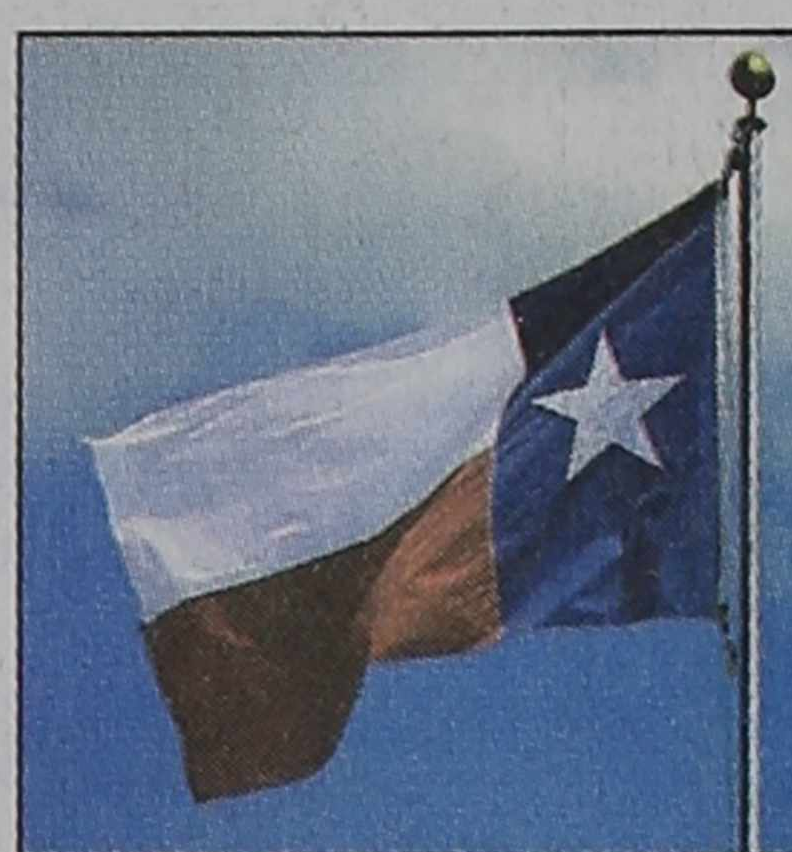




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Jerry Hogan, Jack James, Nancy Beaty lead voting in run-off election

Jerry Hogan, Jack James and Nancy Beaty earned spots on the November general election ballot following Tuesday's Rockwall County Republican Party Primary run-off election. County Judge candidate Hogan garnered 2,086 (51.4%) of the vote while Kevin Fowler drew 1,975 (48.6%). Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 & 4 candidate Jack James carried the election with 2,086 votes (58.3%) compared to incumbent David Karr's 840 votes (40.7%). Justice of the Peace 2 & 3 candidate Nancy Beaty polled 1,013 votes (52.6%) over incumbent Larry Holloway's 914 (47.5%).

Rockwall remains on budget, but concerns exist about next year

Rockwall revenues are holding to budgeted projections but city leaders are expecting a tough time next year. Members of the city council heard an informal report from staff about the city's progress at mid-year. According to staff, the city is expected to remain on budget with about \$4,000 ahead of projections. In the past, the city has enjoyed large surpluses. According to city manager Julie Couch, next year's revenues might be reduced by 1-2 percent. "I'm not excited at all about next year," Couch said, but characterized the city as not doing as badly as many Texas cities. "We've heard true horror stories in terms of commercial property values," Couch said. Staff points to the opening of the new Costco as "what saved us" in the budget for this year, but doesn't foresee the opening of any new big stores next year. Staff said they were happy about not having to come in mid-year with budget cuts and that there are no impacts on the provision of city services next year. "We'll have challenges without a doubt," Couch said.

Rockwall paves way for new convenience store

Members of the Rockwall City Council made way for the building of a 7-Eleven convenience store on the corner of Horizon and Tubbs roads at their April 13 meeting. The primary issue was the business's need for a special use permit to allow for six gas dispensers. A rule that has been on the books since 1974 requires the special permission for anything more than two dispensers. With the variance on the table the city was able to forge an agreement requiring upgrades to the look of the building and barriers between the store and the park. Members of the community came with opposition worried about alcohol sales near the park, traffic and road safety and the trash a noise associated with a 24-hour business. More than one resident asked the council to "take the chance" of approving the variance in hopes of discouraging 7-Eleven and facing the possibility of another business setting up shop, perhaps with two gas pumps. In response to that risk, councilman Glen Ferris said he'd rather have a blue-chip company like 7-Eleven than take his chances. The retail store could sell alcohol on the site and many stores in the area, including the nearby grocery stores and drug store do. Council members also expressed concern about the alcohol sales in proximity to the park. State law allows distances between alcohol sales and schools, churches and hospitals to be regulated. The store is too far from the hospital to be regulated under that law. "It seems like that was something that was missed and might need to be looked at legislatively," councilman Matt Scott said. Property owner/developer George Schuler was on hand to assure council members and the council that his development was dedicated to the benefit of the project. Schuler is the developer of the medical district and donor to the adjacent park and plans to place an auxiliary office building on the lot facing the 7-Eleven site, he said. Schuler will maintain ownership of the property, giving 7-Eleven a long-term lease. The council's decision is that people who use the hospital building will walk to the 7-Eleven, and 7-Eleven will provide fresh, healthy foods.

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Luke Lewis, Addie Keith and Lauren Groves, students of the Rockwall School of Music, were among the youths who visited the Summer Ridge Retirement Center in Rockwall April 11. The students - beginners, intermediate and the more advanced performers - gave a concert featuring piano, violin and vocal performances. The students will compete in Saturday's Rockwall Music Teachers Spring Competition. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Due to high winds, only four boats finished last Sunday's Chandler's Landing Dam Series race. Three in A fleet and one in B fleet. The lead boat shown above is Proprius Munia/International 11 Meter, owned and skippered by Heiko Mueller, with a crew of seven. The crewman seen standing at the port side shrouds is Vince Rizzo. Proprius Munia finished fourth, A fleet. The boat at the left is Cuttin Up/Sonar23, skippered by Jack Branch with two crew, co-owners Jeff Willis and Mark Green. Cuttin Up is sailing without a jib sail. Jeff Willis said the winds were so strong that the snaps on the jib sail kept failing. "We were surprised at how the wind kept building, after we all got out there. But once we were all out there, we had to deal with it." Cuttin Up finished second in the A fleet. The boat at right is Superman's Cape/Evelyn32, owned and skippered by Marshall McKenzie. Superman Cape sailed with a total crew of three. Superman's Cape finished fourth in the A fleet. Photo courtesy of Daniel Malak/Rockwall County News

Vintage baseball game Sunday features dads, coaches

As part of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's vintage baseball game on Sunday, a match-up between the Rockwall Boys Baseball Association's Rockwall Lakemonsters and their fathers and coaches also will take place. The game pitting the fathers and coaches against the Lakemonsters was added last week, according to a news release issued by the RCHF. The event will begin at 3 p.m. at the Rockwall Independent School District Baseball Complex on Yellow Jacket Lane. Sideline the event will be an antique car display from noon to 5 p.m.; a concession stand featuring homemade fried pies, popcorn and soft drinks; live music from the vintage era; and drawings for gift cards from area businesses, including Culver's, Wendy's, Johnny Carino's and Auto Zone. Tickets to the event cost \$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for adults. Rain make-up date has been set for April 25.

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City okays new convenience store ...

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"We're thrilled 7-Eleven has chosen us," Schuler said. Scott and councilman Davis Sweet gave dissenting votes. Scott expressed concerns about it being too easy for children to get someone to buy alcohol for them or for alcohol to get into the park with the 7-Eleven so near.

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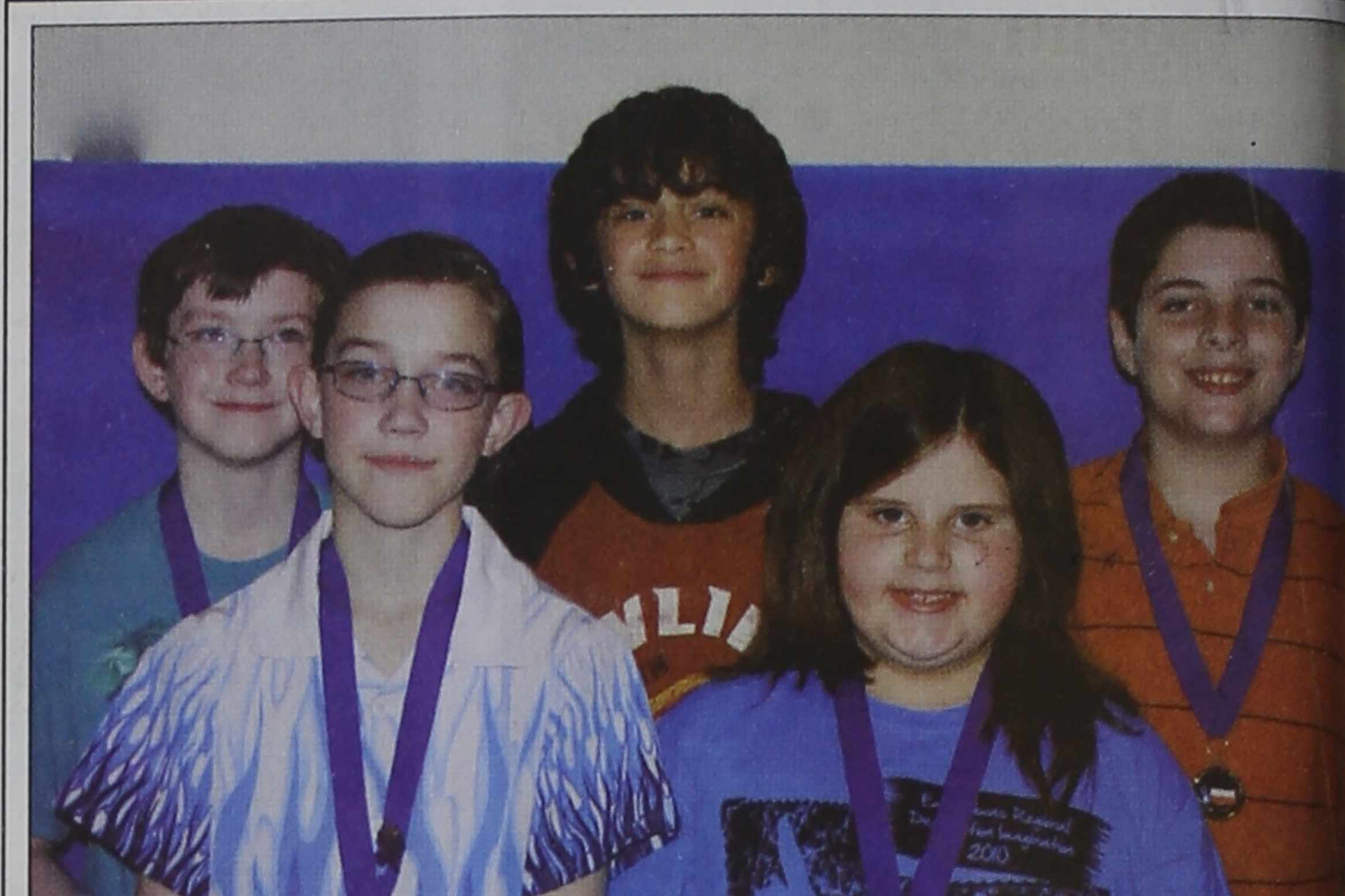
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A record 329 runners and walkers participated in the Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, April 3. Starting the race at front is Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe. (See story on Page 13)
Photo courtesy of Kim Dobbs/Rockwall County News



Shown above are members of Cullins-LakePointe Elementary's Destination Imagination team that compete at the state tournament this weekend. The team's challenge was "structure." The team built a newspaper structure that held 490 pounds without failing. Pictured from the left are Ryan Holliday, fifth grade; Zachary Dougal, fifth grade; Andrew Murphy, fifth grade; Megan Woolly, second grade; Christopher Dulac, fifth grade.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rose gets probation for fishy tournament entry

Robby Rose entered a guilty plea on Tuesday and was sentenced to five years probation for the state jail felony offense of attempted theft over \$20,000 but less than \$100,000, according to a news release issued by the Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney's Office.

In addition, Rose will be required to serve 15 days in jail and was ordered to surrender his fishing license for the duration of his probation.

Rose, a well-known competitive fisherman, competed

in the 2009 Bud Light Trail Big Bass Tournament on Lake Ray Hubbard on Oct. 24. The grand prize for the competition was a \$55,000 Legend bass boat, which was to be awarded to the fisherman who caught the largest fish based on weight.

Midway through the competition, Rose submitted a fish to win that prize. Upon weigh-in and inspection, tournament officials discovered a one-pound lead weight in the belly of the fish, according to the news release.

The incident was investigated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens, and the case was filed as a felony by the DA's office.

"We took this case very seriously," said Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County criminal district attorney. "As far as we were concerned, the case was about a \$55,000 bass boat, not a 10-pound fish."

In the news release, Alex Imgrund, lead prosecutor, said the facts of the case had garnered interest from sources as far away as Ontario, Canada.

"Cheating is cheating, and the fishing community, nor this office, will tolerate it," Imgrund said in the release.

Birth

Kenlee Jo Johnson

Kendra Stogner Ramm and Jeremy Joe Johnson of Royse City are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kenlee Jo Johnson, at 11:27 a.m. Monday, April 12, 2010, at Rockwall Presbyterian Hospital.

The infant weighed 6 pounds, 12.5 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

She was welcomed by her siblings Tavin Ramm, 6, and Austin Ramm, 6.

Maternal grandparents are Norman and Sharon Stogner of Greenville.

Paternal grandparents are Kenilworth, N.J., and the Johnsons of Quinlan.

Great-grandparents are Jean Johnson of Mt. Vernon, the late Gerald W. Johnson, the late Tommy Joe Wood of Rockwall.



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Participating in an enjoyable game in the library at Arbor House are (left to right) Jo Lee, Virginia Vaughn, Bernice Rodgers and Lee Hamilton.
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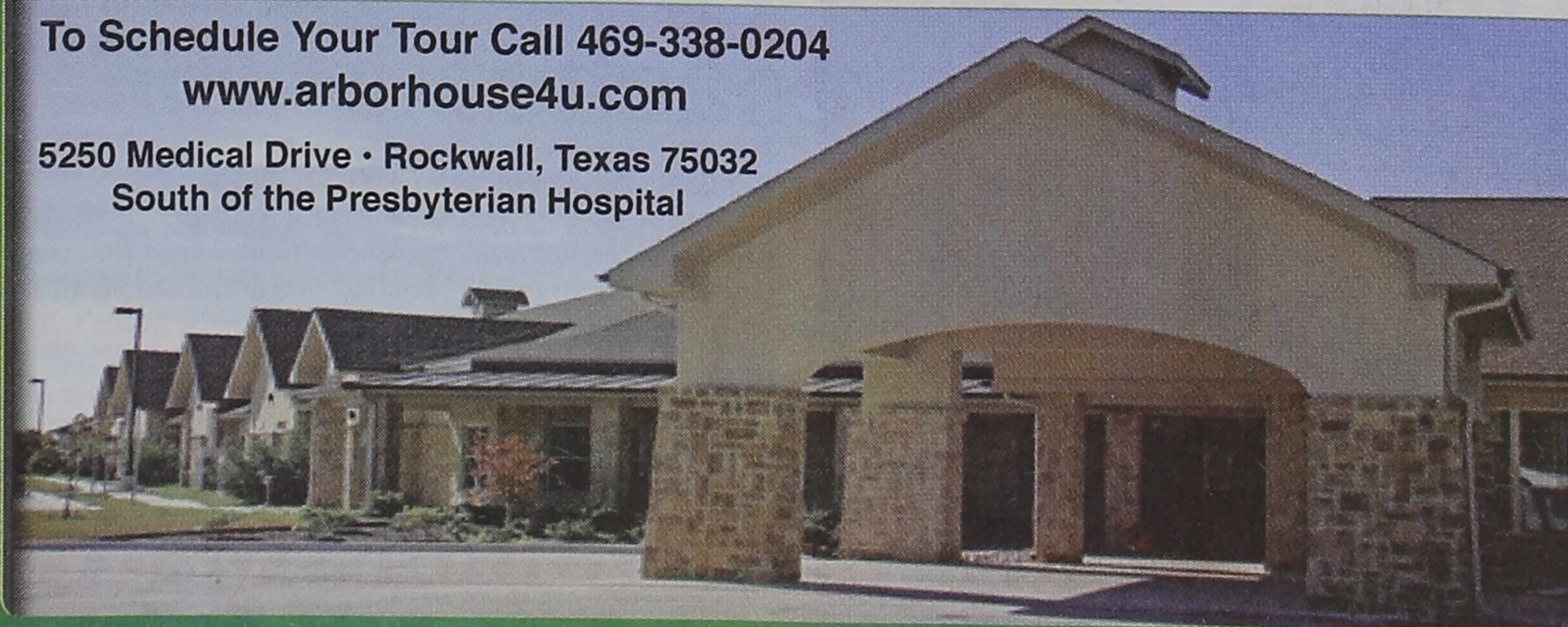
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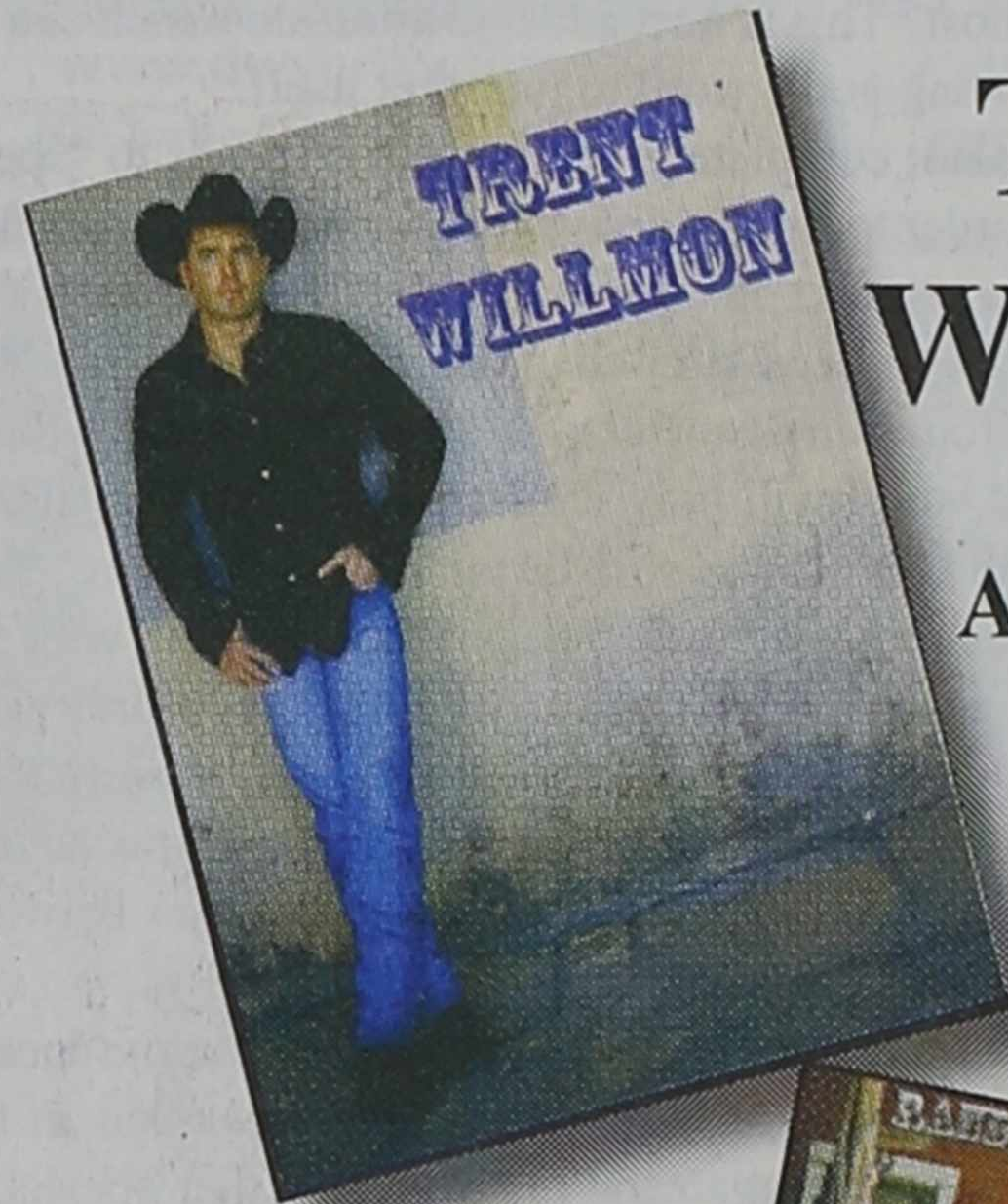


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'Sliced' to feature SJ

Southern Junction Nightclub & Steakhouse of Rockwall will be featured in The History Channel's new TV show, "Sliced," in late April. Theme for the show is "there's nothing that we can't slice in half - with the right saw." Southern Junction will serve as the venue for the show host and Heath resident John McCalmont, who will "slice up the place, including a mechanical bull." The show will air weekly.

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RHS and RHHS media students from both schools who attended the Mass Communication Career Day at Texas A&M University-Commerce are (back row, left to right) Erika Hochstein, Caroline Hochstein, Chloe Hochstein, Evan Losanes, Aaron Maxwell, Esteban Dues, Stephen Salter, Noah Goen, Annissa Kacin, Christian Pollock, Drew Bryson, Julia Sealock, McKenna Abbott, Virginia Sealock, Rachel Rodgers, Joy Eastman, Olivia Valderas, (front row) Alan Losanes, Rachel Bryson and Christina Cross. During March, students submitted work to the National Broadcasting Society Junior Production Competition, and six RHS entries were tapped as winners. Winning entries included the RHS Media Class, first place in Newscast for its March show; Mike Potiska, first place, Newscast Producer; and the RHS Media Class, honorable mention, Newscast, for its January show. Also, Priscilla Stepp and Steven Martinez, third place, TV News Package, "Romas;" Hunter Gerhart and Sam Howell, third place, Feature Package, "Culinary Arts;" and Gunnar Mooney, honorable mention, Radio PSA.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Doctor finds time to participate in Relay

Mary Thacker

This generation graduate of Texas A&M, Dr. Victoria Smithers built her family practice physician. A partner with Baylor Family Medical Center at Rockwall, she still finds time to participate in Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

In the past four years, Smithers has been a member of a Relay For Life team. Her office has sponsored a team for the past three. Relay For Life typically kicks off with the Survivor Lap, where cancer survivors are pushed in wheelchairs or ride golf carts while being cheered by those in attendance.

As a celebration for those who have triumphed over the dis-

"It's neat to experience the event with my patients who are cancer survivors. Walking side-by-side, sharing tears and laughter together; the experience gives me hope and helps me be more adamant about encouraging preventative care," she said.

The objectives of Relay are threefold: to raise money to find a cure for the disease, to honor those who have experienced cancer, and to empower people to become proactive in the fight against cancer.

"Relay For Life has a unique role of serving as educator for prevention and screening. In fact, one of my patients, a 53-year-old woman, is one of my best spokespersons for early screening," the doctor said. "She had been reluctant to get a colonoscopy, putting it off for three years. When she underwent the procedure, we found a cancerous tumor that we were able to remove completely before it spread.

"In medicine, it can feel like you're not making a difference," Smithers said. "But Relay For Life makes it personal. You can put the names and faces to the disease."

This year the Relay is personal for Smithers, as her niece, Michaela Richmond, who is in remission from leukemia, is participating in the event.

"She is an amazing, brave, little girl, a fifth grader at Nebbie Williams who is energetically involved in the American Cancer Society, raising money and awareness through her fundraising and public speaking efforts," said Smithers.

This year the Baylor Family Medical Center's team takes its name from Michaela's nickname. Team Mouse will host a booth that will feature Mickey Mouse balloons and a Disney theme. Michaela's mother, Kate, is also a cancer survivor, as is her sister. Her mother suffered from uterine cancer, and her sister had a neuro tumor in her lung when she was a baby. Michaela's father, 1st Sgt. Tom Richmond, is serving in the military in Iraq.

The Rockwall County Relay For Life will take place April 30-May 1 at Cain Middle School. To register as a survivor contact Becky Branum at (972)771-8797. To register a team, contact Mary Poteete at (214)771-1900. To help sponsor the event, call Jeff Projelof at (214)334-9318.



Dr. Victoria Smithers is pictured above with her niece, local fifth grade student Michaela Richmond. Smithers, a longtime Relay For Life participant, again plans to join this year's event along with family members and Richmond, who is in remission from leukemia. Smithers and family will make up Team Mouse.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Movie portrays help for families of problem drinkers

Rockwall Serenity Al-Anon Family Group welcomes questions from viewers of the Hall of Fame movie "The Love is Not Enough: The Story of Lois Wilson." The movie will air locally on CBS television (Channel 11) at 8 p.m. April 25.

The movie, starring Winona Ryder, tells the story of Lois Wilson's attempts to get her husband sober. Lois' struggle and her eventual success led to the foundation of Al-Anon Family Groups (for the friends and family of alcoholics) and Alcoholics Anonymous. For information about how Al-Anon can help families of problem drinkers, call 214-363-0461, 888-AL-ANON or visit al-anonfamilygroups.org.

Next week four Al-Anon Family Group meetings are being held in Rockwall: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m. at Lakepoint Church and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Room 145. Over 16,000 Al-Anon Family Groups meet weekly throughout the U.S. and Canada.



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On God's Word

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Spiritual Matters...1Corinthians 12:3

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One of the most difficult subjects to address is the spiritual matters found in 1Corinthians 12-14. They refer to things that are foreign to many Christians. Even biblical scholars do not agree on the basic spiritual wisdom found in these chapters. Yet here they sit, like a treasure box filled with gems that can transform even the most down-trodden people into victorious children of God.

Raise your hand if you want to learn how to walk and talk as children of God. Don't know about you, but this author's hand is flying up real fast! If we intend to learn the walk and the talk, we must trust God's word where it says, "Now concerning spiritual [matters], brethren, I would not have you ignorant" (1Corinthians 12:1). God does not want His people to be in want of knowledge concerning spiritual matters.

We begin with 1Corinthians 12:3 where it says, "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the spirit of God calls Jesus accursed. And that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the holy ghost." What does it mean to "speak by the spirit of God" and to say something by the holy ghost? This is a reasonable question which can be answered by simply allowing god's word to interpret itself.

1Corinthians 12:3 does not completely define what it means to "speak by the spirit of God." In order to rightly divide this scripture we must find how it is interpreted in the context of where it is used again. Chapters 12 and 13 only use this phrase in verse 3 of chapter 12. The first place that uses similar language is found in 1Corinthians 14:15, "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." This verse distinguishes between praying with the spirit and praying with the understanding. We have a pretty good idea what it means to pray with our understanding. But what does it mean to pray with the spirit? An examination of chapter 14 will show that praying with the spirit is talking about speaking in tongues. In general, chapter 14 distinguishes between speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues.

We start with verse 2, "For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God. For no man understands; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries." And again in verse 4, "He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself. But he that prophesies edifies the church." Verses 6-13 contrast between speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues in the context of who is edified. Then we come to verses 14-15 where it says, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful...I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding..."

When we reverently allow God's word to interpret itself, we see that to pray with the understanding can only refer to speaking with our own language, and the phrase "pray with the spirit" can only refer to speaking in tongues.

Now we can go back to 1Corinthians 12:3 with a better understanding of what it is talking about. No man speaking by the spirit of God, which is speaking in tongues, curses our Lord Jesus Christ. And furthermore, nobody can truly say that Jesus is the Lord, but by speaking in tongues. Do we use the name of our Lord Jesus in prayer often? Yes we do. But it is also available to freely and truly declare our "Lord Jesus" by the spirit of God.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Patricia Ann Gomez

Services for Patricia Ann Gomez, a resident of Heath for 38 years, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Church in the City, Rowlett, with Pastor Mike Hankins officiating, assisted by Andy Davis and Kevin Hunt. Burial will be at Mount Diamondhead in Hawaii.

She died April 7 following a battle with Alzheimer's disease. Born to U.S. Naval Commanding Officer J.J. Davis and Ethel May Davis of Hawaii, she attended grade school in Hawaii and was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. She attended Urslund Academy and Saint Edwards schools and was retired from Kaiser Permanente.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Johnny Gomez; two sons and two daughters, Mark Gomez of Dallas, Vince Gomez of Rockwall, Charlotte Guzman of Georgia and Tina Hunt of Arkansas; four grandchildren; and nine nieces and nephews.

Her parents preceded her in death.

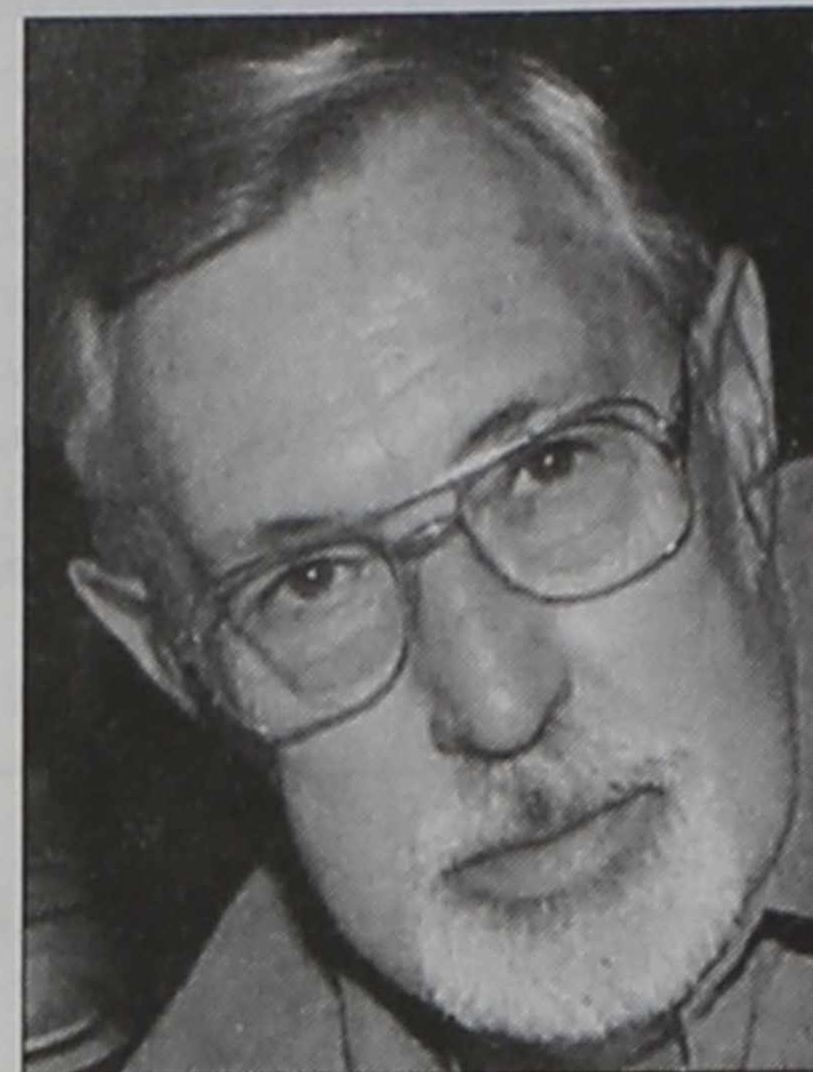
In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations may be made to any Alzheimer's organization.

Al Inman

A memorial service for Al Inman, 66, of Roys City will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel.

He died Sunday, April 11.

Born March 8, 1944, in Syracuse, N.Y., to Albert Lee Sr. and Beulah (Preston) Inman, he enjoyed traveling with his wife across the U.S., spending time with his family and grandchildren, camping, boating and snowmobiling. He was a woodworker and a perfectionist at model-building. He was a classic car enthusiast who enjoyed going to casinos and listening to hits from the 1950s and 1960s, especially those of Elvis Presley. He was retired from Mobile Oil where he worked as a construction project manager.



Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Mary (Nugent) Inman of Roys City; his daughter, Dawn Redig, and her husband, Richard, of La Grange; his grandchildren, Samantha and Dylan Redig; and his friends, Bindi and...

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant brothers.

Billy Jan Morris

Graveside services for Billy Jan Morris, 69, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, in the Mount Zion Cemetery near Panola with the Rev. Paul Thomasson officiating. The Jimerson-Lipsey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, April 14, at the funeral home.

He died Tuesday morning, April 13, in Dallas.

Born Jan. 28, 1941, in Golden Meadow, La., to William Gilbert and Amber Carolyn Alexander Morris, he graduated from Elysian Fields High School in 1960. After working for a year he enrolled at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, graduating with a bachelor's degree in geology. He was a member of the AIP Geological Society and was a registered geologist and geophysicist. In the 1990s, while working in Argentina as chief geologist for Reef Exploration, he discovered the largest gas deposit in that country. He served on the Planning and Zoning Committee in Rockwall for three years and was a city councilman for six years. He enjoyed traveling the world and retired at the age of 57 to pursue his passion.

Survivors include his wife, Diana Shults Morris of Rockwall; two sons, William Michael Morris and his wife, Brenda, of Bishop, Calif., and Brett Morris of Rockwall; one daughter, Lisa Morris of Shreveport, La.; one sister, Sharon Ellis, and her husband, Denny, of Carrollton; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to Bethany UMC, Box 247, Bethany, LA 71007 or the First UMC, 201 S. Shelby, CA TX 75633.

To sign the online guestbook, visit jimerson-lipsey.com.

Doris Myers

Services for Doris Myers, 83, of Heath were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial was in the Heath Cemetery.

She died April 6.

Born May 27, 1926, in Indianapolis, Ind., to Arthur and Mable (Pool) Payton, she enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading and hunting. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her daughters, Dolores Abshire and her husband, Pete, and Diana Chapman and her husband, Jerry, all of Heath, and Suzi Rizzo and her husband, Steve, of Antonio; her sisters, Buddy Sandifur of Sacramento, Calif., Lois...

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Rockwall County Obituaries

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her husband, Bill, of Roys City, Marybel Bannon and her son, of Little Rock, Ark., Ellen Wright and her husband, Frank, of Ind., and Carol Zook of Taylor; her brothers, Mike Payton, Cindy, of Waxahachie, Lynn Payton and his wife, Wilma, of Pat Payton and his wife, Nellie, of Coatsville, Ind., and David Adiana; her grandchildren, David Abshire and his wife, Julie, of Abshire and his wife, Amanda, of Rowlett, Dustin Chapman, Amy, of Mesquite, Leslie Chapman of Heath, Kimberley Rizzo of City, Calif., Jennifer Rizzo and her husband, Kevin Hayden, of ss., and Stephanie Abshire of Ankeny, Iowa; and eight great-grandchildren.

preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dub Myers; and a son, Shane Abshire.

Wendy 'Ms. Wren' Tremblay

services for Wendy "Mrs. Wren" Tremblay, 52, of Rowlett will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Church in the City. The Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel will be in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, April 13.

born April 10, 1958, in Dallas to Weldon and Billye (Beall) Wendland, she was a resident for 29 years where she owned and operated Lakeview Center and Childcare. She enjoyed being with children and gardening, especially family trips to Aspen, Colo.

include her husband of 29 years, Mike Tremblay, her son, Shawn Tremblay, and her daughter, Renee L. Tremblay, all of Rowlett; her son, Michael W. Tremblay Jr. of Denham Springs, La., and Scott B. Tremblay of Balch Springs; her grandchildren, Brice, Bailey, Christopher Tremblay and Elizabeth Brown; and her brothers, Wendt W. Tremblay of Big Spring and Wes W. Wendland of Carrollton.

preceded in death by her parents.

Frances Imogene Vance

services for Frances Imogene Vance, 83, of Terrell were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13, 2010, in the Rodgers Baptist Church in Garland with Rev. Thomas officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Home-Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel in charge of arrangements.

born April 8.

born May 18, 1926, in Forney to Marvin Dewey Slayton and Lorena Belle Slayton, she enjoyed sewing, cooking and singing. A member of the First Baptist Church, she spent many happy times with her grandchildren who were married to the love of her life for 63 years.

include her husband, William Vance, of Terrell; one son, Michael Vance of Garland; her daughters, Barbara Thomas and her husband, Joseph Wayne, of Rowlett, Patricia Stuckey and her husband, Robert, of Dallas, and Cynthia Kay Smith and her husband, Paul Edward Jr., of Dallas; her brothers, Jimmy Slayton and his wife, Peggy, of Rockwall, and John and his wife, Pat, of Seagoville and her husband, Robert, of Dallas; her sisters, Velma Lee Mallicote of Mesquite, Rena Mallicote of Dallas, Virginia Gregory and her husband, Glenn, of Dallas, June Mallicote of Seagoville and Sherry Slayton of Irving; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, M.D. Slayton and John Slayton; one sister, Helen Jack Cox; and one daughter-in-law, Joyce Vance.

Walter Wallace

Walter Wallace, 83, died early morning March 26, 2010, following his battle with cancer. He leaves his wife of 52 years, Dorothy (May) Wallace; his daughter, Elaine Robertson and son-in-law, Maura Wallace, and Jennifer and son-in-law James; and grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, Meghan, Ryan, Kristen, John Michael, Stephen, Patrick and Sarah; and many close family members and friends.

born March 8, 1927, in New York City, N.Y., Walter was the son of Anna Albert Wallace. After serving in the Army during World War II in the Coast Artillery School in Sonthofen, Germany, Walter attended Columbia University and graduated in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in business. He earned his MBA at New York University.

He worked for American Airlines for 32 years, starting as a ticket agent and finishing as a manager of sales training. He began his career in New York City, but he was transferred to Dallas in 1979. He worked for Hall Publishing Company as a regional sales manager and was eventually substitute teacher for Plano ISD during his retirement years. He passionately traveled to many cities and countries with his wife. Some of his favorite vacations included Bermuda, Ireland, Europe, Hawaii, Cape Cod, Carmel, Saipan, and an Alaskan cruise. He also acted and performed in the Douglaston Community Theater Group in Queens, N.Y. His roles included leads in Fiorello, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, and Cabaret.

He was an active member at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Some of his activities included being an assistant coordinator of the RCIA program, a charismatic minister and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

A funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m., April 10, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall with a reception following at the church. A service will be held on April 12 at 9 a.m. at the Dallas-Fort Worth Cemetery in Dallas. Donations can be made in Walter's name to the Dominican Missionaries for the Deaf Apostolate Attn: Father Thomas G. 143 Honeysuckle Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78213 or Vista Care of Greenville, 2804 Terrel Rd., Suite 5090, Greenville, Texas 75402.

Editor's Note: Our apology for the incorrect photo published with this obituary on April 9, 2010.

Butch Walsh

memorial service for Butch Walsh, 55, of Roys City was conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Cornerstone Assembly Church in Dallas with Bro. Bud Edwards and Pastor Nick Lamb officiating. A night of remembrance service was conducted Tuesday, April 13, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

born Jan. 3, 1945, in Bowie to Glen and Glenna (Park) Walsh, he was a welder and operator of Town & Glass in Mesquite for 30 years. Prior to moving to Roys City he resided in Mesquite for three decades.

Survivors include his wife, Marvalene Walsh of Roys City; his sons, Darrell Walsh and his fiancée, Nena Watts, of Rowlett and Jerry Walsh of Roys City; his daughter, Mary Davis, and her husband, Jerry, of Roys City; his son, Paul Cason, and her husband, Bobby, of Wichita Falls; his brother, Jerry Walsh, and his wife, Neita, of Bowie; his grandchildren, Brittany Walsh and Jordan and Mallory Davis; his stepchildren, James and Bobb of San Antonio and Sue Stevens of Smithville; his step-grandchildren, Nicole, Brenna, Caleb, Christina, Jerod and David; his step-great-grandchildren, Madison, Haley and Cameron; and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Meagan Davis; a stepdaughter, Lisa Smotts.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 458, Roys City, TX 75085.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

A really big historical event

This weekend, my 13-year-old grandson, Sam and two of his friends from Utley Middle School had the chance to witness history with the implosion of Texas Stadium.

I had been there for the opening event in 1971 - Billy Graham and his crusade filled the stadium - thousands of people attended for the religious experience as well as the chance to see the marvel of architecture.

All three generations of our family had been there through the years to watch Rockwall High School compete in football playoffs and as recently as last year to cheer on the Rockwall Heath High School Hawks.

Not only has Sam always been interested in explosions, pyrotechnics and combustion, he has always been a Dallas Cowboy fan. I thought the event would be a perfect conclusion to our family involvement with Texas Stadium.

However, there were logistics to consider -- and only in Rockwall would these generous people step up to make a grandmother's wish for her grandson come true:

- A former French student of mine at RHS, and now an A&M graduate and fine adult, heard I needed a driver (originally to leave here at 1 a.m. to get a place in the 5000-car Red Parking Lot, which opened at 2 a.m.). He signed on.

- A man I do community volunteer work with was able to get a parking pass to the Gold VIP lot (so they did not need to be there 'til 5 a.m.), four passes to the VIP Tent for breakfast (and bathrooms) and a special viewing area.

The four privileged spectators brought folding chairs and set them up on the curb that marked the safe distance boundary in front of the VIP Tent, which meant no one was between them and the action. And thanks to the way the wind blew, the dust did not affect them or inhibit their view.

The teenagers returned home exhausted, exuberant and eager to relate all the details of their part in the history of Texas Stadium to those who had only heard the rumble and felt the shockwave in their den in Rockwall.

Leigh Plagens, Rockwall

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast slated May 6 at The Center

Rockwall County's mayors will play host to a local event coinciding with the annual National Day of Prayer on May 6.

The fourth annual Rockwall County Mayors' Prayer Breakfast will take place at The Center at City Place, 108 W. Washington St., adjacent to the Rockwall City Hall. Hosts will include Bill Cecil, Rockwall mayor; John Harper, Rowlett mayor; John Ratcliffe, Heath mayor; Jerrell Baley, Roys City mayor; Michael Donegan, McLendon-Chisholm mayor; and Bill Broderick, mayor of Fate.

Doors to the nondenominational event will open at 7:30 a.m. Activities, including a free continental breakfast, will begin at 8 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Tim Barton, a member of the nationally acclaimed organization, Wallbuilders. Organized by Barton's father, David Barton, Wallbuilders presents America's "forgotten" history and heroes, emphasizing the country's "moral, religious and constitutional heritage."

Tim Barton is an ordained minister who has worked in a variety of church staff positions, including youth minister, worship leader and assistant pastor. He also serves as a coach, athletic directors and teacher at a Christian school in Texas.

Corrections

Outline information published last week concerning fourth grade SAGE students from Celia Hays Elementary was incorrect. The students were inadvertently misidentified. The students should have been listed as Lauren Hogan and Annie McKee. The Rockwall County News regrets the error.

Also, the outline regarding Celia Hays Teacher of the Year Amanda Payne also contained an error. The outline should have stated that Payne is a product of Rockwall schools. The Rockwall County News regrets the error.

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On March 15, 2010, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos Energy" or "the Company"), filed a Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is August 1, 2010. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,190,843 residential, 97,756 commercial, and 735 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$56,826,830, or 6.04% percent, including gas costs, or 14.82% percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$56.25*	\$60.00*	\$3.75	6.67%	16.95%
Commercial	\$213.36*	\$221.48*	\$8.12	3.81%	17.58%
Industrial	\$2164.76*	\$2277.05*	\$112.29	5.19%	20.90%
Transportation	\$635.97	\$748.27	\$112.30	17.66%	20.90%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.6303 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, the other proposed tariff change is an update to the factors included in Rider WNA.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-rrm. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division de Atmos Energy Corporation (la Compañía) que la Compañía está solicitando un cambio en las tarifas del gas. Este cambio afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

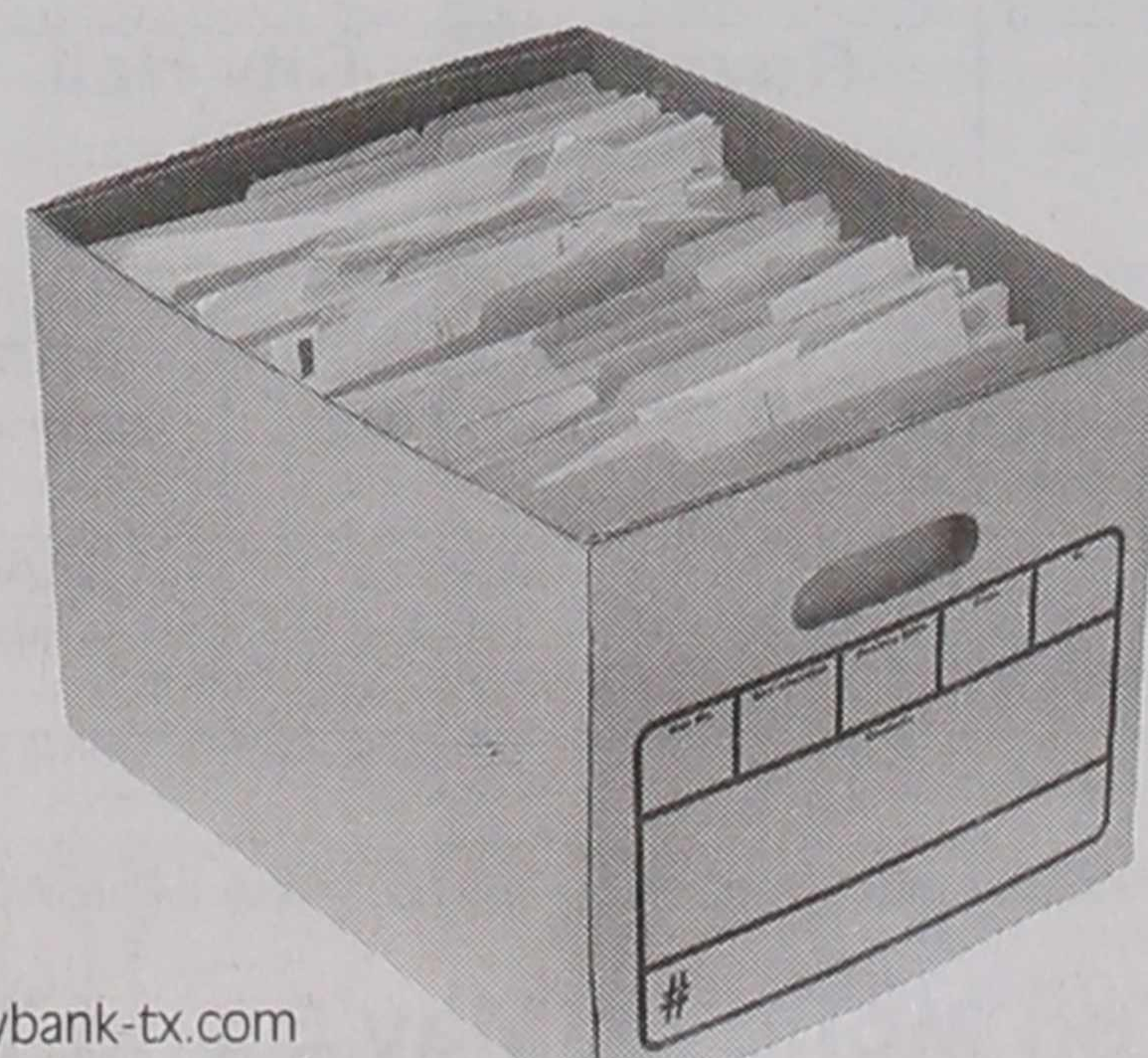


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Pictured above are upper school students who represented The Fulton School at the March 6 TAPPS Competition. Pictured at back, from the left, are Allen Losanes, Milan Rabah, Hasan Rabah, LuLu Wilson, Brett Steffen, Harrison Cleek, Kendall Johnson, Tyler Johnson and Tim Borgen; middle row, Whitney Vaughn, Kierra Tatum, Stewart Draheim, Lauren Harold, Austen Duffy and Brian Tiff; and, at front, Taylor Hale, Quinn Ellison, George Hajnasr and Eric Palmerduca.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Shown above are Fulton School middle school students who competed at the PSIA Competition in Denton recently, including, at back, from the left, Katie Burgy, John Crutchfield, Ian Borgen, Molly Borgen (teacher) and Maddie Lundell; Delaney Mallory and Nicholas Edelman; and, at front, Kathryn Burns, Zoe Beyer and Candice Lewis.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Fulton students district champs in TAPPS academic competition

Fulton School upper school students earned the district championship in the TAPPS academic competition conducted March 6, while middle and lower school students fared well at the PSIA competition in Denton.

Upper school students competed in contests involving academics and art.

An overview of individual and team awards is as follows:

Upper School
• Ready Writing – Tim Borgen, first place; Quinn Ellison, second

place
• Science – Brett Steffen, fourth; Kendall and Tyler Johnson, fifth place (tie)

• Prose Interpretation – Brian Tiff, first place
• Persuasive Speaking – Eric Palmerduca, second; Austin Reid, third; Stewart Draheim, fourth

• Yearbook – 2008-2009 Fulton Falcon Yearbook, second place
• Current Events & Issues – Hasan Rabah, second place; Harrison Cleek, third; George Hajnasr, fourth

• Number Sense – Timothy Borgen, fourth

• Calculator – Brian Tiff, third; Evan Losanes, fourth; Tyler Johnson, sixth

• Advanced Math – Timothy Borgen, second; Allen Losanes, fifth

• Literary Criticism – Kierra Tatum, first; Quinn Ellison, second; Chana Baggett, third

• Social Studies – Timothy Borgen, second; Brian Tiff, fifth; Eric Palmerduca, sixth

• Spanish – Kendall Johnson,

fourth; Tyler Johnson, fifth; Stewart Draheim, sixth

• Poetry Interpretation – Allen Losanes, second; Taylor Hale, third

• Original Oratory – Brett Steffen, first; Austin Reid, second

• Mathematics – Brian Tiff, first; Eric Palmerduca, fifth

• Computer Science – Tyler Johnson, first; Timothy Borgen, second; Austen Duffy, third place

• Graphic Design – Kendall Johnson first; Stewart Draheim, second; Hasan Rabah, fifth; and Tyler Johnson, sixth

• Mixed Media – Taylor Hale, first; Kierra Tatum, second; Timothy

Borgen, third; and Lulu Wilson, sixth.

• Art History – Taylor Hale, first place.

Fulton placed third in the district art competition.

Middle School
The lower and middle school students took home more than a dozen awards in the PSIA competition in Denton:

• Morgan Froehlich – sixth place in Ready Writing 7

• Delaney Mallory – second place in Ready Writing 4; advances to state

• Ian Borgen – third place in

Calculator 6/7/8

• John Crutchfield – first place in Science, advances to state; place in Math 7/8

• Nick Edelman – second place in Vocabulary 5; advances to state

• Laine Ellison – third place in Vocabulary 6; state alternate

• Maddie Lundell – first place in Maps/Graphs/Charts, advances to state; third place in Dictionary 6/7/8

• Zoe Beyer – first place, Laine Ellison, second place in Language 4/5, advances to state

• Anna Borgen – third place in Dictionary 5; sixth place

Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the Automatic Tabulating Equipment that will be used in the City General Elections held on May 8, 2010 will be tested on April 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices for the following City and School Elections:

City of Fate
City of Rockwall
City of Roys City

Issued this the 7th day of April, 2010

Glenda Denton
Elections Administrator
Rockwall County

Aviso de la prueba del equipo de tabulación automático

El aviso por este medio se da a eso el equipo de tabulación automático que será utilizado en la elecciones general de la ciudad celebrada el 8 de mayo de 2010 será probado el 19 de abril, 2010 en 10:00 a.m. en 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall, Tejas para comprobar que contará exactamente los votos echados para todas las oficinas para las elecciones siguientes de la ciudad y escuela:

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Ciudad de Rockwal
Ciudad de Roys City

Publicó esto el 7th dia del abril, 2010

Glenda Denton
Administrador de las elecciones
Condado de Rockwall

CATCH changing eating habits at Fort Elementary

Eating habits are changing for the better at Fort Elementary.

PE teacher Shawn Wylie recently initiated a partnership with the CATCH Program, a national program of the American Academy of Pediatrics that focuses on children's health and healthcare. Wylie coordinated with teachers and food service to help students learn about healthy foods and exercise.

"Our eating habits are formed when we are young," said Wylie. "If we can teach these students healthy habits now, they will carry those with them all their lives."

Teachers have incorporated some hands-on lessons where students prepare healthy snacks, and the Fort Elementary PTO also has gotten involved, partnering with teachers to purchase the classroom supplies for the healthy snack lessons. Additionally, the PTO is encouraging room mothers to bring healthy treats to class parties, such as fruit kabobs and popcorn.

In PE classes, students play games that teach them to build balanced meals and the cafeteria labels the food choices for the day as 'Go, Slow and Whoa! Go foods are the healthy choices – fruits and vegetables, while Slow reminds students about foods that should be eaten in moderation. Whoa foods are choices that should be limited to "just one."

Students get Bulldog Brag tickets when they are seen eating healthy meals and lowfat milk instead of

chocolate.

"Kris Smith, our cafeteria manager, has done an awesome job creating nutritious recipes for the students to choose from," said Wylie.

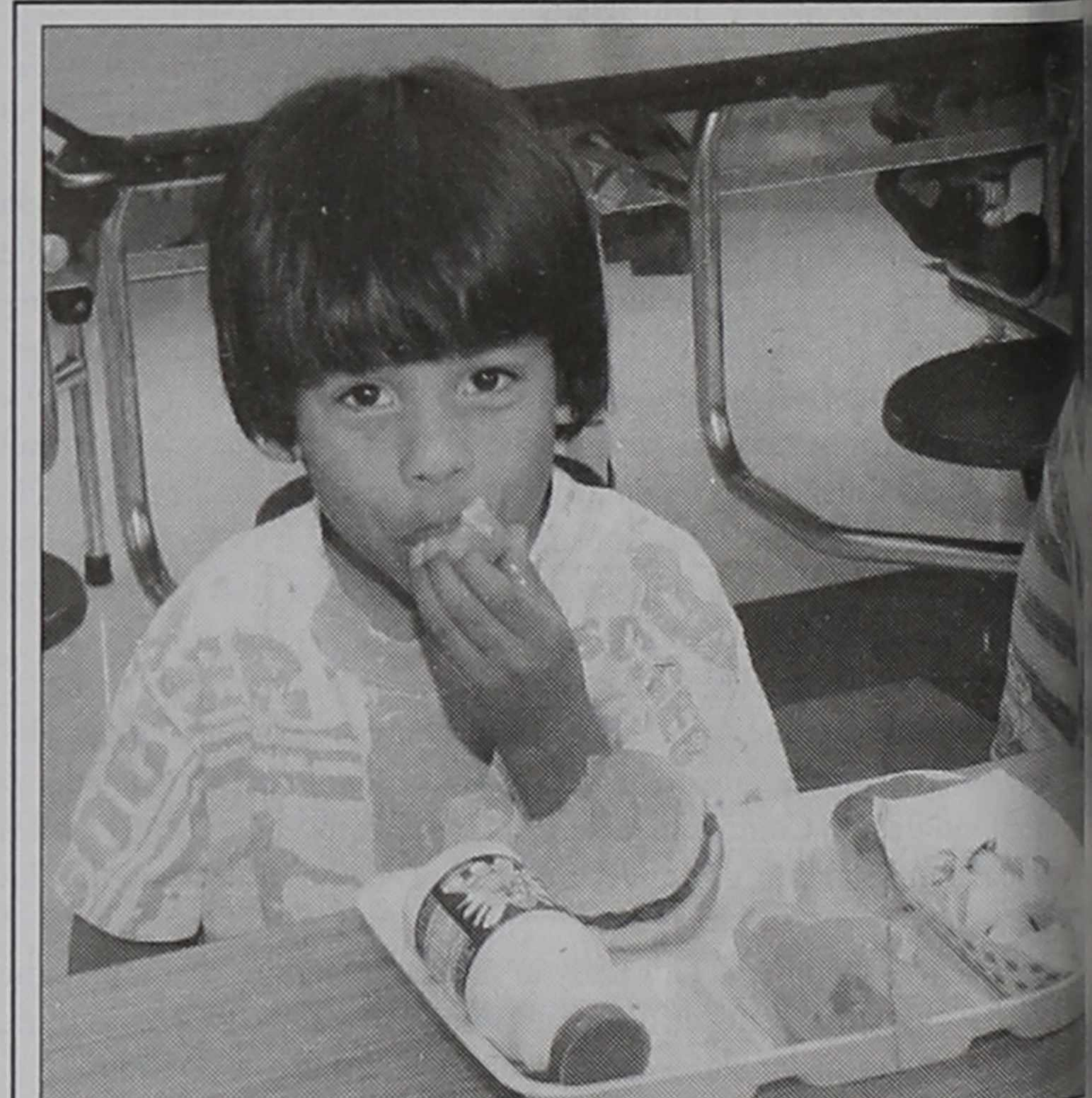
Some of the student favorites are creamed spinach, three-bean salad and an okra, tomato and corn dish.

"When we create a new dish, we put on our chef hat and take little samples out to the tables for the students to taste," said Smith. "The

students love to try the samples and most of the time they eat it, then they are not afraid to make that choice in lunch line."

The program is about changing the way students think about food.

"I am excited about the choices that our kids are making," Wylie. "We are teaching that a healthy body leads to a healthy mind."



Fort Elementary student Jesse Bustamante recently selected an orange, lowfat milk and a salad to sideline his hamburger. Students are making healthier food selections in the school cafeteria thanks to the recently implemented CATCH program.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Hazardous waste collection set April 17 at service center

The 10th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the City of Rockwall with participation by the City of Heath and Rockwall County, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 at the city's service center, 1600 Airport Road.

The event is open to all City of Rockwall, City of Heath and Rockwall County residents. To be eligible to participate, a City of Rockwall resident should bring a current utility bill or driver's license to show proof of residency, while a City of Heath resident must contact his or her municipality at 972-771-6228 for a voucher. Rockwall County residents must contact the county at 972-204-6000 for a voucher.

The following safety and preparation tips must be followed:

- Keep chemicals in their original containers if possible.
- Place broken or leaking containers inside a second container of similar material (glass for corrosive, metal for flammables). Use clay-based cat litter to soak up spills.
- Transport materials in the trunk or back of a vehicle, away from the driver and any passengers.
- For safety purposes, do not bring children or pets to the collection site.
- Individuals dropping off waste should stay in their vehicles when entering the collection site. Trained workers will unload the hazardous waste from the vehicles.

Also to be offered is secure document destruction. Participants can drop off and have documents safely shredded. Computer recycling also will be offered. The event will be conducted rain or shine.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS & HOURS FOR GENERAL ELECTION May 8, 2010

POLLING PLACE		LOCATION & ADDRESS		CITY		
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Roys City		Roys City – City Hall 305 N. Arch St		Roys City		
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**Extended hours on Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Texas Exes to host scholarship benefit

The Ray Hubbard Texas Exes will host their fifth annual Scholarship and Auction beginning at 7 p.m. April 23 in the Z Lounge at the Zanz in Rockwall.

Local merchants have provided UT items, weekend getaways, auto-sports memorabilia, restaurant packages and spa treatments, as well as other items that will be auctioned off during live and silent auc-

tions.

Proceeds raised during the event will be used to fund scholarships for Rockwall County students planning to attend UT-Austin in the fall.

To RSVP or for more details contact Paige Parks at 214-686-3137 or paigeparks@hotmail.com.

Award nominees sought for Older Americans event

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging is preparing for its upcoming Older Americans celebration.

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Each May, Rockwall County organizations, the five mayors and city governments in Rockwall County and local individuals nominate outstanding seniors to receive awards for making a difference in the community.

The awards ceremony, set for 1 p.m. May 14, at the Rockwall County Library, will feature Congressman Ralph Hall as guest speaker. Hall also will present the awards.

For more details, call 972-771-9514.

www.rockwallcountynews.com

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF ROCKWALL

To the registered voters of the City of Rockwall, Texas:
(AVISO DE UNA ELECCIÓN GENERAL
CIUDAD DE ROCKWALL)

A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Rockwall, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, on May 8, 2010 for voting in a General Election to elect three Council Members, Place 2, Place 4 and Place 6) each for a two-year term:
Se da aviso por este medio que el centro electoral más abajo estará abierto de las 7:00 am a las 7:00 pm, el 8 de mayo, 2010 para votar en una Elección General para elegir a tres Concejales (Lugar 2, Lugar 4, y Lugar 6) cada uno para un periodo de dos años:)

Herman Utley Middle School
1201 Yellowjacket Ln
Rockwall, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted beginning April 26 – May 1 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, May 3-4 between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. at:
La votación adelantada en persona será celebrada empezando el 26 de abril – el 1 de mayo entre las 8:00 am y las 5:00 pm, el 3-4 de mayo entre las 7:00 am y las 7:00 pm en:)

Rockwall County Elections
Administrative Office
107 East Kaufman
Rockwall, Texas

First day to accept applications for voting by mail March 9, 2010. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
El primer día que se acepta las solicitudes para boletas para votación por correo será el 9 de marzo, 2010. Las solicitudes de boleta por correo deben ser enviadas a:)

Early Voting Clerk, Glenda Denton
Rockwall County Elections Administrative Office
107 East Kaufman
Rockwall, Texas 75087

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2010.

(Las solicitudes para boleta por correo deben ser recibidas a más tardar el fin de negocios el 30 de abril, 2010.)

Dated this 7th day of April, 2010

(Fecha este día del 7th del Abril, 2010)

Cristy Ashberry, City Secretary
City of Rockwall, Texas

CITY OF FATE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (A VISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the City of Fate, Texas:
(A Las votantes registrados del Ciudad de Fate, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2010, for voting in a general election to elect a Mayor and three (3) Council Members, for a term of two (2) years each for Places 2, 4 and 6.
(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8 de Mayo de 2010 para votar en la Elección General para elegir la Alcalde y a tres (3) miembros de consejo para un termino de los (2) años cada uno para los lugares 2, 4, y 6.)

FATE COMMUNITY CENTER
104 South W.E. Crawford
Fate, Texas

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Jean Dwinnell, TRMC, City Secretary
City of Fate, Texas

Opinions

Brace yourself for Obamacare taxes

Sheldon Richman

Now that President Obama's health-insurance overhaul has become law, we brace ourselves for the new taxes. What new taxes? Aren't they only on "rich" and on large companies?

True that the Obama plan includes new taxes on upper-income people. For example, the Medicare tax will now be applied to investment income. People making more than \$200,000, will now have to pay a 3.8 percent tax on investment income over that limit. For people earning salaries of more than \$200,000, their payroll tax will rise from 1.45 to 2.35 percent on the amount over that limit. (The so-called employer's share will remain the same.)

But the new Medicare taxes are projected to take in \$184 billion by 2010, although that assumes the tax targets are stationary and unable to take any action. That is highly doubtful.

Other new taxes include the levy on high-end employer-purchased health insurance. Since this tax was offensive to labor unions, which negotiates some Cadillacs plans for their members, it was put off until 2018 (when a two-term Obama would be out of office), so there's plenty of time to modify it.

It's also asserted large fees on drug and medical-device companies. These are charged by government in a euphemism for "taxes."

One might expect the corporate targets of such "fees" to object, but there's no objection. The companies supported ObamaCare in principle if not in particular. Why? One reason is that along with the new charges comes a mandate compelling all U.S. residents to buy insurance (or have it bought for them).

Other taxpayer subsidies are in the offing. Compulsory insurance therefore is in the companies' pockets; the new "fees" will be worked into the charges their captive clientele. Why do you think those companies?

Remembering the fiery end

The memory of a small Texas church in McClennon County, who faced the might of the United States Federal law enforcement, tax enforcement agencies and para-military Hostage Rescue Team forces, that culminated in a fiery end on April 18, 1993, we offer the following brief list of references for our readers interested in learning more.

"No More Wacos: what's wrong with federal law enforcement and how to fix it." By David B. Kopel and Paul H. Blackmon. Available also <http://www.davekopel.org/Waco.htm>.

"No More Wacos" uses the April 19, 1993 McClennon County disaster as a starting point for a comprehensive investigation of the increased militarization, violence, and lawlessness of federal law enforcement in the 1980s. The book uses a narrative format to examine the events at Waco. Each chapter focuses on a particular general topic (e.g., the search warrant, the FBI raid, the April 19 tank assault), and uses the topic to investigate not just what went wrong at Waco, but also how Waco is illustrative of general problems with federal law enforcement (summary from above cited website).

<http://www.carolmoore.net/waco/waco-articles.html>. Contains a comprehensive package of links to articles, law enforcement actions, court cases prior to, during and following the raid, siege and fiery end. Includes February 25 affidavit of arrest warrant, extensive information about the trial and appeals and more.

"A World of Trouble, 1989-2001." The FBI: A Centennial History, 1908-2001 (page 84). Found at <http://www.fbi.gov/headlines/chapter6.pdf>. Provides a brief explanation of the incidents from the FBI's perspective.

stock prices are rising?

Moreover, big companies can always grapple with new taxes and regulations more easily than smaller companies can. So taxes and regulations have a way of concentrating industries by diminishing competition. ObamaCare is a classic government-backed cartel.

At any rate, those are not the taxes I am not referring to when I say we should brace ourselves. The taxes I mean are the implicit taxes that ObamaCare will impose on most productive people. What's an implicit tax?

Everyone knows what a tax is. It's a government decree that individuals or businesses pay a sum of money or face penalties ranging from fines to imprisonment. Taxes are levied on all sorts of things, including incomes and the sale of products and services. The essence of a tax, then, is the payment of money under duress created by politicians.

Once we understand this, we can see that the state is able to tax us indirectly as well as directly. For example, when government imposes a tariff on foreign goods, this tax is not formally imposed on consumers. But if the tariff leads to higher prices for the foreign goods and their domestic counterparts (which is usually the purpose), consumers end up paying the tax in those higher prices. The formal target is irrelevant. It's a tax on consumers.

Government can tax us even more indirectly. The pending cap-and-trade

proposal, by charging companies for permits to emit carbon dioxide, will raise the price of energy and products embodying that energy. The difference between prices with and without cap-and-trade is a tax because the higher payment is the result of a government decree. It doesn't matter that Congress passed no formal tax.

Now we can see how ObamaCare will tax much of the middle class. Under the new law, everyone will have to buy government-defined medical coverage or have it bought for him by his employer, reducing cash wages. Thus, anyone who would not have bought insurance or would have bought a less-expensive policy will pay an implicit tax.

But that's not all. When government subsidizes demand, as ObamaCare will, prices rise. So under ObamaCare, everyone paying his own way will pay more for medical services (and insurance) than otherwise. That difference is a tax because it results from a government decree.

Thus, ObamaCare is a massive tax increase on the middle class. How soon can it be repealed?

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

The lawful definition of "income"

by Wes Burnett

While the vast majority of Texans met the so-called "tax deadline" on April 15, we pose a serious question to consider: What is the lawful definition of income?

The United States Tax Code does not address this question. The code (more than 900 pages in fine print) does not define the word "income." It does refer to "gross income" and other uses of the word "income," making an assumption that "everyone knows what income is." Webster's Dictionary definition is not the lawful definition.

In order to determine the lawful definition of "income," it is important to understand the U.S. constitutional limits placed on legislators. Words used in the constitution itself can not be defined by Congress (or its statutes), only the federal courts can define words used in the U.S. constitution.

The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution authorizes an "income tax," therefore, Congress can not define the word "income." That's why the Internal Revenue Code does not define the word "income." Congress does not have the authority to define terms of a constitutional amendment.

"Congress cannot by any definition (of income in this case) it may adopt, conclude the matter, since it cannot by legislation alter the Constitution, from which alone it derives its power to legislate, and within whose limitations alone that power can be lawfully expressed." *Eisner v. Macomber*, 252 U.S. 189.

The courts, however, have provided the answer.

For several years after the so-called ratification of the 16th Amendment, several challenges to the new income tax laws made their way through the courts.

We will cite those important cases at the end of this article, for those of you interested in researching this issue for yourself.

In summary, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "income" is defined as the same as that used in the Corporation Tax Act of 1909.

After examining dictionaries in common use (Bouv. L. D.; Standard Dict.; Webster's Internat. Dict.; Century Dict.), we find little to add to the succinct definition adopted in two cases arising under the Corporation Tax Act of 1909 (*Stratton's Independence v. Howbert*, 231 U.S. 399, 415, 34 S. Sup. Ct. 136, 140 [58 L. Ed. 285]; *Doyle v. Mitchell Bros. Co.*, 247 U.S. 179, 185, 38 S. Sup. Ct. 467, 469 [62 L. Ed. 1054]), "Income may be defined as the gain derived from capital, from labor, or from both combined," provided it be understood to include profit gained through a sale or conversion of capital assets, to which it was applied in the *Doyle Case*, 247 U.S. 183, 185, 38 S. Sup. Ct. 467, 469 (62 L. Ed. 1054). *Eisner v. Macomber*, 252 U.S. 189

In simple terms... "income" is the same as "gain," or "profit." So, in order to determine your "income," you first have to determine if you have a "gain" or "profit" in either your personal or business life. Accountants understand how to determine whether or not you have an annual "profit" or "gain." Your wages are not "profit" or "gain."

There are activities which do in fact meet the definition of "income," they are clearly defined in the Corporation Tax Act of 1909. The courts have also upheld the taxation of increases in value on stocks, bonds and sale of real property.

Look on the Internet for these U.S. Supreme Court rulings for details: *Pollock v. Farmers Loan & Trust Co.* (1898); *Brushaber v. Union Pacific R.R. Co.* (1916); *Stanton v. Baltic Mining Co.* (1916) and *Flint v. Stone Tracy Co.* (1911). Other web sites with additional information may be found at www.taxfreedom.com

Our constitution guarantees a republic form of government, based on free exchange between individuals, not a socialist tyranny. We must demand the constitution be obeyed.

Finances to delay new country club in McLendon-Chisholm

by Jo Anna Matejka
Residents who have been looking forward to the Kingsbridge Tennis Center/Country Club developments pitched to City of McLendon-Chisholm in a special meeting this year will just go on waiting — maybe until next March.

Members of the McLendon-Chisholm City Council heard from representatives of the Sterling One development company at this week's meeting and learned the company's financing arrangements are moving more slowly than they had hoped.

According to Sterling One repre-

sentative Russell Phillips, the company hopes to break ground in June. When the project was first pitched to council members for zoning changes, it was hoped the center would be opening by June 1.

To help the deal go through, council members acted unanimously with two members absent to approve zoning changes allowing for the building of the center, an office complex and a reduction in the originally proposed density for the second phase of the Kingsbridge community.

The project was given a recommendation without reservation from the city planning and zoning board

and was lauded by community members who attended the public hearing last year.

Council members approved a change in the planned density of the remainder of the residential development from the initial 2-acre lot size to an average 1.3-acre lot size, which is in line with the first phase of the development.

Concept drawings of the tennis center facade show a glass-fronted building set back by trees.

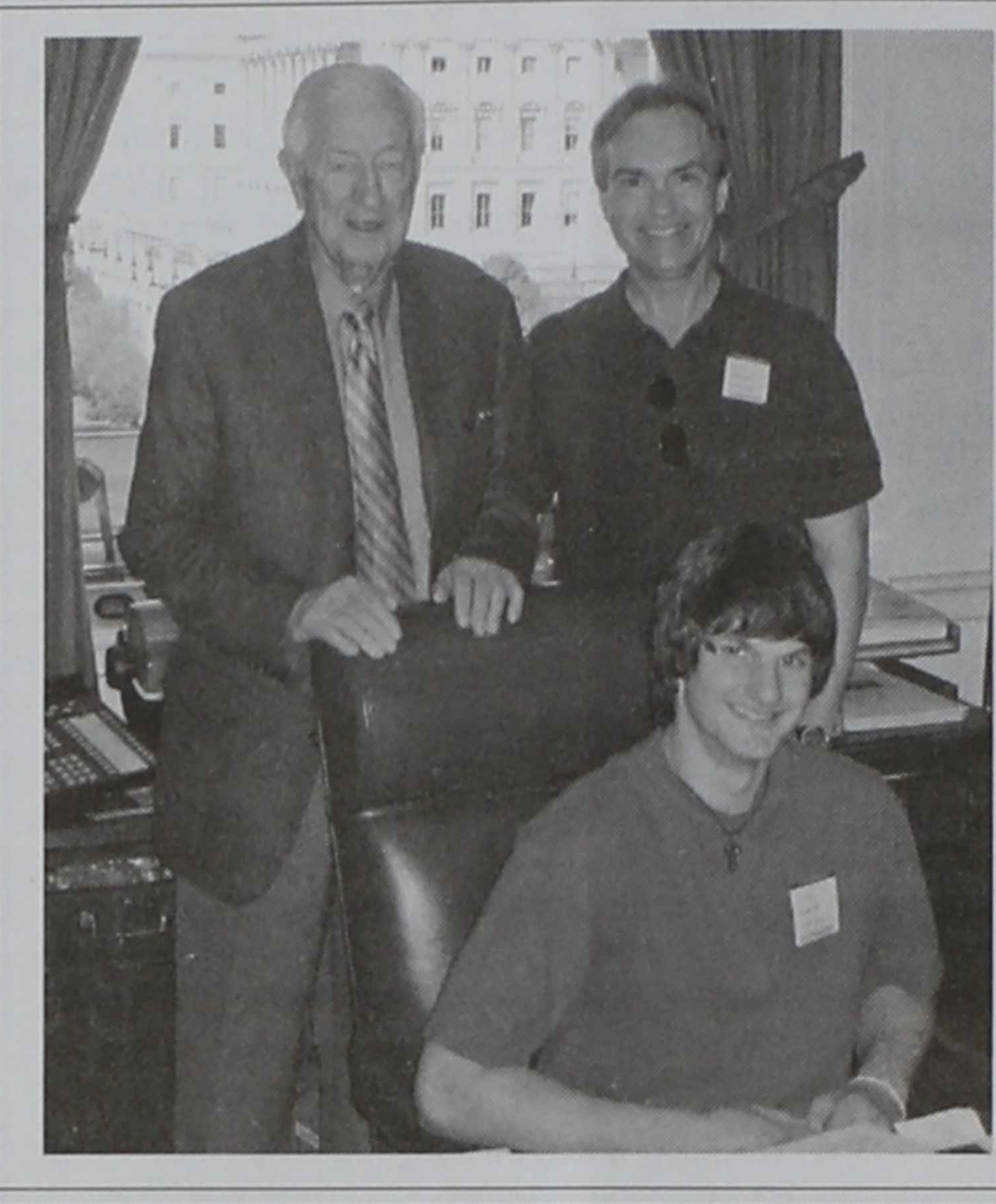
The final project would be a 25-acre tennis center/country club with multi-purpose event facilities and a restaurant/bar.



Rockwall's middle schools — Williams, Utley and Cain — showcased their best artists at the recent Rockwall County Fair, but Williams students swept the competition in every category. Award winners included Trevor Smith, Best of Show 2-D; Christen Gang, Best of Show 3-D; Color, first, second and third places respectively, Zach Mathias, Hayley McCue and Shelby Helmer; Black and White, first and third places respectively, Brook Brown and Trevor Smith; Craft, first place, Alyssa Stephens; Mixed Media, first, second and fourth places respectively, Victoria Farley, Jonathon Aguirre and Wyatt Hatcrow; and Sculpture, first, third, fourth and fifth places respectively, Tyler McKenzie, Noah Goen, Amanda Martin and Nicholas Lopez. Shown top row, from the left, are Smith, Aguirre, Gang, Farley, Helmer and Alec Rigutto. Pictured at bottom are Hatcrow, McCue, Brown, Samantha Ruff, Martin Lopez and Mathias. Not pictured are Stephens, McKenzie, Vivien Miller and Goen. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



WFAA-TV weatherman Steve McCauley visited fourth grade students at Miss May Vernon Elementary recently. Students have been learning about the weather, and McCauley provided insight into many its aspects. He discussed lightning safety and told stories from his days as a tornado chaser. He also showed a video of an F4 tornado he chased. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall residents enjoy personalized tour of U.S. capital with Congressman Ralph Hall

Zack Thacker (back right) and I. Thacker (front) visited Congressman Ralph Hall (left) in his Washington D.C. office during their recent spring break trip to the United States capital. Hall escorted the visitors to the Family Members Gallery and explained the process of casting votes, and then to the members only sub-basement shuttle for transit back to his office. Photo and information courtesy of Mary Thacker

Rockwall County News Briefs

Amigos Days begin today

Volunteers from the Heath First United Methodist Church will partner with the City of Dallas and urban churches to fix up homes in Pleasant Mound as part of Amigos Days, which run today and Saturday and April 23-24. Those unable to join in the work might be interested in providing food and beverages for workers. For more details call the Heath FUMC at 972-771-6732. Rain make-up day is May 1.

Kid's Game Night set today

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

Play today at Cain Middle School

"Louder I Can't Hear You," Cain Middle School's UIL One-Act Play, will be performed for the public at 7 p.m. today at the school. Theatre II Production Class members also will present self-written plays. Admission will cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children. For more details e-mail soden@rockwallisd.org.

RC Chamber luncheon RSVPs due

The Roysse City Chamber's monthly luncheon will begin at noon Tuesday in the Mellody Room at City Hall, Roysse City. RSVPs for the event are due today. Guest speaker will be Constable Randy Earl Parks. Cost is \$10. To RSVP, call 972-636-5000.

Saturday neighborhood sale slated

Saturday's Shores Neighborhood Garage sale, 1150 Shores Blvd., Rockwall, will benefit the family of Brent and Michelle Clement. Brent Clement is battling colorectal cancer. Monetary donations for the family also may be made to the Brent Clement Fund at Chase Bank, 2994 Horizon Road, Rockwall.

Environmental Action Day set Saturday

The City of Rockwall is planning an Environmental Action Day Saturday. Trash collection volunteers — individuals or groups — may reserve a spot by calling 972-771-7740. Breakfast will be provided at The Center at 8:30 a.m. Individuals interested in disposing of household chemical wastes properly should call 972-771-7700.

RHHS plans Saturday Going Green event

The RHHS Class of 2013 will begin senior prom fundraising by hosting the Ultimate Recycling Program, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, in the student parking lot. Acceptable recyclables (working or non-working) include computers and components, cameras, office equipment, entertainment electronics, DVDs, CDs, VHS movies with original covers, cell phones, video games and accessories, sporting goods, musical instruments, home and garden items, nonfiction books, cookware, glassware and collectibles. For details e-mail csregian@hotmail.com.

Rowlett Quilters Guild to meet Saturday

The next meeting of the Rowlett Quilters Guild will run from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the First Methodist Church, 4405 Main St., Rowlett. The meeting will include a "garage sale," where members bring unused fabric and tools for others to purchase. Visitors are welcome.

Conservatives, coffee group plan meeting

The Rockwall County Conservatives and Coffee grassroots group dedicated to a belief in conservative values and the betterment of the community will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at The Well, 103 E. Main St., Roysse City. The event is open to conservatives of all ages.

B/GC carnival, garage sale are Saturday

The Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club will host a spring carnival and garage sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Dobbs Elementary School Annex. Business and craft booth spaces are available at a cost of \$25 each. For more details visit rockwallcountyclub.org or call 972-722-2462.

Library plans volunteer training

The Reading for Adults program needs ESL and GED volunteer tutors for summer and fall sessions. Volunteers may tutor once or twice weekly; morning and evening classes are offered. No prior experience required. Training will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For details call Gloria at 972-204-7705 or visit the library's literacy center.

Highsteppers plan Saturday Spring Show

The RHHS Highsteppers will perform their annual Spring Show beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased from any Highstepper or at the Varsity Dance Room.

Restaurant plans Relay For Life Day

Taco Casa, 2008 S. Goliad near I-30 and Goliad, will play host to a Relay For Life Day from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday. Ten percent of the restaurant's

net sales will be donated to the American Cancer Society event, which is set for April 30 at Cain Middle School.

Blood drive planned at LPMC

Lake Pointe Medical Center will host a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. Walk-ins are welcome, but donors with appointments will be accepted first. Donors should bring a good meal and drink plenty of fluids. For more information call Elaine Draper, 972-412-3380, ext. 1142 or e-mail elaine.draper@tenethealth.org.

Teen Movie Night set Tuesday

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

'Breast Health for Life' offered

"Breast Health for Life" will be offered at 6 p.m. Tuesday at BB&T Bank, Rockwall. Barbara Quast, RN, the breast health nurse coordinator for Lake Pointe Breast Center, will lead the interactive presentation on early detection and reducing the risk of breast cancer. To sign up or schedule a program call Quast at 469-698-7824.

Rum & Martini Evening to benefit HH

A Rum & Martini Evening will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the SeaWolf at Chandlers Landing. Sponsored by Sail with Scott, the event's proceeds will benefit Rockwall County Helping Hands. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 972-771-HELP, ext. 222 for reservations.

Republican Women to meet Thursday

The Rockwall County Republican Women's Club annual scholarship meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Historical Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk St., Rockwall. The RCRW will award three scholarships to area high school students. All members present can vote for their choices. Visit RCRW.org for more details.

Class on floral arranging offered

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

LRH Texas Exes event planned

University of Texas fans, friends and alumni are invited to the Lake Ray Hubbard Texas Exes' fifth annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction at 7 p.m. April 23 at the Z Lounge at Shenanigans, Rockwall. The event will feature live and silent auctions. Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for Rockwall County students attending UT in the fall. To RSVP or for details contact Paige Parks at 214-686-3137 or paigeparks@hotmail.com.

MC organizing Spring Fest

McLendon-Chisholm's Spring Fest will run from noon until dark on April 24. The event will include children's games, live music, cow-patty bingo, live and silent auctions, a bounce house, vendors' booths and a dessert contest. The Rockwall Lions Club steak dinner is set for 4:30 p.m. Vendors may contact Debbi at 972-524-2077.

Wii Afternoon planned at library

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

Aspasiens Spring Arts, Crafts Fair slated

The Aspasiens Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, set for April 24 in the Historic Downtown Rockwall Square, will feature jewelry, gifts, fashion, food, children's games and other activities. Booth rental proceeds will fund scholarships for RHS and RHHS graduating seniors. For vendor information call 214-712-0212 or visit aspasiens.com.

'Celebrating God's Creation' set April 24

The Heath First United Methodist Church will host "Celebrating God's Creation" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 24 on the church grounds, 140 Smirl Drive. The event will include a used book sale, plant sale, organic foods, gardening tips, charting of carbon footprints, tips on saving energy, wind energy, solar energy, a garage sale and a raffle drawing for a composter. A Blessing of the Animals ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. A petting zoo also is planned. Proceeds will benefit church mission activities. For details call Kerrie at 972-771-6732.

Kite-flying event planned

The Rowlett Exchange Club will host its second annual KiteFest April 24 at Elgin Robertson Park, I-30 and Dalrock Road. Everyone is invited to participate by flying kits and watching demonstrations by professional kite flyers. Admission will be free.

Teen Pop-in-and-Study event set

The Rockwall County Library's Pop-in-and-Study event for teens will run from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. April 27 in the first floor meeting room. Teens are

encouraged to bring their homework; the library will provide the popular

HH to host Business After Hours

Rockwall Helping Hands will host a Business After Hours networking event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 29 at 950 Williams St. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages and networking will be offered, along with tours of the Helping Hands facility and its garden. Call 972-771-HELP, ext. 222 for more information.

Feral Friends plans Adoption Weekend

Feral Friends will host an Adoption Weekend April 30 through May 1. Kittens will be ready for adoption at the PetSmart locations in Rowlett and Richardson. Donations of kitten supplies will be accepted for kittens being cared for by the organization.

Vendors needed for May 1 craft fair

Vendors are being lined up for the Rockwall High School Band Spring Craft Fair set for May 1. For more details, call Liz Tarter at 972-772-1818.

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast set May 6

Rockwall County's mayors will host the fourth annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast on May 6 at The Center at City Place, 108 W. Washington. Doors to the nondenominational event will open at 7:30 a.m.; activities including a free continental breakfast, will begin at 8 a.m. Tim Barton, Wallbuilders will be the guest speaker.

Tri-County Choral Concert slated

The Tri-County Choral Society's 2010 Spring Concert is set for 7 p.m. May 7 at the Roysse City Middle School.

RHHS Senior Prom, After Prom planned

The RHHS Senior Prom is set for 8 p.m. to midnight May 8 at South Ranch. Tickets cost \$150 for students who've not paid class dues. For details contact Cathy at 972-771-7669 or 972-979-8086. The drug-free After Prom at Shenanigans will run from 12:15 a.m. to 5 a.m. Tax-deductible donations are needed. Call Nora, 972-358-0412, or Elizabeth, 214-906-9608, or call checks to RHHS, Attn: Julie Durst, 801 Laurence Drive, Heath, TX 75025.

Brown Bag Series to focus on fashion

The final lecture in the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's Brown Bag Series prior to the summer break will be at noon May 14 and will focus on local fashion trends through the years. Photos, artifacts and live modeling will round out the presentation. The free, family friendly program will be at the Historic Courthouse on the square.

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Founders Day Festival set May 22

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

'Evening in Tuscany' to benefit RHHS juniors

Parents of RHHS Class of 2011 members will present "An Evening in Tuscany," a benefit for the class's senior activities, on May 22. Festival will include live entertainment, food, a drawing, silent auction, table tournaments and sunset garden tours. To be a sponsor or contributor, e-mail Patricia Kirwan at patricia@thekirwans.net.

Internet safety workshop planned

A free class on Internet safety will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. May 28 at the Roysse City Methodist Church, 305 N. Josephine St., Roysse City. Anyone who uses the Internet, ages 8 through adult, is welcomed to attend. RSVP to Ami Brandow, abradow@marykay.com or call 972-694-9419. Space will be limited.

Rest Haven plans Memorial Day event

Rest Haven Memorial Park, 2500 State Hwy. 66 East, Rockwall, will conduct its 36th Annual Memorial Day Celebration at 10 a.m. May 31. For more information, contact Sharon Connor at 972-771-8641.

RC to host car, craft show June 5

The 3rd Annual Roysse City Main Event Car & Craft Show is set for June 5 in historic downtown Roysse City. Registration will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with the show running from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Awards will be distributed at 7 p.m., with dash plaques going to the first 50 entrants. Entry fee is \$15. For more details call 214-324-1180 or visit gasolinealleycarshows.com.

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Request for Sealed Competitive Proposals

SMART BOARDS RFP 10-5-4-112

DIESEL AND UNLEADED FUEL RFP 10-5-4-113

Proposals received until 2:00 PM May 4, 2010

Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed competitive proposals for the above mentioned products. Proposal packages may be requested by email to jharris@rockwallisd.org or by phone to Jody Harris - 469-698-7019. The District anticipates award at the May 17th board meeting. Proposal forms will be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on May 4, 2010 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087 at which time said proposals will be publicly opened but read.

Board of Trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

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The deadline for RFP submission is **Wednesday, May 12, 2010 @ 5:00 PM Central Time Zone**. The submission must be directed to the e-mail address and the ground address referenced above. All submissions received by the referenced deadline will be publicly announced on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM Central Time Zone in the Rockwall County Commissioners Courtroom located in the Rockwall County Historic Courthouse at 101 East Rusk Street in Rockwall, Texas.

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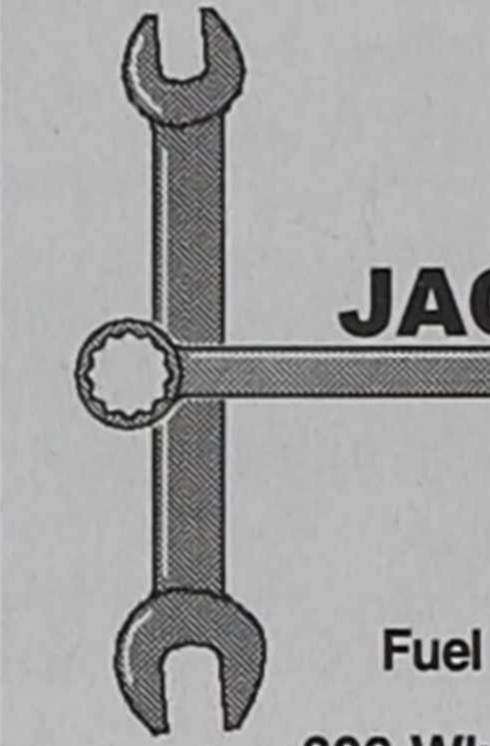
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Automated Weather Observation System

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III with Present Weather Sensor Thunder Strike Alert (AWOS III PT) need to be addressed and delivered to Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 PM on Monday, May 10, 2010 then publicly opened and read. Any bid proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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Rockwall County Sports

Combs' pitching leads Lady Hawks to upset win

By Lary Bump

Victoria Combs agreed with her coach. Tuesday's two-hit shutout of Roysse City was the best game the Rockwall-Heath senior has pitched this season.

The Lady Hawks' 2-0 softball also reverberated in the city of Rockwall, where Roysse City's loss put RHS in first place alone with three District 10-4A games remaining. The Lady Jackets are 10-1, Roysse City second at 9-2 and Rockwall-Heath third at 8-3.

"It was the best game Vick's pitched," said RHHS head coach Kristin Thompson.

"It was my best," Combs said.

Roysse City's Alicia Pille was almost at her best as well. Rockwall-Heath managed only one hit, Sarah Deimling's fourth-inning infield single. But that one hit, combined with two Lady Bulldogs errors and good base running, led to two unearned runs that turned out to be all Combs needed.

She admitted she didn't think two runs would be enough, "not at that point."

After she made it through the middle of the Lady Bulldogs' batting order later that inning and again in the sixth, she could breathe easier. Combs retired RC's last three hitters on her ninth strikeout and two ground balls to complete the two-hit shutout and the upset win.

"I just wanted to throw what they wouldn't hit," she said.

Thompson said, "She just kept going. We've been talking about going hard for all seven innings. She did, every single inning."

Combs also out-dueled Pille, who already has pitched two no-hitters in district play this season. With the help of a line-drive double play, she breezed through the first three innings and retired the first Lady Hawk in the fourth.

Deimling then hit her single. Dakota Whittern followed with a ground ball to second baseman Mallory Baumann. She reached toward Deimling, but the RHHS shortstop eluded the tag, then was safe when Baumann's throw to second base went into left field. With two out, Katie Robertson hit a ground ball that took a bad hop toward Baumann's head. Her throw was wide of first base, allowing Deimling and Whittern to score.

It didn't take long for Roysse City to get Combs into trouble. Pille led off the bottom of the fourth with a single and went to second base when Combs hit Dezy Arredondo with a pitch. A popup, a ground ball and a strikeout ended that threat.

There was more of the same in the sixth. Ashley Heinaman led off with a walk, but Pille popped out. Arredondo's single again put two runners on base, but Combs struck out dangerous batters Kyla Simmons and Kourtney Kelly for three outs.

Combs also had pitched a two-hitter Friday, April 9, in a 10-0 victory at Carrollton Newman Smith. Among the Lady Hawks' 10 hits were a triple by Deimling and doubles by Whittern, Robertson and Madie Rice.



Heath Lady Hawks base runners putting pressure on Roysse City Lady Bulldogs' pitcher Alicia Pille are Dakota Whittern (19) at first base and Sara Deimling (14) at third base. Lady Bulldogs' assisting are Kyla Simmons covering third base and Kourtney Kelley at first base.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Hawks up to challenge in 11-inning win over RHS

Rarely this season has Rockwall-Heath been forced to come from behind to win a baseball game.

The Hawks had a typically easy game when they played at Rockwall earlier this season and won 9-2. More of the same seemed likely Friday, April 9, when the Yellowjackets visited RHHS. When the Hawks have been pushed, as they were Friday, they have answered the challenge.

That's why Rockwall-Heath is 29-0 overall, 10-0 in District 10-4A and ranked first among the state's 4A teams.

RHHS had trailed 3-2 entering the bottom of the seventh — and last scheduled — inning. The Hawks scored a run to tie the game, then when through four spine-tingling extra innings before winning 4-3 in 11.

"We were confident we would be able to tie it," said RHHS head coach Greg Harvey. "That shows a lot of heart and character when you're down at the end of the game."

There was only one other game as tense and difficult for the Hawks this season, when they trailed Lake Highlands 2-1 going to the bottom of the seventh before coming back to win 3-2 in extra innings.

Harvey said, "The Rockwall pitcher, Wesley Cox, was throwing a great game. We felt we had some chances to get a big hit the longer we went on and the more pitches he had thrown. If we got him out of the game, we felt we'd win."

That's pretty much what happened. Rockwall-Heath's depth paid off.

"We're very fortunate to have three guys who can go out and pitch any game, any time — four when you add Caleb Copley. Our starters keep us in the game."

"Our lineup is pretty strong one through nine. Then we have some guys who don't get to play often who would be starters on other teams. Like our pinch hitter in the seventh inning, Tyler Harding, who got the hit to tie the score."

"We were missing that one clutch hit, but we finally got it."

Jovan Hernandez pitched the late innings to earn a win. His double was the only extra-base hit to go with eight singles for the Hawks.

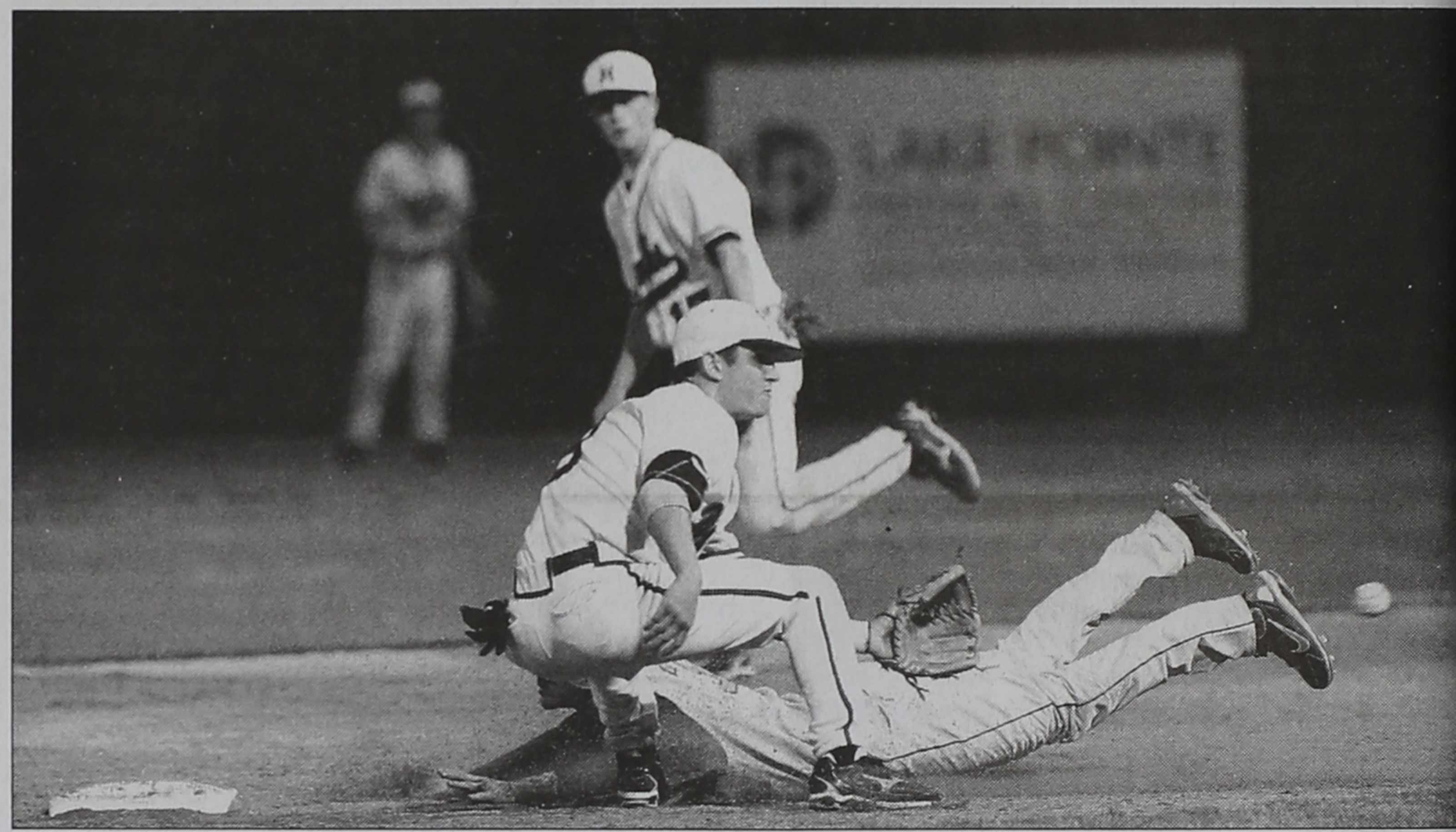
Harvey said he thought the hard-fought all-RISD game would help in the playoffs. Even with four games remaining, RHHS has qualified for the postseason.

"We can really build off this," the coach said. "We're not always going to be in the lead but we can use this example down the line. We can reach back into our history and come back again. This game was more of a confidence builder."

On Tuesday, the Hawks played at Carrollton Newman Smith, which is tied for third place in 10-4A with Rockwall at 6-4. With bats that Harvey called "lethargic," Rockwall-Heath was tied with the Trojans 1-1 into the fifth inning. "I asked the guys to dig down and get a little separation from them," he said.

RHHS did just that, scoring eight runs in the inning and coasting to a 9-2 victory. James Baune limited Newman Smith to four hits; the Hawks totaled 10. Included were Drew Benefield's home run and double each by John Brantum and Drew Baxter.

Rockwall-Heath's next game is scheduled for Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Roysse City (3-7 in the district).



Hawks' short stop Trevor Holland (9) tags out Yellowjackets' runner Spencer Edwards (3). At back as Heath second baseman Bret Boswell.

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High school schedules

Heritage Christian Eagles
Monday, April 19 — Baseball: at East Texas Christian, 4 p.m.
Softball: home vs. A+ Academy, 4:30 p.m. (Senior Night)
Wednesday, April 21 — Track: at TAPPS District meet, Bullard
Thursday, April 22 — Baseball: at Greenville Christian, 4 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Warriors
Monday, April 19 — Baseball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Rockwall Yellowjackets
Friday, April 16 — JV White baseball: home vs. Richardson Pearce, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball: at Richardson Pearce, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Softball: home vs. Carrollton Newman Smith, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Boys' and girls' gymnastics: at State Championships, Alvin High School
Saturday, April 17 — Boys' and girls' gymnastics: at State Championships Finals, Alvin High School
Monday, April 19 — JV White baseball: at Forney, 6:30 p.m.
Varsity girls' golf: at Region II-4A Tournament, Robson Ranch Golf Club
Tuesday, April 20 — Varsity softball: at Highland Park, 4 p.m.
Baseball: home vs. Carrollton Newman Smith, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Varsity girls' golf: at Region II-4a Tournament, Robson Ranch Golf Club
Wednesday, April 21 — Varsity boys' golf: at Region II-4A Tournament, Robson Ranch Golf Club
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Rockwall-Heath Hawks
Friday, April 16 — Softball: home

vs. Richardson Pearce, varsity 5 p.m. and JV 7 p.m.
JV Red baseball: home vs. Roysse City, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball: at Roysse City, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
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Baseball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV Gold 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
JV Black baseball: at Rockwall-Heath, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17 — JV2 softball: home vs. Dallas Bryan Adams p.m.
Tuesday, April 20 — JV Black baseball: home vs. Highland Park, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball: at Highland Park, JV Gold 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Softball: at Carrollton Newman Smith, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21 — Varsity boys' golf: at Region II-4A Tournament, Robson Ranch Golf Club
Thursday, April 22 — JV2 softball: home vs. McKinney Christian, 4 p.m.
Varsity boys' golf: at Region II-4A Tournament, Robson Ranch Golf Club

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall Lady Jackets take first place alone, 15-0 win over Pearce

The Lady Jackets whipped Richardson Pearce 15-0 on the road in a better news came from Royse City. That's where Rockwall beat the Lady Bulldogs, dropping them a game behind RHS in the district.

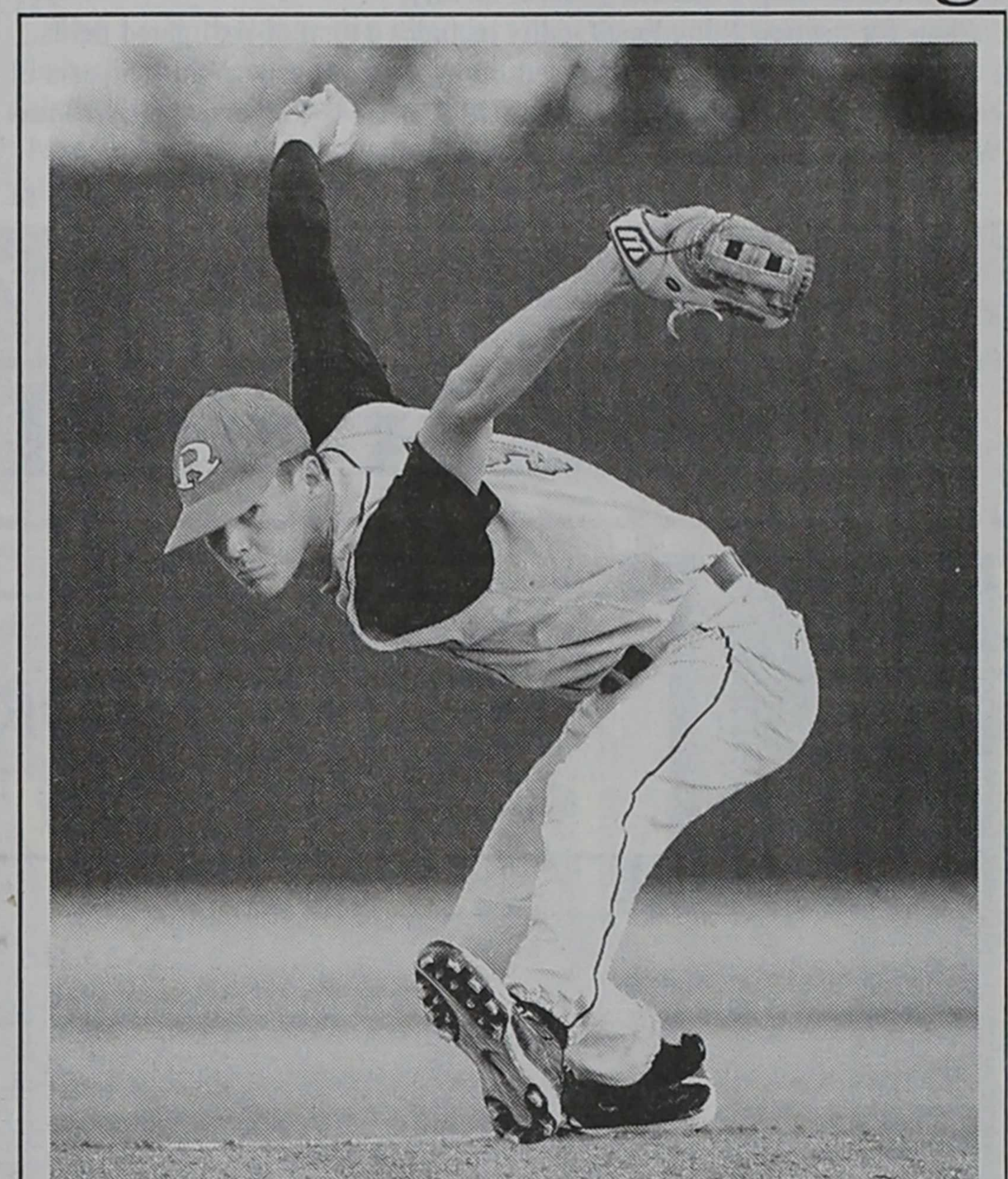
The Lady Jackets stretched their winning streak to seven games, the last by a combined score of 43-4. They're 13-10-2 overall and 10-1 in the district with three games to play – Friday against Carrollton Newman Smith, fighting for 10-4A's fourth and final playoff berth, followed by games against Highland Park and Greenville, at or near the bottom of the standings.

On Friday, April 9, RHS shut out Carrollton R.L. Turner 13-0. Pitching at home, Laycee Holcomb held the Lady Lions to three hits. She also hit a triple. Amanda Harmon had the Lady Jackets' biggest hits, a home run and a double. Taylor Lemons hit two doubles, and Cyndi Bertrand and Audrey Farfan had one apiece.

Yellowjackets push Rockwall-Heath to the limit but lose in 11th inning

The baseball game at Rockwall-Heath could have been a blowout. The Yellowjackets had lost 9-2 on their home field to RHHS. That game, no one else had beaten the Hawks this season either. The Jackets, clinging to a 3-2 lead as Rockwall-Heath went for its last bats in the bottom of the seventh inning Friday, April 9, scored a run to tie the game, then Rockwall took them into the ninth. That's when the state's top-ranked team (29-0 overall, 10-0 in 10-4A) scored again to win 4-3.

Payne was proud and pleased with his team. "The game was a good sign," he said. "We've had leads in three of our four district losses. We're just not knocking people out when we need to."



Yellowjackets' side arm pitcher Cole Harris winds up for a pitch against the Heath Hawks during last Friday's game at Heath.

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The day after the marathon at Rockwall-Heath, RHS played again at Wylie, and managed only one hit against the Pirates' John Quinsberry in a 10-0 non-district loss.

The Jackets had recovered by Tuesday, when they won a district game at Carrollton R.L. Turner 10-0. Colavecchi came back as the winning pitcher in the two-hitter against the Lions (1-9 in 10-4A). He also hit a double, and Hunter Wade had two. J.D. Deloach slammed his eighth homer this season for Rockwall.

RHS is 17-9-1 overall and tied for third in the district with Carrollton Newman Smith at 6-4.

Rockwall can clinch a playoff berth by winning its next two games, at fifth-place Richardson Pearce (4-6) Friday and at home against Newman Smith Tuesday.

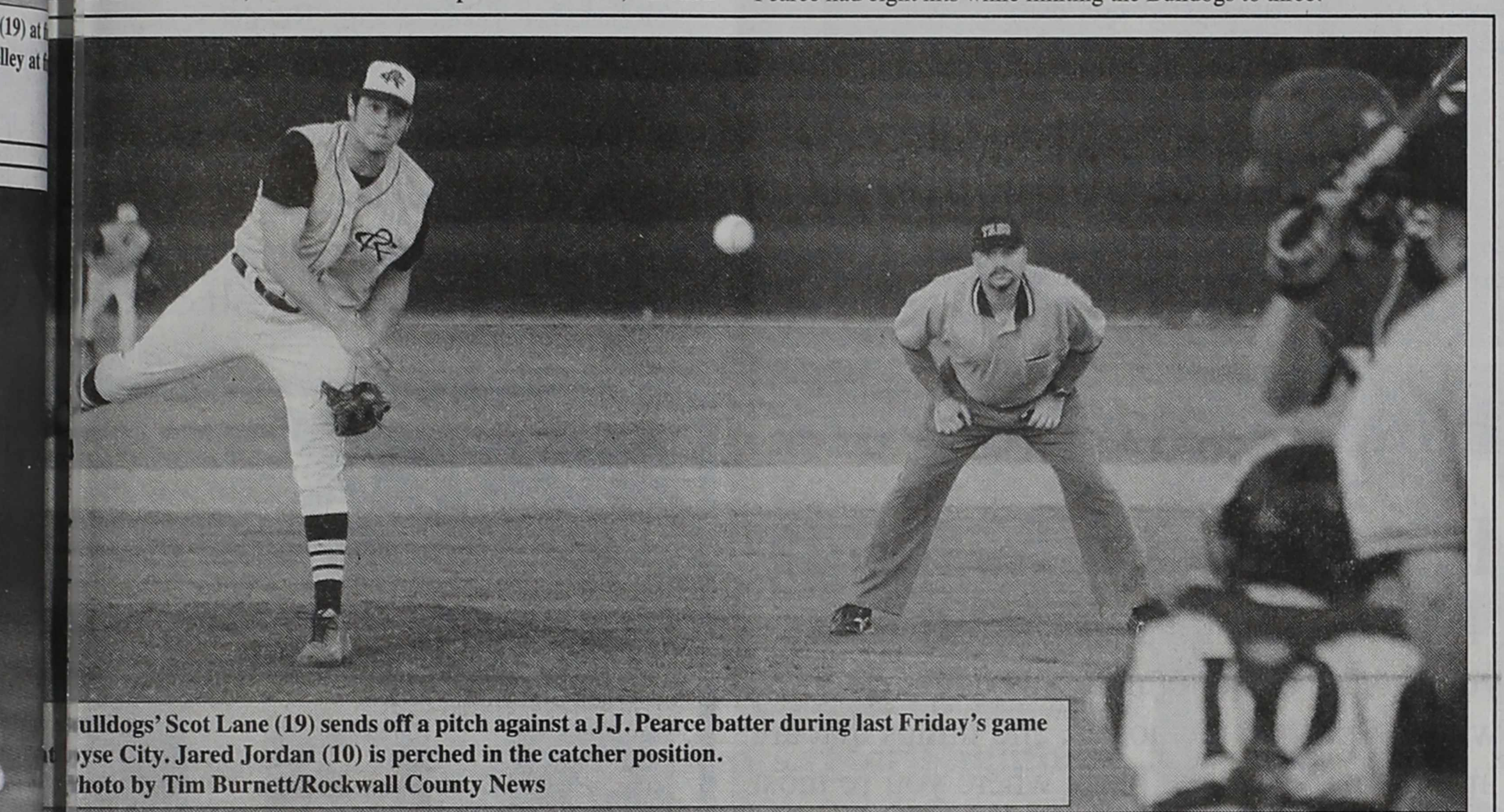
Payne said, "We'd better not talk about the playoffs much yet. Pearce is still hanging around and can beat anybody."

Bulldogs split two baseball games, defeat Lions 12-10

The pitcher Scot Lane also hit a home run to lead Royse City to a 12-6 victory Tuesday at Greenville. The Bulldogs improved to 5-16 overall and 3-7 in District 3. They outhit the Lions, 13-8, with six of the RC hits for extra bases. Lane's homer, Jared Jordan hit a triple and a double, Mitchell

Venhaus had two doubles and Dylan Funderburk added another two-base hit.

Royse City had missed a chance to move into a fifth-place tie with Richardson Pearce by losing 3-1 to the Mustangs at home Friday, April 9. Pearce had eight hits while limiting the Bulldogs to three.



Bulldogs' Scot Lane (19) sends off a pitch against a J.J. Pearce batter during last Friday's game at Royse City. Jared Jordan (10) is perched in the catcher position. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Connor tapped for six-day National Young Leaders Conference program

Connor, a sophomore honor student at Rockwall-Heath High School, has been selected to participate in a leadership development conference in Washington, D.C. Connor is one of a handful of high school students tapped to participate in the six-day National Young Leaders Conference, which is designed to provide scholars with the opportunity to interact with a variety of personnel operating within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

as elected officials in our nation's capital, as active members within communities around the world or as intelligent, creative and responsible members of the work force," said Marguerite Regan, dean of academic affairs for the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the conference. "Through a series of simulations, we place these young leaders in the proverbial driver's seat on a variety of issues facing our country today. Their determination, as shown within the conference, is a good indicator of the types of leaders we will see in the future."

rent or former member of Congress made from the floor of the House of Representatives; interaction with prominent members of the Washington press corps at the National Press Club; and meetings with senators and representatives or appointed staff members to discuss important issues facing the nation.

O'Connor also participated in the NYLCC in the fall of 2008.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Golf tourney set today in R-City
Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser, sponsored by Royse City Chamber of Commerce, will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start today at Stone River Golf Club in Royse City. Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places; other prizes are planned. Entry fee is \$75 per person. For more details, contact the chamber at 972-636-5000 or e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com.

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

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

Swing for Helping Hands slated
Swing for Helping Hands will take place May 8 at the Tribute at The Springs, sponsored by Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, the event will be held at Rockwall County Helping Hands. Deadline for registration is April 23. For a reservation, e-mail Nikki Mutschler at nikki.mutschler@plutexas.com. For more details call Kay Dutta at 972-771-HELP.

Kickball tourney set April 24
Kickball tournament open to competitors ages 8 and older will begin at 10 a.m. April 24 at Myers Field No. 1. Family, youth and adult divisions are available. A minimum of eight players needed per team (can be co-ed and/or a mix of ages). Each team guaranteed three games. Cost per team of Rockwall is \$25; non-residents, \$40. Deadline for entries is April 22. For details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Kickers Soccer set
Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Kickers Soccer program for youth ages 3 1/2 to 5 will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Mondays from May 10 through May 31 on Myers Park Field No. 1. The program is designed to provide age-appropriate skill-building drills and exercise. Cost will be \$25 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Sluggers T-Ball program offered
Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Little Sluggers T-Ball program for youth ages 3 1/2 to 5, will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays through June 1 on Myers Park Field No. 1. Children will be divided

into teams to learn fundamental skills in a non-competitive environment; the final two weeks will provide game experience. Cost is \$30 for Rockwall residents, \$45 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

PCCS golf tourney set May 8
PCCS will host its 6th Annual Golf Tournament May 8 at Buffalo Creek. The event will be a four-player scramble with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, putting contest and other prizes. For more details call Quatona Blake at 972-563-7227 or e-mail pccsevents@poetrychristian.org. Registration forms also may be found at poetrychristian.org.

Tourney to benefit RHS summer basketball
A golf tournament set for May 22 at the Stone River Gold Club, Royse City, will benefit the RHS boys summer basketball program. The tourney will feature a 1 p.m. shotgun start, with prizes awarded for first, second and third places. Entry fee is \$75 per person. For more details contact Crystal Ragland at crystalragland@sbcglobal.net.

MOW Golf Classic planned
The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host its first Meals on Wheels Golf Classic July 23 at Buffalo Creek Golf Course, Heath. All proceeds will benefit the senior nutrition program in Rockwall County. To register or help sponsor a team call 972-771-9514.

See Royse City softball story on Page 13...

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Rockwall County Sports

Sting East breaks ground on new soccer facility

Contributed by Paige Swiney (Sting East)
Sting East recently broke ground at the Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo in Rockwall on Thursday, April, 2010. The event was the result of an agreement between the facility and Sting to develop the surrounding sports facility for youth soccer in the Rockwall area.

Sting owner, Brent Coralli expressed his intent to "create a home for soccer in the East Dallas area by completely changing the landscape outside of the R.I.S.E. to develop a first class soccer facility."

Plans for the new Sting East facility includes a total of six lighted fields. Sting East Division will be headed-up by Angie Rigsby. With 15 years of coaching experience, Rigsby played with the 1996 University of Arkansas West Division SEC Championship team as captain.

Music for the ground breaking event was provided by Jeff Hardy of TexasHeat Entertainment.

For more details contact Erin MacCallum at 469-364-3806, or visit online at www.stingsoccer.com.



Participating in the recent ground breaking ceremony for the new Sting East soccer facility are (back row left to right) Kevin Fisher, Cindy Hill, Cheryle DeMarco, Brent Coralli, Tony Martinez, Lidia Martinez, Luke Dunstan, Angie Rigsby, (front row) Averleigh Fisher, Raegan Benda, Maddie Stanley, MacKenzie Kaufhold, Emilia Nunez, Haley Bambico, Analyse Abrams-Malone and Madison Ojeda.
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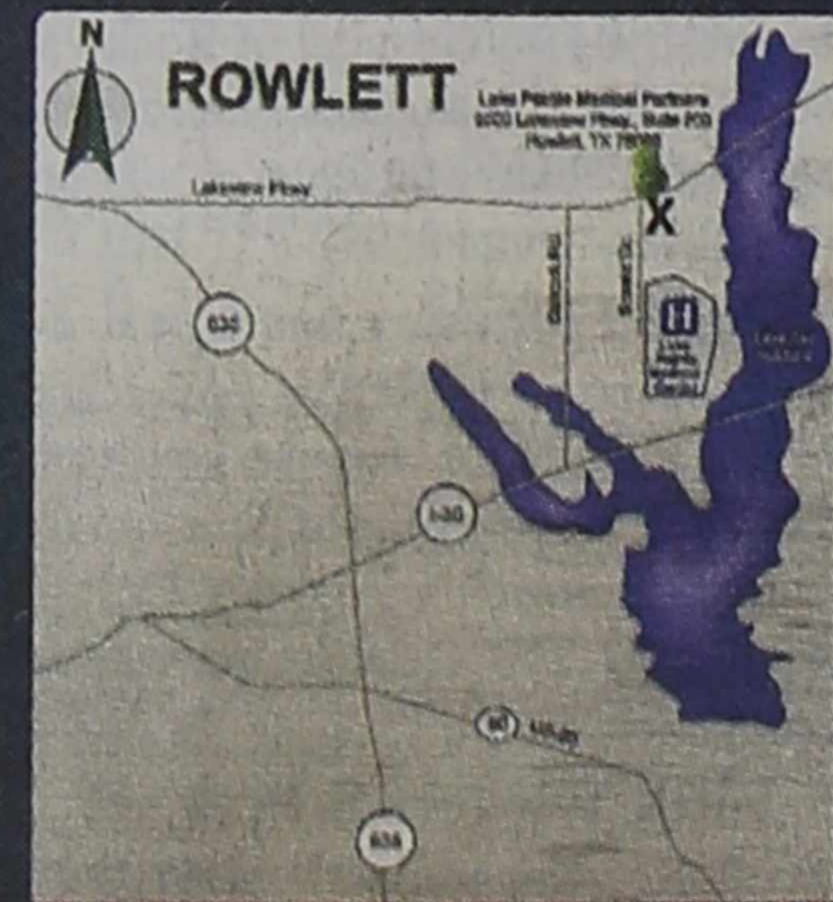
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Daily Bulldogs struggle with hitting, fielding against RHHS

It was a sunny thing happened on Tuesday at the Rockwall County softball team on the field that appeared to be a tiebreaker game. The Bulldogs, who were the 0-4's top seed in the district, were in the case until Rockwall pushed across two unearned runs Tuesday to upset the Lady Hawks.

Rockwall for the district lead, RC (9-2 in 10-4A, 17-9 overall) is a game behind the Lady Jackets and just a game ahead of third-place Rockwall-Heath with three games remaining. Roysie City has qualified for a playoff berth.

Wasted Tuesday was Alicia Pille's one-hit, 17-strikeout pitching performance. She and her teammates managed just two hits against the

Lady Hawks' Victoria Combs. Things seemed to be going the Lady Bulldogs' way in the third inning. RHHS had a runner on second base with one out when Kayleigh Lutz hit a line drive toward left field. RC third baseman Kyla Simmons reached up in time to deflect the ball with her glove. The ball went directly to shortstop Dezy Arredondo in the air. She caught it and threw to

second baseman Mallory Baumann for a double play.

Roysie City's fielding wasn't as good in the fourth inning. After Sarah Deimling's one-out infield hit, Dakota Whittern hit a ground ball to Baumann. She tried to tag out Deimling, who dodged in front of her and made it to third base when Baumann's hurried throw went into left field. Head coach Michelle Booker did not argue that Deimling had run out of the baseline to avoid the tag.

Pille then struck out Combs and appeared to be out of trouble when Katie Robertson hit a ground ball toward second base. However, the ball took a hop toward Baumann's head. She knocked the ball down, but then threw wide of first base, which allowed Deimling and Whittern to score.

The Lady Bulldogs had chances in both the bottom of the fourth and sixth innings, with two runners on base and no more than one out. In the fourth, Pille singled and Dezy

Arredondo was hit by a pitch with no outs. A foul popup, a force out and a strikeout held RC scoreless. In the sixth, Ashley Heinaman walked and went to second base on Arredondo's single, the second of Roysie City's two hits. Combs then struck out two batters to end the inning, and retired all three batters in the seventh to complete the game.

RC had won Friday, April 9, at Greenville 6-3.



Daily Bulldogs' senior Dezy Arredondo takes aim for a throw-out to first base during Tuesday's game against the Heath Lady Hawks at Roysie City. Covering second base at back is Mallori Baumann and in the bright field is Rebecca Zernick.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

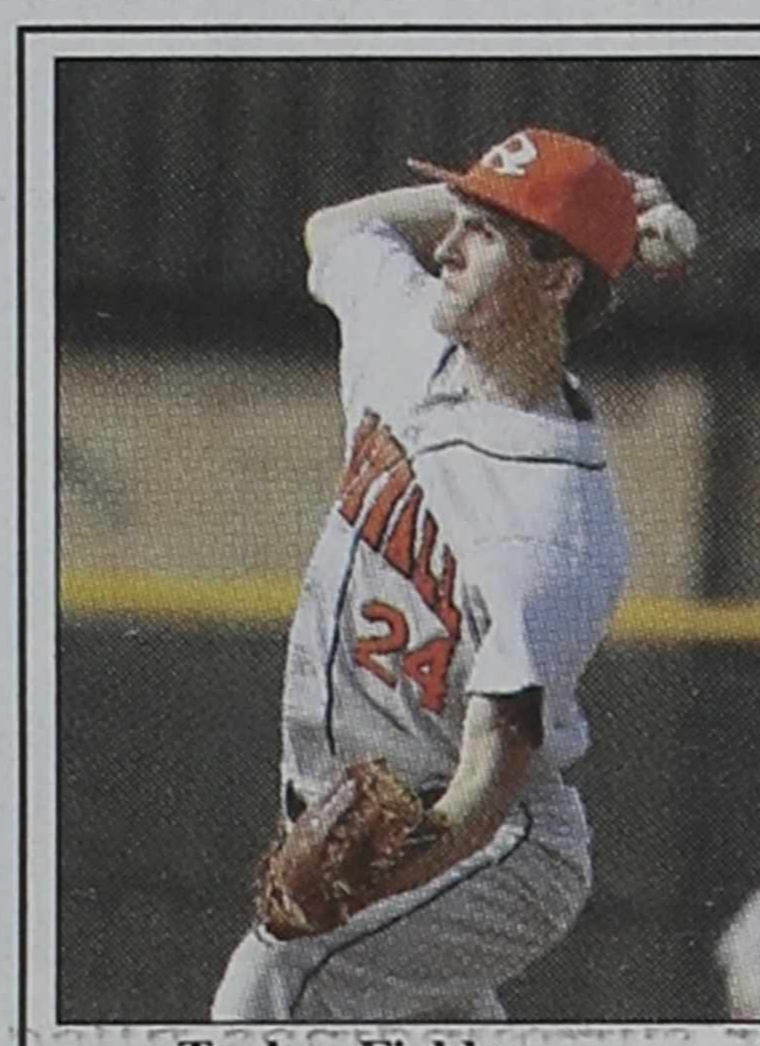
Perfect Game rates Fielder as Preseason All-American

Rockwall's first baseman/pitcher Tucker Fielder received Honorable Mention on the Perfect Game's Preseason High School Baseball All-American team. The team is headquartered in Ames, Iowa, and names 60 juniors and sophomores from across America to each of its All-American first, second and third teams. Fielder was named to that group after receiving High Honorable Mention and Honorable Mention.

Fielder, a junior, was listed by Perfect Game at 6-foot-3 and 160 pounds. "To receive the Perfect Game Preseason All-American Award is a tremendous achievement for these high school athletes. We're proud to recognize their talent as they continue to prepare for their future in baseball."

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Tucker Fielder

Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk draws record numbers

The warm spring weather helped a record 329 runners and walkers participate in the Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk presented by the Board of Heath Special Events Board.

It is very rewarding to see the community take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy exercise and fellowship together," said Board chairman Joel Phillips.

Phillips won first place in the run with a 16:04 time. For the third consecutive year, Kim Stark finished first among all women.

The Board of Heath appreciates the support of the sponsors and donors, and thanks the many volunteers and staff for their hard work to make this tradition a fun and rewarding experience for all," said Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe, noting that proceeds

from the run benefit the Heath Trails System that will connect all public areas, parks and neighborhoods.

In the Girls 14 & Under category Rebecca Parsons placed first with Natalie Williams finishing second and Bailey Hierholzer in third; Women category, Kim Stark finished as the Overall Women's Winner, Morgan Johnson (second) and Shawne Batterbee (third); Women Athena category, Madelyn Hill (first), Barbara Davis (second), Cheryl Weaver (third).

In the Boys 14 & Under category, Justin Tokuz won first, Christopher Rigler (second), Brett Loeffler (third); Men, Jacob Phillips (Overall Winner), Charles Douglas (second), Carlos Zaldivar (third); Men Clydesdale, Dan Crawford (first), Michael Kersey (second) and Garner Carey (third).

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Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe (center) congratulates the overall winner of the 2010 Heart of Heath, Kim Starks (right) and first place winner among women and third overall, Jacob Phillips (left). Photo courtesy of Kim Dobbs/Rockwall County News

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