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Aroundtown

OP Lunch Bunch

Rockwall County Repub-
Lunch Bunch will meet at
a.m. Wednesday, March
Luigi's Italian Cafe. Cost
0, which includes lunch,
verage, tax and tip. Leon
ttle, (972) 771-6874.

Easter Party

Rockwall Preschool Associa-
s annual Easter party is
cheduled for 9 a.m. Friday,
ch 7 at First United Meth-
t Church in Heath. Reser-
ations are required. Kelly
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urrent information meeting
ncerning the 2008-2009
ad Start and pre-kinder-
rten registration will be
ed from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30
Thursday, March 6 in the
thy Smith Pullen Elemen-
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Grand Opening

e Pointe Church is hosting
and opening from 10 a.m.
2 p.m. Saturday, March 8
ne Lake Rockwall Estates
Community Center.

Republican Women

Rockwall County Repub-
n Women will hold a mem-
ship brunch at 10:30 a.m.
rday, March 8 at the home
Laverne Kennimer, 730 N.
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eaker will be State Rep.
ie Laubenberg. Cost is \$5
the door. Paulette Burks,
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Helping Hands

Rockwall Helping Hands will
a new volunteer training for
als on Wheels from 1 p.m.
2 p.m. Monday, March 3
t 950 Williams St. (972)
9514 and RSVP by Friday,
Feb. 29.

Open House

keland Academy will host
pen house at its 70-acre
ampus in Union Valley from 7
1. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb.
28. (972) 636-3777.

American Legion

American Legion Post 117 in
Rockwall meets at 7 p.m. on
the third Thursday of each
month. Chuck Bealmeier, (469)
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Wimpee, Clark square off in Pct. 1 race

By MARCUS FUNK
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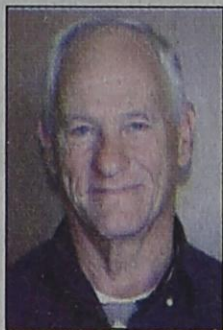
Taxes have taken center stage in the
race for Precinct 1 county commission-
er.

Two Republicans - incumbent Jerry
Wimpee and challenger Bruce Clark -
have narrowed their campaigns to fo-
cus on fiscal affairs and economic is-
sues. Both are also conscious of high
growth rates facing the county.

Local taxation rates are too high, ac-
cording to Clark - especially for a small
county. His principal motivation for en-
tering the race was a hope of lowering
them, he said, as well as the possibility
of cutting back on spending and budget



Jerry Wimpee



Bruce Clark

increases.

Clark said that over the last sever-
al years, the commissioners court has
raised taxes and fees by 25 percent, in-
cluding the addition of a county sales

tax. Clark said they have also substan-
tially increased county salaries - includ-
ing their own.

"It was like nobody was watching the
hen house," Clark said. "It seems to me,
looking at the past eight years, that a lot
of time and effort was spent on deter-
mining where the commissioners court
could find more revenue instead of on
fiscal responsibility and now spending
money you don't need."

Clark also said special care must be
taken when planning and developing
county roads and right-of-ways. There
will come a day many years from now,
he said, when the entirety of Rockwall

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Winter Carnival



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Carly and Haley Gates get Reid and Will Rakow started at the air dart booth that was part of the Dobbs Elementary PTA's first winter carnival fundraiser.

Castro returns for 'Idol' Week 2

STAFF REPORT

Rockwall native Ja-
son Castro hit a bump in
the road on Feb. 26 as he
opened up the week's sec-
ond round of the "Ameri-
can Idol's" male contestant
competition performing the
Bee Gees' "I Just Want to Be
Your Everything."

For the second week in a
row, the 20-year-old took to
the stage with his guitar in
hand in what was themed
70s night. Idol judge Randy
Jackson told Castro "the vo-

Rockwall singer's fate
will be announced on
Feb. 28 results show

cal weren't that great dude,"
followed by judge Paula Ab-
dul, who called him "cute"
and "charming" but sug-
gested he try performing
without his guitar. Judge Si-
mon Cowell described the
performance as horrible
and an "average schmaltzy
song." Despite the criti-
cism from the judges Castro

stilled remained one of the
night's top performers.

The fate of whether the
fan favorite blue-eyed,
dreadlocked performer will
go on to continue in the
running for becoming the
2008 American Idol or be
bumped off the show will be
determined in a one-hour
results show Feb. 28. Two
men and women contes-
tants each will be voted off
the show in a live airing at
7 p.m. on Dallas television
station FOX 4, KDFW-TV.



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Rockwall's Jason Castro
didn't wow the judges this
week but should stay in the
hunt to become the newest
"American Idol" winner.

**Library
garden
plans get
uprooted**

By TEREASA NIMS
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Five days after approving
a children's garden at the new
Rockwall County Library,
commissioners withdrew the
funding deeming it too high
maintenance.

"Their main concern was
maintenance and fencing,"
said Leigh Plagens, the in-
coming president of Friends
of the Rockwall County Li-
brary. "From their point of
view they received infor-
mation and changed their
minds."

While disappointed in the

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Eco-Friendly Honors

**Toyota dealership drawing
notice even before doors open**

By BILL JORDAN
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Before a single customer ever kicked
the first tires or looked under the hood
of a car, Toyota of Rockwall had already
managed to attract national attention.

The new auto dealership on the south-
east corner of Interstate 30 and Highway
205 has been creating a buzz in the ar-
chitecture industry because of its unique
"eco-friendly" design and a serious com-
mitment from the dealership's owners to

operate Rockwall's newest business in an
environmentally sensitive manner.

Toyota of Rockwall officially opened
its doors to the public last week as a new
inventory of cars and trucks began to ar-
rive at the dealership. At the same time,
the recently completed building began
to receive generous attention because
it is being considered for the U.S. Green
Building Association's "LEED Gold Cer-

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BILL JORDAN

Toyota of
Rockwall
owners
Steve and
Barbara
Jackson
say awards
aren't the
only reason
to be proud
of their
eco-friendly
dealership.



Grand jury indicts man for providing cheese heroin to RHS student last fall

STAFF REPORT

A 19-year-old man was indicted Feb. 28 by a grand jury for providing the cheese heroin that proved fatal to a Wall High School student last September.

Muhammed J. Salahi was indicted on a charge of criminally negligent homicide in the death of 16-year-old Alexandra Elliott. Salahi is accused of providing a deadly combination of crushed cold medicine and black tar heroin. In addition to the cheese heroin, toxicology results showed Elliott also had cocaine, Xanax and Xanax in her system at the time of her death.

According to The Associated Press, Rockwall County

prosecutors hope the indictment represents a warning to those who use or sell cheese heroin. At least 40 people have now died in North Texas since 2004 from using the drug.

"If it also has a deterrent effect on others who are providing drugs to children, that's an added bonus," chief felony prosecutor Stephani Hudgins Woodward told the AP. "But first and foremost, we did this because we think he broke the law."

Elliott, a Heath resident, was found unconscious on a sofa at Salahi's home in the 1400 block of Greenbrook Drive on Sept. 17 and was later pronounced dead at Lake Pointe Medical Center.

Woodward said prosecu-

tors did not believe murder charges were called for based on the facts of the case.

Salahi is at least the second Metroplex person charged in a cheese heroin death this year. Irving police have charged a 19-year-old man in the September 2007 death of a 16-year-old girl and Dallas police are pursuing a similar charge against a 20-year-old man in the March 2007 death of a 15-year-old boy.

Elliott's mother, Dawn, said in a previous Rockwall County News story that she often asks herself, "Why Paige," but said she hopes her daughter's death serves as an example to show teens they are not invincible and that "what happened to Paige can happen to anyone."

Boy Scout rivalry ends

celebrated a pretty low victory last week. The great cross-town rivalry of youth has died a natural death. We're out "Caddyshack 2" - the ending was as much fun as the beginning.

two Boy Scout troops in Comfort, Texas, decided to merge. The town too small for a high school or a football team, that's a big deal. It's a really good idea. We were pretty show in town, and most of it.

"Good Guys," and I can't remember the name of my friend Troop 253 - a hyperactive nerd who to no resemblance to a militarized unit or system. And in the end, it was Troop 253 of skater punks and archeologists who formed their own surprise.

along well enough. The two troops' relationship based on mutual courtesy and respect. And we invited to major camp events. But before summer, a sim- had a habit of an- out of each other. It was a bit like sibling rivalry. Not enough time together to hate each other's guts. We were far too polite. Riveting stuff. It mattered to us. I honestly say I am a fan of Troop 253. I still disagree on a few issues. I can't see scouting would be as much fun without a run from us.

now, they're gone. I told me early on. There were simply no more in town anymore. He's been a grapevine that I decided to pool their

my first response was better be taking turns on 253. I was genuine. I can't think of a really wanted to ally without a fight or great hurrahs. I went out with a lead of a bang. About rivalries, they really is more in the destination. Our personal lives on our causes. Frontations, moving our identities. Getting for victory. To win lose all that brought in the first place. I shame.

to you, Troop. I came to stay, but get ticked off in soon.

Garden

From Page 1A

Commissioners' decision to build the library. Plagens said they are doing due diligence.

"They are using my tax dollars and I'm glad they are doing it with it," Plagens said. Plagens is the 2nd Commissioner. Grinnan voted to approve the garden Feb. 21 during a special meeting. But reviewing new information she asked commissioners to revisit the item.

During the presentation it was mentioned seven times, my count, low maintenance or almost maintenance-free when referring to the garden," Grinnan said after the meeting.

Grinnan later talked with Williams, Rockwall County agent for Agricultural and natural resources, told her it would be high maintenance.

According to Todd, the plan could be a maintenance nightmare," Grinnan said.

I do not believe this decision was intentional. This project is so big and overwhelming, and the meeting was rushed, so I think it just got overlooked," Grinnan said.

Grinnan did her own research and found the proposed stone walls for the garden would create reflected heat, which would increase water usage. She said they would also trap leaves and debris, provide a haven for pests and that weeds are more likely to germinate.

Plagens, who has been on the Friends of the Library committee since the beginning and takes over as president in May, said they planned on having the 8,200-square-foot garden nearly from the beginning of the design process. She said they planned an education-type garden with herbs and a fence around it.

"It was going to be an extension of the children's area," Plagens said.

The committee also planned for a bench area where people could go to read. One of the primary goals was

to make it look nice.

"It looked so nice to have something there," Plagens said. "There was a concerted effort to make it pretty."

The garden was first estimated to cost \$130,000. But the committee received donations for a sprinkler system, plants, fencing and concrete. This lowered the cost to approximately \$90,000, Plagens said.

Grinnan said the garden isn't necessarily down for the count.

"This doesn't mean the issue won't be addressed more economically or for a smaller-scale phase in," Grinnan said.

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March 1st - 9th

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The Rockwall Grande Tour of Homes open this Saturday, March 1 and runs thru Sunday, March 9. This year's Tour is being held in the exclusive community of Cobblestone Farms in Heath near Cain Middle School. These majestic homes have been built on 1 acre estate lots. The homes in the Tour range in size from approximately 5,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet. This year's Tour features homes from \$850,000 to \$1,350,000. Builders participating are: Garrett Brothers, Cornerstone Builders, Jeff Liles, M.J. Baldwin and Steve Brewster.

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Commissioners take out the trash

By Kent Miller
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Rockwall County commissioners on Feb. 25 gave the go-ahead for the county's participation in the upcoming spring household hazardous waste collection event, approving \$5,000 to pay for vouchers to be used by residents. Commissioners last year OKs \$3,000 for the event and at first appeared to support upping the ante by only \$500 before deciding on the \$5,000. Resi-

dents will need to secure a voucher for the event, scheduled for April 19 at the Rockwall City Service Center on Airport Road. Mary Smith of the city of Rockwall told commissioners that the county would be responsible only for the value of the vouchers redeemed, not distributed, meaning the county could wind up paying less. The annual event serves as a way for Rockwall County residents to safely dispose of hazardous household waste items such as automotive products, bat-

teries, cooking oil, electronic devices, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, pharmaceuticals, paint products and pesticides. No appliances will be accepted. Last year's event took in about 4,000 tires and 1,000 car batteries, Smith said. She said residents will also have the opportunity to destroy unneeded papers through secure document shredding. Smith said almost 5 tons of documents were shredded last year.

Race

From Page 1A

County is urban - and proper planning for that day must begin now.

Wimpee held an opposing view of county taxes. He said Rockwall County is among the most efficient in the state, with the lowest tax cost per capita among rapidly growing counties and the smallest county budget in Texas. He said the county has the second-lowest tax costs among

counties with similar populations and has the eighth-highest financial bond rating in the state.

Wimpee said the county sales tax was approved by a referendum several years ago and designed for use by emergency first responders and law enforcement units. It would not be appropriate, he said, for one county commissioner to attempt to repeal a general election initiative. Wimpee said regular salary increases are based on cost-of-living adjustments, which

relate to costs beyond the control of the Commissioners Court.

He agreed, though, that a recent increase to commissioners' salaries was unnecessary - and voted against the measure.

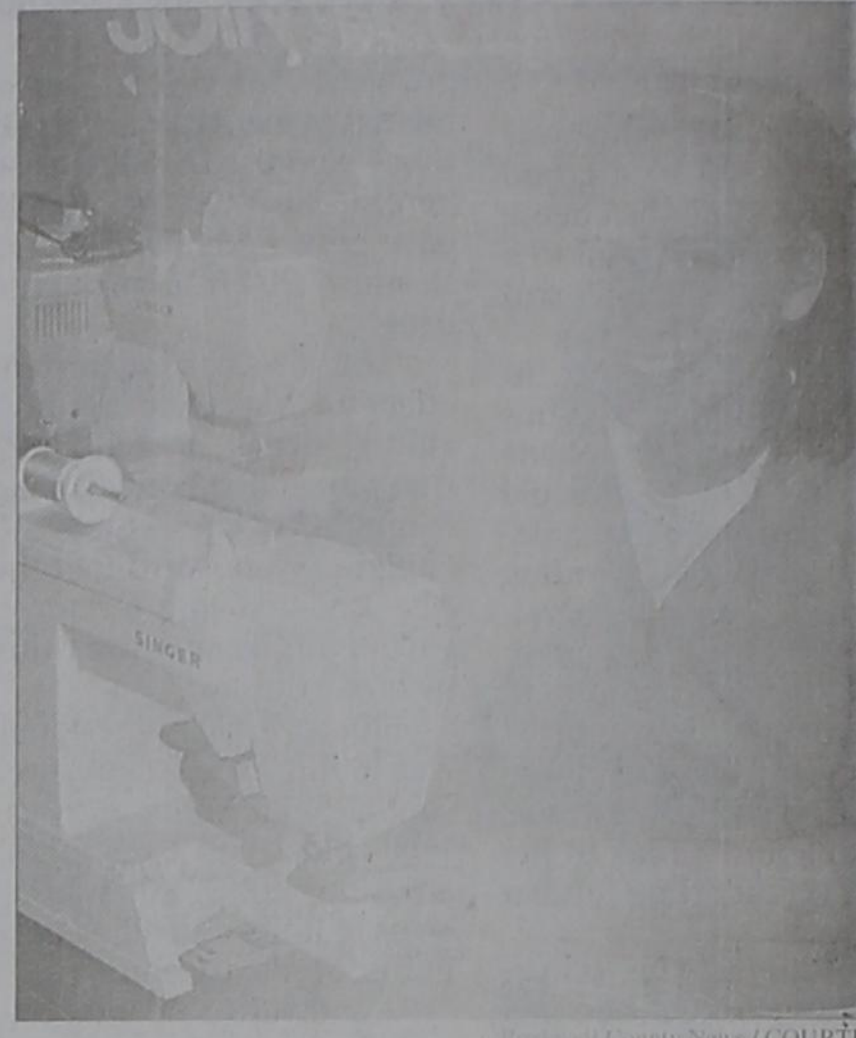
Managing county roads has also been a priority, Wimpee said, along with the creation of an integrated open space plan that he began more than 17 years ago. Wimpee said he hopes to combine park space in Rockwall County municipalities

to create a unique recreation area, and committees and forums will begin this year to begin working out the details with the public.

"The facts of Rockwall County are pretty outstanding. The focus, for me, has to be about the future," Wimpee said. "It'll be fun this year to work on things that truly have to do with the quality of our future."

No Democrats have filed for local office in Rockwall County. The Texas primary is March 4.

Stitch In Time



Cale Merritt of the Rockwall Clovers 4-H Club shows her sewing skills while participating in the 4-H Sewing Project led by Rockwall High School Family and Consumer Science teacher Joyce Roberts.

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Joshua served as a minister or servant to Moses. At Kadesh-barnea he was one of the twelve men who went to spy out Canaan. He is one of the two spies that returned with a favorable report in full confidence that God would give them the land.
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"That distinction awarded for leadership and environmental design, an architectural designation that would make the dealership facility world to be constructing to such high standards. It isn't something just it is for future generations," said Steve Jackson, the dealership's owner. "Our goal from the beginning was to set a standard for future generations not just in the industry, but in every detail of the new Rockwall facility is toward conserving resources and providing a comfortable environment. The building's energy systems promote use of natural energy to conserve energy and provide a comfortable environment. The heating and cooling systems are also used in a way that greatly re-

duces energy consumption. Service bay areas are kept at comfortable temperatures for both customers and employees. When doors in these areas are opened, they are closed quickly with an automated system to conserve energy consumption.

Rainwater and condensation from air conditioning systems is captured from roofing systems and stored for landscape watering as a dramatic way to save natural resources. Additional monitoring systems also dramatically reduce the use of water inside the building where large volumes of water might normally be used by an auto dealership. "Our car washing system even uses recycled water during part of the wash cycle," pointed out Barbara Jackson, who along with her husband shared the vision of building the new facility according to the highest architectural standards in order to be good stewards of the environment.

"Natural and recycled products as well as natural fibers are in the walls, in the carpet and in the furniture," said Barbara. "We have tried to not leave out a single detail

in attempting to make this a state of the art facility."

And the Jackson's commitment to a "green" environment will go well beyond the new auto dealership's building. "My job will be taking the message to protect the environment out into the community," she said. "I'll be available to host field trips and tours for our local school children and help them better understand how to be energy conscience and how to conserve our natural resources. I'm really looking forward to that role in the community and I can't wait to have visitors in our facility and giving them a tour."

But the Jackson's efforts aren't totally focused on their new building. Employees and customers were kept in mind as they watched their new dealership take shape from the ground up over the past few months.

"The whole building design was centered around making a customer's experience in buying a new car more enjoyable," Barbara explained. There is a coffee bar where customers can relax in the spacious main room of the dealership, and a play

area is even provided for children where they can enjoy video games and other "kid friendly" equipment.

The Jacksons also point with pride to a fully stocked workout room for employees as just one of the items that supports their desire to provide a quality work environment for the team they have put together to operate and manage the new dealership. "We care about our employees' health and we want to make it easy for them to exercise," said Barbara. "We feel that making this room and equipment available to our employees helps make them more successful in their personal and professional lives."

With the dealership now fully in operation, both Steve and Barbara are looking forward to being able to serve the Rockwall community. "We're inviting everyone to come visit and enjoy a new kind of car buying experience," said Barbara. "We're easy to find right here at 1250 East I-30 and you can visit our Web site at toyotaofrockwall.com all the time."

Cancer Fundraiser



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On Feb. 25, Joe Willy's in Rockwall was packed with people wanting to eat some tasty food while making a difference. **Candy Richerson**, team captain for the Cancer Kickers Relay For Life team, organized a fundraiser at the local restaurant. Joe Willy's generously shared a percentage of the night's profits, as well as, tips with the team. Rockwall's Relay For Life will be held May 2-3 at Cain Middle School. For information on how you can help, contact **Mary Thacker** at (972) 722-1215. Shown are members (from left) **Jordyn Leeuw, Brooke Richerson, Leanne Douglas, Candy Richerson, Heather Garrison and Holly Edwards.**

Record turnout predicted

DENVER - Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson announced Feb. 27 that turnout for the March 4 primary election likely reach a record for Texas. Based on early voting, Wilson predicts an overall turnout of 60 percent of the regis-

tered voters in Texas.

"The number of voters participating in the Texas primaries is greater than anything we have seen before," Wilson said. "If the voting trends continue through Election Day, Texas will set a record for turnout in a pri-

mary election with 3.3 million Texans casting a ballot."

The previous record in Texas was set in the 1988 presidential primary election with more than 2.7 mil-

lion Texans turning out to vote. As of Feb. 26, more than 680,000 Texans had already voted in early voting, more than doubling the turnout seen in 2004.

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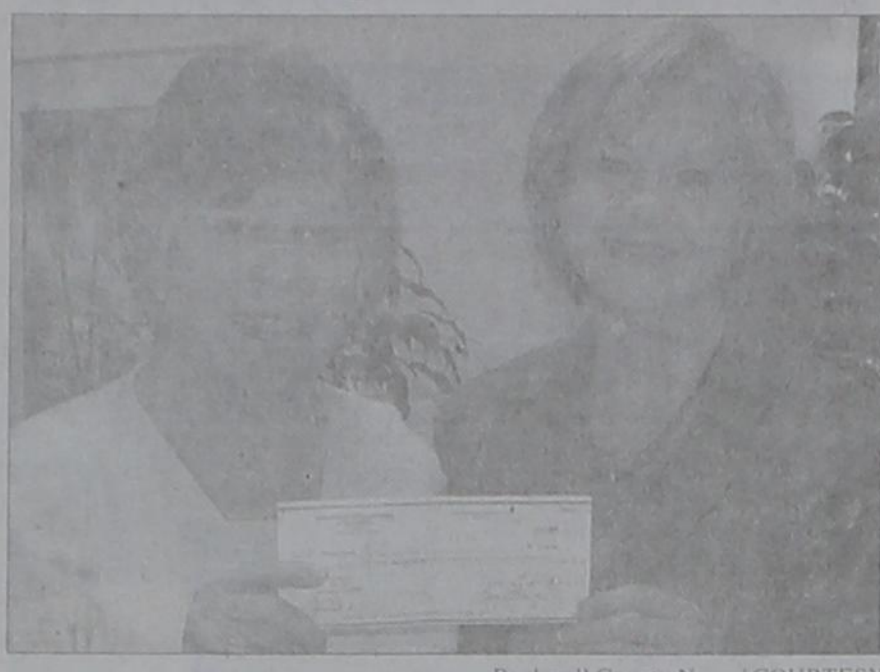
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Margo Nielsen (left), executive director of Helping Hands, accepts a \$3,800 check from Karen Straughan, president of Soroptimist International of Rockwall. The money will be used to upgrade the colposcope that is housed at Lake Pointe Medical Center. The colposcope is used in the collection of evidence in sexual abuse cases prosecuted in Rockwall County. Soroptimists had previously donated \$15,000 when Helping Hands purchased the equipment.

Trends noted in Rockwall politics

By MARCUS FUNK
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Rockwall remains about as Republican as it gets - despite a surge of interest in the Democratic primary.

Rockwall County has seen dramatic interest in the Texas primary, and nearly 3,400 residents have cast early votes. Those figures illustrate three noteworthy trends in local politics.

The first is a stark contrast with the 2004 Texas primary - participation has nearly doubled. Glenda Denton, elections administrator for Rockwall County, said 1,888 residents voted during the last presidential primary and, as of Feb. 26, 3,395 residents had voted in this cycle. That's a 180 percent increase, and those statistics - the most recent available at press time - did not count the last three days of early voting.

The second trend relates to party strength and participation. Unlike states that restrict primary elections to registered party members, Denton said Texas law allows voters to participate in either primary during any particular cycle. Voters can "cross over" and vote in an opposing primary and then change back during the gen-

eral election, so participation in party primaries is not considered an indicator of party strength.

Even so, the numbers are staggering - an 800 percent increase separates participation in the 2004 and 2008 Democratic primaries. One hundred and ninety-one voters cast ballots in 2004 and more than 1,500 voted in 2008.

The third relates to Rockwall County's neighbors. Voters in nearly all adjacent and nearby counties favored the Democratic party, some by substantial margins, and Rockwall is one of only three to give the Republican pri-

mary an advantage.

Local voters preferred the Republican primary by 55 percent to 45 percent, outpaced by only Hunt County at 57 percent and Henderson County at 56 percent.

The other seven counties - Dallas, Collin, Kaufman, Van Zandt, Ellis, Rains and Navarro - favored the Democratic primary. Four out of every five Dallas voters cast ballots on the Democratic side, or 82 percent, followed by Rains County at 64 percent Democratic and Collin County at 61 percent.

Early voting for the March 4 primary ends Feb. 29.

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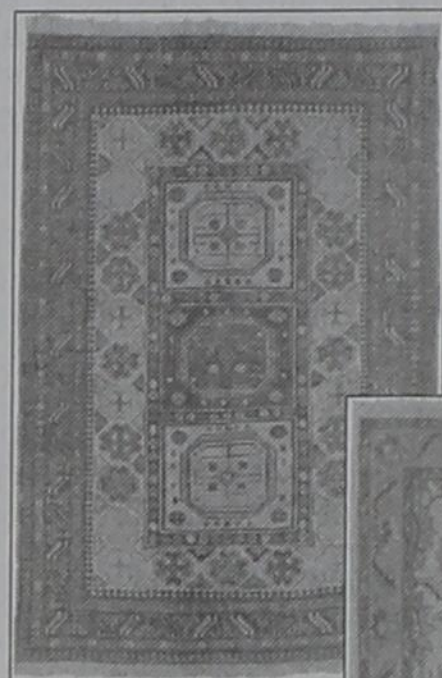
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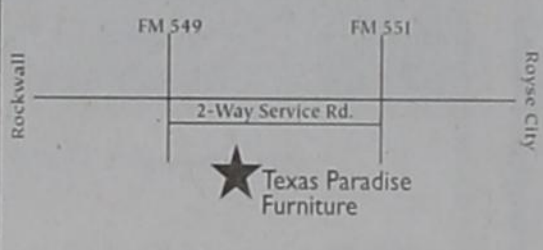
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WMS Dr
The Williams Middle School Drama Club recently worked at Joe Willy's for one of its service projects. Through tips and donations, the students raised \$52.12, which will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Earlier this year, the club sponsored a canned food drive to aid Helping Hands.
"Service to others is one of the goals," said M. Thompson, club sponsor. "The kids love working and helping others."

Grease' Auditions
Rockwall Community Playhouse will hold auditions for the musical, "Grease," at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2. Performances are in May. (972) 722-3399 or www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

Class of 2008
Students from the Rockwall Health High School Class of 2008 are offering flats of asturias and begonias for \$11 each in a variety of colors. Proceeds benefit the prom and after-prom celebrations. Order forms are due by Friday, Feb. 29. Donna Patrick, (214) 697-1026.

Community Band
Rockwall Community Band is seeking musicians for the spring/summer concert season. No audition necessary. Rehearsals are each Monday 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Rockwall High School band room, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane. Gary Sorensen, (972) 961-4693.

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The Red Cross is seeking new volunteers for its disaster action team. Must be at least 18 and able to read and write. Team members are expected to be on call either weeknights or weekends, at least once a month, and respond as needed, when a disaster occurs. Training is provided. (972) 563-1030.

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Drama Club members (front from left) Laura Donalson, Kendra Keltz, B.J. Laudermilk, Ms. Thompson, Bryan Olivera, Chase Pirkey, (back from left) Krystal Warren, Brenden Barnard, Alex Chavira, London Mitchum, Jacob McGreagor, Zach Brown, Schyler Hohenberger, Titus Brown, Danielle Newsom and Chelsea Day raised money for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Sumrow prepares for upcoming trial

By TEREASA NIMS
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DALLAS - A brief hearing on Feb. 14 gained the Rockwall County District Attorney's lawyer access to the grand jury transcripts relating to money matters.

A judge granted Ray Sumrow's attorney, James Wheeler's discovery motion for the transcripts. Collin County Assistant District Attorneys John Schomburger and Jim Skinner agreed to present Wheeler with letters earmarking evidence of money greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

Testimony in Sumrow's felony trial is scheduled to begin March 5 in Dallas. Jury selection begins March 3. Sumrow has another felony hearing for a Travis County

indictment slated for April 2.

The indictments against Sumrow allege that he took public money and electronic equipment, forged a signature on a check for a personal purchase and billed the county for a wireless computer installed in his home and that state funds were deposited into Sumrow's personal bank account.

The charges against Sumrow range from state jail felonies, which are punishable by up to 180 days in jail to two years and a fine of up to 10,000, to second-degree felonies, which are punishable by two to 20 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.



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Toastmasters

Metro-Tex Toastmasters meets at 11 a.m. Thursdays at Lake Pointe Church, 701 E. Interstate 30. (214) -704-4582. Toastmasters of Rockwall meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Rockwall Dodge, 970 E. Interstate 30. (972) 722-3696 or rockwall.freetoasthost.org.

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 at 108 E. Washington or mailing the registration form in the Fun Guide to 108 E. Washington, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Meals On Wheels

Meals on Wheels needs

volunteers. 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 Worshipers Christian Ministries will meet for a community prayer and bible

study Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 2830 Tangleglenn Drive. (972) 722-2634.

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DAR meets on the first Saturday of every month from October through May. If interested in membership, please call Laverne Ketcherside, Royse City (972) 635-6626; Faye Heil, Rockwall (972) 771-3033; or Pat Brown, Terrell (972) 563-5559.

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Patty Turner then recognized Glenda Burkett and Denise Schmidt, her assistants with special made hats she made to fit each of their personalities with a story of what each object on the hat symbolized. Dena Elder also made hats for her two associates Anna Deckert, and Lisa Cook. Each hat was unique and expressed the assistant's special traits. Dee Evans presented her two associates, Stacey Castleberry and Melanie Pratt with roses and many special stories of humor and appreciation. Traveling in style in a white Stretch Hummer Limo which carried sixteen people made it a memorable day!

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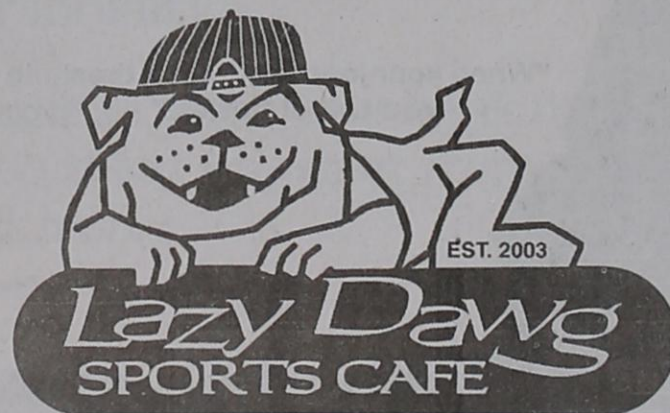
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AUSTIN - State Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, has been named "The Best of the Texas Senate" by the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, the largest law enforcement group in Texas. Deuell received the honor for his work on law enforcement and public safety issues during the 80th Legislative Session.

Charley Wilkison, CLEAT political and legislative director, presented Deuell with the award in Austin.

"Senator Deuell has always gone out of his way to consider the world law enforcement officers have to work and live in," Wilkison said. "Bob Deuell works constantly, in session as well as the interim



State Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville

to help protect Texas families from crime. The citizens of the second Senate district of Texas are lucky to be represented by Bob Deuell. This is a small token of the esteem and

deeply held gratitude that we have for Senator Deuell."

Deuell said he is honored to receive the award.

"We have a duty as legislators to protect our neighborhoods and families," Deuell said.

Deuell served on the Criminal Justice Committee during the 80th session and was the Senate sponsor of "Jessica's Law," which enacted some of the toughest laws in the nation to deal with child predators.

This is the latest award to be given to Deuell in recognition of his work on public safety and criminal justice, having previously been named by CLEAT as Crime Fighter of the Year in 2005.

Local museum receives award

ROYSE CITY - Ann Cornelius, curator of the Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Royse City, announced this week that the newly organized museum in Royse City has been selected as one of 615 museums to receive the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf.

Most recipients have small budgets and staffs and have demonstrated an urgent need for this permanent resource. The contents of the bookshelf were selected by a blue ribbon panel of conservation experts; it includes an essential set of books, online resources, and a user's guide that can profoundly impact the ability of small libraries and mu-

seums to care for their collections.

"The Museum board of directors is working diligently to gather donations so we can open the first museum in Royse City by May 1," Cornelius said. "We will be highlighting the history of our area from 1880 to 1960, with examples of early pioneer life to the first TV set in Royse City. Residents who have photos or memorabilia from family members who served in the military are asked to bring us copies for our 'Wall of Heroes.' We are also including members of the police and fire department."

Another important exhibit will feature organi-

zations, clubs and groups that have been active in the past, along with photos and scrapbooks.

The groups that contribute to the bookshelf are: Institute of Museum and Library Services, the American Association for State and Local History, The Genealogical Society, The Henry L. Hunt Foundation, and the Sam H. Kress Foundation.

The Zaner Robison Historical Museum will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday starting in May. Contact Ann Cornelius at (972) 633-3550, ext. 314 for more information.

Hartman principal heads to Garland

Sandra Whitley, principal of Rockwall ISD's Grace Hartman Elementary, has taken a position as the coordinator of secondary mathematics for the Garland ISD. Whitley will finish the school year at her current campus and then move to her new position this summer.

"We appreciate the contribution Mrs. Whitley has made to Rockwall ISD," said Superintendent Gene Burton. "We wish her well in her new endeavor and we are always pleased when our colleagues are able to find avenues through which they can continue to pursue their personal best."

Whitley has been with RISD for four years, serving as associate principal at Rockwall High School before assuming the helm at Hartman in 2006.

"It has been my pleasure to work with Mrs. Whitley, both at Rockwall High School as well as Grace Hartman El-

ementary School," said Dr. Deborah Smothermon, assistant superintendent of administrative services. "The contribution she has made to the students in Rockwall ISD is greatly appreciated. We wish her the very best as she pursues her new position."

Upon announcing her departure from RISD, Whitley expressed gratitude to the Hartman families and staff.

"This is a bittersweet time for me," she said. "My passion is curriculum and I'm so excited to get to be a part of helping students in need. On the flip side, however, I am going to miss the Hartman families terribly. This has been a wonderful two years and I know how lucky I am to have gotten to be a part of something so wonderful."

The district will immediately begin looking for qualified candidates for the position of principal at Grace Hartman Elementary.

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ROYSE CITY - Eight Royse students qualified for the solo and ensemble competition recently after musical selections by...

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ISD buses separate

the morning of Feb. 26, Rockwall Independent School District buses were involved in unrelated traffic accidents.

The first incident occurred on State Highway 276 at Shell Road. According to preliminary reports, the driver of the bus quickly reacted to avoid a potential collision with an oncoming vehicle that was traveling in the wrong lane. Eyewitness reports indicate that the bus driver was able to maneuver the bus into a roadside ditch in order to remove the bus from the direct line of the oncoming vehicle. The front of the bus sustained damage.

At the time of the incident, students were on the bus as well as one adult bus driver and the driver. All students were secured with their seatbelts. As a precautionary measure, all students were transported to Presbyterian Hospital where they were examined and later released. The driver and the bus monitor were not injured. Upon completion of the incident, additional RISD personnel were dispatched to the scene and parents were notified.

In an unrelated incident, a school bus transporting students was involved in a rear-end collision near the intersection of Horizon County Line roads. Initial reports indicate that the driver of the bus was unable to come to a complete stop when the traffic in front of the bus halted. Two motorists were also involved in the collision but no injuries among the other vehicles were reported. Of

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CHS band students qualify for state finals

BRITNEY TABOR
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ROYSE CITY - Eight Royse City band students qualified for the state UIL solo and ensemble contest Memorial Day weekend in San Marcos after receiving a Division 1 rating playing musical selections from memory as members of three separate ensembles earlier this month.

for their performance and play the selection by memory qualify for participation in the state competition. The students, who along with other band peers practiced for more than two months, did a lot of the work on their own or in groups with minimal coaching from band directors, he said. Bouras said that to see a student select a piece of music, learn and memorize it on their own or in their ensemble and then go into regional competition and qualify for state is "great to see."
 "We're very happy about it. It's a lot of work," he said. "The object of the solo and ensemble contest is to get them to work hard ... as a soloist on their own or in a small group."
 Jo Nell Melody, a spokeswoman for Royse City schools, said the district is proud of the students' accomplishments. She said that when students "advance to state level in anything they do, whether it be band or academics," the district is proud.
 "It takes a great deal of

hard work, practice and dedication from students to compete at these UIL competitions," Melody said. "For a student to advance to the state level of competition is very rewarding for both the student and our district. We are very proud of these band students and their outstanding accomplishments."
 In addition to the state qualifiers, Royse City High School also had one clarinet trio and six solo-performing students receive Division 1 ratings Feb. 9. One RCHS band student, Lauren Wells, received a Division 1 rating performing the violin despite the district currently not offering a strings program. Bouras said that overall, he is proud of all his students' achievements.



Royse City High School band students, from back left, Mark Baumann, Lee Radley, Mike Carter and, from front left, James Brannin, Haley Maxwell, Ciro Rodriguez, Quinton Reel and Sean Smallwood all qualified for the state UIL solo and ensemble contest Memorial Day weekend in San Marcos after receiving a Division 1 rating playing musical selections from memory as members of three separate ensembles earlier this month.



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the 16 elementary students and one middle school student involved, five were taken to Presbyterian Hospital and examined as a precautionary measure. RISD personnel were dispatched to the scene and attempts were made to notify all parents.

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Judge says Conradt case can be tried

(AP) - A federal judge handed a legal victory Tuesday to the sister who claims "Dateline NBC: To Catch A Predator" led her brother - former Rockwall County Assistant District Attorney Bill Conradt Jr. - to kill himself after camera crews and police officers showed up at his Terrell home in a sex sting.

In a scathing ruling, U.S. District Judge Denny Chin permitted a \$105 million lawsuit to go to trial, saying a jury might conclude the network "crossed the line from responsible journalism to irresponsible and reckless intrusion into law enforcement."

Conradt, a longtime district attorney in neighboring Kaufman County at the time, fatally shot himself after he was accused of engaging in a sexually explicit online chat with an adult posing as a 13-year-old boy, according to a lawsuit filed by his sister.

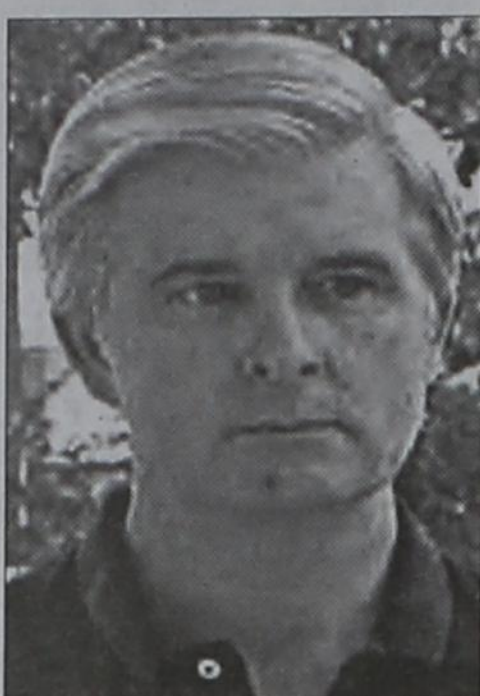
In the lawsuit, Patricia Conradt said NBC "steam-rolled" police to arrest her brother after telling police he failed to show up at a sting operation 35 miles away in Murphy.

NBC was working with the activist group Perverted Justice on the sting, in which people impersonating children established online chats with men and tried to lure them to a house, where they were met by TV cameras and police.

Chin said the lawsuit contained sufficient facts to make it plausible that the suicide was foreseeable, that police had a duty to protect Conradt from killing himself and that the officers and NBC acted with deliberate indifference.

In a statement, NBC News said: "We think the evidence will ultimately show that 'Dateline' acted responsibly and lawfully, and we will continue to defend ourselves vigorously. The judge's ruling was based solely on the plaintiff's version of the facts."

Bruce Baron, a lawyer for Patricia Conradt, said: "This decision shows no one is above the law, no matter how



Bill Conradt Jr.

powerful."

Chin tossed out many of Patricia Conradt's claims but said her principal claims could proceed to trial.

In his ruling, Chin said the network "placed itself squarely in the middle of a police operation, pushing the police to engage in tactics that were unnecessary and unwise, solely to generate more dramatic footage for a television show."

Chin wrote that a reasonable jury could find there was no legitimate law enforcement need for a heavily armed SWAT team to extract a 56-year-old prosecutor from his home when he was not accused of any violence and was not believed to have a gun.

He said a jury might conclude it was done solely to sensationalize and enhance the entertainment value of the arrest.

"A reasonable jury could find that by doing so, NBC created a substantial risk of suicide or other harm, and that it engaged in conduct so outrageous and extreme that no civilized society should tolerate it," Chin said.

Before issuing his ruling, Chin said he reviewed a copy of the Feb. 20, 2007, episode. In her lawsuit, Patricia Conradt claims a police officer at the scene of the shooting told a "Dateline" producer: "That'll make good TV."

Winter Carnival

The Howard Dobbs Elementary PTA hosted its first annual winter carnival last month with organizers calling it an amazing success with more than 10,000 tickets sold to students and members of the community.

In addition to carnival games and great food, there were pony rides, professional caricature artist Lorin Bernsen, face painting, hay rides, bounce houses and live deejay Greg La Rosa.

The function supported the wonderful teachers of Dobbs' "School of Excellence."



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Madison Kessler has her face painted by Rockwall High School varsity cheerleader DeeDee Davis at Howard Dobbs Elementary's first winter carnival.

RCC to hold new meeting March

The Rockwall County Council will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 5 at The Center in Rockwall located at 108 E. Washburn St. The speaker will be member Bob Alston, who will give a presentation on the topics recently requested by RCC members: Mission, Vista upgrades and loads.

Prior to the presentation, Rockwall County library director Kathy Ston will provide an overview of the new library construction.

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HS grad takes up missionary work

Rockwall High School honors its Eagle Scout and left his home and family for two years to serve as a full-time missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) in the Spanish-speaking U.S. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and neighboring islands of the Caribbean.

Joshua Sykes, 19, the son of Clint and Carrie Sykes, left last week to attend orientation classes at the church's Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, near the campus of Brigham Young University.

Joshua becomes one of more than 50,000 missionaries voluntarily serving at their own family's expense in 170 nations throughout the world. Most are young men and women under 25 who sacrifice months of dating, fun, school and family to find and teach people about Jesus and their church's beliefs to provide humanitarian services to those in need.

According to Sykes and his father, Joshua is very excited about his assignment.

"I feel very excited to go and know where the Lord wants me to go," the missionary said. "I'm going to preach the Gospel and testify that Jesus Christ is our Savior."

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Joshua Sykes

"I'm very proud of him," said his father, who works as a software and database architect at TXU Energy. "Josh is honest, hard-working and will perform some good service in Puerto Rico."

Sykes received his assignment two months ago to serve in the San Juan West Puerto Rico Mission.

According to Sykes' father, after spending three initial weeks in Utah he will fly to the church's Missionary Training Center in the Caribbean nation of the Dominican Republic. There, for six more weeks, he will learn how to teach the church's doctrines and beliefs in Spanish, which he studied in high school for three years.

Besides graduating from RHS with honors in the Distinguished Program, completing many AP classes, Sykes was

a member of the National Honor Society. He also swam on the freestyle relay team that advanced to the regional finals. He earned his Eagle Scout award, the highest rank a young man can receive in the Boy Scouts of America program, from his Rockwall congregation's troop.

He was also active for all four years in his church's youth program, participating in numerous service projects and faith-building activities. He graduated, as well, from the congregation's early morning seminary religious instruction program, getting up between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. every weekday for four years to attend, his stepmother said.

Bishop Darrel Judd, local leader of the church's Rockwall congregation, praised Sykes as an outstanding young man who will do a fine job as a missionary.

"Josh has been one of the outstanding youth in our congregation for years. I'm sure he'll continue to serve well and make us all proud," Judd said.

Since graduating from RHS, Sykes attended one semester at Brigham Young University. When he returns home in 2010, Sykes said he plans to re-enroll at BYU, graduate with honors and eventually become a physician, so he can help members of his family and others.

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Texas A&M-C

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has announced its official graduation list for 2007.

Students earning degrees were Alma E. Ez, BAAS; Angela Dawn, MED; Brandy M. Myers, Chad D. Smith, BS; Sherry Dawn Tosch, BM; Bryan Odom, BBA; John Clark, MED; Dwayne Jones, BS; Ryan Odom, BBA;

Wendi Renee Swaner, MED; Amy M. McKnight, BSIS; Crystal R. Jones, BS; Geoffrey Alexander White, BFA; Laurie Ann Huff, MED; Nicole Renee Hurst, BS Magna Cum Laude; Sherry R. McCarter, BS; Tiffany N. Mathias, BBA; and Lauren Newton Glenn, MA - all of Rockwall.

Royse City graduates were Bradley Kevin Collard, MBA; Cynthia Sanchez, MBA; Dawn Elizabeth Council, BS; Errol G. Thomas, BS; Grace R. Rutherford, EDD; Jen-

nie Caye Watkins, BS; Kara Michele Burkart, BS; Lacy Lee Massey, MED; Magan L. Norton, BS; Micah O'Neal Wehrich, MS; Robert R. Smith, BS; Shelley L. Burnett, BSIS; Shelley R. Goodson, BS; Tonya L. Morris, BA; Tracey A. Williams, BSIS; and Jill Renee Linthicum, BBA.

Texas Tech

Texas Tech University presented degrees to approximately 1,800 graduated

students the fall 2007 commencement in the United Spirit Arena on campus on Saturday, Dec. 15, including area students Crystal Asbury, BS in nursing; Amanda Marie Barnes, BA in theatre arts; Michelle Lynn Dickerson, BA in studio art; Richard Kevin Kendall, ME in engineering; and Amy Lee McLaughlin, BS in human development and family studies - all of Rockwall and Brandon Allen Meyers, BBA in energy commerce and asset management, of Heath.

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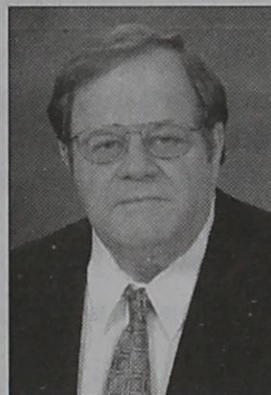
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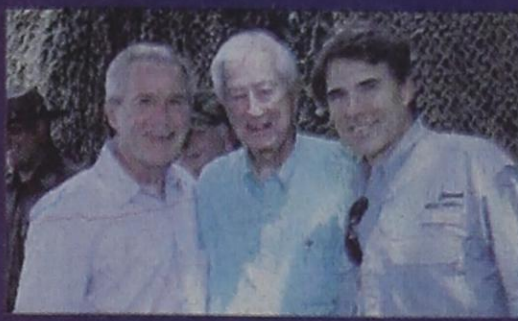
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Bush, Hall & Perry

Hall Visits Iraq

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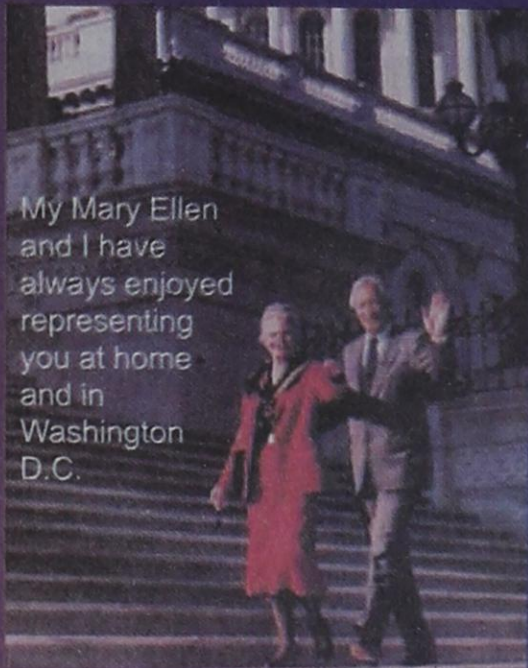


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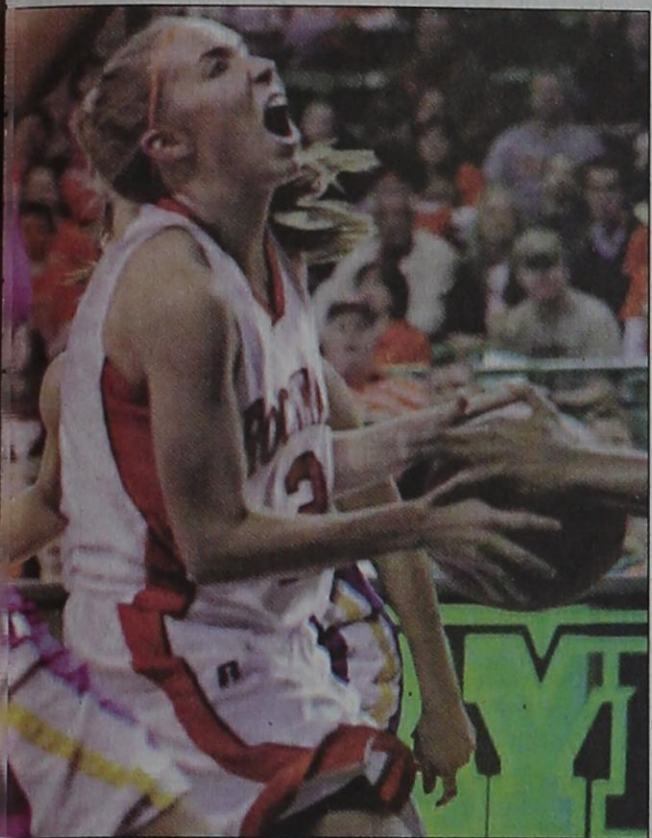
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Rockwall's Shelby Adamson found it hard to get past the Waco defense during Friday's loss in the Region II semi-final.

FAILURE TO LAUNCH

Lady Jackets stumble, fall during regional semifinal

By LARY BUMP
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WACO - There were tears as Rockwall's defense of its state 5A girls' basketball championship came to a frustrating end Feb. 22 at Baylor University's Ferrell Center.

Pflugerville out-shot and out-rebounded the Lady Jackets (31-7) by wide margins on the way to a 62-55 victory in a Region II semifinal.

"We just had a rough game," said coach Jill McDill. "We didn't shoot very well, but they shot really well. And they out-rebounded us by quite a bit."

Pflugerville had a 40-29 advantage in rebounds, including 15 offensive rebounds that led to high-percentage shots and a 34-8 advantage in points in the paint. The Lady Panthers made 53 percent of their field goals (24-for-45)

while holding Rockwall to 30 percent (17-for-54), and Peyton Adamson to 22 percent (4-for-18).

Pflugerville, unranked in the final regular-season TABC poll, stole some thunder from 10th-ranked Rockwall before being sent home by Naaman Forest.

McDill said, "It wasn't much of a shocker. Pflugerville is 31-5, and they've lost to really good teams. All of their kids got offensive rebounds."

However, even Lady Panthers coach Nancy Walling expressed surprise.

"I didn't know how this team would come together. It was a surprise every day through the district and the

playoffs."

Leading the way against Rockwall (31-7) were forward Jasmine Fuller and guard Kayla Sanders with 19 points apiece.

Sanders scored 13 points in the first half, when Pflugerville took a 29-24 lead. In the second half, she concentrated on stopping Peyton Adamson. She came into the game averaging 19 points per game, but finished with just 13 by making a last-second 3-point shot.

Rockwall had its last lead at 21-20 on a 3-point basket by Sunny Satery with 5:54 before halftime. Five consecutive points by Sanders put the Lady Panthers ahead to stay at 25-21.

The Lady Jackets came back within one point, 41-40, when Jordan Anterhaus made her only basket of the game with 14 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Pflugerville then scored the next six points and led by at least four for the remainder of the game.

McDill said, "Every time we thought we were getting a break, we couldn't come down and convert."

Leading Rockwall were its four-year players, Shelby Adamson with 19 points, six assists and two steals, and Satery with 15. Brittany Coleman, the only other player returning from last season, scored six.

McDill summarized the season by saying, "We're disappointed, but 31-7 is a great season for us, losing as many players as we did and I'm extremely proud of them."

Swimmer brings home silver medal from state meet

STAFF REPORT

Rockwall-Heath's team brought home its first medal after competing in the state swim championship Feb. 23 at the University of

atatorium. Athlete Jacey Hodan was third in Saturday's 100-meter freestyle final and cut down off her time in the final heat with a time of 1:57.30, earning a silver medal second-place finish.

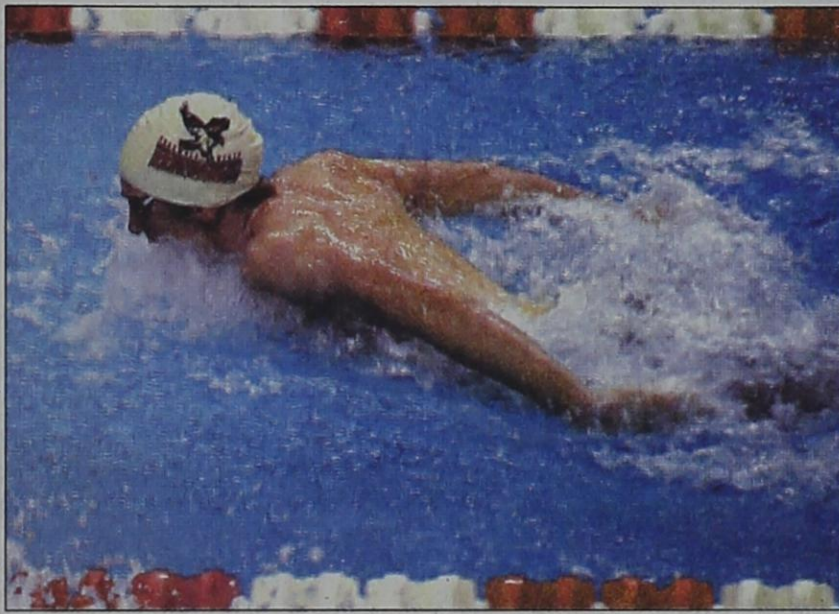
Hodan also finished ninth in the 200-yard IM with a time of

2:11.16.

Sophomore Mitchell Foster took tenth place in the 200-yard IM with a 2:02.66 and 11th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 53.91.

The women's 200-yard medley relay team (Hodan, Morgan Madrid, Katie Langdon and Coral Davenport) were seeded 14th heading into the final, where they finished ninth with a time of 1:57.30.

The Rockwall-Heath girls finished 14th in the team standings out of 53 schools while the boys finished 35th out of 49 schools.



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Rockwall-Heath sophomore Mitchell Foster finished 10th in the 200-yard IM during the UIL state swim championships Feb. 23 in Austin.

Moss hired as coach at Heath

STAFF REPORT

The Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved Feb. 25, the hiring of Mickey Moss as the new athletic coordinator and head football coach for Rockwall-Heath High School.

Moss replaces Tam Hollingshead, who recently joined the coaching staff at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

According to a press release from RISD, Moss holds a bachelor's of science degree from Southern Arkansas University and a master's of education in athletic administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Rockwall hockey team falls in bout with Frisco

FRISCO - Rockwall (10-7-2) came into the game with top ranked Frisco (17-2-1) trying to end two streaks facing the team as they look toward the playoffs in late March.

Frisco, on an 8-game win streak and Rockwall on a 3-game slide, had previously played to a shootout in their last pairing. Rockwall held the lead for more than two periods but fell victim to penalties late in the game letting Frisco escape with a 3-2 win at the Frisco Dr. Pepper Star Center on Feb. 21.

Rockwall took no time in setting the pace, with a score on the initial face off only 17 seconds in the game. Garrett Phillips' weak-side goal came off a rebound from Chris Thirion's shot at the crease set up by Rockwall freshman Preston Roberts' pass from the corner.

What followed for the rest of the initial frame was hard hitting and great saves from goalie David White. Wade MacDonald, Dustin Roy, Brandon Bambico and Preston Roberts combined to

front a strong backcheck that held Frisco's high powered offense at bay.

The first period ended on a controversial call as Wylie junior Morgan Cook was cross-checked into the Frisco goal. The call put Rockwall down a man going into the second period. Subsequent penalties early in the period kept Rockwall on the defensive for much of the first half of the middle period.

The second period ended with Rockwall up a goal and the shots nearly even with 10 for Rockwall and 11 for Frisco.

Early in the final period, a slow line change after a successful penalty killed allowed Frisco to penetrate deep in the Rockwall zone and score, pulling the game even.

Consecutive penalties in the middle of the frame put Rockwall on the defensive and allowed Frisco to score on both.

White, in his first game back from a knee injury, turned in an outstanding performance with 18 saves holding his

save percentage to 92.3 percent.

With three minutes left in the game, Rockwall went on a 5-on-3 power play. Coach Burack pulled the goalie to gain a further advantage but good defensive play allowed Frisco to reduce the advantage.

Finally, with 15 seconds remaining and Rockwall still on the power play, Thirion found a seam on the right side of the defense and put a wrist-shot high bouncing in off the crossbar to pull Rockwall within one.

The end of the game was a nail biter with Rockwall pressuring but the Frisco defense holding.

Rockwall will next face Plano West (12-8-0) on Feb. 28 at the Plano Dr. Pepper Star Center; then McKinney (3-15-1) on Mar. 6 in Frisco.

The Rockwall Ice Hockey Club competes in the AT&T Metroplex High School Hockey League and is composed of young athletes from Rockwall, Roysse City, and Wylie ISD's.

Moss

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"Mickey Moss is an outstanding coach and athletic coordinator but more importantly he is a quality person," said RISD athletic director Mark Elam. "He will serve the RHHS campus and our community well."

Moss had been serving as the athletic coordinator and head football coach at South Garland High School since 2002.

During his tenure at SGHS, Moss led his teams to five straight playoff appearances and was named the 2007 Coach of the Year in District 10-5A.

"I think this is a tremendous opportunity to get involved in the Rockwall community," Moss said in the press release. "We've already been heavily involved in the community through our church and different

sports and we love Rockwall-Heath High School the potential that's in the future that's ahead."

Moss was 45-21 seasons at South Garland including a 10-2 record in 2007. He is 99-59 in seasons as a head coach.

The Hawks went 10-2 last season, their second best season in school history.

Moss has said he will play for him at Rockwall, a high school linebacker, will enter the state wrestling bracket where he finished third in his weight class.

Mark Elam announced the time to speak with different stakeholders regarding the needs of the athletic department.

Football program as well as Moss fits every need of Weslaco's Frank Glisceanu said. "I know our student-athlete as our whole community will benefit from his leadership and high expectations."

Thomas named 10-4A's best offensive player

By Cliff Gibson
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Rockwall-Heath's Lady Hawks managed a team-record 28 wins during the 2007-2008 basketball season, but it came to a premature ending with a loss in the Class 4A bi-district playoffs.

Despite their early exit - a 63-47 loss to Lake Dallas - there was no denying the 28-6 Lady Hawks included some of the best players from District 10-4A.

Those players were honored by being selected to the 2007-2008 District 10-4A all-district basketball team.

Rockwall-Heath had two members make the first-team and another on the second-team, but junior Sequena Thomas earned one of the coveted superlatives and was named Offensive Player of the Year.

Thomas averaged 19.4 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Hawks and set school records in each category during the season.

Sophomore post Shanae Lowrance was a first-team selection after turning in 11.7 points and 9.3 rebounds per game.

Adrienne Boswell, a senior guard, made the first-team after putting up 8.6 points and 2.1 assists per outing.

Senior Britton Massar was also selected to the second-team.

West Mesquite, which won the district title, took most of the top honors after finishing 13-1 in district play.

J'Tierra Brown was named Most Valuable Player and Howard York was named Coach of the Year.

The Lady Wranglers also had two first-team selections and three more on the second-team.

Forney's Kandice Reed was named Defensive Player of the Year while Corey Mulder, from Richardson Pearce, was tabbed Newcomer of the Year.

Lady Hawks struggling early

By Matt McGillen
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PLANO - Held to just four hits, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks remained winless for the 2008 season, as they lost to Plano, 5-1, on Feb. 26 in a non-district softball game.

Heath (0-4) travels to Wylie for a tournament Feb. 28-Mar. 1 before opening district 10-4A action at Mesquite Poteet on Mar. 3.

Against the Wildcats (9-2), sophomore Victoria Combs took the loss, surrendering 13 hits, including a pair of long home runs, while striking out six.

Combs, who is being forced to carry the brunt of the Lady Hawks' pitching duties while ace Chelsey Eddy recovers from elbow surgery, pitched out of two jams early in the game, including a bases-loaded situation in the second inning, where she stuck out the side.

She wasn't quite as lucky in the third when she gave up a two-out, towering opposite-field blast to the Wild-

cat's Vonnie Martin that likely ended up in a different area code.

Plano added two more runs in the fourth to make it 3-0 before Devin Edgemon gave the Lady Hawks their lone extra base hit with a double in the top of the fifth.

After moving to third on a fielder's choice, she scored when Taylor Blair's checked swing resulted in a perfectly placed bunt that went for an infield single.

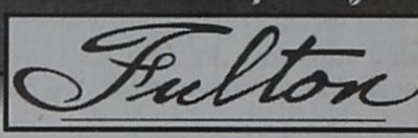
The Wildcats came right back in the bottom of the fifth when Stevie Pierce drilled a shot over the left field fence with a runner on to make it 5-1.

Lauren Wyman notched the win for Plano, striking out 11 with no walks.


Eddy, who struck out 229 hitters last season to lead the Lady Hawks into the playoffs while earning first-team all-district honors, is not expected to return to Heath's lineup until about the beginning of April.

Taylor McLouglin and Sarah Long also singled for the Lady Hawks.

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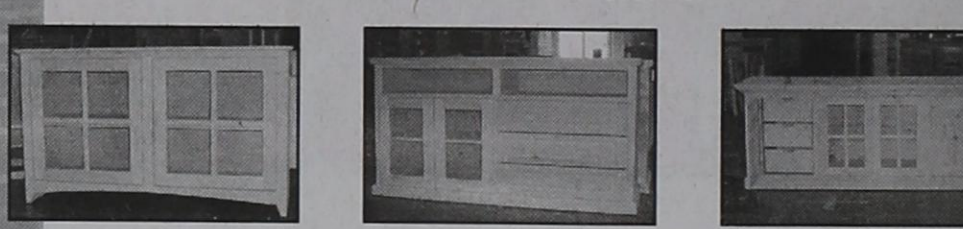
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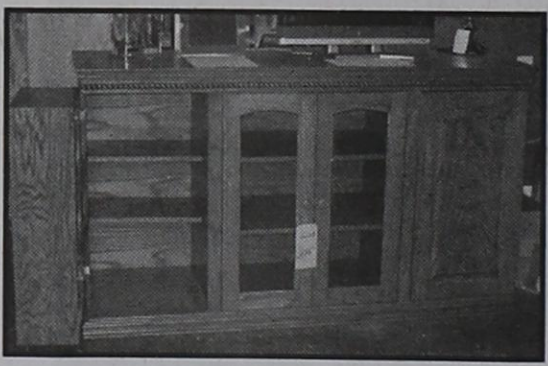
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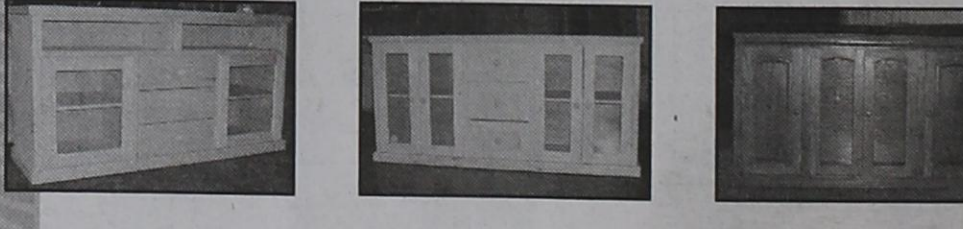
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Barnes, Benitez win bronze during state wrestling meet

STAFF REPORT

STIN - Four wrestlers from Rockwall High School made the trip to Austin on the state wrestling meet and two returned to all County with shiny medals in hand.

Justin Barnes and Erick Benitez each earned bronze after finishing third in their respective weight classes, competing in the 130-pound division, opened the meet with a 16-5 win over Martin's Sam Rael followed it with a 9-0 win over Weslaco's Frank Rende.

Benitez lost a 9-5 decision to Andrea Carr of Eules, sending him into the consolation bracket where he lost to Kelin's Georgio Rome-

ro (6-5) and Azle's Nick Killip, 3-1, in the third-place match.

Benitez, competing in the 130-pound division, opened his meet with a pin of Borg-er's Andrew Morga just 50 seconds into the match.

He followed with a 7-3 win over Gabe Von Letchler of Mc-Callum before being pinned by the eventual champion, Colleyville Heritage's Jeremy Sandoval. The pin came 1:32 into the match.

Benitez rebounded with a pin of Carmelo Castillo at the 2:54 mark to advance to the bronze medal match, where he took a 9-3 win over Derek Shaw of Houston Langham Creek.

Alex Cihak, competing in the 112-pound division, finished fifth at the state meet. Cihak pinned Johna-

than Sanchez of EP Socorro just 4:30 into the match before being defeated, 4-0, by Arlington Bowie's Erik Simmons. Cihak fell just short of the third-place match after topping Israel Bustos with a pin at the 2:40 mark and Tom Holt in a 16-0 shutout.

He was defeated by Roderick Gaines before topping Robert Myers, 4-2, in the fifth-place match.

In the 171-pound division, Robert Carter opened with a 4-2 loss to Joey Sykes of Canyon Randall before winning consecutive matches in the third-place bracket.

He topped Manuel Rocha, 6-4, and Jamaal Buford, 3-2, before eventually falling to Klein's Jordan Park, 6-0.

ady Eagles in victory over Grace

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Eagles from Her-Christian Academy had to extra innings Feb. 27 came out with a 13-10 victory over Arlington's Prep Academy.

Sophomore Lauren Petit 4-for-5 with four RBIs stole a base. Sophomore n Trapane also went 5 and stole five bases driving in a run.

Junior Brandi Hawkins drove in three bases and had two hits and an RBI. Sophomore Jordan Miller went 5 with a pair of RBIs and drove in one base.

Hawkins tossed five innings in the circle while Miller pitched three.



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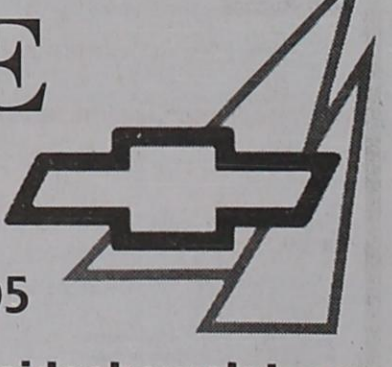
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Lady Jackets trail early, bounce back to beat Allen

By LARY BUMP
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ALLEN - After spotting Allen two first-inning runs, Rockwall roared back with two big innings to take an 8-2 softball victory over the Eagles on Feb. 26.

Kiely Harrison started four-run innings in both the third and fourth innings with leadoff singles against losing pitcher Haley Epperson.

In each inning, Tina Hinton followed Harrison by reaching base.

In the third, Shelby Frieron doubled to drive in Harrison, then fielder's choices by Amanda Harmon and Laycee Holcomb sent home runs to give Rockwall a 3-2 lead.

Audrey Farfan singled for the fourth run. In the fourth inning, Haley Lemons' two-run double and Kelsey Harmon's two-run single provided the four runs.

The Lady Jackets' defense didn't offer as much sup-

port for winning pitcher Kat Brown. She allowed just five hits, four of those to Allen's first eight batters.

After she retired the first two Lady Eagles, Jordan Rowe hit a fly ball to right field. A chilly wind sent the ball over Holcomb's outstretched glove for a triple.

Erin Martin followed with a fly ball to the warning track that fell to center fielder Hinton's left for a double. Epperson's double then scored Martin.

Thus, the Lady Jackets take a 2-1-2 record into a weekend that will include eight games. They'll play three games Feb. 28 in the Wylie Tournament - against Cleburne at 11 a.m., Mesquite Horn at 3 p.m. and Wylie at 7 p.m.

RHS will return to Wylie for three more games Mar. 1, including a 5 p.m. matchup with Rockwall-Heath.

They'll play Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. at perennial state power Garland (6-2).

Hawks win tourney title in Granbury

By MATT MCGILLEN
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GRANBURY - After making a game-saving catch in the bottom of the eighth inning of the championship game, Rockwall-Heath's Colton Court doubled and then came around to score the game-winning run in the top of the ninth as the Hawks downed Cleburne, 4-3, to capture the championship of the 2008 Granbury Classic Chevrolet tournament Feb. 21-23.

The fleet-footed Court was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after batting .333 with nine RBIs and three runs scored.

Zach Frazier lofted a sacrifice fly, his third RBI of the title game, to score Court with the winning run.

Trevor Holland picked up the win with five innings of one-hit relief, fanning six and walking just one for the Hawks, who finished the

tournament with a 4-1 record.

Frazier finished the game 2-for-3, including a home run.

Aided by nine errors, the Hawks opened the tournament with a 13-7 win over Cleburne before falling to Fort Worth Brewer, 12-5. They then downed Arlington Seguin, 6-4, and tournament host Granbury, 7-3, to reach the final.

In the first game against Cleburne, Drew VerHagen led the way for the Hawks, scattering two hits over four innings with half a dozen strikeouts and one walk, while going 2-for-3 at the plate with three RBI and two runs scored.

Against Granbury, Benefield threw a complete-game, three-hitter, striking out two but walking six.

Cass Johnson was 2-for-3 at the plate with VerHagen finishing 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

RHS gets plenty of hits but not enough victories

By LARY BUMP
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Rockwall pounded out 29 hits in three games, but managed only one win during last weekend's rain-shortened Rose City Classic baseball tournament in Tyler.

The Yellowjackets' greatest frustration came Feb. 26, when they had 13 hits but managed just four runs in a 6-4 loss to Kilgore.

On Feb. 22, RHS had 11 more hits in an 11-3 victory over Shreveport (La.) Byrd, but came up with just five hits in losing to Nacogdoches, 11-7.

Jordan Harmon, just off the basketball court, and Parson and Henderson each had a double against Kilgore.

In the Byrd game, Parish doubled twice, and Parson, Henderson and Bertrand had one double apiece.

Travis Ballew was the losing pitcher against Kilgore. Parson took the loss in

the Nacogdoches game, Rockwall's biggest loss, catcher Jake Inmon.

The Jackets could have won as many as six games in weekend's Mesquite Invitational Tournament.

The schedule calls for a minimum of four games. Rockwall would have won Mesquite Horn at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at Tillery Field, but the game was postponed for a 7:30 game against Copeland.

RHS is scheduled to play West Mesquite on Feb. 29 at 2:30 and Midlothian on Feb. 29 at 2:45, both at Tillery.

If the Jackets win both games, they would meet the PTH champion at 5:15 at Tillery with those winners meeting in the 8 p.m. championship game at Copeland.


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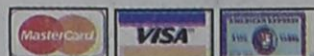
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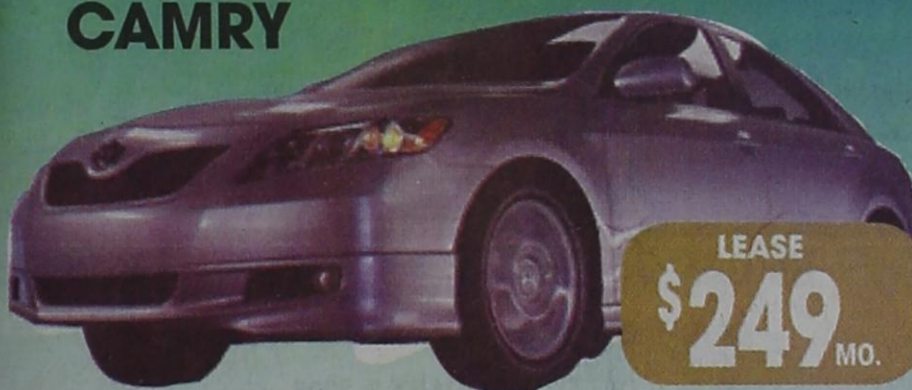
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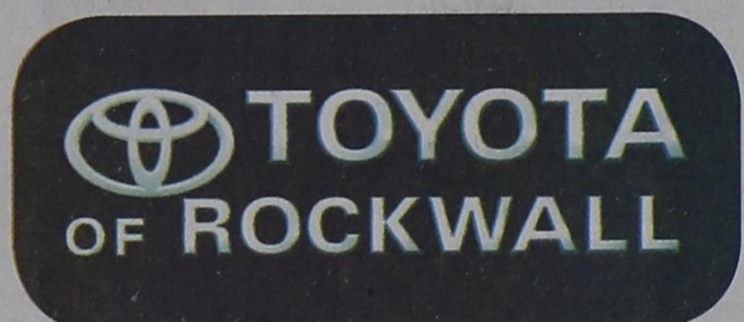
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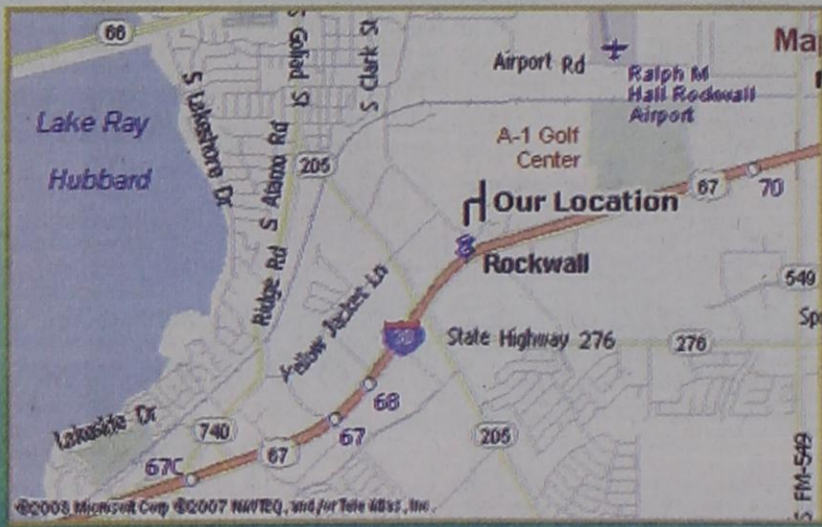


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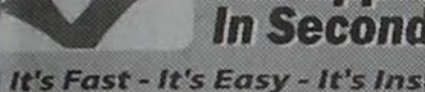
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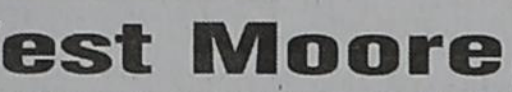
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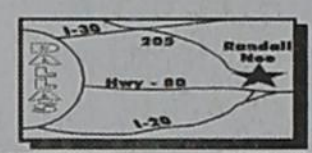
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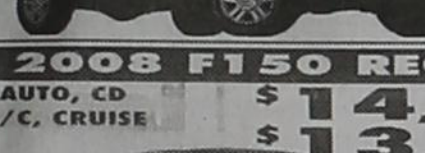
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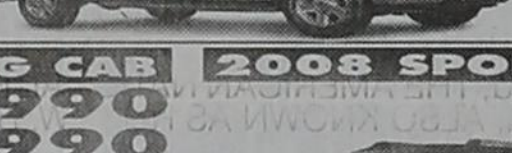
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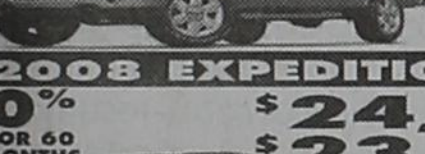
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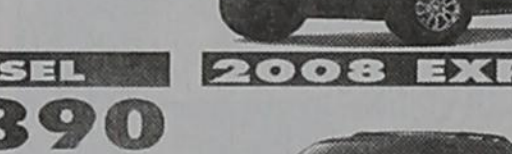
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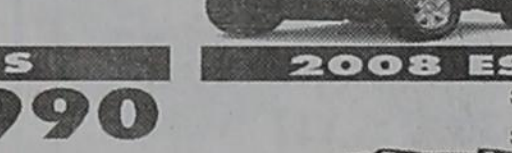
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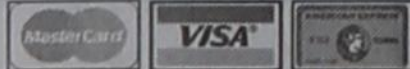
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Case # BOA-2008-1-V

Hold a public hearing to consider approval of a request from Robert Jungels, for a variance from the Unified Development Code to reduce the rear setback requirement from 10-feet to 3-feet on Lot 25, Block B, Hillcrest Shores, Phase Three (3), City of Rockwall, Texas located at 1200 Crestcove Dr.

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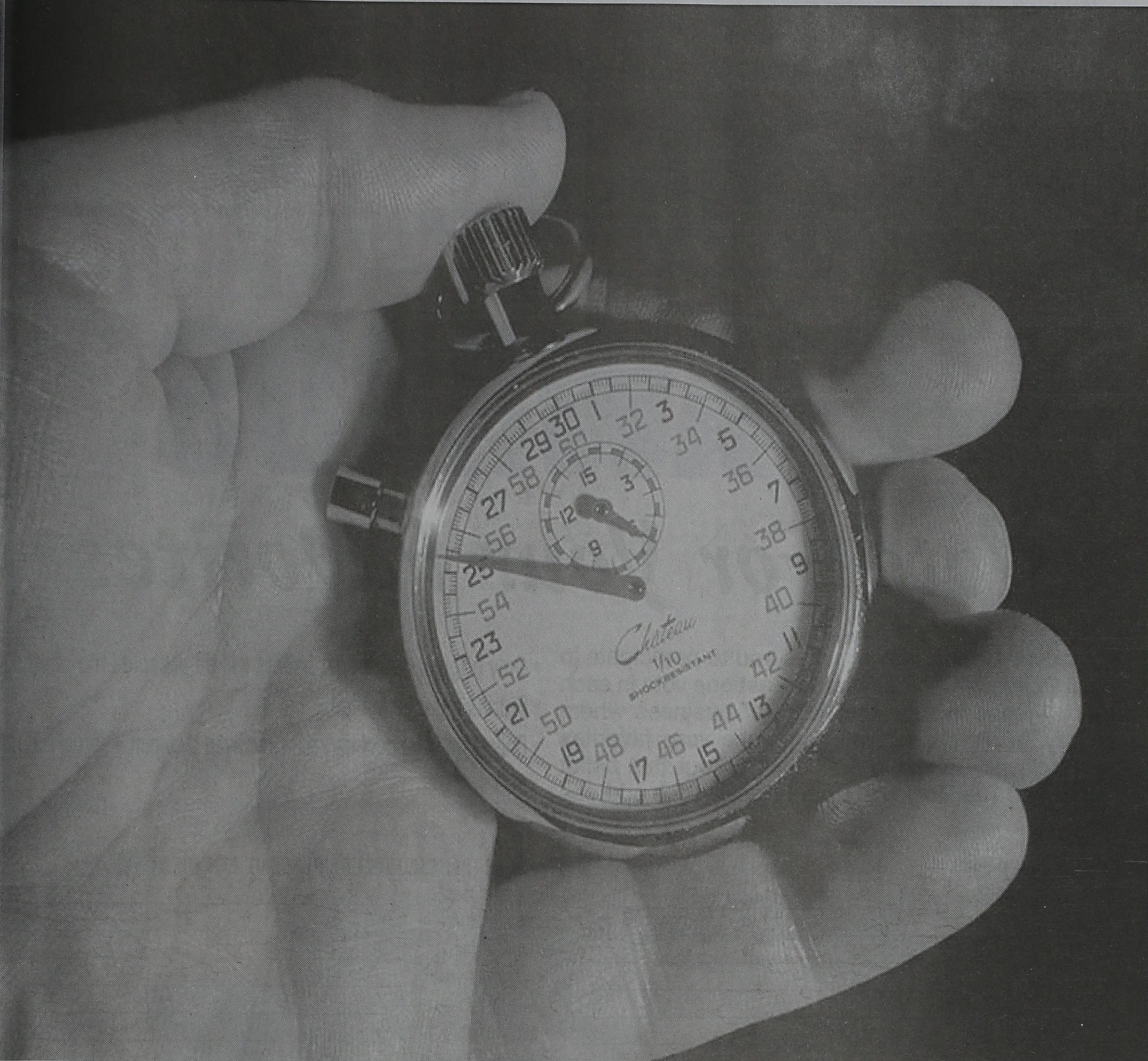
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- Only original newspaper ballots will be accepted (no photocopies)
- Entries must be mailed.
- Ballots must be postmarked or received by 5 p.m. **February 29, 2008**

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- Favorite Supermarket _____
- Favorite Barber Shop _____
- Favorite Place to Workout _____
- Favorite Place to Tan _____
- Favorite Restaurant _____
- Favorite Bar _____

FOOD & DRINK WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR FAVORITE

- Favorite Hamburger _____
- Favorite Pizza _____
- Favorite Barbecue _____
- Favorite Seafood _____
- Favorite Mexican Food _____
- Favorite Chicken Fried Steak _____
- Favorite Fried Chicken _____
- Favorite Italian Food _____
- Favorite Steak _____
- Favorite Desserts _____
- Favorite Breakfast _____
- Favorite Place to Get Coffee _____
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PEOPLE (PLEASE INCLUDE PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT)

- Favorite Waitress/Waiter _____
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- Favorite Doctor _____
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Youth Fair
The 55th annual Rockwall Youth Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 5. On Friday, April 4 Heritage Land Bank in conjunction with the Rockwall Youth Fair will host the second annual Heritage Land Bank School Day.

Harbor Easter
Ridgeview Church and the community of Rockwall will celebrate an Easter celebration at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 23 at the Harbor Amphitheater. For more information contact Heather at theharbor08.com or (972) 771-2661.

Spasian's Art Fair
Spasian's Art Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5 in downtown Rockwall. The fair features vendors for home decor, handmade jewelry, baby gifts, fun boutique items and more. All money raised from booth rentals goes to local high school students for college scholarships.

Newcomers Club
The Rockwall Newcomers Club will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 13 with entertainment by Irish ballad singer Cynthia Bennett at the Shores Country Club. Becky Cecil, (972) 771-3322, or Carol East, (972) 771-7774 for reservations before 6 p.m. Monday, March 10.

American Legion
American Legion Post 117 in Rockwall will meet at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16 at the Community Center. (972) 771-1851 or rockwallpost117@hotmail.com

Lady Hawk Soccer
Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawk Soccer team will play McKinney North on Friday, March 14. The first 50 students at the game receiving a free T-shirt and at halftime of the varsity game, five people will be selected from a raffle to participate in a shootout. JV game will begin at 5:30 p.m. and varsity will kick off at 7:15 p.m.

Community Center
Annual meeting of the Heath Community Center will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17 at Heath City Hall. Bill Way (972) 771-5259.

