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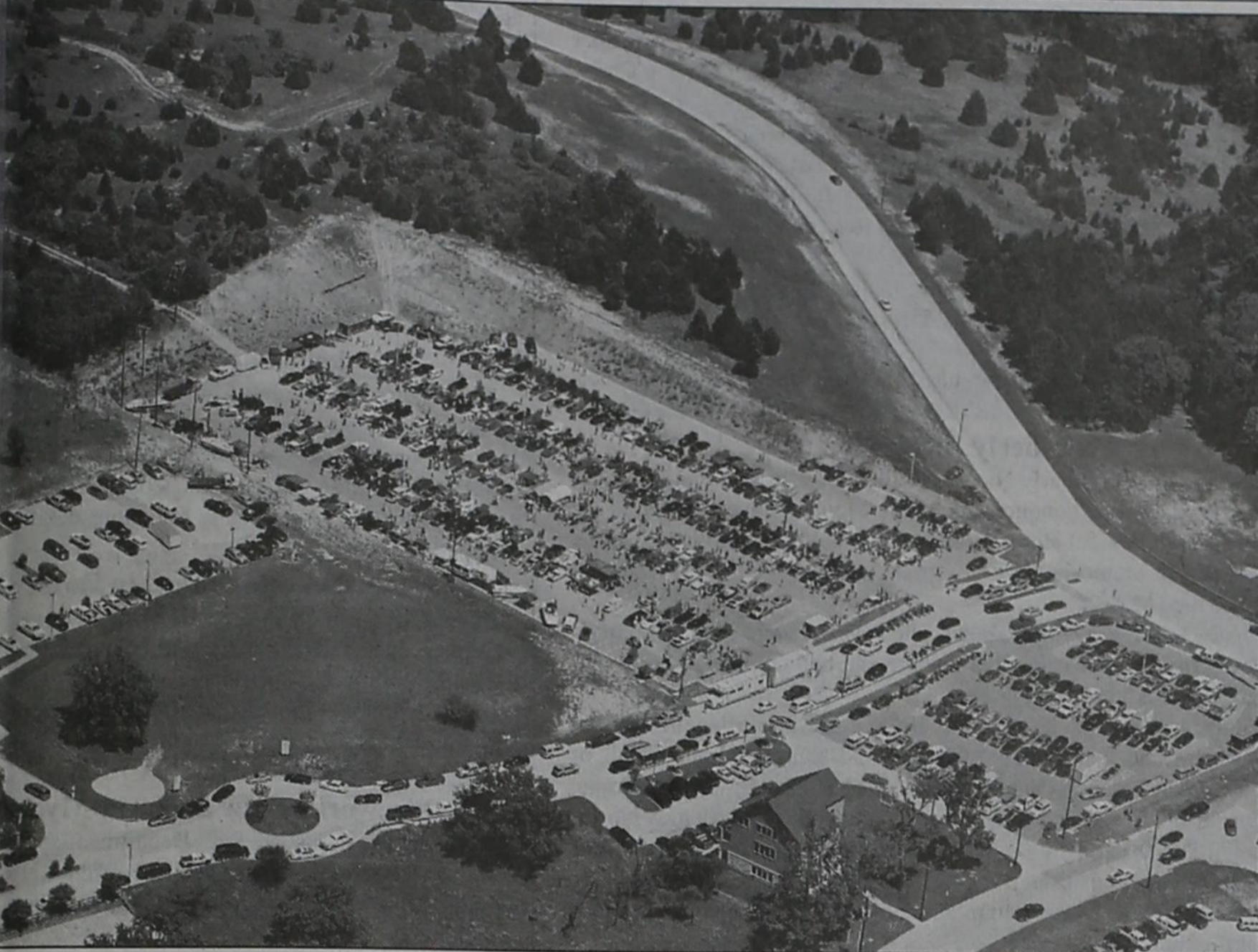
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Cars for CASA

Hundreds of cars, trucks and motorcycles lines up at The Harbor on Sunday, May 17 for the annual Lone Star CASA "Cars for CASA" benefit. Awards were given in several categories during the event. Lone Star CASA is a Rockwall and Kaufman County non-profit organization, which advocates for abused and neglected children while they are in the court system. The event was co-sponsored by the Rockwall Division of the Home Builders Association.

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Hwy. 66 lane changes slated

State Hwy. 66 in Rockwall is being reduced to a single lane of traffic daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from John King Boulevard east to Davis Street because of waterline construction.

According to a recent City of Rockwall news release, signage should be in place to direct drivers. Flagmen also will be on hand to help direct traffic.

The construction project will last approximately two months, according to the news release. The project began May 26.

Questions regarding the project should be directed to Jeff Persful, the city's construction inspector, or Kathleen Lappen, the city's project manager, at 972-771-7746.

'Get Smart' auditions set for Rockwall Community Playhouse Teen Theater

Auditions for the Rockwall Community Playhouse Camp Broadway Teen Theater production of "Get Smart" will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7 at the Playhouse. Felicia Sykes will direct the show.

Auditions will be open, cold readings from the script. No appointment is necessary. All roles are available for this teenage cast, ages 12-19. Performance dates are July 24, 25, 26, 31, Aug 1, 2, 2009.

The Rockwall Community Playhouse invites everyone to audition, no experience necessary. The Rockwall Community Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk in Rockwall.

News Briefs

June H.A.T.S. event planned

The Heath-Area Terrific Seniors, or H.A.T.S., will meet Wednesday for a trip to the Dallas Holocaust Museum exhibit. The event will begin with a brunch at IHOP, followed by the trip from noon to 1:30 p.m. Admission will be \$4. RSVP to Judy at 972-771-1605 or Barbara at 972-771-0817.

Republican Lunch Bunch meets Wednesday

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip. No reservations required; open to all area Republicans. For information call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

Wednesday is Night for Networking event

Harbor Mail's Night for Networking will run from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Harbor Mail Store. Participants are encouraged to bring business cards, samples and coupons to share. For more information call Alma at 972-722-3807.

Blaze of Glory to perform Thursday

Admission is free to the Thursday Concert by the Lake events conducted weekly at The Harbor. Upcoming bands include, on Thursday, Blaze of Glory; June 11, VooDoo Blue; June 18, Hanna's Reef; and June 25, Professor D. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Pools to open Friday

The pools at Harry Myers Park and Gloria Williams Park will open Friday. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission will be free to children through 24 months, 50 cents for children ages 2 through 17, \$2.50 for individuals ages 18 and older and \$5 for a family (six individuals in the same household).

Dinosaur Exploration Camp set

Youths ages 6-8 can attend a Dinosaur Exploration Camp from 9 a.m. to noon June 8-12 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$80 for Rockwall residents, \$120 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch event is June 12

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at various restaurants. This month's location is the Cracker Barrel on June 12. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

RHS All-Class Alumni Banquet set

The 58th Annual Rockwall High All-Class Alumni Banquet is set for 6 p.m. June 13 in the RHS cafeteria. Classes of '39, '49, '59, '69, '79, '89, '99 and 2009 will be honored. Tickets cost \$15 at the Community Bank and American National Bank or e-mail rockwallhighschoolalumni.com. Reserve space by e-mailing info@rockwallhighschoolalumni.com or call Mary Grace Frasier, 214-863-6960. Tickets or reservations required.

Pirate Island Art Camp slated

An art camp with a pirate theme will be offered for children ages 3-6 at the Harry Myers Community Center from 9 a.m. to noon June 15-19. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Women's summer Bible study offered

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will offer a women's Bible study, Vertically Inclined-Climbing Higher with God, beginning at 9:30 a.m. June 17. The seven-week Wednesday study will be based on Phillipians 3:14 and was created by the author who penned "Conversation Peace."

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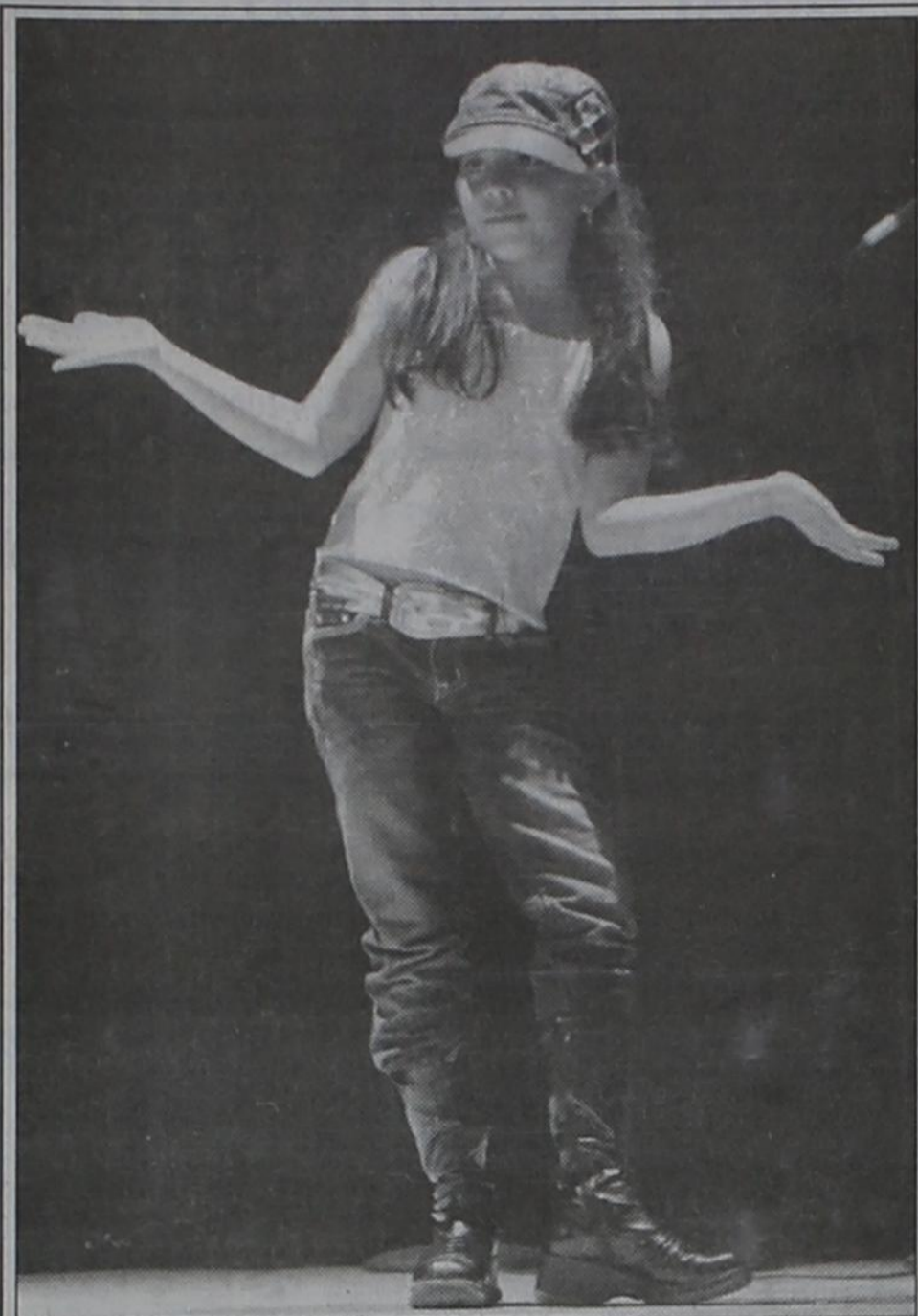
Rockwall-Heath High School DECA recently donated \$100 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rockwall for the purchase of items for the Club Depot Room. The Club Depot is a prize room where Boys and Girls Club participants can purchase items with tickets earned in the program. Pictured with Boys and Girls Club members from the left at back are DECA students Chris Mount, Mariah Washington, and Heather Howser.



Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil (left) spoke at the open house and grand reopening of the Primrose School in Rockwall recently. With him are (left to right) Primrose Owners Jim and Paige Hensley, teachers Ronique Thomas, Wendy Murphy, Veronica Jaynes, Kim Anderson, Kim Hayes, Lori Sexton, Christina Pille and students Kylie Sinclair, Derek Baughman, Gabriel Quintero and Jacob Huch.

Photo by Susan Lyles

Coming Soon: "Rockwall County's Best"



Rochell Elementary School student Lesley Jimenez was one of 26 students who performed at the annual Tuesday, May 5 talent show.

26 students participate in Rochell Elementary PTA talent show

A talent show that had been postponed twice because of inclement weather finally took place May 5 at Amanda Rochell Elementary.

Twenty-six students participated in the event thanks to the persistence of Melissa Corporon, PTA talent show coordinator, and volunteers Marie Corey, Karen Coltharp, Melissa English and Trish Provencio.

The show included 17 performances. "I feel that the talent show is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their special talents and to enhance their self esteem and confidence," said Linda Lyon, school counselor. "They have so much fun from the beginning of rehearsals through the night of the show... working with others, learning skills for being on stage and realizing that if our performance is not exactly as we expected we can still carry on... and laugh and have a good time."

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Dr. Edwin Earl Davis

Graveside services with full military honors for Dr. Edwin Earl Davis, 78, of Marietta, Ga., formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 2009, in the Cheatham Hill Memorial Park in Marietta. The West Cobb Funeral Home and Crematory in Marietta was in charge of arrangements.

He died May 24.

He was retired from the U.S. Navy, where he achieved the rank of senior chief petty officer and served on the USS Tunny out of Pearl Harbor. Following his retirement, he obtained a Ph.D. in education and served as a professor of criminal justice at Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga., and director of campus at Fort Gordon. A former employee of the State of Florida HRS Department, he was a Christian.

Survivors include his son, Jeff Davis of Cumming, Ga.; his daughters, Sharon Vitale of Marietta and Shawn Ball of Woodbridge; his brothers, Robert Davis and Ernest Davis Jr., both of Garland; one sister, Betty Wright of Elbert, Colo.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

The funeral home's online guestbook is located at westcobbfuneralhome.com.

Kimberly Nicole Northcutt

Services for Kimberly Nicole Northcutt, 18, of Ladonia, formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died May 22.

Born July 29, 1990, in Dallas, she was a student at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Okla., where she had completed her freshman year studying nursing.

Survivors include her parents, Brian and Katrina Janelle (Baker) Northcutt and her brothers, Gannon and Austen Northcutt, all of Ladonia; her grandparents, Stephen and Melinda Davis of Ladonia, Donald and Lisa Baker of Gun Barrel City, Ricky and Melody Northcutt of Dallas and Donna (Northcutt) Fite of Ladonia; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to Habitat for Humanity.

Rock Wall Chapter of DAR awards scholarship to Michelle Elder

The Rock Wall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has awarded Hannah Michelle Elder of Forney a \$1,000 Scholarship.

Elder was first selected by the faculty at Forney High School to be the Rock Wall Chapter DAR Good Citizen Representative. As the Good Citizen Representative, she displayed the qualities of good citizenship: leadership, dependability, patriotism and service to school and the community.

She then competed with Good Citizen Representatives from five other area high schools. She was presented with the scholarship and a certificate at the Senior Awards Assembly in the Forney High School Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 22.

Elder is a graduate of Forney High School. She plans to attend junior college in the Dallas area and major in Theatre with a minor in English. She is the daughter of Robert and Cynthia Elder of Forney. She has two brothers, Jordan and Noah.



Secret Agent Camp set

CSI-themed science activities will be offered in a Secret Agent Camp for youths ages 9-12. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 3-7 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch set Aug. 14

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Aug. 14 at Patti's Place. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Doggie Splash Day slated

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host its annual Doggie Splash Day event beginning at 10 a.m. Aug. 15 at Myers Park Pool. The event will include a swimsuit contest, dog paddle race and a retrieving contest for the dogs. Cost will be \$5 per dog; swimming pet owners will swim free of charge. All dogs must have proof of rabies vaccinations to be eligible to participate.

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Chemistry is focus of summer camp

Bubbles, Smoke & Explosions will be offered to youths in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 22-26. Cost will be \$140 for residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Drama camp set June 22-26

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

Art camp set

A pair of four-day art camps where students will use different media will be offered to youths ages 6-13 on June 22-23 and July 1 and July 20-23. The event will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at The Center. Cost will be \$120 for Rockwall residents, \$150 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Garden camp to focus on sciences

Welcome to the Garden Camp, open to youths ages 6-10 cover several areas of science. The event, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon, will take place June 29 through July 3 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost is \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

FourthFest planned in Royse City

Royse City's 4th Annual FourthFest Parade and Festival will take place July 4. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. in the town area, followed by activities, music and food at the football stadium. A professional fireworks display is set for 9 p.m. For details visit roysecity.com or call 972-636-5000. Entrants must register in advance.

Fireworks show at Harry Myers Park

A Rockwall Parks & Rec Department-sponsored fireworks show synchronized to music will be offered at dusk at Harry Myers Park. Participants are encouraged to bring picnic baskets, blankets or lawn chairs.

Camp with Barbie

Youths ages 5-8 and their Barbies will learn how to prepare for special occasions, practice good manners, make new friends and learn the importance of school as part of Camp with Barbie. The camp will run from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost will be \$85 for Rockwall residents, \$128 for non-residents. For details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Intro to Computers class offered

An Introduction to Computers course designed for individuals ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on July 9 at The Center. Cost will be \$20 for Rockwall residents, \$30 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch set July 10

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. July 10 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Art camp to focus on safari fun

A safari-themed art camp for youths ages 3-6 will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost will be \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Modern Art Camp set

Youths ages 6-10 will learn about a variety of contemporary art in the Modern Art Camp that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 13-17 at the Harry Myers Community Center. Cost is \$139 for Rockwall residents, \$194 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Surfing the 'Net class available

A Surfing the 'Net class for individuals ages 50 and older will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays July 14-30 at The Center. Cost will be \$50 for Rockwall residents, \$75 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Red Hot Robots Camp offered

Robots of all types will be the focus of a camp for youths ages 9-12 to run from 9 a.m. to noon July 20-24 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$120, \$150 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Science camp scheduled

A camp covering a multitude of sciences - from biology to chemistry - will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon on July 27-31 at the Harry Myers Community Center. The program is for youths ages 6-9. Cost will be \$140 for Rockwall residents, \$210 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

FUMC Heath to host Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host a Bible school, Camp Edge, from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7. Bibles and sheets are available at the church office, 140 Smirly Drive. For more details, visit the church Web site: fumcheath.org.

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Mental illness support groups meet July

Two NAMI free support groups, one for those with mental illness and one for family members, will meet from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, Yellow Jacket Lane. For more information, call Room 121 while family members meet in Room 123, both in the Call Hall or Dee White Room. Call 972-412-6030 for more information.

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RISD program offering specialized summer courses

Rockwall Independent School District will offer a new summer program, Taking Flight, this summer for students who have completed the seventh, eighth or ninth grade. The program will be geared toward students looking for summer enrichment in areas of arts, technology and the future, according to district officials. Eight different summer courses will be offered, along with three career exploration internships, business and medical fields.

The following is an overview of courses planned:

- Reading** – Monday through Thursday, June 15 through July 2, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$190; completion also counts for 1/2 credit. Facilitated by Jennifer Faunce.
- Arts** – Monday through Thursday, June 15 through July 2, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$150. Facilitated by Kay Orr.
- Business** – Monday through Thursday, June 15 through July 2, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$150. Facilitated by Kathleen Finan.
- Arts** – Monday through Thursday, June 15-25, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Zanata Restaurant on the Rockwall Square. Cost: \$150. Facilitated by the Zanata Restaurant chef.
- Reading** – Monday through Thursday; Session I, June 15 through July 2, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Session II, July 13-30; 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$190 per session counts for one high school credit by attending both sessions for students who have completed eighth or ninth grade. Facilitated by Becky Henderson.
- Scholarships** – Monday through Thursday, June 15-25, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$150. Facilitated by Sherry Harton.
- Pre-Readiness Seminar** – Monday through Thursday, June 15-25, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$150. Facilitated by Michelle Desmond Grosshuesch.
- Reading** – Monday through Thursday, June 15 through July 2, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$150. Facilitated by Branson Washburn.

These courses will be offered in June at Cain Middle School unless otherwise noted. Registration is due by June 1. For more information about the internships, call Dan Crawford at 469-972-3300.



The Fulton School Drama Club performed "Fairytale Courtroom" earlier this month. Pictured are, back row, Sharron Hale, director; Katie Crawford; Anna Borgen; Kamryn Burns; Kaylee Drake; and Susan Hansley, faculty adviser. Shown at the front are Zoe Beyer and Maddie Lundell.

Barbie's Feet Chronicles: The House of the Rising Water

Nothing worse than having your hot water heater go out onto carpet with water splashing up high enough to dampen the hem of your nightgown? Okay, okay, it would be worse to have an upstairs hot water heater leak onto your white pleated skirt when you're heading to attend church.

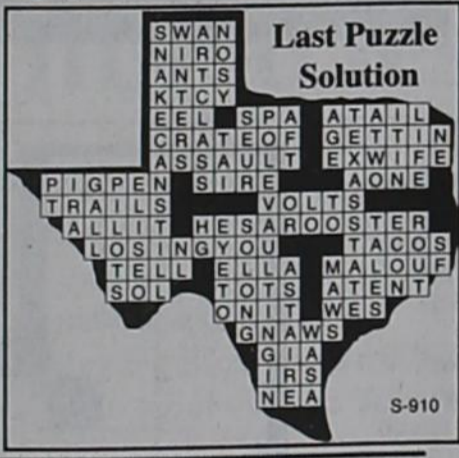
The optimistic, Lanny Joe, said, "No problem, Cindy. You can take the old hot water heater out and install a new one. Here, put on these leather work gloves." And I went to the platform 20 inches off the floor, and the drain valve that emptied the 50 gallons of water into buckets, thus rendering the next three hours of heave-ho straining of every muscle, and wrinkled tissue in my body, the water heater wasn't leaking. We might as well have tried to waltz with a water heater pinned him against the wall and cut off his time wisely by hurriedly sopping up the soggy carpet before rolling the water heater off his chest so he could hear the screeching of metal as our fingernails poked through work gloves and dug into the water heater when it pulled the gas valve and crashed to the floor. That's when my teeth and Lanny seemed to convert the unit from electric to gas. Suddenly, the valve snapped and the floodgate opened. The remaining dry towel to absorb 50 gallons of rushing water immediately grabbed a bucket to catch the flow. I emptied the bucket a few moments later, Lanny wanted me to stuff the towel into the hole to stop the gushing water without the leather glove wet. "Take your glove off," he said, while I stuffed the towel, "and stuff that into the hole." I wasn't watching Lanny's verbal orders, without realizing he meant for me to stuff the towel into the hole. I took off my leather work glove and began stuffing it into the hole. He rolled his eyes. He reminded me of the village blacksmith who found an apprentice willing to work hard at low pay. The smith immediately gave instructions to the lad: "Take the metal out of the anvil; and with my head, you hit it with the hammer."

The blacksmith had to be re-primed. Lanny Joe, the smith immediately gave instructions to the lad: "Take the metal out of the anvil; and with my head, you hit it with the hammer."



Poetry Community Christian School Middle and High School students recently received Annual Faculty Awards for the current academic year. Shown at front, from the left, are Megan Buhr, Distinguished MS Student-English; Hunter Pierrotti and Haley Jones, both Spirit Award winners; Renee McBride, Distinguished HS Student-Math; Jayson Stibbe, Distinguished MS Student-English; and Joshua Beeson, Distinguished MS Student-Science. At back are Rachel Huddelston and Josh Newman, both Spirit Award recipients; Jordan Wood, Distinguished HS Student-Spanish; Josh Bantsev, Distinguished HS Student-Science, English; Alexandra Foreman, Distinguished HS Student-History; and A.J. Cummins, Distinguished MS Student-History.

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Springer Elementary School's "Concert in the Park"

The Springer Elementary School sixth grade Guitar Ensemble accompanied first through sixth graders singing songs by the Beatles at the school's "Concert in the Park: An Evening of the Beatles," on Tuesday, May 26 at the Harry Myers Park Amphitheater. Music teacher Susan Wadley (right) directed the choirs as they offered such favorites as Yellow Submarine, Twist and Shout and Hard Days Night.



RHS Cheerleaders

The Rockwall High School cheerleaders and their mascot were on hand to celebrate the grand opening of a new business in north Rockwall on Saturday, May 9. The girls were at the store throughout the morning to meet and greet customers. The RHS cheerleaders are (back row from left) Kaitlyn McGuire, Rain Ramsey, Ashleigh Elsik, Maddy Galloway, Ashley Grandstaff, Britton Webb, Alex Macalik, Catherine Dorsey, (front row from left) Emily Jones, Allie Wentzel, Allegra Melton, Melanie Day, Amy Clough, Chelsea Ramirez, Kim Cortez, Jennifer Walthall and Mascot Sabrina Ramirez.

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When school's out, it's time for summer camps

Summer camp, at least, could be a busy time in the Rockwall Independent School District. It is sponsoring 21 sports camps, 10 of which will begin on June 8, the first week after the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Some camps will donate a portion of their revenues to the Before Victory program, which values leadership and teamwork ahead of winning.

A camp's fee includes a T-shirt. Scholarships and family discounts are available. Some camps have limits on the number of campers. Some state campers' age levels based on the current year, others indicated the grade level as of the fall of 2009. So check the level for the camp(s) that interest your child.

For more information, check the RISD web site at <http://rockwalltx.com/welcometo/districtathletics.asp>.

The following is a chronological list of RISD camps:
 Heath High School wrestling (limited number of campers): June 8-11, age 6-grade 9, 8:30 a.m.-noon, \$75.
 Grades K-6 at 12:30-3 p.m.; 7-12 at 3 to 5 p.m. Fee: \$75.

High School football: June 8-11. Grades 4-9, 8:30 a.m.-noon, \$75.
 Football, grades K-6, June 8-11; grades 7-9, Aug. 3-6, both \$75.

Basketball, June 8-11. Grades 2-5 at 9 a.m.-noon; 6-9 at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; \$85 thereafter.

Ball: June 8-11, age 6-grade 9, 8:30 a.m.-noon, \$75.

Volleyball: June 8-11, grade 4-6 at 9 a.m.-noon, 7-9 at 1-4 p.m., \$75.

Tennis: June 8-12 and 15-18, grades K-9, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; \$65 per week.

RHHS tennis: June 8-12 and 15-18; age 5-grade 8 and beyond, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$65 per week.

RHS strength: June 8-July 23, Monday through Thursday; grades 9-12 at 7-8:30 a.m. or 8:30-10 a.m. or 5:30-7 p.m., \$100.

RHHS strength: June 8-July 23, Monday through Thursday, grades 10-12 at 8-10 a.m.; June 15-July 23, Monday through Thursday, grade 9 or grade 9-12 at 10 a.m.-noon, \$100.

RHS baseball: June 15-18; grades 1-3 and 4-6 at 8-11 a.m. and grades 7-8 at noon-3 p.m., \$75.

RHS golf: June 15-18, 8:30-11:30 a.m., \$150.

RHHS girls' gymnastics: June 15-July 9 and July 20-Aug. 14; middle school gymnasts at 9 a.m.-noon; \$55 per week or \$200 per session.

RHS middle school strength: June 15-July 23, Monday through Thursday, grades 7-8, 10-11:30 a.m., \$100.

RHHS baseball: June 22-25, grades K-6 at 8-11 a.m. and grades 7-9 at noon-3 p.m., \$85.

RHHS boys' basketball: June 22-25, grades 7-9 at 9 a.m.-noon and grades 3-6 at 1-4 p.m., \$80.

RHS boys' basketball: June 22-25, grades 3-5 at 9 a.m.-noon and grades 6-8 at 1-4 p.m.; \$75 through June 19, \$85 thereafter.

RHS soccer: June 22-26, grades 5-8 at 9-11 a.m., \$75.

RHHS girls' soccer: June 22-26, grades 3-6 at 8-10 a.m. and grades 7-9 at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$80.

RHHS girls' basketball: June 29-July 2, grades 4-6 at 9 a.m.-noon and grades 7-9 at 1-4 p.m., \$70.

RHHS soccer: July 15-18, boys and girls, grades 1-7 at 5-7 p.m. and grades 8-9 at 6-8 p.m., \$75.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule this week

Friday, June 5 - Varsity track and field: State meet at Myers Stadium, University of Texas, Austin, girls' pole vault at 3 p.m.



Throwing a perfect game

Eleven-year old Joseph Solis of Rockwall, a pitcher for the Texas Sport White 11-Under team, threw a perfect game Saturday, May 9 against the East Texas Red Sox in the Super Series in Terrell. After throwing just 27 pitches, putting away nine batters and with the help of an outstanding infield, the Sports walked away with a 13-0 win. The win helped the Sports take second place in the tournament. Solis, a student at Dobbs Elementary School who has been playing baseball for two years, has thrown three no-hitters this year. Team coach is Kyle Houpt.

Photo Courtesy of Julie Solis

Royse City Bulldogs' schedule this week

Saturday, May 30 - Football: Spring game, Royse City ISD Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 5 - Varsity track and field: State meet at Myers Stadium, University of Texas, Austin, 800-meter run at 6:20 p.m.

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They are the Rockwall-Heath High School Family, Career, Leaders of America officers for the 2009-10 school year. Shown at top, from the left, are Alex West, social chair; Annie Tanner, community service co-chair; Macall Smith, membership chair; Jessica Winters, historian; and Zach Leur, president. Pictured at bottom are Shelby Arledge, community service co-chair; Kameron Reeder, a president; and Hannah Reeder, vice-president.



As the school year winds down, Grace Hartman Elementary fourth graders participated in a research project of historical figures, from the past and present, which have made a significant impact on the State of Texas. Historical favorites included Texas legend James Bowie, former U.S. First Lady Lady Bird Johnson, seven-time Tour de France bicycle racer Lance Armstrong and Susanna Dickenson, the only Anglo survivor of the battle at the Alamo. Students created posters, prepared speeches, and with a little creativity, costumes brought these well-known people to life in Rockwall. The school also hosted its annual wax museum opening for parents and fellow students. With a push of the "button," figures shared pieces of their lives and the role they played in Texas history.

Ringling Brothers clown to visit area libraries June 16

Learn what it takes to soar on the flying trapeze or just what those cream pies that the clowns throw? Or maybe learn facts about one of the more than 100 cities the mile-long parade visits or how to teach your old dog a new trick?

David and Cherie Gregg, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Ambassadors of Laughter, for some serious fun on Tuesday, June 16, as they visit four area public libraries, including the Rockwall Library and the Rowlett Public Library, to encourage reading fun.

The visit will help kick-off the Reading with Ringling Bros. campaign. Children ages two to 12 can earn a free circus ticket by simply reading. To participate, children enroll with their librarian, who will give them a reading log and clown nose to wear during the summer.

Librarians will stamp the log for each book read, and when the log is turned in at the box office where the circus will be performing, the free ticket.

For more information, visit www.ReadingwithRingling.com.

The 16 schedule includes the following locations and times:

- Public Library: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Main Street: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Rockwall County Library: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Yellowjacket Lane: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Brooks West Memorial: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 741 South: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Rockwall County Library: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Houston: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The 30-minute circus story time will encourage children to read and discover, dream and learn. The library event is free to the public. For more information on the additional cities

and libraries David and Cherie Gregg and the other Ambassadors of Laughter plan to visit, go to www.ReadingwithRingling.com.

When the Ringling Bros. summer reading program first started in 2006, the Ambassadors of Laughter visited approximately 30 libraries in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This year, they will visit more than 100 libraries in a three-week period with two teams of clowns.

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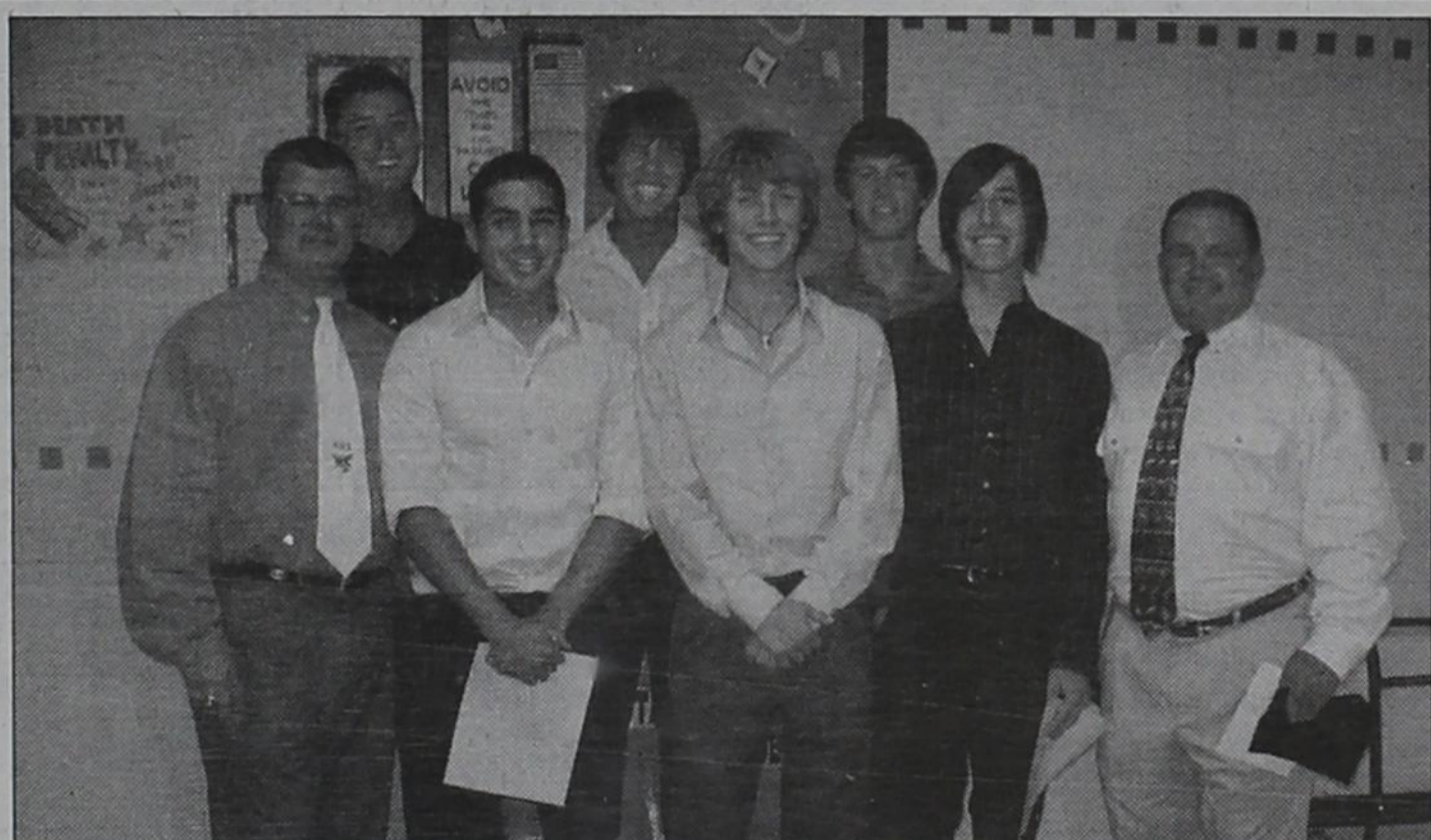
Hawks' breakout season ends with double loss to Texarkana in regional semifinals



Hawks third baseman John Branum (left) tags a Texarkana runner during Friday's regional semi-final game here. A Texarkana coach (right) signals "safe," and the umpire agreed.
Staff Photo by Carl McClung



Hawks pitcher James Baune throws the ball to first baseman Jake Thompson in an attempted tag during the final game of post season play for the Hawks last Friday.
Staff Photo by Carl McClung



Receiving awards, with coaches, during the May 11 Rockwall HS Golf Banquet are (left to right) Coach Watkins, Ari Lara, Andrew Waldie, Angelo Ramirez, Coach Henderson (back row) Mike Furlong, Jake Claver and Gabe Antony. Not pictured is Matt Kinnear.

Sports Notes

Lake Ray Hubbard Twilight paddle

An evening of kayaking on Lake Ray Hubbard will be offered by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday. Participants will meet at the Hwy. 66 boat ramp. This will not be an instructional event; ACA-certified kayak instructors will be present to provide assistance. Fee (\$40 for Rockwall residents, \$60 for non-residents) will include use of equipment and a guided tour. Contact Dave at 972-412-7691 for more details.

Rockwall Open at Buffalo Creek

Player slots and sponsorship opportunities remain open for the 17th annual Rockwall Open at Buffalo Creek on Friday. Lunch will be included starting at 11:30 a.m.; free range balls for practice will be provided. Tee off is at 1 p.m. In ad-

ditional to hole-in-one prizes, the event will include a raffle and live auction prizes. Fee also includes a steak dinner from the Saltgrass Steakhouse. Register at rockwall-chamber.org.

Angling program for youths

An interactive program designed to teach parents and children ages 8-13 the basics of angling will be offered on Saturday and on July 18 and Aug. 8 at Pickens Lake. The program will run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participants should bring their own poles; some bait will be provided. Cost will be \$10 for Rockwall residents, \$15 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Golf event set at Stone River

A four-man scramble benefiting the Caddo Mills High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America organization will take

place Saturday at the Stone River Golf Club in Roysse City. Lunch will be at 2 p.m., followed by a 3 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$40 per person, \$140 for a team of four. To sign up contact Brian McKamy or Lacey Mills at 903-527-3164 or lmills@caddomillsisd.org.

Skyhawks Basketball program

Skyhawks Sports Basketball, which will run June 8-12, will teach fundamental skills to youths ages 7-14 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Cost will be \$98 for Rockwall residents, \$147 for non-residents. For more details, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Fit Kidz program scheduled

Fit Kidz, a fun and motivational program designed to teach youngsters healthy habits with games, skills and drills, will run from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesdays from June 10 through July 1 and July 1-11 in the Harry Myers Community Center.

by Matt McGillen

It was, undoubtedly, a rather unspectacular end to a very spectacular year.

But not even a series sweep by the Texarkana Tigers Region II semifinals by scores of 7-4 and 12-0 last Thursday can diminish what the Rockwall-Heath Hawks has accomplished this season:

- Twenty-seven wins.
 - District 10-4A runnerup.
 - Bi-District champions.
 - Regional semi-finalist.
 - A 5-3 record in their first-ever trip to the postseason.
 - A school-record 16-game winning streak.
 - Winners of 19 of their last 22 games.
- "We definitely would have chosen a different ending," coach Greg Harvey. "But we came up against a really good team that was hitting on all cylinders. They played a great game and we have our best game."

Still, said Harvey, the lopsided season-ender shouldn't detract from anything from what the Hawks did this season.

"It was a great year. To be in just our third year as a program and make it to the fourth round of the playoffs was a great accomplishment. We are not getting our heads down, we are going to be proud of what we did and we feel like we really put together a solid foundation."

A foundation that will go on without the six senior players: Nor Lewis, Charlie Martin, Cody Sargent, Drew VerHagen, Kinser and Matt Bielski - all of whom have been with the program since its inception four years ago.

"I can't say enough about our seniors that have been a part of the program since the school opened," Harvey said. "Even though we had a great group of kids and great talent. It was just trying to put it all together. We knew that the talent was there."

After jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning at Texas High School, things just seemed to go a bit better for the rest of the series against the talented Tigers.

Texarkana scored single runs in the bottom of the first, second and third to pull even with the Hawks at 3-3.

After a scoreless fourth, Heath regained the lead in the fifth when Bielski ripped a 3-2 pitch up the middle for a home run off THS starter Randall Fant since the first inning. Bielski's second and raced all the way home from there on a wild pitch.

The Tigers quickly retied the score when Heath starter Javon Hernandez surrendered a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth and then took the lead for good on an RBI-double 5-4. Hernandez, who went the distance, gave up his third home run in the bottom of the sixth to make it 7-5.

For Hernandez (3-1), it was his first loss of the season.

Tiger reliever Josh Turley struck out the side in the top of the sixth to make a winner of Fant.

In the run-shortened series clincher, played in front of a crowd at the Hawks' Nest, Turley went from reliever to starter, throwing a five-inning two-hitter, striking out five without a run. The hard throwing lefthander used only 50 pitches to complete the game.

After sailing unscathed through the first inning, Heath starter James Baune (8-3) gave up five hits, including a 3-run home run by Slade Heathcott as the Tigers jumped out to a 7-0 lead. The defense didn't do Baune any favors, committing three errors in the first two innings.

The Tigers added two more runs in the third and three in the fourth to pull even with the Hawks at 7-7.

John Branum and VerHagen were the only Hawks with a leadoff single in the third and VerHagen ripped a leadoff double in the bottom of the seventh.

Only one Hawk baserunner managed to get as far as first base in the seventh.

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Competing against more than 40 elementary and middle school choirs, the Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School choirs all received First Division ratings at the Tuesday, May 12 Sandy Lake Music Festival. The APH sixth grade Starlight Singers received a First Division trophy. The fourth grade Lighthouse Singers received a First Division trophy in the Elementary Choir Division and the Most Outstanding Show Choir trophy. On Friday, May 15, the Mariner Honor Choir competed against 27 elementary and 13 middle school choirs, winning a First Division trophy and the Most Outstanding Choir trophy. From left to right, Amy Parks fourth grader Miki Varner, fifth grader Brooke Varner, and fourth grader Anne-Marie Thacker pose with one of the trophies won at the Festival on May 15.
Photo Courtesy of Mary Thacker