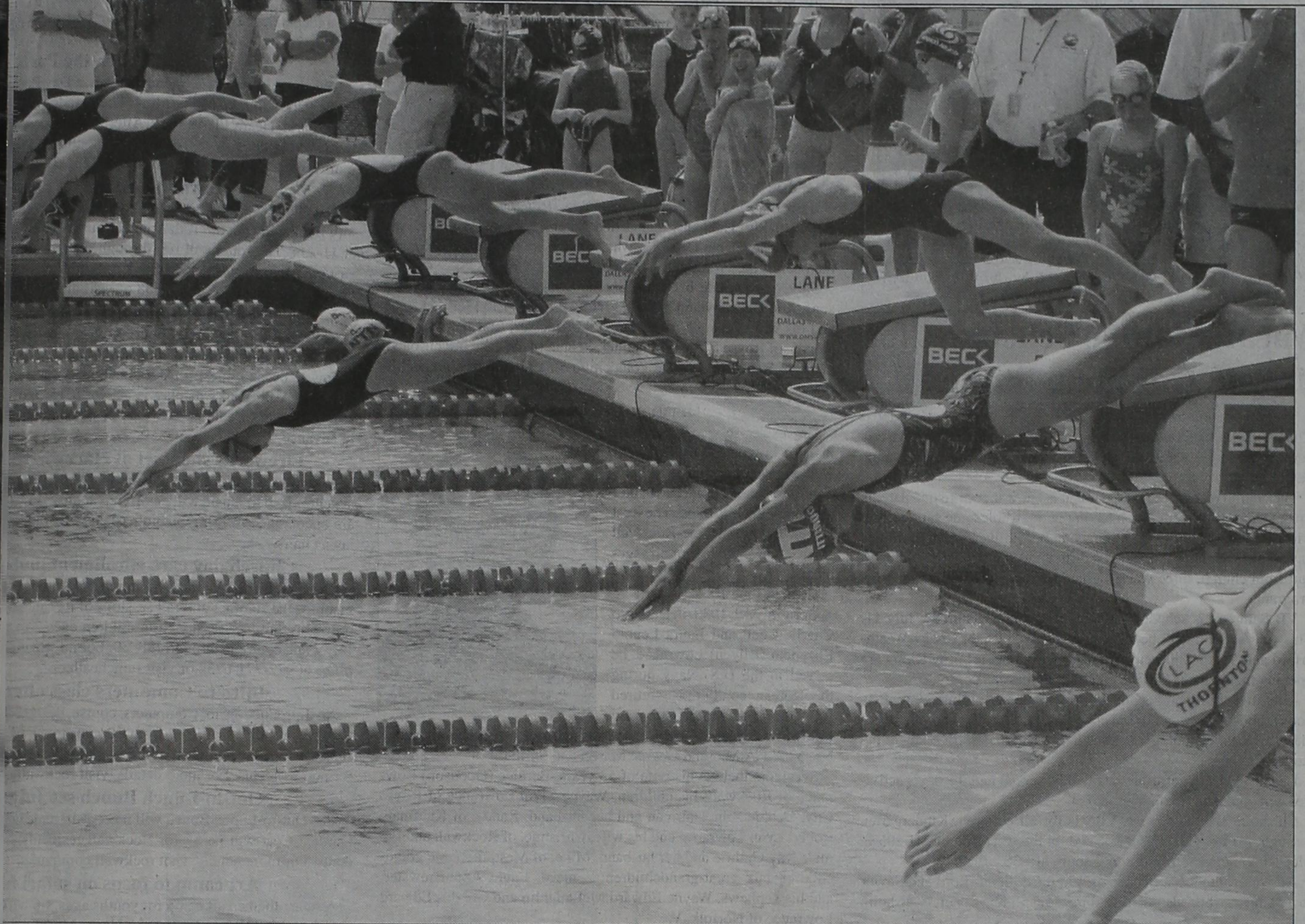


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10-year-old Brooke Arnold (center fourth lane from top) shows great form in the middle of the pack as she hits the water at the Dallas Mustangs' 8th Annual Mustang Classic "A" Long Course Invitational Swim Meet at SMU June 5-7. The Rockwall Riptides swimmers set personal and team records over the weekend. Photo courtesy of B. Tokuz.

Manly, Raena Eldridge pace Riptides' record-breaking performance

The Riptides were up to the USA Swimming Organization standards last weekend at SMU, setting multiple team records while meeting the new A, AA and AAA standards. The Mustangs' 28th annual Mustang Classic "A" Long Course Swim Meet at the A.B. Barr outdoor facility Friday, the Riptides also reached Texas Age Group (TAGS) time standards. The meet was open to swimmers who had met the USASO's A standards. The top two were 10-year-old Emily Manly and 12-year-old Raena Eldridge. They led the weekend with four TAGS AA and three AAA personal bests in the 100 free with a AA time of 1:20.72. Since the end of the season, she has reached four TAGS standards for the 11-12 girls' team records in the 50, 200 and 400 freestyles. Eldridge, 12, achieved TAGS AA times in the 50 free (30.20) and 100 free (1:07.94) to go with A times in the 200 IM, 200 back, 100 and 100 breaststroke.

Justin Tokuz, 13, knocked 7/10ths of a second off his personal record in the 50 free to reach a TAGS AA time of 28.43. He also swam an A time of 1:04.24 in the 100 free. Hunter Arnold, 12, reached an AA time of 41.07 in the 50 back, and A times of 1:09.75 in the 100 free and 38.18 in the 50 back. Brooke Arnold, 10, had A times of 1:46.92 in the 100 breaststroke and 48.28 in the 50 breaststroke, and a AA time of 38.58 in the 50 butterfly. Haley Brenchley, 14, recorded A times in three events - 50 free (31.70), 100 free (1:07.94) and 200 breaststroke (3:11.66). The new time standards, established after the 2008 Olympics, will be in effect until 2012. Barbara Tokuz contributed information for this article.

Annual Freedom Festival June 28 at Lakeshore Church

Lakeshore Church, will host its 7th Annual Freedom Festival Sunday, June 28 at the Church, with "the huge white tent that goes up several days before alerting everyone in the area that it's time to celebrate our freedom." The event will feature games

for all ages, including water slides for the kids, basketball, volleyball and a version of horseshoes, live entertainment and the best fireworks in town.

Lakeshore Church supports many missionaries and several of these mission teams and ministry groups will be involved in some of the fundraising events. Some of the groups will be selling festival-type foods, such as popcorn, hamburgers, BBQ beef sandwiches, hot dogs, burritos, cakes, cookies, Italian ice, just to name a few. One of the teams will also host a silent and live auction. One hundred percent of all proceeds will go directly to fund mission projects in Mexico, Nicaragua, India, and other countries. Grills will be available at the church grounds for those who wish to cook their own food. This year, the Glory Riders motorcycle group, one of the many "Small Groups" at Lakeshore Church, will host a motorcycle show. The Freedom Festival starts at 5 p.m. and concludes after the fireworks show. Last year's event drew more than 2,000 participants. Lakeshore Church is located at 5575 State Hwy. 205 South in Rockwall.



Tom Norris and Greg Tudor are shown with Tom Norris, right, who recently had the garden at Helping Hands dedicated in his honor. Norris was a member of the Helping Hands board of directors from 2006. The garden, which features beautiful plants and water features, includes areas named after Barbara Allan (rose garden), the Lorne and Mary Liechty family and Soroptimists of Rockwall (the children's garden). Engraved items - a table, benches, boulders, pavers and bricks - will feature the names of supporters. For information on purchasing an item to be engraved or named to the garden call Kay Dutta at 972-771-HELP.

News Briefs

Heath City Council to meet

The Heath City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. today, June 16, at 200 Laurence Drive in Heath. A public hearing, meeting and executive session are planned. To view the agenda visit the city's Web site at heathtx.com.

RS Chamber plans Breakfast Club

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will conduct its Breakfast Club event from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Holiday Inn Express, Royse City. Light breakfast available for a \$3 donation. Call 972-636-5000 for details.

Women's summer Bible study offered

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will offer a seven-week Wednesday women's Bible study, Vertically Inclined-Climbing Higher with God, beginning at 9:30 a.m. this Wednesday.

Event to benefit Lovell family

Peggy's Feed & Tack will host a Saturday event at 3218 S. FM 548, Royse City, to benefit Royse City resident Patricia Lovell and her family, whose home was destroyed by fire. Activities will include a 9 a.m. trail ride, a 1:30 p.m. auction, hamburgers, hot dogs and live music. For details or to help sponsor the event call 972-635-9508.

Drama camp set June 22-26

'Once Upon a Time' Drama Camp is open to youths ages 6-10 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Campers will explore characters from storybooks from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 22-26. Cost is \$150 for Rockwall residents, \$225 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Ministerial Alliance to meet

The June meeting of the Rockwall Ministerial Alliance is set for noon on June 24 at the Rockwall County Helping Hands conference room. Attendees are encouraged to bring a brown lunch; Helping Hands will provide beverages and desserts. For more details call 972-771-5526.

Church plans 'Come and See'

Faithbridge Church, a new-church ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, will host a Come and See at 3 p.m. June 28 in the second-floor commons area of the Elizabeth Cameron Christian Education Building. The event will give the public a chance to see what the ministry is about.

City seeks board, commission applications

The City of Rockwall is accepting applications for board and commission appointments. Application forms and descriptions of positions are available online at rockwall.com/citysecretary or from the city secretary's office in City Hall. Applications must be received by noon on June 29.

Stingerette Summer Camp scheduled

Girls in grades K-8 can participate in the Rockwall High School Stingerette Summer Camp, July 21-24 at Williams Middle School. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to noon; first day check-in 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$70 through June 29; \$80 on the first day. For details contact Claire Shippy, cshippy@sbeglobal.net or (Continued on Page 2)



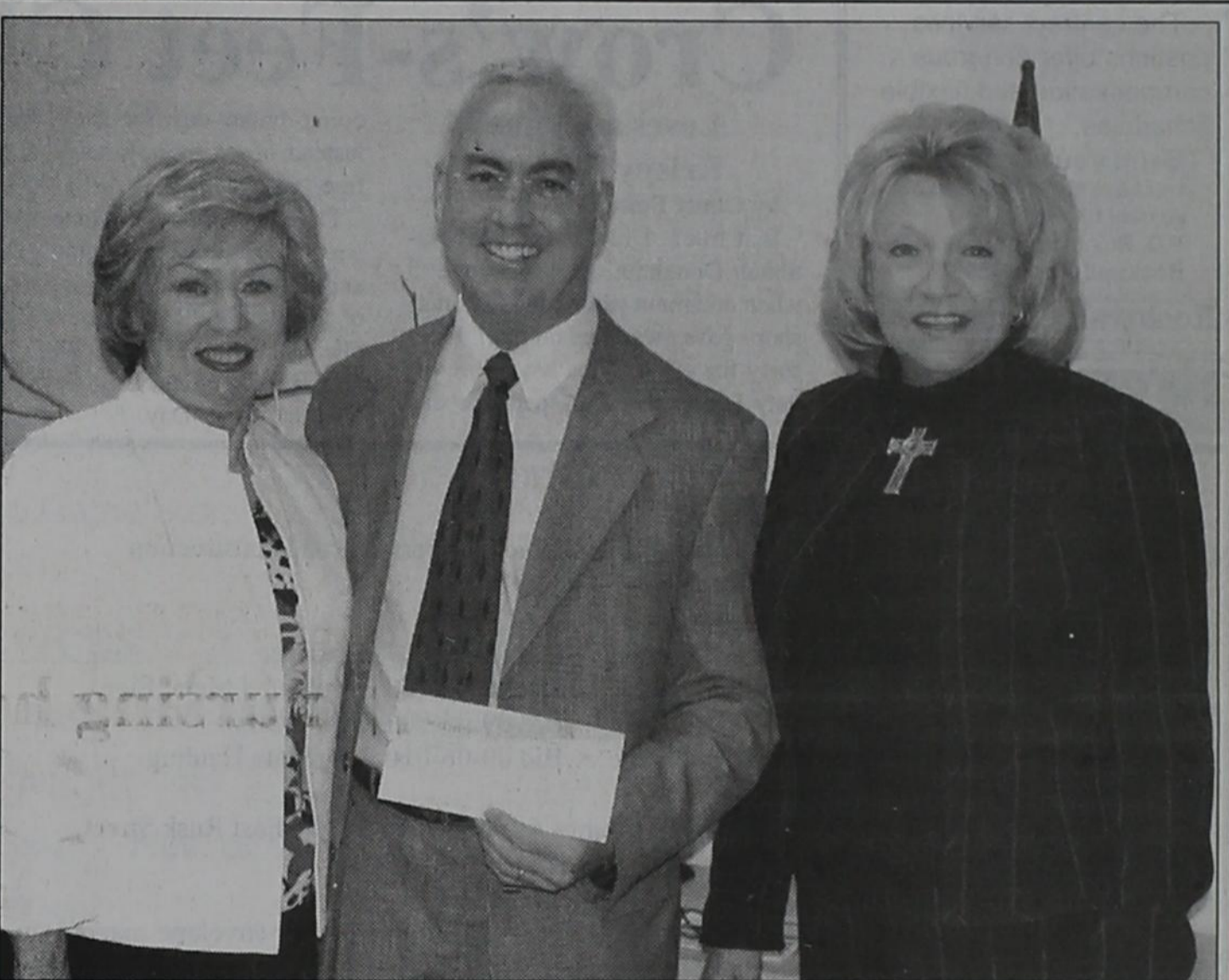
McKenzie Raylee Crawford, an eighth grade student at Roysse City Middle School, recently received a Good Citizenship award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Presenting the award was Laverne Ketcherside, a member of the Rock Wall Chapter, DAR. To be eligible for the award, a student must possess the five qualities of good citizenship – honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. Crawford was selected as a recipient by his school's teachers and staff.



Rockwall ISD students created and donated more than 200 pieces of artwork that were displayed, sold and auctioned off at the RISD Education Foundation's annual Celebration event. Of the money raised, almost \$17,000 was given to participating art departments, with funds to be used to enhance art programs at individual schools. Pictured are the art teachers whose programs received funding, including, at back, Lynne Milner, Denise Hoover, Shay Cronin, Christy Gates and Susan Aston, and, at front, Wendy McCrillis, Melissa Crabtree, Amy Efeney and Kathleen Finan. Not pictured are teachers Debby Downum, Jill Erwin, Annie Foster, Pam Griffin, Beth O'Neil, Maria Shah and Karen Tucker.



Marissa Terese Dusek, a sixth grade student at Ruth Cherry Intermediate, recently received a Good Citizenship award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Presenting the award was Rhonda Parvin, a member of the Rock Wall Chapter, DAR. To be eligible for the award, a student must possess the five qualities of good citizenship – honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. Dusek was selected as a recipient by his school's teachers and staff.



Jeff Bailey, the Rockwall ISD's deputy superintendent, recently presented the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation with a contribution from the Plano ISD Education Foundation. Assistant Superintendent M. Joan Terry received the honorarium recognizing Bailey and his prior service to the Plano ISD. Also present was Nancy Boyd, RISD director of guidance and coordinator of Rachel's Rally.

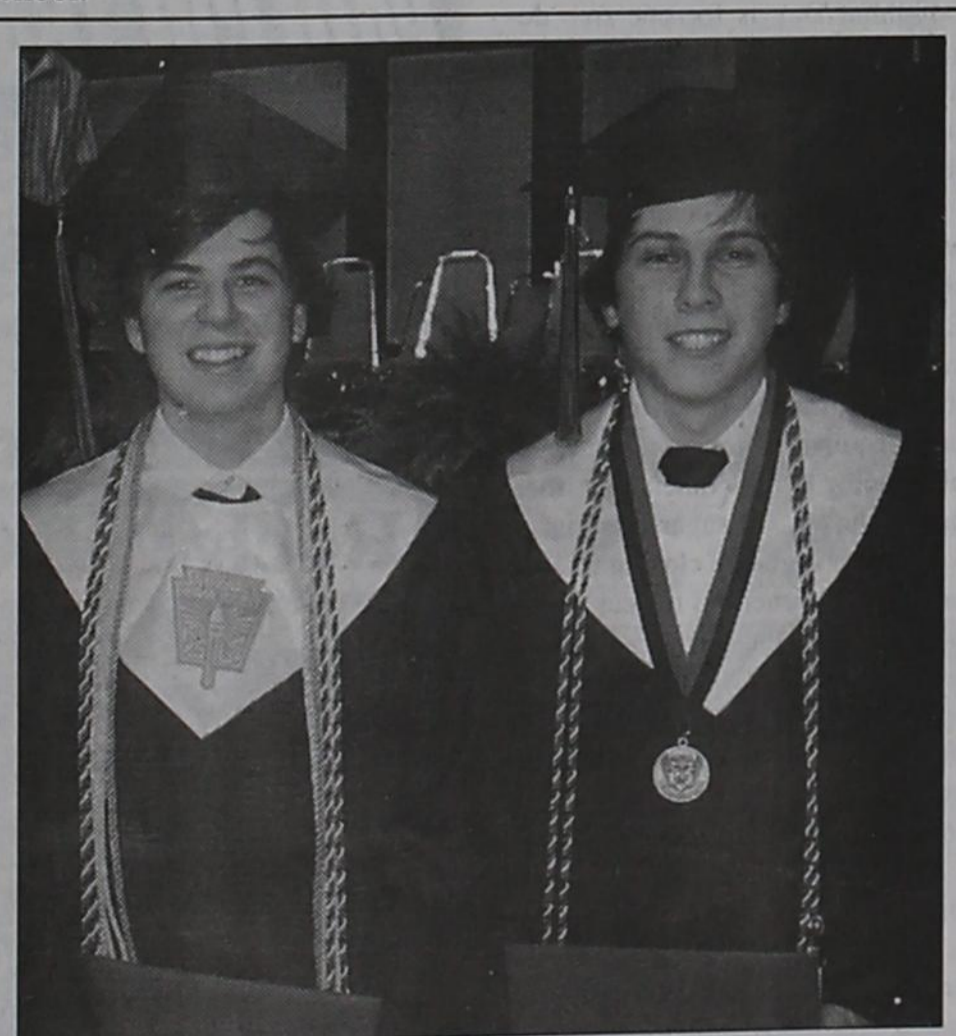
RHHS pair earns honors at state competition

Rockwall-Heath High School animation students Alex Vrana and Zach Brown earned honors at the Texas Computer Education Association's State Student Technology Contest.

Competing in the category of Video and Motion, high school level, the students' animated entry titled 'Plastic Ocean' received a top rating of I, as well as the single Critic's Choice Award given in the category.

The students were taught by Kim Card, who instructed the teens in the 3DS Max program used in developing the animated depiction of what can happen when oceans are polluted.

Vrana and Brown plan to attend the University of Texas at Dallas to major in computer science, according to a news release from the school.



Alex Vrana (left) and Zach Brown

the risk is 2 1/2 times higher for youths ages 10 through 14. More fires are reported on a typical July 4 than on any day of the year, and fireworks are responsible for half of those fires. In the City of Rockwall, individuals cannot possess, store, sell or use fireworks. Only devices not requiring ignition of the application of heat – party poppers, cap pistols and similar noisemakers – are allowed. For more information contact the fire department at 972-771-7770. **Rockwall County News Gets Results for its Advertisers! Tuesdays and Fridays • Call 972-722-3099**

Fourth parade set in Old Town Rockwall

The Old Town Rockwall Fourth of July Parade has been scheduled, and this year's event will mark the event's 10th anniversary.

The parade will form at 10:30 a.m. on Kaufman Street between Fannin and Clark in downtown Rockwall. Parking for parade participants will be available at Dobbs Elementary, located just east of the intersection of Kaufman and Clark streets.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m., with the route running through town square, south on Fannin, east on Munson and west on Clark and back to Kaufman in front of Dobbs Elementary.

The event is being sponsored by the Old Town Rockwall Neighborhood Association and Community Bank.

For more details, call Sherry Pittman at 469-698-9688 or visit oldtownrockwall.com.

Notice to Parents Intent to Destroy Records

In compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Volume 2, the Roysse City Independent School District plans to dispose of confidential records for students that were in the Special Education Program that were dismissed, graduated, moved, or were assessed but did not qualify for the 2000-2001 school year. If your child was served through Special Education and you desire copies of the records, please notify the Special Services office at 972-636-9514 by August 3, 2009.

The records will be destroyed after the week of August 24, 2009.

If you made a residential or commercial claim for real property damages within the past 4 years under your homeowners insurance policy or commercial insurance policy against **Travelers Lloyds of Texas, Travelers Home and Marine, or any other Travelers insurance company**, then you may be entitled to compensation. Call today for more information and a free case evaluation.

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BEST OF ROCKWALL COUNTY CATEGORIES

COMMUNITY

- Child Care Facility/Day School _____
- Children's Birthday Party Location _____
- Golf Course _____
- Golf Hole _____
- Neighborhood _____
- Private School _____
- Public School _____
- Public Park _____
- Place to take Visitors _____
- Place for a Date _____
- Rockwall County's Best Hidden Jewel _____
- Tennis Court _____
- Talking Trail _____

FOOD/ENTERTAINMENT

- Asian Food _____
- Bakery _____
- BQ _____
- Breakfast _____
- Caterers _____
- Cheap Coffee _____
- Designer Coffee _____
- Cheap Lunch _____
- Dessert _____
- Donuts _____
- Frozen Treat _____
- (ice cream, slushies, frozen yogurt, cones)
- Hamburger _____
- Home cooking _____
- Italian _____
- Margarita _____
- Mexican _____
- Taquito _____
- Pizza _____
- Place for a cold beer _____
- Seafood _____
- Healthy Meal _____
- Steak _____
- Wings _____
- Outdoor Music Venue _____
- Indoor Club or Music Venue _____

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- Asthma/Allergy Physician _____
- Chiropractor _____
- Day Spa _____
- Dentist _____

- Family Practice Physician _____
- General Surgeon _____
- Health Club/Gym _____
- Internal Medicine Physician _____
- Nurse Practitioner _____
- OB/Gyn _____
- Optometrist _____
- Orthodontist _____
- Oral Surgeon _____
- Orthopedist/Sports Medicine _____
- Pediatrician _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Place for a Massage _____
- Rehabilitation Clinic _____
- Sports Medicine Physician/Clinic _____
- Weight Loss Facility/Practitioner _____

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- Electronics Store _____
- Flower Shop _____
- General Merchandise _____
- Home Décor _____
- Jewelry Store _____
- Video Game Store _____

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- Banking Services _____
- Car Sales - New or Used _____
- Car Wash _____
- Carpet/Rug Cleaners _____
- Computer Repair/Assistance _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrician _____
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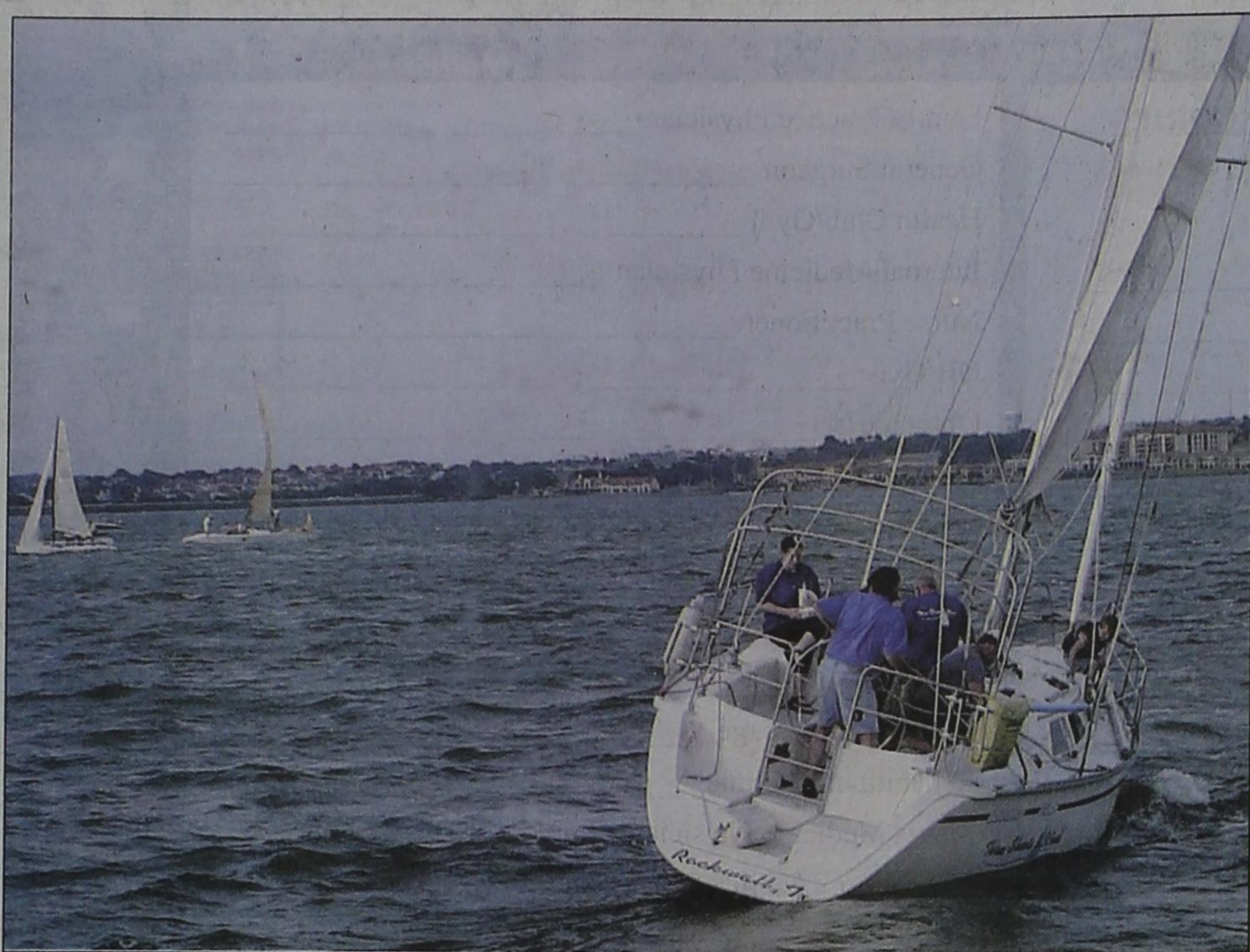
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"Best of Rockwall County" winners announced July 10, 2009
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Rockwall County Sports



The summer racing season is in high gear at Chandler's Landing as sailing competition keeps crews hopping on deck. Last Wednesday's competition on Lake Ray Hubbard was cancelled due to the stormy weather, but there are plenty of opportunities for boating enthusiasts. For more action photos visit the web site <http://clytc.fotki.com/>
Photo courtesy Dan Malak

Sports Notes

Flag football program planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a flag football program beginning Monday and running Mondays through Wednesdays at Myers Field No. 1. Cost will be \$25 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Play will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Skyhawks Golf program slated

Skyhawks Sports Golf will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays for youths ages 5-8 the change to learn proper golf foundational skills. The event will take place in Harry Myers Park. Cost will be \$113 for Rockwall residents, \$170 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Applications sought for Ten Star Camp

Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star Summer Basketball Camp, which is open by invitation only for girls ages 10-19 are eligible. A camp also is offered for boys ages 10-19 of all skill levels. For details call 704-373-0872 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

Triathlon training set

A triathlon training class will be offered on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. July 18 through Aug. 8 at Harry Myers Park. The running, biking and practicing the transition area will be a mini-triathlon. Cost will be \$45 for Rockwall residents, \$68 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Quickstart Your Kayak offered

Basic paddling and kayaking safety skills will be taught in the Quickstart Your Kayak from 9 a.m. to noon on July 18 at the Lakehill Recreation Center. Cost is \$60 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. For details call Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp set

The Skyhawk Mini-Hawk Camp, which will run July 18-22 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym, will offer athletes the chance to experience a number of different sports. Cost will be \$98 for Rockwall residents, \$147 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Agility, conditioning camp offered

Sports Agility and Conditioning Camp will be offered at the Rockwall Education Center Gym. Weeklong camps for 12-year-olds set Aug. 10-14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 13-year-olds, Aug. 10-14, 11 a.m. to noon. Cost for Rockwall residents is \$149, non-residents \$225. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Bulldogs football opponents remain the same

Royse City's 2009 football schedule will include the same opponents as last season, in the same order, with the home-and-away games reversed.

The regular season will begin in Week One, Friday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Atlanta.

The Bulldogs' home opener at Royse City ISD Stadium will be Friday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m., when they'll try to avenge one of their three regular-season losses in 2008 against Frisco Wakeland.

RC will begin its second season in District 10-4A at home Friday, Sept. 25, against Rockwall. That also will be Homecoming for Royse City.

Another date to remember will be Parents Night, Friday, Oct. 30, when the Bulldogs will host Carrollton Newman Smith.

Before the season begins, the 'Dawgs varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams will take part in two scrimmages, Friday, Aug. 21, at Frisco Centennial, and Thursday, Aug. 27, at home against Fort Worth South Hills.

The regular-season schedule (* denotes district games):

Fri., Sept. 4	at Atlanta	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 11	Frisco Wakeland	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 18	at Mount Pleasant	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 25	Rockwall *	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 2	at Richardson Pearce *	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 9	Greenville *	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 16	at Rockwall-Heath *	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 23	Highland Park *	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 30	Carrollton Newman Smith *	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 7	at Carrollton R.L. Turner *	4 p.m.

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