal Kayleen Lavene conducted the presentation and she said she was impressed with the initial support by the community, with several dads signing up on the spot.

"I heard about the program's success at Springer Elementary and couldn't wait to implement it here at Reinhardt. The dads bring such a powerful, positive energy to the campus from which everyone benefits. As our Top Dog, Derrick Elledge, put it, it's a win/win/win situation. The school and students, the community, and the dads reap great dividends from this program," said Lavene.

Lavene went on to explain the many duties in which potential Watchdog volunteers would participate. These activities included patrolling the campus, one-on-one tutoring and cafeteria duty.

Rockwall native Tony Hayes was so impressed with the presentation that he signed up to be the first Watchdog at Reinhardt Elementary. His son, Ryan, is a second grader who couldn't wait to have his dad come spend time with him and his friends.

"I joined the program because it gives me a chance to take on a more nurturing, supportive role for not only my son, but for the other kids in the community. I think that it is very important for all students to have the opportunity to spend time with positive male role models," Hayes said.

During his first day in the program, Hayes set the example for future Watchdog dads. He spent the morning monitoring a spelling bee and later helped a few students learn their presidents. Overall, Hayes feels that the time he took off work to volunteer has been well spent.

"I wanted my son and his classmates to know that they deserved my full attention, not only today but in the future," he said.

In addition to Hayes, several other dads at Reinhardt are optimistic about becoming Watchdogs in the near future. Justin Mummy is the proud parent of kindergarten student McKenna Mummy and will be signing up as soon as he can.

"I am excited about the opportunity to have positive male role models at the school. This program will give dads a chance to build better relationships with their kids as well as the teachers," Mummy said.

Reinhardt Secretary Tina Katzmann believes that having these new male leaders present on campus will bring positive results.

"The Watchdog volunteers will help the staff reach the kids on a deeper level. They will just be another option in our system to help mentor and guide our students in the future," Katzmann said.

According to surveys conducted by www.fathers.com, 79 percent of all principals involved in the programs stated that Watch D.O.G.S. has made significant contributions to the overall morale of their respective schools. Furthermore, 96 percent of dads agreed that their experiences were rewarding and that they looked forward to returning to their volunteering duties.

Schools that are interested in participating in WATCH D.O.G.S. must follow several steps to gain

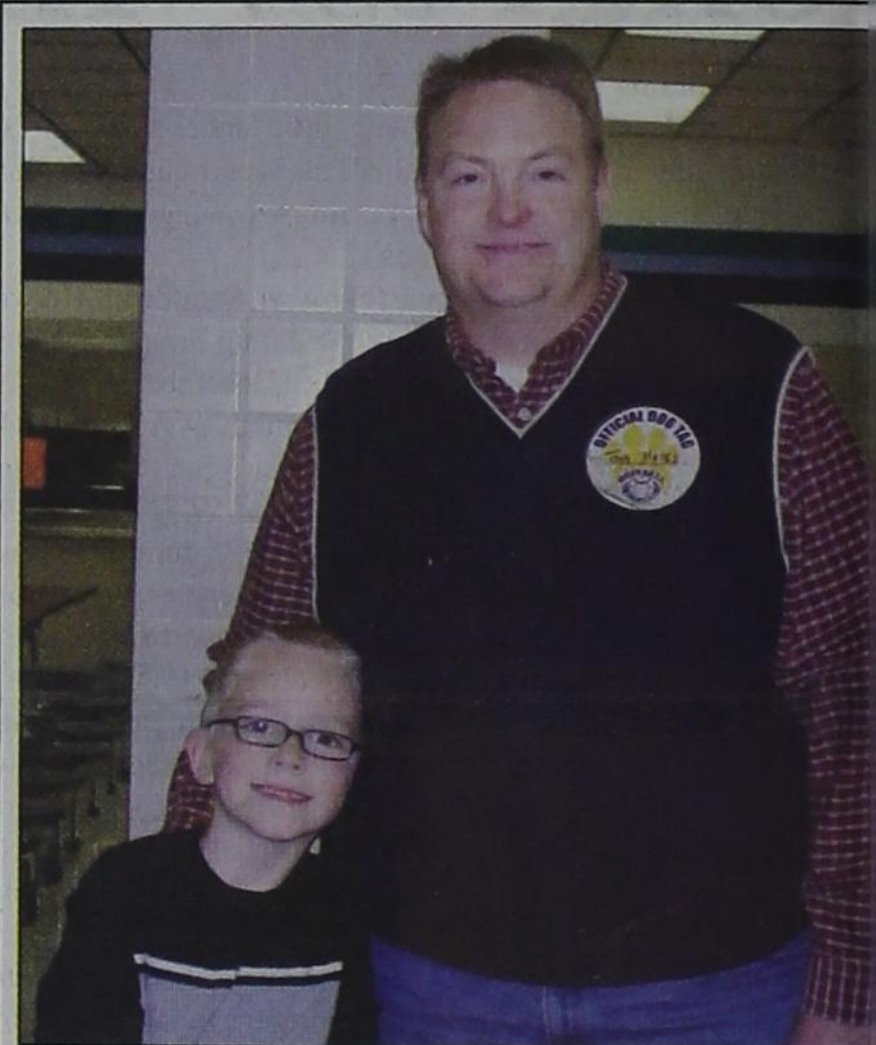
acceptance into the program. First, they must assemble the WATCH D.O.G.S. team that includes a school representative as a TOP DOG Coordinator. Next, prospective schools must participate in the Seven Steps to Success national training conference that teaches educators and parents how to run an effective program. During the call, administrators are taught how to organize events such as "Donuts with Dad" and "Dads and Kids Pizzas." These gatherings serve as a "meet and greet" session between prospective Watchdog dads and school officials. It is at this time that dads schedule their volunteer day and learn about all the opportunities the program offers.

WATCH D.O.G.S. was founded in 1998 by Jim Moore, National Center for Fathering. The program was Moore's answer to the epidemic of school violence that was sweeping the country. Earlier that year, a middle school in Jonesboro, AR was devastated by tragedy when a troubled student opened fire on campus. Seeing the need to raise awareness, Moore hoped that the program would inspire parents, and especially fathers, to become involved in their children's lives.

As a testimony to his level of commitment to the WATCH D.O.G.S. initiative, he became the first volunteer dad at his son's elementary school in Springdale, AR. Soon after, Moore encouraged other fathers to join his program. Grandfathers and uncles began to support by spending time as a volunteer. They assisted school personnel with such tasks as tutoring, unloading buses and coaching gym activities. Whether they were monitoring the room or helping in the classroom, these brand new Watch Dog dads were eager to show the children in their life that they mattered.

At the present time there are more than 700 WATCH D.O.G.S. programs in the country. According to WATCH D.O.G.S. Developer Eric Snow, Texas ranks number two in America with more than 100 schools currently participating.

"We have accomplished great things in the state of Texas and I look forward to seeing future expansion of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program in years to come," said Snow.



Reinhardt Elementary School WATCH D.O.G.S. dad Tony Hayes and his son, Ryan, look forward to the time they will spend together at school as part of the new mentoring program launched at the campus. Several other Rockwall ISD elementary schools already utilize the program.

Photo courtesy of Reinhardt Elementary School

## Relay for Life set May 2

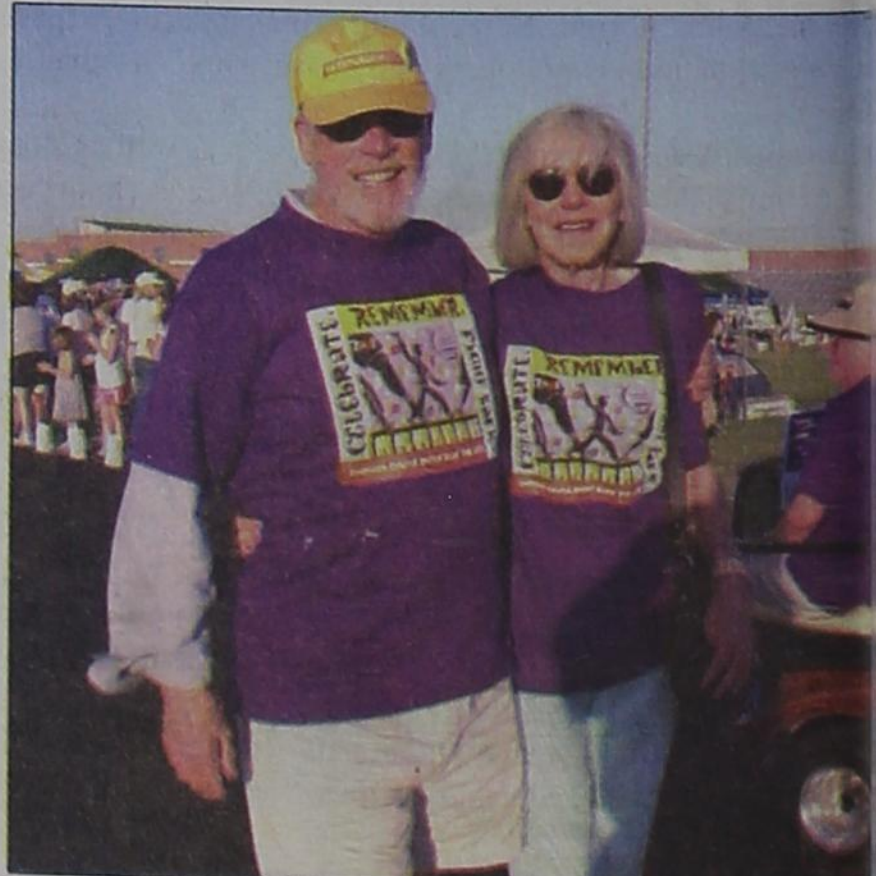
The annual Relay for Life fundraising event of the American Cancer Society will race through Rockwall County in early May. According to a news release issued last week, the local event is set for May 2-3.

The event's motto is "Celebrate. Remember. Fight back." Relay for Life celebrates cancer survivors by allowing survivors to kick off the event's first lap as a symbol of their courage in the face of nightfall, individuals and loved ones who've been lost to cancer are remembered with the lighting of hundreds of luminaria candles along the track. And everyone involved in Relay for Life fights by walking the track in teams, taking shifts, with the goal to have someone on the track during the overnight portion of the event. Team members seek sponsors who will donate money to the event and every dollar raised goes toward the fight against cancer.

The ACS funds more than \$120 million in cancer research each year, according to the news release.

To become a part of the local Relay for Life, register a team by calling 972-771-1605; become a sponsor by calling 972-524-1605; register as a survivor by calling 469-272-3097; or buy a luminaria by calling 972-722-7998.

To learn more about Relay for Life, visit events.cancer.org or call 1-800-4-A-CANCER. RFLRockwallTX.



Hank and Elizabeth Johnson, both cancer survivors, are set to participate in a recent Relay for Life event. This year's Relay event in Rockwall is set for May 2-3.



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# Rockwall County Sports

## Lady Jackets hold off Royse City challenge for district lead

**Lary Bump**  
 It isn't true that Peyton Adamson shot the lights out at Royse City. No one would have been surprised if the Rockwall junior had literally been responsible for some lights that went out, partially darkening the game and delaying the girls' basketball game briefly. Instead, Adamson did live up to the cliché of shooting the lights out. She scored 36 points, her third-highest total this season, to keep the Lady Jackets undefeated in District 10-4A and stretched their lead over Royse City to two games.

On Friday, Rockwall (18-9 overall) scored a 12-point victory over the Lady Bulldogs (21-5, 6-2 in the district). With Adamson scoring 18 points in each half, Rockwall won this time 65-53.

After losing at Rockwall 62-50 on Dec. 9, Royse City had held on to 27 points, which is below her season average of 27.6. On Friday, RHS head coach Jill McDill could say, "She had another big game. They were running a box-and-one (defense) a lot, but she's good under pressure."

Against the Lady Bulldogs' combination zone with one player assigned to Adamson, she seemed to take fewer, but better, shots than in previous games.

While a reporter and camera from Fox Sports watching, Adamson hit 10 of 15 shots in the second half alone. She hustled down court on fast breaks and passed off to teammates for other baskets. As usual, she fouled and made free throws.

Coach McDill isn't taking Adamson's offense for granted, the coach is most pleased by the Lady Jackets' defensive effort.

Rockwall came in with a little different game plan, thinking we wouldn't be as much as we did in the first game. We wanted to play a good half-court defense, and I thought we did that well. And we didn't get burned in the second half.

Rockwall's zone defense and pressure helped Rockwall take a 50-39 lead in the first three quarters. Then, McDill said, "We switched to a man defense that really helped. It gave us a little pep. It was a good adjustment. The kids played really well in the man."

Rockwall knew Royse City would be fired up. This was a real important game in the district race.

"I'm proud of how overall we played well as a team. Alyssa (Lang) played really well for a whole lot of minutes, Vertashia (Dean) had some key rebounds and Raven (Turner) had some times when she helped relieve their pressure."

Lang finished with 13 points. In the second half alone, she had six rebounds and two steals and blocked a shot.

The Lady Jackets completed their sweep of the first half of the district schedule Friday at home by defeating Greenville 56-33. Adamson again was their high scorer, with 26 points. Lang added 17.

On Friday, Rockwall will host Rockwall-Heath (9-14, 3-5, tied for fifth in the district) for the first time.

The Lady Jackets can clinch a playoff berth by beating Rockwall-Heath and then last-place Carrollton R.L. Turner Tuesday. Four teams will make the playoffs, and the three teams tied for fifth are five games behind at 3-5 with six games remaining.

Will it be difficult to keep Rockwall's players motivated?

"I don't think it will be," McDill said. "They know we need to keep getting better and better over the next three weeks."

By winning the district title, RHS, ranked 13th in the TABC state 4A poll, would open the playoffs against District 9-4A's fourth-place team, currently Frisco Liberty.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Greenville	6	3	11	13	33
Rockwall	12	20	10	14	56

Greenville: Olivia Carter 18, Sha'Kia Whetstone 8, Jessica Franklin 5, Rocio Medrano 2.

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 26, Alyssa Lang 17, Jordan Anterhaus 5, Raven Turner 2, Virginia Sealock 2, Katy Mueller 2, Kayla Kimmons 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	15	15	20	15	65
Royse City	13	8	18	14	53

Rockwall: Peyton Adamson 36, Alyssa Lang 13, Jordan Anterhaus 7, Raven Turner 4, Vertashia Dean 3, Kayla Kimmons 2.

Royse City: Raven Alexander 16, Taylor Howard 13, Tayler Young 8, Kellie Wyrick 7, Ariel Freese 4, Shelby Brown 3, Ashlei Jordan 2.



Lady Jackets' Vertashia Dean (44) pushes the ball off to teammate Kayla Kimmons (10) during Tuesday's hard-fought game against the Lady Bulldogs in the Royse City gym. Also in the play are teammate Alyssa Lang (32) and Lady Bulldogs' Taylor Howard (13).

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Jackets win a squeaker and a blowout

**Lary Bump**

If the Rockwall boys' basketball team reaches the playoffs this season, the Yellowjackets can look back to the fourth quarter of Friday's game at Greenville as the moment that turned their season around.

With 3 minutes, 49 seconds remaining, RHS had just 24 points, none in the quarter to that point.

Fortunately, the Lions hadn't been doing a whole lot better. After taking a 13-1 lead in the first quarter, they had just a 26-24 advantage after three quarters. Greenville (5-16 overall, 1-5 in District 10-4A) then scored nine consecutive points to go ahead 35-24.

But down the stretch, the Jackets threw in 22 more points, nearly matching their output from the first 28 minutes, to come away from the Lions Den with a 46-45 victory.

Said Rockwall head coach Alan Simmons, "Greenville played really well against us. We were lucky to come away with a win. At the end, we shot well, we executed, we hit free throws. We prayed that one in."

At Greenville, Rockwall's junior varsity also won, 65-37.

Kyle Sandlin's 22 points led the Jackets that night. He came back with 34 more, outscoring Royse City's entire team, to power RHS to a 55-30 victory.

That improved Rockwall's record to 10-10 overall and 3-3 in the district. That put the Jackets into a tie for fourth place, the final playoff spot, with their next opponent, Rockwall-Heath (9-14 overall). Royse City dropped into sixth place at 2-4 (10-11 overall).

Friday's 7:30 p.m. game at Rockwall-Heath will mark the district season's halfway point. The winning team would have an advantage in the playoff race. At 4-3, Rockwall would be on pace for an 8-6 record, with the further possibility of avenging a 55-54 loss Jan. 3 when the Jackets travel to Richardson Pearce.

Simmons said, "We talked about going into this week tied with Royse City and with Heath, knowing we could be tied with them when we go there. It's a big week for us."

Coming off a three-game losing streak, RHS seemed to be back on track with the comeback win at Greenville and a dominating decision at home over Royse City.

In a battle of two good defensive teams, the Jackets held the upper hand throughout, going ahead 14-2 after one quarter and 25-8 at half-time. After allowing the Bulldogs to score 17 points in the third quarter, Rockwall again clamped down for a 14-5 advantage in the final eight minutes.

"That was our best defensive effort in the first half," Simmons said. "All of our kids executed well. They did what we wanted to do, and we did something we hadn't been doing."

"We mixed up a zone with some match stuff that we had been spotting. (The Bulldogs) do a good job executing against a man defense. We felt we had to defend our home floor, and we did that."

Simmons said his team and Rockwall-Heath are similar. Dustin Morett — averaging 16 points, including three 3-pointers, per game — is the Hawks' counterpart to Sandlin.

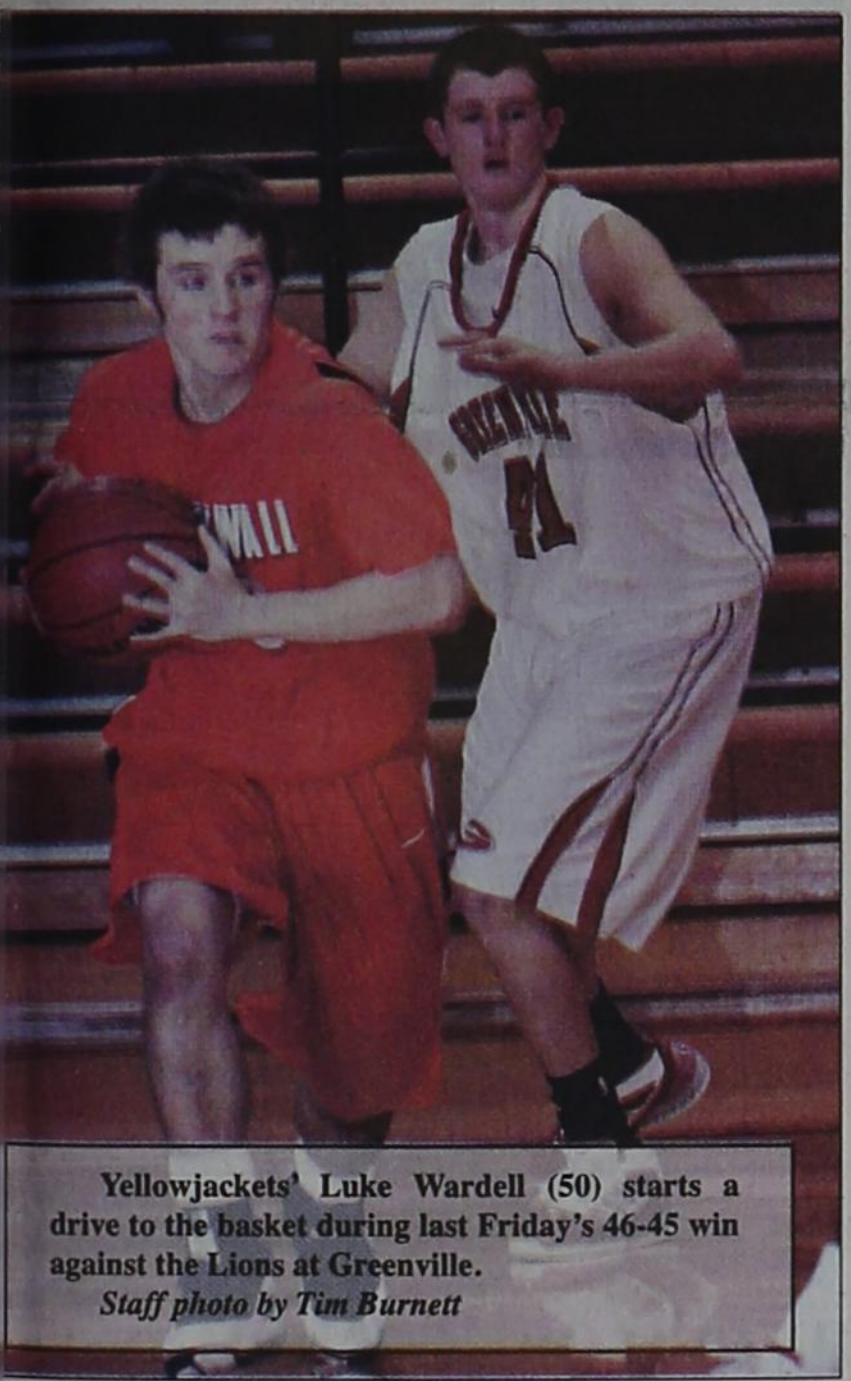
"Morett's a very good shooter, and they have a little size. We know they're well coached. It will be a battle. The team with the fewest turnovers will win it. We'll have to play better since we're on their home floor."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	8	7	9	22	46
Greenville	13	4	9	19	45

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 22, Blake Sandlin 7, Jarron White 5, Hunter Jorgensen 5, Collin Schmucker 4, Tim Yeager 2, Luke Wardell 1.

Greenville: Jarel Nelson 15, N.J. Mason 9, Devonte Green 7, Cal Crabtree 5, Ladarrian Greene 4, Corey Bosworth 4, Dijoun Sheppard 1.

Rockwall 55, Royse City 30 (box score with Royse City game story)



Yellowjackets' Luke Wardell (50) starts a drive to the basket during last Friday's 46-45 win against the Lions at Greenville.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Lady Jackets earn first soccer win over Richland

After what has been a frustrating season, the Rockwall girls' soccer team won its first victory Tuesday, Jan. 13, by defeating Richland 2-0 at Richland Hills.

It was a good night for Rockwall soccer. After the junior varsity won, goalie Bekah Barton shut out Richland's varsity while midfielders Givens and Michelle Kelley were scoring goals. Kelley's was her goal on a penalty kick this season.

The Lady Jackets then played in the Richardson Ice Bowl Tournament, they shut out two more opponents but didn't win any of their three games because they didn't score themselves.

Being shorthanded for most of the season, Rockwall went to the tournament without Randi and Shelby Soldat. Replacing them were three varsity players.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, the Lady Jackets played a scoreless tie against Crowley in what their head coach, Melissa Garcia called "a crazy and ridiculous weather."

After losing 3-0 to Belton, Rockwall came back to tie former district opponent Sachse 0-0.

While allowing just eight goals in seven games, the Lady Jackets took their record into this weekend's Chick-Fil-A Lady Lobo Invitational at Jewell High School. They were scheduled to play Forney Thursday, Denton Friday afternoon and the Longview A team Friday evening.

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## Rockwall boys win twice at Corsicana Tourney

Rockwall has begun its boys' soccer season slowly, but the Yellowjackets got off to a very good start in last weekend's Corsicana Tournament.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, the Yellowjackets defeated Mansfield Timbervue 3-0. Grant Gunderson, Tapp Hazel and Janson Rector scored for RHS. The next day, Rockwall shut out Terrell 1-0 before losing to Plano West 1-0.

Saturday was not a good day for the Jackets. They lost 6-1 to Dallas W.T. White, with Gunderson scoring their only goal, and 6-0 to Plano West.

On Tuesday, Rockwall fell to 2-8 by losing at home to Carrollton Newman Smith 5-2. Though the Trojans and Jackets compete in the same district in most sports, in soccer that was a non-district game.

This weekend, Rockwall is playing in the McKinney Tournament. The Jackets were scheduled to play South Garland Thursday, then meet Fort Worth Southwest Friday at 6 p.m. at Ron Poe Stadium before playing at McKinney Boyd Saturday at 11 a.m.



Yellowjackets' sophomore Tapp Hazel (5) runs to keep the ball in bounds as the Jackets took on Duncunville last Tuesday at the RHS field. Assisting in the play is junior Kyle Canada (18). Duncunville won 6-1.

Staff photo by Roy Heath

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## Lady Hawks fall in overtime 58-48 to Highland Park



Lady Hawks' sophomore Brooke Eddy (5) jumps for a shot during last Friday's game against Highland Park in the RHHS gym.

Staff photo by Roy Heath

By Matt McGillen

Up by three points with a chance to push the lead to five on a pair of free throws with less than two minutes to play, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks looked poised to knock off the Highland Park Lady Scots in an important District 10-4A game Jan. 16 at RHHS.

But when Macall Smith's first shot of the one-and-one missed, it set off a flurry of back-and-forth, up-and-down-the-court action that culminated in the Lady Scot's Emily Boone tossing in a short banker with just six seconds left to send the game into overtime at 46-46.

With starters Shanae Lowrance and Brooke Eddy already on the bench with five fouls and Smith soon to follow, Heath was no match for Highland Park in the extra period being outscored 12-2 on the way to an eventual 58-48 loss.

The defeat kept the Lady Hawks, now 3-4 in district and 6-13 overall, from taking over sole possession of third place. Instead, the Lady Scots move to 4-3 (16-8 overall) and into third, trailing only Roysie City (6-1, 21-4) and Rockwall (7-0, 17-9).

Heath falls into a three-way tie for the fourth and final playoff berth with their next opponent, Greenville (3-4, 6-16), along with Carrollton's Newman Smith (3-4, 4-7).

The Lady Lions, who traveled to Heath on Jan. 20, beat the Lady Hawks 54-47 on Dec. 9.

Following that game, Heath goes on a cross-town road trip to Rockwall Jan. 23 for a rematch with the Lady Jackets. RHS won the first contest 64-36.

Following Smith's miss, the Lady Scots cut the lead to one, 45-44, on two free throws by Hartley Hobson when Lowrance, Heath's leading scorer and rebounder, was whistled for her fifth personal with 1:50 to go.

The teams traded turnovers and missed shots until Heidi Boone hit a pair of foul shots to give the Lady Hawks a 46-44 lead with 1:50 left.

A Heath turnover, one of a whopping 37 for the game, with a foul by Boone set up Boone for her tying field goal.

Highland Park jumped out to a 50-46 lead in OT before Kate Boone sank two free throws with 2:44 to go for the Lady Hawks' lead of the overtime.

The Lady Scots then converted six fouls shots down the stretch and Boone hit a rebound jumper as time expired.

Neither team shot well from the field, especially in the fourth and the extra five minutes. The Lady Hawks, who shot just for the game (16-for-52), made only 2-of-16 (13 percent) in 12 minutes. Highland Park didn't fare much better, going just 3-for-21 (14 percent) and actually finished the game a paltry 12-for-51 (24 percent).

The Lady Scots did shoot well from the foul line, however, 26-of-33 (79 percent) while the Lady Hawks were a respectable 18 (72 percent).

Despite fouling out, Lowrance scored 11 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Morris topped all Heath scorers with 12.

The Heath junior varsity also lost, falling 34-30 to Highland Park. The Lady Lions, who traveled to Heath on Jan. 20, beat the Lady Hawks 54-47 on Dec. 9.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HP	13	12	15	6	12-58
Heath	13	16	10	7	2-48

HP (58) - Hartley Hobson 18, Emily Boone 14, Amy Eddy 8, Stephanie Dekkers 8, Dabney Rice 4, Katherine Krause 4, Aldous 2.

RH (48) B- Katelyn Morris 12, Shanae Lowrance 11, Macall Lyndsey Renta 8, Heidi Holmes 4, Brooke Eddy 4.

## Hawks stymied by Highland Park 50-36, remain tied for final playoff berth

by Matt McGillen

It was a good news/bad news night for the Rockwall-Heath Hawks in their District 10-4A game with powerful Highland Park Jan. 16 at Highland Park High School.

The bad news was they lost 50-36 to the Scots, who are now 5-0 in District 10-4A and 15-4 overall. The good news was they didn't lose any ground in their pursuit of the fourth and final playoff berth.

Despite the defeat, the Hawks, 2-3 in district and 8-13 for the year, remain in a three-way tie for fourth place with Roysie City (2-3, 10-10) and Rockwall (2-3, 9-10).

Highland Park, meanwhile, remains tied with Newman Smith (5-0, 21-2) for first with Richardson Pearce (3-2, 7-14) sitting alone in third.

No Hawks basketball team has qualified for the postseason in the school's short history.

Managing just two points in the opening quarter, the Hawks fought back to trail just 31-29 entering the fourth period. The Scots reasserted themselves at that point, however, and pulled away from Heath, outscoring the Hawks 19-7 in the last eight minutes.

Senior Chase Nielsen led the Hawks with 16 points, tying him for game-scoring honors with Highland Park's Josh Thurman.

Heath's leading scorer, Dustin Morrett, was held to just three points, well below his season average of 15.6. Morrett entered the game 5th in three-point goals made and 19th in scoring in the DFW area.

Highland Park came into the contest with the best Area defense, giving up just 44.9 points per game.

Lewis Snowton added 10 points for the Hawks, who are without senior Tony Tennison, who suffered a broken nose in the opening moments against RL Turner Jan. 9 in a 67-47 Heath victory.

The Hawks were scheduled to play Greenville (1-4, 3-11) on Jan. 20, a team they have yet to play, before they finish their first half of their district games by hosting Rockwall Jan. 23.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	2	12	15	7	36
HP	8	13	10	19	50

RH (36) - Chase Nielsen 16, Lewis Snowton 10, Dustin Morrett 3, Demi Leonard 3, Jonathan Fuller 2, Jeremy Casebolt 2.

HP (50) - Josh Thurman 16, Tucker Robinson 12, Max Malone 10, Daniel Edwards 10, Joey Landess 2.

## Lady Hawks' soccer loses shootout to Lake Dallas in consolation final at Little Elm

Falling in a shootout after two scoreless overtime periods, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks soccer team lost to Lake Dallas 3-2 in the consolation final of the Little Elm Lady Lobos tournament Jan. 16-17.

After winning their first game on the second day of the tournament by forfeit, Heath took a 2-1 lead at the half against Lake Dallas thanks to goals by Sarah McKinney and Amanda Penney. Brittany Gray set up McKinney's score while McKinney provided the assist for Penney.

Lake Dallas, however, tied the game at 2-2 in the second half, forcing the overtime, which consisted of two ten-minute halves. After both teams failed to score in the additional 20 minutes, the two squads went to a shootout.

Things looked good for the Lady Hawks when Brittany Gray powered her shot by the Lake Dallas goalie for 1-0 lead, which Heath goalie Kylie Robinette preserved by stopping the ensuing Lake Dallas shot.

Heath, however, failed to convert any of its next four shots, while Lake Dallas made two of its attempts to give them the game.

The Lady Hawks opened the tournament with a 0-0 tie against Denton Ryan that featured several outstanding saves by Robinette.

Heath then downed Newman Smith 3-0 to advance to the consolation semi-final.

McKinney's cross to Katy Ray gave the Lady Hawks a 1-0 lead before Gray set up McKinney for a goal of her own to make it 2-0 at the half.

Gray then completed the scoring herself in the second half by hammering home a penalty kick from 25 yards out.

The Lady Hawks, now 3-2-1 for the year, hit the road for their next two games, traveling to Frisco Centennial Jan. 20 and McKinney Boyd Jan. 22 for a pair of non-district games.

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## Lady Hawks volleyball players collect All-District and All-State athletic, academic honors

by Cindy Garrett

In an emotional night for the seniors, who helped launch the first volleyball team in school history when they were freshmen in 2005, the Rockwall-Heath 2008 varsity volleyball team recognized its award winners at the team banquet Jan. 12.

Team awards included Most Valuable Player Rachel Short, Offensive Player of the Year Jordan Hill, Defensive Player of the Year Laine Garrett, Most Improved Jennie Eilts and Hawk Award to Hailey Horton.

Short was also named to the District 10-4A All-District first team while Jordan was a second-team selection with Horton receiving Honorable Mention.

Named to the Academic All-State team were Short, Garrett, Jordan, Horton and Sharnece Pratt. Academic All-District honors went to Carpenter, Jackie Meyers and Katie Peisen as well as Short, Jordan, Horton, Eilts and Pratt.

Head coach Maggie Younger spoke personally about the seniors becoming the first group of Lady Hawks to play four years of volleyball at RHHS, praising their example of hard work and dedication to the team.

The players' parents then presented personalized gifts to the athletes and talked about the impact volleyball had on their daughters' high school experience.



2008 Rockwall-Heath Varsity Volleyball team members enjoying the January 12 Fall Sports Awards Banquet in the RHHS cafeteria are (back row left to right) Katie Peisen, Jennie Eilts, Rachel Hilton, Emma English, Audrey Cavendish, Hailey Horton, Morgan Hawkins, Rachel Hilton, Emma English, Audrey Cavendish, Laine Garrett, Jackie Myers and Sharnece Pratt. Photo by Garon Horton

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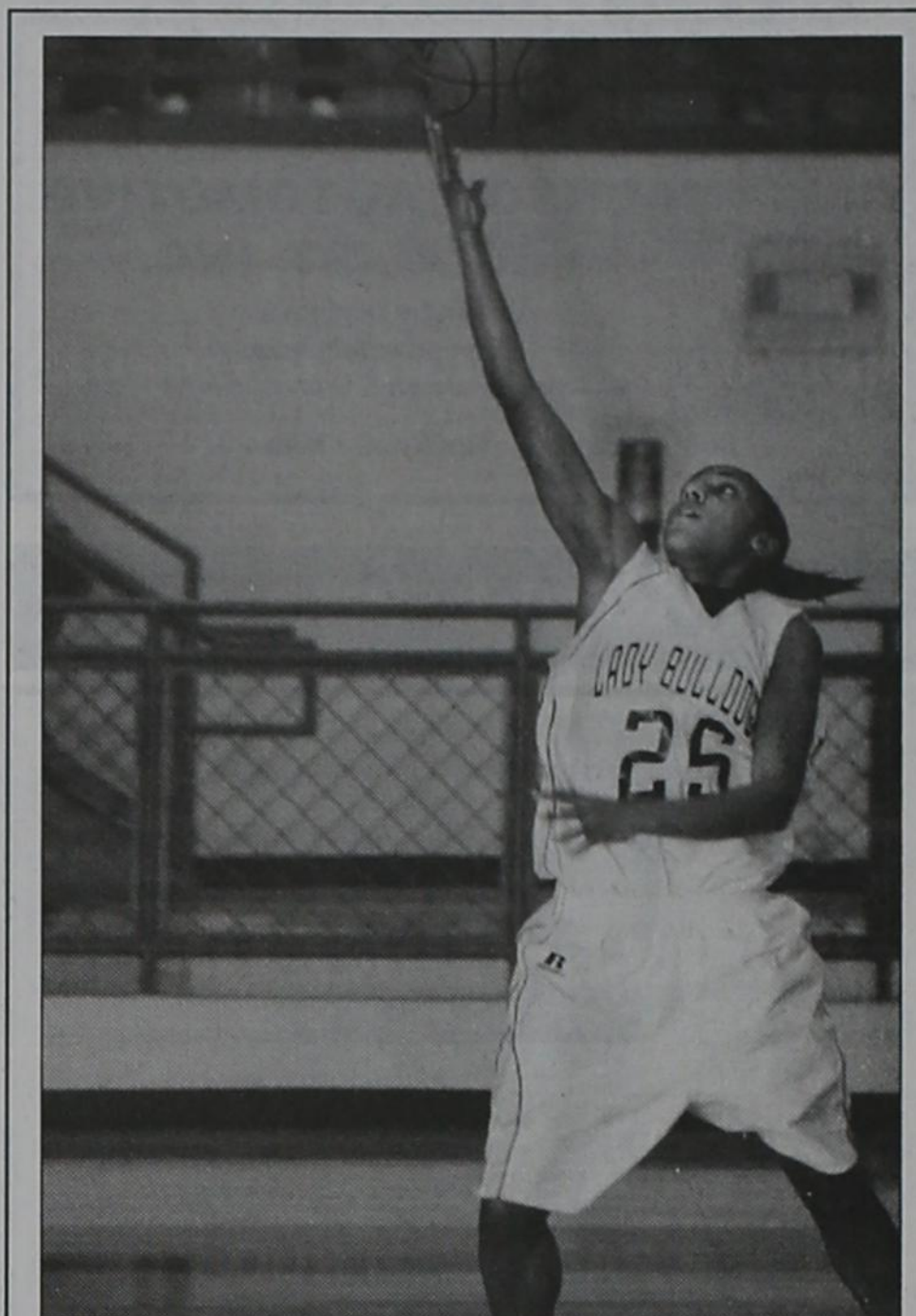
## Lady Bulldogs shut down Turner 84-18, drop to Lady Jackets

**Lary Bump**  
 Roys City won by its biggest margin, then suffered its biggest loss in basketball this week.  
 After overwhelming Carrollton R.L. Turner on the road 84-18 Friday, Lady Bulldogs returned home Tuesday for a showdown with District A leader Rockwall.  
 The only district loss had been a 62-50 defeat in the opening game at Rockwall Dec. 9. A victory would have lifted the Lady Bulldogs into a first place tie with six games remaining.  
 As the Lady Jackets brought their A game and again came away with a 12-point win, 65-53. That snapped Roys City's eight-game win-streak and dropped its record to 21-5 overall and 6-2 in the district. The loss was RC's first at home this season.  
 Lady Bulldogs head coach Dallas Bookout all but conceded the district to Rockwall (18-9, 8-0) with six games remaining.  
 "I told (the team) it's not going to happen. If we're not going to beat Rockwall, nobody in the district is going to."  
 The team came in with a goal of being the district champion, but we knew it was going to be tough. After tonight, our goal is to win our next six and finish 12-2, and not to let this one affect us.  
 We played our best two games against Rockwall, but that wasn't good enough. That team will be in the regional tournament probably. If we can't win with a team like that, we can do OK in the playoffs."  
 First, there is the matter of the next six games, beginning Friday at Rockwall. Pearce (6-13, 3-5). The Lady Mustangs lost at Roys City 40-44 on Dec. 12. Pearce is one of three teams tied for fifth place in the district, three games behind the Lady Bulldogs. Fourth place would be enough to make the playoffs. RC currently is second, a game ahead of Highland Park and two games up on Greenville, two teams the Lady Bulldogs defeated during the first half of district play.  
 Roys City stayed with Rockwall for the game's first 10 minutes. The Lady Jackets led just 15-13 after the first quarter. The advantage was 19-15 until Peyton Adamson stole the ball and went coast to coast. Alyssa Lang made two foul shots and Jordan Anterhaus put in a layup to complete a 6-0 run.  
 The Bulldogs whittled the lead down to seven points and had the ball with a chance to pull within five at halftime. Instead, Rockwall stole the ball. Adamson scored again on a fast-break layup for a 30-21 advantage. Instead of possibly being down five, we were down nine." Bookout

said. "The more we're in those situations, the better we'll do to handle them."  
 The Lady Bulldogs pulled back with seven three pointers in the third quarter and again at 50-43 with 6 minutes, 6 seconds to play. Each time, Rockwall held off RC's attempts to cut the deficit further and rebuilt its lead.  
 The last chance evaporated when Rockwall went on an 8-0 run, including a 3-point shot by Adamson, for its biggest lead, 58-43.  
 Adamson finished with 36 points, 18 in each half.  
 Bookout said, "Every time we came back, they made a big shot. Most of the time, it was Peyton. You can't give Peyton even a heartbeat of a look, and we did. We did a much better job on her the first time we played them."  
 "We missed a few layups and we didn't get our inside game going till late in the game."  
 Raven Alexander led the Lady Bulldogs with 16 points. Taylor Howard added 13. Roys City's 6'2" post player, Kellie Wyrick, scored all seven of her points in the second half.  
 At Turner, RCHS scored enough points in the first quarter, taking a 22-3 lead, to win the game - and scored even more points in the second and third quarters.  
 Alexander outscored the Lady Lions (7-13, 0-8) by herself, with 19 points.  
 Bookout said, "We played a pretty solid game. Thirteen played for us, and all 13 scored. In a game like that, you just want to play well, especially before you play a team like Rockwall."  
 "We just wanted to keep our intensity. Turner - it's been a tough season for them. They fought. I give them credit."  
 The Lady Bulldogs will play

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Roys City	22	24	27	11	84
R.L. Turner	3	5	8	2	18

Carrollton R.L. Turner: Ashley Flower 6, Melissa Carrillo 5, Autumn Whitton 4, Briseida Escobedo 2, Sabrina Molina 1.  
 Roys City: Raven Alexander 19, Taylor Young 14, Ashlei Jordan 9, Jennifer Null 8, Kellie Wyrick 7, Taylor Howard 5, Ariel Freese 5, S. Shelton 3, Alyssa Null 3, Taylor Jordan 3, Shelby Brown 3, Amanda Boudreaux 3, Shayla Wright 2.



Lady Bulldogs' senior Raven Alexander (25) drives in for two points after a Turner turnover during last Friday's game in the RCHS gym.  
 Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Lady Bulldogs overcome Turner 69-51, struggle against Yellowjackets

**Lary Bump**  
 Roys City went to Rockwall Tuesday with hopes of winning to remain in at least a tie for fourth place, the final playoff spot, in District 10-4A.  
 For the second consecutive game, RC experienced a rough first quarter start.  
 But unlike their come-from-behind 69-51 victory over Carrollton R.L. Turner Friday, the Bulldogs didn't dig out of their hole. Instead, Rockwall poured on more dirt en route to a 55-30 victory.  
 Thus, it was the Yellowjackets (10-10 overall) who remained tied for fourth place with Rockwall-Heath at 3-3 in district games. Roys City (10-11) fell to 2-6 and sixth place in 10-4A.  
 At Turner, the last place team at 0-6 (0-20 overall), the Bulldogs trailed 14-9 after the first quarter. But a 28-2 second quarter produced a 37-16 halftime lead, and they coasted from there.  
 At Rockwall, it was Roys City that suffered through a two-point quarter as the Jackets took a 14-2 lead into the second quarter. It didn't get much better; Rockwall again outscored the visitors, 11-6, to go ahead 25-8 at halftime.  
 RC regrouped in the third quarter, outscoring the Jackets 17-16. But Rockwall pulled away from its 51-25 lead in the fourth quarter, when it held the Bulldogs to five points.  
 The Dogs' had used a balanced attack, with four players scoring in double figures and another adding eight, to defeat Turner. No one from Roys City scored as many as 10 points against Rockwall; Wynn Posey

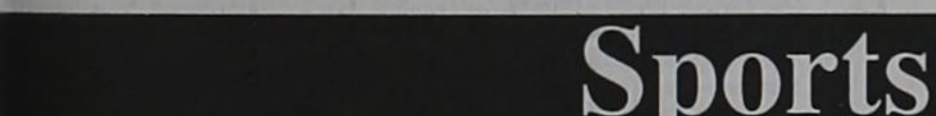
led the Bulldogs with nine.  
 Posey also scored 15 against the Lions. Scotty Arterberry was the game's high scorer with 19 points, with Stephen Edwards adding 14, Trey Crutchfield 10 and Justin Jacobs 8.  
 The Bulldogs will complete the first half of the district schedule at home Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Richardson Pearce, which is just 8-14 overall but third in the district at 4-2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
R.L. Turner	14	2	16	19	51
Roys City	9	28	12	20	69

Roys City: Scotty Arterberry 19, Wynn Posey 15, Stephen Edwards 14, Trey Crutchfield 10, Justin Jacobs 8, Cory Stapleton 3.  
 Carrollton R.L. Turner: Mikal Patterson 11, Travis Cleghorn 10, Paul Mata 8, Cody Holmes 7, Larence Davis 7, Dakota Whitehead 6, Michael Pete 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Roys City	2	6	17	5	30
Rockwall	14	11	16	14	55

Roys City: Wynn Posey 9, Scotty Arterberry 5, DaJon Avery 4, Cory Stapleton 3, Stephen Edwards 3, Cory Kawesa 2, Justin Jacobs 2, Trey Crutchfield 2.  
 Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 34, Tim Yeager 7, Taylor Oden 4, Hunter Jorgensen 4, Luke Wardell 3, Adam Dingwell 2, Josh Barlow 1.



Stephen Edwards (31), with the Bulldogs, works the ball toward the basket against Yellowjackets' defender Josh Barlow (30) during Tuesday's game in the RCHS gym.  
 Staff photo by Roy Heath

## Sports Notes

**Tai chi for seniors offered**  
 The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department offers tai chi for seniors Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at The Center. Classes are designed to improve posture, balance, muscle tone and concentration. For more information call 972-771-7740.

**Special needs open gym Jan. 30**  
 The last Friday of each month is Special Needs Open Gym Night at RISD Education Center gym, located at 1050 Williams St. The gym will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for children with special needs to interact with each other and play various activities while their parents act as a support group. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department at 972-771-7740.

**Girls on the Run to begin**  
 Girls on the Run, a program that uses interactive activities such as running, games and discussions to teach participants life skills, will run Jan. through April 8 in the RISD Education Center Gym. Open to girls in grades 3-5, the event will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will train girls to walk or run a 5K event. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$120 for non-residents. For information call 972-771-7740.

**YMCA soccer registration under way**  
 Early registration is under way for the Rockwall County YMCA Soccer Association's Spring 2009 season. Small Fry Soccer is open to 3-year-olds and girls, while Youth Soccer is open to both genders ages four and up (as of July 31). Early registration will run through Jan. 31, costing \$10 per family, \$45 youth, \$70 plus \$30 for program membership. The regular registration period will run Feb. 1-9 with an additional \$15s. Late registration begins Feb. 10 and run until the teams are full; cost will be an additional \$25. (Financial assistance is available.) The season begins March 7. For information call 972-772-9622 or visit rockwallymca.org.

**Monday yoga classes slated**  
 Monday yoga classes for individuals ages 15 and older will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2-23 and April 6-27 at The Center. Cost for the Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored classes is \$32 for residents, \$48 for non-residents. For information call 972-771-7740.

**Special needs open gym Feb. 27**  
 The last Friday of each month is Special Needs Open Gym Night at RISD Education Center gym, located at 1050 Williams St. The gym will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for children with special needs to interact with each other and play various activities while their parents act as a support group. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department at 972-771-7740.

**Power yoga classes scheduled**  
 The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor a Vinyasa-style yoga class, Power Yoga, March 2-23 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 15 and older, the event will run Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

**Ping pong tourney slated**  
 A ping pong tournament for individuals ages 50 and older, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will begin at 10 a.m. March 20 at The Center. Drinks and snacks will be provided for players. For more information call 972-771-7740.

**Special needs open gym March 27**  
 The last Friday of each month is Special Needs Open Gym Night at the RISD Education Center gym, located at 1050 Williams St. The gym will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for children with special needs to interact with each other and play various activities while their parents meet as a support group. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department at 972-771-7740.

**Junior Olympic Skills contest set**  
 A free national skills competition open to children ages 8-12 will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon March 28 in the RISD Education Center. Rockwall youths can showcase their skills in basketball, soccer, tennis, and track and field, with genders competing separately. Each child must provide a copy of his/her birth certificate for age verification. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department at 972-771-7740.

**Blazing Balls golf tourney slated**  
 The Rowlett Women's Club will host the Blazing Balls Charity Golf Tournament from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 30 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Course. Funds raised through the four-person scramble will help provide educational scholarships for women in need. Cost is \$110 per person, \$400 per team; cost includes dinner, snacks, prizes and more. Visit rowlettclub.com or e-mail info@rowlettclub.com for more details.

**Kayak class set April 25**  
 A kayaking clinic, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon on April 25 at the Hwy. 66 boat ramp. Open to individuals ages 18 and older, the class will be taught by Dave Holl. Cost will be \$60 for Rockwall residents, \$90 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

**Little Kickers Soccer begins in April**  
 A soccer program designed for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years of age, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, will run April 27 through June 1. The program is designed to teach age-appropriate drills and skills and will include Monday evening classes and games at Myers Park Field No. 1. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

**Little Sluggers T-ball program slated**  
 Children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years of age can learn T-ball fundamentals in the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Sluggers program, which runs April 28 through June 2. Classes will run Tuesday evenings at Myers Park Field No. 1. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more information call 972-771-7740.

**Royse City Bulldogs' schedule**  
**Monday, Jan. 26** -- 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball: at Terrell, Black 5:30 p.m. and Gold 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 27** -- Girls' basketball: home vs. Greenville, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Boys' basketball: at Greenville, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 29** -- 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball: at Greenville, 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 30** -- Boys' basketball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
 Girls' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

**Disc Golf Weekend slated May 2-3**  
 An event being billed as the "World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend" is being planned for May 2-3 in Harry Myers Park. The non-competitive event will be open to all ages and levels - from professionals to first-time disc golfers. Visit wbdgw.com for more information.

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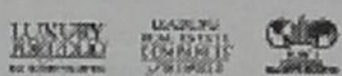


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Proposals must be accompanied by a cashier's check or a bid bond from a surety company holding a permit in the State of Texas for an amount equal to 2% of the amount bid. The amount of said cashier's check or bond will be forfeited to the OWNER for the amount in event the successful bidder fail or refuse to enter into a contract or furnish bonds as hereafter required within ten (10) days after the date of notice of award.

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Lady Jackets' freshman over the beam during last gymnastics facility. Staff photo by Roy Heath

Intercounty rivals go head-to-head at the Hunter Morgan (left) lock Hernandez during last Thursday's game.

January 20, 2009  
 8th grade boys soccer vs. Williams  
 5:30:7:00  
 8th grade boys bb @ Greenville  
 7:30  
 8th grade boys soccer vs. West  
 5:30:7:00  
 8th grade girls bb vs. Greenville  
 7:30  
 8th grade girls soccer @ Frisco  
 5:30:7:15  
 8th grade girls soccer vs. Shaffer  
 7:30  
 8th grade girls soccer @ McKinney  
 7:30

**Williams Wildcats' schedule**

Saturday, Jan. 24 - 8th grade B girls basketball: at B Tournament, 8 a.m.  
 Sunday, Jan. 25 - 8th grade B girls basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
 Monday, Jan. 26 - 8th grade B boys basketball: at B Tournament, Allen, 8 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 27 - 8th grade B girls basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
 Wednesday, Jan. 28 - 7th grade girls basketball: home vs. Cain, 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, Jan. 29 - 8th grade girls' soccer vs. Lovejoy at Rockwall High School, 7th grade 7 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 29 - 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Cain, 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Jan. 30 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, 8 a.m.  
 Sunday, Jan. 31 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
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 Tuesday, Feb. 3 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 4 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 5 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 6 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 7 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
 Sunday, Feb. 8 - 8th grade girls' basketball: at B Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.



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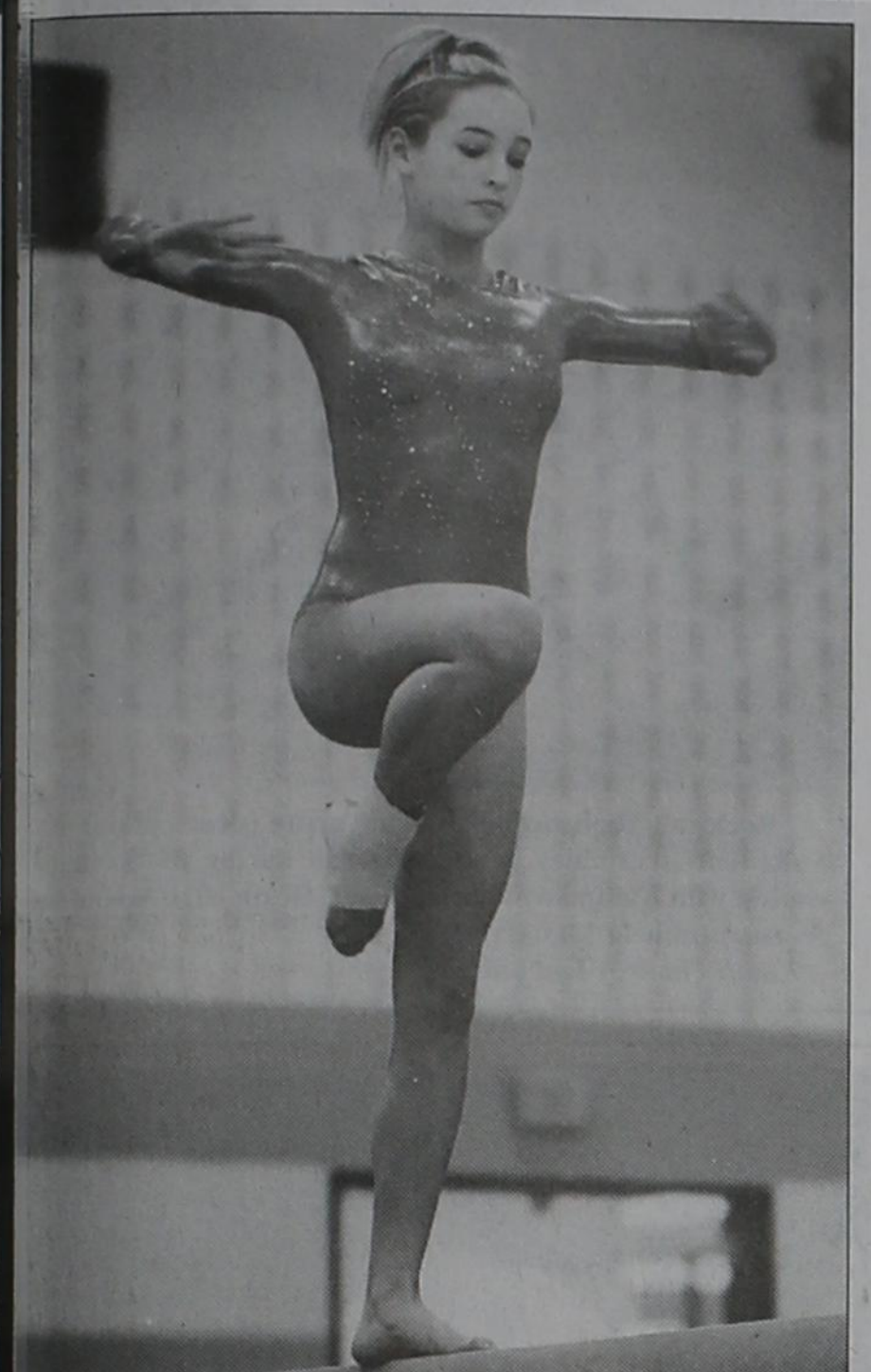
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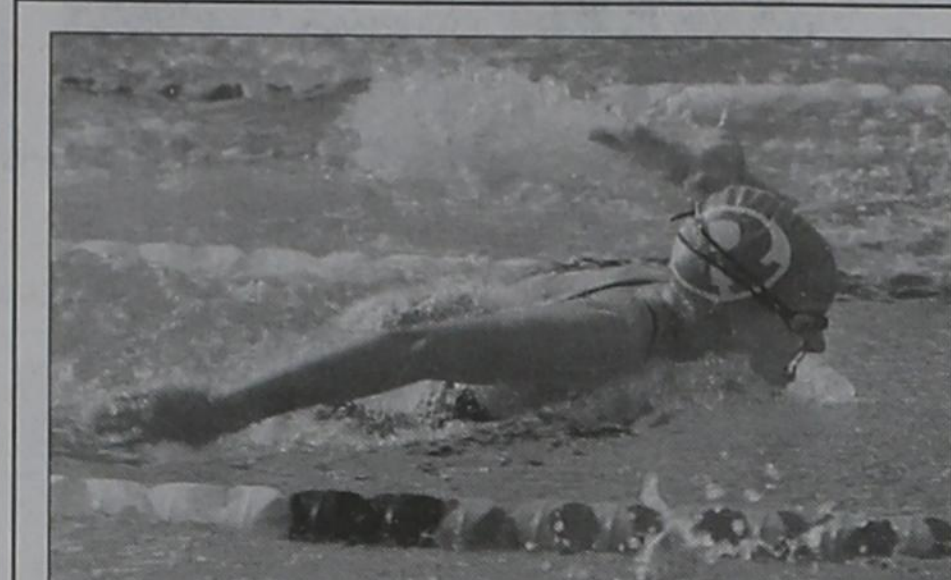
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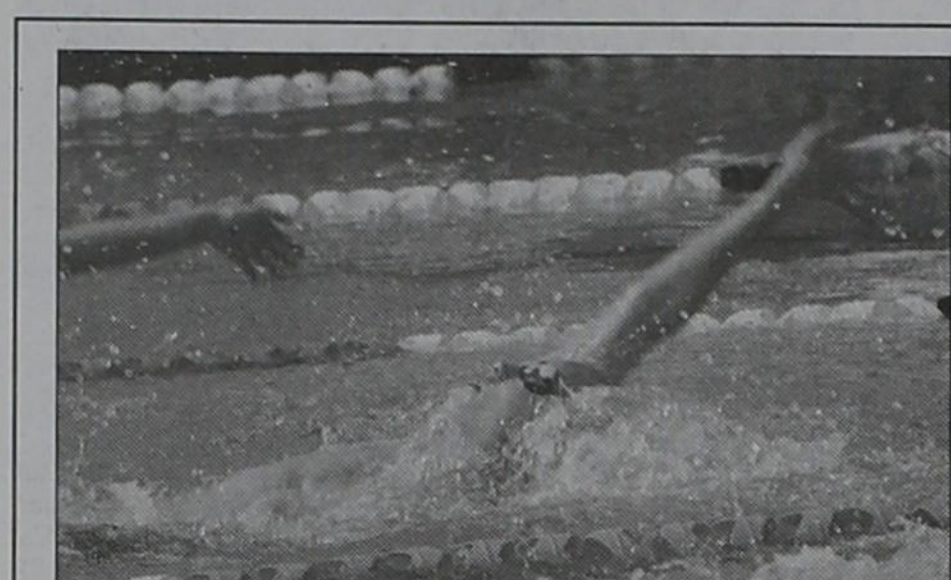
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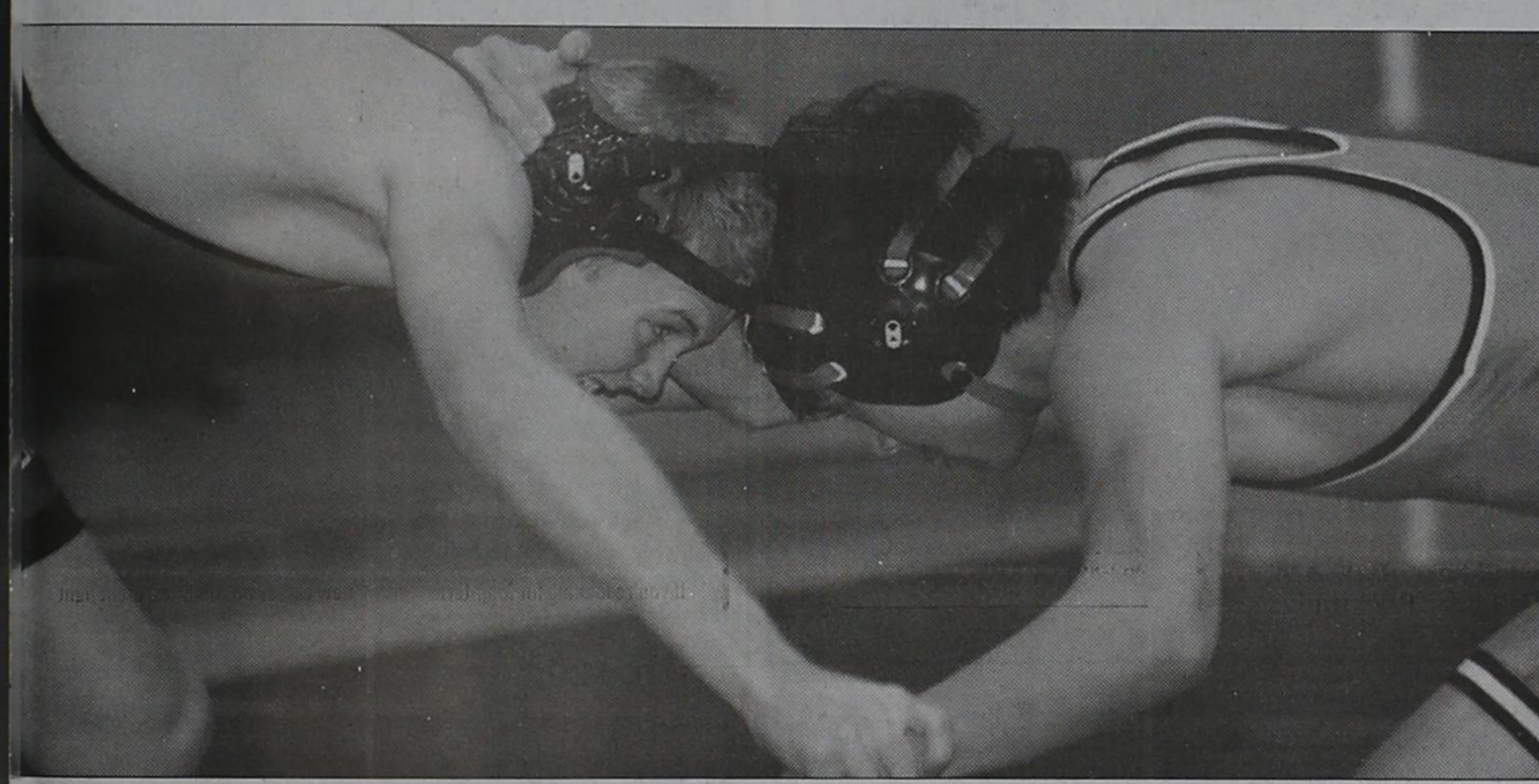
Lady Jackets' freshman Lindsay Loy gracefully moves over the beam during last Thursday's meet in the RHS gymnastics facility.  
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Sophomore swimmer Aly Heuer pushes through the 200M for the Lady Jackets last Saturday in the Rockwall YMCA. Heuer finished 6th in the meet against Texas High, Tyler Lee.  
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Rockwall Yellowjackets Junior swimmer Ryan Lang shows form in the Back Stroke of the Medley Relay during last Saturday's meet against Texas High, Tyler Lee in the Rockwall YMCA facility. Lang finished 3rd in the event.  
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Intercountry rivals go head-to-head as Hawks' JV wrestler Hunter Morgan (left) lock arms with Yellowjackets' Andrew Hernandez during last Thursday's meet in the RHHS gym.  
Morgan lost by decision and Hernandez won by fall.  
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## Rockwall-Heath/Cain schedule

January 20, 2009  
MS boys soccer vs. William 7th/8th 5:30/7:00  
IHS boys bb @ Greenville 6/7:30  
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IHS girls bb vs. Greenville 8  
IHS girls soccer @ Frisco Centennial 5:30/7:15  
Jan. 22  
MS girls soccer vs. Shaffer 7  
IHS girls soccer @ McKinney 1 TBA

RHHS Wrestling @ RHHS tri meet 6:00  
Jan. 23  
CMS 7th boys bb @ Allen tournament 4:30  
CMS 7th girls bb @ Allen tournament 4:30  
CMS 8th boys bb @ Allen tournament 8 a.m.  
CMS 8th girls bb @ Allen tournament 4:30  
RHHS boys bb vs. RHS 6/7:30

RHHS gymnastics @ RHS 6:30  
RHHS girls bb @ RHS 6/7:30  
RHHS boys soccer vs. Desoto 6/7:30  
Jan. 24  
CMS 7th boys bb @ Allen 8 a.m.  
CMS 7th/8th girls bb @ Allen a.m.  
Jan. 26  
CMS 7th boys bb @ Williams MS 5:50/6:30/7:30  
CMS 7th girls bb vs. Williams MS 5:30/6:30/7:30  
RHHS girls golf @ Lakeview (North Texas) TBD  
Jan. 27  
CMS boys 7th/8th soccer @ Greenhill 3:30/4:30  
CMS gymnastics @ Brandenburg MS TBA

## Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Saturday, Jan. 24 - Varsity power lifting: at Roysce City, 8:30 a.m.  
Varsity wrestling: at Centennial Invitational, Frisco Centennial, 9 a.m.  
Varsity boys' soccer: at McKinney Boyd, McKinney Tournament, 11 a.m.  
Varsity girls' soccer: at Chick-Fil-A Lady Lobo Invitational, Longview High School  
JV girls' soccer: at Richardson Tournament  
Tuesday, Jan. 27 - Girls' soccer: at Rowlett, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Boys' basketball: home vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Freshman boys' basketball: vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, Williams Middle School, 6 p.m.  
Girls' basketball: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV and freshman A 6 p.m., and varsity and freshman B 7:30 p.m.

Varsity and JV tennis: at Arlington Lamar Invitational  
Wednesday, Jan. 28 - JV White boys' basketball: at Plano Jasper, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 29 - Varsity and JV power lifting: at Rockwall-Heath, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity and JV wrestling: home vs. Highland Park, 6 p.m.  
Gymnastics: Optional, vs. Rockwall-Heath, Garland/Lakeview Centennial and Richardson, 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 30 - Boys' soccer: home vs. Frisco, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Girls' soccer: at Mesquite Horn, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Boys' basketball: at Richardson Pearce, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Girls' basketball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Freshman A girls' basketball: vs. Richardson Pearce, Williams Middle School, 6 p.m.

Freshman B girls' basketball: vs. North Forney, Williams Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

## Williams Wildcats' schedule

Saturday, Jan. 24 - 8th grade B basketball: at B Tournament, 8 a.m.  
1st grade B girls' basketball: Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
1st grade B boys' basketball: at Tournament, Allen, 8 a.m.  
1st grade B girls' basketball: Tournament, Sloan Creek Middle School, Lovejoy, 8 a.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 26 - 7th grade basketball: home vs. Cain, 3:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
1st grade girls' basketball: at C, 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
Boys' soccer: vs. Lovejoy at Swall High School, 7th grade p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 29 - 8th grade basketball: home vs. Cain, 3:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
1st grade girls' basketball: at C, 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.  
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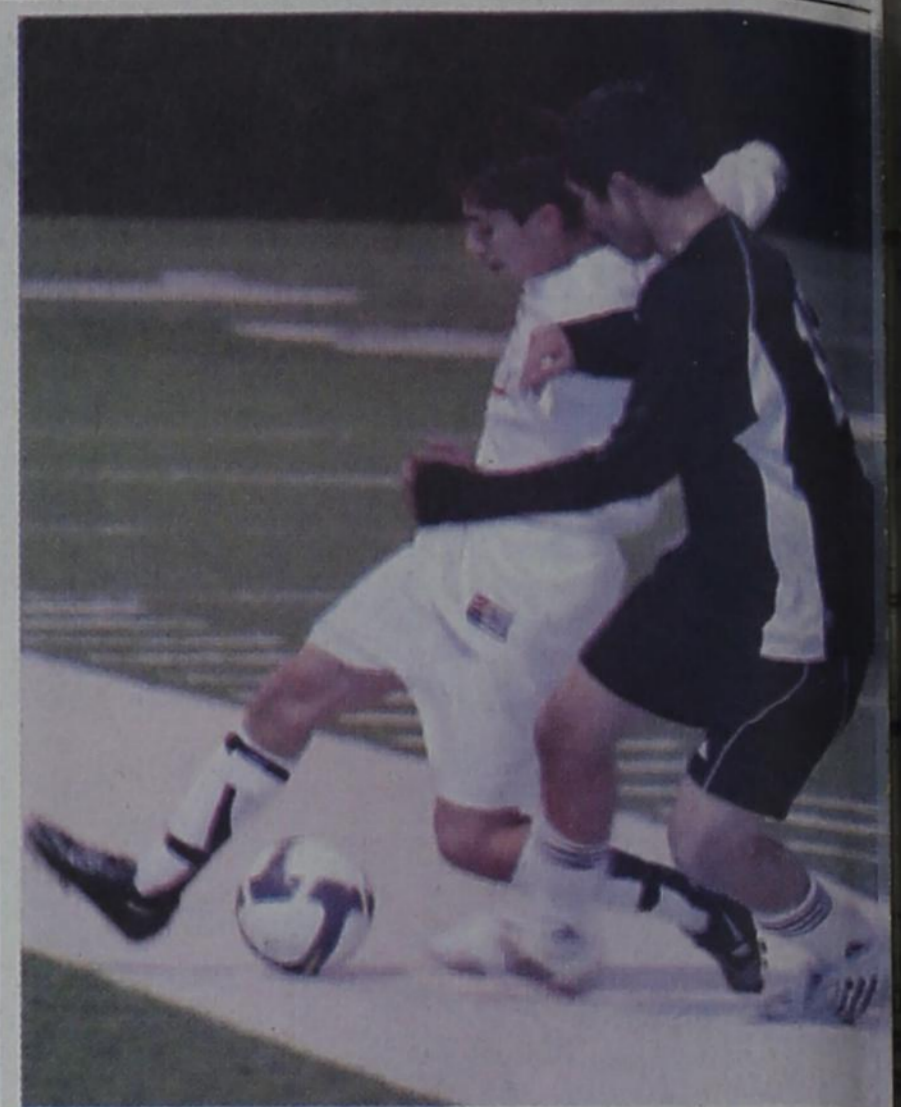
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Two of the best area high school varsity girls' basketball teams squared off last Tuesday evening at Royse City as the Lady Bulldogs and Rockwall Lady Jackets battled the distance. Lady Jackets' Alyssa Lang (left) and Lady Bulldogs' Ariel Freese (right) wrestle for control of the basketball during first half action. The Lady Jackets edged the Lady Bulldogs 65-53 in the cross-county matchup (see related stories on Pages 13 and 15).

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Rockwall High School junior varsity soccer player Aar Soliz (left) scrambles to over the ball during the January contest with Kaufman at the Rockwall-Heath High School soccer tournament held January 15-17.

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Rockwall-Heath High School junior varsity soccer player Carlos Rico (left) maneuver the ball around a Joshua High School defender at the Rockwall-Heath High School soccer tournament held January 15-17.

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## February 10, 2008



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