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Upsets mark area elections

Surprise results based on low turnout in council election

By MARCUS FUNK news@rockwallcountynews.com

The big upsets last weekend had nothing to do with the Pistons or the Spurs. They revolved around - of all things - municipal politics, where challengers unseated a pair of prominent incumbents in Rockwall and Fate.

Mark Russo defeated two-term Rockwall City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Straughan by 10 percentage points and 80 votes, while Fate City Councilman Bill Broderick won nearly twice as many votes as incumbent Mayor David Hill.

The results were announced after the polls closed on May 10, and the numbers surprised both Straughan and Russo. The duo differed on a few key issues - Straughan ran primarily on his experience and legislative accomplishments, while Russo claimed the council had become inaccessible - but in the end, it all boiled down to turnout.



Straughan



"First off, I was shocked. I was really grateful and humbled that I had so many supporters,' Russo said. "But the easy part is the campaign. The hard part is living up to expectations and doing the right thing for the citizens."

wall City Council elections, a small fraction first city council campaign in 2006.

compared to the record-breaking turnout seen in the Texas Primary last March. Straughan said the turnout was disappointing, especially in such a growing community, but the results did not discourage him from serving his community in another capacity.

"I was surprised by the low turnout. Mark [Russo] did an excellent job of getting his supporters out, and obviously I didn't," Straughan said. "But I'm not going away. I've served on 12 boards and as a liaison to the Economic Development Corporation, and you can't just walk away from all that."

Meanwhile, incumbents in other municipal races retained their seats. Rockwall City Councilwoman Margo Nielsen and Fate City Councilmembers Sheri Garber and Steve Skipworth won re-election over challengers. Clay Ellis won an open seat on the city council in Royse City.

Rockwall City Councilman Cliff Sevier was Only 826 residents participated in the Rock- unopposed. Sevier defeated Russo during his

Senatorial Visit



State Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) the students who were recognized for acts of kindness and compassion. Each student received a book from Senator Shapiro as her personal token of acknowledging the character they exemplify. Standing are Daniela Diaz, McKenzie Osborne, Paige Parent, Bailey Panchalk, Senator Florence Shapiro, Bryce Boyd, Principal Dan Crawford, and Triston Robinson. Kneeling are Adam Boyle and Alixis Harkrider.

Reidling named Grace Hartman principal

Gene Burton, superintendent of Schools for the Rockwall Independent School District, announces the appointment of Rebecca Reidling as principal for Grace Hartman Elementary School. Reidling is currently serving as an elementary principal for Richardson ISD.

"I am honored to join Rockwall ISD," Reidling said. "I look forward to meeting the staff and families of Grace Hartman Elementary. I know Hartman enjoys an excellent reputation, and I am thrilled to be a part of the school community."

ucation in Educational Administration with mid-management certification from Texas A&M University at Commerce. She served as Independent School District. Prior to her current position, she also served as an assistant principal for Richardson ISD.

Reidling has administrative experience on multiple elementary campuses, with her most recent position overseeing a campus with more than 600 students and almost she will bring strong leadership to Reidling holds a Master of Ed- 70 staff members. She has served the Hartman campus."

as a principal for six years. In addition, she has participated in the Principal Leadership Academy, has developed plans for continued improvement among all grade levels and student groups and has worked extensively with campus testing as well as been integrally involved in campus renovation projects.

"Mrs. Reidling brings valuable experience to her new position as principal at Grace Hartman Elementary, "Burton said. "I know that

Russo wins council seat but not title

By MARCUS FUNK news@rockwallcountynews.com

When Mark Russo defeated Rockwall Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Straughan last weekend, he inherited his seat on the city council but not his job as second-in-command.

Unlike the mayor, who is chosen directly by the voters, the mayor pro tem is elected annually by the council from among its membership. The position is designed to be a substitute for the mayor in the case of absence or illness, according to Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch. The position could potentially be an important one if the mayor ever became incapacitated, but such instances are rare in Rockwall, Rockwall, Mayor Bill Cecil is very active, Couch said, as were his predecessors.

Neither the position of mayor nor mayor pro tem have any special voting privileges or veto power. While municipal executives in some parts of the country have considerable authority, most cities in Texas give mayors and city council members equal voting

Russo will be sworn in on June 2, and a vote on a new mayor pro tem will likely follow.

"It's mostly a ceremonial role. It rotates among the council and it usually goes in order of seniority. Not always, but usually," said Rockwall City Councilman Matt Scott, who served as the mayor pro tem before Straughan. "It can be a neat position, but it's not always too active."

a classroom teacher and as an assistant principal for the Mesquite

Rockwall native makes name in fashion world By BRITNEY TABOR An actress turned Los Angeles boutique owner has returned to her native Texas. Now living in Rockwall, Jeanette Chivvis, has created a service that helps mothers and other local women who are overworked and in a time crunch "feel like she [they] just walked out of In Style magazine."

Chivvis, a personal shopper and wardrobe makeover specialist who has dressed celebrities such as Paris Hilton and Maureen McCormick, said she calls the new service "Mommy Makeover." Through the program, Chivvis helps clients see which of their current clothing trends compliment them the most, while also adding other affordable accents that can make them look like a celebrity while staying on budget. Many women these days, especially mothers who on the go, she said, and stick to buying the same thing over and

over again and her program seeks to help women find chic and easy ways to update their current look. Chivvis said she also likes to style a person according to their lifestyle.

"Buy[ing] the same thing over and over again ... it sometimes ... doesn't look that great on their body ... and it's not about losing weight but it's about making you look the best that you look. Clothes, it depends on how you wear your clothes and how they're fitted on how good they make you look or bad," she said. "If we can make their closet functionable and easy for them to not even worry about just pulling things out, then it's done for them and they feel good about themselves and they don't feel so dowdy."

For a series of two to four days clients can hire Chivvis for her Mommy Makeover services where she comes

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Jeanette Chivvis

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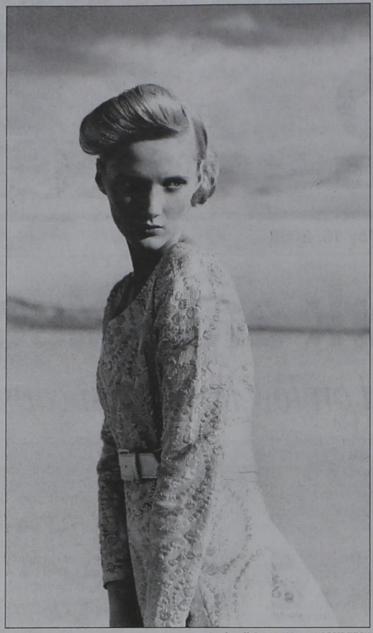
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in to a client's home and looks at their current wardrobe while evaluating what they need. After an evaluation, she helps clients make an assessment of what they need to makeover their wardrobe. Many people view fashion as superficial, Chivvis said, but for many she believes that it makes them feel better.Chivvis said it does not take much money to make over one's wardrobe, some people "just need that direction and that sounding board of someone editing and trying to help, she said and that is where she comes in. Seeing the outcome of clients she has helped since launching the Mommy Makeover program within the last month has been rewarding, Chivvis said.

"They are so excited because a lot of times they'll go, 'I can't wear that' or 'oh no ... I can't do that' and I'm like 'just try it' and then they're like 'wait a minute, this looks cute on me, I actually can wear this.' They get this kind of boost of confidence ... and I think they're surprised and they're excited and I think they have a renewed sense of confidence that they can be trendy and up-to-date but still in their mommy mode and not feel so dowdy," she

Chivvis' fashion expertise spans over 20 years. Her love for fashion started as a 9-year-old reading fashion local TV shows. Chivvis has magazines such as Cosmopolitan and Vogue, she said. After graduating from college, Chivvis entered a executive buying training program wood, Chivvis still continues at Foley's before pursuing an acting career in the early 90s. In 2001, she moved to Los Angles to pursue a career in acting after being included in a lieves that fashion chose her. film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. While in around clothes when I was 15 L.A., she started her own line, years old and I just don't ever Nay Nay, a collection of vin-think I ever wanted to do anytage couture scarf shrugs and thing, other than act, I don't opened "Sugar On La Brea," a Southern chic boutique thing else. I just love it. I just over program, e-mail at jeawhich sold to numerous ce- freak out over fashion. I love

Cars for CASA



Fashion stylist Jeanette Chivvis clothed a model in vintage clothing for this photo used cover for British Vogue.

in over 50 national and international trade magazines and on 10 national and L.A. since closed her boutique in L.A. to move home to the Metroplex to be near family. Although no longer in Hollydoing a fashion blog and and offers fashion tips for TV networks such as Bravo.

For her, she said she be-

"I started in retail working think I wanted to do anylebrities and was mentioned it so much. I love color and (214) 264-5992.

texture and it's just a great way of expressing yourself," Chivvis said. "I attribute all the success and everything that I've been blessed with to God. He's helped me and has blessed me beyond belief that I would have never imagined that when I was there a little girl sitting and looking at fashion magazines, one day actually being in in one, just one and not 60 and even having my own line written about, that kind of thing is a dream come true and it's pretty cool and it's just God."

For more information on Chivvis' "Mommy Makenettetalks@msn.com or call

Run For The Wall

Cross-country motorcyclists to natannual pilgrimage through Terri

TERRELL - Hundreds of eighth year since the Southmotorcylists participating in the "Run For The Wall" crosscountry ride are expected to arrive at Brookshire's Parking lot in Terrell at approximately 10 a.m. Sunday morning

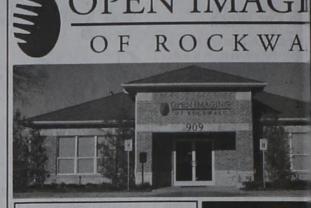
Run For The Wall (RFTW) is an annual motorcycle ride with veterans, families, and friends riding across the United States to accomplish their mission to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends.

The goal of the riders is to educate future generations as to the importance of accountability in wartime actions emphasizing that no one should be left behind and to participate in Rolling Thunder in support of their demand for government accountability for POW/MIAs, to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from ALL wars and to support our military personnel all over the world.

The RFTW journey began on May 14 in Rancho Cucamonga, Cal. and culminates with participation in the rolling Thunder's "Ride For Freedom" demonstration in Washington, D.C. on May 25. Riders also lay a wreath on May 24 at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery on May 24.

This is the twentieth annual RFTW; it will be the ern Route was added to the Central Route, creating one run with two routes. Those who ride "all the way" across the United States usually ride at least 6,000 miles.

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kicks off Sunday The third annual Cars for CASA event will be held Sunday at the Harbor in Rock-9772=7771=MOTO wall. Registration for the event, a fundraiser for Lone Star CASA, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Awards will be given at 4 p.m. Lone Star CASA is one of

the association's charitable benefactors. A trained Court

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aroundtown

Memorial Day Celebration

Chandler's Landing Yacht and Tennis Club will host Memorial Day festivities beginning at noon on May 26. Activities will include presentation of the colors, a flyover of military aircraft, presentations by local elected officials and the laying of a wreath on lake Ray Hubbard by the Seawolf.

PARD Activities

Registrations are currently being taken for youth and adult programs offered by the Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department. (972) 771-7740 or register for a program by stopping by The Center, 108 E. Washington or mailing the registration form in the Fun Guide to 108 E. Washington, Rockwall, 75087.

Committee on Aging

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host an Older Americans awards celebration at 1 p.m. May 23 at Our Lady of the lake Church. The awards ceremony will feature U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall.

Guitar Swap meet

Rockwall Guitar Show and Swap Meet will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 17 at The Music Shop.

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unteers. They have added a new route and due to the rapid population growth, have more seniors to serve. The programs have never had a waiting list and they hope to be able to help the elder community with the assistance of volunteers. (972) 771-9514.

Preschool Moms

Mothers of Preschoolers at First Baptist Church in Rockwall meets twice a month Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Membership is open to all mothers with children through kindergarten. Membership based on child-care availability. (972) 771-8459 or visit www.mops.org.

Community Prayer

True Worshippers Christian Ministries will meet for a community prayer and Bible study Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 2830 Tangleglen Drive. (972) 722-2634.

DAR

DAR meets on the first Saturday of every month from October through May. If interested in mem-

bership, please call Laverne Ketsherside, Royse City (972) 635-6626; Faye Heil, Rockwall (972) 771-3033; or Pat Brown, Terrell (972) 563-5559.

Gold Cards

Gold Cards are available to Royse City ISD residents who are 65 or older. The cards allow free admission to all home athletic events. Call or visit the Royse City ISD administration Office to pick up your card. (972) 636-2413.

Steak Cook-off

Rockwall Lions first annual steak cook-off and dinner. Cookoff will be at 1 p.m. and the dinner will be at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 31 at the McLendon Chisholm Town Hall, State Highway 205 South. (214) 762-3724.





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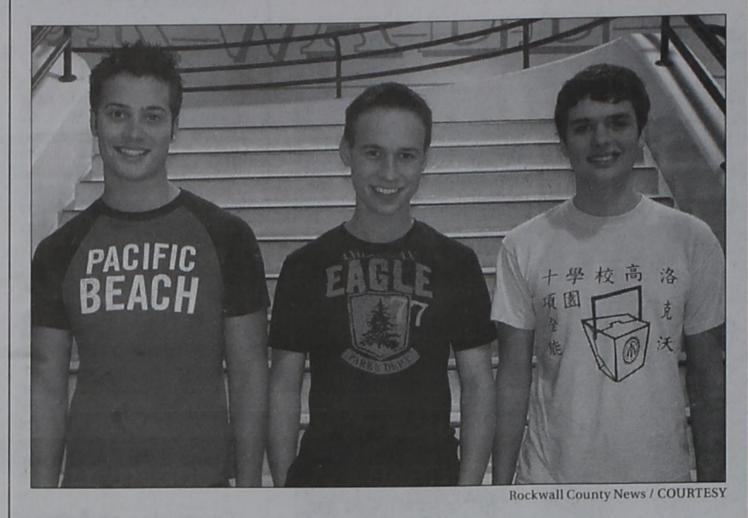
According to Chamber president Margie Hooper, the four-person scramble format makes the tournament "fun, even for those of us who are far from being good at the game." In addition, she said, there are some new twists this year: There will be two chances for a hole-in-one. Golfers have the chance to drive home a vehicle from Randall Noe Auto Group or a snazzy new golf car from our friends at East Texas Golf Cars. Golfers can also take their best shot at the Long Drive Contest sponsored by American National Bank. "The Chamber is recognized by golfers as giving valuable prizes and trophies for long drive, putting and other contests. All golfers receive a hospitality bag loaded

Plans are in the final stag- with great items," she added.

Golfers will tee off at 1:01 p.m. Golfers should plan early arrivals to practice driving and putting, and late departures to take advantage of the boxed lunch and the Awards Dinner, catered by Saltgrass Steak House, after the event. The Chamber would like to thank our Double Eagle sponsors, Lake Pointe Medical Center, Alliance Bank and Jefferson Bank. All are welcome to come join in the fun and excitement.

Players needing information or who wish to enter may call Sharon at (972) 771-5733, ext. 102, visit the Chamber Web site www.rockwallchamber.org/, or pick up an entry form at the Chamber located at 697 E. Interstate 30, between Discount Tire and Lake Pointe Church. The entry fee is \$150, including fees, carts, range balls, goody bags, raffle tickets, the lunch and steak dinner.

UIL Academic Team



(From left) Joey Williams, Adam French, and Patrick Haisten

The RHS UIL Academic Team competed at the University Interscholastic League's State meet hosted at the University of Texas, May 2-3. Junior Joey Williams placed third in editorial writing, senior Adam French placed fifth in current issues and events and senior Patrick Haisten placed sixth in literary criticism.

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The Rockw Young Republica their monthly n p.m., May 20 at taurant, located on Lake Ray Hul will be free appe attendees.

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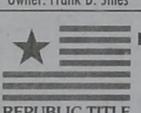


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"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ve the Lord.

Psalm 150:6

EATURES FROM THE BLB

Gideon Goes to Battle Judges 7

As Gideon camped with his men in preparation for a battle with the Midianites, God told him that he had too many men.

God wanted Israel to see that He won the battle for them and that the victory was not of their own power. Anyone with fear was invited to go home. 22,000 left and 10,000 remained.

God then told Gideon that there was still too many soldiers and directed Gideon to put them to a test. They were to go to the water and drink. Those who got down or their knees to drink were sent to their tents. The 300 who lapped from their hand were permitted to remain. God promised Gideon victory with the 300.



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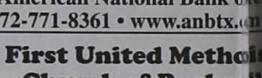
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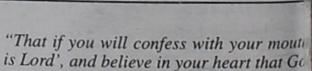
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I put every song I sing in a different perspective. I feel each one." Few could argue with

Born in Palestine, Watson was one of seven children of an itinerant sawmill worker and crop picker. He was raised on manual labor and still isn't afraid to get his fingernails dirty. He quit school in the ninth grade to help support his family, but he has more common sense wisdom than many folks with graduate degrees. Watson married his wife Mattie Louise at age 17. He became an auto-body worker to support her and their two children. On weekends in the 1960s, Gene began singing in the Houston honky-tonks, where he was met with immediate popularity and was later discovered.

As a hobby he continues to work on cars in his own shop, The Toy Shop, that has been featured on TNN: The Nashville Network. Because he is one of country music's most popular entertainers, he maintains a rigorous schedule. "I just sing and I"ll always be singing. Even if it's just for my own personal entertainment, I would always sing." And sing he does better than ever.

Doors will open at the Crockett Civic Center at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at

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Bicyclists is encouraging area residents to who are frustrated by the rising prices at the gas pump and traffic delays to ride their bicycles to work

On Friday, workers from throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area and the nation will call attention to this oftoverlooked method of commuting as they celebrate national Bike to Work Day.

More than 40 Texas Instruments employees plan to ride their bicycles to work to commemorate the event. And Dick Ruddell, president and executive director of The Fort Worth Transportation Authority - a bicycle enthusiast - has planned his bike commute. He will embark on the 15-mile ride from his home at 7 a.m. Betsy Price, Tarrant County tax assessor-collector, plans to ride her bike to work and meet Ruddell at 8 a.m. at the Fort Worth Intermodal Transportation Center. Her commute is an estimated nine miles.

Sometimes, the distance between home and work seems too far to make bicycling a viable option. But it's easier than you might think, especially for those to whom mass transit is readily available. Many of the region's transit agencies allow bicycle commuters to board trains and buses with their bikes when space is available. And Texas law allows cyclists to share the roads with drivers.

And don't forget the region's growing network of trails. North Texas offers 112 miles of interconnected, dedicated bike trails for bicycling and walking. If transit is not an option, the trails might tion. For an interactive map of existing and future trails, visit www.nctcog.org/trans/ data/bikeweb.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments encourages residents to participate in Bike to Work Day, held annually on the third Friday of May. Just follow a few easy steps, starting with mapping your route on NCTCOG's dfwmaps.com. Once you know how to get where you're going, the next step is to follow the route Friday.

Also, by logging your commute at tryparkingit.com, the region's alternative-commute Web site, you will be eligible to win a gift card to some of the area's most popular retail establishments and restaurants. The deadline to log your Bike to Work Day commute is May 23. Be sure to check out how many people participated when the results are posted May 27 at www.nctcog.org/trans/sustdev/bikeped/.

Bike to Work Day is the flagshipeventofnationalBike to Work Month, established 52 years ago by the League of American Bicyclists. Take the challenge, and encourage your co-workers to do the

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RHS Reunion

The Rockwall High School will host their 20th year reunion weekend, June 27-28. The event will begin at 6 p.m. Friday at Snuffer's in Rockwall. A picnic will be held at Harry Myers Park at noon on Saturday. A reunion party will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at Hella Shrine Temple, 2121 Rowlett Rd. in Garland. The cost is \$59 per person or \$115 per couple prior to May 23. The cost will then be \$65 per person or \$130 per couple. Contact Dani Cook at (972) 722-7573 or email at dani75087@gmail.com for payment information.

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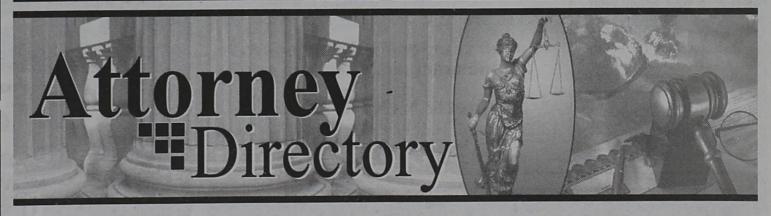
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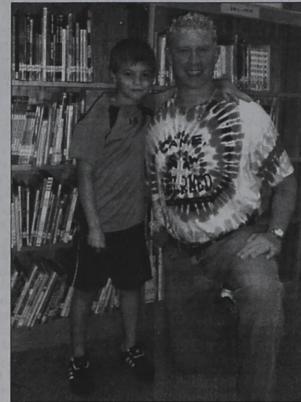


Mrs. Petrocelly's 1st grade class with "Vanilla Ice" (AKA Mr. Crawford)

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A Night at the Movies

Dan Crawford, principal of Amy Parks Elementary, really knows how to motivate his students. When APHE decided to raise money for Rockwall's Relay For Life, Mr. Crawford offered two different enticements: he would do his best Vanilla Ice imitation for the top class, and the top individual money-raiser would get to spray paint the principal's head gold like an Academy Award. Since the theme of Relay was "A Night at the Movies," looking like an Oscar seemed appropriate!



Connor Romack spray paints Mr. Crawford's hair gold on the school video announcements.

Rockwall Guitar Stores: be & Swap Meet sched

The first annual Rockwall Guitar Show & Swap Meet is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May17 at The Music Shop at Rockwall. Alongside locals dis-playing and selling their wares, this event will feature local bands. The Unknown will take the stage at noon. This group is lead by two brothers, Nathan and Adam Mathura. Both boys have been in private music lessons for several years and put a band together for their elementary school talent show. While practicing for their performance with Nathan's guitar instructor, Jack Boyce, they were then asked to perform at the guitar show.

The Rockwall Guitar Show Stage will be an outdoor venue located between Beall's Department Store and The Music Shop. The Neckties will take the stage first. This duo is seen many weekends

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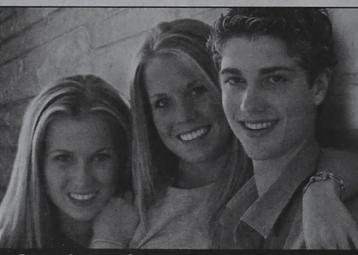
New officers to be installed

The American Legion Post Number 117 in Rockwall meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The May meeting will be on the 15th at the Community Center at Harry Myers Park.

Our speaker will be Wayne Thomas, Vice Commander of the 4th District, who will install the officers for the 2008 -2009 term.

All veterans are invited and encouraged to come and meet with your fellow veterans for a time of information, fellowship and sharing of old "war stories". For further information please call Chuck Bealmear at 469-698-0114.





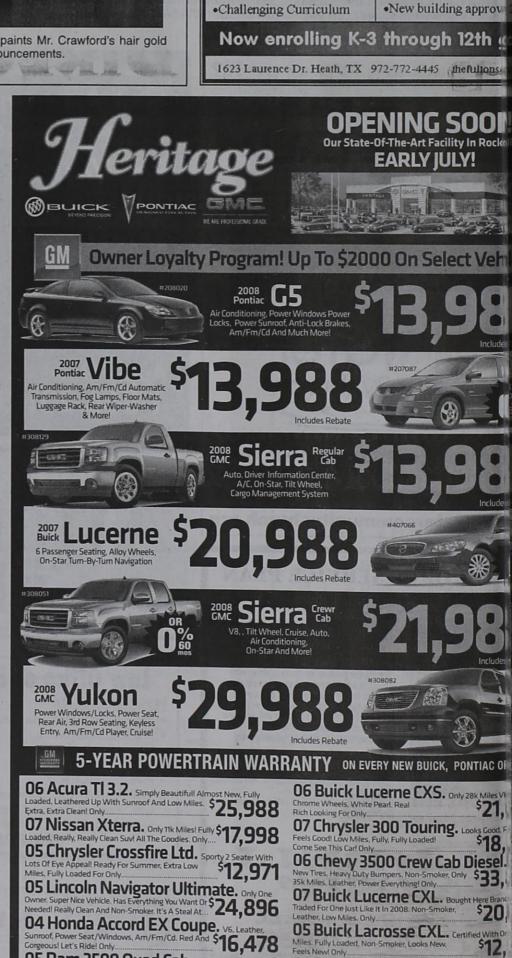
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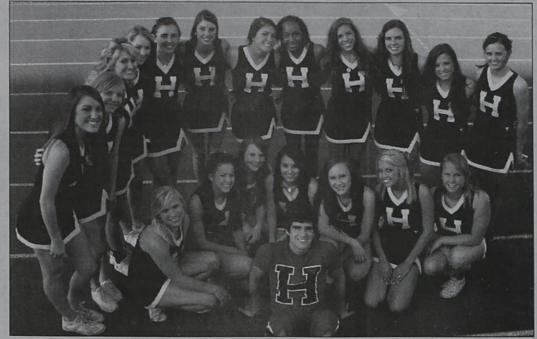
Many boaters and water enthusiasts simply store life jackets on their boat and assume doing so is protection enough. The fact of the matter is, boating accidents or emergencies can happen in a matter of minutes. There may not be enough time to grab a life jacket and buckle it up in a dangerous situation. Failing to wear a life jacket at all times puts your life at risk and the other people on a boat. Wearing your life jacket will allow you to be safe in case of an accident and will also allow you the ability to assist others that may be in danger.

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The 2008-2009 Rockwall-Heath Varsity Cheerleaders assisted guests to their seats at Rachel's Rally on May 9. Back Row: Morgan Johnson, Meredith Moreu, Megan McKenna, Michaela Tomalin, Kaleigh Loeffler, Sarah Moseley, Taylor McLoughlin, Jahmela Headley, Sarah Moseley, Chelsea Dwyer, Kaitlyn Howell, Kendal Moore, Sarah McKimmey. Front Row: Sarah Gerritsen, Cady Dicus, Stefanie Cotner, Emily Wood, Madison Edwards, Raichel Patrick, Whitney Williams. Mascot: Johnathan Romo.



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Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) shares the importance of using the gifts of kindness and compassion during a visit to the students at Amy Parks Heath Elementary on May 8.

Kindness and Compassion



State Sen. Florence Shapiro signs the Amy Parks Heath Elementry ing Rachel's Challenge. Holding the banner for the Senator are fifther dents, Courtney Sosnowski and Tom Ross.

State Sen. Shapiro joins students for Rachel's Rally

As the Rockwall Independent School District staff prepared for the community wide Rachel's Rally May 8, students at Amy Parks Heath Elementary got an early start to the festivities. State Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) met with 3rd through 6th grade students and helped bring the message and spirit of Rachel's Challenge to their campus.

Sen. Shapiro used this opportunity to recognize several students for specific acts of kindness and compassion that had been witnessed by teachers and staff. In addition to paying tribute to these outstanding students, Shapiro gave a personal gift of a book to each child.

The students asked Shapiro to join them in making a pledge to take Rachel's Challenge. The senator signed an Amy Parks', "I Accept Rachel's Challenge" banner by putting her signature by the hundreds of students' signatures. The students also asked Shapiro to join her "link" of kindness with the one from the school. Each link in the schools chain represented acts of kindness that had been witnessed by the students' peers or the school staff. Later Thursday night, the school's chain became a part of the Rockwall ISD "chain reaction" of compassion and kindness that was taken to Rachel's Rally at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.



State Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) links her chain of kindness and compassion to the students. Later Thursday night this chain was added to the over 3 miles kindness and compassion links that had been documented throughout Rockwall schools. Pictured with Shapiro are third grade students Britton Swanson and Cory Wilderson.



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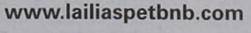
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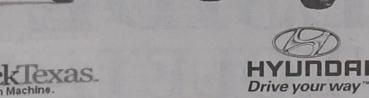
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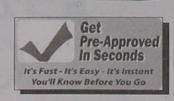
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Lareda Hubbs of Garland passed away May 12, 2008. She was born in Dallas to Garland and Gladys Jones.



Lareda enjoyed writing and reading poetry and reading books. She was devoted to her family and loved spending time with them.

Lareda is survived by her husband: Mark Hubbs of Garland; daughter: Deedra

Poteet and husband Reed of Heath; grandchildren: Heather, Mandy and Taylor; aunts: Flora Kneisler and Dortha Hutchison; numėrous friends and her loving cat Shady. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Layne Trent Jones.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

DORIS STREETMAN

Doris Streetman, 74, of Royse City, passed away May 9, 2008. She was born May 29, 1933, in Poetry, to Frank and Nellie (Sluder) Bostick. Doris was a dedicated homemaker and a special fan of baseball and American Idol. She was devoted to her family.

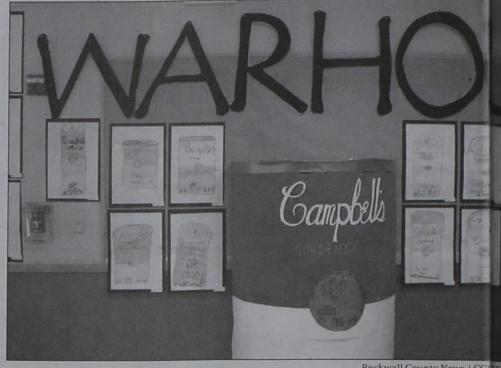
Doris is survived by sons: Memorial Park.

Mark Alan Streetman and wife Donna of Terrell, Harry Dewayne Streetman and wife Patty of Dallas, Jeffery Clyde Streetman and wife Michelle and Russell Lee Streetman all of Royse City;

daughter: Cathy O'Neill of Royse City; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brothers: Raymond Douglas Bostick of Rockwall, Richard Bostick of Austin, and Clyde Bostick of Terrell; sisters: Faye Reyna and husband Pressy and Ann Robinson all of Royse City. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sons: Carl Bruce and Randy Scott Streetman.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Brother Jim Matthews and Brother Lesli Joslin officiating. Interment followed in Rest Haven

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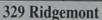
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Amy Parks Elementary School hosted its Spring Art Show on May 13. Every student had pieces on display in the gallery-styled show. Students docents directed visitors through the to explain in detail the techniques used to create the artwork.

Homes of the Week

Each week Ebby Halliday Realtors at the Rockwall office tour new listings, and the associates vote on "Home of the Week." This week, agents voted Jeannie Bauer's listings at 329 Ridgemont in Heath and 3410 Waterview in Rockwall as Home of the Week.







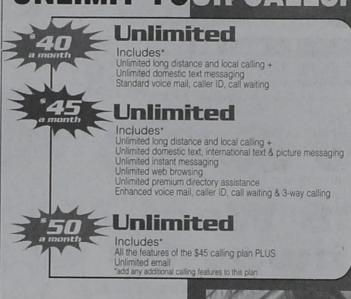
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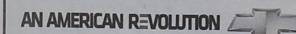
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Best of all, most of these sauces can be made a few days ahead, making light work for the cook on the day of a large gathering. They also hold well, so any extra sauce may be refrigerated for another use (be sure to remove a portion of the sauce for brushing on chicken to prevent crosscontamination).

California Barbecue Sauce

This very different barbecue sauce combines some of California's wonderful bounty to turn boneless, skinless chicken breasts into a culinary delight.

Yield: 3 cups

1/2 cup

store-bought barbecue sauce 1 tbsp. olive oil

2 tsp. chopped fresh rose-

1 cup minced fennel bulb

2 shallots, minced 1 cup pomegranate juice 1/2 cup dry red wine

2 tbsp. black olive tapenade (available in most grocery stores)

1 tsp. anchovy paste 3 tbsp. sherry vinegar

1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes

Heat olive oil in a medium saucepan over mediumhigh heat. Add rosemary, fennel and shallots and sauté till softened and just beginning to caramelize, 5-10 minutes. Add all other ingredients, bring to a boil, then simmer over low heat until the sauce has thickened, 20-25 minutes.

Florida-style Barbecue Sauce

Light and delicious, this spicy, citrus-based sauce is the perfect compliment to the rich taste of chicken leg quarters.

Yield: 2 cups

1/2 cup original-style barbecue sauce

1 cup orange juice 1/4 cup lime juice

3 cloves garlic, chopped 1/2 onion, chopped

2 tbsp. olive oil 1 tbsp. cumin

deveined and chopped 1/2cup chopped cilantro

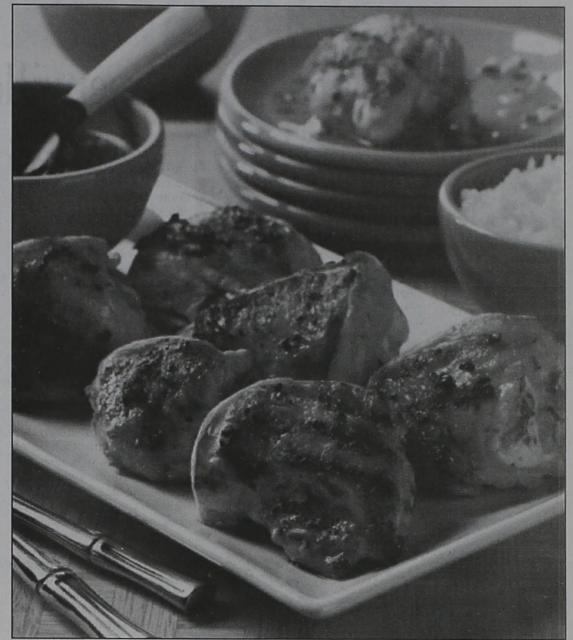
1 small jalapeno, seeded,

2 tsp. dried oregano 2 tbsp. honey

2 tbsp. chopped mint 1 tsp. kosher salt

1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

Place all ingredients in a food processor and process 30 seconds. Pour into medium saucepan and warm over medium-high heat to meld the flavors together, about 5



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The key ingredient for grilling chicken during the Texas summer heat is the perfect flavor of BBQ sauce

Beer recipes offer an added touch on the grill in Texas

If your summertime menus feature cold beer on a hot day, there's another way to enjoy your favorite brew: whisked it into your favorite recipes for the grill. A real flavor-enhancer for so many dishes, beer offers a variety of styles that can provide anything from smokiness to cocoa, to sweet fruit to a hoppy bitterness to your favorite rec-

Here's one summertime recipe that highlights the Hawaiian Lager Baby Back Ribs

Whisk together a marinade of lager beer, pineapple or orange marmalade, hoisin sauce, rice vinegar, sesame oil, garlic, chile paste and soy sauce, and let the pork baby back ribs marinate for several hours, or overnight. Use this same sauce to make a grilling baste, and grill or broil the ribs for a wonderful smoky finish.

To speed up cooking time, this recipe calls for pre-cooking the meat in a low temperature oven for 75 minutes before grilling.

These ribs are terrific served with a dark, rich porter beer.

Serve this dish with Pale Ale Cabbage Slaw, an easy side dish that works well for a crowd.

Start by shredding together red and green cabbage, then adding chopped carrots and sliced sweet onion. Make a dressing by combining and cooking a hoppy Pale Ale Beer, grape seed oil, cider vinegar, honey Dijon mustard, salt and pepper.

Pour over the slaw, toss in sugar and and serve.

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nat settles on the valley floor actually apes to ripen at elevations as high as t. While neighboring vineyards sit on Stonestreet's vineyards are on steep lat defy mechanical harvesting. Rows are planted vertically and have to be ed carefully because the grapes rapidly ipeness. A wide variety of soil types iallenge as well.

ng wine is one thing, making good der these conditions is another. Stonas managed to produce outstanding lays and awesome, complex cabernet ns for which that mountain-grown

ere actually introduced to the wines se vineyards when Allan Hemphill was ncredibly rich chardonnays in the earunder the Gauer Estate Vineyards label on bought the vineyards in 1995. They ong the best chardonnays we tasted at - it's not surprising that these Stonhardonnays are great too.

ewing the flabby, oak-soaked chardonit dominate the market, Stonestreet's nays have bright acidity and a mineral r that is best paired with food.

low yields and labor-intensive harvestes for these wines are as steep as the i's slopes. But at these prices you'll taste lue qualities that come from labor-innountain-grown grapes.

2005 chardonnays are on the shelf now, 2006 whites and 2005 reds will begin ng in a couple of months.

estreet Alexander Mountain Estate nnay 2005 (\$25). Sixty-five percent of e undergoes malolatic fermentation in oak to tame the acidity. The result is a citrus flavor with plenty of apple and notes. A complex wine for the price. estreet Alexander Mountain Estate

Barn Chardonnay 2005 (\$42). This is he best chardonnays we have tasted in

dary winemaker Jess Jackson likes to a long time. The oldest vineyard in the estate flavors of beer. e on his legion of winery operations collection, Upper Barn straddes a 1,800-foot roughout California. But imagine be- ridge. Its gravelly soil yields low quantities of aker whose operation is within grapes, but the fruit produces complex wines with a mineral thread. Orange peel aromas introduce a layered wine with flavors of pineapples, peaches and great spice from the French oak it is aged in.

Stonestreet Alexander Valley Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 (\$42). Unlike the 2004, this wine is mostly cabernet sauvignon with only 5 percent blended with cabernet franc. The fruit is bright and redolent of blackberry and cherry flavors with hints of cedar and mocha. The 2005 won't be on the market for a couple of months.

Stonestreet Alexander Mountain Estate Legacy 2004 (\$75). This blend of Bordeaux grapes is a charmer. Using grapes planted 2,400 feet up, it has good complexity but a voluptuous mouthfeel. Ripe plums, dark chocolate, cherries and pure fruit flavors.

Stonestreet Alexander Mountain Estate Christropher's Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (\$100). Wow, what a mouthful of complex fruit. Made in great years, this reserve wine is named after Mr. Jackson's son. Both are something for him to be proud of. It is a huge wine with firm tannins, cedar, mint and currant notes stand behind the layered black cherry, cassis flavors. Only 250 cases made, so it may be hard to find.

MASI AMARONES

We have written several times about the unusual and tasty amarones from Italy. We recently tasted three single-vineyard amarones that are even more unique.

Amarone is made in ancient method of drying the grapes on bamboo racks in September and pressing partially dry grapes in February. With nearly 40 percent less juice, the cost of the wine is considerably more. But the flavors are intense and the texture soft.

Masi, one of the top producers of amarones, makes four single vineyard versions that emphasize the personality of each vineyard. Here's what we tasted:

Masi Campolongo di Torbe Amarone Classico 2001 (\$135). Lots of elegance in the blend of corvina (70 percent), rondinella and molinara. Classic rasin aromas followed by sweet flavors of cherries, cocoa and spice. Soft texture but deceiving tannins make this a delicious wine for current or long-term drinking.

Serego Alighiei Vaio Armaron Amarone Classico 2001 (\$75). Varietal cherry aromas with intriguing violets and rosemary notes. Plum and mocha flavors add to the enticing package.

Masi Costasera Amarone Classico 2004 (\$80). Raisins and prunes dominate the armoas with cherries, mocha and cinnamon on the palate. Long finished, velvet texture.

Masi Mazzano Amarone Classico 2001 (\$135). Vanilla and plums stand out in the bouquet of this unbelievable wine. Full bodied yet soft on the palate, it has layered fruit of plums and cherries. Long finish.

Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr are wine critiques for

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City of Greenville workers prepare for the festival "My Downtown's Back, slated for May 31.

My Downtown's Back

Greenville celebrates downtown rev

GREENVILLE - With a population of 8,850 in 1900, it dwarfed other area towns including Rockwall, population 1,245; Plano, 1,304 and McKinney, 4,342. Cotton propelled trade, and the Cotton Belt and Katy Railroads made it a transportation hub. Vaudeville stages, saloons, home-grown banks and a plethora of retailers rounded out the bustling city.

Like many older downtowns around the country, Greenville's central business district faced declines beginning in the 1960s as people flocked to suburban living and retail strip centers.

But the hometown feel associated with the historic storefronts was never far from community consciousness, and nearby Dallas developers, as well as locals, are beginning to discover or rediscover Greenville's downtown potential.

Indeed, with a resurgence now taking place in the officially designated Main Street area, the community is hosting a festival appropriately called "My Downtown's

Slated for May 31, the music-filled festival will feature local talent from noon to 6 p.m., then reach a crescendo with a concert in the Municipal Auditorium featuring 9-time Grammy award-winner Asleep at the Wheel.

At least six new downtown businesses will officially open that day.

"The festival is jointly supported by the new merchants, existing businesses and the Friends of Main Street," said Friends President Milton Babb.

"This is great opportunity for people to visit both the new establishments and familiar favorites, and just have a great time in the process. There will also be side-

walk sales and chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree."

Musical entertainment is expected to include classic rock and roll, New Orleansstyle blues, country, gospel and bluegrass. The music will center on an entertainment stage on Lee Street.

The festival begins at 10 a.m. with music starting at

The day culminates with the Kenneth Threadgill Concert at the Municipal Auditorium at 7 p.m. featuring Asleep at the Wheel, Hot Club of Cowtown and Western Swing legend Johnny

The "My Downtown's Back!" festival is free with the exception of the Threadgill Concert.

Some of the new businesses officially opening on May 31 or open for preview

The Blue Armadillo Winery, The Sassy Lady Boutique, Red Neck Jems Country Mercantile, Blissful Blends Café, Tassels and Bows, and a new restaurant occupying the former Main Lee Steakhouse building.

"Many existing merchants will also be hosting exhibits, displays or demonstrations," Babb said. "Games for the kids, a bounce house, a Custom Motorcycle Alley and food will also be part of the fun."

The booking of Asleep at the Wheel as the headline act for the May 31 Threadgill Concert is generating unprecedented excitement.

The famed Western Swing, boogie and roots-music outfit has earned accolades over more than two decades, but the group's founder and front man, Ray Benson, does not allow the band to rest on its

The Wheel, as it is affectionately known by its fans. has reinvented itself the last Jimmy Buffet, Gi few years by adding Elizabeth McQueen on vocals and bringing fiddler Jason Roberts to the front of the stage as a second male lead voice to compliment Benson's immediately identifiable baritone.

Joining Asleep at the Wheel at the Threadgill concert will be Johnny Gimble, who is known as the "King of the Swing Fiddle," and Hot Club of Cowtown, a swing trio based in Austin.

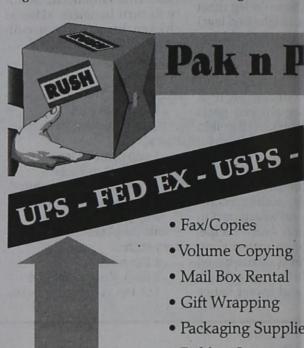
Tyler native Gimble is one of the preeminent musicians in the history of Western Swing. He is best known as a former member of Bob Wills' Texas Playboys in the 1950s. Since then, Gimble has played and recorded with a who's who of artists, including Chet Atkins, Joan Baez,

si Colter, The E ers, Merle Hagg Jennings, Loretta McCartney & V McIntire, Dolly 1 Russell, Conway

many others. Keeping with Hot Club of Co bring their own b jazz to the evening has toured with and Willie Nelson

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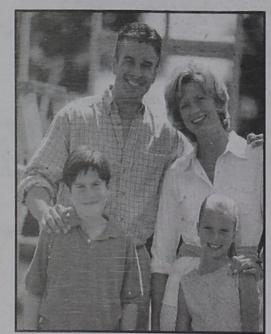
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Steve Ferguson at the Municipal Auditorium Plaza Doors open for the Threadgill Concert featuring Asleep at the Wheel, Johnny Gimble and Hot Club of Cowtown. The drawing for the \$1,000-plus shopping spree will be made

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POLE VAULTERS MAKE THEIR MARK







vaulters from Rockwall County earned medals during the 2008 UIL Track and Field Championships in Austin last weekend. From left: Royse City's Luke Beck, Rockwall's Shelby Kennard and Charvia Bell lity each claimed silver medals while Rockwall's Grant Gunderson was third and won a bronze medal.

cal athletes return with 10 medals

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IN - A group of seven lotes tried their hand at the Track and Field Chams in Austin last weekend, returned with shiny, new

s even more impressive is e five medals came in the ent, as pole vaulters from and Royse City each finleast third in state compe-

all's Shelby Kennard led of vaulters and was the compete at last year's et. Kennard finished tied but lost out on a medal in

her season-best height of

a silver medal in the Class 5A girls eighth in the Class 3A girls high ju pole vault.

Royse City's Charvia Bell and Luke Beck also finished second to win silver medals. Rockwall's Grant Gunderson collected a bronze with a third-place finish.

Rockwall-Heath's Travis Cunningham made school history by just qualifying for the state meet, becoming the first athlete to do so at RHHS, but made history again by becoming the first to medal at the state meet. Cunningham clocked a time of 48.35 to finish third and earn a bronze medal in the Class 4A boys 400-meter dash.

Royse City's Megan Frausto won two medals at last year's meet, but failed to take the medal stand af-'ear she didn't disappoint, ter a fourth-place finish in the Class 3A girls long jump. Frausto's nd clearing 12-09 to earn—teammate, Skyler Strahm, finished—ter relay team finished sixth

Heritage Christian Academy's Jared Huckabee had quite a weekend May 2-3 during the 2008 TAPPS State Track and Field Championships at Baylor University in Waco.

Huckabee won a total of four medals - two gold and two silver and John Donahoe won a silver during the two-day meet.

Huckabee claimed state titles in the 110M and 300M hurdles and won silver medals with secondplace finishes in the long and triple jump events.

Donahoe took second place in the 110M hurdles.



Baye Cheek finished fifth in the While most qualifiers from the area received medals, Royse City's Skyler Strahm and girls shot put and the girls 400-me- Megan Frausto weren't so fortunate. Strahm (above) finished eighth in the high jump



s Jordan Hammontree slides in safe at home during Saturday's Game 2 victory over Mesquite Field. The Jackets won the last two games of the series to advance to the regional quarterfinals nbeaten and nationally-ranked Plano West

Lady Bulldogs closing in on state tournament

By CLIFF GIBSON sports@rockwallcountynews.com

Solid pitching and timely hitting have helped the Royse City Lady Bulldogs survive three rounds in the Class 3A softball playoffs, and if they can do it twice more, a trip to the

state tournament is their reward. Royse City (27-7) dropped the first game of a best-of-three regional quarterfinal series to ninth-ranked Celina (24-12), but bounced back to win the next two and advance to the regional semifinals Thursday and Saturday

That series will take place Thursday in Lindale as Game 1 is set to begin at 7 p.m. Game 2 is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Sulphur Springs and if needed, Game 3 will begin shortly after.

against Spring Hill (27-11-1).

Celina's Kassidy Holmes pitched a one-hitter and struck out five and Brittanie Knowles went 3-for-4 and scored twice as Celina took a 4-2 win in the opener.

After 11 scoreless innings in Game 2, Dezy Arrendondo recorded a game-winning RBIdouble in a 1-0 win for Royse City on Friday.

Another 1-run game, this time a 3-2 decision gave Royse City the series victory and propelled them into the round of 16 against

Spring Hill won the District 15-3A title and after a bye in the bi-district round, defeated Van (1-2, 8-1, 4-2) in the area round before sweeping White Oak last weekend (12-1, 6-3) in the quarterfinals.

The winner of this series will face either Liberty-Eylau or Frisco Wakeland in the Region II Championship next week.

Royse City's baseball team had its season ended Friday as Lake Worth swept the area playoff series by scores of 7-5 and 4-0. The Bulldogs end the season at 16-10 but captured a second straight bi-district title.

kets rally past Mesquite but beaten Plano West is waiting

By LARY BUMP

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ing and defense again carried Rockough a hard-fought series, allowing owjackets to advance to the Region II quarterfinals.

ist week's best-of-three area round, d to battle back after losing the first hen held off a late

the third contest. he second consecu-3k, centerfielder Jorammontree came

a big series-ending led Mesquite, 8-6 ie out and the tying oat Saturday. He ran fly ball, then turned ew to second base to

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te a double play. mmontree's catch was not as amazhe one against Wylie. He made it look ths coach Jeff Payne said. "It was the ip move to throw back to second base ole off a runner that was huge.

nmontree had ended the deciding of the bi-district series against Wylie diving, backhand catch.

Now the Jackets (21-11) are one of just 32 teams remaining in the playoffs.

They face their biggest challenge this week against the state's top-ranked team, Plano West (32-0)

Rockwall lost twice this season in District 10-5A play to another unbeaten team, Rowlett, which also is still alive in the playoffs. Payne said, "I expect West to look just like

Rowlett, with no real weaknesses. We'll have to play our best baseball to win. They are number one in the state and number four in the nation and they expect to win it all.

expectations weren't as great for the Jackets after they lost the first game at home against

Mesquite on Friday.

The Skeeters put together seven hits to defeat Rockwall and Cody Fields, 5-3.

That meant RHS needed to win twice Saturday at Mesquite's Tillery Field to win the series. It was easier said than done.

Travis Ballew struggled early but got out of jams and settled into a nice groove," Payne

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Reaping Rewards



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Sunny Satery (left) and Shelby Adamson (center) recently signed national letters of intent to play college basketball. Satery signed with Midwestern State and Adamson signed with Tarleton State. The two were part of the 2006-2007 unbeaten Class 5A state championship team and went 43-0 at home during their 4-year varsity career. Satery holds the all-time career assists record at RHS with 641. Pictured with the signees is RHS coach Jill McDill.

Dazzling Display



The Dallas Mavericks' Mavs Man once again wowed the crowd with his high-flying antics during the student-faculty basketball game at Rockwall-Heath High School last weekend.

Jackets

said. "He finished strong and allowed very few runners after the third.

Ballew (8-2) finished with a two-hit complete game.

The Jackets won 6-1, with doubles by Jake Inmon and Michael Hatcher leading an eight-hit attack.

In the hail-delayed final game, Richard Parson and Ryan Harris provided the pitching.

Parsons held the Skeeters (15-16-1) to one hit over the first five innings while his teammates were building up a big lead.

Hammontree and Troy Grant, who went 4-for-4 in the series, each had a double. Payne said, "Really, there

was no big star, just getting enough runs to survive." The Jackets led 8-3 entering the bottom of the seventh

Trey Evans, who had four home runs in Mesquite's bidistrict series win, hit a threerun blast to cut the margin to

Harris was on the mound when Hammontree started the game-ending double

Pitching again is likely to be important against Plano

The Wolves' Ben Flores and Drew Johnson are each 8-0, and Robert Huber is 3-0 with five saves.

Their leading hitter is Jason Coats with a .474 average, seven homers and 36 runs

For the Jackets, Payne said, "Ballew is turning into another big-game arm for us, just as Cody Fields is," Payne

Payne's game plan for knocking off the Wolves sounds a lot simpler than it's likely to be: "We'll try to stay loose and spoil the party if we

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Despite heart-breaking ending in 2008, Lady Hawks' future looks brighter than ever

By MATT McGILLEN sports@terrelltribune.com

HEATH - The uniforms have all been cleaned and put away. The bats and balls stored for the summer. And the tear-streaked faces washed and refitted with their usual smiles.

But the heartache likely

For the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks, who had their post season dreams come to a heart-wrenching halt when the Hallsville Lady Cats wiped out their three-run lead by scoring four times in the bottom of the seventh in the area playoffs May 3, the what-might-have-beens- and if-onlys will likely last until next May.

And for coach Kourtny Westerfeld, that's not necessarily a bad thing. In fact, in the big-picture view of the only softball coach that Heath has ever had, the Lady Hawks just might be right on schedule.

Even though, the season didn't have the ending we wanted, the girls did have a very successful season," said Westerfeld, who took on the task of starting the softball program from scratch when Rockwall-Heath opened in

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that by being the first team ing hit .300 or better this seato win in the playoffs and advance to the area round.

"Next season we are looking to advance deeper into playoffs and to continue the its pitchers, Victoria Combs tradition of success."

made much easier for the erages under 2.00. Lady Hawks, according to Westerfeld, because they lose only one player from this year's team - senior outfielder Kirsten Embrey.

"She has been an important part of the program, playing left field and hitting in the five-hole position," Westerfeld said. "However, we are returning eleven playnext season strong.

turning will be senior-to-be feeling," Westerfeld said. shortstop Sarah Long who led Heath in virtually every offensive category, including compiling an eye-popping regular season average

She also led the Lady Hawks in the postseason, stretching her 2008 consecutive game hitting streak to 34 by hitting safely in all five postseason games, including a 3-for-4, two-runs scored performance in the season-

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With eight of the nine po-This season they bettered sition players returning havson, the Lady Hawks should continue to be an offensive

Heath also returns both (14-7) and Chelsey Eddy (6-4), A goal that will likely be who both had earned run av-

Eddy, who had off-season elbow surgery, threw every inning of a 24-inning marathon as the Lady Hawks outlasted Hallsville 3-2 in the opening game of the area playoff series and then came back the next day to try and get her team to the third round of the post season.

"I talked with Chelsey afers and are looking to start ter the 24-inning game that night and again the next The strongest of those re- morning to see how she was

'Saturday morning her

she started her warm-up, the stiffness worked out and she was fine. Chelsey threw a great game Friday night and another great game on Satur-

And despite the short term unhappy ending for this year's team, Westerfeld says her team has a well-defined, long-term plan.

When we first started this program three years ago, the girls and I sat down and talked about what we wanted Rockwall-Heath softball to represent and what legacy they wanted to leave behind them when they left," said Westerfeld.

'Their goal was to build a program that has a tradition of success and to challenge future Lady Hawks to continue that."



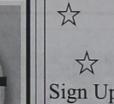
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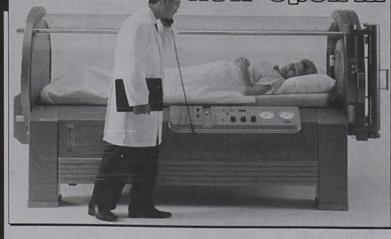
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The Rockwall Independent School District is receiving sealed proposals for athletic, property/casualty, and Workers' Comp insurance coverage's. Proposal packages may be requested from the Risk Management department at 469-698-7030. The District anticipates award at the July 21, 2008 board meeting. The effective date of the program will be September 1, 2008. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on June 5, 2008 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposals should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be opened and identified but not read.

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