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## HS Bulldog Band earns trio of Division I ratings

Rockwall High School Mighty Bulldog Band received first place from all three judges during the University Interscholastic League marching contest last week, a feat that hasn't been achieved by the band since 2008.

Band director Doug Fulwood said the Royse City High School band earned a "1" from two judges and a "2" from the third judge last time the band got a "1" from all three judges was in 2008.

Fulwood, who has been the band director since April of 2013, said the band earned on Oct. 22 at Mesquite a "big deal" for the directors.

"The kids, none of these students -- not even the seniors -- have the experience of receiving a first division rating in terms of the big historical picture, it has been done in terms of these students and their experiences, it's a big deal for them and it's a big deal for us as directors, too."

Fulwood has worked very hard since Aug. 1, "and we have a lot to be proud of."

The band members, Fulwood said, not the directors, are able to stand in front of them and say, "These are the things they're able to do as a result of all this hard work."

The corps-style marching band's winning program was "Thrill Ride."

"We wanted to do this year was something that would be fun for the kids, but also really crowd-pleasing," Fulwood said.

"The feedback about our music this year is that it is representative of what we do."

The show is called "Roller Coaster."

"In the show, you can literally see the roller coaster car going up and falling down," Fulwood said.

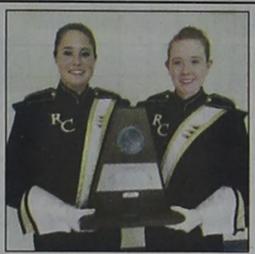
The movement is based on some of the new Star Line roller coaster movements.

The band is called "Thrill Ride."



The Royse City High School Mighty Bulldog Marching Band performs the show, "Thrill Ride," as fans watch on at front. The band returned from the Wednesday October 22 UIL Regional contest with three division 1 ratings across the board. The contest was held at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Drum majors Kaleigh Jackson, left, and Sara Gray hold the trophy the Royse City High School Mighty Bulldog Band was presented on Oct. 22 after earning a Division I rating in the University Interscholastic League regional marching contest.

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Rockwall County News

## Rockwall approves airport development plan

by Brittany Williams  
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Monday, October 21, the Rockwall City Council unanimously approved a development plan for the Ralph M. Hall Municipal Airport.

The City of Rockwall and the Rockwall EDC partnered to develop the plan for the Ralph M. Hall Rockwall Municipal Airport. The Advisory Committee was made up of Rockwall Councilmembers David White, Mike Townsend, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pruitt and Rockwall EDC Board Members Kevin Fowler, Bob Amick, and Chip Imrie.

Perry Havenor of Garver, Inc. made a presentation to the council outlining the proposed plan.

The development plan depicts the existing and proposed facilities for the airport through a 20-year plan.

The plan addresses safety issues by bringing the airport up to current TXDOT and FAA design standards and to work to better serve airport customers and attract new customers to Rockwall. The airport currently operates under past standards under a grandfather clause.

The development plan comes as a result of analyses and many

discussions with the city council, the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, local commercial and industrial business leaders and current airport users.

A number of areas where the existing airport layout is unable to meet current or future standards outlined by the FAA are identified in the plan. Options to improve airport facilities/conditions both to the north and to the south were evaluated as part of the study. The railroad and road on the south end that impose these restrictions are in the existing runway.

Per the plan, in the next 5 years, the property, terminal building and a fuel facility will be addressed. Between 6 and 10 years, a taxiway expansion and hangar development would be addressed.

All development would be covered under the capital improvement plan that the city already has in place.

The Ralph M. Hall Municipal airport is part of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex general aviation (GA) airport system and is home to more than 70 aircraft.

Per staff, the plan would be presented to TXDOT within days of the council's approval.

"I think what we've got here, at least as far as this report is concerned, we got what we asked for. We were just trying to evaluate who we are; what we are from an airport standpoint and what makes the most economic sense as far as an investment as far as the airport is concerned," Mayor David Sweet said.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 6:30 p.m.

## Secretary of State issues election information

The U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals recently issued a stay on the injunction of the enforcement of photo ID legislation as it applies to the Nov. 4 Election.

"Today the court issued a stay that means photo ID requirements will continue to be in effect for the Nov. 4 Election, just as they have been for the last three statewide elections," said Nandita Berry, Texas secretary of state. "Voters should prepare, as many already have, to show one of seven approved forms of photo ID if they plan to vote in person."

To cast a ballot in person, registered voters need to present one of the following approved forms of photo ID, according to the news release:

- Texas Driver License – issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Personal Identification Card – issued by DPS
- Texas Concealed Handgun License – issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport – issued by the U.S. government
- Election Identification Certificate – issued free by DPS

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the photo ID must be current or expired no more than 60 days, according to the release.

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### Anti-bullying pep rally set

An anti-bullying pep rally is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Oct. 30 at Grace Hartman Elementary.

### Church to host Nov. 1 craft fair

The 'Tis the Season Bazaar, a craft fair conducted annually at the First United Methodist Church, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 1. The event will feature 35 vendors with handmade craft items, gifts and items of holiday décor, as well as "the best pecans in Texas."

### Local Democrats plan Nov. 1 luncheon

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon at noon Nov. 1 at Napoli Italian Restaurant, 407 S. Goliad, Rockwall. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national current events and politics. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Rockwall County and Texas are welcome. This month's topic of discussion will be the upcoming statewide elections.

### Parks & Rec plans Outdoor Family Campout

The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department will host a day of fishing, disc golf, canoes and other activities at an Outdoor Family Campout set from 4 p.m. Nov. 1 until 10 a.m. Nov. 2 at Harry Myers Park, 945 E. Washington. Participants are encouraged to bring their tents and sleeping bags for a night under the stars. A hot breakfast and coffee will be served the morning of Nov. 2. Cost will be \$39 for Rockwall residents, \$59 for non-residents. For more information, visit rockwall.com/parks.

### Newcomers, Friends Club to meet

The Rockwall Newcomers and Friends Club will welcome Kathleen Cunningham, speaker, reviewer and professional dancer, on Nov. 13. Cunningham will present a program on Fred Astaire and his sister, Adele, beginning at 10 a.m. at Occasions in Royse City. Make reservations by Nov. 3 by calling Patty at 469-236-4270 or Marion at 972-722-9896. Any Rockwall County resident interested in being a part of a group that enjoys bunco, canasta, mah-jongg, pinochle or books, to name just a few activities, are welcome. For more details visit newcomersrock.com.

### Republican Lunch Bunch to meet Nov. 5

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 5 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which will include lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more information call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

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School seniors crowned 2015 Homecoming Queen King and Queen on Oct. 24, were (from left) Meredith Pollock and Barmannazzo and Chandler Cleveland. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Applicants sought for Rockwall International Pageant representatives

Applications are being accepted for the titles of Miss Rockwall County, Miss Rockwall County International and Mrs. Rockwall County International.

Representatives will represent the area at the Texas International Pageant in Dallas, Texas, at the Center in the Dallas area March 13-15 when a new Miss Texas International, Miss Texas International and Mrs. Texas International will be crowned, according to a news release from the pageant.

Women are looking for quality women who could grace the crown, the pageant and their communities," said Rachel Hedstrom, executive director of the Texas International Pageant. "The Texas International system rewards women who are dedicated and how they want to serve others. It's a system that rewards and grandparents are proud to see their family members participate in."

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Located at the intersection of Lawrence Drive and Highway 740 in Heath, construction on the CVS Pharmacy is well underway. According to Heath Director of Community and Economic Development, Kim Dobbs, CVS is scheduled to open at the end of November.

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## 'Tis the Season Bazaar

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The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Brookdale Summer Ridge on Thursday Oct. 23 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ribbon was cut by longtime resident Mr. Ed Crump (center) and Rod Jolly (Executive Director). Also shown are Summer Ridge staff at left front, and Brookdale District Management at right.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Cinderella's accepting donations of formal dresses

Cinderella's Closet is accepting donations of gently used formal dresses until Nov. 28, 2014, in the Home-Run Home-Run. "You wore it and it's new news release states... so someone else can wear it." Organizers ask that dresses be dry cleaned prior to donation. Donations can be dropped off at the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County, 901 E. Interstate 30, Rockwall, Texas 75087. For more details, call 972-722-3333.

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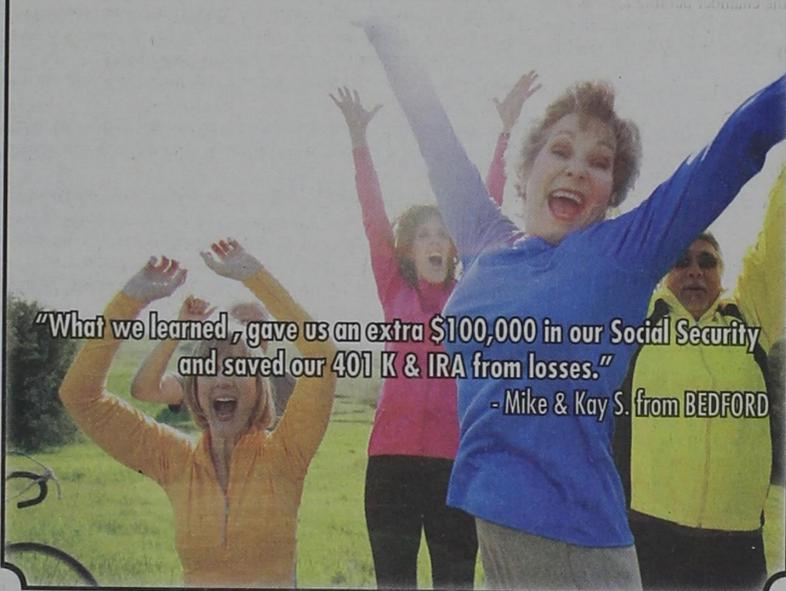
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Local political activists participate in the Overpasses For America project by displaying banners and flags every Saturday morning in protest of immigration policies and other high profile issues such as the recent U.S. Ebola outbreak. The group has been inviting others to join in an Overpass rally on Saturday morning Nov. 1, in advance of the Nov. 4 election. The group met at the Horizon Road overpass overlooking interstate 30. During the time this photo was taken, 15 to 20 drivers and travelers were heard honking in approval of the cause.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Alexa Kelly, Stacy Hawkins, Holland Henderson and Jennifer Moreau are shown during a recent Reading Night event at Springer Elementary. During the event students participated in different stations to engage in fun activities designed to encourage reading at home. The event was Read Under the Stars.

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## Water Planning Group holds public meeting

The Region C Water Planning Group held a public meeting on Oct. 27 at the Trinity Authority Central Treatment Plant, 100 Singleton Blvd. in Grand Prairie, Texas, as part of the regional planning process in North Texas.

The group is working on an updated 2016 Regional Plan that includes recommendations for water management strategies to meet the region's needs through 2070. Key action items for the plan included considering a submittal to the Trinity Development Board of the interregional conflict between Regions C and D, the resignation of officers for 2015, and a subcommittee of recommendations for stream or reservoir site recommendations to the Region C Water Planning Group bylaws; and approval of the November newsletter.



## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### A brief review of 1Cor. chapters 12-14 ... unto salvation

1 Corinthians chapters 12-14 provide detailed instruction about the spiritual matters of life. Chapter 14 distinguishes between speaking in tongues and prophecy. In the church, prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues because it can be understood by others in the church, unless they who speak in tongues give the interpretation which is also given by the spirit of God.

As a reminder, speaking in tongues involves speaking in languages that are not understood by the one speaking. It says in Acts 2:4 that the spirit of God gives the words as the people start speaking.

In case there is any doubt about God's will concerning speaking in tongues in Christians' personal spiritual life, Paul concludes the subject according to the will of God by saying, "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:39-40).

No matter how Christians think about speaking in tongues, God makes His will pretty clear. It says, "...forbid not to speak with tongues."

God in heaven is faithful and lovingly patient to help God's beloved saints individually get to the point where they are praying with the spirit of God, which is speaking in tongues.

1 Corinthians chapter 15 builds on what was learned in the previous chapters.

As a review chapter 12 revealed nine different ways to profit from the manifestation of holy spirit. The second half of chapter 12 provides excellent information and instructions about the body of Christ. Chapter 13 emphasized the high priority of living by the love of God. The love of God is more important than the manifestation of holy spirit.

Chapter 14 returns to the subject of speaking in tongues and prophecy.

Chapter 15 will drive and build to the great finale in verses 51-54, which describes important details about the fantastic Day of Christ.

In essence it builds to the final return of the subject that started this series of articles - salvation.

*Be anxious for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace from God which surpasses all knowledge shall guard your hearts and thoughts through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Phillipians 4:6-7

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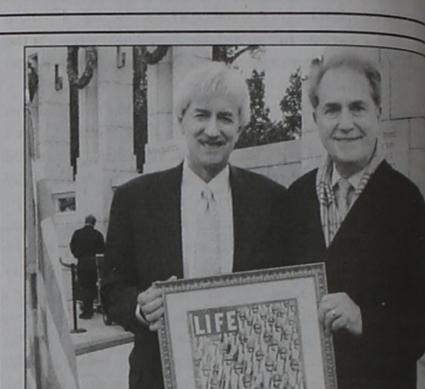
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The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association met Oct. 13, with Nell Welborn, board member for the Rockwall Open Space Alliance, serving as speaker. The Alliance's purpose is to secure open space for the future of the fast-growing county. Hostesses for the meeting were Mary Clay, Jessie Patsy Fleetwood, Linda Ghormley and Sylvia London.  
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Congressman Ralph Hall's son, 382nd Judicial District Court Judge Brett Hall, is pictured above with the Open Space Alliance president, Andrew Manatos, during a presentation. The award, presented at the World War II Memorial, recognizes Americans and Greek veterans who served during World War II. The nonprofit foundation is dedicated to educating lawmakers and the public about Greece's role in the war and celebrating those who fought to preserve and promote freedom and democracy around the globe. Hall accepted the foundation's Greatest Generations Award on behalf of his father, one of only two members of Congress who served in World War II. Congressman Hall joined the U.S. Navy in 1942, where he served until 1945 as a lieutenant, senior grade aircraft carrier pilot. He was unable to attend the award presentation but continues rehabilitation following an automobile accident earlier in the month.  
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## Rockwall County Entertainment

**Historical Foundation plans Blast to the Past**  
The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will host Blast to the Past, a trivia contest and dinner, at 6 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Rockwall Cafeteria. Cost will be \$25, including a dinner prepared by Culinary Arts class. Teams include 1) Dana Macalik, Nancy and Kristen Minth; 2) Lucinda Rogers, Jackie Pullen and Chapman; and 3) Billy Self, Justin Holland and Linda Duran. Teams can support their favorite with pledges for correct answers. Reservations required; call 972-722-1507 or email rockwallhistory@gmail.com. Guests who need it, a shuttle has been arranged for use between the lot and the front steps.

**Heath Holiday in the Park set Dec. 5**  
The 2014 Heath Holiday in the Park will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Towne Centre Park behind City Hall at 200 Laurens. Presented by the city's Special Events Board, the event will include students choirs from Amy Parks and Dorothy Pullen Elementary. A dinner in a new Winter Village, which will feature food trucks, door dining area and children's activity booths; a miniature train and complimentary hot cocoa and Christmas cookies home-baked by the National Charity League and Rockwall Women's League and Mrs. Claus and the elves; and Santa's grand arrival. Parents should bring their cameras. For more details visit heathtx.com.

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# Opinions

## Legal Voters May Decide Fate of Senate

Phyllis Schlafly

The U.S. Senate is up for grabs on Nov. 4, and illegal voters are expected to play a significant role. Estimates are that more than 14 percent of non-citizens voted in the elections of 2008 and 2010, and that they exceeded the margin of victory in many tight Senate races. In July, three non-citizens were indicted for illegal voting in Ohio in the 2012 presidential election. But most illegal voting cases end in a plea bargain that results in erasure of the convictions after a year if the defendant stays out of additional trouble for that long.

In Colorado, which could decide which party controls the U.S. Senate, votes are now cast entirely by mail with little protection against voter fraud. A total of 3.6 million ballots were sent to Coloradans based on addresses as old as 2008, which is six years ago.

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Lone Star state will be able to limit mischief at their polls in this election. Other states are not so fortunate. Wisconsin passed a voter ID law that was upheld by the Seventh Circuit, but the U.S. Supreme Court then blocked that good law from going into effect this November.

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poll watchers is impossible in Colorado's system of mail-only balloting.

The corrupt practice of counting votes that were cast in the names of dead people reemerged in North Carolina in 2012. The executive director of that state's election board reported that the votes of 81 dead people were counted, most of whom had died before it was possible for them to cast absentee ballots.

A shocking total of 35,570 voters in North Carolina had the same last and first names and birth dates of voters who also cast ballots in other states. Many hundreds of those voters even had the same last four digits of their Social Security numbers as people having identical names and birthdays who also voted in other states.

Reforms passed in North Carolina are not effective in time to ensure voter integrity in this election, where there is a close race for the U.S. Senate seat. No voter ID is yet in effect there.

The top priority of Obama's Department of Justice has been to oppose voter ID laws passed by various states. But Attorney General Eric Holder has announced his resignation, and the Senate should not confirm any successor who opposes state efforts to improve voter integrity.

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## Africa: A Tragic Continent

Walter E. Williams

My Aug. 11, 2003, column began: "Anyone who says that Africa is a continent of poverty is, for the most part, self-inflicted. Some people might disagree because their college professors taught them that the legacy of colonialism explains Third World poverty. That's nonsense. Canada was a colony. So were Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong. In fact, the richest country in the world, the United States, was once a colony. By contrast, Third World countries such as Ethiopia, Liberia, Nepal and Bhutan were never colonies, yet they are home to some of the world's poorest people.

There's no complete explanation for why some countries are affluent while others are poor, but there are some leads. Rank countries according to whether they are closer to being a free market economy or whether they're closer to having a socialist or planned economy. Then rank countries by per capita income. Doing so, we will find a general, though not perfect, pattern whereby those having a larger measure of economic freedom find their citizens enjoying a higher standard of living. Also, if we ranked countries according to how Freedom House or Amnesty International rates human rights protections, we'd find that citizens of freer market economies enjoy a greater measure of human rights protections. You can bet the rent money that the correlation among free markets, wealth and human rights protections is not coincidental.

With but few exceptions, most African countries are worse off now

than they were during colonialism, both in terms of standard of living and in terms of human rights protections. Once a food-exporting country, Zimbabwe recently stood near the brink of starvation. Sierra Leone is rich in minerals -- especially diamonds -- has highly fertile land and is the best port site in West Africa, but it has declined into a state of utter despair. Africa is the world's most natural-resources-rich continent. It has 50 percent of the world's gold, most of the world's diamonds and chromium, 90 percent of the cobalt, 40 percent of the world's potential hydroelectric power, 65 percent of the manganese, and millions of acres of untilled farmland, as well as other natural resources. Before independence, every African country was self-sufficient in food production; today many depend on imports, and others stand at the brink of famine.

Though there's a strong case for us to help with the Ebola crisis, the worst thing Westerners could do to Africa would be to send more foreign aid. Foreign aid provides the financial resources that enable Africa's grossly corrupt and incompetent regimes to buy military equipment, pay off cronies and continue to oppress their people. It also provides resources for the leaders to live lavishly and set up "retirement" accounts in foreign banks.

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## History – Halloween and coming to America

Walter E. Williams

My opinion as provided by my research (Halloween – Webster Dictionary) Pronunciation: hä'l lö'ën preceding Allhallows or All Saints' Day (November day, October 31. It is often marked by parties or sometimes by pranks played by young people.

My research, Halloween originated as a Catholic vigil of All Saints Day, commemorating Christian saints served since the early middle Ages on November 1. All started, where the living paid homage to the dead, or souls, way. This took place on November 2 of each year. All November 1, was declared a Holy Day of Obligation, and the vigil have been celebrated since the early eighth century were instituted by Pope Gregory III in Rome. (A were extended to the Church at large by Pope Gregory

can trace also even further back in time to a pagan festival of Samhain, about which little is actually known. observance is said to have marked the end of summer beginning of winter that was celebrated with feasting, bonfires, and reverence to the dead. The belief was that the come back to life and cause havoc such as sickness or earliest customs attributable to Halloween grew out of All Saints Day, a day of prayer for saints and martyrs and All Souls Day (November 2), a day of prayer for the dead. Among the practices associated with Halloween

during the medieval period was the lighting of bonfires, evidently to symbolize the plight of souls lost in purgatory, which consisted of going door-to-door offering prayers for the dead in exchange for «soul cakes» and other treats. This was a custom originally associated with Christmas consisting of parading in costume, chanting rhymes, and play-acting, was a somewhat later addition to Halloween.

The similarities between old and new who survived to the present day, or even that they progressed into modern Halloween practices such as trick-or-treating. By the time Irish immigrants brought the holiday to North America in the mid-1800s, they were all but forgotten in Ireland itself, where the known Halloween customs of the time consisted of praying, communal feasting, and playing games such as bobbing for apples.

The secular, commercialized holiday we know in America today would be barely recognizable to Halloween celebrants of even just a century ago.

The Witchcraft, Halloween Connection

There are still many, especially among fundamentalist Christians, who believe that Halloween is nothing more than a celebration of paganism and witchcraft because of some of the traditions that are involved. It was thought that on Halloween night, a young woman could determine who her future spouse would be by staring into a mirror in a darkened room or by peeling an apple in one long strip and then casting the peel over her shoulder. Other traditions involved baking small coins and trinkets as well as a single, plain ring into a type of fruit cake that would be shared among the neighbors. If you got a trinket in your piece – that was your fate for the coming year, with the person who got the ring destined to wed.

Traditional activities include trick-or-treating, bonfires, costume parties, visiting «haunted houses» and carving jack-o-lanterns. Irish and

Scottish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America in the nineteenth century. Other western countries embraced the holiday in the late twentieth century including Ireland, the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom as well as of Australia and New Zealand.

Trick-or-treating, is an activity for children on or around Halloween in which they proceed from house to house in costumes, asking for treats such as confectionery with the question, «Trick or treat?» The «trick» part of «trick or treat» is a threat to play a trick on the homeowner or his property if no treat is given. Trick-or-treating is one of the main traditions of Halloween. It has become socially expected that if one lives in a neighborhood with children one should purchase treats in preparation for trick-or-treaters.

Halloween as it is celebrated these days is but a pale representation of its rich and multicultural history. It is not, as some would call it, a celebration of the Devil or of Hell or of the Damned, but rather a blending of the celebrations marking the end of the growing season, a heralding of the coming of the winter months and folk traditions that told of the day when the veil between the living and the dead, ever a transparent gossamer veil at that, would lift and ghosts and ghouls would walk among the living. From those many traditions, coming to us from the Celts, the Roman rituals and even Catholic tradition, we get the stirrings of what would eventually become Halloween. Many churches now offer the young people various activities at the church to replace going door to door Trick-or-Treat. This creates a safer and sometimes more fun environment.

Question: Should Halloween be acceptable by God and Christians? REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AS OUR COUNTRY NEEDS EVERYONE TO VOTE FOR THE GOOD OF AMERICA AND WE THE PEOPLE.

## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

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part of a larger plan to build a 4,000-mile-long super-corridor of toll ways, railways and Texas for the purpose of promoting free trade with Mexico."

Texans were told the Trans-Texas Corridor was "dead in the water" when the citizens had "No" for Governor Rick Perry. Now we hear of the SH-130 toll road around Austin, and the least Gateway Toll Road east of Dallas. One wonders just what part of "No" is not understood in politicians.

of the "American Free Press" populist newspaper wrote... "like a modern soap-opera star, episodes that bring it back to life under different banners." A coalition of Texans United for Freedom (TURF) and Texans for Tollfree Highways (TTH) demanded to be heard at a County court meeting in Greenville recently. The effort of these Texans is to pressure remaining citizens to pass resolutions opposing the toll scheme. Seven communities who have already passed Rockwall, Fate, Lavon, Nevada, Sachse, Josephine, and Wylie.

soap opera, there is a sequel to the TTC story. "Corporations are working with local governments to seize private land through eminent domain to build the TTC." A spokesman for the dissenting members of the grassroots movement explained, "The power of a private company wielding the power of eminent domain had gotten (local) officials to

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**ACROSS**

1 San \_\_\_\_ TX

5 gemstone found in East TX

6 TX newspaper: "The Mexia \_\_\_\_"

7 \_\_\_\_ Porte, TX

8 facial spasm

9 oval jewelry with portraits

15 abundant tree in TX Piney Woods

16 justified

19 these TX goats produce mohair

21 Jason of Austin "Trail of Dead" band

22 tread on and crush

27 TXism: "big \_\_\_\_ in a small pond"

28 "\_\_\_\_ the wrist" (minor penalty)

29 aging sherry & wine by slow blending

30 lukewarmly

32 TXism: "dance with who bring \_\_\_\_"

33 Richard Nixon \_\_\_\_ LBJ

Library in 1971

36 TX-born Joan Crawford was a "film \_\_\_\_" actress

37 western comedy: "4 \_\_\_\_ Texas" (1963)

38 in Lee Co. on FM 141

39 this is high in East Texas

41 fine arts based on ancient culture

44 TXism: "sticks out like a \_\_\_\_ thumb"

45 dog's bark

46 TX wheeler dealer Billie Sol

47 TX Ross Perot founded this company in 1962

48 TXism: "bone \_\_\_\_" (cemetery)

51 sports fishermen catch this fish in the Gulf

52 TXism: "sour enough to pucker a \_\_\_\_"

53 nat'l environment agcy.

54 nat'l ID number (abbr.)

**DOWN**

1 film "\_\_\_\_ of Belle Starr" (1953)

2 TXism: "fits like ugly on an \_\_\_\_"

3 TXism: "vocal as a \_\_\_\_ calf at weaning time"

4 Castroville: "The Little \_\_\_\_"

western comedy: "4 \_\_\_\_ Texas" (1963)

8 fork prong

9 TXism for "die" (4 wds.)

10 semi-automatic rifle by Colt: \_\_\_\_-15

11 noted TX legislator: "\_\_\_\_ Sam" Rayburn

12 TXism: "dew chaser" (2 wds.)

13 Crowell h.s. class

14 "Texas Two-\_\_\_\_"

15 Grand Prairie has a "\_\_\_\_ Wax"

16 TX insect with a stinger

17 Six Flags junior roller coaster: "Wile \_\_\_\_ Grand Canyon Blaster"

18 decimal

20 town name in Germany, Austria, & Switzerland

22 this Skerritt was in 2001 film "Texas Rangers" (init.)

23 this Strickland played for the Spurs and the Rockets

24 auto headlight today might be \_\_\_\_ light

25 county of 4-down preparatory coat to get ready for subsequent coat of paint

28 actor Pickens who used a TX drawl

31 monkey you might see at a TX zoo

34 it's a start on the alphabet

35 decorative metalware

37 Piney Woods trees

40 this Molly was in 1978 film "Harper Valley PTA"

42 pack or store

43 Mexican poncho

49 TX Ben who was one of the best golfers ever

50 Olajuwon's initials when he was at UT

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Al-Anon Meetings  
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Al-Anon Garland  
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Rockwall County Kiwanis Club Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, and we recently added an evening meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., also at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 203 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

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days at which time all rights/ownership shall be forfeited of said vehicle which will be sold at a public auction if not claimed on or before December 6, 2014.

STATE OF TEXAS  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS 382<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT COURT OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS  
CAUSE NO: 8-12-5  
TO: JAVAUGHN CORTEZ PARTEE  
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable 382<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2014 AT 10:00 A.M. before the Honorable 382<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall

County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on OCTOBER 23, 2014, A.D., in this case numbered 8-12-5 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS vs. \$15,935.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, ONE (1) GLOCK MODEL 17 HANDGUN (SERIAL #MBF448, THREE (3) MAGAZINES AND SIXTY-NINE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FORFEITURE & SEIZURE PROP/MONEY

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2014.

KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk  
Rockwall County, Texas  
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Rockwall, Texas 75087

By: Karen Petty, Deputy ROCKWALL COUNTY NEWS, 107 E. BOURN AVE., ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087

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Application has been made for a Wine & Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit for E.T.B, Inc., dba CVS/Pharmacy #10562 located at 4282 Ridge Road, Heath, Rockwall County, Texas. Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. Allen K Horne, Pres/Dir. Jeffrey C. Neason, Secy/Treas/Dir. James T. Greer, Asst. Secy

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on MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. BEFORE THE Honorable 382<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 201, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

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### CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Sealed submittals for Engineering Design Services addressed to Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Agent, City of Rockwall, will be received at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087 on November 14, 2014 at or before 11:00 a.m., CST.

Qualified firms interested in providing engineering design services for the Local Roadway Reconstruction Projects in the City of Rockwall should contact Lea Ann Ewing, Purchasing Office 972-771-7700 x6418. RFQ packet is available on the City's website at [www.rockwall.com](http://www.rockwall.com).

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# Eagles win District Championship, open playoffs vs. Covenant

Heritage Christian Academy volleyball team defeated McKinney Christian Academy Thursday, Oct. 23, that was good for two points and at 24-22 Hill scored the game-winning point on a soft hit just over the net.

"Madison got on fire. That was a big difference, a game-changer," Ron Hawkins said.

Hill had eight kills in the first set alone. It was that she had so many as that she had so many different types of kills – cross-court, deep, down the line, soft.

The Lady Eagles made an adjustment after the first set that gave them a little more breathing room in the second and third sets.

"McKinney has fighters, a great team, a bunch of seniors," Hawkins said. "They kept hitting down the line, so we took the line away from them."

Still, McKinney came back from a nine-point deficit to trail just 23-20 in the second leg. A side out and a point on Smith's serve wrapped up that leg.

In the third leg, from a 1-1 tie, the Lady Eagles scored seven consecutive points on Baylee Hawkins' serve. Senior Haley Pettit served for the final three points.

In contrast to MCA's senior-laden team, there are no seniors among Heritage Christian's seven players on the court most often.

"They grew up today," Ron Hawkins said. "I was pleased with the maturity level we showed."

HCA had another chance to gauge its players' growth Tuesday in a warm-up match against Denton Calvary Academy.

Calvary knocked the Lady Eagles out of last year's TAPPS 2A playoffs on the way to a state title, and swept HCA on Aug. 12 this season.

If Heritage Christian wins Friday's Area match, the Lady Eagles would advance to the 1 p.m. Saturday Regional final at Anna against either Trinity School of Midland or Waco Vanguard College Preparatory School.

Heritage Christian (33-5-2) will play an Area round match on the dock at Heath school at 7 p.m. Friday against The Covenant School of the Woodlands.

The Lady Knights, fourth in HCA's district, swept a Bi-Texas match from Midland Classical Academy.

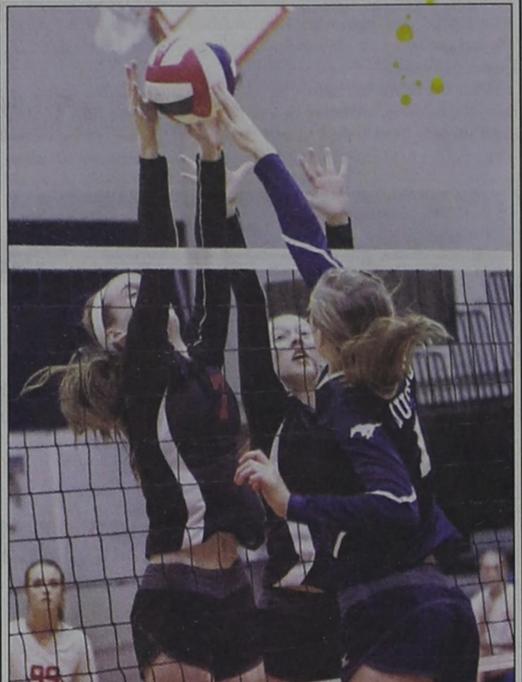
It was at that playoff match couldn't be any more exciting or dramatic scene at Dallas Lutheran School last Thursday.

The Lady Eagles and McKinney Christian had split five-set matches during the regular season – the only losses for either team.

Heritage trailed only once, at 1-0 in the third set.

"We really set the pace."

Heritage Christian scored the match's first two points on Mikayla Henderson and stretched the lead to as many as five points. The Lady Eagles didn't quit, and trailed by only a point as late as 21-20.



HCA Lady Eagles Lindsey Hill (7) stops a McKinney strike as Emily Benton (1) stretches to assist during the District Championship game on Thursday Oct. 23 at Dallas Lutheran. At back as Brooke Fauley (99).  
Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

## Heath trounces Jackrabbits, clinches playoff berth

Rockwall-Heath defeated the Forney Jackrabbits at City Bank Stadium to earn a spot in the 5A state playoffs.

It was the playoffs a year ago, but have now earned a spot in five of Coach Mickey Moss' seven years at Heath.

Combined for 182 yards and two touchdowns while Rico Henderson for 185 yards on 22 carries and a touchdown as the Hawks led with 429 yards of offense. Kicker Omar Shalabi five-attempts.

Heath (6-2, 4-1) holds sole possession of second place in 12-team remaining in district competition. Forney (5-3, 2-3) sits in fifth place.

In an effort, the Hawks scored the first touchdown on a 76-yard run by cornerback Lawrence Johnson – Shalabi's kick

was blocked – at the 10:16 mark in the first. Tyler McCalister added a 6-yard touchdown run to give Heath an early 14-0 lead.

Forney's Zadius Miles returned a 97-yard kickoff but the Jackrabbits failed on the two-point conversion. A 16-yard pass from Jordan Hoy to Chase Peterson put the Hawks up 20-6 at the end of just one quarter.

In between a 12-yard run by McCalister and a 16-yard run by Rico Henderson, Forney scored another touchdown but missed the extra point to head into halftime with a 34-12 Hawks advantage.

The Hawks scored in the third with a 16-yard run by Hoy, and the Jackrabbits added one final touchdown – Heath blocked the extra point – with 1:53 in the game for a final score of 41-18.

The Hawks, ranked No. 6 in area 5A polls, return to Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium Friday for their final home game as they take on the Roysse City Bulldogs (2-6, 2-3). Seniors will be recognized prior to the game with kickoff slated for 7:30.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall-Heath	20	14	7	0	41
Forney	6	6	0	6	18

	Heath	Forney
1st Downs	29	16
Rushes-Yds	45-282	31-85
Comp-Att-Int	13-16-0	12-27-0
Passing Yds	147	147
Total Yds	429	232
Penalties-Yds	11-84	6-46
Punts-Avg.	2-32	3-38.67
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2

Passing – RHHS: Jordan Hoy 12-15-147-TD, Caanan Smith 1-1-0; FHS: Luke Skipper 12-27-147-2TD Receiving – RHHS: Deshon Elliott 2-38, Chase Peterson 3-24-TD, Grant Buchholt 3-33, Dean Cline 2-20, Caanan Smith 1-14, Rico Henderson 1-8 Rushing - RHHS: Rico Henderson 22-185-TD, Tyler McCalister 16-88-2TD, Jordan Hoy 5-35-TD



Rico Henderson (28) jumps over a Forney defender for a 76-yard touchdown, Fri. Oct. 24 at Forney.  
Photo by Trudy Woessner/Rockwall County News

## Lady Bulldogs fall just short of playoffs

Even though Roysse City swept three sets from Terrell's volleyball team Friday night, the Lady Bulldogs were eliminated from playoff contention.

Mesquite Poteet defeated South Garland Friday, allowing the Lady Pirates clinched fourth place, the final playoff spot, in District 12-5A.

With one district match remaining for each team on Tuesday, Poteet (7-6 in the district) had a one-game lead over the fifth-place Lady Bulldogs (6-7). But even if RC would have won at North Forney and Poteet had lost, the Lady Pirates would take a tiebreaker because they defeated Roysse City in both district matches this season.

The Lady Bulldogs were 5-5 in the district after a 25-14, 25-12, 25-18 victory at West Mesquite Oct. 14. But after that, they lost 25-23, 25-14, 25-21 at Poteet Oct. 17.

RC played well against powerful Forney Oct. 21, pushing the Lady Rabbits to a fourth set before losing 25-15, 25-16, 20-25, 25-20 to fall to 5-7.

## Rockwall County Entertainment

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- Rockwall holiday celebrated slated**  
The City of Rockwall, the Kiwanis, the Downtown Merchants Association and Friends of Downtown will team up for a daylong holiday event in downtown Rockwall Dec. 6. The 45th Annual Christmas Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Theme will be Hometown Christmas-Rockwall Texas Style. Call 972-722-6001 for more details. Carolers, train rides, refreshments and Mr. and Mrs. Claus will take place throughout the day downtown. The 31st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall. Free cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided, as well as live holiday music and a visit from Santa. Free carriage rides will be offered from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Brown Bag Lecture Series to revisit rock wall**  
The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 12 at the historic courthouse in Rockwall. The topic will re-examine the history of the rock wall and developments since The History Channel's "America Unearthed" episode aired. Admission will be free and open to the public. For details call Sheri Fowler at 214-926-6466.
- Breakfast with Santa set Dec. 13**  
Breakfast with Santa will run from 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Dec. 13 at The Center in Rockwall. The event will include breakfast with Santa Claus, plus some one-on-one time to talk to him about that Christmas wish list. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and candy canes will be served. Parents are urged to bring their cameras. Ticket availability will be limited and pre-registration with the city's Parks & Rec department is required. Cost will be \$9 per plate for Rockwall residents.
- Gingerbread house-building event slated**  
The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a gingerbread house-building event from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at The Center. The event will be open to children ages 3-12. Participants will build their own gingerbread holiday dream houses; each participant should bring a bag of candy to share with friends. Resident fee will be \$15.
- Reindeer Food & Santa's Cookie Decorating set**  
Children ages 2-8 are invited to attend the Reindeer Food & Santa's Cookie Decorating event set for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at The Center. Participants will make reindeer food and decorate Christmas-themed cookies to leave for Santa. Cost for Rockwall residents will be \$9 per person. The event is being hosted by the Rockwall Parks & Rec department.
- Daddy Daughter Dance planned for Jan. 31**  
The Rockwall Parks & Rec department is planning its annual Daddy Daughter Dance, which will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Tickets, which will cost \$55 per resident couple, will go on sale Nov. 3 at The Center. Pre-registration is required.



Rockwall Yellowjacket Cross Country teams competed in the District 11-6A Meet Saturday, Oct. 25 at the University of Texas at Tyler campus. The Varsity boys captured first place by five points over Tyler Lee, while the Jacket girls took the championship in convincing fashion over second-place Sachse. Both the JV boys and girls placed second in their groups. Both teams will participate in the Region II meet this Saturday, Nov. 1 at Lynn Creek Park, Joe Pool Lake in Grand Prairie.  
Photo by Lonnie Drewery/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall-Heath Mighty Hawk Marching Band performs the show, "Flight of the Phoenix" which included string solo work on the tuba, creative marching techniques and dazzling flags choreography during the Region 3 UIL contest, Wednesday Oct. 22, at Mesquite Memorial Stadium. The band earned three division 1 ratings for its performance.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

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# Yellowjackets clinch playoffs with rout of Rowlett

by Ryan Garrett

The Yellowjackets' high-tempo, quick-strike offense led the way as Rockwall defeated the Eagles 48-21 October 24 at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. For the second straight year under Coach Rodney Webb, the Jackets have clinched a playoff berth.

Rockwall (8-0, 5-0) is ranked at No. 8 in area 6A and remains at the top in the District standings, while Rowlett fell to 3-2 in district, 5-3 overall. The Jackets have won the last four meetings with the Eagles in the Ray Hubbard Rivalry.

Senior Chris Warren rushed for 144 yards on 18 carries and scored three touchdowns, including two in the second half to help Rockwall build a healthy lead in the first half.

The Eagles held Rockwall to just a field goal by senior kicker Tony

Pecora in the first, but the Jackets put up 21 points in the second behind a 43-yard reception by Jay Galloway and Warren's two touchdowns of 65- and 1-yard. Rowlett finally broke through with two touchdowns in the final two minutes of the second for a 24-14 Jacket advantage at the break.

Following halftime performances by the Stingerettes and the Orange Wave Band, Warren caught a 25-yard pass from Will Reed for the only third quarter score. The Rockwall defense continued to put pressure on the Eagles, and after a 35-yard field goal by Pecora, junior defensive back James Taylor intercepted Logan Bonner for a 55-yard touchdown return, putting Rockwall up 41-14 with 8:17 remaining.

After getting shut out the entire half, Rowlett finally put together a scoring drive in the final 3:58, cutting the deficit back to 21 points. Rowlett wouldn't get the ball back as Rockwall ran out the clock and then AJ Blacknall rushed for a 10-yard touchdown with 40 seconds left.

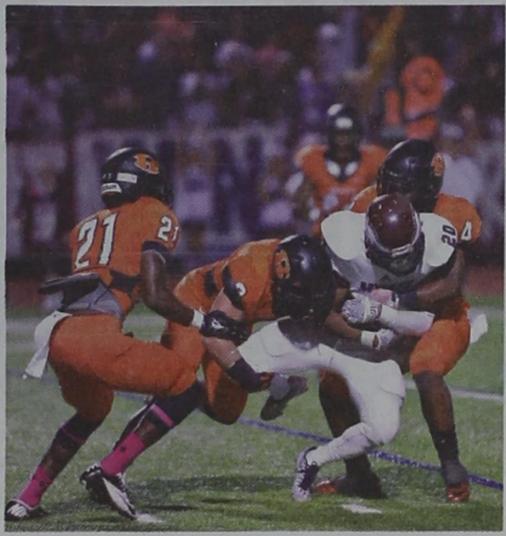
Rockwall will travel to Tyler Lee Oct. 31 for a 7:30 kickoff at Rose Stadium. With a win a Garland loss, the Yellowjackets could win the 11-6A title; however, the Raider (4-4, 3-2) are fighting for a chance at one of the final two playoff spots.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Rockwall	3	21	7	17
Rowlett	0	14	0	7

	Rockwall	Rowlett
1st Downs	25	26
Rushes-Yds	37-246	30-145
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-0	25-48-4
Passing Yds	310	283
Total Yds	556	428
Penalties-Yds	8-81	5-40
Punts-Avg.	2-27	3-27

Passing - RW: Will Reed 17-27-262-2TD, Xavier Castille 1 Jones 0-1; RT: Logan Bonner 25-46-283-TD-3INT, Kenny 0-1, Josh Williams 0-1-INT Receiving- RW: Xavier Castille Galloway 3-70-TD, Chris Warren 3-68-TD, Caleb Broach 1 Veasley 1-15, Wyatt Miller 1-12 Rushing - RW: Chris Warren 2TD, Matt Jones 3-34, Tony Pecora 1-31, AJ Blacknall 4-22 Castille 4-15, Jay Galloway 2-6, Caleb Broach 1-2



Yellowjackets John Wright (21) and Demetre Cooks (4) team up with another defender to tackle Rowlett wide receiver Ladarius Dickens (20) last Fri. Oct. 24 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium in Rockwall.  
Photo by Bill Carter (billcarterphotography.zenfolio.com)/Rockwall County News

## Falcons defeat Victory Life in Homecoming game

By the time The Fulton School's football team was wrapping up its 68-36 victory over Brownwood Victory Life Academy Friday night, Fulton was down to "7 1/2 players," head coach Mike Morris said.

"We played with eight, but then Kaine (Yeakle) got kicked in the shin in the fourth quarter. Tyler Treadway had tendinitis in a knee and wasn't expected to play much, but he played a lot more than we thought."

Most of all, sophomore Carson Newman played "a great game," Morris said, with seven touchdowns. That helped the Falcons (3-5 overall, 1-2 in TAPPS 6-Man District 1-III) end a four-game losing streak.

Newman and Fulton started fast to build a lead, and held off a late rally by the Warriors (4-4, 0-3).

"We gave up two touchdowns in the fourth quarter that we shouldn't have given up. We're still learning, still growing, but this was a big step forward."

Even with that victory, Morris said he expected that the Falcons will have to win their final two games to reach the playoffs for a fourth consecutive year.

"We don't have enough wild card points," he said, so Fulton would have to finish in the district's top two teams.

First, the Falcons would have to defeat Fort Worth Covenant School (7-1, 2-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Cain Middle School.

They won last Friday over Granbury North Central Texas Academy.

"We should have all our guys back. It will probably be a complete team in four weeks," Morris said. "If we cut out errors, we should be all right."



Fulton Falcons Carson Newman (29) blows past Victory Life Academy defenders for a touchdown making the score 34-16 during the last seconds of the second quarter on Fri. Oct. 24 at the Middle School field.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Hawks, Jackets volleyball at top of District

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks volleyball team clinched their third straight District Championship last week in a 3-0 victory over Mesquite Potet.

On Friday, October 24, Heath continued their 12-5A dominance at Forney as they defeated the Jackrabbits 25-11, 25-12, 25-13. Brooke Birlerson led with 17 assists, Megan Lohmiller added 11 digs, Haley Coleman tallied 10 kills, and Alex Nolan and Jessica Nwabuko both had two blocks each. The Lady Hawks have yet to lose a set in district play. They played Terrell at home on Tuesday for Senior Night.

The Rockwall High School volleyball team swept one-loss Rowlett 3-0 (25-22, 25-18, 27-25) at the RHS gym on Senior Night, Oct. 24. The Lady Jackets avenged their five-match Sept. 30 loss to the Eagles and moved into a three-way tie for the District 11-6A lead with only one match remaining.

In Friday's competition, Hannah Adams led with 35 assists, Kelsey Gaertner had 15 kills and Bayleigh Scott added another eight kills, while Chloe Phillips put up four aces. Seniors Gaertner, Phillips, Bailey Smith and Kylie Sifuentes were recognized before the match.

The Yellowjackets ended district play Tuesday against Naaman Forest. The Bi-District round of playoffs will be November 3-4.



Lady Jackets Bayleigh Scott (18, back) and Rachel Merkel (13, front) force a Rowlett strike to stray out of bounds for a Rockwall point, Friday October 24 at the RHS gym. Ready to assist at back left is Kelsey Gaertner (1).  
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The Rockwall High School Orange Wave Marching Band preforms in the Area UIL Marching Band contest, Saturday Oct. 25 at Mesquite Memorial Stadium. The show included large-scaled and precise shifting and changing of detailed shapes with precision flag performances that blended well with the show. The band's overall full sound and artistic marching kept the Orange Wave fans on the edge of their seats.  
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## HCA falls behind, falls short of Trinity

In a "kind of crazy" game, Trinity School of Midland outscored Christian Academy 88-62 Friday night at Hobart Wisdom Field.

It was HCA's second consecutive loss after six wins to start the season. Unfortunately, the losses both were in TAPPS 6-Man 1-I games.

Heritage Christian might have to win both of its remaining games to finish among the district's top three teams and earn an automatic berth.

Next up is perennial power The Covenant School of Dallas (7-1, 2-1) on the road. The game time has been changed to 7 a.m. because either HCA or The Covenant will be playing a volleyball match at 1 p.m. at Anna High School.

"They're not the powerhouse they've been," said Eagles coach Robert Huckabee. "We watched them against Watauga (Harvard Academy), and they played them till the bitter end."

Watauga, which had defeated HCA a week earlier, won just 7-0 over The Covenant.

Heritage Christian's loss to Trinity (7-1 overall, 3-0 in the second in six-man football.com's TAPPS 6-Man I state rankings) HCA to No. 5.

Huckabee said, "It was kind of crazy. We made a couple of turnovers, a couple of penalties that brought back scores. We gave them and never could catch up."

To score 88 points, teams have to score on almost every possession. It's hard to beat them without scoring every time or recovering onside kicks.

Huckabee said, "We knew (Trinity) would be really good. They were. They're very talented and well coached. Overall, we played well. In the end, we missed some opportunities."

HCA's offense has produced at least 42 points in every game except two losses, the Eagles' opponents have totaled 149 points.

Still, Huckabee said he wasn't concerned about his team's ability to defend. "We knew they both were going to be good. Their spread offense is hard to defend. We gave them too much open space. Good things are going to make plays."



HCA Eagles Dylan Wells (25) blocks an extra point attempt by Midland Trinity, Fri. Oct. 24 at Hobart Wisdom Field in Rockwall.  
Photo by Bob Woodfin (bobwoodfin.com)/Rockwall County News