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## County seeks citizen input in creation of master plan

Rockwall County Commissioners Court is changing Rockwall County plans for the future. At the state or national level, development plans for the future and their citizens what is going to happen, County Judge Jerry Hogan said this week in a news release here in Rockwall County. He said that we want our citizens to tell us what we want to do, not us telling them what to do. Hogan said that the county is currently developing a master plan for the next five years from now. He said that the plan will be developed by a group of citizens that will be chosen to represent the county. Hogan said that the plan will be developed by a group of citizens that will be chosen to represent the county. Hogan said that the plan will be developed by a group of citizens that will be chosen to represent the county.

expertise, law enforcement, the arts and how all of these various parts fit together in terms of affordability and needs, has not been addressed on a coordinated basis. And that's where the opportunity lies for our citizens to get involved." Dr. Joan Terry, a Rockwall resident and expert in the field of strategic planning has agreed, on her own time and at no cost to the county, to help lead this effort. "What a great opportunity for the people of our county to influence where we want our county to be five years from now," she said. "This gives us the opportunity to lay out our plan for what we want where we live." When asked if she thought it was possible for a group of volunteer citizens to accomplish this task, her answer was straightforward. "Of course it's possible. I have helped many different groups of do this and the result is always better than what anyone thought it would be going into the process. It will require about three months to finish and the different groups will probably meet once a week after they get organized and start the actual work. The meetings will be in the evenings or

perhaps on some Saturdays, but the work is fun, challenging, important, and the results are just amazing," she said. Anyone interested in getting involved can be involved, Hogan said. "This is really going to be a result that depends on the effort that goes into the development," he said. "Experts in the areas mentioned are asked to consider volunteering. If you don't have a field of expertise, but want to get involved, please volunteer. There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to contribute and to really make a difference." Anyone with questions should contact Commissioner Lorie Grinnan, who has considerable experience in the development of strategic plans like this while on the Rockwall Independent School District board of trustees, at 972-204-6020 or Hogan at 972-204-6000. To volunteer, e-mail Hogan at jhogan@rockwallcounty-texas.com or Grinnan at lgrinnan@rockwallcountytx.com or call them at the numbers listed above. Please provide full name, e-mail address, phone number and area of interest. The group is expected to begin working in early April, according to the news release.



A Visioneering competition for young minds interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics is conducted at Southern Methodist University each year. Utley Middle School participated in the 10-year anniversary competition on Feb. 26. Eighteen students traveled to the SMU campus to create an engineering design that addressed the challenge of what a home of the future would look like in the year 2028. Future engineers pictured are Lance Ashford, Rodney Bell, Michael Bonfante, Blaise Cole, Blake Dove, Kiera Druhan, Sam Evans, Cooper Hearn, Coleton Hervey, Cameron Johnson, Hunter Kennedy, Armoney Mago, Taylor Mead, Samuel Padilla, Haley Ray, Jake Salinas, Spencer Samford, Abbi Vinci and Bobby Watson. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Candidates file for city council, ISD seats

The filing period for the May 14 election ended at 5 p.m. Monday with several candidates throwing their hats in the ring for seats in Fate, Heath, Rockwall, and Rockwall ISD. There were no challengers in Royse City or McLendon-Chisholm so no elections will be held there. Names of candidates for the city of Fate and Royse City ISD were unavailable at press time Wednesday. For Heath city council, incumbent Bob Hille has filed for reelection in Place 1; in Place 2, currently held by Karen Lewis, Justin A. Holland and Becky Burkett have filed their candidacy; incumbent Steve McKimney and Barry Brooks have filed in Place 4; and incumbent Rich Krause has filed in Place 6. In the city of Rockwall, Sam Buffington has filed to run for mayor,

along with current council members Glen Farris and David Sweet. Farris and Sweet have resigned their council seats for a run at the mayor's office. Current Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil has reached his term limit and cannot run again. Filing for Rockwall city council seats are, in Place 1, currently held by David Sweet, are Freddie Jackson, Bob Lewis, and David White; Place 3, currently held by Glen Farris, will see Bennie Daniels face off with Michael Townshend and Bill Watts; and in Place 5, currently held by Matt Scott, are Connie Jackson, Dennis Lewis and Michelle Smith. Filings for a place on the Rockwall ISD ballot include, in Place 6, unchallenged incumbent Leigh Plagens; and in Place 7 incumbent Stan Lowrance,

Randy Oakes and Stephanie Adams. Those wishing to register to vote in the May 14 election should visit the Elections Administrator web page at www.rockwallcountytx.com to obtain a Texas Voter Registration Application. The deadline for submitting the application is April 14. For voter registration questions, contact 972-204-6200. Early voting will run Monday, May 2 to Tuesday, May 10 and Saturday, May 7 at the Rockwall County Elections office on the downtown square at 107 East Kaufman. Applications for ballots by mail must be requested from and mailed to the Rockwall County Elections Administrators Office, Attn: Glenda Denton, 107 East Kaufman, Rockwall TX 75087. Applications must be received no later than the close of business on May 6.



"Voice of Aggieland" Singing Cadets of the Texas A&M University Men's Chorus brought its melodies to Rockwall last Friday, March 4, for a concert at the Rockwall High School Performing Center at Utley Middle School. Established in 1893, the 50-plus member chorus will perform more than 100 concerts in Texas and the United States this year. They recently returned from a tour of South America. The chorus is under the direction of David Kipp and is accompanied on piano by Holly Moore. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

## RISD officials visit legislators in Austin

Representatives of the Rockwall Independent School District traveled to Austin Feb. 28 to meet with a handful of Texas legislators about school finance. The trip was led by Superintendent Mike Bailey, CFO David Loftis, and RISD Board of Trustees member Stan Lowrance, trustee. The primary purpose was to "get the Rockwall story in front of legislators at a time when they are working on budget proposals for public education," according to a district news release issued Feb. 28. The release indicates that in order to balance the state's budget, legislators will have to cut overall expenditures by \$9.8 billion, according to the release. Estimates regarding funding for public education that the RISD could face

budget cuts ranging from \$15 million to \$23 million, which represents at least a 15 percent reduction in the overall budget. "Obviously, we shared our concern with legislators that cutting our budget by 15% is a significant reduction," said Bailey. "We explained to those we met with that we are looking at all options and we have already identified approximately \$7 million through departmental and campus cuts, operating efficiencies and revenue enhancement, but it is our hope that we can avoid directly having to impact the classrooms. This would be our last level of impact. However, we also made it clear that if the legislature doesn't offset the proposed cuts in some way, then classrooms will be impacted. The more the legislature cuts, the more we will have to explore reductions in programs and classroom teachers."

The group specifically encouraged legislators to access the state's Rainy Day Fund and requested flexibility regarding the laws that address reduction of salaries and contract days, as well as when contracts must be renewed. Salaries comprise 83 percent of the RISD's overall operating budget, according to the news release. Legislators also were informed that the school district balanced its 2010-2011 budget by cutting \$7.8 million in operating expenses. "Rockwall ISD has not raised taxes in four years and our per-pupil level of funding from the state has remained basically the same since 2006," said Bailey. "School districts will be asked to do more with less as state funding decreases." The visit coincided with Rockwall County Day for the 82nd Legislative Session.



Howard Dobbs Elementary students of bilingual kindergarten teacher Layla Sherrard are shown in the hats they made after reading Dr. Seuss' "Cat in the Hat." The reading coincided with the March 2 birthday of the author. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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The Rockwall High chamber choir, for the second straight year, has been selected as the Outstanding 4A First Place Mixed Choir at the Chamber Choir and Madrigal Festival conducted March 5 in Antonio. Choir members performed three selections and received a Division I rating from each of the judges. Pictured at back are, from the left, Marissa Ship, Bryan Oliveira, Jonathan Hobbs, Sam Trevi, Alex Johnson, David Hobbs, Alex Dennard, Tyler Howey, Kati Edsall and Karen Thomas, directors. Front are Josh Miller, Tracie Shippy, Lizzy Eidson, Vicki Hill, Nicki Dearick, Desiray Gonzalez, M. McNabb, Mandy Herrera, Sophie DeMuth, Aly Brown, Kabi Kamau and Janna Griffin.

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Vernon Elementary students captured first place at the regional Destination Imagination tournament. Pictured are, at back, Rich Lewis, Gabriella Arriaga, Sara Gunderson and Ashlyn Epton. Front, Chloe Neargarder, Stephen Bennett and Emmi Packard. The team is managed by Rich Lewis and will travel to Lubbock, Texas, April 1 for the state competition. Other teams competing at the tournament included Rose Antony's technical team, which earned a third-place win; Daphne and Robert Bardin's structure team; Melanie Dutton's improv team; Melissa Hayne's improv team; and two Rising Stars teams managed by Jennifer Kirby and Ashley Seabolt.

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### Local author is finalist in N-Texas book contest

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Shapley-Box's latest book, "Tator's Big Race," is one of three finalists in the Best Children's Book category of the festival, which will take place April 16 in Denton.

"I am thrilled to be included as a finalist at the North Texas Book Festival," said Shapley-Box. "Being picked is an honor."

The author's company, Apple Pie Publishing, was established in 2009 and offers books, art, prints and stuffed animals. She currently is working on her third book series slated for publication in September.

### Birth

#### Noah Morrel Chester

Eric M. Chester and Helen Roberts of Rockwall are proud to announce the birth of their son, Noah Morrel Chester, at 4:29 a.m. March 1, 2011, at Lake Pointe Medical Center.

The infant weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by his parents, Avery K. Mondoux and Diane A. Castro.

Maternal grandparents are William and Rick Norris of Rockwall. Helen Roberts of Terrell.

Paternal grandmother is Deborah Langton of Carrollton.

Great-grandparents are John and Fay Forbes of Richardson, Eric and Helen Roberts of Terrell and Richard and Shirley Zahn of Red Oak.



#### Chloe Ana Muero

Darcy and Ernest Muero of Rockwall are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Ana Muero, at 2:42 p.m. March 2, 2011, at Lake Pointe Medical Center.

The infant weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed home by her parents, Natalie and Ernest Muero.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

## Home Sites Available \$2500 Down/\$250 per month Buy Now, Build Later



Residential Lots in Hidden Creek Estates in Royse City are being offered for a limited time with a down payment of \$2,500 and monthly payments of \$250 per month. The program has been designed to encourage future homeowners to purchase a new home site while interest rates are low and real estate prices are still low. The special lending program allows a buyer to select a lot now and begin to build equity to build a home later. The program is primarily targeted to young professionals who are in their 20's and 30's. The entire down payment and all of the monthly principal payments that a person pays can be used as equity in the new home when they decide to build their home. This is a fabulous way to build equity while waiting to start a new home.

Royse City is considered one of the best places to raise a family in the Dallas area. The small home town feel, combined with the quality Royse City School District is a magnet for families with elementary and middle school children. The ponds, the streams and the wooded areas of Hidden Creek Estates make it a very special place.

Rob Whittle, the developer of Hidden Creek Estates, stated "We had to battle thru several years of bureaucratic red tape with FEMA to preserve the majestic trees that tower along the creek banks. It would have certainly been easier to take the recommendation to simply bulldoze the trees, dig a deep channel to allow the water to flow, and called it a day. However, once you walk that wooded area for a few hours and hike up and down the banks of that old creek you soon realize what a marvel of nature that area is. It is one of those unique spectacular properties that make you feel like you are a thousand miles from civilization. It is one of those areas that is especially great for kids to just go play and explore all afternoon and never get bored. As a parent, you can turn off the kid's video games, say 'go outside and play' and your children will actually thank you at the end of the day. And you can say the same thing the next day because there is always something more to explore. So not only do these lots on the lake and the creek create a potentially good financial investment, but create a quality of life for the family that is hard to match anywhere."

It only takes a few minutes of driving the Hidden Creek neighborhood to see why so many professionals have chosen the community. The lots are wider than in many neighborhoods. That allows the architects to create a beautiful front elevation. In addition to the lots being wider, most of the lots have rear entry garages. That fact allows the architect to enhance the front beauty of the home with unique stone and brick detail instead of half of the front of the house being a big double garage door. There are multiple architectural styles prevalent in the neighborhood. The architectural mix is prevalent in many of Whittle's communities and keeps the community from being dated in a few years.

Hidden Creek Estates is the premier master planned community in Royse City. It features a large community pool and clubhouse. Lighted tennis courts are part of the club complex. A fenced children's playground is a gathering place for moms and small children. The teenagers and families enjoy the sand volleyball court. Soccer fields are located along the tree lined creek. A fishing pond is located near the clubhouse and a wonderful place for Dad to take the kids after work or on a Saturday afternoon.

The Homeowners Board of Directors and the management team work diligently together to create the most family friendly neighborhood imaginable. Special events are offered throughout the year. Weekly gatherings for game night, Bible study, and summer volleyball leagues are the norm. Annual events like the Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th festivities, October Halloween carnival and the Christmas festival are enjoyed by the residents of all ages.



The Club House at Hidden Creek included pool, lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball, and children's play ground.

Christina Reeves, the Director of the community said, "Not only do I work here, my husband Greg and our children live here. We previously lived in the Dallas area and I was working here at Hidden Creek. Once I experienced the wonderful sense of community here in Royse City, we made the decision to move to Hidden Creek. We absolutely love it! Our teenage daughter spends lots of time at the pool with her friends. Our son is thriving in the Royse City School District and has made a lot of friends quickly. The teachers in the school system genuinely care about the kids and you can see the positive difference it makes."

Whittle said, "Hidden Creek is one of the most beautiful, secluded, tree covered communities you will ever see. However, all of those trees and creeks and seclusion make it tough to find the first time you visit. You don't necessarily need a compass and map, but you need to follow the directions closely to find the community. When we first started the community I thought our motto should be, "Hidden Creek - Hard to find, but worth the search." When so many families started buying in the community our sales team changed it to "Hidden Creek - where families thrive." Whittle said, "As it turned out, both slogans are appropriate. Families do absolutely love the community and take advantage of all of the fabulous amenities. And it is still really hard to find nestled behind all of those majestic tree lines and creeks and ponds."

To view the new lots, call Hidden Creek Estates at 972-6936-9300, or Loretta at 469-853-2318, or Christina at 214-621-3506 or e-mail Christina@whittledevelopmentinc.com. To visit Hidden Creek Estates, take I-30 east to the Royse City exit FM 548. Turn left and go to Main Street (St Hwy 66). Turn right and continue east approx 1 mile to FM 1777. Turn left on FM 1777 about 400 yards to the entrance of Hidden Creek Estates.



The Rockwall County Republican Women will host a New Member Tea April 2. Pictured above are the organization's Executive Committee members at a recent meeting at Socorro Hettinger's home, where the event were finalized.

From the left are Laverne... ACTIVE chairman; ... vice president of ...; Vicki Jolley, secretary; ...; Socorro ...; vice president of ...; Ann Easterwood, vice ... of finance; Jane Buie, ... of membership; and ...; vice president ...; Desiray Gonzales ... the Republican Women ... sit rcrw.org or call Buie ... 972-772-0416. The group's ... meeting will be at ... April 21 at the Historic ... in Downtown ...

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## The church dynamics 2...1Corinthians 12:1-2 Part 10

1Corinthians chapter 12-15 provide lots of information about the church of God. The very first verse of chapter 12 gives the foundation, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." It is not God's will that His people be ignorant or lack in knowledge. We have His word that was given through holy men of God who spoke by His spirit (1 Peter 1:21). Moreover, we have been given all things unto life and godliness (1 Peter 1:3).

The word gifts is a bad translation. In the King James Bible this word is in italics. The writers of the Bible did their best to show where they added words that were not in the earlier known texts. They did so by using the italic font.

The word spiritual came from an earlier Greek word that meant spiritual matters. With this in mind, it would not be out of place to draw a line over the word gifts and write in "matters."

The use of the word gifts has led to confusion in the church concerning spiritual matters. Today many churches believe that people who prophesy have the "gift of prophecy." Or they who speak in tongues have the "gift of tongues."

As we continue in this study, it will be seen that this belief does not match God's rightly divided word. The gift of holy spirit includes the full package that all believers can tap into throughout their lives. Some people may be strong in certain areas, but all have the capacity to manifest holy spirit in all the

ways recorded in 1Corinthians 12:7-9. All have the capacity to serve in the different gift ministries. Once again, people will be stronger in certain areas. For example, certain people might be stronger in giving words of prophecy, yet they still have the capacity to manifest holy spirit in all the other ways. Some people may have talents and abilities that lend to being pastors, yet they still have the spiritual capacity to serve in other gift ministries. God wants His people to be informed of the truth concerning spiritual matters.

Continuing with 1Corinthians 12:2, "You know that you were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as you were led." Paul was talking to the brethren, the

born again saints. He reminded them of who they were before getting... They were carried away and led unto dumb and ignorant... The body of Christ is no longer counted as Gentiles in God's eyes, but the body of Christ. At the same time they are reminded that at one time the Gentiles, blinded by their unbelief of the truth, and led away unto false ignorant idols that had nothing to do with the truth.

These two verses prepare the readers for what they are about... God lovingly emphasizes that He does not want us to be ignorant of the spiritual matters of life, and that He is the true source for understanding them, not the world with its information that appears to praise God for the light of His word which teaches us how to grow spiritually. Next week we will dive into the spiritual matters in 1Corinthians 12:2-9.



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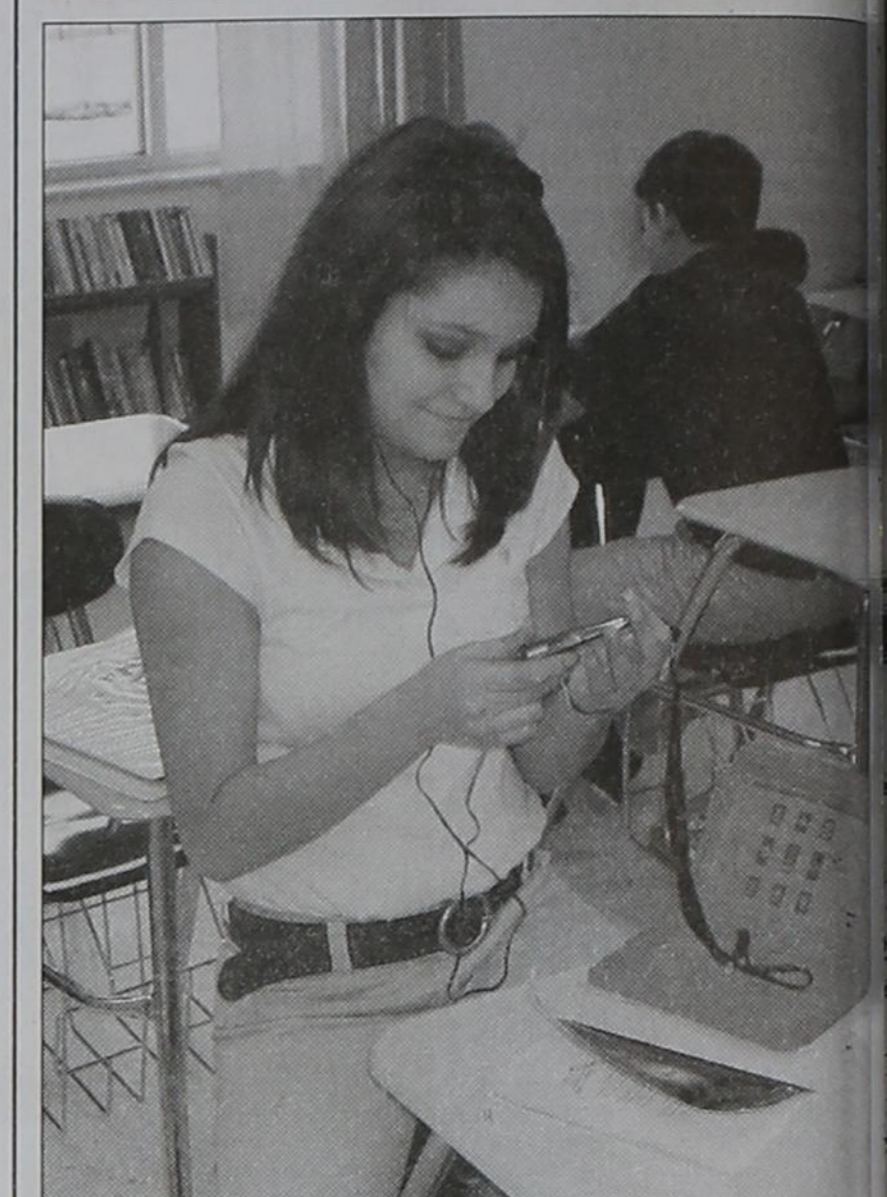
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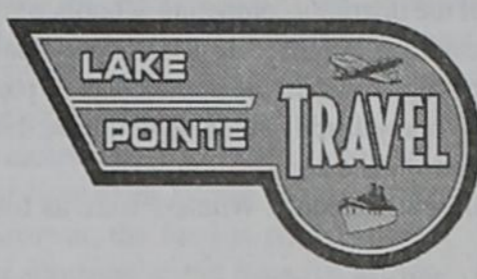
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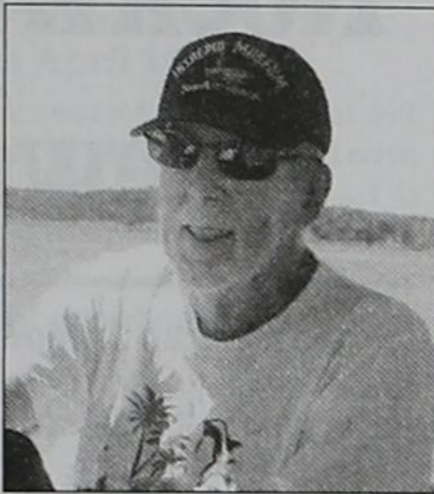
Dobbs second grade students are shown exhibited handcrafted bottle dolls recently constructed of famous Americans. Each student picked a famous American to research and recreate. Pictured at back, from the left, are Belle Frost, Gannon Bird, Lydia Lopez and Ethan Spearman. At bottom are Noemi Garcia, Cedar Perez, Corey Clement and Sion Philip.

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## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Mike McNelis

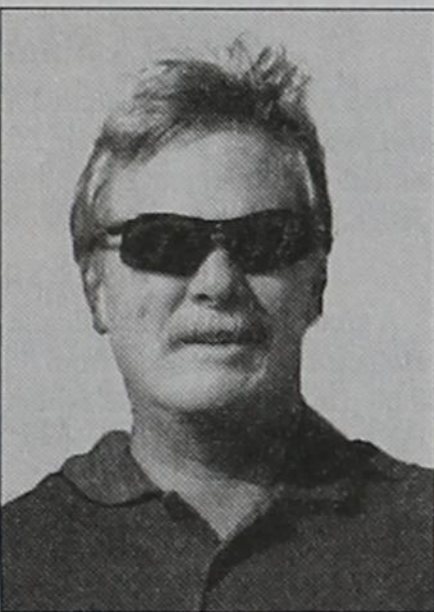
Funeral services for Mike McNelis, 71, of Rockwall will be at 10 a.m. March 13, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 404 N. Ballard St., in Wylie. Father Andrew Semler officiating. Burial in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



He died March 13, 2011, at his home, 3811 Nov. 28, 1939, in Chicago, Ill., of complications of a stroke. He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Violet (Nauman) McNelis. He served in the U.S. Army and worked as a contractor in the cable industry. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife, Nancy (Keim) McNelis of Rockwall; his sons, Mike McNelis of Maui, Hawaii, and Tim McNelis of Chicago; his daughters, Dawn McNelis and Mark Riley of Dallas, Dawn Thenstedt and her husband, David Brinnon, Wash., and Carrie Nelson and her husband, John, of Chicago. He is survived by his grandchildren, Melissa, Dawn, Clint, Donald and Brittany. He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael McNelis, in 2005 and two brothers, Dennis and Tim McNelis.

### Paul Lee Raybon

Funeral services for Paul Lee Raybon, 62, of Rockwall were conducted on March 12, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel under the direction of Pastor Rick Donahoe officiating.



He died March 8, 2011, at his home, 3811 Nov. 14, 1948, in Copperas Cove, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leslie Levaughn Raybon and his son, Paul (Woods) Raybon, he worked for the U.S. Air Force as a sergeant. Survivors include his wife, Janet (Cotton) Raybon of Rockwall; his children, Jennifer Raybon of England, Louisiana, and Paul (Woods) Raybon Jr. of Minot, N.D.; his grandchildren, Peter Burrell and his wife, Jennifer, of Tuddenham, England, and Lesley Burrell of England; his sisters, Joyce of London, England, and Joy Raybon of Louisiana; his brothers, Steve Raybon Jr. and his wife, Tracey, of Meraux, La., and Andrew Raybon of Wylie, Holly, of Poplarville, Miss.; and his grandchildren, Evan Crow, Stephen, Ashlee Burrell, Ryan Burrell and Sophie Burrell. He is preceded in death by his wife, Janet.

### Charles E. 'Chuck' Silbaugh

Funeral services for Charles E. "Chuck" Silbaugh, 63, of Wylie were conducted on March 12, 2011, in the First Baptist Church, M.L. Jones Chapel, in Wylie with Chaplain Lyle Metzler officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died March 9, 2011, at his home, 3811 June 21, 1947, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Everett and Velma (Mumby) Silbaugh, he was an electrical engineer. He retired from Raytheon and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall. Survivors include his wife, Tessa Rose (Alvar) Silbaugh of Wylie; his son, Martin of Wylie; his daughter, Angela Simpkins and her husband, Steve, of Lavon, Tracy Alisa Conejos of Thailand, Christine Raphaelae Cone-Thailand and Stephanie Conejos of Wylie; his sisters, Gloria Boudreau of Myers, Fla., Marceyn Rarick of South Bend, Ind., Karole Grace of Tulsa, Okla.; and his children, Lauren and Walker Armstrong, Ty Simpkins and Ashley Marceyn. He is preceded in death by his wife, Tessa. His family has suggested memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

### George H. Tilbury

Funeral services for George H. Tilbury, 83, of Rowlett will be at 2 p.m. March 19, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Anne H. H. officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 18 at the funeral home.

He died March 13, 2011, at his home, 3811 June 1, 1927, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Arthur Ernest and Winifred (Howland) Tilbury, he served in World War II in the U.S. Army and Merchant Marine. He was a contractor in the construction industry and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Garland. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Rosemary "Mary" (Wyatt) Tilbury of Rowlett; his son, Jack Tilbury, of Dallas; his daughter, Shelley, of Dallas; his son, Rayne Fruin, and her husband, Steve, of Bentonville, Ark.; his grandchildren, Cole Tilbury of Rowlett and Blair Wright and her husband, Tom, of Dallas. He is preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary.

His family has suggested memorials may be made to the Rest Haven Memorial Park Building Fund at First Presbyterian Church, 930 W. Ave. B, Garland, Texas 75042. (972) 772-3099. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 18 at the funeral home.



Dobbs second grade teacher Melissa Padilla is shown explaining how heat turns a liquid batter into solid pancakes. The demonstration was part of recent science rotations that have taken place at the school. Teachers Robyn Gunderson, Deborah Lee and Alissa Pettit, as well as Padilla, planned activities demonstrating the various states of matter. Pictured from the left with Padilla are second grade students Olivia Cade, Jacob Kristof, Jolie Borderlon, Blake Peterson and Rachel Horns.

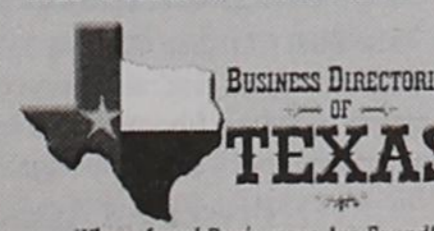
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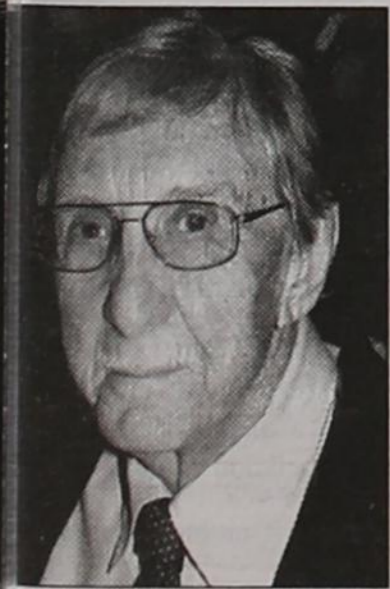
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# RHS, RHHS Academic Decathlon teams go to state, RHS takes title

Rockwall High School's Academic Decathlon team successfully defended its 2009-2010 state championship title for medium-sized school, winning the gold medal in SuperQuiz relay and the gold in the SuperQuiz team competition at the state meet conducted recently in San Antonio.

Of the three team gold medals awarded at the state competition, RHS won all three. Additionally, the team broke the Texas medium-sized school scoring record with a score of 50,152.2.

Under the leadership of David Gear, Rockwall Independent School District advanced academic specialist and Academic Decathlon coach, team members won 45 medals and earned \$30,800 in scholarships.

"I'm very proud of our coaches and students for repeating as state Academic Decathlon champions," said Mark LeMaster, RHS principal. "This accomplishment certainly puts RHS in an elite category academically. Their hard work has paid off. My congratulations go out to them."

The Rockwall-Heath High team also traveled to San Antonio for the state meet, finishing in 18th place.

This is the fourth year for the school to have an Academic Decathlon team and the first year for the RHHS team to earn eligibility to compete at state. The team improved its score 1,465.9 points from the regional contest.

"We are proud to have advanced to state in just our fourth year of competition and proud of the fact that both of the district's competing schools were able to represent our community," said Tom Maglisceau, RHHS principal. "Our kids have worked so hard, and having now had the opportunity to participate in the state competition I know our returning students will have that much more confidence and drive for next year's competition."

All RHS team members earned individual medals. Winners were as follows:

- Ally Elsey – Third in Interview; \$1,200 scholarship.
- Eugene Kim – Third in Economics and Mathematics, second in Art, third

in Social Science, first in Music, first in SuperQuiz and third place Overall Honors Student; winner of \$2,700 in scholarship money.

- Tricia Divita – Second in Economics, third in Art, first in Social Science, second in Language and Literature, second in SuperQuiz and first place Overall Honors Student; winner of \$4,700 in scholarship money.

- Stephen Hendrix – Third in Mathematics, first in Music, first in Language and Literature, third place Overall Scholastic Student; winner of \$2,700 in scholarship money.

- Paige Davis – First in Economics, second in Mathematics, third in Social Science, second in Music, second in SuperQuiz and second in Overall Scholastic Student; winner of \$3,700 in scholarship money.

- Ginny Mitchell – First in Speech, first in Essay, first in Economics, first in Art, third in Social Science, third in Music, second in Language and Literature and first in SuperQuiz; third in Overall Scholastic Student and winner of \$4,700 in scholarship money.

- Brad Carter – Third in Economics, second in Art, first in Social Science, second in Music, first in Language and Literature, first in SuperQuiz and second Overall Varsity Student; winner of \$3,700 in scholarship money.

- Nick Trujillo – Second in Economics, second in Mathematics, third in Art, third in Social Science, second in Music, first in Language and Literature and first Overall Varsity Student; winner of \$4,700 in scholarship money.

The team's coaches were Gear and Michael Oldham.

The RHHS team saw one of its team members earn individual honors. Andrew Meyer won second in Mathematics and third in Language and Literature.

RHHS team members included Meyer, Cullen Clark, Thomas Bruning, Chase La Rosa, Daniel Carlos, Nick Engmann, Jocelyn Alvarez, Matt Allen and Jeff Folleras.

Coaches for the RHHS squad were Kim Blain and Kathleen Shipman.



Both RHS and RHHS had teams qualifying for the state Academic Decathlon meet conducted in San Antonio. The RHS team defended its 2009-2010 state championship and won the gold medal in the SuperQuiz relay and gold in the SuperQuiz team competition. Of the three team gold medals awarded at state, RHS won all three. Pictured from the left are RHS team members Nick Trujillo, Eugene Kim, Brad Carter, Ginny Mitchell, Paige Davis, Stephen Hendrix, Ally Elsey, Joseph Haisten and Tricia Divita. The RHHS team finished in 18th place in the state contest. This marks the fourth year the school has had an Academic Decathlon team and the first time to have its team advance to the state level.

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# Cancer survivor fights back through community service

by Mary Thacker

Paul Rottman was diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma in April of 1983 when he was 25 years old.

"I had just gotten engaged, and my fiancé noticed a bump on my head. I had had a similar benign growth removed close to the same spot when I was in sixth grade, so I wasn't concerned. But I knew I was in trouble when my family doctor sent me to see another doctor that same day," Paul said.

Exploratory surgery was scheduled one week later, and a second surgery was scheduled two weeks after that.

"My case was worse than the worst case scenario they presented. I was in surgery for 22 hours. They had to call in an oral surgeon to work on my jaw, and there were technical problems with some of the equipment in the operating room. I lost my right ear, but it wasn't very noticeable. Before the surgery, I'd never been in the hospital or broken any bones. I never even saw my doctor except for maybe when I had the flu," Paul said.

The surgery was followed up with radiation, and Paul and his fiancé married one year later.

He lost the hearing in his right ear, but adapted well.

"I can use the re-vibration of sound to catch something, so I can figure out what people are saying. And I've realized that there's a lot of stuff that you don't really need to hear. I used to be a nut about stereos and music. I had to have quadraphonic sound. Now I'm back to mono," Paul said.

Unfortunately, radiation killed some of his facial tissue, so there is no underlying structure to maintain the original shape of his head. Over the years, very slowly, the skin shrunk and got tighter.

"I didn't notice until children started staring and asking questions," Paul said. "I've been in contact with the Cranio-Facial Institute, but they don't see many people like me and don't have the engineering to reconstruct my face."

Paul's parents taught him and his nine brothers and sisters the importance of community service by taking them to Dallas soup kitchens to help sort food donations on Thanksgiving and Christmas. He is carrying on the family tradition of volunteerism by being a strong supporter of Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society.

"The great thing about Relay is that cancer survivors can meet others who have had the disease and can learn from them," he said. "When someone has cancer they lose their confidence. They think, 'How do I know I'm not getting sicker? How do I know the surgery worked?' Cancer is not like a scratch — you can't watch it heal. If you can't get your confidence back, you can't live your life."

Paul said he enjoys giving hope to others who have cancer by sharing his story.

"You never know how you can help someone else. I'm not a doctor. I can't tell you specific or current treatments. Most people just want to know that there are other people like them out there. Hearing that I got married and had children post-cancer could make the difference between whether that person sleeps at night or tosses and turns," he said. "There's no magic bullet to make everything better. But I can be a piece of that person's safety net that includes doctors, friends, and family and helps that him make it through."

"I remember one time I was at the Improv in Addison. The comedian on stage suddenly stopped in the middle of his act and told the audience he had just been diagnosed with cancer. You could tell by the way he talked that he was scared. He asked anyone who had had cancer to raise their hands. At that point I had been a survivor for 15 years. He came to my table and wanted to talk to me. That night he learned that there are people who have lived extended lives. He died a couple of years ago, but from a car crash, not cancer."

Paul has worked at L3 in Greenville for almost 24 years.

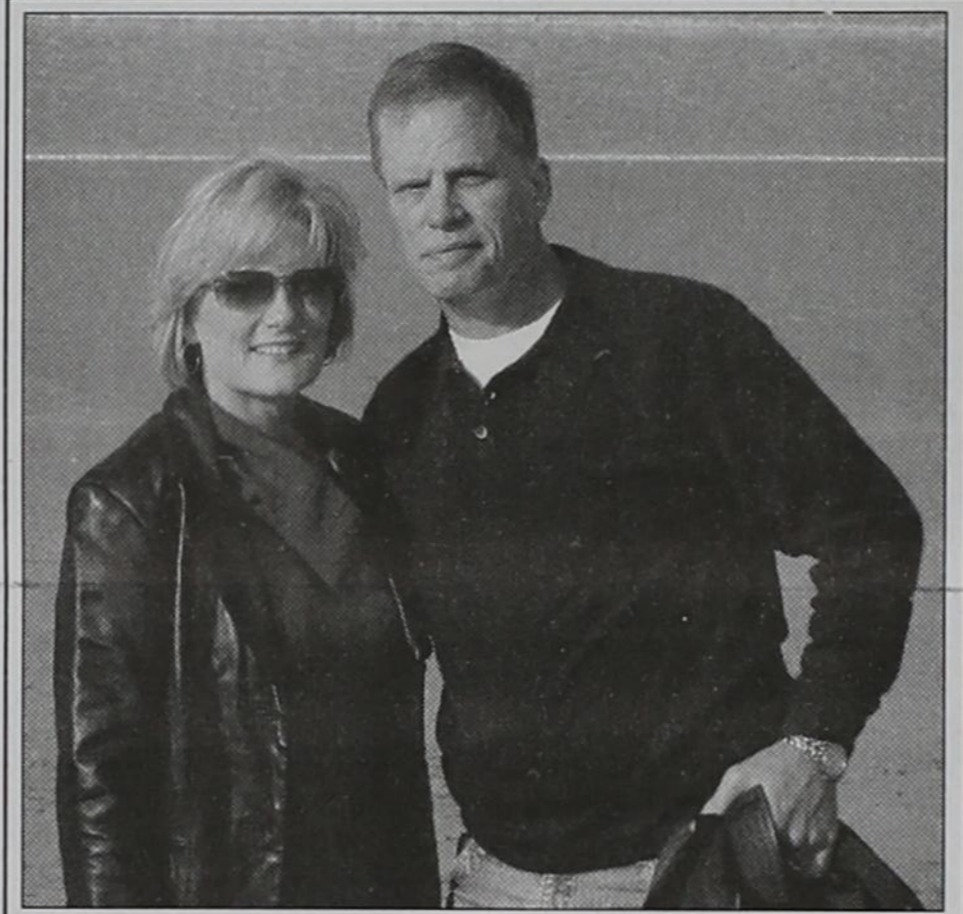
"When a new person is hired, I introduce myself and tell them that I had cancer and show them my head. I tell them they'll get used to it, and they

do," he said matter-of-factly.

An interesting result of his cancer surgery is the number of people from his past who come up and say hello whenever he's out in the community.

"I have a hard time remembering names, but everyone remembers me from the way I look. Kids I've coached on soccer teams, students from the RHHS band, people from last year's Relay come up to me to say 'hi.'"

Rottman will be on hand at the 2011 Rockwall County Relay For Life on April 29 at the Cain Middle School track. To register as a survivor, join a team or find out more information about Relay, visit [relayforlife.org/rockwalltx](http://relayforlife.org/rockwalltx).



Cancer survivor Paul Rottman and his wife, Debby, are pictured during a recent trip to the beach. Rottman once again plans to participate in the local Relay For Life event set next month at Cain Middle School.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

# Habitat finishing one, starting second house

A number of small tasks remain at the nearly completed Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity site at 803 Peter's Colony, while framing is now under way at the newest build next door.

The latest Habitat house is being built for Daniel and Amber Hass.

On the almost-completed home, electrical work needs to be wrapped up, some wall seams repaired and a few other "punch list" items completed. Plans also call for the placement of sod and the leveling of dirt under the deck.

Work at both sites will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

For the newest house, Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Manhattan Construction. Manhattan has purchased new tools to replace many of Habitat's well-used and lost tools. Manhattan Construction is the builder for the new Rockwall County courthouse currently under construction behind the county library.

For up-to-the-minute information on any last-minute changes or in the event of inclement weather, visit [rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com](http://rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com).



Daniel and Amber Hass on site of their new Habitat for Humanity Home on Peter's Colony in Rockwall. The couple, along with an army of volunteers, will invest sweat equity in the building of their new house, which will take at least six to eight months to complete.

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# Rockwall County News Briefs

## American Legion birthday event planned

Rockwall American Legion Post 117 will host its annual birthday banquet at 12:30 p.m. March 20 at the Rockwall Senior Citizens Center. Congressman Ralph Hall will serve as speaker. The post also will recognize this year's candidates for Girl's and Boy's State. Call Marvin Fleetwood at 972-771-1439 for more information.

## Wine, cheese tasting to benefit LCC

An Evening of Wine and Song, a benefit for the Lakeside Civic Club will begin with a 5 p.m. silent auction and wine reception March 27 at the Meandering Way in Rockwall, followed by a 5:30 p.m. wine and cheese tasting. Five French wine and cheese pairings will be featured, sides by performances by chorus members Melissa Clark, Karen Gonzalez and Jennifer Sanchez. Reservations are limited; cost is \$50 per person. Call the LCC at 972-722-2168 by March 20.

## RARTA plans March 21 gathering

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will observe its meeting at 1:15 p.m. March 21 in the RISD Administration Complex. Retired school employees and their guests are welcome to attend. County Judge Jerry Hogan will speak on "A Rockwall County Perspective."

## 'Holocaust Experience' offered in RC

A group of Roysse City Middle School students will offer an exhibit, "Holocaust Experience," from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 21; and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 22. The exhibit will be located in the back portable building at the school, 1310 E. Hwy. 66. Admission will be free and open to the public.

## Qualifying for Head Start, Pre-K meeting set

The RISD will host a meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 22 at the Pullen Elementary cafeteria, 6492 FM 3097, on qualifying for Head Start and pre-kindergarten. Children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September may qualify based on RISD residence, income level, English language or military service or disability status. Child's birth certificate, immunization record and SS card, parent's proof of residency and driver's license are required. Childcare for children ages 3 to 12 will be provided. For more details call 972-772-2073.

## Roysse City to host circus

The Roysse City Chamber has signed a contract with the Kelly M. Cairns for a March 23 show. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m., with the circus set for 9 a.m. Two performances — 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. — are for this "old-style" circus. More information is available at [info@royssecitychamber.com](mailto:info@royssecitychamber.com) or call 972-636-5000.

## Meeting on tuition-based pre-K slated

The RISD will host a meeting on tuition-based pre-kindergarten from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 24 at the RISD Administration Education Center, 1050 William St. Children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1 who live in the RISD attendance zone are eligible to participate. Parents who want to complete the registration process at the meeting should bring original copies of child's birth certificate, immunization record and SS card, parent's proof of residency and driver's license, as well as a \$100 non-refundable registration fee. For more details call 972-772-2073.

## 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' to play at RCP

Marking what would have been Tennessee Williams' 100th birthday, Rockwall Community Playhouse will offer productions of the classic "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" March 25 through April 10. Performances are set for 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with Sunday matinees set for 2 p.m. Tickets to the show, which features adult themes, cost \$20 for adults and students \$15 for seniors. Visit the RCP Facebook page for a discount code. Purchase tickets online at [rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org](http://rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org) or by calling 972-772-3399.

## RISD plans Students Serving Others

The RISD's Students Serving Others Day is set for March 26. Elementary students will be at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. for projects, while secondary students will work with area nonprofits throughout the day. Additional community service project ideas are needed. Contact Donna Barnett at 972-771-0605.

## 'Cagebirds' set at Cain Middle School

Cain Middle School's UIL One-Act Play, "Cagebirds," will be performed at 7 p.m. March 26 at the school. Cain's Theatre II students also will be performing their self-written and self-directed plays. Tickets at the door cost \$5. For more details, contact Shayna Oden at [sodden@rockwallisd.org](mailto:sodden@rockwallisd.org).

## Rockwall Youth Fair begins March 30

The 58th annual Rockwall Youth Fair will take place March 30 through April 2 at the Rockwall ISD Agriculture Complex. The Ag Mechanics Show will run from noon to 5 p.m. March 30, followed by the Livestock Judging Contest at 6 p.m. and Clothing and Textiles, 7 p.m. The Livestock Show will run April 1-2, with a barbecue luncheon to wrap things up at noon April 2 before the 1 p.m. market auction.

## Spaghetti dinner fundraiser set March 31

The First Christian Church, 3375 Ridge Road, will host a Relay For Life spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 31. Tickets cost \$10 a piece. Food will be provided by Applebee's. To purchase tickets email [relayforliferockwallcounty@gmail.com](mailto:relayforliferockwallcounty@gmail.com).

## Preschool Association meeting slated

The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. April 1 at the Methodist Church across from Nebbie Williams Elementary, 315 Dallas Rd., Rockwall. The program will be "Frugal Moms of Rockwall County Local Insider Deals, Meal Plans & More." New members are welcome. For more information, visit [rockwallpreschoolassociation.com](http://rockwallpreschoolassociation.com).

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## Barbecue fundraiser to benefit Relay For Life

The fundraiser to benefit the Rockwall County Relay For Life will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 2 in the parking lot behind Horizon and American National Bank (intersection of Horizon and Ridge Road). There will be \$5 for barbecue sandwich and chips. The event will feature live jazz music.

## Republican Women plan New Member Tea

Rockwall County Republican Women will host a New Member Tea on April 21. Anyone interested in joining should visit rcrw.org or call Jane at 972-722-0416. The group's next meeting is set for April 21.

## Computer Council to meet April 6

Rockwall Computer Council will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 6 at the Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. Bill Hair will give a presentation on new computer technologies, software, virus controls and more. A discussion also is planned. The RCC is open to anyone interested in using computers in homes or offices, regardless of computer types or degree of experience. For more information call Bob Alston, 214-770-1140, or Jim Smith, 972-771-8529.

## Pancake event to benefit reading program

A you-can-eat pancake breakfast is set for 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. April 9 at the Rockwall County Library. Proceeds will benefit the Rockwall County Library Reading for Adults program, which provides free educational services to adults. Tickets cost \$6 for adults, \$4 for children and are available at the library or from volunteers or tutors or at the door.

## Aspasians Spring Art Fair scheduled

Aspasians Spring Arts and Craft Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 16 at the Historic Downtown Rockwall Square. The event will include jewelry, handbags, food, candles, apparel, handmade creations, pottery and decorative accents. Children's activities also are planned. For vendor information call 214-712-0212 or visit aspasians.com.

## Easter egg hunt set April 16

Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. April 16 at the Tuttle Athletic Complex. Field 1 will serve children up to the age of 2; field 2, ages 3 and 4; field 3, ages 5 and 6; field 4, ages 7 through 12. A bounce house, face painting and a visit from the Easter Bunny are planned.

## Push-ups for Charity event set

Push-ups for Charity Challenge is set for April 16, with three teams competing: Regular Joes and Janes (open to all Rockwall-area residents); County police department members; and Rockwall County Fire Department members. The event has been organized in support of the United Warrior Project, an organization whose mission is to honor and support severely injured service men and women. For more information visit pushupsforcharityrockwall.com.

## Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle slated

A low-cost spay/neuter shuttle sponsored by Rockwall PAWS and the Rockwall Area Chamber will depart at 7:30 a.m. April 21 from the southeast corner of the Rockwall Area Chamber parking lot. The shuttle will return at 6:30 p.m. For an application call 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). Prices can be viewed at www.rockwallpaws.com. For more details call 972-310-1354.

## Taste of Rockwall, Business Expo set

The Annual Taste of Rockwall and Business Expo, co-hosted by the Rockwall Area Chamber and the Rockwall Rotary Club, will run from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 28 at Rockwall High. Restaurants interested in participating should call Barbara Jackson at 469-402-1300. Expo booth space is available by calling the chamber at 972-771-5733.

## Rockwall plans Hazardous Waste Day

Rockwall residents will have the opportunity to dispose of household and other hazardous waste items from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at the Rockwall Area Chamber parking lot. To participate, local residents must bring a copy of their driver's license to verify residency.

## Fulton School to host Gala April 30

The Fulton School will host its Gala fundraiser, Escape to Margaritaville!, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. April 30 at the Hella Shriner Grand Ballroom, Garland. The event will feature a bar, hula dancers and a limbo contest and will open with an hors d'oeuvres reception. A seated dinner will follow, featuring live music and a live/silent auction. Visit fultonschoolgala.org for more details.

# Hospital announces medical staff officers

The medical staff of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall recently elected new officers, according to a news release issued this week.

The 2010 calendar year was a successful one under the leadership of Dr. Marc Brown, chief of staff. During his term, the hospital realized an increase in the number of specialists practices on the hospital campus, while Brown encouraged more physicians to get involved in hospital functions and committee and traveled to Austin on several occasions to actively participate in discussions regarding healthcare issues.

Although his term has expired, Brown will continue to serve the hospital in an advisory capacity to the new chief of staff.

Dr. David Lensch has been tapped as chief of staff for the coming year. "In healthcare you cannot become complacent, even if processes are working well," Lensch said. "We are always focused on making improvements that better serve our patients."

Dr. Sam Crowley will serve as vice chief of staff. He previously served as secretary/treasurer.

Dr. Kenneth Bryce has been elected secretary/treasurer.

Additional hospital leadership roles include Dr. Jeffrey Stephens, chair, Surgery Department, and Dr. Harry Sarles, chair, Medicine Department. Sarles also serves as medical director for special procedures. Dr. Gary Bonacquisti will continue in his role as medical director.

# Concert by the Lake performers scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department has announced its dates and performers for the 2011 Concert by the Lake Series set to begin May 5.

The first performer will be David Allen, who will do an Elvis tribute show. The series' remaining schedule is as follows:

- May 12 – The Party Crashers, variety
- May 19 – Vocal Trash, variety
- May 26 – Me & My Monkey, Beatles tribute band
- June 2 – Escape, Journey tribute band
- June 9 – Blaze of Glory, Bon Jovi tribute band
- June 16 – The Pictures, variety
- June 23 – Django Walker, country
- June 30 – Hanna's Reef, Jimmy Buffett tribute band
- July 7 – King Creole, variety
- July 14 – Double Ace, variety
- July 21 – Railhead, classic rock
- July 28 – Professor D, variety
- Aug. 4 – King Buck's, country
- Aug. 11 – Fastlane, an Eagles tribute band
- Aug. 18 – Ponty Bone, Cajun/Zydeco

All performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor Amphitheatre located behind the Hilton Hotel.

Those planning to attend a show are invited to bring blankets or lawn chairs. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

# Hungry Harry: Kyoto Bridging the Gap over Hungry Waters

Recently I have written many reviews on new restaurants but sometimes 'new' get more focus than deserving, long standing restaurants.

Kyoto Japanese Steakhouse is one of those institutions. In addition to great food, it has the special distinction of being located on both sides of Lake Ray Hubbard.

At one time, you would have had to cross cotton land known as The Bottoms to reach Kyoto. Then in 1968, along came the Forney Reservoir, which all U-Haulers now affectionately call Lake Ray Hubbard.

Today, when you cross it, Lake Ray Hubbard has this uncanny ability to take your stresses away. Similarly, it seems that dining at Kyoto has that same ability.

The Hibachi grill experience is fun and entertaining to watch as well as eat. The service is pleasant and seemed to always have a smile. The food stands out with its flavor. The menu selection has a little something for everyone. The Teriyaki Chicken was a good choice.

Some may say the price might be high but, for a night out, if you add in the experience with friends, the potential value could be priceless. Kyoto is tucked away so neatly you might not have even known it was there. However, the food is good enough for someone to put it on his or her 'must eat' list.

If you haven't eaten there lately it may be time for a re-visit.

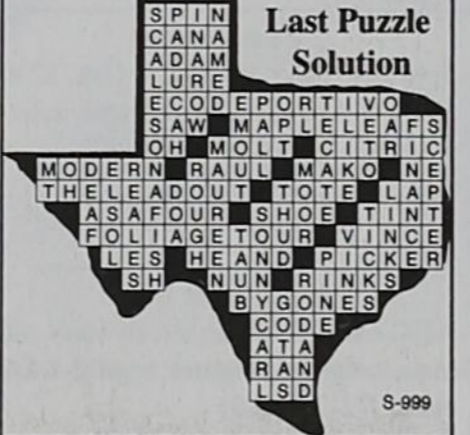
Atmosphere: Casual, Business, Japanese Steakhouse. Clean. Service: Good. Entertaining. Food: Great. Price: Fair. Overall: Three of four smiles.

Locations: 9900 Lakeview Pkwy Rowlett, TX 75088; 1599 Laguna Dr Rockwall, TX 75087.

*(Editor's Note: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys eating out. The writer receives no compensation or benefit from any food establishment.)*

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**Royse City to Host Circus**  
 at RedLine Raceway, Caddo Mills  
 It has been announced that the Royse City Chamber of Commerce, has signed a contract with the Kelly Miller Circus for the exhibition of an all new 2011 show. The circus will roll into town on **Thursday March 24, 2011.** Everyone is invited to come out and watch the animals being unloaded and fed, and the elephants raising the big top. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the tent will be raised at 9:00 a.m. Guides will be furnished for school groups and anyone attending.  
 The traditional "old style" circus will present two performances at **4:30 & 7:30 p.m.** Support the Royse City Chamber of Commerce – buy your tickets in advance and save.  
 The 2011 season promises to be more exciting than ever with many new acts and entertainers to amaze and amuse you. Come out and enjoy a day of fun filled excitement at the circus.  
**E-mail info@roysecitychamber.com or call 972-636-5000**



# Opinions

## Obama's Disgrace: Indefinite imprisonment

**Sheldon Richman**  
 The words could have been spoken by a government official in Orwell's 1984. Today, I am announcing several steps that broaden our ability to bring terrorists to justice, provide oversight for our actions, and ensure the humane treatment of detainees," President Barack Obama said. What Obama actually did, the Washington Post reported, was to sign "an executive order ... that will create a formal system of indefinite detention of those held at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who are deemed to pose a significant threat to national security. The administration said it will start new military commission trials for detainees there."  
 In other words, Obama, who ran for president in 2008 promising to end the atrocious human-rights record of George W. Bush, has formally embraced his predecessor's policy of detaining persons suspected of being terrorists. A review process will be set up - within executive, not the judicial, branch - making it little more than a sham. Obama pledged to close the prison is officially history. His executive order asserts presidential authority to hold people indefinitely without trial, a power which has been criticized as kangaroo courts even by some of his prosecutors.  
 The executive order applies to at least 48 of the 172 detainees who remain at Guantanamo Bay. An inter-agency panel led by Justice Department lawyers determined that this group could not be

prosecuted in military commissions or in federal court because evidentiary problems would hamper a trial."  
 Thus either the evidence could not be disclosed without revealing classified material or it would be inadmissible under the evidentiary rules at the heart of traditional Anglo-American jurisprudence. The first problem could be remedied with closed court sessions, as it has been many times in the past. As for the second, why would evidence against a prisoner be inadmissible? Among the likely reasons is that it was obtained by torture inflicted by the CIA or one of the CIA's outsourced torturers under the program known as "extraordinary rendition."  
 Traditionally in the United States, when the government cannot bear its burden of proof before a court, it must set a suspect free. But the so-called "war on terror" changed all that for people arbitrarily branded terrorist suspects or enemy combatants. Carrying on the policy established by Bush, the Obama administration takes the position that someone felt to be a threat to national security can be denied a trial and held prisoner indefinitely. Nothing is more un-American.  
 Naturally, Republican hawks love Obama's order. Rep. Peter T. King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, who held hearings on domestic Islamic radicalism, praised him for ratifying Bush's policy: "I commend the Obama Administration for issuing this Executive Order. The bottom line is that it affirms the Bush Administration policy that our

government has the right to detain dangerous terrorists until the cessation of hostilities."  
 As Guantanamo-watcher Andy Worthington reminds us, the men held at Guantanamo typically were not captured on any battlefield. (Although if they were, they came into conflict with U.S. forces only after Bush ordered an invasion and occupation of their country. Resistance to those forces hardly constitutes a threat to the American people.) The hostilities King refers to are an open-ended crusade that manufactures its own enemies. Former commander Stanley McChrystal estimated that ten "terrorists" are created for every one killed - the military equivalent of a perpetual-motion machine. Since the conflict is designed never to end, Guantanamo detainees could be held for the rest of their lives without ever having the case against them properly heard by a judge. In some cases, even when prisoners have been ordered released under a habeas corpus petition, the Obama administration has continued holding them. The venerable principle of habeas corpus itself has been diluted beyond recognition.  
 The Bush-Obama policy disgraces America. Where are the Progressive Democrats who likened Bush to Hitler when he was doing what Obama is doing now?  
 Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State, and editor of The Freeman magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

# Budget: Do they get it?

**Andrew Leonie**  
 I thought we had a national election last November. I recall tea-party conservative Republican congressmen being elected by the largest margin in history. I remember media commentators and the elected officials themselves talking about the mood of the country having changed and their responsibility to honor their campaign promises, particularly to cut government spending. What happened? Is Washington D.C. such a toxic environment that elected officials lose their spines after a few months of office?  
 I know the Republicans only control the House of Representatives and the Democrats still control the Senate, and of course the Presidency, but according to the Constitution, ALL spending bills must originate in the House. Last year, despite their huge margin of control, the Pelosi-Reed administration did not even bother to adopt a budget. The likely truth is, that actually showed the American people how much money they were spending; and on what, the Republican victories in November would have shown.  
 Nevertheless, despite all the strong talk about defunding Obamacare and getting back on the extravagant federal government overspending for

the last two years, the Republican house leadership is treating us to wishy-washy short-term continuing resolutions to "keep the government going", without any targeted cutbacks. The current Republican house leadership is weak-kneed in the face of the threat of a government shut-down.  
 Meanwhile the Dems just keep on with business as usual even though they know that the threat is bogus. Even without such continuing resolutions all essential government services would continue unabated. Social Security checks still get issued, the military keeps fighting, the FBI keeps investigating, the CIA keeps spying, the border keeps being patrolled, and planes still keep flying. Majority Leader Eric Cantor just says, "We hope this resolution will be the last one". Well we do also.  
 Instead, we have Georgia Republican Senator Saxby Chambliss now announcing that Senate Republicans will consider a tax increase to cut the deficit. This is outrageous! That is not what the November election was all about. Do they even get what a budget is?  
 Newly elected Florida Republican Senator Marco Rubio has drawn a line in the sand refusing to support any more short-term budget resolutions, saying "Running the government on the fumes of borrowed spending in

unacceptable, short-sighted and dangerous".  
 Rubio points out that each day our federal government borrows \$4 billion - almost half from foreigners and most of that from China and continues to spend money it does not have. That is the reason we have a \$14 trillion debt that threatens to bankrupt our country. Ignoring the desperate need for budgetary restraint, the Senate Dems absurdly spend time reauthorizing federal agencies, reforming the patent law system, and arguing against cutting funding for the annual Cowboy Poetry Festival in Nevada.  
 It is way past time for our representatives in the House and Senate to get serious. They simply cannot continue to try to nickel and dime our way out of the looming American financial disaster. We need bold and courageous leadership willing to tackle these tough budgetary issues. We need leaders who are willing to speak the truth about social security and welfare reform. We need leaders who follow through on their promises to the American people.  
 Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived with his family in Rockwall County for over 20 years. The views expressed are his own.

# Five DI teams from RC eligible for state contest

Five Destination Imagination teams representing the Roysse City Independent School District have qualified to advance to the Texas State Affiliate Tournament April 2 in Lubbock's Monterey High School.

The teams took wins at the East Region DI Tournament conducted at Potet High in Mesquite.

DI is an educational competition where teams use problem-solving, creativity and teamwork to solve challenges. Improvisational acting, costumes, props, engineering, community service and construction are all parts of the process.

There are four levels of competition, including students in grade five and younger (elementary); grades six through eight (middle); grades nine through 12 (secondary); and university-level students.

Each year the DI Corporation devises five different challenges that involve skill elements in technical, scientific/theatrical, fine arts, improvisational and structural areas. Added to that is "Rising Stars" and a community service com-

petition, Project Outreach, designed for middle school and high school.

Roysse City had two teams that scored "outstanding" in their Project Outreach challenges, making them eligible to move on to state. Those teams were managed by Ericka Ledford and Heather Meeks, and team members attend Roysse

City High and Roysse City Middle School. Lisa Pogue is eligible to take her Challenge C team from Herndon and Cherry Intermediate to state for the second time, while Kelly Margot's technical team from Fort Elementary also will attend for its second straight year. The final team going to state is Rich Lewis' team,

which participated in the scientific challenge, representing Vernon Elementary.

Other medals won by RC teams included Vernon Elementary, fourth place medals; Cherry Intermediate, third and fourth place medals; Herndon, fifth place medals; and RCHS, third place medals.

## RHHS design students plan March 25 fashion show

The Rockwall-Heath High School Advanced Fashion Design class will host its 5th Annual Lux Fashion Show at 11:30 a.m. March 25 at the East Ridge Church of Christ banquet room.

This year's show, dubbed Lux: Eye Candy, will feature a luncheon, styles from many local businesses, student creations and a raffle.

Senior Kara Skinner was elected fashion director for the event and is

working hard to showcase fashions from local businesses. Fashions from Groovy's, Lil' Bit Sassy, Providence Place, Elly May's, Men's Wearhouse, Al's Formal Wear and Terry Costa will be included, as well as designs created by students from the RHHS fashion design classes.

Models' hair and makeup will be applied by Maureen Shipp from Mary Kay. Models will be students from the

RHHS Fashion Design classes.

Other sponsors for the event will include Chick-fil-A, the RCHS culinary class, Pinky's Nails and Scentsy/Leah Voth. Steve Weir, owner of The Candy Store Malt Shop, donated candy that will be used as part of the theme. Photographer Cindy Swanson provided the publicity photo.

Following the style show, a raffle of items donated by sponsors will be conducted.



The Superstar Bulldogs, one of five teams from Fort Elementary Roysse City to compete in the Destination Imagination East Region Tournament March 5, were awarded first place for their challenge solution. Pictured at back, from the left, are Ethan Margot, Ethan Baridon and Cade Baridon; at middle, Camille Meeks, Sarah Nix and Karina Revilla; at front, Lacey Howell. The team is eligible to advance to the state competition set for April 2 in Lubbock.

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The organization currently has directors operating chapters in 34 states. The purpose of the program is to give students the opportunity to actively learn courteous role-playing, skits and games. Standard ballroom and line dancing is taught using nationally approved Top 40 music. Instruction also is given regarding honor, respect, ethics, sportsmanship, acknowledgements of gifts, behavior at cultural and civic events, correspondence, interaction groups, introductions, paying and receiving compliments, receiving lines, table manners, instructional dinners, electronic etiquette, cell phone courtesy and other areas of social conduct.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Pille's perfect-game streak ends at 2

Alicia Pille no longer is perfect. She introduced herself to District 13-4A by pitching perfect games in both of her first two softball games in that district, stretching her streak of no-hitters to two. Pille pitched a second perfect game last two more innings Monday, until she allowed a baserunner on an error and later gave up a single in a 7-0 victory at Texarkana Texas. The Lady Bulldogs, ranked sixth in the TGA state 4A poll, improved to 3-0 and 11-0 in those three games, RC has outscored its opponents 22-0. Pille pitched a seven-inning perfect game in a 5-0 victory over Mount Pleasant

Tuesday, March 8. She had to pitch just six innings three nights later, because her three-run home run and grand slam drove in seven runs to help the Lady Bulldogs reach the 10-run rule in a 10-0 win over Sulphur Springs. Pille struck out 14 of the 18 batters she faced. The first perfect game ever pitched against SS, prompted its assistant coach, Eric Buck, to tell the Sulphur Springs News-Telegram, "It was the most overwhelming pitching performance I have seen since I have been here." Against Texas High, Pille struck out seven of the first eight batters she faced before the Lady Tigers put a runner on base. She and Kyla Simmons, who went 2-for-4, each

hit a double. Preslei Morrow also was 2-for-4, and Tori Green hit her first home run. RC head coach Michelle Booker said, "Her team has done a good job in putting runs on the board for her, as well as herself." In 20 innings of district play, she has allowed only one hit and no walks or runs. While getting 60 outs, Pille has struck out 52 batters. The next game for Roysie City and Pille is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at RC against Denison. Last weekend, the Lady Bulldogs junior varsity lost twice to Sulphur Springs, 9-3 in a district game Friday and 12-1 in a tournament Saturday.

## Rockwall-Heath Hawks have adventures in 6-1 week

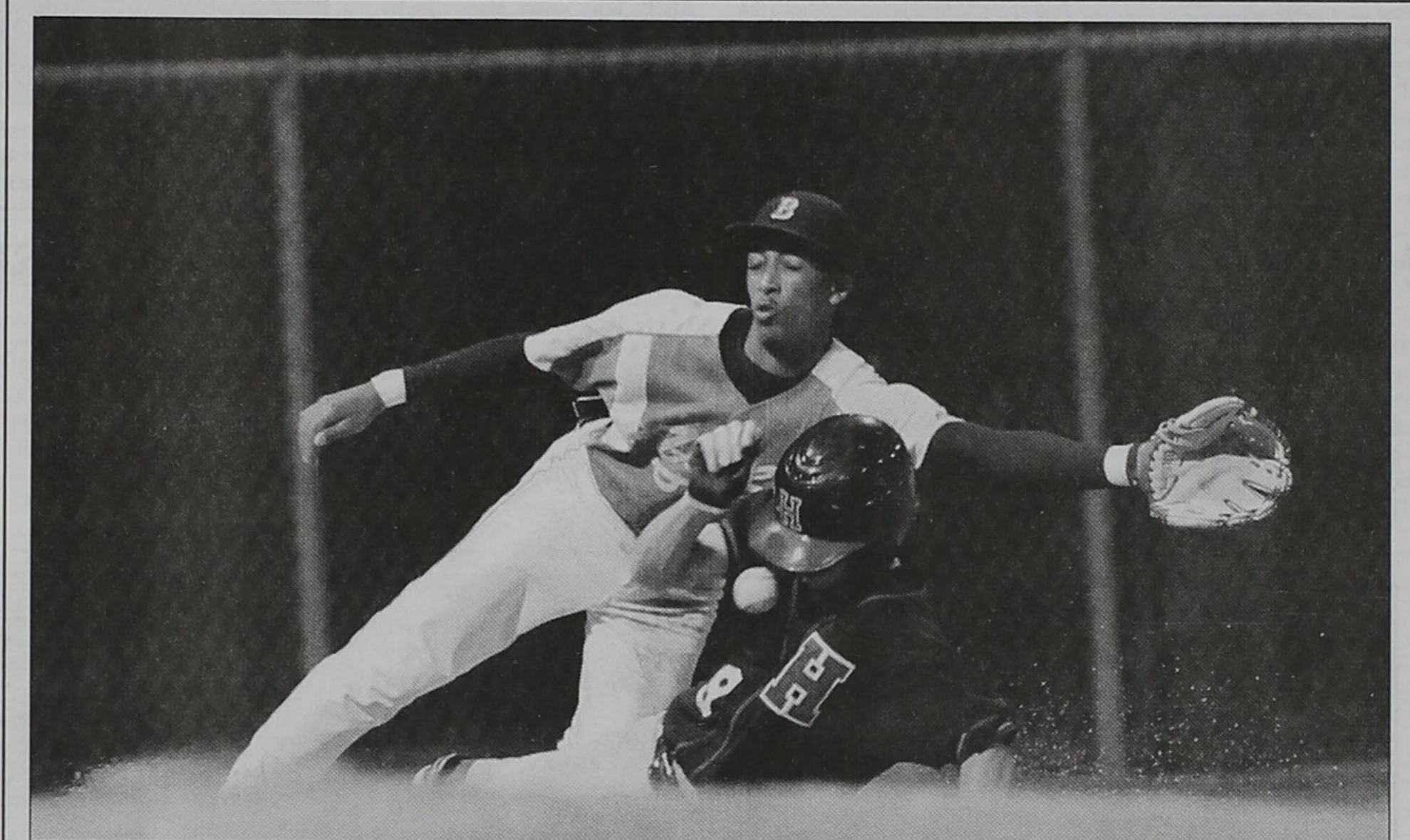
The Rockwall-Heath Hawks had its ups and a couple of downs for the Rockwall-Heath baseball team last week. The Hawks started out Thursday, March 10, when the Hawks won their first game in the district, then lost for just the fifth time in the last two seasons. After defeating El Paso 14-4 in the 12-team event, RHHS lost to El Paso Montwood 10-3. Rockwall-Heath was back on track after that, defeating Terrell 11-1 and Arlington 7-0 the next day and winning a rematch from Montwood 10-0 in Saturday's district game. In the final game of the tournament, the Hawks played Austin Stewart appeared to be matching Jovan Hernandez's one-hitter from Montwood game. The Hawks had a 9-0 lead and the bases loaded with two out in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Hawks couldn't push across the run needed to win by the 10-run rule. The Hawks didn't appear to matter when Stewart retired the first batter in the seventh. He pitched the game after giving up his second hit, a single to Bearcats first baseman Kevin Crick. Still, no problem. Right? Sherman used seven hits, two walks and two hit batsmen to push across three runs and load the bases with two out. Kevin Crick then lined a pitch from relief pitcher Rayson Lewis to center field. Nick Petersen caught the ball for the final out in a 9-8 victory. The Hawks returned to District 10-4A Tuesday for a 4-2 victory at McKinney that was a close one. The Hawks weren't expected to be strong this season after losing two pitchers, Matt Lipka, who were taken in the first two rounds of Major League Baseball's draft last June. McKinney's Hobbie Harris held RHHS to five hits, but those were bunched just well in the sixth inning. Rockwall-Heath to win 4-2. That came after Harris beat out an infield hit in the seventh inning to put the tying run on base, but winning pitcher

Jake Thompson retired Lions catcher Austin Holbrook on a foul fly ball. Said RHHS head coach Greg Harvey, "Jake was very dominating. He did a great job on the mound. He worked through a few jams and commanded the strike zone." Each team scored two runs in the fourth inning. The Hawks scored their winning runs in the sixth. Hernandez led off with a double to the left-center field wall. Harris walked Thompson intentionally, then moved the runners ahead one base with a wild pitch. Jake Bledsoe singled to left field to drive in both runs. Harvey said, "We had some big hits, but the one by Bledsoe after they intentionally walked Jake was the back-breaker." Bledsoe also hit a two-run home run in the 1-30 Classic championship game.

Saturday was Stewart's day. In addition to his two-hit pitching against Sherman, he drove in six runs against Montwood with a triple and a double. The Hawks are 15-2-1 overall and 2-0, tied for first place with Highland Park, in the district. After completing those seven games in six days, they still had a busy schedule ahead. They were set to play Lake Highlands in a non-district game Wednesday at Rangers Ballpark, visit McKinney North for a 10-4A game Friday at 7:30 p.m. and play a rematch of last year's Regional playoff series against Frisco Wakeland Saturday. That game is scheduled for noon at Dr. Pepper Ballpark, where Wakeland took the first of two upset victories to eliminate the Hawks.

## Lady Jackets win 1st district soccer title

The Lady Jackets won their first title in the Rockwall girls' soccer team's history, the Lady Jackets are the district champions. The team clinched the title Friday, March 11, by winning at home 6-0 over Quinlan. The Lady Jackets still had a game remaining: Tuesday's 0-0 tie against Wylie. The Lady Jackets finished one game ahead of second-place Rockwall-Heath. The Lady Jackets (9-1-2 in District 21-4A) finished one game ahead of second-place Rockwall-Heath. The Lady Jackets outscored district opponents 12-4 in 12 games. The only 21-4A loss was 1-0 to third-place Rockwall-Heath. The Lady Jackets will host Waxahachie for a practice game Tuesday at 6 p.m. before the postseason the following weekend against District 22-4A's fourth-place Rockwall-Heath.



Hawks' Austin Stewart (9) gets hit by a throw while sliding into third base against Arlington Bowie during last weekend's I-30 Classic. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

## Bulldogs come oh, so close to 1st playoff berth

The Bulldogs came oh, so close to their first playoff berth in their third season competing in a district. They might have had a better chance if Lovejoy hadn't needed to win to finish as district champion. As a 3A team playing in a 4A district, the Leopards had something to prove. After Mick Ellis and Trenton Eason scored a goal each to give the home team a 2-0 halftime lead, when Wylie also had a 1-0 lead, the Bulldogs made changes in an attempt to go for a win. Taylor Pollock moved up to the front line, and the whole defense moved forward to try to support the offensive effort. That strategy failed. Leopards repeatedly raced past the last line of defense to go one-on-one with Bulldogs goalie Forrest Elahi. He made six saves, but couldn't stop Ray Baumgratz on three breakaways or an individual-effort shot by Division I recruit Trevor Gonzalez. Lovejoy so dominated second-half play that it had five corner kicks to none for Roysie City.

Roysie City (7-13-2 overall) came that close to its first soccer playoff berth in its third season competing in a district. They might have had a better chance if Lovejoy hadn't needed to win to finish as district champion. As a 3A team playing in a 4A district, the Leopards had something to prove. After Mick Ellis and Trenton Eason scored a goal each to give the home team a 2-0 halftime lead, when Wylie also had a 1-0 lead, the Bulldogs made changes in an attempt to go for a win. Taylor Pollock moved up to the front line, and the whole defense moved forward to try to support the offensive effort. That strategy failed. Leopards repeatedly raced past the last line of defense to go one-on-one with Bulldogs goalie Forrest Elahi. He made six saves, but couldn't stop Ray Baumgratz on three breakaways or an individual-effort shot by Division I recruit Trevor Gonzalez. Lovejoy so dominated second-half play that it had five corner kicks to none for Roysie City.



Hawks' Coach Grey Harvey (left) accepts I-30 Classic trophy from Randy Hudson, Booster Club president. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

## Cars and stars compete at RC softball fundraiser

The Rockwall County softball fundraiser began at 11 a.m. at RCHS. Prizes will be awarded to the top two cars and trucks entered in the antique car show for each decade from the 1950s through the 2000s. There will be separate classes for Model Ts, street rods, rat rods and motorcycles. In addition, spectators can vote on a Best of Show award from among the vehicles on display in the RCISD Stadium parking lot. There also will be Fire Chief, Police Chief, Mayor, Superintendent and Bulldog awards presented. Judging will take place between 2 and 4 p.m., with winners of a silent auction and the car-show entries announced at 5 p.m.

In addition, spectators can vote on a Best of Show award from among the vehicles on display in the RCISD Stadium parking lot. There also will be Fire Chief, Police Chief, Mayor, Superintendent and Bulldog awards presented. Judging will take place between 2 and 4 p.m., with winners of a silent auction and the car-show entries announced at 5 p.m.

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## Lady Jackets stay unbeaten in district

The Lady Jackets remained undefeated at 3-0 and first place in District 10-4A softball. The Lady Jackets won their fourth consecutive victory, a 2-0 victory at McKinney Tuesday night. The Lady Jackets cracked two doubles in the Lady Jackets' 10-hit attack. The Lady Jackets' pitcher Laycee Holcomb also

hit a double for RHS (10-7 overall). The Lady Jackets have outscored their district opponents 39-10 so far in what they hope will be a successful defense of last season's 10-4A championship. Rockwall rocked Wylie for 16 hits, six for extra bases, in a 16-6 victory Friday, March 11. Ashton Atwell drilled a triple, and Cyndi Bertrand, Kennedy Harrison, Carlie Jenkins, Taylor Lemons and Bailey Frierson each hit a double for RHS. Laycee Holcomb was the winning pitcher. The Lady Jackets are playing this weekend in the Garland ISD Tournament at Winters Park. They're scheduled to meet South Garland at 9 a.m. and Garland Naaman Forest at 2:15 p.m. Saturday

## Lady Eagles win softball opener

The Lady Eagles won their opening softball game 5-5 over Trinity Christian on Thursday, March 3. The Lady Eagles' next game is scheduled for Tuesday at Rockwall Christian.

Rockwall rallied to tie Wylie 1-1 Tuesday night in the teams' final District 21-4A boys' soccer game this season, but chances to put in a winning goal. Brian Ackerson tied the game for the second half. RHS head coach Williams said, "We had chances to win the game, but we hit the (goal)post several times." Rockwall completed its district season

## Lady Jackets win and tie, take 3rd place

Rockwall finished 3-3 in District 10-4A softball, couldn't catch RHHS' 7-3-2 record for third place. Rockwall-Heath would have won a tiebreaker anyway, because RHHS outscored Wylie 3-2 while the teams were splitting two games against each other. The Lady Jackets (13-6-2 overall) had finished their district season Friday,

March 11, with a 4-0 loss at home to second-place Lovejoy. RHHS will open the playoffs with a Bi-District game against the second-place team from District 22-4A, most likely Dallas Hillcrest, during the March 24-26 weekend. Ted Gates and Cameron Smith each scored twice. Kyle Crawford, Jacob Davis and Trei Rodriguez had a goal apiece.

## Lady Hawks return from break in 3rd place

The Rockwall-Heath girls' soccer team was on spring break, it took a week to get back in action. The Lady Hawks returned to action Tuesday night in the teams' final District 21-4A girls' soccer game this season, but chances to put in a winning goal. Brian Ackerson tied the game for the second half. RHS head coach Williams said, "We had chances to win the game, but we hit the (goal)post several times." Rockwall completed its district season

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Rockwall Yellowjackets fall in I-30 Classic consolation final

Playing seven games over six days, the Rockwall baseball team experienced a lot.

The bottom line included four wins, two losses and a tie. The Yellowjackets won a game on each of the three days of the I-30 Classic, finishing that tournament with a 3-2-1 record that resulted in a loss to Longview in the consolation final.

Rockwall (10-6-1) then evened its District 10-4A record at 1-1 with a 9-6 victory over Wylie Tuesday night.

RHS out-hit the Pirates 10-4. Steve Bean and Spencer Edwards each powered a home run, and Jake Steward and Tucker Fielder drove a double apiece for the Yellowjackets. Thomas Anderson was the winning pitcher.

The Jackets opened the tournament Thursday morning, March 10, with a 6-0, one-hit shutout of Forney. Winning pitcher Brewer Money and Logan Terwilliger each hit a double.

That evening, Rockwall tied Longview 9-9. RHS had a 12-10 advantage in hits, but six errors helped Longview even the score. Edwards drove a home run and Fielder hit a double.

On Friday, Corsicana knocked the Jackets into the consolation bracket by winning 7-5 at RHS. Losing pitcher Terwilliger, Bean, Blake Turner and Corey Mills each had a double. Chris Colavecchi hit a home run. RHS cracked 17 hits to defeat McKinney Boyd 9-8. Clayton Garcia was the winning pitcher,

with help from Mills' homer, triples by Colavecchi and Dustin Angiel, and doubles by Edwards, Terwilliger and Josh Deloach.

On Saturday at Royse City, Rockwall used 20 hits and a seven-run fifth inning to defeat Burleson 18-12 before losing the consolation final 13-9 to Longview.

RHS had nine extra-base hits against Burleson. Bean and Corey Mills each had a double and a home run. Jake Steward and winning pitcher Garcia also homered, Fielder belted a triple and Money and Angiel each hit a double. Against Longview, Bean, Deloach and Hunter Wade each powered a home run.



Yellowjackets' pitcher Logan Terwilliger unleashes a pitch to catcher Steve Bean during last Friday's game against Corsicana.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## District champs hold Hawks to tie

By Lary Bump

Lovejoy frustrated all of Rockwall-Heath's attempts to take control of their game Friday, March 11, and with that all but doomed the Hawks' chance to win their first District 21-4A boys' soccer championship.

Defense ruled as RHHS and the Leopards played a 0-0 tie at Lovejoy.

The Hawks had needed to win to ensure themselves of the district title. Their district season ended Friday, but still had a chance to be the 21-4A champs if Royse City could upset

Lovejoy Tuesday.

No such luck. The Leopards dominated the Bulldogs, winning 6-0 to finish with a 10-1-1 district record. Second-place Rockwall-Heath (16-3-3 overall, 9-1-2 in 21-4A) will go into the playoffs between March 24 and 26 against the third-place team from District 22-4A, Dallas Molina or Dallas Hillcrest.

The statistics from the RHHS-Lovejoy game were just about even. Each team had four corner kicks. Unofficially, the Leopards put four

shots on goal to three for the Hawks.

Playing even was all Lovejoy had to do, and it did that very well.

The Hawks are scheduled for a practice game Tuesday at Sherman before going into the playoffs.

RHHS head coach Marc Broyles said of his team, "They did well. They worked hard this past off-season."

He indicated that the team had some minor injuries going into the playoffs, but "We'll be all right by the time we get there."

## Royse City Bulldogs struggle after fast start in I-30 Classic

The I-30 Classic started so well for Royse City's baseball team.

On Thursday, March 10, the Bulldogs lost a lead but came back to defeat Terrell and also won over Arlington Bowie.

The next day, however, RC lost to

El Paso Montwood and Longview to fall into a single consolation game Saturday.

Royse City regained some pride and bragging rights Monday with a 17-7 whipping of North Mesquite in a non-district game.

Jared Jordan was the winning pitcher against both Terrell and North Mesquite, and hit a double in each game.

Jacob Owen, back from last year's season-ending injury and illness, also doubled against Terrell as RC out-

the Tigers 7-2. The Dawgs scored five runs in the third inning to take a 5-2 lead. After Terrell tied the game in the top of the seventh, Royse City won 6-5 in the bottom of the inning on a throwing error, the Tigers' fifth.

Mitchell Venhaus did it all in the

11-4 victory over Bowie. He was the winning pitcher, and hit both a triple and a double.

On Friday, Montwood out-hit the Bulldogs 11-6 for a 13-6 victory. Taylor Hearn was the losing pitcher. RC and pitcher Dylan Funderburk lost 7-2 to Longview, which went on to the

consolation championship, despite a home run and a double by Marce Arredondo. The Dawgs' four hits all included a double by Venhaus.

They pounded 15 hits Monday against North Mesquite. Venhaus had two triples, and Arredondo, Funderburk and Tyler Hensley each contributed a double.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play a non-district home game Thursday afternoon against Rockwall before turning to District 13-4A play.

## McKinney softball teams down RHHS

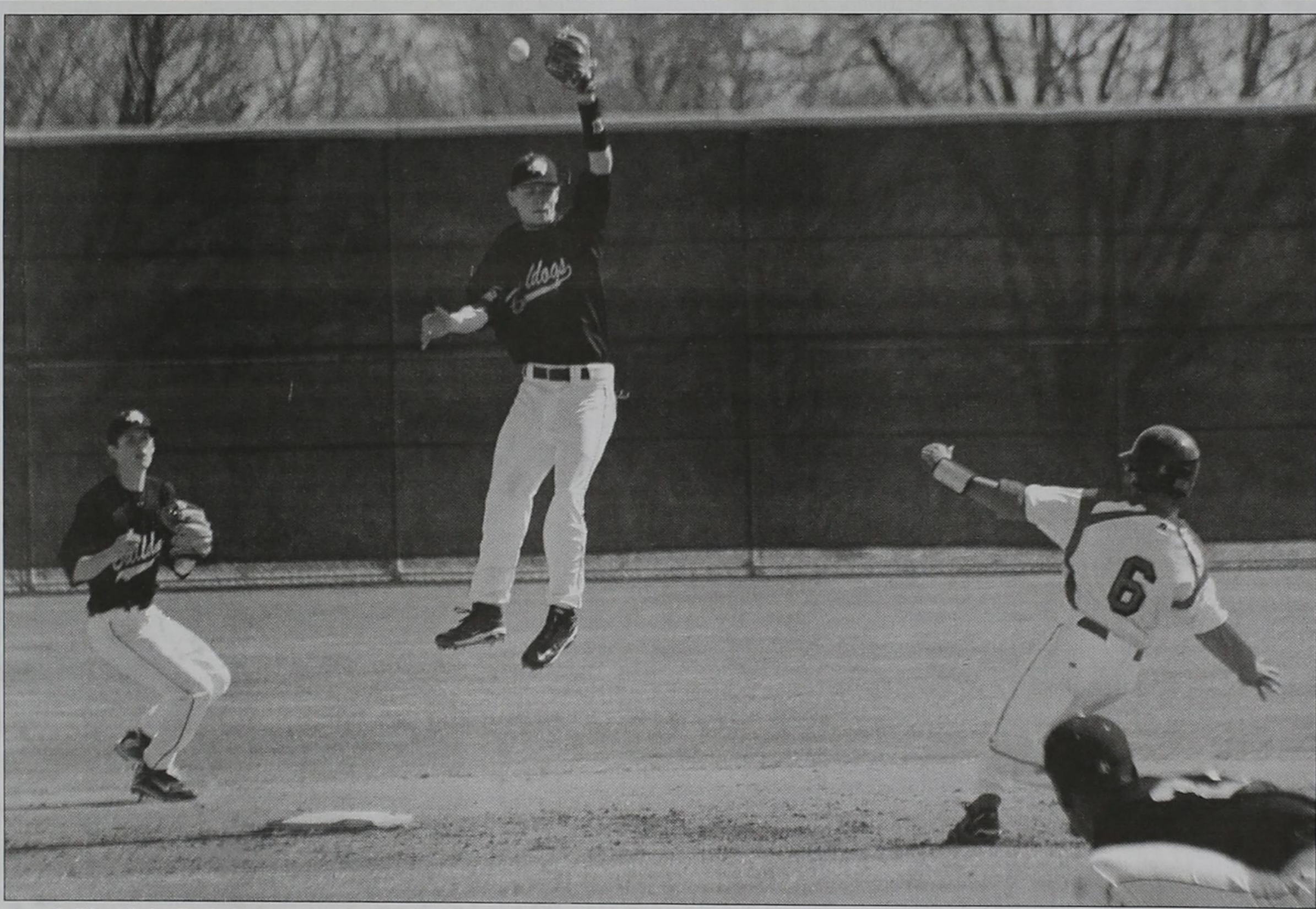
Despite amassing 17 hits to 10, McKinney North, Rockwall-Heath lost Tuesday night's District 10-4A game 14-12 to the Lady Bulldogs.

Madie Rice and Lauren Archibald each drove a triple. Dakota Whitcomb came back from an injury to help the fence, and Emily Coltharp had a double apiece for RHHS (1-2 in the district) but Marissa SanMiguel's three doubles powered the MNHS attack.

Lady Hawks head coach Chris Thompson was pleased with the team's performance. She said, "The girls played a really good game."

On Friday, McKinney had worked some magic, turning eight hits into runs for a 15-3 victory over RHHS. The Lady Hawks were held to three hits.

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Bulldogs' Dylan Funderburk stretches for the ball while attempting to stop a Terrell base runner from stealing second base during last Saturday's I-30 Classic game at Royse City. Assisting in the play is Jake Owen (at back), and Taylor Hearn (kneeling at front).  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Sports Schedules

### Heritage Christian Academy Eagles

Friday, March 18 - Track: at HSA Spring Break Relays, Hurst L.D. Bell, 2 p.m.  
Monday, March 21 - Baseball: at Tyler East Texas Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 22 - Softball: at Rockwall Christian, Chiesl Baseball Complex, 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 24 - Baseball: home vs. Greenville Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Softball: home vs. Greenville Christian, RISE, 4:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors  
Friday, March 18 - Softball: home vs. Poetry Community Christian, Chiesl Baseball Complex, 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, March 21 - Softball: home vs. Heritage Christian Academy, Chiesl Baseball Complex, 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 22 - Softball: home vs. Pantego Christian, Chiesl Baseball Complex, 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 24 - Softball: home vs. Dallas Lakehill Prep, Chiesl Baseball Complex, 4:30 p.m.  
Baseball: at Dallas Fairhill, 4:30 p.m.

### Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, March 18 - Baseball: home vs. McKinney, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
JV White baseball: at McKinney, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 19 - Softball: at Garland ISD Tournament, Winters Park, vs. South Garland 9 a.m. and Garland Naaman Forest 2:15 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 22 - Varsity 2 and JV girls' golf: at Richardson Big 4 Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
JV1 tennis: at Duncanville Classic, 8 a.m.  
Varsity softball: at Wylie East, 4 p.m.  
Baseball: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
JV White baseball: at Rockwall-Heath, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity girls' soccer: home for practice game vs. Waxahachie, 6 p.m.

Varsity boys' soccer: home for practice game vs. Red Oak, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 25 - Varsity 1 and 2 boys' golf: home for Jacket/Hawk Ben Parks Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
Baseball: at Wylie East, JV Orange 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Softball: home vs. McKinney North, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Midlothian Invitational, Tangle Ridge Golf Club  
Varsity tennis: at Galveston Varsity Tournament  
Track: at Allen Eagle Relays  
Saturday, March 26 - Varsity 1 and 2 boys' golf: home for Jacket/Hawk Ben Parks Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
JV White baseball: home vs. Dallas Jesuit Preparatory School, 1 p.m.  
Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Midlothian Invitational, Tangle Ridge Golf Club, 2 p.m.  
Varsity tennis: at Galveston Varsity Tournament

### Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, March 18 - JV Red baseball: home vs. McKinney North, 4:30 p.m.  
Baseball: at McKinney North, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 19 - JV Red baseball: at Frisco Wakeland, 10 a.m.  
Varsity baseball: vs. Frisco Wakeland at Dr. Pepper Ballpark, noon  
Tuesday, March 22 - White boys' golf: at Richardson, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
JV Red baseball: home vs. Rockwall, 4:30 p.m.  
Baseball: at Rockwall, JV Black, 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Softball: home vs. Wylie, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.  
Boys' soccer: practice game at Sherman  
Thursday, March 24 - JV Tennis: at Corsicana JV Spring Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Friday, March 25 - Tennis: at Crowley ISD Spring Fling Tennis Tournament, 6 a.m.  
Black and Red boys' golf: home for Jacket/Hawk Ben Parks Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
Varsity softball: at Highland Park, 4 p.m.  
Baseball: home vs. Wylie, JV Black 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Boys' track: at Wylie East Invitational, Pirate Stadium  
Saturday, March 26 - Black and Red boys' golf: home for Jacket/Hawk Ben

Parks Invitational, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 8 a.m.  
Girls' track: at MISD Relays, Hanby Stadium, Mesquite  
**Royse City Bulldogs**  
Monday, March 21 - JV2 softball: home vs. Grand Prairie, 5:30 p.m.  
Varsity girls' golf: at Rowlett Classic  
Tuesday, March 22 - Baseball: home vs. Denison, JV1 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Softball: home vs. Denison, JV1 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.  
JV2 baseball: at Denison, 6 p.m.  
Boys' golf: at Woodbridge Challenge  
Thursday, March 24 - Middle school track: at Princeton, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity boys' tennis: home for Royse City Tournament  
JV girls' golf: at North Texas Challenge  
Friday, March 25 - Baseball: at Sherman, JV1 4:30 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.  
Softball: at Sherman, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6:30 p.m.  
JV2 baseball: home vs. Sherman, 6 p.m.  
Varsity girls' tennis: home for Royse City Tournament  
Track: at Pirate Relays  
Saturday, March 26 - JV2 softball: home vs. Honey Grove, 10 a.m.  
**Cain Middle School Mustangs**  
Thursday, March 24 - Tennis: at Greenville, 4 p.m.  
Track: at District Qualifying Meet, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 6 p.m.  
Utey Middle School Wolves  
Tuesday, March 22 - Tennis: home vs. Kaufman, Rockwall Tennis Facility, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, March 24 - home for District Qualifying Meet, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 4 p.m.  
Williams Middle School Wildcats  
Thursday, March 24 - at District Qualifying Meet, Allen Track Stadium, 4 p.m.

# Lady Jackets' Lang named All-State

Junior center Alyssa Lang has been named to the 4A All-State team. District 10-4A Co-Most Valuable Player was in her third year as a starter. The Lady Jackets to a 30-7 record overall, including a 13-1 mark that was a 5th consecutive 10-4A title. Rockwall reached the regional quarterfinals for the sixth consecutive year, with the 6-foot-1 Lang averaging better than 10 points and 10 rebounds per game.

team.

Other major award winners for the Lady Jackets were sophomore Hannah Hughes, the Newcomer of the Year, and Jill McDill, the Coach of the Year.

All five of Rockwall's starters received first- or second-team All-District honors. Juniors Kayla Smith and Paige Turner were named to the first team and sophomore Morghen Day to the second team. All of those players can return next season.

## Lady Bulldogs receive 1st-team honors

Five of Royse City girls' basketball placed three players on the District 10-4A All-District first team.

were honored in the district coaches' voting.

In addition, senior Jennifer Null and junior Nina Gaines were named to the All-District second team, and senior Taylor Jordan received honorable mention.

## Lady Hawks' Eddy named 1st-team All-District

Senior Brooke Eddy has been named to the District 10-4A All-District first team. Eddy is the leading scorer and rebounder for the Lady Hawks this season. She received a scholarship to compete in rodeo next season at Texas A&M.

Two other RHHS seniors receive All-District honors. Aly Coughlin, who has a track and cross country scholarship from Northwestern State, made the second team, and McKenzie White received honorable mention.

## Heart of Heath 5k Run scheduled for April 23

Heart of Heath will host the 2011 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk on April 23. The family-friendly event will be open to all ages and athletic abilities, ranging from the casual walker or baby jogger to the elite runner.

drawings for door prizes donated by local merchants will be conducted after the race.

Early registration fee is \$15 (by April 20). Registration will be \$20 after April 20, including on the morning of the race. The youth registration fee is \$10 in advance and at the race.

Pre-registration packet pick-up will be from noon to 6 p.m. April 22 at Rockwall Running Center, 811 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Packet pick-up and registration at the race will begin at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:15 a.m. warm-up.

Online registration and forms are available at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) or at the Heath City Hall.

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

For information on sponsorship or donating a prize to the race, contact Kim Dobbs, assistant city manager, at 972-771-6228 or [kdobbs@heathtx.com](mailto:kdobbs@heathtx.com).



Alyssa Lang

## Sports Notes

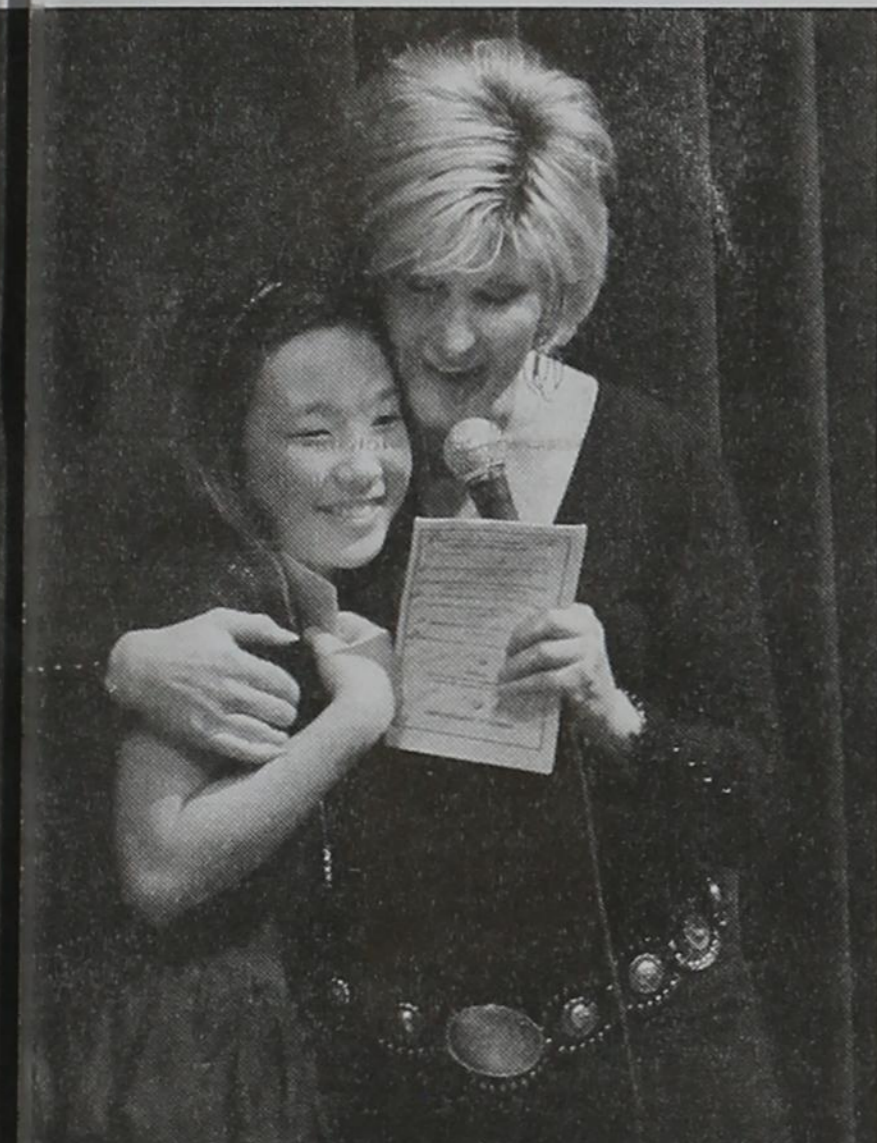
### YMCA summer sports sign-ups under way

Sign-ups are under way for the Rockwall County YMCA summer sports: Small Fry (ages 2 and 3), Youth T-ball, baseball and softball (ages 4-12), 5V5 Football (ages 5-12) and volleyball (third-sixth grades). Early registration through March 31. Regular registration will run April 1-10, and late registration begins April 11 and end when all teams are full. Register early to take advantage of the lowest registration fees (see fees at [rockwallymca.org](http://rockwallymca.org)). All receive calls following the coaches meetings in mid-April; practice schedules will be announced at that time. For more information call 972-771-6228.



Cole Burack (front right), sophomore at Rockwall High School played as goalie for the Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club, and helped the team win the Rocky Mountain District Tier 1 - U16 Regional Championship. The team went undefeated in the five game tournament. Burack was in net for three of the winning games.

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Winning first place in the recent Cain Middle School talent show was Raquelle Blackwood (left) and Amy Prentice (center) who performed Schubert's "Impromptu IV" on the piano.

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Alylie McClung places second in the Cain Middle School talent show with her performance of "Stuck Like Glue," by Sugarland.

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### Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle set

The low-cost spay/neuter shuttle sponsored by Rockwall PAWS and KCAAP will depart at 7:30 a.m. May 19 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Walmart parking lot. The shuttle will return at 6:30 p.m. after the pets are spayed/neutered. For an appointment call 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). Prices can be viewed at [spayneuternet.org](http://spayneuternet.org). For more details call 972-310-1354. Dogs must be on leashes, cats in carriers.

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Tied for third place in the Cain Middle School talent show are Raquelle Blackwood (left) and Amy Prentice (center).  
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### Elvis tribute set May 5

The Rockwall Parks & Rec's Concert by the Lake Series will offer an Elvis tribute show featuring David Allen at 7:30 p.m. May 5 at the Harbor Amphitheatre behind the Hilton. Admission will be free, and participants are urged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

### Preschool Association to meet

The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. May 6 at the Free Methodist Church across from Nebbie Williams Elementary, 315 Dalton Rd., Rockwall. The program will be "Summer Boredom Busters & Tackling Sibling Rivalry." New members are welcome any time. For more information on the group, visit [rockwallpreschoolassociation.com](http://rockwallpreschoolassociation.com).

### Party Crashers to perform

The Party Crashers, a variety band, will be the featured performers at the Concert by the Lake event beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 12 at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Admission will be free.

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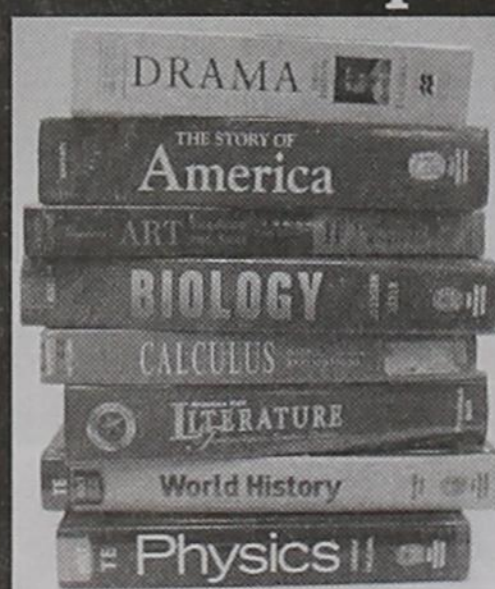
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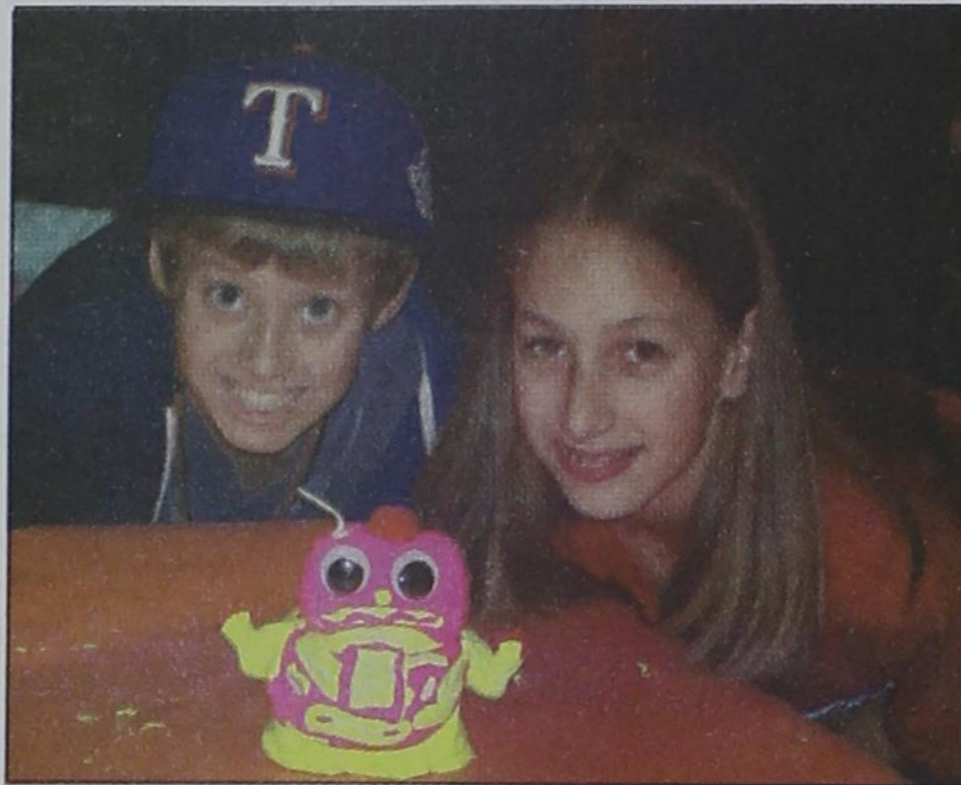
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As part of Texas Public School Week, March 7-11, and Coordinated Approach to Child Health (C.A.T.C.H.) the students at Dorris A. Jones Elementary observed Kite Day to get students outside for physical activities with their parents. Pictured above are Manning Biggerstaff, Sophia Rodriguez, Nicole Leverett and Allisyn Burrows. Other activities during the week were Sock it to Sugar Day, Team Up for Healthy Choices, Hats Off to Good Health, Parents to Lunch Day and Go Green. Parents were encouraged to participate to promote good health and celebrate public schools.

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Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary students fared quite well in a Jump Rope for Heart event conducted during PE classes. Fifth grade student Julia Fuqua, seated, held out her arms to swing her specially designed rope handles for more than 71 minutes, but organizers believe she could have gone much longer. Ryan Killingsworth, far right, a seventh grade student at Williams Middle School, holds the boys' record for the school's Minute Club. He posted a 32-minute showing during his fifth grade year, giving him the record for most continuous minutes jumped by any student at the school. Second grade student Damilola Sule, standing at left, broke the school's Minute Club school record of 22 minutes on March 7, jumping for 22 minutes. But on March 9, Anna Voth, posted a 32-minute, 20-second jump. Not pictured is parent record-holder Larry Stephenson, father of fifth grade twins Ginger and Trace Stephenson, who jumped for 32 minutes to set the new Parent Minute Club record.

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Cash Quinton and Haley Wavrusa, fifth grade students from Reinhardt Elementary, are shown with the robot they created to use in a student-produced commercial emphasizing persuasive techniques. Students created their robots and wrote persuasive advertisements designed to encourage the school's fourth grade students to buy the robots. The Rockwall Education Foundation supplied funds to purchase materials for the project.

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## Meet Richard Bang, MD



Dr. Bang is Board-Certified in Family Medicine and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice. Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, he received his B.A. in Quantitative Economics from Stanford University. He obtained his M.D. from University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and finished his residency training at Parkland Hospital/University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

His professional interests reflect the broad field of Family Practice including pediatrics, women's health, geriatrics, and sports medicine. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf, watching football and basketball, traveling, and spending time with his friends. Dr Bang is a member of Sandknop Family Practice in Rockwall.

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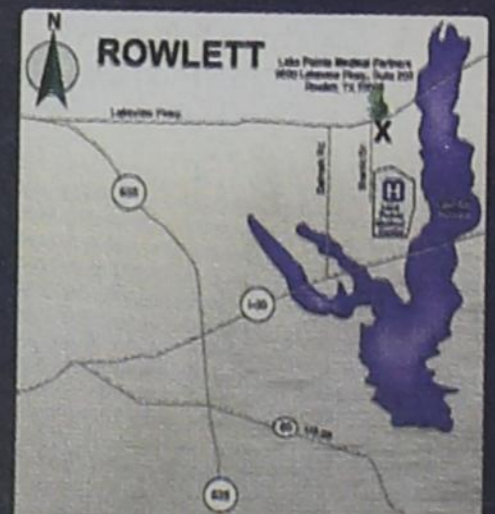
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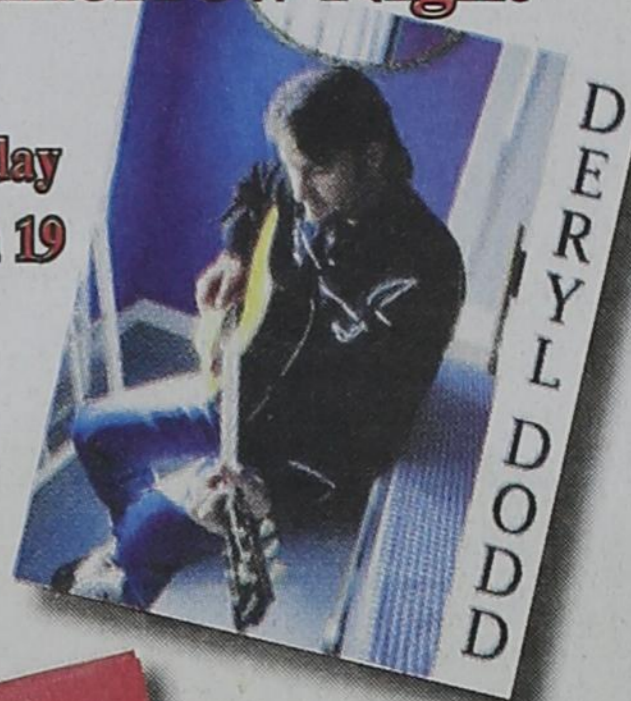
The Rockwall-Heath High cheerleaders and mascots for 2011-2012 were announced earlier this month. Pictured are, at front, varsity seniors mascot Chandler Cox, Kaylie Brickman, Cayley Lott, Meagan DeLozier, Kaylea Wisner, Brittany Buchanan, Tara Woessner, Meagan Naegele, Holley Noe and Alexis Roland; second row, varsity juniors Sarabeth Beauchamp, Mary Fields, McKenzie Edwards, Sarah Lopez, Erin Iles, Axie Andrews, Shelbi Crawford, Ashlee Reese, Kelsey Goodwin, Kylie Reynolds, Rebekah Gerritsen and sophomore varsity mascot Mariah Pranschke; third row, JV cheerleaders Regan Brickman, Sarah Mauldin, McKenzie Seales, Hannah Hoover, Savannah Fogelson, Peyton Harris, Aislynn MacKenzie, Jacquelyn Doughty, Madeline Ward, Makenzie Tomalin, Kaley Stewart, Maddie Mishler and Morgan Montgomery; and, at back, freshman cheerleaders Dlaney Prinz, Ali Johnson, Hannah Adley, Emily Alexander, Connor Choate, Sydney Vaughan, Annika Smith, Mackenzie Woessner, Shelby Bruning, Haley Barrow, Bailey Varner, Kami Robinson, Katelyn Buis, JV Cheerleader Cynthia McLaughlin, Sabrina Hart, Alexis Murray and Hanna Ray. Not pictured are the JV's Chandler Cleveland and Montana DeLozier.  
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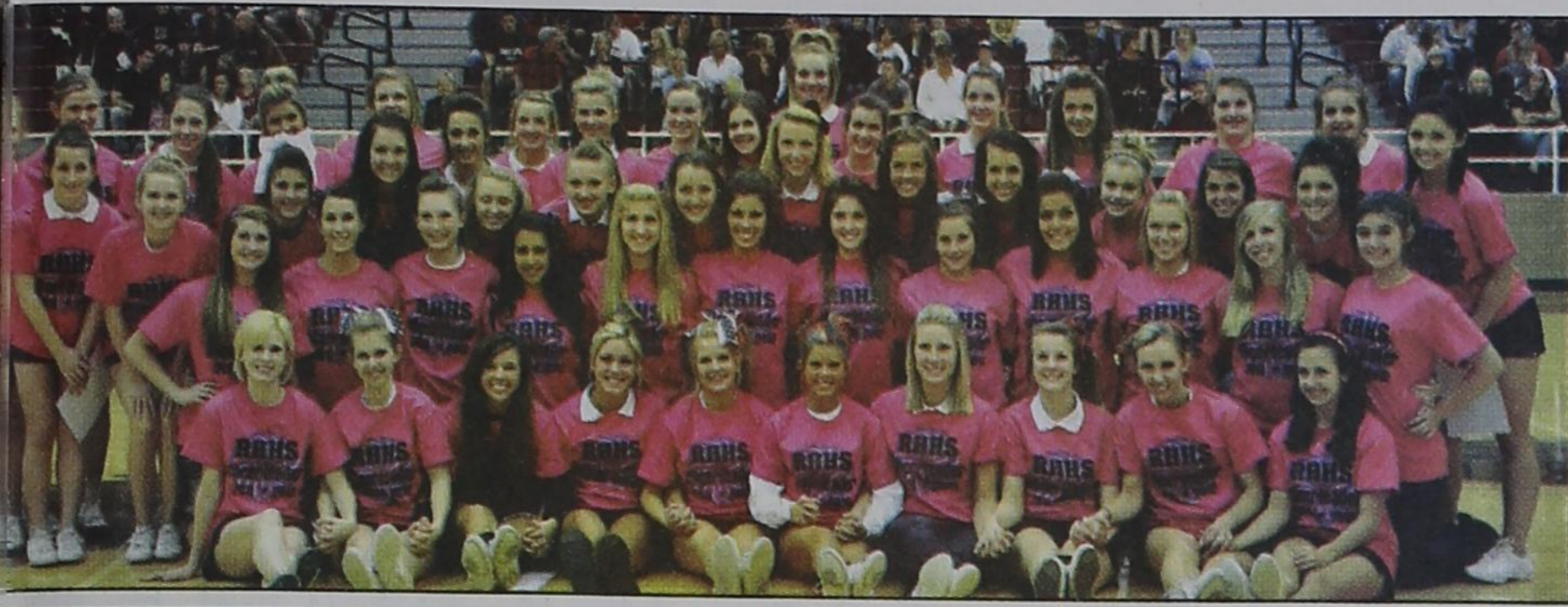


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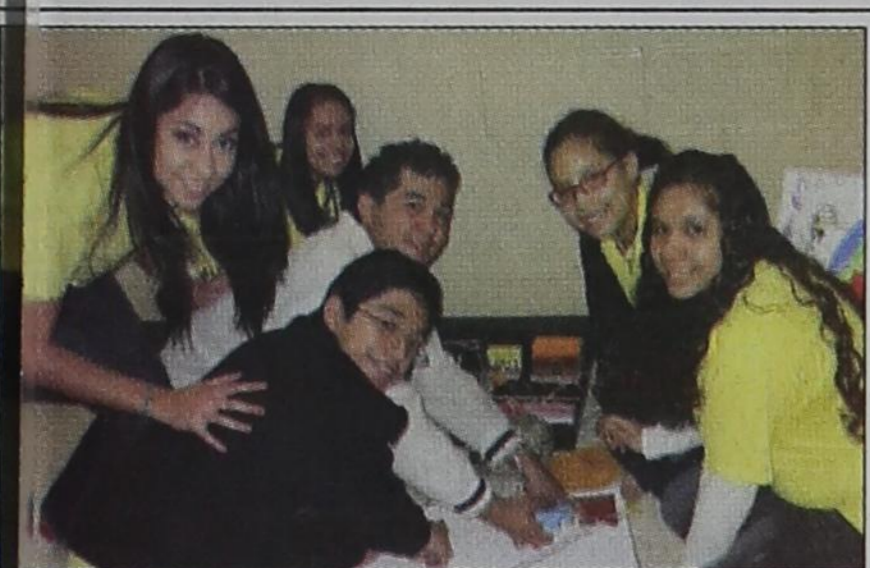
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The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers came home with several awards following the Texas Dance Classic Feb. 25-26 in Rowlett. The following is a list of awards the group captured, according to a news release issued this week: 5th Runner Up Soloist - Maddie Mills; 4th Runner Up Soloist - Bree Statham; Sweepstakes/Gussie Nell Davis Award - Officers; Sweepstakes/Gussie Nell Davis Award - Varsity; Judges Award - Jazz; Judges Award - Varsity Team Kick; Judges Award - Varsity Team Pom; Judges Award - Officer Lyrical; Judges Award - Team Solo; Best Overall Technique - Varsity; Best Overall Presentation - Varsity; Best Overall Choreography - Varsity; Best Overall Precision - Varsity; Best Overall - Officers; Best in Class 4th Runner Up - Officers; Best in Class 1st Place - Team; GPA Award 4th Place - Highsteppers; Best in Class 5th Place - Highsteppers.  
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The Challenge C team from Herndon and Cherry intermediate schools will return to the state Destination Imagination event for the second time thanks to a win at the East Region DI tournament earlier this month at Potteet High School. Pictured at front, from the left, are Kumiko Rauch and Carley Weiss. At back are Tyler Crumrine, Granger Slate, Parker Pogue, Mary Edwards and Kayla Johnston. The state competition will be April 2 at Monterey High School, Lubbock. Five DI teams from Royse City qualified for the state contest.  
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Royse City High School Phoenix team, comprised of Ana Hernandez, Nohema Flores, Pablo Aberrisquieta, Carlos Ramirez, Sayra Hernandez and Jennifer Hernandez, is one of the five Royse City DI teams qualifying to advance to the Texas State Affiliate Tournament. DI is an educational competition where teams use problem-solving, creativity and teamwork to solve challenges using improvisational acting, costumes, props, engineering, community service and construction.  
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## Eight locals receive degrees from TAMU

Eight local residents were among the approximately 3,500 Texas A&M University graduates who participated in fall commencement exercises, according to a university news release.

Among those receiving degrees were Christopher R. Bridges of Rockwall, Bachelor of Science-Biology; Jared C. Darse of Rockwall, Bachelor of Science-Forestry, magna cum laude graduate; Jennifer L. Casey of Royse City, Bachelor of Science-Construction Science; Adger S. Colley of Heath, Bachelor of Science-Ag Leadership & Development; Tyler J. Dodd of Heath, Bachelor of Science-Construction Science; Matthew W. Harris of Heath, Master of Science-Aerospace Engineering, summa cum laude graduate; Michelle L. Mason of Rockwall, Bachelor of Business Administration-Marketing; and Laura S. Packer of Rockwall, Bachelor of Science-Health.

## Reinhardt students exceed \$5,000 in AHA fundraiser

Students at Reinhardt Elementary recently completed a successful Jump Rope for Heart unit, raising more than \$5,000 for the American Heart Association. Students learned about their own heart functions, increasing their own cardiovascular endurance and jumping rope.

The educational and physical activity was paired with fund raising for the American Heart Association. Each student who raised more than \$100 was eligible to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart campaign, which saw PE teacher Adrienne Hergert lead the effort. Each participating student was allowed to use a giant duct tape to help affix Hergert to the wall.

Members of a Reinhardt family, the Stones, whose daughter has had heart surgery, kicked off the AHA rally celebrating the fundraising efforts of the students.

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