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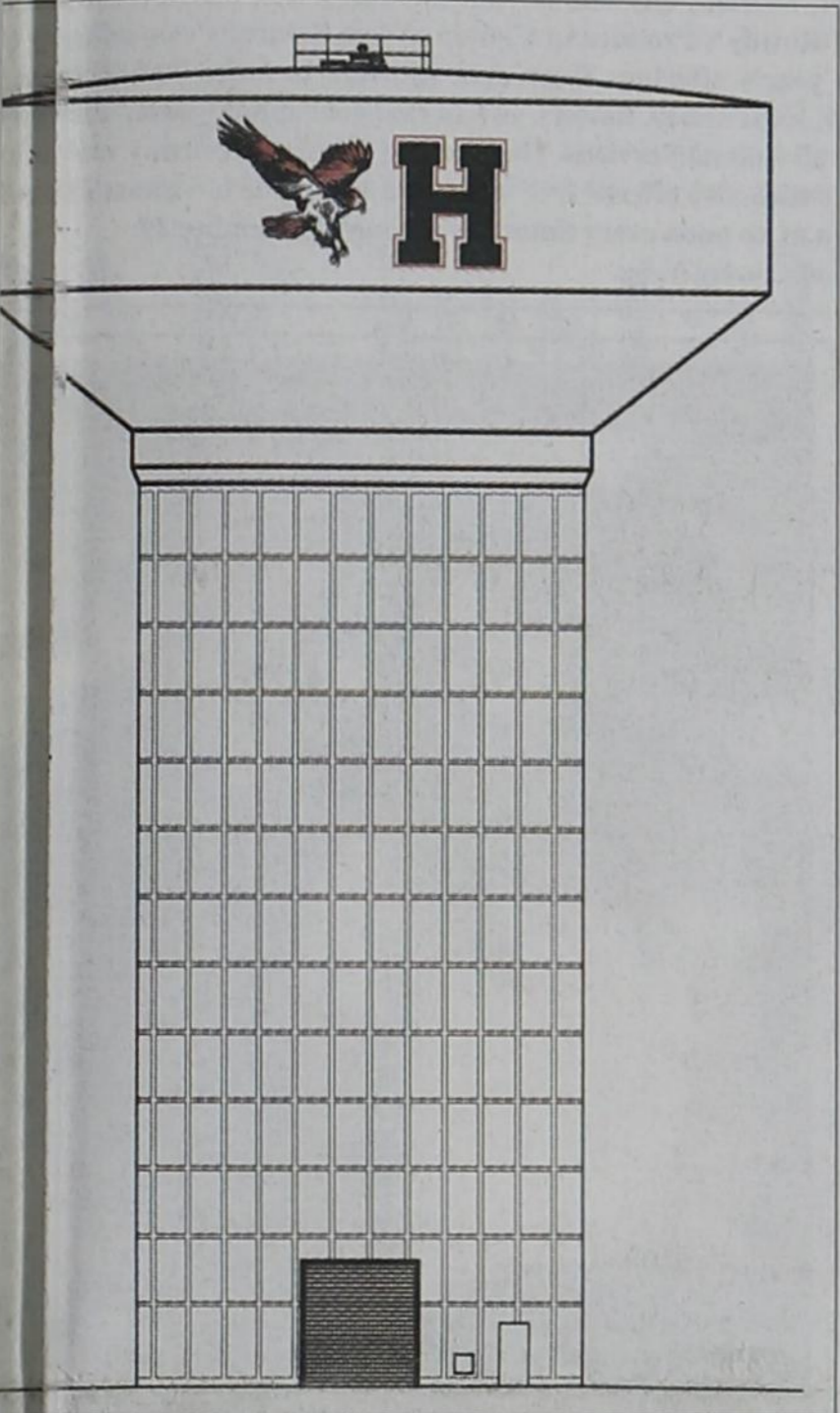
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Heath Hawk to fly on new water tower; council says no to Fulton Falcon

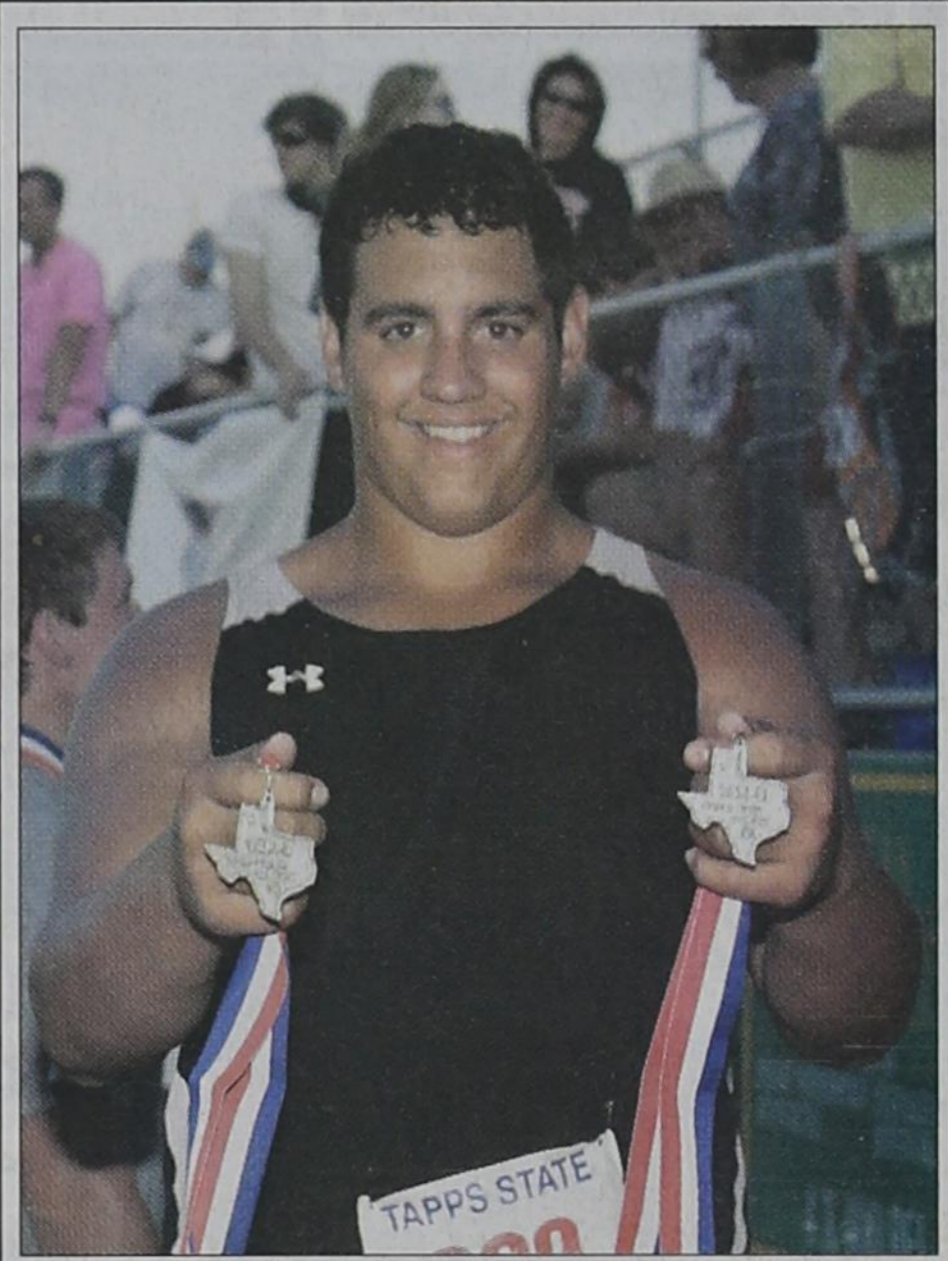
Heath water tower moves closer to completion, the Heath council has decided to follow "tradition" by only putting the Rockwall-Heath High School logo on the tower and not including the logo for The Fulton School, a private institution. The water tower is surrounded on all sides by Fulton's property in the middle of the Fulton play area. Council met in special session at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday to agree on a sign idea needed a quick resolution to keep the tower's construction schedule. The logo will show the school's flying Hawk mascot next to a large outline "H", which has become a well-recognized symbol for

The water tower was originally designed to have three City of Heath logos on the bowl atop the tower. The cost to add the RHHS logo is \$15,000. That cost reflects a discount the city received for the removal of one city logo. The cost of the logos is built into the total cost of the water tower project. Council member Justin Holland said he researched water towers across the country and found it was traditional to put the local high school logo on water towers. "I've not found one water tower with a private school on there," he said. "It's the custom and tradition to have the local public high school on a water tower." Although Tuesday's meeting was posted for the change order only and not as a public hearing, Heath's mayor, John Ratcliffe, allowed comments from the public since they made the effort to attend so early in the morning. Heath resident George Hargrave, a supporter of the Fulton logo, produced a check for \$5,000 he raised to help offset the cost of adding the second school. He said the city could have the check if they voted to include Fulton. "Heath High School is a great school. It teaches thousands of our local students," Hargrave said. "Heath is blessed to have another high school, a college prep school, called The Fulton School. I propose we put the Falcons up there and the Hawks up there and let them both fly."

Zurek said, "We don't want to disregard you, but there are only 55 Heath residents that actually go to your school compared to 1,000 at Heath. We like your school. I would like to do something to recognize your school, but I don't think the water tower is the place for it. I like your school but there is a chance your school might not be there. Heath High School will be here forever," she said. Zurek told the Fulton supporters that the logo would be placed so it wasn't obviously visible on approach to the Fulton campus. Liechty echoed his fellow council members in his respect for Fulton, but said he was concerned about a private school logo being considered advertising. He said upon consultation with City Attorney Pete Eckert, the city might be required to charge Fulton for the addition of their logo since The Fulton School was a non-public entity.



Matt Burgy, headmaster of The Fulton School, said no one at Fulton is opposed to the RHHS logo going on the water tower. "I am going to suggest there are two school systems in Heath," Burgy said. "While Rockwall-Heath has served the community as a publicly funded high school, The Fulton School has served as a private, independent high school. Fulton is a school that teaches the highest academic standards, appreciation of the arts, athletic excellence, and high personal values. We teach our students that service to others is the highest human calling." Burgy provided council members with a packet outlining many of the school's accomplishments over the last few years, such as a 100 percent graduation rate, 100 percent college acceptance rate, 100 percent AP pass rate, 40 percent of seventh graders included in the Duke University TIP scholar program, a state champion robotics team, a state champion sailor, holding a state record in long jump and other state track and field awards, plus being the school of National Merit Scholar Tim Borgen. "We do all this under the name of Heath Fulton. We proudly, proudly serve as a beacon of excellence in this community," Burgy said. "So you can understand my frustration when I received word that this was up for discussion. After all, you are talking about a water tower that sits in the middle of my playground and overshadows my soccer field." "I'm not against having birds of prey on the water tower. I just think if we are going to rally around the educational system in our community, I think the Falcons belong up there with the Hawks." Council members Robert Hille, Justin Holland, Julianna Zurek and Lorne Liechty said they would vote for the change order to include the RHHS logo, but not the Fulton logo. The only 'no' vote was from council member Rick Krause, who stated his opposition was based on the cost of the change, not as a positive vote for the Fulton logo. All council members expressed their respect and admiration for the accomplishments of the Fulton students and staff and expressed a desire to

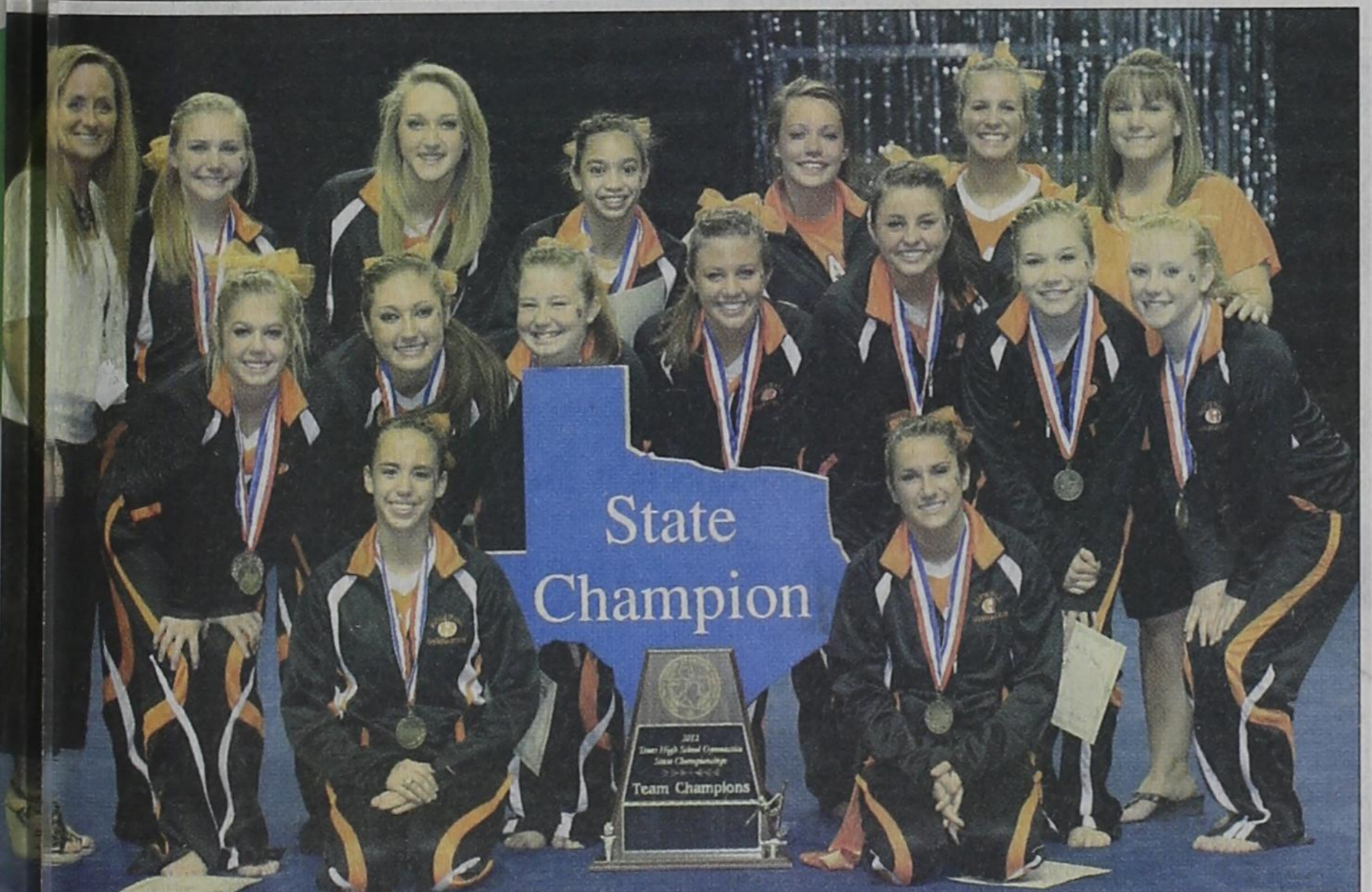


Heritage Christian Academy's Stephen Salter received gold medals for his first place performances in the Discus, with a distance of 119' 11", and a top distance of 45' 10" in the Shot Put. Salter received the awards at the Friday, May 4 TAPPS State Track and Field Meet which took place at the Hart Patterson Complex in Waco. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

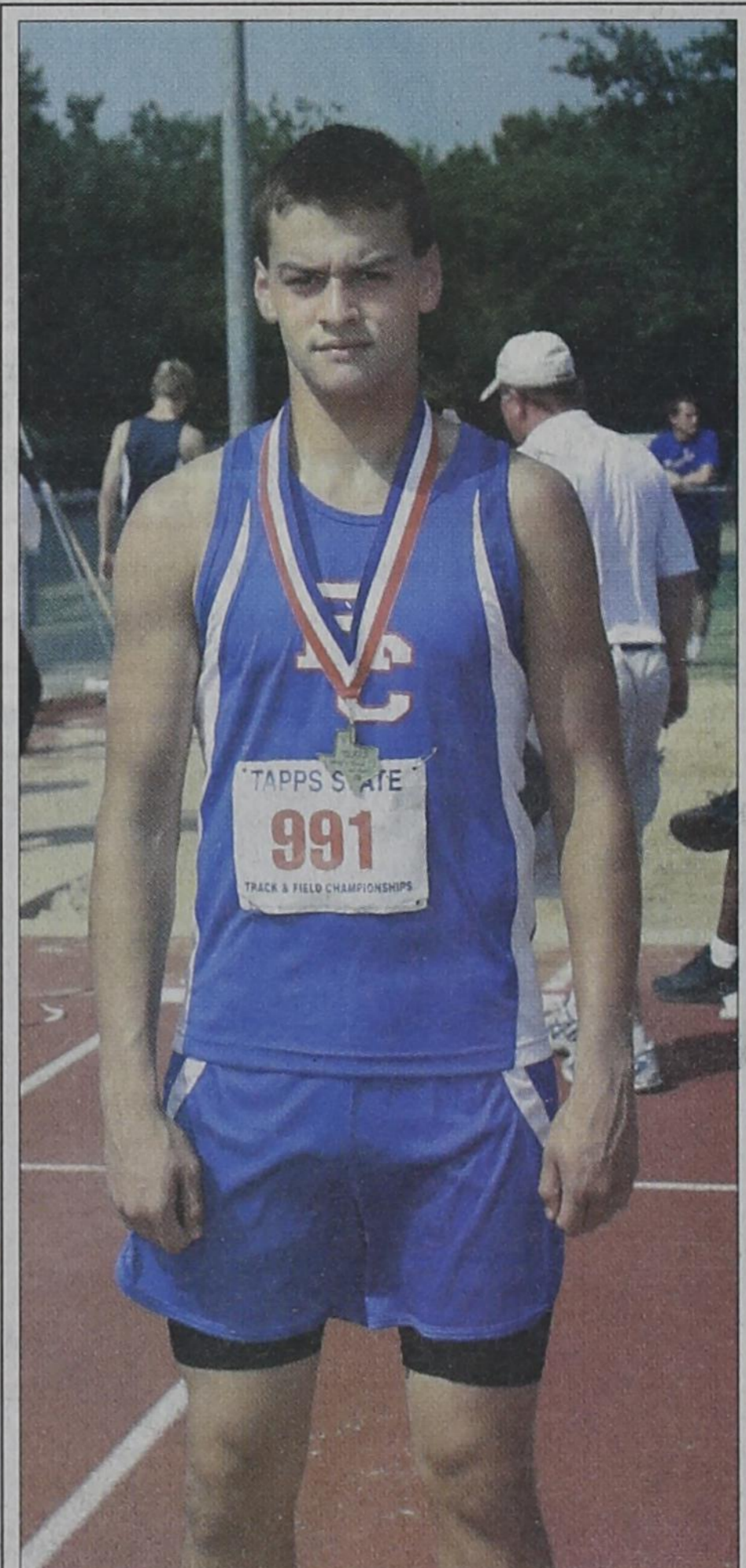
Police seek evaluation for knife-wielding man

Rockwall police apprehended an unnamed man on May 7 after motorists reported seeing a man carrying a large knife walking along Interstate 30 near Lake Hubbard. Officers responded to the location at approximately 10 a.m. According to a news release from Lt. Kirk Aldridge of the Rockwall Police Department, officers responded to the scene and the subject ran from them. When the officers caught up with the subject, he turned and waved the knife at the officers. The subject then charged towards them but stopped his advance when the officers deployed their less-lethal shotguns and Tasers. The subject turned around and ran away from the officers a second time.

Officers attempted to communicate with the subject but he refused to obey commands and refused to drop the knife. After a brief standoff, officers utilized their Tasers a second time, gaining control of the subject when he fell to the ground and taking him into custody. The subject was transported to Parkland Hospital in Dallas for psychological evaluation. The subject sustained minor injuries and no officers were injured during the incident. Lt. Aldridge said officers from the Rockwall County Sheriff Office and the Rockwall County Constables Office also assisted in the incident.



The Rockwall High School gymnastics team won the Texas State Gymnastics Championship which took place May 4-5 at the Junell Center at Baylor State University. Team members are (back row left to right) Coach Denise Hedges, Megan Inglis, Blair Raney, Laura Arce, Brianna Pultorak, Coach Stephanie Tyson, (middle row) Kailea Coles, Hayden Raney, Amber Zolman, Emily Pettett, Sarah Beasley, Alicia Tori Hedges, (front row) Jenna Jeffrey and Shelbi Crawford. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager (marciasphoto.smugmug.com/Gymnastics)/Rockwall County News



Rockwall Christian Academy's Daniel Rorie took the gold medal for his first place Long Jump distance of 20' 8.5" at the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet on Friday, May 4. The meet was held at Baylor University's Hart Patterson Complex in Waco. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Helping Hands plans volunteer orientation

Rockwall County Helping Hands will conduct volunteer orientations from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. May 22 at 950 Williams St., Bldg. B. The session will be open to anyone interested in learning more about the agency and its volunteer opportunities. For more details, call 972-771-HELP or visit rockwallhelpinghands.com.

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Craig Deaton and his daughter, Marian, buy one of Marian's favorites, blackberries, and other fruits from Rowdy Heddin, left, of Rowdy's Produce in Canton at last Saturday's opening day of Rockwall Farmer's Market. This year's offerings from area growers included locally grown produce and vegetables, Gulf Coast shrimp, local honey, flowers and herbs, goat soaps, pasta, and even available for adoption from Rockwall Animal Services. The opening day flag ceremony was conducted by Rockwall Boy Scout Troop 421, which also offered free water and lemonade to visitors and vendors. The Farmer's Market runs from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through September 29.

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Tour of Gardens scheduled May 19

The 9th Annual Tour of Gardens, hosted by the Rockwall County Master Gardener Association, will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 19.

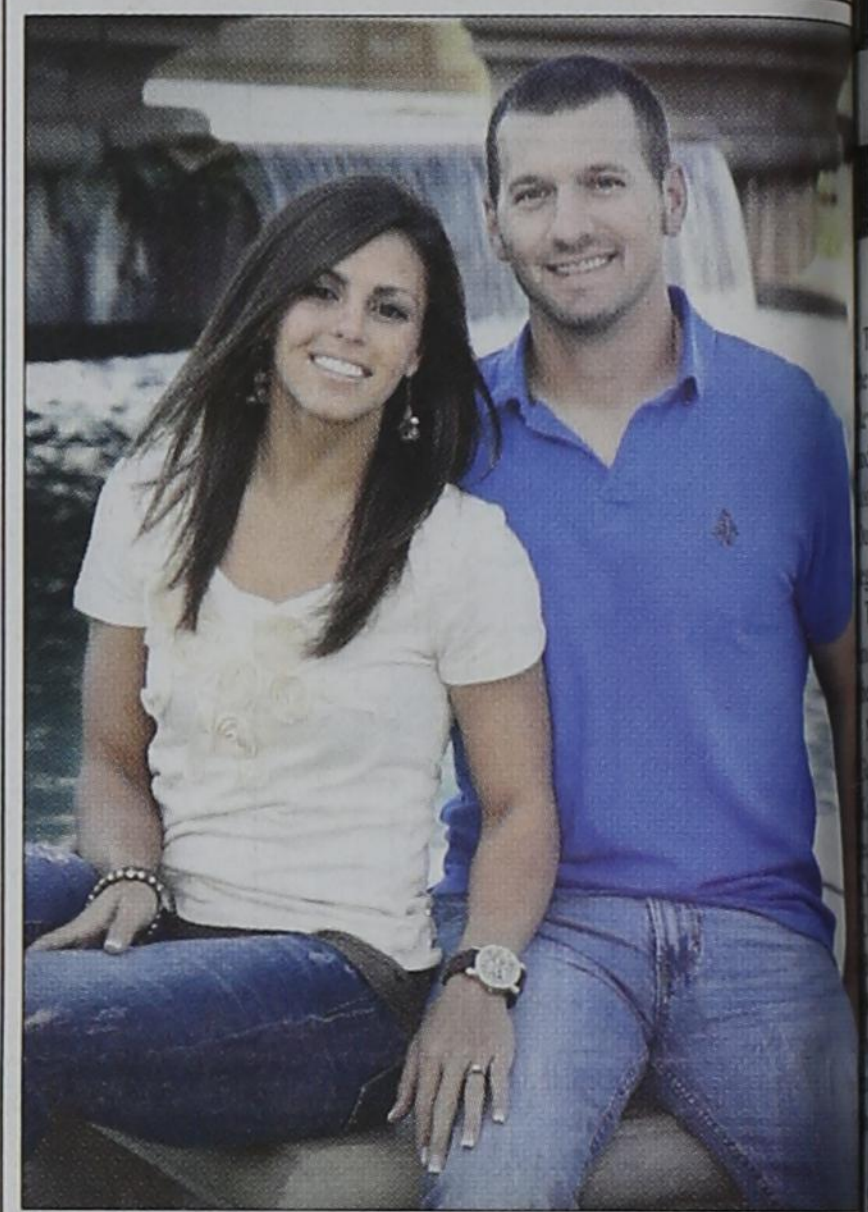
Six standout gardens will be a part of the at-your-leisure touring event, which will take place rain or shine.

Garden rooms can extend the living space of a home, and all four of the featured home gardens of this year's tour use the concept. Also featured is an "eclectic garden," which features no specific style, and a garden ripe with Old World, European charm. Rounding out the home gardens are the lake-front garden, which features whimsy mixed with Texas flair, and a "secret garden."

Also featured on the tour is a quarter-acre church's vegetable garden that last year produced more than 8,000 pounds of produce for Helping Hands. And finally, the Rockwall County Discovery Garden, created and maintained by local Master Gardeners, will be on display. Its newest features include a revamped water feature at "The Eagle's Nest," a raised-bed demonstration area built through an Eagle Scout service project by Nicholas Srygley, Boy Scouts and volunteers.

Tickets are available at Alliance Bank, BB&T Bank, Bel Fiore Salon, Chase Bank, Community Bank, Covington's Nursery, Culvers Restaurant, Home Bank, Lakeside National Bank, Landscape Source, The Life House or from any Rockwall County Master Gardener.

Call 972-204-7660 or visit rockmga.org for more details.



Bolli, Holden set for June ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bolli of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nichole Bolli, to Joel Holden, son of Larry and Jolynn Holden of Waco.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Rockwall High School and a graduate of Texas Woman's University. She competed in the gymnastics programs at both schools. She holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling. She is employed as the head gymnastics coach at Rockwall-Heath High School and Middle School.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2002 Rockdale High School graduate, graduated from Texas A&M University in 2007. He holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and is pursuing a master's degree in educational administration. He is employed as a football and powerlifting coach at Royse City High School.

A June 2012 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Rockwall.



Evelyn Burkett and her Daughter Kathy Bass

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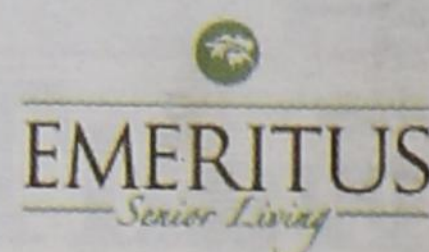
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Rockwall reminds remodelers get permits

The City of Rockwall is reminding individuals who are remodeling their home or business, adding an addition or fence to a yard or having a roof or retaining wall done to ensure a building permit application is filed first with the city.

Before starting the job, call 972-771-7709 for information on permit requirements.

To request a project inspection, call 972-771-7760. Inspections are in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 4 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The inspection request line is available 24 hours a day. Calls received after 7:30 a.m. will be scheduled for the next workday, according to a news release from the city.

Plumbing, mechanical, electrical work, irrigation systems, pools or hot tubs, signs and banners, accessory buildings or demolitions and driveways, patios, patios and decks also require permits.

"Building codes are adopted to ensure safety issues and hopefully to protect our residents for the future," said a city building official. For more information, visit rockwall.com and click on building inspections.

RCAD appraisals distributed, most property values dropped

Rockwall Central Appraisal District mailed appraisal value notices according to a news release issued this week. Property owners should receive a notice of appraised value. Anyone who does not receive a notice should visit the RCAD website at rockwallcad.com to determine what their 2012 proposed value is. Information can be updated by owner name, street address or property ID number. Most properties throughout Rockwall County went down by 1 or 2 percent, according to the news release. Approximately 70 percent of the properties dropped in value, while 20 percent stayed about the same and 10 percent saw an increase – mostly because of new construction, add-ons or variations.

The appraisal district's job is to appraise all property in the county at fair market value and the assessment date is Jan. 1. Property owners who feel their appraised value is higher than their property would sell for should contact the appraisal district at 841 Justin Road in Rockwall or call the office at 972-771-2034.

After an informal meeting with the RCAD staff, an agreement is not reached, a property owner may file a written protest to the appraisal review board. The deadline to file a timely protest is June 8. If, for some reason, a property owner is unable to meet informally with a RCAD appraiser the appraiser recommends filing a written protest before the deadline to preserve appeal rights.

The Appraisal Review Board is an administrative review arm of the property tax system and the ARB is an independent board with responsibilities to mediate between property owners and the appraisal district. The ARB is a separate body from the appraisal office.

Property owners have the right to appeal ARB decisions through district court or arbitration. In order for a property owner to file an appeal through arbitration, the appeal must be filed through the district court

and no more than 60 days after receiving the order determining protest. If a property owner seeks binding arbitration of an ARB order determining real property you must meet the following criteria (1) the appraised or market value, as applicable, of the property as determined by the order is one million dollars or less, (2) the appeal does not involve any matter in dispute other than the determination of the appraised or market value of the property. Property owners must file this within 45 days to receive the notice of determination from the ARB and include a \$500 deposit. If the arbitrator's value decision is closer to the value the property owner claims to be correct then \$450 of the \$500 deposit is returned to the property owner and the RCAD pays the arbitrator's fee. The comptroller will retain \$50 to cover administrative cost.

Most protests and ARB actions concern market value. The tax code defines market value as the price at which a property would transfer for cash or its equivalent under prevailing market conditions if:

- Exposed for sale in the open market with a reasonable time for the seller to find a purchaser;
- Both the seller and purchaser know of all the uses and purposes to which the property is adapted and for which it is capable of being used and of the enforceable restrictions on its use;
- Both the seller and purchaser seek to maximize their gains and neither is in position to take advantage of the other.

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DAR installs new regent, officers

The Rock Wall Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution installed a new regent office May 5 in a meeting conducted at the home of Carolyn Heath, who also is a regent.

The new regent, Peggy Atterbury, will lead the chapter for the next two years. Newly installed officers include: Laska, vice president; Marty, president; Linda Smith, recording secretary; Tommie, corresponding secretary; Carol Skelton, treasurer; Carol, assistant treasurer; Laverne, clerk; registrar; Faye Heil, assistant registrar; Julia McCormack, Joy Breenwalt, co-librarians; Rhonda Parvin, historian.

Guest speaker for the event was Penny Hill, state corresponding secretary. She conducted the installation.

For more information on the local chapter, contact Atterbury at 771-557.



Pictured is Peggy Atterbury, new regent for the Rock Wall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Atterbury and the organization's new officers were installed May 5 in the Heath home of Carolyn Duckworth.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Candidate addresses Rockwall Christian student groups

Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Tom Leppert addressed Rockwall Christian Academy students Sunday evening in the high school commons area.

Leppert addressed the RCA Student Council and the Men and Ladies of Honor, answering questions about his stand on the issues and hot topics involved in the upcoming election.

The Men and Ladies of Honor is a character education program based at RCA and established in a number of private and public schools throughout Texas.

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by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



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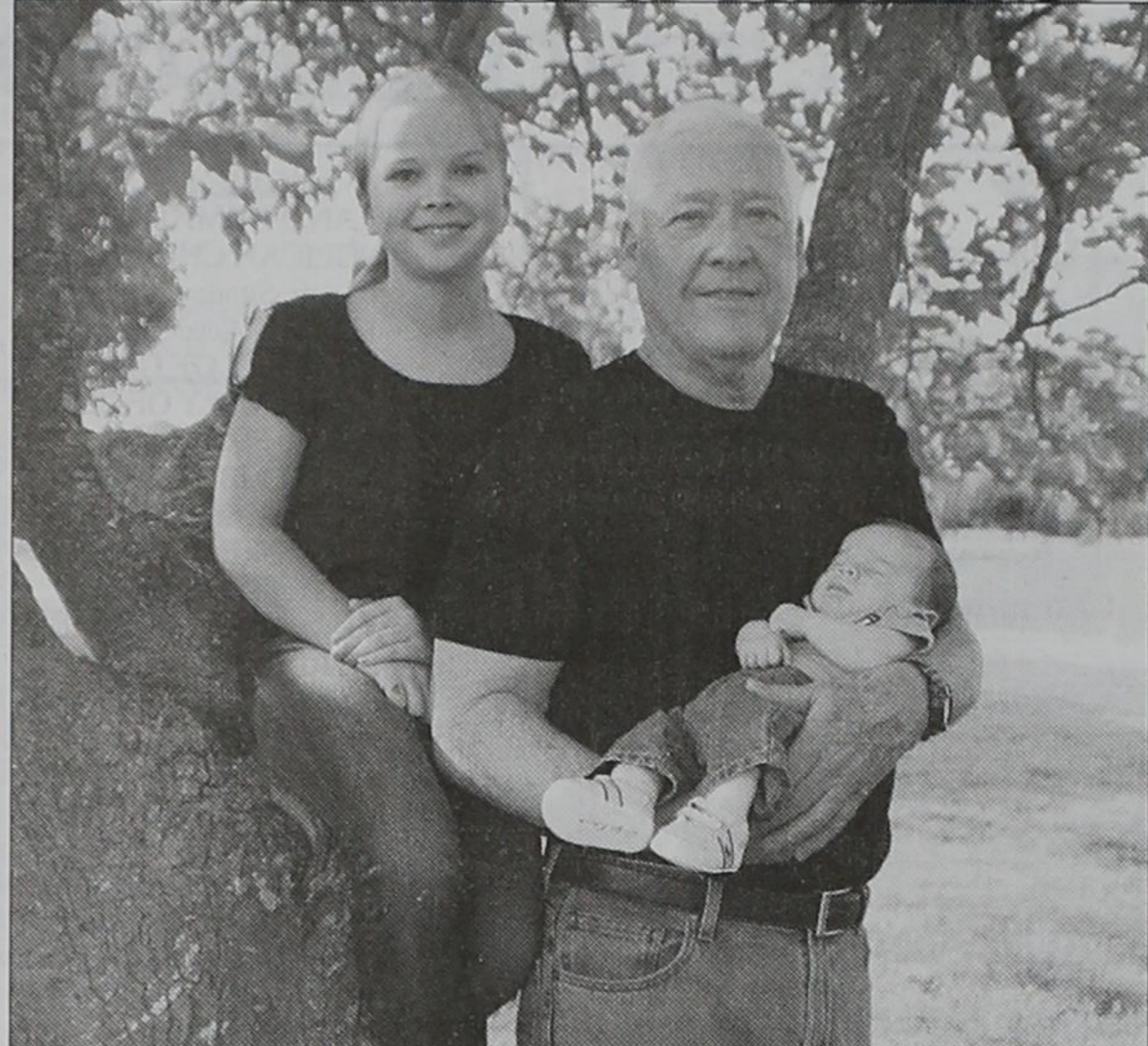
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ walks with his disciples, continued...John 16:14-33

A couple of weeks ago we stopped at John 16:13 where Jesus explained that after his ascension, the spirit of truth would come unto them and guide them unto all truth. He taught how the spirit of truth would not speak of itself, but what it heard from the Father.

In verse 14 he reminded them that God would glorify him, and that God would receive all that Jesus would bring unto Him; and that God would show all these things unto all who are in the Lord Jesus. He further clarified that all things that are from the Father are his, and that God will take what is from Jesus and give it to the rest.

This scripture does not clearly state what the spirit of truth is. Based on other scripture it is probably the same as "the comforter". It is certain that the spirit of truth is clearly distinguished from the Father and the son. The words that the Comforter gives do not come from itself, but from another source. That source can only be God the Father. The spirit of truth was poured out on the day of Pentecost as recorded

in Acts 2:1-4. From that time on it became available to be filled with holy spirit simply by believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. In addition, it became available for those who are filled with holy spirit to get born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God which lives and abides forever.

Jesus Christ was very careful to teach them how the dynamics of their spiritual lives would change drastically after his ascension to his Father. Skipping to John 16:26 he gave more information. People would be able to ask anything of the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, and it would be given. It could be said that after Jesus ascended to the Father, he became our power of attorney. In the name of Jesus Christ we have access unto the Father, to live the truly spiritual life of God's children, to be able to climb into the Father's loving arms with our requests and supplications with full confidence that what God promised He is able also to perform.

With Jesus Christ as our power of attorney, we can live not only abundant lives, but also more than abundant lives according to John 10:10. Moreover, we can be super conquerors in our personal lives because of God's love toward us (see Romans 8:28-39).

While Jesus lived on earth everybody had to go to him for blessings from God. But once he ascended unto the Father, it be-

came available for anybody to have direct access to in the name of Jesus Christ. Now this is fantastic that he was teaching his disciples even before he was born. The context of John 16:16-33 is his departure to the Father. He would be gone for a short while. Then they would see again. When that day comes their joy would be filled to overflowing.

The time will come in the future when Christ will return is commonly known as the rapture when the born again will be drawn up in a cloud to be forever with the Lord Jesus. Even later time, the Lord Jesus will return with the same saints for the battle known as Armageddon as recorded in the Revelations. There are other examples of periods of time when saints will be with the Lord Jesus, such as after the "new heaven" is established, found in the book of Revelation.

Jesus told his disciples these things so they might have their mind in the hope of what was to come.

With hope comes great peace of mind and comfort of heart.

Nana Pat's Kitchen

by Pat Burnett

Strawberry Bread
From my mother Lorene Voyles' recipe collection.

Ingredients:
3 cups of flour
1 teaspoon of soda
1 tablespoon cinnamon
2 cups sugar or fructose
4 eggs, beaten
1 1/4 cups oil
1 bag strawberries
1 cup pecans
Mix flour, soda, cinnamon and sugar together.

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events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Johnny Cash tribute set June 14

Walkin' the Line will deliver a Johnny Cash tribute at the June 14 Concert by the Lake performance. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

CSNY tribute scheduled

The band 4 Way Street will provide a Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young tribute at the June 21 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Journey tribute slated June 28

A tribute to the band Journey will be offered by Escape on June 28 at the Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Random Axis to perform

Random Axis will perform July 5, providing a variety of music styles for the first Concert by the Lake event of July. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

1980s music to be featured July 12

Live 80 will serve up its blend of 1980s hits at the July 12 Concert by the Lake performance. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

The Rub set for July 19

The Rub will perform urban blues tunes at the July 19 Concert by the Lake series event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Rockwall County News Briefs

No Habitat workday this week

There will be no Habitat for Humanity workday this week, according to a news release from the organization's officials. There are some loose ends that need to be addressed prior to the next inspection, and all work is on hold until the inspection is complete.

Rockwall Farmer's Market now open

The Rockwall Farmer's Market, sponsored by Friends of Downtown, is now open Saturdays beginning at 8 a.m. Items to be offered include fresh produce, local honey, handmade soaps, dry mixes, grass-fed beef, farm eggs, fresh-baked breads, dipping oils and fresh fruits and vegetables. The market will be open until noon each Saturday through Sept. 29.

Main Street Classic Car Show set in RC

The 5th Annual Main Street Classic Car Show will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 12 on Main Street in downtown Roysse City. On-site registration will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (arrival time no earlier than 9 a.m.); judging will begin at 12:30 p.m., with winners announced at 2 p.m. Awards will include Best of Car, Best of Truck, Best of Motorcycle, Club Participation and Under Construction. Entry fee is \$20. For more details email mainstreetcarshow@mail.com or call 972-636-2184. The event will benefit Roysse City Main Street projects.

Patriot PAWS fundraiser scheduled

A fundraising event for Patriot PAWS will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at an eatery in Rockwall. The American Humane Association, sponsored by actress Betty White, is sponsoring a Hero Dog Awards contest. Richard and his service dog, Wendy, are the Patriot Paws entry in the contest and will be at the restaurant to answer questions and give a demonstration about service dogs. For more information call 972-722-6586.

Local candidate debate slated

The Rockwall County Republican Women and the Young Republicans will host a debate for the county commissioner, constable and justice of the peace candidates at 6:30 p.m. May 14 at Utley Middle School. The public is invited to attend.

Library tour offered in Spanish

The Rockwall County Library will offer a tour of its facilities in Spanish from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 15. Participants will tour the library and learn how to utilize its free resources. Those who provide photo identification and proof of local address can get a free library card at the end of the tour. Light refreshments will be served in the large meeting room.

Low-cost spay/neuter shuttle scheduled

The next run of the low-cost spay/neuter Rockwall PAWS/KCAAP shuttle will depart at 7:30 a.m. May 17 from the southeast corner of the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot. The shuttle will return to the same location at 6:30 p.m. after all pets are "fixed." Dogs must be on secure leashes and cats in secure carriers; the shuttle fills quickly so make reservations early. To view prices or make an online appointment visit spayneuter.org or call 1-972-472-3500 (hablamos Español). Upcoming dates are June 21, July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20. For more details call 972-310-1354.

Basic computer class offered in Spanish

Spanish-speaking individuals who want to improve their basic computer skills may do so as part of a free Basic Computer Course to be offered from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 17 at the Rockwall County Library. Classroom seating will be limited, so those interested in participating are encouraged to RSVP by calling 972-204-7700 (ask for Alejandra or Laura).

Founders Day Festival set May 19

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

Cars for CASA event scheduled

The annual Cars for CASA event is set for May 20 at Rockwall's Harbor District. The event will benefit Lone Star CASA, a volunteer organization that serves as a "voice in court" for abused and neglected children. Registration will run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more details visit lonestarcasa.org.

Farmers Market plans event Just for Kids

Just for Kids, an extension of the Rockwall Farmers Market, has been planned for June 16. The morning event will offer interactive activities for children: crafts, games, face painting and entertainment at little to no cost.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Texas blues slated for Concert by the Lake

Clay McClinton will serve up some Texas blues at the May 17 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Helping Hands plans May 23 fashion show

The 2nd Annual Helping Hands Galactic Fashion Event, All Systems Go!, is set for noon May 23 at the Hilton Bella Harbor in Rockwall. The event will feature a Thrifty Designer's Challenge with local designers and repurposed donations. Tickets cost \$30 each and include lunch and the silent auction. For more details contact Kay Dutta at kaydutta@rockwallhelpinghands.com or call 972-771-4357, ext. 222.

Railhead set for May 24 Concert by the Lake

Railhead will deliver some classic rock for the May 24 Concert by the Lake performance. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Bon Jovi tribute band slated May 31

Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute band, will perform at the May 31 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free; events begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Harbor (directly behind the Hilton). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

Professor D to perform

A variety of music styles will be performed by Professor D at the June 7 Concert by the Lake event. Admission to all concerts in the series is free;

Rockwall County Obituaries

Susan A. Beasley-White



service for Susan A. Beasley-White, 60, of Garland was held at 11 a.m. May 8, 2012, in the general Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Wayne White officiating.

She was born in 1952, in Bell County to Frances (Brawley) Beasley, a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her family and horses and was an avid barrel racer. She was a member of Eastern Hills Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Laure White of Garland, Amanda Mandelbaum of Greenville, Johnnie White of Garland and Daniel Dallas; her siblings, Jackie Beasley, Ronnie Beasley, Brian Vann, and Tammy Nolan; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the American Lung Association, 50 Brookriver Drive, Suite S-102, Dallas, TX 75247-4053.

Dorothy C. Kiesler

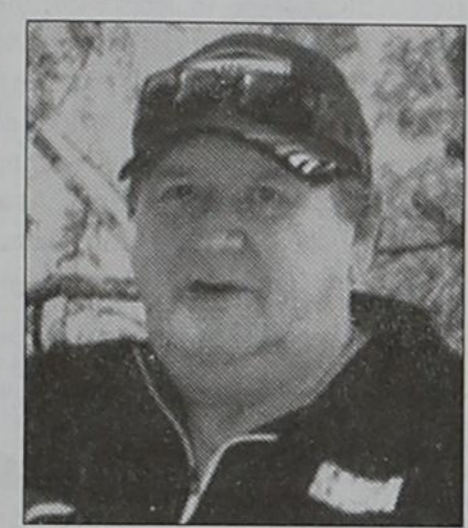
Funeral services for Dorothy C. Kiesler, 83, of Rowlett will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. May 12, 2012, at the Zanata Restaurant, 202 E. Rusk, Rowlett, TX 75087.

She was born in McAllen under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home. She was a consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, she was active in the development of Rowlett, serving on the Rowlett Women's Club and as the secretary of the Rowlett City Council. She also was a founding member of the Rowlett Library.

She is survived by her sons, Richard Terry Kiesler of Gulf Shores, Ala., and Richard of Rowlett; her daughter, Malinda Louise Kiesler Magel, of Dallas; her grandchildren, Desiree Nicole Kiesler and Robert Hawdon; a step-grandson, Jerome Coloma; and a step-great-grandson, Adon.

She preceded in death by her husband, Clarence A. Kiesler, and one sister, Shuckhamer.

William 'KC' Neilsen

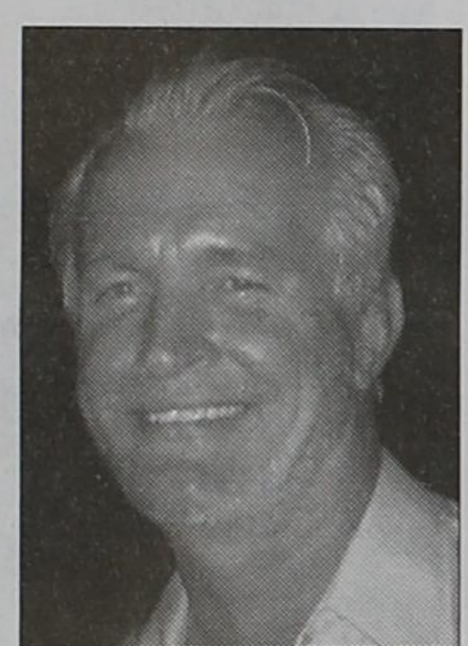


Funeral services for William "KC" Neilsen, 71, of Dallas will be conducted at 4 p.m. May 11 at the Rest Haven Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Rick Coffey officiating.

He was born in 1940, he served in the U.S. Army as a loving husband, father, and great-grandfather. He was an avid poker and slots and was a member of All American Signs in Dallas.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Neilsen of Dallas; his daughters, Tina Neilsen of Dallas and Lisa Ray of Dallas; his son, Mitchell Martin of Roysse City; his grandchildren, Halie, Erica, Jackie, Michael and Tammy; his great-granddaughter, Layla; and his great-grandson, Jerome Coloma.

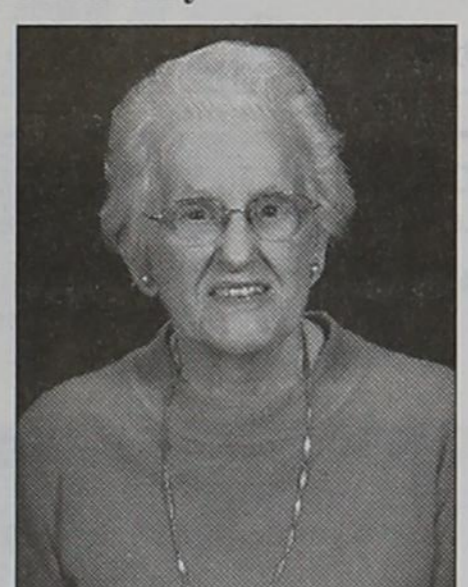
Dan Sage Sr.



Funeral services for Dan Sage Sr., 53, of Dallas will be conducted at 3 p.m. May 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Rowlett with the Rev. Wes Coffey officiating. The Rest Haven Home-Rowlett Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He was born Sept. 30, 1958, in Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Linda Sage of Rowlett; his daughters, Laura Sage of Louisville and Ashleigh Sage of Dallas; his son, Robert Dan Sage Jr.; his mother, Ruth Rann of Dallas; his brothers, Gary Sage of Dallas and Richard Sage of Katy; his sisters, Howard of Des Moines and Mary of Lewisville; and two grandchildren, Ali Sage and Nate Ybarra.

Frances Elizabeth Wheatley



Funeral services for Frances Elizabeth Wheatley, 101, of Rockwall will be conducted at 11 a.m. May 11 at the First Baptist Church, Rowlett Chapel, with Pastor Steve Crouch officiating. A graveside service was conducted at 10:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Memorial Home in Alexandria, La. The Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Sept. 10, 1914, in Elizabethtown, Ky. She was a homemaker and a real estate agent. She was a past worshiper of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 10, of Alexandria and a member of the Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria. She was a member of a Sunday school class at the First Baptist Church Rockwall.

She is survived by her son, James Wheatley, and his wife, Lana, of Rockwall; her daughter, Martha Pearson, and her husband, John, of Lake Mills, Wis.; her grandchildren, Jeffrey Wheatley of Bristol, Conn., Melanie McCarthy and her husband, Eric, of Belton and Elizabeth Stancic and her husband, Tom, of San Antonio; her great-grandchildren, Liam and Noam McCarthy; and several nieces and nephews.

She preceded in death by her husband, Jesse James Wheatley, and three brothers.

Funeral arrangements may be made to either the First Baptist Church Rockwall or Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

Brooks earns master's degree

Anne Brooks of Rockwall earned her master's degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, according to a university press release. Brooks is one of more than 2,800 graduates participating in the graduation ceremony which featured the largest graduation class in UNL history.

Saier receives ISI scholarship

Abilene School District awarded the Osborne & Irvin School Scholarship to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. A total of 67 HSU students were awarded scholarships totaling more than \$100,000, according to a university press release.

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Memories of early Rockwall: a pioneer daughter remembers how it was

by Johnetta Davis Pritchett

(Editor's note: With the annual Rockwall Founder's Day celebration approaching, old-timers and newcomers alike are sharing memories and stories of their years in Rockwall County. Johnetta Davis Pritchett, a descendent of original Rockwall pioneering families, shares some of her early memories of growing up in the sleepy little farming town. This is Part 1 of a two-part series.)

Can we make a distinction between history and memories? In my mind, at least, the two are inseparable. Of course, history should be backed up with proven facts or tangible evidence. Memories often cannot be proven and are rarely valued but by a few.

Our memories are our own, a collection, printed in ghostly volumes, volumes whose ink begins to fade as the years pass.

For the sake of a few and the contemplation of some others, I am honored to share my memories of Rockwall, where I, like five generations before me, was born.

My maternal grandmother lived with us. Her withered hands and brow gave mute testimony of the trials and hardships she had endured as a widow and mother of seven children. Before I was born, her husband died of cancer,

leaving her alone in her grief, near despair, to face such cruel times.

Our home was poorly built with much of the wood coming from fruit crates. It had numerous leaks and cracks (once we woke up to find snow covering our bed).

The chickens roamed freely, the evidence clearly visible between our toes. It was not uncommon for neighborhood pigs to raid our garden. I always hated the outhouse. It was cold, windy, hot, stinky and usually had at least one centipede to keep an eye on. The "one-ply" toilet paper served a dual purpose since it also provided reading material. More than once, I was humiliated when a gust of wind blew the door open, leaving me helpless to close it.

To the side of the house was the laundry area. This is where "Mama" and mother built a fire under a black iron wash pot. The clothes for our family of seven were washed by hand on a rub board, then put in a tub filled with water and bluing, wrung by hand, and hung on the line to dry. Hanging up the clothes could sometimes mean battling yellow jackets, freezing wind and scorching heat. Many times, my brother's pants were frozen solid enough to stand alone. Of course, with clotheslines everywhere, we were occasionally tempted to run under wet clothes. This act of bravery could turn deadly if mother witnessed it.

In those days, there was no garbage pick up. All trash, limbs or debris was simply set afire in the back yard. One windy autumn day, mother managed to catch a few embers in her hair, but with the help of my heroic brothers, she escaped any major injury.

There were no power mowers. The amount of horsepower was limited to the amount of endurance of the pusher. Edging was accomplished with a pair of scissors.

The Borden milkman came about twice a week. The Watkins salesman came by periodically and the Avon lady regularly.

We didn't have street names; we didn't need 'em. If I needed mother while she was at the grocery store, I'd just climb up in a chair, turn the crank on the telephone, tell the operator that I needed mother and she'd ring the grocery store. Presto! Mother came on the line.

Air conditioning was truly a luxury. The dark, damp grocery stores smelled of vegetables and

fruits. The clerk knew the price of everything and simply added head or on an adding machine. There were no scanners, and we asked if we wanted paper or plastic.

When I was only 5 years old, mother would give me a note for and I'd walk to town to get whatever she'd forgotten. Shopping in Rockwall on the square, unless of course, you managed to ride to Dallas, Greenville, Terrell or Garland. Saturdays were busier days for the local merchants. At one time, I recall five different stores on the square.

All prescriptions were filled at "the" drugstore. "Shorty" was and later Mr. Cunningham joined the "cutters." I liked taking my brother to the barber shop. The fifties music was on the radio and books entertained me while I waited. After the ordeal, we each got gum for blowing bubbles on the walk home. The wonderful, so fresh haircut seemed wasted on little brother, since he was usually the time we got home.

The local funeral parlor was on the west side of the square and one of the first places to have air conditioning. Often, I would see my grandmother to "sit" with the deceased, as was the custom of days. Seems like we always drew the "graveyard" shift. We'd wait afterwards, hands clasped tightly, not looking to the right or left. There were no leash laws nor were there any streetlights. Some times an occasional cat crossed our path or a dog popped up we made a record time.

It was from my grandmother that I learned the names and locations of the life story of many persons buried in the Rockwall City Cemetery. We often walked there to pay our respects, pull a weed here and place flowers. Those long since passed became familiar friends in a cemetery a place of peace and comfort to me.

About this same time in my life, Mama introduced me to the real world. She took me to her church on the square where night after night I would listen for a while and then go to sleep. Occasionally, I'd stir as the pastor would raise his voice or someone shouted praises to God. Mama would wake me and we'd walk home again.

Eventually, that group would build a new church on Rusk Street. I would continue to watch and listen to the Rev. and Mrs. Hammack lead their flock at the Assembly of God Church.

Based on local historian accounts, it is apparent that from the first settlers came to Rockwall, the church would play a very important role in the community. Bonds would be formed, traditions established, moral guidelines declared. I was an equal opportunity vacation Bible student. The name above the door made no difference to me; I was a student, making new friends and learning all I could. Of course, the cool Kool-Aid were an added bonus. At a young age, I would turn the first dirt of the groundbreaking ceremony for the Free Methodist Church located one block north of the square.

Read Part 2 in the May 18 issue of the Rockwall County News



Marilyn King, left, recently was recognized for completing 500 hours of volunteer services for the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center in Bonham. She and Eddi Dagley are the Veterans Administration volunteer services representatives from the Rock Wall DAR Chapter. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall ISD Cain Middle School eighth grade orchestra students Sarah Di Girolamo, viola, and Sarah Boronkay, cello, performed onstage at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas May 6 in a concert celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra. Both students are members of the GDYO Dallas String Ensemble. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Dobbs sixth grade students Jack Howell, Sami Kauk, Desirae Barrera and Alejandra Nunez shown costumed in kimonos and preparing for the annual Japanese Kabuki Theater event at the school. Each year the school brings in Dallas Kabuki teacher and actor/director Kent Williams to lead productions. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Planting, growing, chopping, picking and ginning cotton was the major livelihood of Rockwall farmers from 1866 through the 1950's. During the 1920's, over 60,000 acres were devoted to raising cotton in Rockwall County. Some rows were two miles long.
The purpose of the small cotton patch is to educate our visitors and to offer a trip down memory lane. Feel free to walk among the rows, pick a boll or two, and appreciate the hard work of our Rockwall forefathers when cotton was king.

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation had a successful cotton planting session last week. President Carolyn Francisco, Neil and Jan Self planted 10 rows. Pictured above, from the left, are Francisco, Ella Turner and Self. If the weather cooperates, the plants will mature in 120 days. The "plantation" is located near the tenant cabin on Washington Street behind the museum.
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Cost of the event is \$12 per person and proceeds will go to the Zaner Robison Historical Museum in Royse City.

Fashions from LaRue, Heart & Soul, Centsible, and Simply Everything will be on view and desserts will be offered.

Tickets can be purchased at Royse City Hardware, the Zaner Robison Historical Museum, and at local shops.

The Well is located at 103 East Main Street in Royse City.

For more information, contact Annie Cornelius, museum curator, at 972-816-9626.



The Rockwall Tae Kwon Do students were awarded black belts April 14. Pictured from the left are Sabrina Smith, first dan black belt; Brendon Moore, second dan black belt; and Austin Lucas, first dan black belt.
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Rockwall County child fatality review team is established

Under guidance of the Texas Department of State Health Services, Rockwall County has established a Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT). This team brings together the expertise of local law enforcement, legal, child advocacy, and medical personnel to serve Rockwall County by reviewing all deaths of persons in Rockwall County under 18 years of age, regardless of cause or suspected cause.

According to a press release from Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall, in 1995, Texas enacted legislation establishing the State Child Fatality Review Team Committee and authorizing counties to form local and regional Child Fatality Review Teams. Senate Bill 6, 79th Legislative Session, amended sections of the applicable code, moving support and coordination of the State Committee and CFRTs from the Department of Family and Protective Services to the Department of State Health Services.

By reviewing circumstances surrounding child deaths, teams identify prevention strategies that will decrease the incidence of preventable child deaths by:

- Providing assistance, direction, and coordination to investigations of child deaths;

- Promoting cooperation, communication, and coordination among agencies involved in responding to child fatalities;
- Developing an understanding of the causes and incidence of child deaths in the county or counties in which the team is located;
- Recommending changes to agencies, through the agency's representative member, that will reduce the number of preventable child deaths; and
- Advising the State Committee on changes to law, policy, or practice that will assist the team and the agencies represented on the team in fulfilling their duties.

The Rockwall CFRT is comprised of individuals who serve the community in a variety of occupations and whose backgrounds benefit the evaluation and review process for child fatality events. Members of the Rockwall CFRT are:

Gregory Sonnen, M.D., F.A.A.P., Presiding Officer; Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney;

Harold Eavenson, Sheriff; Nancy Beaty, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; Terry Garrett, Heath Police Chief;

Sara Bonser, Assistant Superintendent, RISD Student/Family Services; Laurel T. Smithers, RN, M.Ed., MSN, RISD Student/Family Services; Laurel T. Smithers, Licensed Children's Counselor; David Lensch, M.D., Rockwall Medical Center; Gary Bonacquisti, M.D., Rockwall County Medical Director; Katie G. Child, Child Protective Services Specialist; Vickie Nettleton, Program Director (Court Appointed Special Advocates); Angie Scalf, Rockwall County Juvenile Probation Officer; Sumer Wasef, Victim Services, Texas Department of Public Safety; Susan Clark, Traffic Safety Specialist, TxDOT; Susan Rockwall County Victims Assistance Coordinator; and Samuel R. Crowley, Emergency Physician.

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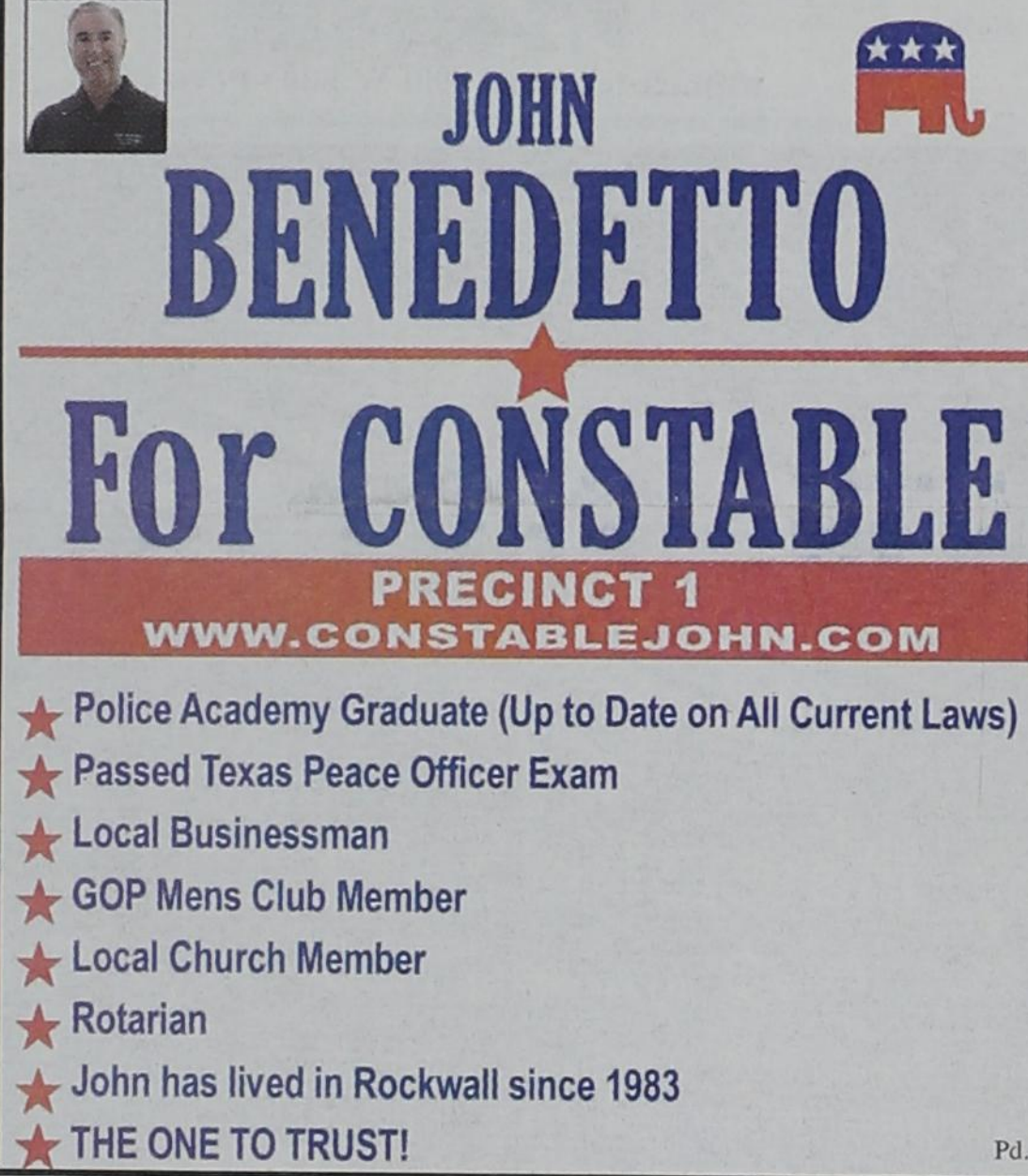
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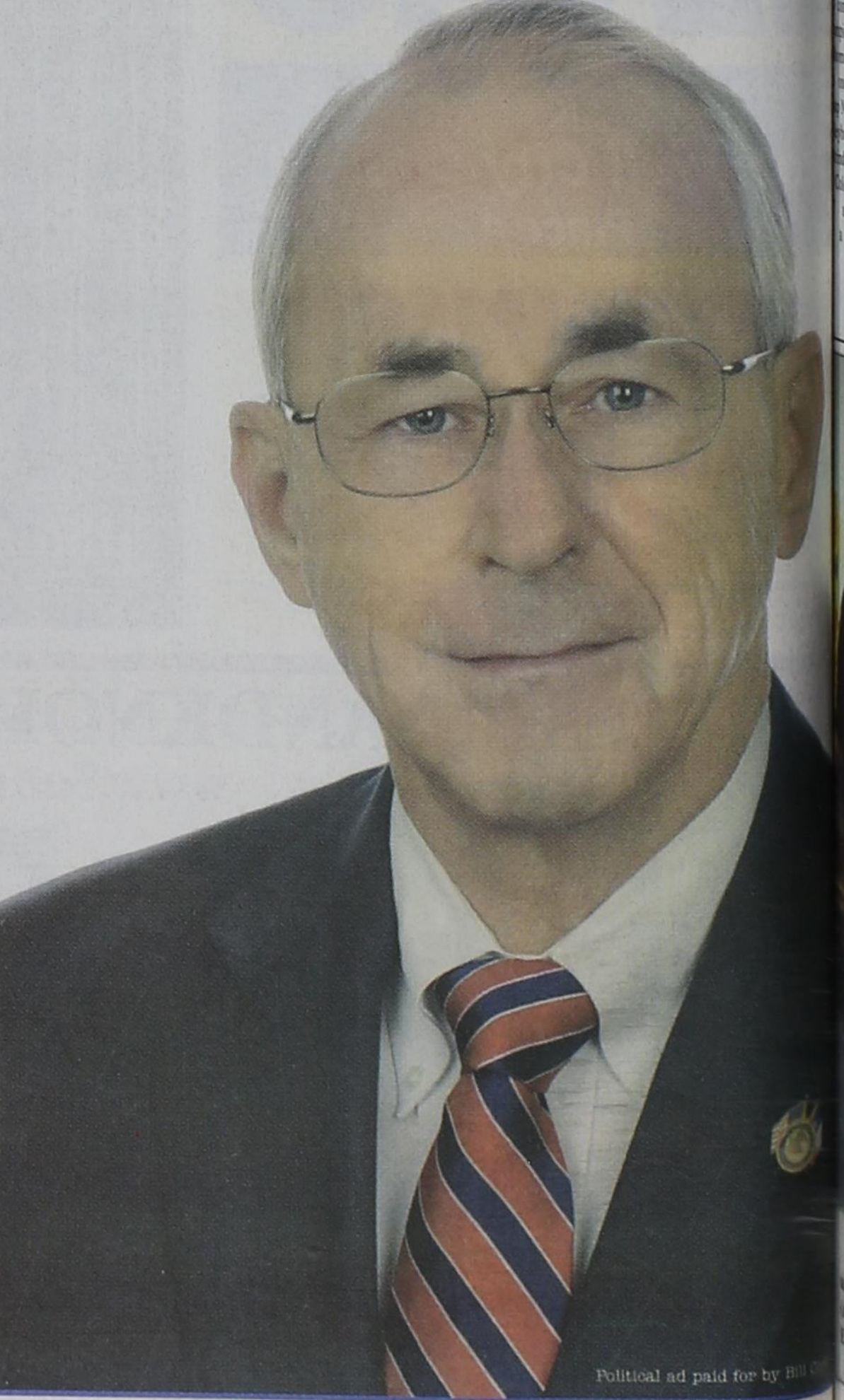
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Rockwall County Sports

Rorie 1st in state during his track and field season

Senior Daniel Rorie found an event in which he excelled for the first time at the Warriors' first meet this season. In his final meet, the junior won the TAPPS 2A championship last weekend at Baylor University. Rorie, a long jumper and basketball player for RCA's varsity, soared 20 feet, 8 1/2 inches to finish ahead of the field in Waco. He entered the State Championships as the first seed based on a leap of 21-6 during this season's season.



Daniel Rorie, of Rockwall Christian Academy, soars through the Long Jump Friday May 4 during the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet at the Hart Patterson Complex Baylor University in Waco. Rorie finished with a 1st place distance of 20' 8.5" for the gold medal.
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Salter a state champ in 2 events

Senior Stephen Salter won two events at the TAPPS 2A State Championships last weekend to lead a group of four Heritage Christian Academy track and field athletes who placed in five events. Salter took first place in the boys' discus with a heave of 119 feet, 11 inches, and the shot put at 45-10. He has signed a letter of intent to play football at Oklahoma Baptist University. HCA's Andrew Waters placed third in the boys' high jump at 6-0. The Heritage boys finished 10th in the state with 25 points. Champion Muenster Sacred Heart scored 109.5. For the Lady Eagles, juniors Anabel Burke and Taylor Powers brought medals back from Baylor University. Burke tied for second in the high jump at 4-8, and Powers was fifth in the discus with a throw of 83-11.



Stephen Salter pushes the Shot for a 1st place distance of 45' 10" Friday May 4, during the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet at the Hart Patterson Complex Baylor University in Waco. The Heritage Christian Academy athlete also returned with the gold medal in the Discus throw with a distance of 119' 11".
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Brindock update: Brindock to train with volleyball National Team

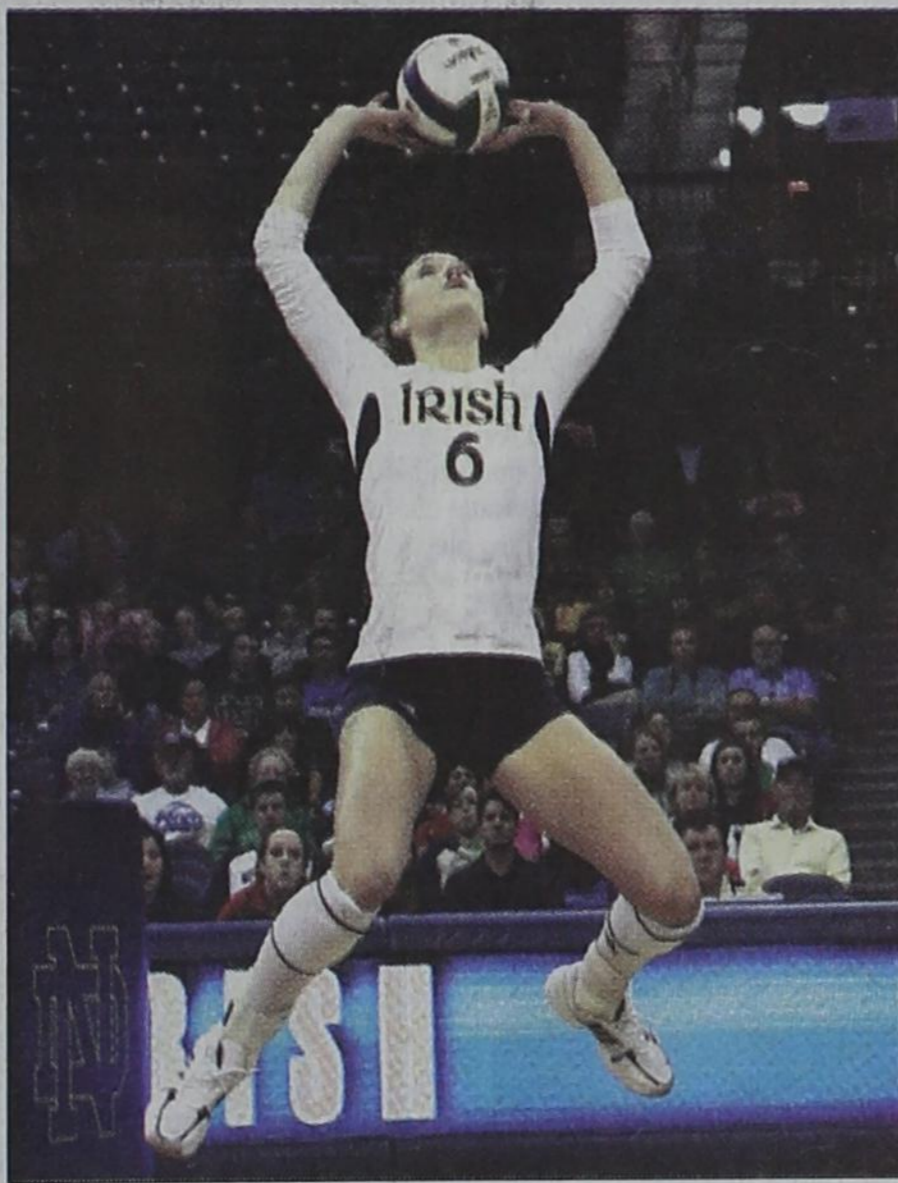
Maggie Brindock, a 2010 Rockwall High School graduate, is one of 48 players who made it through a round of workouts and will join the women's national A2 Volleyball team in Columbus.

Brindock, a sophomore starter at the University of Notre Dame, is one of the letters of the National Team's

2 teams will begin training June 11 at Ohio Dominican University. The women will be divided into four groups to play an intrasquad tournament and the US Volleyball Girls' Junior Championships in Columbus July 1-7.

Brindock helped RHS to post its best season in the volleyball program in the school's history. She competed in the gymnastics State Championship as a freshman and more for the Lady Jackets, and she is one of 10 players on an age-national team in sand volleyball.

Brindock competed last February in Colorado Springs, Colo., among athletes from 73 colleges, and placed on the A2 Team.



Maggie Brindock

Warriors to see familiar foes at baseball State Tournament

Rockwall Christian Academy could feel on familiar ground this weekend at the TAPPS 1A-2A baseball State Tournament. Coming off a 22-0 rout of Tomball The Woodlands Preparatory School Monday in a Regional playoff game, RCA is scheduled to play Lake Jackson Brazosport Christian in the State Semifinals at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Waco ISD's Veterans Park Field 2.

The winner of that game would play for the state championship at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton.

The Warriors (15-4) defeated Brazosport for the state title in 2007, the last time RCA was the state champion. If Rockwall Christian could win again Friday, its opponent Saturday could be Shiner St. Paul Catholic High School, which defeated the Warriors in last year's state final.

In 2011, RCA ran short of pitching in the loss to Shiner. Warriors head coach Caleb Palmer doesn't believe that would be a problem this year.

In the Regional game in Franklin, senior John Edwards struck out seven batters in three innings and senior Taylor Corbin fanned five in two innings. The game was stopped after five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule. Edwards and freshmen Austin Dean and Robert Rodriguez all have pitched no-hitters or one-hitters this season.

RCA powered 16 hits while holding Tomball to two. The Warriors played errorless defense.

Colton Jones hit a double and a triple for Rockwall Christian; Edwards and Jordan Williams added a double apiece.

You can follow the Warriors during the playoff on Twitter, @GoRCAWarriors.



Warriors' Austin Dean plows into 3rd base behind two double RBIs Monday May 7 during the TAPPS Regional playoff game against Tomball The Woodlands Preparatory School.
Photo by Jana Edwards/Rockwall County News

4 races, 4 winners on Lake Ray Hubbard

Four different skippers won sailing races on Lake Ray Hubbard last week. In Sunday afternoon's Dam Series Race 4, Nigel Brown brought "Soap Opera" home first in the A Fleet. Following Brown were David Carter and "Geronimo" in second place, and Marshall MacKenzie and "Superman's Cape" third. David Lawson and "Respite" won in the B Fleet.

In Race 5 of the Spring Wednesday Night Series May 2, MacKenzie had finished second in the A Fleet in "Superman's Cape" behind winner Robert Williams and "Hotter Tuna." Other top finishers were Scott Self, third in "Soap Opera"; Chris Hunke, fourth in "Swale"; Carter, fifth in "Geronimo," and Kathy Kuipers, sixth in "Rij Jik of Jik Ik."

Mike Jones paced the B Fleet that night in "Wings," with Keelan Manuel second in "Joint Venture."



Erica Poe of Royse City High School recently signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, a NCAA Division II university. Ranked 4th in the High School senior class, Erica plans to major in Pre-medicine and become a pediatrician. Pictured are (back row left to right) Dallas Bookout (Ladies' Athletic Director), Shawn Poe (father), Christy Poe (mother), Volleyball Head Coach Robyn Hill, Assistant Coach Jamie Dover, Assistant Coach Melissa Rager, (front row) Erin Poe (Sister), Erica Poe and Eilish Poe (sister).
Photo courtesy of Royse City ISD/Rockwall County News

Rockwall-Heath shakes off bad game, advances to Area round

by Lary Bump

For less than an inning, Rockwall-Heath's baseball team was in trouble in the playoffs.

The state's fifth-ranked 4A team had lost 4-0 to Frisco Friday on the Raccoons' home field to tie the best-of-3 Bi-District playoff series at one game each.

A loss Saturday at the neutral site of Highland Park would have knocked the Hawks out of the playoffs in the first round after they'd reached at least the Region II-4A Semifinals each of the previous two seasons.

If there was any panic, that was gone early. The Hawks scored three runs in the top of the first inning, and put Saturday's game away with eight third-inning runs. With Frisco scoring only on two two-out doubles in the fifth – the last inning because of the 10-run mercy rule, RHHS took a 16-1 decision for a 2-1 win in games.

Hawks head coach Greg Harvey said Saturday there was no panic. Instead, he said, "We were a little mad, disappointed and embarrassed. We came out to prove something and got it done."

The coach also said his team didn't feel pressure from a threat of dropping out of the playoffs early. "We felt the pressure was on them to make better pitches."

That pressure, and RHHS' bats, crushed the Raccoons (15-13-1), who finished fourth in their district (9-4A).

Hawks shortstop Bret Boswell drove in a team-high four runs with a home run and two doubles, but none of those was in the third inning. The big blow then was by another junior – Russell Hughes, who drove in three runs with a double. Jake Baxter, Jovan Hernandez and Jake Bledsoe each hit a double for RHHS.

Senior Baxter allowed six hits in a five-inning complete game. It was just his second pitching start since April 13.

A night earlier, Frisco had shocked the Hawks (27-8) and pitcher Jake Thompson, handing him his first loss this season. Their only extra-base hit was by Hernandez, who had a double in each of the series' three games.

"Mentally, we were not ready to play," Harvey said of Friday's game. The

fact that we beat them so bad in the first game (11-1 the night before) and had Jake (Thompson) pitching didn't help. We needed to like what we did in the first game in the last game."

The bookends around that 4-0 loss were games that ended in the top of the first inning because of the mercy rule. Rockwall-Heath's nine hits in the opening six for extra bases. In addition to Hernandez's double were a double by Timbo Duncan, a double and triple by Grayson Lewis and two by Thompson.

Saturday's victory ensured that the Hawks would advance to the Area playoffs.

The best-of-3 series against Dallas Woodrow Wilson (15-9) is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday at RHHS. The second game is set for Woodrow Wilson's Randall Park home field, with Game 3 to be held at Rockwall-Heath.

After even a brief scare in the Bi-District round, the Hawks are hoping they won't have to go to a third game.



Hawks' Jake Bledsoe (34) tags a Frisco runner out at home Thursday May 3, during game 1 of the Bi-District playoff series at Heath.

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Bret Boswell (17) slides safely into third Saturday May 5 during game three of the Bi-District playoff series at Scotland Yard in Highland Park.

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Rockwall rallies for 2nd consecutive girls' gymnastics state title

History repeated itself as the Rockwall girls' gymnastics team used a strong second-day Optional performance to take its second consecutive Division I State Championship Friday, May 4.

After Thursday's Compulsory events, the Lady Jackets were third but less than .3 point behind Hurst L.D. Bell and host San Angelo Central at Angelo State's Junell Center.

RHS' second-day score wasn't quite as high – 115.225, to 115.275 Thursday – and its total of 230.500 was 2 points lower than in 2011, but that was good enough to overcome Bell and San Angelo, the only schools with as many state girls' titles as Rockwall's five.

Bell, which has a record 19 first-place finishes, was second at 228.700. Performing in its home town, San Angelo Central fell short of its sixth state title with a total of 228.600.

The RHS boys came up short in the quest for their first state championship, finishing sixth.

The Lady Jackets didn't have an individual champion, but their depth showed in the three girls who placed in the top 10 all-around for head coach Denise Hedges' team.

Laura Arce tied for third at 76.40, captain Sarah Beasley tied for sixth with 76.15 and Kailea Coles was ninth at 76.00 in the tight all-around competition.

The top 10 in each event after the first two days' performance competed Saturday for individual state championships.

For RHS, Coles finished fourth in the state on the balance beam and ninth in both the vault and floor exercise. On the uneven bars, Beasley was fourth (moving up from seventh after Thursday and Friday's competition) and teammate Jenna Jeffrey sixth. Tori Hedges took 10th place in the vault.

Arce qualified for Saturday's finals in the vault, uneven bars and floor exercise, but she left San Angelo to attend a meet in Idaho.

Other Lady Jackets finishes were vault – Hayden Raney 13th, Beasley 20th, Emily Pettett 37th; uneven bars – Coles Shelbi Crawford tied for 36th, and Jamie Pultorak 43rd; balance beam – Arce 15th, Pettett 25th, Amber 56th and Alicia Chavira 64th, and floor exercise – Beasley and Jeffrey tied for 14th, Hedges 25th and Pettett 30th.

For the Rockwall boys, sophomore Michael Weidman placed 10th all-around, second in the floor exercise and third over the first two days) and seventh (up from 10th) on the pommel horse.

Weidman was the only Yellowjacket to qualify for Saturday's individual championships, but the team was well enough to place three gymnasts among the top 30 all-around. Zach Bennett was 18th with his brother Bennett, finishing 28th. They helped RHS to a team score of 317.65, compared to 331.65 for champion Rockwall fell just 1.20 points short of fifth-place Garland Lakeview Centennial's 318.85.

Just missing the Saturday competition were Jayson Copes, 11th in the floor exercise; Holt Erwin and Luke tied for 15th on the horse; Caleb Waller, 18th on the still rings; Copes and Weidman, tied for 17th in the vault; Weidman 14th on the parallel bars and 18th on the high bar.

Milner, Newell lead Hawks to 10th in state

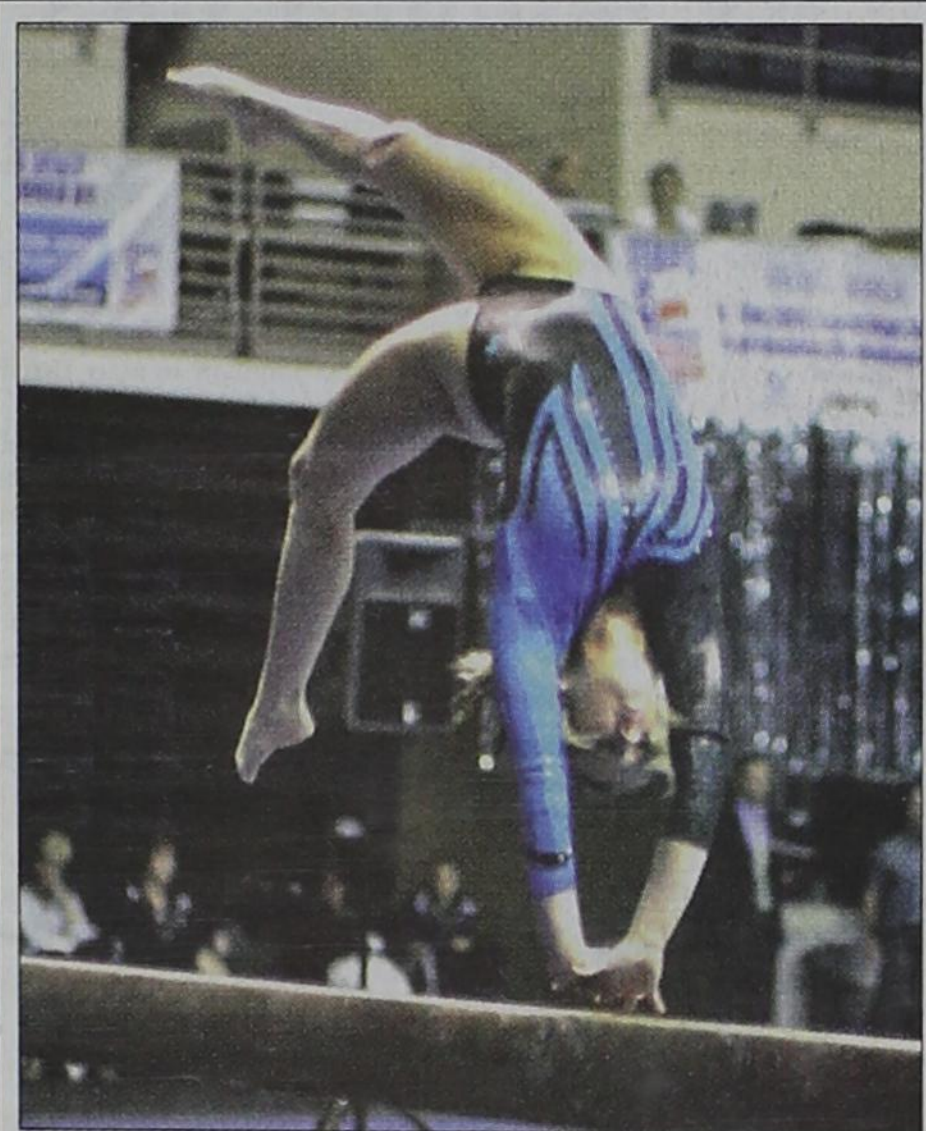
Rockwall-Heath finished 10th in the Division I boys' gymnastics State Championships Friday, May 4, at State University's Junell Center in San Angelo.

Alex Milner was the only Hawk to place among the top 10 in an event. He tied for 10th on the still rings. Newell had RHHS' top all-around score, good for 21st place.

They helped Rockwall-Heath place 10th among the 26 teams represented at the State Championships. The team scored 312.600. Champion Saginaw had 331.65.

The Hawks' other top performers were Cameron Callaway 23rd all-around; Brian Moore 19th and Callaway 20th in the floor exercise; Newell 26th, Milner 33rd and Kai Hasenyager 36th on the pommel horse; David Pettett and Newell and Hasenyager tied for 34th on the rings; Moore 20th and Callaway 34th in the vault; Milner 20th, Newell 31st on the parallel bars, and Callaway 30th on the high bar.

The RHHS girls, with two individual qualifiers, finished 26th among 32 teams at 54.525. Audrey Grammer was 26th in the vault, and Morgan Hines placed 29th in the floor exercise and 63rd on the uneven bars.



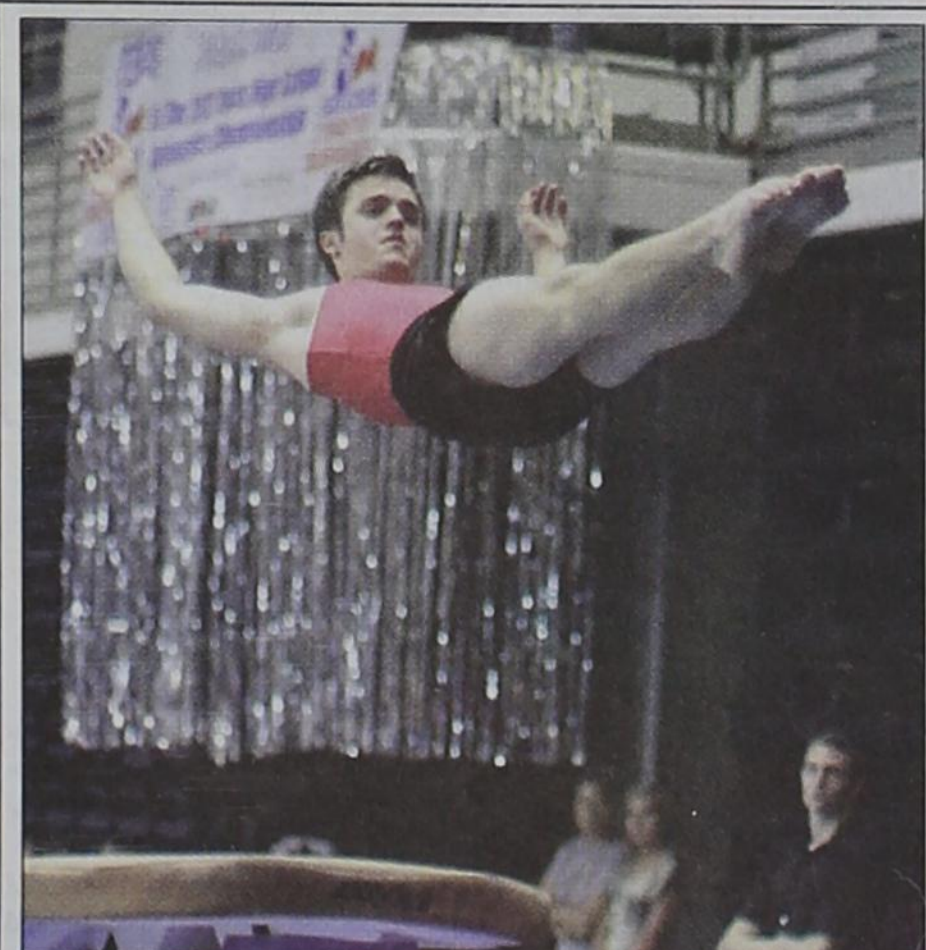
Rockwall's Kailea Coles in the Beams routine Sunday May 5 during the finals of the State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State's Junell Center.

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Rockwall's Michael Weidman in the Floor routine during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State's Junell Center.

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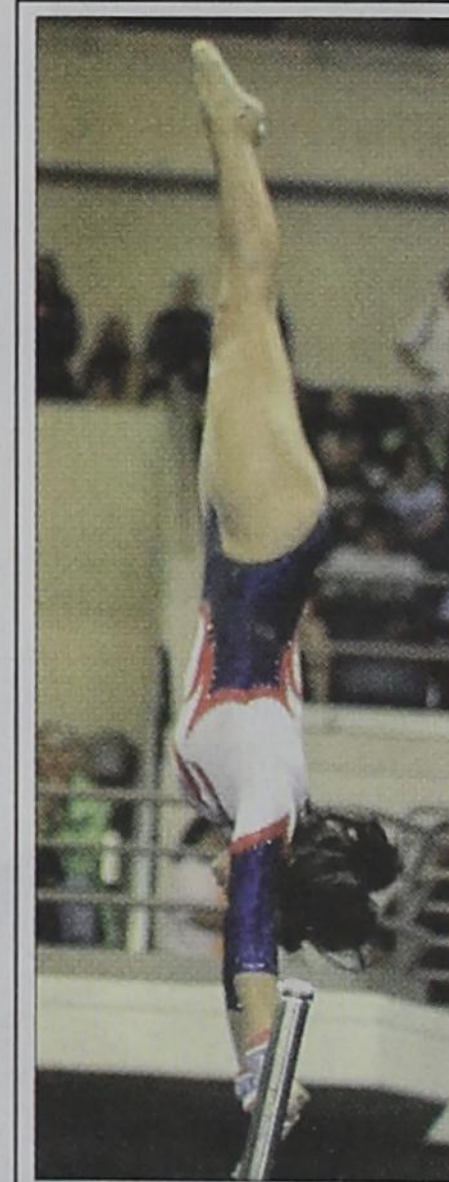
Rockwall-Heath's Trevor Newell in the Vault routine during the State Gymnastics meet held May 3-5 at Angelo State's Junell Center.

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Sports Notes

A&M Club plans benefit tournament

The Rockwall County A&M Club will host its 25th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on May 18 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall. Proceeds from the tournament will fund the club's numerous scholarships awarded to local students attending Texas A&M. The club awards scholarships annually to one graduating senior from Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High School, along with several scholarships to returning A&M students. The tournament will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start, with putting and chipping contests prior to the start. Entry fee includes 18 holes, cart rental, driving range, lunch, dinner, keg beer, sodas, water and gifts. Register online or show support by visiting rockwallaggies.com.



Rockwall's Sarah Beasley performs on the Uneven Parallel Bars Sunday May 5 during the finals of the State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State's Junell Center.

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Rockwall-Heath's Kai Hasenyager maintains the Iron Cross position in the Rings routine during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State's Junell Center.

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June 8 tourney to benefit MOW

The Rockwall County Meals on Wheels program will benefit from the June 8 Golf Classic at Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Various levels of sponsorship and participation are available. The tournament will include men's and women's brackets, prizes, mulligans, raffles and a free dinner. Register online at rockwallmow.com or call 972-771-9514.

Golf Classic set June 18
The Rockwall County Young

Life 13th Annual Golf Classic scheduled for June 18 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. For more information contact Sue Almond at 972-2212 or email almond@rockwallmow.com

When the righteous are people rejoice; when the rule, the people groan. (Psalms 124:2)

William Paterson (Signer of the Constitution, Supreme Court Justice)

Rockwall Lady Jackets in good hands with young pitchers against McKinney

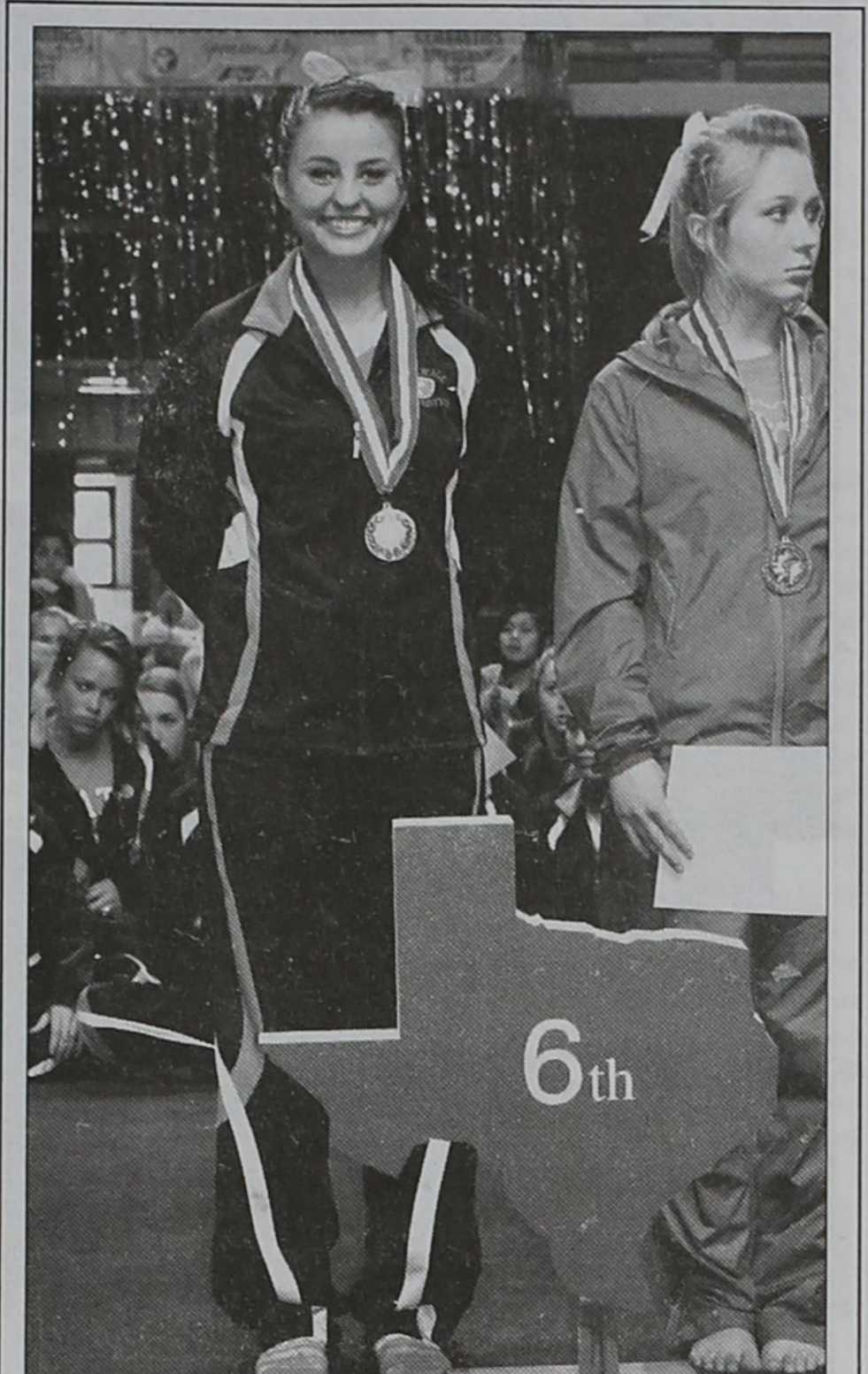
34 games of varsity softball this season, there really are no freshmen on the Rockwall softball team now. Rockwall head coach Shadie Acosta is perfectly at ease with one of the team's freshman starting pitchers to the mound for the best-of-3 Region II-4A Quarterfinal playoff series against McKinney.

Against their district rival from McKinney, the District 10-4A champions received a five-hit, 3-1 home victory from Emily Cowan in March and a seven-hit, 8-2 decision from Kayla Vandergriff April 5. More recently and more importantly, Vandergriff dominated Frisco Centennial in a two-game Bi-District playoff sweep and Cowan shut down Seagoville 21-1 for the Area title Friday, May 4. The Lady Jackets (24-10) have won their last 16 games to gain their fourth consecutive Regional Quarterfinal berth. The Lionettes (22-15) had

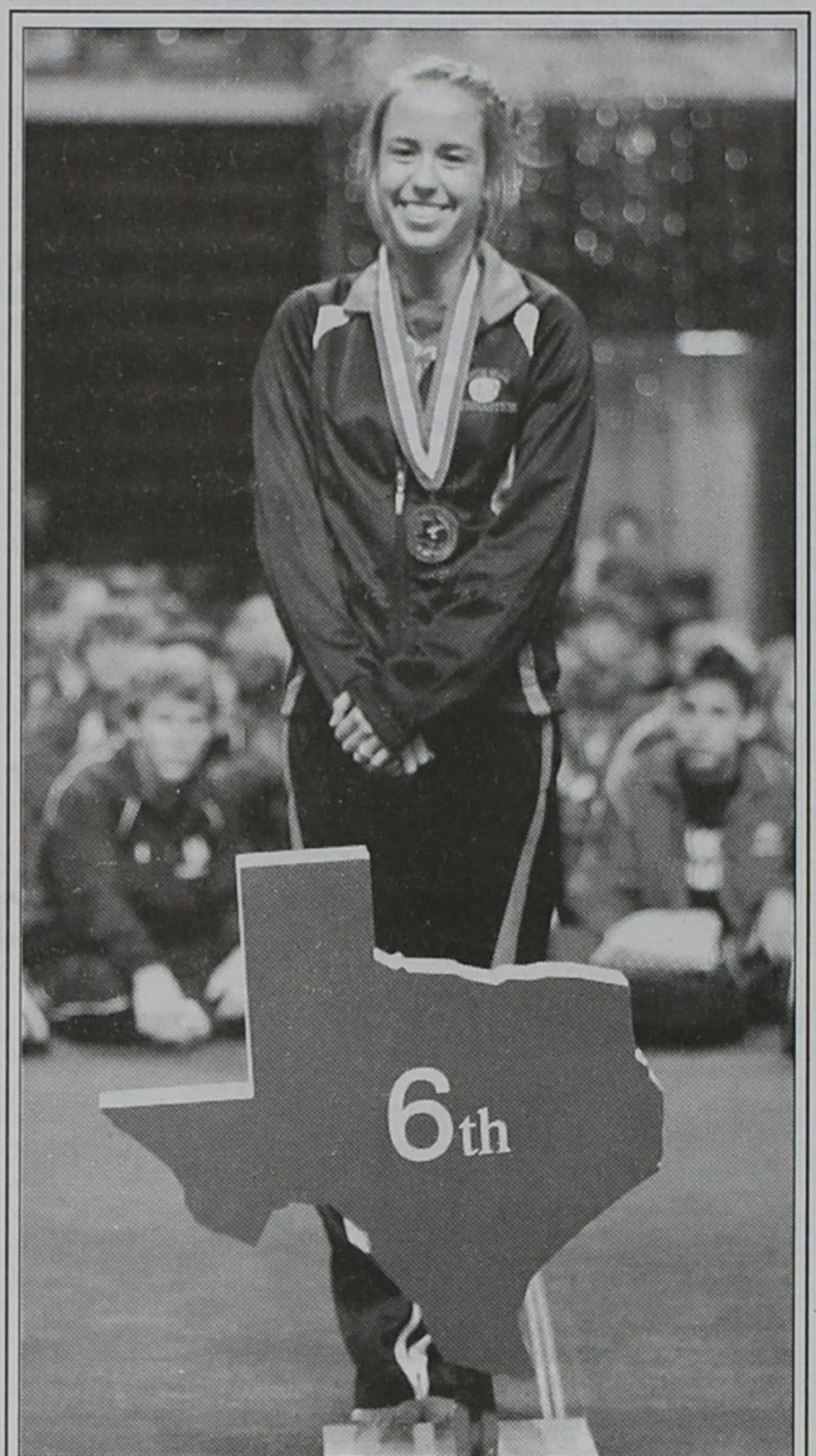
it relatively easy last weekend, sweeping two games from Dallas Hillcrest by a combined 30-0 score, but had to go to three games to defeat Carrollton Creekview in the Bi-District round. Against Hillcrest Thursday, May 3, McKinney's relative veteran, sophomore Chelsea Thomas, pitched her third no-hitter this season. RHS, however, totaled 14 hits in two victories over Thomas and the Lionettes. The Lady Jackets' freshman batters, including right fielder Bailey Wallace and catcher Haley Baker, have not been intimidated by Thomas. RHS doesn't have to depend entirely on freshmen. Seniors Ashton Atwell, Carlie Jenkins, Cyndi Bertrand and Kennedy Harrison, with four years of experience, have paced the team's offense and defense. In Rockwall's victory over Seagoville, the Lady Jackets scored 11 first-inning runs and coasted from there, with Acosta substituting players freely. The Lady Dragons didn't score until the fifth and final inning of the mercy rule-shortened game. RHS and its district rival will compete this weekend on neutral ground at Allen High School. Friday's game is scheduled for 7 p.m., with the second game at 11 a.m. Saturday. A third game, if needed would follow Saturday's contest.



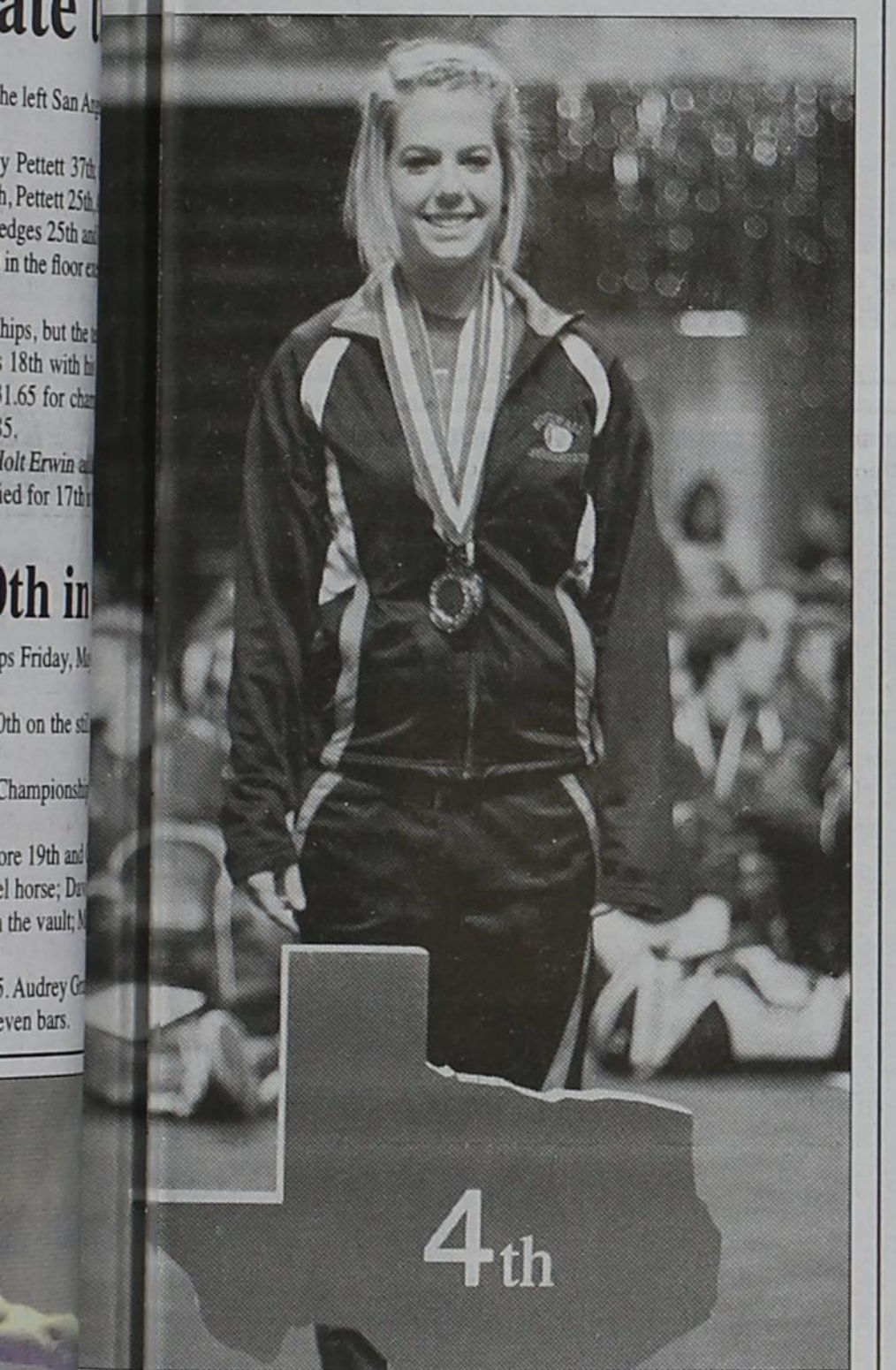
Rockwall's Laura Arce (right) wins 3rd place All Around during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State University's Junell Center. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager (marciasphoto.smugmug.com)/Rockwall County News



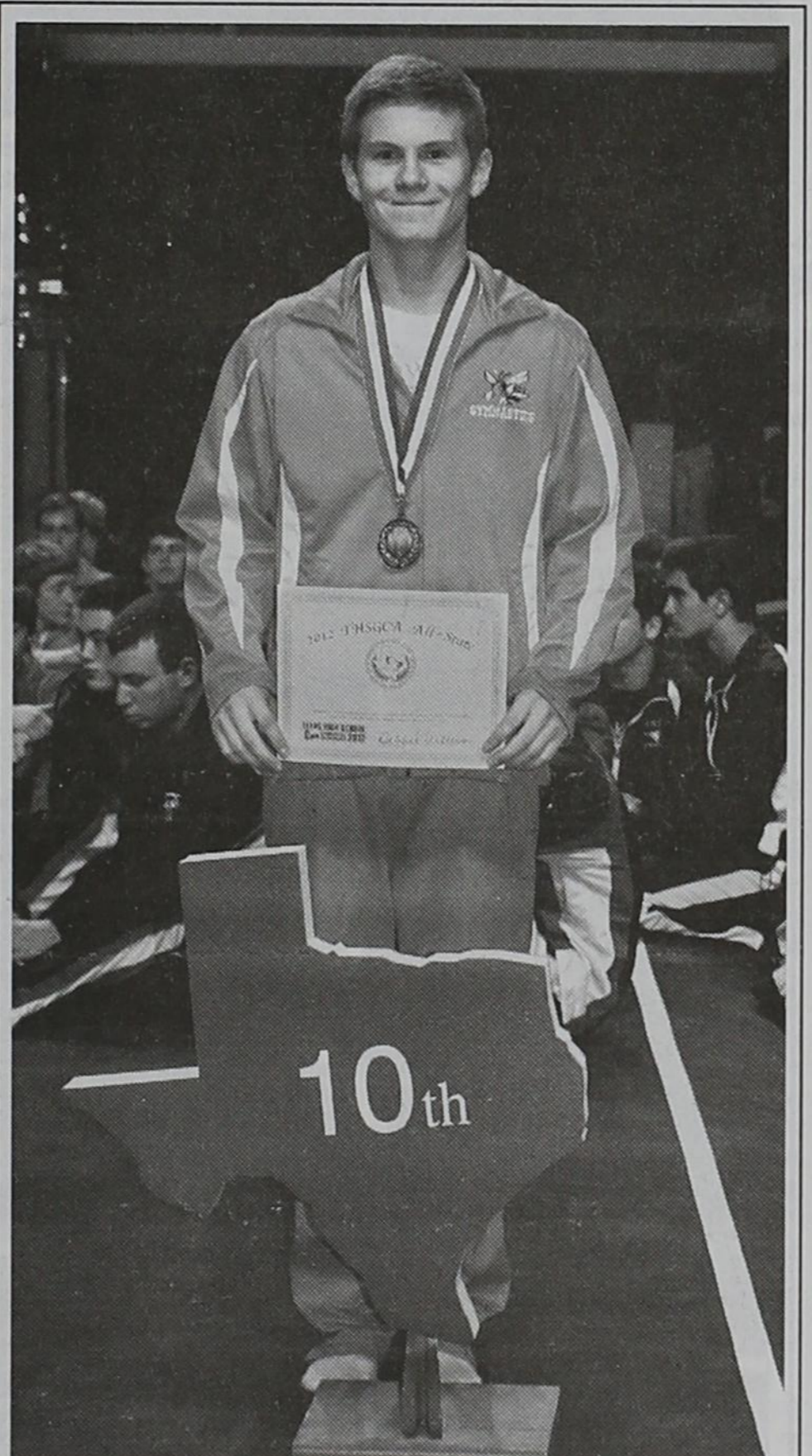
Rockwall's Sarah Beasley (left) wins 6th place All Around during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State University's Junell Center. Beasley also placed 4th in the Uneven Parallel Bars. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager (marciasphoto.smugmug.com)/Rockwall County News



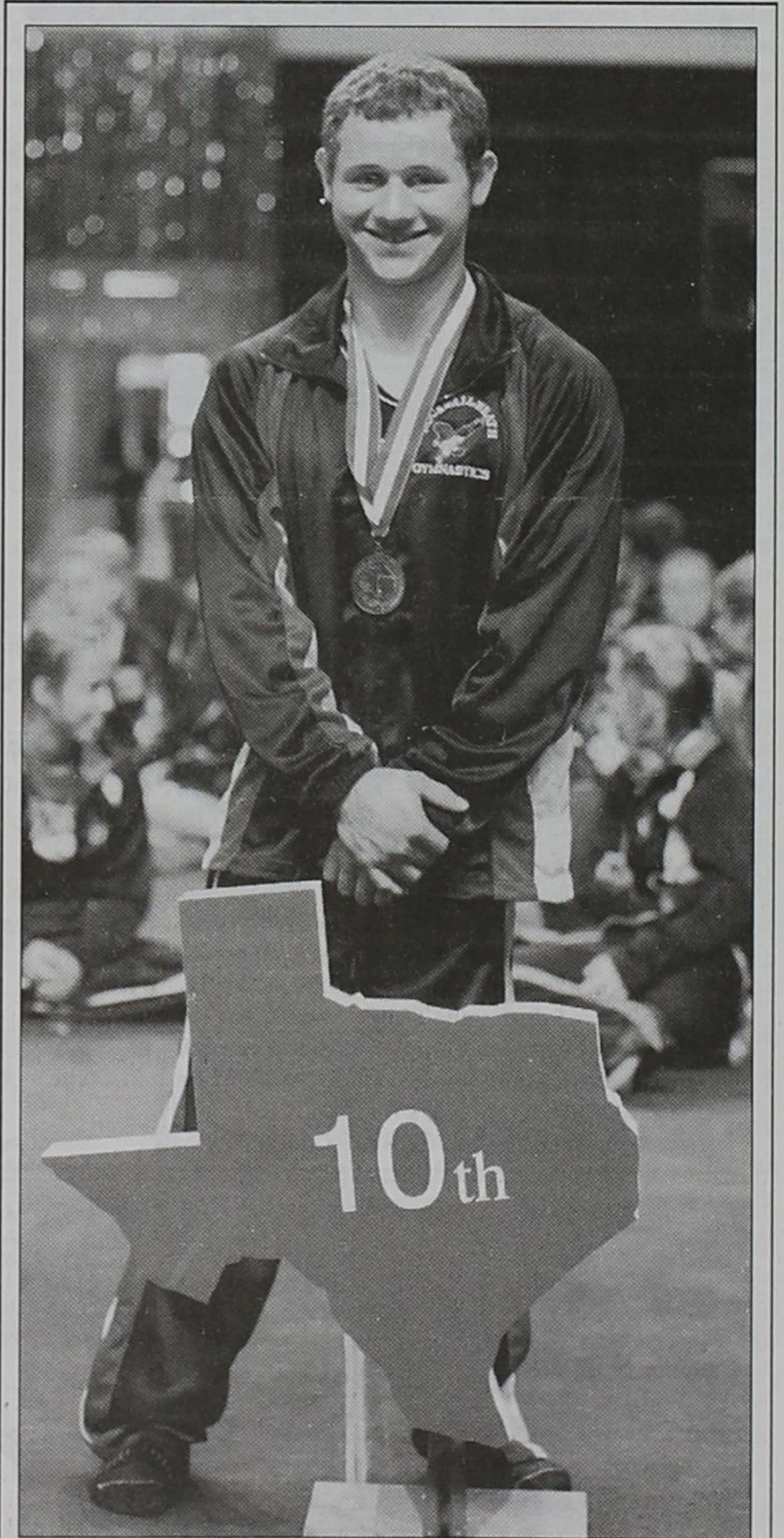
Rockwall's Jenna Jeffrey wins 6th place in the Uneven Parallel Bars during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State University's Junell Center. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager (marciasphoto.smugmug.com)/Rockwall County News



Rockwall's Kailea Coles wins 4th place in the Beam during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State University's Junell Center. Coles also placed 9th in the Floor and Vault, and 9th All Around. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager (marciasphoto.smugmug.com)/Rockwall County News



Rockwall's Michael Weidman wins 10th place overall during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State University's Junell Center. Weidman also placed 2nd in the Floor and 7th in the Pommel. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager (marciasphoto.smugmug.com)/Rockwall County News



Rockwall's Alex Milner wins 10th place in the Rings during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State University's Junell Center. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager (marciasphoto.smugmug.com)/Rockwall County News



Rockwall's Tori Hedges wins 10th place in the Vault during the May 3-5 State Gymnastics meet at Angelo State University's Junell Center. Photo by Marcia Hasenyager (marciasphoto.smugmug.com)/Rockwall County News

- Rockwall County high school varsity results, May 2-8**
- Baseball
 Frisco 4, Rockwall-Heath 0
 Frisco Centennial 12, Rockwall 7
 Frisco Centennial 14, Rockwall 1
 Rockwall Christian Academy 22, Tomball The Woodlands Preparatory School 0
 Rockwall-Heath 11, Frisco 1
 Rockwall-Heath 16, Frisco 1
- Softball
 Shiner St. Paul Catholic High School 10, Heritage Christian Academy 0
 Rockwall 21, Seagoville 1
- Boys' gymnastics
 State Championships (26 teams)
 Rockwall 317.650 (6th)
 Rockwall-Heath 312.600 (10th)
- Girls' gymnastics
 State Championships (32 teams)
 Rockwall 230.500 (1st)
 Rockwall-Heath 54.525 (26th)
- Boys' track and field
 TAPPS 2A State Championships
 Heritage Christian Academy 25 (10th)
 TAPPS 1A State Championships
 Fulton 18 (tied for 9th)

Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens. While the people are virtuous, they cannot be subdued, but when once they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.
 Samuel Adams

Richardson hopes to leap to 2 more state championships

Rockwall-Heath's Brianna Richardson is seeded first in her quest for a second consecutive state title in the triple jump at Friday's 4A State Championships.

Richardson, who took her first state championship as a junior last year, recorded this season's longest 4A triple jump of 40 feet, 4 1/2 inches. That came in the Texas Relays at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas in Austin, which is also the State Championships venue.

That leap, the third-longest in the U.S. by a high school girl this year, was

Lady Eagles return from Shiner with loss to St. Paul

The trip to Shiner may have seemed long for the Heritage Christian Academy softball team Tuesday, but nowhere near as long as the ride back.

Shiner St. Paul Catholic High School scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning of a TAPPS 1A/2A Regional playoff game at the Shiner Starplex. The Lady Eagles managed five hits against Lady Cards pitcher Abby Irwin, who has won eight consecutive games, but couldn't score.

St. Paul added four runs in the fourth inning. When HCA couldn't score in the fifth, Shiner had a 10-0 victory by the 10-run mercy rule.

The loss ended the Lady Eagles' season, but it was a good one. They lost a playoff game after tying for first place in TAPPS District 2-1A/2A, and advanced to the state's elite eight.

Most of the players will return next season, but Heritage will have to replace senior pitcher Jenna Geyman.

6 1/2 inches longer than the 39-10 best by second-seeded Lauren Nwegbo of Mesquite Potteet.

Richardson's third time qualifying in the state triple jump is also her second try for the 4A long jump championship. She placed second last year, and is tied for the second-best 4A long jump this season. Pearland Dawson's Porsha Thomas went 19-3 1/2 this year; Richardson and Houston Wheatley's Daye Shon Roberson cleared 18-10 1/2, tied for 13th among U.S. high school

jumpers in 2012.

Committed to Baylor University on a track and field scholarship, Richardson has won every triple jump and long jump competition she entered this year except for the Texas Relays. That record includes first place at both the District 10-4A and Region II-4A Championships.

To rest for the State Championships, she declined to participate in the State Qualifiers Meet.



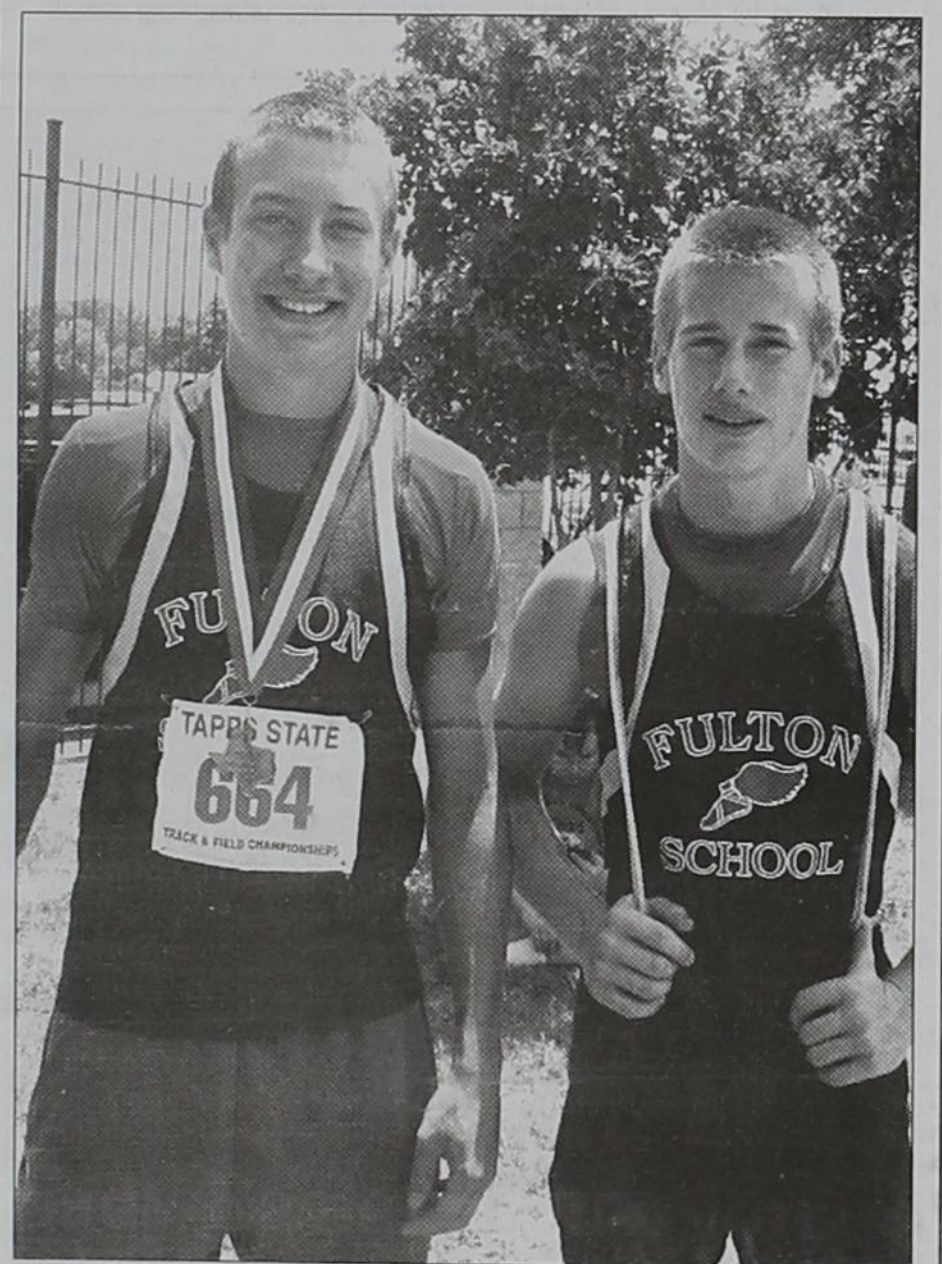
Lady Eagles' Anabel Burke clears the High Jump bar at a height of 4-08 for a 2nd place finish Friday May 4 during the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet at Baylor University's Hart Patterson Track & Field Complex in Waco.

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Heritage Christian's Anabel Burke happily receives the silver medal after clearing a 2nd place height of 4' 8" in the High Jump Friday May 4 during the TAPPS State Track meet at the Hart Patterson Track and Field Complex Baylor University in Waco.

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Fulton School's Tanner Treadway (left) receives the silver medal for his 2nd place time of 16.78 in the 110M Hurdles Saturday May 5 during the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet at the Hart Patterson Complex Baylor University in Waco. Todd Treadway (right) finished 4th in the 200M Dash in a time of 24.67 seconds.

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Fulton School's Tanner Treadway (left) finishes the 110M Hurdles in 16.78 seconds for 2nd place, Friday May 4 during the TAPPS State Track and Field meet at the Hart Patterson Complex Baylor University in Waco.

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Jaston Reese, of The Fulton School, leaps a distance of 37-07 in the finals of the Triple Jump Friday May 4, during the TAPPS State Track and Field Meet at the Hart Patterson Complex Baylor University in Waco.

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You can't balance this budget

Jerry Hogan
 I recently saw an explanation, in the most simplistic form, of why our budget continues to spiral deeper and deeper into debt. It is fiscal year, Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2012, the budget proposed by the County totals \$3.8 trillion dollars. Our total forecasted revenue for the period is \$2.469 trillion; a deficit between expenses and revenue of more than \$1.3 trillion. This is bad enough, but unfortunately it gets worse. The budget is composed of three main components: Interest payments for the County to borrow (\$225 billion yearly), mandated programs, non-discretionary spending, (Social Security \$773 billion, Medicare \$255 billion, Medicaid \$255 billion, TARP \$35 billion and other mandated programs \$11 billion, for a total of \$2.252 trillion) and federal government, retirement spending, (security \$868 billion and non-security spending \$450 billion, which totals to \$1.319 trillion). Looking at these numbers. It is clear our budget cannot be balanced. Even if we eliminated all security and all other government at the national level, our budget would still be exceeded by our expenses. Our total national debt is now approaching \$16 trillion. Four years ago it was \$10.5 trillion. By the year 2021, it is projected to be \$26 trillion. Our total national debt is now 16 percent of the world's gross domestic product. Our debt totals more than 32 times the debt of Greece, and the world already knows what happens when a country's debt rating is reduced to the level of social programs are dramatically cut, and bail out programs are refused. Riots in the streets result and the world's financial markets go into a tailspin. Our Congress, rather than addressing and fixing the problem, continues to push the issue down the road by raising the debt ceiling and

refusing to address the cause and solutions. There are no easy solutions. We have allowed our country to get into this financial deficit position by continuing to add program after program to our national list of "things that will help our citizens," take action after action that will "better position us in the world to show what democracy is all about" and continue in our endeavors of insuring "political correctness" in every action we take. Now, unfortunately, we are arriving at that position where actions must be taken or we face financial disaster. Our credit rating, for the first time ever, was recently downgraded. Our budget projections continue to show significant deficit spending. No plans are forthcoming from the Congress or the current administration. Rather than talking about student loan rates or why tax rates should be raised for the wealthy, where are the bold programs and plans to address this financial crisis? Where are the leaders who are willing to go to Washington, D.C., to fix the problem rather than to talk about what they are going to do once they arrive? Where are the leaders who are willing to lead? Where are the representatives who are willing to put aside their plans for continued terms in the Congress or the administration in return for telling the American people what the problem is and what we are going to have to do to fix the problem? Frankly, the track record of someone doing this is not very good; in fact it is almost non-existent. What a shame. How do you fix this problem? You have two choices; increase revenue or cut costs. To increase revenue you must 1. get a viable tax policy in place that makes business want to invest and 2. get the uncertainty out of what "Washington" is going to do. This will drive the economy, which will result in market growth which will drive down unemployment which will drive revenue up by more taxes being paid, etc. If this does not happen, estimates

of an increase in taxes of 50 percent will be needed to drive the revenue to where it will allow balancing of the budget. Cutting costs will be very difficult as programs that have continued to be added to our roll of funded programs have a life of their own and refuse to go away. They usually do have a purpose and they usually do help some group of citizens, so getting rid of them or cutting back could introduce the same type resistance that we saw in Greece when some of their programs were cut. Bold and aggressive actions will be needed here. Fear of not getting reelected should not be the determining factor on programs proposed or voted upon. We do not yet have this problem of spiraling debt and unbalanced budgets at the county level. Our debt rating continues to be AA; our debt service primarily for new road construction, is not excessive and our debt forecasts result in well programmed issuance of debt for programs voted upon by the citizens. Our operating budget is a balanced budget. Personal costs are closely watched and controlled. New proposed programs are examined to insure both need and affordability before being introduced into the budget. And this is where extra vigilance is always needed. No proposal ever presented to the Commissioners Court is described based upon its non-need or non-applicability; according to the presenters, all programs have worth and merit and should be immediately adopted because of the good it creates. My comment on these proposals is simple. If you can't justify the program with off-setting cost savings, then the program is probably not really that good. Witness the mess our country is in with the introduction of all those "good" programs now locked into the non-discretionary spending side of our budget. Jerry Hogan is the county judge of Rockwall County. He can be reached at jerryhogan@sbcglobal.net or 214-394-4033.

Too much government debt already

John White
 I encourage City of Rockwall voters to vote against all five bond propositions. Five of Rockwall voters will find five bond propositions on their ballots for the 2012 election. The total amount of debt to be added to our debt-laden city. Except for Proposition 3, all are not without merit. Including estimated additional property tax, a conservative estimate of property tax increase will be 36.14 percent. Opposition arises not against the merits of these propositions, but from negative economic impact they will probably have on our taxpayers. For many years, we Americans have willingly gone into debt for every thing from paying for road construction to funding world wars, and we've generally been successful in paying off all that debt. We've been successful in doing so and got the T-shirts to prove it. America is now sailing into uncharted waters. In the last three years, we've accrued more national debt than the sum of all previous administrations from George Washington to the last George (Bush). National debt has exceeded gross domestic productivity (GDP). I'm taking before the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club about the proposition, a former mayor said, "But, we are in the crow's nest." As I remember, when the Titanic sank it took with it the crow's nest all the way to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. In the last year, income and capital gains taxes will dramatically

rise. If ObamaCare survives the Supreme Court, it adds 19 new taxes. Facts are facts: We are not in "recovery." Unemployment and under-employment remain very high. The U.S. dollar continues its downward slide. Without adequate energy, America comes to a screeching halt. ABC News reports 2012 as the worst year ever for gasoline prices. Motor fuel prices have doubled in only 3 1/2 years. Middle East war could drive the cost of oil and gasoline could go as high as \$10/gallon. What would your life be like with \$10/gallon gasoline, as it presently is in Paris? True, French fuel taxes account for much of the price, yet \$10/gallon comes nevertheless a shock to Parisians: "reeling," writes Wolf Richter. You'll be reeling, too.

Popular Support for Bonds? No. You see a lot of signs around town, large and small. When the Vote Yes For Rockwall PAC (political action committee) put out the first wave of signs, they advocated for all five propositions. Their latest gimmick is a billboard advertisement on at the eastbound FM 74C (Ridge Road) exit from I-30. Look closely and you'll notice they now only want you to vote for Proposition 1 - the ball field. Why? About 80 percent of the PAC's funding comes from two businesses, one located in Royse City, Royse City? Yes, Royse City. Open this link to review the PAC's report to the City of Rockwall. Follow me on Facebook at facebook.com/VoteNoTo36PctPropertyTaxIncrease.

Obama, bin Laden, and Mitt

by Sheldon Richman
 The partisan squabbling over the killing of Osama bin Laden is a typical election-year distraction, effectively squelching discussion of more important matters one year after the execution of the al-Qaeda chief executive. Aided by cable-TV talking heads, Americans are spending too much time speculating over whether presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney would have given the order to get bin Laden, and also issuing paeans to President Obama's "courage." (We have a strange notion of courage. Did Obama risk his own life? Of course not. He was safe in the White House Situation Room. Perhaps he "risked" his political career, but even that isn't certain. A failed operation might have won him sympathy for a good try. On the other hand, the men under his command were ordered to risk their lives and the lives of others.) While the commentators are engaged in trivialities, big foreign-policy questions are ignored. For instance, although bin Laden is dead, his strategy of sucking the United States into bloody, expensive imperial wars in the Muslim world has worked like a charm. In a video released in 2004, bin Laden said, "We are continuing this policy in bleeding America to the point of bankruptcy. Allah willing, and nothing is too great for Allah." He compared what was happening in Afghanistan then to the previous Soviet debacle there. "We, alongside the mujahideen, bled Russia for 10 years until it went bankrupt and was forced to withdraw in defeat." Ironically, President Jimmy Carter's national-security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, has bragged that he helped draw the Soviet Union into Afghanistan in 1979 precisely to mire the Russians in their own "Vietnam." That experience failed to deter President George W. Bush from blindly following in the Soviets' footsteps; nor did it keep Obama from redoubling this futile effort, including a major expansion of drone attacks in Pakistan, which have killed at least 1,400 people since Obama took office. The U.S. government has been fighting the same people it helped fight the Soviets. "All that we have to do is to send two mujahideen to the furthest point east to raise a piece of cloth on which is written al Qaeda, in order to make generals race there to cause America to suffer human, economic and political losses without their achieving anything of note other than some benefits for their private corporations," bin Laden said. Right he was. The Obama administration ruthlessly drone-bombs Yemen and Somalia to eradicate the "threat" from real or potential al-Qaeda affiliates in those countries. Even American officials are aware that this policy creates anti-American militants. This is not rocket science. Bomb people, and they will dislike you - and perhaps seek revenge. Bin Laden got his wish. America's fiscal house couldn't be more disorderly. The debt is over \$15 trillion, larger than the GDP. The Congressional Research Service says that from 2001 to 2011 the Afghan war cost \$443 billion. Tens of thousands of civilians have been killed, and many more maimed. American deaths total more than 1,800, with well over 15,000 wounded. The number of survivors whose lives have been effectively destroyed is uncountable. And that leaves the Iraq war out of the account. Al-Qaeda wasn't even in that country until George W. Bush invaded in 2003. The point is that we let bin Laden take our eyes off the ball. He and al-Qaeda were creatures of American policy, though not in the sense that U.S. agents funded him or set up his organization. Rather, he turned his wrath toward America (and away from U.S.-backed Middle Eastern oppressors) as it became apparent that so much of the misery inflicted on the Muslim world had its origins in Washington, D.C. The sources of misery include the decade-long economic sanctions on Iraq, which killed half a million children - a price pronounced "worth it" in 1996 by President Clinton's then-UN ambassador and later secretary of state Madeleine Albright; the stationing of U.S. troops near holy places in Saudi Arabia; and the continuing subjugation of Palestinians by U.S.-backed Israel. In the absence of those and

related policies, bin Laden would have had no interest in seeing U.S. territory attacked. To be sure, bin Laden is gone. But the abominable foreign policy goes on. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va., author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State and editor of The Freeman magazine. Visit his blog Free Association at www.sheldondrichman.com.

We oppose stealing from one another for government debt

West W. Burnett
 The Rockwall city election ballot Saturday, May 12, includes five propositions of a bond that will add \$59 million to the city's debt. That will be guaranteed to investors through payment by property owners in the form of property taxes. Those who refuse to pay the tax will suffer confiscation of their property. That is the essence of taxation ... purely and simply a form of theft: forcing people to pay against their will, based only on the decision of a majority of voters who mark "yes" on the election ballot. We oppose stealing from one another, no matter how glorious or official the "general good" that project may be ... it is a violation of the 8th Commandment: "Thou Shalt Not Steal." God did not amend that commandment with a list of exceptions. It amazes me that ordinarily kind, generous and loving Christians can usually ignore God's word and wisdom. Those who support the bond are good people I am certain ... but they overlook the fact that the end of government forced payment is evil. The oft-quoted comment for theft that taxation is a necessary evil. "God does not condone evil ... there is no "necessary evil" ... taxation is evil, and is essentially an instrument of evil. One who would go to our neighbor with a weapon and demand money for some pet project ... but too many of us will cast a vote to order government officials to go to the neighbor's door and use force if necessary, to confiscate property for failure to pay the government theft through taxation. It is wrong, and as Christians and God loving people, we must stop this practice of stealing from one another ... no matter how precious the result. A majority who vote on this bond issue agree with God's 8th Commandment. Maybe government lovers will change these bond issues to force payment on the vote "yes" on the ballot and then relieve all other property owners of the burden of payment. I suspect that would be very unpopular among the supporters of this debt program.

We must demand a return to the constitutional limited government we inherited from our ancestors... freedom & liberty

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Let's not add any more to our debt
 Mr. Bob Cotti (Letter the Editor 5/04/12), a former council member in Rockwall, suggests the citizens of our city are divided between "those who embrace the future and those who do not wish to lose the past." He explains there have been "some real misunderstandings about the bond issues in general," and possibly some points may be well taken. Those who are serving, or have served on the City Council for the past 15 years are to be commended for operating "with a balanced budget." However the fact is "those citizens who embrace the future" are the same as those who "do not wish to lose the past." There is no division. For the love of our children, it is time we concentrate on abolishing massive debt at every level of government and avoid the inevitable of enslaving future generations with perpetual and uncontrollable debt. Jacqueline Frank Strickland, Rockwall

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ACROSS
 1 TXism: "bust ___" (try hard)
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 6 ___ and reels
 7 TX poets products
 8 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of it"
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 19 TX capital
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 22 TX Sandra Brown romance novels
 23 Armstrong Co. seat
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 29 confederates
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 31 TXism: "primed and ___" (prepared)
 35 TXism: "___ warm your gullet" (nice)
 36 TXism: "naked as ___"
 42 ___ Garden of Austin's Zilker Park
 44 blue jeans feature: copper ___
 46 TX Keyes' "Gone With the ___" ('39)
 47 conservative Limbaugh
 49 name for a King Ranch employee
 50 X-mas egg drink
 51 TXism: "___ bien" (is good)

DOWN
 1 famous SMU alum TV producer
 2 TX-born Don Williams tune: "___ Boys Like Me"
 3 softball pitch
 4 actress ___ Harper was discovered in TX
 9 TXism: "would have to prime my mouth to ___" (thirsty)
 10 TX Rip Torn's "A Stranger is Watching" was set in NY's Grand ___
 11 anger ___
 12 TXism: "the fur ___ flying" (flight)
 13 Tioga street named for singing cowboy Gene D. wds.)

52 Houston's Zina Garrison eliminated Chris from U.S. Open ('89)
 53 oceans
 54 TX Barbara Jordan received the '92 Wallace Truman Award
 55 TX writer Molly Ivins humor style
 57 TXism: "don't get your shorts ___ knot"
 58 stupid or clumsy person

14 TX Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight?"
 15 TXism: "take a ___ at it" (try)
 16 TX Heisman winner Brown, et al.
 18 Astro, Star or Spur home of Rangers' Yankees foe (abbr.)
 23 pres. Calvin (init.)
 24 Yo ___ Digo Creek
 25 TX Jim Reeves' "___ Losing You?"
 26 TX Orbison tune
 27 Val Verde Co. seat
 32 Culberson Co. peak: ___ Capitan

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Rockwall County Sports Schedules

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

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Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, May 11 – Varsity softball: at Region II-4A Quarterfinal Game 1 vs. McKinney, Allen High School, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 12 – Varsity softball: at Region II-4A Quarterfinal Game 2 vs. McKinney, Allen High School, 11 a.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, May 11 – Varsity girls' track and field: 4A State Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium, University of Texas, Austin, long jump 10:30 a.m. and triple jump 4:30 p.m.
Varsity baseball: home for Area playoff Game 1 vs. Dallas Woodrow Wilson, 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, May 17 – Boys' soccer: home vs. Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
Girls' soccer: at Lovejoy Sloan Creek, Lovejoy High School, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

Utley Middle School Wolves

Thursday, May 17 – Girls' soccer: home vs. Williams, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.
Boys' soccer: at Williams, 7th grade 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade 7 p.m.

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/s/ David Sweet, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, Secretary
1st Reading: 04-16-12
2nd Reading: 05-07-12

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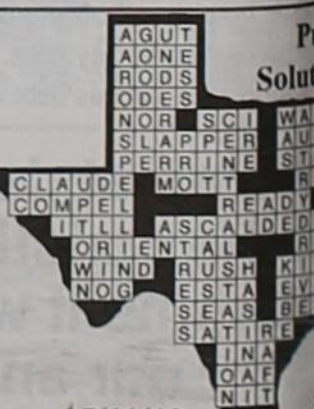
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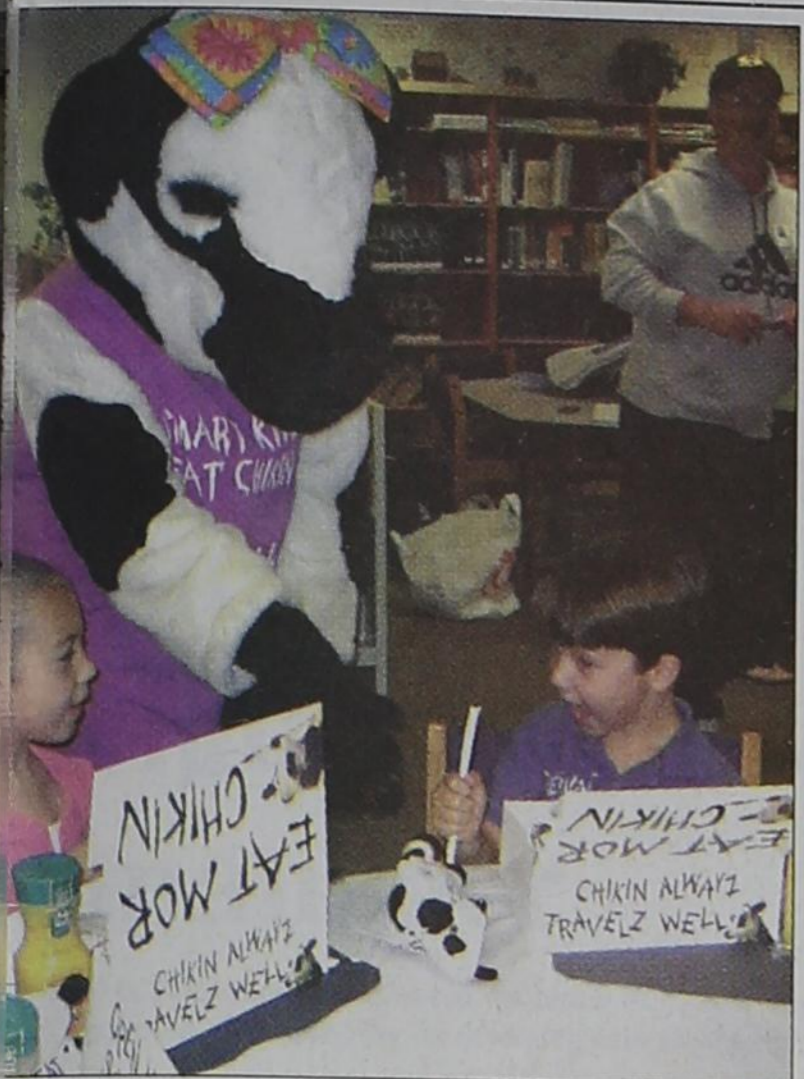
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Rockwall County Girl Scouts recently participated in a Barefoot Brigade at Harry Myers Park. The girls spent a day without shoes to join in a global movement organized by Toms Shoes. The event is conducted to spread awareness about the impact a pair of shoes can have on a child's life. Pictured above are, from the left (white shirt around to black shirt) are Madison Ripley (white shirt with white hair bow), Lindsey Foster, Xoe Plunk, Emily Hibbs, Brooke Conway, Ashley Hibbs, Ashley Pritchett, Kortnee Jester and Veronica (black shirt).
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First grade student Jenna Nega and kindergarten student [Name] are shown meeting the Chick-fil-A cow mascot at the recent Character Breakfast. The annual event recognizes student demonstration good school citizenship.
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Katy [Name], a sophomore at Heritage Christian Academy (HCA), is shown at HCA's annual Black and Red Bash (gala) held at South on March 30, 2012. Katy is congratulated by HCA Head-Ron Taylor (middle) and Rusty Wallis (right). Rusty Wallis Honda wagon of Dallas. The dealership donates a car every year for HCA students sell tickets for a chance to win a new car.
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Cars for CASA event set May 20 at Harbor

The East Division of the Greater Dallas Homebuilders Association has selected Lone Star CASA as one of its beneficiaries and this year will host its fifth annual Cars for CASA Classic Car and Motorcycle Show. The event is set for May 20 at the Harbor in Rockwall. The show drew more than 320 entries and about 3,000 spectators. It generated for than \$24,500 for Lone Star CASA. Volunteers for this year's event are hoping for an even bigger turnout to better benefit the Court Appointed Special Advocate group. For details visit lonestarcasa.org or email carsforcasa@planetrockwall.com. There also is a Cars for CASA group.



Rockwall Chamber of Commerce members celebrated the recent grand opening ceremony for House Cleaning.

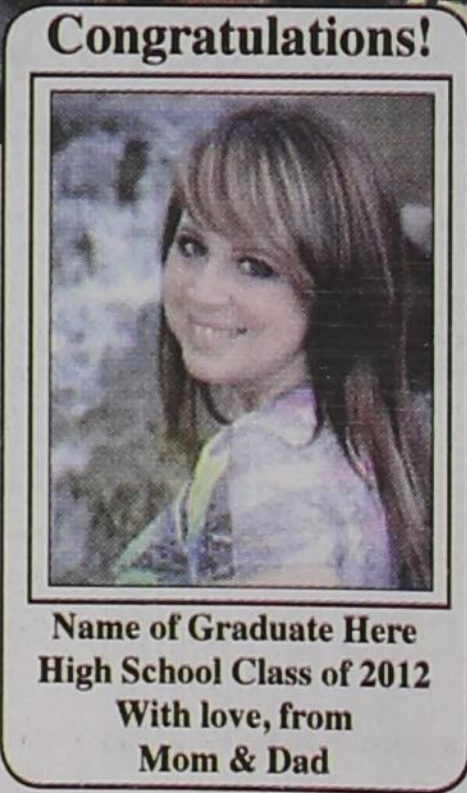


"Cars for CASA" features a wide variety of classic and modified vehicles during the May 20 event at the Harbor District. Registration is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with all proceeds to benefit Lone Star CASA, Inc. For more information visit www.LoneStarCASA.org. CASA advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system through the development, growth and support of local CASA programs.
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Friday, May 25
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