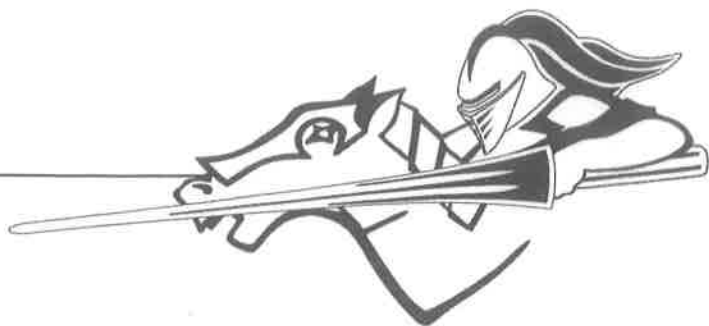


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August 15, 2007

Dear Dr. Robert Grete,

Welcome back everyone!! I am excited about this year and I wanted to say thank you for your dedication to our children. I think that teaching is the best job a person can do to further the kingdom of Christ. Everyday you impart a piece of ministry to our kids.

I am asked about my drive to school and if I am tired of it yet. Let me say, I am not. The reason why, it is worth every minute of the care and love my children receive here. I know that Aubrey and Ashlyn are in loving and dedicated hands. This ministry inspires me to learn to do my job better for our children, teachers and staff. I love to see the literal changes that are happening on this campus.

Have I learned to do my job perfectly? Not even close, but every year I am learning more and getting better. Thank you for having patience with me. My first year here was crazy, I was trying to learn my job and survive. My second year here, I was in "recovery" mode from the fall I took in May of 2006. I was blessed when Kathy Graham hired on and we spent the year trying to organize and set schedules for our events. This year is going to be great!

We started off with the Warren Barfield concert and we were able to raise over \$13,000. We were "Rockin' on the Bayou"!

Teachers, I want you to know that I pray for you and our students every day. It is from the Book of Common Prayer, Collects, page 261.

For Education

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Welcome back, teachers and thank you for your dedication!

Peace in Christ,

Jen Nall

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August 8, 2007

Dear Parents,

Orientation and Open House will be held on the following dates. **New parents to RBCS are expected to attend our New Parent Orientation on Tuesday, August 14th.** If you have any questions please contact Cathy Hannay (x244). Also, various information will be available and the new PE uniforms will be sold during these times.

August 14, 2007 - Tuesday

6:00-7:30 pm – New Parent Orientation for all new school parents – Gym
 7:30-9:00 pm – New Academy Orientation (all 7th graders and new 8th-12th graders will meet their teachers) – Gym – If you cannot attend please come on August 16th.

August 16, 2007 - Thursday

7:00-9:00 pm – Academy and Third Track Open House – Gym

August 17, 2007 - Friday

9:00-12:00 am – Elementary and Talent Development Open House – Meet your teacher/Information tables will be set up on the playground between the Elementary Office and the Main Office (weather permitting).

August 20, 2007 - Monday

8:00am – 3:15pm – School begins **“Welcome Back Students”**

Lunch Program at RBCS is based on a lunch voucher system or pay as you go. Vouchers are paperless tickets that are tracked in School Dynamics. A single meal voucher is \$3.00. The weekly lunch voucher costs \$14.00. By purchasing a 5 day meal voucher, you save \$1.00 your fifth meal. There are two ways to pay for lunches: the best method of payment is to pre-pay by check, but cash will still be accepted. You may purchase as many vouchers as you want.

With the pre-pay system, there are no I.O.U.'s and we cannot give change. When students turn in their lunch money, **all** the money received will be put towards a lunch voucher.

Also, the lunch orders are called in to our vendors by 9:00am each morning. If your child is coming in late that morning and he/she is ordering lunch, please call the appropriate kindergarten, elementary or academy office **by 9:00am.**

Monday	Chick-fil-a: Chicken sandwich and chips
Tuesday	Beef O'Brady's: Hamburger, chips and cookie
Wednesday	Quiznos: Turkey/cheddar sub, and chips
Thursday	Hungry Howie's: Pizza (1/4 lg pizza)
Friday	Chick-fil-a: 8 pc nuggets and chips

****Drinks are not included (milk is available for the kindergarten and elementary students).**

March

- 1 ACSI Math Olympics - RBCS, Awana, SAT
- 6-7 FACCS Fine Arts
- 7 Student Half Day (Staff Full Day - STP Training)
- 7 OWC Math Bowl
- 7 ACSI Spelling Bee - Alethia, Pensacola ?
- 8 FBA High School Concert Festival (Symphonic Band) / Mu Alpha Theta
- 12-15 Science Trip - Peace River
- 15 Cheerleading Clinic, 8:30 AM - 2 PM, RBCS Gym
- 17-18 Cheerleading Tryouts, 3:30 - 5 PM, RBCS Gym
- 19 3rd QTR Ends
- 21 Good Friday - QTR Report Cards Student Half Day (Staff Full Day for STP Training)
- 27 Teen Pac Leaves
- 28 Missions Trips
- 31 No School - spring Break

April

- 5 Teen Pac returns / Mission Trip Returns
- 7 Students return - classes resume
- 8 - 10 AACCS Nationals
- 8-10 Stanford Achievement Testing (All other grades) ?
- 11 Work a Thon
- 14 Softball District Tournament
- 16 Track Regionals
- 18 Niceville Elementary Spring Musical 7:00 PM
- 17-18 FBA Junior High Concert Festival (Jr. High Concert Band)
- 21- 24 Baseball District Tournament
- 21-23 Stanford Achievement Test
- 23 KMO
- 25 Midterm
- 25 FACCS Regional Jr. Fine Arts - Tallahassee
- 29 Baseball Regional tournament
- 30 Shakespeare Trip - Montgomery, AL

May

- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 3 SAT
- 8 Academy Midterms Mailed
- 9 leadership banquet
- 9 FACCS State Jr. Fine Arts - West Palm Beach
- TBA FBA State Concert Festival
- 16 Jazz Ensemble & Chamber Choir Spring Concert
- 17 Band Spring Concert
- 26 No school - Memorial Day
- 29 Semester Ends
- 29 Senior Seminar AM
- 30 Niceville Campus Kindergarten Graduation
- 29 Teacher Seminar PM
- 29-30 academy finals
- 30 last day for seniors
- 31 Band Banquet

June

- 2 NV Elem Kindergarten Graduation
- 2-4 Academy finals
- 2 Niceville Elementary Field Day 1st & 2nd Graders
- 3 Niceville Elementary Field Day 3rd & 4th Graders
- 3 6th Grade Promotion - Niceville Campus
- 4 Niceville Elementary Field Day 5th & 6th Graders
- 5 Academy Awards Ceremony Semester Ends, **Senior Seminar AM Mandatory for all Seniors** Teacher Seminar PM
- 6 **9th -12th Seminar - Mandatory**
- 6 Baccalaureate/Commencement, 7 PM - Rocky Bayou Baptist Church
- 7 SAT
- 14 ACT

August	14	New Parent Orientation, 6 PM - 7:30 PM, Gym / 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM New Academy Parent Orientation		
	15	Sr. Picture Day RBCS Gym		
	16	Academy / T3 Open House 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM RBCS Gym		
	17	Kindergarten and Elementary Open House- Niceville Campus 9 AM - 12 PM		
	20	SCHOOL BEGINS		
	23-24	Freshman Retreat - Camp Victory		
	24	Academy - Academic Team Tryouts		
	27	School Mall Fundraiser begins		
	27	Engineering Fair Sign up		
		Seniors photos make up day in the library 8:30 AM (Saturday)		
September	29	Junior/Senior Retreat - Ocoee, Tn.		
	3	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day		
	4	Picture Day K3 - 11		
	5	Abundant Funds Christmas card fundraiser; Josten Presentation Sr's 8:20 AM; Jr's 9:00 AM		
	10-11	Science Trip - Port St. Joe		
	12	Josten ordering Sr's 12:30 PM, Jr's 1:00 PM		
	15	ACT Test - Saturday		
	17	Midterm		
	21	Grandparents Day; Academy midterms mailed		
	28	Engineering Fair Report Due		
October	29	Marching Festival TBD		
	2	Picture make Up Day - K3 - 11		
	5	Student Half Day (Staff Full Day - STP Training)		
	6	Southeastern Marching Festival - Troy University		
	6	SAT Test		
	8	Girls Soccer Tryouts		
	12	Fall Festival, 3:30 - 6:30 PM, RBCS Niceville campus		
	13	FBA Marching Band, FWB High		
	15	Golf District Tournament ; End of First Quarter		
	17	PSAT Test /Student Half Day - Dismissal at 11:45AM		
	18-19	No School - FACCS		
	22	Golf Regional Tournament / Girls Basketball Tryouts		
	23	Okaloosa Marching exhibition ; boys soccer districts; volleyball districts		
	24-26	ACSI Leadership Conference - GA		
	25	Volleyball District Tournament		
	26	Report Cards Go Home		
	26-27	Soccer Districts		
	27	Marching Festival TBD		
	27	FSU Academic Tournament		
	29	Cross-Country District Meet / Boys Basketball Tryouts		
November	30	Soccer Regionals		
	31	Volleyball Regional Tournament / Engineering Fair Proposal		
	2	FACCS Regional Spelling Bee		
	2-3	Boys Soccer State Tournament		
	3	SAT Test		
	7	PLAN test for 9th and 10th graders		
	9	Cross Country Regions		
	10	Marching Festival TBD / Soccer Banquet		
	12	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day		
	14	Pensacola Academic Tournament		
	15	Niceville Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program, 7 PM		
	16	FACCS State Spelling Bee, Orlando		
	16	Midterm		
	17	Brookwood Academic Tournament		
	21	Midterm		
	19-23	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday		
	26	Classes resume		
	30	Academy MT mailed		



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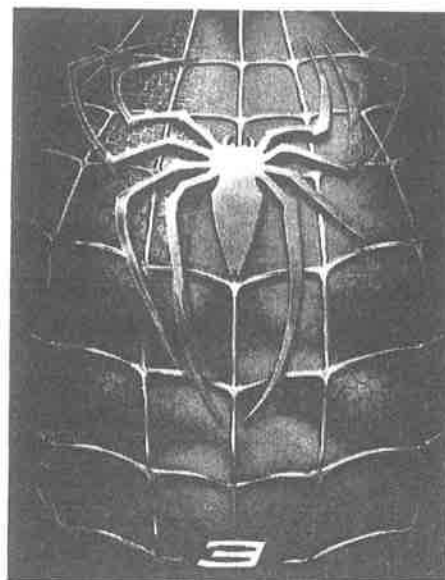
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ite holiday is Resurrection Day. She likes to go see basketball games live, but she also enjoys watching baseball games on television. Her favorite place to get a burger is Ed's. A random, interesting, little-known fact about Staffbo is that she loves Chevy automobiles and Italian food. Can you guess who this is?

Summer Photo Contest

Do you have an awesome summer photo to show the school? Then enter the Rocky Bayou Christian School Summer Photo Contest! Turn your entry in to the Advice Box in the Academy office by **October 15, 2007**. The top five photos will be published in the next issue and the top three will win a special prize!

1. Can not be inappropriate or swimsuit photo.

2. Must be original

3. Make sure other people in photos do not mind being in the newspaper.

4. Must have happened **THIS SUMMER**.

Submit your photo with your name and grade on the back of the photo or on an attached sheet of paper. If you want your photos returned, write on the same sheet of paper that you want them returned.



Videogame Review

Review by: Alex Crocker

WarioWare: Smooth Moves

WarioWare: Smooth Moves is a must have game for anyone looking to entertain himself or a few friends. First, *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* is the fourth game in the *WarioWare* franchise and the first *WarioWare* game for the Nintendo Wii. *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* takes full advantage of the Nintendo Wii's motion sensing controllers. Also, there are over two hundred frantic microgames to jump, punch, dance, and MORE as you battle your way to the very end. Another feature of the game is the bonus arcade-style games that can be unlocked when certain goals have been met. Finally, *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* does have multiplayer gameplay, but it lacks simultaneous multiplayer. This means only one Wii remote can be used. In conclusion, *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* is an excellent game for *WarioWare* veterans or anyone who wants a good laugh!

I rated WWSM on a scale of 1-10, 10 being the best possible score!

Storyline: 6.0

Graphics: 5.0

Sound: 7.5

Multi- player: 3.0

Total Rating: 5.4



Critics' Reviews

GameShark - 91 out of 100

"The game's story mode is relatively easy – you can finish it in less than a full afternoon, but the fun doesn't end there. The replay value is through the roof as every game you play will be different and always enjoyable."

Nintendo Power – 90 out of 100

"Though Smooth Moves may not seem deep, the fact that it offers physical play and draws a crowd should make it a permanent fixture in a lot of Wii consoles." [Feb. 2007, p.92 of Nintendo Power]

IGN – 82 out of 100

"It's not perfect; it isn't the best in the series, but *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* is an essential piece of the Wii collection, as it's as much fun ripping through it in single player adventures as it is to shove the controller off on unsuspecting houseguests or non-gamers months and years down the road."

Critics' Reviews:
www.metacritic.com

School Advice

By: Joey Wilson and Jess Eckerty

"Dear School Newspaper:

My parents really want me to get good grades. Last year they told me to make a 4.0 G.P.A. or else I'm grounded. Even if I get a 89.9% in a class I get grounded for weeks. On my last few quizzes in a class I have been getting 60's and 50's. I don't know what to do. I'll tell my parents and get grounded for almost two months with barely any TV or talking and socializing with my friends. Last year I got a 97 in this class, so I know I can do well this

year. Should I tell them or not????"

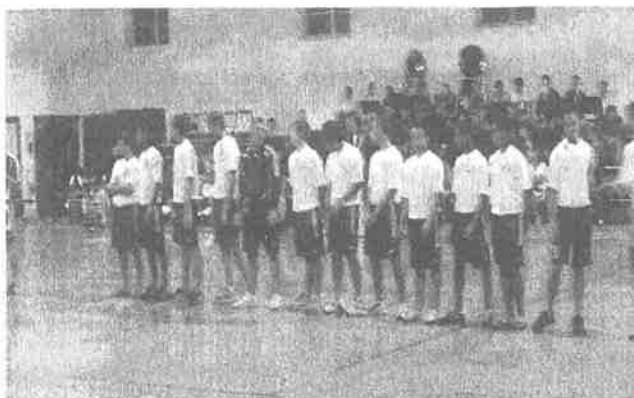
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

You probably need to tell the truth to your parents as soon as possible; otherwise you could get grounded, when they get mid-terms, for more than 2 months. Since you got a 97 in that class before, you can have hope that you will improve. You should ask your teacher after

school for help, or see if you can retake the quizzes. During the quizzes don't think that you have to get a hundred and stress yourself out. Take a deep breath (make sure you let it back out), say a quick prayer and do your best.

A good way to address your parents is have them sit down—just you and them—and tell them that you are getting 50's and 60's on your quizzes.



Meet the Knights

By: Joey Wilson and Mark Chasteen

Meet the Knights Night took place on August 25, 2007 in the gym. The pep band started off the festivities. After the introduction song by the pep band, fans were encouraged to join the Booster Club, which is an organization that helps pay for new sports uniforms and equipment. Then the teams were introduced—to the delight of the fans in attendance.



Ladies' Cross Country

By: Matt Glenn, William Bowers, and Kyle Pfeiffer

This year's cross-country team has had a great start. They have worked vigorously over the summer! This year's coach is Mr. Warren. There are twelve members on the ladies' varsity team. Their fastest runners are Holly Stanton, Brittany Tiller, and Elizabeth Berry. They run three

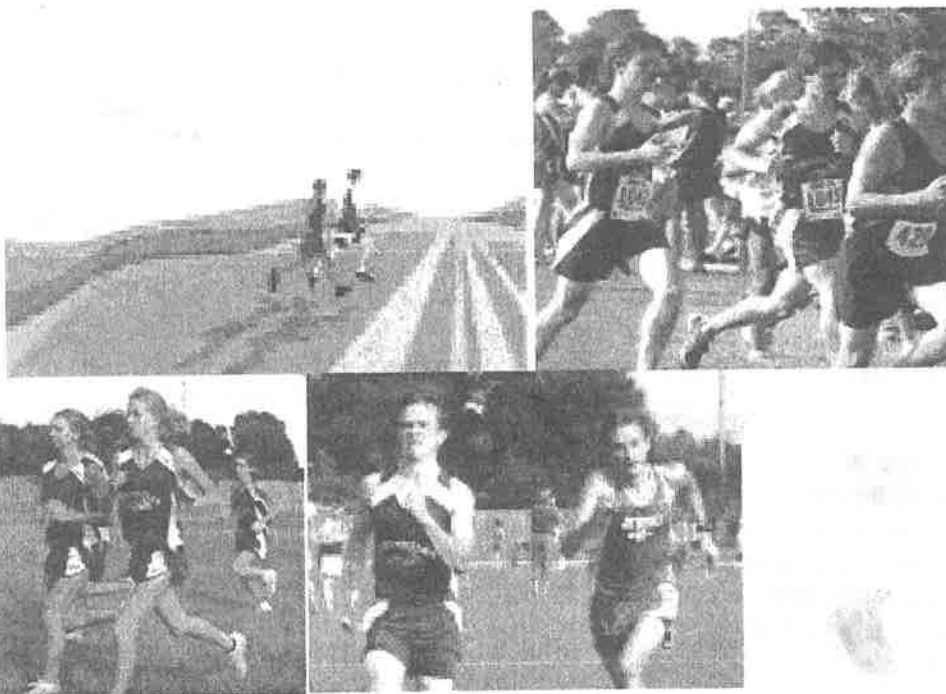
or more miles a practice. Their first meet is in a week. Before meets they put their legs in buckets full of ice to get the lactic acids out of their legs. Coach Warren thinks that they have a good long distance team, and they hope to go to state.



Men's Cross Country

By: Matt Glenn, Kyle Pfeiffer, and William Bowers

This year's team is off to a great start! The team's best runner is Steven Berry. Their first meet was at Pensacola Estuarial center. The team's best time was around 5K in twenty minutes. The team's members are Steven Berry, Josh Molyneux, Luke Lennon, Will Randall, Chris Listak, Austin Denigan, Stephen Jammer, Josh Sherwood, and Hudson Pierce. Their next meet will be this Saturday; the meet's name is entitled "Eye Opener" and will be held at OWC.



The Green Power Ranger—Mystery Student

By: Sophia and Susan Centanni

The Green Power Ranger has been here since first grade. He was born in Pensacola and his favorite food is steak. He likes broccoli, and prefers Ford over Chevy. He goes to First Baptist Church of Niceville. His favorite type of music is southern rock. He plays guitar, and likes to work on his truck. He likes to read the newspaper, surf, fish, go mudding, and play with balloons. His favorite word is bubbles and his favorite TV show is North-

west Florida Fishing Report. His least favorite activity is sitting in Doc Mosley's office. WHO IS THIS PERSON???????



The Yellow Power Ranger—Mystery Student

By: Sophia and Susan Centanni

The mystery student, who we are calling the Yellow Power Ranger, is a very interesting individual. Her hobbies include drumming and playing video games. Her least favorite hobby is apparently anything that isn't band.

When asked what the craziest thing she had ever done, she responded, "It was when I rode my four-wheeler into a ditch on purpose." She has been going to RBCS since

she was in Pre-K. The most unique thing about her is that she acts shy, but really isn't.

When we asked what kind of food she liked, she said muffins were her favorite. And she likes broccoli! But, unfortunately, she does not care much for McDonald's. When we bombarded her with random questions, one being if she

liked chickens, she replied she didn't. Another one was if she was a Mac or a PC, she was a PC.

This person also likes playing with balloons and the TV show Doodle Bops. Who is this person???????

Lunch Review

By Joe Townsend and Bill Hudson

In case you haven't noticed, we have a new lunch menu. In all the interviews the students seem to like this menu **MUCH** more than last year's menu.

One reason they like it is because we have a wider variety of food to eat throughout the week. Last year's menu had a lot of ups and downs, but it was o.k. It still seems to like this year's food better.

The good side is that the portions are well sized to the likings of the students. One of the down sides that we still have this year is that every time we order the food is cold when it gets to the table, and no one wants to wait in line at the microwaves.

There are also some improvements that can be made, one of them being

that there need to be more ingredients. Secondly, some of the food is greasy and some is just not tasty. Finally, Friday's portion is too small for the students' likings.

We interviewed twelve people and they had twenty-four likes and fourteen dislikes. We asked about all the days. Two people that we interviewed were Kit Sandlin, who liked everything, and second, Sarah Witkos, who liked mostly everything.

All the way from 7th to 12th grade the vote was that Thursday's Hungry Howie's pizza was the best. And that Monday's Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwich was the worst.

In conclusion, we hope that this article has helped you to have a clear understanding of what the students think of

our new menu.

So if you have any ideas on how to keep the food warm write them down and put them in the Newspaper box in the office.



Mystery Staff:

Mrs. Lee

Freshman Retreat

Katie Kaim, Sandia McCreery, Teresa Riker, and Ben Schaeffler.

For a first-time event, the 2007 Freshman retreat was not perfect, but it was still a gratifying experience.

Our freshman class left after lunch on August 23, heading for Camp Victory, an hour drive to Florence, Alabama. There they spent two days listening to Mr. Larson's talks, which gave us a better insight and perspective on life.

After each session, occasional breaks were given when the students could play sports such as swimming, volleyball, basketball, and many others.

To satisfy our hunger, delicious home-cooked meals such as spaghetti, chicken, hamburgers, and of



course desserts were served. After dinner, we all went to our cabins.

The next morning, students anxiously waited for the challenging courses. After the students waited in the gym, a truck and a low/boy trailer arrived to take the students to the woods for their challenges, then they separated into two groups. One example of the chal-

lenges was Noah's Ark, which is a balancing challenge in which the entire team has to cooperate to keep the balancing platform steady.

After all of our challenges were finished, we went back to the chapel to listen to our last talk before heading back to our last meal and Rocky Bayou.

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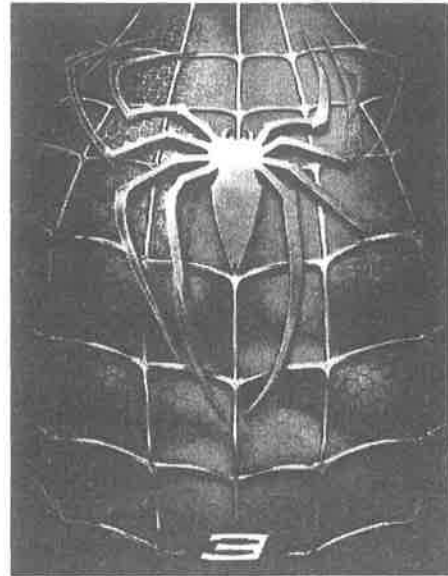
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Her hobbies include dog training and cooking. Staffbo's favorite animals are puppies. She owns a 109-year-old Christening gown that was given to her by her grandmother. Staffbo's favorite

holiday is Resurrection Day. She likes to go see basketball games live, but she also enjoys watching baseball games on television. Her favorite place to get a burger is Ed's. A random, interesting, little-known fact about Staffbo is that she loves Chevy automobiles and Italian food. Can you guess who this is?

Summer Photo Contest

Do you have an awesome summer photo to show the school? Then enter the Rocky Bayou Christian School Summer Photo Contest! Turn your entry in to the Advice Box in the Academy office by **October 15, 2007**. The top five photos will be published in the next issue and the top three will win a special prize!

1. Can not be inappropriate or swimsuit photo.

2. Must be original

3. Make sure other people in photos do not mind being in the newspaper.

4. Must have happened **THIS SUMMER**.

Submit your photo with your name and grade on the back of the photo or on an attached sheet of paper. If you want your photos returned, write on the same sheet of paper that you want them returned.



Videogame Review

Review by: Alex Crocker

WarioWare: Smooth Moves

WarioWare: Smooth Moves is a must have game for anyone looking to entertain himself or a few friends. First, *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* is the fourth game in the *WarioWare* franchise and the first *WarioWare* game for the Nintendo Wii. *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* takes full advantage of the Nintendo Wii's motion sensing controllers. Also, there are over two hundred frantic microgames to jump, punch, dance, and MORE as you battle your way to the very end. Another feature of the game is the bonus arcade-style games that can be unlocked when certain goals have been met. Finally, *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* does have multiplayer gameplay, but it lacks simultaneous multiplayer. This means only one Wii remote can be used. In conclusion, *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* is an excellent game for *WarioWare* veterans or anyone who wants a good laugh!

I rated WWSM on a scale of 1-10, 10 being the best possible score!

Storyline: 6.0

Graphics: 5.0

Sound: 7.5

Multi- player: 3.0

Total Rating: 5.4



Critics' Reviews

GameShark - 91 out of 100

"The game's story mode is relatively easy – you can finish it in less than a full afternoon, but the fun doesn't end there. The replay value is through the roof as every game you play will be different and always enjoyable."

Nintendo Power – 90 out of 100

"Though Smooth Moves may not seem deep, the fact that it offers physical play and draws a crowd should make it a permanent fixture in a lot of Wii consoles." [Feb. 2007, p.92 of Nintendo Power]

IGN – 82 out of 100

"It's not perfect; it isn't the best in the series, but *WarioWare: Smooth Moves* is an essential piece of the Wii collection, as it's as much fun ripping through it in single player adventures as it is to shove the controller off on unsuspecting houseguests or non-gamers months and years down the road."

Critics' Reviews:
www.metacritic.com

School Advice

By: Joey Wilson and Jess Eckerty

"Dear School Newspaper:

My parents really want me to get good grades. Last year they told me to make a 4.0 G.P.A. or else I'm grounded. Even if I get a 89.9% in a class I get grounded for weeks. On my last few quizzes in a class I have been getting 60's and 50's. I don't know what to do. I'll tell my parents and get grounded for almost two months with barely any TV or talking and socializing with my friends. Last year I got a 97 in this class, so I know I can do well this

year. Should I tell them or not????"

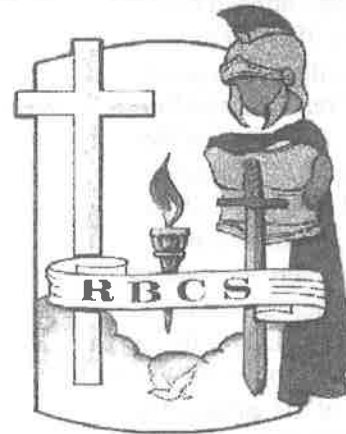
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

You probably need to tell the truth to your parents as soon as possible; otherwise you could get grounded, when they get mid-terms, for more than 2 months. Since you got a 97 in that class before, you can have hope that you will improve. You should ask your teacher after

school for help, or see if you can retake the quizzes. During the quizzes don't think that you have to get a hundred and stress yourself out. Take a deep breath (make sure you let it back out), say a quick prayer and do your best.

A good way to address your parents is have them sit down—just you and them—and tell them that you are getting 50's and 60's on your quizzes.



Meet the Knights

By: Joey Wilson and Mark Chasteen

Meet the Knights Night took place on August 25, 2007 in the gym. The pep band started off the festivities. After the introduction song by the pep band, fans were encouraged to join the Booster Club, which is an organization that helps pay for new sports uniforms and equipment. Then the teams were introduced—to the delight of the fans in attendance.



Ladies' Cross Country

By: Matt Glenn, William Bowers, and Kyle Pfeiffer

This year's cross-country team has had a great start. They have worked vigorously over the summer! This year's coach is Mr. Warren. There are twelve members on the ladies' varsity team. Their fastest runners are Holly Stanton, Brittany Tiller, and Elizabeth Berry. They run three

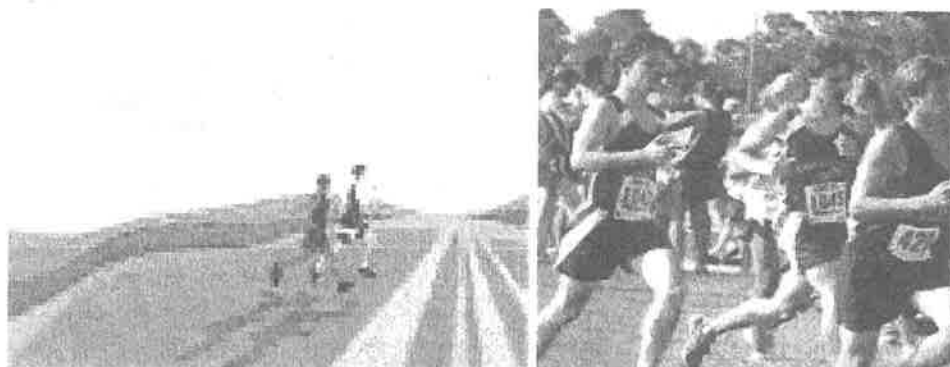
or more miles a practice. Their first meet is in a week. Before meets they put their legs in buckets full of ice to get the lactic acids out of their legs. Coach Warren thinks that they have a good long distance team, and they hope to go to state.



Men's Cross Country

By: Matt Glenn, Kyle Pfeiffer, and William Bowers

This year's team is off to a great start! The team's best runner is Steven Berry. Their first meet was at Pensacola Estuarial center. The team's best time was around 5K in twenty minutes. The team's members are Steven Berry, Josh Molyneux, Luke Lennon, Will Randall, Chris Listak, Austin Denigan, Stephen Jammer, Josh Sherwood, and Hudson Pierce. Their next meet will be this Saturday; the meet's name is entitled "Eye Opener" and will be held at OWC.



The Green Power Ranger—Mystery Student

By: Sophia and Susan Centanni

The Green Power Ranger has been here since first grade. He was born in Pensacola and his favorite food is steak. He likes broccoli, and prefers Ford over Chevy. He goes to First Baptist Church of Niceville. His favorite type of music is southern rock. He plays guitar, and likes to work on his truck. He likes to read the newspaper, surf, fish, go mudding, and play with balloons. His favorite word is bubbles and his favorite TV show is North-

west Florida Fishing Report. His least favorite activity is sitting in Doc Mosley's office. WHO IS THIS PERSON???????



The Yellow Power Ranger—Mystery Student

By: Sophia and Susan Centanni

The mystery student, who we are calling the Yellow Power Ranger, is a very interesting individual. Her hobbies include drumming and playing video games. Her least favorite hobby is apparently anything that isn't band.

When asked what the craziest thing she had ever done, she responded, "It was when I rode my four-wheeler into a ditch on purpose." She has been going to RBCS since

she was in Pre-K. The most unique thing about her is that she acts shy, but really isn't.

When we asked what kind of food she liked, she said muffins were her favorite. And she likes broccoli! But, unfortunately, she does not care much for McDonald's. When we bombarded her with random questions, one being if she

liked chickens, she replied she didn't. Another one was if she was a Mac or a PC, she was a PC.

This person also likes playing with balloons and the TV show Doodle Bops. Who is this person???????

Lunch Review

By Joe Townsend and Bill Hudson

In case you haven't noticed, we have a new lunch menu. In all the interviews, the students seem to like this year's menu **MUCH** more than last year's menu.

One reason they like it is because we have a wider variety of food to eat throughout the week. Last year's menu had its ups and downs, but it was o.k. We still seem to like this year's food better.

The good side is that the portions are well sized to the likings of the students. One of the down sides that we still have this year is that every time we order, the food is cold when it gets to the school, and no one wants to wait in line for the microwaves.

There are also some improvements that can be made, one of them be-

ing that there need to be more ingredients. Secondly, some of the food is greasy and some is just not tasty. Finally, Friday's portion is too small for the students' likings.

We interviewed twelve people and they had twenty-four likes and fourteen dislikes. We asked about all the days. Two people that we interviewed were Kit Sandlin, who liked everything, and second, Sarah Witkos, who liked mostly everything.

All the way from 7th to 12th grade the vote was that Thursday's Hungry Howie's pizza was the best. And that Monday's Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwich was the worst.

In conclusion, we hope that this article has helped you to have a clear understanding of what the students think of

our new menu.

So if you have any ideas on how to keep the food warm write them down and put them in the Newspaper box in the office.



Mystery Staff:

Mrs. Lee

Freshman Retreat

By: Katie Kaim, Sandia McCreery, Teresa Riker, and Ben Schaeffler.

For a first-time event, the 2007 freshman retreat was not perfect, but was still a gratifying experience.

Our freshman class left after lunch on August 23, heading for Camp Victory, an hour drive to Florida, Alabama. There they spent two days listening to Mr. Larson's talks, which gave us a better insight and perspective on life.

After each session, occasional breaks were given when the students could play sports such as swimming, volleyball, basketball, and many others.

To satisfy our hunger, delicious home-cooked meals such as spaghetti, chicken, hamburgers, and of



course desserts were served. After dinner, we all went to our cabins.

The next morning, students anxiously waited for the challenging courses. After the students waited in the gym, a truck and a low/boy trailer arrived to take the students to the woods for their challenges, then they separated into two groups. One example of the chal-

lenges was Noah's Ark, which is a balancing challenge in which the entire team has to cooperate to keep the balancing platform steady.

After all of our challenges were finished, we went back to the chapel to listen to our last talk before heading back to our last meal and Rocky Bayou.

Mystery Students:

Rebecca Brown

Scott Listak

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Lace 'em up: Rocky Bayou to add football in 2008

By JARED MACARIN
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NICEVILLE — There are a few new faces among the coaching staff at Rocky Bayou Christian these days.

The Knights have added five new members to their staff, including athletic director John Reaves.

But that is not the biggest news for the Knights.

In 2008, Rocky Bayou will begin playing football. The Knights will be an independent school for at least their first season of play, and Reaves will be the coach.

"The reaction has been overwhelmingly supportive," he said.

Reaves will also coach weightlifting this spring, and says being an independent for a season, or perhaps more, will be good as the players get used to playing at a varsity level.

"I like the freedom of it," Reaves said. "It gives us a chance to test the waters and see how we do."

Along with Reaves, the other new coaches for RBCS are Elizabeth Medlock (volleyball), Mark Jackson (boys basketball), Jared Neighbors (girls basketball) and Rich Grote (boys golf).

Reaves said he likes the new group of coaches because of their energy in getting kids to come out as well as their passion for the sport.

He also likes the enthusiasm there seems to be for a football program.

In a survey the school did with boys

in grades 7-11, 70 percent said they would like to be affiliated with the program. Fifty boys have already said they would like to play in the spring when the team first begins practice.

As to who the Knights will play, and where they will play, those details have yet to be figured out. There are plans to renovate the RBCS athletic fields in the future to build a stadium on campus.

For now, they are just happy to have the opportunity to play.

"Everyone is excited," Reaves said.

Area students score well on college boards

By Stacie Morgan
Beacon Staff Writer

High school seniors in Okaloosa County, especially those in the Twin Cities, scored well on the American College Test (ACT) earlier this year.

Rocky Bayou Christian School (RBCS) and Okaloosa-Walton College Collegiate High School (OWCCHS) students posted the highest average composite ACT scores in the county, according to figures released last month.

Niceville High School students averaged a composite score of 22.2, com-

pared with Okaloosa Walton Collegiate's average score of 25.3, Rocky Bayou Christian School's 25.2, Choctaw and Crestview's 20.3, and Fort Walton Beach's 21.6.

The voluntary college entrance tests were administered during the 2006-07 academic year to graduating seniors.

According to Florida Education Commissioner Jeanine Blomberg, 23 percent more Florida high school students took the ACT exam last school year.

Some 81,000 Floridians took the vol-

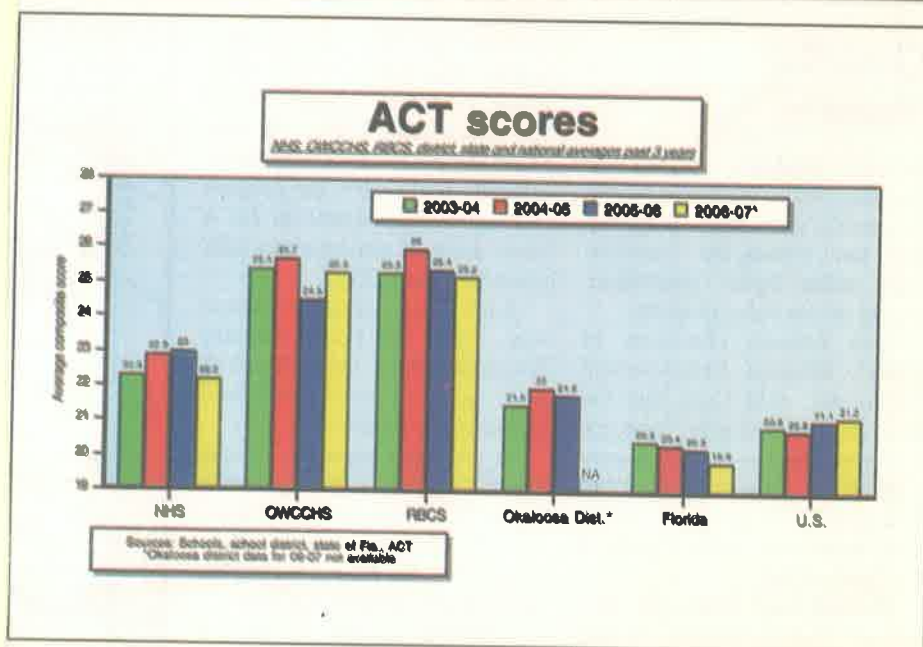
untary college entrance exam. In 2006, 53 percent of high school students took the exam. In 2005, 45 percent did.

Although the ACT is comprised of not only the subjects already mentioned, it also includes an optional writing test, one that most states no longer choose to participate in.

The composite score is an average of tests in math, reading, English and science.

More information on Florida scores can be found on the Internet at www.fldoe.org/evaluation.

Wednesday, September 5, 2007





Special Thanks

Rocky Bayou Baptist Church
Debi Burns-Homeschool Director
Marilyn Bilby, Elementary Principal
Parent Teacher Fellowship
Parent Volunteers
RBCA Jazz Band
RBCS Marching Knights and Colorguard
Barbara Acree, Maintenance Supervisor
Chris Martin
Darren LaGrosse
Merv Williams
Donnie Foster, Grounds
Mr. Arnaldo Fonesca, video
Mrs. Fairra McMahon, Elementary choir
RBCS Elementary Choir
Victor's Class
RBCS Transportation
RBCS Teachers and Staff
Mr. Jason Bennett, Band Director
Discovery Therapists



**Rocky Bayou Christian
School**

Welcomes you to

*Grandparent's Day
and*

Fall Festival

October 12, 2007

Schedule of Festivities for the Day

- 1:00 PM Registration and Refreshments in school gym
- 1:30 PM Visit Classrooms
Bus transportation provided and/or Student Escorts
- 2:20 PM Bus shuttle will start at kindergarten then elementary for grandparents to return to the gym
- 2:30 PM School presentation in gym (Teachers will be setting up for Fall Festival during this time, so please return to gym) - see next page
- 3:30 PM** Students released from class. Fall Festival begins.
- 3:45 PM Marching Knights perform on ball field (Marching Knights will perform at 2008 Cotton Bowl in Dallas)
- 6:30 PM Fall Festival concludes
- 7:00 PM Last shuttle run to Rocky Bayou Baptist Church

** Bus shuttles will run every 30 minutes from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Grandparent program in Gym

- 2:35PM Welcome Guests
Jen Nall, Development Director
- 2:40PM Opening Prayer
Win Groseclose, Discipleship Director
- 2:45PM Pledge of Allegiance
Evan Howell, Morgan Walker, Madeline McIntosh, Cameron Esses, Jessica Gunn and Trevor Knie
- Scripture Reading
Rachel Barnick K-5
- Star Spangled Banner - RBCA Jazz Band
- Elementary Choir and Victors Class with Mrs. McMahon singing:
"There is more like you" "Trusting Jesus"
"Wonderful Mystery"
- RBCS Mission
Mr. Donald M. Larson, Superintendent
- 3:30 PM Dismiss

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"YOUR TRASH IS OUR CASH COW"

**Dear
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help!**

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- 4. Give to your grandchild to turn in to their teacher**

**Turn this over and post on refrigerator
to help you remember what we save!**

Wednesday, October 17, 2007



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Playing to the crowd

The Rocky Bayou Christian School band, far left, and the Niceville High School band performed at a band exhibition in Etheredge Stadium, Fort Walton Beach, Tuesday, Oct. 9. Rocky Bayou's band will perform in the Cotton Bowl parade this New Year's, while Niceville's is scheduled to participate in the Rose Bowl parade.

Photos special to the Beacon

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ALL AROUND THE TOWN

An apology

On Tuesday evening, the Rocky Bayou Christian School Marching Band performed at the Okaloosa County Marching Band Exhibition. Due to poor communication on our behalf, Superintendent of Schools Alexis Tibbetts did not have the required information to introduce our band. Some of our parents publicly accosted her with un-Christian behavior. This behavior is not representative of our school, nor did it honor Christ.

I have personally met with Dr. Tibbetts and apologized for the behavior, but this was a public sin that requires a public confession:

Dr. Tibbetts and all others who were present,

I, as superintendent, on behalf of the Rocky Bayou Christian School community, apologize and ask forgiveness for the un-Christian behavior that was displayed by our parents at the band exhibition.

We hope that you will continue to invite us to participate in future exhibitions and festivals, and we look forward to the opportunity to rebuild our reputation and honor Christ in all of our actions. Our young men and women have worked too hard to be overshadowed by the actions of a few.

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THE BEACON Seniors top U.S. SAT average

By Stacie Morgan
Beacon Staff Writer

Okaloosa County seniors scored above the nation's average on the voluntary college entrance SAT exam for the 2006/07 school year.

Just as it did with ACT scores, Okaloosa-Walton Collegiate High School was at the top of the game with a combined critical reading and math score of 1,185. Rocky Bayou Christian School came in second at

1,174. Niceville High fell in line at 1,069 while Choctawhatchee closely followed with a combined score of 1,058. Crestview came in next with a total score of 1,053. And Fort Walton High could boast of a higher-than-national average of 1,040. Baker School had only two seniors taking the SAT and was not figured into totals.

The nation's average combined scores was 1,017 while the Sunshine State's

average was just 993. "We're not worried about Florida," said Bob Shrader, Okaloosa-Walton Collegiate School's guidance counselor. "We want to compete nationally."

According to recently released figures, more than 97,000 Floridians took the exam in 2007, equating to a 3 percent increase over last year's test takers as compared to the nation's 2 percent. In 2006, 63.0 percent of Florida's

high school students took the test and in 2005 65.3 percent took the exam.

The SAT exam also includes a writing portion not included in the combined totals but scored nonetheless. OWCC Bayou scored 584 on writing, Niceville scored 504, Crestview scored 511. Choctawhatchee scored 503 and Fort Walton came in at 487. The nation's writing score was 494 and state writing score was 479.

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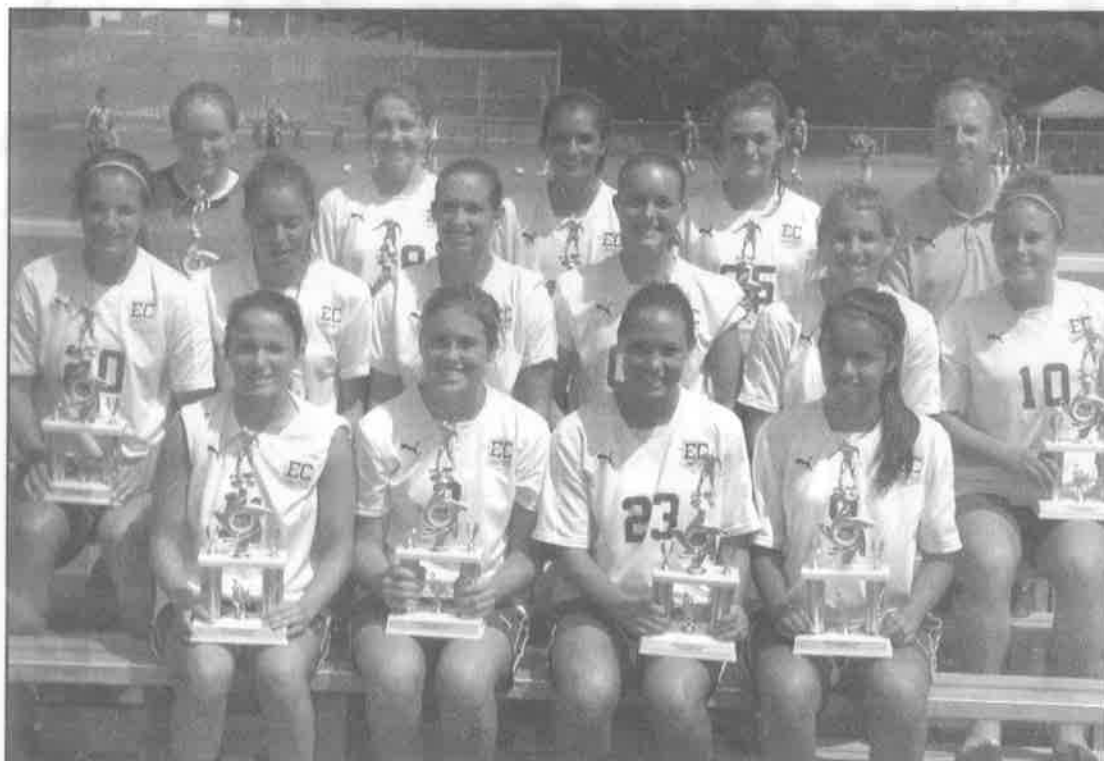


Photo special to the Beacon

The champion Emerald Coast United U-18 girls' travel soccer team is composed of, from left: (front) Christin Kaim, Tatem Tietgen, Lindsey Foy, Diana Vanegas, (middle) Suzanne Encardes, Jordan Stone, Julia BUsovne, Rebecca Deyerle, Kaitlyn Kutemeyer, Kristin Muldowney (rear) Cagney Valloch, Jessa Weekley, Veronika Wolfkeil, Alie Wright and coach Carl Everitt.

Local girls win soccer tournament

Special to the Beacon

The Emerald Coast United U-18 girls' travel soccer team was the champion of its division at the Atlanta Cup tournament in Atlanta Labor Day weekend. The girls defeated five teams from Georgia and South Carolina to claim the championship, scoring 26 goals, with only 2 against.

The ECU U-18 Club team consists of players from Rocky Bayou Christian School, and Niceville, Choctawhatchee, Ft. Walton Beach, and South Walton high schools.



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Prep **CROSS COUNTRY**



NICK TOMECEK | Daily News

Runners leave the starting line in the large school girls division Saturday at the Emerald Coast Eye Opener Classic at OWC in Niceville.

OFF TO A RUNNING START

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Rocky Bayou Christian football takes first snaps

Coach of first-year football program sees eagerness, effort at school's first-ever practice

By **TRAVIS DOWNEY**
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NICEVILLE — Rocky Bayou Christian School's fledgling football program took its first steps on Friday.

To be more precise, the school's first-ever football team took its first four steps — as the 38 young men that participated in the Knights' inaugural spring practice spent much of the abbreviated workout learning how to get into and out of a three-point stance.

For most, like rising senior Ben Donahue, Friday's simple walk-thru was their first true encounter with the sport they grew up wanting to play.

"It was exciting," Donahue said. "I've always wanted to play football but I've never been able to. I'm just excited."

That excitement was evident throughout Rocky Bayou's first day of football, as head coach John Reaves walked off the Knights' practice field pointing not to how accurately his players executed their drills, but instead to the manner in which they attacked each and every task that was asked of them.

"I've never been in this situation before of when I take a 17-year-old boy and say, 'Get in a three-point stance' and he looks at me like I'm asking him to fly across the sky," Reaves said. "But I saw an eagerness. I saw



NICK TOMECEK | Daily News

Rocky Bayou Christian held its first football practice on Friday. To view a video of the practice go to www.nwfvarsity.com.

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Friday, March 7, 2008

● Rocky Bayou Christian 29, Panama City Christian 0: Jacob Terry, Noah Mosley and Scott Listak combined for the no-hitter, and the Knights scored 12 times in the first inning.

Ben Schaeffler had three hits for Rocky Bayou (3-3) while Mosley, Ben Donahue and James Speegle had two hits and three RBI apiece. Justin Gallagher and Steve Griffith added two hits apiece.

Rocky Bayou plays at Dothan Northside on Monday.

PC Christian 0000 - 008
RBCS (12)467-29180
W: Jacob Terry

Prep baseball Rocky Bayou plays Northside to tie

Rocky Bayou Christian's baseball team proved it could keep up with Northside (Ala.) on Monday, but it could not outrun darkness as the teams played to an 8-8 tie in a game suspended by darkness.

The Knights scored a run in the top of the sixth inning to salvage the tie before the game was called.

Joel Nelson cleared the bases with a two-run single in the first inning to help Rocky Bayou jump out to an early 4-0 lead in the top half of the frame.

But Northside scored two runs in each of the first four innings to take the lead until the final inning.

Starting pitcher Ben Donahue also led the Knights at the plate with a 4-for-4 performance and 4 RBI. Noah Mosley was 2-for-4 with an RBI for Rocky Bayou.

The Knights (3-3-1) will travel to Pensacola today to take on East Hill.

Rocky Bayou 430 000 1 — 893
Northside 222 200 x — 894

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Area PREP ROUNDUP

Laurel Hill softball outduels Rocky Bayou

Staff Reports

In a game with plenty of offense, Laurel Hill's softball team had too much punching power for Rocky Bayou Christian in an 18-9 victory on Tuesday in a District 1-A matchup.

Katie Free picked up the victory and helped her own cause with three hits and three runs scored. Adeana Reeves had a big day at the plate, blasting a three-run home run. Brittany Baggett also went long for the Hoboes and finished with two hits, three runs scored and two RBIs.

Amanda King added two hits and scored three times for Laurel Hill, while Jessica Gartman had three hits and three RBIs.

Katie Kaim had a hit, three

runs scored and two RBIs to lead the Knights, while Haley Johnson was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI.

The Hoboes (5-4, 4-0 district) host East Hill on Thursday.

Laurel Hill 371 300 4—18 14 4
Rocky Bayou 130 320 0—9 6 5
W-Katie Free (4-2). L-Allison Johnson

● Central 10, Rocky Bayou 2: Rocky Bayou fell behind early and could not recover in a District 1-A loss.

Brittney Tiller and Katie Kaim led the Knights with two hits apiece.

The Knights (1-5, 1-2 district) host Northside Methodist (Ala.) today.

Rocky Bayou 010 010 0—27 1
Central 214 012 x—10 8 1
L-Allison Johnson

Friday, March 14, 2008

● Central 7-10, Rocky Bayou 5-3: Central's offense was too much for Rocky Bayou in sweeping a District 1-A doubleheader.

Amani Beliveau had two hits and drove in one to lead the Knights in the first game. Ben Donahue added two hits and scored once, while Jacob Terry had one hit and drove in two.

In the second game, Noah Mosley went 3-for-4 and had two RBIs, while Beliveau scored twice.

The Knights (3-5, 1-2 district) host Northside Methodist (Ala.) today.

First game
Rocky Bayou 000 010 4—5 5 1
Central 300 112 x—7 9 3
W-King. L-Brian Redmon.

HIGH SCHOOL

Track and field

Boys

At Crestview

Team scores: Fort Walton Beach 158, Crestview 78, Choctawhatchee 78, Rocky Bayou 9, Paxton 7

Girls

At Crestview

Team scores: Fort Walton Beach 93, Choctawhatchee 57, Crestview 79, Rocky Bayou 46, Paxton 24

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Prep softball Knights double up on Bobcats

Allison Johnson provided a double punch as Rocky Bayou Christian beat Paxton 10-5 in District 1-A softball action on Monday.

Not only was Johnson the winning pitcher, but she was 2-for-4 with two runs batted in at the plate.

Brittany Tiller also went 2-for-4 and drove in three runs.

Rocky Bayou (1-3, 1-1 district) hosts Laurel Hill today. Paxton is at East Hill Christian on Friday.

Paxton 002 010 2—5 5 1
RBCS 020 206 x—10 9 1
W—Allison Johnson

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PREP SOFTBALL CAPSULES

Rocky Bayou Christian

Coach: Lynn Holcomb

2007 record: 5-9

District: 1-A

District opponents: Paxton, Laurel Hill, Central, East Hill

Returning athletes: Allison Johnson, Allison vande

Voorde, Brittany Tiller, Haley Johnson, Christin Kaim

Others to watch: Emily Wilson

Athletes lost: Kayla Spurgeon

NOTE: Laurel Hill did not return its preseason questionnaire.

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PREP BASEBALL CAPSULES

Rocky Bayou Christian

Coach: Michael Mosley

2007 record: 7-19; advanced to regional quarterfinals

District: 1-A

District opponents: Paxton,

Central, East Hill, Laurel Hill

Returning players: Ben Dona-

hue, Gary Frey, Justin Gallagher,

Noah Mosley, Joel Nelson, Brian

Redmon, Scott Listak

Others to watch: Steve Griffith,

James Speegle

Rocky Bayou

Coach: Mike Warren and Jared

Neighbors

District: 1-A

District opponents: Baker,

Jay, Freeport, Central, Paxton,

Pensacola Christian, South Wal-

ton, Gainer, Escambia Charter

Returning athletes: Boys:

Steven Berry, Luke Lennon.

Girls: Korie Schaeffler, Julie

Gomez, Mary Balthazar, Brit-

tany Tiller, Brittany Burton,

Monica Johnson, Holly Stanton,

Elizabeth Berry, Christy Allen,

Megan Fox.

Others to watch: Boys: Noah

Mosley, Tyler Glenn, Austin

Denigan, Josh Sherwood, Will

Bowers. **Girls:** Emily Steel,

Glory Allen, Jane Brown, Katie

Brown, Caitlyn Williams, Aman-

da Bryant, Amanda Hart, Chris-

tin Kaim, Megan Maruyama,

Kelly Fox, Sarah Witkos.

Friday, February 15, 2008

Baseball

● **Baker 13, Rocky Bayou 1:** Brian Fieck had two hits and also registered the win for the Gators.

Ryne Wickery had two hits while Preston Nixon, Brandon Henderson and Jeremy Lynch had one apiece for Baker (1-0).

Baker plays Tuesday at Walton.

Rocky Bayou 00100-113
Baker 3208x-1392
W: Brian Fieck

Saturday, February 16, 2008 |

● **Rocky Bayou 7, Pensacola Christian 5:** The Knights notched their first win of the season on the strength of 11 hits.

Scott Listak had three hits, two steals and an RBI, while Brian Redmon had two hits, including a double, and an RBI.

Redmon picked up the victory, allowing five hits and three earned runs while striking out four in five innings. Jacob Terry collected the save for the Knights, who play at South Walton on Tuesday.

RBCS 1111102-7114
PCA 0110021-561
W-Brian Redmon (1-0)

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Rocky Bayou baseball rallies to defeat Laurel Hill

Staff Reports

Noah Mosley had three hits and drove in three runs to lead Rocky Bayou to a 6-4 win over Laurel Hill in a District 1-A contest on Tuesday.

James Speegle and Brian Redmon also drove in runs for the Knights. Redmon went the distance to pick up the

victory.

Will Sherwood had a hit and scored twice for the Hoboes, while Jon Lyons and Jace Smith also scored.

The Knights (2-2, 1-0 district) host Central Christian (Ala.) on Thursday.

Laurel Hill 102010-434
Rocky Bayou 000132x-694
W-Brian Redmon, L-Blocker

Wednesday, February 20, 2008 |

● **Walton 4, Baker 3:** Shadler Roehm sparked an early offensive burst with two RBI and also picked up the save in a non-district victory for the Braves.

James Towery added two hits for Walton, which scored all of its runs in the third inning. Sean Carter pitched five innings, striking out nine, to pick up the victory.

Brandon Henderson led Baker with three hits and an RBI, while Jeremy Lynch also drove in a run.

The Braves (1-1) host Ponce de Leon on Friday, while the Gators (1-1) host South Walton on Friday.

Baker 1000110-352
Walton 004000-462
W-Sean Carter, S-Shadler Roehm.

Friday, February 29, 2008

● **Central Christian (Ala.) 9, Rocky Bayou 7:** Rocky Bayou could not overcome a four-run deficit late in a non-district contest.

Scott Listak led the way for the Knights at the plate, going 2-for-4 with three RBI. James Speegle was 2-for-2 with two RBI, while Ben Donahue scored twice.

Donahue, Jacob Terry and Brian Redmon combined to give up just six hits and struck out 12, but the Knights committed seven errors.

The Knights (2-3) host Panama City Christian today.

Central Christian 0030330-965
Rocky Bayou 0300112-797
W-Sethman, L-Jacob Terry (0-1)

European golf import begins run toward state title

Sean Einhaus, area prep golfers vying for positioning in this week's district tourneys

By JARED MACARIN
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Rocky Bayou Christian's Sean Einhaus has played in the Junior Ryder Cup and in many junior golf tournaments all over Europe.

Now, the senior transfer from Germany will take the first step toward a state title this week.

The Knights take part in the District 1-A tournament today, while six other boys teams and five girls

teams will also play their district tournaments.

"I played all summer in Europe at amateur events, so that was great competition and you learn a lot," Einhaus said. "It was very good preparation."

Einhaus enters the district tournament having an 18-hole average of 68 and won the Miracle Strip Invitational, FCA Tournament and the Okaloosa County tournament. He has not shot a round over par

this season.

Other boys teams teeing off today will be Choctawhatchee, Fort Walton Beach and Navarre in the District 1-2A tournament at Hidden Creek. Walton, South Walton and Freeport will play at DeFuniak Springs CC in the District 2-A tournament.

On the girls' side, DeFuniak Springs CC will also host the District 2-A tournament, while Niceville and Crestview will play in the District 2-2A tournament in Tallahassee.

Walton's boys and Niceville's girls advanced to state competition last year, while the boys teams for Fort



SEAN EINHAUS

Walton Beach and Choctaw both reached regional play. Ana Garcia leads the way for the Eagles, who will be searching to continue their decade-long run of making the state tournament. Paul McClure leads the Braves as they aim to return to the season's final event.

On Tuesday, Niceville and Crestview's boys will take part in the District 2-2A tournament, while the girls teams of Fort Walton Beach, Choctaw and Navarre will play at Hidden Creek.

Fort Walton Beach and Navarre's girls both advanced to regionals last year.

OKALOOSA COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET



Boys runners take off from the start line on Saturday morning during the Okaloosa County meet at Okaloosa-Walton College in Niceville.

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Junior/Senior Retreat

By: Mark Chasteen

Junior/ Senior retreat was great. It took place August 27- 30, in beautiful Ocoee, Tennessee, at the Nantahala Outdoor Center.

The first day was spent traveling and admiring the beautiful scenery. We missed our 8 a.m. departure, but still made good time. Because of the time change (Ocoee is on Eastern Time) it was dark by the time we arrived. Chapel was quickly set up, with Richard Ellis, Steven Marshall, Justin Gallagher, Kelly Fox, and P.T. Tidwell leading worship music. Our guest speaker gave us his testimony and history. Unfortunately some people had trouble concentrating because of the late hour and the heat in the un-air-conditioned building. After chapel everyone went back to their respective cabins.

Unofficial activities abounded in both the gentle-men's and the ladies' cabins. Rumor has it the one cabin was plagued by practical jokers who replaced deodorant with cottage cheese and even got the camp dog locked in a room. The other cabin had martial arts displays, a human pyramid, and a Greco-Roman wrestling match, among other activities.

The second day was our first introduction to the less than stellar cuisine. Luckily, because of the intense activity and broken snack and drink machines, starvation made it tolerable. From there we made our way to the ropes courses. The high ropes course is supposed to teach confidence and trust. It consisted of a giant swing, a zip line, and a rock wall climb. It was awe-

some fun. The low ropes course consisted of team-building exercises. One was a balancing challenge with a race against another team. In another four teams had to hit all four numbers and get back out in a challenge that took organization and problem-solving skills.

After lunch Mr. Hamilton took a large posse of men to the mud pits where they became mud men. Also there was the three-mile trek to the water park. The water park had a lazy river, a wave pool, a water slide, and a waterfall rock wall climb, which is basically a normal rock wall except the water falls on a person while he is climbing.

We had chapel every night except the last day. Each day different

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The Hardest Question: "Why does God allow suffering?"

By: Brannon Tolbert and John Stevenson

The hardest question in a Christian's life could be "Why does God allow suffering?" The answer lies in the book of Job in which God allows the devil to test Job. In the middle of this book, the devil kills Job's livestock, crops, sheep, shepherds, servants, and children, but as he goes through the toughest of challenges Job still remains

faithful to the Lord. He proclaims in Job 1:21 "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I was stripped of everything I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord." (NLT)

God tests us in ways that can be extremely difficult to get through. In Hebrews 2:18 it talks about how God

can help us get through suffering. It says, "Since he himself has gone through suffering and temptation, he is able to help us when we are being tempted." God sets our challenges in faith in a way that he knows we can be successful. God allows challenges to test our strength in faith to allow us to grow in Christian faith.

Men's' Varsity Soccer

By: Kyle Pfeiffer, Will Bowers, and Matt Glenn

The soccer team started out slowly, especially after a hard summer camp, but finished up by playing quite strongly. The soccer team had many strengths, but among those strengths there were still a few weaknesses. Their major strength was team unity. Of the weaknesses, ball handling was the one that could use the most improvement.

This year was a hard year for injuries and illnesses. Of the injuries, the most known is that of Luke Jolly and his broken leg. One Friday afternoon, Luke was playing goalie, when Noah Mosley, came in for a slide, whereas Luke came out too fast and they collided. This resulted in Luke breaking his left shin, tibia, and fibula. Unfortunately, Luke was out for the rest of the season, but Coach Byrd got a replacement. In addition, sprained ankles, assorted illnesses, and other injuries took their day-to-day toll on the team.

The soccer season was not looking to bright. First, our team played here against Northside Christian from Dothan, Alabama. The score was 4-1 (win). Next, we played against Orlando's Faith Christian. The score was 5-4 (loss). Also in Orlando, we played against Mont

Verde Boarding School. The score was 7-0 (loss). In Pensacola, the Knights lost once again, this time against Easthill Christian. The score was 3-1 (loss). There was a tie against Central in Robertsedale, Alabama. 3-3. A tie was the result of a game against First Coast Christian. The weather was terrible and the team lost hope in the second half. The score was 5-5 (tie). The second WIN of the season was against The Rock Christian. The score was 9-1 (win). In a close rematch, the Knights beat Central 5-3 (win). Finally, at First Coast Christian, the conditions just were not quite right for a win or loss. (2-2 tie). But boy! Was that game fun to watch and play!!



MYSTERY STAFFBO!!!

By: Rebecca Johns

See if you can figure out who this Mystery Staffbo is!

Staffbo began working here when he moved to this area to be closer to family. He has been working here for seventeen years. Staffbo became a Christian by hearing God's word and letting it sink in over time. Some of his previous jobs include teaching political science for five years at Texas A&M Col-

lege, substituting on about two dozen paper routes in this area, and adjunct teaching at St. Leo College.

Staffbo was born in Oakland, California, and attended high school at Coral Gables Senior High school. Two of Staffbo's hobbies are reading and cutting wood. He has two favorite movies; they are *Chariots of Fire*, and *Zulu*. His favorite holiday is Christ-

mas. He owns a historical artifact; it is an account of what North Florida was like before the Civil War. Staffbo's favorite sport is football, which he played in high school on the state championship team. His favorite place to get a hamburger is Backyard Burger. Staffbo does not currently have any pets, but in the past has owned turtles, raccoons and dogs. Do you know who Staffbo is???



Scenic Photo Contest

Do you have an amazing scenic photo to show the school? Then enter the Rocky Bayou Christian School Scenic Photo Contest! Turn your entry in to the Advice Box in the Academy office by November 20, 2007. The top five photos will be published in the next issue and the top three will win a special prize!

1. No Inappropriate Photos.

2. Photos Must be original.

3. Please do **not** submit photos with people unless they are in the background.

Submit your photo with your name and grade on the back of photo or on an attached sheet of paper. If you want your photo returned, write on the same sheet of paper that you want it returned.

Jokes & Games

By: Alex Crocker

Why did the dog cross the road?

Answer: To get to the barking lot

What's a frog's favorite drink?

Answer: Croak-a-Cola

Why couldn't Noah play cards?

Answer: His wife was sitting on the deck.

School Bus Daze . . .

It was the first day of school, after summer vacation and time for me to pick up the children in my school bus and take them home again. After I had made the complete run that afternoon, one little boy remained on the bus.

Thinking he had simply missed his stop, I started driving slowly back through the neighborhood and asked him to be sure to let me know if any of the houses or people looked familiar. The boy sat in his seat contentedly and shook his head whenever I asked him if he recognized a person or place.

After the second unsuccessful tour of the area, I started back to the school to ask for

his address. When we arrived, the child got off the bus and started walking away.

"Wait!" I called. "We have to go inside and find out where you live."

"I live right there," he said, pointing to a house across the street. "I just always wanted to ride in a school bus."

Midterm Exam

The professor of a graduate-school class of gifted students included a HUGE amount of material on the midterm exam.

Tension in the room built, people were sighing and gasping aloud as they realized how much material they had covered and were expected to recall.

The following week, the professor tossed the graded papers on her desk and announced, "Class, after I left here last week, the Lord spoke to me.

"He said, 'Thanks, professor. I haven't heard from some of those people in years.'"

**The last two jokes are from
www.crosswalk.com**

WORD~ROUNDUP

E	O	R	A	C	D	E	R
S	L	I	M	E	U	O	I
S	S	B	T	S	R	B	G
U	O	U	E	R	V	O	E
O	N	L	A	U	U	A	E
R	O	L	M	N	O	C	B
P	N	A	V	G	N	I	K
S	N	O	G	Y	L	O	P

Find the following words in the puzzle. The words may be up, down, backwards, and forwards.

- Four Types of automobiles: _ _ _ _
- Two types of sharks: _ _
- Two Shapes: _ _
- One Snake: _
- One Insect: _
- Two pairs of famous, teenage twins: _ _
(Hint: One pair currently has a TV career on a Disney Channel sitcom)
- One name for a ruler of a country: _
- The Almighty _ _ _



When we weren't doing those activities, there were still many things that we could do. Some people hung out in the cabin or on the cabin's porch. Some played basketball while others played volleyball or kickball.

Also, we went white water rafting.

The last day we got up, loaded our things onto the bus, had breakfast, and got on the bus to go home. The trip back was shorter than the trip there. All in all, it was an absolutely wonderful trip that I'm sure I and everyone else on the trip will never for-

School Advice

by Joey Wilson and Jess Eckerty

"I liked this boy. His name is Romeo. He is my boyfriend for all time. He's funny, fun, cool and hot. He's the guy I won't ask to homecoming for king and queen so I can dance."

— Juliet

Dear Juliet,

High school is a little young for picking a partner for life. Start out getting to know him as a

friend. Find something you have in common (music, movies, or sports). Instead of asking him as your boy-friend, go with a group of friends (him being one of them). That way no one feels pressured. Concentrate on dance skills instead of a relationship, because everyone loves a good dancer who makes his or her partner look like the prize couple on "Dancing with the Stars!"

Jr./Sr. Retreat (cont.)

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people led worship. The second day Richard Ellis, Justin Gallagher, Willie Russo, and Steven Marshall led worship. The third day P.T. Tidwell, Si-lo Jin, Kelly

Fox, and Willy Russo led worship. The message was led all three days by Mr. Groseclose's good friend Bryan Thompson. Mr. Thompson spoke all about his life, gave his testimony, and told us what it is like to be preparing for the mission field.

College Night at O.W.C.

By: Becca Brown

College night, a now annual tradition at Okaloosa Walton College was held on September 19, 2007, and lasted from 6P.M. to 8P.M. Over 80 colleges were represented.

The types of colleges included: military, occupational, public, private, arts, and some Christian colleges. Military colleges included the U.S. Air Force Academy, FSU Army ROTC, the Citadel, West Point, and the Marine, Air Force, Army, and Navy ROTC.

The occupational colleges and arts were Aveda Institute, Barbizon School of Modeling, Full Sail Real World Education, Savannah College of Art and Design,

Florida School of Arts, and Georgia Institute of Technology.

A variety of states and a Federal District were represented in the public and private schools included: Alabama, Colorado, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Kentucky.

Some of the Christian Colleges were Samford, Catholic University of America, Baptist College of Florida, Rollins College, and Southeastern University in addition to some other universities and colleges in Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky.

College Day at RBCS

By: Josh Turner

College Day was an exciting day in which over six representatives came to our school to recruit our students for their colleges. The colleges that came were Johnson, Wales, Stamford, Southeastern, Rollins, and Flagler.

Most people did not want to go to these colleges because of price and other reasons such as having family at another college. Mrs. Mosley, the coordinator of this event, says that these students can get financial help with their Bright Futures, the FRAG

and FAFSA applications, and www.fastweb.com. She says, "If God wants you to go to that school, you will have enough money, but you will have to work for it."

Mrs. Mosley is glad that the students like the Christian colleges more than the secular ones. She would love it if every student at Rocky Bayou would attend a Christian college when they graduate.

The Science Trip

By: Katie Kaim and Teresa Riker

This year's science trip was very spectacular. The chaperones were Mr. Alldredge, Mrs. Alldredge, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Hamilton.

On the first day, our Rocky Bayou students went to Port St. Joe at 6:15 a.m. to snorkel and explore the marine life. Where they saw many varieties of the under water life such as: starfish, sand dollars, jellyfish, sea urchins, and scallops. When it was time to retreat, the students went to the hotel to dry off, drove into town to have dinner. Before returning to the hotel for devotions and some free time.

The next day everyone packed and returned to the bus at 7:45 a.m., to meet the pontoon boat that was taking them to explore Apalachicola Bay for the day. They caught fish and shrimp in a trawling net for the enjoyment of the students and for use as turtle and fish food at the aquarium once they arrived at their destination.

The students spent their time exploring the island, wandering the beach, and then relaxing in the cabins, on the beach, which were used as a military jail in previous years. Also, someone stole a ghost

crab and put it in the water where it drowned..

When they returned from the island, they immediately headed home. On the way home they watched movies such as: "National Treasure" and "The Pacifier." They arrived home on August 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Next semester they will be going to the Peace River in South Florida, one hour away from Orlando, to go fossil digging.



Will Turner

By: Sophia and Susan Centanni

This month's mystery student is Will Turner. His favorite sport is basketball, and his favorite team is the Florida Gators. His hobby is watching T.V. His favorite music is Christian rock.

His favorite animal is a hamster. Aye! His favorite fast food is Burger King, and this scallywag prefers Pepsi over Coke.

This buccaneer has been going to RBCS for nine and a half years. His favorite school activity is New Testament Survey. His favorite teacher is Mr. A.

Pirates are usually superstitious, but this one isn't. He doesn't believe in aliens, ghosts, the Loch Ness monster, Bigfoot, the abominable snowman, Kudjo, or the Chupacabra!

He doesn't do strange things either, such as eating soap, getting attacked by squirrels, or saying bom-chic-a-wah-wah. What a strange pirate!

That was this month's piratey mystery student! Thanks you for not being un-savvy! ARRRG!



Elizabeth Swann

By: Sophia and Susan Centanni

In commemoration of the very much belated "Talk like a Pirate Day", this lucky lass was dubbed the name Elizabeth Swann. This was a very nice pirate, though. I'm not a pirate person- I prefer ninjas.

doesn't like cookies? We asked her if she liked Coke or Pepsi, and she said Coke. According to her, she said, "I have been at RBCS for 1 ½ years." Her favorite school activity is... Well, she doesn't have a favorite school activity. As for her favorite teacher, she doesn't pick favorites.

Here we go with the random questions that we made up in about forty-five minutes. Both of our pirate people are not superstitious, and that is pretty strange for a pirate!

She doesn't not believe in Nessie, Chupacabra, the Abominable Snow Man, Big Foot. She doesn't eat soap, and just thinks that's weird, she has never been attacked by a squirrel, and enjoys the word Bah-Chica-Wah-Wah.

Who is this person?!!!!!!!



The mystery student's favorite sport is soccer, and her favorite sports team is Penn state, though she hates football. Her favorite animal is her dog, Kimmy, though that is not a sport. This person's favorite food is mostly Korean food, but she also likes cookies. Who

Women's Varsity/JV Volleyball

By: William Bowers and Kyle Pfeiffer

The women's varsity volleyball had a great start. Their strength was in their unity. MVP's were Allison van der Vorde and Katie Kaim. "We all work together," said Katie Kaim. "We like the new coach, and she drills hard." She said the team was good, but there were not a lot of new people. Captains were Alison vanderVorde and Hannah Pruett. The team's weakness was their serving; they were working on it at every practice. The varsity team beat Central and Alethea. The Junior Varsity also thought they had a good team. Their strength was how they all

worked together. The captains were Natalie Masone and Elizabeth Marshall. They all liked the new coach, Mrs. Medlock. They said she had good drills that improved the team. It appeared that the Junior Varsity Volleyball Team had a terrific year!



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Prep soccer RBCS opens season with 4-2 victory

Rocky Bayou Christian's boys opened their season with a 4-2 win over Northside Methodist (Ala.) on Tuesday.

James Kaim led the way with a pair of goals and two assists. Steven Marshall added the other two goals, while Noah Mosley also had an assist.

Caleb Bailey had seven saves in goal for the Knights.

RBCS plays Monte Verde in Orlando on Friday.

Volleyball

Rocky Bayou 3, Alethia Christian 1
Scores: 25-20, 15-25, 25-19, 25-21
RBCS (1-1): Allison vande Voorde 5 kills, 4 aces; Kathryn Rogers 1 kill; Emily Wilson 1 kill, 1 ace; Katie Kaim 2 aces; Shannon Donahue 2 aces.
JV: RBCS, 25-20, 20-25, 15-9
Next: RBCS: Friday vs. Central

Friday, September 14, 2007

Laurel Hill 3, Rocky Bayou Christian 0
Scores: 25-22, 25-18, 25-21
Rocky Bayou (2-6, 1-1 District 1-A): Allison vande Voorde 5 kills, 1 ace; Katie Kaim 17 assists, 1 ace; Kathryn Rogers 3 kills, Crystal Farmer 3 digs.
Laurel Hill (5-4, 1-1 District 1-A): Katie Free 15 kills, 6 blocks, 3 digs, 2 aces; Amanda King 6 digs, 5 aces, Adeena Reeves 3 digs, 2 aces, Morgan Fuller 3 aces, 3 digs; Jamie Sheets 6 digs, 5 assists; Elizabeth Van-Winkle 5 assists, 3 digs.
JV: Laurel Hill won
Next: Rocky Bayou; Saturday at Tallahassee John Paul II; Laurel Hill: Thursday vs. Central

Prep soccer Rocky Bayou boys lose two in Orlando

After opening its season with a victory, Rocky Bayou's boys' soccer team fell in a pair of games in Orlando on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, the Knights (1-2) lost 5-4 to Faith Christian. Gary Frey, Steven Marshall, Scott Listak and James Kaim all scored for RBCS. On Saturday, Montverde defeated RBCS 7-0.

The Knights open district play on Tuesday at East Hill Christian.

Volleyball

Friday
Rocky Bayou 3, Central 2
Scores: 25-23, 15-25, 24-26, 25-15, 15-11
RBCS (2-1, 1-0 District 1-A): Allison vande Voorde 4 kills, 6 aces, 2 digs; Katie Kaim 6 aces, 11 assists; Kathryn Rogers 3 kills; Shannon Donahue 5 aces, 2 digs; Crystal Farmer 2 aces, 5 digs; Emily Wilson 2 aces, 2 kills, 2 digs.

Volleyball

South Walton 3, Rocky Bayou 0
Scores: 25-22, 25-22, 25-21
Rocky Bayou (2-5): Allison vande Voorde 5 aces, 8 kills; Kathryn Rogers 3 aces, 4 kills; Crystal Farmer 11 digs; Katie Kaim 16 assists, 2 aces.
JV: South Walton, 25-12, 25-12
Next: South Walton (4-4): Thursday vs. Catholic

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Prep soccer Rocky Bayou loses district opener

Rocky Bayou's boys soccer team fell 3-1 to East Hill Christian on Tuesday in its district opener.

The Knights got a goal from Cha, with Gary Frey getting the assist. Caleb Bailey had 11 saves in goal for RBCS.

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Cross country

Emerald Coast Eye Opener Classic
At OWC
Boys
Small-School division (1A-2A)
Team scores: Gulf Breeze 34, Jay 59, Pensacola Catholic 75, South Walton 159, Wewahitchka 163, Pensacola Christian 175, Arnold 179, Marianna 180, Rocky Bayou Christian 186, East Hill 228
South Walton: 13. Austin Buzzett 19:54, 17. Weim Buzzett 20:10, 39. Cody Ficarra 21:42, 42. Ryan Furey 21:53, 48. C.J. Atwell 22:20
RBCS: 15. Steve Berry 19:57, 26. Luke Lennon 20:59, 36. Hudson Pierce 21:25, 54. Stephen Jammer 22:51, 56. Austin Denigan 22:58
Walton: 68. Travis McHenry 29:13, 69. Mikael Rhodes 30:24
Baker: 55. Dylan Scott 22:54

Girls

Small-school division (1A-2A)
Team scores: Rocky Bayou Christian 52, Jay 58, Gulf Breeze 81, Arnold 80, South Walton 101, Pensacola Christian 143, Pensacola Catholic 152
RBCS: 2. Holly Stanton 21:48, 7. Elizabeth Berry 23:20, 9. Christy Allen 23:46, 15. Katie Brown 24:41, 23. Whitney Denney 25:24
South Walton: 8. Julie Williamson 23:27, 16. Katherine Register 24:45, 20. Brook Terry 25:08, 24. Jessie Taylor 25:25, 38. Malorie Leach 28:51
Walton: 42. Lindsey Phillips 28:05

Elsewhere:

● Rocky Bayou tied Central Christian (Ala.) 3-3 on Tuesday. Central Christian went up 3-1 before the Knights rallied for the tie. Steven Marshall scored twice and James Kaim had one goal. Scott Listak had two assists and Gary Frey had the other. Jeremiah Williams had one save in goal. RBCS (1-3-1) plays at Jacksonville First Coast on Friday in a district matchup.

Friday, September 21, 2007

Volleyball

Rocky Bayou 3, East Hill 0
Scores: 25-21, 25-18, 25-23
RBCS (3-9, 2-3 District 1-A): Allison vande Voorde 1 ace, 5 kills; Kathryn Rogers 1 ace, 4 kills; Shannon Donahue 2 aces, 5 digs; Katie Kaim 12 assists, 3 aces; Emily Wilson 2 aces, 2 kills.
Next: RBCS: Saturday at Jean King Invitational

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Soccer

Rocky Bayou plays to tie

The Rocky Bayou Christian boys' soccer team got three goals from James Kaim in a 5-5 tie with First Coast Christian on Friday.

Scott Listak and Amani Beliveau added goals for the Knights, who moved to 1-3-2 on the year.

Steven Marshall, Cha, Ben Schaeffer and Richard Ellis all had assists for the Knights, who play host to Gainesville's The Rock at noon today.

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Prep soccer

Rocky Bayou wins district match

Rocky Bayou Christian's boys team had a big day on Saturday, rolling past Gainesville The Rock 9-1 in a game shortened by the mercy rule.

The Knights (2-3-2, 1-1-1 District 1) got four goals from Steven Marshall and three more from James Kaim. Noah Mosley and Chris Hinson also scored for RBCS.

Scott Listak added three assists, while Kaim, Mosley and PT. Tidwell also assisted on goals.

Leaders of the pack

Crestview's Lauren Day, Niceville's Loring Ross win individual crowns; Eagles sweep team titles

By JARED MACARIN

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NICEVILLE — The weather may have been a little on the chilly side Saturday morning, but that didn't matter to Lauren Day or Loring Ross.

Day, a sophomore at Crestview, and Ross, a Niceville senior, blistered the 5K course at the Okaloosa County Championships at Okaloosa-

while Choctawhatchee was right behind with 60. The Vikings were led by the fifth-place finish of Ben Chastain and seventh by Cody Skarupa. Choctaw's Mike Sinkey took third in 16:42, while Chris Elkins placed ninth. Jacob Gourlie of Crestview finished eighth.

Rocky Bayou Christian was fourth as a team, followed by South Walton, Baker and Crestview.

Day was equally as impressive as Ross, running a 19:34 to win by more than 30 seconds. Julie Williamson of South Walton was second in 20:10, with Niceville's Lauren Eschbach third at 20:11. The Eagles placed four in the top 10 to top Fort Walton Beach for the girls' title.

"I think I did pretty good," Day said. "This is a big step for me as a 10th-grader. I'm just

really happy."

Niceville finished with 42 points and the Vikings ended up with 55. Rocky Bayou Christian, led by Holly Stanton's sixth-place finish, was third. Crestview took fourth, followed by Choctaw and Baker.

After Eschbach, Morgan Keel was eighth for the Eagles and was immediately trailed at the finish line by Ashley Calhoun (ninth) and Abby McCool (10th). Katie Pfieffer was 17th overall.

Fort Walton Beach's top runner was Erin Gallagher in fifth, while Iolani Scanlan took seventh. Choctaw's Amber Barbaresi was fourth.

Walton College.

Ross' first-place finish helped lead the Eagles to the boys' title shortly after the Niceville girls won the title as well.

"I'm at a loss for words at the efforts of the kids," Niceville coach Sherman Eller said. "I had a feeling we could win both, but the effort and performances of the kids were way above my expectations. I'm giddy."

Along with Ross, who ran a 16:15, the Eagles placed their other four runners in the top 10 to finish with a team total of 23 points. Tom Reho took second in 16:27, while Dylan Schroeder was fourth, Christian Ritacco was sixth and Michael Cooper took 10th.

"I'm very happy," Ross said. "It's a great feeling looking up the last fairway and seeing 16-oh-something on the clock."

Fort Walton Beach was second with 57 points,

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Rocky Bayou

Coach: Brian Alldredge

2007 record: 8-9-2; reached Class 2a regional semifinals

District: 1-2A

District opponents: Sneads, Bozeman, East Hill

Returning athletes: Shannon Donahue, Natalie Fleming, Christin Kaim, Katie Kaim, Katherine Miller, Korie Schaeffler, Ashley Weaver

Others to watch: Corrie Sober, Stephanie Serban

Players lost: Hannah Green, Brit-tany Listak, Kayla Spurgeon

Thursday, November 1, 2007

● **Holly Stanton, Rocky Bayou Christian:** The sophomore took sixth overall at the Okaloosa County meet to lead the Knights to a third-place finish.

● **Korie Schaeffler, Rocky Bayou Christian:** The senior finished 14th overall at the Okaloosa County meet in a personal-best 21:07 as the Knights finished third as a team.

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● **Rocky Bayou 4, Port St. Joe 1**
Katie Kaim scored twice and Mary Balthazar added a goal and an assist as the Knights got their first win of the season.

Christin Kaim contributed an assist for Rocky Bayou, which also benefited from an own goal by Port St. Joe.

The Knights (1-1) play East Hill on Thursday in their first district game.

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Region 1-A At Tallahassee Girls

Team scores: Maclay 27, P.K. Yonge 70, Oak Hall 106, St. John's Country Day 114, Rocky Bayou Christian 125, Aucilla Christian 154, Jay 166, Mandarin Christian 197, South Walton 251, Providence 267, Pensacola Christian 278, John Paul II 281

RBCS: 8. Holly Stanton 20:47, 24. Elizabeth Berry 21:54, 31. Korie Schaeffler 22:08, 32. Christy Allen 22:10, 33. Katie Brown 22:18

South Walton: 23. Julie Williamson 21:51, 39. Jessie Taylor 22:54, 61. Malorie Leach 24:48, 65. Kendall Brown 25:12, 67. Katherine Register 25:24

Boys

Team scores: Maclay 41, P.K. Yonge 93, Jay 124, Bishop Snyder 125, Trinity Christian 155, North Florida Christian 162, Providence 165, St. John's Country Day 167, Rocky Bayou Christian 196, Pensacola Christian 200, Oak Hall 269, John Paul II 327

RBCS: 12. Stephen Berry 17:15, 35. Josh Molyneux 18:36, 42. Luke Lennon 19:07, 53. Hudson Pierce 19:37, 73. Austin Dennigan 20:23

Boys

Team scores: Niceville 23, Fort Walton Beach

57, Choctawhatchee 60, Rocky Bayou Christian 137, South Walton 146, Baker 158, Crestview 158

RBCS: 18. Steve Berry 17:51, 21. Josh Molyneux 18:30, 30. Luke Lennon 19:19, 33. Hudson Pierce 20:04, 35. Austin Dennigan 20:45

Girls

Team scores: Niceville 42, Fort Walton Beach 55, Rocky Bayou Christian 82, Crestview 83, Choctawhatchee 89, Baker 170

RBCS: 6. Holly Stanton 20:16, 14. Korie Schaeffler 21:07, 15. Elizabeth Berry 21:20, 24. Katie Brown 22:06, 28. Christy Allen 22:31

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Cross country district meets end with good results for several area teams, individuals

BY JARED MACARIN

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NICEVILLE — Many area cross country runners went into Saturday's district meets with high expectations.

Most of them left with smiles on their faces after running the 5K course at Okaloosa-Walton College and qualifying for regional competition.

In District 1-3A, Fort Walton Beach, Navarre and Choctawhatchee each qualified their boys and girls teams for regionals, while Crestview's girls also qualified. In Class A, Rocky Bayou Christian's boys and girls qualified, as did South Walton's girls.

In District 1-A, Rocky Bayou Christian's girls took second overall behind Maclay, while the Seahawks were fourth as a team. Holly Stanton finished fifth overall for the Knights, followed by top-20 finishers Korie Schaeffler (9th), Katie Brown (13th) and Elizabeth Berry in 19th. Julie Williamson took home sixth for South Walton, while Jessie Taylor finished 20th overall.

"I think we did really well," Stanton said. "We couldn't ask for more."

On the boys' side, Stephen Berry's eighth-place finish paced Rocky Bayou, which took fifth as a team. Baker's Chad Lawhon took 10th overall and will run at regionals as an individual. Wells and Austin Buzzett finished 17th and 18th, respectively, as the Seahawks just missed out on qualifying for regionals by placing seventh.

Area cross country runners qualify for state meet

In Region 1-A, Rocky Bayou Christian's girls team qualified, while the Knights will also be represented on the boys' side by Stephen Berry.

In Region 1-A, Holly Stanton led the Knights to fifth place by taking eighth overall. On the boys' side, Berry was 12th overall to advance.

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Rocky Bayou routs East Hill

Staff Report

Rocky Bayou Christian's girls' soccer team won its district opener in resounding fashion with an 8-0 win over East Hill on Thursday.

The Knights (2-1, 1-0 District 1-2A) got two goals each from Shannon Donahue, Megan Fox and Katie Kaim.

Esther Alldredge and

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Christin Kaim also scored for RBCS. Christin Kaim added three assists, while Ashley Weaver also had an assist.

The Knights travel to Tallahassee Maclay today.

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 2, Bozeman 0:** Katie Kaim and Megan Fox both scored as the Knights evened their season record.

Ashley Weaver added an assist for the Knights (3-3).

Rocky Bayou plays South Walton on Thursday.

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● **Tallahassee Maclay 4, Rocky Bayou Christian 0**

Shannon Donahue had five saves in goal for Rocky Bayou, but it wasn't enough as the Knights (2-2) fell to Maclay.

Christin Kaim and Megan Fox were cited for their strong defensive games by coach Brian Alldredge.

Rocky Bayou hosts Choctawhatchee on Monday.

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Breezy Hupp, Paige Douglas and Shelby Bush each scored a goal as Choctaw beat Rocky Bayou Christian 3-0 in girls soccer on Monday.

Bush had an assist to go along with her goal. Mary Allen and Stephanie Groves had the other assists for the Indians.

Megan Fox and Katie Miller were cited for their strong play for the Knights.

Rocky Bayou (2-3) host Bozeman today at the Morgan Sports Complex in Destin. Choctaw (1-0-1) travels to Marianna on Monday.

● **Baker 42, Rocky Bayou Christian 11:** Chelsea Combest scored 12 points to lead the Gators past the Knights.

Combest was the only player in the game with double figures, but Sophie DeMartino scored eight for the Gators (1-0) to go along with seven rebounds. Combest also had five assists, eight steals and six rebounds.

Anna Doswell led the Knights with five points.

Rocky Bayou hosts Central Christian on Friday. The Gators play at Laurel Hill on Nov. 26.

Baker won the JV game 38-2.

RBCS	4	0	2	5	—	11
Baker	18	9	6	10	—	43
RBCS (11)						
Haley Johnson 2, Elizabeth Jones 2, Amanda Bryan 2, Anna Doswell 5. Totals 5 1-6 11.						
BAKER (43)						
Chelsea Combest 12, Ariel Adkinson 2, Courtney Fountain 2, Keli Flanders 2, Samantha Gronberg 2, Bethany Meisch 2, Allysa Ham 5, Hanna McGraw 4, Heather Chestnut 4, Sophie DeMartino 8. Totals 16 2 5-7 43.						

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Choctaw girls soccer blanks Rocky Bayou



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Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 2, South Walton 0:** Katie Kaim had a goal and an assist in a non-district win for the Knights.

Katie Miller had the other goal for RBCS, while Ashley Weaver had an assist.

The Knights (4-3) travel to East Hill on Monday.

Saturday, November 17, 2007

Girls basketball

● **Rocky Bayou 48, Central Christian 42:** The Knights used a strong second half to even its record at 1-1.

Haley Johnson led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points, while Gloria Allen had nine. The Knights outscored Central 25-15 in the second half.

Rocky Bayou hosts Covenant Christian today.

Central Christian 14 13 4 11—42
Rocky Bayou Christian 8 13 13 14—48

CENTRAL Christian (42)

Milton 23, Darrough 9, Baker 4, Busch 3, Rhodes 3. Totals 15 0 12-24 42.

ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN (48)

Haley Johnson 10, Gloria Allen 9, Allison Johnson 6, Kathryn Rogers 6, Elizabeth Jones, Abby Chapman 4, Amanda Bryan 4, Brittany Burton 2, Anna Doswell 2. Totals 17 1 11-15 48.

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Cross country

● **Holly Stanton, Rocky Bayou Christian:** The sophomore finished fifth overall at the District 1-A meet, helping the Knights to a second-place finish.

● **Korie Schaeffler, Rocky Bayou Christian:** Finished ninth overall at the District 1-A meet, helping the Knights to a second-place finish.

RBCS harriers set individual marks Team shines at two-county meet

Special to the Beacon

The Rocky Bayou Christian School cross country teams produced a best-ever showing at the Okaloosa Walton County Cross Country Championships held Saturday, Oct. 27, at Okaloosa-Walton College.

The girls team finished a highest ever third, behind only highly ranked Niceville and Fort Walton Beach. The girls team is ranked 12th in the state.

Team scores, with lowest scores winning, were Niceville 42, Fort Walton Beach 58, Rocky Bayou Christian 82, Crestview 83, Choctawhatchee 89, Baker 179 and South Walton not enough runners for a team score.

For RBCS, 10th grader Holly Stanton finished a strong sixth in 20:16 to lead the team

and 12th grader Korie Schaeffler finished 14th at 21:07.

Seventh grader Elizabeth Berry was 15th in 21:20, sixth grader Katie Brown was 24th in 22:06, seventh grader Christy Allen was 28th in 22:31, eighth grader Brittany Tiller was fourth in the JV race in 22:43, ninth grader Melissa Molyneux was 30th in 22:55, ninth grader Whitney Denney was 32nd in 23:05, sixth grader Mariah Jammer was sixth in the JV race in 23:42, eighth grader Jessica Knie was seventh in the JV race in 23:54 and eighth grader Katrina Jammer was 13th in the JV race in 24:55. Each of these times represented a personal best for the runner.

The boys team, although not currently ranked, should enter

the rankings after its showing in this meet.

It finished fourth in a strong seven-team field with 137 points, behind highly ranked Niceville with 23 points, Fort Walton Beach 57, and Choctaw at 60. Behind RBCS were South Walton 146, Baker 158 and Crestview 158.

Steve Berry led the boys in 18th in 17:52, Josh Molyneux in 21st in 18:31, Luke Lennon in 30th in 19:20, Hudson Pierce 33rd in 20:05, Austin Dennigan 35th in 20:45, Josh Sherwood 38th in 21:23 and Steve Jammer 41st in 22:30. Barry, Molyneux, Lennon, Pierce and Sherwood all finished with personal best times.

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Area cross country runners head to state meets

By JARED MACARIN

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This is it for area cross country runners.

Six schools will be taking runners to the state meets today in Dade City, with four teams competing for the state title and individuals from six teams also running for glory.

Rocky Bayou's girls are aiming for the title in the Class A meet. In Class 3A, the Fort Walton Beach girls' team and the boys' teams of Navarre and Choctawhatchee are also still alive.

"We did a good job at the regional meet to qualify for states, and now we are excited for the opportunity to have an even better day there," Rocky Bayou coach Mike Warren said. "Our girls have worked hard for this."

The Knights finished fifth at the Region 1-A meet last week, led by an eighth-place finish from Holly Stanton. Rocky Bayou will also be represented on the boys' side, where Stephen Berry will be taking part after finishing in 12th at regionals.

In Class 4A, Niceville's boys will be represented by the duo of Tom

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Rocky Bayou girls win in district semis

Monday | January 14, 2008

Staff reports

Rocky Bayou Christian's girls soccer team spread the wealth with eight different players scoring in an 8-0 win over East Hill in the District 1-2A semifinals on Tuesday at Sneads.

Katie Kaim scored a goal and had three assists. Christin Kaim added a goal and two assists. The other RBCS goals were scored by Mary Balthazar, Jane Ellen Brown, Natalie Farmer, Kori Schaeffer, Corey Sober and Brittany Tiller.

Lindsey Beno and Jamii Williams each had an assist for the Knights.

Rocky Bayou (14-7) will play the winner of the Bozeman-Sneads game for the championship at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

District tourneys kick soccer season into high gear

Niceville girls soccer team puts streak of five straight district titles on the line beginning today

By JARED MACARIN

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Niceville's girls soccer team has not lost to a district opponent all season. Neither has Rocky Bayou Christian.

Both squads will be looking to keep impressive streaks going this week when the district tournaments kick off.

In District 1-2A, No. 2 seed Bozeman stands the best chance of knocking off the Knights. While RBCS has beaten Sneads and East Hill a combined 31-0 in four games, they have defeated Bozeman 3-0 and 2-0 in the regular season.

Rocky Bayou Christian has won four straight District 1-2A titles, and enters the tournament this week not only unbeaten against district teams, but the Knights have not been scored upon in their six district contests either. While East Hill and Sneads are not traditional threats, Bozeman is.

Katie and Christin Kaim have spearheaded the Knights' success, and are just two of many that have made opponents suffer.

"I've been pleased with the season," RBCS coach Brian Alldredge said. "The thing I feel best about is that Bozeman hasn't scored on us. It's a lot greater confidence knowing we can work defensively to keep them under control. I hope we can do the same again."

The Knights open play in the tournament on Tuesday at Sneads against East Hill. The championship game is Thursday.

But both teams won't just be given a pass into regional play.

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Battle royal

Rocky Bayou Christian School's Christen Kaim fights a Crestview soccer player for the ball during Thursday's game at home. The Lady Knights took the game, 2-1.

Beacon photo
by Sarah Clauson

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou 1, Rutherford 0:** Katie Kiam scored on an assists from Mary Balthazar seven minutes into the game to give the Knights the win over the Rams.

Rutherford had 15 shots on goal, but Shannon Donahue turned them all away in post-ing the shutout.

The Knights (12-6) host Crestview on Thursday.

Friday, January 11, 2008

Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 2, Crestview 1:** Katie Kaim scored twice as the Knights grabbed a non-district win.

Christin Kaim had an assist for RBCS.

The Knights (13-6) host Mosley on Saturday.

Sunday, January 13, 2008 |

Girls soccer

● **Maclay 4, Rocky Bayou Christian 1:** RBCS scored first, but could not muster any offense after that in a non-district loss.

Ashley Weaver scored for the Knights.

RBCS (13-7) plays Tuesday against East Hill in the first round of the District 1-2A tournament.

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Girls basketball

● **Baker 53, Rocky Bayou Christian 17:** Chelsea Comb-est scored a game-high 15 points to lead the Gators to a non-district win.

Comb-est became the school's first 1,000-point scorer in history over the week-end. Ariel Adkinson was also in double figures for Baker with 10.

Glory Allen led Rocky Bayou with nine.

The Gators (9-6) host Vernon on Thursday. The Knights (3-11) travel to Paxton on Thursday.

Baker 8 17 14 14—53
RBCS 0 6 7 4—17
BAKER (53)
Sydney Boutwell 1, Chelsea Comb-est 15, Ariel Adkinson 10, Courtney Fountain 8, Sam Gronberg 2, Bethany Melsch 2, Alyssa Horn 8, Hariniah McGraw 2, Heather Chestnut 3, Dani Mayhair 2. Totals 20 3 4-11 53.
RBCS (17)
Haley Johnson 2, Elizabeth Jones 2, Kathryn Rogers 2, Allison Johnson 2, Glory Allen 9. Totals 7 1 17.
JV: Baker, 24-14

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● **Paxton 69, Rocky Bayou Christian 15:** The Bobcats had five players in double figures in a District 1-A victory.

Katie Kinkey had 14 points, while Marylyn Gilbert scored 13 points, Emmalee Infinger added 12 and both Stevie Davidson and Aubrey Anderson contributed 11.

Glory Allen led Rocky Bayou Christian with seven.

The Bobcats (15-5, 6-0 district) host East Hill on Saturday.

RBCS 0 3 6 6—15
Paxton 19 16 21 13—69
RBCS (15)
Glory Allen 7, Allison Johnson 6, Anna Doswell 2. Totals 7 1-3 15.
PAXTON (69)
Katie Kinkey 14, Marylyn Gilbert 13, Emmalee Infinger 12, Stevie Davidson 11, Aubrey Anderson 11, Erin Walker 8. Totals 17 9 8-12 69.
JV: Paxton, 34-13

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 52, Escambia Charter 25:** The Knights got 15 points from Will Randall in the District 1-A victory.

Deon Wright and Noah Mosley chipped in eight points apiece for Rocky Bayou (3-10, 2-6).

The Knights play tonight at East Hill.

EC 2 5 8 10—25
RBC 8 11 16 17—82
Escambia Charter (25)
Holland 11, Nettles 4, Johnson 7, Coggeshall 3. Totals: 9 2 1-7 25.
Rocky Bayou (52)
P.T. Tidwell 8, James Kaim 2, Deon Wright 8, Noah Mosley 8, Troy Speagle 3, Will Randall 15. Totals: 21 1 7-11 52.

Saturday, January 12, 2008

Boys basketball

● **East Hill 49, Rocky Bayou 30:** Rocky Bayou Christian fell into a big hole early and couldn't dig out of it in a District 1-A loss.

Dion Wright had the best game of his career in scoring nine points for the Knights.

Will Randall also scored nine for Rocky Bayou.

Rocky Bayou (3-10, 2-7) will host Central on Tuesday.

Rocky Bayou 2 5 9 14—30
East Hill 14 6 9 20—49
ROCKY BAYOU (30)
P.T. Tidwell 4, James Kaim 4, Tyler Corder 4, Dion Wright 9, Will Randall 9. Totals 11 2 2-9 30.
EAST HILL (49)
Barriball 12, Sanders 19, Clevenger 5, Ward 7, Gerabedian 4, Nyenhuff 2. Totals 16 2 11-21 49.

Girls basketball

● **East Hill 33, Rocky Bayou 31:** Allison Johnson and Glory Allen scored eight points apiece for the Knights, who came up just short in the District 1-A contest.

Rocky Bayou (3-12, 1-5 district) plays host Tuesday to Central.

Rocky Bayou 6 6 12 7—31
East Hill 10 9 8 6—33
RBCS (31)
Elizabeth Jones 2, Amanda Bryan 4, Katherine Rogers 7, Allison Johnson 8, Britany Burton 2, Glory Allen 8. Totals 12 1 4-10 31.
EAST HILL (33)
Burke 14, Fox 4, Santiago 4, Jones 2, Prim 2, Coaker 7. Totals 13 0 7-14 33.

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Girls basketball

● **Central 33, Rocky Bayou Christian 28:** Kathrine Rogers and Glory Allen each scored eight points as the Knights lost a District 1-A heart breaker to the Jaguars.

The game was tied with less than a minute to play, but a young Rocky Bayou team couldn't find the winning touch as time slipped away.

Rocky Bayou (3-13, 1-7) travels to Georgia on Saturday to play Sherwood Christian.

Central 6 6 12 9—33
RBCS 8 6 6 8—28
CENTRAL (33)
D. Enfinger 11, Forsythe 2, Kimbrough 10, K. Enfinger 2, Dakes 4, Dougherty 4. Totals 13 7-19 33.
RBCS (28)
Glory Allen 8, Allison Johnson 6, Kathrine Rogers 8, Amanda Bryan 2, Elizabeth Jones 4. Totals 13 2-9 28.

Boys basketball

● **Central 55, Rocky Bayou Christian 43:** James Kaim scored a team-high 14 points

as the Knights fell to the Jaguars in District 1-A play.

P.T. Tidwell added 11 points for Rocky Bayou.

The Knights (3-12, 2-8) host Pensacola Christian on Thursday.

Central 11 12 15 17—55
RBCS 7 7 5 24—43
CENTRAL (55)
Moore 2, Morris 4, Nowling 18, Dawson 6, Campbell 19, Baker 2, Bondurant 4. Totals 20 2 9-16 55.
RBCS (43)
Cha Yun 3, P.T. Tidwell 11, James Kaim 14, Tyler Corder 4, Deion Wright 5, Ryan Burns 2, Will Randall 2, Taylor Peacock 2. Totals 11 5 6-9 43.

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Laurel Hill boys basketball whips Rocky Bayou Christian, 62-49

Staff reports

Jeffrey Reese scored 17 points and Will Sherwood added 13 as Laurel Hill beat Rocky Bayou Christian 62-49 in District 1-A boys basketball action Thursday night.

The Hoboes opened up a 13-point lead at the end of the first quarter and were able to keep the Knights at a safe distance the rest of the way.

P.T. Tidwell and Noah Mosley tried to keep things interesting as Tidwell led the Knights with 17 points followed by Mosley's 16-point effort.

When Rocky Bayou tried to double down on Reese, Sherwood made the Knights pay hitting three 3-point baskets.

Rocky Bayou (3-16, 2-10) hosts South Walton tonight.

Laurel Hill (14-6, 8-3) hosts Walton on Saturday.

Laurel Hill 18 20 10 14 — 62
RBCS 5 18 13 13 — 49

LAUREL HILL (62)
Jeffrey Reese 27, Richard Dixon 8, Zack Sledge 6, Will Sherwood 13, Seth Strickland 4, Ethan Jackson 4. Totals 20 7 1-2 62.

RBCS (49)
P.T. Tidwell 17, James Kaim 8, Tyler Corder 2, Noah Mosley 16, Ryan Burns 2, Will Randall 4. Totals 17 4 3-8 49.

JV: Laurel Hill won.

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

● **Malone 53, Rocky Bayou Christian 48.** The Knights' comeback attempt fell just shy on Senior Night.

Deion Wright scored 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter, Noah Mosley had 11 points and Troy Speegle scored a career-high six points for the Knights (4-17), who play at Freeport on Thursday.

Malone 17 11 12 13 — 53
RBC 14 9 8 17 — 48

MALONE (53)
Peak 15, McElroy 20, McArthur 12, Clemens 2, McKinney 4. Totals: 10 8 9-18 53.

RBC (48)
P.T. Tidwell 4, James Kaim 3, Tyler Corder 3, Delon Wright 12, Noah Mosley 11, Ryan Burns 2, Troy Speegle 6, Will Randall 7. Totals: 17 2 8-14 48.

Rocky Bayou Christian girls stay alive in district basketball tourney

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Rocky Bayou Christian's girls basketball team stayed alive in the District 1-A tournament with a 41-21 win over Laurel Hill on Monday at Paxton.

Katheryn Rogers and Glory Allen each had 10 points for the Knights, who led by 10 after the first period.

Brooke Hansen led the Hoboes in scoring with 10 points.

The Knights play top-seeded Paxton on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

LH 4 0 5 12 — 21
RBCS 14 7 7 13 — 41

LH (21)
Brooke Hansen 10, Alex Castleberry 4, Laquetta Williams 4, Tuyen Morris 2, Jessica Gartman 1. Totals 5 3 2-5 21.

RBCS (41)
Kathryn Rogers 10, Glory Allen 10, Amanda Bryan 8, Elizabeth Jones 5, Haley Johnson 4, Brittany Burton 2, Anna Doswell 2. Totals 18 1 2-6 41.

Friday, February 1, 2008

Boys basketball

● **Freeport 82, Rocky Bayou Christian 41:** Freeport closed each half in fashion en route to a big non-district victory.

Johnny McCormick led the Bulldogs with a game-high 26 points, while Jamey Goddin had 23 and Aaron Knight contributed 13.

Noah Mosley had a team-high 19 points for the Knights.

The Bulldogs (17-10) play in the District 1-2A tournament

on Feb. 8.

RBCS 12 7 14 8 — 41
Freeport 15 25 11 31 — 82

RBCS (41)
James Kaim 2, Tyler Corder 4, Deion Wright 3, Noah Mosley 19, Ryan Burns 4, Will Randall 3, Taylor Peacock 6. Totals 15 11-16 41.

FREEPORT (82)
Spencer Martin 6, Alex Newkirk 6, Logan Wilburn 6, Jamey Goddin 23, Aaron Knight 13, Johnny McCormick 26, C.J. Bates 2. Totals 22 11 5-11 82.

JV: Freeport, 49-23

Saturday, January 26, 2008

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 44, South Walton 43:** Noah Mosley scored 13 of his game-high 20 points in the fourth quarter as the Knights took a come-from-behind win over the Seahawks.

Trailing by as many as 15 points in the third quarter, and down by six with 1:12 left in the fourth, Rocky wouldn't be denied the exciting win.

P.T. Tidwell joined Mosley in double figures with 13 points.

Jordan Colson led South Walton with 15 points. Jake Wright added 13.

Rocky Bayou (4-16) hosts Malone on Tuesday.

The Seahawks (4-14) host Freeport on Tuesday.

Rocky Bayou won the JV game 34-33.

South Walton 2 14 17 10 — 43
Rocky Bayou 9 4 7 24 — 44

SW (43)
David Key 3, Shane Seager 6, Wells Buzzett 4, Mason Smith 2, Jordan Colson 15, Jake Wright 13. Totals 10 2 17-30 43.

RBCS (44)
P.T. Tidwell 13, James Kaim 2, Tyler Corder 2, Noah Mosley 20, Will Randall 3, Taylor Peacock 4. Totals 12 3 11-21 44.

Girls basketball

● **South Walton 50, Rocky Bayou 29:** The Seahawks got 11 points from Sadie Hussien and 10 points a piece from Aracely Garcia and Tiffany Snider on their way to an easy win over Rocky Bayou Christian.

Jamie Delaney added seven points for South Walton, which held a 31-13 advantage at halftime.

Rocky Bayou (3-15) will play Laurel Hill on Monday in the 1A district tournament.

South Walton (19-6) will travel to Northview next Friday to take on Walton in the District 1-3A semifinals.

South Walton 11 20 14 5 — 50
Rocky Bayou 6 7 6 10 — 29

SOUTH WALTON (50)
Taylor Griffith 2, Sam Snyder 3, Rachel Miller 4, Sadie Hussien 11, Jamie Delaney 7, Alicia Damman 3, Aracely Garcia 10, Tiffany Snider 10. Totals: 13 4 12-22 50.

ROCKY BAYOU (29)
Haley Johnson 6, Elizabeth Jones 4, Amanda Bryan 3, Kathryn Rogers 6, Anna Doswell 2, Allison Johnson 4, Brittany Burton 2, Glory Allen 2. Totals: 11 0 7-19 29.

Pushing perfection

NICEVILLE GIRLS SOCCER CONTINUES TO SOAR WITH 3-0 WIN OVER CHOCTAW TO REMAIN UNBEATEN

By JARED MACARIN
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NICEVILLE — An early goal is always nice to get things rolling and settle a team down.

That's exactly what happened for Niceville's girls soccer team in a 3-0 defeat of District 1-5A rival Choctawhatchee on Thursday.

Kylie Ochsenreiter scored from

more than 20 yards out just five minutes into the game, and the Eagles (9-0-1, 5-0 district) controlled the tempo in the second half to seal the win and maintain their place in first in the district standings.

"It takes the pressure off when you get that early goal," Niceville coach Michael Denton said. "It takes the edge off and you can just take care of business after that."



VIDEO ON THE NET

To watch video of some of the action from Thursday's Niceville - Choctaw girls

soccer game, go to www.nwffvarsity.com

The Eagles did just that, scoring once more in the first half before adding the final score midway through the second half to seal the win. Marleigh Howard scored Niceville's second goal on an assist from Lindsay Foy to give the Eagles

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a 2-0 lead at the half.

Choctaw (5-1-1, 2-1 district) threatened numerous times in the opening 40 minutes, but the Eagles were able to keep them out of the goal.

"We got worn down and we made some mistakes," Choctaw coach Michael Lightbourne said. "The biggest thing is we spent time in front of their goal and couldn't

score and you can't do that."

Niceville scored its final goal in the 65th minute. Jessa Weekley snuck the ball into the goal on a shot from the left side, with Foy getting her second assist of the game. From there, the Eagles controlled the pace and rode out the victory.

"We settled down in the second half and played smart

soccer," Denton said. "We were able to maintain possession. (Choctaw) played hard all the way to the end, and it's always that way when we play."

Niceville's JV won 6-1.

Niceville hosts Rocky Bayou Christian tonight in a non-district game, while Choctaw travels to Tate on Saturday for a district contest.

PREP SOCCER



Choctawhatchee's Ashley Bedoya (left) and Niceville's Diana Vanegas fight for possession Thursday night in Niceville.

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Area Prep **ROUNDUP**

Laurel Hill girls hoops gets first win of season

Staff reports

Laurel Hill's girls basketball team picked up its first win of the season Monday night with a 40-31 victory over Rocky Bayou Christian in District 1-A play.

Laqueatta Williams scored 13 points to pace the Hoboes and lead all scorers. Nyiece Underwood added eight points.

Laurel Hill led 34-20 after three quarters and held off a fourth-quarter charge by the Knights.

Allison Johnson led Rocky Bayou with eight points. Julie Gomez and Haley Johnson each had seven points.

Rocky Bayou won the JV game 28-9.

Laurel Hill (1-7, 1-4) hosts Walton tonight. Rocky Bayou (3-9, 1-4) is off until after the first of the year.

Laurel Hill 9 11 14 6 — 40
Rocky Bayou 7 4 9 11 — 31
LAUREL HILL (40)
Laqueatta Williams 13, Brooke Hanson 8, Tuyen Morris 3, Kasey Harrison 2, Alex Castleberry 2, Jessica Gartman 4, Nyiece Underwood 8. Totals 18 4-15 40.
ROCKY BAYOU (31)
Julie Gomez 7, Haley Johnson 7, Elizabeth Jones 3, Katherine Rogers 2, Allison Johnson 8, Brittany Burton 2, Glory Allen 2. Totals 11 2 3-9 31.

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Golf

Einhaus, Garcia lead West All-Stars to victory in Panhandle Cup

TALLAHASSEE — The West All-Stars, comprised of the top 12 junior golfers from Pensacola to Panama City, rallied from an early deficit to run off 19 consecutive match wins to dominate the first Panhandle Cup Junior All-Star golf tournament at Killearn Country Club in Tallahassee over the weekend. The West won 22-2.

The Panhandle Cup featured 24 Ryder Cup-like matches between the best junior golfers in the Panhandle. Each team played six alternate-shot (Four-some) matches, six best-ball (Fourball) matches, and twelve single matches.

All four local members of the West team were undefeated with 3-0 match records. Local team members included top-ranked and all-area sophomores Brett Ochsenreiter and Kyle Andre from Destin, and Daily News Players of the Year Sean Einhaus from Rocky Bayou Christian and Ana Garcia of Niceville. Other team members included Amanda de la Cruz (Pensacola), Kristen Dorsey (Gulf Breeze), Tyler Klava and Haley Millsap (Pace), and Zach Primavera, Michael Riley, Chase Seiffert and Jordan Massey from Panama City.

The Panhandle Cup raised over \$11,000 for the Florida Special Olympics, and the West and East team members spent time on the course and at two dinners with the special needs kids who attended the event.

Friday, January 4, 2008

Boys basketball

● **Gainer 49, Rocky Bayou Christian 40:** Gainer got a lead in the first half and extended it in the second half in a District 1-A victory.

Noah Mosley led Rocky Bayou with 18 points, while P.T. Tidwell scored 12 points.

The Knights (2-8, 1-5) dis- the Seahawks, while Taylor Griffith and Jamie Delaney each had 10.

The Bulldogs (6-8) host Jay tonight.

● **Paxton 44, Rocky Bayou Christian 25:** The Bobcats remained undefeated behind a dominant first quarter in which they out-scored the Knights 22-4.

Shaq Jackson scored 13 points, Colby Forehand added 12 and Demetrius Moore had 10 for Paxton, which moved to 8-0.

Noah Mosley had 11 points for Rocky Bayou.

Paxton won the JV game, 55-14.

Paxton plays Thursday at Walton.

Rocky Bayou 4 2 8 11 — 25
Paxton 22 2 15 5 — 44
Rocky Bayou (25)
Noah Mosley 11, P.T. Tidwell 4, Tyler Corder 2, Will Randall 2, Deion Wright 6. Totals: 11 0 3-12.
PAXTON (44)
Shaq Jackson 13, Colby Forehand 12, Demetrius Moore 10, Blake Zessin 5, Zack Vickers 4. Totals: 15 3 5-8.

Friday, December 21, 2007

● **Freeport 74, Rocky Bayou Christian 47:** Freeport pulled away in the third quarter for a non-district victory.

Jamey Goddin led all scorers with 26 points for the Bulldogs, while Alex Newkirk had 14 points and Aaron Knight chipped in 11. Noah Mosley led Rocky Bayou with 17 points, while Will Randall had 11 and P.T. Tidwell contributed 10.

The Knights (2-7) travel to Gainer on Jan. 3. The Bulldogs (7-5) play in the Walton Sun Christmas tournament on Wednesday.

Freeport 18 18 19 19 — 74
Rocky Bayou 11 15 8 13 — 47
FREEPORT (74)
Spencer Martin 2, Alex Newkirk 14, Logan Wilburn 8, Jamey Goddin 26, Aaron Knight 11, Johnny McCormick 3, C.J. Bates 8, Troy Hardester 2. Totals 27 2 14-21 74.
RBCS (47)
P.T. Tidwell 10, James Kalm 1, Tyler Corder 2, Deon Wright 2, Noah Mosley 17, Ryan Burns 2, Will Randall 11, Taylor Peacock 2. Totals 19 9-22 47.
JV: Freeport won

South Walton 5 22 20 8 — 55
Freeport 12 2 3 6 — 23
SOUTH WALTON (55)
Shereka Bramlet 3, Taylor Griffith 10, Julie Williamson 6, Vivian Rodriguez 2, Sadie Hussien 16, Jamie Delaney 10, Tiffany Snider 8. Totals 11 6 15-21
FREEPORT (23)
Jessie Moulton 4, Dannica Mosher 2, Joslyn King 2, Lora King 6, Nicole Dykes 9. Totals 8 7-12
JV: South Walton, 38-14

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Junior golf
Einhaus wins Orange Bowl tourney

Rocky Bayou Christian School's Sean Einhaus of Germany, the All Sports Association/Daily News golfer of the year won the 44th Junior Orange Bowl International championship in Coral Gables.

Einhaus, who was the leader throughout much of the tournament, claimed took the title in a one-hole sudden death finish with Peter Uihlein, last year's runner-up. Both players completed regulation play in 274, 6-under par for the four rounds, two strokes ahead of Portugal's Pedro Figueiredo.

Einhaus shot rounds of 65, 64, 72 and 73 on his way to the win.

The electric ride

Rocky Bayou students try their hand at building the E-cycle

By **PATRICK McDERMOTT**
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Or in this case, ride.

Daily News Staff Writer Patrick McDermott can be reached at 863-1111, Ext. 1394.

RBCS students convert cycle to electricity

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Special to the Beacon

Rocky Bayou Christian Academy students are building an electric motorcycle (E-cycle) under the guidance of software engineer and school supporter Joseph Brodersen.

The project involves five RBCS students and one home-school student. Participating students are Luke Lennon, Nathaniel Hawn, Tae Ho Kim, Bihn Ly, Austin Denigan and Johnmark Norris.

The idea behind the E-Cycle is to give students the ability to understand real-world engineering processes and to apply this knowledge to a project.

The project will involve converting a broken motorcycle to clean, environmentally friendly electricity. The students will be on the cutting edge of future transportation technology. They will also understand what it takes to work in an interdisciplinary, multinational team (students on the team are from the United States, Vietnam and South Korea).

The E-Cycle team will go through a Standard Engineering Process (Requirements, Design, Implementation, System Testing and Acceptance Testing), which will be capped off by the E-Cycle being sold at RBCS' third annual auction Feb. 9 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort Linkside Center.

The group has already finished the Requirements and Design phases of the project and plans to complete the project by the end of November.

For more information or to sponsor the project, contact Jen Nall, development director, at 729-7227, ext. 225, or nallj@rbcs.org.

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Rocky Band Collects Awards

Officers of the award-winning Rocky Bayou Christian School Marching Band. Front, from left: Yazdel Fonseca, color guard caption; Grace Stoner, librarian; Corrie Sober, 1st Lieutenant; Jessica Maney, drum major. Back, from left: Hector Delgado, 2nd Lieutenant; Stephen Farrell, chaplain; Joe Townsend, drum line captain; Anna Keipert, band president.

Student NEWS

Zachary Gadzinsky, Jonathan Hager, Kathryn Lorenz, Nick Roberts, Joseph Sung, and Olivia Tyre.

10th grade: Jin Sil Choi, Lauren Dempsey, Timothy Herndon, Angela Sternke, and Emily Wilson.

11th grade: JoAnn Boughman, Abby Chapman, Curtis Duvall, Natalie Fleming, Sarah Frasier, Gary Frey, Luke Jolly, and Lulu Nelson.

12th grade: Jared Bailey, Amanda Brennan, Jordan Dean, Kaitlin Milam, and Amanda Zook.

The following students earned Second Honors for their first quarter report cards by having an average of 89.5 - 94.49:

7th grade: Sammy Battles, Mikayla Berner, Brittany Dunn, Colin Frazier, Tanner Jenkins, Ty Jenkins, Kandace Jolly, Drew Kirkpatrick, Harrison Lusk, Rachel Mosley, Joshua Motter, Katie Olney, Chelsea Outman, Peyton Preston, Will Rogers III, Audrey Stevens, Brianna Wehner, Brian Whalen, and Dwight Williams, Jr.

8th grade: John Bowman, Sophia Centanni, Susan Centanni, Joshua Chinnaswamy, Ethan Cornwell, Cammie Cruce, Adam Downing, Cooper Eaves, Naldi Fonseca-Alvarez, Taylor Garon, Charlie Highers, Carolyn Hudson, Wendy Kent, Corey Koster, Orion Landingham, Nicole Lane, Matt McKinley, Michael Obrigewitch, Edward Owens, Kasea Peters, Jared Porra, Rebekah Pruett, Joshua Stubblefield, Curtis Sullivan, Joe Townsend, Sarah Ward, Thomas Wichman, Joey Wilson, and Sarah Witkos.

9th grade: A.J. Aguilar, Jon Allen, Ryan Burns, Morgan Canales, Joel Dodd, Sam Griffith, Haley Johnson, Melissa Molyneux, Teresa Riker, Shelby Rose, Matt Ruff, Spencer Steelman, Brannon Tolbert, Ashten Willis, Dion Wright, and Jacob York.

10th grade: Jeff Bray, Aaron Cain, Josiah Duffey, Howie Henninger, Rebecca Johns, Scott Listak, Jessica Maney, Joseph Paggeot, Christopher

Sandlin, Corrie Sober, John Tyre, and Ashley Weaver.

11th grade: Josh Allen, Lindsey Beno, Amanda Bryan, Mark Chasteen, Tyler Corder, Chris Hinson, Sil Lo Jin, Yun Ho John, Anna Keipert, Jamie Kim, Darrin Lyon, Elizabeth McMahon, Noah Mosley, Willy Russo, and Fonda Smith.

12th grade: David Blackmon, Julie Gomez, Steven Griffith, Abi Hoskins, Katie Hudson, Helen Jang, Rebeka Larson, Jenelle LeMieux, Katie Miller, Joshua Molyneux, Korie Schaeffler, Troy Speegle, P.T. Tidwell, and Emily Travers.

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The following Meigs Middle School students recently won awards in the Northwest Florida Fair Fine Arts Show: 1st place, **Keenan Harvis**, "Egyptian Canopic Jars;" 3rd place, **Kelsey Drew**, "Nibley's Diner;" honorable mention, **Keenan Harvis**, "Freedom's Journey."

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Twenty-three students from Meigs Middle School participated in the Okaloosa All-County Honor Choir concert held recently at OWC. The final song of the concert, "From Sea to Shining Sea," was sung by a combined 300 voice choir.

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Congratulations to the 24 Niceville singers who have earned positions in the 2008 Florida All-State Chorus:

Reading Chorus: Erin Welch, Justin Koch, Jarrod Tredway, Melissa Whitworth

Concert Chorus: Autumn Francis, Edanette Marquez, Lauralee Buchanan, Mary Alice Teague, Caleb Coatsworth, Ryan Smith, William Kortbein, Brad Morse, A.J. Patel

Women's Chorus: Jessica Wise, Stephanie Moore, Deborah Barnette

Men's Chorus: Nick Harvey, Garrett Freshwater, Colton Schniepp, T.J. Van Dam, Jordan Francis, Brandon Bubel, Ben Patel, James Theisen

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The following Rocky Bayou Christian School students earned First Honors for their first quarter report cards by having an average of 94.5 - 100:

7th grade: Christy Allen, Cody Craine, Brandon Ferrell, Elizabeth Gadzinski, Megan Gallagher, Laura Herndon, B.J. Jackson, Shiloh Johns, Rachel Johnson, Joshua Killingsworth, Chris Listak, Darla Lyon, Kimberly McMahon, La'Flieria Robinson, Timothy Sung, and Savannah West.

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Maintenance

By: Bill Hudson, Joe Townsend, and Becca Brown

The school has done a lot of improvements in the past couple years. This includes the renovation of the gym, the new beautification of the school, and the new intercom system that we got last year. We decided to talk to Mrs. Acree and Mr. Foster, and to interview students to find out what they think of the changes, and what they would like to see done in the future.

The new bus routing system is kind of confusing. Why did we need a new bus routing system? Is the new one more efficient? According to teachers, the main reason is that letting the bus students out earlier is safer for both the parents and car riders who are on campus driving around and for the students.

So far the school has gone a long way toward

beautification. Even though the only pretty spot at our school is the grassy area beside the academy building. The school still looks good though. Most of the students think that the area beside the academy should be done to the whole school. This



is part of the plan for the future.

The parking lot got a lot of comments. The main problem is the parking bumpers. Overall there are 39 yellow bumpers, 40 gray bumpers, 27 black bumpers and 3 blue bumpers (handicapped bumpers). One student says there aren't enough gray bumpers,

but only because he is gray-yellow colorblind. Most students say there are not enough yellow bumpers, but the teachers are saying that there need to be more gray bumpers. Others say the school should remove the black bumpers.

Students also want the gravel to go and to pave the area where the gravel was. The stop signs are also a controversial topic. Some say that there are too many for the size of this school. But in talking with Mrs. Acree, the reasons for the stop signs are to protect the crosswalks and slow traffic.

Hopefully, everyone has noticed the improvements to the gym. The offices on the side are a big hit. Some of it is storage for

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Thanksgiving and Its Meaning

By: Brannon Tolbert and John Stevenson

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. It is filled with feasting and reunion of family members, but that is not the true reason we celebrate it. Thanksgiving is also a time of thanks for the things God delivered to the Pilgrims. Although we don't just give thanks for the things in the past, we should also celebrate

Thanksgiving for the things God does for us in the present. As it says in Ephesians 5:20, "And you will always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God supplies us with the things we need to get by, and in return, we should give thanks for

His provision for us and supervision over us.

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks to the Lord, but it shouldn't be the only time to give thanks to God. We as His servants should be willing to give thanks every day, because God does more for us than we can even imagine.

Ladies' Varsity Soccer

By: Kyle Phieffer, Will Bowers, and Matt Glenn

This years ladies varsity soccer is up and running. The coaches are Mr. Alldredge and Dr. Donahue. This year's captains are Muffin Kaim, Korie Schaeffler and Katie Miller. The first game was November 3 against Rutherford High School 0-2 (loss). Even though the girls had a rough first game after that nothing has seemed to stop them. The leading scorers are Katie Kaim and Ashley Weaver. The goalies are Shannon Donahue and

Jamie Williams. The team's strengths are how they work together and how they get along. What they like about the season is playing the sport they love and going on the crazy trips.

- Nov. 3—Rutherford High, 0-2
- Nov. 5—Port St. Joe, 4-0
- Nov. 8—East Hill, 8-0
- Nov. 9—Maclay, 0-6

- Nov. 12—Choctawhatchee, 0-4
- Nov. 13—Bozeman, 4-0
- Nov. 15—South Walton, 2-0
- Nov. 26—East Hill, 8-0
- Nov. 27—Sneed's High, 7-0
- Nov. 30—Pensacola Catholic, 1-0

Maintenance (cont'd)

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athletics and for band and the workout room.

We also had some opinions given of what could be added to the gym. One student said that he thought it would be neat to get new bleachers to replace the old ones. The school does have plans to

replace the bleachers that we have in there right now. While doing that, we have heard that the school wants to extend the basketball court.

Another student said she wanted to see more color because it would make the gym a more attractive building. To respond to this student, we have heard that there are plans to add more color to the

gym's walls. In summary, there have been a lot of improvements, but we still have a ways to go and students don't always know the reasons why things are done or not done. We hope that this article has helped you to know what other students and teachers think about the gym, bus routing system, beautification, and the parking lot.

MYSTERY STAFFBO!!!

By: Rebecca Johns

This is this edition's Mystery Staffbo's second year to work here. He chose to work here because he likes to teach. Some of his previous jobs include missionary piloting and engineering.

He attended and graduated from Southern Durham High School, in North Carolina. Staffbo was born in Texas. His

favorite sport is football, but he does not play it anymore. Staffbo's favorite high school memory is graduating. His favorite book is the Bible. Staffbo says that he owns four pets—a dog and three children. He also owns a historical artifact who happens to be his great grandfather. Ha Ha! Staffbo's favorite holiday is

Christmas and his favorite movie is *It's a Wonderful Life*. His favorite fast food restaurant is Whataburger. Staffbo's hobbies include reading and spending time with his family. A random interesting fact about Staffbo is that he has lived with Indians. Now isn't that amazing?

Holiday Photo Contest

Do you have a special fall/winter holiday photo from Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc. that you think is the BEST photo you have ever taken? Then enter the Rocky Bayou Christian School Holiday Photo Contest! Turn your entry in to the Advice Box in the Academy office by December 12, 2007. The top five photos will be published in the next issue and the top three will win a special prize!

Here are the rules:

1. No Inappropriate Photos.
2. Photos Must be original.
3. If your photo has people in it, ask permission from them and have them sign their signature before submitting a photo of them to the newspaper. (Exception: unidentifiable people)

Submit your photo with your name and grade on the back of photo or on an attached sheet of paper. If you want your photo returned, write on the same sheet of paper that you want it returned.



STUDENT COUNCIL

By: John Stevenson

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School Advice

by Joey Wilson and Jess

Do you need advice or you have a problem? The school newspaper advice team NEED something to write about. The school advice/photo contest box is easy to get to. All you have to do is go to the Academy Office, take a left, and under the counter there is a shelf. To the right on the top is the Newspaper Box.



You Need Advice NOW!!!!

Chess Club

If you're a chess master or an amateur wanting to learn this exciting game of skill and excitement, join the RBCS Chess Club! It's FREE and meets Monday through



Friday in Mr. Allen's room during lunch! Once you're a member, daily attendance is not required, but it is recommended that you come at least once a week. Our friendly members are always ready to play new people and teach them how to play chess.

Videogame Review

By: Alex Crocker

"Pokemon Diamond and Pearl"

Pokemon Diamond and Pearl are perfect additions to any Pokemon fan's game collection. First, it is the first Pokemon game to support Nintendo Wi-fi Connection, which makes it possible to trade and battle Pokemon with any Diamond or Pearl owner in the world. Also, there are over one hundred ALL-NEW Pokemon as well as hundreds of old Pokemon from previous games in the series.

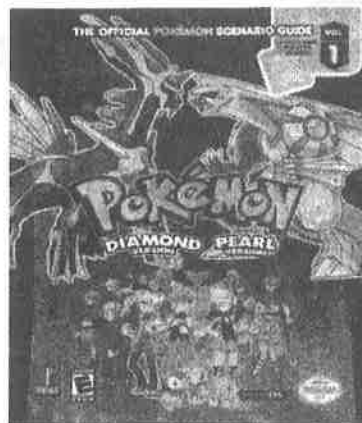
Some Pokemon, new and old, can only be found in the Pearl version. In order to catch all the Pokemon and complete the Pokedex, trading with the opposite version is necessary.

Another new feature of the game is the handy Poketech. Throughout the game, one receives new Poketech applications such as a pedometer, a memo pad, a timer, a Day-Care Checker for checking on

the status of one's Pokemon in the day-care, and many others.

The storyline follows the adventures of a young Pokemon trainer from Twinleaf Town on a quest for Professor Rowan. The quest is to capture all the Pokemon that inhabit the Sinnoh region, including the legendary Pokemon:

Dialga for Diamond and Palkia for Pearl. On one's journey, one will battle hundreds of trainers, eight gyms, and Team Galactic. Team Galactic is similar to Team Rocket in Pokemon Gold and Silver! Their credo is "Everything belongs to Team Galactic!"



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Mystery Students

Daphne

Daphne is in the 9th grade and has been going to RBCS two years. Daphne's favorite holiday is Christmas. Daphne would like a nice expensive purse. Her favorite mythical creature is the Pegasus. However her favorite classical Disney character is Cinderella. Daphne's favorite hobby is riding horses, and she would want to go to Fiji. Daphne's favorite dessert is cheesecake, and she would want a Porsche. She has been to Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, and Italy. Who is "Daphne"?



Fred

Fred has been going to RBCS for three years and is in 10th grade. His favorite holiday is Christmas. If Fred could wish for any object in the world it would be money. His favorite classical Disney character is Tigger. His favorite mythical creatures are dragons. Fred's favorite hobby is playing video games. Fred would want to go to Hawaii. Fred's favorite dessert is chocolate; however, he prefers a Lamborghini to the Mystery Machine. Fred has been to North Carolina. Who is "Fred"?



Grandparents Day and Fall Festival

By: Teresa Riker and Susan Centanni

Grandparents Day and the Fall Festival took place October 12, and started with the joyful reunions of grandchildren and grandparents. The grandparents were then given a campus tour and visited each class to experience a day of their grandchild's life at school. After they finished their tour, they then headed toward the gym where the jazz band made an impressive performance during last period. After the short day and the splendid memories, the heroic senior citizens of America headed back to their comfy classical-styled home or to the Fall Festival.

After Grandparent's Day, the festivities for the Fall Festival began. We had horse-back riding, food stands, an inflated castle, a cake walk, a water balloon sling at the band section leader, and spray color for hair. The marching band also performed West Side Story. One student said, "It was cool!" Next year make sure to make plans for the hardcore fall fest! THAT'S WHAT'S UP!!!!



It looks like someone is enjoying the bouncy trampoline!!! (above)

Ride em' Cowgirl! (left)

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School Advice

by Joey Wilson and Jess

Do you need advice or you have a problem? The school newspaper advice team NEED something to write about. The school advice/photo contest box is easy to get to. All you have to do is go to the Academy Office, take a left, and under the counter there is a shelf. To the right on the top is the Newspaper Box.



You Need Advice NOW!!!!

Chess Club

If you're a chess master or an amateur wanting to learn this exciting game of skill and excitement, join the RBCS Chess Club! It's FREE and meets Monday through



Friday in Mr. Allen's room during lunch! Once you're a member, daily attendance is not required, but it is recommended that you come at least once a week. Our friendly members are always ready to play new people and teach them how to play chess.

Videogame Review

By: Alex Crocker

"Pokemon Diamond and Pearl"

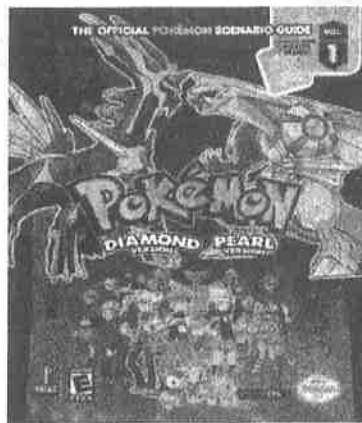
Pokemon Diamond and Pearl are perfect additions to any Pokemon fan's game collection. First, it is the first Pokemon game to support Nintendo Wi-fi Connection, which makes it possible to trade and battle Pokemon with any Diamond or Pearl owner in the world. Also, there are over one hundred ALL-NEW Pokemon as well as hundreds of old Pokemon from previous games in the series.

Some Pokemon, new and old, can only be found in the Pearl version. In order to catch all the Pokemon and complete the Pokedex, trading with the opposite version is necessary.

Another new feature of the game is the handy Poketech. Throughout the game, one receives new Poketech applications such as a pedometer, a memo pad, a timer, a Day-Care Checker for checking on the status of one's Pokemon in the day-care, and many others.

The storyline follows the adventures of a young Pokemon trainer from Twinleaf Town on a quest for Professor Rowan. The quest is to capture all the Pokemon that inhabit the Sinnoh region, including the legendary Pokemon:

Dialga for Diamond and Palkia for Pearl. On one's journey, one will battle hundreds of trainers, eight gyms, and Team Galactic. Team Galactic is similar to Team Rocket in Pokemon Gold and Silver! Their credo is "Everything belongs to Team Galactic!"



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"See You at the Pole"—A brief history

By: Mark Chasteen

"A small group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas came together for a DiscipleNow weekend in early 1990. They came seeking God. Little did they know how powerfully God was about to move. On Saturday night God penetrated their hearts like never before. The students were broken before God and burdened for their friends. Compelled to pray, they drove to three different schools that night. Not knowing exactly what to do, they went to the school flagpoles and prayed for their friends, schools, and leaders. Those students had no idea how God would use their obedience.

God used what He did among those teenagers and others who were holding similar prayer meetings at their schools to birth a vision in the hearts of youth leaders across Texas. The vision was that students throughout Texas would follow these examples and meet at their school flagpoles to pray simultaneously. The challenge was named See You at the Pole™ at an early brainstorming session. The vision was shared with 20,000 students in June 1990 at Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas.

Only God had envisioned how many students would step up to the challenge. At 7:00 a.m. on September 12, 1990, more than 45,000 teenagers met at school flagpoles in four different states to pray before the start of school.

A few months later a group of youth ministers from all over the country gathered together for a national conference in Colorado. Many of them reported that their students had heard about the prayer movement in Texas and were equally burdened for their schools. No other events had been planned, but it was clear that students across the country would be creating their own national day of student prayer. There was no stopping them.



On September 11, 1991, at 7:00 a.m., one million students gathered at school flagpoles all over the country. From Boston, Massachusetts, to Los Angeles, California, students came together to pray. Some sang, some read Scripture, but most importantly,

they prayed. Like those first students, they prayed for their schools, for their friends, for their leaders, and for their country.

As in all great movements of prayer, See You at the Pole™ did not begin in the hearts of people. It began in the heart of God. God used the obedience of a small group of teenagers to ignite what has become an international movement of prayer among young people.

Since 1991, See You at the Pole™ has grown to God-sized proportions. Within only a couple of years, students were praying in several countries around the world. Now, more than 3 million students from all 50 states participate in SYATP. Students in more than 20 countries take part. In places like Canada, Guam, Korea, Japan, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast, students are responding to God and taking seriously the challenge to pray.

God is continuing to call His people to repentance and prayer. Countless inspiring testimonies of how He has used See You at the Pole™ to bring students to Christ and to change lives affirm God's power to answer those who cry out to Him in humble dependence. Bible clubs, weekly prayer meetings, and other ministries have begun on campuses where students participated in SYATP."

<http://www.syatp.com/info/history/index.html>

Videogame Review (cont'd)

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Some people have in the past voiced concerns about anti-biblical messages on the topic of Pokemon. I didn't find any in this game, just a classic good against evil battle. Like the T.V. show, the games have good

trainers trying to overcome evil ones, such as Team Rocket.

In conclusion, Pokemon Diamond and Pearl for the Nintendo DS is an excellent game for every Pokemon fan!

This is my score for Pokemon Diamond and Pearl: (It is on a scale of 1-10, 10 is the best possible score)

Gameplay/Storyline: 8
Sound/Music: 7
Ingenuity: 10
DS to DS Multiplayer: 9
Wi-fi: 7
Total Rating: 8.2

Elementary Choir 5th & 6th Grades

Jared Anderson
Dallas Banks
Jalen Brown
Summer Bunch
Stephanie Burkett
Rachel Duvall
Anastacia Elliott
Kelly Hanning
Zackary Huffman
Cody Jenkins
Dominique Johnson

Parker Lewis-Stepp
Fletcher Logan
Joshua Lohmann
Christopher Matthews
Richard Moore
Nina Nelson
Casey Orr
Jalyn Parker
Caleb Pearson
Dayton Pogue
Leslie Potter

Regan Rountree
Billy Sager
Mariah Stanley
Parker Stewart
Benjamin Vigil
April Villar
Lacy Villar
Dane Wagner
Michael Warner
Jonathan Wiedenbeck
Kyle Wilson

Junior High Choir 7th & 8th Grades

Jonathan Anderson
Justin Anderson
Andrew Beno
Mikayla Berner
Chardae Brazzell
Susan Centanni
Cammie Cruce
Adam Downing
Elana Eckenrode
Brandon Ferrell
Naldi Fonseca
Colin Frazier
Elizabeth Gadzinski
BJ Jackson

Emily Johnpeer
Devon Johns
Shiloh Johns
Rachel Johnson
Kandace Jolly
Steven Landrum
Nikki Lane
Alice Levi
Kaysee Lohmann
Darla Lyon
Megan Maruyama
Kimberly McMahon
Rachel Mosley
Josh Motter

Katie Olney
Eddie Owens, III
Jennifer Paskell
Julia Peacock
Ben Phillips
Peyton Preston
Shelby Rose
Adam Schutter
Christiana Serban
Kristin Smith
Audrey Stevens
Tiffany Wagner
Savannah West
Tommy Wichman
Wayne Wilson

Chamber Choir 9th-12th Grades

Sarah Barnick*
Seong Kyu Cho
Jin Sil Choi
Richard Ellis
Kelly Fox*
Grace Given*
Hope Given*
Jessica Graham

Steven Griffith*
Katie Hudson*
Helen Jang*
Luke Jolly
Jamie Kim*
Irene Kim*
Jessica Maney*
Natalie Masone*

Melissa Molyneux*
Shannon Mosley
Jennifer Oelschlager*
Joseph Sung
PT Tidwell
Emily Wilson*
Mina Yu*
Amanda Zook*

*All-County Choir Participants

*Rocky Bayou Christian School's
Choral Department Presents:*

The 2007 Fall Concert



"An Evening of Song"

*Featuring the Elementary, Junior High,
and Chamber Choirs*

*Mrs. Jessica Leese- Director
Mr. Lee Kohler- Piano*

Introduction.....	David Hawkins
Invocation.....	Dr. Erik Stoer
	<i>Board Member</i>
Emcee.....	Rochelle Brown

Elementary Choir

America, Of Thee I Sing.....Donnelly/Strid

A Shaker Celebration.....Becki Slagle Mayo

Hallelujah, Get on Board!.....arr. Dillworth

* Dona Nobis Pacem.....arr. Hal Hopson

* Were You There on That Christmas Night?
.....Natalie Sleeth

Trio: Nina Nelson, Jalyn Parker, and Parker Lewis-Stepp

Junior High Choir

Come and Sing!.....	Robert Lau
Pie Jesu.....	Greg Gilpin
Why We Sing.....	Greg Gilpin
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel.....	arr. Roger Emerson
* Come Now is the Time to Worship/ Oh Come All Ye Faithful.....	arr. Craig Adams

Offertory

Dr. Mike Mosley.....Lee Kohler
Academy Principal Piano
Prayer

Chamber Choir

He Is Exalted.....Twila Paris

In Remembrance.....Courtney/Red

Sing Me to Heaven.....Daniel E. Gawthrop

He Never Failed Me Yet.....Robert Ray
Soloists: Seong Kyu Cho, Jamie Kim, and Kelly Fox

* Carol of the Bells.....Leontovich/Wilhousky

* Let There Be Peace on Earth
.....Miller/Jackson/Hayes
Chamber Choir Ladies.....Joseph Sung- Piano

* Domine Fili Unigenite.....Vivaldi's *Gloria*

The Lord Bless You and Keep You.....Peter Lutkin

Closing Remarks.....Mr. Donald Larson
Superintendent

Special thanks to St. Paul Lutheran Church and Mr. David Hawkins for hosting us, Rochelle Brown for narrating our evening, to all the parents, faculty, and staff of RBCS for their support, and finally to the students for their hard work in preparing for this evening of song.

"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—I, whom you have redeemed."

Psalm 71:23

* Christmas Selections

SPORTS

Wednesday, December 5, 2007



Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Nowhere to run

An East Hill player is hemmed in by Rocky Bayou Christian School cagers Taylor Peacock (44), James Kaim (14) and Noah Mosley during their game Friday at Rocky Bayou. The game was tied, 44-44, with about a minute to play, but East Hill won, 50-45, on the strength of several free throws.

Twin City pupils are Place high again in national competition

By Stacie Morgan
Beacon Staff Writer

Five Twin Cities area schools participated in the fall Knowledge Masters Open and scored in the top 15 in the state.

Knowledge Masters is a semiannual computer-based academic competition which allows students to compete without leaving their own schools.

At the secondary level (middle through high school) the teams are required to quickly and accurately answer a series of 200 multiple-

choice questions in 15 subject areas, with a time limit of 29 seconds per question. The quicker a team answers the question, the

more points it can earn. Communication among team members is encouraged, though answers must be given without the help of coaches or audience members.

Niceville High School placed number three in the state in the high school division. The team earned a score of 1473, ranking an overall 88 out of 748 schools worldwide.

Esther Hsiang, a senior at Niceville High and the team's keyboardist, said, "I think we worked together pretty well, even though I didn't think we did as good as other times in the past, so I was pleasantly surprised (with the ranking)." Hsiang, who lives in Destin, has been participating in Knowledge

Masters competitions since fifth grade.

Rocky Bayou Christian School (RBCS) had a 15-member team of mostly sophomores

Team members, B-4

and juniors. The group finished 14th in the state with a score of 1,267, placing the school at 298 out of the 748 schools internationally.

"I think we did really well for a small school with a young

say a word! This is the essence of teamwork. They have to work well as a team. They did absolutely wonderful."

Sullivan said her team has a bit of trouble with the current events and government categories.

"Those categories trip them up every time. I have to tell them, 'Y'all go home and read the paper, watch the news.' But they always do well in science."

Destin Middle School placed sixth in the state with a score of

1,257 and was ranked 264th out of the 711 participating middle schools.

Sage Mallory, Destin's varsity Knowledge Masters coach,

-Lewis coach Caroline Sullivan

team," said RBCS Knowledge Masters Coach Julie Mosley. "I'm very pleased with them, though I anticipate them doing much better in the spring competition. We also want to congratulate Niceville High for the job they did."

In the middle school division (grades 7-9) four other area schools, in addition to RBCS, scored in the top 15 with Lewis Middle School ranked fourth in the state and 233rd worldwide. The eight-member team's finishing score was 1,280. Seven hundred eleven middle schools participated overall.

"The competition is very intense," said Lewis Coach Caroline Sullivan. "I just about lost my mind. It's such a high stress thing and teachers can't

said, "I'm proud of them. Some of the kids had never done Knowledge Masters before. Considering the inexperience, they did a good job."

Ruckel Middle School found itself at eighth in the nation with a score of 1,234 and ranked 299th of the 711.

"We worked very well as a team," said Ruckel Coach Jennifer Van De Voorde. "They always amaze me at how smart they are. They had a fun time doing it. We're looking forward to competing in the spring."

Rocky Bayou School's junior varsity team finished the competition with a score of 1,121 earning them the honor of placing 14th in the state and ranking 452 worldwide.

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Knowledge Masters

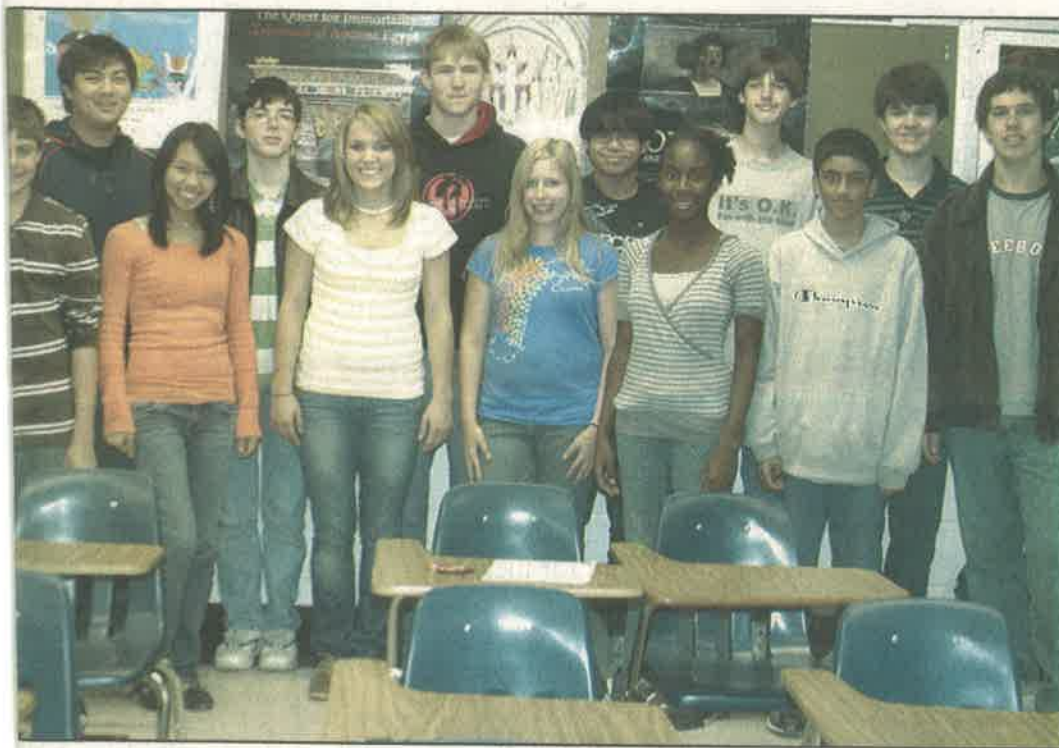


Photo special to the Beacon

Beacon High's third place Knowledge Masters team is, from left, front row: Matt Demma, Esther Foy, Lauren Foy, Sarah Hooper, Rhamah Norris, Shreyans Patel and William Kortbein; back row, Ethan LeMoel, Will Karcher, Justin Chisholm, Jeremy Hsiang, Christian Cook and Chase Cloutier.

Are you a knowledge master?

BEACONSPORTS

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Wednesday, December 26, 2007



Strong effort falls short

The Rocky Bayou Christian School Knights mens basketball team dropped a game to Freeport Thursday, 74-47, but the game wasn't without its high points and acrobatics. At left, P.T. Tidwell goes up for a layup. Center, Taylor Peacock gives it his all as he tries to block a Freeport shot. Right, Noah Mosley finishes a court-long drive to the basket as Tyler Corder rushes in for a possible rebound.

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Beacon photos by Sarah Clauson

● **Floral 61, Rocky Bayou Christian 49:** Rocky Bayou Christian was outscored 19-6 in the second quarter and that was enough to keep the Knights from adding another win.

Noah Mosley led the Knights with 15 points, while P.T. Tidwell scored 10.

Late Friday, RBCS lost 48-31 to host Pleasant Home. Tyler Corder and Mosley each had

seven points in the loss.

The Knights (2-9) host Es-cambia Charter on Thursday.

RBCS	13 6 15 15—49
Floral	15 19 17 10—61

RBCS (49)

P.T. Tidwell 10, James Kaim 7, Tyler Corder 8, Noah Mosley 15, Ryan Burns 2, Will Randall 7, Totals 15 2 13-23 49

FLORALA (61)

Chambers 2, Mulkey 6, Hinson 3, Bass 19, Fleming 5, Carson 19, Moore 7, Totals 20 5 6-14 61

Beginning Band

‡Allen, Joseph
Bowman, Jennifer
Bryant, Josh
Burden, Grant
Cortese, Justine
Derosier, Alex
Dijkhuizen, Sebastian
‡Esses, Cameron
Fanale, Sarah
Fawaz, Grant
Flowers, John
‡Glenn, Sam
Gunn, Jessica
Howell, Evan
‡Hudson, Laura
Jenkins, Cody
Jones, Chris
Keipert, Andy
Knie, Trevor
‡Lawrence, Caleb
Linder, Douglas
Lorenz, Olivia
McCullough, Logan
‡McIntosh, Madeline
Miles, Brayton
Oas, Aleah
Overholt, Ariel
Pate, Michael
Ritenour, Julie
Smith, Jason
‡Stoner, Hannah
‡Sung, James
Traxler, Haleigh
Walker, Morgan
Walton, Eelan
Williams, Samuel
Wilson, Tyler
‡Yun, Christian
Zapata, Craig

Jr. High Concert Band

‡Allen, Christy
Berryman, Brad
Boothe, Brittany
Bowman, John
Burgett, Courtney
Craine, Cody
Davis, Mackenzie
Dillion, Taylor
Dunn, Brittany
Frazier, Njera
Gallagher, Megan
Glenn, Matthew
Gynn, Brandon
Hannay, Thomas
Hoskins, Joshua
Jarrell, Joshua
‡Jenkins, Tanner
Jenkins, Ty
Keicher, Chloe
Kellum, Caitlin

Killingsworth, Joshua
Kirkpatrick, Drew
‡Knie, Jessica
Koster, Katherine
Landingham, Orion
LaNeve, Anna
Lawrence, Jalen
Linder, Dale
‡Listak, Christopher
Lusk, Harrison
Lynch, Conner
Maranon, Victor
Maxwell, Kristen
McCullough, Nathan
McIlhenny, Micah
Paskell, Tyler
Peters, Kasea
Pippins, Matthew
‡Porrata, Jared
Robinson, La'Fliera
Rogers, Jason
Sadler, Caleb
Sasser, Dayna
Schatz, Brent
Starr, Richard
Stovall, Christopher
‡Stubblefield, Joshua
Sullivan, Curtis
+Sung, Timothy
Thomas, Caleb
Turner, Joshua
Ward, Sarah
Whalen, Brian
Whitaker, Sydney
Williams, Jr., Dwight
Wilson, Brian
Witkos, Sarah
Zach, Tyler
Zimmerman, Fabienne

Symphonic Band

‡Allen, Glory
‡Allen, Halal
*‡Bailey, Jared
*Berryman, Brittany
Bowers, Daniel
Brown, Rebecca
Burgess, Hayley
Burns, Ryan
‡Caine, Kayla
Cassady, Elizabeth
Delgado, Hector
Dempsey, Lauren
Denney, Whitney
Farrell, Stephen
Griffith, Sam
‡Griffith, Steven
Guthrie, Lewis
Hannay, Ashley
Hawn, Nathaniel
Helms, Christian
‡Hoskins, Abi

Hudson, Caitlin
Johnson, Charlie
‡Keicher, Kristian
Keipert, Anna Lisa
Kent, Emily
Kent, Wendy
+Kometer, Marla
‡Larson, Rebeka
‡Lederman, Evan
Long, Alan
Lorenz, Kathryn
Lynch, Sarah
*‡Lyon, Darrin
Maney, Jessica
Marshall, Steven
McKinley, Matthew
Moore, Hannah
‡Paskell, Bradley
Patrick, Melissa
Ruff, Matthew
Sandlin, Kit
Schilling, Matthew
Sober, Corrie
+Sober, Elizabeth
+Stoner, Grace
Sung, Joseph
Thomasos, Chanel
Townsend, Joseph
Tyre, John
Tyre, Olivia
Waldron, Sharon
Walton, Kendall
West, Jake
Wills, Steven
Wright, Dion
*Zook, Josh

Jazz Ensemble

Allen, Halal
Autry, Caitlin
Bailey, Jared
Berryman, Brittany
Caine, Kayla
Cassady, Elizabeth
Ferrell, Stephen
Given, Hope
Helms, Christian
Larson, Rebeka
Lederman, Evan
Lyon, Darrin
Maraist, Tyler
Marshall, Steven
Paskell, Bradley
Sandlin, Kit
Schilling, Matthew
Sober, Corrie
Sung, Joseph
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+ = Middle School All-County
* = High School All-County
‡ = 1st Principal Chair

Rocky Bayou Christian School Music Department
presents:

A Christmas Celebration

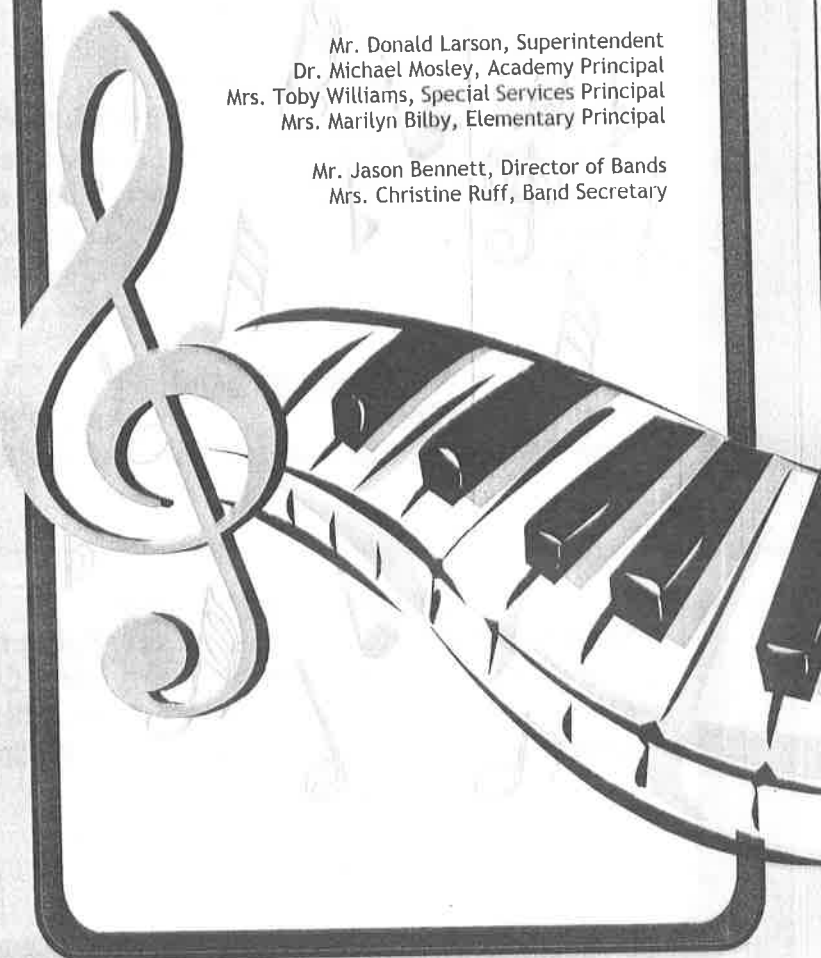
Saturday, December 15, 2007

6:30 P.M.

Niceville High School Auditorium

Mr. Donald Larson, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Mosley, Academy Principal
Mrs. Toby Williams, Special Services Principal
Mrs. Marilyn Bilby, Elementary Principal

Mr. Jason Bennett, Director of Bands
Mrs. Christine Ruff, Band Secretary



Opening Introduction Mrs. Rochelle Brown
Opening Prayer Dr. Robert Grete

Introduction Mrs. Rochelle Brown

Jazz Ensemble

*The Bone Yard Erik Morales
*God Bless' The Child arr. Sammy Nestico
*Sing, Sing, Sing arr. Mike Lewis
Winter Wonderland arr. Jack Cooper
Rudolph arr. Chris Sharp

Beginning Band

First Holiday Concert arr. John O'Reilly
First Winter's Sleigh Ride . . . arr. John O'Reilly

Jr. High Concert Band

Sounds of Joy arr. Ralph Ford
The Simple Gifts of Christmas . arr. Larry Clark
Christmas Spectacular arr. Mark Williams
African Bell Carol arr. Robert W. Smith

Offertory Prayer Dr. Erik Stoer

Symphonic Band

Salvation Is Created Bruce Houseknecht
March: The Lion's Gate Ralph Ford
Inglesina David Cese
*The Circus Bee Henry Fillmore
*October Eric Whitacre
*Symphonic Dance No. 3 Clifton Williams
A Christmas Festival arr. Leroy Anderson

Closing Remarks/Prayer Mr. Donald Larson

(* = musical selections to be performed at the AT&T Cotton Bowl Music Festival in Dallas, TX.)

Psalm 150

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty firmament!
Praise Him for His mighty acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise Him with the lute and harp!
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with crashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!*

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Wednesday, December 26, 2007

Play a Bowl of Cotton

RBCS band heading for Dallas

By Stacie Morgan

Beacon Staff Writer

When people hear "Cotton Bowl," they usually think of football. But the band members of Rocky Bayou Christian School think about hours of marching and practicing, and free time given to bagging groceries and selling coupons door to door.

The band will board buses Friday for Dallas and the nationally-televised bowl game on FOX television. The parade will be regionally televised in the southwest. They'll perform in both events next week.

The 77-member band has been preparing for these two special days for about seven months. Two months after the invitation came to perform, the work began with practices, enlisting of chaperones, preparing uniforms, and fundraising.

The hardest part of the preparations was the rehearsals, including local parade performances, said Band Director Jason Bennett. "We participated in four Christmas parades," he said—Niceville, Fort Walton Beach,

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Beacon photo by Stacie Morgan

Bill Hudson, mellophone player for the Rocky Bayou Christian School Marching Knights, practices Thursday for the band's trip to the Cotton Bowl. The 77-member band will board buses for Dallas later this week.

BAND

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Crestview, and Pensacola.

"All the practices" were what piccolo player Abi Hoskins, recalled as being the most difficult part of the trip preparation. "It really takes a lot of time and dedication. You have to realize that your own performance or not showing up to practice affects the

rest of the band," said Abi, a senior.

Although the group is thrilled to be included as one of 20 bands invited, no one knows who sent a letter of recommendation to Cotton Bowl coordinators.

"When I got the invitation in April," said Bennett, "at first I thought it was a joke, so I called them just to check. Once they assured me it wasn't a joke I took the invitation to the (school)

administration. We were all overwhelmed that a marching band program only two years old could receive this honor."

Bowl coordinators did require an application and a video of the band's performance.

The how or why of the invitation is not nearly as consequential as the logistics of getting 77 students from Niceville to Dallas, and to come up with things to do when not performing. Bennett

said all accepted band directors were flown to Dallas and given a tour of possible things for the students to do, as well as of the location and order of Cotton Bowl events.

Taking that many students, ranging from grade 6 to grade 12, the 739 miles to Dallas is no small feat.

They'll have 29 adults to keep track of them.

"These kids have gone above and beyond in preparing for this trip," said Christine Ruff, band secretary and mother of drummer Matthew Ruff. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. These kids have put a lot of sweat and hard work into it all."



Christine Ruff

In addition, the jazz and symphonic bands will be participating in a competitive musical festival associated with the Cotton Bowl, said Bennett.

The group will be boarding coach buses leaving at 7 a.m. Friday, and will spend the day on the road. They'll return the night of Jan. 2.

While marching and playing for an audience as well as competing is the main reason the band is going to Dallas, it's not the only thing they plan to do.

Five rehearsals, one competition, one parade march (1.5 miles)

and one bowl show would surely be enough to wear out the average teenager. Even so, a fun trip to Six Flags Over Texas, a Sunday morning church service, a dinner and awards ceremony and a Middle Ages dinner/show at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament are also on the schedule.

"I'm really looking forward to the performances and the sight-seeing," said senior Sharon Waldron. Though the clarinet player also said she's excited about performing with the 19 other bands at half-time during the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Originally the trip was estimated to cost \$50,000, a figure since raised to \$65,000.

"With the cost of gas for two buses and the largest U-Haul we could get, that total went up a bit," said Bennett.

The kids themselves raised \$3,500 in a series of three fundraisers, ranging from bagging groceries to selling coupon books. Another \$2,000 came in by donations. The rest came out of parents' pockets (about \$525 per student).

"I thought bagging groceries was a lot of fun," said Sharon Waldron. "It didn't seem like a chore at all."

Catherine Hannay, mother of



Jason Bennett



Abi Hoskins

band students Ashley and Thomas Hannay said, "It was a lot of money for parents to put out. But this is a great opportunity for our kids. You think about the money, and you don't."

Niceville will be in the college bowl limelight twice on New Year's Day. Niceville High's Golden Eagles Marching Band will walk in the nationally televised Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

Bennett said he's very proud of the Rocky Bayou band's efforts, not only in fundraising but in preparatory practices as well.

"The kids have worked extremely hard, they're very eager for the whole thing," the band director said. "Their patience has been tested, but with every practice they've gotten better."

Although performance may seem to be a logical focal point, Bennett said it's the lessons the kids learn that really count.

"I think they see that through the gifts God has given them he also richly blesses them," Bennett said. "This trip is a blessing—a reward for all their hard work."

Whether the marchers win an award or elicit "ooohs" and "ahhhs" from audience members, it's not adulation that should be a mark of success.

"If they learn anything, it should be humility," Bennett said. He also hopes each student walks away from the

Cotton Bowl experience "with a greater sense of the band family and good memories they can be thankful for, for the rest of their lives."



Sharon Waldron

MARCHING BANDS HEAD TO BOWL PARADES

'Oh, it's so cool'

By RACHEL KYLER

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VIDEO ON THE NET

Niceville High School marching band members tell how excited they are about participating in the Tournament of Roses Parade in California in a video at nwfdailynews.com.



A line of more than 250 Niceville High School students wrapped around Okaloosa Regional Airport on Friday morning.

Wearing matching maroon shirts and jackets, 262 Eagle Pride marching band members and their chaperones were preparing to board a Boeing 747 chartered for the 119th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

"Oh, it's so cool!" yelled sophomore Jordan Blixt as she walked onto the tarmac.

Niceville was one of two local bands traveling to a bowl parade Friday. At the same time, 77 Rocky Bayou Christian School students were en route to the Comerica Bank New Year's Parade and Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

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"It's an opportunity for them that they've never had and they'll never forget," said Rocky Bayou Band Director Jason Bennett.

It won't be all work for the students. Niceville students will visit the San Diego Zoo, see a Broadway musical and have a dinner dance on the Queen Mary. Rocky Bayou students will visit Six Flags over Texas, Medieval Times and Dealey Plaza, where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Niceville ninth-grader Chris Adams, who plays the baritone saxophone, said he is "really excited about being in something famous." But he said he was nervous about being in a new environment.

Sophomore Amanda Pike was also anxious as she waited to check in at the airport. But the Niceville flutist quickly added, "it's going to be a lot of fun and I can't wait to do it."

Niceville sophomore

Angeline Lenz was excited and expected the 7-mile Rose Bowl Parade to be a little tiring.

As a relatively new band program, Rocky Bayou students haven't had opportunities like this before.

"It was kind of astonishing for us to get this invitation. It's only a two-year-old marching program," Bennett said.

Rocky Bayou flutist and piccolo player Jessica Maney said she was "crazily excited." Jessica, who is also the assistant drum major, was a little apprehensive about her first time conducting in front of such a large audience.

"I'm kind of nervous if I mess up," the sophomore said.

Jessica said the students were tired from Friday's early start, but that everyone was "really spastic" on the bus ride.

"It's going to be a blast," she said.

Bowl ambassadors return

Knights top-ranked in Cotton Bowl

By Stacie Morgan
Beacon Staff Writer

Rocky Bayou Christian School's formation marching band is less than two years old, but that didn't hinder its performances at the 72nd AT&T Cotton

Bowl in Dallas and the associated New Year's parade and music festival.

RBCS bands returned home Jan. 2 with seven first-place trophies.

"I was extremely excited and

thrilled for the band," said band director Jason Bennett.

In the Cotton Bowl Classic Music Festival, Rocky Bayou bands placed first in these

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KNIGHTS

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Division 1 competitions: concert band; jazz band; field marching drill (with a performance of tunes from "West Side Story"); and parade band.

RBCS musicians also won Cotton Bowl grand champion awards for their symphonic and jazz band performances.

Evan Lederman, a percussion-

ist in the Rocky Bayou bands, won best overall jazz solo performance.

"I was very excited to win, but I've been excited about the whole trip from day one," said Lederman, a senior from Baker. He said his favorite part of the six-day trip was playing "in front of 70,000 people." The Marching Knights performed with 15 other high school bands from around the nation during shows for the Cotton Bowl crowd Jan. 1.

The drummer, who hopes to



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Rocky Bayou Christian School's marching band performed in mass formation with 15 other high school bands during halftime at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas Jan. 1.

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attend the University of Central Florida and study percussive performing arts, said the most difficult part of performing was working with the other bands with only a day to rehearse in the mass formations that were featured in the Cotton Bowl pregame and half-time shows.

"It's really difficult when you're trying to synchronize with 40 different snare drums," he said.

"I had a good feeling about Evan from the beginning," said Bennett. "I was always taught if you have a smokin' gun in your section, use it. So that's what I did with Evan. I featured him with high hopes of recogni-



Evan Lederman



Steven Griffith

tion, and he didn't let me down."

The competitions and parade marching seemed to rank at the top of the students' "favorites" list.

Steven Griffith and Rebekah Larson, co-captains of the band, agreed on their opinion of performing with high school bands from 11 different states during the bowl's half-time field show.

"It's always fun to play with the band," said Griffith, "but being with other bands was exciting, especially performing on national TV." The euphonium player said the actual competition was "extremely scary. I'm quite a shy person and I had to play a solo but I didn't mess up."

Larson said, "Being with all the bands and working together was great. We all cooperated well. We were very excited to be there. Our results surprised us because we couldn't hear other bands when they performed. We had fun. It's the best trip we've had in long



Jason Bennett

time."

Al Berryman, band booster president, was just as proud of the 77 marchers as their director was.

"I'm very gratified, not only because of the outstanding performances of the RBCS jazz, symphonic, and marching bands, and the many wonderful awards they won, but more importantly, I'm gratified by the way our students conducted themselves throughout the week-long Cotton Bowl festival," Berryman said.

"They were terrific representatives of their families, Rocky Bayou Christian School, and Okaloosa County," Berryman said. "There were 2,500 student musicians performing at the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1, and the RBCS Knights stood as tall as any on the field."

The RBCS concert band program began four years ago. Formation marching began in August 2006. The school has a



Rebekah Larson

beginning band, a junior high band, a high school symphonic band, a marching band, a pep band, and a jazz band.

Band members

RBCS students performing at the Cotton Bowl were:

Christy Allen, Glory Allen, Hael Allen, Yazdel Alvarez, Jared Bailey, Sarah Barnick, Brad Berryman, Brittany Berryman, Daniel Bowers, Rebecca Brown, Hayley Burgess, Ryan Burns, Kayla Caine, Elizabeth Cassidy, Ethan Cornwell, Hector Delgado, Lauren Dempsey, Whitney Denney, Stephen Farrell, Sam Griffith, Steven Griffith, Ashley Hannay, Thomas Hannay, Nathaniel Hawn, Christian Helms, Abi Hoskins, Caitlin Hudson, William Hudson, Tanner Jenkins, Charlie Johnson, Kristian Keicher, Anna Keipert, Wendy Kent, Emily Kent, Drew Kirkpatrick, Maria Kometer, Beka Larson, Evan Lederman, Alan Long, Kathryn Lorenz, Darrin Lyon, Jessica Maney, Matthew Mckinley, Mikayla Berner, Hannah Moore, Jennifer Oelschlager, Bradley Paskell, Tyler Paskell, Laura Pate, Jared Porata, Matthew Ruff, Kit Sandlin, Austin Sasser, Miranda Sasser, Matthew Schilling, Corrie Sober, Elizabeth Sober, Grace Stoner, Joshua Stubblefield, Joseph Sung, Timothy Sung, Caleb Thomas, Chanel Thomasos, Joseph Townsend, John Tyre, Olivia Tyre, Sharon Waldron, Kendall Walton, Sarah Ward, Jake West, Steven Wills, Sarah Witkos, Dion Wright, Josh Zook, Melissa Patrick, Steven Marshall.

Area Prep Baseball CAPSULES

Laurel Hill

Coach: Ronnie Smith
2006 record: 7-13
District: 1-A
District opponents: Paxton, Rocky Bayou, Central, East Hill, Gainer, Escambia Charter
Returning players: P/INF Colby Bridges, P/INF Jon Lyons, INF Jace Smith, OF Austen Stucki, INF Stephen Madden, OF T.J. Jones, OF Joshua Day, OF Will Sherwood
Others to watch: C Ethan Jackson, C Joey Okeema, OF Cory Becker, INF Justin Bailly
Players lost: Max Lyons, Austin Garrett, Cody Becker, Jason Knowles

Niceville

Coach: Kevin Berry
2006 record: 22-4
District: 1-5A
District opponents: Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Choctawhatchee, Pace, Tate
Returning players: Jimmy Boswell, Michael Cunningham, Kyle Ely, Jimmy Nelson, Chris Russano, Tyler Hastings, Patrick Horrell, Matt Hernon, Josh McDorman, Austin Wood
Others to watch: Danny Collins
Players lost: Brenton Goebel, Tyler Phillips, Ryan Chaffee, Matt Mulligan, Nick Belvin, Adam Vafides

Walton

Coach: Terry Cadenhead
2006 record: 10-16 (advanced to regional quarterfinals)
District: 1-3A
District opponents: Pensacola Catholic, Northview, South Walton
Returning players: P/3B Johnathan Thomas, 1B Carl Douglass, C Daniel Bakalo, OF Steven Foreman, SS/OF Xavier Jackson, P/1B Sean Carter, P/OF Dylan Laird, SS Larel Jackson, 2B/OF Sean Allen, OF Isaac Jackson, P/INF Shadler Roehm
Others to watch: P Donnie Hicks, 2B Adrian Hollingsworth, P Derek Roberts, 1B Will Hutchison, P James Towery, 2B/OF Ryan Lamb, OF Colton Campbell, P Jeff Duncan
Players lost: Matt Carter, Phillip Kent, Kendall May

Crestview

Coach: Tim Gillis
2006 record: 23-6 (advanced to regional finals)
District: 1-5A
District opponents: Fort Walton Beach, Niceville, Choctawhatchee, Tate, Pace
Returning players: OF J.L. Thomas, C Kyle Harrington, P Randy McKee, P Josh Stoehr, PF Nick Panasch, 3B Cory Wenrich
Others to watch: SS/C Brett Moore, SS Augie Willis, 1B Brian Davis, 2B Randy Dukes, P/INF Jeremy McLaughlin, OF Thomas Graham, P/OF Wesley Pavlicek, P/INF Nathan Bell, INF Danny Arnette, P/OF David Pyle, P Josh Edwards, P Stefan Curlin, P Brad Speakman, OF Jason Baggett, INF Ryan Jackson
Players lost: Blake Dean, Anthony Brown, Trey Hayes, Chase Jaramillo, Andry Percival, Chris Fulford

Paxton

Coach: Jeff Bradley
2006 record: 17-8 (advanced to regional semifinals)
District: 1-A
District opponents: Laurel Hill, Rocky Bayou, Central, East Hill, Gainer, Escambia Charter
Returning players: 3B Drew Geoghagan, C Josh Golden, OF/P Mikie Jones, OF Timothy Richardson, OF Chaze Russell, P/OF Colby Forehand, P/OF Michael Smith, P/INF Dan Geoghagan, P/INF Brandon Howell, C Landon Thigpen
Others to watch: OF Chris Posten
Players lost: Jeremy Radney, Johnathan Echel

Fort Walton Beach

Coach: Dan Bohannon
2006 record: 10-16
District: 1-5A
District opponents: Choctawhatchee, Niceville, Crestview, Tate, Pace
Returning players: P/OF Curtis Teare, C Dewitt Clark, OF Kyle Warren, INF Josh Hawkins, P/INF Chase Dodson, P/1B Jonathan Jones
Others to watch: Case Cooper,

Jackie Longenecker, Tyler Bailey, Justin Rathke, Chase Harry, Josh Brister, Aaron Miles, David Bazylak, Taylor Waterfield, Jacob Hawkins, Cody Adams, Austin Sullivan, Hunter Forbes
Players lost: Roman Tillman, David Lawson, Kyle Andrews, Jesse Capik, Joseph Carlee, James Uthmeier

Rocky Bayou

Coach: Michael Mosley
2006 record: 17-4 (advanced to regional semifinals)
District: 1-A
District opponents: Laurel Hill, Paxton, Central, East Hill, Gainer, Escambia Charter
Returning players: INF Ben Donahue, P/1B Brian Redman, OF David Blackmon, INF/OF Noah Mosley, INF Joel Nelson, INF Jake Kadamus, INF Shannon Mosley
Others to watch: INF/OF Scott Listak, INF Steve Griffith
Players lost: George Cook, Nate Herman, Ben Tidwell, Brett Rogers

Choctawhatchee

Coach: Andy Snaith
2006 record: 15-11
District: 1-5A
District opponents: Fort Walton Beach, Niceville, Crestview, Tate, Pace
Returning players: P/INF Hunter Brown, INF David Harvell, C Kale Davis, OF Mike Haars, 1B Drew Lord, 3B Jace Blanchard, OF Chris Mills
Others to watch: Matt Brigman, Hunter Campbell, Justin Coppock, Kyle Guthrie, Travis Holland, Taylor Kelley, Chaney McGlockton, D.J. Murray, Tim Murray, Zack Riffer, David Weber
Players lost: Jack Materne, Mike Stanley, Sam Houston, Brad Sasser, Steven Long, Brian Barnhart, Kyle Snedeker, Sean Russell, Kyle Zbydniowski, Caleb Galloway

Baker

Coach: Gary Taylor
2006 record: 8-14 (advance to regional quarterfinals)
District: 1-2A
District opponents: Freeport, Jay,

Pensacola Christian
Returning players: SS Colton Henry, 2B Josh Yost, UTIL Ashton Hale, OF Preston Nixon, P/1B Travis People, OF Sam Salter, P/OF Brian Fieck, P/OF Hunter Dubose
Others to watch: C/P Brandon Henderson, 3B T.J. Oglesby
Players lost: Matt Cawthon, Joe Moore, Frank Owens

Navarre

Coach: Josh McGrew
2006 record: 12-13
District: 1-4A
District opponents: Pine Forest, Pensacola, Escambia, West Florida Tech, Washington, Milton, Woodham, Gulf Breeze
Returning players: P Derrick Sculley, P/INF M.J. Chelette, OF Danny Atwood, C Aaron Sargent
Others to watch: P Joshua Pyeatt, OF Joshua Geffen
Players lost: Josh Terry, Mark Gaudlen

Freeport

Coach: Gene Martin
2006 record: 9-16
District: 1-2A
District opponents: Baker, Jay, Pensacola Christian
Returning players: 1B C.J. Bates, 2B Spencer Martin, P Logan Caudill, SS Drew Farris, SS Josh Rhodes, P Cory Arnquist, P Coty Porter, C Davy Cuchens, OF Derek Fannin, 3B Jameson Henshaw, P Chase Martin, P Aaron Fordham
Others to watch: C Lloyd Anderson, 3B Adam Brush, OF Jamey Goddin

South Walton

Coach: Kevin Cipriani
2006 record: 4-14
District: 1-3A
District opponents: Walton, Northview, Pensacola Catholic
Returning players: 2B Joseph Williamson, OF Josh Cellucci, OF Dion Jones, P/SS Hunter Infinger, C/P Jake Wright, P/INF Billy Burnett
Others to watch: 1B/P Devin Barnett, 3B/P Trevin Tate
Players lost: Zack Patronis, Jason Wells, Carlos Delgadillo

Who's News

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Philip Agostinelli, 201

Niceville, earned a 4.0 GPA last semester at the University of Central Florida, achieving President's List status. He has completed his third year of study in the athletic training career field.

Chrisma J Allen of Niceville, Rocky Bayou graduate of 2006, has been named to the Chancellor's List, by achieving at 4.0 grade point average for spring 2007 at Troy



Chrisma Allen

University. Chrisma is the daughter of **Ray and Rebecca Allen** of Niceville.

Paige Mason graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tulane University in New Orleans on Saturday, May 19, with a B.S.M in business and a minor in French. Paige was an officer of Sigma Delta Tau sorority and spent a semester studying abroad at the MBA Institute in Paris. She was also selected for membership in the prestigious Mortar Board Society.

Paige was a 2003 Niceville High School graduate and will attend the University of Miami Law School in the fall.

WSRE, PBS, has announced



Niceville Exchange Club members Caitlin Ezell and Davey Marcotte.

the local winners of the 13th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest. In first grade, the winner was **Daniel Bobbitt**, Niceville, "The Night My Stuffed Animals Came to Life."

The winners will be recognized during a special ceremony on Friday, June 15, 4 p.m. at the Fort Walton Beach Library.

Members of the Niceville Exchange Club attended the Florida District Exchange Clubs' convention at the Ocala Hilton on May 11, 12 and 13. Two students and their parents were guests of the club and represented the club in the youth competition. **Caitlin Ezell**, a senior at Niceville High, competed in the Girl of the Year competition and **Davey Marcotte**, a senior at

Rocky Bayou Christian School, competed in the A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) competition.

Andrew Johnson of Niceville has been awarded a Chancellor's Scholarship to study at the Honors College of the University of Arkansas. Andrew is a 2007 Top One Percent Honors Graduate of Niceville High School.



Andrew Johnson

Andrew is the son of **Ruben and Janet Johnson** of Niceville. His intended major is engineering.

Local piano students win Mozart competition

From staff reports

On Oct. 22, 2006, Fort Walton Beach was once again treated to the sounds of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at the Fifth Annual Mozart Piano Competition sponsored by Alpha Masonic Lodge No. 172.

The event, held at Play-ground Music Center, Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, featured 35 young local artists from Okaloosa and Walton Counties competing in four age groups.

James Sung, 9, of Niceville took first prize of \$50 in the elementary group playing the Minuet and Trio in G Major. Honorable mention went to Clara Ordner, 10, also of Niceville.

First prize and \$100 for the Junior group went to Alston Weeks, 13, of Niceville with Honorable mentions to Esther Pyon, 13, of Niceville and Taylor Anderson, 11, of Fort Walton Beach. The Junior students played the Moderato in F Major.

For the Intermediate group,

Joseph Sung, 14, from Niceville took first prize and \$200. Honorable mentions went to Andrea Lin, 15, of Fort Walton beach and Heather Caulkins, 15, of Fort Walton Beach. The Intermediate group played the Sonata No. 2 in F Major.

In the Senior Division, David Steadman, 17, of Niceville took

the top prize of \$500 playing the Sonata No. 11 in C Major.

Each year Alpha Masonic Lodge sponsors this contest to promote the fine arts in the community and

to encourage young performers to explore the wonders of classical music for their development and enjoyment.

Mozart was one of the world's most famous Freemasons, and in 2006, we observed the 250th anniversary of his birthday.

Alpha Lodge itself will be celebrating its 100th year of service to the community in January 2008. Members of many well-known families, such as the Marlers, Pryors, Brooks and others, have been members of Alpha Lodge through the years.



DAVID
STEADMAN



JAMES
SUNG

● East Hill 65, Rocky Bayou 61: Rocky Bayou got off to a slow start and fell in the first

round.

Chandler Waits scored 19 and Alex Grote had 10 for Rocky Bayou, which finished 11-13.

East Hill 19 20 13 13—65
Rocky Bayou 9 21 15 16—61
EAST HILL (65)
S. Barriball 10, Ward 5, P. Barriball 12, Esser 18, Carter 2, Shoemaker 2, Sanders 16. Totals 18 2 23-38 65.
ROCKY BAYOU (61)
Alex Grote 10, Lance Williams 7, Chandler Waits 19, Noah Mosley 9, Taylor Peacock 9, Lance Balthazar 2. Totals 20 3 12-18 61.

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Boys basketball

● North Florida Christian 40, Rocky Bayou 36: Alex Grote scored 16 and Lance Williams added 11 as Rocky Bayou dropped its final regular-season game.

The Knights (11-12) face East Hill Christian on Tuesday in the District 1-A tournament.

NFC 9 14 9 8—40
Rocky Bayou 7 8 13 8—36
NFC (40)
Jones 3, McQueen 12, Holmes 2, Parker 4, Griffin 17, Bryant 2. Totals 10 4 8-10 40.
ROCKY BAYOU (36)
Alex Grote 16, P.T. Tidwell 2, Lance Williams 11, Noah Mosley 3, Taylor Peacock 4. Totals 11 3 5-9 36.



RBCS district champs

2/7/07

Photo special to the Beacon

The Rocky Bayou Christian School girl's soccer team were the 1-2A district champs for the fourth year in a row, beating Bozeman, 3-1, Jan. 18. After winning their quarterfinal match against John Paul II, out of Tallahassee, 1-0, they lost to St. John's Country Day, 8-0, at the regional semifinals Jan. 30. Coach Brian Aildredge, in his eighth year as the Lady Knights' coach, said "This is one of the nicest group of girls I've had. I can train them to do certain things, (but) it's them doing it, them adapting to the situation."

Daily News All-Area Girls Soccer Team

Girls Player of the Year – Lauren Halbert, Niceville 3/10/07

Girls Coach of the Year – Michael Denton, Niceville



First class 5A

G- Hannah McLeaish, Niceville
G- Cagney Valloch, Niceville
D- Caitlyn Ezell, Niceville
D- Jennica Hagberg, Niceville
D- Kaci Manion, FWB
D- Suzanne Encardes, Niceville
M- Ronnie Wolfkeil, Niceville
M- Whitley Esteban, Niceville
M- Nicole Yockey, Niceville
M- Stephanie Groves, Choctaw
F- Lauren Halbert, Niceville
F- Breezy Hupp, Choctaw
F- Marleigh Howard, Niceville
F- Jordan Stone, FWB

First class 2A-4A

G- Shannon Donahue, RBCS
G- Brittany Patrick, Navarre
D- Kayla Spurgeon, RBCS
D- Ali Alford, Walton
D- Kori Schaeffler, RBCS
D- Natalie Flemming, RBCS
M- Christin Kaim, RBCS
M- Carmen Perez, Navarre
M- Caroline Peterson, South Walton
M- Gabi DeVries, Navarre
F- Katie Kaim, RBCS
F- Reagan Eastwood, Navarre
F- Kasce Terry, South Walton
F- Brittany Jay, South Walton

Honorable Mention

Choctawhatchee: Kelcy Dennison, Kaitlyn Kutemeyer, Shelby Bush
Crestview: Leigh Hooker, Shannon Missler, Kim Johnston, Lexi Ardisson, Stacy Meyers
Fort Walton Beach: Kelsey Kurth, Chara Barbee
Niceville: Kylie Ochsenreiter, Lauren Foy, Stephanie Sekas, Rebecca Deyerle, Jennifer Felins, Lauren Walker, Kim Hoffstatter

Navarre: Samantha Slaybaugh
Rocky Bayou Christian: Katherine Miller, Hannah Green, Ashley Weaver, Megan Fox
South Walton: Brook Terry, Jessica Monk
Walton: Carmen Offutt, Valerie Hybiske

Compiled by Jared Macarin

Sports

NEW FHSAA DISTRICT ALIGNMENTS

Volleyball

District 1-5A: Niceville, Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, Choctawhatchee, Pace, Tate, Pine Forest, Escambia
District 1-4A: Navarre, Washington, Milton, Pensacola, West Florida Tech, Gulf Breeze
District 1-3A: Walton, South Walton, Northview, Catholic
District 1-2A: Baker, Freeport, Jay, Pensacola Christian, Vernon
District 1-A: Rocky Bayou, Laurel Hill, East Hill, John Paul II (Tallahassee), Munroe (Mount Pleasant)

Basketball

District 1-5A: Niceville, Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, Choctawhatchee, Pace, Tate, Pine Forest, Escambia
District 1-4A: Navarre, Washington, Milton, Pensacola, West Florida Tech, Gulf Breeze
District 1-3A: Walton, South Walton, Northview, Catholic
District 1-2A: Baker, Freeport, Jay, Ponce de Leon, Vernon, Pensacola Christian (Boys)
District 1-A: Rocky Bayou, Laurel Hill, Paxton, East Hill, Central, Gainer (Boys), Escambia Charter (Boys)

Soccer

District 1-5A: Niceville, Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, Choctawhatchee, Pace, Tate, Pine Forest, Escambia
District 1-4A: Navarre, Washington, Milton, Pensacola, West Florida Tech, Gulf Breeze
District 1-3A: Walton, South Walton, Pensacola Catholic, Marianna, Chipley
District 1-2A: Freeport, Bozeman, Port St. Joe, West Gadsden
Fall - District 1-2A: Rocky Bayou, East Hill Christian, First Coast Christian (Jacksonville), Orange Park Christian, Rock (Gainesville)

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departure of Pine Forest and Escambia, coupled with the closing of Woodham, the Raiders' new district now contains six teams in comparison to nine.

"It makes it a little easier on

Navarre boys soccer coach B.J. Price said. "Outside of that, the teams that are there are good. It's still a tough district."

But those were not the only changes.

volleyball and basketball, while Ponce de Leon also moved into the district for basketball. Rocky Bayou and Laurel Hill got two new district opponents in volleyball with the addition of Talla-

PREP

NOTE: Coaches are asked to please submit nominations each Monday by 5 p.m. Nominations may be e-mailed to tojaredm@nwfailynews.com or faxed to 863-7834.

- **Trevin** three run
- **Hunte** ton: The s week witl drove in a

Baseball

- **Josh Cellucci, South Walton:** The Seahawks' senior hit .500 for the week and scored twice.
- **Xavier Jackson, Walton:** The senior outfielder was 6-for-9 with three runs scored and also drove in
- **Shelb** The fresh

MLB SP

Zito strikes

Associated Press

last year

Now this was a real Money-ball matchup: Alfonso Soriano vs. Barry Zito.

- **Diam**
- **White S**
- **TUC:**
- **closer B**
- **full flexil**
- **after re**
- **ice treat**
- **left early**

The two high-priced free agents made their spring training debuts Thursday and — fittingly — they saw each other right away.



Photo special to the Beacon

RBCS district champs

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Intermediate level winners in the recent Mozart Piano Competition included (from left) Joseph Sung, 14, Niceville, first place; Andrea Lin, 15, Fort Walton Beach, and Heather Caulkins, 15, Fort Walton Beach, who both earned honorable mentions: Sung won a \$200 prize with his first-place award.

Rocky Bayou Christian answering critics one win at a time

Knights' girls soccer team overcomes inexperience to land in state playoffs

By JARED MACARIN

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NICEVILLE — Rocky Bayou girls coach Brian Alldredge and his team knew the task ahead of them when this season began.

The Knights knew that they had lost seven seniors, leaving them very young across the board. They knew the team had just won its first regional quarterfinal game, and now the pressure would be there to repeat that accomplishment.

Not the easiest set of circumstances under which to enter a season, but the Knights still find themselves in the position

to answer any naysayers.

"It's a fun challenge," said senior defender Kayla Spurgeon. "We want to see all we can do and how far we can push ourselves. We just have to step up and it's our time now."

Rocky Bayou laid the foundation for its fourth straight District 1-2A title by earning the top seed for the tournament.

PLAYOFF PREVIEW

After battling through the regular season, area soccer teams gear up for district tournaments | B7.

East Hill and Bozeman face off on Tuesday, with the winner facing the Knights in Thursday's championship game. With a three-team district, and in gaining an automatic berth to the final, the Knights also find themselves already qualified for regional play.

Now they must make sure that first game is at home.

"Now is when it really counts," Alldredge said. "We've got to play real soccer now. We know we can't just walk up and beat these teams."

Perhaps not, but the young Knights have come a long way. Shannon Donahue, a sophomore, has stepped up her play considerably in goal, which has made it easier on a defense lacking in experience.



DEBI HAUSSERMANN | Daily News

Shannon Donahue of Rocky Bayou Christian School defends the goal during a Friday afternoon practice.

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being under pressure," she said. "We lost a lot of key players and had to work a lot harder. But I've improved a lot, just in positioning and knowing what to do in certain situations."

Then there is Spurgeon, a fifth-year varsity player and one of very few seniors. She likes what she has seen this season, and hopes the lessons learned throughout the regular season by playing a tough schedule will pay off now.

of the leaders. It's my time to show what I can do."

Kaim said this season is as much, if not more, satisfying as the last because of the large turnover in crucial spots.

"It's amazing from where we've come," the junior said. "We lost a lot of good players but we keep on winning. We're learning quickly and doing well."

"We hope we can keep the tradition alive."

PLEASE SEE ROCKY BAYOU SOCCER | B7

Pianist, 14, to play with orchestra



Joseph Sung practices Mendelssohn's 'Piano Concerto in G Minor' at Forest Lake Christian Church. Joseph, the youngest of the four Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra concerto winners, will perform at the OWC Arts Center Friday.

Beacon photo by Kenneth Books

Youngest winner of competition to perform Friday

By Kenneth Books

Beacon Staff Writer

Joseph Sung doesn't own a piano.

That doesn't seem to be much of an impediment. Joseph, 14, will perform an intricate movement of Mendelssohn's "Piano Concerto in G Minor" Friday during a performance by the Northwest Symphony Orchestra at the Arts Center at Okaloosa-Walton College, Niceville.

Joseph, who lives in Niceville and attends advanced eighth grade classes at Rocky Bayou Christian School, is the youngest of the four winners of the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra's fall concerto competition.

How does he do it?

"He's been a wonderful student," said his music teacher, Tilman Singleton of Valparaiso. "He works like a Trojan. He goes to his church at 4 in the morning and works until 7."

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PIANIST

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Recently, sitting at the piano in the sanctuary of Forest Lake Christian Church, where he also accompanies the choir, Joseph's fingers flew across the keyboard, almost blending into a blur as he warmed up to practice the intricate Mendelssohn concerto.

"I come out here every day," Joseph said. "My dad has a Bible study with Korean exchange students here."

Joseph's father, Haeyoung Sung, is a minister who preached to 3,000 parishioners in his native Seoul, South Korea, helped by Joseph's mother, Cindy.

The family moved to the United States in 2001. At the time, Joseph spoke not a word of English. He quickly picked up the language from television and school and now speaks accent-free American English.

"I think I speak better English now than Korean," Joseph said, smiling.

When he was 7 and still living in Korea, Joseph first started playing the piano. Then, he said, "I didn't play for about two years.

Then some ladies from my church introduced me to Mr. Singleton. I think he's the main teacher in this area. He's a really good teacher."

The Sung family once owned a piano, but they sold it and moved out west. When they returned, there was no piano for Joseph to practice on.

"I lent him my keyboard," Singleton said. But the lion's share of Joseph's practice takes place in the church before sunrise.



Joseph Sung

Not that he naturally gravitated toward the piano.

"My parents at first made me play it," he said, laughing. "But in the last couple of years I started getting serious."

Joseph won his first competition in October of last year. In fact, he performed in three competitions and won them all.

"He took the Mozart competition—that's a very stiff competition—and he took the sonata competition last year," Singleton said.

Joseph is quick to credit Singleton with his success.

"My teacher picks all my songs," Joseph said. "I don't dare pick my own because he knows better. That's a really challenging piece."

Joseph said the symphony competition was "my first really big competition. I was really nervous that day. I thought I didn't do well. But I played a lot before and after."

Singleton said playing a lot is hardly unusual for Joseph.

"It's rare that you have a student who works that hard," Singleton said. "He's a most diligent worker. He has talent, but he's just a really diligent worker."

While other teenagers are listening to rap and hip-hop music, Joseph leans toward the old masters.

"I like classical," he said. "That's the only music I like, but I kind of like Christian rock."

He also performs in the Rocky Bayou Christian School band, playing the bassoon. He likes history, particularly American history. "I heard about Abraham Lincoln in Korea and thought he was really interesting," he said. Another love is literature. He likes

Longfellow and, he said, "I read Dickens' 'Tale of Two Cities' and really liked it."

Joseph is only 14 and hasn't decided whether to try to make a living with his music or not. He says it's very difficult to do so. "There are a lot of pianists," he said. "I'm going to work a lot harder than I do now. Later on, I'll make a decision."

Does Singleton think his star pupil could earn a living at the piano?

"Oh yeah, for sure. And a good living," he said. "When you're as devoted as he is, you can."

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Area Prep **ROUNDUP**

Choctaw baseball edges Navarre, 2-1

Staff Reports

Drew Lord scored on a throwing error in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Choctawhatchee a 2-1 win over Navarre on Monday in the baseball opener for both teams.

Lord led off the last inning with a double before scoring.

Navarre (0-1) tied the game at 1-1 in the top of the seventh when Brennen Coe crossed home plate.

Choctaw (1-0) got on the board in the second inning when Chris Mills scored on a triple by David Weber. Hunter Brown led the Indians with two hits.

Travis Holland pitched six innings of scoreless ball for Choctaw, while Taylor Kelly pitched the last inning and picked up the win.

The Indians (1-0) host Escambia on Thursday at 3 p.m. Navarre plays Fort Walton Beach tonight.

Navarre 000 000 1-1 7 2
Choctaw 010 000 2-2 5 0
WP: Taylor Kelly

Softball

● **South Walton 5, Freeport 0:** Shelby Watson had 14 strikeouts en route to a no-hitter in a non-district win.

Kathryn Kenner drove in two runs for the Seahawks, while Chelsea Whitfield and Brittany Jay each had two hits and drove in a run.

The Seahawks (1-1) travel to Arnold on Thursday.

Freeport 000 000 0-0 0 3
South Walton 000 203 x-5 7 0
WP: Shelby Watson. LP: Curstin Buford

● **Walton 18, Rocky Bayou 3:** Tiffany Brantley had three hits and drove in three runs in a big non-district win for the Braves in their season opener.

Summer Renfro and Faith Kennemur each had two hits for Walton.

The Braves play at county rival Freeport on Thursday.

RBCS 020 01-3 2 3
Walton 017 91-18 10 3
WP: Devin Richardson

Prep **ROUNDUP**

Seahawks' freshman fans 12 in five innings

Staff reports

Freshman Shelby Watson (2-2) struck out 12 in just five innings as South Walton beat Rocky Bayou 12-0 in girls' softball.

Watson allowed two hits.

Kathryn Kenner was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI and scored three times for the Seahawks (2-2).

Chelsea Whitfield, Cassie Maier, Chelsea Infinger each had a hit.

South Walton hosts Northview today at 5.

Rocky Bayou 000 00- 0 2 5
S. Walton 237 0x- 12 6 0

Sydney Boutwell, Candace Williamson, Jessica Gilmore, Samantha Gronberg and Chelsea Combest each had hits for Baker.

The Gators (1-1) host Walton tonight.

Baker 000 000 0-0 5 4
Northview 103 011 x-6 6 3
WP: Spence. LP: Lauren Griffith
JV: Northview, 4-3

Area Prep **ROUNDUP**

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Paxton pummels Rocky Bayou, 15-2

Staff Reports

Three Paxton pitchers combined for a two-hitter to help defeat Rocky Bayou 15-2 in five innings in a District 1-A baseball victory on Friday.

Colby Forehand notched the win, pitching two innings. Mikie Jones then threw two innings and Brandon Howell pitched the last inning. The trio combined for nine strikeouts.

Forehand had two hits and both Jones and Howell doubled.

Paxton (1-0, 1-0 district) plays Florala on Thursday.

Rocky Bayou 002 00- 2 2 5
Paxton 813 3x-15 7 2
WP: Colby Forehand, LP: Ramon.

● **Niceville 8, Tate 0:** Austin Wood struck out 14 Aggies in 6 1/3 innings of work as the Eagles blanked the Aggies in District 1-5A play.

Wood gave up five hits and walked five batters before giving way to Nelson in the top of the seventh. Nelson struck out the final two batters.

Danny Collins was 3-for-3 with four RBI, including a two-run homer in the fifth inning. Tyler Hastings was 2-for-2 with two doubles and two RBI.

The Eagles (5-0, 3-0) play at Fort Walton Beach today at 1 in a makeup of Thursday's rainout game.

Tate won the JV game 7-5.

Tate 000 000 0 — 0 5 5
Niceville 000 260 x-8 10 1
W — Wood, L — White

● **Baker 7, Laurel Hill 4:** Colton Henry had three hits and drove in three as Baker won its first game of the season.

Preston Nixon added three hits as well and drove in a pair. Colby Bridges and John Lyons each had hits for the Hoboes.

The Gators (1-4) host Pensacola Christian on Tuesday in their district opener.

Laurel Hill 000 000 4-4 5 0
Baker 110 140 x-7 13 2
W: Brian Feick (1-1).

● **Pace 13, Fort Walton Beach 3 (five innings):** Pace jumped out early and never slowed down to keep the Vikings winless.

Chase Dodson and Aaron Miles each had hits for Fort Walton Beach, with Miles scoring twice.

The Vikings (0-5, 0-3 district) host Niceville today at 1.

FWB 101 10- 3 2 1
Pace 440 14-13 11 3
W: Gindl, L: Chase Dodson (0-2)
JV: Pace, 5-1

● **Northview 3, South Walton 2 (8 innings):** The Seahawks lost for the second time in District 1-3A play to Northview.

Devin Barnett threw six strong innings in a no-decision, giving up two runs on six hits.

Hunter Infinger and Trevin Tate each had a hit and a run, and Joseph Williamson added a hit for the Seahawks (3-2, 0-2), who play at Bethlehem at 6 p.m. Monday.

S. Walton 200 000 00- 2 3 2
Northview 000 002 01- 3 8 3
WP: Price, LP: Jake Wright.

Softball

● **Northview 2, South Walton 1:** Shelby Watson was saddled with the hard-luck District 1-3A loss after fanning 11 batters and giving up just three hits.

Kathryn Kenner produced the Seahawks (4-3, 2-1) only hit and RBI. Julia Edwards scored the Seahawks run, who play at Freeport at 5 pm. Monday.

S. Walton 000 010 0- 1 1 1
Northview 002 000 0- 2 3 1
WP: Spence, LP: Shelby Watson.

● **Crestview 4, Baker 2:** Shasta Tew tossed a complete game and Jessica Long belted a two-run homer as Crestview improved to 3-3.

Tew struck out four and gave up three hits. Whitney Boutwell took the loss for Baker but had two hits.

Megan Eason went 2-for-3

with a triple, Kelly Jernigan had an RBI triple and Autumn Norris, Renee Copeland and Tiffany Starr added one hit apiece for the Bulldogs.

Crestview plays host to Walton on Monday.

Baker 000 000 2- 2 3 1
Crestview 001 210 0- 4 7 2
WP: Shasta Tew, LP: Whitney Boutwell.

● **Rocky Bayou 17, Paxton 8:** Allison van de Voorde pitched a four-hitter and also went 3-for-5 with four runs scored and two RBI as Rocky Bayou won a big district game without three starters.

Kayla Spurgeon and Christin Kaim were each 3-for-5 with three runs scored and three RBI.

Rocky Bayou (2-2, 2-0 district) hosts South Walton on Tuesday.

Rocky Bayou 10(10) 112 2-17 16 3
Paxton 010 502 0-8 4 4

● **Ponce de Leon 6, Laurel Hill 4:** Ponce de Leon pushed across two runs in the top of the seventh to break a tie and beat the Hoboes.

Laurel Hill pitcher Addena Reeves allowed seven hits and struck out eight. She was also 1-for-3 and scored a run.

Katie Free was 2-for-4 and scored a run, and Deidra Harrison was 1-for-3 for the Hoboes (1-1), who visit Laurel Hill on Tuesday.

PDL 110 011 2-6 7 1
Laurel Hill 001 003 0-4 6 4

● **Navarre 2, Tate 1:** Jessica Apodaca (3-1) allowed only one run and five hits as Navarre edged Tate.

Haley Curle drove in both of Navarre's runs in the first inning. Amanda Gustafson and Katelyn Stone each had a hit.

The Raiders (6-5) host Woodham on Tuesday.

Tate 000 100 0-1 5 0
Navarre 200 000 x-2 3 0

Paxton jumps on Rocky Bayou, 11-1

Staff Reports

Paxton scored seven runs in the top of the fourth and beat Rocky Bayou 11-1 in six innings in a District 1-A baseball contest on Tuesday.

Mikie Jones (2-0) got the win and also had a double and single to help the Bobcats stay undefeated.

Colby Forehand had a double and triple, and Drew Geoghagen and Brandon Howell each had two hits.

On Monday, the Bobcats beat Pleasant Home 5-4 in 10 innings as Josh Golden drove in the winning run. Howell scored Jeffrey Griffin in the bottom of the seventh to extend the game.

Paxton (4-0, 2-0 District 1-A), hosts East Hill on Friday.

Paxton 000 731-11 11 1
Rocky Bayou 001 000- 1 6 2
W: Mikie Jones (2-0).
H: 102 010 000 0-4 8 1
Paxton 020 001 100 1-5 11 2
W: Austin Arnold (1-0).

Tate 7, Choctawhatchee 3: Tate scored all of its runs in the fifth inning to claim a District 1-5A win.

David Harvell was 2-for-3 to lead the Indians. Mike Haars doubled and scored two runs, and Kyle Guthrie singled and scored a run.

Taylor Kelley took the loss, pitching 4 1/3 innings, allowing five runs (three earned) and seven hits. He struck out three.

Choctaw (5-4, 3-4 district) hosts Walker Valley, Tenn., today at 6:30.

Tate 000 070 0-7 10 3
Choctaw 011 001 0-3 4 2
W: Choctawhatchee.

South Walton 5, Laurel Hill 3: Hunter Infinger hit his first high school home run and drove in a pair of runs in South Walton's win.

Dion Jones was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored, and Josh Cellucci was 2-3 for the Seahawks.

Freshman Bryant Adams (2-0) pitched three innings in relief, striking out four, to get the win.

Laurel Hill 111 000 0-3 4 1
South Walton 201 020 x-5 6 4

Freeport 10, Pensacola Christian 3: Drew Farris (1-1) pitched a complete-game six-hitter and five players had two hits each to lead Freeport's win.

Derek Fannin, Lloyd Anderson, Spencer Martin, Chase Martin and Thomas Suggs had 10 of Freeport's 13 hits.

Freeport (4-4, 1-0 district) visits Laurel Hill on Friday.

P. Christlan 300 000 0- 3 6 2
Freeport 040 312 x-10 13 1

Jay 14, Walton 4: The Braves (2-5) fell behind early and couldn't catch up.

Jonathan Thomas and Sean Carter both went 2-for-4 for the Braves.

Walton plays at Northview on Friday.

Jay 331 031 3- 14 9 2
Walton 120 010 0- 4 5 9
W: Hammac, L: Jonathan Thomas.

Baker 9, East Hill 2: The Gators (2-6) erupted for five runs in the first inning on their way to victory.

Ashton Hale won for the first time this season on the mound,

working five innings.

Preston Nixon went 3-for-4 with a triple, two RBI and a run. Hale also tripled.

Baker plays Friday at Ponce de Leon.

Baker 502 100 1-9 9 2
East Hill 000 010 1-2 6 3
W: Ashton Hale, L: Frost.

Softball

Pace 9, Fort Walton Beach 0: The Vikings were held to just six hits in dropping the District 1-5A contest.

Madison Fisher (5-5) took the loss.

Fort Walton Beach (5-6, 1-6) hosts Mosley on Thursday.

Pace 120 200 4-9 13 1
FWB 000 000 0-0 6 5

South Walton 3, Arnold 2: The Seahawks (7-3) made school history by beating Arnold for the first time.

They did it behind a one-hitter from Shelby Watson, who struck out eight and walked five in the complete-game effort.

Watson also scored the winning run for the Seahawks after walking and advancing all the way to third on a pass ball. Watson scored after Cassie Maier walked and immediately started toward second base. The Arnold pitcher went after Maier, allowing Watson to break toward the plate and race home for the win.

Watson had two hits, while Brittany Jay, Caroline Peterson, Brooke Cannon and Chelsea Infinger all added one.

South Walton plays at Catholic on Friday.

Arnold 000 101 0-2 1 1
South Walton 000 200 1-3 6 2
WP: Shelby Watson, LP: Brannen.

Rocky Bayou 12, Paxton 2: The Knights (3-3, 3-0) jumped out with eight runs in the first two innings in cruising to the District 1-A victory.

Kayla Spurgeon led the Knights' 13-hit attack with a 3-for-4 outing and had three runs and two RBI. Katie Kaim was 2-for-4 with four runs and Allison van deVoorde was 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run.

Allison Johnson picked up the victory.

Rocky Bayou plays at Laurel Hill on Thursday.

Paxton 020 00- 2 6 4
Rocky Bayou 443 01- 12 13 2
WP: Allison Johnson, LP: E. Infinger.

Baker 10, Freeport 0: The Gators (3-5, 1-1) busted loose in the third inning on their way to the District 1-2A victory.

Whitney Boutwell recorded the shutout, giving up four hits and striking out two.

Candace Williamson led the Gators by going 3-for-4, Lauren Griffith went 2-for-3 and Allyson McCranie went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Chelsea Combest added two RBI and Sydney Boutwell and Whitney Boutwell both had base hits.

Jordan Howell, Joslyn King, Stephanie Tanney and Isabelle Lara each had a hit for Freeport.

Baker plays host to Ponce de Leon at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Baker 010 325- 10 9 4
Freeport 000 000- 0 4 5
W: Whitney Boutwell, L: Curatin Buford.

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Rocky Bayou 5, Northside (Ala.) 3: Rocky Bayou jumped out to a big lead and Brian Redmon picked up the win.

Noah Mosley and Ben Donahue each had hits, with Donahue driving in a run as well.

The Knights (1-1) host South Walton on Wednesday.

Northside 011 000 1-3 8 2
Rocky Bayou 400 100 x-5 2 0
W: Brian Redmon (1-1), L: Haus
JV: Northside, 9-1

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The News In 90 Seconds Prep baseball Knights strand 11 in loss

Rocky Bayou Christian left 11 runners on base in an 11-2 loss to Pensacola Christian in high school baseball on Saturday.

Steve Griffin and Cha were both 2-for-3 for the Knights (1-3). Griffin doubled and had an RBI.

Rocky Bayou plays host to Paxton at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

PC 002 700 - 9 8 2
RBC 001 100 - 2 7 4
WP: S. Albers, LP: Brian Redmon.
JV: Pensacola Christian 10, Rocky Bayou 0

Prep baseball Seahawks soar past Knights

Dion Jones led a powerful South Walton hitting attack, going 3-for-4 with four runs batted in and two runs scored as the Seahawks beat Rocky Bayou 11-1 in five innings on Wednesday.

Jones wasn't the only South Walton player swinging a hot bat. Joseph Williamson was 2-for-4, Hunter Infinger was 2-for-4 with a run scored, Jake Wright was 2-for-4 with a run batted in and three runs scored, and Devin Barnett was 2-for-2 with four runs scored.

Bryant Adams was the winning pitcher. He worked three innings, struck out four and gave up three hits. South Walton (4-3) hosts Bozeman today.

South Walton 530 12 - 11 13 0
Rocky Bayou 000 01 - 1 5 2
W - Bryant Adams, L - Jake Kadamus



RBCS Homecoming Court

Photo special to the Beacon

Rocky Bayou Christian School celebrated "Homecoming 2006" on January 21. The Homecoming Court (from left) are Gary Frey, Brittany Bryson, P.T. Tidwell, Rebeka Larson, Justin Grill, Casey Balthazar, Peter Williamson, Lacey Beno, Malachi Mosley (King), Kristina Larson (Queen), Ben Tidwell, Kimberly Kain, Lantz Balthazar, Anna Brodersen, Richard Ellis, Brittany Woods, Noah Mosley, and Abby Chapman. After the Court presentation, the students enjoyed a "Masquerade Ball" at the Rocky Bayou Country Club.

Area Prep **ROUNDUP**

3/27/07

Buford leads Bulldogs to win over Rocky Bayou Christian

Staff Reports

Curstin Buford had a career night for Freeport on Monday in prep softball action.

Buford struck out a career-high 13 batters as Freeport defeated Rocky Bayou 7-1.

Along with her heap of strikeouts, Buford didn't walk anybody and allowed just two hits.

Joslyn King had two hits and two for the Bulldogs (6-11), and Stephanie Tanney scored twice.

Freeport plays at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Ponce de Leon.

Rocky Bayou 000 100 0 - 1 2 3
Freeport 100 321 x - 7 6 2
W: Curstin Buford, L: A. Johnson.

● **South Walton 4, Paxton 0.** Shelby Watson fanned 12 and didn't walk anybody while firing a two-

hit shutout for the Seahawks (9-5).

Emalee Infinger only gave up four hits for Paxton (1-7) and struck out five.

Julia Edwards, Brittany Jay, Rachel Mullins and Olivia Rima had hits for South Walton.

Alena Martin, Jerilyn Clark and Infinger had hits for Paxton.

South Walton plays host at 5 p.m. today to Catholic, while Paxton plays at Baker on Thursday.

S. Walton 003 010 0 - 4 4 2
Paxton 000 000 0 - 0 3 3
W: Shelby Watson, L: Emalee Infinger.

Baseball

● **Rocky Bayou 3, East Hill 2; East Hill 5, Rocky Bayou 3.** The Knights (2-10, 1-4 District 1-A) split with East Hill in a district

doubleheader.

Ben Donahue pitched the Knights to the victory in the first game and Brian Redmon came on for the save. The duo combined to give up only one hit.

Redmon went 2-for-2 at the plate with a double and a run. Donahue added a double and a run.

In the second game, Donahue and Redmon each had an RBI single. Donahue added another RBI.

Redmon took the loss, although all five runs East Hill scored were unearned.

Rocky Bayou 011 10 - 3 8 2
East Hill 100 10 - 2 1 0
W: Ben Donahue, L: Glodfelter, S: Brian Redmon.

Rocky Bayou 200 01 - 3 5 4
East Hill 000 5x - 5 2 1
W: Liebe, L: Brian Redon.

Softball 7/20/07

● **Laurel Hill 7 Rocky Bayou Christian 5;** Katie Free struck out 13 Knight batters as the Hoboes beat the Knights in District 1-A play.

Free was 1-for-5 at the plate with two runs batted in. Rachel Sory and Adeana Reeves each had a hit and a run scored.

Kayla Spurgeon was 2-for-4

● **Freeport 18 Rocky Bayou Christian 5;** Logan Caudill and Spencer Martin each had three hits as the

Bulldogs beat the Knights in five innings.

C.J. Bates and Drew Farris added two hits each in the win.

Cha was 2-for-2 with a stolen base and a run batted in for the Knights. Scott Listak drove in three runs for Rocky.

Bates picked up the win for Freeport. Noah Mosley was the losing pitcher.

Freeport (5-4) travels to Jay today for a District 1-2A game. Rocky Bayou (1-6) hosts Christian Presbyterian of Nashville, Tenn., in a doubleheader starting at 2:30 p.m.

RBCS 020 12 - 5 7 8
Freeport 581 4x - 18 11 1
W: Bates, L: Mosley

3/21/07
 ● Rocky Bayou Christian 19, Central 15: The Knights scored 15 runs in the first two innings in a District 1-A slugfest.

Hailey Johnson led the hit parade, going 4-for-6 with four RBIs and two runs scored. Allison Johnson was 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI. And Britany Tiller 2-for-5 with a double and two runs scored.

Allison Johnson went the distance for the win.

Rocky Bayou (4-4, 4-1) host Laurel Hill on Thursday.

Rocky Bayou (11) 40 031 0 — 19 16 3
 Central 405 060 0 — 15 10 4
 W — Allison Johnson

Baseball

4/17/07
 ● Ponce de Leon 10, Rocky Bayou Christian 0, (5 innings): Noah Mosley had the lone Knight hit in the

top of the third as the Pirates won in five innings.

Rocky Bayou (5-15) is at Arnold today.

Rocky Bayou 000 00 — 0 1 3
 PDL 151 03 — 10 13 1

3/21/07
 ● Christ Presbyterian 17-15, Rocky Bayou 0-10: After blanking Rocky Bayou in the first game of the doubleheader, Christ Presbyterian of Nashville won a slugfest in the second game.

The Knights' Noah Mosley and Jake Kadamus each singled to break up a no-hit bid in the bottom of the fifth in the opener.

Ben Donahue (0-1) took the loss.

Kadamus was 3-for-4 with four RBI, including a bases-clearing double, in the second game. Gary Frey had two singles. Mosley (0-3) took the loss.

Rocky Bayou (1-8) visits Central on Thursday.

CP 252 34 — 17 17 2
 RB 000 00 — 0 2 7

CP 214 411 2 — 15 8 2
 RB 107 200 0 — 10 9 2

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Paxton ends Rocky Bayou's run through district tourney

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PAXTON — Rocky Bayou Christian's surprising run through the District 1-A baseball tournament came to a screeching stop Friday night.

Host Paxton, the No. 2 seed in the tournament, wasted no time in putting an end to the upset bid of the Knights.

The Bobcats scored five runs in the first inning and poured it on for a 13-3 win.

The game was called after five innings by the mercy rule.

Paxton (17-7) will host District 2-A runner up — Bethlehem or Malone — Tuesday at 6 p.m. Rocky Bayou (7-18) will travel to the District 2-A winner.

Not only did the win give the Bobcats the district title, but it also avenged the loss to the Knights in last year's district final.

"This is a great day for a special group of young men," Bobcat coach Jeff Bradley said. "They've worked hard and it was good to be able to win the rematch of last year."

Paxton sent 11 batters to the plate in the first inning, chasing RBCS starting pitcher Ben Donahue.

Donahue faced nine batters and gave up five runs on four hits and three walks.

Dan Geoghagan singled to right with one out and Josh Golden followed with a walk.

With two outs, Brandon Howell singled to score Geoghagan and Dustin Arnold, who was running for Golden.

Before the inning was over, Colby Forehand also had a base hit and Michael Smith had a two-run single.

Tyler Walker replaced Donahue as the top of the Bobcat order came back around, but the damage was already done.

Paxton added four runs in the second and two more in the third and fourth innings to push the game out of reach.

The score might have been even more lopsided if not for a great defensive play by the Knights in the second inning that almost turned into a triple play.

Donahue didn't let his bad day on the mound hurt his hitting.

He singled and scored the first Knight run on a hit by Tyler Walker in the third. He also had an infield hit and scored in the fourth. Jake Kadamus, who started the fourth with a single, also scored.

By the fourth inning, Paxton starter Mikie Jones was struggling.

"I was getting tired out toward the end and I was getting the ball up," he said. "Coach got me out of the game when he needed to."

In the end, the Bobcats were simply too much for the Knights, pounding out 11 hits and drawing six walks.

Smith led the attack, going 3-for-3 with a double, triple and four RBIs.

Golden had two hits and a triple. Forehand also had a couple of hits.

Rocky Bayou coach Paul Struwe tried to take the positive approach to the loss.

"Two months ago I would have never believed we'd be in the district championship game," he said. "We knew we had a lot of young players and we had a lot of work to do, but things worked out for us."

"Tonight we just didn't have the pitching, but we'll be ready to go by Tuesday. We're just going to keep trying to do the things we've been doing well."

RBCS 010 20 — 3 6 1
 Paxton 542 2x — 13 11 0
 W — Mikie Jones; L — Ben Donahue

SPORTS

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Rocky Bayou's Gary Frey swings in the April 5 win against Central Jaguars. The Knights won, 11-10.

Beacon photo
by Sarah Clauson

Rocky scores late for 11-10 win against Central

Staff reports

Rocky Bayou Christian School baseball team beat district rivals, Central Jaguars (Allentown) 11-10, after a very slow start. The Knights failed to bring a runner home until the fifth inning, when they put one run on the board against Central's eight.

By the bottom of the sixth, Central had widened the gap to 10-1. The Knights were able to take advantage of a tired Central pitcher and a pitching change,

scoring four runs in the sixth and six more in the seventh, while holding Central at bay. Scott Listak got in the last hit of the game, a single which brought in two runners.

Winning pitcher was eighth grader Jake Kadamus, one of five eighth graders on the team.

This was a particularly sweet game for Rocky, as their last meeting with Central was an astounding 15-1 defeat.

The team is in a rebuilding

year, having lost four seniors, both juniors, and two sophomores from last year's district championship team. Their young team has no current seniors and only three juniors.

According to Mike Mosley, assistant coach, "Basically, I have a real good JV team that has to play varsity."

The team is 4-10 overall, 2-4 in their district. The Knights play Laurel Hill, away, Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m.



4/11/07

Knights softball loses to Central

Rocky Bayou Christian School softball team lost 6-5 to Allentown Central, Thursday, April 5, at home. The team is 5-6 overall, 5-3 district. Their next home game is Thursday, April 12, at 3:30 p.m., against Freeport High School. Christin Kalm, left, has her eye on the ball as she steps into the pitch.

Beacon photo
by Sarah Clauson

SPORTS WORLD

The News In 90 Seconds

Prep baseball Knights slip past Hoboes

It was déjà vu all over again for Rocky Bayou Christian and Laurel Hill in the District 1-A baseball tournament.

For the second consecutive year the Knights mounted a late rally as Rocky won 7-6.

Scott Listack scored the game winner in the bottom of the seventh on a fielder's choice off the bat of Ben Donahue.

Donahue drove in three of the Knight runs. He also had a two-double in the fourth.

Noah Mosley, who scored the tying run in the seventh, had two hits and three runs scored for the Knights. Listack had two hits to go along with two runs.

Jon Lyons had two hits, including a RBI double in the first inning for Laurel Hill. Jace Smith also had two hits. And Austin Stucki had a hit.

Rocky Bayou (6-17) plays Central today at 3 p.m. as the tournament continues in Paxton.

Laurel Hill 300 021 0—6 10 3
RBBS 000 401 2—7 7 2
W—Brian Redmon, L—Colby Bridges

win district title

WF 070 021 0—10 9 1
FWB 001 040 0—5 8 4
W: Fein. L: Chase Dodson

● **Freeport 13, Rocky Bayou Christian 10.** Thomas Suggs powered the Bulldogs (10-11) past the Knights in a slugfest that saw the teams combine for 26 hits.

Suggs cracked a homer and went 4-for-5 with five RBI, while Spencer Martin added three hits and two RBI. Derek Fannin, Lloyd Anderson, Drew Farris, Coty Porter and Chase Martin added two hits apiece.

Jake Kadamus had two doubles and two runs for Rocky Bayou (5-17), Noah Mosley had two hits and two RBI, and Ben Donahue added two hits, including a double.

Rocky Bayou plays at 6 p.m. Monday against Laurel Hill at Paxton in the District 1-A tournament, while Freeport plays today at South Walton.

Freeport 530 103 1—13 17 3
RBY 123 300 0—10 9 4
W: Drew Farris. L: Brian Redmon.

● **Paxton 3, Floral 2.** The Bobcats (13-6) scored all three of their runs in the first inning and held on for the victory, thanks in large part to Colby Forehand.

Forehand not only picked up the win on the mound, he stroked a three-run double to account for Paxton's runs.

Paxton plays at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the District 1-A tournament.

Paxton 300 000 0—3 4 0
Floral 002 000 0—2 5 0

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Prep **ROUNDUP**

Rocky Bayou upsets top seed Central

Staff Reports

Fourth-seeded Rocky Bayou Christian pulled off a stunner over top-seeded Central in the District 1-A tournament semifinals with an 8-2 victory at Paxton.

Rocky Bayou locked down a berth in the regional tournament and will face Paxton at 6 p.m. Thursday in the final.

Eighth-graders Tyler Walker and Jake Kadamus pitched Rocky Bayou to the upset, and the Knights erupted for five runs in the fifth inning.

The Knights took advantage of some Central mistakes to load the bases in the fifth inning on two walks and an error. Scott Listak and Joel Nelson followed with RBI singles and Kadamus also collected an RBI in the inning.

Kadamus came in for Walker in the fourth inning and didn't allow a hit the rest of the way.

Nelson and Shannon Mosley

had two hits for the Knights.

RBC 010 050 2-8 7 2
Central 101 000 0-2 5 3
W: Jake Kadamus. L: Campbell.

● **Paxton 10, East Hill 6:** Brandon Howell was 3-for-4 with four RBI as Paxton advanced to the final of the District 1-A tournament.

Mikie Jones was 2-for-3 with a solo home run, and Josh Golden was 2-for-2 for the Bulldogs.

Colby Forehand got the win and Jones had the save.

Paxton faces Rocky Bayou in Thursday's final at 6.

East Hill 001 050 0-6 7 0
Paxton 201 601 x-10 8 1

● **Tate 7, Choctaw 6:** Tate scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to edge Choctaw in the opening round of the District 1-5A tournament.

Drew Lord had a leadoff home run in the top of the seventh as Choctaw broke a 4-4 tie. The Indians scored another run, but couldn't hold the lead in the

bottom of the inning.

Travis Holland had a double, a run scored and an RBI, and Brown, Jace Blanchard, David Harvell and Chris Mills each had a hit for the Indians.

Choctaw finished 15-11. Tate moved on to face Niceville in the semifinals tonight.

Choctaw 400 000 2-6 6 1
Tate 130 000 3-7 9 1

● **Pensacola Catholic 7, South Walton 0:** Catholic's R.J. Moya pitched a complete-game four-hitter as the Crusaders advanced to the District 1-3A final.

Catholic will face Northview, which eliminated Walton 2-1, in the final on Thursday at South Walton.

Jonathan Duncan took the loss for the Seahawks against Catholic. South Walton's four hits were scattered among four players.

Sean Carter was the losing pitcher in Walton's game against

Northview. The Braves trailed 2-0 going into the seventh and scored their only run.

South Walton 000 000 0-0 4 3
Catholic 001 132 x-7 7 2

● **Baker 9, Pensacola Christian 3:** The host Gators (6-16) exploded for six runs in the fifth inning, leading them to the District 1-2A semifinal victory.

Baker, which sealed a regional bid, will play host to Jay in the district championship game at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Ashton Hale picked up the win on the mound for the Gators, while Colton Henry and Brandon Henderson had two hits apiece.

Henderson's three-run double highlighted Baker's six-run inning.

Jay defeated Freeport 12-1 in five innings in the other semifinal to end the Bulldogs' season.

PCA 120 000 0-
Baker 101 061 x-
W: Aston Hale. L: Albers.

3-8: Rocky Bayou and Laurel Hill split a District 1-A doubleheader.

In the opener, Scott Listak and Jake Kadamus each had two hits to lead the Knights to victory. Jon Lyons had a hit and drove in one for the Hoboes.

In the second game, Lyons had two hits and drove in a pair, while Austen Stucki and Jace Smith each had three hits. Colby Bridges added two hits and an RBI for the Hoboes. Ben Donahue had two hits for the Knights, while Noah Mosley and Listak both scored.

The Hoboes (4-12, 2-5 district) host Walton on Monday.

Rocky Bayou 001 003 1-5 9 4
Laurel Hill 002 010 0-3 4 5
W: Scott Listak. L: Colby Bridges. S: Brian Redmon

Rocky Bayou 100 010 0-2 8 3
Laurel Hill 212 003 x-8 14 3
W: Ethan Jackson. L: Brian Redmon

● **Freeport 23, Rocky Bayou 2, 5 innings:** Freeport exploded early on offense and never looked back in a non-district win.

The Bulldogs ran up 13 runs in the first, and then added seven more in the third and three in the fifth to end the game due to the mercy rule.

Stephanie Tanney, Nicole Dykes and Jordan Howell each had three hits. Howell drove in four runs and picked up the win. Lora King, Curstin Buford and Daneille Frost added two hits, with Buford and Frost each driving in three. Tanney and Joslyn King both scored four times.

The Bulldogs (11-13) play Baker in the District 1-2A tournament on Tuesday.

Freeport (13)07 03-23 17 2
Rocky Bayou 000 20- 2 2 4
W: Jordan Howell. L: A. Johnson

Prep ROUNDUP

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Baker cruises into district softball final

From staff reports

Baker softball rolled into District 1-2A finals with a strong 11-1 victory over Freeport in six innings on Tuesday.

Sydney Boutwell, Whitney Boutwell and Candice Williamson all had three hits and drove in a run. Lauren Griffith drove in two, while Jessica Gilmore and Chelsea Combest also drove in runs.

Griffith allowed just two hits in picking up the win.

Baker had also won the two regular-season meetings between the teams.

The Gators (13-11) face Jay on Thursday in the championship game.

Freeport 001 000— 1 2 5
Baker 004 081—11 13 0
W: Lauren Griffith, L: Curstin Buford

● **Navarre 14, Washington 0:** The Raiders advanced to the semifinals of the District 1-4A tournament with an easy win.

Sam Streacker had two hits, drove in four runs and picked up the victory. Katelyn Stone and Danielle Kildow each had two hits, with Stone driving in two and Kildow bringing home one. Haley Curle also had two RBI.

The Raiders (15-10) play Milton today at 4 p.m.

Washington 000 00— 0 5 6
Navarre (10) 02 2x—14 12 0
W: Sam Streacker, L: Dillworth.

● **Laurel Hill 10, Paxton 0:** Katie Free pitched the Hoboes (10-9) into the District 1-A tournament finals by finishing off host Pax-

ton in the semis.

The Bobcats, which got two hits from Emmalee Infinger, closed the season 4-10.

Laurel Hill scored all of its runs from the fourth through the sixth innings.

The Hoboes were led by Alicia Griggs and Jessica Gartman, who had three and two hits, respectively. Gartman, Griggs, Amanda King and Michelle Raite had two RBI apiece while Free struck out six.

Laurel Hill plays Central at 6 p.m. Thursday in the tournament championship.

Laurel Hill 000 316— 10 10 2
Paxton 000 000— 0 2 2
W: Katie Free, L: Emmalee Infinger.

● **Central 11, Rocky Bayou Christian 1:** The Knights' season came to a close in the District 1-A tournament semifinals at Paxton.

Rocky Bayou (5-9) only recorded one hit, by Brittany Tiller.

Central (7-7), which will play Laurel Hill at 6 p.m. Thursday in the tournament championship, scored four runs in the first inning and never looked back.

RBC 000 01— 1 1 0
Central 403 31— 11 10 2
W: Weaver, L: Allison Johnson.

Baseball

● **Escambia 7, Choctawhatchee 4:** Choctaw scored all of its runs in the second, but it was not enough in a non-district game.

Mike Haars had two hits and drove in two. Jace Blanchard and Drew Lord each had an extra-base hit.

Choctaw 040 000 0—4 4 5
Escambia 131 002 x—7 6 0
W: Thomas, L: Taylor Kelley

● **Washington 7, Fort Walton Beach 2:** Fort Walton Beach's rally fell short in a non-district game.

Hunter Forbes drove in Aaron Miles and Justin Rathke in the seventh for the Vikings' lone runs. Miles was 2-for-4 for the game.

FWB 000 000 2—2 7 5
Washington 004 003 x—7 4 0
W: Smith, L: Jonathan Jones
JV: FWB, 10-8

● **South Walton 5, Ponce de Leon 4:** An early outburst by the Seahawks was enough in the end as they held off a late rally by Ponce de Leon.

Trevin Tate went 3-for-4 with two RBI and scored once. Jake Wright also drove in a run.

Jonathan Duncan struck out nine in picking up the complete-game win.

SW 410 000 0—5 7 4
PDL 102 000 1—4 4 1
W: Jonathan Duncan, L: Brannon

● **Jay 11, Walton 0:** The Braves surrendered four runs in the first and Jay poured it in the third inning to cruise to the victory.

● **Rocky Bayou 11, Central 10:** Scott Listak capped an amazing comeback by the Knights with a game-winning two-run single in the District 1-A victory.

Rocky Bayou (4-10, 2-4) trailed 10-1 heading into the bottom half of the sixth inning before rallying for four runs and then six in the last inning to complete the comeback.

In the seventh inning, Gary Frey had an RBI single and Noah Mosley added a two-run single before Listak's winner. Mosley had three RBI.

Joel Nelson had two hits and two runs for the Knights, while Ben Donahue had two hits, two runs and an RBI.

Jake Kadamus picked up his first win on the mound.

Central 006 202 0— 10 9 3
Rocky Bayou 000 014 6— 11 10 3
W: Jake Kadamus, L: King.

in a three-run third inning.

Geoghagan finished with three RBI, while Mikie Jones went 3-for-4 and Brandon Howell had an RBI double.

Jones picked up the win.

Baker 010 000 0— 1 4 1
Paxton 003 200 x— 5 6 0
W: Mikie Jones, L: Ashton Hale.

● **Pleasant Home (Ala.) 8, Laurel Hill 6:** Jon Lyons had a pair of doubles and two RBI in the loss for the Hoboes (4-14).

Stephen Madden homered for Laurel Hill and Justin Baily added two hits and two RBI.

PH 005 102 0— 8 8 5
Laurel Hill 113 001 0— 6 12 5
W: Herman, L: Colby Bridges.

● **Freeport 8, Bozeman 7:** Freeport rallied with a four-run sixth to pull out the non-district win.

Drew Farris sparked the rally with a two-run single. Lloyd Anderson and Thomas Suggs each had two hits for the Bulldogs, with Suggs driving in a pair.

Cole Weeks picked up the victory in relief.

Bozeman 111 310 0— 8 7 1
Freeport 013 004 x— 8 7 1

● **Arnold 16, Rocky Bayou Christian 8:** Arnold had just too much offense for the Knights in a non-district loss.

Noah Mosley and Gary Frey each drove in two runs for RBCS, while Scott Listak also had an RBI. Frey finished with two hits.

Joel Nelson took the loss.

Rocky Bayou 000 800 0— 8 6 4
Arnold 203 236 x—16 14 4

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Softball

● **Rocky Bayou 15, East Hill 7:** Christin Kaim and Kayla Spurgeon sparked the Knights' offense in a huge District 1-A victory.

Spurgeon had one hit and drove in four runs, while Kaim had three hits and had three RBI.

The Knights (5-6, 5-2 district) host Central today in their final district game with second-place on the line.

East Hill 203 200 0— 7 7 3
Rocky Bayou 490 020 x—15 10 4
W: Allison Johnson, L: Strange

SPORTS

Wednesday, April 11, 2007



Rocky Bayou's Gary Frey swings in the April 5 win against Central Jaguars. The Knights won, 11-10.

Beacon photo
by Sarah Clauson

Rocky scores late for 11-10 win against Central

Staff reports

Rocky Bayou Christian School baseball team beat district rivals, Central Jaguars (Allentown) 11-10, after a very slow start. The Knights failed to bring a runner home until the fifth inning, when they put one run on the board against Central's eight.

By the bottom of the sixth, Central had widened the gap to 10-1. The Knights were able to take advantage of a tired Central pitcher and a pitching change,

scoring four runs in the sixth and six more in the seventh, while holding Central at bay. Scott Listak got in the last hit of the game, a single which brought in two runners.

Winning pitcher was eighth grader Jake Kadamus, one of five eighth graders on the team.

This was a particularly sweet game for Rocky, as their last meeting with Central was an astounding 15-1 defeat.

The team is in a rebuilding

year, having lost four seniors, both juniors, and two sophomores from last year's district championship team. Their young team has no current seniors and only three juniors.

According to Mike Mosley, assistant coach, "Basically, I have a real good JV team that has to play varsity."

The team is 4-10 overall, 2-4 in their district. The Knights play Laurel Hill, away, Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m.



Knights softball loses to Central

Rocky Bayou Christian School softball team lost 6-5 to Allentown Central, Thursday, April 5, at home. The team is 5-6 overall, 5-3 district. Their next home game is Thursday, April 12, at 3:30 p.m., against Freeport High School. Christin Kaim, left, has her eye on the ball as she steps into the pitch.

Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Prep **ROUNDUP**

Baker baseball beats Pensacola Christian, nails down No. 2 seed

Staff reports

Baker's baseball team locked up the second seed in the District 1-2A tournament with a 6-1 win over Pensacola Christian on Tuesday.

Ashton Hill pitched Baker (5-12, 2-3) to the victory, while Colton Henry had two hits and three RBI. Henry doubled and scored a run.

Josh Yost added a hit, two RBI and two runs, Ryan Lewellen doubled and D.J. Livingston had a pair of hits and an RBI.

Baker plays host to Jay on Friday.

Baker 101 202 0 - 6 10 2
PCA 001 000 0 - 1 5 2
W: Aston Hale. L: Albers.

● **Altha 10, Rocky Bayou Christian 0.** The Knights (4-12) were victimized by Tad Scott, who tossed a no-hitter and allowed just one baserunner while strik-

ing out 13.

Tyler Walker was the Knights' only baserunner, reaching base via an error.

Rocky Bayou will travel to Laurel Hill for a doubleheader on Thursday beginning at 4 p.m.

RBC 000 000 - 0 0 4
Altha 300 007 - 10 10 1
W: Scott. L: Ben Donahue.

● **Laurel Hill 5, East Hill 4.** The Hoboes (3-11) bunched up all of their runs in the first three innings in the victory.

Jon Lyons picked up the victory for Laurel Hill.

Cory Becker and Jace Smith both went 2-for-3 for the Hoboes, with Smith adding a run and an RBI. Stephen Madden added a pair of hits and a run, while Ethan Jackson tripled and had an RBI.

Laurel Hill plays host to Rocky Bayou in a doubleheader that begins at 4 p.m. Thursday.

East Hill 300 001 0 - 4 7 5
Laurel Hill 212 000 - 5 10 3
W: Jon Lyons. L: Glodfeighter.

Softball

● **Baker 10, Northview 3.** The Gators (12-10) won for the eighth time in their last 11 games by exploding for seven runs in the second inning.

In the team's regular season home finale, Lindsey Marelli went 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBI, Candice Williamson was 2-for-4 with two RBI, Sydney Boutwell doubled and scored twice and Chelsea Combest doubled and had three RBI.

Pitcher Lauren Griffith notched her fifth win of the season.

Baker plays Thursday at Escambia.

Northview 101 000 1 - 3 10 0
Laurel Hill 070 003 x - 10 8 0
W: Lauren Griffith. L: Spence.

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Seahawk girls get win; boys drop game to RBCS

By Tina Harbuck
Florida Freedom Newspapers

SANTA ROSA BEACH — South Walton's Rachel Miller fired up the nets for 19 points to lead the Lady Seahawks to a 67-21 win over the visiting Rocky Bayou Knights Monday night.

The win was the fourth for the Lady Seahawks.

"We shot as well as any team I've ever coached in the first half," said South Walton Coach Kevin Craig.

"And it was good to see Rachel (Miller) come out like that."

Miller nailed three 3s in the first quarter and another in the second.

Miller, however, wasn't the only Seahawk dropping in the shots. Aracely Garcia and Shereka Bramlet both had good games as well, Craig said.

Bramlet knocked down 10 points and Garcia, 9.

"We played 12 kids tonight, 12 kids I trusted," Craig said.

In the first quarter, South Walton stepped out to a 15-0 lead in the first four minutes with Miller leading the way with 12 points. By the end of the period, the Lady Seahawks were up 21-4.

In the second period, South Walton outscored Rocky Bayou 27-11 with nine players putting

points on the board for the Seahawks. Senior Taylor Griffith led the quarter with three 3-pointers.

In the third quarter, Griffith popped her fourth 3-pointer of the game and Jamie DeLaney followed up with a free-throw to give the Seahawks a 35-point advantage and a non-stop clock on the remainder of the game.

South Walton put up 6 points in the fourth and Rocky Bayou 4.

"We just had more talent, experience and depth," Craig said.

● Rocky Bayou boys 48, South Walton boys 47 (OT)

With less than a second left on the clock in overtime and the crowd to their feet, Rocky Bayou's James Kiam nailed the second of two free throws to nail down a 48-47 win over the South Walton Seahawks.

South Walton, who trailed by 10 points with four minutes to play in regulation, fought their way back to tie the game at 41-41 on a 3-pointer by sophomore Mason Smith in the final seconds.

In overtime, Rocky Bayou got the first score on a jumper by Taylor Peacock. South Walton came back with a shot from underneath by Jordan Colson. The Seahawks drew a couple of fouls with Jon Blank and Chris Davies each making one for a

45-43 lead.

Rocky Bayou got the advantage back on a couple of inside shots, but South Walton answered with a jumper from Blank in the last five seconds. When Rocky Bayou tried to bring the ball in, Kiam was fouled and managed to make the second of two tries from the foul line for the win.

"We got the shots tonight," said South Walton Coach John Davies. "It just rimmed in and out.

"But the kids had the heart, determination and fight in them. They didn't cash it in."

South Walton took the early lead 15-8 in the first quarter, but then fell behind in the second to trail 22-19 at the half.

The third quarter was low scoring with Rocky Bayou taking a 28-21 lead.

Scoring in double figures for South Walton were Blank and Jake Wright each with 11 points. David Key scored 6, Colson and Mason Smith each had 5 points, and Shane Seeger and Jeff Farhood each tossed in 4.

Noah Mosley was the high-point man for the Knights with 23 points. Kiam had 9 points.

South Walton was 9 of 17 from the free-throw line, and Rocky Bayou was 18 of 27.

South Walton travels to Freeport for 7:30 game tonight.

Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 3, Bozeman 0:** Rocky Bayou got goals from three different players in a District 1-2A contest.

Mary Balthazar, Katie Kaim and Megan Fox all scored as the Knights stayed unbeaten in district play. Christin Kaim had two assists, while Fox had the other.

The Knights (8-4, 5-0 district) host Niceville on Friday.

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● **Gainer 56, Rocky Bayou Christian 51:** Noah Mosley scored 21 points but it wasn't enough for Rocky Bayou in a District 1-A game.

Taylor Peacock was also in double figures for the Knights, scoring 10 points.

The Knights (1-2) host East Hill on Friday.

RBCS (51)

Noah Mosley 21, Taylor Peacock 10, Ryan Burns 8, Tyler Corker 6, James Kaim 4, Will Randall 2.

GAINER (56)

Inman 16, Apellman 10, O'Neal 13, Glenn 9, Dea. Jones 4, Des. Jones 2, Lewis 2.

11/28/07
● **Rocky Bayou 7, Sneads 0:** Christin Kaim scored three goals and had an assist as the Knights rolled over the Pirates in District 1-2A play.

Mary Bathazar, Katie Miller and Korie Schaeffler each scored goals. Katie Kaim also had a goal and an assist.

The Knights (6-3, 4-0) travel to Catholic on Friday.

11/27/07
● **Freeport 59, Rocky Bayou Christian 21:** Nicole Dykes led a trio of Bulldogs in double figures with 16 points in an easy win over the Knights. Caycee Jones added 11 points, and Lora King 10 in a game that was never close.

Freeport led 19-7 after the first quarter and had all the points it would need early in the second period.

Julie Gomez topped Rocky Bayou with six points.

Freeport won the JV game 16-14.

Freeport (3-1) hosts Baker tonight. Rocky Bayou hosts East Hill on Friday.

Rocky Bayou Christian 7 8 2 4 — 21
Freeport 19 17 15 8 — 59

RBCS (21)

Julie Gomez 6, Haley Johnson 5, Elizabeth Jones 2, Amanda Bryan 1, Katherine Rogers 2, Glory Allen 5. Totals 3 1 8-13 21.

FREEPORT (59)

Jessie Moulton 4, Dannica Mosher 6, Curtin Buford 4, Joslyn King 2, Lillie Graber 2, Caycee Jones 11, Lora King 10, Judy Frost 4, Nicole Dykes 16. Totals 17 8 1-12 59.

Freeport tonight.

Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 8, East Hill Christian 0:** Kristin Kiam scored three goals and had two assists to lead the Knights past the Eagles in District 1-2A play.

Mary Balthazar, Jane Ellen Brown and Crystal Farmer each scored goals and Shannon Donahue and Ashley Weaver each had a goal and assist. Katie Miller and Natalie Fleming each had an assist.

Rocky Bayou Christian (5-3, 3-0) hosts Sneads today.

Martin Barriga, Nick Steinke, Garrett Harris and Yohel Cordona also scored for Choctaw, while Bruce Boyette had an assist.

Sam Irwin, Noah Johnson, Ricky Hoegg and Josh Gardner were cited for their defensive play.

The Indians (8-2-2, 8-2) travel to Tate on Thursday.

● **Fort Walton Beach 2, Tate 1:** A.J. Newberry scored in the final minute in a district game.

Don David also scored for Vikings, while Alex Rankin and Dylan Hawkins had assists.

Newberry and Eric Leurinda were cited for their defensive play.

Fort Walton Beach JV won 5-1.

The Vikings (8-4, 6-2 district) host Pace on Friday.

● **ChIPLEY 4, Freeport 3:** Camilo Giraldo scored twice, but it wasn't enough as the Bulldogs stayed winless.

Justin Farmer also scored for Freeport, while Kevin Castro had an assist.

Aaron Fordem had 17 saves in goal for the Bulldogs.

Freeport (0-2-3) travel to West Gadsden on Friday.

Girls basketball

● **Paxton 82, East Hill 18:** Paxton had four players in double figures in a District 1-A rout.

Erin Walker led all scorers with 17 points, while Emmalee Infinger and Vikki Pepper each had 14 and Marylynn Gilbert added 10 points.

The Bobcats (7-2, 4-0) host Central on Thursday.

Paxton 25 15 19 23—82
East Hill 0 10 1 7—18
PAXTON (82)
Marylynn Gilbert 10, Erin Walker 17, Vikki Pepper 14, Krysten Cuchens 9, Emmalee Infinger 14, Chantel McCormick 2, Aubrey Anderson 8, Katie Kinkey 4, Laura Ashley Anderson 4. Totals 23 12 0-2 82.
EAST HILL (18)
Burke 10, Walsh 3, Jones 2, Coker 3. Totals 5 1 5-7 18.

● **Pensacola 75, Navarre 39:** The Raiders fell behind big in the second quarter and couldn't recover in a District 1-4A loss.

Navarre was led by Lori Fletcher's 17 points.

Milton scored a game-high 20 points, while Kiara Parker had 13 and Priscilla Isaacs had 10. Parker had five steals, and Kristin Rogers had seven points, five rebounds and five assists.

The Vikings (9-0, 6-0 district) travel to Pine Forest on Thursday.

Pace 5 9 3 7—24
FWB 14 18 17 14—63
PACE (24)
Brooks 9, Hughes 6, Collins 4, Lewis 5. 7 0 10-13 24.
FWB (63)
Kristin Rogers 7, Priscilla Isaacs 10, Tandra Milton 20, Tristan Harris 2, Kiara Parker 13, Kiani Parker 2, LeEra Lewis 9. 20-5 9-14 63.
JV: FWB, 48-34

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 36, Laurel Hill 25:** Rocky Bayou broke away from a tie game in the fourth quarter to claim the District 1-A victory.

Amanda Bryan led all scorers with 14 points. Laqueatta Williams had a team-high 12 points for the Hoboes.

Laurel Hill (0-8, 0-4 district) plays Monday at RBCS. The Knights (3-7, 1-2 district) travel to Central on Friday.

Rocky Bayou 8 4 6 18—36
Laurel Hill 3 4 11 7—25
ROCKY BAYOU (36)
Haley Johnson 6, Elizabeth Jones 6, Amanda Bryan 14, Katherine Rogers, 3, Anna Doswell 2, Allison Johnson 1, Glory Allen 4. Totals 13 1 7-23 36.
LAUREL HILL (25)
Laqueatta Williams 12, Brooke Hanson 1, Alex Castleberry 3, Nyiece Underwood 9. Totals 9 0 7-27 25.
JV: RBCS won 10-7.

● **Niceville 45, Tate 29:** The Eagles jumped out to an early lead and took control in the middle quarters of a District 1-5A game.

Arianna Roper scored a game-high 17 points for Niceville.

Niceville (7-3, 5-2) travels to Pace on Thursday.

Niceville 12 12 13 8—45
Tate 10 6 8 5—29
NICEVILLE (45)
Emily Dutton 4, IJanae Holman 1, Sharome Strutchen 7, Amber Wall 6, Arianna Roper 17, Michelle Smith 3, Jasmine Jacquay 7. 13 4 7-12 45.
TATE (29)
Caple 1, Myers 2, Hall 14, McGruder 2, Roberson 2, Britt 2, Brown 6. 11 0 7-10 29.
JV: Niceville won 36-34.

Boys basketball

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 51, Escambia Charter 40:** Noah Mosley scored a game-high 17 points as the Knights won a District 1-A matchup.

Rocky Bayou led by three at the half and continued

SW (42)
Jon Blank 11, David Key 4, Shane Seeger 6, Jeff Farhood 5, Jordan Colson 3, Chris Davies 8, Jake Wright 5. Totals 13 1 13-22 42.
JV: Walton, 38-31

● **Crestview 74, Tate 67:** Crestview rallied in the second half to get its first win of the season.

Chris Pickett scored 23 points and had 10 rebounds, while Cory Wenrich added 20 points and Jamar Boyers had 10.

The Bulldogs (1-6, 1-5 District 1-5A) travel to Walton on Thursday.

Tate 16 17 12 22—67
Crestview 15 11 22 26—74
TATE (67)
Abacy 9, Johns 3, McCully 14, Griffin 8, Drake 4, Puritay 22, Braye 7. 15 11 4-11 67.
CRESTVIEW (74)
Cory Wenrich 20, Chris Pickett 23, Cortez Whatley 5, Jamar Boyers 10, J.J. Spivey 4, Jordan Glover 4, Matt Sanders 8. 24 4 14-21 74.
JV: Tate won 68-31.

● **Baker 72, Freeport 62:** Stephen Shelley scored 26 points as the Gators grabbed their first win over Freeport in three years.

Chad Donley added 13 points and Chad Lawhon had 12 points for Baker. Aaron Knight led Freeport with 20 points, while Jamey Goddin had 14, Alex Newkirk scored 13 and Johnny McCormick contributed 12.

Baker hosts Jay on Thursday.

Freeport 6 18 16 22—62
Baker 23 11 18 20—72
FREEPORT (62)
Logan Wilburn 3, Alex Newkirk 13, Johnny McCormick 12, Aaron Knight 20, Jamey Goddin 14. Totals 21 3 11-19 62.
BAKER (72)
Stephen Shelley 26, Chad Lawhon 12, Cameron Davis 6, Chad Donley 13, Colton Henry 3, Josh Rose 5, Phillip Hills 2, Jarrod Batson 2, D.J. Livingston 2, Josh Yost 1. Totals 21 5 15-28 72.

● **Laurel Hill 62, Central 59, OT:** Jeffrey Reese topped a trio of Laurel Hill in double figures with 25 points as the Hoboes beat the Jaguars in a District 1-A battle.

Zach Sledge added 12 points and Harold Bielec contributed 10 points for the Hoboes.

Laurel Hill won the JV game 50-31.

Laurel Hill (6-1, 4-0) hosts Paxton on Friday.

Laurel Hill 12 16 6 17 11—62
Central 11 16 13 11 8—59
LAUREL HILL (62)
Jeffery Reese 25, Richard Dixon 4, Zach Sledge 12, Will Sherwood 3, Jace Smith 2, Harold Bielec 10, Seth Strickland 4, Isaac Williams 2. Totals 20 6 4-10 52
CENTRAL (59)
Kevin S. Moulton 10, Dawson 25, Gary

RBCS marching band returns a champion

Shortly before the New Year, Gary Witkos received a cell phone call from his wife, Gloria. As a chaperone, she was calling from the South Fork ranch just outside Dallas, where the Rocky Bayou Christian School marching band earned the Cotton Bowl Parade Grand Champion title.

Competing with 1,600 band members from nine states, the fledgling RBCS band brought home first-place awards for Division 1 Symphonic, Division 1 Jazz, Division 1 Field (marching) Drill, first-place Division 1 Parade Band, Grand Champion Symphonic (best of 14 schools) and Grand Champion Jazz (best of 14 schools).

Drummer Evan Lederman earned Best Overall Solo Performance.

Along with the Cotton Bowl-related band competition, RBCS was asked to perform at the halftime show. Yes, Gary recorded it and saw his daughter Sarah playing flute.

RBCS band director Jason Bennett established the school's marching band two years ago, with the early experiences being primarily local parades. About 77 students perform in the marching band.

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The fall Knowledge Master Open for middle and high school teams was held early in December. The worldwide computer-based competition pits students and teams against each other.

In state rankings, Lewis Middle took fourth, Destin sixth, Meigs seventh, Ruckel eighth, and Rocky Bayou 14th.



Sharon Doo

School



Photo special to the Beacon

Going bowling

The Rocky Bayou Christian School band assembles in front of the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The band won seven first-place trophies in the Cotton Bowl parade and music festival over New Year's Day.

Local bands make their mark in bowl festivities

By RACHEL KYLER

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Two local high school bands wowed millions of spectators and television viewers at college bowl games this week.

Despite being a relatively new music program, Rocky Bayou Christian School's bands cleaned up at the Cotton Bowl music festivals.

The overall program is five years old, while the marching band is only two years old.

"It was our attitude and humbleness and just our overall work ethic. We were prepared and we were well-rehearsed," said band director Jason Bennett.

In addition to marching in the 2008 Cotton Bowl parade in Dallas, the bands participated in a weeklong festival that included various competitions.

Rocky Bayou's bands won first place in symphonic band, jazz band, field show and parade band divisions.

The school's symphonic and jazz bands were voted

Grand Champions out of 14 schools.

Best overall jazz soloist performance was awarded to student Evan Ledeman.

Freshman Brittany Berryman, who plays clarinet, said everything was worth the hard work but that the huge crowds were a little intimidating.

"There were more people there than there are in my entire town, times 10," said Brittany, of Niceville.

Niceville High School students marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade and performed in a concert at Pasadena City College.

Flutist Taylor Walters, a sophomore, said it was hot during the parade and sometimes it was difficult to play while walking uphill.

But "it wasn't as bad as I expected to be," she said.

Junior Brad Koszuta said the experience was "amazing."

"The Niceville parade is definitely dwarfed by the Rose Bowl Parade," the saxophonist said.

RBCS silent auction slated to raise funds

Rocky Bayou Christian School will hold its Third Annual Silent Auction at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Last year's auction brought in more than \$19,000, helping the school to meet its annual goals, including the purchase of a modular building.

This year the school's project list includes annual goals of an intercom in the elementary building, \$7,000; paving of the roadway on the left side of campus, \$50,000; air conditioning the band room, \$15,000; adding gym bleachers, \$50,000; refinishing the gym floor, \$25,000; assisting teachers' professional development, \$20,000; purchasing a playground set and expanding the playground, \$11,000; purchasing a swing set, \$4,000; purchasing a Reelmaster Lawn Tractor, \$14,000; scholarships, \$100,000 and repairs, \$100,000.

Long-term capital projects include a sewer hookup, \$240,000; elementary gym, \$950,000; new buildings, \$13 million. New buildings with plumbing cannot be added to campus until it is hooked up to the sewer system.

Greg Litton, an account executive with the Royal Bank

of Scotland handling credit card processing accounts in the Florida Panhandle, will be guest speaker. He graduated from Woodham High School and was drafted by the San Francisco Giants in the First Round (10th pick) of the 1984 amateur draft.

He played for the San Francisco Giants (1989-1992), Seattle Mariners (1993), and Boston Red Sox (1994). As a rookie in 1989, Litton hit a home run in game four of the World Series against the Oakland Athletics.

In 1992, he played all nine positions in the Hall of Fame game and his glove from that game now resides in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. He is also a speaker with the Studer Group (www.studer group.com) and presents the "Just Say No" program in public school systems and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Also providing entertainment for the evening will be

Christian smooth jazz keyboardist, producer and educator, Greg Brown, (www.smoothstonesmusic.com) whose debut album, "Songs of my Father," (www.cdbaby.com/cd/browngregory) was released in October in Niceville.

Tickets are \$40, Individual; \$250, bronze sponsorship; \$500, silver sponsorship; \$1,000, gold sponsorship; \$3,000, platinum sponsorship. Call Jen Nall at 729-7227, ext. 225, for more information.

Business sponsors may reserve 16 tickets for \$3,000. They will also receive a listing on the school's Web site and in the program, and public acknowledgment of their gift during the auction.

For \$1,000, sponsors will receive eight reserved seat tickets, a listing in the program and public acknowledgment.

For \$500, sponsors will receive four tickets, a listing in the program and public acknowledgment of their gift during the auction.

For \$250, sponsors will receive two tickets, a listing in the program and public acknowledgment of your gift during the auction.

For between \$50 and \$100, sponsors receive a listing on the program.



Greg Litton



Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Nowhere to run

An East Hill player is hemmed in by Rocky Bayou Christian School cagers Taylor Peacock (44), James Kaim (14) and Noah Mosley during their game Friday at Rocky Bayou. The game was tied, 44-44, with about a minute to play, but East Hill won, 50-45, on the strength of several free throws.

Area prep cross country teams to run in Eye Opener today

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By JARED MACARIN

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The cross country season has just begun, but it will have a district feel to it today at the Emerald Coast Eye Opener meet at Okaloosa-Walton College.

The meet, which is a revival of the Niceville Invitational, will include 20 high schools from across the Panhandle. There will be a

small-school division and a large-school division, as well as middle school races and junior varsity races.

"There are a lot of good teams coming," Rocky Bayou Christian girls coach Mike Warren said. "This is a good opportunity to see who will be where this season early on."

Most of the area cross country teams will be involved and are among the favorites. Niceville's

girls are one of the top Class 4A teams in the state and are on the short list of teams to watch in the large-school division. Warren's Knights are strong in the small-school class, and are coming off a win at the Pine Forest Jamboree on Tuesday.

Navarre's boys, along with Choctawhatchee and Fort Walton Beach, should be among the top contenders in the large-school division.

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Volleyball

South Walton 3, Rocky Bayou Christian 1
Scores: 25-21, 11-25, 25-8, 25-20

RBCS (3-14): Katie Kaim 9 assists, 2 aces; Kathryn Rogers 4 kills, 3 blocks; Allison vande Voorde 4 aces, 4 kills, 1 block; Shannon Donahue 5 aces, 12 digs; Emily Wilson 3 kills; Caitlin Autry 1 kill; Crystal Farmer 2 digs.

JV: South Walton, 25-19, 25-18

Next: SW (5-8): Thursday at Walton. RBCS: Thursday at Central.

"The coaches in the area got together and we decided to get it going again," Warren said about the meet coming back. "All the teams coming did well at regionals last year."

The day's events begin at 7:30 a.m. with the middle school boys race, followed by the girls. The small-school races begin at 8:30, and the large-school division is set to start at 9:30. The JV races will

be run after the large school is finished, and the day will be concluded with an awards ceremony.

The meet will also serve as a district preview for some. Warren said the District 1 meet for Classes 1-3A will be held at OWC in November, so today's event will give teams a good look at the course and who they will be running against down the road.

"We're really excited for it," Warren said.

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Rocky Bayou Christian 3, Central 1

Scores: 25-12, 19-25, 25-17, 25-10

RBCS (4-13, 3-3 District 1-A): Allison vande Voorde 8 kills, 1 dig, 3 aces; Katie Kaim 14 assists, 5 aces; Shannon Donahue 14 digs, 5 aces; Kathryn Rogers 5 kills, 1 dig, 4 aces; Emily Wilson 8 aces, 1 kill; Crystal Farmer 1 ace; Stephanie Serban 1 ace, 1 kill.

JV: RBCS, 25-12, 25-18

Next: RBCS: Monday at East Hill

Boys golf

At Eglin

Team scores: Fort Walton Beach 159, Choctawhatchee 160, Niceville 177
FWB: Brett Ochsenreiter 37, Kyle Andre 38, Ryan Simletana 42, Andrew Snyder 42
Choctaw: Brandon Jowers 38, Kevin Lamson 41, Logan Clark 41, Trey Henderson 42
Niceville: Kyle Ulrich 38, Avery Helms 41, Anthony Catanese 48, Dalton Young 50
RBCS: Sean Einhaus 31

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Girls cross country

Gulf Coast Stampede

Team scores: Scottsboro 79, Blessed Trinity 82, Niceville 114, Houston 172, Fort Walton Beach 180, Pine Forest 200, Fairhope 278, Gulf Breeze 283, Father Ryan 286, Rocky Bayou Christian 305, Bayside 315, Navarre 334, Choctawhatchee 341, Crestview 388, Cabini 410, Jay 417, Pensacola Catholic 434, Daphne 458, Enterprise 475, Pace 535, Escambia 538, Tate 555, Milton 573, Pensacola 629, Pensacola Christian 638, South Walton 655, Baldwin County 810

RBCS: 20. Holly Stanton 20:51, 50. Elizabeth Perry 21:57, 67. Katie Schaeffer 22:38, 79. Christy Allen 22:57, 89. Katie Brown 23:25

Boys cross country

Gulf Coast Stampede

Team scores: Washington 61, Blessed Trinity 91, Niceville 98, Scottsboro 125, Father Ryan 129, Navarre 139, Fort Walton Beach 170, Choctawhatchee 183, Pine Forest 233, Gulf Breeze 282, Jay 362, Pensacola Catholic 381, Bayside Academy 473, TR Miller 485, Enterprise 505, Daphne 518, Rocky Bayou Christian 571, Fairhope 607, Pensacola Christian 611, Marianna 611, West Florida 628, Pace 644, Tate 666, South Walton 670, Crestview 714, East Hill 715, Blount 724, Milton 741, Pensacola 758, Escambia 787, Baldwin County 826

RBCS: 70. Steve Berry 18:12, 101. Josh Molyneux 19:28, 116. Luke Lennon 19:58, 123. Hudson Pierce 20:11, 161. Austin Denigan 21:32

Prep soccer

RBCS wins high-scoring match

Rocky Bayou Christian's boys soccer team won a high-scoring affair with Roberstdale (Ala.) Central Christian on Tuesday, coming out with a 5-3 victory to improve its record to 3-3-1.

The Knights got two goals from Scott Listak, while Cha, Ben Schaeffler and Chris Hinson also scored. Gary Frey had two assists, while Schaeffler and Cha also added assists.

RBCS travels to Jacksonville on Saturday to play a district game against First Coast Christian.

Boys golf

At Rocky Bayou Country Club
South Walton 181, Rocky Bayou Christian 188

RBCS: Sean Einhaus 34, Jason Rogers 47, Chris Godswell 51, Lewis Guthrie 56
SW: Blade Ruden 40, Jared Kane 42, Billy Davis 43, Mike McCall 56

Next: Thursday at Santa Rosa Beach CC

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Volleyball

Laurel Hill 3, Rocky Bayou Christian 0

Scores: 25-20, 25-21, 28-26

LH (7-10, 3-5 District 1-A): Katie Free 12 kills, 3 digs, 2 blocks, 3 assists; Jami Sheets 10 assists, 7 digs; Amanda King 4 kills, 4 digs, 2 aces; Elizabeth VanWinkle 8 assists, 3 digs, 1 kill, 1 block.

JV: Laurel Hill won

Next: LH: Tuesday at Central

Boys golf

At Santa Rosa Beach CC

Rocky Bayou Christian 184, South Walton 190

RBCS: Sean Einhaus 30, Jason Rogers 46, Lewis Guthrie 51, Josh Allen 57
SW: Blake Ruden 41, Billy Davis 44, Jared Kane 48, Mike McCall 57

Next: SW: Tuesday at Santa Rosa Beach CC

day, October 7, 2007

Soccer Rocky Bayou plays to 2-2 tie

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Bayou played to a 2-2
h First Coast Christian
urday.
Schaeffler had an as-
the Knights (3-3-3, 1-1-2
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Rocky Bayou hosts East
Tuesday.

| October 12, 2007

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s golf
a County Championship
n Bayou
cores: Choctawhatchee 303, Fort
Beach 320, Niceville 329, Crestview
Rocky Bayou Christian 399
w: Brandon Jowers 72, Kevin Lam-
Randy Looney 79, Logan Clark 80
yle Andre 75, Brett Ochsenreiter 76,
Conroy 83, Andrew Snyder 86
le: Michael Postgate 80, Kyle Ulrich
ry Helms 83, Troy Knighten 85
lew: Mike Taylor 78, Jay Morgan 88,
aden 113, Conner Sullivan 118
Sean Einhaus 68, Jason Rogers
Chris Doswell 111, Lewis Guthrie 115

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SEAN EINHAUS

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t three or four more birdies

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the back). I missed four
s under four feet."

Friday, October 12, 2007

Freeport 3, Rocky Bayou 1
Scores: 25-19, 25-11, 20-25, 25-14
Freeport: Lora King 4 aces, 5 kills, 3 digs,
11 assists; Autumn Warner 4 aces, 1 dig;
Heather Moore 2 aces, 5 kills, 2 digs, 6
blocks; Curtin Buford 7 aces, 2 kills, 2
digs, 3 blocks; Stephanie Morrison 5 kills, 1
dig; Lindsey Jones 3 aces, 9 kills, 7 assists,
1 block.
JV: Freeport won
Next: Freeport: Monday at Chplay

Sunday, October 14, 2007

Soccer Rocky Bayou boys lose pair of games

Rocky Bayou's boys soccer
team lost a pair of games this
weekend, falling to Gainesville
The Rock and Mont Verde.

On Friday, the Knights (3-
5-3) fell 5-2 to The Rock. Cha
and Artem Bolos scored the
goals for RBCS.

On Saturday, RBCS lost 4-0
to Mont Verde.

Rocky Bayou Christian
travels to Northside (Ala.) on
Tuesday.

Cross country

Blackcat Invitational
At Milton
Team scores: Crestview 69, Rocky Bayou
Christian 71, Gulf Breeze 74, Pensacola
Washington 131, Jay 148, Milton 150, Tate 160,
Escambia 178, Pensacola Christian 207
Crestview: 1, Lauren Day 20:14, 11, Taylor
Polk 22:16, 12, Sabrina King 22:18, 14, Tabitha
Booher 22:55, 31, Elise Jenkins 24:10
RBCS: 4, Holly Stanton 21:11, 8, Korie Schaeff-
ler 21:48, 13, Elizabeth Berry 22:48, 20, Christy
Allen 23:07, 26, Whitney Denney 23:28

Blackcat Invitational
At Milton
Team scores: Washington 21, Gulf Breeze 51,
Jay 116, Escambia 237, Pensacola Christian
264, Rocky Bayou Christian 304, Crestview
376, Milton 378, Pensacola 430
RBCS: 16, Steve Berry 18:25, 41, Luke Lennon
19:27, 67, Hudson Pierce 20:34, 92, Austin
Denigan 20:49, 108, Stephen Jammer 22:24
Crestview: 14, Jacob Gourlie 18:04, 45, Dylan
Brown 19:55, 71, Angelo Fajardo 20:48, 119,
Forrest Jenkins 23:07, 126, John Wood 23:31

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and two guys did a good job.
We just have to get our third,
fourth and fifth guys' scores
down because when we go to
regional we'll be playing some
powerhouses."

Individual qualifiers for next

District 1-A at Perdido Bay, Pensacola
Team scores: Catholic 322, Gulf Breeze
344, West Florida 367, Rocky Bayou
Christian 370
RBCS: Sean Einhaus 69, Jason Rogers
87, (qualified), sixth grader; Chris Doswell
107, Lewis Guthrie 107

Friday, October 19, 2007

Volleyball

Freeport 3, Rocky Bayou Christian 0
Scores: 25-22, 25-18, 25-23
RBCS (4-20): Allison vande Voorde 3
aces, 2 digs, 1 kill; Katie Kaim 11 assts, 1
block; Shannon Donahue 1 ace, 5 digs, 1
kill; Kathryn Rogers 3 aces, 2 kills; Crystal
Farmer 1 ace, 4 digs.
JV: Freeport, 17-25, 25-12, 15-7
Next: RBCS: Today vs. Pensacola Chris-
tian. Freeport: Tuesday District 1-2A
tournament.

Sunday, October 21, 2007

Cross country

Boys
Panhandle Championships
At Marianna
Top 10 team scores: Chiles 56, Leon 61,
Niceville 98, Navarre 119, Washington
128, McClay 183, Choctawhatchee 195,
Fort Walton Beach 243, Lincoln 263, North
Florida Christian 335

RBCS: 81, Josh Molyneux 19:36, 90, Luke
Lennon 20:08, 91, Hudson Pierce 20:10,
111, Austin Dennigan 21:04, 122, Josh
Sherwood 21:56

Girls
Panhandle Championships
At Marianna
Top 10 team scores: Chiles 40, McClay 65,
Leon 113, Niceville 118, Fort Walton Beach
162, Crestview 229, Choctawhatchee 240,
Navarre 248, Aucilla Christian 256, Wash-
ington 339

RBCS: 11, Holly Stanton 20:06, 59, Korie
Schaeffler 22:38, 73, Whitney Denney
23:29, 83, Melissa Molyneux 24:11

Thursday, October 25, 2007 |

PREP HONOR ROLL

Cross country

• Holly Stanton, Rocky Bayou
Christian: Ran a personal-best
20:06 at the Panhandle Champion-
ships to finish 11th overall.

Boys golf

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District 1-A finals

• District 1-A: Rocky Bayou
was ousted in the semifinals
by top-seeded John Paul II in
three games.

The Knights finish the sea-
son at 5-22.

Allison vande Voorde led
the Knights with three kills.
Laurel Hill had also advanced
to the semifinals against Mun-
roe, but no results were avail-
able at press time.

John Paul II 3, Rocky Bayou Christian 0
Scores: 25-11, 25-18, 25-11
RBCS (5-22): Allison vande Voorde 3 aces, 1
dig, 3 kills, 1 block; Katie Kaim 1 ace, 3 digs,
4 assists; Shannon Donahue 11 digs, 1 ace;
Crystal Farmer 6 digs.

girls District 2-A tournament.

Einhaus, who hasn't lost this
year, shot a 69 for the Knights.
Rogers, a sixth grader, will
probably be the youngest player
at the regionals. He shot an 87
to qualify.

**Rocky Wagon
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Knights knocked out, 4-3

Rocky Bayou Christian girls soccer loses in regionals

By **RANDY DICKSON**

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FORT WALTON BEACH — A gutsy effort by the Rocky Bayou Christian girls soccer team came up short in the Class 2A region quarterfinals at Hedrick Field on Thursday.

Sparked by the two-goal performance of Kelly Conroy, John Paul II beat the Knights 4-3 to advance to the region semifinals.

Katie Kaim matched Conroy's two-goal effort for Rocky Bayou.

The Knights finished the season 15-8.

"I was really proud of the girls," Knight coach Brian Alldredge said. "I thought we had some really good execution, but unfortunately we made a couple of mistakes that cost us too."

In the early going it looked as if the night might belong to Rocky Bayou.

Ashley Weaver scored on an assist from Christin Kaim at the 13 minute mark to give RBCS an early 1-0 lead.

The Panthers tied things up a minute later when Jen Fredrickson scored on a free kick from in front of the goal.

The respective defenses stiffened, but John Paul grabbed the lead when Tazara Weilhammer scored on a rebound from

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Rocky Bayou Christian's Katherine Kai (right) goes for the ball against John Paul II's Jen Fredrickson on Thursday in Fort Walton Beach. To view more photos and a video go to www.nwfvarsity.com.

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just in front of the net.

Rocky tied things up at the 35 minute mark on Kaim's first goal with Brittany Tiller getting the assist.

Conroy's first goal of the match came late in the first half and gave the Panthers a 3-2 lead heading into the intermission.

Midway through the second half Conroy scored what turned out to be the winner for the Panthers (14-9-1).

Kaim's second goal came about the 77 minute mark and pulled the Knights to within a score.

Rocky extended the defense and tried to pick up the pressure in the final minutes to force the game into overtime.

The strategy worked to a certain extent as the Knights were able to force the tempo late. But Rocky was unable to score and its season came

to an end.

"It's a pleasure to watch them not give up," Alldredge said. "There's five minutes left in the game and they are still fighting. They score a goal and they try to score another goal and they didn't give up."

"They persevered to the end. I think it shows character and the work God is doing in their lives. They're not perfect, but they are coming along."

Area Prep **ROUNDUP**

Laurel Hill boys basketball whips Rocky Bayou Christian, 62-49

Staff reports

Jeffrey Reese scored 17 points and Will Sherwood added 13 as Laurel Hill beat Rocky Bayou Christian 62-49 in District 1-A boys basketball action Thursday night.

The Hoboes opened up a 13-point lead at the end of the first quarter and were able to keep the Knights at a safe distance the rest of the way.

P.T. Tidwell and Noah Mosley tried to keep things interesting as Tidwell led the Knights with 17 points followed by Mosley's 16-point effort.

When Rocky Bayou tried to double down on Reese, Sherwood made the Knights pay hitting three 3-point baskets.

Rocky Bayou (3-16, 2-10) hosts South Walton tonight.

Laurel Hill (14-6, 8-3) hosts Walton on Saturday.

Laurel Hill	18 20 10 14 — 62
RBCS	5 18 13 13 — 49

LAUREL HILL (62)

Jeffrey Reese 27, Richard Dixon 8, Zack Sledge 6, Will Sherwood 13, Seth Strickland 4, Ethan Jackson 4. Totals 20 7 1-2 62.

RBCS (49)

P.T. Tidwell 17, James Kaim 8, Tyler Corder 2, Noah Mosley 16, Ryan Burns 2, Will Randall 4. Totals 17 4 3-8 49.

JV: Laurel Hill won.

● **Paxton 79, Ponce de Leon 60:** The Shaq and Zack attack was at it again as the Bobcats beat the Pirates.

Shaq Jackson paced Paxton with 17 points with Zack Vickers right on his heels with 16. But they were just two of five Paxton players in 'double figures.

Colby Forehand scored 15, Blake Zessin 12 and Demetrius Moore 11.

Joe Garner led all scorers with 27 points for PDL.

Paxton (20-1) host Central tonight.

Paxton

21 16 19 23 — 79

7 10-26 61.

BAKER (54)

Colton Henry 5, Chad Donley 14, Chad Lawhon 6, Cameron Davis 2, Stephen Shelley 23, Jarod Batson 4. Totals: 18 3 9-14 54.

● **Niceville 63, Pace 54:** Ty Friedlund scored 18 points and Gabriel Strutchen added 10 as the Eagles beat the Patriots in District 1-5A play.

A balanced Niceville attack also saw Ramoane Jordan and Tory Kirkwood score eight points each.

The Eagles (19-4, 11-2) play at Crestview tonight

Niceville	13 16 18 16 — 63
Pace	17 10 8 18 — 54

NICEVILLE (63)

Ty Friedlund 18, LaDarren Miller 3, Kody Williams 7, Zeus King 3, Gabriel Strutchen 10, Ramoane Jordan 8, Tory Kirkwood 8, Steve Dyson 2, Robert Brooks 4. Totals 14 7 11-13 63.

PACE (54)

Munoz 10, Mullahey 7, Wright 21, Adams 5, Bousson 2, Hanks 2, Fruge 7. Totals 12 5 15-19 54.

JV: Pace won 44-42

● **Crestview 65 Tate 47:** J.J. Spivey scored 15 points for the Bulldogs as Crestview took on Tate and won.

Chris Pickett added 13 points for the Bulldogs in the victory, while Corey Wenrich added eight points.

Crestview (3-15) will host Niceville tonight.

Crestview	14 20 17 14 — 65
Tate	8 8 20 11 — 47

CRESTVIEW (65)

Amond Robinson 4, Corey Wenrich 8, Chris Pickett 13, Demetrius Baragon 2, Cortez Watley 1, Matt Colson 3, Jamar Boyers 6, JJ Spivey 15, Darius Applewhite 4, Cody Hancock 1, Matt Sanders 7. Totals: 25 1 12-24 65.

TATE (47)

Peyton 4, Richbrg 5, John 3, Lamont 1, Wallace 11, McCulley 2, Jackson 2, Drayton 11, Abrey 4, Barge 2. Totals: 13 5 6-17 47.

● **Escambia 55, Choctaw 61:** The Indians fell to the Gators in a tough District 1-5A game.

Curtis Sims led Choctaw with 12 points, Steve Kraus added 11 and Tommy Brassell 10.

Choctaw (17-7) will travel to Fort Walton Beach tonight.

Escambia 12 10 14 19 — 55

Choctaw 18 13 13 17 — 61

BAY (31)

Robertson 3, King 6, Brown 8, Jackson 4, Lee 7, Holt 3. Totals: 11 2 3-4 31.

● **South Walton 64, Freeport 42:** Sadie Hussien scored a game-high 21 points to lead South Walton past Freeport.

Taylor Griffith added 10 points for the Seahawks, while Julie Williamson had five steals and five assists in the win.

Nicole Dykes led Freeport with 19 points, while Lora King added eight points in the losing effort.

South Walton (18-6) will travel to play Rocky Bayou Christian today.

Freeport (13-10) will take on Baker in the District 1-2A tournament Friday at Freeport.

JV: South Walton won 32-23

Freeport	9 5 11 17 — 42
South Walton	17 14 19 14 — 64

FREEPORT (42)

Jessie Moulton 3, Dannica Mosher 5, Joslyn King 2, Lora King 8, Nikki Blaylock 5, Nicole Dykes 19. Totals: 11 3 11-29 42.

SOUTH WALTON (64)

Shereka Bramlet 1, Taylor Griffith 10, Sam Snider 7, Vivian Rodriguez 4, Rachel Miller 6, Sadie Hussien 21, Jamie Delaney 6, Aracely Garcia 6, Tiffany Snider 3. Totals: 11 9 15-19 64.

● **Ponce de Leon 59 Walton 48:** Betsy Stephenson scored 20 points for the Braves, but it wasn't enough as Walton lost to Ponce de Leon.

Lee Paulk was the Braves' next leading scorer with nine points in the loss. Tori Lincoln added eight points, while Jasmine Moore scored seven for Walton.

Mary Howes scored a game-high 30 points to lead Ponce de Leon to victory.

Walton (13-12) will travel to Paxton on Saturday.

Ponce de Leon (19-5) will host Malone on Saturday

PDL	13 9 17 20 — 59
Walton	7 17 11 13 — 48

PONCE DE LEON (59)

Gypsy Griffin 2, Brooke Johnson 1, Maggie Wright 5, Jennifer Grant 11, Hillary Harper 10,

1/10/08 Girls soccer

● Rocky Bayou 1, Rutherford 0: Katie Kiam scored on an assists from Mary Balthazar seven minutes into the game to give the Knights the win over the Rams.

Rutherford had 15 shots on goal, but Shannon Donahue turned them all away in posting the shutout.

The Knights (12-6) host Crestview on Thursday.

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● Rocky Bayou Christian 44, South Walton 43: Noah Mosley scored 13 of his game-high 20 points in the fourth quarter as the Knights took a come-from-behind win over the Seahawks.

Trailing by as many as 15 points in the third quarter, and down by six with 1:12 left in the fourth, Rocky wouldn't be denied the exciting win.

P.T. Tidwell joined Mosley in double figures with 13 points.

Jordan Colson led South Walton with 15 points. Jake Wright added 13.

Rocky Bayou (4-16) hosts Malone on Tuesday.

The Seahawks (4-14) host Freeport on Tuesday.

Rocky Bayou won the JV game 34-33.

South Walton	2	14	17	10	— 43
Rocky Bayou	9	4	7	24	— 44
SW (43)					

David Key 3, Shane Seager 6, Wells Buzzett 4, Mason Smith 2, Jordan Colson 15, Jake Wright 13. Totals 10 2 17-30 43.

RBCS (44)

P.T. Tidwell 13, James Kaim 2, Tyler Corder 2, Noah Mosley 20, Will Randal 3, Taylor Peacock 4. Totals 12 3 11-21 44.



Battle royal

Rocky Bayou Christian School's Christen Kaim fights a Crestview soccer player for the ball during Thursday's game at home. The Lady Knights took the game, 2-1.

Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Area Prep **ROUNDUP**

Rocky Bayou girls win in district semis

Staff reports

Rocky Bayou Christian's girls soccer team spread the wealth with eight different players scoring in an 8-0 win over East Hill in the District 1-2A semifinals on Tuesday at Sneads.

Katie Kaim scored a goal and had three assists. Christin Kaim added a goal and two assists. The other RBCS goals were scored by Mary Balthazar, Jane Ellen Brown, Natalie Farmer, Kori Schaeffer, Corey Sober and Brittany Tiller.

Lindsey Beno and Jamii Williams each had an assist for the Knights.

Rocky Bayou (14-7) will play the winner of the Bozeman-Sneads game for the championship at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

● **South Walton 2, Chipley 1:** Allie Wright and Caroline Peterson scored unassisted goals as the Seahawks beat the Tigers in the District 1-3A semifinals at Catholic.

South Walton (7-6-2) will take on the winner of the Catholic-Marianna game for the district championship Friday at Catholic.

Boys soccer

● **Niceville 5, Chiles 0:** Donnie Dorenkamp scored two goals and had an assist as the Eagles beat the Timberwolves.

Taylor Noon and Pedro Alba also scored for Niceville. The other score was an own goal by Chiles.

Brandon Ellison, Colin Berigan and Reed White each had an assist for Niceville.

Ryan Riggs had two saves in goal as the Eagle defense got the shutout.

Niceville (19-3-2) is at Na-

varre on Thursday.

● **Navarre 3, Choctaw 2:** Robbie Elsas guided the Raiders to the victory by scoring all three of the team's goals.

Christian Ramirez had two assists for Navarre (15-1-4) and Jacob Hardison had one.

Ricky Hoegg and Bruce Boyette scored for Choctaw (11-5-4).

Zach O'Hara had five saves in goal for Navarre, while Choctaw's Grant Crawford had 13 saves.

Navarre plays host to Niceville on Thursday, while Choctaw hosts Washington on Thursday.

● **Walton 5, Freeport 0:** Uriel Baza recorded a hat trick with three goals in the Braves' victory on Senior Night.

Also scoring for Walton (5-8-2) were Brandt Ellenberg and Beau Rushing.

Justin Potts, Kyle Fragle, Dustin Rhodes and Ben Jones were cited by Walton coaches for outstanding play.

Walton plays at Pine Forest on Thursday.

Girls basketball

● **Baker 62, Laurel Hill 15:** Chelsea Combest scored 14 points to lead a trio of Bakers in double figures in the win over the Hoboes.

Dani Mayhair added 12 points for Baker, and Bethany Meisch had 10 points.

Combest also had seven assists. Mayhair pulled down six rebounds.

Laqueatta Williams scored 10 points for the Hoboes.

Baker (12-6) host Ponce de Leon on Friday. Laurel Hill travels to Paxton on Friday.

Laurel Hill 3 7 0 5 - 15

Baker 15 24 13 10 - 62
LAUREL HILL (15)
Laqueatta Williams 10, Jessica Gartman 2, Nylece Underwood 3. Totals 5 1 2-5 15
BAKER (62)
Chelsea Combest 14, Ariel Adkinson 2, Courtney Fountain 8, Samantha Gronberg 1, Aylssa Horn 7, Bethany Meisch 10, Heather Chestnut 8, Dani Mayhair 12. Totals 27 2 2-9 62

● **Central 33, Rocky Bayou Christian 28:** Kathrine Rogers and Glory Allen each scored eight points as the Knights lost a District 1-A heart breaker to the Jaguars.

The game was tied with less than a minute to play, but a young Rocky Bayou team couldn't find the winning touch as time slipped away.

Rocky Bayou (3-13, 1-7) travels to Georgia on Saturday to play Sherwood Christian.

Central 6 6 12 9 - 33
RBCS 8 6 6 8 - 28
CENTRAL (33)
D. Enfinger 11, Forsythe 2, Kimbrough 10, K. Enfinger 2, Dakes 4, Dougherty 4. Totals 13 7-19 33.
RBCS (28)
Glory Allen 8, Allison Johnson 6, Kathrine Rogers 8, Amanda Bryan 2, Elizabeth Jones 4. Totals 13 2-9 28.

● **South Walton 56, Arnold 15:** Taylor Griffith pumped in 22 points, and the Seahawks jumped on visiting Arnold early in the blowout.

Aracely Garcia added 10 points for South Walton (16-5), which led 26-4 after one quarter.

South Walton plays on Friday at Northview.

Arnold 4 4 3 4 - 15
SW 26 10 17 3 - 56
Arnold (15)
Simmon 1, Clack 1, Schultz 4, Legister 9. Totals: 6 0 3-8 15.
South Walton (56)
Shereka Bramlet 4, Taylor Griffith 22, Julie Williamson 2, Sam Snider 3, Rachel Miller 4, Jamie Delaney 4, Aracely Garcia 10, Tiffany Snider 7. Totals: 13 4 18-29 56

Boys basketball

● **Central 55, Rocky Bayou Christian 43:** James Kaim scored a team-high 14 points

as the Knights fell to the Jaguars in District 1-A play.

P.T. Tidwell added 11 points for Rocky Bayou.

The Knights (3-12, 2-8) host Pensacola Christian on Thursday.

Central 11 12 15 17 - 55
RBCS 7 7 5 24 - 43
CENTRAL (55)
Moore 2, Morris 4, Nowling 18, Dawson 6, Campbell 19, Baker 2, Bondurant 4. Totals 20 2 9-16 55
RBCS (43)
Cha Yun 3, P.T. Tidwell 11, James Kaim 14, Tyler Corder 4, Delon Wright 5, Ryan Burns 2, Will Randal 2, Taylor Peacock 2. Totals 11 5 6-9 43.

● **Marianna 64, Walton 50:** Tarrell Bramlet and Dylan Laird each scored 12 points as the Braves lost to the Bulldogs.

Marianna won the JV game.

Walton (8-9) plays at Catholic on Friday.

Walton 16 10 11 13 - 50
Marianna 22 8 18 16 - 64
WALTON (50)
Tarrell Bramlet 12, Shadler Roehm 3, James Towery 6, Dylan Laird 12, Ebae Young 6, Craig Brooks 4, Justin Chrishon 7. Totals 14 6 14-12 50
MARIANNA (64)
Blount 10, Gibson 20, Bell 6, Wilson 6, Spencer 5, Belamy 2, Boykins 1, Horne 4, Jones 8, Wooden 2. Totals 25 2 8-20 64.

● **Pensacola Christian Academy 76, Freeport 57:** Jamey Goddin paced the Bulldogs in the District 1-2A loss with 18 points.

Alex Newkirk and Johnny McCormick added 14 points apiece for Freeport (11-10, 4-4).

Freeport's JV won 44-34. Freeport plays at Ponce de Leon on Friday.

Freeport 13 16 14 14 - 57
PCA 20 25 11 20 - 76
Freeport (57)
Alex Newkirk 14, Jamey Goddin 18, Aaron Knight 9, Johnny McCormick 14, Chase Martin 2. Totals: 21 4 3-3 57.
PCA (76)
Heinold 8, Shoemaker 2, Reeder 3, Matt Goetsch 30, Mike Goetsch 18, Jeremy Riche 4, Andrews 13. Totals: 24 8 4-7 76.

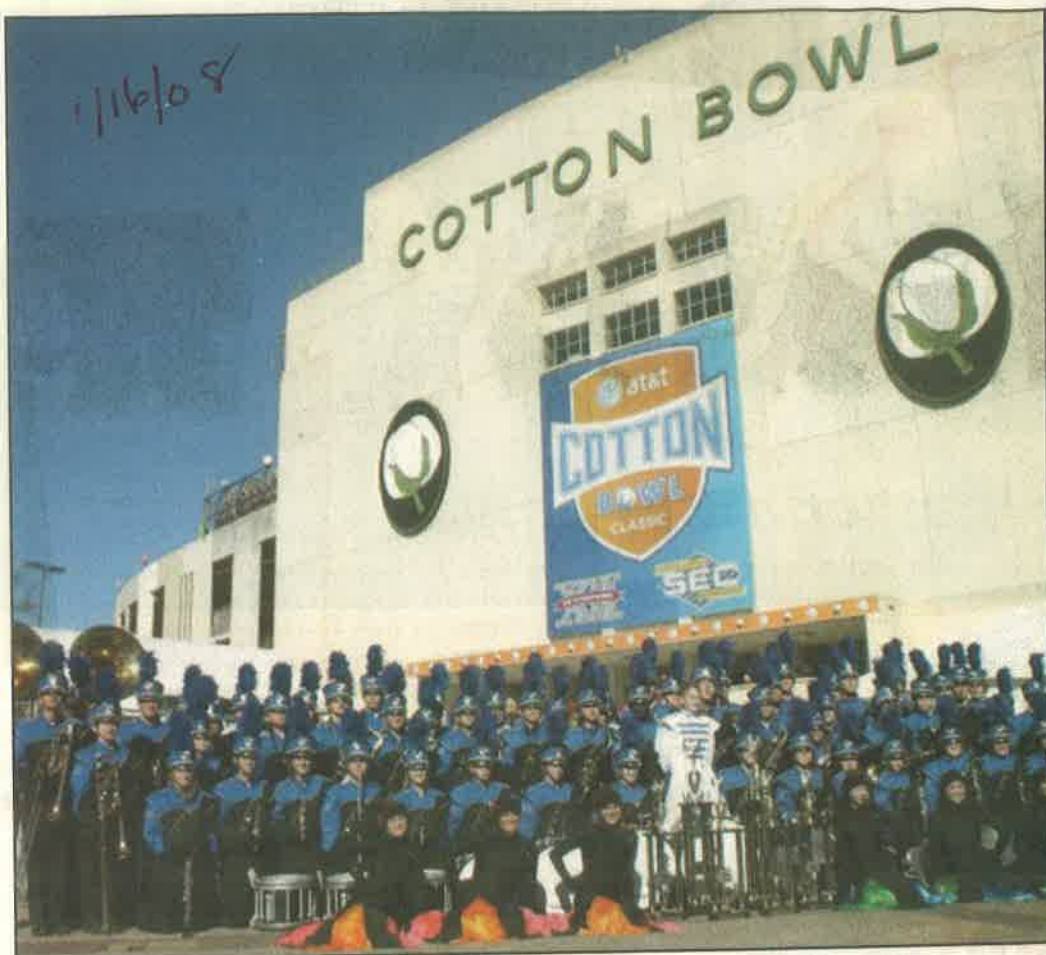


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Going bowling

The Rocky Bayou Christian School band assembles in front of the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The band won seven first-place trophies in the Cotton Bowl parade and music festival over New Year's Day.



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Bowl ambass

Eagles march 6 miles in Rose parade

By Kenneth Books

Beacon Staff Writer

It was a good and productive trip, but Niceville High School band members were happy to be back from their trip to Pasadena, where they marched

almost six miles in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

"It's good to come home to a community that's been so, so supportive of us," said Sydney Simpson, a junior drum major. "It's incredible to come back to

such love and acceptance and be kind of heroes."

The 266-member band, 29 adult chaperones and six NHS staff members made the six-day

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Long Photography

The Niceville High School Golden Eagles band marches in Pasadena in the Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 1. The 266 musicians had a wonderful time, but most expressed pleasure at being back in Northwest Florida.

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Marching bands return

Knights top-ranked in Cotton Bowl

By Stacie Morgan
Beacon Staff Writer

Rocky Bayou Christian School's formation marching band is less than two years old, but that didn't hinder its performances at the 72nd AT&T Cotton

Bowl in Dallas and the associated New Year's parade and music festival.

RBCS bands returned home Jan. 2 with seven first-place trophies.

"I was extremely excited and

thrilled for the band," said band director Jason Bennett.

In the Cotton Bowl Classic Music Festival, Rocky Bayou bands placed first in these

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Rocky Bayou Christian School's marching band performed in mass formation with 15 other high school bands during halftime at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas Jan. 1.

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KNIGHTS

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Division 1 competitions: concert band; jazz band; field marching drill (with a performance of tunes from "West Side Story"); and parade band.

RBCS musicians also won Cotton Bowl grand champion awards for their symphonic and jazz band performances.

Evan Lederman, a percussion-

ist in the Rocky Bayou bands, won best overall jazz solo performance.

"I was very excited to win, but I've been excited about the whole trip from day one," said Lederman, a senior from Baker. He said his favorite part of the six-day trip was playing "in front of 70,000 people." The Marching Knights performed with 15 other high school bands from around the nation during shows for the Cotton Bowl crowd Jan. 1.

The drummer, who hopes to

attend the University of Central Florida and study percussive performing arts, said the most difficult part of performing was working with the other bands with only a day to rehearse in the mass formations that were featured in the Cotton Bowl pregame and half-time shows.

"It's really difficult when you're trying to synchronize with 40 different snare drums," he said.

"I had a good feeling about Evan from the beginning," said Bennett. "I was always taught if you have a smokin' gun in your section, use it. So that's what I did with Evan. I featured him with high hopes of recogni-



Evan Lederman



Steven Griffith

tion, and he didn't let me down."

The competitions and parade marching seemed to rank at the top of the students' "favorites" list.

Steven Griffith and Rebekah Larson, co-captains of the band, agreed on their opinion of performing with high school bands from 11 different states during the bowl's half-time field show.

"It's always fun to play with the band," said Griffith, "but being with other bands was exciting, especially performing on national TV." The euphonium player said the actual competition was "extremely scary. I'm quite a shy person and I had to play a solo but I didn't mess up."

Larson said, "Being with all the bands and working together was great. We all cooperated well. We were very excited to be there. Our results surprised us because we couldn't hear other bands when they performed. We had fun. It's the best trip we've had in long



Jason Bennett

time."

Al Berryman, band booster president, was just as proud of the 77 marchers as their director was.

"I'm very gratified, not only because of the outstanding performances of the RBCS jazz, symphonic, and marching bands, and the many wonderful awards they won, but more importantly, I'm gratified by the way our students conducted themselves throughout the week-long Cotton Bowl festival," Berryman said.

"They were terrific representatives of their families, Rocky Bayou Christian School, and Okaloosa County," Berryman said. "There were 2,500 student musicians performing at the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1, and the RBCS Knights stood as tall as any on the field."

The RBCS concert band program began four years ago. Formation marching began in August 2006. The school has a



Rebekah Larson

beginning band, a junior high band, a high school symphonic band, a marching band, a pep band, and a jazz band.

Band members

RBCS students performing at the Cotton Bowl were:

Christy Allen, Glory Allen, Hael Allen, Yazdel Alvarez, Jared Bailey, Sarah Barnick, Brad Berryman, Brittany Berryman, Daniel Bowers, Rebecca Brown, Hayley Burgess, Ryan Burns, Kayla Caine, Elizabeth Cassady, Ethan Cornwell, Hector Delgado, Lauren Dempsey, Whitney Denney, Stephen Farrell, Sam Griffith, Steven Griffith, Ashley Hannay, Thomas Hannay, Nathaniel Hawn, Christian Helms, Abi Hoskins, Caitlin Hudson, William Hudson, Tanner Jenkins, Charlie Johnson, Kristian Keicher, Anna Keipert, Wendy Kent, Emily Kent, Drew Kirkpatrick, Maria Kometer, Beka Larson, Evan Lederman, Alan Long, Kathryn Lorenz, Darrin Lyon, Jessica Maney, Matthew McKinley, Mikayla Berner, Hannah Moore, Jennifer Oelschlager, Bradley Paskell, Tyler Paskell, Laura Pate, Jared Porata, Matthew Ruff, Kit Sandlin, Austin Sasser, Miranda Sasser, Matthew Schilling, Corrie Sober, Elizabeth Sober, Grace Stoner, Joshua Stubblefield, Joseph Sung, Timothy Sung, Caleb Thomas, Chanel Thomasos, Joseph Townsend, John Tyre, Olivia Tyre, Sharon Waldron, Kendall Walton, Sarah Ward, Jake West, Steven Wills, Sarah Witkos, Dion Wright, Josh Zook, Melissa Patrick, Steven Marshall.

From staff reports

Boys admit to burglary, mischief

OKALOOSA ISLAND

Four teenage boys have admitted to shooting off fireworks inside a Pelican Drive home on New Year's Day, according to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

All four face felony charges for burglary. They're also charged with criminal mischief.

Zane Allen Bondi, 16, a Fort Walton Beach High School student, and Morgan Richard Cates, also 16 and a student at Rocky Bayou Christian School, joined two 15-year-old boys inside the home just before 11 a.m. Tuesday, according to a Sheriff's Office report.

A neighbor saw them and called the owner, who said no one was supposed to be inside the residence.

A sheriff's deputy picked the boys up minutes later on Santa Rosa Boulevard about a block from the scene.

Inside the house, the deputy smelled "the strong odor of expended fireworks and burnt marijuana emitting in the air," according to the report.

Burn damage to a carpet was about \$1,200, the report said. A door frame also was broken.

The boys were released to parents after their arrests.

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RBCA students score high at forum

Do well in Greek, Latin, history, mythology and literature

Rocky Bayou Christian Academy's Junior Classical League earned Ordo Quartus at the JCL Regional Forum in Pensacola on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Individual winners for the academic testing were: seniors—Steven Griffith, Advanced Greek Derivatives, fourth; Jennifer Oelschlager, Greek Derivatives I, fifth and History of the Empire I, first (tie); William Randall, Advanced Heptathlon, second and Advanced Mythology, third; Korie Schaeffler, Greek Literature I, fifth.

Juniors—Abby Chapman, Advanced Heptathlon, fourth and Advanced Latin Grammar II, fifth; Austin Denigan, History of the Republic II, second; Natalie Fleming, Advanced Vocabulary, second; Gary Frey, Advanced Latin Grammar, fifth; Noah Mosley, Advanced Latin Derivatives,

fourth; Laurel Nelson, Advanced Latin Derivatives, fifth.

Sophomores—Sarah Barnick, Latin Grammar II, fifth and Greek Derivatives II, fourth; Daniel Bowers, Latin Derivatives II, first; Justin Emerick, History of the Republic II, fourth and Mythology II, third; Sarah Frasier, History of the Empire I, first and History of the Republic I, first (tie); Jessica Maney, Latin Grammar II, fourth; Laurie Sambenedetto, Classical Art II, third; Emily Wilson, Heptathlon II, first.

Freshman—Glory Allen, Latin Vocabulary I, third; Sam Griffith, Latin Derivatives I, fourth; Hannah Moore, Geography I, first; Brad Paskell, Pentathlon, fourth; Nick Roberts, Latin Grammar I, second and Pentathlon, fifth; Matt Ruff, Geography I,

fourth; Joseph Sung, Pentathlon, first.

Individual winners for the Creative Projects were:

Chapman, Gary Frey, Natalie Fleming, Chris Hinson, Noah Mosley and Laurel Nelson, fourth (tie); Modern Myth, Laurie Sambenedetto, Daniel Bowers, third and Emily Wilson, fifth; Painting, Yazdel Fonseca, third.

Winners in the Olympic events were: Broad Jump, Sarah Barnick, second, Will Randall, fourth and Justin Emerick, fifth; Tug-O-War, Sarah Barnick, Yazdel Fonseca, Jenn Oelschlager, Will Randall, Nick Roberts and Matt Ruff, fifth; Mile Run, Corrie Sober and Justin Emerick, both second; 100-meter run, Jessica Maney, fourth and Corrie Sober, fifth; Atalanta race, Sarah Barnick and Justin Emerick, fourth; Mixed Relay, Justin Emerick, Jessica Maney, Bradley Paskell, and Corrie Sober, fourth.



Drawing, Hali Allen, third for Pegasus; Miscellaneous for Cicero Magazines, Abby

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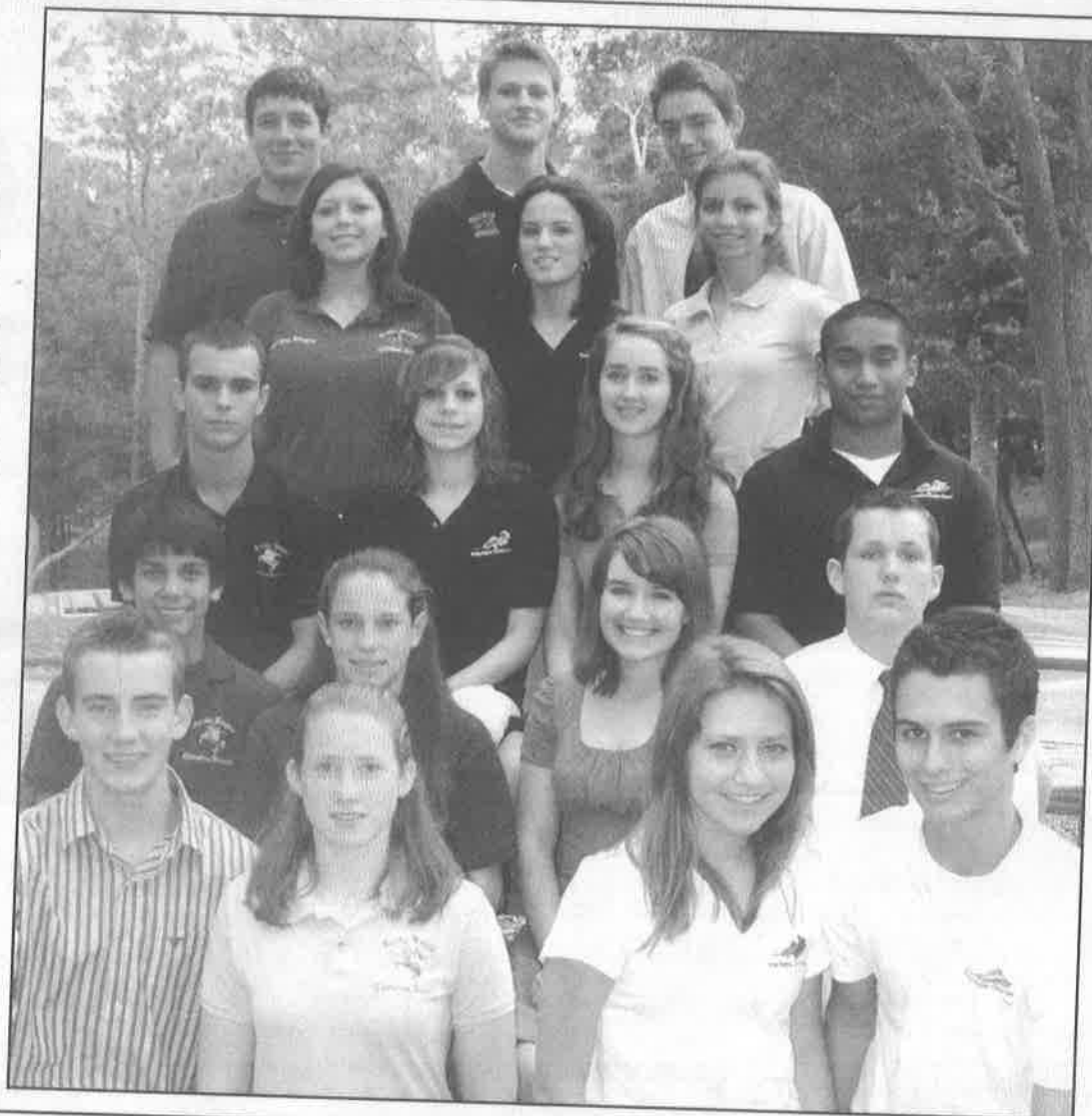
HOMEROOM

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Royalty in waiting

The presentation and crowning of the King and Queen of the Rocky Bayou Christian School Homecoming Court will take place Saturday, Jan. 26, at 6:30 p.m. The members of the court are, from left: bottom row, freshmen Ryan Burns, Esther Alldredge, Julia Denney and Tyler Walker; second row, sophomores Scotty Listak, Corrie Sober, Laurie Sambenedetto, and Daniel Bowers; third row, juniors Gary Frey, Natalie Fleming, Abby Chapman and Ben Donahue; fourth row, senior girls Sharon Waldron, Christin Kaim and Kori Schaeffler; and top row, senior boys Jared Bailey, Steven Marshall and Troy Speegle.

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Traffic crash kills one, injures another

By Del Lessard
Beacon Staff Writer

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today for a 25-year-old Niceville man killed in a single-vehicle crash early Friday. The car's driver, also from Niceville, remains hospitalized.

Wesley B. Faile, 25, of Niceville, was killed after he was ejected from the car in which he was a passenger during the crash on Highway 285, about two miles north of College Boulevard, about 1:30 a.m. Jan. 11, according to a report by the Florida Highway Patrol.

The driver, Gabriel C. Pineiro, 24, also of Niceville, was seriously injured and taken to Fort Walton Beach Hospital, the FHP said. As of Tuesday morning Pineiro was listed in stable condition, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Faile, a 2000 graduate of Rocky Bayou Christian School, had attended classes at Okaloosa-Walton College and was a sales manager of an electronics store. He was also a writer who had won several poetry contests.

Funeral services for Faile are scheduled at 10 a.m. today at the Niceville Assembly of God, on Highway 85, Niceville. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Slocomb, Ala. Heritage Gardens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

According to the FHP Pineiro was driving a 2003 Infinity G35



Wesley B. Faile

northbound on Highway 285 when his vehicle traveled into the grassy east shoulder. The driver tried to steer back onto the road but overcorrected, the FHP said, causing him to lose control of the vehicle.

The car then spun across both the northbound and southbound lanes, the FHP said. It entered the grassy shoulder on the west side of the road, where its right wheels dug into the ground and caused it to overturn and strike several trees, before landing on all four wheels.

Both men were wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash, according to the FHP.

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One killed, one hurt in Niceville crash

Wesley B. Faile died when he was ejected from vehicle

By ROBBYN BROOKS
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NICEVILLE — A man was killed early Friday when the car he was riding in overturned and ejected him.

Wesley B. Faile, 25, of Niceville was a passenger in a 2003 Infiniti that crashed at about 1:30 a.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to

a Florida Highway Patrol press release.

Gabriel C. Pineiro, 24, also of Niceville, was driving the car. He was in critical condition at 8 p.m. Friday at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, hospital officials said.

Pineiro was driving north on State Road 285 near College Boulevard when the car drifted onto the grassy shoulder, according to the FHP. He

then overcorrected and lost control of the vehicle.

The car spun counter-clockwise across SR 285. The right wheels then dug into the grass on the west side of the road and caused the car to overturn and strike several trees before it landed upright, the FHP release stated.

Faile was ejected from the car.

Both men were wearing seatbelts, according to the FHP.

It was not known if alcohol was involved.

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RBCS DALLAS BAND TRIP

By: Becca Brown, Jake West, and Hector Delgado

During the Christmas holiday the band took a trip to Dallas, Texas, for the AT&T Cotton Bowl. The bands that competed in Texas were the symphonic band, jazz band, and marching band. On the rainy morning of December 28th the band members met at school at 7:30 a.m. to start their long journey to Dallas, Texas.

On their way there they made a few stops. The first stop was at McDonalds in Alabama, at around 9:00 a.m. Then after a couple of hours they stopped and ate in Mississippi, where they had the choice of Taco Bell, Subway, or Burger King. They did stop at a couple of gas stations, but the last one was in Louisiana and the chaperones made sure it was their last stop before Dallas and they were right. That night, when they got to the hotel, they ate dinner at The Crown Plaza, and while they ate, Mr. Bennett told them what they would be doing the next day.

The next day the band was up by 6:00a.m., and after breakfast, they were

on the bus by 8:30. The band traveled to Loose Field where they were forced to practice in the parking lot because nobody was there to let them on the field. They practiced until 10:30 a.m. then they once again loaded the bus and headed for Six Flags over Texas. They were there until around 5:30 p.m. enjoying many different rides.

That night the band went to the grounds where President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed. Then after seeing where he was shot, they went to dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. The food there was not very good, but it didn't matter because they were really hungry! The one thing that was cool about the restaurant was the bathrooms. Now that might sound a little weird, but it's true! The bathrooms were kind of confusing when you first walked in. They had mirrors on the stall doors and the tiles on the walls were slanted so it made people feel like they were spinning. Then after eating they went back to the hotel to get

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NEW YEAR'S DEVOTION

By: Brannon Tolbert and John Stevenson

The New Year is a time when many families gather to celebrate the glory of the year with which God has blessed us. New Years is a wonderful time to make resolutions. These resolutions are good ways to strive to perfect our Christian faith. The Jubilee celebration is a wonderful example of faith to learn from. During the celebration of Jubilee the farmers could not plant

their crop for the upcoming year. This had to have been a huge leap of faith, but as it says in Leviticus 25:12 "It will be a jubilee year for you, and you must observe it as a special and holy time. You may, however, eat the produce that grows naturally in the fields that year" (NLT). If you believe God will provide,

take this and make it a resolution for everyone to follow for the long year to come



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Winter Solstice

Homecoming

By: Sandia McCreery, Heather Trippe & Christina Jeong.

Every year, our school organizes a themed homecoming dance. However this year, Rocky is calling for a 'Winter Wonderland- Come Share Our Joy!'

As most students are aware, the last homecoming was located on base. But this time it is held on our campus, in the gymnasium.

Our 2008 homecoming has been arranged by our fabulous committee and staff. This Winter Wonderland will be on January 26th.

Winter Wonderland will begin with the presentation of the 08 Homecoming Court at 6:15 PM, followed by the Homecoming Dance from 7:30 PM-10:00 PM. It has been arranged for each student to pay \$20 for the dance. Tickets are sold in the gymnasium with Ms. Ruff. For this dance to shine, Rocky will invite a DJ following on with a band. Our school jazz band will be performing before the presentation. Furthermore, the MC for the night will be our fabulous, Doctor Mosley! One of the major activities that will be held during this night is the RBCS parade, tailgating pep rally, scavenger hunt, "Pie in the Face," and the car decorating contest judging.

Hope to see many students in Winter Wonderland!!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By: Julia Denney, Tyler Walker, and Kendall Walton

It's a new year! That means New Year's resolutions such as follow: lose weight, get in shape, make better grades, get organized, stay in school, become a vegetarian, graduate with honors, and be more diligent in devotions towards God. While these are more typical resolutions, there are also a few unusual ones. For example, Amani B. wants to grow a beard, while one unnamed source wants to read all the books in the Rocky Bayou Christian School library before the end of the school year. Also, Bill H. wants to beat a Korean in a Rubix Cube competition. Furthermore, Natalie M. would like to adopt either a manatee or a highway. In conclusion, resolutions are a great way to start the New Year!

Spirit Week Schedule

Monday- No school

Tuesday- Pajama Day

Wednesday- Dream Career Day

Thursday- Blast from the Past

Friday- Spirit Homecoming T-Shirt Day

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ready for the competitions the next day.

The band had a very early start on their morning. They got up and almost immediately had to go to church. Right after church, they had to go and do their symphonic and jazz performance. After a good morning of well done performances the band went to the mall for some lunch. Next the band went to the mass band practice where they practiced the music for the Cotton Bowl. Along with all the other bands they made great music for their first day together. Later that night, the marching band performed West Side Story. After a tiring day the band went back to the hotel and separated to go get some well deserved dinner and sleep.

The next day was one of the days the Marching Knights had been waiting for. It was time for the New Years Day Parade, and as you can imagine they were very excited. Once they got to the parade route, they immediately got out of the buses and started warming up. After Mr. Bennett made sure that everyone had their instruments, they moved to the spot where they would begin the parade. Once they started the 5 mile parade (which they said was only 2.5 miles, but the band members knew that wasn't true) they couldn't wait for it to be done! The drum line started out

the parade with their cadence "Rhythmic Rehab" written by our own Evan Lederman, and the band played "Sousa". Once the parade was done, the band had to walk back about 1.5 miles, but it was worth seeing those beautiful buses at the end! Once they got back to the hotel they had two hours to themselves before the dance. It was a very good rest.

At 7:00p.m. they went to South Fork Ranch, were the show "Dallas" was shot. It is a very nice place. Yet, only our band and a couple of others dressed formally for the occasion. The night was filled with food and dancing. After dancing for a while, the award ceremonies began. RBCS took first place in every awards category. The band took grand champion in every thing but parade band. Evan Lederman took home a trophy for his drum solo in jazz band. After the award ceremony the band went back to the hotel and had a little time before the New Year began.

A few hours of sleep and the marching band was ready to go perform in the AT&T Cotton Bowl. They did a pre-game show consisting of "Devil in a Blue Dress" and "We Are Family". During half-time they performed a collection of songs entitled "Motown Hits". After their stunning performance it was time for some relaxation at Medieval Times. Later that night they all went back to the hotel and got some well deserved sleep to get ready for their lengthy trip home.

The next morning they traveled back home. After sixteen hours on a bus everyone was ready to get home and sleep in their own bed!

Answers to Crossword in Issue 4

Across:

1. Christmas
2. Presents
3. Santa Clause
4. Reindeer
5. Hot chocolate
6. Cookies and milk
7. Wise men
8. Rudolph

Down:

1. Christmas Eve
2. Sleigh Bells
3. Snow
4. North Pole
5. Chris Kringle
6. Jesus Christ
7. Chimney
8. Star
9. Sheperds

Mystery Students

By: Teresa Riker and Susan Centanni

Snoopy-the girl

Snoopy has been here at RBCS for eleven years and is now a sophomore. She said that if she could paint the sky any color, she would paint it green! If she had been given the choice, Snoopy would choose a magic banana over a black balloon, and

her favorite sub style is turkey.

Snoopy's favorite memory is shooting off fireworks with her cousins on New Year's Eve.

Snoopy can not touch her nose with her tongue, and neither can her tongue touch her elbow. We also asked her if she would have either Trix or Lucky Charms, and she responded with Lucky Charms. Snoopy also has two brothers and a sister.

In her free time, Snoopy enjoys reading mystery novels. She doesn't watch for forest fires, but loves curing plantial diseases (who doesn't? J). Snoopy plays two instruments: the flute and the piano. Snoopy, sadly, does not enjoy chocolate chips stuck on trees, but if she was lost in a desert, she would need her mouth the most. **WHO IS SnOOPY?**



Woodchuck

Woodchuck's been here since kindergarten. Imagine that! If he could paint the sky any color, it would be a yummy purple and green (neon). He chooses a magic banana over a black balloon, and his favorite sub is tuna with jalapeños. Woodchuck's most hardcore memory is strapping a skateboard to his feet and going down the roof onto the trampoline. This dude can also touch his nose with his tongue, (Ta-dal) but unfortunately, he can't touch his elbow with his tongue. He likes Lucky Charms, which we're not sure he'll share with his older brother and younger sister (he might though....he might...). He spends time in band, sailing, and with friends/girls in his free time and wouldn't necessarily watch for forest fires. Curing plantial diseases would be out of the question. When we asked if he liked chocolate chips, he said, "chocolate chip." If he was in the middle of a deSSert, he would bring a ladle and a magic carpet. Last clue, this guy is in 9th grade. Now can you put a name and a face to this script?



WHO IS THE WOODCHUCK?

Holiday Word Search

By: Bill Hudson

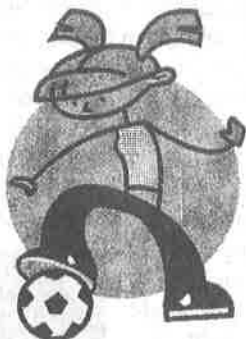
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Lady Knights Middle School Soccer

By: Kyle Phleffer, Matt Glenn, and Will Bowers

The girls' middle school soccer has come a long way since the beginning of the season and is continuing to grow and become more of a unified team as the year goes on. When they first started, the season was looking down, but as they got more into the season, they were showing signs of improvement. One reason they didn't do too well is because they barely had enough players to complete a game. The captains



were Rebekah Pruett and Elizabeth Sober and their leading scorer was Brittany Tiller. The girls may not have had the best season, but next year is a new year. Most of the girls on the middle school team are going to varsity since they are in eighth grade.

Guys' Middle School Soccer

By: Ben Schaeffler and Katie Kalm

This year's boys' middle school soccer started out with a slight change. Last year's coach, Mr. Cain, resigned and Coach Byrd stepped up and took his place. With the responsibility of coaching boys and girls the amount of games that will be played has been limited to allow more time to practice. With the help of two amazing helpers, Ben Schaeffler and Ben Donahue, and the cooperation of the players, Coach Byrd has brought the two teams a long way since tryouts.

With only an average of one game a week, the boy's first game took place at Emerald Coast. With an unfortunate defeat of 5-1; they could tell there was some work to

be done. After a week of hard practicing they went to Davidson. All of their hard practice paid off with a 5-1 victory. Coach Byrd was very pleased with this game he said, "they played like a mini varsity team". A week later they had a home game against Richburg. A 2-2 tie was satisfying, but they were hoping for a win.

The team is looking forward to a rather promising season. With a great soccer coach and a lot of time to practice, this ready and able team is eager to improve. Although this year's team has had great success, many of their players are 8th graders and will move up to varsity next year.



"I AM A KNIGHT"

By: David Ward

I am a knight
I bleed Rocky blue

I am a knight
of Jesus too

I am a knight
His cross to bear

I am a knight
His armor wear

I am a knight
His banner wave

I am a knight
His righteous slave

I am a knight
Of God and King

I am a knight
His praises sing

I am a knight
even when at last
I join Him in heaven's repast

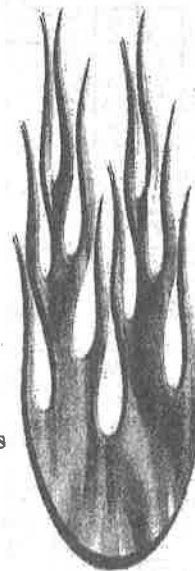
I am a knight

"Risen from the Fire"

By: Michael Dietiker

Through the flames
Of our fiery past
Hidden in the shadows
Lost in the darkness
Blind to the truth

Like thunder and lightning
Brothers in arms
Clashing amongst themselves
In rage and fury
Burning from the skies



We must rise above
For all to see
Beyond the limits of time
Up through the fire
Burns bright red

A new day has come
That fire falls far
From the scorched skies
To our dried up past
We must never fall again

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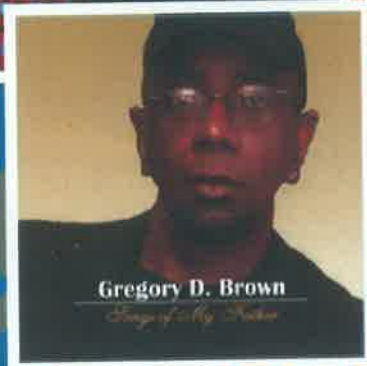
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Rocky Bayou girls soccer locks up fifth straight district title

Staff Reports

Rocky Bayou Christian's girls soccer team won its fifth straight District 1-2A title on Thursday with a 2-1 victory over Bozeman.

The Knights (15-7) got goals from Katie Kaim and Brittany Tiller. Ashley Weaver and Tiller both had assists.

RBCS will host the District 2 runner-up in the regional quarterfinals on Jan. 24.

Katie Kaim matched Conroy's two-goal effort for Rocky Bayou.

The Knights finished the season 15-8.

"I was really proud of the girls," Knight coach Brian Alldredge said. "I thought we had some really good execution, but unfortunately we made a couple of mistakes that cost us too."

In the early going it looked as if the night might belong to Rocky Bayou.

Ashley Weaver scored on an assist from Christin Kaim at the 13 minute mark to give RBCS an early 1-0 lead.

The Panthers tied things up a minute later when Jen Fredrickson scored on a free kick in front of the goal.

The respective defenses stiffened, but John Paul grabbed the lead when Tazara Weillhammer scored on a rebound from

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Knights knocked out, 4-3

Rocky Bayou Christian girls soccer loses in regionals

By RANDY DICKSON

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FORT WALTON BEACH — A gutsy effort by the Rocky Bayou Christian girls soccer team came up short in the Class 2A region quarterfinals at Hedrick Field on Thursday.

Sparked by the two-goal performance of Kelly Conroy, John Paul II beat the Knights 4-3 to advance to the region semifinals.

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just in front of the net.

Rocky tied things up at the 35 minute mark on Kaim's first goal with Brittany Tiller getting the assist.

Conroy's first goal of the match came late in the first half and gave the Panthers a 3-2 lead heading into the intermission.

Midway through the second half Conroy scored what turned out to be the winner for the Panthers (14-9-1).

Kaim's second goal came about the 77 minute mark and pulled the Knights to within a score.

Rocky extended the defense and tried to pick up the pressure in the final minutes to force the game into overtime.

The strategy worked to a certain extent as the Knights were able to force the tempo late. But Rocky was unable to score and its season came

to an end.

"It's a pleasure to watch them not give up," Alldredge said. "There's five minutes left in the game and they are still fighting. They score a goal and they try to score another goal and they didn't give up."

"They persevered to the end. I think it shows character and the work God is doing in their lives. They're not perfect, but they are coming along."

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Rocky Bayou Christian's Katherine Kai (right) goes for the ball against John Paul II's Jen Fredrickson on Thursday in Fort Walton Beach. To view more photos and a video go to www.nwfvarsity.com.

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Boys basketball

● **Pensacola Christian 47, Rocky Bayou Christian 27:** Rocky Bayou went down quickly and could not keep up in a non-district loss.

P.T. Tidwell led RBCS with 11 points.

The Knights (3-13) host Baker on Saturday.

RBCS 38 9 7—27
Pen. Christian 12 9 12 14—47
RBCS (27)

P.T. Tidwell 11, Tyler Corder 2, Deion Wright 4, Ryan Burns 4, Will Randall 4, Taylor Peacock 2. Totals 10 2 1-2 27.

PEN. CHRISTIAN (27)

Heinold 1, Ma, Goetsh 15, Mi, Goetsh 13, Jay 2, Andrews 6, Kubola 4, Shumaker 6. Totals 18 1 8-12 47.

Sunday, January 20, 2008

● **Baker 62 Rocky Bayou Christian 54:** Baker's early lead held up in a non-district victory.

Chad Donley scored a team-high 15 points to lead Baker, while Josh Rose had 14 and Stephen Shelley scored 12.

Noah Mosley poured in a game-high 21 points for the Knights.

Rocky Bayou (3-14) hosts Paxton on Tuesday. The Gators (10-8) travel to Central on Tuesday.

Baker 24 17 15 6—62
RBCS 16 8 11 19—54
RBCS (54)

P.T. Tidwell 6, James Kaim 8, Deion Wright 1, Noah Mosley 21, Ryan Burns 4, Will Randolph 5, Taylor Peacock 9. Totals: 16 3 13-21 54.

BAKER (62)

Austin McCar 1, Josh Rose 14, Colton Henry 5, Chad Donley 15, Chad Lawson 2, Cameron Davis 6, Stephen Shelley 12, Jarred Batson 7. Totals: 14 8 10-15 62.

● **Sherwood Christian (Ga.) 44, Rocky Bayou Christian 26:** Rocky Bayou Christian got off to a good start, but then couldn't put it together following that in a 18-point loss.

Amanda Bryan scored nine points to lead RBCS, while Anna Doswell and Glory Allen each scored six points.

Rocky Bayou (3-13) will host Freeport on Monday.

RBCS 10 3 5 8—26
Sherwood 7 6 14 17—44
RBCS (26)

Elizabeth Jones 2, Amanda Bryan 9, Anna Doswell 9, Allison Johnson 3, Glory Allen 6. Totals: 12 3 2-7 26.

SHERWOOD (44)

Hall 3, Foster 8, Williams 12, Noble 4, Lane 2, Lincoln 15. Totals: 19 0 6-12 44.
JV: Sherwood, 23-20



Beacon photos by Sarah Clauson

Seeking an edge Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Sophomore Emily Wilson goes for a three-pointer during Tuesday's Ladies basketball game between Rocky Bayou Christian School and Central, left. The Lady Knights fell short, 33-28. At right, Freshman Kathryn Rogers and another player battle a Central player for the ball.

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Girls basketball

● **Freeport 56, Rocky Bayou Christian 36:** Freeport got up early and didn't look back in a non-district victory.

Nicole Dykes scored a game-high 22 points for Freeport, while Lora King added 14. Kathyne Rogers and Allison Johnson each had eight for RBCS.

The Knights (3-14) will host South Walton on

Friday.

Freeport 16 7 20 13—56
RBCS 7 6 11 12—36

FREEPORT (56)

Nicole Dykes 22, Nikki Blalock 8, Lora King 14, Joslyn King 1, Curstin Buford 5, Jessie Molton 6. Totals 9 8 10-19 56.

RBCS (36)
Julie Gomez 2, Elizabeth Jones 6, Amanda Bryan 2, Kathyne Rogers 8, Anna Doswell 4, Allison Johnson 8, Brittany Burton 2, Glory Allen 3, Haley Johnson 1. Totals 12 1 9-21 36.
JV: Freeport won

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Boys basketball

● **Paxton 62, Rocky Bayou 20:** Blake Zessin scored 16 points and Shaq Jackson added 13 in the Bobcats' District 1-A victory.

Noah Mosley, Will Randall and Taylor Peacock each had six points for Rocky Bayou (3-14, 2-9).

Rocky Bayou plays host to Laurel Hill on Thursday, while Paxton plays at Ponce de Leon.

Paxton 26 24 10 2—62
Rocky Bayou 7 4 5 4—20
RBCS (20)

P.T. Tidwell 2, Noah Mosley 6, Will Randall 6, Taylor Peacock 6. 9 0 2-10 20.

PAXTON (62)

Dan Geoghagan 5, Blake Zessin 16, Chaze Russell 2, Colby Forehand 4, Young 1, Zack Vickers 8, Michael Smith 6, Shaq Jackson 13, Demetrius Moore 7. Totals: 20 6 4-9 62.

Lady's Soccer

2007 -2008



• Lady Knights Varsity Soccer Schedule •



**Congratulations Lady Knights -
District 1, 2A Champions for 5th consecutive year in a row!!!**



Coach Alldredge



2007 - 2008 Ladies Varsity

[Varsity Soccer Action Photos](#)

Coaches: Brian Alldredge and Coach Donahue

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Game Time	Scores
Sat	3-Nov	Rutherford High	Panama City	3:00 PM	0-2
Mon	5-Nov	Pt. St. Joe High	Twin Oaks	4:00 PM	4-1
Thur	8-Nov	East Hill*	Destin/Morgan Sports	6:00 PM	8-0
Fri	9-Nov	Maclay	Tallahassee	6:00 PM	0-4
Mon	12-Nov	Choctawhatchee	Twin Oaks	6:00 PM	0-3
Tues	13-Nov	Bozeman*	Destin/Morgan Sports	6:00 PM	2-0
Thur	15-Nov	South Walton	Destin/Morgan Sports	6:00 PM	2-0
Mon	26-Nov	East Hill*	Ashton Bros	6:00 PM	8-0
Tues	27-Nov	Sneads High*	Henricks Center FWB	6:00 PM	7-0
Fri	30-Nov	Pensacola Catholic	Pensacola Catholic	6:00 PM	1-0
Mon	3-Dec	Choctawhatchee	Choctawhatchee	6:00 PM	1-3
Tues	4-Dec	Bozeman*	Bozeman	6:00	3-0

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Fri	7-Dec	Niceville High	Twin Oaks	6:00 PM	0-6
Tues	11-Dec	Sneads High*	Sneads	6:00 PM	8-0
Fri	14-Dec	Pt. St. Joe High	Pt. St. Joe (overnite) CST	6:00 PM	4-0
Sat	15-Dec	South Walton	South Walton arrive home 4pm	1:00 PM	1-0
Thurs	20-Dec	Crestview High	Crestview	6:00 PM	cancel
Sat	5-Jan	Pensacola High	RBCS	11:00 am	0-2
Mon	7-Jan	Rutherford High	Twin Oaks	6:00 PM	1-0
Thur	10-Jan	Crestview High	Twin Oaks	6:00 PM	2-1
Sat	12-Jan	Maclay	RBCS	12:00 pm	1-4
*District games		(District 1, 2A)	District Tournament at Sneeds		
Tues	Jan 15	East Hill	at Sneeds		8-0
Thur	Jan 17	Bozeman	Championship Game at Sneeds		2-1
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Thur	24-Jan	Regional quarter finals	John Paul	6 pm	3-4
Tues	29-Jan	Regional Semifinals			
Fri	1-Feb	Regional Finals			
Wed	6-Feb	State Semifinals			
Thur	7-Feb	State Finals			

More photos: by **Mr.Scott Schaeffler**: The link below will take you to online photo albums for each game.

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A Note from Mr. Schaeffler [pdf]

Varsity Girls Soccer: 2007 - 2008 <http://picasaweb.google.com/rbcsgallery>

Mr. Scott Schaeffler - our volunteer Action Sports Photographer had started a RBCS Athletic Gallery!

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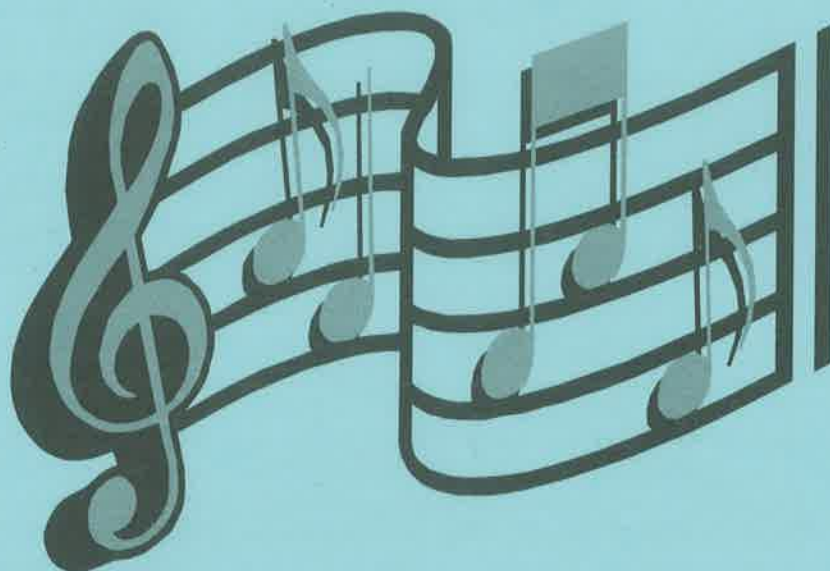
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Wednesday, January 30, 2008

THE BEACON

RBCS homecoming split



Beacon photos by Sarah Clauson

Rocky Bayou Christian School boys edged South Walton, 44-43, while the Lady Knights fell, 50-29, Friday in the homecoming game. At left, Glory Allen shoots from the inside while under heavy pressure. At right, Noah Mosley breaks around defenders near the key.

Saturday, February 2, 2008 | Daily News | Page B3

● **Paxton 49, Rocky Bayou Christian 12:** Marylyn Gilbert scored 21 points for Paxton en route to a Bobcats win over Rocky Bayou Christian.

Erin Walker added 12 points for the Bobcats, who held a 45-2 advantage at half time.

Elizabeth Jones led Rocky Bayou Christian with six points, while Kat Rogers added four points.

Paxton (21-5) will host Central tonight for district championship.

Rocky Bayou 0 2 4 6 — 12
Paxton 30 15 4 0 — 49
ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN (12)
Elizabeth Jones 6, Kat Rogers 4, Anna Dowell 2. Totals: 6 0 0-0 12.
PAXTON (49)
Marylyn Gilbert 21, Erin Walker 12, Stevie Davidson 7, Vikki Pepper 5, Katie Kinkey 3, Chantel McCormick 1. Totals: 15 5 4-11 49.

Boys basketball

● **Pensacola Christian 46, Rocky Bayou 22:** Noah Mosley scored 12 points for Rocky Bayou Christian, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Knights from closing their regular season schedule with a tough loss to Pensacola Christian.

After trailing 22-3 at the half, the Knights clawed back into the game with a 15-point third quarter before falling behind big again in the final quarter.

Rocky Bayou Christian (4-19) will open District 1A tournament play on Tuesday against Gainer at Laurel Hill.

Rocky Bayou Christian 2 1 15 4 — 22
Pensacola Christian 14 8 9 15 — 46
ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN (22)
P.T. Tidwell 4, Tyler Corder 2, Noah Mosley 12, Will Randall 3, Taylor Peacock 1. Totals: 6 1 7-17 22.
PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN (46)
Reeder 3, Matt Goetsch 13, Mike Goetsch 15, Riche 8, Jay 5, Andrews 2. Totals: 13 3 11-18 46.

Wednesday, February 6, 2008 |

● **Gainer 54, Rocky Bayou Christian 41:** Gainer rallied in the fourth quarter to stave off the Knights' upset bid in the quarterfinals of the District 1-A tournament.

P.T. Tidwell and Noah Mosley led Rocky Bayou with nine points each.

RBCS 7 20 6 8 — 41
Gainer 12 6 13 23 — 54
RBCS (41)
Cha Yun 3, P.T. Tidwell 9, James Kaim 6, Tyler Corder 8, Noah Mosley 9, Ryan Burns 2, Taylor Peacock 4. Totals 17 1 4-11 41.
GAINER (54)
D. Jones 10, Grandison 2, Spellman 14, Inman 12, Glenn 7, De. Jones 9. Totals 21 3 9-20 54.

NICEVILLE, ROCKY BAYOU GIRLS SHINE AT EMERALD COAST EYE OPENER CLASSIC

By JARED MACARIN
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NICEVILLE — Niceville's girls cross country team and success have gone hand in hand over the years.

Rocky Bayou Christian's girls are trying to get to that level, where making the state meet is expected and the only question is how high they will finish.

Despite the ultimate destination still more than two months in the future, both teams were looking for a quality performance against some of the Panhandle's best at the Emerald Coast Eye Opener Classic on Saturday at Okaloosa-Walton.

They got it, finishing first in their respective divisions and doing so in strong fashion.

Niceville had four of the top five runners to cross the finish line in winning the large school (Class 3A-4A) division, while the Knights put three runners in the top 10 on their way to edging Jay in the small school (Class

A-2A) division.

Washington won the 3A-4A race for the boys, while Gulf Breeze captured the 1A-2A race.

"We couldn't be happier," said Rocky Bayou Christian coach Mike Warren. "We barely missed going to state last year, and the girls are set on not letting that happen again."

Holly Stanton led the way for the Knights, finishing second. She was followed in the top 10 by Elizabeth Berry (sixth) and Christy Allen (ninth).

South Walton's girls, led by Julie Williamson's



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Niceville's Chanelle Cox finishes first on Saturday during the Emerald Coast Eye Opener Classic.

RACE RESULTS

For results of Saturday's Emerald Coast Eye Opener Classic, please see Page B2.

eight-place finish, took fifth as a team.

The Eagles were even more impressive in their turn on the 5K course.

Chanelle Cox won the race, and Ashley Cal-



DEVON RAVINE | Daily News

Rocky Bayou Christian School's Sean Einhaus tees off from the 1st hole of the Pines course on Thursday.

Friday, September 21, 2007 | Daily News |

Miracles happen at prep golf tourney

Gulf Breeze, Mosley win team titles; Einhaus, Jowers shoot low boys' scores at Miracle Strip Invitational

By RANDY DICKSON
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FORT WALTON BEACH — It was the day of the Dolphins at the Miracle Strip Invitational Golf Tournament on Thursday.

It was also the day of the local players in the boys' individual battle.

Kristen Dorsey shot a 78 to lead Gulf Breeze's girls to a 337 total and a 4-stroke victory over Niceville.

Zach Primavera and Jordan Massey each shot 72 as the Mosley Dolphins had four players in the 70s on their way to a 297 total in the boys' event. Choc-tawhatchee was second with a 304.

The Indians were led by fresh-

man Brandon Jowers, who tied Rocky Bayou Christian's Sean Einhaus with the low round of 68. The Knight senior took medalist honors in a scorecard playoff.

"It was fun," Jowers said. "I made a lot of putts. I hit a lot of greens."

"I had a real good time out there. It was very windy, but the greens held the ball very well and I could spin it a lot."

Jowers was a little surprised by his career low, but in some ways it wasn't unexpected.

"I've been playing really well in the last couple of tournaments before this one," he said. "I just told myself to trust my swing."

"This puts a lot of confidence in me. I feel like I can do this again every time. It's a really

good feeling."

The 68 might have been a surprise for Jowers, but for Einhaus, an exchange student and a veteran of European tournaments, it was another day at the office.

"It was good," Einhaus said. "I played all right the front nine, but I missed a couple of putts on the back side."

"I shot even on the back side, which is kind of disappointing."

Einhaus was pleased with his putting, saying he made several 10-footers and was consistent as well with the 4-to-5 foot putts.

The windy afternoon conditions didn't bother him either.

"If anything the wind helped,"

he said. "We weren't playing into it and it helped shorten some of the par-5s."

Rocky Bayou coach Rich Grote wasn't surprised by Einhaus's effort.

"Sean's one of the premier amateur players in Europe," Gross said. "He represented Germany on the Junior Ryder Cup last year."

"He's an outstanding player, so I was pretty much expecting this."

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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Girls basketball

● **Freeport 59, Rocky Bayou Christian 21:** Nicole Dykes led a trio of Bulldogs in double figures with 16 points in an easy win over the Knights. Caycee Jones added 11 points, and Lora King 10 in a game that was never close.

Freeport led 19-7 after the first quarter and had all the points it would need early in the second period.

Julie Gomez topped Rocky Bayou with six points.

Freeport won the JV game 16-14.

Freeport (3-1) hosts Baker tonight. Rocky Bayou hosts East Hill on Friday.

Rocky Bayou Christian 7 8 2 4 — 21
Freeport 19 17 15 8 — 59

RBCS (21)
Julie Gomez 6, Haley Johnson 5, Elizabeth Jones 2, Amanda Bryan 1, Katherine Rogers 2, Glory Allen 5. Totals 3 1 8-13-21.

FREEPORT (59)
Caycee Moulton 4, Darnica Mosher 6, Justin Buford 4, Joslyn King 2, Lillie Graber 2, Caycee Jones 11, Lora King 10, Judy Frost 4, Nicole Dykes 16. Totals 17 8-12 59.

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou 7, Sneads 0:** Christin Kaim scored three goals and had an assist as the Knights rolled over the Pirates in District 1-2A play.

Mary Balthazar, Katie Miller and Korie Schaeffler each scored goals. Katie Kaim also had a goal and an assist.

The Knights (6-3, 4-0) travel to Catholic on Friday.

Saturday, December 1, 2007

● **East Hill 39, Rocky Bayou Christian 30:** Rocky Bayou Christian fell behind early and could not recover in a District 1-A contest.

Glory Allen led the Knights with nine points.

RBCS (2-5, 0-1) hosts Paxton on Monday.

EH 10 11 11 6—39
RBCS 7 8 8 7—30

EH (39)
Burke 14, Walsh 12, Coker 4, Prim 4, Fox 2, Wenzel 2, Jones 1. Totals 13 2 7-14 39.

RBCS (30)
Glory Allen 9, Brittany Burton 4, Allison Johnson 4, Anna Doswell 4, Kathryn Rogers 4, Amanda Bryan 2, Haley Johnson 2, Julie Gomez 1. Totals 13 4-10 30.

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

Boys basketball

● **Gainer 56, Rocky Bayou Christian 51:** Noah Mosley scored 21 points but it wasn't enough for Rocky Bayou in a District 1-A game.

Taylor Peacock was also in double figures for the Knights, scoring 10 points.

The Knights (1-2) host East Hill on Friday.

RBCS (51)
Noah Mosley 21, Taylor Peacock 10, Ryan Burns 8, Tyler Coker 6, James Kaim 4, Will Randall 2.
GAINER (56)
Inman 16, Apellman 10, O'Neal 13, Glenn 9, Dee Jones 4, Des. Jones 2, Lewis 2.

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Girls soccer

● **Choctawhatchee 3, Rocky Bayou Christian 1:** Breezy Hupp picked up the hat trick scoring all three Indian goals in the win over the Knights.

Hupp got off to a quick start scoring twice in the first 10 minutes of play on assists from Stephanie Groves and Shelby Bush. Hupp's final score came on a second-half penalty kick.

Sisters Katie and Christin Kaim teamed up for the Knight goal with Christin scoring.

Choctaw (5-0-1) is at Niceville on Thursday. Rocky Bayou (7-4) travels to Bozeman today.

Saturday, December 8, 2007

Girls soccer

● **Niceville 6, Rocky Bayou Christian 0:** Marleigh Howard scored twice as the Eagles rolled to a non-district win over the Knights.

Julia Busovne, Lindsay Foy, Jessa Weekley and Kylie Ochsenreiter also scored for Niceville. Ochsenreiter also had two assists and Foy had one. Niceville coach Michael Denton cited the strong play of his center midfielders.

Shannon Donahue made 17 saves in goal for the Knights.

Rocky Bayou (8-5) travels to Sneads on Tuesday. Niceville (10-0-1) host Navarre on Tuesday.

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Girls basketball

● **Paxton 57, Rocky Bayou Christian 12:** The Bobcats had no trouble with the Knights in their District 1-A game.

Paxton's 16 first-quarter points were more than enough to seal the win.

Erin Walker led Paxton with 15 points, Vikki Pepper had 14 points.

Julie Gomez scored four points to lead RBCS

Paxton won the JV game 46-13.

The Bobcats (4-2, 1-0) host Bonifay tonight. Rocky Bayou (2-6) travels to Althea on Friday.

Paxton 16 25 7 9 — 57
Rocky 1 3 2 6 — 12

PAXTON (57)
Erin Walker 15, Vikki Pepper 14, Marylyn Gilbert 8, Olivia Adams 7, Emmalle Infinger 5, Chantel McCormick 3, Krysten Cuchens 1, Stevie Davidson 4. Totals 19 2 13-19 57

RBCS (12)
Julie Gomez 4, Haley Johnson 2, Amanda Bryan 2, Allison Johnson 2, Kathryn Rogers 1, Glory Allen 1. Totals 4 4-9 12

Saturday, December 8, 2007

Girls basketball

● **Alethia Christian 49, Rocky Bayou Christian 37:** The Knights were held scoreless in the first quarter and could not recover in a non-district game.

Allison Johnson scored 12 points for Rocky Bayou.

The Knights (2-6) travel to Laurel Hill on Tuesday.

RBCS 0 13 10 14 — 37
AC 17 9 11 12 — 49

RBCS (37)
Haley Johnson 2, Kathryn Rogers 6, Anna Doswell 6, Allison Johnson 12, Brittany Burton 3, Glory Allen 3, Elizabeth Jones 5. Totals 14 9-15 37.
AC (49)
Thomas 2, Cobb 13, Pernie 22, O'Neill 2, Parker 2, Kimsal 8. Totals 17 15-30 49.

Saturday, December 8, 2007

Laurel Hill boys hoops

gets district win over Rocky Bayou Christian

Staff reports

Laurel Hill had four players score in double digits as the Hoboes rode a 24-point third quarter to a 65-52 win over Rocky Bayou Christian on Friday in a District 1-A game.

Jeffrey Reese led the Hoboes with 14 points. Jay Smith and Harold Bielec each scored 11 points, while Zack Sledge contributed 10. Noah Mosley led Rocky Bayou with 22.

Laurel Hill (5-1, 3-0) will travel to play Central on Tuesday.

Rocky Bayou 10 12 12 18 — 52
Laurel Hill 10 18 24 13 — 65

Rocky Bayou (52)
James Kaim 4, Tyler Corder 4, Deion Wright 8, Noah Mosley 22, Bryan Burns 2, Will Randall 6, Taylor Peacock 6 13 4 14-22 52.

Laurel Hill (65)
Jeffrey Reese 14, Richard Dixon 6, Zack Sledge 10, Will Sherwood 5, Jay Smith 11, Harold Bielec 11, Seth Strickland 6, Ethan Jackson 2. 21 5 8-16 65.
JV: Laurel Hill, 44-9

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Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 3, Bozeman 0:** Rocky Bayou got goals from three different players in a District 1-2A contest.

Mary Balthazar, Katie Kaim and Megan Fox all scored as the Knights stayed unbeaten in district play. Christin Kaim had two assists, while Fox had the other.

The Knights (8-4, 5-0 district) host Niceville on Friday.

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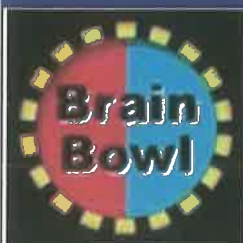
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FACCS Brain Bowl Results



Last week, 18 teams competed in the annual FACCS Brain Bowl at First Baptist Church of Oviedo. We are so proud of all who participated in the 15 rounds of mind numbing, intellectual contest. Many thanks go out to the sponsors who helped make the event a success. We had two new schools at the event this year: **Eagle's View Academy** and **Highlands Christian Academy**. Both did VERY well for first-timers!

Finalist Round Results

- 1st - **Rocky Bayou Christian School - A** (1255 pts)
- 2nd - **Land O' Lakes Christian School** (930 pts)
- 3rd - **Dade Christian School - A** (790 pts)

Consolation Round Results

- 1st - **Dade Christian School - B** (530 pts)
- 2nd - **Eagle's View Academy** (490 pts)
- 3rd - **Trinity Christian Academy** (480 pts)

Individual High Scorers

- 1st - **Noah Mosley** - Rocky Bayou Christian School (530 pts)
- 2nd - **Phillip Alvarez** - Grace Christian School (500 pts)
- 3rd - **Robert Andino** - Dade Christian School (420 pts)



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The North Florida Christian School Lady Eagles defeated Lafayette 54-44 in the FHSAA Girls 2A Basketball State Tournament on Saturday.



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JUST KIDDING

Niceville scholarships cast wider net

By Kenneth Books

Beacon Staff Writer

New scholarships set up by the Niceville City Council through Take Stock in Children could be earned by private-school students using state vouchers, or by homeschooled students, as well as public-school students, said Program Coordinator Cindy Frazier.

"A private school student under the state voucher program would be considered a public school student," Frazier said. She also said Take Stock in Children considers homeschooled students to be public school students. Homeschooled students, too, are considered public-school students, she said.

Last week, Frazier indicated that private-school and homeschooled students were ineligible for the Niceville scholarships, and that only public school students could be considered.

The city began advertising for applicants this week, seeking city residents "currently enrolled in the 6th grade at an Okaloosa School District middle school, a charter school, a home school program or attending a private school under a state voucher plan," and who meet state criteria.

The city council Feb. 12 voted to hand responsibility for selecting the students to benefit from the Katie Mathews White will to Take Stock for Children, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Fort Lauderdale but with offices in each of Florida's counties.

The organization identifies low-income students of promise in the sixth grade, earmarks a scholarship for them and signs them to a contract agreeing to stay drug- and crime-free and to maintain at least a 2.0—or "C"—average. When they finish high school, they receive a "two-plus-two" scholar-

ship, good for two years at a community college and two more at a four-year school.

Florida prepaid scholarships purchased by the organization amount to about \$5,000 in sixth grade, matched by funds from the state tax coffers and accruing interest until needed for college.

According to Gladys Graves, a spokesperson at the Fort Lauderdale office, the 11-year-old Take Stock in Children program has spent \$95 million on scholarships. In Okaloosa County, 99 students have taken part so far without a single dropout, said Kaye McKinley, executive director, who is also deputy schools superintendent.

"If they haven't made it through, it's because they left the state," McKinley said. "I believe the first one is about to graduate from college this year."

Kelly Mattox, who heads the

Jacksonville office, calls Take Stock in Children a "public-private program." She said it is up to the county office whether to extend the scholarships to non-public school students. She said the lion's share of revenue the program receives comes from an annual grant by the Florida Legislature, while private gifts such as that made by White make up the balance.

Frazier said the new Niceville scholarships will be presented in addition to any that might have been otherwise earmarked for Niceville children. "These are in addition to," she said.

The question remains whether White intended the scholarships to go only to public school students or not. Her will makes no such differentiation. In fact, it specifies that "notification must be given to all local Okaloosa County schools."

RBCS academic team first in state

Rocky Bayou Christian Academy announced that its Academy Academic Team placed first in the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Annual State Brain Bowl Academic Competition in Orlando on Feb. 21 and 22. Senior Steven Griffith (captain), led the team, made up of Josh Abby Chapman, Sarah Frazier, Gary Frey and Noah Mosley.

Noah won first place in the

state for individual tossups answered in the two-day competition.

Sarah won first place for tossups answered in the finalist round on day two.

Austin Denigan, junior varsity team captain, led the team, made up of juniors Josh Allen, Chris Hinson and Shannon Mosley and sophomores Daniel Bowers and Emily Wilson, which placed seventh in the state while competing against varsity

teams.

Mike Mosley, RBCA principal, said he is very proud of Josh, Abby, Daniel, Austin, Sarah, Gary, Steven, Chris, Noah, Shannon and Emily and is pleased to have had them represent the school in this way.

The Rocky Bayou Christian Academy is the secondary department of Rocky Bayou Christian School.

RBCS, a Niceville K-3 through 12th grade Christian

school, began its ministry with a 22-member student body in 1973. The present enrollment is over 780 students, which includes students bused from as far away as DeFuniak Springs and Hurlburt Field.

The school also offers a special education ministry and has developed Christ-centered early childhood curriculum materials which are being used nationwide by Christian day schools and homeschoolers.



Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Students hear virtues of chastity

Christian leader Josh McDowell addresses Niceville audience

By Mike Griffith
Beacon Correspondent

Teenagers went to a church to hear about sex, and chastity last Thursday, when Christian leader and author Josh McDowell came to Niceville to talk about how Christian values apply to human sexuality.

The teens, most of whom were students from Rocky Bayou Christian Academy, came with some teachers and parents to hear McDowell discuss how and why Christian moral teachings apply to the romantic lives of teens and adults. McDowell also talked about how he origi-

nally made the leap from being a confirmed atheist to becoming a Christian.

McDowell said that he grew up in rural Michigan, as the son of a farmer who was also the town drunk. McDowell grew up filled with shame and hatred for his father, who regularly abused his wife and children.



Josh McDowell

After leaving home and becoming a university student, McDowell said, he sought to give his life meaning through intellectual

growth and the search for truth, but he had no patience for students and faculty who claimed to

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be Christians, even though he envied the apparent love and friendship they seemed to share, and their positive outlook on life; things McDowell had never experienced.

"How could anyone believe such nonsense?" he wondered, thinking that belief in such things as Jesus' miracles or resurrection was incompatible with the intellectual honesty expected of anyone at a university.

Determined to unmask the falsehood of Christianity, McDowell set out on a personal research project that lasted years, and took him to universities, libraries and archeological sites in Europe, Israel, and the Middle East, as well as the United States, seeking evidence to show how Christianity and the Bible were based on myth and legend rather than fact.

The result of his research, he said, was not what he expected or wanted at the time. "One night in a library in England," he said, "I finally admitted what all my research had shown me; that it was all really true—Jesus Christ actually said and did all the things that the Bible said He did."

McDowell, who now lives in Dallas, became a Christian himself, and went on to write a lengthy book called "Evidence That Demands a Verdict," in which he details his research and findings about Christianity and the Bible. He has since written numerous other books, including "More Than a Carpenter," and "Don't Check Your Brains at the Door," and has earned world-wide recognition as an author and speaker.

McDowell's chief criticism of contemporary Christians and churches, he said, is that, "Most Christians can tell you what they believe, but cannot tell you why they believe it." He said people should take the time and make the effort to study and get to the roots

of their beliefs, and to verify for themselves whether those beliefs are, in fact, true. Faith, he said, should not be blind, but based on a willingness to find out the truth and to then live according to it.

Such principles, the evangelist said, also apply to one's moral choices, including the choices teenagers face as they confront their own sexuality. McDowell has written several books for teens, including "Why True Love Waits," and "Right From Wrong," both of which deal with moral and sexual issues.

"There is not one verse in the Bible," McDowell told his audience at Rocky Bayou Baptist Church, Niceville, "that says sex is sinful—only it's misuse." God's purposes for sex, he said, include not only procreation, but the physical expression of love and unity between husband and wife through mutual enjoyment of each other.



Josh McDowell met Thursday with local high school students, teachers and parents. He discussed how to verify the truth of Christian scriptures, and how Christian values apply to human sexuality.

Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

The misuse of sex, he said, occurs when people use it to exploit each other as mere playthings, usually leading to disappointment, anger and misery,

along with a host of social problems such as unwanted or abused children, abortions, and the worldwide pandemic of sexually transmitted diseases.

McDowell warned teens and adults not to believe the myth that condoms equal "safe" sex, saying that research studies have shown that even among couples who consistently use condoms, unexpected pregnancies occur in nearly 30 percent of such couples within the first year. In addition to unplanned pregnancy, he said, there are 39 major sexually transmitted diseases spreading throughout the world, including many which are incurable or fatal, or both.

However, he added, sexual morality is not a negative value, but a positive one, and less about avoiding disaster than about finding the path to real happiness and love.

"You shouldn't abstain from sex because sex is bad," he said, "but because sex is so wonderful that it's worth waiting for until you marry someone you truly love."

McDowell said that recent surveys show that happily married Christians report greater satisfaction with their sex lives than other groups of people. "The spiritual dimension to their relationship is what makes it so much better," he said.

"If sexual promiscuity were a path to happiness," he added, "prostitutes would be the happiest people in the world."

Love, McDowell said, is more than just a feeling. "If love were just a feeling, God could not com-

mand people to love one another, because no one can make themselves feel anything." Love, he said, is really an action; a deliberate choice people make together, to spend their lives nurturing and protecting each other.

Following McDowell's talk, some of his listeners shared their impressions with a reporter.

"It was a good message," said 14-year-old Brittany Boothe. She said she appreciated McDowell's willingness to speak frankly about sexual issues. "Teens should know what's really going on," she said, "especially about STDs."

Among the parents in the audience was Pat Donahue, a local emergency care physician. Donahue thanked McDowell for his book; "Evidence That Demands a Verdict."

"When I was an undergraduate student," said Donahue, "I had some professors who were very negative about Christianity." McDowell's book, he said, helped him to better understand and defend his own faith. "You helped me survive college as a Christian."

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Josh McDowell

By: Becca Brown and Alan Long

On February 21, Josh McDowell came to Rocky Bayou Baptist Church to give a three part seminar on his life, Biblical manuscripts, and love. The first session was about his life as a kid growing up. He had a very abusive alcoholic father, and a godly mother.

As a child, Josh and his siblings had very abusive parents, but it was mainly their father. His father had caused one of his brothers to run away and never come back, caused a sister to commit suicide, caused another sister to join the army, and caused his oldest brother to sue them for everything they had. During college Josh was somewhat an "atheist." He thought Christians were ugly people, and he had given up on God years ago. He had never wanted anything to do with the whole "Christian thing". After losing his temper in front of Christians, he finally



realized that God is the truth. Once Josh became a Christian, a miraculous thing happened: his dad, the town drunk, became a Christian.

The second session was about the manuscripts and to question if they are right or not. Can we really believe what we are taught? Is what the manuscripts say true? There are 24,633 manuscripts in just the New Testament alone! How exactly do we know that all of those are true? Well, if you observe the Bible, God gives you hints as to how we know it's true. There are many verses considered eyewitnesses to "if Jesus lived". Pretty much all of 1 John tells us about that, "So through our faith, we should believe."

Finally, the third session was about love. This part was definitely the most well-liked part of the entire seminar. He had almost all of the students, and some of

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FACCS Brain Bowl

By: Brannon Tolbert and Joey Wilson

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE FEBRUARY B-DAYS!!!

By: Amani Beliveau and Ben Schaeffler

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| 1. Brian Redmon | 21. Miranda Sasser |
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| 5. Jin-Woo Jang | |
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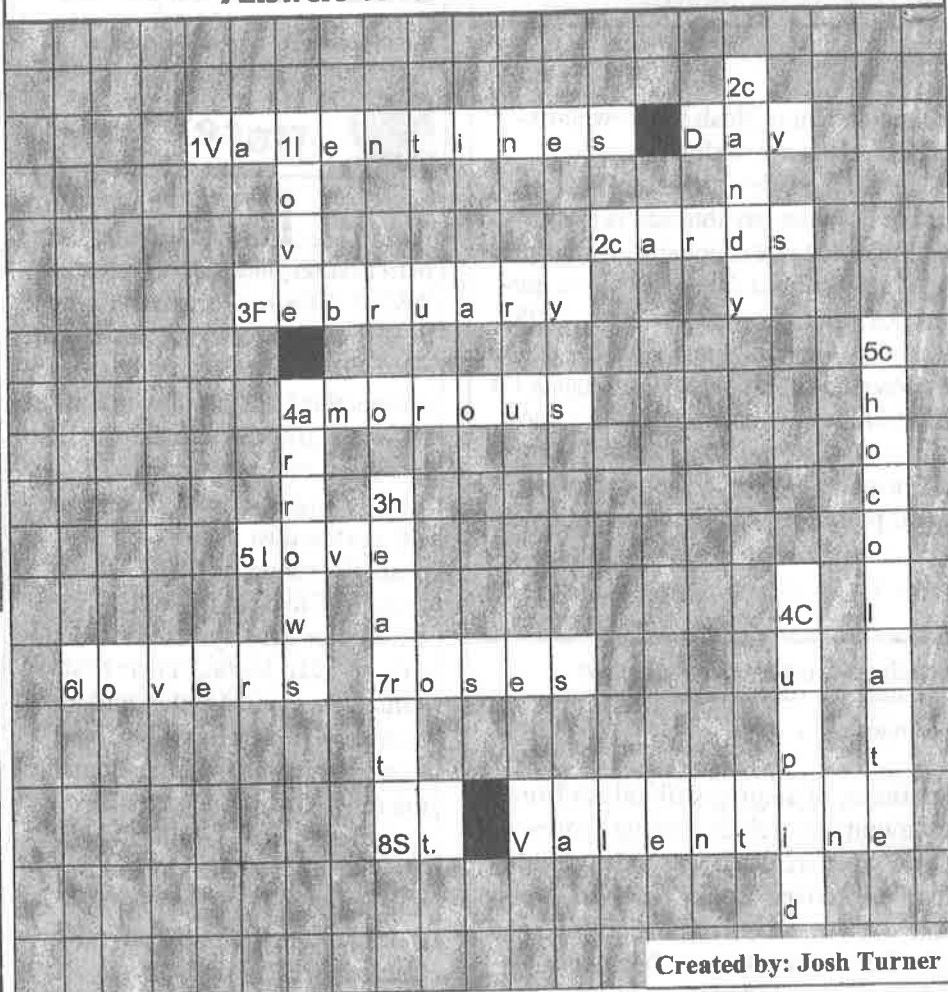
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| 37. Lindsey Trippe |
| 38. Jarrod Boerma |
| 39. Crystal Farmer |
| 40. Colin Frazier |

Mystery Students:

Lulu Nelson

Ashley Hannay

Answers to Crossword in Issue 7



Created by: Josh Turner

Mystery Staff

By: Katie Kaim and Tyler Walker

This month's mystery staff was born in Vacaville, California. He was born six months before sputnik was launched. Also, he has a brother that is two years older with less hair. His father was in the Air Force for twenty years. In addition, he was the head mechanic of a bowling alley and owned an auto part store. His mother worked for civil service. He claims his favorite activity is spending time with family. When he met his wife, he was traveling to a Bill Gothard Conference in Birmingham. She had a sprained ankle and he got to help her up and down the steps. He said, "I did not think that a relationship could be formed seeing how she

was much smarter than I was." This particular mystery staff has lived in many places such as: California, Kansas, Florida, Panama, and the Philippines. While living in Florida he has been a resident of Shalimar, Pensacola, Valparaiso, and Niceville. His favorite place to vacation is anywhere his family is. Throughout high school he wanted to be in the military until God redirected his path by changing his career to teaching. His dream car is a red convertible mustang with a five speed manual transmission. See if you can guess who this mystery staff is!!!

Saturday | December 8, 2007

ALL-AREA PREP GOLF



NICK TOMECEK | Daily News

Niceville's Ana Garcia (right) and Rocky Bayou Christian's Sean Einhaus are the Golfers of the Year.

Big Swingers

ANA GARCIA, SEAN EINHAUS EARN GOLFERS OF THE YEAR HONORS

By JARED MACARIN

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Niceville's Ana Garcia and Rocky Bayou Christian's Sean Einhaus both had plenty of expectations on them when the golf season began.

Garcia was coming off a 15th-place finish at the Class 2A state meet, while Einhaus was recognized as one of the top junior players in the world.

As the season progressed, neither senior disappointed.

Garcia led Niceville to the state meet for the 10th straight year, along with district and regional titles. Einhaus never lost during the season, and the only reason he didn't go further in the postseason is because he understandably missed the regional tournament to play for his home country of Germany in a world amateur event.

For their play, Garcia and Einhaus are the All Sports Association/Daily News Golf Players of the Year. Garcia beat out Fort Walton Beach's Crystal Swanson for the award, while Einhaus topped Walton's Paul McClure and Fort Walton Beach's Kyle Andre.

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Thursday, November 15, 2007

Holly Stanton, Rocky Bayou Christian: The sophomore finished eighth overall at the Region 1-A meet, leading the Knights to fifth as they qualified for state.

Steve Berry, Rocky Bayou Christian: The senior placed 12th overall in a school-record time of 17:15 at the Region 1-A meet to qualify for state.

Elizabeth Berry, Rocky Bayou Christian: The seventh-grader finished 24th in the Region 1-A meet to help the Knights qualify for state.

Sunday, November 18, 2007

Class A state meet

Girls

Team scores: Community School 47, Holy Trinity Academy 63, Maclay 81, Canterbury 176, Lakeland Christian 181, Keswick Christian 239, Berkeley Prep 256, Dade Christian 286, PK Yonge 303, St. John's Country Day 305, Shorecrest Prep 308, Rocky Bayou Christian 357, Oak Hall 368, Miami County Day 384, Geneva 385, Trinity Prep 385, Trinity Catholic 430, King's Academy 442, Benjamin 455, Aucilla Christian 483, Marathon 545, Westminster Academy 548, Florida Christian 559, Sagemont 673
RBCS: 40, Holly Stanton 20:31, 83, Korie Schaeffler 21:38, 86, Christy Allen 21:41, 89, Elizabeth Berry 21:46, 103, Melissa Molyneux 22:10

Boys

RBCS: 43, Stephen Berry 17:45

Sunday, November 18, 2007

Covenant Christian 47, Rocky Bayou Christian 28: Rocky Bayou fell down early and could not recover in a non-district loss.

Amanda Bryan led the way for the Knights with six points.

Rocky Bayou (1-2) travels to South Walton on Monday.

RBCS 4 6 8 10—28
CC 17 11 15 4—47
RBCS (28)
 Julie Gomez 4, Haley Johnson 2, Abby Chapman 2, Elizabeth Jones 5, Amanda Bryan 6, Kathryn Rogers 2, Allison Johnson 2, Glory Allen 6, Totals 13 0 2-6 28.
CC (47)
 Ocdill 7, Smith 6, Sheffield 9, Paris 9, Phelps 6, Dew 2, Doberning 2, McWilliams 7, Totals

16 2 13-17 47.

Monday, November 19, 2007

Rocky Bayou

Coach: Mark Jackson
2006-07 record: 11-13
District: 1-A
District opponents: Laurel Hill, Paxton, Central, East Hill, Gainer, Escambia Charter
Returning athletes: P.T. Tidwell, Noah Mosley
Others to watch: Taylor Peacock, James Kaim
Athletes lost: Lance Balthazar, Alex Grote, Tyler Huisken, Lance Williams, Chandler Waits

Saturday, November 24, 2007

Baker 56, Rocky Bayou Christian 26: Baker raced to an early lead and never looked back in its season-opening win on Tuesday.

Chad Lawhon scored 11 points to lead the Gators, while Josh Rose and Chad Donley each had 10. Noah Mosley led the Knights (1-1) in scoring with 11 points.

The Gators (1-0) travel to Pensacola Christian on Thursday.

RBCS 6 8 6 6—26
Baker 17 11 15 13—56
RBCS (26)
 Ryan Burns 5, James Kaim 4, Noah Mosley 11, Troy Steagle 2, Taylor Peacock 4, Totals 12 0 2-8 26.

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By Tina Harbuck
 Florida Freedom Newspapers

SANTA ROSA BEACH — South Walton's Rachel Miller fired up the nets for 19 points to lead the Lady Seahawks to a 67-21 win over the visiting Rocky Bayou Knights Monday night.

The win was the fourth for the Lady Seahawks.

"We shot as well as any team I've ever coached in the first half," said South Walton Coach Kevin Craig.

"And it was good to see Rachel (Miller) come out like that."

Miller nailed three 3s in the first quarter and another in the second.

Miller, however, wasn't the only Seahawk dropping in the shots. Aracely Garcia and Shereka Bramlet both had good games as well, Craig said.

Bramlet knocked down 10 points and Garcia, 9.

"We played 12 kids tonight, 12 kids I trusted," Craig said.

In the first quarter, South Walton stepped out to a 15-0 lead in the first four minutes with Miller leading the way with 12 points. By the end of the period, the Lady Seahawks were up 21-4.

In the second period, South Walton outscored Rocky Bayou 27-11 with nine players putting

points on the board for the Seahawks. Senior Taylor Griffith led the quarter with three 3-pointers.

In the third quarter, Griffith popped her fourth 3-pointer of the game and Jamie DeLaney followed up with a free-throw to give the Seahawks a 35-point advantage and a non-stop clock on the remainder of the game.

South Walton put up 6 points in the fourth and Rocky Bayou 4.

"We just had more talent, experience and depth," Craig said.

Rocky Bayou boys 48, South Walton boys 47 (OT)

With less than a second left on the clock in overtime and the crowd to their feet, Rocky Bayou's James Kiam nailed the second of two free throws to nail down a 48-47 win over the South Walton Seahawks.

South Walton, who trailed by 10 points with four minutes to play in regulation, fought their way back to tie the game at 41-41 on a 3-pointer by sophomore Mason Smith in the final seconds.

In overtime, Rocky Bayou got the first score on a jumper by Taylor Peacock. South Walton came back with a shot from underneath by Jordan Colson. The Seahawks drew a couple of fouls with Jon Blank and Chris Davies each making one for a

45-43 lead.

Rocky Bayou got the advantage back on a couple of inside shots, but South Walton answered with a jumper from Blank in the last five seconds. When Rocky Bayou tried to bring the ball in, Kiam was fouled and managed to make the second of two tries from the foul line for the win.

"We got the shots tonight," said South Walton Coach John Davies. "It just rimmed in and out."

"But the kids had the heart, determination and fight in them. They didn't cash it in."

South Walton took the early lead 15-8 in the first quarter, but then fell behind in the second to trail 22-19 at the half.

The third quarter was low scoring with Rocky Bayou taking a 28-21 lead.

Scoring in double figures for South Walton were Blank and Jake Wright each with 11 points. David Key scored 6, Colson and Mason Smith each had 5 points, and Shane Seeger and Jeff Farhood each tossed in 4.

Noah Mosley was the high-point man for the Knights with 23 points. Kiam had 9 points.

South Walton was 9 of 17 from the free-throw line, and Rocky Bayou was 18 of 27.

South Walton travels to Freeport for 7:30 game tonight.

Seahawk girls get win; boys drop game to RBCS

RBCA 1st in state arts contest

Special to the Beacon

Rocky Bayou Christian Academy announced the results from the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (FACCS) Fine Arts Competition in Jacksonville March 6 and 7.

The Symphonic Band placed first in the state. The Chamber Choir placed second. The debate team, made up of senior Pat T. Tidwell, Jr. and junior Noah Mosley, won second in the state.

Individual winners

Abby Chapman, second, English; Mina Yu, first, Algebra/Geometry; Helen Jang, first, Advanced Math; Seong Kyu Cho, third, Advanced Math; Nick Roberts, second, Biology; Luke Jolly, first, Chemistry; Sarah Frasier, first, U.S. History/Geography; Kelly Fox, first, Creative Writing: Poetry; Steven Griffith, third, Accounting; Will Randall, second, Political Science/Economics; Darrin Lyon, first, Music Theory; Nathaniel Hawn, third, Music Theory; Natalie Fleming, third, Home Economics; Joseph Sung, third, Old Testament Bible Knowledge; Elizabeth McMahon, first, Original Persuasive Oratory; Matt Schilling, first, Instrumental Brass Solo; Jared Bailey, second, Instrumental Brass Solo; Brittany Berryman, first, Instrumental Woodwind Solo; Hall Allen, third, Instrumental Woodwind Solo; Abby Chapman and You Young Moon, second, Classical Piano Duet; Kristian Keicher, Anna Keipert, Alan Lyon, Darrin Lyon, third, Tuba Quartet; Evan Lederman, first, Percussion Solo; Kayla Caine, Abi Hoskins, Katie Hudson, Rebekah Larson, Kathryn Lorenz, Evan Lederman, Steven Marshall, Matthew Ruff, Austin Sasser, Corrie Sober, Jake West, Dion Wright, first, Percussion Ensemble; Jaid Bailey, Elizabeth Cassady, Katie Hudson, Anna Keipert, Rebekah Larson, Evan Lederman, Darrin Lyon, Steven Marshall, Matthew Ruff, Matthew Schilling, Corrie Sober, John Tyre, first, Large Instrument Ensemble.

Niceville High to battle Pen.

Niceville High has taken this year's Cox Communications Academic Team tournament, with the championship match having been played last week. The final score over Choctawhatchee High was 190-160.

"The first half, Choctaw had a slow start, but really came into their own," said academic team coordinator Carol Bernich, with the second half turning into a nail-biter. "It really came down to the last question."

Both teams held a 4-1 record this season.

Team members for Niceville include captain Ben Rast, Esther Hsiang, Nick Stinnett, Will Karcher, and coaches Amanda Brady and Justin Reichard.

On the second-place team, members include captain Graham Piburn, Brandon Metra, David Rehr, Matthew Bell and coach Peggy Mitchell.

NHS will take on Pensacola High on Tuesday for top spot between Escambia and Okaloosa counties. Early in April, Okaloosa's all-star team heads to Orlando for a state competition.

Pryor Middle School's Booster Club hosts its annual Spaghetti Night on March 27 in the cafeteria. Dinners will be available for dining in or carrying out.

In Accelerated Math news, sixth-grader Brianna White has earned 804 points and mastered 134 objectives so far this school year. She is the top sixth-grader in AM for Pryor.

During the District One Solo and Ensemble Festival, the symphonic band and 10 beginner band members participated. The musicians brought home 34 superior



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medals and 13 excellent medals.

The school's symphonic strings participated in the Junior Festival of the National Federation of Music Clubs. Pryor Strings received a superior rating for the fourth year in a row.

In the solo and ensemble divisions were violinists Megan Maughon and Hannah Spindler, and violist Will Irwin and Cellist Aavery Floyd.

Pryor Strings has been invited to perform at Universal Studios in May.

The chorus performed during the district solo and ensemble, with superiors going to soloists Marissa Guzman and Lauren Mercer. Valerie Diaz earned an excellent.

The ensemble of Meagan Albert, Marissa Guzman, Jessica Costello, Cheyenne Kalista, Nancy Dean, Brianna Jordan, Valerie Diaz and Lauren Mercer earned an excellent.

Early this month, students from Rocky Bayou Christian School participated in the Association of Christian Schools International Regional Math Olympics, which RBCS hosted. Several RBCS students placed:

Computation, third-grade, first-place Zach Johns, third-place Meredith McIntosh, fifth Peter Masone; fourth-grade, first Dylan Paskell, second Ethan Harris, fifth Christopher Thomas; fifth-grade, third James Sung, fifth Bray-

ton Miles.

Sixth-grade, first Tyler Paskell, third Dallas Banks; seventh-grade, first Tim Sung, second Savannah West, third Chris Listak; eighth-grade, first Bill Hudson, third Josh Turner; fourth Josh Chinnaswamy.

Reasoning category, third-grade, first Yannki Omictin, second Ben Esses, third Charis Allen; fourth-grade, second Samantha Stalnaker; third Christa Daughtery; fifth-grade, third Trever Knie, fourth, Cameron Esses, fifth Madeline McIntosh.

Sixth-grade, first Katherine Koster; second Caleb Pearson; seventh-grade, first Megan Gallagher, second Darla Lyon, third Rachel Mosley; eighth-grade, first Neely Fawaz, second Carolyn Hudson, third Jessica Knie.

Also this month, students participated in the ACSI regional spelling bee in Pensacola, with several placements:

First-grade, first Brady Barteé, third Daniel Young; second-grade, first Kammin Mahoney, second Gabe Seabrook; fourth Brandon Burton; third-grade, first Kayla Harris, fourth James McClain; fourth-grade, first Dylan Paskell, fourth Lexy Maraist; fifth-grade, third Josh Lohman, fourth Sebastian Dijkhuizen.

Sixth-grade, second Tyler Paskell, third Kelly Hanning; seventh-grade, second Rachel Mosley.

Rachel Mosley also qualified to go on to the state level after a final round among finalists for grades 5-8.

On Thursday, which is the first day of spring, the Destin Middle School eighth-graders will hold their annual Marlin

FWBHS to hold c

Florosa Elementary will give back to the community starting today with its annual Children in Crisis fund drive.

Donation jars have been set up throughout the school so the students can drop in change to help make a difference in children's lives. The event runs through April 15.

Once again, this week's Florosa news report comes from fifth-grade correspondent Jake Smith. His next item is to announce the school's "Roadrunner Idol" competition, when students have a chance to showcase their talents while raising money for Children in Crisis.

The talent show fundraiser, held at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, features 30 acts from third, fourth and fifth grade. Admission is free, but refreshments will be sold and donations accepted.

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The Niceville High academic team took on Pensacola High as county champions in the Cox Inter-County Academic Tournament Championship, with NHS winning, 100-85.

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Joseph Sung placed third for Old Testament Bible knowledge.

Elizabeth McMahon placed first for original persuasive oratory.

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Parents and guests may also participate, but please sign in at the front office before heading to the track.

As follow-up news to an item last week, Project CHILD teacher Mary Sims has been selected as a finalist with the Florida Department of Education for a math lesson plan submitted for Math Day on May 1.

Incidentally, I had an opportunity to speak to Mary about the honor, and she is modest about her achievement. She emphasizes that she is just one of many teachers who deserve the

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RBCS 2008 Spring Sports

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W-Katie Free, L-A. Johnson

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Track and field

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Steve Griffith was 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs, while Noah Mosley was 2-for-3 and scored three runs for RBCS.

Amani Beliveau and Joel Nelson also each had two hits for the Knights.

Rocky Bayou (6-6) hosts East Hill today.

Rocky Bayou 330 004 0 — 10 13 2
Central Christian 010 020 0 — 3 3 3
W-Jacob Terry (3-2)

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Rocky Bayou baseball earns District 1-A win

Staff reports

Softball

Scott Listak went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and one RBI to lead Rocky Bayou Christian to an 8-6 win over Paxton in District 1-A baseball on Monday.

Noah Mosley was 2-for-4 with a run batted in and Steve Griffith had an RBI single in the Knights' five-run first inning.

Ryan Lewellen had two hits for Paxton.

Rocky Bayou (5-6, 2-3 district) travels to Central Christian (Ala.) on Thursday. Paxton (4-2, 4-1) hosts Samson, Ala., today.

● **Rocky Bayou 19, Paxton 15:** Allison van de Voorde and Christin Kaim provided the punch as the Knights won in District 1-A play.

Van de Voorde was 3-for-3 with three RBIs, and Kaim was 3-for-3 with two RBIs.

Chrissy Currid led the Paxton attack, going 4-for-5. Emily Smith went 3-for-4 and Kristen Geiselman 2-for-5 with a run scored.

Rocky Bayou (2-8, 2-4 district) travels to East Hill today. Paxton (2-9, 1-7) is at Central on Friday.

RBCS 511 001 0-8 83
Paxton 103 011 0-8 44
W—Jacob Terry, L—Michael Smith

RBCS 392 914 0-19 94
Paxton 140 243 1-15 17 1
W—Allison Johnson; L—Kappi Stewart

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Johnson leads RBCS softball to win

Staff reports

Baseball

Senior Allison Johnson led the Rocky Bayou Christian softball team to a 15-14 victory over East Hill in her final home game.

Johnson pitched a complete game and also went 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs and a run scored.

Allison van de Voorde led RBCS with a four-hit, four-RBI game, while Katie Kaim added three hits and two RBIs.

Rocky Bayou (3-7, 3-5 district) will take on South Walton on April 8.

East Hill 010 334 3-14 10 2
RBCS 136 023 x-15 17 3
W—Allison Johnson (3-7)

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 10, East Hill 4:** Jacob Terry went 2-for-3 with an RBI and also picked up the win for the Knights (7-6).

Scott Listak had two hits and two RBIs, and Joel Nelson added a pair of hits, including a double, and an RBI.

Rocky Bayou plays at Freeport on Monday.

East Hill 300 010 0-4 4 8
RBCS 123 203 x-10 12 4
W—Jacob Terry, L—Frost

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

● **Freeport 12, Rocky Bayou Christian 0:** Chase Martin

threw a two-hitter and Drew Farris drove in three runs as Freeport routed the Knights for a non-district win.

Farris went 2-for-2 at the plate for the Bulldogs, while Thomas Suggs and C.J. Bates each had two hits and an RBI.

Martin threw all five innings to pick up the win.

Noah Mosley and Scott Listak had the hits for Rocky Bayou.

The Bulldogs (11-6) host Baker today.

RBCS 000 00-0 2 4
Freeport 291 0x-12 10 0
W—Chase Martin, L—Jacob Terry.

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

● **Paxton 5, Rocky Bayou Christian 4:** Paxton took the lead for good in the fourth inning and held on for a District 1-A victory.

Michael Smith got the win, pitching three innings of relief. He also drove in a run. Dan Geoghagan had the save.

Steve Griffith had two hits and two RBIs for the Knights, while Scott Listak and Shannon Mosley both drove in runs.

The Knights (7-8, 3-4) travel to East Hill today, while the Bobcats host Sampson.

Paxton 200 300 0-5 4 1
RBCS 003 010 0-4 6 2
W—Michael Smith, L—Tyler Walker, S—Dan Geoghagan.

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RBCS locks up third seed in district

Staff Reports

Rocky Bayou Christian's baseball team locked up the third seed in District 1-A with a dominating 13-2 win over East Hill on Tuesday.

Brian Redmon went 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs to lead RBCS. Armani Beliveau smacked a bases-loaded triple and Scott Listak also had three RBIs. Ryan Burns drove in two.

Jacob Terry got the win in relief and combined with Gary Frey and Redmon to throw a two-hitter and strike out 14.

The Knights (8-8, 4-4 district) host Pensacola Christian on Tuesday.

Rocky Bayou 200 270 2-13 9 1
East Hill 101 000 0-2 2 1
W—Jacob Terry (5-3), L—Daniel.

Softball

● **South Walton 12, Rocky Bayou 0:** Shelby Watson threw a one-hitter and struck out nine as the Seahawks ran their winning streak to 15 games with a non-district victory.

Kathryn Kenner had two doubles to lead the Seahawks. Caitlin Holliday had two hits, while Caroline Peterson and Meghan Smith also had hits. Smith drove in one.

Christin Kaim had the lone hit for the Knights.

The Seahawks (18-1) play Freeport in the Walton County tournament on Thursday.

RBCS 000 00-0 1 4
South Walton 342 3x-12 6 0
W—Shelby Watson, L—Allison Johnson.

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Wednesday | April 16, 2008

Area track teams prep for regionals

Class A, 2A teams hope to qualify for state meet

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While the larger classifications take part in their district track and field meets this week, Class A and 2A teams are one step ahead.

Walton will take part in the Region 1-2A meet today at Jacksonville Bolles. Rocky Bayou Christian, South Walton, Baker, Paxton and Freeport will all participate in the Region 1-A on Friday at Tallahassee Maclay.

Rocky Bayou's Stephen Berry is slated to run in two.

On the girls' side, Rocky Bayou is coming off a second-place finish at the District 1 meet. Holly Stanton and Emily Steele qualified in four events, while Korie Schaeffler and Brittany Burton will both take part in three each.

"They performed better than we expected at districts, and we expect them to do very well at regionals," RBCS coach Mike Warren said. "We are very encouraged with our success."

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

● **Pensacola Christian 7, Rocky Bayou 2:** Rocky Bayou scored two in the first innings, but that was all the Knights could manage in a non-district loss.

Aaron Cain had the lone hit for Rocky Bayou. Scott Listak and Noah Mosley both scored, while Steve Griffith had an RBI.

The Knights (8-9) host Freeport on Thursday.

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hits and scored four times. Christin Kaim also had three hits for RBCS.

The Knights (4-7) face Laurel Hill in the title game on Thursday.

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W-Allison Johnson, L-Weaver.

Baseball

● **Rocky Bayou 12, Central 7:** Rocky Bayou's offense exploded for 17 hits and the Knights marched into the District 1-A championship game.

Allison vande Voorde went 4-for-5 with three RBIs to lead the way, while Haley Johnson added three

Friday, April 18, 2008

● **Rocky Bayou 8, Freeport 7:** Tyler Walker capped a six-run rally in the seventh by scoring on a throwing error in a non-district win for the Knights.

Walker helped tie the game in the final inning, blasting a two-run single. Ben Donahue also drove in a pair in the rally. Noah Mosley had a two-run single in the third inning to get the Knights on the board.

Michael Graziani had two hits and drove in two for the Bulldogs, while Cody Porter had a hit and three RBIs. Spencer Martin added two hits.

Saturday | April 19, 2008

Area runners qualify for state

South Walton, Baker, Paxton and RBCS all have athletes in state meet

Staff reports

Numerous local teams went to the Region 1-A meet at Tallahassee Maclay hoping to qualify for the state track and field meet.

They succeeded.

For Rocky Bayou's girls, Holly Stanton took third in the 1,600 to qualify for state, while the 4x800 relay team also advanced after taking second. The relay team includes Stanton, Brittany Burton, Emily Steele and Elizabeth Berry.

On Wednesday, Walton's Shelby Rushing qualified for the Class 2A state meet in the 1,600 by placing fourth in the event at regionals.

The Knights (9-9) play Paxton on Tuesday in the District 1-A tournament.

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W-Brian Redmon, L-Cody Porter.

April 18, 2008

Laurel Hill wins district softball tourney

Hoboes take out Rocky Bayou 6-1 for District 1-A title

By RANDY DICKSON

Florida Freedom Newspapers

LAUREL HILL — It must have seemed like not-so-old times for the Laurel Hill softball team in the District 1-A tournament on Thursday.

The host Hoboes met Rocky Bayou Christian not only with the district title on the line, but a chance to host Tuesday's regional quarterfinals game.

Two days after beating Paxton 6-1 in the tournament semifinals, Laurel Hill took the tournament title by an identical 6-1 score over the Knights. It was also the second straight district crown for Laurel Hill.

The Hoboes (14-5) will host the District 2-A runner-up, which will be either Bethlehem or Graceville, on Tuesday in the regional quarterfinal.

Rocky Bayou (4-8), making its first appearance in regionals since 2003,



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Laurel Hill's Brittany Baggett is tagged out at home by Rocky Bayou Christian catcher Brittany Tiller on Thursday during District 1-A title game.

will travel to the District 2-A champion on Tuesday.

Catcher Alicia Griggs, who had two big hits for Laurel Hill, has now been on three district championship teams. She was an eighth-grader on the 2004 squad that lost the state semi-

finals, and the win against RBCS was special.

"I sat on the bench as an eighth-grader," she said. "It was great to hit well. I'm glad I was able to contribute

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a lot."

Griggs gave the Hoboes the early lead in the first inning when she doubled and scored on a Katie Free sacrifice fly.

Despite having just two hits in the second inning, Laurel Hill took advantage of a three Knight errors and a couple of walks in to score five runs and break the game open.

Amanda King led off the inning with a base hit and later scored. Free tripled to left to drive in two runs and end the scoring. King, Jessica Gartman, Rachel Sory, Griggs and Free scored to make it 6-0.

Just when it looked as if he Hoboes would win in a rout, the Knights came back.

The Knights scored their lone run in the fourth after loading the bases with a hit sandwiched between a pair of one-out walks. Allison vande Voorde, who drew one of those walks, scored on a wild pitch.

"They showed a lot of character tonight after a rough start," Rocky Bayou coach Lynn Holcomb said. "I think it was the second inning when things started going a little haywire on us, but they really hung in there."

Knight pitcher Allison Johnson shook off her shaky start to hold the Hoboes to one hit and four baserunners after the second inning. She struck out four batters.

The four hits allowed by Johnson were the same num-

ber yielded by Free in what turned out to be a pitching battle down the stretch.

Free finished the game with nine strikeouts, the biggest of which was a called third strike with the bases loaded to end the RBCS sixth.

"My hat is off to them (the Knights)," Laurel Hill coach Scott Varnum said. "They battled and never gave up. We had a good start, but they slowed us down a little bit. But we did what we had to do to win it."

Christin Kaim led the Knights with two hits.

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Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Sansom sees education budget cuts

Lawmaker speaks to Niceville students

By Del Lessard

Beacon Staff Writer

"What's the hardest decision you have to make in the Legislature?" an eighth-grade student at Rocky Bayou Christian School, Niceville, asked the guest speaker in an American history class last Wednesday.

"What not to spend money on," replied state Rep.

Ray Sansom, the designated Speaker of the Florida House in 2009. The Destin Republican was the classroom guest of educator Robert Grete, RBCS founder.

What not to spend money on will dominate the 60-day 2008 legislative session, which started Tuesday in Tallahassee, Sansom said. The state's \$70 billion budget needs to be slashed by \$3 billion, he told students. "Florida has never

experienced a downturn like today," he said, as the slowed economy continues to reduce revenues to state coffers.

Billions in state budget cuts this year and next will take a lot of leadership, he said, and the decisions won't be popular. Some of our nation's most honored leaders—Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King

Jr., Ronald Reagan—were often subject

to criticism and unpopular in polls of their contemporaries because of the decisions they made, Sansom told students.

"To be a good leader you can't strive to be popular," Sansom said. "It's easy in politics to follow polls," but public opinion "polls change like the weather." Cutting the state budget will require a lot of backbone and vision by the state leadership, said the law-



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State Rep. Ray Sansom listens to a question from a history student at Rocky Bayou Christian School, Niceville, last week.

maker, whose Fourth District includes Niceville and Valparaiso.

"How do you plan to cut the budget?" another student asked.

"All areas will be cut,"

Sansom replied, including transportation, education, health care and public safety. Legislators, he said, hope to make cuts in overhead and administrative costs, avoiding cuts that would have a direct

impact in classrooms, doctors' offices and road building.

Sansom, the father of three daughters, talked to Rocky Bayou 8th grade students Feb.

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State Rep. Ray Sansom chats with Rocky Bayou Christian School eighth-grader Grace Stoner at the school Feb. 27. Former RBCS superintendent Bob Grete looks on.

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27 about leadership, public service, character and politics.

He asked students how their everyday lives are affected by the state Legislature. Getting only vague answers, Sansom asked how many planned to drive when they turned 16—and almost every student's hand shot up. Several bills to be debated in the legislature this spring relate to possible restrictions on youth driving privileges, he said.

Examples: Should under-18 drivers should be allowed to carry friends as passengers? Should cell phone use be banned in teen's cars? What about text messaging and driving?

"How would they enforce that?" one student asked about the bill that would limit passengers to family members when a minor is at the wheel. "That's one of the reasons I don't approve of the bill," the lawmaker replied.

"Between March and May I will vote 4,000 times on issues," Sansom told students. He urged students to become interested in issues and making their voices heard on the local, state and national levels.

He related a story from his 20 years in politics, an election race when he had hired a political consultant, which he defined as someone you pay to tell you something you already know. "What he said was, don't focus on issues that affect 18- to 25-year-olds." Instead, the consultant advised a focus on the 45-

plus age group—"those who vote."

Sansom told the RBCS eighth graders that, after turning 18, "if you want your voice to be heard, go vote."

Sansom also challenged students to listen to political commercials in this year's presidential race. They won't hear talk about skateboard or paintball parks, driving privileges, getting into college or getting a job out of high school, he said. Instead, expect to hear about Social Security, health care, retirement issues, the war in Iraq and the economy.

"Every person has a purpose in life," Sansom told students, and "the sooner you find it the happier you will be." Whether in politics, teaching school or volunteering, he said he strongly believes in giving back to one's community.

Raised in a strong Christian family, he was taught "we're not here to receive, we're here to give." Other than voting, Sansom said his parents were not really involved in public issues. He prayed about his life goals as a college student before deciding to enter public service as an elected official.

"Mom didn't actually like me to be in politics," he said.

Sansom stressed the importance of honesty and character in politics, where "it can be hard sometimes to tell people the truth." Whether people tell him the truth about subjects like the budget, will determine whether he believes that person in the future, he said.

While people who have made bad decisions in the past should always be allowed to redeem themselves, their "pattern of behavior becomes their character," he said. "Without good character you can't be a good leader."

During a question-and-answer session, Sansom discovered some things on the students' minds.

Q: Which presidential candidates have you met?

A: Huckabee, Giuliani, but not Obama or McCain.

Q: Who will you vote for for president?

A: McCain or whoever the Republican candidate is.

Q: Who did you vote for in the (Jan. 29 presidential preference) primary?

A: Huckabee.

Q: Has your Christian faith affected your decision to run for office?

A: Yes. The public has embraced the idea that candidates have a faith. However they don't want elected candidates who then say one faith is better than others. "Whatever your faith is, you should live it."

Q: What do you think about the proposed specialty license tag honoring "Confederate heritage" (a bill sponsored by state Rep. Don Brown, a DeFuniak Springs Republican)?

A: "That would be too controversial and very divisive," Sansom said. "I don't think it will pass."

Grete said that throughout his 30 years as an educator, he has invited public and business officials to come into his history, government and economics classes to talk to his students.

In addition to hosting Sansom several times, RBCS students have also heard from state senators Don Gaetz (R-Niceville) and Durell Peaden (R-Crestview), and former Dist. 1 Congressman Joe Scarborough, among others.

Sansom said he is a frequent guest in school classrooms in the Panhandle, although with less emphasis on his religious beliefs in public school settings.

From staff reports

Tall Pines academy to close its doors

CRESTVIEW — Tall Pines Christian Academy in Crestview will close permanently on June 15.

Principal Michael Hinson made the announcement in a faxed statement.

"The TPCA's Administration and Staff thanks the North Okaloosa Community, with all sincerity and humility, for the opportunity to have served you faithfully and well for twenty-five years," the announcement said.

Hinson confirmed the closure by telephone and said the school would have no further comment.



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RBCS talent identified

Earlier in the year eight Rocky Bayou Christian School seventh-graders participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program by taking the ACT. Five of the eight participants, Megan Gallagher, Shiloh Johns, Megan Maruyama, Rachel Mosley and Timothy Sung, qualified for the state recognition ceremony to be held in May by earning at least a 21 on the English, math, reading or science sections. Megan Maruyama qualified in two sections and Timothy Sung qualified in every section. From left, front, Megan Maruyama, Elizabeth Gadzinsky, Shiloh Johns, Megan Gallagher and Chelsea Outman; rear, Kandace Jolly, Rachel Mosley and Timothy Sung.

Barbara Comelek

1944 - 2008

Barbara Comelek, age 63, of Niceville, Fla., passed away Thursday, March 27, 2008, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1944, in Dayton, Ohio, to Robert and Virginia Zumwalt. Barbara earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University, and a master's degree and doctorate degree from Ball State University. She taught music at elementary schools, high schools and colleges in the United States and abroad.



BARBARA
COMELEK

Additionally, Barbara served for several years as a special needs advocate in the State of Florida prior to achieving certification as an NILD Discovery Therapist. She was a member of The Shepherd's Church in Baker, Fla.

She is survived by a son, Robert Comelek and wife Melissa; a sister, Kristina Anderson and husband Gregory; a niece, Angela Hennig and husband Kurt; two great-nieces, Elizabeth

Wells and Kathrine Hennig; and two great-nephews, David Wells and Eric Hennig.

A time of visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Davis-Watkins Funeral Home, 8 Racetrack Road, Fort Walton Beach.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Covenant Community Church, 1008 Gospel Road, Fort Walton Beach.

Flowers will be accepted, or donations can be made

to the Family Life Center, in care of Covenant Community Church, 1008 Gospel Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547; or The Shepherd's Church, 5305 Highway 4, Baker, FL 32531.

You may share memories, express condolences and sign the guestbook at www.daviswatkins.com.

Arrangements and services are under the direction of Davis-Watkins Funeral Home.

Applause

Knights return from competition

The Rocky Bayou Christian Knights returned from the "Little Big Horn" band competition in Opp, Ala., with straight superiors and three best in class trophies. There were 19 schools represented at the 28th Opp band competition and RBCS was one of the six 1A schools competing.

The Knight's band performed their routine "That 60's Show" which consists of three songs, "I Can See for Miles," "Bend Me, Shape Me," and "Turn, Turn, Turn" and was accompanied by their color guard which was also cited for the first time in Knights history as best in class.

ty of South Florida's Sun Dome competing against 28 teams. While there, the team also toured the University of South Florida engineering labs. The team will start building a robot in January.

LEAP *of* FAITH

Lorann and Michael Hollis will see their autistic son Matthew graduate from college next month

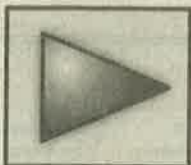


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Lorann Hollis, her son Matthew and husband Michael recall Matthew's travails as he worked toward his bachelor of science degree. Matthew, who is autistic, is scheduled to graduate from Pensacola Christian College in May.

VIDEO ON THE NET

To watch a video of the Hollis family of Mary Esther, go to nwfdailynews.com.



By RACHEL KYLER
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MARY ESTHER — Lorann Hollis took a leap of faith when she ordered a class ring last year for her son.

Matthew, 26, was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome when he was 14. He was told he'd never drive a car, let alone graduate from college.

He is on track to do both.

"It's not just us. We have to give the Lord the glory for what he's done for us," Lorann said.

Matthew will graduate next month

with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary history and communication broadcasting from Pensacola Christian College.

"Well, I'm a little excited," he said.

"Well, sometimes I am."

Upon graduating from Rocky Bayou Christian School, Matthew entered college in 2001.

After Lorann taught him to do laundry, Matthew stayed in the dorms for most of the past six years. But his parents have been by his side every step of the way.

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They traveled to the campus every weekend, studied his lesson outlines and drove him to night classes.

"I was just shepherding him and making sure he would keep up with his studies," said Matthew's father, Michael.

Although Matthew is highly functional on the autism spectrum, he has difficulty with social interactions, understanding body language and nuances of speech.

Questions have to be reworded or refined for him. Matthew excels at the concrete rules of English grammar, foreign languages and math. But the subtleties in subjects like literature are harder for him to comprehend.

"He sees everything black and white," Michael said.

Matthew also has a keen eye for detail and loves maps. Every so often, he goes to bookstores and inventories their map collections, noting the edition and publisher.

In his room, Matthew has a magazine rack filled with maps from around the United States. He can easily outline the quickest route to take on road trips almost anywhere.

Matthew's favorite map to study is Alabama because that's where he was born, he said. He's translated parts of the state's map into Latin.

Lorann and Michael readily admit it hasn't been an easy road to travel. At one time last August, the family thought about pulling Matthew out of school.

But with encouragement from the school's president and vice president, they decided to persevere.

The past few months have been bittersweet. While Matthew is preparing to graduate, their 22-year-old son Jonathan, who is severely autistic, was placed in a group home a few weeks ago.

Jonathan can barely speak and duct tape lines the

walls of the Hollises' home where he has kicked with the heel of his shoe.

"He's not dumb. He just functions behavioral-wise as a child in a sense," Lorann said.

With the challenges presented by their sons' disabilities, the past 20 years have been strenuous at times, the couple say. They have to plan every day months in advance and they haven't had a vacation in about 15 years.

"We live a different lifestyle than normal people do," Michael said. "Our whole lives have been pretty much scheduled around them. We wouldn't just get up and say we're going out to eat tonight."

"I've had my crying moments," Lorann added.

Said Michael: "A lot of couples would have ended in divorce or separation when they have kids like this."

But the pair said they never regretted the time they've invested, adding that teamwork and faith has gotten them through.

Although people sympathize, Michael said until you've lived something, you don't really understand.

"It's the hard things in life that really define who we are," he said.

Lorann said it's hard, but it does get better over the years. But now the couple aren't quite sure what to do.

Matthew is working at his first job at the commissary at Hurlburt Field, which he said, "I think I've enjoyed it."

Eventually, he'd like to go back to school and get a library science degree.

The Hollises will be ready when that challenge presents itself, but they say they need to take a breath.

"Mom and dad need a break for a while," Michael said.

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Niceville softball

● **Bethlehem 16, Rocky Bayou 4:** Bethlehem scored seven runs in two different innings to end the Knights' season in the Class A regional quarterfinals.

Haley Johnson had a hit and scored two runs for Rocky Bayou. Christin Kaim, Brittany Tiller and Allison Johnson each had a hit and drove in one.

Rocky Bayou's season ends at 4-9.

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L-Allison Johnson.

Baseball

● **Paxton 7, Rocky Bayou 2:** Paxton's offense caught fire early and its defense held up late in the District 1-A tournament semifinals.

Paxton (8-9) plays Laurel Hill on Thursday in the championship game.

Ryan Lewellen and Jesse Crawford each went 2-for-3 with triples. Michael Smith and Rodney Fiererra both drove in two, while Zach Forehand also had an RBI.

Scott Listak and Noah Mosley scored the runs for RBCS.

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Paxton 420 010 x—7 7 0
W-Colby Forehand. L-Jacob Terry.

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Sports WORLD

Prep sports Schaeffler gets state recognition

Rocky Bayou Christian senior Korie Schaeffler was recently named to the FH-SAA's Academic All-State team.

Schaeffler, who runs track and cross country along with playing soccer, was the Knights' valedictorian with a 3.95 GPA.

She helped the Knights reach regional competition in all three sports.

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

THE BEACON



Special to the Beacon

Soccer champs

The Emerald Coast United U17 boy's soccer team celebrates winning the championship at the Mobile Spring Classic in Mobile May 17 and 18. The U17 boys played in the U18 bracket, crushing three highly competitive teams during this U.S. Youth Soccer Association-sanctioned tournament. Throughout the tournament, the ECU U17 Boys scored an unprecedented 16 goals and allowed only two. Team members are Pedro Alba, Alex Bolin, Phillip Gamon, James Kaim, Kirian Maldonado, Chad McPherson, J. T. Montague, Iain Mowbray, Andy Poveda, Jake Pratt, Ryan Riggs, Justin Santasier, Robert Shelton, Alec Stanton, Reed White and David "Chippee" Williams. The team is coached by Craig Wallace.

Color Guard – Boy Scout Troup 157 – American Legion

Gary Johnson, Scoutmaster; Color Guard: Will Brown, Alex Sharp, Mark Sharp, Clay Allison

Members of Northwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra

Elizabeth Aylor, Conductor

First Violins - Esther Hsiang, concertmaster, Grace Jeon, Samuel Klauss, Stephanie Hsiang, Shelly Terek, Morgan Ringel, Kim Steele; Second Violins - Paul Michaud, Alex Lin, Emily Jacobs, Elise Munz, Nathalie Christopher; Violas - William Klauss, Rachel Henry, Ashley Nielson; Cellos - Jeremy Hsiang, Catherine Henry, Drew Buchanan; Bass - Erin Walker; Flutes - Cole Early, Savannah Henrie, Bethany Gugliemino; Oboe - Matt Watson; Clarinet/Bass Clarinet - Samantha Horn; Bassoon - Jayson Heubusch; Saxophone - Elizabeth Cassady; Horns - Heather Caulkins, Darrin Lyon, Natalie Sullivan; Trumpets - John Tyre, Catherine Stewart; Trombones - Patrick Bagby, Elizabeth Cassady, Andrew Watson; Tuba - Anna Keipert; Piano Keyboard - Alex Lin; Timpani - Kyle Poppell; Percussion - Olivia Tyre, Kathryn Keipert; Librarian - Sharon Jacobs

Ballet Conservatory & Dance Theatre of Northwest Florida

"Waltz of the Flowers" – P. I. Tschaikowski

Noreen Poppell, Director

Kyle Poppell	Stephanie Hsiang
Laura Naro	Danielle Fox
Lindsey Williams	Gemma Brown
Halee Sommer	Ruth Berry
Sara Waters	Christina Sommer
Georgia Pearce	Krysten Johnson
Elly Krafeik	Samantha Adams
Arabella Norris	Cailyn Flynn

Rocky Bayou Christian School Band Members

Jason Bennett, Conductor

Allen, Gary	Allen, Halel	Bailey, Jared	Berryman, Brittany
Brown, Rebecca	Burgess, Hayley	Burns, Ryan	Caine, Kayla
Cassady, Elizabeth	Delgado, Hector	Dempsey, Lauren	Denney, Whitney
Farrell, Stephen	Griffith, Sam	Griffith, Steven	Guthrie, Lewis
Hannay, Ashley	Hawn, Nathaniel	Hoskins, Abi	Hudson, Caitlin
Jeong, Christina	Johnson, Charlie	Keicher, Kristian	Keipert, Anna
Kent, Emily	Kent, Wendy	Kometer, Maria	Larson, Beka
Lederman, Evan	Long, Alan	Lorenz, Kathryn	Lynch, Sarah
Lyon, Darrin	Maney, Jessica	Marshall, Steven	McKinley, Matthew
Moore, Hannah	Paskell, Bradley	Ruff, Matthew	Sandlin, Kit
Sasser, Austin	Schilling, Matthew	Sober, Corrie	Sober, Elizabeth
Stoner, Grace	Sung, Joseph	Thomasos, Chanel	Townsend, Joseph
Tyre, John	Tyre, Olivia	Waldron, Sharon	Walton, Kendall
West, Jake	Wills, Steven	Wright, Dion	Zondlo, David
Zook, Josh			

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FLA Arts Congress-2008

THURSDAY April 10, 2008

8:30AM-2:30PM **Student Workshops**
First Baptist Church – Niceville ** 622 Bayshore Drive, Niceville
7:30PM-9:00PM Informal Delegates Meeting at Comfort Inn-Niceville

FRIDAY April 11, 2008

8:15AM **Registration: General Session Panels, OWC Niceville (no charge)**
Gallery = Okaloosa-Walton College, Building "K" (food services, bookstore)
Moderator: Prof. Wendell Griffith, Okaloosa-Walton College
9:00AM **Session #1: Constitutional Equality (Federal & State)**
10:30AM **Session #2: Amending US Constitution (Youth Perspectives)**
1:00PM **Session #3: Constitutional Conflicts & Comforts - - Role of the Arts & Humanities (in Republic, Socialist, Communist countries)**

Friday April 11, 2008 7:30PM FLA Honors Concert

Mattie Kelly Auditorium, Okaloosa-Walton College – Niceville
6:30PM Doors and ticket office open
\$15.00 General Admission = Contact OWC Ticket Office
phone = 729-6000 Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM-4:00PM
On-line 24/7 = www.owc.edu/arts
Registered participants & OWC = complimentary with I.D.

SATURDAY April 12, 2008 9:00AM – 4:00PM FLA Delegate Assembly
Comfort Inn-Niceville, Board Room

Students Workshops
First Baptist Church – Niceville

Rev. Dennis Brown, Worship Arts; Dr. Michael McGough, Senior Pastor
Ward Van Steenburgh, Property & Grounds + Buildings
622 Bayshore Drive - - Niceville
Thursday April 10, 2008

8:30AM-8:45AM Registration – lobby of main auditorium
8:45AM-9:00AM Orientation – sanctuary (auditorium): Steve McCown

Times for Workshops 9:00AM – 2:30PM

Workshops

Bagpipes & European History
Ballet: Apex of Body Movement
Ballroom Dancing
Dulcimer: A True Folk Instrument
Folk Dance: Peoples Recreation
Jazz: Ballet Conservatory
Sing-a-Long USA
Story Telling & Florida History

Clinician

Les Matheson
Noreen Poppell
June Harral & 2 Fred Astaire demonstrators
Omar Wiseman
Berlon Graham
Colleen Gamer
Steve McCown & Sandy Robinson
James Moore

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History essay contest

The Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution announced the winners of the American History Essay Contest. The winners were honored at the February meeting and presented with a bronze certificate of award and a savings bond. Pictured from left are: Elizabeth Sober, an eighth-grader from Rocky Bayou Christian School; Cailin Kellum, a sixth-grader at Rocky Bayou Christian School; Killian Wisslead, a fifth-grader at Bluewater Elementary School; and Alyssa Randall, a seventh-grader at Meigs Middle School.

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Rocky Bayou Christian School took first place.

Math Bowl Winners Announced

Teams from 21 northwest Florida high schools recently competed in the 21st annual Math Bowl at Okaloosa-Walton College at the college's Niceville campus.

In the small school division, Rocky Bayou Christian School placed first, followed by Okaloosa-Walton College Collegiate High School in second place.

In individual awards in this division, Hyeong Yun Cha of Rocky Bayou won first place followed by Miller Hederi of OWC Collegiate High, Joseph Lepley of John Paul II, Sillo Jin of Rocky Bayou, Matt McDorman of Rocky Bayou, Kim Harrison of Rocky Bayou, Patrick Tully of OWC Collegiate, Melinda Osborne of OWC Collegiate, Ryan Sweeney of John Paul II, and Patricia Young of John Paul II.

In the medium school category, Rickards High School of Tallahassee took top honors, followed by Gulf Breeze High School in second place, Navarre High School in third place, Pensacola High School in fourth place, and South Walton High School in fifth place.

In individual awards in this division, Eli Ross of Rickards placed first, followed by Suvrat Jain of Rickards, Cheran Wu of Rickards, Christopher Kim of Rickards, Logan Rejola of Gulf Breeze, Justin Engle of Gulf Breeze, Joel Willoughby of Navarre, Michael Laughlin of Navarre, Daniel Goff of Pensacola, and Patrick Cooke of Gulf Breeze.

In the large school category, Choctawhatchee High School placed fourth.

RBCS scores in arts fest

13 students, 2 ensembles qualify for state

Special to the Beacon

Sixty-six third through eighth grade students from Rocky Bayou Christian School went to Tallahassee on April 25 to compete in the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools 2008 Junior Fine Arts Regional Festival.

The results are: Vocal Solo: Wendy Kent, Junior High Vocal Ensemble, superior; Nina Nelson, excellent. Instrumental Solo: Maria Kometer, Josh Cook, Grace Stoner, Elizabeth Ober, and Anna Kometer, supe-

rior; Jessica Sandlin, Timothy Sung, Wendy Kent, and Hannah Stoner, excellent. Art: Cooper Eaves, Sarah Ward, La'Fleria Robinson, Audrey Stevens, superior; Cammie Cruce, Brittany Boothe, and Elizabeth Marshall, excellent. Speech: Sarah Ward, Megan Maruyama/Shiloh Johns, Elizabeth Gadzinski/Darla Lyon, Wendy Kent/ Sarah Lynch, Anna LaNeve/Sarah Witkos, Mrs. Brown's Bumblebees, and a Junior High Readers Theater, superior; Kandace Jolly/ Jennifer Paskell,

excellent. Piano Solo: Maria Kometer, and Kaysee Lohmann, excellent. Ensemble and Chorus: sixth through eighth grade quintet, superior; Junior High Chorus, excellent.

Qualifying for state were Wendy Kent, Maria Kometer, Grace Stoner, Anna Kometer, Jessica Sandlin, Timothy Sun, Hannah Stoner, Cooper Eaves, Sarah Ward, Audrey Stevens, Darly Lyon, Sarah Lynch, Kaysee Lohmann, Mrs. Brown's Bumblebees, sixth through eighth grade quintet and Junior High Chorus.

Wednesday, May 14, 2008



Area schools top 20 Knowledge Masters

NHS 4th in state; Lewis third

By Stacie Morgan
Beacon Staff Writer

Five area schools participated in the last Knowledge Masters Open of the school year for grades seven through 12, and placed in the top 20 in the state.

At the high school level (grades 10-12), Niceville High's 11-member team finished fourth in the state with an international ranking of 86 and Rocky Bayou Christian Academy's nine-member team finished 18th in the state with an international ranking of 390. A total of 30 Sunshine State high school teams participated in the open on April 23. There

were 703 schools competing internationally.

At the middle school level (grades seven and eight), Destin Middle School's eight-member team finished second in the state and had an international ranking of 61. Lewis Middle School had nine team members and finished third statewide and 109th internationally. Ruckel Middle School, with seven team members, came in at sixth place statewide and 161 internationally. Rocky Bayou Christian School's middle school team of 16 members finished 12th in the state and placed 379 out of 753 schools internationally.

Knowledge Masters is a

semiannual computer-based academic competition which allows students to compete without leaving their own school.

At the secondary level (middle through high school) the teams are required to quickly and accurately answer a series of 200 multiple-choice questions in 15 subject areas, with a time limit of 29 seconds per question. The quicker a team answers the question, the more points it can earn. Communication among team members is encouraged though answers must be given without the help of coaches or audience members.

Rocky Bayou class draws to help ailing boy

Wednesday, May 7, 2008



Photo by Lindsey Childs

nd, 3, all smiles despite his life-threatening battle
sis.

By Lindsey Childs

Beacon Correspondent

For most little boys, sleeping through the night is a normal thing and most kids paint pictures in art class to hang on the walls or refrigerator. But that isn't the case with either 3-year-old Joel Strickland or the Special Services class of Rocky Bayou Christian School.

Joel has a disease that will take his life if treatment is not received. The seventh and eighth grade Special Services class created pictures that were sent to an auction in Texas whose profits will go to the Cystinosis Research Network to help find a cure for Joel's disease.

"They were quiet and thoughtful," said Ruth Crowe, teacher of the class. "They really went at it wholeheartedly. I was so pleased that they were so willing to do it."

Each of the seven students in the class drew a picture using colored pencils and a large mat with a black or white side. The students completed the pictures in one day. Though the students at RBCS have never met Joel, they were inspired after hearing from Joel's paternal grandmother, Beverly Foster. One of the stu-



Artwork by Cammie Cruce

One of the pictures created by the Rocky Bayou Christian School seventh- and eighth-grade classes for a Texas auction to help find a cure for cystinosis.

dents, Cammie, even drew a picture of Joel for the fundraiser.

According to "Natalie's Wish," a non-profit group battling cystinosis, the inherited disease is a buildup of cystine, a nonessential amino acid. When too much of the amino acid gets into the cells, it has no way to get out. Consequently, when cystine levels are too high the cystine begins to crystallize and slowly destroy the body.

The most common organs where the process starts are the kidneys, liver, eyes and brain. Before the progression of

today's technology, children diagnosed with the disease were lucky to live to age 10.

People with cystinosis must take the medication Cystagon every six hours. Kids with this disease, just like Joel, don't know what it is to sleep through the night.

For Joel, even getting diagnosed with the disease was a huge process. Unlike his big brother, Jonah, who is 5, Joel didn't develop like a normal baby. His mother, Dawn Strickland, kept noticing abnormalities.

"He would throw up all the time and he couldn't do any-

thing," she said. "He would just lie there on the couch. I'd already had another child (Jonah) and I could tell that something was wrong."

Finally, after months of tests, numerous doctors, tears and prayers the Stricklands were told that Joel had cystinosis. Since then, life has not been easy, but the Stricklands have hope. As the awareness for cystinosis grows so does the chance for finding a cure.

Today, only 500 people in the United States, mostly children, have cystinosis. Since the disease is so rare, there are not

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HOMEROOM



RBCS senior on all-star team

Korie Schaeffler, a senior at Rocky Bayou Christian Academy and the daughter of Scott and Sue Schaeffler, has been named to the Florida High School Athletic Association 2008 FHSAA Academic All-State Team. To be eligible, a student must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have earned a varsity letter in at least two different sports during

each of his or her junior and senior years.

Schaeffler has a 3.95 unweighted GPA and ranks first in her class of 49 seniors. She earned varsity letters in cross country and soccer all four years of high school, as well as track & field her junior and senior years. She plans to attend Samford University in Birmingham and study pre-physical therapy.

Schaeffler, one of 24 honorees, will receive a \$1,000 award, as well as a commemorative medalion from the FHSAA. Two scholar-athletes of the year—one boy and one girl—will be announced at the 14th Annual FHSAA Academic All-State Awards Banquet Thursday, June 12, in Atlantic Beach. These two winners will receive an additional \$3,000 as well as a trophy.



Connor Lynch, grade six, Rocky Bayou Christian School, and his fourth-place winning project in the state science fair in Lakeland.

Photo special to the Beacon

Elementary Choir 5th & 6th Grades

Jared Anderson*	Dominique Johnson	Regan Rountree
Dallas Banks	Cailin Kellum*	Billy Sager*
Kendra Barnes	Fletcher Logan	Mariah Stanley
Henry Bowman	Joshua Lohmann	Richard Starr
Jalen Brown	Christopher Matthews*	Parker Stewart
Summer Bunch	Richard Moore	Benjamin Vigil*
Stephanie Burkett	Nina Nelson*	April Villar*
Rachel Duvall	Aleah Oas*	Lacy Villar*
Anastacia Elliott	Casey Orr	Dane Wagner
Mikayla Fluhrer*	Jalyn Parker*	Michael Warner
Kelly Hanning*	Caleb Pearson	Jonathan Wiedenbeck
Zackary Huffman	Dayton Pogue	Kyle Wilson*
Cody Jenkins	Leslie Potter	

Junior High Choir 7th & 8th Grades

Jonathan Anderson	Kandace Jolly*w	Ben Phillips
Justin Anderson	Nikki Lane	Peyton Preston
Mikayla Berner	Alice Levi	Shelby Rose
Chardae Brazzell	Kaysee Lohmann*	Adam Schutter
Susan Centanni	Darla Lyon*w	Christiana Serban*w
Elana Eckenrode*	Megan Maruyama*w	Kristin Smith
Brandon Ferrell	Kimberly McMahon*	Audrey Stevens*
Naldi Fonseca	Rachel Mosley*w	Tiffany Wagner
Elizabeth Gadzinski*w	Josh Motter*	Bri Wehner*w
Cody Holland*	Katie Olney*w	Savannah West*w
Emily Johnpeer*	Eddie Owens, III	Tommy Wichman*
Devon Johns	Jennifer Paskell*	Wayne Wilson
Shiloh Johns*w	Julia Peacock*w	Casey Young*
Rachel Johnson*w		

Chamber Choir 9th-12th Grades

Sarah Barnick	Steven Griffith+	Jennifer Oelschlager+w
Seong Kyu Cho+	Nathaniel Hawn+	Laura Pate
Jin Sil Choi	Katie Hudson+w	Michael Sandiford
Lauren Dempsey	Ariel Hutto	Joseph Sung
Richard Ellis+	Helen Jang+w	PT Tidwell+
Kelly Fox+w	Luke Jolly	Emily Wilson w
Grace Given+w	Jamie Kim	Mina Yu
Hope Given	Jessica Maney	Amanda Zook+w
Jessica Graham+	Shannon Mosley	

*FACCS Ensemble w- Women's FACCS Ensemble
+ Senior Choir Member

*Rocky Bayou Christian School
Music Department Presents:*

***The 2008 Spring
Choral Concert***



***Featuring the Elementary, Junior High,
And Chamber Choirs with select ensembles...***

***Friday, May 16, 2008
7:00 P.M.***

St. Paul Lutheran Church

***Mr. Donald Larson- Superintendent
Dr. Michael Mosley- Academy Principal
Mrs. Toby Williams- Special Services Principal
Mrs. Marilyn Bilby- Elementary Principal***

***Mrs. Jessica Leese- Director
Mr. Jason Bennett- Guest Conductor***

Invocation.....Dr. Robert Grete
Board Member
Emcees.....Linda Nelson & Rochelle Brown

Elementary Choir
Aran Nelson- Piano

Cantate Domino.....Nancy Hill Cobb
Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit.....arr. Moses Hogan

Elementary & Junior High FACCS Ensemble

How Could Anyone.....arr. Mac Huff
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel.....arr. Roger Emerson

Junior High Women's FACCS Ensemble
Sil Lo Jin- Piano

Song for a Russian Child.....Andrea Klouse

Junior High Choir

Like a Mighty Stream.....arr. Moses Hogan
How Can I Keep from Singing.....Greg Gilpin
Soloists: Bri Wehner, Katie Olney, Shiloh Johns, Darla Lyon,
Megan Maruyama, & Audrey Stevens

Offertory

Rev. Mickey Schneider.....Joseph Sung
Board Member Piano
Prayer

*"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—
I, whom you have redeemed."
Psalm 71:23*

Chamber Choir
Joseph Sung-Piano

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord.....arr. Moses Hogan
Traditional Spiritual

The Way You Look Tonight.....arr. Kirby Shaw
Soloist: Seong Kyu Cho

Soon It's Gonna Rain.....arr. Mac Huff
from *The Fantasticks*

Arise, My Love.....by Laura Farnell
Women's Senior High FACCS Ensemble
Text adapted from Song of Solomon 2:10-12

Miserere Mei.....Antonio Lotti
Grant Us Thy Mercy

The Awakening.....Joseph M. Martin

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name.....Tom Fettke
Senior Choir Members

The Lord Bless You and Keep You.....Peter Lutkin

Closing Remarks.....Mr. Donald Larson
Superintendent

*Special thanks to St. Paul Lutheran Church for hosting us,
Linda Nelson and Rochelle Brown for narrating our
evening, to our accompanists, to all the parents, faculty,
and staff of RBCS for their support, to the students for
their hard work, and to God for His blessing of talents and
abilities that has brought us to the culmination of this
wonderful school year.*

**You Christian
School
Easter's Spring
Auction
2008**

Fun in the Sun Basket

Fun in the Sun Ward and Big Kahunas
Big Kahunas water park and 4 Big Kahunas
don't go to Big Kahunas without proper
with Mary Kay's SPF 30 Sunscreen, &
and Self-tanning lotion are also

Fun for Golf Lovers Delight

Fun in the Sun Ward and Shalimar Pointe

Two rounds of 18 hole golf with a cart at
show you want it. So bid on this basket and
white golf balls, and a Mazuno golf cap.

#3 Light up Your Life Yankee Candle Basket

Donated by Doralyn Sasser

This basket has a total of eight heavenly smelling candles: 2 large/22 oz. jar candles (lemon lavender and balsam and cedar), one large hand poured column candle with three flavor layers (juicy peach, berry jam, and greenhouse), 2 small/3.7 oz jar candles (amber sunset and midnight cove), 3 sampler/1.75 oz candles (vanilla lime, lilac blossoms, and dune grass). All are together in a beautiful light taupe cloth woven basket with handle holes on each end. Value: \$80

#4 Purple Princess basket

donated by Yvonne Melvin

Pamper your princess with this beautiful Purple basket which includes a Fun clip FM radio, an address book, hair accessories and make-up, nail bag, journal, fuzzy pen, a necklace and earring set, a purple candle, and a sand art pad. Value: \$30

#5 Palm Trees Table set

Donated by Anna Sandlin

Decorate your table with palm trees. Included are 4 hand painted glasses, 4 hand painted place mats and 4 hand painted napkins.
Value: \$80

#6 Perfect Occasions

donated by Linda Deyo

\$50 gift certificate. Perfect Occasions is a cozy little shop on Hospital Drive across from the Ft Walton Beach YMCA. Linda has gifts for all ages. This store is definitely worth checking out.

Value \$50

#7 Dinosaur Adventure Basket

donated by Kellie Zach

Four tickets to Dinosaur Adventure Land which is a theme park and science museum that gives God the glory for His creation. It has rides and fun-filled events and activities, each involving a physical challenge, a science lesson, and a biblical truth. Along with these tickets your child will enjoy a small archeology kit, rocks and toy dinosaurs. <http://www.dinosauradventureland.com> Value: \$45.00

#8 Dinner and a Movie

donated by Nancy Sober

Blockbuster gift card good for 2 rentals, 2 tubs of popcorn, with 3 flavors of seasoning, and a taco meal. Value: \$20

#9 Star Wars basket

donated by generous Band parents

Star Wars I DVD The Phantom Menace, Star Wars II DVD Attack of the Clones, John William Star Wars Trilogy Music CD (Includes Main Title, Princess Leia's Theme, The Imperial March, and The Forest Battle) Star Wars Yoda Action Figure, Popcorn and Snicker Bar. Value: \$56.00

#10 Relaxation Basket

donated by Yvonne Melvin

Enjoy a moment of relaxation. Fill your tub with hot water, put on your eye mask, and soak in your own Ocean Breeze Bath. Pamper your skin with White Tea extract body wash, Naturals Presents soap, body scrub, body lotion, and body butter. If you own children, ear plugs are recommended but (I am sorry to say) not included. ☺

#11 Al - Aboard Fishing trip

Donated by Al Berryman

Mr. Al Berryman invites the winning bidder and up to three of his friends (four persons total) to be his guests on an eight-hour open water fishing expedition. Al will provide: bait, boat, fishing rods, and tackle as needed. You provide for your party food, drinks, your fishing licences and remember to bring your camera. This Trip must be taken before October 1, 2008. Winner must coordinate a date when Al is available to take his party. Value: \$1000

#12 Inspirational Basket

donated by Yvonne Melvin

Enjoy daily Moments of Peace as you read through three books of inspiration and prayer. Also included in this beautiful basket are: a Joshua 24:15 wall plaque "As for me and my house... We will serve the Lord", a memo pad, an angel key ring, and a pillar candle and holder.

#20 Hand Crafted Lyre

donated and made by Dave Sandlin

This hand crafted instrument is made of Purple Heart and Sugar Maple with a heart shaped bridge carved out of African Paduk. The unique wood inlay banding around the sugar maple sides was a gift from one craftsman to another and has not been available for over 20 years. This Lyre, which harkens back to the time of King David, is appropriately named the "Psalm 108 Lyre" after the first two verses of that Psalm: "My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn." These verses are written inside the lyre as part of the maker's mark.

The instrument has eleven strings and is tuned with two pentatonic octaves, that is a 5 note scale of - C, D, F, G, A with an extra C at the top. Value: \$1000

#21 Garfield Child's Garden Basket

donated by Yvonne Melvin

Let Garfield unlock the gardener within your child: Basket includes: knee pad, gloves, small shovel, small rake, wild flower seed mix, mini garden flag, and flower pot sitters.

#22 The Sower

Donated by Holly and Billy Moore

"THE SOWER" is a museum quality, framed lithograph from Nationally acclaimed artist Daniel A. Moore and is signed by the artist. The print is meant to depict the parable of the sower. Once hung in your home, it will remind all that we are to sow God's seeds of Light! Value: \$200



ed Bailey



David Blackmon



Jarrod Boerma



Amanda Brennan



Stephanie Bryan



Hyeong Yun Cha



Seong Kyu Cho



Jordan Dean



Sean Einhaus



elly Fox



Grace Given



Julie Gomez



Jessica Graham



Steven Griffith



Nathaniel Hawn



Abilene Hoskins



Caitlin Hudson



Hye Jang



eth Jones



Christin Kairn



Rebeka Larson



Evan Lederman



Jenelle LeMieux



Luke Lennon



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Steven Marshall



Kaitlin Milam

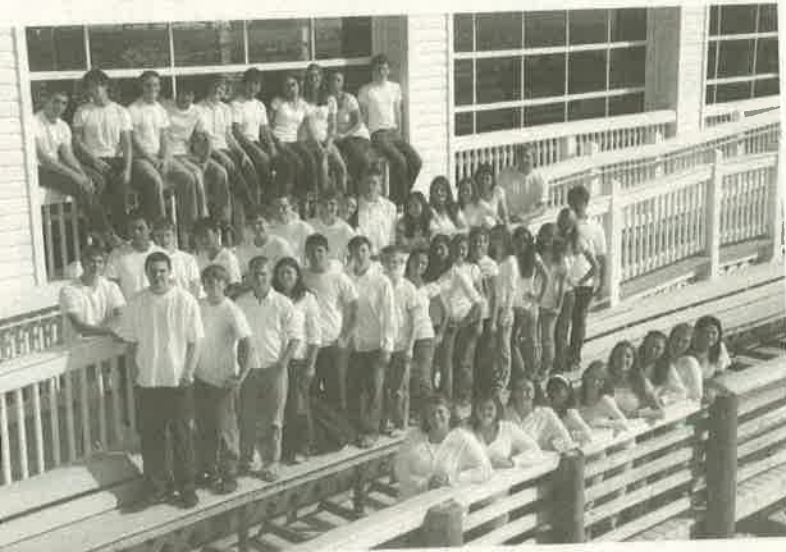


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IT'S YOUR BIG DAY!

ment is a time to reflect upon the

KEY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2008



*"Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace,
along with those who call on the Lord but of a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22*

challenge you may encounter.

e shared your joys and sorrows, your triumphs
Your commitment and enthusiasm have left an

David Sandlin holds a lyre he fashioned with red sugar maple and purple heartwood. It will be auctioned off at the Rocky Bayou Christian School band's spring concert and auction at 6:30 tonight.



SEAN DOOLEY | Daily News

A beautiful gift

David Sandlin will auction a lyre for Rocky Bayou Christian School

By KATIE COUVILLON
Daily News Staff Writer

David Sandlin has always considered himself a craftsman. He learned from his father, who built houses after retiring from the military. Sandlin himself built small wooden boats and horseless car-

riages in the past, but when his son, Kit, joined Rocky Bayou Christian School's band, his interests turned to musical instruments.

"We sort of began a series of science projects with these instruments," he said. "I tried to build drums and flutes and it

acoustic guitar.

"Lyres haven't been around in 2,000 years, so you really have to teach yourself how to play," Sandlin said.

He has crafted five lyres, all named after Psalms in the Bible. His newest, Psalm 108, will be available at the Rocky Bayou Christian School band auction tonight.

"I'd really like to see her go to a minister of music or a church organist, someone who appreciates its meaning," he said.

just kept progressing." Sandlin, who is a software engineer for Northrop Grumman Corp. in Fort Walton Beach, decided to recreate an ancient instrument.

"I saw pictures of lyres on the Internet and I thought I could do better than that," said Sandlin, who lives in Valparaiso.

Lyres, which were played in biblical times, have hollow wooden bodies and 11 strings. They look like a miniature combination of a harp and

the names of the lyres by selecting Psalms that are meaningful or music-related. He carries Psalm 108 in a green velvet bag with the phrase "Music to the glory of God" embroidered on the front.

Sandlin also takes pride in his lyres' musical quality. Their sound holds up well against changes in temperature and humidity, conditions that cause many other stringed instruments to fall flat.

WANT TO GO?

Rocky Bayou Christian School will hold a band auction and concert at 6:30 tonight at Niceville High School's auditorium. For more details, call 678-7358.

The lyres, which take Sandlin several months to make, hold many meanings for him.

First, they are an expression of his faith. He chooses

Although his instruments are valuable, Sandlin has given four of them away. He did sell one, but he said that's not something he plans to do in the future.

"I'm not going to be mass producing these," he said. "Why turn something into a commodity when it can be a beautiful gift?"

Daily News Staff Writer
Katie Couvillon can be reached at 863-1111, Ext. 1412.

Our school may be small, but our hearts are big



By **KORIE SCHAEFFLER**
Rocky Bayou Christian School

On the sixth of June, local high schools will begin commencement ceremonies for their graduating seniors. Parents will beam with pride at their new graduates. Mothers and grandmothers will cry. Friends will say goodbye to the familiar life of high school as they beckon new experiences.

And at Rocky Bayou Christian School's graduation ceremony, 48 seniors will say farewell to the close-knit group of friends whom most of them grew up with since the early years of elementary.

Because of Rocky Bayou's small size, we seniors are a "tight" group. Many students have known each other for years, and we all share a lot of the same classes. In fact,

we have several "lifers," that is, students who have been at Rocky Bayou since pre-school.

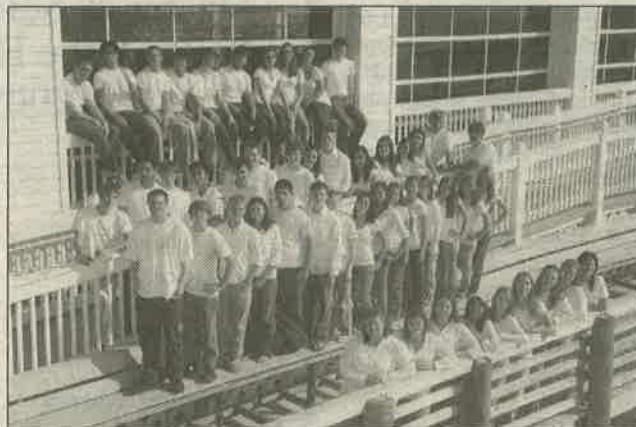
But this isn't to say we're a boring group. Of course, we have the typical students in athletics (54 percent), band and choir (42 percent), extracurricular clubs (64 percent), and special services (30 percent). But we can also boast a Coast Guard reservist, a German golf star, a member of the 2008 FHSAA Academic All-State team, a certified scuba diver, and a small business owner — just to name a few.

Rocky Bayou is definitely unique. With such a small graduating class, we can often call to mind the same memories. We can recall

practical jokes and harrowing situations in our dysfunctional gravel parking lot. Many great stories can be told of our adventures on Junior/Senior Retreat. We will always remember the first annual Homecoming Parade with its motley crew of student cars decked with paint and streamers. We'll remember the time we celebrated our band's first place victory at FACCS Fine Arts Competition several years ago. We all

grumble over the excess of stop signs and crosswalks on campus. And more recently, we'll all remember the laughs we shared over the senior movies that debuted at Junior/Senior Banquet.

We will also never forget the teachers who made class interesting. Mrs. Thomas never failed to laugh at her own jokes and to supply the student body with Ramen noodles at lunchtime. Dr. Mosley kept us laughing —



2008 SENIORS

Go to
www.nwfdailynews.com
to view the listing of Rocky Bayou's graduating seniors.

Rocky Bayou Christian Sports

● Christin Kaim helped lead the Knights to their fifth straight District 1-2A title and a spot in the regional quarterfinals.

● Korie Schaeffler, a three-sport athlete, was named to the FHSAA's Academic All-State team. Schaeffler, who runs track and cross country along with playing soccer, was the Knights' valedictorian with a 3.95 GPA.

● Steve Berry proved to be the school's top male distance runner, qualifying for the Class A regionals in both cross country in the fall and in track in the 1,600-meter run.

even while passing out our failing quiz grades. Mr. Ward will be remembered for his habit of propping his feet on his desk while playing his guitar. Mr. Grote is probably the most engaging lecturer, and I doubt we will ever forget his valuable lessons in Christian philosophy and apologetics. And we will always remember Dr. Grete for his Internet exercises and occasional demonstration in song.

And though we'll go our separate ways, none of us will for-

get the small Christian school in Niceville, Fla., that fostered us with an invaluable education and fond memories.

After this year, we will be left with nothing more than those memories and a horde of pictures on Facebook. But this won't matter. Many of the lessons we learned at Rocky Bayou Christian School will serve us well as we pursue different experiences.

And so I would like to congratulate the Class of 2008.

We did it!

Beginning Band

Allen, Joseph
Bowman, Jennifer
Bryant, Josh
Burden, Grant
Cortese, Justine
Derosier, Alex
Dijkhuizen, Sebastian
Esses, Cameron
Fanale, Sarah
Fawaz, Grant
Flowers, John
Glenn, Sam
Gunn, Jessica
Hudson, Laura
Jones, Chris
Keipert, Andy
Knie, Trever
Lawrence, Caleb
Linder, Douglas
Lopez, Kip
Lorenz, Olivia
McCullough, Logan
McIntosh, Madeline
Melvin, Royal
Miles, Brayton
Overholt, Ariel
Pate, Michael
Ritenour, Julie
Smith, Jason
Stoner, Hannah
Sung, James
Traxler, Haleigh
Walker, Morgan
Walton, Eelan
Williams, Samuel
Wilson, Tyler
Yun, Christian
Zapata, Craig

Jr. High Concert Band

Allen, Christy
Berryman, Brad
Boothe, Brittany
Bowman, John
Burgett, Courtney
Cassady, Mark
Cornwell, Ethan
Courtney, Matthew
Craine, Cody
Davis, Mackenzie
Dillion, Taylor
Dunn, Brittany

*Given, Hope, *Caitlin Autry, *Tyler Maraist

* = Jazz Ensemble members

Fawaz, Neely
Frazier, Njera
Gallagher, Megan
Glenn, Matthew
Gynn, Brandon
Hannay, Thomas
Hoskins, Joshua
Hudson, William
Jarrell, Joshua
Jenkins, Tanner
Jenkins, Ty
Keicher, Chloe
Killingsworth, Joshua
Kirkpatrick, Drew
Knie, Jessica
Koster, Katherine
Landingham, Orion
LaNeve, Anna
Laurent, Trent
Lawrence, Jalen
Linder, Dale
Listak, Chris
Lusk, Harrison
Lynch, Connor
Maranon, Victor
Maxwell, Kristen
McCullough, Nathan
McIlhenny, Micah
Paskell, Tyler
Peters, Kasea
Pippins, Matthew
Porrata, Jared
Rogers, Jason
Rogers, Will
Sasser, Dayna
Schatz, Brent
Stovall, Chris
Stubblefield, Joshua
Sullivan, Curtis
Sung, Timothy
Thomas, Caleb
Turner, Joshua
Ward, Sarah
Whitaker, Sydney
Williams, Jr., Dwight
Wilson, Brian
Witkos, Sarah
Zach, Tyler
Zimmerman, Fabi

Symphonic Band

Allen, Glory
*Allen, Halal

*Bailey, Jared
*Berryman, Brittany
Brown, Rebecca
Burgess, Hayley
Burns, Ryan
*Caine, Kayla
*Cassady, Elizabeth
Delgado, Hector
Dempsey, Lauren
Denney, Whitney
*Farrell, Stephen
Griffith, Sam
Griffith, Steven
Hannay, Ashley
Hawn, Nathaniel
Hoskins, Abi
Hudson, Caitlin
Jeong, Christina
Johnson, Charlie
Keicher, Kristian
Keipert, Anna
Kent, Emily
Kent, Wendy
Kometer, Maria
*Larson, Rebeka
*Lederman, Evan
Long, Alan
Lorenz, Kathryn
Lynch, Sarah
*Lyon, Darrin
Maney, Jessica
*Marshall, Steven
McKinley, Matthew
Moore, Hannah
*Paskell, Bradley
Ruff, Matthew
*Sandlin, Kit
Sasser, Austin
*Schilling, Matthew
*Sober, Corrie
Sober, Elizabeth
Stoner, Grace
*Sung, Joseph
Thomasos, Chanel
*Townsend, Joe
*Tyre, John
Tyre, Olivia
Waldron, Sharon
Walton, Kendall
West, Jake
Wills, Steven
Wright, Dion
*Zondlo, David
*Zook, Josh

Rocky Bayou Christian School Music Department
presents:

Band Spring Concert

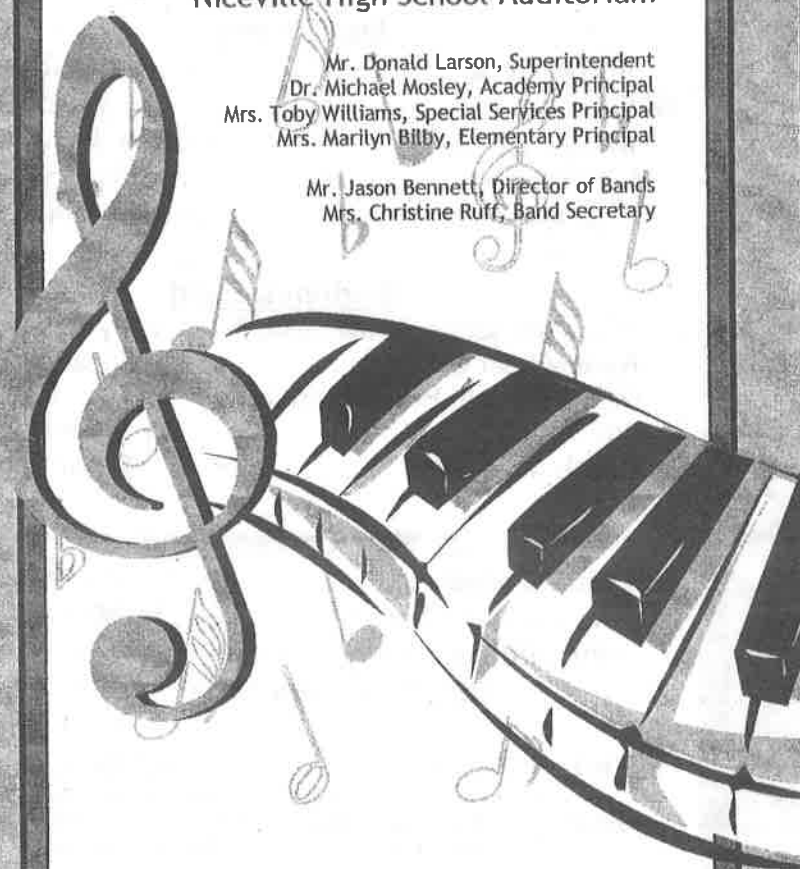
Saturday, May 17, 2008

6:30 P.M.

Niceville High School Auditorium

Mr. Donald Larson, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Mosley, Academy Principal
Mrs. Toby Williams, Special Services Principal
Mrs. Marilyn Bilby, Elementary Principal

Mr. Jason Bennett, Director of Bands
Mrs. Christine Ruff, Band Secretary



Opening Introduction Mrs. Rochelle Brown
Opening Prayer Dr. Robert Grete

Introduction Mrs. Rochelle Brown

Jazz Ensemble

In the Stone Arr. by Paul Murtha
Bellavia Arr. by Victor Lopez
Misty Arr. by Jerry Nowak
Sister Sadie Arr. by Bryan Kidd
Blue Rondo Ala Turk Arr. by Calvin Custer

Beginning Band

When the Saints Go Marching In . . Arr. by John Higgins
Banana Boat Song Caribbean Folk Song
Old Macdonald Had A Band traditional
Ode To Joy Arr. by John Higgins
March Militaire Franz Schubert

Jr. High Concert Band

Colonel Bogey Arr. by Andrew Balent
The Batman Theme Arr. by Michael Story
John Williams: Movie Adventures - Arr. Sweeney
Star Wars, Jurassic Park, E. T.

Offertory Prayer Mr. Patrick Paskell

^aspecial music provided by the Jr. High Woodwind Quintet
Elizabeth Sober - Flute, Grace Stoner - Clarinet, Hannah Stoner - Oboe, Maria
Kometer - F Horn, Sarah Ward - Baritone Saxophone

Symphonic Band

Also Sprach Zarathustra . . Arr. by Robert Longfield
Espirit De Corps Robert Jager
Gershwin! Arr. by Warren Barker
Star Wars Epic Part I . . . Arr. by Robert W. Smith

Duel of the Fates, Episode I

Across the Stars, Episode II

Star Wars Epic II Arr. by Robert W. Smith

Princess Leia's Theme, Episode III

The Imperial March/The Forest Battle

Star Wars Main Title

Stars and Stripes Forever! John Philip Sousa

Closing Prayer Mr. Donald Larson

Psalm 150

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty firmament!
Praise Him for His mighty acts;
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise Him with the lute and harp!
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with crashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!*

Technical Roles

Props:

Sarah Witkos- Manager
Rachel Johnson
Kaysee Lohmann
Megan Maruyama

Costumes:

Jon Hearon-Manager
Audrey Stevens
Jennifer Paskell
Kaitlin Milam

Lights and Sound:

Luke Jolly- Manager
Shaun Brown
Matt McKinley
Casey Young

Set:

Johnny Hoskins-Manager
Elizabeth Marshall- Manager
Sarah Ward
Kathryn Lorenz

Hair and Makeup:

Crystal Farmer- Manager
Rachel Mosley
Lauren Ricchio
Elizabeth Gadzinski

Publicity:

Jessica Knie- Manager
Kimberly McMahon
Elana Eckenrode
Kandace Jolly

Choreography:

Sarah Lynch- Manager
Jessica Sandlin
Shiloh Johns

Stage Manager:

Laurie Sambenedetto

Thank yous...

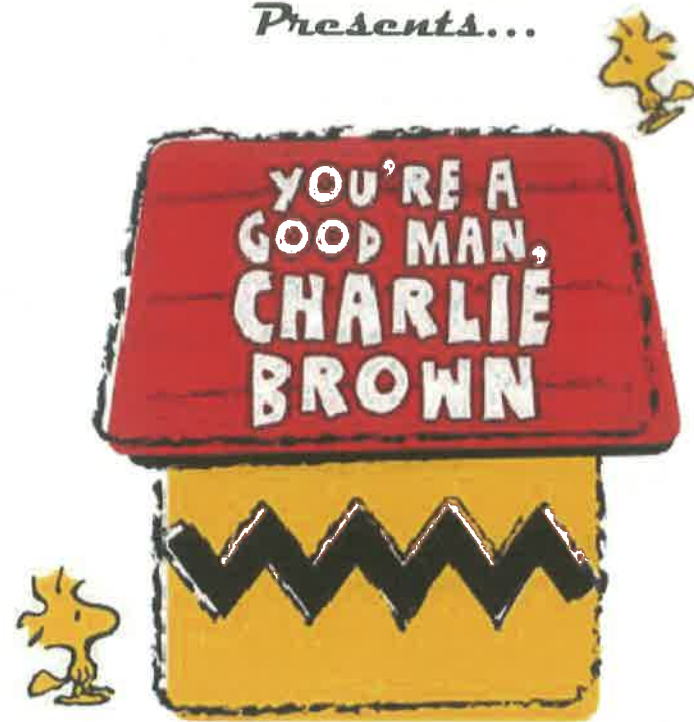
Though it is impossible to list them all, here are just some of the ways that our RBCS family has come together to make this show a success:

To the cast, crew, and orchestra for their tedious hours of rehearsal and preparation; to Mr. Bennett for organizing the music for the show; to Mrs. Brown for helping with choreography and the general keeping of sanity; to Laura Stevens, Chris Fluhrer, and Anna Sandlin for the amazing costumes; to all of the people who helped with set construction and design and props—Pat Paskell, Leroy Leese, Thomas Hamilton, Patti & Ronnie Ward, Kim Jolly, Monica Maruyama, Gary and Gloria Witkos, Sara Kent, Cindy McKinley, and the RBCS Maintenance Staff; to the moms who provided drinks and lunches for us at OWC and volunteered their time to help students keep on top of their school work—Holly Moore, Sara Kent, Lisa LaNeve, Kim Jolly, Shelli Lynch, and Cathy Sandiford; to the McMahons for printing our programs; to the teachers, faculty and staff of RBCS for making this possible; and finally to our Creator who has blessed this group of people with exceptional talents and abilities!

The Rocky Bayou Christian School

Department of Speech and Theater

Presents...



..The Musical

Friday May 23, 2008

1:00 & 7:00 PM

Mrs. Jessica Leese- Director

Mrs. Rochelle Brown- Assistant Director

Mr. Jason Bennett- Orchestra Director

Principals



Charlie Brown-
Nathaniel Hawn



Sally Brown-
Wendy Kent



Lucy Van Pelt-
Kelly Fox



Linus Van Pelt-
Michael Sandiford



Snoopy-
Beka Larson



Schroeder-
DT Tidwell

Orchestra



Hali Allen-Alto & Soprano Sax

Brittany Berryman-Clarinet

Abi Hoskins-Flute

Evan Lederman-Percussion

Matt Schilling- Bass

Joseph Sung-Piano

Joe Townsend-Percussion

The Peanuts



Emily Kent- Peppermint Patty

Olivia Tyre- Marcy

Hannah Moore-Little Redheaded Girl

Hope Given- Frieda

Alan Long- Dig Den

Katie Hudson- Monroe

Carolyn Hudson- Nikki

Anna LaNeve- Susie

Lauren Dempsey- Dolly

Darla Lyon- Molly

About the show...

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN opened on March 7, 1967 and played for 1,597 performances in New York at the theatre 80 St. Marks with Gary Burghoff in the title role. This version was revived briefly on Broadway in 1971 and played for 32 performances at the John Golden Theatre. A new revival version (YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN [REVISED]) was presented on Broadway in 1999 and played for 149 performances at the Ambassador Theatre with award-winning performances by Roger Bart and Kristin Chenoweth as Snoopy and Sally. It is a fresh approach to the all-time 1967 classic. Sally Brown joins Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Schroeder and Snoopy in this version. Two new songs, *Beethoven Day* and *My New Philosophy*, have been added to the twelve wonderful numbers of the original version, such as *My Blanket and Me*, *The Kite*, *The Baseball Game*, *Little Known Facts*, *Supertime* and *Happiness*.

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The Bay Beacon

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Wednesday, May 21, 2008



Beacon photo by Mike Griffith

Late again, Charlie Brown

Students from Rocky Bayou Christian School will present the popular musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7 p.m., Friday, in the Sprint Theater of the Mattie Kelley Arts Center, Okaloosa-Walton College, Niceville. The play is based on the "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles Schulz. According to director and RBCS performing arts teacher Jessica Leese, admission will be free, although donations will be accepted. Pictured, Charlie Brown, played by Nathaniel Hawn, runs to catch up with his school bus, occupied by P.T. Tidwell (Schroeder), Kelly Fox (Lucy), Michael Sandiford (Linus), and Wendy Kent (Sally).

RBCS enjoys best cross-country

Girls finish 12th in state

The Rocky Bayou Christian girls' cross country team had its strongest finish ever at the State Meet Nov. 17 in Dade City, finishing 12th out of the strongest 24 teams in the state that qualified for the season-ending meet.

The meet marked the end of the most successful season ever for the girls team since cross country was started at the school five years ago.

The average time for the top five finishing girls was a near season low of 21:33 over a tough 5K course layout. The top seven girls who ran were 10th-grader Holly Stanton in 20:31, 12th-grader Korie Schaeffler in 21:38, seventh-grader Christy Allen in 21:41, seventh-grader Elizabeth Berry in 21:46, ninth-grader Melissa Molyneux in 22:10, sixth-grader Katie Brown in 22:22 and ninth-grader Whitney Denney in 22:43.

Other members of the team who helped this season were eighth-grader Brittany Tiller,

sixth-grader Mariah Jammer, eighth-grader Jessica Knie, eighth-grader Katrina Jammer and eighth-grader Jane Brown.

Individually, 12th grader Steve Berry qualified for the state meet due to a school record of 17:15 at Region the previous weekend. He was the first male from Rocky Bayou Christian ever to qualify for the state meet. Steve ran 17:45 to place 40th in the state.

The previous weekend, at the state qualifier in Tallahassee, the girls' team didn't have its best meet of the season overall, but enough members performed at a high level, finishing fifth to allow them to qualify the entire team for the State Championship Meet.

This was the second time in the last four years the girls team has qualified for the State Championship Meet and its highest finish ever in the Regional Meet.

Leading the girls in the



Submitted photo
A huge field of runners takes off at the Florida State cross-country meet. Rocky Bayou Christian School finished 12th.

Regional Meet, as has been the case all season, was Holly Stanton in eighth place overall in 20:47 for the 5K race. Following Stanton were seventh-grader Elizabeth Berry, 21:54, 12th-

grader Korie Schaeffler, 31st in 22:08, seventh-grader Christy Allen, 32nd in 22:10, sixth-grader Katie Brown, 33rd in 22:18, ninth-grader Melissa Molyneux, 35th in 22:33 and ninth-grader

Whitney Denney, 41st in 23:00.

The boys team had an individual qualifier in Steven Berry, as he finished in the top 15, finishing 12th in a new school record of 17:15. The overall

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season

boys team had a respectable ninth-place finish in the strong field.

Other boy finishers were Josh Molyneux, 35th in 18:37, Luke Lennon, 42nd in 19:08, Hudson Pierce, 53rd in 19:38, Austin Dennigan, 73rd in 20:22, Steve Jammer, 74th in 20:27 and Josh Sherwood, 78th in 21:03.

This concluded the season for the boys team, but not before it obtained its highest finish at this tough Region 1 Meet in several years.

Both teams' successful season sets a high standard for this year's upcoming track teams and next year's cross country teams. Both teams will be considered strongly for All State Academic Cross Country Team honors to be awarded later this year, as the team includes some extremely strong students as well.

Anyone interested in the running programs at Rocky Bayou Christian may contact girls coach Mike Warren at 217-3678 or boys coach Mark Denney at 974-2160.

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Girls soccer

● Rocky Bayou Christian 8, East Hill Christian 0: Kristin Kiam scored three goals and had two assists to lead the Knights past the Eagles in District 1-2A play.

Mary Balthazar, Jane Ellen Brown and Crystal Farmer each scored goals and Shannon Donahue and Ash-

ley Weaver each had a goal and assist. Katie Miller and Natalie Fleming each had an assist.

Rocky Bayou Christian (5-3, 3-0) hosts Sneads today.

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Area Prep **ROUNDUP**

Rocky Bayou girls soccer clinches district title with win over Sneads

Staff reports

Rocky Bayou Christian's girls soccer team clinched the District 1-2A regular season title for the fifth year in a row with a 8-0 rout of Sneads on Tuesday night.

Christin Kaim had three goals and two assists to lead the Knights, while sister Katie had a goal and two assists. Ashley Weaver scored and had an assist, while Esther Alldredge, Mary Balthazar and Crystal Farmer also chipped in with goals.

The Knights (9-5, 6-0 district) travel to Port St. Joe on Friday.

Sunday, December 16, 2007

Girls soccer

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 1, South Walton 0:** Christin Kaim scored the lone goal in a rain-shortened game.

RBCS coach Brian Alldredge cited the defensive play of Ashley Weaver and Korie Schaeffler.

The game was called at halftime due to lightning.

South Walton (4-4-1) travels to Pensacola Catholic on Tuesday. The Knights (11-5) travel to Crestview on Thursday.

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Girls soccer

● **Pensacola 2, Rocky Bayou 0:** Pensacola scored on an early penalty kick and just before the half to down the Knights in a non-district game.

Coach Brian Alldredge cited the play of Shannon Donahue in goal. She had seven saves.

RBCS (11-6) host Rutherford on Monday.



Beacon photo by Sarah Clauson

Nowhere to run

An East Hill player is hemmed in by Rocky Bayou Christian School cagers Taylor Peacock (44), James Kaim (14) and Noah Mosley during their game Friday at Rocky Bayou. The game was tied, 44-44, with about a minute to play, but East Hill won, 50-45, on the strength of several free throws.

Carrying the Load

Kaim developing into
workhorse for Knights

By **TRAVIS DOWNEY**

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NICEVILLE — Rocky Bayou Christian running back James Kaim had just ran for a team-high

138 yards on 26 carries and had been responsible for the Knights' lone offensive touchdown in a 21-7 loss to Maclay when coach John Reaves approached the senior about taking on an increased workload.

"I just told him he better start hydrating on Tuesday instead of Wednesday," Reaves said. "We're going to put the ball in hands and see what happens."

So far this season, Kaim has been one of the bright spots offensively for the 1-6 Knights, eclipsing the 100-yard mark in each of the past two games.

But Kaim's newfound status as the centerpiece of the Knights' offensive game-plan didn't come without some growing pains.

Earlier this season, Kaim

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was one of several Rocky Bayou players to serve a one-game suspension due to what Reaves labeled as "discipline issues," leaving the senior to watch from the sideline as his teammates fell 37-0 at home in a loss to Pleasant Home.

"I hated it," Kaim said. "It was terrible, especially because I feel like that was one of the games we could have won. It was terrible sitting on the sideline."

"He's had some adversities," Reaves said. "But the

thing that football does more that I've not seen any other sport do is grow a boy into a man."

According to Reaves, since being forced to sit out against Pleasant Home, Kaim has transformed into one of the Knights' leaders, both on and off the field, earning the respect and trust of not just his fellow teammates but also that of the Knights' coaching staff.

For Kaim, it's all part of being a senior on a fledg-

ling football program still in search of its identity.

"I found that I need to always be there for the team," Kaim said. "Show up every day for practice and as a senior, I need to be there to set an example for the rest of the team and the underclassman."

As for plans that call for Kaim to carry the ball perhaps 40 times a game?

"I'm looking forward to it," Kaim said with a smile. "I'm stoked. I love running the ball."



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Rocky Bayou head coach John Reaves hands the ball to James Kaim (left) on Friday during Rocky Bayou Christian's first football practice. To view a video of the practice, go to www.nwvarsity.com.

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when I told them to do something. It was done.

"Now they might not know exactly how to get in a three-point stance, but when I say 'Go to coach' or 'Come to me', they don't walk and they don't jog — they sprint there."

While a large portion of the team spent much of the practice working on their footwork and learning how to break out of a stance, Reaves pulled several players to the side field in hopes of finding one or two kickers.

Again, Reaves came away pleased.

"We were able to find two

or three good kickers," Reaves said.

Making Reaves' situation more complex is the lack of an athletic period in his players' class schedule, making practices like Friday's even more crucial as he and the Knights' staff work to put players in the proper position.

"I don't see these kids during the day," Reaves said. "I see some of them in the weight lifting class that we have but the majority of them I don't."

"I've been at schools where we did not have an athletic period and right now, we don't, but it's something that we are

working toward and very well may have next year. I think you have to have that."

As for the more immediate future, the Knights will return to the practice fields on Monday, and while players' positions and overall grasp of the sport remain less than certain, Reaves came away from Friday's drills sure of one thing regarding his — and the school's — new team.

"We've got the critical components for success here in intelligence, coachability and a willingness to learn," Reaves said. "I think we're going to do alright."

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Wednesday, May 14, 2008

New Rocky Bayou gridders confident

By Kenneth Books
Beacon Staff Writer

The sounds of padded muscle and bone slamming together echoed last week as Rocky Bayou Christian School's fledgling football team practiced for the first time in pads.

Coach John Reaves alternated between criticizing bad hits and tackles and praising those that went well. The players—about 35



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A Rocky Bayou football player shows his tackling style as head coach John Reaves shouts encouragement.

so far in grades eight through 12 sweated, ran, grunted and basically had a wonderful time.

Optimism runs high so far among the players and coaches.

"I know we'll be competitive in some games," Reaves said. "A lot of people aren't giving us a shot to win any games."

But the team has decent size, significant speed and—so far at least—great enthusiasm, which can cover a multitude of sins.

And Reaves plans to use a seldom-seen offense, the single-wing, formulated by Glenn "Pop" Warner and perfected by Knute Rockne. The formation uses two wingbacks, a tailback and a fullback, but no quarterback and involves a great deal of movement, and some degree of deception.

The players are convinced they'll be a decent team.

"I think we can go 7-3," said junior Noah Mosley. "Not many of us have played, but we're giving it our best. We're not used to losing."

Mosley said he was enjoying himself immensely, particularly the part of the game that involved

"hitting people."

Junior Taylor Peacock, one of the biggest players on the team, was even more confident.

"(We can go) 10-0," he said. "We're going to try."

Watching the practice on a hot Friday afternoon were two mothers of players. Both liked the way the team looked in its early stages.

"I think they look good," said Debbie Glenn, whose son, Matthew, an eighth-grader, is on the team.

"I think they look great," countered her friend, Denise Bowers, a Rocky Bayou fifth-grade teacher and mother of sophomore player Daniel Bowers. "I'm very impressed with how coach Reaves has things organized."

Debbie Glenn's sons, Sam, 11, and Noah, 8, were also impressed.

"They look professional," Sam said. He said his brother looks good "because he practices every day."

Noah didn't want to commit that far, though. "They're pretty good," he said.

But Reaves expects his team to be better than "pretty good."

Rocky Bayou Christian School 2008 football schedule

Sept. 5, Munroe Day School Bobcats, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 12, at Aucilla Christian Warriors, 6 p.m.
Sept. 19, *at Munroe Day School Bobcats, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 26, Pleasant Home Eagles, 7 p.m.
Oct. 3, at Deane Bozeman Bucks, 7 p.m.
Oct. 10, Open
Oct. 17, Graceville Tigers, 7 p.m.
Oct. 24, *at Maclay Marauders, 6 p.m.
Oct. 31, at Floral Wildcats, 7 p.m.
Nov. 7, at Baker Gators, 7 p.m.
Nov. 14, *John Paul II Panthers, 6 p.m.
** Denotes Panhandle Football Conference Game*
(Home games will be played at Destin Middle School.)

"For our level of play, we're not terribly small," he said. "We've got some speed and skill, and we've got some speed on the line."

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Rocky Bayou takes part in first spring jamboree action

Staff report

Rocky Bayou Christian School's football team took the field for the first time in a competitive atmosphere on Thursday in a spring jamboree in Kinston (Ala.).

The results were a tie and a loss in two quarters of play.

The Knights tied host Kinston 6-6 in one quarter and fell 8-0 to Red Level (Ala.) in the other.

"We've taken the first step, and it was a good one," RBCS coach John Reaves said.

The Knights' lone touchdown of the night came on a 60-yard run by James Kaim.

Noah Mosley also had a good night running the ball, gaining 39 yards on five carries. In all, RBCS had 125 yards rushing on 16 attempts and completed 2-of-4 passes for 20 yards.

Dion Wright led the defense, recovering his own caused fumble.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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Honoring teachers



The Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce Education Committee honored Teacher of the Year recipients and sponsors during its May 14 Second Wednesday Breakfast. From left: near right, front, Cindy Nickless, Eglin Elementary; Elizabeth Webb, Valparaiso Elementary; Kirsten Zielinski, Plew Elementary; Shelley Buck, Edge Elementary; Amy Chavers Bowden, Bluewater Elementary; James Riches, Rocky Bayou Christian School; and Suzanne Custer, Agape Christian Academy; rear, sponsors Niceville Mayor Randall Wise; Sammie Davis, Twin Cities Womens Club; Terry Taylor Swihart, Friends of the Niceville Library; Philippe Miceli, BankTrust; and Sharon Tatum-Jones, Caldwell Banker United, Realtors. Far right, front, Chris Treadway, Lewis Middle; Cathy-Anna Lee, Rocky Bayou Christian Academy; Lori Swift, Destin Middle; Jill Dickey, Ruckel Middle; and Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year, April Branscome, Niceville High; rear, sponsors Dave Morrow, The Island/Morrow Allstate Agency; Kathy Peterson, American Association of University Women; Frank Zoldac, Knights of Columbus Council No. 7667; and Brian Walsh, Key Lime Homes, Inc.



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UF grad finds perfect fit in journalism world

Niceville's John Cox already has won awards for his work

By RACHEL KYLER

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NICEVILLE — As the news media moves headlong into the digital era, which some say will cause the death of print journalism, John Cox says he's "old school."

An old-fashioned reporter who loves to dig and rewrite, and rewrite again, Cox believes "people will always want to read good stories."

With that philosophy, the former Rocky Bayou Christian School student is quickly blazing a trail for himself in the world of journalism.

Cox, 23, who graduated from University of Florida on Sunday, has won a host of prestigious journalism awards for his storytelling abilities.

Most recently, he won first place in In-Depth Writing in the Hearst Journalism Awards and was named the South Florida Society of Professional Journalists' student journalist of the year.

He'll fly to San Francisco next month to compete against other Hearst winners for additional honors.

Journalism wasn't on Cox's radar when he was in college. Bouncing



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John Cox, a recent University of Florida graduate, holds one of his award-winning articles. Cox has received numerous honors, including a first-place in the Hearst Journalism Awards.

majors — from philosophy to psychology and even toying with math — "I kind of ran out of ideas," Cox said.

Cox's mother, Nan, suggested journalism, particularly because as a third-grader, he loved to write composition papers, she said.

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"It just fit like a glove," Nan said. "He just always loved to write and he's also very competitive."

Cox took a standard reporting class at UF and was hooked.

"They probably should have told me how much everyone (in newspapers) gets paid," he joked.

From there, he began freelancing for university and other publications.

His first big story came from a tip from someone in UF's administration that the school was switching from Coke to Pepsi products. He was the first one to break the story statewide.

Four years later, Cox said that's the only story he's ever broken. He said he prefers to write longer pieces and series, such as a story he wrote about a bipolar student who almost killed himself and a series on gambling.

"That got some attention," he said.

But the story that garnered

the most attention — and the Hearst award — was a piece Cox did on the murder of a UF student on New Year's Day 2004.

"I just pursued it to death," he said. "It just kind of played out as a crime novel."

Cox continues to pursue stories doggedly, hungry to find something that someone's missed.

Currently, he freelances for publications such as the Miami Herald and UF's alumni magazine, for which he's now working on a piece about how state budget cuts are affecting the school.

He's also about 25,000 words into a fictionalized crime novel based on real events.

"I think in a perfect world I would do a nonfiction book," he said. "I definitely plan on working for a newspaper for a couple of years."

With a side concentration in business, Cox observes that newspapers have gotten "spoiled."

Across the nation, newsroom layoffs are occurring as advertising revenue falls and a business that once boasted 25 percent profit margins have fallen to 18 percent, he said.

But Cox fears the cuts could be detrimental to papers down the road.

"If you start taking away quality, people will quit reading it," he said. "There are just not enough reporters to cover the great stories."

And Cox's main objective is to continue to do that.

"I think journalism just suits me," he said.

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Ephesians 6:11-17

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God”



Baccalaureate & Commencement Ceremony June 6, 2008

Class of 2008

Rocky Bayou Christian School

Graduation 2008

Speaker



Dr. Myers' mission is to equip culture-shaping leaders to understand the times, unleash their God-given gifts, and communicate the truth with confidence.

To accomplish this mission, Dr. Myers has a vision of training one million leadership coaches by the year 2015. These coaches would be equipped to mentor, coach and teach emerging leaders in worldviews, leadership and communication, and help place them in positions of strategic kingdom-building influence.

As a vocation, Dr. Myers is Associate Professor of Communication Arts at Bryan College. He's also President of the Myers Institute for Communication and Leadership, the organization through which the leadership-training mission is being launched.

Dr. Myers speaks to more than 50,000 people each year in corporations, schools, homeschool conferences, parent groups and youth-serving organizations. Over the last decade Dr. Myers has worked with Colorado-based Summit Ministries to develop cutting-edge leadership experiences in Colorado, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Alberta, Canada.

Dr. Myers is the author of six books and three video coaching systems including Understanding the Times, the curriculum that introduced worldview training to America's Christian schools, and Secrets of Great Communicators.

Dr. Myers earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Denver. He and his wife Danielle homeschool their four children--Graham, Emma, Cate and Stuart--and live in Tennessee.

Planned schedule

June 6 (Friday)

9-11:30am	Academy Student and Faculty & Staff Seminar (RBB Church)
7-9pm	Class of 2008 Graduation (RBB Church)
9-11pm	Class reception at OWC K-Mall

Faculty and Staff Clean up Week

Time	Jun 5, 2008	Location	Attending
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Opening Meeting	Grace Chapel	All
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Professional Development – Session 1	Grace Chapel	All
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Professional Development – Session 2	Grace Chapel	All
	June 6, 2008		
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Student Seminar	Rocky Bayou Baptist	Faculty
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Graduation Practice	Rocky Bayou Baptist	Academy/T3 Principals
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Graduation	Rocky Bayou Baptist	Academy/T3 Faculty
	June 9, 2008		
8:00-10:00	Wrap-up meeting 2008-09 Assignments	S&T Modular	Therapy Services
10:00-3:00	Cognitive Training Exercise	TBA	Therapy Services
8:30-9	Academy Briefing	731	Academy
12:30-2:30	Academy Math/Science	729	Academy
8:00-10:00	Special Services Briefing/Inventory Meeting	712	
1:00-3:00	Special Services Math	716	
8:00 – 10:00	Elementary Briefing/Inventory Meeting	4A Classroom	Elementary Faculty/Staff
12:30 – 2:00	Elementary K5 and 1 st Grade	1A Classroom	Christopher, Harris, Fernandez, Engelken
5:15 PM – 9:00 PM	RBCS Staff Appreciation Banquet		Faculty/Staff/Board
	June 10, 2008		
8:00- 10:00	Inventory Meeting	S&T Modular	Therapy Services
1:00-3:00	Room Breakdown and Clean-up	Therapy Stations	Therapy Services
8:30-10:30	Academy AP	731	Academy
12:30-2:30	Academy For Lang/Fine Arts	630	Academy
8:00-9:00	Special Services Follow-up	712	
9:00-11:00	Special Services English/Lit	712	
8:00 – 9:00	Elementary 1B and 2A Meeting	2A Classroom	Engelken, Anspach
9:30 – 10:30	Elementary 2B and 3A Meeting	2B Classroom	Hudon, Brown
11:00 – 12:30	Elementary 3B and 4A Meeting	4A Classroom	Obrigewitch, Marshall
	June 11, 2008		
8:30-10:30 9:30	Academy Bible/History Grote's Rm	504	Academy
12-1:30	Academy English/Lit	731	Academy
8:00-10:00	Special Services Wrap-up	712	
10:00-12:00	Summer School Planning *10am starting to Dan Hansen	712	
8:00 – 9:00	Elementary 4B and 5A Meeting	5A Classroom	Ashworth, Bowers
9:30 – 10:30	Elementary 5B and 6A Meeting	5B Classroom	Sublett, Riches
11:00 – 12:30	Elementary 6B Meeting	6B Classroom	Kuka
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Key Turn in	Grace Chapel	All
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Closing Meeting	Grace Chapel	All
4:00 PM	FACULTY/STAFF released for summer		
	June 12-13, 2008		
9:30 AM – 2:00 PM	SLT Meeting SID	Conference Room	SLT

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GRADUATION ISSUE

Caleb Bailey

College Plans: O.W.C to get an AA and then would like to go to law school.

Favorite RBCS Memory: soccer with Coach Byrd and the rest of the team.

Future Plans: Lawyer!!

Jared Bailey

College plans: Bob Jones University. Planning to major in Musical Education

Favorite RBCS Memory: Both Junior/Senior retreats

Future Plans: Marine Corp

David Blackmon

College Plans: Hyleanderson College / OWC

Favorite RBCS Memory: How the teachers meet his needs

Future Plans: What the Lord has planned

Jarrod Boerma

College Plans: UF

Favorite RBCS Memory: Getting interviewed by Kendall Walton and Matt Glenn.

Future Plans: The Army (he was inspired by Call of Duty 4).

Amanda Brennan

College Plans: OWC (labor and delivery nurse)

Favorite RBCS Memory: Cheerleading.

Future Plans: Nurse, marry, eventually be a stay-at-home mom with a boy and a girl

Stephanie Bryan

College Plans: Culinary School (not sure which one).

Favorite RBCS Memory: Too many to count.

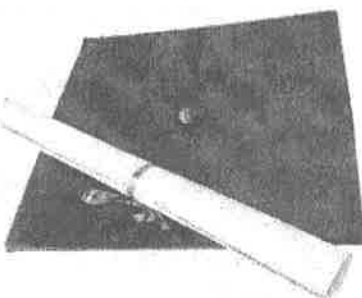
Future Plans: Start a family and have 1000 kids.

Hyeong Yun Cha

College Plans: Attend the University of Illinois to study and earn a degree.

Favorite RBCS Memory: Stupid detentions and a video of Tae Ho leaving.

Future Plans: Being the best engineer in the world.



Class of '08

Future Plans: After college I want to play golf professionally.

Richard Ellis

College Plans: Southeastern University for Music Technologies

Favorite RBCS Memory: The time in Chapel where I completely messed up and had to start all over again.

Future Plans: Become a music producer and eventually marry.

Kelly Fox

College Plans: Spring Hill College where she got a \$10,000 scholarship, rooming with Julie Gomez.

Favorite RBCS Memory: Mr. Bennet's first day of choir class when he sat on the piano seat and it broke sending him on the floor. And doing the Cupid Grams.

Future Plans: Marry Sean Einhaus and spend the rest of her days sunning on the yacht deck while the

ugly Swedish nannies raise her 4 supermodel children. And write a book about the fabulosity of her life.

Grace Given

College Plans: University of northern Florida, to study Coastal Biology

Favorite RBCS Memory: In the bathroom ... freaking out because of toilet growling noises.

Future Plans: Coast Guard and move away from Florida

Julie Gomez

College Plans: Springhill University in Mobile, Alabama, plans to major in Art Psychology

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Favorite RBCS Memory: All of High School
Future Plans: Travel around the world, get Ph.D, get married and have babies

Jessica Graham

College Plans: Jacksonville University with a degree in secondary education.

Favorite RBCS Memory: Too many
Future Plans: Teach at a private school, marry, and have at most five kids.

Steven Griffith

College Plans: University of Florida
Favorite RBCS Memory: AP Literature with Dr. Mosley
Future Plans: Grow up and become a doctor. Then I want to get married to a Russian supermodel and have 5 12/17 children.

Nathaniel Hawn

College Plans:
Favorite RBCS Memory:
Future Plans:

Abi Hoskins

College Plans: Southeastern University or UF so she can be with Jarrod.
Favorite RBCS Memory: Harassing Mr. Bennett in class.
Future Plans: Entering a circus as the smallest woman alive.

Katie Hudson

College Plans: Go to a prestigious college and study Fine Art, Art History, and French.
Favorite RBCS Memory: AP Literature and AP Physics classes.
Future Plans: My future plans are to travel the world, stay young for as long as possible, and be like Anna Odinstav.

Helen Jang

College Plans: UW- Seattle (University of Washington). Well-yeah, it's far away. Major in biochemistry/microbiology and eventually pursue pharmacology.
Favorite RBCS Memory: 1. Jamaica mission trip. 2. Jr./Sr. retreat
Future Plans: Be a pharmacist and marry a godly husband and make a "happy family."

Charlie Johnson

College Plans: Going to Vote – electrician
Favorite RBCS Memory: 2007 Jr. & Sr. retreat wrestling matches
Future Plans: Make a decent living.

Elizabeth Jones

College Plans: Go to Pensacola Christian College for church music– violin, voice, and sign language.
Favorite RBCS Memory: Varsity Basketball team—the bus rides and hanging out with the team.
Future Plans: Finish college, marry, serve the Lord wherever He wants.

Christin Kaim

College Plans: Belhaven Christian College in Mississippi.
Favorite RBCS Memory: friends and classmates.
Future Plans: playing soccer in college, becoming a teacher, and a housewife.

Beka Larson

College Plans: Belhaven and major in photography and minor in music.
Favorite RBCS Memory: Band trips, and Jr./ Sr. Banquet.
Future Plans: Graduate in 5 years, then get married, and begin a godly family.

Evan Lederman

College Plans: Unknown.
Favorite RBCS Memory: Being in the band.
Future Plans: Becoming a rock star.

Jenelle LeMieux

College Plans: Tallahassee Community College.
Favorite RBCS Memory: Tyler Glenn and his pants accident.
Future Plans: Transfer to FSU in 2 years and be successful.

Luke Lennon

College Plans: Belhaven college
Favorite RBCS Memory: Jr./ Sr. Retreat.
Future Plans: Get a good job.

Binh Ly

College Plans: SAMFORD Baby! for first four years, then pursue my masters degree.
Favorite RBCS Memory: Soccer season, British Literature class (with Mrs. Knie), AP Physics, and hanging out with the Koreans.

Future Plans: Open my own business and spread it over the world, marrying a cute and beautiful wife, have twins. Then, I will withdraw when I get old.

Steven Marshall

College Plans: Clearwater Christian College.
Favorite RBCS Memory: All of the fun bus trips that he has taken over the years with the band and sports.
Future Plans: Go to medical school and become a doctor.

Kaitlin Milan

College Plans: OWC and transfer to FSU to be an anesthesiologist.
Favorite RBCS Memory: 10th grade bus rides with Brittany Woods and Dejah Peters.
Future Plans: Get married to Jared Crockett, make a lot of money, have nice cars, and have two kids.

Katie Miller

College Plans: Play soccer at Belhaven University and major in Psychology.
Favorite RBCS Memory: 11th grade English class.
Future Plans: Find a man, have kids, be a counselor.

Jennifer Oelschlager

College Plans: University of West Florida
Favorite RBCS Memory: Hanging out in the parking lot all the time
Future Plans: : Go to college become a literature and history teacher (like Miss Lennon), get married, have 3-5 kids, and travel the world.

Zachary Olimb

College Plans: Semester at O.W., University of Central Florida, then the Marines
Favorite RBCS Memory: : Senior year (not creative enough)
Future Plans: Get married, teaching or Afghanistan, and kids, but not too many.

Dejah Peters

College Plans: OW, then U of Tampa for Pre-dental.
Favorite RBCS Memory: My entire 10th grade year with my English class.
Future Plans: Live in North Carolina with lots of kids and a great husband in a big house.

Kamornrat Pholpipattanaphong (June)

College Plans: Utah State University.
Favorite RBCS Memory: Junior/Senior



Retreat.

Future Plans: Computer stuff.

Hannah Pruett

College Plans: Baptist College of Florida

Favorite RBCS Memory: Her amazing classmates and all the laughs they shared.

Future Plans: To come back to RBCS after getting her degree, and to teach in the elementary. She wants to marry the man God has planned for her and have beautiful children.

Will Randall III

College Plans: UF

Favorite RBCS Memory: Running over the armadillo.

Future Plans: Becoming a ninja.

Lauren Ricchio

College Plans: Either Beauty career college or OWC- childcare

Favorite RBCS Memory: Meeting all of her amazing friends and getting to know her teachers. "To all my friends, Rawr!"

Future Plans: Get done with college, start her life, and stay awesome!

Austin Sasser

College Plans:None

Favorite RBCS Memory: Cotton Bowl

Future Plans:Stuff

Korie Schaeffler

College Plans:She got a scholarship to Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. She also received a scholarship from R.O.T.C.

Favorite RBCS Memory: the long bus trips with the varsity soccer team.

Future Plans:She would like to start her own physical therapy practice.

Tonia Snyder

College Plans: Ohio State School of Cosmetology.

Favorite RBCS Memory: The trips.

Future Plans: To get married and start a family.

Troy Speegle

College Plans:Asbury College

Favorite RBCS Memory: Ninth

grade homecoming.

Future Plans: Going into the ministry.

Pat Tidwell Jr.

College Plans: West Palm Atlanta College to pursue something awesome but not quite sure yet.

Favorite RBCS Memory: Acting in the 1st ever musical at RBCS with his best friend Kell girl.

Future Plans: Raise a family, become an amazing father and have a beautiful wife and children. And become a doctor.

Emily Travers

College Plans: Baptist college of Florida, major in elementary education

Favorite RBCS Memory: her clumsiness

Future Plans: Become a 3rd grade teacher, get married, and have kids while living in a big house.

Lindsey Trippe

College Plans: Florida State University

Favorite RBCS Memory: Having fun with her friends and family

Future Plans: marrying the man of her dreams and living a happy life

Sharon Waldron

College Plans: OWC

Favorite RBCS Memory: Homecoming

Future Plans: Get married and raise a family

Brittany Woods

College Plans: TCC at Oklahoma and living with her brother, his wife and soon-to-be niece.

Favorite RBCS Memory: A tie between PT twirling my hair in Kindergarten and Tyler Glenn.

Future Plans:

Getting a good degree, marrying the man God wants her to be with and then being a good mom to a large family

Amanda Zook

College Plans: Samford University and major in something interesting

Favorite RBCS Memory: the poison gas in Mr. Allan's class.

Future Plans:to get married, have three beautiful children, have a happy life, and travel the world.

Leadership Banquet

By: Julia Denney and Tyler Walker

This year's leadership banquet was a great success. The function was held in order to honor the students who participated in this year's Leadership Trek. The event was catered by Mrs. Kaim. After everyone had enjoyed their meal, Mr. Groseclose acknowledged the students who were involved in various projects around the school and their achievements. Shortly after, Mr. Larson presented gifts to Mr. Groseclose and Miss Eaves for all their hard work and effort. In conclusion the night was a great opportunity for Christian fellowship and a fantastic way to end the year.

Devotion

By: Brannon Tolbert and Joey Wilson

Trouble and testing will come to us during life, but we should use it as something to strengthen us in the future. James 1:2-4 says, "Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything." So when we are faced with a trial we need to pray about it, so that we may grow in endurance, joy, and faith.

Mystery Staff

By: Katie Kaim and Kyle Pfeiffer

This mystery staff was born in West Point, New York. She drives a silver Expedition and teaches in the Victors Class. Her hobbies are playing tennis, softball, soccer, and watching her kids play sports. Her favorite drink is sweet tea and her favorite food is seafood. She grew up as an Air Force brat and is now getting a degree in math. Who is this mystery person?!

I Saw Charlie Brown

By: Chrissy Jeong and Sandia McCreery

Rocky students from the academy performed the first ever musical called "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." This musical was directed by Mrs. Leese, the choir and drama teacher.

The cast was: Nathaniel Hawn as Charlie Brown (the main character), Beka Larson as Snoopy (our favorite), Michael Saniford as Linus, PT Tidwell as Schroeder, Kelly Fox as Lucy, Wendy Kent as Sally, and Hannah Moore as Little Redheaded Girl. Other performers were Alan Long, Emily Kent, Katie Hudson, Anna LaNeuve, Carolyn Hudson, Darla Lyon, Olivia Tyre, and Hope Given. The orchestra featured the following: Joe Townsend, Abi Hoskins, Evan Lederman, Hali Allen, Brittany Berryman, and Matt Schilling. These great performers did their very best in order to please the audience, supported by a host of people including: make-up, lighting, props, costumes, and sound.

The musical was held at Okaloosa Walton College's Sprint Theater which is also known as the "Black Box." The first matinee performance was open to the elementary school on Thursday during fourth period through sixth period. A roar of applause raged throughout the whole theatre. The second matinee was open to the Academy, which was on Friday from 1pm to 3:05pm. Students were transported to and from OWC by the buses. Most attended and were offered a pleasant afternoon.

The final show was Friday evening at 7pm. The show was sold out. Many parents and alumni as well as teachers were able to enjoy this wonderful production.

As an original animated show, featured in a musical, both cast and audience had a first class experience! Rocky hopes to see another awesome play performed by the Academy next year. Please congratulate those who were part of this musical, as they have done a rewarding accomplishment!

P.S. The drama class thanks all the wonderful parents who fed them during performance week!

Mystery Student Answer:

Matt Glenn and Mel Patrick

Mystery Staff Answer:

Mrs. Kaim

Student vs. Faculty Basketball '08

By: Matt Glenn, Megan Fox, and Kyle Pfeiffer

Congratulations, oldies, you beat the youngsters! :) The first ever faculty vs. students basketball game was a huge success!! The faculty team consisted of Dr. Mosley, Coach Neighbors, Mrs. Kaim, Mr. Hart, Mr. Grote, Mrs. Fort, Mr. Larson, and Mr. Alldredge. The student team consisted of the Varsity boy's basketball team. The game was very intense from Mr. Grote's amazing three-pointers to James Kaim's awesome moves! Taylor Peacock did a wonderful job of stealing the ball when needed, and P.T. running fast as always. In the end, the faculty won, leaving the students hungry for a rematch. Oh, they will get a rematch, at the Faculty vs. Students Basketball Game 2009! See you there!

TALENT SHOW '08

By: Megan Fox

This year's 2nd semester talent show was a huge hit. First up was Naldi Fonseca; he did a wonderful drum solo! Next was Zack Gadzinsky; he did a very nice spiritual poem! Third was Evan Lederman, who did an awesome drum solo! Darla Lyons was fourth, singing a wonderful song. The fifth group was Megan Marianna and Christy Allen; they did an amazing skit. Next to last was Tim Sung's saxophone solo. Finally, Marissa Gibson sang a beautiful song!

The winners were: 3rd place, Zack Gadzinski; 2nd place, Naldi Fonseca; and 1st place, Evan Lederman.

Mystery Students

By: Julia Denney, Katie Kaim, and Tyler Walker

This mystery student is quite hard. Her favorite movie is *Fight Club*. The most amazing band to her is the Beatles. Her favorite color is yellow (not the neon kind) and her favorite cereal is Lucky Charms. Her favorite energy drink is Red Bull. She's a dancer and one kool kat in my eyes. Who is this mysterious student?

This student of mystery might possibly be even more difficult than the first. His favorite thing to do is to watch *Shaun of the Dead* while drinking his favorite energy, Monster. He also enjoys eating Capt. Crunch in his boxers. His favorite color is blue, and his favorite band is the Gorillaz. Can you guess who this mystery student is?

Spring Band Concert

By: Becca Brown and Alan Long

On Saturday May 18, the Rocky Bayou Christian School Jazz Band, Beginning Band, Junior High Band, and Symphonic Band played at Niceville High School. The Jazz Band opened up the concert with "Bellavia", "Misty", "Sister Sadie", and ended with "Blue Rondo Alla Turk".

Next was the Beginning Band and their pieces included: "When the Saints Go Marching In", "Banana Boat Song", "Old McDonald Had A Band", and "Ode To Joy," ending with "March Militaire". The songs performed by the Junior High Band included: "Colonel Bogey", "The Batman Theme," and "John Williams Movie Adventure - Star Wars, Jurassic Park, and E.T."

While the Symphonic Band was setting up, the audi-

ence was entertained by the Junior High Woodwind Quintet. After the Quintet had performed, the Symphonic Band was ready to play. They opened up with: "Also Sprach Zarathustra", "Esprit De Corps", "Gershwin" and played the Star Wars Suite. "Duel of the Fates, Episode I" "Across The Stars, Episode II" Star Wars Epic part II: "Princess Leia's Theme: Episode III", "The Imperial March/The Forest Battle, Star Wars Main Title".

The Symphonic Band ended with "Stars and Stripes Forever!" Overall, the concert was very good, each band played their best and the seniors played their hearts out!

First RBCS Football Game

By: Mark Chasteen

The Football team had their first game on May 22 in Kinston, Alabama. This was a historic event not only for the players but the school as well. The team had only been practicing for two weeks at the time of the game.

They played two quarters against Red Level, a team from Alabama. The Knights fought valiantly, yet still lost 8-0. After half-time they played two quarters against Kinston, the host of the Jamboree. The Knights played well (not great) and tied Kinston 6-6. James Kaim scored the first touchdown in Rocky Bayou Football history by scoring on a 60 yard run. On the last play Dion Wright recovered a fumble. All in all, the first football game was a success!

Choir Concert

The Choir finished their year with a Spring Concert on Friday, May 16 at St Paul Lutheran Church. It was an incredible evening of music with the upper elementary, junior high, and the Chamber Choir.

First up were the Elementary Choir and their accompanist Aron Nelson with a classical Latin song followed by a stirring spiritual. The Junior High Women's FACCS Ensemble with Sil Lo Jin, accompanist, showed how they won their award, followed by the Junior High Choir performing a spiritual and a choreographed edition of "How Can I Keep from Singing" to finish the first half.

Joseph Sung provided the music for the offertory, then remained at the piano to accompany the Chamber Choir, Senior Choir, and the Women's FACCS Ensemble. The Chamber Choir performed four numbers including a spiritual, two show tunes, "Misere Mei," and "The Awakening." the Women's Ensemble demonstrated their award winning style with "Arise My Love," and the Senior Choir performed "The Lord Bless You and keep you to close the concert.

These choirs showcased their talents under the outstanding direction of Mrs. Leese. We can't wait to see next year!

Rocky Bayou wins top honors at Knowledge Master Open

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The Rocky Bayou Christian Academy Academic Team Spring 2008 team placed first in Florida for small schools during the Knowledge Master Open. The team placed eighth in the country for small schools. Team members included Abby Chapman, Austin Deni-

Awards
Auction
Closing Prayer

Special Tribute
Jenni Griffin and Steven Marshall
Video Presentation

Dinner Served
Roast Beef, Grouper Parmesan,
tropical salad, vegetables, new
potato salad, rolls and dessert

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Mr. Donald M. Larson

Gathering
Enjoy the music provided by
Jenni Griffin and Steven Marshall
Directors we welcome you and hope you
will enjoy the evening!
On behalf of RBSC Superintendent,
Mr. Donald M. Larson and the Board of

Thanks to all of those who made this evening
possible including...
Mr. Andy Potter and the
Rocky Bayou Country Club Staff
Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Waits
Mr. And Mrs. Bob Huiskens
Mrs. Katherine Stevenson
Mrs. April Griffin
Mrs. Fran Walker
Mrs. Jen Nail
Mrs. Rita Davis
Department Secretaries
And so many more!!!



But most of all, we give all the glory to our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ who can do far more than
we can ask or imagine according to His work
within us. To Him be the glory forever!

(1 Thess 1:2-3)

"We always thank God
for all of you,
mentioning you in our
prayers. We remember
before our God and
Father, your work
produced by faith,
your labor prompted
by love and your
endurance inspired by
hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ."

Rocky Bayou Christian School
Welcomes You To Our

Staff
Appreciation
Dinner

June 9, 2008



*"So I commend the enjoyment of life,
because nothing is better than to eat
and drink and be glad. Then joy will
accompany him in his work all the
days of the life God has given him."
(Eccl 8:15)*

**COMPARISON OF 2007 TRI-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDARDIZED
TEST SCORES**

WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER!!

SCHOOL	# of High School STUDENTS	Average score ACT	% 12th Graders tested	Average score SAT	% 12th Graders tested
Baker	427	18.5	81.0	N/A	N/A
Central	184	18.5	56.4	N/A	N/A
Choctaw	1824	22.3	53.0	1569	50.4
Crestview	1926	20.3	60.9	1556	18.2
Ft. Walton	1919	21.6	56.4	1567	31.3
Freeport	346	19.9	66.7	N/A	N/A
Gulf Breeze	1552	23.2	66.3	1576	58.7
Jay	324	20.4	74.4	N/A	N/A
Laurel Hill	128	19.3	66.7	N/A	N/A
Milton	1834	19.8	69.4	1492	4.6
Navarre	1824	21.5	69.7	1558	32.9
Niceville	2319	22.2	58.4	1573	63.9
O W C Charter	245	25.3	61.7	1769	71.6
Pace	1916	21.9	72.1	1596	9.2
Paxton	186	19.0	75.0	N/A	N/A
RBCA	156	25.7	90.3	1768	100.0
So. Walton	510	19.7	51.0	1443	38.0
Walton	707	20.0	60.6	N/A	N/A

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Ephesians 6:11-17

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God”



Rocky Bayou Christian School

Baccalaureate

&

Commencement Ceremony

June 6, 2008

Class of 2008

Baccalaureate—Commencement

2008 Graduates

Prelude

Welcome.....Donald M. Larson
*Processional - "Pomp and Circumstance" (Elgar).....Mindy Denigan
*Invocation.....Pastor Harold Thomas
*Scripture.....Dr. Michael L. Mosley
*“Now Thank We All Our God”.....All

Introduction of Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Salutatorian.....William Randall III
Valedictorian.....Korie Schaeffler

Program

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name ”.....Senior Choir
Introduction of Speaker.....Donald M. Larson
Baccalaureate.....Dr. Jeff Myers
Presentation of Scholarships.....Local Sponsors
Presentation of Awards.....John Reaves

Dr. Robert L. Grete
Dr. Michael L. Mosley
Toby Williams
Debi Burns

Presentation of Diploma.....Donald M. Larson
Dr.. Michael L. Mosley
Toby Williams
Dr. Jeff Myers

Conclusion

*“Lead On, O King Eternal”.....All
*Benediction.....Pastor A. Michael Schneider
*Recessional.....Mindy Denigan

“Trumpet Tune in D” (Purcell)

**Audience Please Stand*

Caleb Micah Bailey
Jared Timothy Bailey
David Scott Blackmon
Jarrod Andrew Boerma
Amanda Lynn Brennan
Stephanie Renee Bryan

Hyeong Yun Cha

Seong Kyu Cho

Jordan Cody Dean

Richard David Ellis*

Kelly Anna Fox

Grace Elisabeth Given

Julie Anna Gomez

Jessica Katherine Graham

Steven Paul Griffith*

Nathaniel David Hawn

Abilene Rose Hoskins

Caitlin Ann Hudson*

Hye Ran Jang

Charles Dana Johnson

Elizabeth SarahAnne Jones

Christin Michelle Kaim

Rebeka Ruth Larson

Evan Scott Lederman

Jenelle Rose LeMicux

Luke Daniel Lennon*

Binh Thai Ly

Steven Richard Marshall

Kaitlin Marie Milam

Katherine Anne Miller

Joshua Nathaniel Molyneux

Jennifer Lynn Oelschlager*

Zachary Michael Olimb

Dejah Nicole Peters

Kamornrat Pholpipattanaphong

Hannah Elizabeth Pruett

William Vincent Randall III*

Lauren Elizabeth Ricchio

Austin Dean Sasser

Korie Ann Schaeffler*

Tonia Rene' Snyder

Troy David Speegle

Pat Thomas Tidwell, Jr.*

Emily Catharine Travers

Lindsey Leann Trippe

Sharon Denise Waldron

Brittany Faye Woods

Amanda Olivia Zook*

**Receiving Honors Diploma*



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Hye Jang



Charles Johnson



Elizabeth Jones



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Rebeka Larson



Evan Lederman



Jenelle LeMieux



Luke Lennon



Binh Ly



Steven Marshall



Kaitlin Milam



Katherine Miller

Joshua Molyneux

Jennifer Oelschlager

Zachary Olimb

Dejah Peters

Kamornrat
Pholpattanaphong

Hannah Pruett

William Randall

Lauren Ricchio

Austin Sasser



Korie Schaeffler



Tonia Snyder



Troy Speegle



Pat Tidwell



Emily Travers



Lindsey Trippe



Sharon Waldron

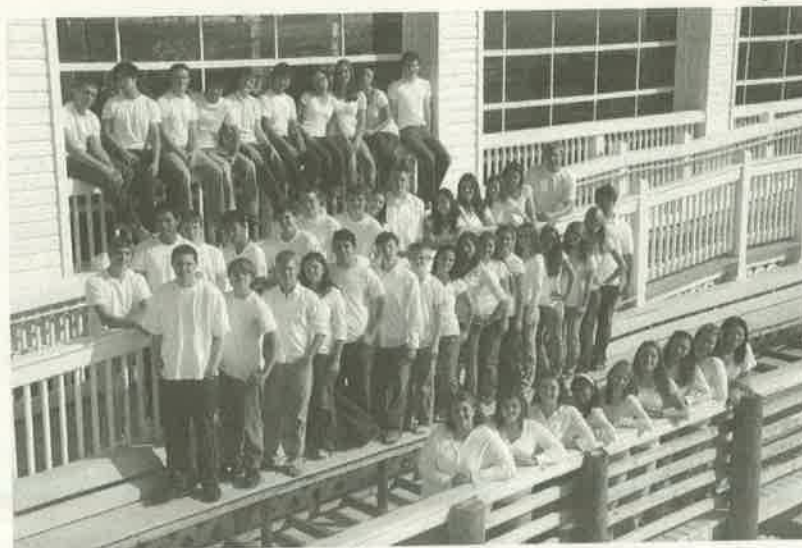


Brittany Woods



Amanda Zook

*ROCKY BAYOU CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2008*



*"Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace,
along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22*

Daily News All-Area Golf Team

Coach of the Year:

Dan Bohannon, Fort Walton Beach

Girls

Player of the Year:

Ana Garcia, Niceville

First team:

Ana Garcia, Niceville
Crystal Swanson, FWB
Joy Ambrester, Niceville
Dana Mattison, FWB
Jaime Jordan, Niceville
Jourdan Perrin, Choctaw

Boys

Player of the Year:

Sean Einhaus, RBCS

First team:

Sean Einhaus, RBCS
Brett Ochsenreiter, FWB
Kyle Andre, FWB
Brandon Jowers, Choctaw
Paul McClure, Walton
Kyle Ulrich, Niceville

Honorable Mention

Choctawhatchee: Marlow Garner, Lindsey Chappell, Miller McInnis, Rebecca Gortib

Crestview: Devon Chumner

Fort Walton Beach: Summer Stuzinski, Caroline Hudson, Ally Davis

Navarre: Brianna Fisher

Niceville: Marissa Merinan, Cristina Garcia

Walton: Brooke Windham

Choctawhatchee: Trey Henderson, Kevin Lamson, Logan Clark, Randy Looney

Crestview: Mike Taylor

Fort Walton Beach: Duncan Conroy, Ryan Smietana, Andrew Snyder

Navarre: J.C. Grissom

Niceville: Avery Helms, Michael Postgate

Rocky Bayou Christian: Jason Rogers

South Walton: Billy Davis, Jared Kane

Walton: Heath Morgan, Aaron Timmons, Sean Carter, Dylan Laird

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"I thought it went well," Garcia said. "The season was good, although I was a little disappointed at state with my finish, but overall it was a good experience."

Einhaus echoed those sentiments, and said playing in regionals and possibly beyond was hard to miss. After his district win, he and his family tried unsuccessfully to find a way to participate in both the world amateur event and regionals before having to make a decision.

"I would have liked to play (in regionals) and maybe go on to states," he said. "The chance to play for your country is great, and it's sad it was on the same date."

Niceville coach Mitch Inness said Garcia's play and leadership will be hard to replace next year. Garcia, also the player of the year as a junior, has been a two-year captain for the Eagles.

"She has meant everything to this program," he said. "We've graduated some real

good golfers in the last four years, and she has been a huge reason why we have continued that tradition. She will be missed tremendously."

"She had a better senior year and that is tough because how she played as a junior. She is well deserving."

Garcia took second at the Miracle Strip Invitational, tied for first at the District 2 tournament, placed second at the Region 1 tournament and 30th at state. She has signed with South Alabama, and said it wasn't until she was surrounded by friends and family that she realized her accomplished high school career was over.

"It came up on me so fast," she said. "It's bittersweet. I am excited to move on, but I'm leaving behind great memories and something I know. When I signed, it was like I was closing that chapter of my life and moving on."

Einhaus will be moving on as well, only he will go farther west to Oklahoma State. During the fall, he won the FCA

tournament, Miracle Strip Invitational, Okaloosa County championship and the District 1-A tournament.

"I think I played pretty good, but you can always play better," he said.

The idea of playing high school had not occurred to Einhaus in the past, as there are no team sports in Germany for high school kids. But after going through it the past few months, he likes the notion of it.

"I thought it was great," he said. "To play for a team makes it more fun than just to play for yourself."

Rocky Bayou coach Rich Grote was not surprised at the success of Einhaus, who had been coming to the area for the past few years during the summers to train with coach Willie Hofmann.

"He's a great kid," Grote said. "His maturity at 17 is nice to see. He supported our young team and was a joy to coach. He's fun to watch. I wish we had him for a little longer."

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Girls basketball

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 36, Laurel Hill 25:** Rocky Bayou broke away from a tie game in the fourth quarter to claim the District 1-A victory.

Amanda Bryan led all scorers with 14 points. Laqueatta Williams had a team-high 12 points for the Hoboes.

Laurel Hill (0-8, 0-4 district) plays Monday at RBCS. The Knights (3-7, 1-2 district) travel to Central on Friday.

Rocky Bayou 8 4 6 18 — 36
Laurel Hill 3 4 11 7 — 25

ROCKY BAYOU (36)

Haley Johnson 6, Elizabeth Jones 6, Amanda Bryan 14, Katherine Rogers 3, Anna Doswell 2, Allison Johnson 1, Glory Allen 4. Totals 13 1 7-23 36.

LAUREL HILL (25)

Laqueatta Williams 12, Brooke Hanson 1, Alex Castleberry 3, Nyiece Underwood 9. Totals 9 0 7-27 25.
JV: RBCS won 10-7.

Boys basketball

● **Rocky Bayou Christian 51, Escambia Charter 40:** Noah Mosley scored a game-high 17 points as the Knights won a District 1-A matchup.

Rocky Bayou led by three at the half and continued to build its lead throughout

the second half.

The Knights (2-4, 1-3 district) travel to Central on Friday.

RBCS 5 10 18 18 — 51
EC 6 7 14 13 — 40

RBCS (51)

Cha Yun 2, P.T. Tidwell 6, James Kalm 6, Tyler Corder 4, Deion Wright 5, Noah Mosley 17, Ryan Burns 4, Will Randall 5, Taylor Peacock 2. Totals 18 1 12-25 51.

EC (40)

Phillips 11, Johnson 10, Holland 14, Nettles 2, Coggeshan 3. Totals 14 2 6-16 40.

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Area Prep **ROUNDUP**

Rocky Bayou girls soccer locks up fifth straight district title

Staff Reports

Rocky Bayou Christian's girls soccer team won its fifth straight District 1-2A title on Thursday with a 2-1 victory over Bozeman.

The Knights (15-7) got goals from Katie Kaim and Brittany Tiller. Ashley Weaver and Tiller both had assists.

RBCS will host the District 2 runner-up in the regional quarterfinals on Jan. 24.

● **Niceville 2, Fort Walton Beach 0:** The Eagles remained on pace to secure their sixth straight District 1-5A title with a win in the semifinals.

Lindsay Foy scored both goals for Niceville, while Ronnie Wolfkeil had an assist.

Amelia Markham was strong in goal for the Vikings, while Kelsey Kurth and Jordan Stone were cited for their efforts.

The Eagles (15-2-3) play Choctawhatchee tonight in the championship. Both teams advance to regional play, with the winner hosting in the quarterfinals.

● **Choctawhatchee 3, Pace 0:** Breezy Hupp scored two goals as the Indians marched into the District 1-5A championship game with a shutout win.

Kaitlyn Kutemeyer added the other goal for Choctawhatchee (14-1-1). Mary Allen had an assist, and both Nicole McAulay and Kutemeyer were cited for their defense by coach Michael Lightbourne.

The No. 2 seed Indians (14-1-1) face top-seeded Niceville today in the final.

Boys soccer

eight saves in goal. Coach Chris McDaniel cited the defensive play of Sam Irwin and Yoel Cardona.

The Indians (12-5-4) play Crestview in the first round of the District 1-5A tournament on Monday.

● **Niceville 5, Navarre 0:** Reed White and Colin Berrigan each had two goals in a non-district win.

Pedro Alba also scored for Niceville, while Robert Russell had two assists and both Jake Pratt and Donnie Dorenkamp also had one.

Zach O'Hara had 14 saves in goal for the Raiders.

The Eagles (20-3-2) play Pine Forest in the first round of the District 1-5A tournament on Monday. The Raiders (15-2-4) play in the District 1-4A tournament semifinals on Wednesday.

Girls basketball

● **Niceville 67, Escambia 37:** Jasmine Jacquay led four Eagles in double figures in a District 1-5A victory.

Jacquay had 13 points, while Michelle Smith and Arianna Roper each had 12 and Donielle Campbell scored 11.

The Eagles (11-9, 8-5) travel to Choctawhatchee on Saturday.

Niceville 15 26 17 9—67
Escambia 9 9 7 2—37
NICEVILLE (67)
Emily Dutton 6, Ijanea Holman 2, Donielle Campbell 11, Sharome Strutchen 5, Amber Wall 2, Arianna Roper 12, Michelle Smith 12, Jasmine Jacquay 13, Katilin Davis 4. Totals 19 4 17-32 67.
ESCAMBIA (37)
Stewart 14, Robinson 13, Waters 6, Wilfong 4. Totals 7 2 17-24 37.
JV: Niceville won

● **Pine Forest 63, Crestview 19:** Crestview fell behind early and could not recover in its final District 1-5A game of the regular season.

Ashley Parsons had 13. Curstin Buford led the Bulldogs with four.

The Pirates (17-4, 7-0) travel to Baker tonight. The Bulldogs (10-9, 4-4) travel to East Hill on Saturday.

Freeport 4 0 4 3—11
PDL 21 16 19 12—68
FREEPORT (11)
Curstin Buford 4, Joslyn King 2, Nikkl Blalock 2, Nicole Dykes 3. Totals 3 1 2-4 11.
PDL (68)
Gypsy Griffin 9, Brooke Johnson 3, Shalea Yates 3, Ashley Parsons 13, Courtney Thomas 6, Maggie Wright 2, Jennifer Grant 6, Hillary Harper 18, Mary Howes 6. Totals 21 7 5-11 68.

Boys basketball

● **Paxton 82, Escambia Charter 29:** The Bobcats got balanced scoring and led 50-20 by half-time in a District 1-A win.

Shaq Jackson had 17 points for Paxton (17-1), Zack Vickers had 16, and Demetrius Moore and Michael Smith added 10 apiece.

Paxton plays tonight at Gainer.

Paxton's JV defeated S.L. Jones 44-31.

EC 6 14 4 5—29
Paxton 26 24 15 17—82
Escambia Charter (29)
Purefoy 13, Holland 7, Phillips 5, Johnson 4. Totals 11 2 1-7 29.
Paxton (82)
Shaq Jackson 17, Zack Vickers 16, Demetrius Moore 10, Michael Smith 10, Colby Forehand 8, Blake Zessin 7, Chaze Russell 5, Josh Young 4, Dan Geoghagan 3, Adrian Castillo 2. Totals 30 6 4-5 82.

● **South Walton 54, Ponce de Leon 37:** Jake Wright led a trio of Seahawks in double figures in a non-district win.

Wright poured in a game-high 18 points, while Jordan Colson had 15 and Shane Seeger scored 12.

The Seahawks (4-15) travel to Northview today.

SW 8 14 12 20—54
PDL 11 6 9 11—37
SW (54)
David Key 6, Shane Seeger 12, Mason Smith 3, Jordan Colson 15, Jake Wright 18



Rocky Bayou Christian School fifth graders clean up the yard of Virginia Smith, Everglade Drive, Niceville, during the school's annual Work-a-Thon service project and fundraiser.

Beacon photo
by Stacie Morgan

A servant's heart RBCS students conduct annual Work-a-thon

By Stacie Morgan
Beacon Staff Writer

It was 8:45 a.m. Friday, April 11, and the students at Rocky Bayou Christian School (RBCS) were not in class.

They weren't playing hooky, but they were outside in the warm sun with their shorts and sneakers on. They were laughing, chatting and teasing one another, but they were also raking leaves and digging holes to plant shrubs. Parents and teachers were trimming bushes, attacking nettles, mowing lawns and whacking weeds.

Every grade in the school was participating in Work-a-Thon '08,

an annual fund-raising and community service project the school has conducted for about 25 years, according to former elementary principal Katherine Grete.

RBCS Superintendent Don Larson said, "It may be a fundraiser, but the main focus is to emphasize with the kids the idea of serving in the community. Even the kindergartners participate. They go to nursing homes and sing for the residents. The older kids clean windows, rake leaves, plant flower beds—whatever those in the homes we go to need done outside."

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Virginia Smith of Everglade Drive, Niceville, has been the beneficiary of Rocky Bayou Work-a-Thon help for five years.

"They always do such a wonderful job for me," she said. "I love having them come. They're full of fun but a big help and they really act as if it's a joy for them to do it."

Smith's daughter, Diana O'Steen, who also lives at the Everglade Drive house, said, "Those kids help keep our yard presentable for the neighbors.

They (the children) take such good care of us. They're very polite and helpful."

Not only did the students begin to work immediately upon reaching their work site, but parents took time off from jobs to pitch in.

Betsy Gunn, whose fifth-grade daughter, Jessica, was tidying up the yard on Everglade Drive said, "This is a great project. It teaches the kids to give back and to take responsibility for someone else. Not only that, they love helping."

Jessica added, "It's a lot of fun doing this. We can do two things, help those who are unable to do

things themselves, and we can show God's love to them."

The Work-a-Thon project was patterned after that of a



Jessica Gunn school in south Florida, said Grete, who is RBCS personnel manager.

"The Work-A-Thon not only benefits the elderly community but it teaches the students about

having a good work ethic and fostering community relationships," Grete said.

RBCS students went to about 35 or 40 sites on Friday, concentrating their efforts this year on the Niceville area.

Although Work-a-Thon teaches lessons on service, community action and sharing God's love, it also serves the purpose of raising money for some much-needed school projects.

This year, the funds raised in the program will help provide money for some new playground equipment, bathroom renovations

and construction of a 60-by-30-foot covered outside lunch area with a concrete floor.

Children have gone around to family members, neighbors and friends and asked for their support in the Work-a-Thon project. Those who sponsor can do so at four levels. Individual sponsors may give whatever they feel led to give; the



Virginia Smith

Friend level comes out at \$100; Bronze is \$250; and Gold is \$1,000. The Friend, Bronze and Gold levels entitle the giver to advertising spots on the school's Web site, and ballfield banners.

Judy Sublett, a fifth-grade teacher at RBCS, paused a moment to wipe the sweat from her brow, exclaiming over the size of the briar she was trying to tame.

"Mrs. Smith loves for us to come to her house," Sublett said. "My class has been coming here for several years. I just love for the kids to learn the importance of serving."

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Soccer champs

The Emerald Coast United U17 boy's soccer team celebrates winning the championship at the Mobile Spring Classic in Mobile May 17 and 18. The U17 boys played in the U18 bracket, crushing three highly competitive teams during this U.S. Youth Soccer Association-sanctioned tournament. Throughout the tournament, the ECU U17 Boys scored an unprecedented 16 goals and allowed only two. Team members are Pedro Alba, Alex Bolin, Phillip Gamon, James Kaim, Kirian Maldonado, Chad McPherson, J. T. Montague, Iain Mowbray, Andy Poveda, Jake Pratt, Ryan Riggs, Justin Santasier, Robert Shelton, Alec Stanton, Reed White and David "Chippee" Williams. The team is coached by Craig Wallace.

Rocky Bayou takes part in first spring jamboree action

5/23/08

Staff report

Rocky Bayou Christian School's football team took the field for the first time in a competitive atmosphere on Thursday in a spring jamboree in Kinston (Ala.).

The results were a tie and a loss in two quarters of play.

The Knights tied host Kinston 6-6 in one quarter and fell 8-0 to Red Level (Ala.) in the other.

"We've taken the first step, and it was a good one," RBCS coach John Reaves said.

The Knights' lone touchdown of the night came on a 60-yard run by James Kaim.

Noah Mosley also had a good night running the ball, gaining 39 yards on five carries. In all, RBCS had 125 yards rushing on 16 attempts and completed 2-of-4 passes for 20 yards.

Dion Wright led the defense, recovering his own caused fumble.



RBCS' first gridiron test

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Wednesday, August 29, 2007

RBCS to take to gridiron in '08

By Kenneth Books

Beacon Staff Writer

Come September 2008, there will be a new game in town.

Rocky Bayou Christian School got along without a football team for the first 34 years of its existence. But the school will field a team next fall.

"It's a long time off," said the school's new athletic director, John Reaves, who will coach the team. "As of right now, we have our spring practice scheduled for May 12 to 23. We may try to get a spring game with somebody."

Reaves, 42, who hails from Mississippi, coached several scholastic teams in his home state before moving to Florida. He promises a unique offense that may cross up defenders.

"If we can hold them up for about one second, the system I'm installing can be kind of tricky," he said. "It's a pretty neat offense. It's very versatile and it's tough to defend because no one has defended it in 30 years."

Reaves said several East Coast school use an offense similar to the one he has planned. They include Port St. Lucie, Apopka and Titusville.

Part of the team's offensive strategy will be to keep the ball on the ground as much as possible.

"If I can get away with not throwing the football, I'm not going to throw the football," Reaves said, with an eye toward killing the clock. "It's very demoralizing not to be able to move the football, to be on defense the whole game. If we can get our three yards and a cloud of dust, we're going to get our three yards and a cloud of dust. The fun thing is, if the hole is there, it's not going to be three yards."

Reaves said, two boys



Beacon photo by Sara Kent

Head coach John Reaves, left, gets congratulations from Rocky Bayou Christian School Superintendent Don Larson after the announcement Friday that the school will field a football team in 2008.

have already expressed interest in playing for the team, whose inception was announced at last week's pep rally.

"One is a real good-looking kid," he said. "He played some Little League football. He's about 6-2 or 6-3, 205 pounds. I've got him in a weightlifting class already."

Reaves, who teaches weightlifting, said size may be the team's Achilles heel.

"That's going to be our weakness," he said. "We don't have any linemen. They're not big. I understand we have some speed."

Another problem is, just where will the team play? Reaves said he has several schools in mind whose fields he may be able to borrow. Niceville High School, however, is not one of them, having turned him down.

Rocky Bayou may have to create its own field.

"It would take some rear-

ranging of the current field structure," Reaves said. "I don't know if we'll go there or try something else."

Reaves may face another problem next fall—too many bodies and too few uniforms.

"I go out and sit with (potential players), talk to them. Word of mouth is a very strong motivator," he said. "These kids have been ready for this for a long time. I think I'll probably have to cut kids. We're buying varsity uniforms for only 36 kids."

While some schools and coaches become obsessed with the football team, Reaves said the Rocky Bayou team will be just one component of the school's overall mission.

"We want to offer our students the ability to develop with the knowledge, character and skills they need to become competent servants of Christ," he said. "Adding football is a complement to the overall mission of our school."

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