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the Harbor. Shoppers at Kroger were delighted by an impromptu concert in the Produce Section, and the sounds of the band bounced off the walls for visitors at Home Depot. Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

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Relay For Life committees forming
Relay For Life, the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, is now forming committees for the 2010 event. Rockwall County raised more than \$100,000. For more information contact Carla Brooks at 214-762-6851.

Food Pantry needs items
Helping Hands Food Pantry currently has a shortage of items: oil, flour, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and canned goods. Items may be dropped at Helping Hands' Building A on Main Street or the Rockwall County Library food drive box on Main Street.

Library closed for Labor Day observance
Rockwall County Library will be closed for the Labor Day observance on Saturday and Monday. The facility will be open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Farmers Market open Saturday
Farmers Market in downtown Rockwall will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, offering fresh produce, toffee, salad, gourmet food mixes, roasted coffee, local honey, and herbs. The market will be open each Saturday this year. For details call 972-772-6400.

Conservatives gathering set weekly
Rockwall County Conservatives and Coffee, a grassroots organization dedicated to the belief of conservative values and the betterment of the community, meets at 10:30 a.m. each Saturday at Roast, 2435 Ridge Road, Rockwall. Conservatives of all ages are welcome.

FOL plans meeting in Baker home
Friends of the Library will meet in the home of Cara Baker at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Speaker will be Joe Blevins, author of "After the Republic." Lunch will be catered by Richard's. For \$15; reservations required by Sept. 4. Contact cplano@rockwallcounty.com or call 972-771-8976.

Girl Scout recruiting events scheduled
Rockwall County Girl Scouts have scheduled a pair of recruiting events - one set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Cain Middle School and another set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Harbor.

McLendon-Chisholm citizens have their say on proposed property tax

by Jo Anna Matejka

In a public hearing on its proposed 2009-2010 budget Tuesday night, members of the McLendon-Chisholm city council heard concerns from citizens about the budget and proposed new property tax. After economic conditions caused developers to stall their plans last year, the city had to deplete its \$113,905 reserve to balance its expense budget of \$243,855. In the coming fiscal year, with the institution of a \$.0975 percent property tax plan to balance a \$301.660 expense budget while returning \$39,482 to reserves.

"The city council worked to keep the tax rate as low as possible and at nine-and-three-quarter cents it is the lowest city tax in Rockwall county," city administrator Dave Butler said.

According to Rockwall Central Appraisal District, city tax in Fate is 21 cents, Rockwall city tax is about 49 cents, Roysse City tax is almost 50 cents and City of Heath taxes property at about 34 cents. With an average property value of \$274,000, the average city tax bill would be \$264.

Even with the lowest tax rate in the county, residents still expressed concern that the tax rate might be too high, while others questioned council members about whether the proposed rate is too low.

One resident asked how the city would maintain roads given that last year's budget was about \$18,000 and this year the council budgeted only \$6,000. Council members offered the answer that they could not.

"In regards to road maintenance, at this time we are being as frugal as we can while looking forward to development that has been discussed for several years," mayor pro tem Steve Hatfield said. "We have not heard demands for increased services. People want to maintain the lifestyle we have now."

Council member Jess Lovell characterized the budget is one the council "spent more than 120 man-hours on" addressing the concerns of the council to "be fiscally responsible" and implement taxes "to set a pace for years to come with a built-in emergency fund."

In response to another resident who questioned whether a "barebones" tax would serve the city's needs for the next three-to-five years without the council having to ask for increases each year, council member Jack Pullen answered that the council tried to stay within the parameters of what a citizens committee asked.

"This will meet our needs for the next three-to-five years," Pullen said.

In the past, the city's primary income has come from permit fees

and franchise fees which are fees paid for use of city right-of-ways. In the coming fiscal year, the city expects to add \$163,460 to its revenue budget with the property tax.

Acknowledging concerns about whether the tax rate is too low, council member Patrick Short said the council does not know exactly what the future holds and pointed out that it is unlikely that a council would ever lower taxes.

"It gets back to whether you trust the council or not," Short said. "We can't tax enough to fix the roads necessarily, I guess we could, but I don't think that's the will [of the citizens]."

Donegan characterized the budgeting process as a "balancing act."

"If you compare what we're budgeting this year, our legal and professional fees are reduced, we need less because of less development activity and are moving toward transferring some of those expenses to developers in the future," Donegan said.

City council members will meet Sept. 8 and are expected to approve both the proposed tax rate and budget.

Rockwall city tax rate remains steady in new budget year

by Judy Evans

A tough economy and the desire to not raise taxes put the City of Rockwall in a position to not offer new programs in the next year and add just one employee to the roster in the \$21.9 million budget for 2009-2010.

But despite the economy, the city's financial status remains good. Council members and city officials recently were told by Standard & Poor's that the City continued to have a strong financial position, supported by strong financial management policies in spite of the current business climate.

Moody's and Standard and Poor's review of the city's bond rating affirmed its ratings of A1 and AA- respectively.

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In the new spending plan, the city's tax rate will remain at 50.31 cents per \$100 valuation.

"There will be one new School Resource Officer for the reopened Utley Middle School," said Mary Smith, the city's Finance Director, "but there are no other new employees and no employee raises. We were extremely cautious in our projection of revenues from sales tax and construction activities."

"We managed to present a balanced budget in spite of very little new revenue dollars and increasing fixed costs such as utilities."

City Manager Julie Couch told council that sales tax revenues are estimated to remain flat in the upcoming fiscal year, and that she anticipates a reduction in overall construction in what she termed "our slowest period of residential growth in the past decade."

A public hearing on the new budget is scheduled for September 8 and it will be formally adopted at the September 21 council meeting.

In August, the City sold bonds to finance several projects that included the final phases of John King Boulevard and the design work for FM549. Also, equipment will be purchased for Fire Stations 3 and 4 that are being readied for opening - a new ladder truck and a third radio tower for the public safety radio system. Dock work at The Harbor was also funded.

The bonds were sold on a negotiated basis with an interest rate of 3.50 percent for one package and 3.63 percent for the remaining package. Also, the City was able to refinance bonds from 1999 with an interest savings of more than \$387,000.

Church to host Sept. 13 blood drive

The First Christian Church of Rockwall will host a blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Cater BloodCare mobile unit, which will be parked in the church's parking lot.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good general health and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit.

Photo IDs are required to donate, and donors should eat a low-fat meal within four hours prior to donation. Donors may give blood following allergy shots, flu shots, hepatitis A and tetanus shots.

In this area, more than 800 people per day must donate blood in order to maintain the needed blood supply.



The Fulton School cheerleaders show their school spirit before last Friday's first pep rally of the new football season. They carried the banner for the football team to run through during introductions and they wore the first ever uniforms for the school's cheer team. Two of the squad are (kneeling) Mary Jane Lenamond and (back row from left) Isabella Cerritos, Katie Burgy and Anna Borgen.
 Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Appointments are encouraged, but not required. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

To make an appointment, contact the church office at 972-771-5526 or visit carterbloodcare.org (click on Donate Blood, then Mobile Blood Drive; use ZIP code 75032 and sponsor number SPON039110).

The church is located at 3375 Ridge Road in Rockwall, 1.4 mile south of I-30.



Rockwall Newcomers Club membership chair Eddi Dagley, left, and social chair Genevieve I shown preparing for the organization's potluck picnic set for Sept. 27 at Harry Myers Park. The event will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is open to club members and their guests. Each member is bringing a covered dish; refreshments will be provided. To RSVP or for more details contact Debra at 972-722-5606.

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Spots still available for Downtown Rockwall Rib Rub event Sept. 12

Downtown Rockwall will be the site of the city's First Rib Rub & Run on Sept. 12.

The barbecue contest open to amateurs and professionals. Contest registration and information is available online at rockwall.com (click on Happening Now).

Live music will begin at 11 a.m. when the food and beer garden opens. Several downtown restaurants will offer barbecue fare, with performances by Mr. X, the Paul Harrington Band, J.D. Cob and Bad Behavior, the King Bucks and Fat Dixie.

A daylong Poker Stroll is planned, and the best poker hand will win a gift basket loaded with great prizes from downtown merchants. Visitors will be welcomed, but not door prizes will be given. For more details call 972-771-7777.

Kicking off the day will be a 5K Fun Run and registration forms available at active.com.

Host for the day is Rockwall Mayor Bethany Golden, M.P., in conjunction with the Shoppes on the Square. For more details, contact Bethany Golden, M.P., manager, at 972-772-4444.

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iddle School, Rockwall. Come find out what Girl about. For more details contact Becky Kmak at 214-442-2260 or visit gsnetx.org.

Rockwall FFA chapter meeting slated
The FFA chapter meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Fire Facility (ag mechanics classroom), 875 Riding Club. Members have opportunities to participate in livestock shows, shows and livestock judging contest. Membership is all ISD students in grades 3-12; students in grades 3-8 junior members. For more details call FFA advisers Bobby Fowler, RHS ag teachers, at 972-771-7339.

Library's Birthday Bash set
The County Library's Birthday Bash will run Sept. 8-12. Activities include scavenger hunts, storytellers and live animals with the center will be on hand to help celebrate. Story times begin weekly. For more details visit rockwall.org.

Newcomers plan first fall meeting
All Newcomers will observe the first meeting of the year beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday at Occasions at Stone 12453, Roysse City. The event will begin with a social, meeting and luncheon. For reservations or more information, call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-5569.

Seminar to focus on allergies, sinusitis
The Health Network will offer an interactive one-hour seminar and treatment options associated with sinusitis, information on allergic rhinitis, allergy shots and sublingual immunotherapy at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lake Pointe Medical Center, 6800 Scenic Drive, Rowlett (use north entrance) will be Dr. Gregory Young, board-certified otolaryngologist. For details or to register call 1-866-525-5762.

Ron Jones to give concert
Ron Jones will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Harbor beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at The Harbor, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit rockwall.org.

Knowwhat2do program scheduled
The County Emergency Management will present a Knowwhat2do program, a plan to help prepare the community for natural hazards, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the County Public Library Community Room. For more details call 972-722-6625.

Rockwall Rib Rub set Sept. 12
The Rib Rub will take place Sept. 12 on the city's downtown. The family fun-filled day will begin with cooks firing up at 6 a.m. Farmer's Market will open at 8 a.m., and there will be music and food vendors, as well as children's activities. Host for the event is Rockwall Main Street Shoppes on the Square. For cook-off applications visit rockwall.org and click on Happening Now. For more details, call Dawn Green at 972-772-6400.

RHS seniors plan fundraiser
The High School Class of 2010 will host a pancake breakfast at Harry Myer Park from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sept. 12 at Applebee's. Tickets may be purchased at the door at a cost of \$6 per person. Contact Dawn Green at 972-722-6984 for more details.

NAMI Support Groups to meet
NAMI Support Groups - one for individuals with mental illness and another for their families in Room 123, B Building, will run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Call Hal or Dawn Green at 972-412-6030 for more details.

Hawaiian End-of-Summer Dance set
The Parks & Rec Department will host a Hawaiian End-of-Summer Dance from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 12 at The Center. All are welcome, but not required. Light refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be given away and a mini-lesson of hula will be given. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Rowlett book club to meet
The Rowlett Book Club, which meets the third Tuesday of each month from September to May, will meet at 10 a.m. Sept. 15 at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 7301 Miller Road. Coffee will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Library to host Game Night
The County Library will host a Game Night for teens in Room 123 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15. Free pizza will be served and prizes will round out the evening.

Rockwall Republican women to meet
The County Republican Women will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Williams Realty, 2951 Ridge Road, Suite 101 in the Rockwall Shopping Center. State Rep. Jodie Laubenberg will be the guest speaker. The session will be free; donations to the scholarship fund will be appreciated. Light refreshments will be served. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Museum hosts dinner, story-telling event
The Robison Historical Museum, 124 S. Arch, in Roysse City will host a dinner and story-telling event at 7 p.m. Sept. 15. The dinner will cost \$8 for adults, \$6 for children. Door prizes will be given away, as will a prize for the individual who can separate the fiction delivered in the stories told. Spots should be reserved by Sept. 15 by calling 972-816-9626 or 972-635-7438.

Teen Writers Group to meet Sept. 16
The Teen Writers Group will meet from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at the County Library. The group serves teens in grades 6-12 and participants are encouraged to bring samples of their writing.

Texas Gypsies is featured band
The Texas Gypsies will perform at the free City of Rockwall Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For details visit rockwall.org.

Rowlett Quilters plan anniversary event
The Rowlett Quilters Guild will host a 10th anniversary celebration from 11 a.m. to noon on Sept. 19 at the First United Methodist Church, 7301 Miller Road. Refreshments, photo albums, a show-and-tell projects, Quilt Bingo and fellowship with friends and present are planned. For information call Carol Green at 972-771-5195, Joanne Kamper at 972-270-3526 or Tina Green at 972-475-0151.

RARTA meeting set Sept. 21
The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association meeting for members will begin at 1:15 p.m. on Sept. 21 in the RISD Ad Building, 600 District X legislative chairwoman Sue Passmore will be the guest speaker. The meeting is part of the program, "Update and Status of Legislative Issues for Retired Teachers Association." All retired school employees are invited. For details call Becky Cecil, 972-771-3362.

Williams MS cheerleaders receive Superior rating



The 2009-2010 Williams Middle School cheerleaders are (top row left to right) Mikayla Burns, Molly Phillips, Katie White, Abbie Dickson, Aubrey Baker and Cathleen Conrad, (middle row left to right) Mascot Kourtney Low, Erica Kuntz, Sammie Crawford, Olivia Prescott and Hailee Shove, (bottom row left to right) Riley Kelley, Nia Cruz, Marci Reynolds, Megan Inglis, Hunter Blackwell and Taylor Allen.

Photo Courtesy of Claudia Kuntz/Rockwall County News

The Williams Middle School cheerleaders spent their summer preparing for the upcoming football season by attending the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) Camp, which was conducted on the Williams MS campus Aug. 10-12.

After three intense days of work, they were awarded four Superior ratings and four Award of Excellence Ribbons. Several girls were named All American Cheerleaders by the NCA staff.

The girls will cheer at 8th grade home football and basketball games. They also perform at pep rallies and make spirit posters for games and events.

In addition to cheering for the home team, the girls participate in community service activities. In the past they have had a philanthropic project around Christmas. The girls are always willing to jump in where they are asked at the school, whether it is assisting with schedule pick up or showing a new student around.

They will also participate in the annual Cabaret Show that is produced by the Rockwall High School cheerleaders. This year's show will be Sept. 19 and 20.

The Williams cheer sponsor is Barbara Dickinson.

Rockwall ISD hosts campus Open House

Beginning at the end of August and continuing through September, Rockwall ISD campuses will be hosting open houses for district families. Please see the schedule below for specific dates and times. If your school is not listed here, the Open House was held earlier this week. The information can also be found on the district's website at www.rockwallisd.org.

Amanda Rochell Elementary
Pre-kindergarten through 6th grade
Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Celia Hays Elementary
Pre-kindergarten through 6th grade
Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary
Kindergarten through 3rd grade
Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dorris A. Jones Elementary
Pre-kindergarten through 6th grade
Thursday, Sept. 10 from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Howard Dobbs Elementary
Kindergarten through 6th grade
Thursday, Sept. 10 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sharon Shannon Elem
Pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade
Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Virginia Reinhardt Elem
Kindergarten through 2nd grade
Thursday, Sept. 10 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Rockwall High School
Monday, Sept. 28 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Rockwall-Heath High School
Monday, Sept. 28 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Nebbie Williams Elementary
Kindergarten through 3rd grade
Thursday, Sept. 10
Two sessions: 6 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

4th through 6th grade
Thursday, Sept. 10
Two sessions: 6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Sharon Shannon Elem
Pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade
Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Virginia Reinhardt Elem
Kindergarten through 2nd grade
Thursday, Sept. 10 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Rockwall High School
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Rockwall-Heath High School
Monday, Sept. 28 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Rockwall Quest Academy
Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

District-wide College Night
will be held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at Rockwall High School.



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Aspasians Fall Art Fair on tap for Sept. 19

One of the most anticipated Rockwall traditions is fast approaching - the 34th Annual Aspasians Fall Art Fair. The arts and crafts fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the historic downtown Rockwall Square.

All funds raised from the fair are used to provide scholarships to Rockwall-area college students. Shoppers from throughout North Texas come to Rockwall for the fair. A wide array of merchandise will be showcased.

Space is still available for merchandise booths and food court vendors. For more information to rent a booth or become an event sponsor, call 214-712-0212 or visit www.aspasians.com.

Organizers said despite ongoing street construction and the recent re-routing of SH 205 away from the Square, parking will still be available to fair-goers to the east, north and south of the Square, but will be accessed from different routes this year. More information on parking and accessibility will be coming as the event nears.

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Heritage Christian Learning Lab offers new option for student suc

Parents have the option of where their children will be educated. Heritage Christian Academy is proud to open up another option for students who they have not been able to previously serve.

Before the school year 2009/10, HCA students with special needs were sent to each classroom expected to learn and glean knowledge using the same methods as their classmates. Because of the dedication of HCA faculty and families to meet the individualized needs of each student, it became evident that a new program was needed at Heritage.

Summer of 2009, the Learning Lab at HCA was born and a qualified teacher was hired to create and run the lab. Anne DeBenny, the learning lab director, graduated from Bloomsbury University with a degree in Special Edu-

cation and a certification ranging from kindergarten all the way to 12th grade. She comes from the state of Pennsylvania where she co-directs a camp for kids with special needs. She moved to Texas just this year after a ten-year career teaching in Pequea Valley School District.

Anne DeBenny has used her education and extensive experience to create the Heritage Christian Learning Lab to be perfect for what each student needs. "I want kids to realize that they can be successful with just a little support," says DeBenny. The Learning Lab will serve students with a wide variety of learning differences. DeBenny will allow students to take tests without time limits; act as a liaison between teachers, students, and parents to formulate the best accommodations for

students; and provide a place to fit the individual needs of HCA students. DeBenny ensures that "The Learning Lab will be very individualized." The program mostly includes middle school and high school but will also accommodate elementary students as needed.

The knowledge and experience of Ms. DeBenny will allow for a program that provides the quality of public or specialty schools with the atmosphere of family provided by a private school. "Not only do I want to instill skills for them that will help them in the real world, I want to provide a good Christian environment where they can find encouragement," says DeBenny. At a school where excellence is the goal, this new Learning Lab hits the bull's eye on the target.



Heritage Christian Academy students take advantage of the school's new Learning Lab, where students who learn differently new options for success in the classroom. Photo Courtesy of Kendra Taylor/Rockwall County News



The Cain Middle School cheerleaders brushed up on their skills and learned new cheers, chants and stunts this summer with the help of the Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders to prepare for the coming sports seasons. The 2009-2010 Cain cheerleaders are (front row) Niki Swiercinsky and Emily Andreason, (second row) Connor Choate and Victoria Lack (third row) Payton McMahon, Kirsten Fendley, Kendall Howie, Sydney Mike-Mayer, Shelby Bruning, Taryn Harding, Maxine Okwah and Savanna Jett, (fourth row) Cheyenne Jett, Annabelle Baker, Anna VanAmburgh, Mackenzie Woessner, Caitlin Hudecek, Kami Robinson, Haley Davis, Jennifer Herrera, Christine Loring and Hannah Shows, (fifth row) Katy Ray, Rebecca Eddy, Lauren Hartnett, Paige Richerson, Tara Woessner, Cayley Lott, Brooklyn Jones, Hallie O'Connor, Sarabeth Beauchamp, Kaleigh Loeffler, Molly Wilson, Lindsay White, Meagan Delozier and Alyssa Mackenize. Not pictured is Gabby Merritt.

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Shown with Rockwall-Heath Hawks cheerleaders (back row from left) Kaylea Wisner, Lindsey Salinas, Brittany Wenger, Kayla Hall, Amanda Zabolotny and Jordyn Leeuw, are members of the 1A HHCA cheer group, which donated the most food for Helping Hands during the HHCA-Heath Hawks Cheer Association Youth Cheerleaders camp. The RHHS cheerleaders and Helping Hands say "Good Job" and "Thank You!"

Photo Courtesy of Krissy Edwards/Rockwall County News

Rockwall-Heath HS Cheerleaders sponsor summer youth camps

The Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders had a busy August assisting with four youth camps. The first camp was the first-ever Utey Middle School Cheer Camp, which was held at Springer Elementary. The Rockwall-Heath Cheerleaders joined forces with the Rockwall High School cheerleaders assisting the new Utey Wolves cheerleaders with cheers, chants, stunts and a dance.

The second camp was the Cain Middle School 7th Grade Cheer Team Camp held at Cain. The new cheerleaders learned cheers, chants and stunts for the upcoming season.

The final camps were the General Skills Camp, which was open to the general public for ages 5-12 to learn age appropriate cheers,

chants and stunts, and the weeklong HHCA-Heath Hawks Cheer Association Youth Cheerleaders Camp at Amy Parks Elementary. They too learned age appropriate cheers, chants, stunts and a dance.

On the final day of camp, a show-off was held at Rockwall-Heath High School for family and friends.

During the HHCA Camp, a canned food drive was held for Helping Hands. The HHCA 1A cheerleaders donated the most cans. The Rockwall-Heath Cheerleaders Booster Spirit Chair Penny Hartnett delivered the cans to Helping Hands.

The camps were a great opportunity for the Rockwall-Heath Cheerleaders to share RHHS spirit with the Rockwall Heath community.

Youth softball clinic to help Burkett towards Gold Award

Shannon Burkett, a senior at Rockwall-Heath High School, member of the Lady Hawks softball team, is conducting skills clinics to complete her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The clinics are designed for girls ages 10 to 12 or 4th grade. The clinics will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, September 26 at the Heath City Softball Field behind A elementary School. Check-in will be at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$10.

Participants will improve skills, make new friends and meet special coaches and skilled players. Players should bring their own bats and a sack lunch. Catchers should bring their gear.

Camp organizers will provide water, snacks, helmets and equipment as needed.

Parents must fill out a permission form and are encouraged to attend and watch. An appropriate adult/child ratio will be maintained.

To attend either day, RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 16. Contact Shannon Burkett at 214-695-6963 or sburkett@classicnet.net.

Come out and be a part of something fun and help Shannon Burkett earn her Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest award given by the Girl Scouts after a candidate has completed certain requirements given many years of service to her troop, family and community.

Horan earns scholarship to pursue doctorate

Anne P. Horan, administrator and founder of Poetry Christian School near Rockwall, recently was awarded an Excellence in Education Scholarship to pursue her Ph.D. in Education at Walden University's Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership.

Riley, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, founded the scholarship in memory of his wife, Ann "Tutu" Riley, a teacher who was passionate about the quality of education for children. Riley selected Horan to receive the scholarship for her "passion for teaching and the impact she is making in her school and in the community," according to a news release. Horan holds a bachelor's degree in English from Drury University, a Master of Science in rehabilitation counseling psychology from the University of Texas Southwestern Graduate School of Education and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas.

"I am quite honored to receive this award," she said. "The scholarship will enable me to pursue a comprehensive course of study to elevate our school's LINK Lab, a program for students with learning differences, to a new level of effectiveness."

Library anniversary to be feted with week of celebration

The Rockwall County Library is planning to celebrate its 50th anniversary in September with a week of fun activities for all ages. The celebration will take place Tuesday, September 8 through Sunday, September 12, 2009.

Children ages two through 12 can register that week for a chance to win a cuddly Fatchound stuffed dog, along with a bag of books. A drawing will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. You must be present to win.

While the library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, for the rest of the week will be jammed packed with activities and surprises to celebrate the library's first birthday in its new home.

The activities planned so far are: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.: Our dear friend and popular author Sandy Shroud is back—this time with the story of "How the Fire Got His Fire." For good listeners ages four and up.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m.: The Creature Teacher brings a new book to read. For good listeners ages three and up.

Thursday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.: Stories with Head Children's Doreen Miller about libraries, followed by a scavenger hunt for children under the age of seven will need adult assistance.

Friday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m.: Massai Maggie will be here with "Wild about Reading." This 45-minute show of stories, puppets and surprises is fun for good listeners ages three and up.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2 p.m.: Local storyteller Leslie Bui will share a lightful story of the pleasures of summer, friends, and fun. After the story, join us as we say good-bye to summer with a special treat. The library staff invites patrons to bring the whole family to this memorable event.

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"

Two local girls making their marks on stage in community productions

Prothro of Heath, who performed a Character song and dance "I Want It Now" from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, received Outstanding Performance of the Day at the recent Southwest Teachers Association of Performing Arts State Competition. She accumulated the most points to win All Around Dancer in the Girls Division. Prothro studies dance at Rockwall-based CK Studio.

Violet this summer in "Willy Wonka" at Garland's Playhouse.

Whittington, a junior at Heritage Christian Academy (HCA), performed a jazz dance which helped her win All-Around Dancer, and accumulated for other dance forms in the same competition in the Girls Division.

Whittington sang, did modern dance, pointe, tap and jazz in the summer Musicals production of "Mame."

Whittington will perform at St. Anthony's Fall Fest in Wylie on Saturday and the city of Murphy Maize Days Saturday, Sept. 26, at 10 a.m.

Whittington will also sing at Rockwall's Rib Rub Roast Festival in Rockwall Saturday, Sept. 12.

Whittington is a seventh grade cheerleader at Utley Middle School in Rockwall. Her parents are Lance and Rhonda Prothro and grandparent Norman Prothro, all of Heath.

Whittington played Amy in the Heritage Christian School production of "Little Women" last spring. She is the daughter of Lee and Vid Whittington. A past All-Around State and Southwest State Dancer, Twirling and Gymnastics, she has danced at CK Studio and partner studio, CK Studios, since she was 18-months old.

Whittington is a member of Rockwall's CK Dance Twirl Gymnastics Karate and Music Studio, where both girls attended summer camp in July.

For more information on CK Dance or Calico Kids, visit calicokids.net at 475-5552 or 214-924-1839. CK Studio's sister studio, CK in Garland, offers Academics & Performing Arts Programs 2 1/2 to 5.

Information courtesy of Jeannie Strain of Calico Kids & CK Studio.



Christina Prothro performed a Character song and dance, "I Want It All," from Willie Wonka to receive Outstanding Performance of the Day at the Southwest Teachers Association of Performing Arts State Competition. She also won All-Around Dancer in the Jr. Girls Division.

Photo Courtesy of Jeannie Strain/Rockwall County News



Lana Whittington was recently named All-Around dancer in the Sr. Girls Division of the Southwest Teachers Association of Performing Arts State Competition. She attends Heritage Christian Academy.

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 The American Academy of Physician Assistants defines a Physician Assistant, PA, as a health care professional who is licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs provide patients with services ranging from primary care medicine to specialized surgical care. PAs are often the first health care provider to examine patients. They perform a variety of tasks including collecting patient histories, performing physical examinations and ordering preliminary laboratory tests.

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Rockwall High School Stingerettes drill team hosted a summer camp for local girls the July 21-24. During camp week, the Stingerettes and dance clinic girls collected "Kids Fanned goods for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. More than 200 boxes/cans of food donated to the summer dance clinic. At camp, the girls learned dance routines instructed by Stingerette

Officers and participated in an end-of-camp performance for their parents. All girls who attended this years' dance clinic were invited to join the Stingerettes in their pre-game Spirit Line at the Yellowjackets' first home game, Friday, Sept. 4, at the newly-renovated Wilkerson Sanders Stadium. Photo Courtesy of Claire Shippy/Rockwall County News

Michael Robertson Earns UNT Ph.D.

Rockwall resident Michael James Robertson recently received his Ph.D. in information science from the University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton, and a private reception was conducted Aug. 15 at a downtown square in Denton.



The reception was hosted by Roxanne Monoochehri of Fort Worth.

Robertson's commencement and hooding ceremonies were conducted on Aug. 14 in the Murchison Performing Arts Center on the UNT campus.

Robertson is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society for all academic disciplines, and Beta Phi Mu, the honor society for International Library and Information Studies.

Robertson also received his bachelor's degree in English from UNT.

After completing his master's in information science with a focus on information science from UNT, at the university, he worked at Willis Library for four years, and research assistance for Dr. Don Cleveland and Dr. Robertson for four years and was co-instructor in the Department of Information Sciences. He has had three research articles as well as two conference presentations.

Robertson is a member of the American Library Association, American Association for Information Science and Technology, Association for Computing Machinery and the Texas Library Association.

After graduating from Rockwall High, he moved to the community in Rockwall. He attended Southern Methodist University for his undergraduate degree, then transferred to UNT.

Robertson is the son of Bobby and Virginia Robertson of Rockwall.

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, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

Readiness Initiative Seeks Volunteers

We are actively seeking suggestions from our volunteer partners regarding training, activity and recruitment for our Rockwall County Cities Readiness Initiative program.

According to health authorities, public awareness is paramount in reducing the spread of disease. This holds especially true until the proper vaccinations are readily available for public use.

The functional point of dispensing site exercise in March presented an opportunity to improve our procedures and knowledge through volunteer suggestions. Many of the suggestions were readily incorporated and implemented.

Below are just a few of choices for ongoing volunteer training and involvement:

- Scheduled presentations focused upon particular public health-related issues
- Individual infectious disease overviews – online, e-mail, presentations
- Guest speakers on subject
- Volunteer community involvement: brochure distribution, public awareness, volunteer recruitment
- Suggestions

Once again, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support of this important program for our communities. As always, please feel free in contacting me anytime if you have questions or concerns – suggestions.

Stay healthy.
Dave Schwartz, DPM, RPH, Volunteer & Training Coordinator
Rockwall Sheriff's Office, Cities Readiness Initiative, Rockwall County

Is it the flu ... or the vaccine to fear?

Swine flu? Is the virus something to be concerned about? Or is it the vaccine we should be concerned about?

I suggest that anyone who is convinced they should follow the government and pharmaceutical companies' program and line up for their doses of who-knows-what do a little research first. Please don't endanger yourself or your family without making an informed decision.

Check out the list of ingredients in the vaccine. Ask yourself why the vaccine makers have total immunity thanks to our federal government. They will not be held responsible for any deaths or damages from the vaccines.

Check out the swine flu scare and hoax of the 1970s. You can search for the "60 Minutes" program that covered it.

Check out "Swine Flu Exposed," a book by Eleanora I. McBean, Ph.D., N.D., 1977, Aug. 29, ABC News article "Doctors Question WHO's Severe Swine Flu Warning," doctors inside and outside the government are starting to question overblown warnings.

Check out the real numbers. More people die from the regular seasonal flu. Is the new swine flu as dangerous as they are saying it is? Some contend the vaccine is the real danger.

Check out the lawsuits brought against Baxter for vaccines contaminated with live Avian flu virus (sent to Europe last spring).

Check out how quickly the vaccine was ready, before or after the outbreak. Has the testing begun yet?

Ask who stands to gain from this hysteria. Who will rake in big bucks? Whose health will be compromised (the weakest of us)?

Ask why all the hysteria. Why all the propaganda? Why tell us it's so dangerous and deadly when only a handful have actually died from it? More people die from TB each year. Why tell us the vaccine will be mandatory and we have no right to self-quarantine?

Do we live in the United States of America or do we live in the former Soviet Union or Nazi Germany? Ask local officials if they will carry out orders to force vaccinate or incarcerate those who refuse to be vaccinated.

Find the answers to these questions and tell everyone you know what your research uncovers. Life (health), liberty (health care choices) and property (I own my own body).

Debbie McKee, Campbell

Love the Lord your God

Doctor of the soul Jesus Christ says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And, love your neighbors as yourselves." Like any great physician, Jesus writes prescriptions for the people he treats, and these are the doctor's orders.

For any person whose faith is rooted in a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, we are called to live our whole lives (including our lives as American citizens) according to the teaching and example of Jesus. If so, seems this much is true: The commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves implies that Christians should at least consider whether Christ recommends that we value our neighbors' health care as much as we value our own.

Whether or not we decide he does, Christians of all theological and political stripes must start first with The Great Physician's Great Commandment rather than with political ideologies and television talking heads right or left. After all, to claim to care about God, fam-

ily, and country and yet be influenced more by Bill O'Reilly and Keith Olbermann than Jesus and the four Gospels is a case of good old-fashioned idolatry. MSNBC and FOX News are sorry substitutes for the Good News.

Admittedly, Scripture does not outline specific public policies around the provision of health care. However, a big part of Jesus' ministry was spent healing sick people—a sure sign that what Jesus called "the kingdom of God" was coming near. He healed the lame and the lepers. He healed blind people so that they could see with both their eyes and their eyes of faith. He healed broken lives and broken hearts and in the process broke barriers that divided people.

As the debate carries on among people who are divided, Jesus' diagnosis of our dialogue about health care reform may indicate that our rhetoric is just as sick as some of the millions of American families who suffer illnesses but can't afford medical treatment. If you've watched some of these town-hall tirades (complete with mock tombstones and US Congressmen being hung in effigy), you are a witness to the unhealthy ways Americans are talking about health care reform.

To listen to some of the loudest voices on both sides of the debate, if you oppose comprehensive health care reform, for instance, you must be bigoted and racist. Or on the other hand, if you support comprehensive health care reform, you must be a Nazi.

Such trash talk is wildly inappropriate. Even more importantly for Christians, the spirit, quality and character of Christ is glaringly absent.

No matter what you believe about the issue of health care reform in all of its political complexity and policy specifics, Christians of diverse voices and viewpoints ought to agree that these labels are not only "spiteful," they are downright evil. Jesus followers need to have the courage to say so.

Now is the time to take a stand for civility and integrity in the health care debate, especially with those with whom we may disagree. Christians at this strategic moment in American society need to seek the truth in all things by following the orders of Dr. Jesus Christ: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And, love your neighbors as yourselves.

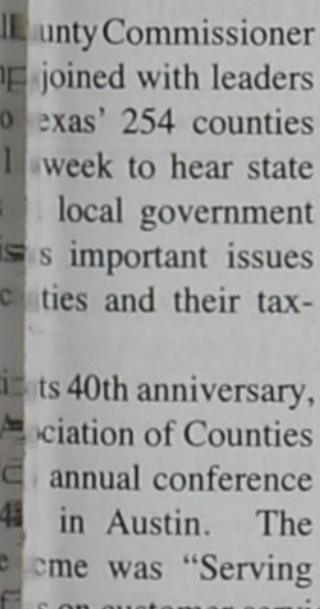
Guiding questions might include: What does it look like for me to love my neighbor as myself through this health care reform conversation? How should my faith inform not only the content of health care reform but how should it shape the very way I even talk about it? What am I doing to reflect the quality and character of Christ as citizens struggle to make sense of doing what is morally right and politically responsible?

Doing what is morally right is hardly ever politically expedient. But what the world needs now is a genuinely open-minded conversation about both the promises and pitfalls of significant health care reform and their moral consequences. Reasonable Christians who care about what The Great Physician has to say about sick people and the ways we should take care of them need to model the sort of listening and dialogue necessary for a civil public discourse. Christians must be catalysts to help all citizens commit themselves to a national debate that seeks common ground for the common good for the common person.

Preacher and ethicist William Sloane Coffin once said, "There is more mercy in God than there is in us." True enough. But every once in a while, wouldn't it be nice if God's mercy would rub off on all of us?

Rev. Andrew Daugherty, Rockwall

Commissioner Jerry Wimpee attends TAC Conference in Austin



Rockwall County Commissioner Jerry Wimpee joined with leaders from 254 counties across Texas last week to hear state and local government officials discuss important issues and their tax-implications.

At the 40th anniversary, annual conference of the Association of Counties in Austin. The theme was "Serving the customer service in Texas counties."

During the session, officials heard nationally recognized economists discuss the importance of public officials' having a vision of future trends and events in order to make long-term economic decisions for their governments and taxpayers, and the current economy.

Rep. Oliveira of Brownsville, chairman of the powerful House and Means Committee, was honored as Legislator of the Year for his strong leadership skills and his willingness to take on tough issues. Sen. Royce West of Dallas, chairman of Senate Governmental Relations, and Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston, House County Affairs, were honored as Champions of Government for their work during the 81st Session on counties.

The conference was a great learning experience to prepare for new challenges that will be passed," Commissioner Wimpee said. "The conference offered practical information regarding legislation that affects us and our taxpayers, who must too often shoulder the burden of mandated that flow from the state to local gov-

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The Fate City Council will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W. E. Crawford, Fate, Texas, 75132, to consider the proposed City budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$103,718. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of that amount, \$90,843 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Fate residents may attend this public meeting and may participate in the public hearing. The proposed budget is available for inspection by any resident at the City Hall, 105 E. Fate Main Place.

Jean Dwinell, TRMC, CMC
Interim City Secretary

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Royse City Independent School District will hold a

Public Meeting – Hearing

At 7:00 PM, September 14, 2009

District's regularly scheduled monthly board meeting

Ernest Epps Education Service Center - Boardroom

810 Old Greenville Road, Royse City, Texas

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be public presentation and discussion of the District's FIRST rating (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas), on the State's Financial Accountability System

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Request For Qualifications (RFQ) should be addressed to the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC), ATTN: Sheri Franza, President and CEO, and sent to the REDC offices, 697 East Interstate 30, Rockwall, Texas 75087 by Friday, September 11, 2009 for the independent contractor position who will be responsible for the coordination of overall maintenance in the Rockwall Technology Park, as well as a liaison between the REDC and the businesses located in the Park. All submitted RFQs will be retained on file. The RFQs will be reviewed by the REDC Board and Committees. The position is expected to be filled by the end of September 2009. General Liability insurance is required. The REDC reserves the right to reject any or all RFQs received, waive formalities, revise and re-advertise the RFQ and consider the most advantageous RFQs for REDC purposes. A description of the responsibilities can be obtained without charge at the REDC offices, 697 East Interstate 30, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The REDC phone number is 972-772-0025.

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The project includes: Furnish and install new traffic signal (including opti-com furnished and installed and wired by contractor), conduit, wiring, electrical panel, initial programming, etc. in place and with other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- Market Center Drive Traffic Signal.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is 30 Calendar Days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined and obtained at the Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone number 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), at a non-refundable cost of \$10.00, beginning September 15, 2009. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the City and are listed on the City's List Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO DISCUSS
ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT'S
School Financial Accountability Rating**

**Rockwall Independent School District will hold
a public meeting
at 7:30 p.m., September 21, 2009
in Room 600
RISD Administration/Education Center
1050 Williams Street
Rockwall, Texas**

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss
Rockwall Independent School District's
rating on the state's financial accountability
system (FIRST).**

Rockwall County Sports

Rebuilt Hawks will take to the road to square off against Sherman in rematch from 2008

Gillen
 jerseys of both teams will look familiar to those in attendance inside the uniforms will be hard to tell without, well, when Rockwall-Heath opens the non-district portion of its season against Sherman tonight.

Rockwall-Heath is on going away last year, rolling out to a 43-14 lead before losing the last quarter on the way to a 43-27 win, the first of 13 victories to open the season.

Defending District 10-4 champion, will have to face the Lady Hawks' two top rushers and its starting quarterback on offense. All three starting linebackers and two of three deep backs of whom were part of a graduating class of 37.

Rockwall-Heath has a good foundation up front, though, as they return an offensive line, headed by All-State center Austin Woods, and a defensive front, led by All-District David Tanner, who has 11 sacks.

"A lot of new starters in key positions," said second-year coach Moss. "But we feel very strong about our offensive line. We're going to be facing a blitzing defense that will be coming from

every direction."

The Bearcats opened their season with a 43-27 loss to a strong Lake Dallas team, which is good and bad for Heath's purposes, according to Moss.

"The positive is that we got to see them play, so we can figure out what they do" Moss said. "The negative is they got to play a whole game: offense, defense, special teams. We haven't done that."

Sherman too, lost many key players from their 8-3 team from last year, but does return starting quarterback Madison Carter who completed 14-of-25 passes for 122 yards. He was sacked four times, however, and six of his completions were for no gain or negative yards.

The Bearcats also have a new coach, Gary Joe Kinne, a former North Mesquite and Baylor linebacker who spent last year coaching West Clovis, CA to a 10-3 record.

Kinne was in the national news in April of 2005 after he was shot in the stomach by an irate parent while coaching at Canton, TX.

Despite the assault, he missed just one game the next season. His assailant was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Taking up the offensive slack for the Hawks, who lost 4,500 rushing and receiving yards as well as over 500 points with the departure of the class of 2009, will be running backs Dorian Lawry and Jesse Irokwe.

Stepping in at quarterback will be senior Kevin Rogers.

After playing well in a controlled scrimmage against talent laden 5A Skyline in their final preseason action Aug. 28, Moss thinks the Hawks are on the right track.

"Right now, I think we have a chance to be pretty good," Moss said.

Who: Heath vs. Sherman

When: Sept. 4, 7:30

Where: Sherman High School

Records: Heath 0-0, Sherman 0-1

Last meeting: Heath won 43-27 in 2008

Injuries: none reported

Lady Hawks down Lady Bulldogs again in rematch for third and fourth in RC tournament

Gillen
 Rockwall-Heath and Roysie City volleyball teams creep closer in the RC tournament, which begins Sept. 11, they both continue to improve. The Lady Bulldogs went 1-2 and finished fourth in their own tournament a week after ending up 14th at the Lewisville ISD tournament.

The Lady Hawks, meanwhile, wound up 3-1 to take third at the same tournament after they finished 13th at Lewisville.

Something else the two teams, who will play each other twice in the RC tournament, continue to do, is play each other in their final match.

"You don't want to play them (a district match) because you don't know what happens," said first-year RC coach Robyn Hill, who will coach the 16-team event. "I guess it's the luck of the draw. Or the draw, I guess."

Rockwall-Heath won the match last week in a row, sweeping the Lady Bulldogs 2-5, 25-14, 25-17 to drop RC to 5-8 for the year.

Rockwall-Heath's loss to Heath (15-9), Hill sees improvement from her in-state team, which has just two seniors as well as two freshmen.

"We're slowly getting there," Hill said. "We are slowly getting to the point where we can work hard for everything we do."

Heath, which beat Grandview and Whitesboro before losing to Paris to drop into the consolation bracket, went on a 16-6 run to break away from a 9-9 tie to end the first game.

The Lady Bulldogs quickly fell behind 11-2 in the second game and got no closer than five points the remainder of the game. In the third contest, RC led 10-9 before senior Courtney Murphy delivered 10 consecutive service points as Heath scored 11 straight points to take a 19-10 advantage they never surrendered.

For Roysie City, which used a bye and a win over Community to get to the semifinals where they lost to Van Alstyne, once they trailed 2-0 in games and needed three straight wins in the best-of-five format their attention changed a little.

"I just think at that point, you have to not focus on the score so much, as on playing hard," said Hill. "I told them good things happen when you do the little things right."

Heath plays McKinney tonight on the road while RC hosted Dallas Christian Sept. 1 and also plays tonight, traveling to Mesquite Horn.

Two teams open district action a week from tonight, something Hill said her squad is not quite ready for.

"We're not ready for it now, but in a couple weeks we will be ready for it," Hill said.

Lady Hawk cross country opens season by winning the Friday Night Lights Invitational meet

Rockwall-Heath's girls cross country team opened the 2009 season in fashion, as they won the Friday Night Lights Invitational meet hosted by Rockwall High School Aug. 28. The Lady Hawks' fourth-place finish earned them four points to runnerup Rockwall's 62.

Rockwall-Heath's top 15 finishers, the girls' cross country team, were: Megan Krum, which finished with 80 points.

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Sports Notes

Hunters' ed course slated

A hunters' education course will be offered for individuals ages 12 and older from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Myers Community Center. Instruction in Texas hunting regulations, ethics, firearm and hunting safety and other topics will be covered. Cost for this Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored program will be \$15 for Rockwall residents, \$23 for non-residents.

Fly fishing course scheduled

A class in fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12 at Harry Myers Park. Participants will learn how to cast with a fly rod, learn basic knots and discuss the different types of flies and where they might be used. Instructed by members of the Dallas Fly Fishing Club, the class is sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Children ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Punt, Pass & Kick competition planned

The local Punt, Pass & Kick competition will begin at 2 p.m. Sept. 13 at Wisdom Field at Dobbs. Participation will be free; girls and boys compete separately in age divisions 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. Sectional champs may advance to the team competition at a Dallas Cowboys half-time. Each participant must bring a copy of his/her birth certificate; only soft-soled sneakers will be allowed, no cleats. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Hot Shot contest set Sept. 26

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department will host a Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest beginning at 9 a.m. Sept. 26 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center gym. The event will be open to individuals ages 8 and older; cost will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-residents.

RHHS seniors to host golf tourney

The Class of 2010 of Rockwall-Heath High will host a Senior Pride Golf Tournament and Silent Auction/Dinner on Sept. 26 at Buffalo Creek Golf Club. The tourney will open with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., followed by the dinner and auction at the Buffalo Creek Pavilion. For more information or dinner reservations, contact Don Allen at dka-com@aol.com. Contact Dolly DeLaGarza at dollydlg@sbcglobal.net to donate an item for the silent auction.

Shores Golf Course plans public meeting

The Rockwall City Council will host a Shores Golf Course public forum at 6 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Myers Park Community Building, 815 E. Washington St. Council members will hear public input and residents are encouraged to attend and make suggestions about the golf course.

Wacky Obstacle Challenge set Oct. 10

Grace Hartman Elementary will host a Wild About Hartman Wacky Obstacle Challenge beginning at 8 a.m. Oct. 10 at Harry Myers Park. Participants ages 5 and older will slip, slide, crawl and bop their way through fun and challenging obstacles such as the '50s Slip and Slide, the Body Bopper and the Hot Dog Homerun. To sign up or donate, visit active.com and select 'Wild About Hartman Wacky Obstacle Challenge.' All proceeds will benefit the school.

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The City Council of the City of Fate, Texas conducted public hearings on August 31 and Sept. 8, 2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Fate, Texas from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 1.6 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$2144 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$785,369.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$2144 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$798,244.

(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current total value and new property value.)

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$2144 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$889,087.

(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value.)

The Fate City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Fate Community Center, 104 South WE Crawford (location of meeting, including mailing address) at 7:00 P.M. (time of meeting)

Rockwall County Sports

Royse City Bulldogs looking for answers as they travel to Atlanta for season opener tonight

by Matt McGillen

When Royse City takes the field for its season opener at Atlanta tonight, some of the questions about just what kind of team the Bulldogs will roll out in 2009 could be answered.

But just as many others probably won't be, as RC works out the kinks in a mostly new lineup of key players. Either way, second-year head coach Greg Strahm says his team can't wait for that first whistle.

"We're extremely excited to get the season started and in what we hope to be a very positive outcome for our team," said Strahm, who led the Bulldogs to a 7-4 record and a trip to the post season last year. "But we know that there is some adversity that goes along with every season."

The biggest question, of course, will be who will be under center taking the place of former All-State QB Richard Morrison.

At this point it has boiled down to a two-man race between junior Dyllan Duncan and sophomore Taylor Corbin, with both getting pretty equal reps in practice.

"I wish I could say yes, one has the advantage over the other," said Strahm. "But in the great scheme of things, until one of them steps up or the other doesn't do was well, we're going to go with a two-man approach."

One key cog in the offense that is certain will be the return of senior utility back Ryan Fedric. Fedric rushed for 512 yards and hauled in 21 passes for 292 more while scoring a total of eight touchdowns.

"Ryan is definitely a play maker for us and we are thinking of ways to get him the ball," Strahm said.

As far as Atlanta, the Bulldogs handled them last season pretty easily, winning 35-7. And, the Rabbits, who struggled to a 2-7 record in 2008, are already 0-1, having fallen to defending 2A state champion Dainergfield 21-14 in their opener.

Still, said Strahm, Atlanta will be a challenge for his team.

"They are a force to be reckoned with," said Strahm. "They won the state championship in 2003 and lost 21-14 to the team that is picked to repeat as state champion. I don't care what the classification; a state champion is a state champion."

Who: Royse City vs. Atlanta

When: Sept. 4, 7:30

Where: Atlanta High School

Records: RC 0-0, Atlanta 0-1

Last meeting: RC won 35-7 2008

Returning player highlights: RC - Ryan Fedric rushed for 84 yards on eight carries and caught two passes for 38.

Injuries: none reported

Rosehill running routs HCA 56-6 in opener

by Lary Bump

Chase Oliver ran over a young Heritage Christian Academy defense for 334 yards in 22 carries Saturday to lead Tomball Rosehill Christian School to a 56-6 victory.

The senior running back scored six of the Tomball team's nine touchdowns. Rosehill's offense produced 419 yards before the game was halted in the fourth quarter because of TAPPS 6-Man Division I's 45-point mercy rule.

The home team raced to a 26-6 lead after one quarter. Oliver scored the first two touchdowns on runs of 8 and 63 yards.

HCA pulled within 12-6 when freshman quarterback Nathan Mateer threw a 28-yard scoring pass to his junior brother, Aaron Mateer. Aaron's conversion kick missed.

Before the quarter ended, Rosehill's Justin Nelson ran 7 yards for a TD and Oliver went 38 yards for a score. Robby Cooper's two-point conversion kick made it 26-6.

The lead grew to 38-6 by halftime. In the second quarter, Oliver scored his fourth touchdown on a 9-yard run, and Nelson threw a 16-yard TD pass to Shane Mylius.

Rosehill scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter, on runs of 26 yards by Oliver and 19 by Ian Ramirez, to go ahead 50-6.

The game ended when Oliver raced 67 yards for the touchdown that made the final score 56-6.

HCA will return home Friday to play Calvert at Hobart Wisdom Field at 7:30 p.m.

Includes information provided by Jeff Mateer.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	6	0	0	0	6
Rosehill	26	12	12	6	56

RCS - Chase Oliver 8 run (pass failed)

RCS - Oliver 63 run (kick failed)

HCA - Aaron Mateer 28 pass from Nathan Mateer (kick failed)

RCS - Justin Nelson 7 run (kick failed)

RCS - Oliver 38 run (Robby Cooper kick)

RCS - Oliver 9 run (kick failed)

RCS - Shane Mylius 16 pass from Nelson (kick failed)

RCS - Oliver 26 run (kick failed)

RCS - Ian Ramirez 19 run (run failed)

RCS - Oliver 67 run (no conversion attempt)

HCA Rosehill

1st downs	5	15
Rushes-yds.	22-63	33-419
Att-Comp-Int	7-20-2	4-9-0
Passing yds.	83	60
Total yds.	146	479
Punts-avg.	1-31.0	0-0
Penalties-yds.	1-5	6-75
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-1

Individual statistics

Passing - HCA: Austin Pettit 6-17-1-55, Nathan Mateer 1-3-1-28; Rosehill: Justin Nelson 2-4-0-30, Shane Mylius 2-5-0-30.

Rushing - HCA: Caleb Cathey 11-27, Evan Pettit 6-16, Joe McConnell 3-14, Austin Pettit 2-6; Rosehill: Chase Oliver 22-334, Justin Nelson 4-32, Ian Ramirez 1-19, Robert Beach 2-17, Matt Howard 3-16, Logan Edwards 1-1.

Receiving - HCA: Caleb Cathey 5-50, Aaron Mateer 2-33; Rosehill: Justin Nelson 2-30, Shane Mylius 1-16, Ryan Danielson 1-14.

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Dan Malak wins Regatta on Galveston

Daniel Malak, of Rockwall, placed first in the Aug. 1 Bay Cup II Regatta hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club in Kemah, Texas.

Malak skippered the Christine's Mae, a Hunter 49 sailboat, to victory in the PHRF spinnaker. He completed the 24.47 nautical mile course on Galveston Bay in 3.5 hours. It required several mark roundings with an "out and back" to Trinity Bay and crossing the busy Houston Ship Channel twice.

The 15-20 knot winds, with higher gusts, provided an exhilarating ride for Malak and his crew which included his wife, Cindy Malak, the boat owners Ron and Regina Symons of Kemah, Alicia Guadarama of Coppell, Michael Humphries of Plano and David Seay of Atlanta, Georgia. Sponsors during the race are crewmembers (left to right) Michael Humphries, Alicia Guadarama and Malak.

Photo Courtesy of Lakewood Yacht Club/Rockwall County News

Fulton Falcons look to even their record at home against Mineral Wells Community Christian

Despite dropping their opening game, the Fulton Falcons should be optimistic about their eighth game against Mineral Wells Community Christian at Rockwall-Heath High School.

The Falcons' defense, after allowing an average of 55 points a game last year on the way to a 1-9 record, played very well, surrendering just four touchdowns in last week's 26-7 win over Winston of Dallas.

Fulton will also have its entire nine-man roster back at 100 percent. And, they will be playing in its first year of varsity competition in Mineral Wells, which won its initial game of the season against Arlington Fellowship's junior varsity.

The only dark side to the equation is the Falcons' offense, which mustered just a single score in The Winston.

And that was something Fulton coach Matt Burgy planned to address this week in practice. "You know, we had a really good game defensively, but we didn't do a good job on offense," Burgy said about his team, which had three drives stall inside the Winston's 10-yard line. "We have holes in our (offensive) line."

The Falcons did block enough defenders to allow sophomore Milan Rabah to pick up rushing as well as the Fulton's only score, a 20-yard run. Junior Brett Steffen added 55 yards well as throwing for 45 yards.

Contrary to what one might think, Fulton's offensive philosophy goes against the apparent trend in man football, which would seem to invite lots of passing and trick plays with so few defenses.

"My philosophy is ball control," Burgy said. "I want to have the ball as long as possible and keep them down on defense. Our philosophy is to keep them inside the lines and then run the clock. In fact, we pass maybe five or six times a game. Other than that, I hand the ball to Brett (Steffen) and let 'em go."

And Burgy should be able to let all of his team go, if the injuries to his squad have healed. "God willing, I'll have a full complement of players this week," Burgy said.

Burgy also thinks he'll have a full complement of fans.

"They came out in droves for the last game," he said. "It should be even better since this is a home game."

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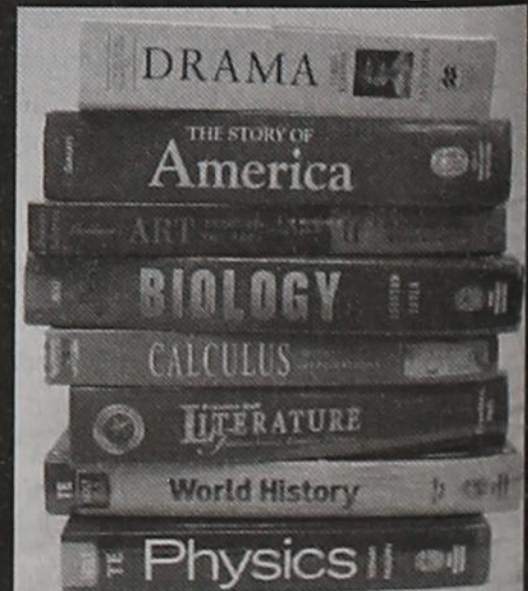
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Rockwall County Sports

Yellowjackets open season at new stadium

Rockwall Yellowjackets vs. Rowlett Eagles
 Friday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.
 Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium
 Rockwall 1-0, Rowlett 0-1
 Rockwall head coach Scott Smith reported no serious injury to the team following Friday's 31-26 victory at Midland.
 Yellowjackets lead the series against Rowlett 6-5. Rockwall won by Rowlett in five overtimes in 2002. Yellowjackets lost to Rowlett 24-16 at Homer B. Johnson Stadium. Josh Broach ran for a Rockwall touchdown. Broach was away from a 10-8 halftime lead by relying on runner Imade. He gained 227 rushing yards that night, setting a Texas State record.

Rowlett reached the playoffs from District 10-5A last year, when it lost in the Bi-District round to finish 7-4.
 What to expect: Broach opened his junior year by scoring all four RHS touchdowns against Midland.
 In the Eagles' 2009 opener, North Mesquite held Rowlett's offense to 209 yards. Junior Treyvon Green led them with 79 rushing yards, including a touchdown. Senior Jordin Foreman also ran for a touchdown.
 Having beaten one 5A team already, Rockwall shouldn't be intimidated by Rowlett, especially before a home crowd jacked up by attending the first varsity game at the renovated Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.
 The Jackets can balance Broach and their ground game with a pas-

sing attack led by San Diego State-bound quarterback passing to seniors Will Beasley and Luke Wardell.
 Without the outstanding running threat that Imade posed, Rowlett might have to work hard to allow Green to break loose.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Friday, Sept. 4 - Varsity football: home vs. Rowlett, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
 Varsity volleyball: at Barbers Hill, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 5 - Cross country: at Plano/Marcus Invitational
 Varsity volleyball: at Santa Fe Varsity Tournament
 Freshman volleyball: at Garland Freshman Tournament
 Tuesday, Sept. 8 - Varsity tennis: at Rockwall-Heath, 4 p.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 10 - JV tennis: at Rockwall-Heath, 4 p.m.
 JV White football: home vs. Allen, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
 Freshman football: vs. Allen at Allen Eagle Stadium, B 5:30 p.m. and A 7 p.m.
 JV Orange football: home vs. Allen, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 7 p.m.
 JV volleyball: at Birdville JV Tournament

CA returns home to meet Calvert

Heritage Christian Eagles vs. Calvert
 Friday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.
 Hobart Wisdom Field
 CA 0-1, Calvert 0-0
 This season Calvert, a private school, handed Heritage Christian its third loss. The game ended in the

third quarter because of six-man football's 45-point mercy rule. The only current Eagle who scored in the game was Aaron Mateer, with two points for a conversion kick.
 The Trojans finished last season 9-1, averaging 55 points per game; the Eagles were 10-3.
 What to expect: Calvert won its opening game last Friday against Pine Drive Christian 48-0.

A year ago, the Trojans' offense literally ran on rushing. They gained 378 yards on the ground against HCA.
 That's cause for concern for Eagles head coach Robert Huckabee. His team gave up 419 rushing yards in Friday's 56-6 loss at Tomball Rosehill Christian School.
 A positive factor is that

Heritage Christian will be playing in its opening home game of the season.

Heritage Christian Eagles' schedule

Sept. 4 - Varsity football: home vs. Calvert, Hobart Wisdom Field, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10 - Middle school volleyball: home vs. Lutheran, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10 - Episcopal School of Dallas, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Warriors' schedule

Sept. 4 - Varsity football: at Muenster Sacred Heart, Tiger Field, 7:30 p.m.

Utley Wolves' schedule

Sept. 8 - Football: vs. Cain at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, B 5:30 p.m. and A 7 p.m.
 Sept. 10 - 8th grade volleyball: at Allen Ereckson, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Williams Wildcats' schedule

Sept. 8 - 7th grade football: home vs. Wylie Cooper, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 8 - Football: vs. Wylie Cooper at Wylie East High School, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10 - 8th grade volleyball: home vs. Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10 - 8th grade volleyball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

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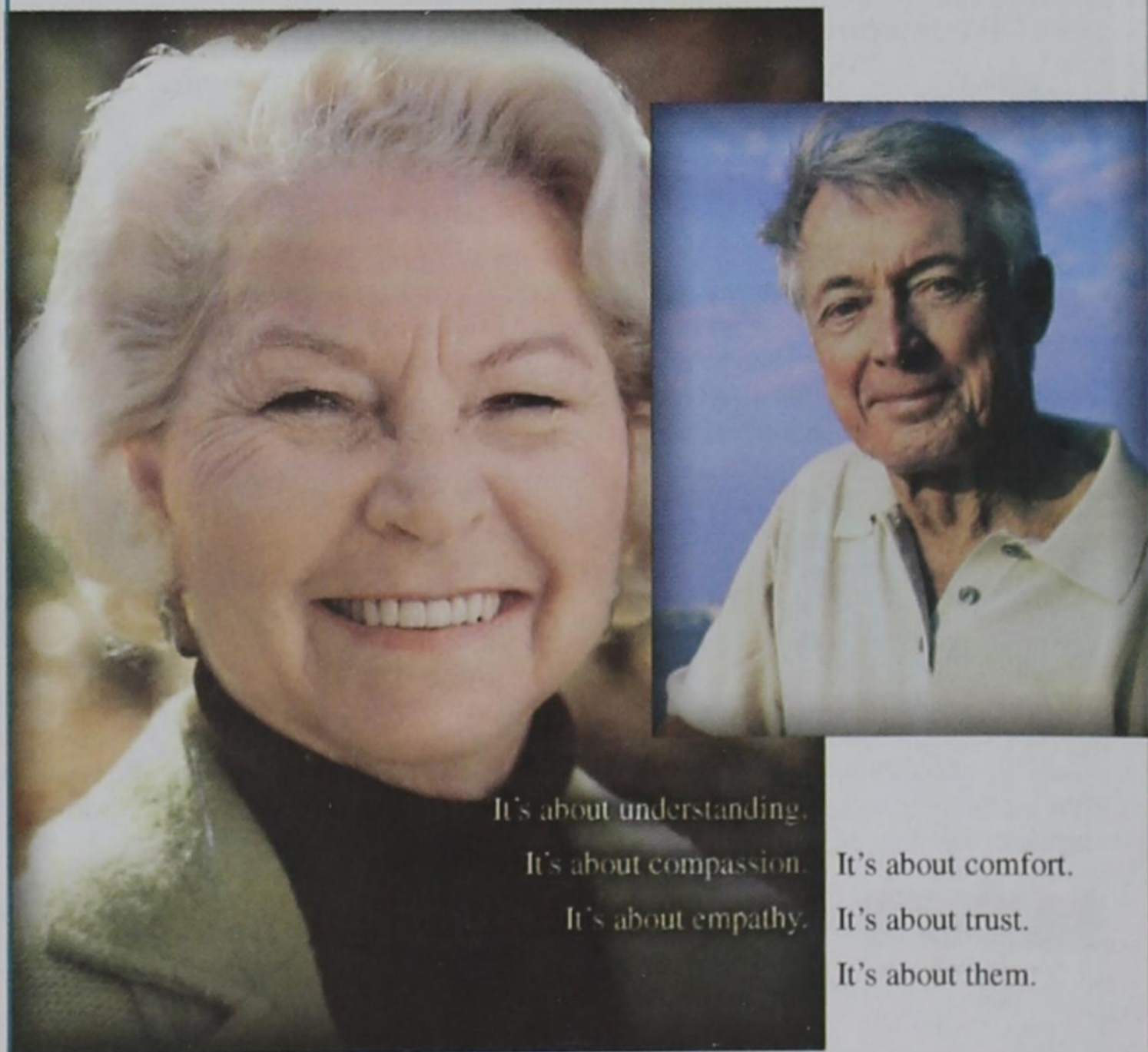
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The 5th grade Lady Mavs Basketball Team finished the 2009 summer season with a win in a single-elimination championship tournament. The team plays at the R.I.S.E. (Rockwall Sports Expo). Members of the winning team are Caitlyn Lozano, Jessie Page, Hannah Gonzalez, Kennedy Barnett, Anna Borgen, Chelsey Cabaniss, Harlie David, Madilyn and Mercedes Martinez. Team coaches are Charlie Cabaniss and Oscar Lozano. The girls won game 16-6, taking them to the championship match-up at 2 p.m., which they won 22-16. The Lady Mavs summer schedule pitted them against other Rockwall and Royse City teams also at the R.I.S.E.

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Hartman students and staff met Friday, Aug. 21 for the PTA's Hot Dogs and Homerooms. The students are shown at the event are (back row) Reed Harrison, Haley Smith, Kate Harrison, 4th grade teacher Shelley Westmoreland, Amberly, Caroline Lewis, (kneeling) Thara Hite and Hunter Smith.

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Rockwall County Sports

Falcons' Brett Steffen transitions from onetime offensive lineman to quarterback

by Matt McGillen

You just never know how things are going to turn out. After having lost his biological father at the age of three, Brett Steffen moved to Texas from Arizona with his mom and stepdad when he was in the fourth grade.

After his mom and stepdad later split up, Steffen eventually found himself as an undersized – 5-foot-8, 165-pound – offensive guard on the freshman football team at 5A Rockwall High School.

Just a few miles away, Fulton School football coach Matt Burgy was trying to put together a six-man football team at one of the smallest schools in TAPPS. And having known Steffen for five years or so and knowing of his family situation he hoped to offer the young man more than just Xs and Os.

"That's the main reason I wanted him to come over," said Burgy, who also serves as the 132-student Fulton's Head of School. "I knew his dad had died and I thought I'd take this kid under my wing and show him the right way to do things."

Before Steffen could make the switch, though, he had to consult with his closest adviser: his mother Sue.

"Basically, it was just about trying new things," Steffen said. "I talked it over with my mom and we knew the Burgys from church and they were good people."

How good of good people is Coach Burgy?

"I think of him as my father," said Steffen.

And yet, this is a relationship that is about more than just finding a

father-like role model to replace those lost through death and divorce. It's also about untapping one's as-yet-undiscovered potential.

Having been converted as a sophomore from the O-line at Rockwall to defensive end and tight end in the wide-open world that is six man football at Fulton, Steffen earned first-team All-District honors on defense as well as third-team accolades on offense.

And this season, with the departure of all-everything Adam Galbreath to graduation, Steffen will assume the additional duties as the Falcons' quarterback as a junior.

"It's a lot more work," Steffen said. "At tight end you just listen to the play, run your route and block. At quarterback you have to know everyone's position. It's more of a leadership role, which I like."

Burgy likes it as well.

"He's just tough," Burgy said. "He's the kid you want running your team. He does whatever you want him to do whenever you want him to."

What he doesn't do, is miss the perhaps more encompassing social, athletic and educational life of a big school like Rockwall.

"Not really. I still get to hang out with my friends (from Rockwall)," he said. "And now I have new friends at Fulton. The student-teacher ratio is pretty good. And it's a pretty fun place. I also got to meet some of the Rockwall-Heath people."

So what does the newly installed QB like most about six-man football?

"Probably the speed of the game. It just adds excitement to the

game. And it's pretty high scoring."

Least?

"The amount of running that you have to do for the coach. Coming from 11-man to six-man, it's a totally different game."

Steffen, who is leaning toward becoming a paramedic and considering UT in Austin.

and Northwestern University in Chicago as possible school destinations, can count on his mom to serve as a triple-option quarterback on the home front.

"She loves the sport," Steffen said. "And she takes care when I come home, checking me for cuts and bruises. And she understands the game."

And that is something that can only turn out well.



The Fulton School coach Matt Burgy (left) chats with quarterback Brett Steffen.

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Season ticket sales ended July 31, but you can buy individual tickets at Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heath High School, Williams and Cain middle schools. At the schools, tickets are general admission and \$3 for students.

You also could buy tickets at the gate for any of the Jackets home games. There, general admission tickets are \$6. Reservations are \$7, if any are available.

Jackets open district tennis schedule Tuesday

Rockwall will open its District 10-4A varsity team tennis Tuesday with an intracity match at Rockwall-Heath at 4 p.m.

The Jackets will be right back at Rockwall-Heath Thursday p.m., when the junior varsity teams will meet.

RCA on the road again at Muenster Sacred Heart

Who: Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors vs. Muenster Heart Tigers

When: Friday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Tiger Field, Muenster

Records: RCA 0-1, Sacred Heart 1-0.

Injuries: The Warriors hope to have All-State linebacker Wallace back. For the opening game, he had his injured leg harnessed and played only to kick off. They would need the starting tackler back, because just 17 other players dressed for Rockwall Christian.

History: Last year the Warriors dropped a tough 40-33 loss to Muenster. Sherman Peoples, then a junior, caught two Renaud's three touchdown passes and made nine tackles for Muenster quarterback Matt Hesse threw two touchdown passes and ran for two TDs.

What to expect: Last Friday, Sacred Heart fell behind at 10-0, but rallied to win 27-17.

For the Warriors, Stephan Turner lit up Watauga Harvest Christian Callahan Field Friday. He reached the end zone five times, nullified four of his would-be touchdowns in a 28-6 loss.

Turner again should be a threat as a pass receiver and as a runner while playing quarterback in a Shotgun formation. Aaron Eastin usually plays quarterback for the Warriors, but also takes some snaps from center.

Going into this season, Sacred Heart appeared to be a tougher district opponent than Harvest Christian would be.

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