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News Briefs

Rockwall Newcomers to meet today

The Rockwall Newcomers Club will observe its monthly meeting today at Chandlers Landing. The coffee social will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a program and short business meeting. Joy Davis will give January's program, "Lady Liberty." Call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-771-3491 or Ann Small at 972-771-1748 by 6 p.m. Jan. 4 for lunch reservations. Lunch cost is \$16.

RPA plans Friday meeting

The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at the Free Methodist Church on Dalton Road. Bradley Epstein, a local CPA with more than 14 years of experience in the industry, will speak on "How to Make Your Finances Grow in These Turbulent Times." For more information about the RPA, visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Mental illness support groups to meet

Two free NAMI support groups – one for individuals with mental illness and one for their family members – will be offered from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, located at 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Individuals with mental illness will meet in Room 205; their families will meet in Room 206, B Building. For more information contact Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030.

County Historical Foundation meets Sunday

The annual meeting of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the museum at Harry Myers Park. Officers will be installed and refreshments will be served. Members and their guests are welcome. Dues now are being accepted for the 2009 year.

Sit & Stitch offered at RC library

Sit & Stitch sessions will be offered from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. each Tuesday at the C.F. Goodwin Public Library in Royse City. The informal sessions are open to all who enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting, embroidery, cross stitching – any kind of needlework. For more information call Jackie at 214-762-2921.

American Legion plans Jan. 15 session

The Rockwall American Legion Post No. 117 will have its first quarterly meeting of the year on Jan. 15 at the Community Center at Harry Myers Park. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a chili supper, followed by a 7 p.m. business meeting. The guest speaker, Sheriff Harold Eavenson, will speak at 7:30 p.m.

Library plans closure for added construction

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Monday through Jan. 19 for the completion of construction, according to a recent library news release; however, ESL, GED, citizenship classes and Teen Game Night will be conducted that week as scheduled.

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. Jan. 24 at the Rockwall County Library. Neither teaching experience nor the ability to speak Spanish is necessary. Anyone interested in participating should register in the ESL classroom located off the lobby of the new library or contact Gloria at 972-204-7705.

Valentine's special deadline is Feb. 5

A special Valentine's Day edition of the *Rockwall County News* published Feb. 10 will include the very popular "Grandma Brag Pages" packed with color photos of grandchildren. Deadline for the special edition is 5 p.m. Feb. 5. Favorite photos of grandchildren may be brought to the office at 107 E. Bourn, mailed to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, TX 75087 or sent by e-mail (jpps) to ren.advertising@yahoo.com; be sure to include names of children and grandparents. Three sizes -- \$20 (limit two children to a photo), \$40 or \$80 – are available. See the promotional ad in the *Rockwall County News* or call the newspaper office at 972-722-3099 for details.

Chamber member, awards dinner set

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce annual member and awards dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at The Hilton Bella Harbor.

Friends of the Library to meet Feb. 10

The February general meeting of the Friends of the Library will be in the Community Room of the new Rockwall County Library beginning at 11 a.m. on Feb. 10. The program, presented by MusicFest, will be "A Touch of Music... A Touch of Youth." Catered lunch will be served at a cost of \$15; reservations and/or cancellations are required by 5 p.m. Feb. 6. Call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

Business After Hours program beginning

The Royse City Chamber and the Royse City Main Street program are starting a Business After Hours program, a business-to-business networking opportunity that will take place after regular business hours – usually on a Wednesday or Thursday. Chamber members will have the opportunity to attend a monthly BHA event, with the "host" providing light refreshments and the opportunity to make new business contacts, entertain clients, reward employees and spend time with co-workers. To schedule an event call 972-636-5000.

RISD sets weather make-up day

Rockwall Independent School District students will attend classes on April 13, which has been scheduled as an inclement weather make-up day, according to a district news release. For more details, contact the school district.



Rockwall County's First Baby Born in 2009

Rockwall County's first baby of the new year is welcomed by her proud parents, brother and sisters. Grace Emma Calunga, born at Lake Pointe Medical Center at 4:32 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 is held by her mother, Betty Calunga. Welcoming Baby Grace are her father, Gerardo Calunga, and siblings (left to right) Breanna, Carlos, Tisbet and (in front) and Jeniffer Calunga. The Calunga family is at home in Royse City.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Rockwall City Council considers change to restaurant bar hours

by Kathy Williams

A request by the management of a local restaurant to amend local alcohol ordinances to allow late night hours was held over for further investigation by the Rockwall city council at its first meeting of the new year.

Mark Nguyen of Agave Restaurant, located in the Harbor, brought the request to change the hours a restaurant with a bar can be open from the current closing time of midnight to a proposed 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. He said Rockwall restaurants with bars are losing late night revenue when they have to close their doors at midnight, usually with a full house. Nguyen said those patrons are crossing Lake Ray Hubbard into Garland, Rowlett, Mesquite and other local cities that allow for a 2 a.m. closing time for their establishments.

"There's a safety issue because at midnight they have to cross the lake to go to other bars. They aren't going home," Nguyen said.

RCN offers special fund raising campaign for county schools

A special subscription campaign has been announced by Rockwall County News publisher Wesley W. Burnett, offering all Rockwall County schools a fund-raising opportunity for the remainder of the school year.

The campaign includes Rockwall ISD, Royse City ISD, Heritage Christian Academy, Rockwall Christian Academy and The Fulton School.

"We're pledging 50 percent of new subscriber payments collected by any participating county school or its designated organization," Burnett emphasized. The special campaign offers new subscribers a two-year mailed subscription for only \$30. "Each participating school will earn \$15 for each new subscriber," Burnett added.

Schools or school organizations interested in participating should contact Rockwall County News subscription coordinator Sandy Webber at 972-722-3099.

"This is a great way to assist our school programs and provide a valuable benefit to new subscribers," Burnett said.

Robert LaCroix, City of Rockwall Director of Planning, said the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) defines "late night" as 2 a.m., although special exemptions are allowed under certain circumstances. He also said that within those parameters, the city council can define late night hours to meet the city's needs.

Councilperson Margo Nielsen addressed the issue of public safety during the discussion, asking Assistant Police Chief Kirk Riggs if late night calls in the Harbor district could go up with a 2 a.m. closing time. He said it is hard to address whether the police department would receive more calls if the hours were extended on the weekend, but added that it is a possibility.

Nielsen said she "has a problem with extending the hours so people can drink more and drive. It just doesn't have a good flavor to it. I'll have to think more on it."

Nguyen reminded the council that the restaurant business in the Harbor district tends to have seasonal highs and lows. "We have seasonal traffic. In the winter we have less dining. If we're open two more hours at night, we could benefit from those sales."

Cecil asked if the 2 a.m. closing time would affect the TABC food-to-alcohol sales ratio requirements. LaCroix said the restaurants with bars would have to reapply to TABC for a new late night liquor license, but the 50-50 food-to-alcohol ratio would still be in place.

Nguyen said that after his restaurant's kitchen closes at 10 p.m. to dining room meals, it still cooks "bar food" until midnight. He said even with a 2 a.m. closing time, those snack-type of foods would continue to be sold, therefore still meeting the food sales requirements.

Councilperson Glen Farris asked Nguyen if he knew how many of his patrons were from Rockwall versus cities across the lake. Nguyen said he didn't have any data to show where guests were coming from, but he estimated 80% were from Rockwall. Farris also asked if Nguyen knew who his competitors were and which area cities allow a 2 a.m. closing time. Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch said staff could research surrounding city ordinances to see who allows a 2 a.m. closing time and other issues involved in that allowance.

Farris then made a motion asking city staff to do that research, create a sample ordinance for Rockwall and look into the dollars involved in a later closing time. He also asked if staff could talk to other restaurants in Rockwall for their thoughts on the issue. Couch

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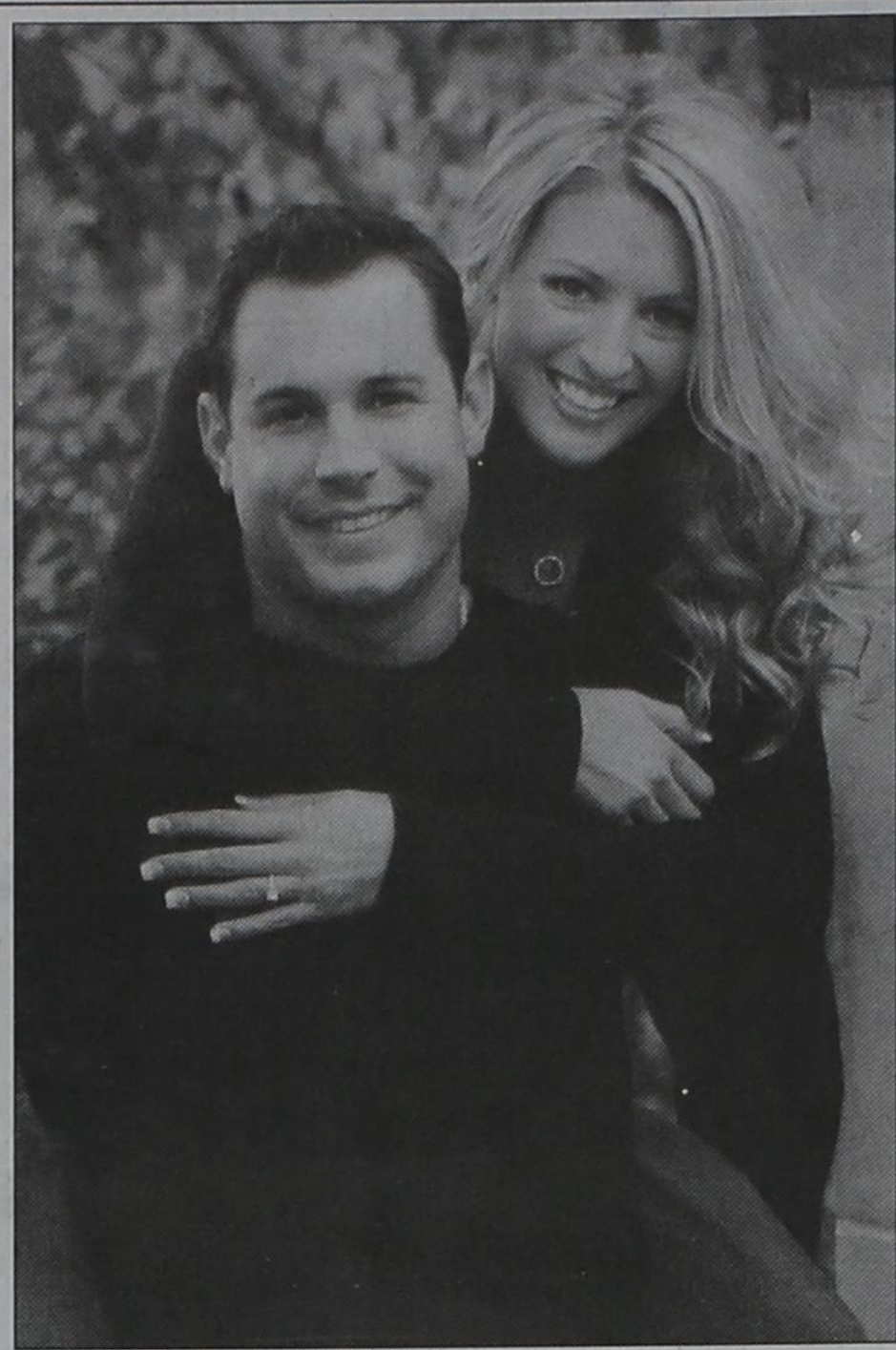
Blood Drive set for January 17

A blood drive will be held January 17 at The Shores Clubhouse, 2600 Champion Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

The blood drive is being organized by Rockwall High School senior Jonathan Holloway as a requirement to earn his Eagle Scout rank. Jonathan is currently a Life Scout with Troop 989 in Rockwall.

Contact Jonathan Holloway at 972-722-0921 for more information or to sign up for a time to donate. There will also be a computer set up for those who would like to sign up for organ donorship.

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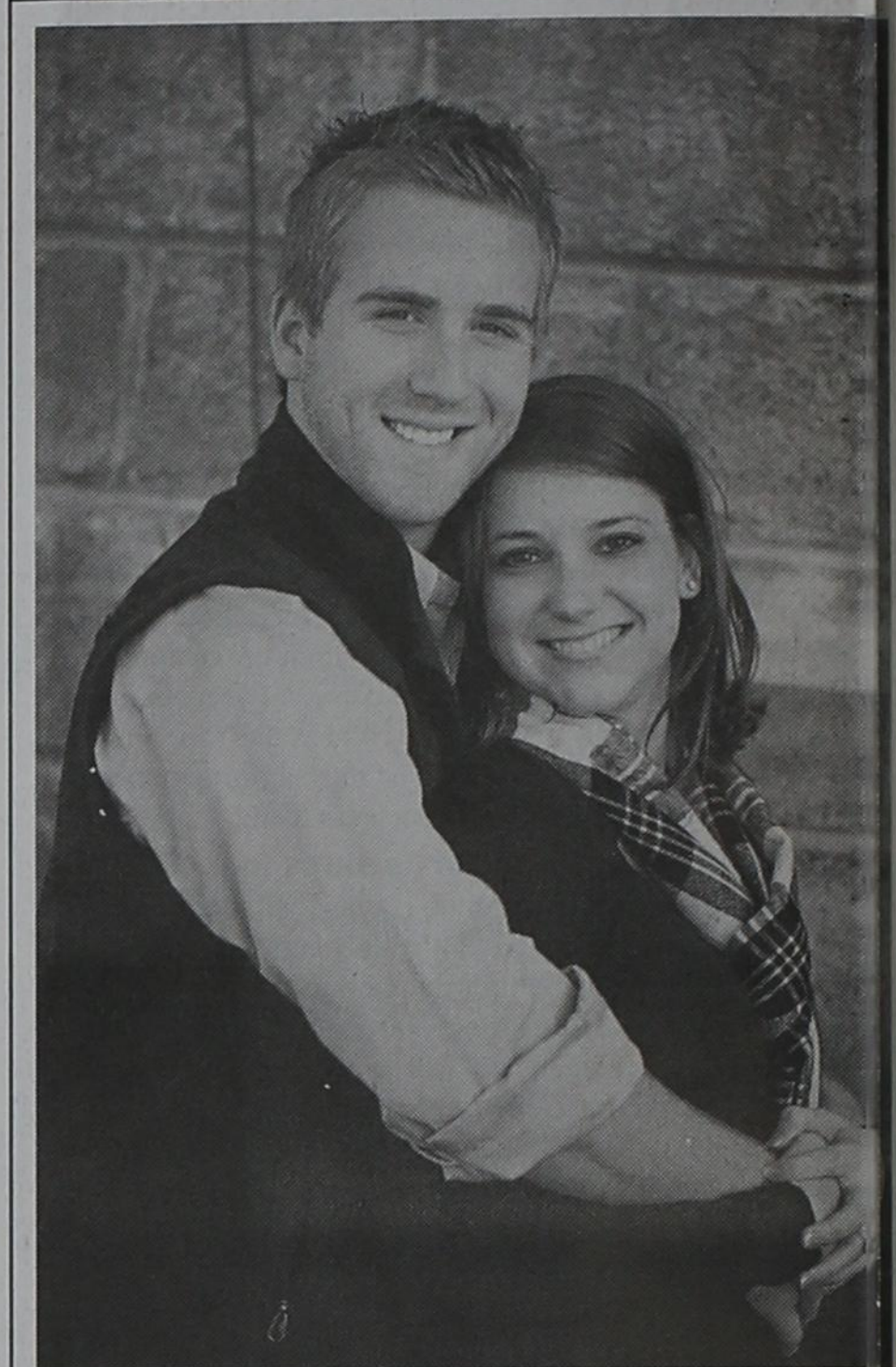
Craig Lovas Jr and Brooke Lightfoot

Brooke Lightfoot, Craig Lovas Jr. announce engagement

David and Linda Lightfoot of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brooke Renee Lightfoot, to Craig Alan Lovas Jr., son of Craig Lovas and Julie DeVito. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Rockwall High School and a 2005 graduate of Texas State University where she received a bachelor's degree in business marketing. She is a medical sales representative for Neurotechs, LLC in Houston. The prospective groom graduated from Arlington High School in 2001 and attended Texas State University where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2006. He is a district manager for ADP in Houston. A June wedding is planned at Villa Antonia in Austin.

Shealynn Davis and Grant Abston set May wedding date

Dave and Kathryn Abston of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Grant Abston, to Shealynn Davis, daughter of Danny and Linda Davis of Rockwall. The prospective bridegroom is a 2005 graduate of Rockwall High School and a senior journalism major at Abilene Christian University in Abilene. The bride-to-be is also a senior at Abilene Christian and is majoring in communication sciences and disorders. The couple will graduate in May and marry June 12 in Lake Tahoe, Nev.



Grant Abston and Shealynn Davis

Rockwall City Council ...

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said they would devise a method to quickly and accurately gather those opinions. The council will continue researching the ordinance change request.

In other business, Roger Hamm of Speed Fab Crete gave an update on the construction of the city's two new fire stations. He said a total of 122 piers for both stations have been poured, fire hydrants have been set, water lines installed and water samples taken. The under-floor drains have been placed at Station #3, with storm sewer pipes recently installed at that location.

The January construction schedule includes the installation of under-floor drains at Station #4 and grade beams at both stations. Hamm said crews hope to have phone and power conduits and preliminary work on the floating floors at both locations done by the end of the month.

Hamm said construction is approximately two weeks behind schedule, due to the holidays and recent bad weather, but crews will work to catch up to meet the June 2009 completion date.

The city council also approved a resolution establishing a seven member Main Street Advisory Board. Rockwall was recently named a Main Street City by the Texas Historical Commission. The local board will work with state advisors on a plan of action to revitalize the historical downtown area. Applications for the board were taken through the end of December 2008 and the seven members will be named in the coming weeks.

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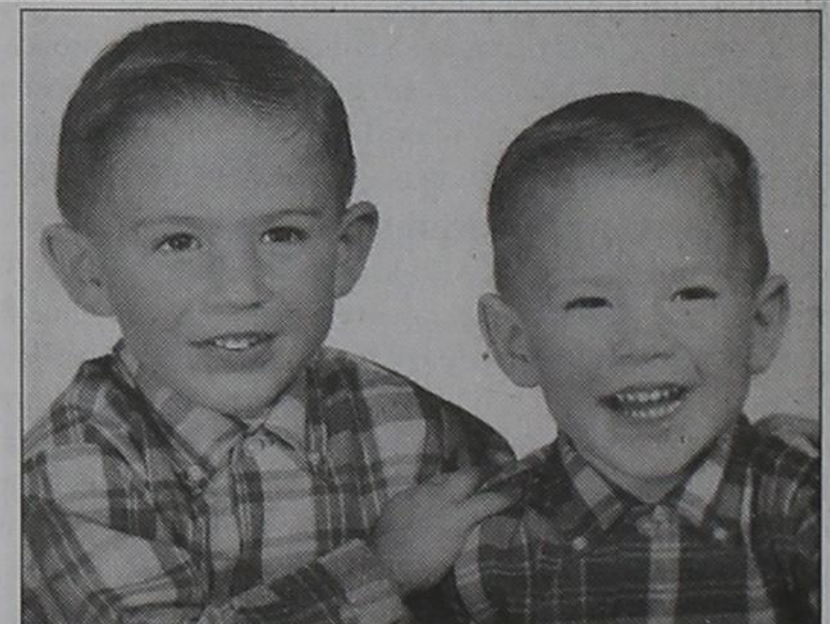
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Boys City students attend Development Conference; Sheraton Dallas Hotel. The among exhibitors and vendors educators from the Gifted conference were back

Berrick Elledge, pictured at edge will lead the Top DO sales fathers to play important.

Litter count for school

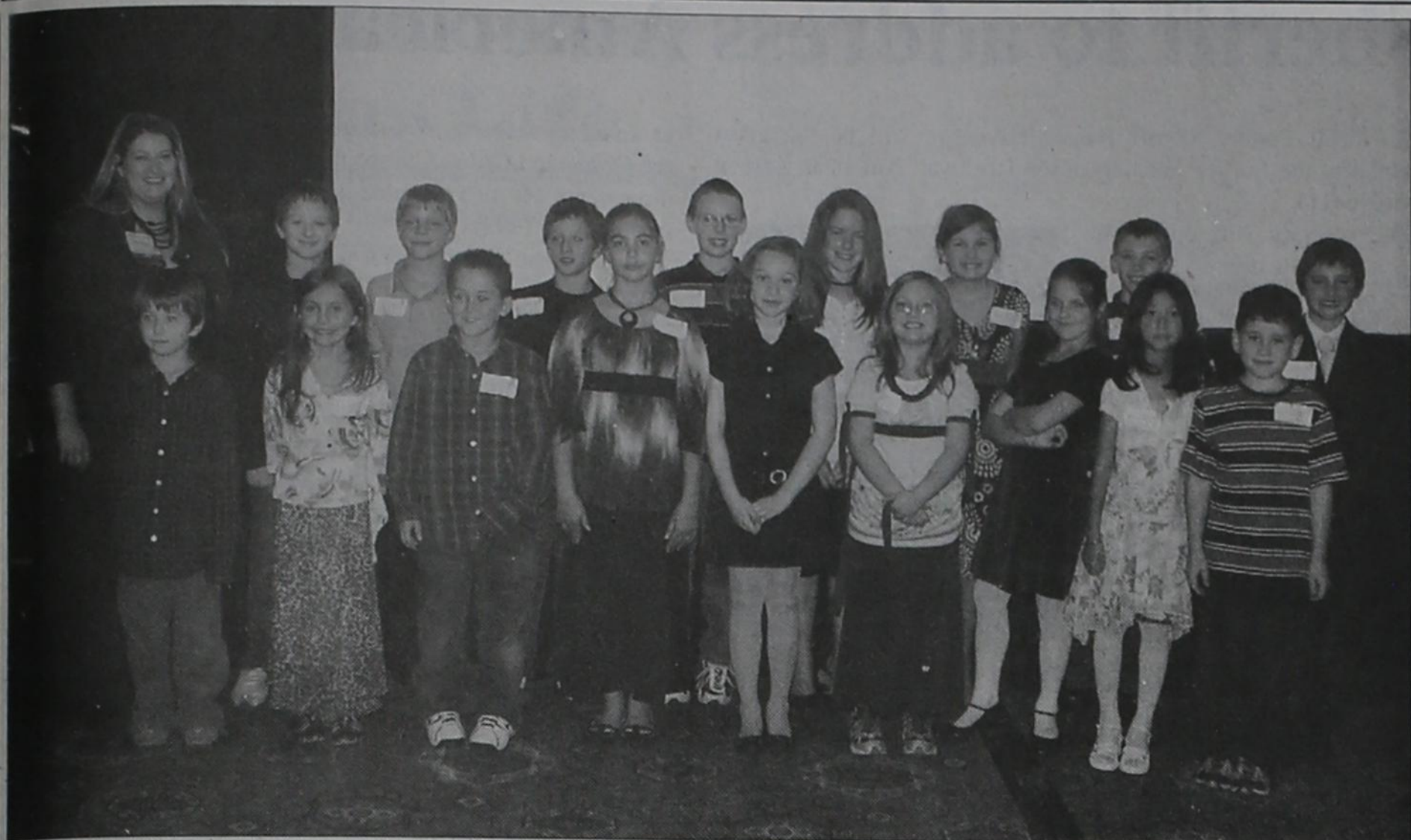
Cash, a new Don't Mess Texas competition by the Texas Department of Transportation is rewarding on-campus organizations cash for cleanup of litter in their communities.

Local groups will compete others from around the organizing litter prevention efforts in their community at cleaning up a local park making children about no Camp Groups will be judged activity surrounding their prevention efforts, get media coverage about their and making a positive impact on their community.

High school groups like environmental and journalism clubs societies, football teams and student councils are encouraged to submit a group and compete against their for cash prizes. Five groups in Texas will each \$1,000 donated by TxDOT and Raytheon.

Regardless of who takes the cash, everybody said Doris Howdeshell said information Division director for TxDOT, the organization's goal is to "Communitize" school groups that compete TxDOT Cash will be clean

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Royse City students attended the 2008 Annual Professional Development Conference: 'Awakening the Gifts Within' at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. The event is an opportunity to browse among exhibitors and vendors and mingle with other parents and educators from the Gifted and Talented community. Attending the conference were (back row from left) Gifted and Talented

teacher Kelly Margot, Kolton Rogers, Kyle Oldham, Kendal Rogers, Hunter Coday, Monica Dunn, Audrey Green, Reagan Fischer, Tyler VanDuser, (front row) Ethan Margot, Sarah Nolan, David Allison, Maggie Davis, Sheridan Trette, Emily Nolan, Carly Cole, Crystal Wong and Brendan O'Connor.
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Derrick Elledge, pictured above with his daughter, Zoe, recently took the Interstate Batteries limousine to Reinhardt for students to tour. Elledge will lead the Top DOGS program that begins at 6 p.m. Jan. 15 at Reinhardt. Top DOGS (Dads of Great Students) is a program that enables fathers to play important roles in public schools. Also pictured are, at left, Karrie Oswald, assistant principal, and Kayleen Lavene, principal.

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Litter could net cash for school groups

Trash4Cash, a new Don't Mess with Texas competition by the Texas Department of Transportation, is rewarding on-campus student organizations cash for getting rid of litter in their communities. School groups will compete against others from around the state by organizing litter prevention efforts in their community, such as cleaning up a local park or teaching children about not littering. Groups will be judged on their creativity surrounding their prevention efforts, getting media coverage about their projects and making a positive impact on their community. High school groups like environmental and journalism clubs, honor societies, football teams, and student councils are encouraged to submit a group and compete against their rivals for cash prizes. Five school groups in Texas will each receive a \$1,000 donation by TxDOT in honor of Senator Raytheon. Regardless of who takes home the cash, everybody wins," said Doris Howdeshell, Public Information Division Director for TxDOT, the organizer of Trash4Cash. "Communities with school groups that compete in Trash4Cash will be cleaner,

and participating students have an opportunity to demonstrate green leadership, showing potential universities the volunteer projects they've worked on." Student groups can submit materials online or by mail. The litter prevention activities must be completed by March 31, and all information is due by April 6.

Every organization must work under the direction of a counselor, sponsor or principal to be eligible. Complete rules and submission information are posted at dontmesswithtexas.org/trash4cash.

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Sheriff to address American Legion

Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Evenson will be the guest speaker at the Jan. 15 meeting of the Rockwall American Legion Post No. 117.

The meeting will open with a 6 p.m. chili dinner, followed by a brief business meeting at 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Evenson will speak.

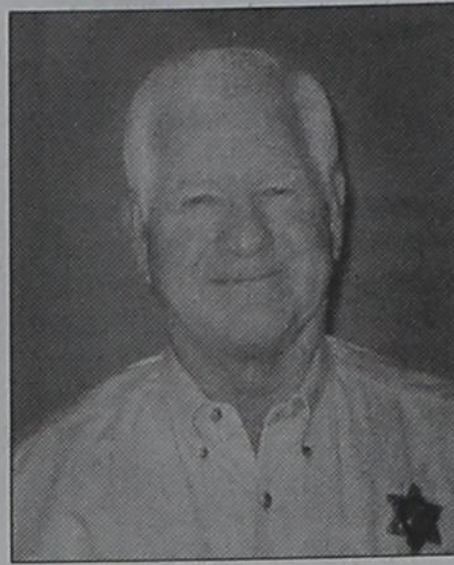
Prior to being elected sheriff of Rockwall County, Evenson managed his own consulting/investigative firm for five years after spending 16 years in the financial industry. He worked as director of security with the First National Bank in Dallas beginning in 1979. Prior to that time, Evenson spent 18 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety where he was assigned to the highway patrol for eight years. He spent 10 years in the Criminal Intelligence Service – five

as an agent and five as a sergeant. During that time he served the Organized Crime Unit of the Criminal Intelligence Service for three years. He also attended the 112th Session of the FBI National Academy in 1978.

Evenson holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Texas at Dallas. He serves on the board of the National Sheriff's Association and the organization's Crime Prevention Private Security Committee. He also serves on the Legislative Technology Committees of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He attended the 81st Session of the National Sheriff's Institute and served on the board of the Sheriff's Association of Texas from July 2007 to July 2008.

Evenson was one of 13 sheriffs to travel to Israel in 2006 with the Israeli Police senior command staff, all military and sector experts regarding terrorism and counterterrorism matters. The American Israeli Education Foundation and the National Sheriff's Association sponsored the trip.

A mentor at Rochelle Elementary for the past four years, Evenson is a member of the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club. He and his wife, Maria, have two children and five grandchildren and are members of Lake Pointe Church.



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Ryan Clevenger, (center, on clarinet), a member of the Oklahoma State University Cowboy Band performed with the band in the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl Parade and at the Holiday Bowl game on Tuesday Dec. 30 in San Diego, California. Ryan, a sophomore this spring at OSU majoring in biochemistry, is a former member of the Rockwall-Heath High School Mighty Hawk Band. He was a featured soloist with the band at their Carnegie Hall performance in New York City last spring. Ryan is the son of Susan and John Clevenger of Heath.
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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 'goody 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; obtain sponsors; organize an event: dog show, test, karaoke contest, parade, contest, dunking booth, mark vendor spots; recruit vendors
- Christmas festivities, Nov. 12 – advertising; help with chili cook-off (invitation, set-up, awards, etc.); parade committee (invitations, awards, work parade, etc.); stage/Christmas tree.

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

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Mighty Hawk Band fundraiser set for Tuesday

The Rockwall-Heath School Mighty Hawk Band invites the community to support the band for a fundraising event from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday at Dickey's BBQ in Rockwall. The band council members will be serving evening.

Dickey's BBQ is doing a portion of the night's proceeds to the band council to support the various activities of the award-winning band.

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Hot Topics Classes Offered at Lake Pointe Church Beginning January 24/25, 2009

Hot Topic Classes are designed to help you along your spiritual journey. All classes are free, take place during weekend hours and childcare is provided. To register for any of the upcoming Hot Topics classes, visit lakepointe.org.

General Classes:

Overwhelming Evidence for Christianity (6 weeks)
 Scientific discoveries have revealed overwhelming evidence that God created the universe and life. If you've ever thought that science seems to contradict Christianity, or just want to gain a greater appreciation for God's glory as revealed in creation, this class is for you. Write your friends and bring any questions you might have.
 When: Saturday 7:15 p.m.
 Where: Rm. A115

Job Searching Skills (4 weeks)
 Provided under the direction of our Job Connection program, this class offers valuable information on today's employment environment and the job search process. Topics discussed include building a resume, getting started 'networking', preparing for interviews and other job search resources available to them.
 When: Saturday, 7:15 p.m., Sunday, 9:30 a.m. & Sunday, 11 a.m.
 Where: Rm. A235

Fit to Serve (6 weeks)
 Good impacts our lives physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally. Learn practical and realistic nutrition and fitness principles that can help you maintain a healthy lifestyle.
 When: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Where: Rm. W216

Why? (5 weeks)
 Why did God create us? Why have confidence in Jesus? Why trust the ancient books of the Bible? Why do we respond the way we do to questions our culture asks? Discover why in this course.
 When: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Where: Rm. W202

Blueprint For Life (5 weeks)
 You were born to live for something, but is your current life all that God had in mind when He created you? This course helps you discover not only God's purpose, but His plan for your life. Discover the life you were born to live!
 When: Saturday, 11 a.m.
 Where: Rm. A119

Making Sense of The Last Days (4 weeks)
 An intriguing look at what the Bible reveals about the Rapture, the tribulation, the Second Coming, Heaven and much more.
 When: Sunday, 11 a.m.
 Where: Rm. A232

Starting Point (5 weeks)
 Who is this guy Jesus...really? What is the Bible and how do you use it? What does it mean to be spiritual? Have you ever asked these questions? Maybe you've doubted the answers you heard. Starting Point is a small-group experience where you can get these answers and talk about the questions you wouldn't ask anyone in public. It's a safe place where people are authentic and preconceived ideas are against the rules.
 When: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
 Where: Rm. A158

Marriage Classes:

Fireproof: The Love Dare (6 weeks)
 Fireproof: The Love Dare is a challenge for husbands and wives to understand and practice unconditional love. Whether your marriage

is hanging by a thread or healthy and strong, The Love Dare is a journey you need to take. This class, based on Biblical principles, will challenge couples in how to show, and ultimately achieve, real love.

- When: Sunday, 7:15 p.m.
- Where: Rm. A126
- When: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- Where: Rm. W204

Marriage: Happy, Hot & Holy (4 weeks)

Marriage as God designed it isn't 'okay', 'fine' or even 'good'-it is great! The three areas of study will be on communication, intimacy and commitment. Come find out how to build a Great Marriage that is Happy, Hot & Holy!!!

- When: Saturday, 7:15 p.m.
- Where: Rm. W304

Inviting God Into Your Marriage (2 weeks)

Is God in your marriage? What does it even mean to have God in your marriage? These great questions and many more will be discussed in this class.

- When: Sunday, 11 a.m.
- Where: Rm. W306

Purposeful Engagement (6 weeks)

Engaged or thinking about engagement? What will make your marriage different? This course is required for Lake Pointe staffed weddings and gives couples an introduction to the skills and resources necessary to have a lifelong, God-honoring marriage. You will meet other couples and learn what this marriage thing is all about - all while having fun!

- When: Sunday, 11 a.m.
- Where: Rm. W310

Parenting/Grandparenting Classes:

Boundaries With Teens: "When to Say Yes, How to Say No" (4 Weeks)

Find out how to bring order to an out-of-control household; set limits and still be loving parents. Learn to help teenagers grow into healthy adults who take responsibility for their behavior, values, and lives.

- When: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- Where: Rm. W212

Expectant Parents - (4 Week)

For couples expecting their first child. Dr. Kurt Pfeieger is a pediatrician in the Rockwall area who will provide a wealth of practical information based on Biblical principles to help you care for your firstborn.

- When: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- Where: Rm. W102

Extreme Grandparenting (4 weeks)

This course is for every grandparent who longs to make a significant difference in the lives of their grandchildren, now and eternally. This course will be using Tim and Darcy Kimmel's video series, Extreme Grandparenting.

- When: Sundays, 11 a.m.
- Where: Rm. A115

Successful Single Parenting (4 weeks)

Trying to be a loving, nurturing parent while struggling with finances, work, children's activities, and the need for a social life is enough to drive even the most energetic parent to the edge of frenzy. In this course, you'll discover how to address the ongoing challenges of being a single parent.

- When: Sunday, 11 a.m.
- Where: Rm. A127

Spanish Hot Topic Class: Relaciones Exitosas/Succesful Relationships (4 semanas/4 weeks)

Sea que esté casado/a o soltero/a, este curso ofrece un enfoque práctico para mejorar u aumentar sus destrezas que le ayudarán a construir relaciones saludables y efectivas. Parejas e individuos son bienvenidos.

- Cuando: Domingo, 9:30 a.m.
- Donde: Cuarto A140

Whether married or single, this course offers a hands-on approach for sharpening your tools to help you build an effective and healthy relationship. Couples and individuals welcome.

- When: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- Where: Rm. A140

RC Chamber needs Breakfast Club sponsors

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

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

The events take place the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Denny's of Royse City, 201 W. I-30 and Hwy. 548.

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

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Blue Canyon's seasonal offerings offer comfort

This winter season top culinary trends include comfort food entrees, variations on macaroni and cheese and reduced prices according to leading restaurant-consulting company Baum+Whiteman. Blue Canyon Kitchen, Tavern and Wine Bar is known for creative comfort cooking and continues to bring warmth to North Texans and their wallets as temperatures and the Dow drop with a new seasonal menu created by executive chef Brandt Evans.

Ahead of the culinary curve, Evans has spent his career developing his signature twist on American home cooking. His new Blue Canyon menu pays homage to winter comfort classics like pot roast, meatloaf, beef stroganoff and pot pie and features unique dishes like brisket pot roast, wild mushroom and veal meatloaf, blackened chicken pot pie and white cheddar, leek mac and cheese.

"While trends show many restaurants are jumping on the comfort food bandwagon, our customers have come to expect their long-time favorite dishes, infused with new interest, as the standard in Blue Canyon kitchens," said Evans. "My menu is full of great flavors and textures bound to bring back warm, childhood food memories all for a great value."

Evans uses seasonal ingredients like pumpkin and apple cider, hearty stocks, full-flavored spices such as rosemary and mustard, and slow cooking or braising techniques.

The menu highlights include:

- Mustard seed crusted flat iron steak salad served over oven-roasted tomatoes, romaine lettuce and a creamy Great Hill blue cheese dressing;
- Butternut squash ravioli with pistachio, sage brown butter;
- Chipotle, maple-glazed pork loin paired with white cheddar, leek mac and cheese
- Asiago-crust turkey medallions accompanied by pumpkin sage risotto, cranberry gastrique and Brussels sprout leaves

The seasonal menu launched in late November and will run through March. Blue Canyon Kitchen, Tavern and Wine Bar, located in the Harbor Lake Ray Hubbard, is open for dinner Sunday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Entrées average \$19. An expansive buffet and made-to-order brunch is served on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on Blue Canyon visit www.bluecanyonrestaurant.com.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Kirk Allen Cook

Services for Kirk Allen Cook, 41, of Rowlett were conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 3, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Retreat Cemetery in Tyler.

He died Dec. 30.

Born Sept. 27, 1967, in Buna, he was a senior QA/QC technical specialist for the Halliburton Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie Cook of Rowlett; his

children, Meghan Jennings and her husband, Wesley, of Lindale, Kristopher, Eric and Meagan Grinnell of Rowlett and Shelby Cook of North Zulch; his parents, Woodrow and Lynda Cook of Brownsboro; a sister, Cheri Eager and her husband, Mike, of Tyler; his nieces, Kierstin and Kaylin Eager of Tyler; his mother-in-law, Sherry Deeds of Dallas; his brothers-in-law, Billy and James Deeds III of Dallas; and numerous other family members and friends.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, Area V Memorial Program, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356.

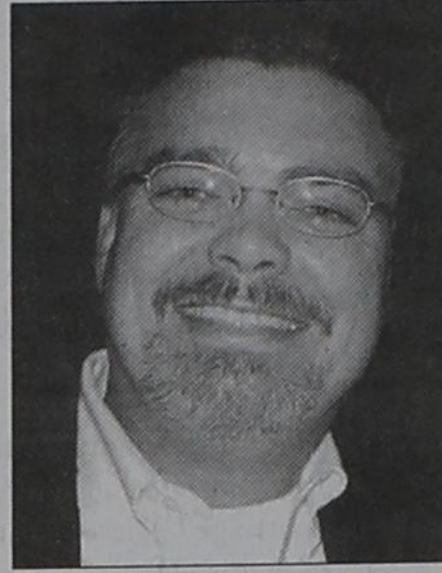
Merline Cooper

Services for Merline Cooper, 80, of Rockwall will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Born Feb. 6, 1928, in Kaufman to Charlie T. and Florence (Bailey) Miller, she had worked in the Southwestern Bell accounting department and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy Whisenhunt and her husband, Kenneth, of Kaufman; her sisters, Jack Godwin and her husband, Guinn, of Kaufman, Faye Dorrough of Celina and Joan Hill



and her husband, Jimmy, of Rowlett; one brother, Gayle and his wife, Sara, of Frisco; her grandchildren, Ken and Ly Whisenhunt of Rockwall, Jeff Whisenhunt of Plano, Kim and Boswell of Fate and Kerry Hardin of Caddo Mills; and her grand children, Bailey Miley, Kylan Wilbeck, Morgan Whisen Blake Boswell and Avery Hardin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Cooper; and her brothers, Bob and Bill Miller.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association - Dallas Office, 4425 W. Freeway No. 130, Dallas, TX 75062.

Jennie Mae Welpe

Memorial services for Jennie Mae Welpe of Roysse City were conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, in the Eastgate Funeral Home in Garland. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Barneveld, N.Y., later this spring.

She died Jan. 3 in Dallas following a brief bout with leukemia.

Born to Ernest and Laura Darvoe of Trenton Falls, N.Y., on Jan. 10, 1942, she was a longtime employee of the Plano Independent School District and the Rockwall Independent School District. She was a 'HOTT' member of the Red Hats Daring Dynamic Darlings of Rockwall. Survivors include her husband of 45 years, William Welpe; children, Gregory Welpe of Roysse City, Dennis Welpe of Arlington, Marcelene Janow of Crossville, Tenn., and Patricia Hines of Mooringsport, La.; her grandchildren Kalayna Harrison Mooringsport, Jayne Rose Welpe, Cody Janow and Faith, all of Crossville; one great-grandson, Marshall Robert Welpe of Crossville; her sisters, Emma McAllister of Vero Beach, Fla., Norma Green of Sebastian, Fla., and Fern Dunn of Barneveld, N.Y.; one brother, Raymond Darvoe of Hoffmeister, N.Y.



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10 Years Ago
January 5, 1999

Judge Bill Bell conducted his first meeting after taking his oath of office, stating he wanted to create a stronger and more forceful Commissioners Court for the residents of Rockwall. Bell and Commissioner Ernest Smith were both sworn in at the ceremony, but they were welcomed wholeheartedly. Smith was elected as the Precinct 4 representative in a race against GOP Trey Chaney.

The winners of the Hubbard Chamber Music Series Solo and Chamber Music Competition were Sterling Trent, violin; Jeremy Garcia, guitar; Jun Iwasaki, violin; Jonathon Ware, piano; Celeste Golden, violin; Maud Laforest, guitar and Stephanie Ulrich, piano. These young musicians, chosen by judges Dr. Robert House and Michele McDonald, HCMS Artistic Director, were presented at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

20 Years Ago
January 10, 1989

Many Rockwall residents were asked "Do you think Rockwall needs a shelter for homeless people? Some of their responses included: Nell Samples - "I would hope that would always be our first concern - people who are less fortunate than we are." Charlie Himes - "No, because of the way the community is structured." Tevis Wimpee - "I feel sorry for those people, but I live a block away from there and I'd just as soon not have it that close."

The Rockwall High School freshmen had a practice in the gym, and it turned out to be an official basketball game. The freshmen team was practicing when the Athens team showed up ready to play. Since both of the teams were already there, the coaches decided to go ahead and play. The Rockwall Yellow Jackets won 52-35. There were not very many people in the stands.

30 Years Ago
January 5, 1979

The Lutheran church installed

new officers, including Constien, Jack Oesch, Me Luecke, Jim Erickson, Bruce Storm and Nannette Binkley. The installation was conducted by the Rev. Paul Stricker who spoke on the "Importance of Baptism of Christ."

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hart of Rockwall had a baby daughter named Starla Lee. She was born at the Wylie Clinic. Her father will come home to meet her brother, Jonathan. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Merton of Rockwall and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fries of Sulphur Springs.

40 Years Ago
January 10, 1969

J.N. Myers' grandson, William Austin McGee of Rockwall, was in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blum moved to Wortham, Texas, from Rockwall. Mr. Boguski began employment with the U.S. Conservation Service Work Center in Wortham. He had worked in Rockwall doing similar work. He was a graduate from Texas A&M.

60 Years Ago
January 7, 1949

Mary Frances Irving spent her holidays in South Texas and Louisiana. She saw the quarter in New Orleans and visited Galveston, Texas, City and Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hennessy hosted New Year's guests including Mr. and Mrs. D. Reese, E.A. Reese, Barbara Max Alan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vank and Mrs. A.G. Hennessy.

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No. PR-08-117

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ELIZABETH IRELAND HOLT, Deceased, were issued on December 17, 2008, in Cause No. PR-08-117, pending in the County Court for Rockwall County, Texas to: WOODROW MICHAEL BONESIO, Independent Executor (Representative of the Estate). The mailing address of the Independent Executor is P.O. Box 62, Rockwall, Texas 75087-0062. Claims should be submitted to the Executor at this address. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 31 day of December, 2008.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH IRELAND HOLT, DECEASED
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- Arrests (Dec. 26 through Jan. 1): 25
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- Dec. 29 through Jan. 4
- Calls for Service: C/O alarm or poisoning 1; car fire 1; emergency medical call 1; fire alarm 2; grass fire 2; motor vehicle accident rescue 1; smell smoke odor 3.

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- Dec. 29 through Jan. 4
- Dec. 29 -- Theft, 2700 block Ridge Road; theft, North Goliad Street.
- Dec. 30 -- Burglary, 3800 block Mediterranean Street; Burglary, 2100 block Paint Creek Court; Theft, 2800 block Ridge Road;

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- Jan. 1 -- Burglary, 1400 block Greenbrook Drive; Burglary, 3700 block Sycamore Lane; Burglary, 5 Shadybrook Lane; Theft, 700 block IH 30; Theft, 800 block Steger Town Drive.

- Jan. 2 -- Burglary, 100 block North Fannin Drive; Theft, 2600 block Market Center Drive.

- Jan. 3 -- Burglary, 2700 block Beacon Hill Drive; Theft, 200 block Kristy Lane; Theft, 205 West Rusk Drive.

- Jan. 4 -- Burglary, 4 Amity Lane.

- Other Service Calls: Animal complaint 8, Burg/fire/panic alarm 53, Criminal assault/rape 2, Criminal mischief 7, Dead person 1, Drunk 7, Fight 2, Follow up investigation 8, Injured or sick person 25, Investigation 17, Major disturbance 1, Meet complainant 33, Minor disturbance 21, Minor traffic accident 17, Missing person 4, Motorist/citizen assist 23, Open building 4, Ordinance violation 26, Racing or speeding vehicle 2, Reckless driver/possible DWI 20, Shots fired/shooting 1, Street hazard 10, Suspicious person 43, Welfare concern 11.

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- Jan. 3 - Theft, 2100 block Twilight Point Street.
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- Other calls for service: Animal complaint 3, Burg/fire/panic alarm 12, Criminal mischief 1, Drunk 1, Fire call 3, Fire call 1 (Heath Fire Department), Follow up investigation 1, Grass fire 1, Injured or sick person 8, Investigation 2, Meet complainant 2, Minor disturbance 3, Open building 1, Ordinance violation 1, Reckless driver/poss DWI 2, Shots fired/shooting 1, Suspicious person 12, Welfare concern 1.

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Opinions

The Bailout State

by Sheldon Richman

Ours is the Age of the Bailout. Bailing out failing companies is not new, but today the scale is unprecedented and the opposition is scant. The government today is committed to more than \$7 trillion in various forms of stock purchases, loans, and guarantees. The Treasury secretary has been given awesome discretionary power to buy bad securities or shares in banks. The Federal Reserve now lends money to investment banks, not just commercial banks. It is also now buying securities that have no market value.

The idea that in a market-oriented society there are profits and losses seems passé, at least if you run a large enough company. And most people seem to accept this.

Maybe we ought to think about what we are getting ourselves into. Do we really want to live in a country where people assume that business failures will be imposed on the taxpayers? Such an assumption would influence behavior in the worst possible way, leading to recklessness, waste, and falling living standards.

Then, to minimize abuses, the government will be called on to regulate our economic activity even more than it already does. By logic the Bailout State leads to the comprehensive regulatory state. If we are going to catch you when you fall, politicians will say, we are going to restrict what you do in order to reduce the chance of your falling. Once the discipline of profit-and-loss disappears, the discipline of government will take its place. It won't be pretty.

Which brings us to the recent bailout of automakers. Did we really want a Car Czar in the United States? The idea should be revolting. From the television and newspaper reporting, you'd think General Motors and Chrysler together equal "the U.S. auto industry." Every day we heard debate over whether the government should save this industry. You had to remind yourself that there are thriving car makers in the United States today.

They have foreign names — Honda, Toyota, Nissan, Hyundai, Volkswagen, and more — but they build cars in America and are profitable. They aren't asking for handouts. As a matter of fact, the subsidies to the Big Three could have been regarded as aggressive protectionism detrimental to the foreign-owned competitors. Whenever governments in other countries do such things, American competitors scream bloody murder. Would someone have brought a complaint against the U.S. government to the World Trade Organization?

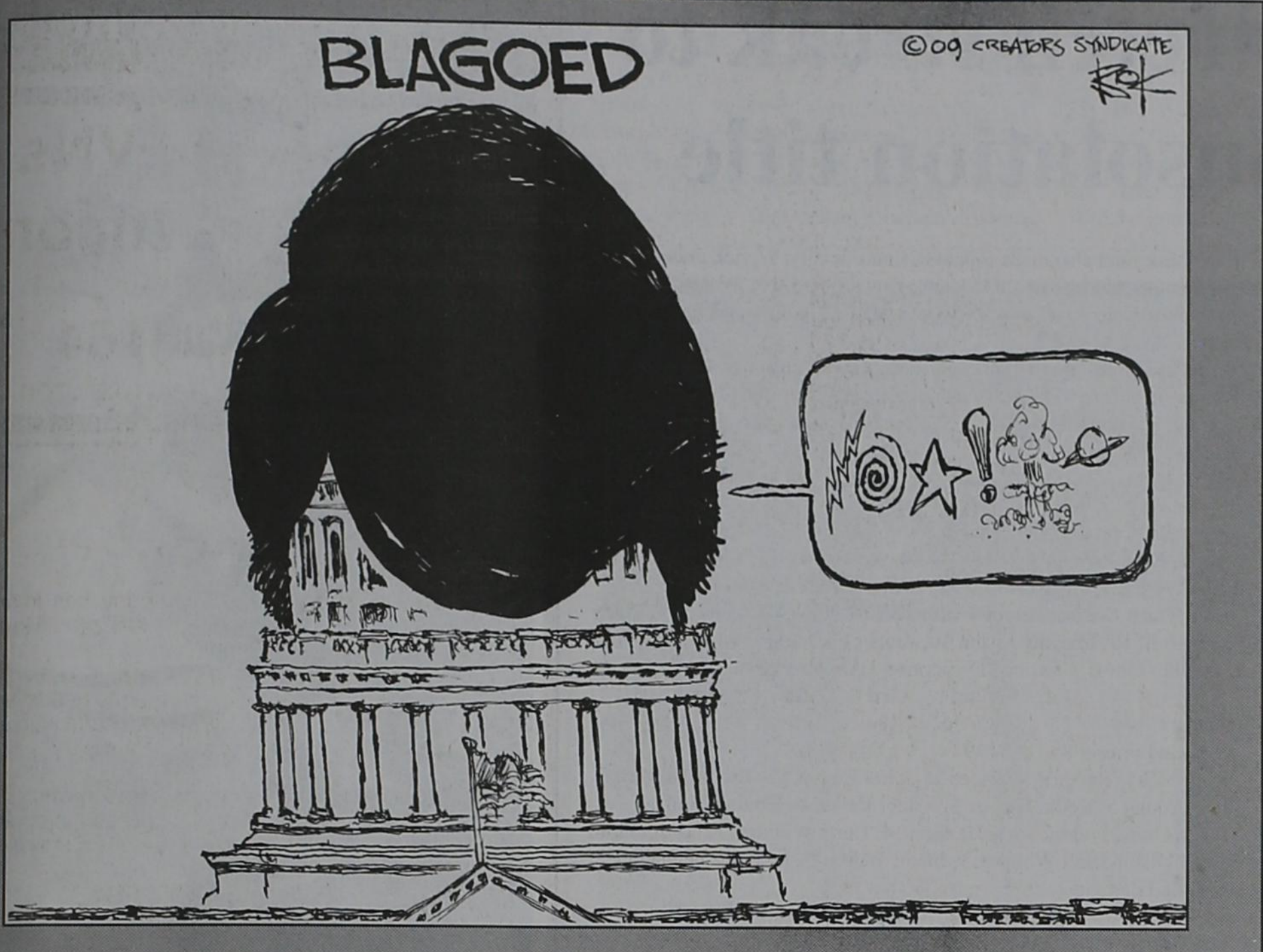
No one expects a high level of economic thinking from the general public, and unfortunately its ignorance is encouraged by commentators in the mass media. In the public discussion of the proposed auto bailout, it was rarely asked what economic activity we'd have to do without had the Big Three gotten the billions they sought. If you ask the average person about this, he is likely to ask in return, "What do you mean?"

Like it or not, we live in a world of scarcity. A quantity of steel used to make a car cannot be used to make a washing machine. The same is true of labor and all industrial inputs. A firm is an arrangement of scarce inputs directed toward making a particular product. There are always many other ways we might use those resources.

How do we decide how they are used? In a market economy, consumers register their preferences through the price system by what and how much they buy — and what they don't buy. Profit-seeking entrepreneurs rearrange the resources, to the extent possible, in order to satisfy consumers' most intense preferences first.

When a company is failing, it's a signal that consumers want its resources used by someone more competent or in some other way. But when government steps in and "saves" the company, it is telling us to shut up and be happy with how things are. Bailouts are the government's way of violating consumer sovereignty and wasting scarce resources.

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Teaching economics

by Walter E. Williams

Many professors, mostly on the liberal side of the political spectrum, use their classrooms to proselytize students. I have taught economics for the past 40 years and challenge anyone to find even one student among the thousands who went through my classes, who can say, "Professor Williams used his class to proselytize students."

While acceptable at most universities, it is nothing less than academic dishonesty to do so. Like others I have my own values and opinions, such as those expressed in some of my nationally syndicated columns, which they never become a part of classroom discussion.

Learning how to think straight, as opposed to what values and opinions to hold, is the crucial part of education. Part of that learning is to be able to understand the distinction between subjective statements, for which there are no commonly accepted standards of proof, and positive statements for which there are.

For example, the statement "Scientists cannot spit the atom" is a positive statement because if there's any disagreement, there are facts to which we can appeal to settle the disagreement. Just visit Stanford's nuclear reactor and watch them do it. By contrast, the statement "Scientists should not spit the atom" is a subjective statement.

There are no facts to which we can appeal to settle any disagreement. Disagreement can go on forever. A fairly good proxy for whether a statement is subjective is the presence of words such as should and ought. This lesson is closed by telling students that it is not being suggested that they purge their vocabulary of subjective terms such as should and ought because they are excellent tools to trick others into doing what you want them to do. However, in the process of tricking others, one need not trick himself.

A related lesson is dealing with terms such as better and best and worse. This lesson might be approached by my asking students which is the best system for resource allocation: capitalist, socialist or communist? After several fall for my bait, I tell them that the correct

response is to tell me it's a nonsense question. It is akin to asking their physics professor: Which is the best state: a liquid, gaseous, solid or plasma state? However, if the physics professor were asked: Which is the cheapest state to nail a nail into a board? He could answer the question and probably say that it is the solid state. Going back to the question about capitalism versus socialism and communism, asking which system maximizes personal liberty and societal wealth, the answer would be capitalism, at least here on Earth.

Another pitfall to straight thinking is sometimes called the cause and effect fallacy. That fallacy is made when a person sees event B coming on the heels of event A and then says A caused B. There may be no causal relationship at all. Such is the case when the rooster crows and shortly thereafter the sun rises.

That is easy to see but many historians assert that the 1929 stock market crash caused the 1930s Great Depression. Little is further from the truth. Instead, it was caused by inept fiscal, monetary and regulatory policies of the Hoover and Roosevelt administrations.

There are a number of other pitfalls to straight thinking that I lecture on as introductory material before we begin to explore economic theory. I tell students that if they hear me say something subjective, without my having prefaced it with "in my opinion," they are to raise their hand and tell me that they took my class to learn economics and not to be indoctrinated with my values.

Personally, I want students to share my values that personal liberty, along with free markets, is morally superior to other forms of human organization. The most effective means to accomplish that goal is to give them the tools to be tough, rigorous, hard-minded thinkers and they will probably reach the same conclusions as I have.

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Things I learned in 2008

by Bill O'Reilly

Tough year, 2008. Many Americans got badly hurt by the economic traumas, which hit them like a back alley mugger. What a disgrace. Wall Street hustlers gamed the system by trafficking in bad loans, while Congress and the Securities and Exchange Commission looked the other way. Awful.

So, I learned a painful lesson from all that: Big Brother is not watching out for us. Orwell had it wrong. We are pretty much on our own as the federal government simply cannot or will not protect the folks from anger. Never again will I assume the feds are looking out for me.

I understand that sounds cynical. And I do believe that the Bush administration did apply very tough policies that made it much more difficult for terrorists to attack us. But on the homefront, the federal and state governments continue to tax workers to the max while wasting much of the revenue on foolish projects designed to get politicians elected. If this continues, it is only a matter of time before America's economy completely tanks.

But many Americans, perhaps most, have not learned that lesson. They still believe the federal government should "provide" for them. President Obama has promised many things, most of them expensive. Of course, the United States does not have the money to pay for those things. Just like many homebuyers did not have the money to pay their mortgages. I hope Obama has learned from that. If he has not, duck.

The past year also taught me that the media can no longer be trusted. This has been developing for a long time, but media bias reached critical mass during the presidential campaign. Many in the press slanted their reporting to help Barack Obama, every independent study shows that. And all you have to do is compare the treatment Obama received to how the media portrayed Sarah Palin. That's all you have to do.

So, the lesson here is clear: No longer can the American media be relied upon to bring us fact-based information. The news media has entered the ideology business much like talk radio. This will greatly harm the nation, as unbiased information is critical for an informed citizenry. The collapse of journalistic standards was a huge but largely untold story in 2008.

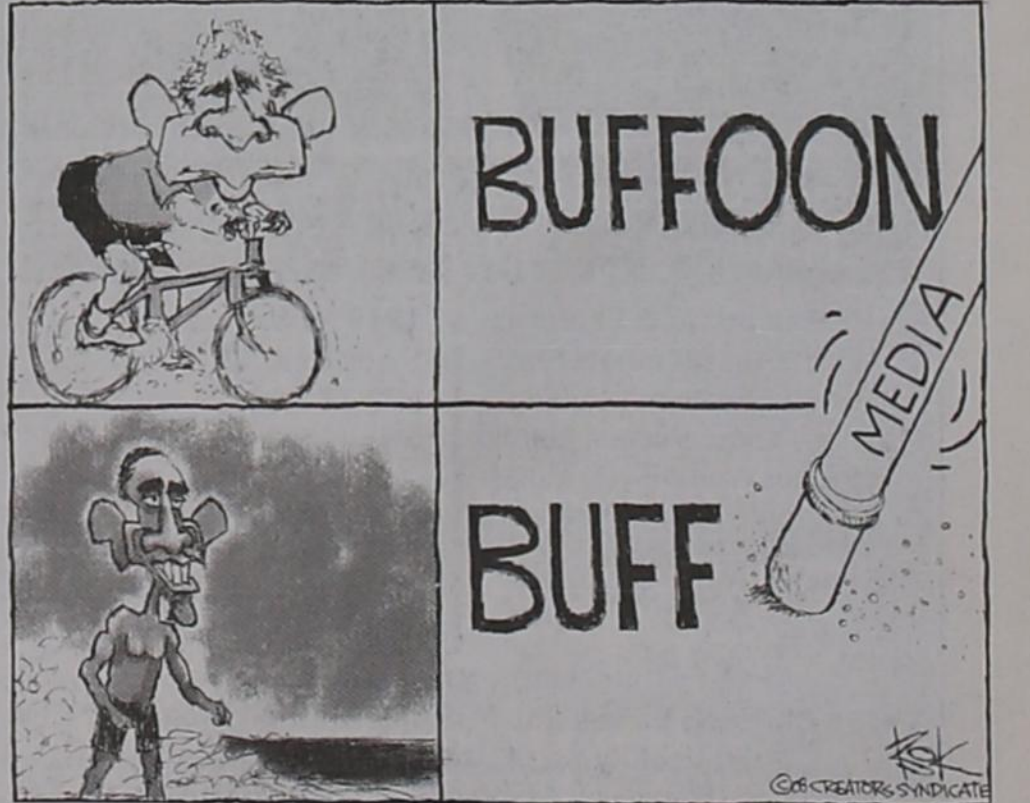
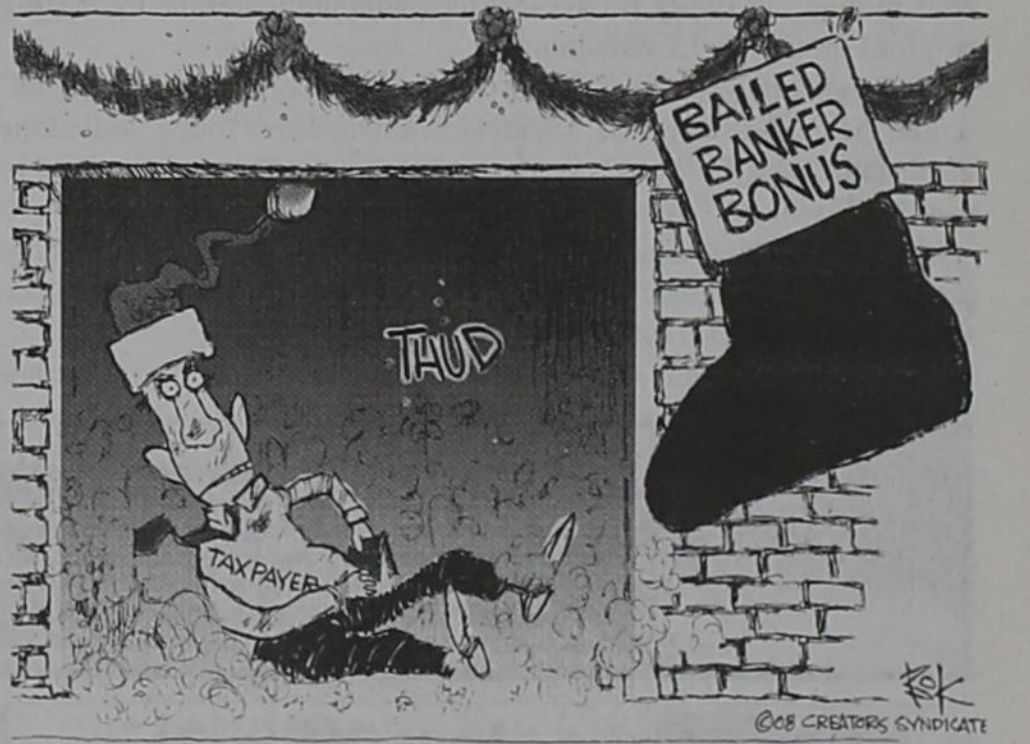
Finally, I learned last year that despite the terrible economy, Americans continue to be a generous people. My website has been able to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to help poor children, wounded vets and their families, and the homeless. We were able to do this because folks bought stuff on the site knowing the money they spent would flow

to the less fortunate.

That's a big positive story of 2008. Despite the cruel economic blows, the generous spirit of Americans remains intact.

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Rockwall County Sports

Lady Bulldogs stretch streak to 6 games, take consolation title

by Lary Bump

Royse City has emerged from a crowded pack in the District 10-4A girls' basketball standings to show it poses the greatest threat to division-leading Rockwall.

The Lady Bulldogs did that the hard way Tuesday. They went on the road, overcame a 22-10 first-quarter deficit and battled back after losing a late lead for a 76-73 overtime victory at Highland Park.

RC, HP and Carrollton Newman Smith had been tied for second place with 3-1 district records, a game behind Rockwall. But the Lady Bulldogs' head-to-head victory, coupled with RHS' 74-35 dismantling of Newman Smith, left them as the only team within a game of the Lady Jackets.

"It was crazy, but it was a good game," said Lady Bulldogs head coach Dallas Bookout. "It was what you expect when you're playing 3-1 against 3-1."

Royse City kept alive an impressive winning streak - stretching it to six games, with only one at home. That came about after RC (19-4 overall) lost their opening game in the Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament to West Mesquite.

Bookout said, "We didn't do well in that game. We said then that our only goal was to go 4-1 and win the consolation bracket."

That's exactly what the Lady Bulldogs did, rolling over Dallas Bryan Adams, Fort Worth Brewer, South Grand Prairie and Odessa.

Bookout said, "On the last day, we were the only 4A team still playing in the tournament." The consolation final was no contest. RC defeated SA Odessa 49-23, with Kellie Wyrick scoring 18 points.

The story of the tournament was Lady Bulldogs guard Raven Alexander, who made the all-tournament team after scoring 68 points on Dec. 30 alone. She poured in a career-high 43 in an 87-59 rout of Brewer and 25 to lead a come-from-behind 59-50 victory over South Grand Prairie.

"She was unbelievable," Bookout said. "She made five 3-pointers, and we made nine 3s as a time. When we shoot the ball like that, we're hard to beat."

At Highland Park, Alexander again was Royse City's leading scorer (22 points), but she and the Lady Bulldogs got off to a terrible start.

The Lady Scots (15-7 overall) scored the first six points, all on fast breaks. Wyrick and Taylor Howard brought RC back within a point at 11-10 midway through the first quarter, but HP went on an 11-0 run to lead 22-10 after eight minutes. Alexander didn't score in the quarter.

Bookout said, "They did a great job pushing the ball. We were a little lazy, and we weren't ready for that. Usually we're the team doing that. But they win the state cross country ever year for a reason; they can run."

"We had two girls who went out of the game early because they were sick, but they were able to come back."

That comeback began in the second quarter, when Royse City's press bothered Highland Park. By outscoring the Lady Scots 15-2 in the last 3 1/2 minutes, RC turned a 32-21 deficit into a 36-35 halftime lead. Alexander scored seven of those points.

The Lady Bulldogs really seemed to take control in the third quarter, stretching the lead to 47-38 before Highland Park tied the game with a 9-0 run.

After that, the largest lead was HP's 57-52 advantage with 4:23 remaining in the fourth quarter. Again, Royse City battled back. Alexander scored nine points to give the Lady Bulldogs a 65-63 lead with 14.3 seconds to play, but Emily Boone sent the game into overtime by making two foul shots with 7.2 remaining.

Highland Park went ahead 73-69 with 2:17 to play in overtime, but RC scored the final seven points. Taylor Howard made her fourth steal of the game and fed Taylor Young for the basket that put Royse City ahead to stay 75-73 with 1:29 remaining. Wyrick added a foul shot.

HP still had chances to tie the game, but the Lady Bulldogs' defense prevented scoring leader Stephanie Dekkers, who made five 3-pointers, from getting a chance to try another.

Royse City had plenty of contributors. Young scored 6 of her 16 points

in overtime, and also made four steals unofficially. Wyrick pulled down 16 rebounds and blocked five shots. Howard had five assists. Bookout also pointed out Ariel Freese, who scored 11 points and had five rebounds.

"She had a real rough game against Rockwall-Heath (a 47-41 victory Saturday), and we were pretty hard on her. She was one of the ones who went out because she was sick. She came back and was getting aggressive."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	21	20	25	21	87
Brewer	11	14	9	25	59

Royse City: Raven Alexander 43, Shelby Brown 16, Tayler Young 11, Kellie Wyrick 7, Taylor Howard 6, Ashlei Jordan 2, Ariel Freese 2.

Fort Worth Brewer: Jennifer Simpson 18, Leah Williams 11, Tiffany Summerhill 10, Chastity Spann 10, Amber Chavers 3, Angela Martinez 2, Heather Fine 2, Courtney Dieudonne 2, Debney Flores 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	12	7	18	22	59
S. Grand Prairie	8	19	13	10	50

Royse City: Raven Alexander 25, Ariel Freese 12, Taylor Howard 7, Tayler Young 5, Kellie Wyrick 5, Ashlei Jordan 4, Jennifer Null 1.

South Grand Prairie: Tauje Harmon 14, Tierra Williams 12, Dominique Edwards 12, Kileah Whitney 5, Imani Wilson 3, Jennifer Kennemur 2, Demetria Foreman 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Odessa	4	4	7	8	23
Royse City	17	10	11	11	49

Odessa: Sara Mancha 6, Jeserica Murray 5, Makayla Oldham 3, Danielle Cooper 3, Adrianna Rivas 2, Deja McKnight 2, Alisha Willis 1, Chasity Mims 1.

Royse City: Kellie Wyrick 18, Raven Alexander 11, Ariel Freese 7, Taylor Young 6, Taylor Howard 3, Taylor Jordan 2, Ashlei Jordan 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	9	10	9	13	41
Royse City	10	16	10	11	47

Rockwall-Heath: Lyndsey Renta 15, Shanae Lowrance 10, Brooke Eddy 8, Katelyn Morris 7, Heidi Holmes 1.

Royse City: Raven Alexander 22, Kellie Wyrick 7, Ashlei Jordan 6, Tayler Young 4, Taylor Howard 4, Shelby Brown 3, Ariel Freese 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Royse City	10	26	15	14	11	76
Highland Park	22	13	16	14	8	73

Royse City: Raven Alexander 22, Tayler Young 16, Kellie Wyrick 15, Ariel Freese 11, Taylor Howard 8, Taylor Jordan 2, Amanda Boudreaux 2.

Highland Park: Stephanie Dekkers 22, Hartley Hobson 20, Emily Boone 13, Bryn Townsend 7, Dabney Rice 5, Katherine Krause 4, Amy Eckerberger 2.

Jackets frustrated in splitting games

by Lary Bump

The record shows that the Rockwall boys won one basketball game and lost the other during the past week, but even the victory wasn't satisfying.

Playing at home Saturday, the Yellowjackets led Richardson Pearce 40-32 entering the fourth quarter. The Mustangs rallied to take a 55-54 decision by making a basket with one second to play.

"It was a very tough loss," said RHS head coach Alan Simmons.

It was a loss that left both teams at 1-1 in District 10-4A, but Rockwall is 8-8 overall and Pearce just 5-13.

Four days earlier, the Yellowjackets had gone to Dallas' Sprague Field House to play the last of their three games in the Dallas ISD Coca-Cola Tournament. The problem was that North Dallas didn't show up. Thus, Rockwall received an unrewarding 2-0 forfeit victory.

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Royse City Lady Bulldogs' Taylor Howard (13) drives for a basket during Tuesday's game against Highland Park, Dallas. The Lady Bulldogs won in overtime, 76-73. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

RC boys earn Silver Championship trophy in Kaufman Tourney

by Lary Bump

What started as a successful week went south on the Royse City boys' basketball game in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game.

After finishing second in their bracket, the Bulldogs defeated Point 51-39 Dec. 30 to win the Silver Championship in the Kaufman Tournament.

RC continued to play good defense Saturday at Rockwall-Heath, holding the Hawks back through three quarters against the Hawks. RHHS came back, outscoring the Bulldogs 28-15 in the fourth quarter to take a 47-32 victory.

That gave Royse City its first loss in District 10-4A, dropping its record to 1-1 and 9-8 overall. Trey Crutchfield led the Bulldogs with 11 points, but Dustin Morett scored a game-high for Rockwall-Heath with 17.

Those two Rockwall County schools, along with Rockwall Richardson Pearce, are tied for third place in the district behind Highland Park (2-0, 12-4) and Carrollton Newman Smith (2-0, 18-2), the Bulldogs' opponents Tuesday and Friday.

At Kaufman, Royse City had defeated Kemp, but lost its second to Forney. The 'Dogs broke away from a 20-19 halftime deficit to lead 34-27 at the end of the third quarter and went on to win 52-44. Stephen Edwards led the balanced Bulldogs with 11 points.

RC also trailed Wills Point at halftime. The Bulldogs held Wills Point to 12 second-half points. Again, it was a team effort. Wynn Posey was the high scorer with 11 points, one more than Justin Jacobs' 10.

Royse City has not allowed an opponent more than 60 points in seven games, during which the Bulldogs have gone 5-2 while giving up merely 44.1 points per game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Brownsboro	4	16	5	19	44
Royse City	10	9	17	16	52

Brownsboro: Ryan Smith 13, Zack Bailey 11, Tristan Warren 7, Cory Stringer 6, Brett Ralphen 5, Seth Martin 2.

Royse City: Stephen Edwards 11, Wynn Posey 9, Cory Kawesa 6, Justin Jacobs 8, Scotty Arterberry 7, DaJon Avery 6, Trey Crutchfield 5.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Wills Point	22	5	4	8	39
Royse City	14	11	13	13	51

Wills Point: Stevin Cunigan 13, Kevin Scott 8, Trent Jurka 6, Hamilton 5, Jayce Oldacre 3, Price Davenport 2, Brett Bradshaw 2. Royse City: Wynn Posey 11, Justin Jacobs 10, Stephen Edwards 8, Berry 8, Trey Crutchfield 7, Cory Stapleton 5, DaJon Avery 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Royse City	5	17	13	15	50
Rockwall-Heath	4	14	9	28	55

Royse City: Trey Crutchfield 17, Stephen Edwards 8, Scotty Arterberry 7, Wynn Posey 6, Cory Kawesa 6, Justin Jacobs 6.

Rockwall-Heath: Dustin Morett 19, Chase Nielsen 13, Jeremy Carroll 7, Lewis Snowton 6, Eric Larson 4, Kyle Whittle 2, Demi Leonard 1, Tony Tension 1, Cameron McClung 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highland Park	8	11	10	16	45
Royse City	6	3	7	0	16

Highland Park: Daniel Edwards 18, Max Malone 13, Tucker Robinson 7, Ryan Massad 3, Josh Thurman 2, Joey Landess 2.

Royse City: Trey Crutchfield 4, Cory Kawesa 3, Stephen Edwards 2, Nick Stone 2, Wynn Posey 2, DaJon Avery 2.

Royse City Bulldogs' schedule

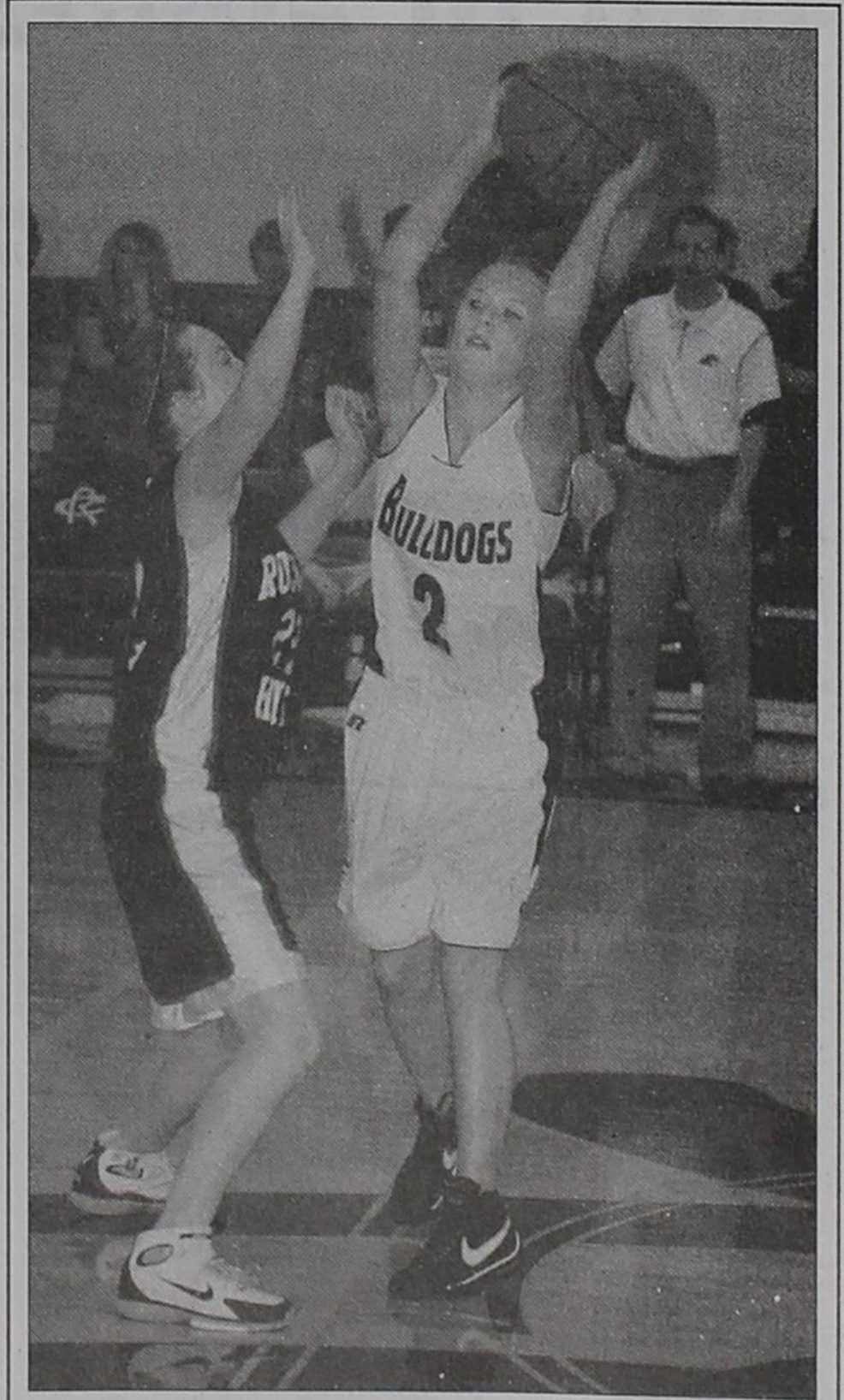
Monday, Jan. 12 - 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball: at F Brown, Black 5:30 p.m. and Gold 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15 - 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball: at F Brown, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16 - Boys' basketball: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, man and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, freshman and p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17 - 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball: at Kaufman Tournament



Royse City Lady Bulldogs' 9th grader Vicki Pratt (2) sets for a pass during Saturday's game against Rockwall-Heath in Royse City. Defending against Pratt is Heath Lady Hawks Savannah Smith. Royse City won the game, 39-23. Look on is Lady Bulldogs Coach Matt Morrill (back, right). Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Rockwall County Sports

Heath wrestlers capture Plano Invite for first tourney win

In its third year of varsity competition, the Rockwall-Heath wrestling team captured its first-ever team championship Jan. 3 at the Plano West Senior High Wolves Invitational tournament. The Hawks finished the day with five champions, including Ryan Sauer and Austin Mike-Mayer (152) who emerged as individual champions in the second straight tournament. Also winning their divisions were Daniel Gruner (160), A.J. Chapman (215), and Matt Gruner (HWT). Other Hawks also finished up in second place at the tournament as Gruner (180), Adrian Algeribiya (189), and Brandon Holguin made it as far as their title match before losing.

Third-place finishers were Nakona Brawner (125) and Austin McPherson (140), while Jacob Marsh (103), and Jacob Black (112), and Nikola Topalovic (171) wound up fourth overall in their weight classes. Heath finished with 191 team points, far outdistancing runnerup Richardson, which totaled 145.5 points.

Heath coaches Shane Seleznoff and Holzbauer congratulated all of their wrestlers on a great tournament. Next up for the Hawk wrestlers will be the Arlington Lamar Invite Jan. 10 starting at 9 a.m.

Hawks roar back from point deficit to upend Bulldogs 55-50 in District

By Matt McGillen
 The Hawks, who had already lost six games in a row and trailing by 11 points early in the fourth quarter of their District 10-4A game against Roysse City last Saturday, it looked like loss number seven in a row wasn't too far away from Rockwall-Heath. In the final minutes of their finest eight-minute stretch of the season, the Hawks scored their biggest fourth quarter of the year - including a 16-1 run in the final four minutes - to catch and pass the stunned Bulldogs for a come-from-behind win. The Hawks finished 7-12 for the year and more importantly 1-1 in district play, having trailed 38-27 30 seconds into the final period. But fueled by the play of seniors Dustin Morrett and Chase Nielsen and a relentless defense that produced seven turnovers, Heath poured in a season-long one-quarter, school-record 28 points in the last eight minutes to defeat the Bulldogs (9-8, 1-1). Chase Nielsen connected for a three with 7:05 remaining as Morrett drove through the heart of the Bulldogs' defense for a layup, and a foul and completing the three-point play to cut the lead to 38-5:58 left. Chase Nielsen then stole the inbound pass and scored on a layup to make it 41-5:58 before Roysse City's Scotty Arterberry dropped in a free throw to trim the margin back to 39-35. Chase Nielsen's point, Jeremy Casebolt feathered in a trey to pull Heath to within 41-39, before Morrett rainbowed in another three to give the Hawks a 44-39 lead, for good as it turned out, 41-38 with 4:55 remaining. Chase Nielsen added a pair of free throws to complete the 16-1 run and put the Hawks up 43-39 at the 4:43 mark. Chase Nielsen scored for the Bulldogs to pull Roysse City to 43-41 before Chase Nielsen drained a three and Morrett added another driving layup to put the Hawks back out front 48-41 with three minutes to go. Chase Nielsen never got closer than four the rest of the way, as the Hawks scored 5-of-8 free throws in the last 90 seconds to preserve the win. Chase Nielsen topped all scores with 19 points, hitting 6-of-14 shots, including four threes. Nielsen added 10 as the only other Hawk in double figures. Chase Nielsen shot just 30 percent (16-for-53) from the field as compared to the Bulldogs, who shot slightly better, making 35 percent of their shots (17-of-48). The Hawks were cool at the free throw line as well, just 15-of-32 attempts (47 percent) while Roysse City was only a 15-of-32 at 50 percent (12-of-24). Chase Nielsen's time that was wild and frantic at times, Heath committed 22 turnovers with the Bulldogs giving it up 26 times. Chase Nielsen Snowton led all rebounders with seven while Kyle Whittle and Chase Nielsen added six apiece. Chase Nielsen Crutchfield led Roysse City with 15 points and six boards. Chase Nielsen's action over the holiday break, the Hawks went 0-3 in Coach Chase Nielsen's return to Midland where he played his high school and college basketball.

The Hawks were scheduled to continue district play at Richardson on Jan. 6 before hosting R.L. Turner Jan. 9.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
City	5	17	13	15	50
Heath	4	14	9	28	55

0) - Trey Crutchfield 15, Stephen Edwards 8, Scotty Arterberry 6, Cory Kawesa 6, Justin Jacobs 6, Cory Stapleton 2.
 15) - Dustin Morrett 19, Chase Nielsen 10, Jeremy Casebolt 7, Chase Nielsen 4, Eric Larson 4, Kyle Whittle 2, Demi Leonard 4, Tony 1, Cameron McClung 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	9	16	10	14	49
Roysse City	12	13	12	26	63

49) - McClung 2, Fuller 1, Morrett 12, Leonard 7, Tension 7, Tjedell 10, Snowton 4.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	11	15	18	8	52
Roysse City	19	16	12	15	62

52) - McClung 3, Morrett 8, Tension 1, Wynn 3, Nielsen 4, 14, Snowton 11.

Heath coaches Shane Seleznoff and Holzbauer congratulated all of their wrestlers on a great tournament. Next up for the Hawk wrestlers will be the Arlington Lamar Invite Jan. 10 starting at 9 a.m.



Rockwall-Heath Hawks wrestling team capturing the Plano Invitational Championship on Saturday are (back row, left to right) Coach Riley Holzbauer, Adrian Algeribiya, Nikola Topalovic, Chris Gruner, Austin McPherson, Jacob Black, Brandon Holguin, Nakona Brawner, Daniel Jackson, Jacob Marsh, Coach Shane Seleznoff, (front row) AJ Chapman, Matt Gruner, Ryan Sauer, Austin Mike-Mayer and Alban Tomaj.
 Photo courtesy of Michele Sauer

Lady Hawks hang on to slip by Richardson Pearce, 48-47; improve to 2-3 in district

By Matt McGillen
 Although their free throw shooting touch all but deserted them in the last 30 seconds, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks hung on to beat the Richardson Pearce Lady Mustangs 48-47 in a District 10-4A game Tuesday at RHHS. The win lifts the Lady Hawks to 2-3 in the district and to 5-12 overall. The top four teams in the district advance to the playoffs. Leading 47-42 with 45.4 seconds left, three different Heath players went to the free throw in the final 27 seconds to shoot a double bonus. Although they had managed to convert on 16-of-19 attempts to that point, only Macall Smith managed to connect on the last half dozen shots, splitting her pair to give the Lady Hawks their 48-46 lead with only 1.9 ticks to play. Following a time out, the Lady Mustangs were unable to get a shot off as time expired. "That was too close," said Heath coach Donna Walker. "But the kids hung in their and pulled one out. I'm proud of the effort and proud of the win." Sophomore Brooke Eddy and junior Shanae Lowrance led the way for the Lady Hawks, scoring 13 points each. Lowrance, who stands 5-10, spent most of the game battling the Lady Mustangs 6-5 Katy Forcier, out hustling her taller foe for a game-high 15 rebounds as well as blocking four Pearce shots. Forcier finished with nine points but just two rebounds. Despite shooting just 33 percent from the field and turning the ball over 25 times, Walker sees some improvement in the Lady Hawks.

"We've lost some real close games because we just haven't been able to close them out," Walker said. "So it was real nice to pull one out." In the junior varsity game, Heath fell to Pearce 47-22. In other action last week, the Lady Hawks finished 1-2 in the Dallas ISD Coca Cola tournament, losing in the first round to eventual champion Arlington MacArthur 72-26. Heath followed that with a 67-37 win over Conrad before ending the tournament with a 53-45 loss to Odessa. They also lost to Roysse City Jan. 3 by a score of 47-41. The Lady Hawks travel to R.L. Turner Jan. 9 for another district matchup before returning home to face Highland Park Jan. 16.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	9	12	7	19	46
Heath	9	18	8	13	48

RH (46) - Megan Siebert 11, McKenzie Russell 9, Corrie Forcier 9, Cara Tolmas 6, Haley Marstella 4, Katie Smelko 3, DeAnna Marine 2, Elyssa Aft 2.
 RH (48) - Shanae Lowrance 13, Brooke Eddy 13, Macall Smith 8, Lyndsey Renta 8, Katelyn Morris 6.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	9	10	9	13	41
Roysse City	10	16	10	11	47

RH (41) - Lyndsey Renta 15, Shanae Lowrance 10, Brooke Eddy 8, Katelyn Morris 7, Heidi Holmes 1.
 RC (47) - Raven Alexander 22, Kellie Wyrick 7, Ashlei Jordan 6, Tayler Young 4, Taylor Howard 4, Shelby Brown 3, Ariel Freese 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heath	13	10	6	16	45
Odessa	5	18	14	16	53

RH (45) - Katelyn Morris 13, Lyndsey Renta 12, Macall Smith 10, Shanae Lowrance 10.
 ODE (53) - Jeserica Murray 17, Alisha Willis 12, Sara Mancha 9, Makayla Oldham 6, Danielle Cooper 5, Chasity Mims 2, Raquel Acosta 2.

Heath/Cain sports schedule

- Friday, Jan 9**
 CMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. McMillan MS @ Cain MS 5:30/6:30/7:30
 CMS 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. McMillan MS @ McMillan MS 5:30/6:30/7:30
 CMS Girls Soccer vs. Love Joy MS @ Cain MS 5:30/7:00 pm
 RHHS Boys Soccer vs. RL Turner JV Tournament @ R.L. Turner HS TBA
 RHHS Boys Soccer Forney Varsity Tournament @ Forney HS TBA
 RHHS Gymnastics vs. Boswell/Colleyville/Grapevine/McKinney @ RHHS 6:30 PM

Rockwall Yellowjackets basketball...

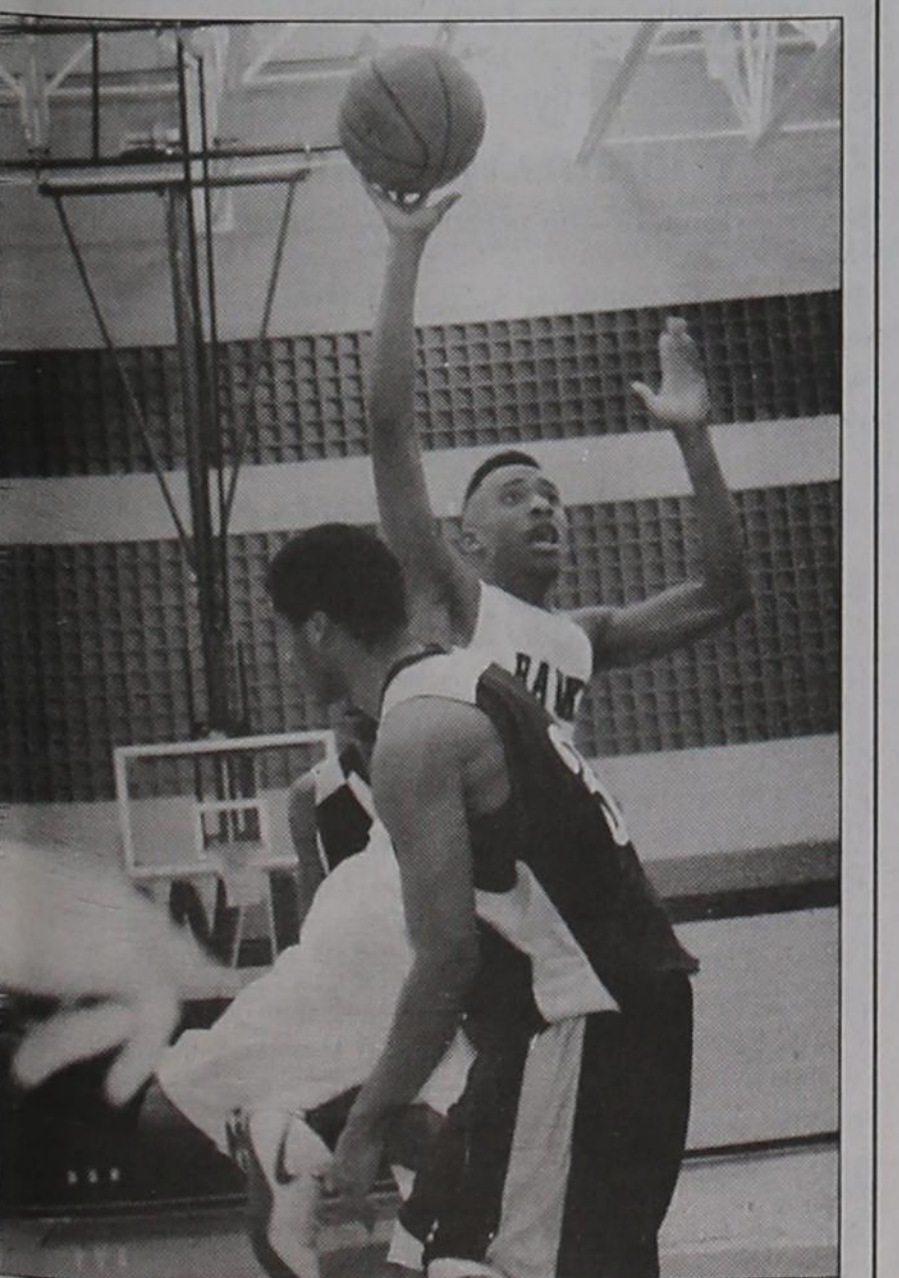
Pearce could have sympathized with the Jackets. The same thing had happened to the Mustangs 3 1/2 weeks earlier when North Dallas was a no-show for a game in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Tournament. The Bulldogs haven't won a game even when they have played, but that's not an excuse for causing opponents and their fans a wasted trip. "I hope something is done about it," Simmons said. Further frustrating Rockwall was the knowledge that Dallas Madison, which the Jackets had defeated to win a tournament in Mabank, won the Dallas Coke title. So instead of having a real win under their belts instead of a forfeit, Rockwall hosted Pearce coming off losses in their two previous games during the holiday break. The Jackets steadily increased their lead from 15-13 after one quarter to 28-23 at halftime, but their defense let down in the fourth quarter, when the Mustangs won the game with a 23-14 advantage. Kyle Sandlin led Rockwall with 14 points, and Hunter Jorgensen added 10. The Jackets' season leaders are Sandlin with 17.6 points per game, Jorgensen with an average of 4.4 rebounds and Jarron White with 4.1 assists per contest. RHS returned to district play Tuesday at Carrollton Newman Smith (2-0 district, 18-2 overall). That's just the beginning of a rugged stretch for the Jackets, who on Friday will host Highland Park (2-0, 12-4). Rockwall 2, North Dallas 0 (forfeit)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	13	10	9	23	55
Rockwall	15	13	12	14	54

Richardson Pearce: Bruce Smith 16, Cole Holland 12, Chris Bowie 12, Chase Blakeley 6, Jake Allen 5, Zubin Teherani 4.
 Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 14, Hunter Jorgensen 10, Jarron White 8, Adam Dingwell 8, Luke Wardell 7, Taylor Oden 4, Tim Yeager 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	22	5	22	14	63
Newman Smith	16	16	15	23	70

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 26, Hunter Jorgensen 14, Luke Wardell 10, Jarron White 7, Tim Yeager 6.
 Carrollton Newman Smith: Blake Zamudio 22, Amos Wilson 14, Nick Ross 6, Aundrey Barr 6, Caleb Price 5, Al Lasker 5, Randall Joyner 5, Chris Scaife 4, Jalil Speed 3.



Lewis Snowton (23) drives in for a Hawks basket during Saturday's game against the Roysse City Bulldogs in the HS gym.
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RHS Cheerleaders win NCA Championship

by Kathy Williams

The Rockwall High School Cheerleaders Nationals Squad cheered their way to the top spot at the National Cheerleaders Association's 29th Championship in Dallas on Dec. 28 and 29. The 16-member squad took first place in the Medium Varsity Division and scored top points for Superior Showmanship.

The RHS team competed against 10 other squads in their division. Those teams were from Houston, San Antonio, Arlington, Keller, Little Elm, Indiana, Mississippi and two schools from Oklahoma. More than 3,000 cheerleaders from 17 states competed in several divisions at the meet, such as coed, private/parochial schools, game day, varsity non-tumbling, and elementary

and middle school teams.

"The 2008 RHS National competition team has risen above numerous obstacles (loss of team members, broken thumbs and fingers, displaced shoulders, distressed knees, head trauma, severely sprained ankles, fractured bones, inflamed and ever-so-pulled muscles) as we traveled the road to the coveted NCA National title," according to Varsity Cheerleading sponsor Amanda Walker. "Despite the influx of set-backs, our determination flourished and we were poised and ready to regain our reign as National Champions."

Walker said, "The National competition squad is led by Varsity head cheerleaders Shelby Kennard and Haley Loftis. These two em-

body the spirit of this team and they mirror the pride, sportsmanship, commitment and remarkable talent found in each and every member."

"As coaches, we couldn't possibly be more proud or thankful for such an amazing group of young women, whether we had won or not."

The NCA Championship is the final and biggest competition for the RHS squad this year. The team trained at Cheer Athletics in Garland several nights a week during the fall to prepare for the meet. In 2005, the RHS Nationals Squad tied for first place at the competition.

"Day in and day out for the last four months, this team has embraced the challenge that we had given them: work hard, improve every day, be unselfish, be your best. The NCA judges' scores on December 29 were a mirror reflection of the hearts and unmatched efforts of our girls and, in effect, we brought home the National title," Walker said.

The school's cheerleading team sponsors are Amanda Walker, varsity; Jessica Dean, junior varsity and Kindle Martin, freshman.



The 2008 National Champion Cheerleader Squad from Rockwall High School is (back row from left) Amy Clough, junior; Maddy Galloway, junior; Alex Macalik, junior; Ashley Grandstaff, junior; Ellie Moses, freshman, (middle row from left) Ashley Elsik, junior; Jordan Daffron, senior; Kaitlin Akard, senior; Jacey Blalock, sophomore; Emily Sabrsul; sophomore; Alie Arguelles, freshman, Rain Ramsey, sophomore, (front row from left) Shelby Kennard, senior; Haley Loftis, senior; Lindsey Loy, freshman and Devyn Smith, freshman. Photo courtesy of Renee Ramirez

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New coach, new district could bring better soccer results for Rockwall High team

by Lary Bump

The former Rockwall boys' soccer team kicked off against the current team Friday night, and new head coach Troy Williams liked much of what he saw.

"I got to look at a lot of different things and to put guys in different positions," said Williams, who coached the past 11 seasons at South Garland.

During the last two of those years, the Yellowjackets and South Garland were in the same district.

Williams said, "They had one of those years teams have from time to time, so this is kind of a rebuilding year. They started off the off-season really well, but they have a tough schedule. I think they've got talent. We just need to get the right guys in the right position and get everybody focused on what we're doing."

"Speed on the wings will be our biggest strength. We'll try to play an attacking style. One of our advantages is that you can use your speed and go at a team."

However, the incumbent Jackets didn't always go at their opponent Friday, and the alumni team came away with a 5-2 victory.

"Our guys were a little rusty coming in from the break. They were tentative. I think they were showing the guys coming in from college some respect. The college season just finished up, so those guys are in top form."

Senior Ryan Hughes and sophomore Tapp Hazel scored the var-

sity's goals.

Senior Janson Rector is expected to hold the team together as the center midfielder, if he can recover from a nagging back problem.

The coach said, "He'll be setting up a lot of things, probably. Ryan Hughes is a forward who can make goals out of nothing."

Williams is hoping to receive strong support from underclassmen this season.

"We have five varsity freshmen coming up from Williams (Middle School). Zach Galloway is a freshman, a young guy with just average

height, but we're asking him to be our central defender. He's just so calm on the ball. He has outstanding feet skill, sees the game so well and makes great decisions."

Williams also said he would have a better picture of his team after Tuesday's scrimmage against Denton Guyer.

After that, the Jackets were scheduled to open their season Tuesday, Jan. 13, at home against Duncanville. They'll play at least three games that weekend in the Corsicana Tournament.

RHS will begin its season in a

new district, 21-4A. Feb. Rockwall-Heath. The s-

district also will include Highland Park, Richardson Pearce, II and The Colony.

Williams said, "If history indicates, The Colony and Highland Park are all powerhouses and playoff contenders."

That could leave the fighting for the district's first off berth, which would be improvement over last season.



Yellowjackets' Alumni teammate Justin Jarvis (10) moves the ball down field against varsity Jackets defenders Houston Smith (25) and Ben Winkler (8) during Saturday's Alumni scrimmage at the RHS soccer field. Jarvis is a 2008 graduate of Rockwall High School. Staff photo by Roy Heath

Youth beats experience in RHS girls' alumni scrimmage

Freshman Bethany Schomin scored the only goal as the Rockwall varsity girls' soccer team defeated their alumni 1-0 Friday night.

"I am very excited about the team this year," said head coach Melissa Garcia. "It's a great group of girls. We have a great returning crew, and we filled in some field spots with some great newbies."

Schomin is one of those "newbies." The team's biggest challenge could be replacing graduated goalkeeper Mo Graska. Rebekah Barton and Sara Lovejoy are competing for that spot.

Garcia said, "We will use the tournament season to get them ready. It's hard to replace a Mo Graska! The alumni game was more fun than challenging. We are going to be using Tuesday's scrimmage (Garland) as a gauge."

The tournament season was scheduled to begin Thursday, with the Jackets' varsity and junior varsity in tournaments at Allen. Rockwall is scheduled to play former district opponents Rowlett, Naaman Forest and Mesquite Horn. If RHS is successful, it would be the championship game at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Rockwall has another game Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Richland before the Richardson Ice Bowl Tournament that weekend.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Saturday, Jan. 10 - Varsity wrestling: at Cy Ridge Invitational, 9 a.m. JV wrestling: at Wylie JV Tournament, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 12 - JV White girls' basketball: at North Forney, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 - Girls' soccer: at North Richland Hills, JV 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' soccer: home vs. Duncanville, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m. Swimming: home vs. McKinney, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 14 - JV White boys' basketball: home vs. Plano Clark, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15 - Varsity and JV wrestling: at Rockwall-Heath, with Irving MacArthur, 6 p.m.

Varsity and JV gymnastics: Compulsories, home vs. Colleyville, Grapevine, Highland Park, Richardson and Rockwall-Heath, 6:30 p.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: vs. Mansfield Timberview at Corsicana Tournament, B Field, 4:15 p.m.

Varsity girls' soccer: vs. North Crowley at Richardson Ice Bowl Tournament, Richardson Pearce, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16 - Varsity boys' soccer: at Corsicana Tournament vs. Corsicana, Stadium, 9 a.m., and vs. Plano West, B Field, 2 p.m.

Boys' basketball: at Greenville, freshman and JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Freshman A girls' basketball: vs. Greenville at Williams Middle School, 6 p.m.

Girls' basketball: home vs. Greenville, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

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

Varsity girls' soccer: vs. Belton at Richardson Ice Bowl Tournament, Richardson Pearce, 8:40 p.m.

Williams Wildcats' schedule

Saturday, Jan. 10 - 7th and 8th grade C boys' basketball: C Tournament at Allen, 8 a.m.

7th and 8th grade C girls' basketball: C Tournament at Lovejoy School, 8 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 12 - Boys' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy, 7th grade p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

Heath/Cain sports schedule

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Saturday, Jan 10
CMS 7th grade C boys bb @ Allen tournament 4:30
CMS 7th grade C girls bb @ Allen tournament 4:30
CMS 8th grade C boys bb @ Allen tournament 4:30
CMS 8th grade C girls bb @ Allen tournament 4:30
RHHS Boys bb vs. RL Turner @ RHHS 6/7:30
RHHS Girls bb vs. RL Turner @ RL Turner 4:30/6/7:30
RHHS Girls soccer vs. Longview @ Longview 5:30/7:15
RHHS wrestling vs. Lamar Invite @ Arlington Lamar TBD

Monday, Jan 13
CMS Boys soccer vs. ESD @ ESD 4/5 p.m.
CMS gymnastics vs. Brandenburg @ Brandenburg 6:30
RHHS Boys soccer vs. Newman Smith @ RHHS 5:30/7
RHHS Girls soccer vs. Potect @ AC New 5:30/7:17

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