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The Heath Mosasaur – 75 million years in the making



Volunteers from Heath and the Dallas area converged at the site of the mosasaur's excavation for the entire month of November 1979. The find was unique because the creature was almost completely intact and well-preserved.
Photo courtesy of Michael Owens/Rockwall County News

by Darcy Rocha

Heath's got some history. And I mean some ancient history.

If you were around these parts in the late seventies, then you were privy to a pretty exciting paleontological discovery. But for the rest of us newcomers in the last quarter century, here's a juicy little tidbit you may not know.

Sometime in the late cretaceous period, approximately 75 million years ago, what is now Heath was covered by a vast shallow sea. The waters were inhabited by marine animals and plants, which have been well-documented in the fossil record. In fact a large portion of Texas was covered by this sea, like an enlarged Gulf of Mexico, while dinosaurs roamed the dry land of Central Texas.

At this point in ancient history, this particular waterway was a remnant of the Western Interior Seaway, that once covered the entire length of what would be present-day North America and wide enough to span the distance from the Rockies to the Appalachians.

One of the prehistoric creatures that stalked this sea was a mosasaur (MOH-sub-sore), and one in particular came to its final resting spot in Heath, leaving its fossilized remains almost completely intact along the eastern shore of Lake Ray Hubbard. The ancient swimming reptile's 32 feet of length and prehistoric age make it quite distinguished in the history of Heath.

The November 1979 excavation of the creature captured the imaginations of all at the time in the Heath and Rockwall area, not to mention the major news outlets including a news helicopter that swooped in on the dig to report from the scene.

In a twist of fate, the mosasaur was discovered partially unearthed by a local family sailing along the shore. Out for a day on their catamaran, Nancy Newman and her daughter, Courtney, drifted to shore when the wind died down, and what they stumbled upon happened to be the biggest historical discovery in Heath.

They found bones and part of the skull of the mosasaur peaking out of the dirt on the shore bank. They called the Dallas Museum of Natural History (now the Dallas Museum of Nature and Science) where they were connected with Dr. Charles Finsley. Finsley, a 35-year veteran of the museum, was curator of earth sciences at the time and led the eventual month-long excavation and five-year reconstruction of the mosasaur.

"We were lucky enough to get most of the bones. We could even see where ancient sharks had eaten on the skeleton after it had died," said Finsley. "This type of mosasaur is called a tylosaurus (TIE-low-sore-us.) and was quite common during that period in these areas."

Interestingly, Finsley shares that there is another intact mosasaur confined to its watery grave beneath our lake, but unable to be accessed for excavation because it's underwater. Also, an ancient sea turtle, roughly the same age as our mosasaur, has been excavated in Fate. This fellow is also a giant, tipping the charts at approximately 8 feet by 8 feet. Little bit bigger than our little lake turtles, eh?

Countless volunteers helped with the tedious work to unearth the precious bones. Darlena Price, a Texas fossil enthusiast, participated in the dig as a volunteer.

"We had a lot of fun. We set up a small pop-up tent trailer out there and stayed overnight to make sure no one bothered the site. It rained, and it was a muddy mess, and it was COLD," said Price. "For me, my best memory was the first morning when it was so cold and we were drinking coffee and waiting for everyone to come and move more of the dirt and mud to see how complete the fossil was. We had spent every weekend for years going to different locations searching for fossils so this was really like finding a gold mine. It was really rewarding emotionally to finally find a complete creature, not just the teeth or vertebrae."

Doug Hall, Heath mayor at the time, was so intrigued by and supporting of the excavation that he visited the site every morning and had coffee with the crew. He even did a little digging of his own. It truly was a community affair.

This particular carnivorous lizard swam the seas of Heath only about 10 million years before the end of the cretaceous period, which is well-known for signaling the demise of the dinosaur era, whose fate is still being speculated. Large asteroid impact, spreading disease from migrating animals, or some other doomsday theory may account for this epic event.

Many of you may have seen our Heath mosasaur on display at the Dallas Museum of Nature and Science. In my eyes, this creature's a real local celebrity and I had to see him for myself. But much to my dismay, the bones of the mosasaur have been carefully de-constructed and sent to Pittsburgh
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Celebrating another Valentine's Day

Rockwall couple's unconditional love spans 67

by Darcy Rocha

Enduring and lasting love is to be celebrated. It is to be learned from and it is to be respected. On this Valentine's Day, Brannan and Dorothy Claxton of Rockwall are a symbol of great love and adoration.

The first time I met the Claxtons I quickly learned from that this couple is devoted to one another. Dorothy had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's a few years ago and recently was in rehabilitation following a fall, and Brennan never leaves her side. Through their daily activities, Brannan is faithfully supportive of Dorothy.

With Dorothy's striking blue eyes, beautiful smile and sweet, infectious laughter is a real treat to visit with her. Spending time with this couple is like celebrating Valentine's Day every day. They are nothing less than wonderfully inspirational.

The Claxtons were married 67 years ago in Pensacola, Fla., on Oct. 22, 1944. At the time Brannan was a pilot in the Naval Air Corps, receiving his wings shortly before he met Dorothy and began courting her the year prior.

The two met while Brannan was stationed at Hensley Field, a naval air station in Dallas. While enjoying some liberty time off, he went to the USO one evening, which was across from the Adolphus. A friend of his had arranged for him to have a blind date later that night although he had not been in at the USO first.

Brannan had other plans for Brannan. Dorothy happened to be the hostess at the USO that evening.

"It's unusual how little things can happen. I met her and we talked and then I realized I had a blind date that night," remembers Brannan.

He had to be on his way, but was already so enamored by Dorothy that he ended up telling his date a little tiny fib that he was needed back on base. Dorothy was not supposed to give out her number at the USO, but she did that evening to Brannan, and the two began dating shortly after.

When Brannan was re-assigned to Pensacola, their relationship continued via mail, phone and a visit when Brannan was able to fly back to Dallas. Within a year, the two were married.

Well you, World War II was still in full swing. The two lived in Florida until Brannan received orders to report to San Diego. But even though shortly after his arrival the Japanese had surrendered, he still was sent overseas, first to Hawaii, then the Philippines and then finally China. Interestingly, being a pilot back in those days meant Brannan had rely on celestial navigation, using the moon and stars, over the open waters of the Pacific to reach his destination while flying at night.

During this time Dorothy returned to Dallas, to go back to work at a job she had previously held with a retail store. Upon his return to the states Brannan decided to take a job offer with the same store, instead of returning to his native Georgia. The two lived in the Hollywood addition of Dallas, where they made a home for 35 years and raised their three children Cathy, David and Bill.

Upon their retirement from the store, which they helped to build up to 73 stores throughout Texas, Brannan and Dorothy moved out to a small ranch just outside Royse City in 1979. They had horses and cows, and enjoyed rural life. They lived on their ranch 31 years.

The two moved to Summer Ridge following an accident that injured Dorothy's spine and sent her to rehabilitation. Brennan went to the rehab center every day to be with her. With her injury and the toll of Alzheimer's, Brennan has gracefully and lovingly taken care of her.

"I've been the chief cook and bottle washer," he says sweetly.

Being married, and happily married, 67 years is no small task. When asked what advice he would give to married couples, Brennan replies, "When you get married, you've chosen her to keep her. It's like the Bible says, it's forever, a lifetime. We never considered choosing a different partner."

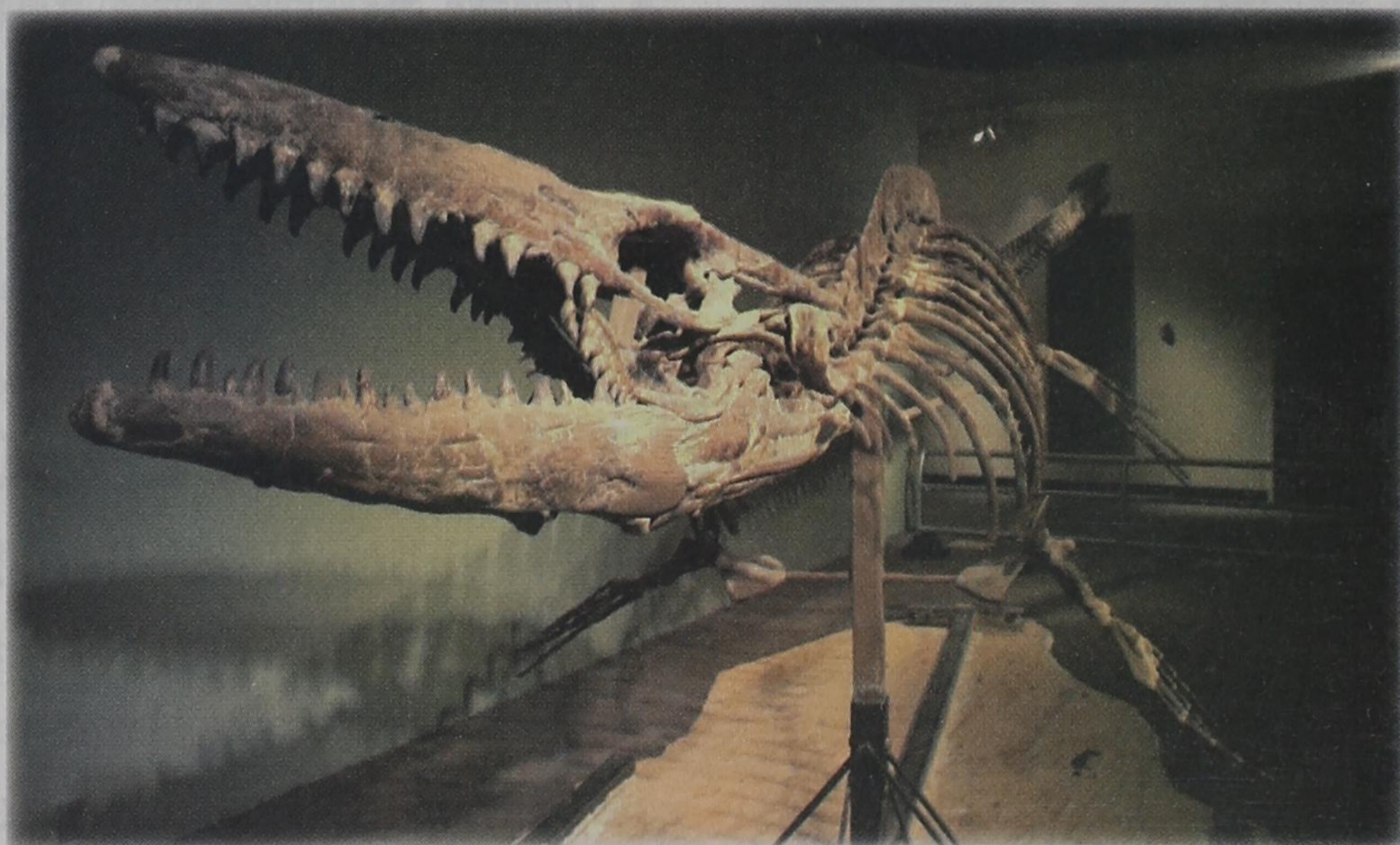
"She's just a special girl," says Brennan, with a big smile. "She was a beautiful girl, and she was real smart."

Dorothy giggles to hear this. I imagine a bit like the charming young woman who fell in love with this gentleman all those years ago, and it was my heart. This is what Valentine's Day is about.



Dorothy and Brannan Claxton hold photos of themselves from when they met at the USO in Dallas more than 67 years ago. The couple married in October 1944.

Photo by Darcy Rocha/Rockwall County News



The reconstructed skeleton of the mosasaur found in Heath in 1979 has been on display at the Dallas Museum of Nature & Science since the early '80s. It is out of state for a makeover of sorts before it is reassembled at the new Perot Museum of Nature & Science early next year.

Photo courtesy Dallas Museum of Nature & Science/Rockwall County News





Pictured above are some of those involved in the Mentoring Team that serves Rockwall ISD students. Shown at back are Larry Parks, Rochell coordinator; Sheri Fowler, Rockwall ISD representative; and Bill Sinclair, Jones coordinator; and, at front, Barbara Allan, chairman; and Nancy Beaty, who heads up the program's substitutes. Not pictured are Barbara Jackson, Springer coordinator; Mike Atkins, Dobbs coordinator; Jean Abernathy, Upward Bound leader; and Tom Ryan, Out & About. January was National Mentoring Month.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Mentoring program lauded for service to RISD students

January was National Mentoring Month and National Mentoring Day was observed Jan. 26 thanks to a mayor's proclamation from Rockwall Mayor David Sweet.

The Rockwall Rotary Literacy Program, which eventually morphed into Rockwall Rotary Mentoring, was initiated during Cindy Tayem's term of Rotary Club president in 1998-1999. She teamed up with Debbie Devine Tudor to help organize "Reading and Relationship."

Dobbs Elementary was the first school to utilize the program, which enlisted Rotarians, Rockwall Independent School District personnel and community volunteers in a joint effort designed to reach children in low-income schools by reading and relating to them. The model was met with great success and was replicated in three more schools - Rochell, Jones and Springer - over the next seven years.

The name evolved to Rockwall Rotary Mentoring with a change in leadership. The primary focus remained on the four elementary schools, but the mentoring program expanded to assisting children in all subjects in all grades district-wide.

The program, whose motto is "First a Reader, Then a Leader," averages 100 mentors per year. It has been recognized by Rotary District 5810, Rockwall County and the RISD.

Currently the program is led by Barbara Allan, chairman. School coordinators include Mike Atkins, Dobbs; Larry Parks, Rochell; Bill Sinclair, Jones; and Barbara Jackson, Springer. The Rotary coordinators meet with school counselors to match mentors and mentees.

Others involved in the effort include Jean Abernathy, Upward Bound, which is designed to support and train mentors that follow their mentees from elementary through high school; Tom Ryan, Out & About, the individual who prefer to mentor at other RISD elementary campuses rather than at the four focus schools; and Nancy Beaty, Substitutes, which provides constant support to mentees, even when a mentor moves away or becomes ill.

Megan Wilson, Phillip Bennett to marry March 10



Steve and Joy Wilson of Heath, Texas, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Megan Kathleen Wilson, to Phillip Andrew Bennett of Waco, Texas, son of Sheri Bennett of Abilene, Texas, the late Phillip Bennett.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Rockwall High School and a 2010 Texas Tech University graduate. She is currently a student at the Baylor University School of Law.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2004 graduate of Cross Plains High School, also graduated from Texas Tech in 2010. He is employed by Waco Independent School District.

A 5 p.m. wedding on March 10, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall is planned.

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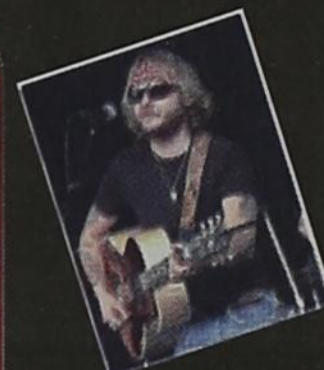
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Heath Mosasaur

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for a good cleaning to prepare for its new home at the Perot Museum of Nature & Science, a new facility projected to open in early 2013 at Victory Park in downtown Dallas.

If this has sparked your enthusiasm for fossil hunting, Finsley said, "If you were to walk the perimeter of Lake Lavon, Lake Ray Hubbard and carefully check the eroded shore banks, chances are you would find another mosasaur before you made it the entire way around."

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*Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another
Romans 12:10*

*There is no fear in love
But perfect love casts out fear.
1John 4:18*

Maggie Hatfield banking on Relay 'survivor' T-shirt

by Mary Thacker
 "My doctor noticed some unusually dense breast tissue about a year ago," Maggie Hatfield of Rockwall said. "He decided that we must keep an eye on it. Two-and-a-half years later, while I was in my kitchen, my breast started leaking fluid. I didn't realize it was a symptom of breast cancer until I waited a couple of weeks before contacting my doctor who pumped the nipple and scraped out the precancerous cells, then sent me on a preventative course of Tamoxifen. Not long after that, my milk ducts began to look abnormal, so my breast specialist sent me for a mammogram. My gynecologist was satisfied with the results and referred me to Dr. Michael Grant at Rockwall who biopsied it."



Mattie Hatfield of Rockwall has been battling cancer for a while, but looks forward to participating in this year's Relay For Life in a "survivor" T-shirt. Pictured are Macy, Maggie, Michaela, Madi and Greg Hatfield of Rockwall.

Courtesy photo/
 Rockwall County News

"My daughters and I were heading out the door when the phone rang with the news that I had breast cancer. As soon as I hung up the phone, I said, 'Guess what. I have breast cancer. It's not a big deal. It's not a death sentence,'" she said matter-of-factly. "I wasn't going to have them whisper cancer. I wanted the word to become familiar, not scary."
 Maggie called her husband to let him know, then phoned six of her best friends and told them the news and asked them to start praying right away. Her husband was determined not to let cancer stop her. She refused to be discharged from the hospital in a wheelchair, preferring to walk out on her own less than 24 hours after her mastectomy. Three days later she was in The Oarhouse with her friends, enjoying a glass of wine. Of course, that meant my drains had to be left in a bit longer than normal, but I was being too active, but that was OK," she said.
 Maggie had received unexpected blessings from her diagnosis. Her good friend from North Carolina arrived prior to her mastectomy, spent the night in the hospital and served as a much-needed distraction. She left her four children at home, cleaned my house and filled my freezer. Hatfield said, shaking her head in amazement. Another friend wrote the words Hope Faith Love on her bed with rose petals. The ministry provided meals three days a week for six weeks.
 "I had no idea how much I would need that, because just cooking dinner for my family left me exhausted," she said. She was especially touched by the hats from a friend who had survived cancer.
 Maggie's husband, Bentley, was just a baby when Hatfield was diagnosed. Bentley is now a 1-year-old puppy and she professes that her husband made him that way.

Not letting cancer stop her

"Bentley was really a hyper puppy, but he changed immediately when I was diagnosed and started napping for eight hours with me if I needed the rest," she said.
 Her husband, Greg, has been supportive throughout the whole ordeal. "He's my hero," Maggie Hatfield said.
 Maggie Hatfield has been faithful about making postings to the website RelayForLife.org to keep friends and family updated on his wife's progress. She also kept up her spirits with a trip to Vanderbilt to tour the campus and visit her three girls and a trip to New Orleans to blow off steam. "The doctors prescribed antibiotics, so I could make the plane trip to New Orleans, and I was really good about washing my hands," she said.
 She lost her hair on Day 14 of chemo and had taken to wearing a hat to hide the peach fuzz that had grown in its place.
 "When we were on Bourbon Street, and I ripped off my hat. I didn't realize how much I missed my hair," she said.
 Maggie Hatfield didn't let cancer stop her from flying to Florida with her family for Thanksgiving. She said she found solace in walking the beach and hearing messages from God in the sounds of the seashells made. "My family has always been shell seekers, and I started seeing life lessons in the shells. Think of how amazing it is that the fragile shells survive being tossed about by rough seas," she said.
 She said she knew that if those fragile shells could survive, then she could survive cancer.

Chemo was very emotional

"The chemotherapy treatments made me very emotional," she admitted. "I was walking on the beach I would feel the wind blowing against my face, and I was so grateful to be alive. I have never questioned that this journey I was meant to take. I've never said Why me? I would rather be a single mom with no insurance and a young child to raise. I would say I still have about a year to go with my treatment and radiation. I have three more months of chemotherapy followed by ten weeks of radiation with a break to remove my ovaries, then reconstructive surgery."
 Maggie Hatfield's attitude is positive, and she eagerly anticipates a change in her wardrobe that will reflect that attitude.
 "I'm looking forward to sporting that Survivor T-shirt and walking the Relay For Life Lap at Relay For Life," she said. She also covets, much to her husband's chagrin, a T-shirt that reads, Yes, these are fake, because the real ones would kill me.
 "I can't wait for that shirt," Maggie said with a laugh.
 The Rockwall County Relay For Life will take place April 27-28 at Cain Elementary School in Rockwall. For more information Relay For Life, visit www.relayforlife/rockwalltx.com.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The New Testament writers were real people...

"Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word. It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto you in order, O excellent Theophilus, that you might know the certainty of those things, wherein you have been instructed" (Luke 1:1-4).

The above was written by a physician named Luke (Colossians 4:14), to another person referred to as "O excellent Theophilus."

Luke continues, "There was in the days of Herod, the King of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia, and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth" (Luke 1:5).

Luke goes on to make an accounting of events surrounding the conception, birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There is some dispute over whether a man named Luke was the writer because he did not give himself credit.

By comparing the language of the Gospel with that of the Acts, Luke was the

writer. Acts 1:1 includes the same kind of language. The writer of Acts referred to a "former treatise" he wrote about "all that Jesus began both to do and teach." Furthermore, it was written to "O Theophilus."

By comparing the language, it can be safely deduced that the writer of the Gospel of "Luke" is the same writer as Acts.

The writer of Acts uses the terms "we" and "us" a number of times (i.e. Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-15; 21:1-18 and 27:1-28). Acts 20:5-15 refers to the writer and others meeting Paul at Assos, after Paul served God in Troas for a few months.

2 Timothy 4:11-13 refers to Luke and the city of Troas, "Only Luke is with me, take Mark and bring him with you..." "The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when you come, bring with you and the books, especially the parchments." It's important to note that Paul was asking to have both Luke and Mark with him, along with the books and "especially the parchments." It is possible that the books and parchments included the writings of Luke, Mark, Matthew and John.

Paul's interest in Luke and Mark shines some light on Luke's reference to "Theophilus." The word is a combination of two ancient Greek words, "Theo" and "philus." The word Theo meant God. The word philus referred to a man. Luke was addressing an excellent man of God. By applying the information from Acts 16 and 2 Timothy 4, the excellent man of God was Paul.

Those who do not believe the Biblical accounts about God, are faced with a dilemma. They must concede that if all the writers were wrong about God, and were wrong about the accounts of Jesus, then the same writings cannot be trusted for general historical value. They would have to conclude the writers were so delusional that even their general historical facts cannot be trusted.

Some might argue that because other writings by Matthew, Mark, Luke, John,

Paul, etc. are not found in other sources besides the Bible, then they must be reduced to either fictional people, or writers of fictional works.

This argument falls on its face because historians commonly rely on the writings of common people. No documentary or book about the Civil War is out a number of written journals and diaries by common soldiers and Jewish historian Flavius Josephus (37 A.D. to 100 A.D.), relied on the accounts of many Christians when he concluded that "Jesus was the Christ."

Common people wrote the accounts found in the New Testament of the Luke was a physician. Matthew was a low level tax collector. Peter was a fisherman. There was one possible exception. Paul was in a powerful enough position to approve the killing of Stephen (Acts 8:1), and was a learned man. Yet after conversion, Paul began to use his skills and influence in the service of God stands to reason that the Jewish history would include very little about Paul.

We now come to an important truth, which is that God is able to make His word for all who believe with their hearts. After Jesus showed him Thomas, he said, "Because you have seen me you believe. Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:28). Jesus' disciples did not lieve the women who first saw Jesus, until they saw him in person.

According to Romans 10:10, believing with the heart that God raised from the dead is unto righteousness.

'Beat the Heat' special offered through PAWS

Rockwall PAWS and the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project teamed up to offer a "Beat the Heat" program that enables area residents to have their female felines spayed for the discounted price of \$20 per animal. Male cats will be neutered for \$30.

All procedures will be performed on site at the Harry Myers Community Center, Rockwall, which will be set up as a mobile veterinary unit. Both special prices include rabies vaccination.

The special prices are good for February only and only a limited number of procedures will be scheduled. To take advantage of the offer, call 972-472-4222 and mention this notice in the Rockwall County News.

For more details, visit spayneuternet.org.

FM 552 maintenance project under way

The Texas Department of Transportation began performing maintenance on FM 552 this week from SH 205 in Rockwall to SH 66 in Fate, according to news release issued Monday.

The project includes adding three-foot shoulders to each side of the road, reconstructing the sub-grade and resurfacing the road.

Construction time on the project is expected to run 188 working days, or 20 days per month. During the day the roadway will be reduced to a single lane in the construction area, with flagmen assisting in traffic routing. The road will be open in both directions during non-construction times.

At various times during the sub-grade reconstruction the roadway will be closed to gravel surface.

Travelers should expect delays. For more details, call Kerry Lively, TxDOT project manager, at 972-962-4222 or Chuck Todd, Rockwall city engineer, at 972-771-7746.

Local residents make Harding Dean's List

Four local residents - two from Roysse City and two from Rockwall - included on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Harding University in Sevier, Ark.

Honorees included Brittney Sturrock, a freshman from Roysse City; Kaley Ferelle, a sophomore from Roysse City; Kaley Doan, a freshman from Rockwall; and Rachel Ragland, a senior from Rockwall, according to the news release.

The Dean's List recognizes students who carried 12 or more semester hours and attained a 3.65 or higher grade-point average with no incompletes in the semester.

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Bobby Jean Cross Evans



Services for Bobby Jean Cross Evans, 81, of Rockwall, formerly of Roysse City, Texas, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Feb. 8, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysse City Chapel, 1001 Park in Rockwall.

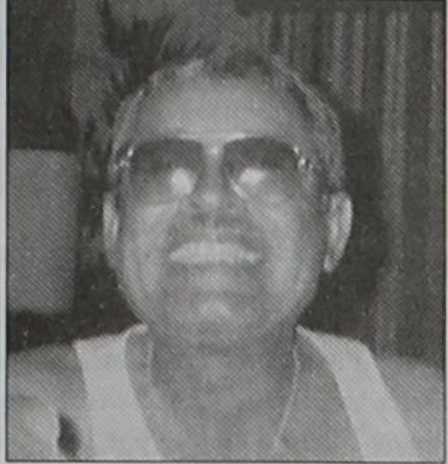
She died Feb. 3 from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

She was born in Roysse City on May 26, 1921, the oldest child of Robert Cross and Myrtle (Clark) Cross. She graduated from Roysse City High in the North Texas State Teacher's College in 1942 with a bachelor's degree in home economics. During the years she worked as a teacher in Dallas, Cotulla and Gonzales and a dietitian at what was then Howard Payne College in Brownwood. She returned to Roysse in the early 1950s and taught fifth grade at Roysse City Elementary. She received her master's degree in education from East Texas State Teacher's College in 1954.

On Jan. 19, 1954, she married Joe Evans of Nevada, Texas. She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Roysse City. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Tom Keim of Dallas, and her granddaughter and her husband, Melody and Michael Jordan of Prairie.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one brother, James Evans.

Victor M. Flores



Services for Victor M. Flores, 59, a resident of Fate for more than 30 years, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Feb. 6, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Deacon Joe Perez officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Jan. 31, 2012, at 7:27 a.m. on July 27, 1952, in Tampico, Texas. He worked for Lakeside Village for more than 20 years. He was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall.

Survivors include his daughter, Victoria Acosta, and her husband, Raul, of Dallas; his son, John Flores of Fate; his grandchildren, Rilyn, Abraham, Noah and his nieces and nephew, Juana, Maria, Carmen and Augustine Jr.; and his nephews, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Angela Flores, and his brother, Yuliane Flores.

Helon Hilbun



Funeral services for Helon Hilbun, 81, of Rockwall, formerly of Wylie and Dallas, will be conducted at noon Feb. 7, 2012, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park Chapel with Helon Hilbun officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She died Feb. 4, 2012, at 10:01 a.m. on Oct. 1, 1921, in Reba, Miss., to her parents, Fred and Annis (Breedland) Wright, she received her education at East Grand Baptist Church. She owned and worked side by side with her husband in multiple businesses, the most recent of them being Do Music Publications and Sound Systems, which served churches across the state.

She was a member of the Grandview Baptist Church in Mesquite. Survivors include her son, Steve Hilbun of Leonard; her daughter, Kathy Hilbun and her husband, John, of Wylie; her grandchildren, Bruce and Laura Hilbun of Sachse, Casey Hilbun of Dallas, Cammie Spillyards of Clearwater, Fla., Allie Spillyards of Wylie and John David Spillyards of Austin; and her granddaughter, Jenna Hilbun of Sachse.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Billy Hilbun; a sister, Julie Mohler; and a brother-in-law, Clint Mohler.

Marcelene Knapper



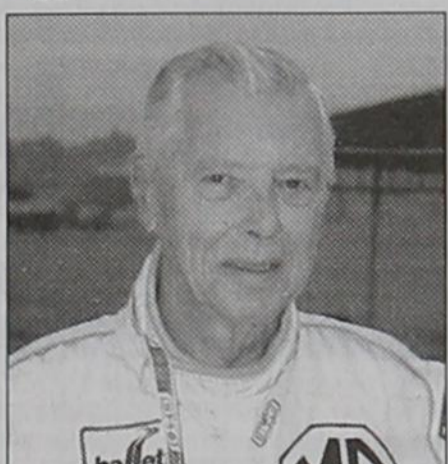
A memorial service for Marcelene Knapper, 81, of Rockwall, formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., will be conducted at 11 a.m. Feb. 10, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel in Rockwall.

She died Feb. 2, 2012, at 10:31 a.m. on Oct. 31, 1930, in Battle Creek to her parents, Minnie (Vedder) Wood, she was a member of Kraft Foods.

Survivors include her children, Michael Knapper and his wife, Teresa, of Dallas, Mich., Patricia Ann Lawrence of Dallas, Mich., of Rockwall and her daughter, Terese Mulvaine and her husband, Pastor David, of Troy, Ohio; her grandchildren, Jeffrey M. Knapper, Jennifer S. Force, Priscilla A. Iannelli, Harold Mead III, Heidi L. Knapper, D. Scott Mulvaine III, Deneen T. Bryan and Sam Mulvaine; 24 great-grandchildren; her twin sister, Jacqueline Van Spollen of Florida; a sister, Betty Whitney of Florida; and a brother, David Knapper of Bellevue, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Terry A. Knapper; a great-granddaughter, Christina Bryan; one brother; and three sisters.

Leland L. Riggs



Services for Leland L. Riggs, 78, of Rockwall, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Feb. 10, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Feb. 3 surrounded by his family.

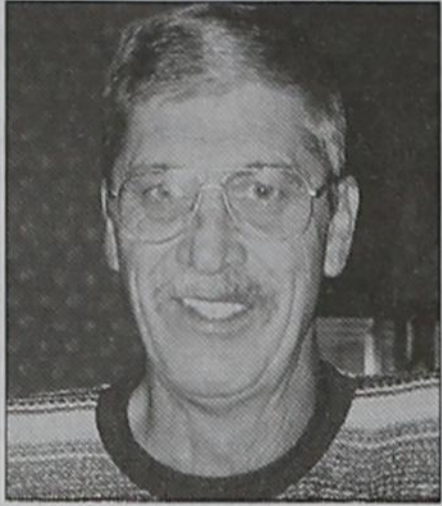
He was born in San Diego, Calif., he joined the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 16 and served in the Korean Chosin Reservoir Campaign of 1950, receiving the Purple Heart. Following his discharge from the Marine Corps, he began a lengthy career in law enforcement, initially with the California

Highway Patrol and later with the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration. As special agent in charge, he directed DEA officers against cocaine operations in Mexico, Panama and Colombia. Following his retirement, he served as chief of police in Dublin, Texas, and as the investigator for the district attorney in Erath County. He also trained and competed champion working quarter horses, raced vintage cars and spent time with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Betty; his children, Mark Riggs, Kirk Riggs, Heidi Tyus, Kellye, Roxanne and Michelle and their spouses; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Texas Peace Officers Memorial Capital Fund at TCLEOSE, Attn: Kaye Wilson, 6330 E. Hwy. 290 #200, Austin, TX 78723.

Wayne Ralph 'Silver' Upleger



A memorial open house for Wayne Ralph "Silver" Upleger, 67, of Rockwall will be conducted Feb. 4, 2012, at 302 Tyler St., Rockwall.

He died Jan. 29, 2012.

Born Sept. 19, 1944, in Imlay City, Mich., he played football and basketball at Almont High School and received his high school diploma from there. He enjoyed riding snowmobiles and motorcycles and raced them when he was young. He worked as a flooring installation specialist, the job from which he retired. He enjoyed spending time with friends and was known to many of them as "Silver." He also enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sports and school activities and holding his great-grandsons.

Survivors include his daughters, Kimberlie Hanna (Rodd Hanna) and Stacy Maynard (Larry Maynard) and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Brandy Lownes (Chris Lownes) and son, Ethan Lownes, Derek Silvers, Brandie Hanna (Cody Saiz) and son, Cayden Saiz, Matthew Hanna, Michael Brown and Alicia "Aly" Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Dorothy Upleger, and his brother, Dean Upleger.

Dorothy Walker

Services for Dorothy Walker, 83, of Arlington were conducted at 2 p.m. Feb. 3, 2012, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.

She died Jan. 29, 2012.

Born Aug. 12, 1928, in Missouri to Walter and Della (Enders) Rausch, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her brothers and sisters, Gene Rausch of Alabama, Al Rausch of Florida, Wilma Hobbs of Longview, Carol Stoops of Colorado, Josephine Rausch of Iowa and Robert Rausch of St. Louis, Mo., and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Chad Walker; and her brothers, Frank, Joe and Walt Rausch.

Lake Pointe Breast Center earns national recognition

Lake Pointe Breast Center has been recognized as a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence in the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers Program by the National Consortium of Breast Centers, according to a news release.

LPBC is only the second facility in Texas to be recognized as a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence.

Lake Pointe Breast Center provides breast imaging services and education in Rockwall, Forney and Rowlett and is staffed by a cancer nurse navigator. The Lake Pointe Breast Center offers comprehensive breast services including the initial screening and diagnostic digital mammograms; breast ultrasound; biopsies, including stereotactic, ultrasound-guided and MRI-guided biopsies; breast MRI; surgical options, including reconstruction; and can assist with access to medical oncologists and radiation oncologists in the community.

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- Provide moral support and a sympathetic ear
- Provide community education on breast health and breast cancer
- Facilitate community support programs

The LPBC includes an American Cancer Society resource center, providing information on prevention, diagnosis and treatment options for all types of cancer and includes both print and web-based resources. And to help educate our community about breast cancer, the cancer nurse navigator offers the 'Breast Health for Life' community outreach program which promotes prevention and early detection while providing information about risk factors, screening guidelines and breast self examination.

For those women visiting the Breast Center, a Breast Cancer Risk Assessment will be conducted, providing both the 5-year and lifetime risk for developing breast cancer. These risk assessments also will be provided at community events and health fairs in which Lake Pointe participates. Counseling for women at high-risk, including genetic information and referrals to a genetic counselor, is provided through the Breast Center.

For more information contact Barbara Quast, RN at 469-698-7824. Or for a free physician referral, call 1-866-525-LPMC (5762) or visit lakepointemedical.com.

RISD high schools jump to 5-A in UIL

The University Interscholastic League announced Feb. 2 the tentative 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 football and basketball district realignments, showing both Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School moving to District 12 5-A.


Other high schools in the seven-school district include Mesquite, Mesquite Horn, North Mesquite, Tyler Lee and Longview.

"With our student population increasing each year, we had anticipated that both of our high schools would end up as 5-A," said RISD athletic director Scott Smith. "Prior to the opening of RHHS in 2005, RHS had been classified as 5-A with an alignment that had many of the same schools including Tyler Lee and Longview."

Although the UIL allows districts to appeal the decision, Smith said RISD officials are satisfied with the realignment and will not appeal.

"We appreciate that the alignments are a difficult process for UIL," said Smith, "and we look forward to competing with the teams in District 12 5-A."

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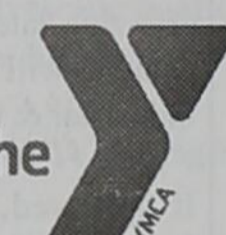
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Framing at Habitat site continues

Framing at 304 E. Ross St. is almost complete, and this week's plans call for the completion of framing and the beginning of the installation of roof trusses at the most recent Rockwall Habitat for Humanity site. The workday will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. Paperwork and training is done on site. Minimum age to work is 16 years.

Historical Foundation program slated

Memories and Markers: A Look at Rockwall's Historic People and Places will be the topic of the Rockwall County Historical Foundation's free noon program Feb. 10 at the historic courthouse. The program will be open to the public.

RCRW membership drive luncheon set

The Rockwall County Republican Women's monthly meeting Feb. 11 will serve as the organization's annual membership drive. The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. with a meet and greet at 2625 Rolling Meadows in Rockwall. Anyone interested in RCRW membership is invited to attend. For more details visit rcrw.org.

RARTA meeting scheduled Feb. 13

Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association members will meet at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 13 in the RISD Administration Building. The program, Texas Shorty, will be presented by Jim Chancellor. All school retirees and their guests are welcome to attend.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle to run Feb. 16

The low-cost spay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will leave at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 16 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot and will return to the same location at 6:30 p.m. after all procedures are completed. To view prices and make an appointment visit spayneuternet.org or call 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). Dogs must be on secure leashes; cats in secure carriers. For details call Rockwall PAWS, 972-310-1354; because the shuttle fills up quickly, it is suggested that reservations be made early. Upcoming dates: March 22, April 19, May 17 and June 21.

Computer classes set at library

The Rockwall County Library will offer computer classes for individuals who need an introduction to the use of a PC. A "mouserobics" exercise and instruction about the structure of PCs and peripheral equipment will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16. An intermediate computer class will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 8. Call 972-204-7770 to register for either class.

MicroWorld Adventures exhibit slated

The Rockwall County Library will host an introduction to the Contact Science MicroWorld Adventures exhibit at a Family Night scheduled for Feb. 16. The come-and-go event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and will involve guided experiments and science crafts and activities. While the exhibit is primarily geared for children in grades 3-6, adults and younger and older children may enjoy it as well.

Bridge tournament scheduled

A bridge tournament for individuals ages 55 and older will begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 at The Center. The tournament will feature Chicago-style scoring. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Participants must have a partner to play. Prizes will be awarded to the first place and runner-up winners. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Library to close for President's Day

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Feb. 20 in observance of President's Day.

Band plans spaghetti fundraiser

The Rockwall-Heath Mighty Hawk Band will host a spaghetti fundraising dinner March 3 at the high school. Tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased from any RHHS or Cain Middle School band student or by contacting Chris Hoar at 214-676-5007 or by emailing hoar@netportusa.com by Feb. 21. Relay For Life sign-ups get boost

Anyone registered as a cancer survivor for the 2012 Rockwall Relay For Life event, set April 27-28 at Cain Middle School, will receive a "sweet treat" from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 21 at Culvers Frozen Custard Ridge Road. For more details, visit relayforlife.org/rockwalltx.

Library, county offices to close March 2

The Rockwall County Library and other county offices will be closed March 2 in observance of Texas Independence Day. The library also will be closed March 3 for a computer system migration.

Rock through Spring Break

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will once again offer its through Spring Break event for local youths ages 6-12. Explorers will visit several nature-based destinations such as a state park, zoo, aquarium and more. Space is limited. Participants will be asked to bring a sack lunch, and water each day. Activities will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 16 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost is \$113 or \$75 for Rockwall residents. Visit rockwall.com/parks for more details.

American Legion plans Birthday Banquet

American Legion Post 117 will conduct its annual Birthday Banquet beginning at 12:30 p.m. March 19 at The Center, Washington and G in Rockwall.

Easter Egg Hunt set March 31 in R'wall

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. March 31 at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Field 1 will be for children up to the age of 2; Field 2 for children ages 5-6; Field 3 for children ages 3-4; and Field 4 for children ages 7-12. The event will be free to the public and will feature prize eggs, a bounce house, games and other activities.

Founders Day Festival set May 19

Rockwall's annual Founders Day Festival will begin at 10 a.m. May 19 on the downtown square. The daylong event will feature live entertainment, food and other family-friendly activities. Admission will be free. For more information visit rockwallfoundersday.com.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Pizza, Praise Concert slated Feb. 12

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Youth Group will host Pizza and Praise Concert featuring the Heritage Christian Academy Praise Team from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 12 at the church. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. During the band's intermission, Scotty Smith, minister to youth, will offer a special message. A \$2 donation is suggested to help offset food costs.

Agave plans Open Mic, Karaoke Nights

Agave Restaurant & Bar at The Harbor District will host Open Mic Night on Tuesday and Karaoke Night on Wednesday.

S-Junction to host New Old West Band

Southern Junction will be open on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, to offer entertainment with the New Old West Band.

A&M Singing Cadets to perform locally

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets will perform in Rockwall at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at the RHS Performing Arts Center on the Utley Middle School campus, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, in Rockwall. The performance, which will feature selections from "Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat" and the Beatles, will be hosted by the Rockwall County Aggie Moms and marks the third year for the group to perform locally. The concert is a fundraising event for the Aggie Moms, who present scholarships to Rockwall county students attend the university. For scholarship information visit rockwallaggies.com or contact aggiemomsrockwall@yahoo.com. Tickets to the event are \$10 and may be purchased at the door beginning at 6 p.m.; seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to pre-order tickets contact Vickie at vday95@gmail.com or call 972-463-8921.

Change the Future Dinner, Auction set

The 2nd Annual Change the Future Dinner & Auction, a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, will run from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 3 at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, in Royse City. For more details contact the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County.



Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital recently made the largest single donation -- \$20,000 -- received in the 39-year history of the Rockwall Women's League. The donation was presented at a recent RWL meeting, making the hospital the Diamond Tycoon title sponsor for the league's March 31 annual charity ball, Waltz Across Texas, at Black Star Farm. Shown during the presentation are, from the left, Deidra Roe, fundraising co-chair for the league; Nikki Mutschler, marketing director for the hospital; Cathy Bedsole, league fundraising co-chair; and Dawn Nelson, league president. The event will include a catered dinner, live music by two bands, a sports bar and a silent auction. Funds raised will be disbursed throughout the county through community agency grants and scholarships for graduating seniors from the three local public high schools. The public is invited to attend the event, and additional sponsorship opportunities are available. To purchase tickets or serve as a sponsor, contact Bedsole or Roe at rockwallwomensleague.org or call 469-757-1636.

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Theilig to deliver Wesley Arts lecture

Dr. Eilene Theilig, astrophysicist and theologian of the Brite Divinity School at TCU in Fort Worth, will speak on "Are Science and Theology Compatible?" beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Theilig, a native of Houston, recently saw her career focusing on understanding the earth and the solar system. With degrees in geology and a research focus on planetary exploration, she was an intern during the Viking Mission to Mars and a National Research Council post-doctoral research association at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. In 1989 she joined the Galileo Project flight team at JPL, planning spacecraft activities for the journey to Jupiter. She became the project manager for the final 2 1/2 years of the mission. She also is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister. The Wesley Arts lecture is open to the public. Tickets cost \$5 in advance at funrockwall.com or at the door. A discussion and refreshments will follow the presentation.

CUSTOMER NOTICE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% 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. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4,5750 per Mcf.
 **The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

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 Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.



Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members celebrated the recent grand opening ceremony for Credit Union of Texas located at 2914 Ridge Road.

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 5 "___" old cowhand from the Rio Grande?
 6 wise man
 7 in Coleman Co. on hwy. 283
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 12 TX Kristofferson '76 film: "___" is Born
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 21 Travis drew ___ the dirt at Alamo
 22 TX Sandy Duncan '87 sitcom: "Valerie's Family: The ___"
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/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary

1st Reading: 01-17-12
2nd Reading: 02-06-12
CITY OF ROCKWALL ORDINANCE NO. 12-02
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, ADOPTING CHAPTER 10 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLES III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, AND IX OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ARTICLE III, ARTICLE IV, SECS. 10-137 AND 10-138 (1)-(58); ARTICLE V, ARTICLE VI, ARTICLE VII, ARTICLE VIII, AND ARTICLE IX, DIVISION 3; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE AND A SEPARATE OFFENSE SHALL BE DEEMED COMMITTED ON EACH DAY DURING OR ON WHICH A VIOLATION OCCURS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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CITY OF ROCKWALL ORDINANCE NO. 12-03
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL AND (PD-1) PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NO. 1 DISTRICT (ORDINANCE NO. 72-2 AND 83-21) TO AP-

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CITY OF ROCKWALL ORDINANCE NO. 12-04
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (S-91) ALLOWING FOR A LANDING/STAIRS EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE LAKE RAY HUBBARD TAKELINE OVERLAY DIS-

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/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE
A public hearing will be held by the City of Rockwall Building & Standards Commission on Thursday, March 8, 2012. The following properties will be addressed during the public hearing:

546 Yacht Club Dr. and 9 Amity Ln. in Rockwall, TX. The meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087. A complete copy of the order to the owners of these properties may be obtained from the Code Enforcement Department of the City of Rockwall.

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Legal Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club Registration Permit by AAKI's 19th Hole, to be located at 846 FM 2453, Royse City, ROCKWALL, Texas. Officers of said unincorporated association of persons are Kirk Froehlich, President/Director; Rie Froehlich, Secretary/Director and Yoriko Ishikawa, Director.

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CASE NO. 1-11-1325

MEETINGS:

have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. The ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, was filed in the 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, on DECEMBER 16, 2011, against ALEJANDRO ALMARAZ, Numbered 1-11-1325, and captioned IN THE INTEREST OF ALEX MICHAEL CORTES-ALMARAZ AND DAMIAN ALEXANDER CORTES-ALMARAZ, MINOR CHILDREN. The date and place of birth of the child (children) who is (are) the subject of this suit: DAMIAN ALEXANDER CORTES-ALMARAZ, DOB AUGUST 13, 2008 AND ALEX MICHAEL CORTES-ALMARAZ, DOB MAY 13, 2007.

The Court has the authority in this suit to render an order in the child's (children's) interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children) adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Rockwall, Texas, this 27th day of January, 2012.

KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk
Rockwall County Courthouse
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By: *Amanda Webb*
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Rockwall-Heath High School athletes signing to play collegiate football, during last Wednesday's 2012 National Signing Day, are (back row left to right) Timbo Duncan (Coast Guard Academy), Cody Court (Coast Guard Academy), Amaris Fields (Cisco Junior College), (front row) Clark Pope (Cisco Junior College), Jake Holliman (William Jewel) and Gentry Rogers (South Western Oklahoma State University).

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Rockwall High School athletes signing with colleges during last Wednesday's 2012 National Signing Day are (back row left to right) Baylor Black (Football, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor), Brian Martinez (Soccer, University of Texas-Dallas), Coan Calabrese (Football, College of the Holy Cross), Garrett Lilly (Football, Southwest Minnesota State University), Logan Terwilliger (Baseball, Paris Junior College), (front row) Vicky King (Soccer, Lyon College), Shelby Soldat (Soccer, Ohio State) and Kelli Hardenbrook (Track/X Country, Texas A&M-Commerce).

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Lady Hawks' Senior Brianna Richardson signs to compete in Track & Field for Baylor University during last Friday's 2012 National Signing Day.

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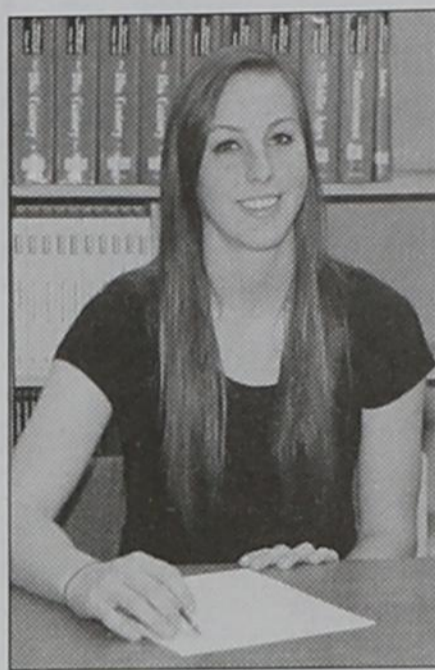
Lady Hawks' Senior Madie Rice signs to play softball at Concordia University during last Wednesday's National Signing Day.

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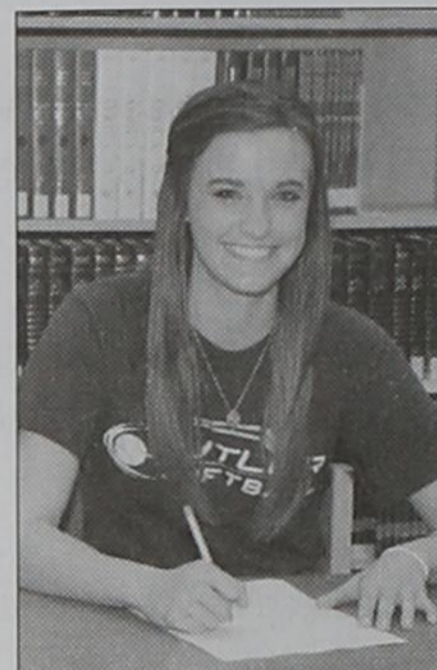
Lady Hawks' Senior Cori Kelly (right) signs to play soccer with South Western Oklahoma State University during last Wednesday's 2012 National Signing Day.

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Lady Jackets' Senior Kennedy Harrison Ashton Atwell signs to play collegiate softball at Marion Military Institute during last Wednesday's 2012 National Signing Day.

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Lady Jackets' Senior Ashton Atwell signs to play collegiate softball at Butler Community College during last Wednesday's 2012 National Signing Day.

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Opinions

Obama can stop from attacking Iran

by Sheldon Richman

Israel's highest officials tell American journalists their air force may attack Iran's nuclear facilities this spring, although Israeli and American intelligence agencies say the Islamic republic has no plan to build a bomb.

The officials might be bluffing, but the threats pose a problem for the Obama administration. In recent weeks there has been much in-person contact between the governments. U.S. officials have reportedly asked Israel to give harsh economic sanctions (and perhaps covert warfare) a chance to take effect.

The problem is that an attack could bring Iranian retaliation against American military forces in the region, including Afghanistan, wreak havoc with the U.S. economy if Iran closes or mines the Strait of Hormuz (through which much oil passes daily), and create pressure for U.S. intervention if Iran strikes Israel.

The Obama administration appears unenthusiastic about a war with Iran in this election year. An oil disruption would shake the fragile economy and jeopardize President Obama's reelection. The administration seems to be betting that the American people are war-weary, which explains its announcement of an ahead-of-schedule mid-2013 combat troop drawdown from Afghanistan. Obama is taking flak from Republicans for declaring that deadline, but his political strategists surely have calculated that more voters will be relieved than concerned.

Seen in that light, war with Iran is the last thing Obama would want this year.

But there is a complication: Israel and its powerful American lobby, Israel's political leaders, though apparently not its military and intelligence chiefs, want to bomb Iran, not because they fear an attack should it acquire a nuke — which would be suicidal for Iran, since Israel has hundreds of nuclear weapons — but rather because Iran, now close to Iraq thanks to the U.S. regime change there, could inhibit Israel's ability to have its way with its neighbors and the long-suffering, occupied Palestinians, especially in the blockaded Gaza Strip.

Obama's political problem is that it would be ill-advised, particularly in an election year, for an American president to be at odds with the Israeli government and its lobby here, which is pushing Congress to adopt the harshest measures against Iran's economy.

When it becomes necessary to dissolve political bands

From the American Declaration of Independence:

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes

Thus Obama can't openly tell the Israelis not to strike Iran, though his subordinates are doing this behind the scenes. Reporter Gareth Porter has disclosed that

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey told Israeli leaders Jan. 20 that the United States would not participate in a war against Iran begun by Israel without prior agreement from Washington.

But the Israeli government remains defiant about maintaining its freedom of action to make war on Iran, and it is counting on the influence of right-wing extremist views in U.S. politics to bring pressure to bear on Obama to fall into line with a possible Israeli attack during the election campaign this fall.

The big questions are (1) Does Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu think this warning is a bluff? and (2) What would Obama do if the prime minister calls it? In other words, if Israel strikes Iran in April or May and Iran retaliates against Israel, would Obama stick to his word and stay out? Or would he try avoid the Israel lobby's and Republicans' inevitable charges of "appeasement" by intervening?

It would take courage hitherto uncharacteristic of this president to withstand that pressure and stay out.

An important consideration in all this is the widely held assessment that Israel alone couldn't do enough damage to Iran's nuclear facilities, major parts of which are deep underground. As the Washington Post's David Ignatius reports, "The Israelis are said to recognize that damage to the nuclear program might be modest, requiring another strike in a few years."

So while Israel insists on its freedom of action, it realizes it would need America's help. This means that the Obama administration holds the upper hand: it is in a position to stop Israel from igniting a catastrophic war in the Middle East simply by declaring publicly that it will not back Netanyahu if he orders an attack — or covertly provokes Iran into firing the first shot.

Americans who oppose war with Iran can best serve peace by demanding that Obama make such a declaration.

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destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

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Texas Rangers requested to assist in court house vandalism investigation

Last week the county discovered intentional property damage to a flagpole located at the new Courthouse/Veterans Memorial.

As a veteran, this deplorable action appalls me; as the county judge, downright outrages me.

Because of the nature of the offense, we have formally requested assistance of the Texas Rangers and an investigation is pending. Rest assured we consider this a very serious matter and will take action as necessary once the investigation is completed.

Jerry Hogan, Rockwall County Judge

Vandals must be found and suffer consequences

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the Rockwall County Judge and Sheriff.) I have learned of the criminal act that took place recently at the Veterans Memorial/County Courthouse site wherein someone brazenly sawed off the flag pole that held the American flag and changed the arrangement of the physical flags to suit their personal preference. I can't even imagine the audacity of ANYONE doing this. I am writing to you and demanding that an elected official of Rockwall County this be fully investigated, and WHEN the person(s) have been caught, that they are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. A criminal is a criminal - NO ONE is above the law!

As a person who served on the Design Jury and the Dedication Committee for the Veterans Memorial, I can attest to the amount of exacting and exhaustive research that went into every single detail regarding "the placement, design and execution of the plans precisely to official and established protocol as statute. The very idea that anyone would think that something as important as the placement of the flags at the Veterans Memorial had not been researched to that degree is absurd and insulting to those who worked tirelessly on the project to honor those to whom the memorial was dedicated.

About the time you think you have heard everything, you hear of something even more bizarre. The loss of respect for almost everything in this county seems to grow more and more each day. Please don't let Rockwall County fall into this spiraling freefall of demise. This act was not just one of vandalism; it was one of total disrespect for our county, authority, the Memorial, and the property of others. How dare they.

Larry and Connie Christensen

Importance of literacy program

In Rockwall Independent School District today, a 7-year-old sleep shivering on the floor of her unheated trailer while mom works the late shift. During her school day she is agitated and has trouble focusing. She clings to her teacher for affection and support.

A little boy comes to school in ragged clothes and shoes too small for him. He struggles to keep up with his grade level in reading and wishes for an adult in his life to be his mentor and friend.

A child loses her father to suicide and looks desperately for an adult father to provide warmth, a smile and a how is your day. Her caring teacher hugs for the child and looks for someone who can give her special, one on one attention.

Sound like Appalachia, Tenn.?

Harlem, N.Y.?

Try Rockwall.

We have our share of suffering children.

Children in need of a caring adult who would meet with them once a week during school hours, for an hour or so to laugh, care, read a book.

The good news is, about 100 children are now being helped by the Rockwall Rotary Literacy Program, in partnership with the Rockwall ISD. But many more mentors are needed.

If you are looking for a way to make an eternal difference in the life of a child, this is it. Studies on resiliency, or the ability to "bounce back" from difficult childhood, show us that there is one major thing that gives a child success later in life: the presence of a non-family member adult in the childhood to say, you matter. I care about you. Let's plan and dream together for your life.

Let's read a book.

If you are ready to make a difference in the life of a child, and you can read, it's time. Please contact the chair of this program, Barbara Allan, ballan@sbcglobal.net or (972) 771-8960.

Debbie Tudor, Co-founder, past chair, Rockwall Rotary Literacy Program

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Rockwall County Sports

All 14 wrestlers for district champ RHHS qualify for regionals

Rockwall-Heath goes into this weekend's Region III wrestling championships as one of the strongest teams. In part because of the 14 wrestlers the Hawks sent to Saturday's District 19 Championships at Henderson, all qualified for the regional championships. That competition will be Friday and Saturday at the Katy ISD's Merrell Center.

Head coach Shane Seleznoff said, "Despite what happens this weekend in Katy and at the State Tournament weeks after that, this group can be proud of the tradition that they have started at Heath. It is an honor to be their coach." As a team, the Hawks won their second consecutive district championship, scoring 202 points for a 23 1/2-point margin over runner-up Rockwall. RHHS had eight individual champions. Its six other wrestlers all reached the finals, finishing second.

This season, the Hawks placed first and placed fifth in the District 19 Wrestling Championship.

Rockwall-Heath also has a state champion. Nakona Brawner, the 132-pound champion for the District 19, has qualified for the regionals in all four of his varsity seasons. Troy Mercer (195-pound) and Jacob Glastad (160) will be competing in the regionals for the consecutive year.

Mercur, whose district title was won in a row, was one of four wrestlers from Region III to qualify for the 2010-11 state championships. He placed third there, and will be among the favorites at the state championships for this year's state championship.

Glastad, who like Brawner has won individual district championships, is the region's alternate for last year's state championships.

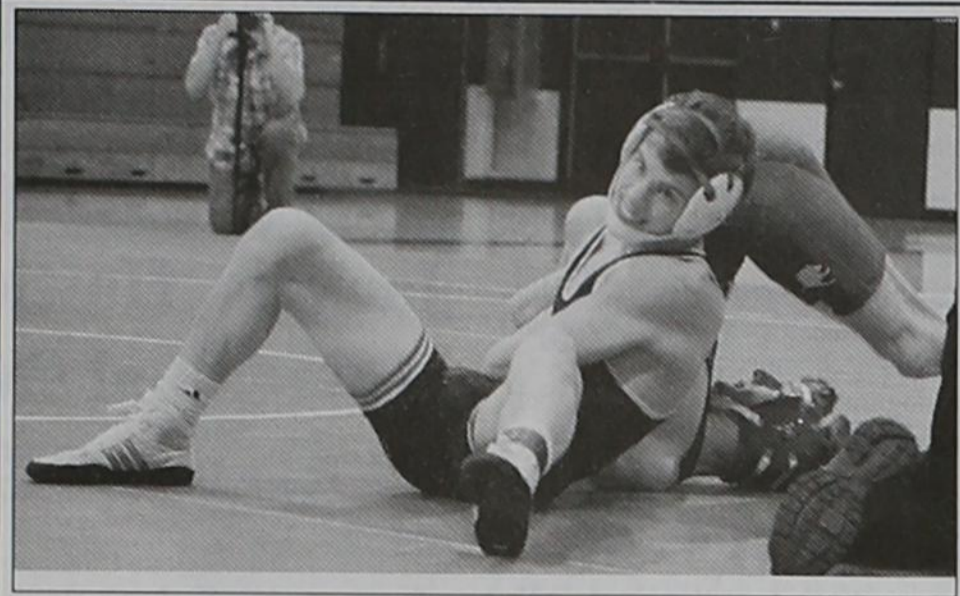
Brawner has been district runner-up twice, and Glastad once. Jay Arnold, this season's 285-pound district champ, wrestled at 215 at the 2010-11 states.

Other individual champions from RHHS at this year's District 19 meet were Jacob Makelke (120), Jacob Black (260), Tyler Gaddis (138) and Brady Van Bevers (170).

The Hawks' runners-up, also qualifying for the regionals, were Grant Rose (106), B.K. Sanford (113), Brogan Mike-Mayer (145), Christian Johnson (152), Alex Erebia (182) and Garrett Birlson (220).

"I'm very proud of every wrestler on this team. This has been a special group of kids to coach all year and they are just one of the reasons why this weekend. They are a very unselfish group that really cares about one another and each other's biggest fans," Seleznoff said.

Final scores behind RHHS were Rockwall 178.5, Lancaster 35 and Henderson 21.



Hawks' Co-Captain Jacob Black (126 lbs weight division) competes against a Henderson wrestler during last Saturday's District 19 wrestling championship in Henderson. Black defeated the wrestler and earned the Champion medal in his division. Photo courtesy of Stephanie Black/Rockwall County News



Rockwall-Heath wrestling team winning the District 19 Championship last Saturday (February 4) in Henderson are (back row left to right) Coach Holzbauer, BK Sanford, Brogan Mike-Mayer, Jacob Glastad, Jay Arnold, Troy Mercer, Garrett Birlson, Alex Erebia, Coach Shane Seleznoff, (front row) Grant Rose, Tyler Gaddis, Nakona Brawner, Jacob Black, Brady Van Bevers, Jacob Makelke, Christian Johnson. Photo courtesy of Shane Seleznoff/Rockwall County News

Fulton clinches district but suffers 1st loss

Fulton School clinched its first boys' basketball district championship by winning Friday, Feb. 3. Four nights later, the Falcons lost a chance to go through the TAPPS District 2-A season without losing.

The results of their 47-32 victory over Brownwood Victory Life Academy and 75-63 loss at Granbury Happy Hill Academy were almost polar opposites, yet they had similarities.

Fulton head coach Josh Johnson, its 14-0 district record and 11-game overall winning streak seemed to come to a halt.

He is concerned after the victory over VLA, which the Falcons had defeated by 20 points the first time through the district schedule. "We struggled a little," he said.

Fulton had taken a 60-45 win at home against Happy Hill. The Falcons' defense couldn't hold down the athletic team at its home court, yet Johnson wasn't distraught.

"It was a good thing for us," he said. "I think it was a wake-up call to the Falcons that they will have to play harder and better during the playoffs than they did during the district schedule."

Fulton would host a Bi-District game Tuesday at Forney Sports Center. Before that, Fulton (16-9 overall, 14-1 in the district) are scheduled to complete the district schedule Friday at Fort Worth Covenant Classical and to play a warm-up game Saturday at Rockwall Christian Academy.

The TAPPS game will match two TAPPS district champions. The coaches believe that in addition to local bragging rights, the game will be good preparation for the type of teams they could meet in the playoffs.

Warriors settle down to clinch district title

Rockwall Christian Academy seemed impatient about winning the TAPPS District 4-2A boys' basketball. The Warriors were so impatient that Heritage Christian Academy, the only team with a chance to catch them in the standings, was in the game even early in the third quarter.

HCA trailed just 22-18 when Erik Tamez put in two foul shots with 6 minutes, 20 seconds to play in that period. Over the next 3 minutes after that, Rockwall Christian, which had made just 25 per cent (6-for-24) of its field goal attempts in the first half, went on an 11-0 run.

The resulting 33-18 lead grew to 41-21 after three quarters and to 55-28 at the final buzzer. Heritage, a defensive-minded team all season, had used a combination of a triangle-and-two defense and a deliberate pace to frustrate the Warriors.

"We weren't prepared," said RCA head coach Ryan Hankins. "We had gone over a couple of things, but we just didn't jack up 3s."

That was not a good approach. The Warriors missed 14 of 17 shots in the first quarter, after which they led just 11-6.

Hankins said, "We were impatient. We were rushing our shots. We were trying to push the ball more in the third and fourth quarters, and then they rushed their shots."

The Eagles' slowdown was most effective in the second quarter, when the teams combined to take just 13 shots on the field. RCA made all four of its free throws then, and even made two 3-pointers. The second of those, by Brett Brinner, gave the Warriors a 20-14 halftime lead.

In the second half, HCA went cold, making just 5 of 22 field goal attempts. Rockwall Christian, which forced nine second-half turnovers, converted those to easier fast-break baskets, and made 15 of 27 second-half shots (56 per cent).

The home team was most impressive during its 11-0 run. Daniel Rorie hit a foul shot. Colton Jones put in one shot while falling backward, then a 3-point shot with more conventional form. Brinner scored on a fast break, and Chris Stephens drilled in a 3-pointer.

No-doubt second half improved RCA's record to 15-10 overall and 7-0 in the district. Heritage fell to 5-2 in the district, two games behind with only one to play.

Jones was the Warriors' high scorer with 14 points. Stephens and Brinner each had 11. Taylor Corbin grabbed a team-high seven rebounds, and tied Stephens for the team lead with five steals.

The Warriors might have expected a final margin closer to its two previous games, which they won by a combined margin of 91 points. RCA defeated Christian Heritage School of Longview 74-35 Tuesday, Jan. 31. On "Jam the night in Greenville three nights later, RCA defeated the Eagles 64-12.

Rockwall Christian broke away from a 30-21 halftime lead to outscore Christian Heritage 44-14 in the second half. Stephens poured in 24 points, with Rorie contributing 15 points and Corbin 12. They all paced the teams in the second half — Stephens with five assists, Rorie with 11 rebounds and Corbin with two blocked shots (along with 10 rebounds). Brinner had a team-high three steals.

Corbin was the game's high scorer against GCS (2-10, 1-6) with 21 points, including five 3-point field goals. Jones and Thomas added 11 apiece for the Warriors.

The RCA junior varsity fell just short in the fourth quarter of its 32-31 loss at Greenville. Cameron Carroccia and Poland scored 10 points apiece for the JV Warriors.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Christian Heritage	9	12	7	7	35
RCA	19	11	16	28	74

Christian Heritage School of Longview — N/A.
RCA (13-10, 5-0) — Chris Stephens 24, Daniel Rorie 15, Taylor Corbin 12, Cameron Carroccia 7, Colton Jones 5, Brett Brinner 4, Alan Thomas 3, Jameson Lee 3, John Stanley 1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	25	12	16	11	64
Greenville	6	2	0	4	12

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Heritage	6	8	7	7	28
RCA	8	12	21	14	55

Heritage — Erik Tamez 9, Preston Smalley 8, Chase Moreland 4, Zach Clarke 3, Garrett Blankenship 2, Nathan Hankins 1, Joshua Edge 1.
RCA (15-10, 7-0) — Colton Jones 14, Chris Stephens 11, Brett Brinner 11, Daniel Rorie 7, Taylor Corbin 6, Cameron Carroccia 4, Matt Thieman 2.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

St. Patrick's Day Jag Jog slated
St. Patrick's Day Jag Jog 5K Run & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk on March 3. Races start 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Cost is \$20 for individuals ages 13 and older, \$5 for ages 12 and under. Registration deadline is Feb. 20. To sign up, visit djoness.txpta.org. A carnival, chili cookoff, silent auction and raffle and vendor booths also will be offered.

Adult softball registration set
TAAAF/USSSA slow-pitch adult softball league will feature divisions formed by level of ability. Divisions include co-ed recreational on Mondays and men's D on Wednesdays. The season will include eight games, plus a four-team final night of playoffs to determine division winners. This season also will feature a four-team category for individual registrations. Games will be played at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. Registration deadline is Feb. 21; play begins the week of Feb. 27. Team fee is \$349; individual pick-up team fee is \$39 per person. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

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Defense carries Lady Eagles to district title

For the district-champion Heritage Christian Academy girls' basketball team, it's all about the defense. The Lady Eagles have shown that throughout their TAPPS District 4-2A season, during which they have won all seven games. That may have been most apparent Friday, Feb. 3, in their 47-16 victory over Longview Trinity School of Texas at the Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo.

In the game that clinched the district title, HCA made just 27 per cent of its field goal attempts (20-for-74). That didn't matter, because they not only held Trinity to 15 per cent shooting but also to just 39 shots. They did that by forcing 24 turnovers, 15 in the second half, and by pulling down 51 rebounds.

"The biggest thing is that they're trying to anticipate, pick off a pass and go down and score," said HCA head coach Van Minter.

That was most apparent during the second half against Trinity, when 10 steals led to half of the Lady Eagles' 10 second-half field goals.

With guards Madeline Schroeffer, Erika Mendoza and Jenna Geyman and forward Rachel McMillan on the alert for errant passes, HCA also prevented the visitors from getting the ball inside to Rachel Golden, who scored eight of their nine second-half points.

Schroeffer led the Lady Eagles with 13 points and nine steals. Eight of her points came on fast breaks. McMillan combined six steals with 14 rebounds. Hailee Johnson also grabbed 14 rebounds. Mendoza and Geyman scored 11 points each.

The 16 points HCA allowed in that game were just the third-lowest total by a district opponent. The highest score by a district opponent came Tuesday, when they won 48-30 at Rockwall Christian Academy.

"We have three different zones we try to throw at a team," Minter said. "What's difficult for our team is that we've enjoyed comfortable leads in our district games. The teams we'll play in the playoffs will put on constant pressure. We were shell-shocked last year when that happened against Covenant."

"We need to start out well. Hopefully, the girls can play with pressure." The Lady Eagles will complete their district schedule Friday against Christian Heritage School of Longview at the RISE.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Trinity	5	2	5	4	16
Heritage	10	15	11	11	47

Longview Trinity School of Texas — N/A.
Heritage — Madeline Schroeffer 13, Erika Mendoza 11, Jenna Geyman 11, Rachel McMillan 8, Hailee Johnson 4.

Fantastic finishes put Jackets into the playoffs

The Rockwall boys continued playing their best basketball when it matters most. Last week's two victories extended the Yellowjackets' winning streak to four games. Their reward was a playoff berth from District 10-4A.

RHS (20-9 overall, 7-5 in the district) came from behind to win both games — 71-69 in two overtimes at McKinney North Friday, Feb. 3, and 58-49 at home against Richardson Pearce Tuesday.

The victory over Pearce eliminated the Mustangs from playoff contention. At about the same time that game was ending, Rockwall-Heath was winning at Wylie East to end the Raiders' playoff hopes.

With two district games remaining, the Jackets are in fourth place three games ahead of Pearce and East. The top four teams in each district advance to the playoffs. RHS not only is in, but also has an outside chance of catching McKinney North (8-4 in 10-4A) for third place.

North has Pearce and Wylie East remaining on its schedule. Rockwall is scheduled to play at district champion Highland Park Friday, and at home Tuesday against Wylie, which is tied for seventh place.

It's conceivable that the Jackets could hand HP its first district loss. The Rockwall girls were in a similar position a week ago, having clinched the 10-4A championship and playing a team still fighting for playoff position at home with two games remaining. McKinney North won that contest 41-40.

Looking back, the Jackets needed a strong fourth quarter to defeat Pearce. The Mustangs led 42-40 entering the fourth quarter, but Rockwall outscored the Richardson team 18-7 over the final 8 minutes.

RHS' leading scorers were seniors Wes Davis (19 points) and Jared Ragland (13). At McKinney North, the Jackets' developing freshmen were the high-scoring stars. Austin Grandstaff and Elijah Thomas were Rockwall's high scorers with 16 points each. And some of those points came at precisely the right time.

In a see-saw game, RHS led 43-36 entering the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs (21-10, 8-4) rallied to tie that score 55-55 at the end of regulation time. That marked the third consecutive game when the Jackets finished regulation time with 55 points.

Rockwall's chances seemed slim in overtime when North took a three-point lead into the closing. However, Grandstaff hit a 3-point shot to tie the game at 62-62 and to force a second overtime.

In that extra period, the game was tied 69-69 as the clock ticked down. Grandstaff threw the ball inbounds toward the basket, and Thomas went up to tip the ball into the net at the buzzer for the 71-69 finish.

Grandstaff, who had 10 assists; Thomas, with 14 rebounds, and Davis, with 14 points and 12 rebounds, each had a double-double for the Jackets.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT1	OT2	Final
RHS	16	4	23	12	7	9	71
McKinney North	12	12	12	19	7	7	69

RHS (19-9, 6-5) — Austin Grandstaff 16, Elijah Thomas 16, Wes Davis 14, Prince Giador 6, Andrew Hinckley 6, Clay Marley 5, Avery Knutson 4, Jared Ragland 2, Weston Richey 2.
McKinney North (20-10, 7-4) — Collin Curran 21, Jola Otubu 16, Julion Pearre 16, Alexander Ridley 10, Alex Pelton 4, Steele Douglas 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pearce	15	13	14	7	49
RHS	16	12	12	18	58

Richardson Pearce (13-14, 4-8) — Darius Revels 24, Danny Gutman 10, Kyle Parker 6, Luke Buckner 4, Brad Hulme 3, Cameron O'Reilly 2.
RHS (20-9, 7-5) — Wes Davis 19, Jared Ragland 13, Elijah Thomas 9, Austin Grandstaff 7, Clay Marley 5, Prince Giador 3, Zach Rhodes 2.

6 Rockwall Yellowjackets wrestling champs, team 2nd in district

Rockwall came home with six weight-class champions and 13 of 14 wrestlers advancing to the Region III Championships from Saturday's District 19 Championships in Henderson.

That usually would be more than enough to win a district title, but wasn't quite enough to overcome Rockwall-Heath.

In what Yellowjackets head coach Brent Pohorsky had likened to a dual meet between the two RISD teams, RHHS outscored his Rockwall team 202-178.5. Lancaster was a distant third with 35, and host Henderson fourth with 21.

RHS' weight-class champions were Andrew Hyde (106 pounds), Carter Smith (113), Austin Tamez (145), Cade Goss (152), Daniel Roland (182) and Collin Hill (220).

Seven other Jackets lost only in the finals. The runners-up also qualified for the regionals. They were Drew Troxler (120), Cody Jonas (126), Marcus Hess (132), Chris Humphries (138), Garrett Miller (160), John Hernandez (170) and Rilee Fisher (195).

Austin Hatten finished third at 285, just missing a trip to the regional championships. They will take place Friday and Saturday at the Katy ISD Merrell Center.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class at the regionals would qualify for the following weekend's State Championships in Austin.

Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall Lady Jackets split 2, face Centennial in playoff

After six quarters of somewhat shaky basketball, the Rockwall girls came back with a vengeance Tuesday, outscoring Richardson Pearce 33-15 in the second half for a 52-29 victory.

That game at Pearce completed the regular season for RHS, which won its fourth consecutive District 10-4A championship with records of 28-7 overall and 12-2 in the district.

It also followed a last-minute 41-40 home loss to McKinney North that gave the Lady Jackets multiple district losses for the first time in six seasons.

Next up for RHS is a Bi-District playoff game against Frisco Centennial, the fourth-place team from District 9-4A, at 7 p.m. Monday at Garland Naaman Forest.

Against Centennial (21-13, 8-6) the Lady Jackets might have to be at their defensive best. They must try to keep the ball out of the hands of McKenzie Adams, the Lady Titans' leader with 19.5 points and 3.7 assists per game.

In the loss to North, RHS did a good job preventing Lady Bulldogs Alexis Mason and Mikaela Connor, who totaled 31, and any of their teammates from scoring for more than five minutes late in the game.

That allowed the Lady Jackets to overcome a 39-33 deficit and take a 40-39 lead on Alyssa Lang's jump shot with 1 minute, 20 seconds to play.

MNHS then held the ball for a last shot. When that shot went off the backboard to the front of the rim, it landed in the hands of the Lady Bulldogs' Amy Kleynhans. From there, she banked the ball in with 6.8 seconds to play.

Rockwall had a chance for a last shot, but Kleynhans blocked Kayla

Smith's attempt, and Morghen Day was unable to get off a good shot in time after grabbing the ball.

Lang scored a team-high 12 points that night, and 17 to pace the Lady Jackets at Pearce.

The loss to McKinney North came on Senior Night – when senior players Lang, Smith, Paige Turner and Mary Hinton were honored. Lang received the greatest ovation from the crowd packed in to the Rockwall side of the gym. She entered that game as the Lady Jackets' second-leading career rebounder and fourth all-time in scoring.

Tuesday became more like Senior Night for both the RHS girls and boys. While Lang, Smith (13 points) and Turner (10) were scoring 40 of the Lady

Lady Jackets lose district opener

The Rockwall girls' soccer team completed the pre-district portion of its schedule with an 8-2-1 record.

However, the Lady Jackets lost their District 13-4A opening game Tuesday to Wylie East 1-0.

Before that, RHS had won the championship of the North Richland Hills Tournament, took two of three games at the Round Rock Tournament and went 1-1-1 at the Carrollton Creekview Mustang Stampede.

The Lady Jackets last game before opening district play was Friday, Feb. 3, when they defeated Longview 3-0 in a contest stopped at halftime because of lightning.

Hawks knocks off, knocks out Wylie East 63-56

Rockwall-Heath again on Tuesday took out its boys' basketball frustration on Wylie East.

The Hawks – who have lost three games by three or fewer points, and another in overtime – took their second District 10-4A victory this season that night at East.

Both wins have come over the Raiders. The latest was especially hurtful, because it knocked them out of playoff contention.

RHHS had its most balanced scoring this season. Cameron Martin had a game-high 19 points, Jared Webber added 12 and Matt Greene and Jordan Points scored 10 apiece.

The Hawks pulled away to a 42-33 lead after three quarters, and held on through a fourth quarter when they were outscored 23-21.

Their game Friday, Feb. 3, at RHHS seemed destined to be another tough-luck loss. Highland Park, the district's undefeated champion, led just 41-39 after three quarters. The Scots had edged the Hawks 48-46 the first time the teams met.

This time, HP pulled away in the fourth quarter for a hard-fought seven-point victory, 54-47.

Sophomore Martin also was the Hawks' high scorer in that game with 18 points. Christian Nwabuko added 16.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Highland Park	12	13	16	13	54
RHHS	12	12	15	8	47

Highland Park (24-2, 11-0) – David Allen 16, Chase Fletcher 14, Derek Cahn 11, Andrew Vaughan 5, Aidan Casey 4, Matt Fraschilla 2, Clayton Murtha 2.

RHHS (8-19, 1-10) – Cameron Martin 18, Christian Nwabuko 16, Jared Webber 8, Luke Ramirez 3, Jordan Points 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	11	17	14	21	63
Wylie East	12	12	9	23	56

RHHS (9-19, 2-10) – Cameron Martin 19, Jared Webber 12, Matt Greene 10, Jordan Points 10, Luke Ramirez 5, Christian Nwabuko 3, Selvin Villeda 3, Brett Schuster 2.

Bulldogs break tie in last 8 seconds to defeat the Hawks 1-0

The Roysse City Bulldogs' soccer team pursued the Rockwall-Heath Hawks throughout a 0-0 game until the final 8 seconds when Junior Logan Humphries attacked the goal for a Bulldogs win with the assistance of Junior Iram Lozano during Tuesday's game (February 7) Roysse City.

Goalie Alan Olade protected the Bulldogs' net with 7 saves.

Leading players for the season are Humphries with 15 goals and 4 assists, and Junior Jacob Sanchez with 7 goals.

Damion Andrade scored a goal for the Junior Varsity team during its 5-1 loss to Rockwall-Heath.

The Bulldogs will travel to Wylie tonight (February 10) for a 7 p.m. game.

Individual season stats	Goals	Assists	Points
Chase Shelby	1	0	2
Logan Humphries	15	4	34
Jose Guerrero	3	4	10
Iram Lozano	0	1	1
Trey Vegas	1	4	6
Samuel Rodriguez	0	1	1
Cameron Thomas	1	2	4
Luis Garcia	1	0	2
Ignacio Ramos	1	1	3
Oscar Ramos	1	3	5
Jacob Sanchez	7	0	14

Roysse City Bulldogs rally in 2nd half, fall to Sherman

Jamie Briceno started the Roysse City scoring with one of four 3-point shots out of 19 total points, during last Friday's 70-58 loss in Sherman.

The Bulldogs (6-3-0 in District 13-4A) let their opponent slip away for a 12-24 lead at halftime.

"We were unable to score consistently early, and that allowed Sherman to get some separation," said Coach Anthony Howerton.

Also scoring in the first half were Michael Webb (3), Tre Hayes (2) and Cayce Dahmer (4).

"The second half our guys competed extremely well despite being down 12," continued Howerton.

The Bulldogs played the second half with fire under their feet scoring 46 points, including 30 points in the fourth quarter.

Excited about their second half performance, Howerton praised Briceno and Webb for a good job of running the offense along with Frye and Dahmer for attacking the rim and putting up more points.

"Tre Hayes came off the bench and really sparked our defense, and hit a couple of big 3-point shots as well," exclaimed Howerton.

Second half scorers for Roysse City were Webb (5), Briceno (15, including 9 in 3-point shots), David Frye (6), Hayes (10, including 6 in 3-point shots) and Dahmer (4, including one 3-point shot).

Howerton congratulated the Sherman team for what he believed was their best game this season. "They have a talented team, but our guys fought them all the way to the end," concluded Howerton.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCBS	6	6	16	30	58
SHS	15	9	21	25	70

Individual stats	Points	3-point	Rebounds	Turn-overs	Steals
Tre Hayes	13	6	1	1	0
Webb	7	9	4	4	0
Stone	0	0	6	2	3
Dahmer	11	6	1	0	1
Briceno	19	12	2	1	0
Frye	8	0	0	0	0
CJ Wanton	3	0	1	1	1

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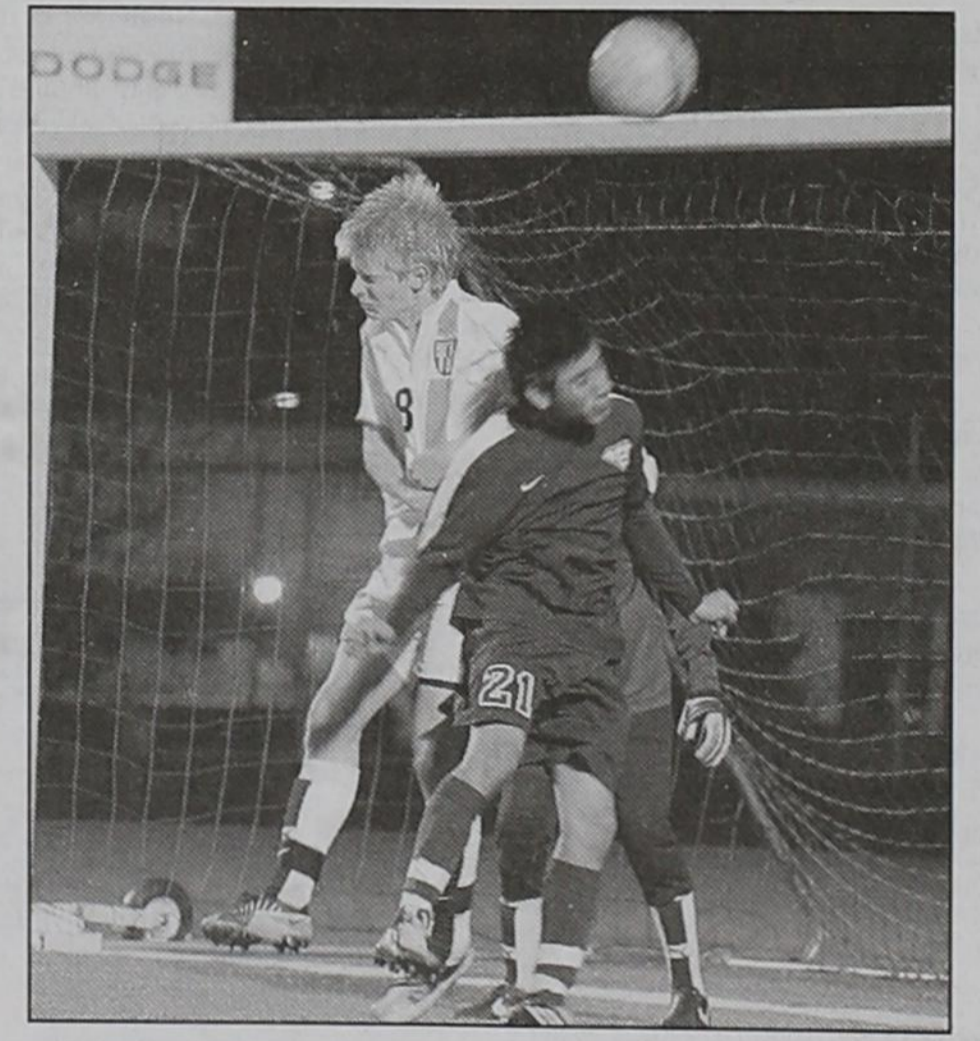
Yellowjackets' Junior defender (8) Chris Estridge uses his head on a clear against Wylie East Tuesday in Rockwall.
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Cain boys' teams seeded 1st in basketball

Both the seventh- and eighth-grade boys' teams from Cain Middle School are the top seeds in this weekend's A Team Tournaments, the final event in the district middle school basketball season.

The eighth-graders completed their district season 9-0. They will play Friday evening and Saturday in the 10-team tournament at Wylie McMillan. The seventh-grade team also finished in first place during the regular season with an 8-1 record. Their tournament will be at Allen Ereckson.

The girls' tournaments will be at Williams for the eighth grade and Lovejoy Sloan Creek for seventh grade.



Jackets' 52 points, seniors Wes Davis and Jared Ragland were the top scorers in the RHS boys' victory back home.

The Lady Jackets took a 17-9 lead after one quarter against Pearce. The Lady Mustangs came back within five points at halftime when Rockwall scored just two second-quarter points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
McKinney North	11	10	10	10
RHS	6	13	13	8

McKinney North (19-11, 9-4) – Alexis Mason 16, Mikaela Connor 12, Chantieria Jackson 4, Amy Kleynhans 4, Viona Vraniqi 2.

RHS (27-7, 11-2) – Alyssa Lang 12, Kayla Smith 9, Sara Williamson 9, Morghen Day 4, Ellen Baker 3.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
RHS	17	2	22	11
Pearce	9	5	8	7

RHS (28-7, 12-2) – Alyssa Lang 17, Kayla Smith 13, Paige Turner 9, Sara Williamson 9, Morghen Day 3.

Jackets, Hawks have presence at Regional swimming

Alex Fontenot has been there before. A number of other Rockwall ISD swimmers could have a good chance to do so this year.

"There" is the 4A State Championships. Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath swimmers took the first step to getting there when they helped their teams finish 1-2 in the District 13 Championships last month.

The second step would come Friday and Saturday in the Region 1 Championships at the Mansfield ISD Natatorium.

RHS' Fontenot placed in each of the last two State Championships, finishing 15th in 2009-10 and 12th last season in his specialty, the 100 backstroke.

Also was part of Yellowjackets' 200 medley relay teams that placed 13th the last two years. Two of his teammates from last year's qualifying relay team, Justin Tokuz and Nathan Eldridge, could join him in Austin if the team does well enough this weekend. They will be among boys and 12 girls who qualified for the Jackets and Lady Jackets.

Another focus at the regionals will be the ongoing friendly competition between Rockwall-Heath's Claire Walters and record-setting RHS freshman Raena Eldridge.

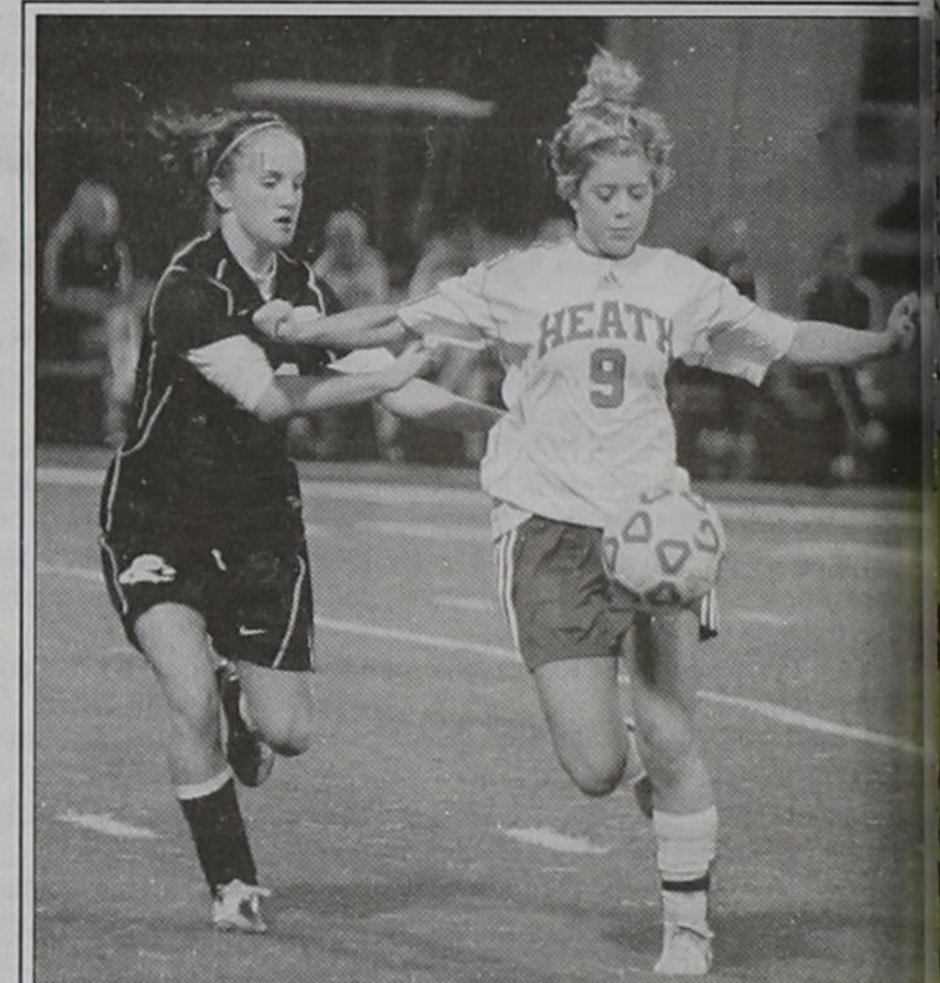
Teammates with the Rockwall Aquatic Center of Excellence (RAC) team, but in different age groups, they also have pushed each other in meets and at the District 13-4A Championships. They are expected to do so this weekend.

Kelly's goals help Lady Hawks in opener against Roysse City

Well rested after a week off, the Rockwall-Heath girls' soccer opened its District 13-4A season Tuesday with a 4-1 home victory over Roysse City.

Cori Kelly led the Lady Hawks (4-5-1 overall, 1-0 in the district) with goals. Lindsey Gardner and Molly Nelson scored one goal each.

RHHS' last game before beginning district play was a scoreless tie Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Greenville. Before that, the Lady Hawks had lost Highland Park 5-1 on Jan. 27.



Lady Hawks' Senior Brittany Buchanan (9) controls the ball as Lady Bulldogs' Shannon Rose takes chase during Tuesday's game (February 7) in Heath.
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Lady Bulldogs' Lauren Dusek (20) defends against Sherman's Ashley Crockett (23) during Tuesday's game in Roysse City.
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Memorial basketball tourney slated

The 6th Annual Cameron Echols Memorial Basketball Tournament will be conducted Feb. 25, with games played at the Rockwall YMCA, Williams Middle School and the Administration Building. The tournament honors the late Cameron Echols, a Rockwall student-athlete who died from sudden cardiac arrest in 2006. The tournament will help raise funds for the YMCA Partners Campaign, which provides scholarships for children who would not otherwise be able to participate in YMCA activities. The tournament includes the following age divisions: 5-year-old co-ed; 6-year-old co-ed; 7- and 8-year-old boys and girls divisions; 9- and 10-year-old boys and girls divisions; and 11- and 12-year-old boys and girls divisions. An adult division for men and co-ed teams also will be offered. Registration forms are available at the YMCA; entry fee is \$30 per player. Each person must register with a team; each participant will receive a tournament T-shirt. For more info contact Cassie McKee at 972-772-9622 or email cmckee@ymcadallas.org.

RGSA registration under way

Spring registration for the Rockwall Girls Softball Association is now under way and will run through Feb. 26. The spring season will run March 26-May 31. To register, visit rockwallgirlssoftball.com or call 972-841-2939 for more details.

Angel League season set

The spring 2012 Angel League season will begin March 21, with games set for 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday for nine weeks. Registration and additional information can be found at angelleague.org or by calling 972-722-6001.

Little Kickers Soccer scheduled

Little Kickers soccer for children ages 3.5 to 6 years of age will run from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays April 16-May 21 at the Harry Myers Park Ball Fields. Participants will learn soccer skills in a fun interactive team environment. Registration fee is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Sluggers T-ball season set

The Little Sluggers T-ball season will run from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays April 17-May 22 at the Harry Myers Park Ball Fields. Participants ages 3.5 to 6 years of age will be split into team where they will learn the fundamental skills of throwing, fielding, hitting and base running. Registration is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Little Dribblers season planned

Youngsters ages 3.5 to 6 can learn to dribble, pass and shoot through the Little Dribblers upcoming season. Activities and games will take place from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays April 19-May 24 at The Park at Hickory Ridge. Cost is \$45 or \$29 for Rockwall residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

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"Little Women" is the latest production of the Rockwall Community Playhouse. The first performance will be at 8 p.m. today, with shows running at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays through Feb. 26. Shown at a recent rehearsal are, from the left, Sue Crenshaw, Anne-Marie Thacker and Brook Feldman. To purchase tickets, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

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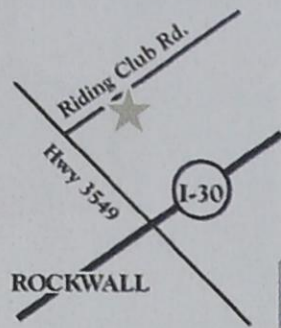
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Women' to staged at R'wall Community Playhouse

Initial performance of the Rockwall Community Playhouse's "Little Women" will begin at 8 p.m. today. The cast and crew of the production have been working on the play since December. The play opens with Marmee and her four daughters and their faithful servant, Hannah, surviving after a failed venture. The father of the family, left almost penniless, goes off to war to serve as a captain, leaving the women to fend for themselves. March is their wealthy, spoiled relative who assists them only when it pleases her. The family lives next door to the Lawrence men, who befriend them and are helpful when March is injured in the war. One of the daughters falls ill with scarlet fever. The story also has a touch of romance. In the scene for the production is Jeff Medley, who raised antique stores in his own home to help restore the Victorian home of the play. The set features many period-appropriate touches, including chandeliers and a working fireplace. Tommy Redfeard and Stevenson helped in the construction of the stairs, the trim and a fireplace. Beautiful as the set are the costumes the cast will wear. Some of the period costumes are on loan from the Garland Theatre, while others are property of the playhouse and have been altered by costume designer. Still others have been hand-created by Medley. Master Tana Yater has all of the necessary items including curling tongs to tea time crystal - to finish the production's scenes. The cast members include Mary McCulley, Jerry McCulley, Nicole Granville, Emily Tori Carew, Anne-Marie Crenshaw, Shannon Scott, Carlos Martinez and Brook Feldman. Director Tony Carpenter has been the driving force behind the production. Medley is serving as assistant director, and both have worked hard to research the Victorian era to ensure the accuracy of every detail depicted in the performances. Producer Currie has supervised the production while Kathy P. Miller has been the chief photographer. Performances begin tonight and will run on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 26. To purchase tickets, visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.com.

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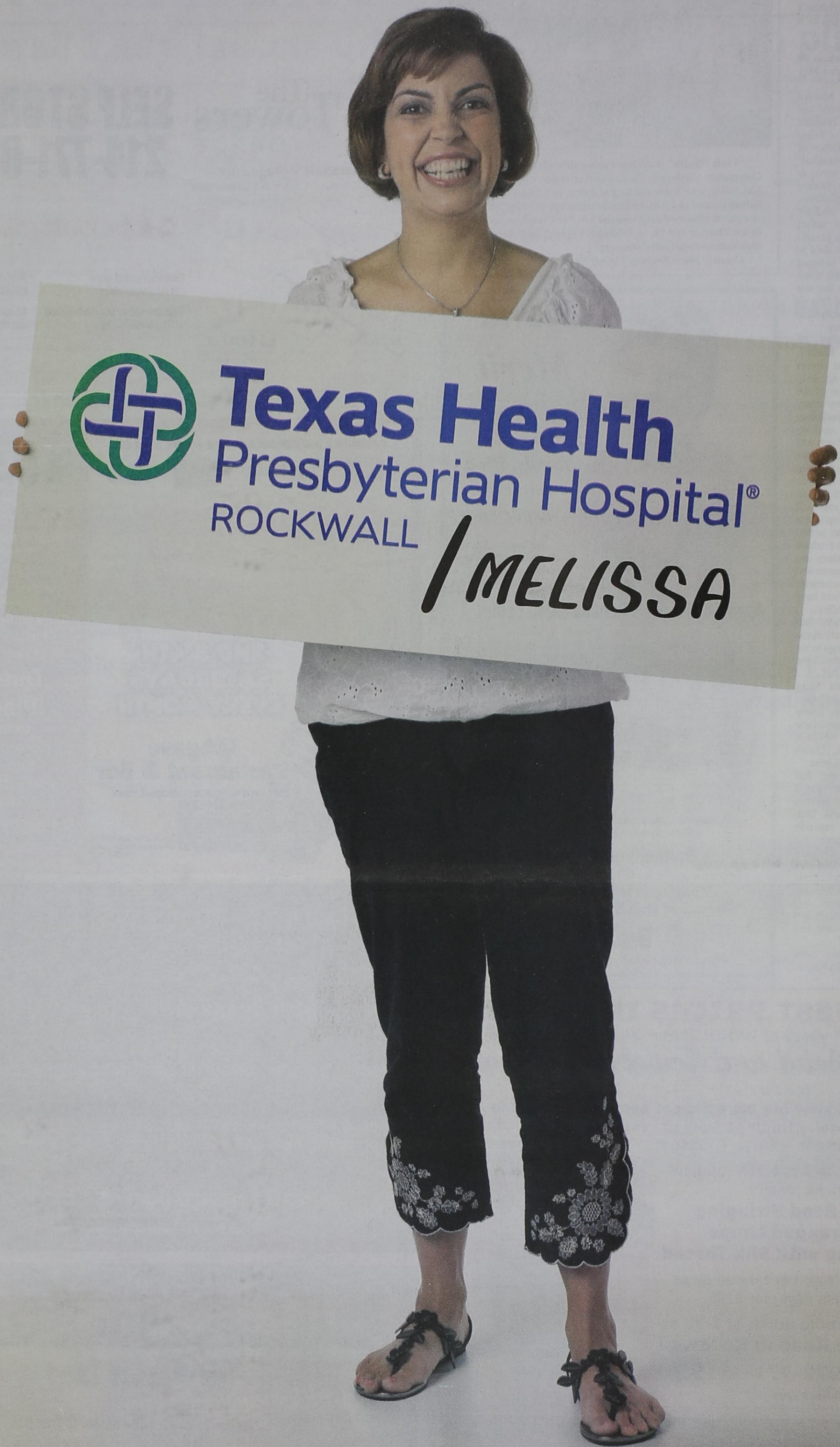
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